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Kilsby Kronickle

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Dr Nigel Gostick, Elsbeth Carpenter and Mrs Frances Conopo at the opening of the Community Shop

Saturday 24th March was a great day for Kilsby - with the opening of the new Community Shop (see picture above and also page 17) and the annual volunteer Litterpick in the morning (see page 25). Both demonstrated how the village comes together to tackle problems and the very strong community spirit we have. Very many congratulations and our thanks are due to all those involved in getting the community shop up and running - we wish it every success and hope everyone will use it. Thanks also to all those who gave up their Saturday morning to tidy the village - it looks really good now and we hope it can be kept that way, although unfortunately much of the littering comes from passing traffic.

The first residents on the new Cildes Croft estate have moved in since our last edition, with more houses due to become occupied in April and May. We wish them a very warm welcome to Kilsby and hope they will enjoy living in the village and will find lots to interest them in Kronickle. Concerns though remain about safety on the A361 as it passes the new estate and there is more on this on page 26.

The last of the articles which Gren Hatton wrote for us before his death last year appears in this issue. In it he says 'farewell' to all who have enjoyed his pieces on local history over the last decade. However this is not quite the end of his articles as we shall be re-running, in future editions, where space permits, some of his pieces about the village which people may have forgotten or which appeared before they came to the village.

Details of the new bin and recycling service which will be introduced in June are on page 21. This will be a big change for everyone and we will all have to hope that people use their food and recycling boxes properly to avoid problems once the black bin collections drop to only once every three weeks.

We are sad to see the withdrawal of the mobile library service, which was valued by many residents, but with the very difficult financial situation at county level there are bound to be many more cuts like this one to come.

However spring is also coming (we hope!) and there is plenty going on in Kilsby to involve and entertain you, including Kilsby's first Wellness Week. Lots to do and lots of opportunities to volunteer, including to serve on the Parish Council.

We wish you a Happy Easter and hope you enjoy reading this edition.

KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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1 VACANCY

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From Councillor Bob Gent, Tel: 823528 and the Parish Clerk parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk
Tel: 891184)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3rd April** 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The May meeting will be on Tuesday 1st May. Members of the Parish are welcome to attend, and the first 20 minutes of the meeting will be open for public participation. If you have a concern which you would like to make the Parish Councillors aware of, then come along and let them know about it. It may not be possible to provide an answer immediately, but the matter can be put on the agenda for the following meeting.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

We still have **ONE** vacant seat on the Parish Council. Please consider whether you might be able to take on the role. Call the Clerk on 01788 891184, leaving your name and email address, or email her on parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk and she will send you some more information about the role, so that you can decide if it is for you.

NEW COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome Francesca Kirtley-Paine as a Councillor. She joins Tom Moore and Di King as new Councillors.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th April** at 7.30 pm in Kilsby Village Hall. This is not a Parish Council meeting, although it is chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council, but is an opportunity to find out what has been going on in the village over the last year.

We have invited a representative from Northamptonshire ACRE to talk to us about the "Good Neighbour Scheme" and how they can support villages which would like to put such a scheme in place.

This is your opportunity to meet the County Councillor, District Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council and hear their annual reports and ask any questions you may have. The meeting is for all residents of the Parish and any organisation is welcome to come along and give a report of their activities over the past year. Please come along.

KILSBY COMMUNITY SHOP

The Parish Council would like to congratulate all those who have helped get the new Community Shop off the ground. So many people have helped in lots of different ways and we wish it every success.

The Parish Council secured a grant of £500 from our County Councillor to build an entrance ramp, and

has provided a loan of £25,000 which has been used to purchase the portacabin. All being well, it is only a loan, and will be repaid over the next five years.

We hope that everyone will support the shop and use it as much as they can.

KILSBY LITTER PICK

Thanks to all those who helped clean up the village on 24th March. If picking up litter is something that you are prepared to do when you are out and about, then please let Councillor Sarah Stainton or the Clerk know, and we will arrange to provide you with a 'litterpicker'.

POLICING

The Police have reported that during February and March one shed in Kilsby has been broken into. DIRFT has had three thefts from curtain-sided lorries. Tools were stolen and in one case scrap metal was also taken. There was one report of criminal damage to a fence. Please take care to keep sheds and outhouses secure.

YOUTH CLUB

The youth club for age group 8-11 years, which runs from 6pm to 8pm on a Friday night, will close after Easter. The session for older children aged 11yrs+ will continue to run during school term time.

SPEEDWATCH

Are you concerned about the amount and the speed of traffic through the village? Did you use the speed gun last September to help reduce traffic speed? If so, and if you are prepared to get involved again with speed-watch please contact the Clerk on 891184.

We need volunteers to help over three weeks of a six week period which started on 24th March, so if you can spare an hour at the busy periods of the day, then please get in touch with the Clerk.

NB: A police speed check carried out on 16th and 28th January caught 112 vehicles on the A5.

AVANT HOMES/A361 Development

The developers of the 48 houses off the A361 have to provide some funding towards community schemes in the area. The legal agreement which sets out what has to be paid is between Daventry District Council and the developers.

The Parish Council has been trying to secure funding for projects in the village, and has now been told that none of the money will be released by Daventry until most of the houses are occupied, which may well be another year. The money can only be used for large capital projects. Please put your thinking caps on and come up with some big schemes that we can put to the District Council that will benefit the parish, so we can get the money! An example might be the purchase of land by the parish to convert to a sports field.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN KILSBY

Applications are invited from villagers who would like to rent a house on the new A361 development or purchase a property through a shared-ownership scheme.

Affordable houses and flats at Cildes Croft should be ready for occupation very soon. There will be:-

- 6 shared ownership properties – 5 x 3 bed houses and 1 x 2 bed bungalow.
- 8 affordable rent properties – 4 x 2 bed level access flats with a maisonette above each of these (8 flats in all).

People interested in the properties will need to register on the council's housing waiting list and bid for the properties when they are available. Priority will go to people with a connection to Kilsby.

There is no information yet on pricing or rent but if you are interested please register at: www.helptobuy Midlands.co.uk/

The properties will be advertised when ready. If you have any questions about them, please contact: Samantha Bosworth, Affordable Housing Officer, at sbosworth@daventrydc.gov.uk or telephone 01327 302535.

PARKING

Please can drivers not park on pavements as this blocks the safe passage of buggies, wheelchairs and pedestrians. It is also damaging the grass verge, since everywhere is so wet. Your help in this matter would be appreciated. Thanks.

MOWING

The Parish has awarded the mowing contract for the village verges to Anthony Cole of Groundscape, and Steve Hartwell will be mowing the Recreation Ground and Cemetery.

The open grass land at the new A361 development is not being handed over to the Parish and residents will have to contribute towards the cost of the mowing works directly. This means that there will be times when all the parish verges are mowed, and the new development is still waiting for a cut. The Parish Council are happy to take on this area of open space, but the developers are not prepared to hand it over.

DOG POO

The Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to spray any deposits of dog poo that are left on pavements and not picked up. The spray is fluorescent biodegradable spray, and it has been found that if deposits are highlighted then people are less likely to step in it, and it is also more likely that people clean up after their dogs.

If this is a job you could do, then please contact the Clerk on 891184 and she will arrange for you to have a can of spray. Using the spray has cut the levels of dog poo by 50% in some areas.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Unfortunately the LibraryPlus mobile library service has been withdrawn by Northamptonshire County Council due to financial constraints. Any books you may still have can be returned to any Northants. library and all overdue charges will be waived. Any residents who would like to continue to use the library service, but are unable to visit their nearest library, can be considered for home delivery through the 'Library to You' service. Contact your nearest library for further details.

POTHOLES

Following the snow, there are lots of deep potholes on the local roads. Please report any that you come across to Northamptonshire County Council. All members of the public can report potholes via www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor or if you would rather speak to a person then phone 0300 126 1000 between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm or, if it is an emergency, 07000 782112 outside of these hours.

FLOODING

Is there anyone prepared to become a Flood Warden for the village? Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

KILSBY WELLNESS WEEK 14-20 MAY 2018

(From Councillor Francesca Kirtley-Pain Tel:822919)

This year, Kilsby Parish Council will be hosting the very first 'Kilsby Wellness Week' from 14th to 20th May.

To coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week, we will be providing residents with a range of activities aimed at improving emotional and physical wellbeing.

Focusing on topics such as the importance of exercise, eating well, and taking the time to relax, there will be events for residents of all ages to get involved in and enjoy! Examples of events include workshops on nutrition, table tennis taster sessions, local walks and a Body Shop spa evening.

A full programme listing the events and how to get involved will be put on the website, posted in the new village shop and sent out in due course.

If you are interested in helping to host an event, or feel you have anything you can input to our Wellness Week, then please contact me at:

Francesca.kirtley@hotmail.co.uk

FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

(Tel: 890939, 24 Castle Mound, Barby, CV23 8TN, clomax@daventrydc.gov.uk)

Kilsby Community Shop

As I write, the grand opening of the new Community Shop is due to take place next week. I look forward to being there. Congratulations to everyone who has had any involvement in what has been a very successful project. It now needs the on-going support of the village as its regular customers.

Daventry Community Lotto

The launch of this new DDC initiative was very successful, with over 100 representatives of local community groups in attendance. We wait to see what the take-up will be, and how much it will contribute funding for the district's community and voluntary groups.

New waste collection service with Daventry Norse.

I attended the first meeting of the Liaison Group recently. You will have received details of the new service with your recent edition of Daventry Calling. **(Eds. Note: See also piece giving details of the new arrangements on page 21 of this magazine).**

Residents can book into the paid-for Green waste service as from 1 April, but collections will not start until the new contract begins on 4 June. There will be exhibitions and roadshows to introduce the new system in advance of the start date.

Police priorities for rural areas

For those of you who are not receiving police news directly, the priorities will be police presence, speeding, and anti-social behaviour.

Roads maintenance

The Local Government Association has estimated from the Government's own figures that the backlog of road repairs will take 14 years to clear at present rate of progress. After the last week's weather, we are all aware of how much further damage has been done to our roads, so the costs and the time it will take have clearly risen substantially.

Women's Cycling Tour

DDC was successful in its bid to host the final Northamptonshire stage of the Women's Cycling Tour of the UK in 2018. Last year Daventry hosted the start of the Northamptonshire stage, which brought in visitors and economic benefits to the town. This will, however, be the last time that the county will see the Tour, which in future years will move to different parts of the country.

WW1 Commemorations

The District Council and a number of voluntary organisations are beginning to make plans to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1 later in the year.

Future of local government in the county

You will have seen the damning conclusion of the Inspector looking into the situation at the County Council. He has recommended two unitary* authorities to replace NCC. Under his recommendations, Daventry District Council would join up with South Northants and Northampton, with larger wards and fewer councillors. There would be no local elections in 2019, when your other councillor's seat next comes up, and then all-out elections for the new councils in 2020. I understand that the District's and Borough's joint initial response is that this is not the only option. Whatever happens there will be changes, challenges, and your services will be delivered by a new authority. I will let you know as decisions are made by central government and the county's local authorities. We can be sure, however, that Northamptonshire County Council will cease to exist.

(*Eds. Note: a unitary authority is a one tier level of local government that provides all the services otherwise looked after by County, District, City and Borough Councils. Parish and Town Councils operate at the level below the unitary authority.)

POPPY APPEAL – HELP NEEDED!

Due to advancing years your local Poppy Appeal Organiser needs help to continue to arrange the poppy appeal in Kilsby and at DIRFT.

Co-ordinators for Kilsby and DIRFT are required as well as two more collectors for Kilsby.

If you can help, please contact Tony Golding on 822611.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STONE WANTED

Has anyone got any Northamptonshire stone lying around in their garden that they want to get rid of or are prepared to sell? We need some to repair/reinstate small garden walls.

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Kilsby Garden and Produce Association

(From Sue Curtis, 07764 335830)



Our garden party on 9th March, kindly hosted again by Christine and Tom Clay, was a great success, with more than £130 raised for our funds and a fair few bottles of wine enjoyed too. The competition, set by Charles Smedley, was won by Diana Smith.

Following permission from Kilsby Parish Council, the annual Plant Sale will take place on Devon Ox Green, Barby Road on 12th May at 10.30 am. It usually lasts about a hour and half and members of the Garden Association can sell any specially grown or surplus plants, seedlings or garden related material and can keep the proceeds to offset their own gardening overheads. Individuals set up stalls and residents and passing visitors are warmly welcomed to buy at extremely competitive prices. For further information please contact Charles Smedley at chassmedley23@aol.co.uk or telephone him on 822241.

We need a new secretary to help run the gardening club. The duties aren't onerous and if you are interested, please contact any of the people mentioned in this report.

Tickets are going fast for our summer coach trip, on Saturday, 2nd June, to two beautiful gardens, the Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney and Claydon House, which is a National Trust property. The cost of the coach is £15 per person plus entry fees. It is worth buying the May edition of Gardeners' World magazine as this offers 2 for 1 at the museum. Contact Charles Smedley for tickets.

Annual subs are now due. The cost is £3 per household and this should be collected by someone who drops off your new card. But if you don't get a visit, or are wanting to join, then please contact Carol Chamberlain, on 07941 686006.

A reminder that you can enter our competition for the best mixed garden, best decorative garden and best courtyard garden. The judging for this will take place on 7th July. If you would like to take part, please contact Diane Graham, on 07790 377516. Closing date for entries is 31st May.

ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Kathy Jenkins, Tel: 822464)

Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning on Tuesday 27th February was very nice, in spite of the snow and very cold weather. We made £78 for Church funds. Thank you to all who came and supported us.

Quiz

The Quiz on 10th March was another very successful evening and we raised £382.50 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Cream Tea

We shall be having a Cream Tea in the Kilsby Room on Thursday 19th April from 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm. Price £2.50. Everyone welcome.

Fashion Show

The Social Committee are holding a Fashion Show on Thursday 24th May in the Kilsby Room at the Village Hall, with the beautiful clothes from Wanda's in Dunchurch.

We shall start at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. The price will be £6, to include a glass of wine and nibbles. Everyone is very welcome.

We think you need to decorate your wheelbarrow



We bet you didn't know that last year the **National Open Gardens Scheme** raised, in total: £500,000 for MacMillan Cancer Support, £130,000 for the Marie Curie organisation, £400,000 for the Carers Trust, £300,000 for Hospice Support, £150,000 for Parkinsons, Find a Cure and £130,000 for the M.S.Society to name **just a few** good causes.

BUT WE WANT MORE!

How can you help? **Open your garden on Sunday 10th June** - we know there are lots of lovely gardens and courtyards out there just begging to be seen. So don't be shy, help us out.

Enter our wheelbarrow competition

This fun competition can be entered by anyone in the village, adults or children. Just transform your wheelbarrow in a beautiful or bonkers way and park it in your front garden, drive, etc. where it can be seen from the pavement by people walking round the Open Gardens on 10th June.

A map will be produced, for sale, showing the location of all entrants, along with a voting form.

Meantime, you need to email or phone John and Anne Madigan to signify your interest in either of the above. **DO IT NOW.**

Tel:822350 or email jam.madigan2015@outlook.com

WI Annual Trip

(From Sylvia Hatton, Tel: 822411)

This year we are visiting Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire on Thursday 14th June. The coach will leave from the old Post Office at 8.45 am returning at 4.00 pm. Included in the price will be a guided tour of the palace rooms open to the public, after which you are free to explore the grounds, lunch or do other tours that could be available on the day (see their website). The total cost is £32 a person.

This is open to everyone in the village and not just to WI members and their family. Please contact Sylvia Hatton on 822411 to book a place or for more information




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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,
there is plenty of parking available



FREE to a good home

Would anyone like a large wooden table tennis table top?

Kilsby table tennis club have purchased a new, light-weight, folding table, and we need to clear space for storage.

Contact Keren Wood on 822456 if you are interested in our old table top.

NEW LIFE

(From Barbara Lang)

Following my notice in the last issue, we are still seeking accommodation for my son and family who have emigrated here from South Africa. Carmen, our daughter-in-law will also be looking for employment.

They also want to buy a second hand car so if any one in the village is selling one please contact Mike or Barbara Lang at 01788 879795.



Clothing Collection Kilsby

Help Raise Funds, for free!

Kilsby Pre-school is participating in a textile recycling scheme, offering good quality clothing to some of the poorest developing nations in the world and providing fundraising for schools, clubs and nurseries. The scheme pays the pre-school for every kg we recycle, so we need your help! We will be collecting unwanted clothing from residents in Kilsby Village on:

Wednesday 25th April



Please put your donated items in a securely tied plastic bag and leave outside in all weather in full view of the road before 9.00am.

MISSED BAGS PLEASE TELEPHONE 07884 261159

We can accept:
Wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts.

Bags can also be brought to:
Kilsby Pre-School, Manor Road, Kilsby, CV23 8XS
01788 824091
kilsbypreschool@hotmail.co.uk
Registered Charity 1031349

Open Gardens – Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall Sunday 10th June 2018



Please come and join us for tea and cakes at the Village Hall on
Sunday 10th June 2018

All proceeds from the refreshments will go to supporting the Village Hall

If you would like to support the hall by donating a cake or helping on the day
please contact Marj Mills 01788 823178 or Julie Bunyan 01788 823707



KATS

Sleeping Beauty January 2018

(From Mary Sparks, Tel:

Thank you to everyone who came to support our performances of Sleeping Beauty. We played to full houses on Friday and Saturday, and what noisy audiences they were! Thursday's audience was more quietly appreciative. Thanks to you all, we made lots of money for our various 'good causes'. The ticket sales made a profit of £750, which we donated as follows:

£150 to help fund the Christmas Tree Event for this year.

£600 to the Life Project which was set up by a group of midwives at Northampton General Hospital to support the Mlipa Hospital in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, where one of the midwives was born and had her own children. The midwives and other staff at Northampton General raise money to support the project and a group of them visit the hospital each year to take much needed supplies and to train the local nursing staff in the use of equipment. They have also extended their support to the Queen Elizabeth Orphanage in Bulawayo, which has connections to the hospital, and last Christmas they were able to provide each child in the orphanage with a 'love box' full of toys.

The raffle raised £200 for **Young People First**, which is a local charity, based in Warwick but which

also runs activities in Leamington Spa and Rugby. They help young people who have not always had the opportunity they deserve in their young lives, and many of whom have been in care. Millie Wallace, one of the Heralds in the panto, has raised £1000 for this charity through the raffle, a quiz at Christmas and sponsorship. She completed her sponsored Tandem Sky Dive earlier this month and loved it. I know she would like to thank all those people who sponsored her. So far she is the top fund raiser for this event.

The Kilsby Pre-school provided refreshments of all kinds on all three nights and raised over £150 for their funds.

I feel that our charities are a good mix of very local, local and international so thanks to everyone who supported them in any way.

Thank you all the actors and all those people who work behind the scenes, sorting out costumes, doing make up, organising the chorus, selling tickets, working the lights, sorting out the music and making scenery and props. I am sure that everyone who came to our performances will agree that the scene for the village of Frolicking in the Forest was amazing. I know that Geoff King and Heike Cloete spent many hours on their knees in freezing garages creating this scene. I am not sure if they would agree but I think it was all worth while.

So once again thank you to everyone and watch this space for news of forthcoming events.

Ashtanga Yoga classes at Kilsby Village Hall

Ashtanga Yoga is a dynamic system that has the potential to create a vibrant healthy body and mind. In this method the physical postures of yoga are knitted together with careful attention to breathing and movement.

Ashtanga asks tightness to bend and softness to be strong. It is a way to become **stronger, more flexible and increase stamina**. However, there is much more to Ashtanga than bending, folding and twisting your body, it also brings **calmness and steadiness of the mind**.

Classes are fairly small (maximum 10) and everyone is welcome, including individuals that have never practiced before (independently of their age and/or abilities) or those that already practice Yoga.

Mondays 6:45pm to 7:45pm in the Kilsby room (Free taster session on April 16th)

Thursdays 10:00am to 11:00am in the Main hall (Free taster session on April 19th)

For bookings, further information and/or full timetable please contact Gabriela on:

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WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL

(From Tony Golding,
Tel: 822611)

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. The Kilsby War Memorial situated in the churchyard has been there since 1920 as a permanent place of remembrance for those from Kilsby who lost their lives in the war.



For many years the garden surrounding it has been looked after by Mr Jack Edwards, for which we are very grateful. It has been proposed that some restoration work should be carried out to the memorial and I have been asked to make a start on this with the permission of the Vicar and PCC.

It is planned that the existing stonework should be cleaned and the wooden surrounds replaced by stone, leaving room for fresh plants or flowers in the four corners.

Contributions towards the cost of the work would be

gratefully received and grants will be also be applied for. If you would like to make a contribution towards the restoration of the War Memorial, please pass this to either of the Churchwardens - Gill Mason (822658) or Nancy Golding (822611). The Church Treasurer, Mr John Donovan, will be responsible for the safe keeping of this fund. *(Cheques should be made payable to The PCC of Kilsby Parish.)*

Kilsby History Society

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

The next meeting of the History Society is at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 9th May** in the Kilsby Room.

The speaker is Malcolm Deacon and the subject is Elizabethan Northampton.

Members £2.00. Non-members £3.00.
All Welcome

Please note the change of week and day. This is because the speaker was unavailable for our usual date.

There will be a guided walk around Welton in either June or July. The date will be announced later.

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Kilsby Playtime

(From Victoria Devaney, Tel: 822156)

Kilsby Playtime runs on Mondays 9.45 – 11.45 am during Northamptonshire school term times. It is a parent and toddler group for parents and carers of babies and children up to school age, from Kilsby and the surrounding areas. There are toys, books and jigsaws, craft activities and a baby area for the littles ones.

Everyone is welcome and there is always a cup of tea available! This year so far we have welcomed lots of new faces and new babies and created some lovely crafts including baby sensory bottles, valentine hearts and woolly sheep! We even stayed open in the snow and welcomed older siblings on their snow day!

We are currently looking to replace some of our very well-loved toys. We are looking for dressing up clothes, Small World play items and wooden train track. If anyone has any quality toys in good condition that they no longer need please contact me.



MESSY CHURCH

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

Thursday, 19th April
Thursday, 17th May

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm
in Kilsby Village Hall

Children welcome with parents/carers to join in craft, songs, stories, and share a meal together.

It's fun and it's free!

If you want to know more about Messy Church, come and join us at one of the above sessions

It's nearly Easter

.....and we thought you would like to see this picture of the decorations on the lovely Easter tree which Kathy Jenkins has put up in her window on Main road.



1st Kilsby Guides

(From Joanna Carpenter, Tel: 07985 797539)



Kilsby 1st Guides have been ploughing on undeterred through the cold dark wintry Wednesday nights. This term we have been getting henna tattoos and learning to wear saris, making pancakes and racing them through obstacle courses, celebrating the Chinese New Year with a yummy stir fry and making handmade soaps for our mums for Mother's Day.

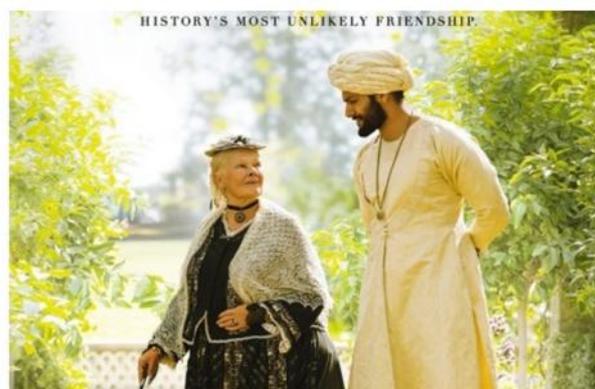
We're still welcoming new girls, so if you are aged between 10 and 14 and would like to join us call Annabel on 07511296446.

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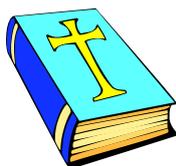
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APRIL– MAY NEWS

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April

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8th	Mr Trevor Boyes
15th	Mr Cecil Gill
22nd	Mr Clive Leakey
29th	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp Joint Service at Kilsby

May

6th	Mr Cecil Gill
13th	Mr Clive Leakey
20th	Rev. Geoff Townsend (HC)
27th	Mr Tony Cervantes

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Crick Medical Practice

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Care Navigation

Over the last three years, the surgery has been asking patients who call the surgery if they minded telling the receptionist the nature, but not in detail, of the problem they were calling about. This was simply so they could direct the patient to the person who would be most suitable to help with the problem. They are still using this method but they have asked me to reiterate that it is the patients' prerogative whether they wish to divulge the information.

Retirement

Dr Lesley Jeffers who has been with the practice for 16 months retired at the end of February 2018. Her wealth of ENT (ear, nose and throat) knowledge will be missed, but we wish her well for the future.

Training Days

The training days for the rest of the year are:-
18th April, 16th May, 13th June, 11th July, (no training in August), 12th September, 10th October, 14th November and 5th December 2018.

Text Message Appointment Confirmations and Reminders

Having set up a text messaging service about two and a half years ago to send reminders for appointments, the practice have now upgraded to a more sophisticated system. You can now cancel an appointment and send feedback on the service and they can send healthcare messages to you about reviews needed or even reminders about your flu jab etc. If you are not already included in this service, please contact the Reception team who will add your mobile number to the system and the appropriate consent to your medical records. The practice would also be grateful if any change of mobile number is notified as soon as possible.

Saturday Surgeries

Saturday Surgeries for the next few months will be:
April 7th, May 12th, June 2nd, July 14th, for prebookable appointments.

Podiatry Service

Jo Bricknell from Central Podiatry in Daventry is now providing a podiatry service at the surgery on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to book in to see her, just call the surgery Reception for availability.

An initial Assessment is £38 for half an hour. Further sessions cost between £33 - £38 per half an hour.

Patient Participation Group

Do you want to improve health and health services in your local community?

Do you want to have the opportunity to have a voice and get involved in the way your health service is run?

Do you want to help shape and improve services and even get involved in shaping and delivering new services?

If the answer to any of the above questions is 'yes', then you may be the right person to join the Patients' Participation Group. The Practice would like to hear about your experiences, views and ideas for making services better. They are looking for people from all ages and backgrounds who are enthusiastic about influencing and improving the way that local healthcare is delivered. If you are interested please ask for the Practice Patients' Participation Group Application form at reception. If you have any questions or queries please contact me .

KILSBY TRAVEL CLUB

(From Reg Dunn, Tel: 01788 813079)

Any resident or group within the Kilsby area who would like to book a 14 seater minibus for a day trip out, lunch date, theatre trip or evening out, should please contact Reg Dunn on 01788 813079 or email regandvidunn@btinternet.com



OPENING OF KILSBY COMMUNITY SHOP

(From the Editors)

Kilsby's Community Shop, in the car park of the Red Lion was opened for business on Saturday 24th March during an event which also included face painting, a bouncy castle, a dance performance by children from Kilsby School, a barbeque and supplier stalls.

Despite gloomy weather which turned wet later in the afternoon, a very large number of adults and children came along and spirits were high.

Dr, Nigel Gostick, who is Chairman of the Kilsby Village Shop Committee, made a speech, as did Andrea Brown, the new shop's manager. Then a blue ribbon was cut jointly by Mrs Frances Conopo, the person who has lived in Kilsby longer than anyone else (93 years) and 5 year old Elsbeth Carpenter who was the winner of the children's fancy dress competition with her costume of The Hungry Caterpillar. A photograph of Elsbeth and Mrs Conopo is on the front cover and other photographs taken at the event are below.



After the formal opening many residents took the opportunity to visit the new shop, which did roaring business, with a long queue to get in. We are delighted that the village now has a shop again and wish it every success. Thanks are due to all those who have worked so hard to make this dream a reality, and all those who will be giving their time voluntarily to work in it.



Andrea Brown speaking before the opening.



Entrants in the Fancy Dress Competition get prizes of chocolate eggs.



Elsbeth makes the first purchase in the shop.

Photographs for Kronickle

(From the Editors)

Very many thanks to those photographers who have already sent us pictures of the village in response to our appeal in the last edition. We have received some beautiful photographs, including several of the village under the recent snow.

We will be using these in future editions. But we are keen to have more so if you have any pictures you are proud of and would be happy to share, please send them to us.

Look out, in the next edition, for details of a children's drawing competition for Kronickle.

KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

'Creative Writing at Ryehill Prison' was the title of a talk we had in February by Jan Bowden. After a long teaching career ending as a headteacher, Jan left the education system and now teaches classes at Ryehill Prison which holds 682 male sex offenders serving a minimum of 10 years. Most of the inmates only have education at primary school level and English may be a second or third language for them. A lot of Jan's work is teaching them to read but she does lead creative writing classes for those who are more literate and want to learn. It was very obvious that Jan is an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher who is able to work in a challenging environment. This was a very entertaining talk on a fascinating subject.

In March John Tearne entertained us talking about 'The Art of the Monologue'. Monologues were very much part of variety theatre during the 20th century and John recalled familiar names such as Stanley Holloway, Jack Warner, Flanders & Swan and Joyce Grenfell. He entertained us with songs and monologues and made quick costume changes for each part, starting with 'Albert & the Lion' and ending up with 'Glorious Mud'. It was a really cheerful and enjoyable evening.

Other recent activities have included a Craft Evening making glass tiles. The Skittles team are busy practising for the quarter finals, and a new group has got together to play canasta fortnightly.

There were lots of lovely plants and flowers provided for our Mother's Day Flower Stall on the Green on 10th March, which was very well supported. Thank you to everyone.

Next meeting:

Thursday, 12th April, 7.30 pm in Kilsby Village Hall. Talk by Louise Danielzuk on the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

We meet in Kilsby Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of each month. New members and guests are very welcome.

(Eds. Note: See also page 7 for details of a trip to Blenheim open to all.)

WANTED

Help to deliver the Church Newsletters once a month in the Fisher Close/Postle Close area.

If you can help, please contact Barbara Almond on 824333.

NEWS FROM KILSBY PRE-SCHOOL

This term, Kilsby Pre-school has been celebrating lots of saints' days, with welsh cakes and rarebit for St David's day, and shamrock biscuits for St. Patrick's.

We have also been creating a mini Winter Olympics with a special Pre-school version of the 2-man bob, skeleton and downhill skiing. It has been great fun!

The children enjoyed celebrating world book day, wearing costumes for their favourite characters and spending time with the reception class. We even made Gruffalo Crumble!

We have begun a new literacy programme, in which we have 3 letters a day as our theme; we have been learning the letters using ribbon twirling, mark making in sand, and our usual Jolly Phonics songs to help remember them.

Fundraising:

Wednesday 25th April - Rag Bag Collection.

Our March Rag Bag collection had to be rearranged due to snowy weather, and please note that we have changed the collection day to *Wednesday*. If you live in Kilsby, you can leave your unwanted clothing in a bag outside your house and we will collect it for recycling.

We are paid for each kg of clothing we send to the scheme, so will be hugely grateful for your donations.

Date to be confirmed - Summer Barn Dance

In a break with tradition, instead of our usual summer ball, Kilsby Pre-school will be arranging a fantastic night of fun at the Kilsby Barn Dance! Get your partner and keep your eyes peeled for more information and to get your tickets.

We are always very appreciative of raffle or auction prizes to help raise funds for Pre-school. If you would like to donate a prize for our fundraiser, or you know of a business that would be happy to donate their products or services, or if you would like to help the pre-school with other fundraising events, please email kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com

Pre-school is currently fully subscribed until the new school year in September, when we have a number of spaces for 3 year olds and limited spaces for 2 year olds opening up. Please email us at kilsbypreschool@hotmail.com or call us on 01788 824091 to register your interest.

Quo vadis?

(From Gren Hatton)

For those who grew up without the dubious benefits of having to learn Latin at school, the above heading simply means “where are you going?”

I used to dread Latin lessons, back in the 1950s, and I was never a very bright Latin scholar – however, 50 years later I discovered a new interest in it when I had to use it to decipher and translate medieval documents in the course of my historical research. It suddenly stopped being a dead language, and became the means of shining a light on the daily activities of local people in Crick and Kilsby in the 1400s and 1500s.

This is, I suppose, an illustration of how something that once appeared to be a useless burden eventually turned out to be of great help.

History is a topic that requires a lot of effort in order to obtain results – one has to be prepared to search out and locate all sorts of different data sources, sometimes in many different locations all over the country; and then one must sift through the data, looking for tiny scraps of relevant information; even then there is more to do – the scraps of information have to be pieced together, exactly like the pieces in a jigsaw puzzle; but patience and hard work are rewarded in the end, when the picture comes into focus.

I have had great fun over the years, piecing together bits of data and making complete stories out of the scraps and odd ends. Over the course of more than 40 years I have authored several books, written dozens of research papers, and published countless articles in local magazines – like this one that you are now reading.

So quo vadis – where am I going? Well, as a matter of fact I have already gone; because by the time that you read this, I will have disappeared from the earth and will be recorded only by a gravestone in Kilsby cemetery. Since I was diagnosed with renal cancer in 2014 I have known that this was coming, and coming quickly and unstoppably ... so the last few years have been a period of intense activity as I struggled to finish a lot of write-ups and loose ends. I produced a stockpile of articles for the Kronickle, and they have continued to appear in print after I took my leave ... but now the articles have come to an end, and there will be no more from my pen or keyboard.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have loyally read my articles over the years. My aim was simple – I wished to find out about what happened in the past, and then to share that knowledge with all of you. Why? In its simplest terms, it is because we all need to know where we are going in life – and in order to be clear about where we are going, it is important to know where we are coming from.

So, again we meet the same question ... quo vadis? Knowing about your heritage, and why the village and the countryside look as they do, is all a part of living in a village. It can be a rich and rewarding experience, but only if we accept the responsibility of being a villager – someone who is part of a living community, rather than just someone who comes home to Kilsby at night to sleep.

There is one final ‘quo vadis?’. I hope that some of you will continue the fascinating task of collecting data about Kilsby and its surroundings, piecing together history stories from the data, and sharing them with each other. Don't be afraid of this task – it can be enormous fun, and you will get a lot of pleasure out of it.

As for me, it's time now for me to go. Dear friends, thank you for all your support over the years.

Gren Hatton



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From June 2018 each household will get:

- A weekly food waste collection.
- A fortnightly mixed recycling collection from a new blue-lidded wheelie bin.
- A three weekly general waste black bin collection.
- Plus an optional fortnightly garden waste collection service for an annual fee of £35.00.

The changes are being introduced as Daventry District cannot afford to carry on with its current service and wants to increase the amount of cycling in the District. Changing black bin collections from fortnightly to three-weekly will help encourage more recycling and reduce the cost of treating and recycling rubbish.

The new wheelie bin for mixed recycling will provide more space over two weeks than the current boxes and residents will no longer have to sort their recyclable items as all these, including large cardboard, can be placed together in the new bins. The new bins will be delivered to homes before the new collections start in June. People should continue to use their recycling boxes until then.

It is expected that our collection day will change in June as the new service arrangements are introduced. More details will be provided to all households nearer the time, including an information pack and a new calendar.

Garden waste collections will become an optional chargeable service from 4th June and residents wanting to continue to have their brown bin collected every fortnight will need to sign up for the service and pay an annual fee of £35.00 which, with a short break in the service for Christmas, equates to £1.40 per collection. Residents can register for the new service from 3 April at daventrydc.gov.uk/gardenwaste or by calling 0345 218 5215. Once registered, residents will receive a registration sticker to put on their brown bins. Unless brown bins show this sticker they will not be emptied after 4th June.

An alternative to using the brown bins for garden waste is home composting and the District Council has linked with Northamptonshire Waste Partnership and getcomposting.com to offer a limited number of home composting bins for £9.99 each, including delivery (normal cost £17.98 plus £5.99 delivery). The bins hold 220 litres and are available at getcomposting.com - just type in your postcode for the offer - or by calling 0844 571 4444.

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION

A full pack of information about the new service, including a collection calendar, will be sent to every household in May. If you have any questions in the meantime visit daventrydc.gov.uk/binchanges where more information is available.



Gardeners' Corner

Spring is late...

After a cold winter, plenty of snow and a wet March, hopefully things will dry out soon. At least the cold weather should have seen off some garden pests.

Finish those winter jobs!

The ground will be waterlogged after the snow and rain, so keep off it until it dries, doing those delayed winter jobs first:

- Clean your paths.
- Clear out and sterilise the greenhouse.
- Trim your hedges before they sprout.
- Scarify the lawn to remove moss.

Check for frost damage

Check the shoots on your roses and other shrubs for frost damage and cut back to healthy shoots. If you have some tender perennials they may look dead, but it is worth leaving them until late May as they are likely to sprout from the base.

You don't need a greenhouse for early flowers

Sow seeds in pots or trays and put them on an indoor windowsill in a plastic bag. Once they have germinated put the pots outside in a sheltered place for the seedlings to grow on before planting out.

Jobs to do in April

Sow peas once the soil has dried and warmed.
Sow French and runner beans under glass.
Divide and re-plant old perennials.
Give the flower border a dose of general fertiliser.

Jobs to do in May

Mow-mow and hoe-hoe!
Stake tall perennials before they fall over.
Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowering.
Water and mulch newly planted stuff if there is a dry spell.

Times past...

From 'Amateur Gardening Pocket Guide' 1947, by A G L Hellyer:

'MULCHING: This consists of spreading a layer of manure, leaf mould, peat, grass clippings or some similar substance over the surface of the soil. Its object is twofold, first to feed plants and second to act as a blanket to the lower soil in which roots are growing. Mulches are most serviceable in the spring and early summer, particularly around newly planted subjects. Mulching material should be loose. If it becomes beaten down by rain or other causes it should be shaken up again with a fork.'

Still good advice today – 70 years later!

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, Tel: 822246)

Sunday walks, leaving from The White House in Chapel Street at 10.00 am are usually 7/8 miles with a stop at a pub for refreshments and loos.

Dates coming up are 15th April and 20th May.

Thursday walks leave from The White House at 9.30 am and are 7/8 miles again with a stop at lunchtime at a pub.

The next two dates are 5th April and 3rd May.

As the weather improves some of us take sandwiches to eat outside at the pub, just purchasing a drink.

We are a small but friendly group and would like to welcome new members.

More information from Lesley Loader on 822246 or at: lloader@btinternet.com

Kilsby Neighbourhood Watch

(From Phil Martin, kilsbynhw07@yahoo.co.uk
Tel: 01788 822700)

I have noticed incidents being discussed on social media sites which are really relevant to Neighbourhood Watch. There are still many residents not yet registered on Neighbourhood Watch and so relevant issues are not being circulated.

Anyone wishing to join Neighbourhood Watch should go to

<http://www.northantsnhw.co.uk/>

and follow the instructions. It asks for the post code of the enquirer and then there are a series of questions to answer. There is the choice to give as little or much information as each individual wants to, mainly for statistical reasons.

There is also the choice to receive messages from the police directly regarding current incidents. This is the new version of Community Alert and you can stipulate how wide an area you receive alerts about. You can choose Kilsby alone or, like me, chose a wider area within the county.

I will be notified of any new enquirer as I have to verify who they are. This will involve me visiting them and also allows for me to issue relevant stickers for membership.

The system is up and running so please feel free to enrol when you want.

Contact me if you have any queries.



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News from Kilsby School

(From Karen Burton, mrs.burton@kilsbyprimary.net)

The children at Kilsby School have had another really busy time since the last Kronickle.

On Tuesday 20th February all the children came to school with a frying pan and a ready cooked pancake, ready to take part in the annual Pancake Toss. Mums, dads and grandparents joined us in the playground for the fun.



The children in Chestnut class (Reception) had a great day out at the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham on Tuesday 27th February. They saw all kinds of different fish and sea creatures including sharks, stingrays, penguins, and turtles. They learnt a lot of interesting facts about them all.



Back in class, following this trip, the children made their own 'Ocean in a bottle'. Working with a partner they carefully poured water into a bottle so it was half full. They then added a few drops of food colouring and shook their bottles. They were very excited to see the change to the water. Carefully they added shells and a diver to their mini ocean.

The last piece of their creation was to add some oil to the bottles. They added the oil and carefully shook it, and explained to Miss Smith that the water had gone all foggy. After leaving the water to settle, they looked at what changes had occurred



On Wednesday 28th February all the children came to school dressed up as their favourite book character for World Book Day (Thursday 1st March). Even the teachers dressed up as the 101 Dalmatians with Cruella de Ville! Everyone had fun and the children were each given a £1 book voucher towards the purchase of their next book.

The children in Year 5 attended the annual Candlemas service at Holy Cross Church in Daventry on Thursday 8th February. This is a service

where Year 5 children from all the Church of England schools in the area get together. The children participated in the service with William Gibbs and Jess Allen also reading passages from the Bible. We were very proud of them, they behaved extremely well.



The children in Cherry class invited their mums to join them for the afternoon for a special Mother's Day Party on Friday 9th March! The children worked really hard all morning preparing for the party, making decorations, cakes and sandwiches. When their mums arrived the children read a poem to them, then each in turn told their mum why they loved them! Afterwards the mums were treated to the delicious sandwiches and cakes the children had made. They spent the rest of the afternoon together making woollen balls to attach to their mums' handbags.



We hope all the mums enjoyed their special afternoon!

The children in Key Stage 2 took part in the annual Cross Country event at Woodford Halse Primary School. Girls and boys took part and we had entrants for each race. The Y3/4 girls finished 3rd in their team event and the Y5/6 boys finished 3rd in their team event. They did extremely well, displaying excellent sportsmanship throughout the afternoon and we are very proud of them.

The last week before the Easter break was very busy too. On Monday 19th March the children came to school dressed in sports wear for Sports Relief and took part in various different sponsored activities in the afternoon including skipping, hoola, circuit and a dance-athon.

On Thursday 22nd March the children came to school dressed in something purple and brought a donation towards Epilepsy Action. Then on Friday 23rd March the whole school attended an Easter service at St Faith's Church with Rev Nigel Fry. Afterwards everyone came back to school for coffee and cakes, all donations from which went to Epilepsy Action. That evening, the KSA also hosted their popular fundraising Easter Bingo night in which nearly everyone who attended managed to win an Easter egg or something chocolatey!

(Cont. from page 24)

At the end of March (Monday 26th to Wednesday 29th) all the children in Rowan class will be going on a short residential visit to Everdon Activities Centre, near Daventry. There, they will be taking part in all sorts of outdoor activities including building shelters, pond-dipping and orienteering. It is always a great experience for them, and for some it will be the first time they have spent the night away from home.

Also, on Saturday 24th March some of the children in Rowan class attended the grand opening of the new

Kilsby Village Shop. They performed their dance to, 'Roar' a repeat of the dance they performed at the Great Big Dance Office competition earlier this year in January at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham. We hope everyone enjoyed their performance. We are all very happy to have a new village shop in Kilsby!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:
SUNDAY 20TH MAY - SCHOOL MAY FAYRE,
2.00 PM.

Holy Week and Easter Services at St Faith's Kilsby and St Mary's Barby

March 30th	Good Friday	
10.00 am	Holy Week Walk from St. Faith's church to the URC Chapel.	
3.00 pm	Meditation on the Cross	St Mary's
March 31st	Easter Eve	
7.30 pm:	Easter Vigil	St Faith's
April 1st	EASTER DAY	
9.30 am	Holy Communion (hymns)	St Mary's
11.00 am	Holy Communion (hymns)	St Faith's

After Easter the usual Sunday services at St. Faith's are at 11.00 am – see noticeboard..

KILSBY LITTERPICK 24TH MARCH 2018



There was another splendid turnout for the litterpick on 24th March, with 33 people giving up their Saturday morning to collect 50 bags of litter from around the village.

Very well done and thank you to all who took part and to those who collected the bags of rubbish afterwards, as well as to Sarah Stainton for organising the whole event.

Saturday's litterpick followed mini litterpicks carried out by the children of Kilsby School during the village's litter prevention week. The children also created 'Keep Kilsby Tidy' posters and had assemblies on the environment and cutting down on waste. They are now all very aware of the importance of disposing of litter properly and keeping our beautiful village and country tidy.

NEW NEIGHBOURS?

(From Chris Lomas, Tel: 822650
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If you have new people moving in near to you and you plan to 'pop round' to say 'hello', please contact me to get a Welcome Pack to give to them.

The packs include a map of the village and details of local organisations and services, as well as a History Trail Walk, a history of the village, and copies of the most recent Kronickle and Churches' Newsletter.

We are very keen that all new residents feel properly welcomed to Kilsby - both by a friendly face and by being given lots of local information. We have two volunteers who will be delivering packs to all the new residents at Cildes Croft as they move in, and we are very grateful for their help. But we want to ensure that we don't miss new people in the rest of the village.

FUNDRAISING SKY DIVE FOR DAD

(From Anne Lewis)

I am doing a Tandem skydive on The 12th May in support of LOROS (the Leicestershire and Rutland Hospice Charity).

Sadly my Dad lost his 9-year battle with prostate cancer in January 2016. I am taking part in the skydive to help raise funds for LOROS. The hard working and dedicated staff were an amazing support to my dad, my family and myself, at this incredibly difficult time.

Cancer has also affected many other special people in my life, including family and friends, so I want to make sure that LOROS can carry on doing the amazing work and be there when other people need it, as sadly others will.

LOROS is a charity whose aim is to enhance the quality of life of adult patients with cancer, progressive neurological conditions and end-stage organ failure for whom curative treatment is no longer possible. Patients are treated at the Hospice and in the community based upon clinical need, regardless of background and the ability to pay.

Please visit my Just Giving page if you would like to make a donation to support my appeal.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anne-lewis-jump-for-dad>

Thank you.

Anne Lewis.

The A361 Through the Village

(From the Editors)

Many residents have long been concerned about the potential hazards which would arise from the development of the new estate on the A361, both to pedestrians trying to cross this very busy road to get to and from Cildes Croft, and to vehicles turning in and out of the estate. With increasing numbers of large articulated vehicles passing through the village - very often travelling faster than 30 mph as they head for the hill leading out of the village, or come down the hill out of the restricted zone, people fear that accidents could very easily happen. The District and County Councils' response to the concerns raised both by the Parish Council and individual residents was that, as a condition of building houses there, the road would be widened and a refuge for pedestrians constructed.

The work on doing this is now nearing completion but the widening is much less than we expected and the carriageway around the refuge is very narrow indeed so that people using it will be in danger from large vehicles, and traffic turning in or out of the new estate will have no protection from through traffic. One very concerned resident has written to the District Council raising his fears. His email was passed on to Northamptonshire Highways and we thought you would be interested in the response he has received from the Principal Engineer - Development Management there:

'The highway works have been designed in accordance with national highway standards and have been safety audited. The traffic lanes between the new refuge are sufficiently wide for HGVs to pass with turning traffic, but there is also a balance to be struck with their width being sufficiently narrow as to act to keep speeds within the 30 mph speed limit. If lane widths are widened this encourages excessive speed which is an existing issue, and the new works should act as traffic calming adjacent to the new junction which would improve highway safety. We are inspecting the works to ensure they are constructed in accordance with the approved drawings.'

'The works will also be subject to a stage 3 road safety audit once complete which will assess any ongoing safety issues and recommend remedial works if required.'

We can only hope that the promised safety audit will identify the potential problems and action will be taken to put things right before there is a serious accident.

KILSBY KRONICKLE KIDS' KORNER

This or That? When faced with two choices what would you choose?

Circle the option you prefer from each pair.....

<u>This?</u>	Or	<u>That?</u>
TV series	Or	Films
Cats	Or	Dogs
Fruit	Or	Vegetables
Beach holiday	Or	Ski holiday
Apple juice	Or	Orange juice
Shower	Or	Bath
Milk chocolate	Or	White chocolate
Travelling by plane	Or	Travelling by train
Being too cold	Or	Being too hot
Onesie	Or	Dressing gown
Indoors	Or	Outdoors
Watching Netflix at home	Or	Going to the cinema
Going shopping	Or	Shopping online
Swimming in the sea	Or	Swimming in a pool

Use this space to draw the Easter bunny!....And why not colour it in too?



Things to do in April and May
Volunteer to join the Parish Council

Volunteer to become Flood Warden

Go to the History Society Talk

Sign up for WI &/or Garden Soc Trip

Go on a Walking Group walk

Go to the St. Faith's SC Cream Tea

Help with Speedwatch

Get involved in Wellness Week

Suggest some capital projects

Go to the Annual Parish Meeting

Volunteer to help with Poppy Appeal

Become secretary to the Garden Assn.

Enter the 'Best Garden' competition

Go to the Plant Sale

Go to the Fashion Show

Enter the wheelbarrow competition

Donate to the Rag Bag collection

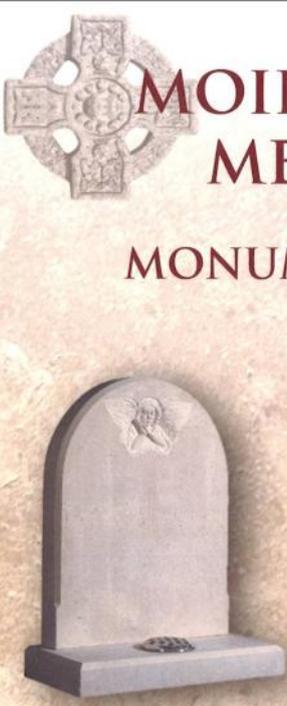
Respond to War Memorial Appeal

Go to the Village Film Night

Join the Patients' Participation Group

Offer to help deliver Churches' News

Join Guides



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WANTED

Parish Councillor and Flood Warden (pages 3 and 4)
Help with annual Poppy Appeal (see page 5)
Northamptonshire stone (see page 5)
House to rent & second hand car to buy (see page 8)
Toys for Kilsby Playtime (see page 13)
Photographs of Kilsby (see page 17)
Help with delivering the Churches' News (see page 18)

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Wooden table tennis table top (see page 8)

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