

August-September 2018
Edition no. 123

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd August
Walking Group walk

Thursday 9th August
W.I.

Friday 10th August
Stitchers

Sunday 19th August
Walking Group walk

Friday 24th August
Stitchers

Tuesday 28th August
Garden Assn. Top Tips Night

Sunday 2nd September
Garden and Produce Show

Tuesday 4th September
Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 6th September
Walking Group walk

Friday 7th September
Stitchers

Saturday 8th September
Sponsored Ride and Stride

Thursday 13th September
W.I.

Friday 14th September
Kilsby Oil Club order point

Sunday 16th September
Walking Group walk

Thursday 20th September
Messy Church
History Society AGM

Friday 21st September
Stitchers

Saturday 22nd September
Village Hall Cinema

Kilsby Kronickle

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



Sarah Stainton and members of the Best Village Competition Committee with the 'Best Newcomer' plaque and bowl

We are delighted that Kilsby did so well in the Northamptonshire Best Village competition (picture above and report on page 14). It is good to know that the many great things about our community have been recognised in this way.

It is also good to read about how well our Village Shop - one of those great community successes - is doing (report on page 17), and also to read about the Kilsby Oil Club, another successful community venture (see page 14).

We are very pleased to welcome our new Parish Clerk, Clare Valentine, whose first joint report with Councillor Bob Gent is on page 3. Councillor Jenny Fisher has also written the annual report about our Neighbourhood Plan, which has now been in place for two years (see page 11).

The Parish Council is asking people to come forward to take up the roles of Flood Warden and Speedwatch Coordinator and another post which has recently become vacant - Secretary of the Recreation Ground. Another opportunity to be of service in the village is a fresh appeal for governors for Kilsby School and on page 18 is a letter from a pupil at the school asking people to come forward to do this important job. We hope volunteers for all these jobs will be found, and of course the shop would welcome more volunteers to help there too.

In June, the village's annual Open Gardens, this time combined with a decorated wheelbarrow competition, was a great success on what was a beautiful sunny afternoon. A report about this is on page 12, together with photographs of some of the lovely and imaginative wheelbarrow displays.

Looking ahead, there are details in this edition of the Garden and Produce Show which is on 2nd September. We hope that this 75th anniversary show will be a bumper one for entries, despite the problems caused to gardeners by the long hot dry spell.

We hope everyone will find something of interest to them in this issue and wish you all a very pleasant August and September.

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JULY 2018

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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)

NEW CLERK

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Clare Valentine and I have been hired as your Parish Clerk. I am very enthusiastic about my new role which is a continuation of the part-time appointment. Please feel free to email me should you have any questions.

Kind regards, Clare Valentine

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7.30 pm** in Kilsby Village Hall. 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 matter which you would like to make the Parish Councillors aware of, please put it in writing or email the Clerk, or come along and let them know about it. It may not be possible to provide an answer immediately, but the matter could be put on the agenda for the following meeting.

NEW COUNCILLOR

Michael Margetts has been co-opted onto the council and we wish him a warm welcome. Councillor Margetts is the Recreation Ground Liaison contact for the Parish Council.

BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Best Village Competition committee were pleased to receive, on behalf of the village, the 'Best Newcomer Award'. The cup and certificate are now displayed in the village shop. A cheque for £250 to use for the village will be presented. Well done to everyone involved in the community. Congratulations to all. (Eds. See front cover and page 14.)

VACANCIES

David George has now retired from the position of Recreation Ground Secretary. We wish to extend our grateful thanks. The Recreation Ground are seeking as a matter of urgency a new **Recreation Ground Secretary**.

Are you concerned about the amount and the speed of traffic through the village? We can all play our part by driving responsibility around the village, and we are seeking a **Speedwatch Co-ordinator** to help with the monitoring of the speed of vehicles travelling through the village using speed detection devices. Training will be given for this rewarding role.

We would be enormously grateful to any resident of Kilsby who would be willing to take on the task of **Flood Warden**. This is an important need for the village.

Contact the Clerk (details above) for information on all of the above roles.

FLOODING RISK

Pathfinder II Community Flood Resilience Project update.

A catchment walkover to inspect the main drainage and flood related assets within Kilsby has now been undertaken by contractor David Smith Associates (DSA). They are offering any interested residents, landowners and Councillors the opportunity to walk the catchment area with a civil engineer from DSA to look at areas where further investigation, maintenance or improvement works could be beneficial to either reduce flood risk or improve understanding of existing assets. We are to arrange a group walk of the catchment community ideally during August or September. The date will be announced on the Parish website, Facebook and notice board. Please keep a look out for information and let us know if you would be interested in joining this project.

NEW UNITARY AUTHORITIES

Councils were consulting until 22nd July 2018 on a proposal to replace the existing NCC council with two new unitary authorities. Further information can be found at www.futurenorthants.co.uk

GRANTS

The Parish Council has awarded £165.00 for the provision of equipment for tennis coaching for 4-9 year olds.

The Parochial Church Council was awarded the sum of £400.00 towards the repair of the War Memorial in the churchyard.

D1 AND D2 BUS SERVICE

At present bus services D1 and D2 through Barby and Kilsby are subsidised by Daventry District Council (DDC). Stagecoach have advised DDC that the services will continue to operate through the villages, on a commercial basis, once bus subsidy funding ends on 21st July. Section 106 money has helped the commercial service to benefit our communities.

NOTICE PROVIDED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO THE DECISION TO DISCONTINUE THE PCSO CONTRACT

The initial decision to terminate the previous PCSO contract was taken last year by the police themselves when they gave notice that they wished to terminate the existing contract.

The police then advised that they wished to effectively double the cost of PCSO's and so a discussion then ensued with the police representatives in order to establish why the change had occurred, and what level of service we could now expect in return for this additional cost.

These discussions continued for some while and the Parish Council's representatives endeavoured to get agreement to a level of service for the village which

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ensured that a more structured approach to PCSO patrols and service could be secured for the village.

Whilst the police understood and to some extent went along with what we were trying to include in the contract, all attempts to include wording that secured the delivery of what we felt was a reasonable level of service and presence in the village were rejected on the grounds of "operational requirements". This effectively meant that the police could double the cost of the PCSO's, could manage them how and as they wished, and that the Parish Council could have no say in the direction of the service charged for.

Your Parish Council decided unanimously not to continue with the PCSO Contract. At the heart of this decision was our confidence that Kilsby will receive a high standard of policing from the Neighbourhood Beat Team, without any additional cost. Analysis of Police data shows that there was no difference between the level of crime for Kilsby and that for those villages without enhanced service: the justification for the increased level of expense was not evident.

In the meantime the Parish Council has been investigating the Good Neighbour Scheme that has been launched by Daventry District Council and their representatives made a presentation at the recent Village Annual Meeting.

The Parish Council has decided that it intends to research the suitability of the Good Neighbour Scheme in its aim to strengthen the weave of the social fabric of Kilsby in a tangible and effective way. Further news on the Good Neighbour Scheme will be announced in due course.

In the meantime should you require help from the police they can be contacted on the following numbers: Emergencies 999 Non Emergencies 101.

PLAYTIME

(From Victoria Devaney, Tel: 07544 929501)

We have had a busy term at Playtime, meeting lots of new babies, watching others start walking and older ones saying goodbye to go to school in September.

We offer a place for parents and carers to come with their babies, toddlers and preschoolers for a play, craft activities and a cup of tea or coffee!

Playtime will start back on Monday 10th September, 9.45-11.45am at Kilsby Village Hall. Look forward to seeing you then.

Eds: See also advertisement on page 11.

WWI MEMORIAL BENCH

To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, Daventry District Council have offered Parish Councils and Community Groups in the district the opportunity to apply for a WWI Memorial Bench. The Parish Council have agreed to purchase a centenary bench for a heavily subsidised £300 and will be looking for a suitable location within the village. All suggestions for a possible site are welcome.

**LITTER BINS**

We hope to have new litter bins to replace the bins on the corner of Smarts Estate, opposite the old shop, and on the verge outside the new shop. We are in negotiation with DDC to resolve this matter soon.

The Parish Council wishes to thank Catherine Camp, who retired as Clerk to the Council at the end of June, after ten years. The Council presented Catherine with a rose bush.

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, lloader@btinternet.com, Tel: 822246)

The next dates for our walks are:

Thursday August 2nd

We are doing a series of walks centred on Byfield, each about 7 miles long and leaving from Chapel Street at 9.30 am.

Sunday August 19th

We will do a walk of about the same distance, leaving Chapel Street at 10.00 am. We try to stay local and not use cars on the Sunday walks.

Thursday September 6th

Another walk starting and finishing at Byfield.

Sunday September 16th

A local walk, leaving at 10.00 am.

Please contact me for further details. We welcome children in the school holidays and dogs anytime, although dogs must of course be kept on leads in fields with sheep or cattle.

FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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

By the time you receive this edition of Kronickle the consultation period on unitary authorities for Northamptonshire will have closed. I hope that as many of you as possible will have expressed your opinion about the Government's preferred option for Daventry District to join with South Northants and Northampton Borough in a new unitary authority, West Northamptonshire. Although there is a consultation, it seems we may have little choice in the matter, but it is always important to have your say.

The long-awaited Local Plan for the countryside and rural settlements will shortly be issued for consultation. Kilsby has been placed in the 'Secondary Village' category, which in effect is the same as the current status of 'infill only' for development, and the confines of the village as described in the Neighbourhood Plan will be paramount.

The Department for Transport has just published a report it commissioned on road safety. Among the recommendations is a review of national speed limits, particularly on single-carriageway rural roads, deemed the most unsafe in the roads network, with a proportionately higher number of accidents resulting

in death and serious injury. As the condition of our roads has declined so much in recent times, and there is no prospect of sufficient funds being made available for their full repair, this would be welcome. I have received reports of an increase of traffic on the Ridgeway and Longdown Lane, both cars and HGVs, so if any of you would like to tell me what your experience is, I should be interested. I have already referred the matter to the Community Safety Unit, which will be discussing it.

Daventry Country Park has received a national Green Flag Award for the 18th time in 19 years, a great achievement, and the District Council will be carrying out more improvement works in the coming months.

Holiday time is here, and I wish you all a peaceful and happy summer.

Catherine

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Kilsby Church 100 Club

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

Thank you to the members of the 100 Club and a reminder that it is time to renew your membership and to invite new members to join.

Members pay £5 per month with the prospect of winning a cash prize in a monthly draw.

The proceeds go towards restoration of the ancient building of Kilsby Church.

Contact: Pam Preston (823184)
Gill Mason (822658)
Nancy Golding (822611)

SUE and RICHARD CURTIS SAY GOODBYE

After more than 32 years in Kilsby, we are leaving for a new adventure in West Sussex. We are very excited to be going but also very sad to be saying goodbye to so many good friends in the village.

Kilsby will always hold so many memories. Our son and daughter were brought up here, and went to Kilsby primary and we have been involved in many village events and organisations. So from us, our children Laura and Tom and my mum, Grace, it's farewell and thank you all for the kindness and friendship.

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MESSY CHURCH

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

We shall meet again on Thursday, 20th September in Kilsby Village Hall from 4.00 – 5.30 pm.

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(From Lesley Loader, Tel: 822246)

Having a small library of books in the old telephone kiosk, now home to the village defibrillator, has been almost too successful! Whilst it is good that people are using it the facility, so many books are being put into what is a really small space that they could interfere with the use of the defibrillator in an emergency.

As the person responsible for checking the defibrillator monthly to ensure it is in good working order and available if needed, I am very concerned about this. Can I therefore ask you please:

- To bring paperback books only. The shelves are not large enough for hardbacks.
- Not to put books between the shelves as this covers up the instructions for those needing to access the defibrillator.
- Not to leave books on the floor as these would be in the way in an emergency.
- When you wish to leave some paperbacks to ring the changes and the shelves are full, to take away a few books to put in a charity bag, take to a charity shop or put in the recycling bin.

Happy Reading!

KILSBY VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

Saturday 22nd September 2018

Come and join us for refreshments at 7:30pm

Film starts 8:00pm

The Hundred-Foot Journey (cert PG)



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1st Kilsby Guides

(From Joanna Carpenter, Tel: 07985 797539)



The first Kilsby guides have been enjoying the summer sun this term by picnicking in the park, playing water games and going sailing at Daventry reservoir. We have two new lovely members but are always on the hunt for more!

We have welcomed our new leader Jenni and said goodbye to our longstanding leader Sue, sending her off with a vintage afternoon tea with scones made by the guides! A big thank you to her for all she has contributed to guides over the years.



A big thank you also for all the contributions we have had for our mosaic mural. The girls have come up with a beautiful 'four seasons' design and we will be starting work to construct this in the autumn. Any further contributions of bits and bobs to make up the mural - please contact Jo on 07985 797539.

Some exciting news.... in May the First Kilsby guides sent a beautiful handmade wedding card to congratulate Harry and Meghan on their royal wedding day and this week our leader Annabel received a reply from the palace!

Here is a picture of us all proudly holding our Royal Mail!!!



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Kilsby Stitches

(From Brenda Beeston, Tel: 822713)

We meet every two weeks on Fridays between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm in the Chapel coffee shop.

We work together on joint projects or bring our own sewing, embroidery, knitting, patchwork etc and enjoy the afternoon together. Occasionally we go to exhibitions or on a shopping spree to buy fabric to make a new quilt.

New members are very welcome to join us. The next few meetings will be on Fridays 10th and 24th of August and 7th and 21st September.

For more information ring Brenda Beeston on 822713.

ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Kathy Jenkins, Tel: 822464)

Strawberry and Wine Evening

The Strawberry and Wine evening on 29th June was a lovely occasion. Thank you very much to Sally and Andy Tompkins for hosting this for us.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and we made £261.15 for church funds.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported us .

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning we had in St Faith's Church on Tuesday 17th July was well attended and we made £110.00 for church funds.

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Kilsby History Society

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Our next meeting is our AGM, to be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20th September, in the Kilsby Room.

£5.00 membership fees will be due.

After the business has been concluded, the research group will present their findings on the work they have been doing on the Cowley family.

Please make every effort to attend.

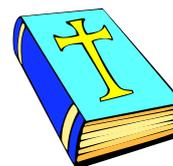
Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

The sponsored Ride and Stride is on Saturday 8th September, between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm. A list of open churches and chapels and sponsorship forms are available from Gill Mason, 28 Main Road, Tel:822658.

I am unable to take part myself this year so I hope there may be others who can rise to the challenge.

KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



AUGUST-SEPTEMBER NEWS

Sunday Services (at 11.00 am)

Everyone Welcome

August

5th	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp (HC)
12th	Rev. Michael Bond
19th	Mr Trevor Boyes
26th	Mr John Perkins

September

2nd	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
9th	Mr John Perkins?
16th	Mr Cecil Gill
23rd	Songs of Praise
30th	Joint Service. Rev. Elizabeth Kemp

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Kilsby Neighbourhood Development Plan (KNDP) Annual Update – July 2018

(From Councillor Jenny Fisher, Tel: 823027)

The KNDP continues to be adhered to when planning applications are considered by the parish council and its vision and objectives underpin the council's approach to any changes within the village.

Highways Maintenance and Speeding

A lot of the KNDP action points relate to highways. Unfortunately, maintenance of highways is outside of our direct remit. These fall under Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) and any issues should be reported to them via online Street Doctor.

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor>

We can lobby for improvements but there are tight financial constraints for NCC meaning that only essential maintenance is likely. However, monitoring traffic locally via community speed checks is an area where we can be proactive and villagers can help. Unfortunately, recently we have been unable to provide volunteers to enable these checks to be made but hopefully sufficient volunteers will now come forward (see Parish Council report on page 3).

<http://communityspeedwatch.org/>

New National Planning Policy Framework

Neighbourhood development plans are a legal document. There is a tiered system whereby our KNDP is considered within the Local Development Plan for Daventry District Council, which similarly is a

tier within the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy of the County Council. All the plans need to reflect policies in the National Planning Framework. A revised National Planning Policy Framework has been drafted and was published in March 2018 with the consultation period closing on 10 May 2018. The final document has not yet been released but a link to the draft is below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework>

Assuming that the draft and the final document will be similar we can expect that the importance of a 5 year land supply will continue and that weight should continue to be given to the policies in the neighbourhood plan as per paragraph 32.

Where to Remind Yourself of Our Neighbourhood Development Plan

A full copy of the made plan can be accessed from the Kilsbyvillage.co.uk website and from the link below by locating Kilsby on the list and clicking on "Plan made 22 July 2016" and finding Kilsby. The Vision and Objectives can be found on Pages 19-20, with details of the Key Policies on pages 25, 31, 33, 36, 45 and 47.

<https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/parish-update-map/>

HELP! Your Church needs your support

Do you know how your church meets its financial obligations?

- Its only source of day to day income comes from some villagers.
- Not enough of us are making a regular contribution with the result that for a number of years we have failed to pay our way.

Will this be allowed to continue?

- If you want the church to be there for baptisms, marriages, funerals, and weekly worship, then a regular donation from you might help our income match our outgoings.

If you can help, please contact the

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



Playtime

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For further information, please don't hesitate to call:

Victoria Devaney 07544 929501

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there is plenty of parking available



KILSBY OPEN GARDENS

(From Annie Madigan,
Tel: 822350)



“What’s that plant?”

“Sorry, I haven’t a clue, but I know it’s red and it grows tall.”

I realise this doesn’t really demonstrate the true spirit of Gardens Open but I’m secure in the knowledge that Tom and Christine or Margaret will make up for my shortcomings and that Joe Public is more than happy to wander the village marvelling at the variety of gardens on offer on our fund raising day. The sun shone on the righteous (and others) and we were happy to hear comments like, “Every single garden is lovely and the afternoon is a real treat. I’m off to the village hall now for tea and cake!”

The Decorated Wheelbarrows created great excitement and enthusiasm from competitors and visitors alike. The winning display from Andy and Sally Tompkins was worthy of Chelsea (almost worth having a new knee to allow you a bit of creative thinking time!) but without exception they were either beautiful or amusing. (There’s nothing like seeing a grown man in a pirate’s outfit playing with his Lego and drinking rum!) It was great to see participants from the village institutions taking part – the table-tennis club gave Peter Rabbit a run for his money and the Guides, Messy Church and The George all produced worthy entries. We don’t know who made the DDC wheelbarrow but it was much talked about and did get votes. (MI6 are on the case.)

Thank you to everyone who took part in any way. The competition definitely helped to swell the coffers. In total we raised £1660.00 proving that the hard work was all worthwhile for the many wonderful charities which benefit.

PS Please think now about opening your garden or displaying a wheelbarrow next year. Do you think we should alter the date?

Annie Madigan

Editors:

We really enjoyed seeing the imaginatively decorated wheelbarrows as we strolled between the gardens which were open on 10th June. In the next column and next page are pictures of some of those which particularly caught our eye, including all the ones mentioned in the article above.. Every entry was were all excellent. Well done to everyone!

Key to photos:

on this page from the top Peter Rabbit (the winning entry); pirate ship (complete with pirate); the table tennis club barrow; and the mystery ‘DDC’ one. On the next page, clockwise from top left: entries from Messy Church; David and Jane George; Kilsby Guides and The George. Look at them in colour on the website.





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Dear Homeowner,

I trained as an estate agent over 12 years ago and now specialise in the villages of Kilsby & Barby. I have a particular interest and knowledge of both of these villages having been brought up in Kilsby, living in Fishers Close. I went to the local primary school, played football for Barby FC for several years and also played tennis for many years at Kilsby Tennis club.

I operate as a self employed property consultant under the well regarded and recognised brand of Horts Estate Agents. This gives me the back up and support of a long established company whilst at the same time being able to offer a one to one personable and professional level of service for all my clients.

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

(From Sarah Stainton, Tel: 822477)

In March a small committee of villagers - Sarah Stainton, Tom Moore, Janet Chappell, Victoria Devaney and Chris Lomas – was formed with the aim of entering Kilsby in Northamptonshire ACRE's 'Best Village' competition. This competition is not about judging floral displays and the cleanliness of the village. Instead the 'Best Village' competition assesses every aspect of village life: community life, involvement of local business, provision for children, young people and older people, how we treat our environment, our sustainability, communication, including our use of information technology, and how we welcome visitors and newcomers.

We were able to pull together a credible application demonstrating what a fantastic village with good facilities and amazing community spirit we have. We were then visited by three judges who were given a short presentation and then a tour of the village. Here they were able to look at some of our facilities including our new shop, the village hall, school, pre-school, play park, church, and URC chapel. They were able to meet and talk to various villagers as they went around and find out how they felt about living in Kilsby.

At the Awards Ceremony on 17th July the committee were overjoyed when Kilsby won the 'Best Newcomer Award' in the competition. For this we received a certificate and guardianship of the Canon Dunn memorial bowl for the year. Both of these are now displayed in the village shop. We will also receive £250 to spend on village projects. A photograph taken at the prize giving (and showing all the committee except Tom Moore, who was unable to be there on the night) is on page 1 of this magazine.

Our thanks go to all the village organisations and to all the individuals who supported us with our entry, and all who do so much to make Kilsby such a great place to live.

Ideas are invited on how our prize money could be spent to benefit the village. Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Clare Valentine, at: parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk or on 07581 490581, if you want to put forward any suggestions.

Kilsby Oil Club

(From Richard Linnell, Tel: 822382)

Kilsby Oil Club was started by Bill Chatterton and the late Ernie Devine in 2010 with two aims - to reduce the cost of heating oil to the residents of Kilsby and reduce the amount of tanker journeys around our village streets.

The club is now administered by Richard Page, Lloyd Thomas and Bill Chatterton with IT support and assistance from Tim Banks.

The club is open to any residents of Kilsby and costs nothing to join. There are six order points during the year. At the appropriate time the club sends an email asking if you wish to order. If you do, you send back the amount you require (500 litres being a minimum) and the club aggregates the total (usually around 40,000 litres) and shops around six or seven suppliers to get the best price per litre. Savings are usually in the region of 4/5p per litre so if you are filling your tank the savings are very worthwhile. The club then emails each of the members with the negotiated price and, if this is acceptable, the deliveries are commenced within the week with the club member settling their invoice directly with the supplier. If however the member does not want to proceed all they have to do is call the oil supplier and cancel the order at no cost.

Currently the club has 200 members with approximately 40 ordering heating oil at each order point. The more who join the club the more the savings on the cost of oil for all its members and the reduction in tanker journeys around our village. It costs nothing to join and the club is administered on a purely voluntary basis by Richard, Lloyd and Bill. If you want to join, want more information or get involved with the administration, please email the club at

kilsbyoilclub@gmail.com

The next two order points are:

September 14th 2018

November 9th 2018

Order points will follow for 2019 at approximately two monthly intervals.

Remember it costs nothing to join and can only save you money on those winter heating bills!



Village Hall Open Garden Teas – What a Great Day

(From Julie Bunyan, Tel: 823707)



Many thanks to everyone who donated a delicious selection of cakes and came to the Open Gardens Teas. You all helped to raise £590.75 for the hall.

We would also like to say a special thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and those who stepped in at the last minute to help on the day.



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News from Kilsby School

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

The summer term at Kilsby School has again been really busy. We started back after the Whitsun holiday with a Languages day in school. Mr How was the pilot and the staff were all cabin crew. The school hall was the airport and each classroom was a different country to visit: Italy, Sweden, South Africa and China. Each child had a passport which allowed them into the different countries and in each classroom they found out all about that particular country including a few simple words. It really was a very interesting and enjoyable day.

Chestnut class (Reception) had a lovely day trip to Stratford on Avon Butterfly Farm on Friday 8th June. The children spent time at the Farm looking at the butterflies and finding out about their lifecycle. They also had the opportunity to handle some unusual insects including a stick insect and giant millipede. After their visit, they had a picnic lunch in the park and had time to go and play on the swings.

Maple Class were lucky enough to go to Conover Hall in Shropshire for their 'residential' from Monday 11th June to Wednesday 13th June. There they participated in all kinds of exciting activities including: abseiling, high ropes, vortex, laser quest, team games and caving. They had a fantastic time.



Rowan Class (Years 3 & 4) also spent the day in Stratford-on-Avon on Wednesday 20th June. They visited Shakespeare's birthplace and took part in a workshop there looking at his plays and the development of language. They even got to do a performance at the outdoor theatre at Shakespeare's birth place. The children did very well and were complimented on their excellent behaviour. After this they walked to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, where they had lunch in the park and then went into the theatre to have a look around going up the tower too. Before they got the coach home, they had a boat ride down the River Avon passing Trinity Church. They had a really enjoyable time.

Cherry class (Years 1 & 2) had a fantastic day out at Warwick Castle on Tuesday 26th June. They climbed right up to the top of Guy's Tower and also explored inside the Princess Tower where they followed clues to find the princess' clock.

We have 12 new Reception children starting school in September 2018. Their parents were invited into school one evening in June to familiarise them with the school day and routines, they also had the opportunity to ask Mr How or Miss Smith (the Reception teacher) any questions.

The whole school had two transition mornings in July, when the Year 6 children were out at their Year 7 transition days at their new secondary schools. So every year group moved up one. Some children remained in the same class and others moved on to the next. The new Reception children came in for these mornings too, so everyone had a taster of how it will be in September. This year our Year 6 children are moving on to a number of different schools.

On the afternoon of 4th July, we held our Summer Concert for parents. The children took part singing, and playing their musical instruments and Maple class gave us a performance on their African drums (which they have been learning every Wednesday afternoon this term).



After the Summer Concert some of our Key Stage 2 children travelled to Weedon Bec Primary to take part in the annual iMAT Olympics. They took part in track and field events and did extremely well gaining several medals.

This year our Sports Afternoon on 6th July started off with a picnic on the field. The races started at 12.45 and included sprint, egg and spoon, bean bag, three-legged, skipping, Pre-school race, and of course the Mums' and Dads' races too!



On Monday 16th July Maple class performed their play called 'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan' for their parents. It was a story about a reluctant superhero called Stan, featuring evil scientists, super villains, superheroes and even minions. The children worked very hard rehearsing the play and learning all their lines. We hope the parents enjoyed the performance.

Some of the children aged 8 years + are going to enter the Kilsby Garden Association competition by making a grass sock monster. They have been given some grass seed and instructions on how to make their monster, it should be very interesting to see what

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these monsters will look like and good fun! Their entries will be on show at the Kilsby Produce Show at the Village Hall on Sunday 2nd September. The younger children have been given paper plates to decorate for a different competition. We wish them good luck with their entries.

Finally, we would like to wish all our Year 6 children lots of luck and happiness in their new secondary schools. We hope they continue to make the most of their education and achieve the very best that they

Kilsby Village Shop

(From Janet Heathcote, on behalf of the Kilsby Village Shop Management Committee)

We are so pleased to report that the village shop is growing in terms of its excellent reputation and in the variety of stock it has to offer to its customers. Andrea Brown – our manager - continues to work extremely hard as ‘the face of the shop’ to offer a friendly and highly efficient service to all who shop there.

Behind the scenes, the committee are giving help and support to establish and ultimately grow this valuable facility for Kilsby. The first AGM was held on July 5th and we had 48 people attend, which was a very heartening turn out. Nigel Gostick resigned from the committee and tribute was paid to all his hard work and enthusiasm in setting up the shop. Two new members joined us – Caroline Grey and Tom Jones (co-opted). The officers for the year are:
Chair: Peter Ayton
Vice Chair: Trish Brown
Treasurer: Tom Jones
Secretary: Elaine Lester.

Andrea has been very proactive in widening the scope of the shop in terms of the services it offers. There is new stock appearing on shelves every week and new services too - this includes a cobbler service, gifts by Amadeus and pocket money gifts for our younger customers. She has also used the ever popular Facebook page and the shop notice board to advertise local events and services: reporting lost and found items and animals; showcasing the village's Chapel Café and highlighting the Red Arrow's flight path over the village, as well as regular updates on deliveries and new lines.

To help you plan your shopping week this is the list of delivery times:

John Dwyer's Bakery - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday;
Haynes Milk – Tuesday Thursday Saturday;
Fathersons Cakes - Wednesday;
Fowler's Cheese - Tuesday;
Sercombs meat and pies - Thursday;

can. We also look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and hope that they will be happy and settle in well to school life.

A huge thank you to our hardworking KSA for all their efforts again this year in fundraising, it makes a big difference to enabling us to organise some wonderful trips for the children, and also equipment we might otherwise have to go without. Your time, effort and enthusiasm is very much appreciated by us all.

Martins Fruit & Veg - varies week to week but always refreshed on a Saturday;
Dry cleaning - daily;
Shoe repairs - daily.

We are very grateful to the Guides who kindly donated their beautifully decorated wheelbarrow entry for display outside the shop. This has contributed to our glorious display of plants which brighten up the entrance – despite the drought! We are well on the way to purchasing our community bench which will be funded using ‘loose change’ donated by customers plus other donations which include several jigsaws which we have sold and a very generous personal cash donation from a very kind villager. We are very grateful of a recent offer to build the bench at a very reasonable cost – more of that in the next issue!

At time of writing we are almost ready to start the sales of alcohol, having ensured that all the necessary security measures are in place and ready to go. We feel sure that this will be a much-appreciated addition to our shelves. A growing trend is the Sunday Breakfast customers – enthusiastic purchasers of eggs, bacon, bread, black pudding, hash browns and orange juice. Treat yourself – join them! Our prices continue to be highly competitive with local supermarkets – do check them out as we feel sure you'll be surprised at the good value we offer – and there are no parking fees or travel costs. We know for sure that the welcome you get at Kilsby Village Store will far outstrip any supermarket – **we value every single one of our customers.**

Finally, we are so thrilled to have played a small part in Kilsby being awarded the ‘Best Newcomers Cup’ in the Northants ACRE Best Village Competition – and even more thrilled to be asked to display the cup and certificate in the shop – thus confirming us as the hub of the village.

As always, we would welcome more volunteers to join our merry band! If you can help in anyway please call in to see Andrea for a chat.....and do support **YOUR** village shop, in whatever way you can, to become even more successful and vital to village life.

Governors for Kilsby School

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

We are still looking for new Governors from September 2018 and one of our pupils has written the letter below asking people to take up this role at the school. We need people who are not a parent/carer/relative to any of the children, and are particularly keen to welcome individuals from within or outside of the village who have business acumen.

The role involves six meetings a year, usually on a Monday evening, from 7.30 pm for a couple of hours, and some visits to school during the day time. If you are interested please telephone Dawn Lee on 01788 822711 or email: bursar@kilsby-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk



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Wednesday 18th July 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

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Kilsby C.E Primary School would like some new non parent governors, who will bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas to our school.

Here at Kilsby School we need someone who wants to make an important contribution to our local community and you need to be willing to ask questions. Governors make sure that the curriculum is balanced and broadly based, in particular that the National Curriculum and Religious Education are taught. We would like you to set targets for pupil achievement, but equally let us enjoy our ourselves. Your only commitment is to try to and attend all six meetings during the year. Compromising and working together with the other governors is a must. To help us learn, we use fantastics and boombastics.

Our school is the heart of our community; this school has around 100 pupils attending and it has four classes, each have one brilliant teacher and at least one fantastic teaching assistant. Kilsby School has loads of trips, but the








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residential trips are fabulous.

You should become a governor because you care and want to help the education of future generations. Come and see us in action...

Yours sincerely
Kilsby Primary School

Kilsby Garden and Produce Association



(From Sue Curtis, 07764 335830)

Our annual produce show takes place on September 2nd at Kilsby Village Hall. It's been a tough summer with all the heat and drought but we hope many of you will take the chance to showcase your many talents and enter.

Everyone will be getting a copy of the schedule soon, outlining the classes, which include crafts and children's sections as well as fruit and vegetables. This will also explain how to enter. This year is our 75th anniversary so we are hoping for a good turnout. There will also be an exhibition as part of this year's show detailing the association's history.

This year, we are also again holding a top tips night, where our experts will be only too happy to pass on useful information. This will be on August 28th in the Village Hall at 8.15 pm. All are welcome so do put in your diary now!

The winners of the garden and planter competitions will also be announced at the show.

Any queries, please contact Carol Chamberlain, treasurer, 07941686066 or Diane Graham, chair, 07790377516

Crick Medical Practice

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Staff

Helen, the main receptionist, has recently moved because she is getting married and relocating. She leaves with our best wishes and thanks for her service to the practice.

Two new receptionists, Hazel and Kate, have joined in July so the team will be back up to strength.

Flu vaccinations

The time for flu vaccinations is approaching and those in the qualifying groups will be notified as soon as dates are settled. These will be in October and November and there will be a reminder in the next issue.

Training Days

There is no training in August.

The training days for the rest of the year are:-
12th September, 10th October, 14th November and 5th December 2018.

On those days the surgery will be closed between 1.00 pm and 6.30 pm.

KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

We had a fine day for our summer outing to Blenheim on the 14th June where we enjoyed visiting the extensive grounds. These included the Great Lake with its grand cascade, the Water Terraces, Rose Garden, Italian Garden, Secret Garden and Butterfly House. The Palace itself is splendid with many rooms filled with beautiful pieces of furniture and ornaments. Blenheim was the birthplace of Winston Churchill so we were able to see a fascinating exhibition about his life.

It was a really great day out and our thanks to Sylvia Hatton for arranging this.

Our speaker in July was Biff Raven-Hill whose talk was called 'Wartime Housewife'. Due to difficult circumstances, both her grandmother and mother had to look after a family with little support and, living through wartime, developed a real 'make do and mend' approach to life. Biff has inherited these skills, so makes all her own clothes, keeps chickens, grows vegetables and re-cycles most things. She now has a blog where she is able to show people how to do practical things and be creative in making use of what we have.

She had brought along a display worthy of a museum which included things from the war years such as a wash-board, darning dome, curling tongs, and shrapnel, as well as some Picture Post magazines from the 1940s. This was a really entertaining and interesting evening.

Our Skittles team made it to the final of the Federation league but after a close match they ended as the runners-up. Well done to those members who made up a really good team. Some of our members are now enjoying playing Canasta once a fortnight.

At our next meeting, on August 9th, we will be entertained by Terry Penny who will talk to us about 'The Story Behind the Nursery Rhyme'. In September, Anita Chipalkatty will give us tips and tricks for making Chutney & Relishes – and will bring along samples for us to taste.

We shall be pleased to welcome new members and guests at our meetings which are held at 7.30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Kilsby Village Hall.

Gardeners' Corner

Hot, hot, hot...

What a change from the winter snow. We seemed to do nothing but watering for weeks in June and July... At least the lawn didn't need cutting. Our Japanese anemones and hebes look really bad, but the apples, tomatoes and geraniums are thriving.

Worried about your lawn?

Don't worry! The grass will green up as soon as it rains. Just be sure not to put any lawn feed on it whilst it is so dry – it will burn the grass even further.

More geraniums for nothing

Geranium cuttings root really easily. You can take them any time in August. Take shoots 4 or 5 inches long (10 to 12cm) that are not carrying flowers. Trim just below a joint and insert several round the edge of 4 or 5 inch pots of sandy compost. Put them in a shaded sheltered place indoors or out. Be mean with the watering or they will rot.

If you have something that needs planting out

Water the planting site thoroughly the day before and leave it to soak in for 24 hours. Plant out in the evening. If the plant is pot-bound then be sure to tease out the roots before planting. Then give it a good watering. If it is a really sunny spot then shade the plant with some sacking.

Jobs to do in August

Sow perennials.
Get ready for the KGPA Show.

Jobs to do in September

Sow hardy annuals.
Start planting bulbs for next year.

Times past...

*"Happy the Man, who from Ambition freed,
A little Garden, little Field does feed.
The field gives frugal Nature what's required;
The Garden what's luxuriously desir'd:
The specious Evils of an anxious Life,
He leaves to Fools to be their endless Strife."*
Abraham Cowley, Poet, 1618-67.

Good Gardening!
Ron Kickle

St. Faith's Church

Everyone is welcome to the services at St. Faith's which start at 11.00 am every Sunday as follows:-

1st Sunday in each month	-	Morning Praise with hymns
2nd Sunday	"	Holy Communion 'said' service
3rd Sunday	"	Morning Praise with hymns
4th Sunday	"	Holy Communion with hymns and with a sung setting of the Communion led by the choir.

Things to do in August and September

Join Kilsby Stitchers

Join Kilsby Oil Club

Become Secretary of the Rec. Ground

Enter the Garden & Produce Show

Become Speedwatch Coordinator

Become Flood Warden

Suggest a site for the WWI bench

Become a school governor

Go to the History Society AGM

Support the church financially

Take part in the Ride and Stride

Go to the Village Hall cinema

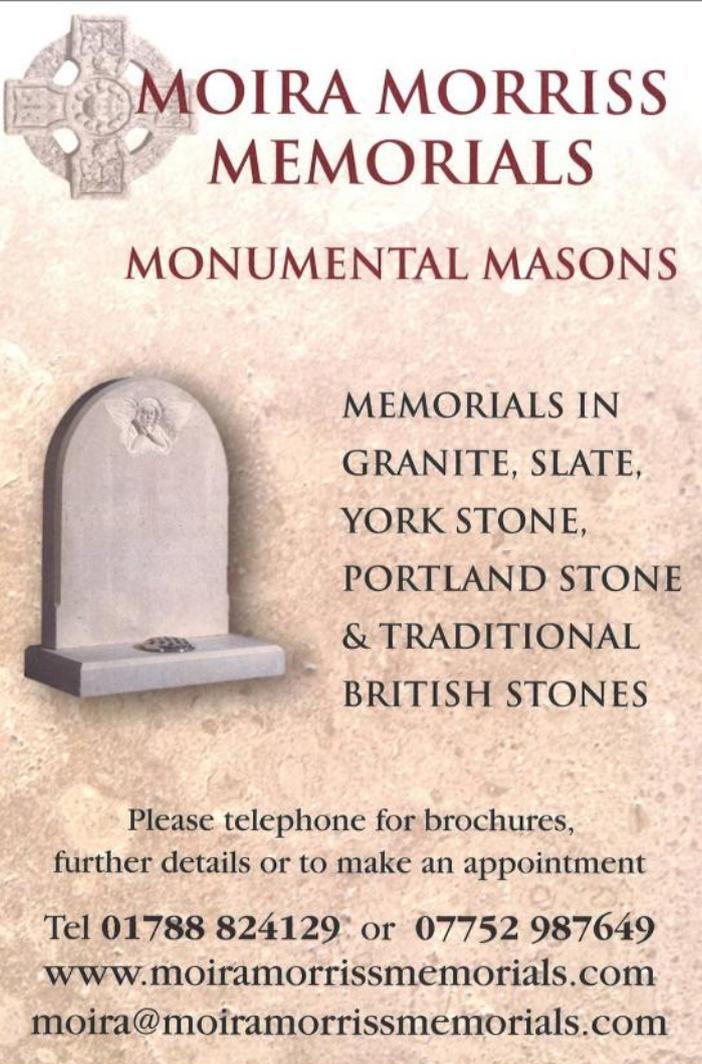
Take your children to Messy Church

Sign up for the 100 Club

Suggest how to spend the prize money from the Best Village competition

Support the Village Shop

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WANTED

Secretary for the Recreation Ground (see page 3)

Speedwatch Coordinator (see page 3)

Flood Warden (see page 3)

Volunteers for the village shop (see page 17)

Governors for Kilsby School (see page 18)

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Yamaha Electric Organ (See page 5)

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Please note

**The deadline for the next issue
is Friday 21st September 2018**