February-March 2022 Edition no. 143

Kilsby Kronickle

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd February
Walking Group walk

Thursday 10th February
WI Meeting

Tuesday 15th February Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 20th February Walking Group walk

Tuesday 22nd February
St Faith's SC Coffee Morning

Thursday 3rd March Walking Group walk

Friday 4th March
Oil Club Order Point

Thursday 10th March WI Meeting

Saturday 12th March St Faith's SC Quiz

Thursday 17th March History Society talk

Saturday 19th March KSA Spring Ball

Sunday 20th March Walking Group walk

Sunday 27th March Clocks go forward Mothering Sunday

Early Notice
Tuesday 17th May
St Faith's SC Coffee Morning
Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend
Re-enactment of Kilsby Skirmish
Sunday 19th June
Open Gardens for NGS
Friday 24th June
Strawberries and Wine Evening
Sunday 28th August
Kilsby Fete



The photograph above is of one of the allotments which are located up the Bridle Path. Some of these are now available for renting (see page 15).

The Christmas Tree Committee have reported on what was a very successful 'switch on' event early in December. It was lovely to see so many children there having a great time on the rides whilst their parents chatted and enjoyed the refreshments. The Christmas tree has now grown to a good size and looked fantastic with all the lights.

Elsewhere in this edition there is news of lots of events coming up over the next two months - including, as well as the regular meetings of groups and societies, another of the St Faith's Social Committee's popular quizzes, and a Spring Ball being organised by the Kilsby School Association. Looking further ahead, June will be a busy month in the village, with plans to re-enact the Civil War 'Kilsby Skirmish', Open Gardens for the NGS and the return of the Strawberries and Wine Evening. Then there will be another Village Fete in August. It is so good to see the village getting back to normal with so many social events being planned after two years of Covid lockdowns. Let's hope that all continues to go well and that we can all meet up at these events.

A former resident of Kilsby, Janet Ward, now Janette Orazi, has been in touch from France to share some of her memories of the village (see page 8). There are also updates on local planning applications and on the revised Neighbourhood Development Plan, as well as reports from our Parish and West Northants Councillors, and some interesting old photographs of Kilsby Tunnel. As always there are lots of opportunities to get involved, with the Community Café at the chapel still looking for help to ensure it can keep opening two mornings each week, the shop seeking staff, the Crick Surgery Patients' Participation Group looking for new members, and help being sought to tidy the churchyard and run Speedwatch in March. You might also want to get involved in the Re-enactment or join the panel which recommends on how grants available from the Wind Farm should be awarded. There is plenty of choice.

Finally, as the Community Shop celebrates its fourth birthday on 23rd March we would like to say 'thank you' to all those who have worked so hard to provide this great facility to the village and to everyone who supports it.

KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL December 2021

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

Well a belated 'Happy New Year'. I hope all of you had a good and peaceful Christmas and here's to a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

The Parish Council held its first council meeting of 2022on the 11th January. Several residents attended to discuss various items and the council, in general is looking forward to the coming year with various activities (listed below) taking place during the year and several projects hopefully to start, bearing in mind any financial restriction we may have.

Kilsby Parish Council Meetings

We would like to invite all residents of Kilsby to our meetings. Opportunity is always given for you to comment or request the council to act on your behalf. The next meeting will be in Kilsby Village Hall on the 15th February commencing at 7.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

New Parish Council Clerk/RFO

As you will be aware, Catherine Camp very kindly stepped into the breach in 2019 when our Clerk, Clare Valentine, went on maternity leave. After Clare decided not to return, Catherine continued to cover the role, but unfortunately she will not be able to continue after 31st March. We have been advertising for applicants to fill the vacancy and whilst the response hasn't been a big one, the council will be holding interviews in the near future and hopefully will find a replacement. I will keep you updated as the process moves forward.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

The consultation period ended on 15th November and various amendments have been made and approved by the Parish Council. We must thank Councillors Clive Thompson and Ian Massey for all of their hard work. (Eds. See update on page 4.)

Kilsby Skirmish

The Parish Council are hoping to hold the re-enactment of the 'Kilsby Skirmish' of 1642 during the weekend celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. If you would like to get involved please contact me on hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk. It should be a great event for all of the village and we look forward to being able to outline the events of the weekend over the next few months.

Kilsby Summer Fete

You will all be pleased to know that after the success of last year's event, the Fete organising Committee have agreed to arrange another one this year to be held on Sunday 28th August between 1.00 pm and 6.00 pm. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing more details as the months progress.

Power Cuts.

I'm sure everyone will be pleased to hear that Western Power is undertaking a rebuild scheme to improve the electricity supply by increasing capacity.. This should be completed early 2022. Two new substations will be built, one on the highway verge near to the Village Hall, the other on the highway verge near 47 Main Road. (Eds. See also page 22.)

Trees and Shrubs

Would all residents whose properties abut walkways or road ways please ensure that any trees or shrubs are kept trimmed so they do not encroach over them. This not only makes the village look untidy but presents a hazard to others and may mean that pedestrians have to walk onto the road causing possible danger to them.

Parking

Could all residents whose properties have a grass verge in front please take care when parking. It has been bought to the Council's attention that a lot of damage is being done to several areas and that it will be increasingly difficult for our grass cutting contractor to make this good. This also makes the village look untidy. Please, everyone, do not drive onto, park or drive across these verges.

Planning

The Parish Council has objected to two planning applications: the first for a development of 44 houses on Barby Road and the second from Barby Sporting Club to extend the shooting times from two days to six and on two of these until 9.00 pm. These applications will be considered by West Northants Daventry Planning Committee in the near future.

Grant Funds.

£6000 is available from Daintree Wind Farm for grants to suitable organisations within the Parish. Further details are on page 19 of this edition. Applications must be received before 27th April 2022 to be considered.

Northants Council, Public Health Northants and The Northants Local Resilience Forum have been awarded £635,500 from Central Government to help Local Charities and groups across the region who have been helping the most vulnerable members of society during the pandemic. For more information please follow the link below:

https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/community-funding-grants/star-fund-supporting-those-risk

Well that's it for now. I hope you found this article interesting and of use to you and I look forward to writing to you again on the next issue of the KK. In the meantime stay safe.

Howard Gibbs Chairman Kilsby P C

FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN CHANTLER

Assistant Cabinet Member for Planning and Rural Affairs, West Northamptonshire Council (email: alan.chantler@westnorthants.gov.uk Tel: 07730986253)

The new Unitary Authority is still only 9 months old and is still settling in. A lot has been achieved in establishing a thriving authority area but there is still a lot to do. The government's Structural Changes Order included an instruction that there should be 'harmonisation' across the whole area of West Northamptonshire. As you can imagine the three (or four) sovereign councils of yesteryear each had their own way of doing things so this harmonisation process is far from simple.

One outstanding example of differences is the process of handling planning applications. Each of the former councils had their own procedures and used separate (and different) IT systems. We aim, of course, to continue to process all planning applications systematically whilst also deciding on a new approach to be used across WNC. This will involve obtaining a new IT system. This gives us the opportunity to design a system which is simple to use and will involve allowing the public to access more information on line, including observations from consultees and the public. It will also facilitate staff flexibility, allowing staff resources to be redeployed as needed when the number of applications in a certain part of WNC's area would otherwise be overwhelming. All of this takes time to organise and this has to be done alongside the continuation of providing an adequate service to existing applicants.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

(From Cllr Ian Massey and Cllr Clive Thompson)

Following the six week public consultation process before Christmas, the Parish Council has now agreed the revised Plan, and this has now been submitted to the Planning Department of West Northamptonshire Council (WNC).

As reported in the last edition, WNC will now carry out a further six week consultation with interested parties between the end of January, which will run up until the middle of March.

After that the Examination process will begin. This normally takes around four weeks but we are still waiting for exact details of what will be involved and the timescales.

We hope to be able to update you on progress in the next edition.

Another area of disparity across former councils includes finance. Part of the effect of harmonisation means that all residents should be paying the same amount of Council Tax and this has inevitably led to some significant changes across WNC. Some former council areas may find that their Council Tax increases more than others. This is inevitable and entirely due to the government's instructions to harmonise.

The complexity of Local Government finance has made the process of drawing up a budget for the next financial year for this new authority quite challenging. This has led to some recently publicised misunderstandings concerning the state of our finances. These should all be clarified very soon.

Remember that we are here to serve you and should you seek clarification or guidance on any local matters please get in touch.

Eur Ing Councillor Alan Chantler CEng FBCS CITP

St. Faith's Social Committee

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning on 8th December raised £115.75 for the church. The next Coffee Morning will be on 22nd February in the Village Hall. £2.50 on the door, plus raffle.

Quiz

There will be a Quiz on 12th March in the Village Hall. Tickets £10.00 per person, including supper bring your own drink and glasses. Get your teams of four or six in early.

Future Events

There will be another Coffee Morning on 17th May in the Village Hall. £2.50 on the door, plus raffle. We shall be holding our popular Strawberries and Wine Evening again on 24th June at Orchard House. Tickets £8.00 plus raffle.

Please put all these dates in your diary.

A healthy and happy New Year to you all.

FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS

(email: rosie.humphreys@westnorthants.gov.uk Tel: 07890112504, 43 West End, West Haddon NN6 7AY)

I attended both Kilsby and Barby & Onley Parish Council meetings this month to hear the views of parish councillors and local residents on the planning application from Barby Sporting Club to extend the number of shooting days at the Club. I have also been listening to the current activity from the Club when visiting Kilsby on the days that shooting is currently allowed. Many residents living in both villages have contacted me to express their concerns and I have been in contact with the Planning case officer and Environmental Health about the application.

Climate Action Plan

There is still no update on the Council's climate action plan, which has been in the making since last July. At the full Council meeting in December the petition asking the Council to divest the pension fund of its £59 million fossil fuel investment was presented, but the associated motion, proposed by the Liberal Democrat group, was not passed. The Council's Pension Board has already commissioned a report on the issue. At the same meeting an update on the climate plan was promised for January, but nothing has been announced and as yet there is no indication this will be on the agenda for Cabinet when they meet in February. The Council's draft budget proposes £100k to 'drive forward the sustainability agenda', but as yet there are no details.

Draft Budget

The draft budget, which is open for public consultation until 1st February, indicates an average Council Tax increase of 2.99%. However the increase is not the same over the different Council

areas. The Daventry area increase will be 4.1%, which translates for a Band D property as £1,596.06 for 2022/23, an increase of £62.93 over last year.

Council Tax will be fully harmonised by 2023/24 and while there is a greater increase for the Daventry area our average Band D rates are slightly lower than the same rates in the Northampton and South Northamptonshire areas.

Additional investment (£887k) is proposed for more Highways staff and £123k for more Communications staff (apparently the Council has a lower than average – for its size – number of staff for this). A further £100k will promote and subsidise bus services online.

The West Northants Council website has the details on how to comment on the draft budget online

Grants

New grants for hospitality and leisure businesses are now available from the Council. The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant scheme is open for applications until Monday, 28 February, with grants of between £2,667 and £6,000 offered to eligible businesses, depending on the rateable value of the business premises. The scheme aims to support businesses that offer in-person services, where the main service takes place in fixed rate-paying premises that trade in the hospitality, leisure and accommodation sectors.

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are: Friday 4th March and Friday 6th May.

We will be open to receive orders for nine days, closing a week on the Sunday following the announcement. Members will be advised of the price and delivery dates when the buying process has been completed early the following week.

Anyone interested in joining the Club, or helping out with the ordering process, should contact kilsbyoilclub@gmail.com

SHORT MAT BOWLS

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

We meet in the Village Hall on Wednesday nights from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm and we would like to see some new people come and join us.

You can play in your socks if you have no flat-soled shoes and we have bowls at the club you can use.

Come and give it a try. We are a very friendly lot of players and it doesn't matter what age you are.

Hope to see you soon.

KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel 822197)

We all love a detective story! Our meeting in March is all about solving crimes.

The speaker on Thursday 17th March will be David Sweeney, a retired police officer. His popular talk is entitled Every 'Body' Tells a Story.

He will explain how forensic science is used in crime detection. He aims to entertain and at the same time educate, with a dose of humour thrown in.

The meeting starts at 7.30p.m. in the Kilsby Room of the Village Hall.

Entrance fee is £2 for members, £3 for others. Everyone is welcome.

FOUND

In December a coat was found on the village green.

If you think it might belong to you, then please call Vicki James on 01788 824589 with details.



Kilsby Table Tennis club

(From Keren Wood, Tel: 822456)

If your New Year's resolution is to be healthier, Kilsby table tennis club at the Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm is a great way to keep your body fit and your mind active. Table tennis has been scientifically proven to aid cognitive ability and delay Alzheimer's!

The club is aimed at retired people over sixty. We usually play doubles on three tables with a break for tea/coffee. The cost is £2.

Do come and join us for a sociable afternoon. If you can keep score and remember who served first you are on a winner!

FOR SALE

Household furniture and items

Viewing from 15th February 2022

For more information please call Barbara after this date on (mobile) 07443897569.

CHURCHYARD TIDY

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

I am looking for volunteers to assist with a clear-out of unwanted and invasive plants in the churchyard. Ivy, brambles, holly and elderflower are of most concern.

If you can help, either by joining a working party or working on an individual basis, please contact me on the number above.

We aim to start work in the spring.

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

November Winners

£100 (47) P Lewis; £65 (86) G Farmer; £40 (14) C Lomas; £40 (58) A Biles;

£20 (69) T Dougan

December Winners

£40 (92) J Bridges; £30 (35) B Asbury; £20 (83) C Jarman; £20 (10) H Bartlett;

£10 (82) M Hunt





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Opening Hours

Bar

Sunday 12pm-10pm

Mon to Saturday: 12pm-11pm

Kitchen

Monday: Closed

(accept bank holiday Mondays when we will be serving 12pm till 3pm)

Tues to Fri: 12pm-2.30pm & 6pm-9pm

Sat 12pm-3pm & 6pm-9pm

Sunday 12pm-4pm

Upcoming Events

Burger & a Pint* for £10 Every Wednesday

*Pint of Fosters, John Smiths, Small House Wine or Pint of Soft Drink from the pump

SPECIAL VALENTINES' MENU

Our Special Valentine Menu will be served from Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th from 6pm till 9pm Please see our Facebook Page and Website for more information

QUIZ NIGHT!!!

Sunday 20^{th} Feb from $8\mathrm{pm}$

Lots of Prizes!

All Proceeds 80 to Patricks Charity for Bowel Cancer & Lynch Syndrome Call Now to Book your Table!!

MEMORIES OF KILSBY

(From Janette Orazi, formerly Janet Ward, janette.orazi@orange.fr)

I've just been reading some back numbers of the Kilsby Kronickle where I was very interested in your articles about shops in Kilsby's past.

As Dennis Ward's eldest daughter, I arrived in the village at the age of 6, in 1950. My father, who was born in George Row in Kilsby in 1920, had bought the shop literally on the spur of the moment at a public auction in Rugby. I went to school in the village from 1950 -1955. I remember the old Co-op, as well as the Post Office at Mr Sargent's farm.

The shop was run for the first year by my mother before my father left his office job, and the efforts of the whole family led to a flourishing business, incorporating the post office, newspapers, bread, frozen food and even a few bargains picked up at the saleroom, until the arrival of supermarkets led to the slow decline of village stores.

I left Kilsby for good in 1965 and have been living in France ever since.

Wishing Kilsby and its inhabitants all the best,

SPEEDWATCH

From Ian Weston - Highways Warden / Speed Watch Co-Ordinator, Tel: 01788 823332)

We now have confirmation that Kilsby will be participating in the Community Speed Watch this year. This will be at the beginning of March 2022 and we will have the equipment for four continuous weeks.

We still need volunteers who could spend an hour at a time to help with this during various times of the day. The more volunteers we have the more we can utilise the equipment to monitor speeding traffic through our village. You do not need to help at every Speed Watch, but we do need a minimum of three at each shift to be able to operate. This time there is no formal training involved.

The Safer Roads Team have decided that we need to concentrate on the A361 near to Cildes Croft, Barby Road, Main Road and the A5 as these are the main areas of concern.

However, if we do not have enough volunteers we will be unable to take part and will lose this valuable asset to the community.

Please contact me if you are able to help with this, via email at iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk or on 01788 823332 by 21 February 2022.









Well done if you realised that we need volunteers to OPEN THEIR GARDENS for the N.G.S. scheme which raises millions of pounds for health charities like Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK,

Parkinsons and Carers Trust, to name a few.

Now don't go saying, "Oh, my garden isn't big enough, posh enough, weed free etc.,etc." WE DON'T CARE! The garden which received lots of positive and complimentary comments last year was our smallest and work in progress always interests too.

PLEASE HELP US. If we can't show enough gardens we can't go ahead -Kilsby Open Gardens, 19th June 2022. 1.30 - 5.30 p.m.

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or phone the Madigans on 01788 822350. DO IT NOW!



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KILSBY ACTION GROUP

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Thanks to our generous supporters, KAG has been able to instruct a planning consultant to produce a professional assessment of the proposed development on Barby Rd. The ability to use a professional in this way allowed us to 'level up' the fight because he has real knowledge of the planning system and his final objection submitted on behalf of KAG was detailed and made the case for refusal in a very robust way.

The weeks following the decision by KAG to re-form and fight the proposal demonstrated the true strength of this village and we were both amazed and grateful at the support of our neighbours and friends. The number of people who turned up at the village hall meeting was incredible, the financial support we received, volunteers delivering leaflets and finally the number of you who objected to the proposal - the planning officer is in no doubt about the strength of feeling in Kilsby.

At the time of publication of KK we are waiting for a planning hearing date. As soon as we get the date we will communicate to you via our mailing list (please join if you haven't already, just email kilsbyaction@gmail.com) by Facebook and via a leaflet delivery. Thanks again for your support.

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KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Mission Statement

The purpose of this Church is to provide a warm and welcoming place for all people, of any age, to worship.

Services Sunday mornings at 11.00 am February

6th Songs of Praise 13th Andrew Howes 20th Mr Cecil Gill

27th Rev Geoff Townsend HC

March

6th Mr John Perkins 13th Mr Wally Mular 20th Mr Cecil Gill 27th Rev Craig Muir

The Carol Service at Christmas time was a lovely success. It was great to see so many people in the chapel.

Scrabble

Wednesdays 1.00 pm



Sewing Group

Every second Friday 2.00 pm.

Community Café

Open for teas, coffees and breakfasts from 9.00 am - 12.00 noon Mondays and Thursdays. See note below.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We urgently need help in the Community Café. Could you spare us an hour or so once a month - or more often if you could - to help us keep this lovely café running. The work isn't hard and you would meet lots of people and enjoy good conversation and laughter. Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact us for further details.

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NATURE NOTES

(From Caroline Grey, caro.grey@btinternet.com)

One great thing about the end of January is that the days are visibly getting longer and the bulbs are beginning to show themselves so it isn't that long until the birds will be nesting and the pond will be alive again. With that in mind, we've seen several pairs of small bird species chasing each other around and looking as if nesting in on their minds. Also, robins and blackbirds are singing into dusk, staking claim to their territories and fending off any intruders.

The starling roost or mini murmuration is still ongoing but is small with about 90 or so birds. I love to see them flying in groups, swooping round the tops of the houses and then blending in with smaller groups as they go, in a sort of mass aerial stunt. This happens just before they roost for the night and is mainly to keep safe in large numbers, keep warm and also to share information about where to feed. The largest one I have seen is over Brighton Pier but there are large ones in a few nature reserves too — an amazing spectacle, particularly against a sunset.

Around the fields and hedgerows at this time, it is possible to see loads of redwings which look similar to a song thrush but with a red flash along the side and a cream-coloured stripe above the eye. Once the spring arrives, they will fly back up north to their breeding territories and they will hopefully fly back to the UK next autumn. Amongst the flocks, you might see a fieldfare, which is larger and is part brown/part grey, but I have seen very few this year. Also, no yellowhammers yet but I'll keep looking! Draycote Water has a couple of great visitors at the moment – northern divers – an amazing bird to see with a little patience as it is aptly named – it dives a lot and for long periods!

It seems that many of our hedgehog friends were caught out with the mild Autumn weather and had late litters of hoglets, some of which have sadly perished as they were too small to survive the winter. I heard about one that was rescued from a multistory carpark in Rugby and is now, along with many others, being looked after by a veterinary nurse. They need to weigh one and a half pounds to be meaty enough to survive so let's hope lots make it this winter and we can enjoy them soon in the garden. In the meantime, we have hedgehog themed mugs, a book, cushions, a tea towel and an ornament all given to us at Christmas to enjoy!

Don't forget to look out for pond activity at the end of February!

GARDENERS' CORNER

A frosty winter at last! We have lost some geraniums that had survived the last two winters outside, but the cold spell ought to have killed a few bugs and given the spring bulbs a good start. We are now waiting until the soil is drier and not frozen to plant things.

Get those secateurs out

A cold clear February day, with the ground hard, is ideal for pruning your roses, apple and pear trees whilst they are still dormant. (Leave plums and other stone fruit until much later when they have started growing.)

The basic rules of pruning fruit trees:

- Flower buds are fat and rounded
- Leaf buds are thin and pointed
- The harder you cut the more it grows
- "If your tree's about right then pruning is light"

Don't cut off anything ending in a flower bud: you'll get no fruit! Then follow three simple steps:-

- 1. Cut out any dead or diseased wood.
- 2. Reduce side shoots that end in leaf buds to 2 or 3 side buds (to encourage development of fruit spurs).
- 3. Reduce last year's growth of leaders that end in leaf buds by one third (less if the leader is strong, more if it's weak).

Jobs to do in February

- Clean your pots and greenhouse ready for the season
- Finish clearing and forking over flower beds
- Divide up any perennials that are too large
- Sow sweet peas in pots. Keep indoors in a plastic bag until they germinate, then out they go!

Jobs to do in March

- Prune your roses when the hardest frost risk is past
- Sow early peas at the beginning of March; but wait until the soil is warmed and not too wet.
- Sow hardy annuals in seed trays or pots.

Times past...

In 'Pocket Companion & Diary' National Allotments & Gardens Society, 1964:-

"March: A period of generally erratic, treacherous weather, rain, snow, fog, frost, rough gales and deceptively glorious sunshine in unexpected succession. Although the gardening year really begins, it is fatal to be tempted into premature sowing or planting by a temporary mild spell, unless the soil is in perfect condition."

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle



WELCOME PACKS

Remember that Welcome Packs of information about the village are available for new residents. If you have a new neighbour please contact Chris Lomas at lomdoucd@gmail.com or on 822650 to get a pack to give your neighbours when you go round to introduce yourself.

If you have moved into Kilsby in the last few months and haven't received a pack but would like one please get in touch with Chris Lomas too.

Kilsby Village Shop

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



Wishing all our customers a very happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas too. As we said goodbye to a difficult 2021 our thoughts turned to the hope that 2022 brings a better and healthier year for everyone.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our customers who placed Christmas orders with us as your support is amazing and ensures the longevity of our shop, so a big **THANK YOU**. The poultry/meat orders from Chapmans family butchers were a big hit – we had great feedback. Our extensive selection of festive Pork Pies from Sercombes, together with our Christmas gift hampers filled with a range of artisan KVS products; complimented with Fowlers cheese and some of our alcohol range, gave us a very busy week prior to Christmas. However, our ever-cheerful manager, Sarah, along with our wonderful team of volunteers did an excellent job; ensuring we delivered everyone's orders on time, adding that extra bit of sparkle to everyone's Christmas - especially again this year.

We are looking forward to making 2022 a great year. Your village shop will be launching 'Veggie Boxes' filled with fresh, seasonal vegetables. Veggie Boxes come in different sizes to meet everyone's needs (boxes for 1, 2, 4 or 6 persons) and are delivered to your door weekly. See our posters around the village or pop into the shop for a chat with Sarah our shop manager. Following the success of our Christmas meat orders from Chapman Family Butchers of Lutterworth, we will be taking weekly orders for delivery on a Friday - so if you would like to place an order pop in or call us on **07469 255517**.

Winter fuel is back in stock, so if you need firelighters, kindling, kiln dried logs or coal (we stock several types of smokeless fuel suitable for both open fires and log burners) you can collect from your community shop, or we can deliver free of charge to you within Kilsby.

We are gearing up for Spring's seasonal events: Valentine's Day in February then Pancake Day on 1st March. With our fabulous range of Valentine cards, chocolates, wine and fizz to show your loved one how much they mean to you. Or you could do a 'Jamie Oliver' and cook them something special with our mouth-watering venison range. For Pancake Tuesday we have everything you need to make those special pancakes with scrummy toppings - orange, lemon, honey, blueberry, golden or maple syrup, banana, chocolate, Nutella or traditional sugar.



With our 4th Birthday on the 23rd of March, Mother's Day on 27th March, Easter 17th April, the Queens Platinum Jubilee in early June and Father's Day 19th June there is so much to look forward to. Look out for more details in our posters around the village.

As we end our latest update, we have two 'asks':

- Your shop is still looking for the right person to fill a paid, part-time role working in our lovely shop. If interested, please get in touch for more details; hours are Sunday 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and Monday 8.15 am to 4.30 pm.
- As always, we are looking for additional voluntary help if you can spare 2 or 3 hours a week
 why not come and join our friendly team pop in for a chat with Sarah for more details.



I am sure you will all join me in saying a big big 'Thank You' to Peter Ayton who has been our Treasurer since we opened back in March 2015. His humour, team spirit and ability to keep us on the straight and narrow contributed hugely to getting Kilsby its village shop. Peter officially stepped down at the end of January, although he is helping with the handover up to our financial year end in March. He will then hand over the reins from 1st April to our new Treasurer; Sally Tompkins who many of you may know. So a huge thanks Peter: for all your hard work and everything you have done to help make the village shop the success it is - we will miss you very much.

Now we say a warm welcome to Sally who now joins our committee.



Don't forget we still offer a free delivery service within Kilsby, so if you would like to place an order, please let us know either via email at <u>villageshopkilsby@gmail.com</u> or by calling our new shop phone number **07469 255517**. Sarah and our fabulous team of volunteers will be happy to take your call.

Kilsby Women's Institute

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

Our Christmas party was much quieter this year as we didn't have guests due to the rise in Covid cases but our members really enjoyed themselves with all the usual party fun, Buck's Fizz to start then Christmas crackers and a little gift. This year we had a cooked meal; enormous thanks to the hard working committee members who prepared it all and the two lovely girls who did the serving and washing up! The raffle and the quiz were popular as ever and well done to everyone who dressed up - congratulations Susie for the winning the best costume award! The Great Adamos entertained us with some amazing magic, the levitating table was astonishing... and we still can't figure out how it's done... then we rounded off the evening with some carol singing.

Sadly our speaker for January tested positive for Covid and, as cases seemed to be rising steadily, we decided cancelling the January meeting was the safest course to follow.

We'll hopefully be back in February with a talk about the first police force in Northamptonshire from Alan Wood. Then, in March, Carmen Harrington will talk to us about how hypnotherapy works.

Our meetings are at 19:30 on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £4.

KILSBY ALLOTMENTSplots now available!

Would you like to have a go at growing your own food, enjoying a bit of fresh air and exercise and being part of a friendly allotment community?



We currently have a small number of allotment plots available at our Kilsby site, which is conveniently located just off the bridleway/footpath to Crick leading up from the A5 crossing, opposite the village hall. There are different sized plots available and plots can be divided so you can take on as much or as little as you can manage. The land is owned by Kilsby Poors Land Charity and is now run by a management committee of plot holders. There is a small annual fee for renting a plot, which includes an on-site water supply. We have lots of families currently renting from us and would welcome new tenants to join our friendly community.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Charles Smedley, 1 Hall Close, 07958 242822 or email chassmedley23@aol.co.uk. We will be more than happy to discuss what we have available and to show you around!



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



The Kilsby Christmas Tree light switch-on event on Saturday 4th December 2021 was again a huge success particularly after missing the event for 2020! This year we held workshops so that children could make their own lanterns for the Lantern Parade. It was lovely to see everyone's lanterns.

The committee would like to start by thanking everyone who has supported the Christmas Tree Committee by joining the Christmas Tree Lottery. This support has allowed us to fund the light switch-on event and provide it for free. We would also like to thank everyone who came out in the cold to see Father Christmas, Gabriella Devaney who helped to switch on the Christmas Tree lights and Kilsby's very own 'The Tunnellers'.

A huge thank you to Dean Meredith and Tom Jones for the fantastic 'sleigh'. Thank you to Kevin Brown the electrician for checking our Christmas tree lights. Thanks also to all those who donated mince pies and helped to serve them and the mulled wine on the day. Also, a big thank you to Mike Dowson who helped put the lights on the tree.

The committee would also like to give a big thank you to Rosemary and Ron Mason for their hospitality and the use of their electricity to power the event.



Finally, thank you also to Father Christmas for taking time out to visit Kilsby during such a busy period.

We all look forward to seeing everyone again on Saturday 3rd December 2022. This will be our 20th year of holding the event!

THANKS again to everyone who helped make the Christmas Tree Light Switch-on a very successful community event.

Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197), photographs courtesy of Gill Mason)



LMS express train emerging from the southern end of Kilsby Tunnel.

It is being pulled by the 'City of London', a very powerful Coronation Class locomotive, number 46245, built in 1943 and scrapped in 1964.

The Iron Bridge, spanning the mainline tracks with the Kilsby Tunnel entrance in the distance.

It carried the A5 and had to be strengthened and widened when the line was electrified in about 1960.





Workmen taking a break at the northern entrance to Kilsby Tunnel.

The photograph was taken on Thursday 29th October 1953. Standing at the back are Joe Emery and Joe Perkins. Joe Emery is seen pouring tea into Joe Perkins' can.

A Grade 2 listed model of the tunnel entrances exists in the side wall of the front garden at Cedar Lodge, Kilsby.

NEWS FROM ST. FAITH'S

(From Rev Nigel Fry, Tel: 07854 810 588 Email: enfrys@gmail.com)

Being able to meet, being able to sing, being able to chat over a coffee; things have been getting back to how we now but vaguely remember them. Christmas was celebrated in our churches and the singing of carols, albeit behind masks, generated the feeling of 'goodwill to all' that that season promises. As we look to spring, Lent and Easter there is reason to hope that conditions will allow further freedoms. Things are beginning to look optimistic.

Sunday services have been running at 10.00 am for a while now. That is set to continue, though rather than just alternating week on week will now assume 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month as Communion at Barby and 2nd and 4th at Kilsby; with 5th Sundays being a joint service in one of the churches.10.00 am seems to be the optimum time for most people, so we're trying that in both churches. So, Holy Communion services are on alternate weeks. On the other Sundays there are services of Morning Worship, which are mainly Lay led; one or more folk from the congregation lead a service of readings and prayers. This presents an opportunity for others to get involved. Perhaps that could be you? Have a word with Gill Mason at Kilsby or Bart Springer at Barby, or me of course.

'Many hands make light work', as the saying goes. In this case the light of Christ, the light in the darkness; which is an overarching theme through Advent to Candlemas (which will be celebrated on the last Sunday of this month in a joint service at St Faith's Kilsby). Light celebrated in all the Christmas trees in our homes and in St Mary's. A big thank you to those who helped organise that.

Light is a theme that runs through the Gospels, particularly the Gospel of Luke, which is the Gospel being focused on in this Church Year. Even the name Luke references light. Perhaps that is why the writer focuses on it? The glory to the shepherds, 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' as Simeon sings. It is certainly a theme we need to run with. Not just to get us thorough this dark and dreary time of the year, but to help us through the abiding darkness of the pandemic. Light engenders hope. And hope does not disappoint (Romans 5:5). It is needful for our journey through life (Psalms 119: 105).

The light is certainly clearer on the path through St Faith's churchyard. Trees have been pollarded, not before time, and that has significantly opened up the pathway leading to the church door; which, as at St Mary's, is open during the day everyday, so anyone can enter these houses of prayer. I have had more

than one conversation, and I have heard of others, with people who have just gone in for a few minutes and there found some peace and tranquility that has calmed their anxieties and lifted their spirits. What wonderful assets to have on our doorstep.

PATTERN OF SERVICES

All Sunday services are at 10 oʻclock	St Mary's Barby	St Faith's Kilsby		
1st Sunday	Holy Communion (with hymns)	Morning Worship (said)		
2nd Sunday	Morning Worship (with hymns)	Holy Communion (with hymns)		
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion (with hymns)	Morning Worship (said)		
4th Sunday	Morning Worship (with hymns)	Holy Communion (with hymns)		
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COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND FOR CRICK AND KILSBY



Fund Overview

Daintree Wind Farm Ltd has committed £12,000 each year into a community Fund, which is split equally between the Parishes of Crick and Kilsby in Northamptonshire.

The Fund allows groups to apply for grants between £250 and £6,000. There is one application round to apply to each year.

The application closing date for 2022 is: 27th April 2022, decisions early July 2022.

Project Location

Projects for which grants are requested must be located in the Parishes of Crick or Kilsby.

Project Purpose

Priority will be given to:

- Energy efficiency or renewable energy projects, such as insulation, efficient boilers or small scale renewable energy installations
- Training or education projects, especially vocational training for unemployed young people under the age of 25 years old
- Projects for school age children, or older people
- Any other community projects for the benefit of residents of the local area

For full details of what can be funded (there are limited exceptions), please see the Funding Criteria, available on GrantScape's website.

Eligible Organisations

Eligible Organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- · Voluntary, community groups
- Parish Councils
- Schools and educational establishments
- Social enterprises (including credit unions, co-operatives, social firms, community owned enterprises, community interest companies and development trusts) provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis



Applicants need to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and a bank or building society account held in the name of the organisation in place before applying for a grant. If you don't have these please consider asking if the Parish Council can apply on your behalf.

Applicants can apply for further grants each year, however, they may not receive priority over organisations that have previously been turned away or those who are applying for the first time.

Making Grant Recommendations

Recommendations as to which projects should receive funding are made by two locals Panels, one representing Crick and the other Kilsby. There is currently a vacancy on the Kilsby Panel, so if you live in the Parish and are interested in helping decide how best this money should be awarded, please contact GrantScape.

Contacts and Further Questions?

Telephone: 01908 247630

www.grantscape.org.uk Email:



NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

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

After a relaxing Christmas break we all returned to school ready to start the new term. We have had an increasing number of COVID-19 cases in school amongst the children and staff, and so we have had to revert back to our class 'Bubbles' to attempt to reduce the spread of the virus.

As usual there were a lot of activities during the last few weeks before Christmas.

Coaches from West Bromwich Albion F.C. joined us on Thursday November 25th for a football day! They took sessions with each class through the day, teaching them footballing skills such as dribbling,

passing, shooting and goal keeping. The children had a fabulous day and learnt some great new skills.



On Wednesday 24th November,

our cross-country team took part in an event with other primary schools in the area at Daventry Sports Park. We were very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship during the afternoon!

The children in KS1 entertained their parents with performances of 'The Bossy King' on 6th and 8th December 2. Everything went really well on the nights, and the



children were fantastic. We hope that the parents enjoyed themselves too.

During the morning of Wednesday 15th December, the whole school walked round to St Faith's Church in Kilsby to attend the Christingle service at 9.30 am with the Rev Nigel Fry. The children helped make their Christingle oranges the previous day, and these were carried to church. During this lovely service



everyone sang carols and each child was given a Christingle candle to hold.

Also on 15th December the staff and children all came to school wearing their Christmas jumpers. We



sat down enjoy o u r Christmas lunch together in the hall with crackers Christmas music! We all enjoyed tucking into turkey rolls with pigs blankets and

vegetables followed by a chocolate cracknell cake. During the afternoon, after their lunch, the children enjoyed Christmas parties in their classes, packed with fun and games, and Santa came to visit bringing a gift for each child! Everyone had a great time!

At 5.30pm on Thursday 16th December the children in Hazel, Hawthorn & Maple classes took part in a Carols by Candlelight service at St Faith's Church. It was a really nice service with the lights turned out and just the candles flickering while everyone sang Christmas carols. We hope those parents who joined us enjoyed this service as much as we did.

Before Christmas the KSA held two film nights, one for KS1 and another for KS2. The KS1 children watched 'The Grinch' and the KS2 children enjoyed the original 'Home Alone' film. These film nights are always popular with the children. A big thank to KSA.

During December the children brought donations of chocolates, toiletries, mince pies, biscuits, etc. into school to create some wonderful Christmas hampers for the residents of Kilsby House. Along with their



teachers, the children helped deliver them to the home during the last week of school before Christmas. They stood outside and sang them a Christmas carol as it was not possible to enter the building. We hope the residents enjoyed the contents and their Christmas.

In December and then in January, the Year 5 & 6 and Year 3 & 4 groups took part in Sports Hall Athletics events involving other primary schools in

the area, at Daventry Leisure Centre. They took part in various different activities including long jump, vertical jump, obstacle relay, hurdles relay, lap relay, soft javelin and speed bounce.

Year 5 and Year 6 have started 10 sessions of 'Lets Play the Ukulele' where the children got together to learn to play the ukulele with the help of a visiting teacher from NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust). This is a First Access Project provided by NMPAT and the music teacher will be coming into school every Monday morning to take the lessons. We are looking forward to seeing how the children progress and hope that, at the end of the course they will be able to play a little tune together.

Early in January, the children in school were treated to a performance of 'Aladdin' by a touring theatre company. Everyone really enjoyed the experience and we would like to say a huge thank you to our hardworking KSA who paid for this special treat.

At the beginning of February, during National Book Reading week, we have a Scholastic Book Fair coming into school offering a wide range of different books for the children to purchase. Depending on the sales, the school receives a number of free books which is always a bonus.

That's all our news for now, there will be another update from the school in the next Kronickle.

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, <u>liloader@btinternet.com</u> or Tel: 07783521052)

We walk on the first Thursday of the month and the third Sunday. The walks are about 7/8 miles long with a break if possible at a pub for the use of the facilities, a drink and the purchase of sandwiches or soup. You can of course bring your own picnic if you prefer.

The dates and start times of the walks in February and March are set out below. They all start from outside The White House on Chapel Street.

Thursday 3 Feb 9.30 am

Sunday 20 Feb 10.00 am

Thursday 3 March 9.30 am

Sunday 20 March 10.00 am

Contact me for further details.

CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Covid Vaccination Boosters

The Surgery is continuing to offer Covid 19 booster vaccinations so if you have not yet had yours please contact the surgery

Training days. The dates for the training days are as follows:-

23rd February, 30th March, 6th April, 25th May, 22nd June,, 13th July, 19th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December.

Patients Participation Group

It has not been possible for the group to meet in the surgery during the pandemic and zoom meeting have not proved to be a satisfactory alternative so we will not hold further meetings until we can meet face to face in the surgery.

As I mentioned in my last article, numbers in the group have reduced and in order for it to function properly new members are needed so if you are interested or know anyone who is please contact the Practice Manager, Lizzie Shisler, at the surgery.

We will need to elect a new secretary at the next meeting and also I would like to stand down in the near future so we will need a new chair for the group, but I will remain to give any help that is required. If any one is interested in these roles please let Lizzie or me know.

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GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION

The two-weekly garden waste collection service for 2022-23 will start on **4th April** (not June as in previous years), and subscriptions for the year can be renewed (or taken out) from the middle of February.

The cost for 2022-23 will be £42.00 per bin. This works out at around £1.68 a collection - in line with last year's cost when the £35.00 charge covered only nine months. There is no reduction in the cost if you subscribe later in the year.

Payments can be made on line by credit or debit card from 14th February. If you subscribe then you will be sent a sticker to display on your brown bin. If you decide not to renew then your collections of garden waste will stop at the end of March.

Further information, including details of subsidised home composters which are being made available to those who don't want to use the service, can be found at:

https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-street-cleaning/garden-waste-collection-faqs

WESTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION

(From The Editors)

As reported on page 3, Western Power are installing new power cables in our area to increase capacity and, we hope, ensure that the frequent power cuts we have suffered over the years will be a thing of the past even as demand for power grows.

Kier Services are carrying out the construction work on behalf of Western Power and are laying new cables from Crick through to Barby. Work on the A5 has been carried out in the last few months and has now started in Kilsby itself. They are excavating a trench along Rugby Road and from early in February will be taking it along Main Road, with two new substations being built as reported by the Parish Council.

The works on Rugby Road are due to finish early in March and on Main Road by mid March. During this time there will inevitably be some disruption to traffic and pedestrians and probably a lot of mud too. But it will all be worthwhile if it resolves our supply problems and we urge everyone to be patient whilst the work is done.

Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee Sharon King, 01788 823264

Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery

The committee would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery so far. The lucky number for December was drawn on Saturday 11^{th} December and was 110. Well done to Elaine and Dave Hastie who won £65. The lucky number for January was drawn on Saturday 8^{th} January and was 127. Well done to Tracey Fisher who won £60.

Half of the money raised each month goes to the prize fund and the other half to the Kilsby Christmas Tree Fund. This money will be used to fund the Christmas Tree light switch-on event for 2022, which will be our 20^{th} year and will take place on Saturday 3^{rd} December 2022.

Each lottery draw takes place on the second Saturday of the month. The draws for the next few months will be as follows:

Month	Date		
February	Saturday 12th February 2022		
March	Saturday 12th March 2022		
April	Saturday 9th April 2022		

There is still plenty of time to join for just £1 a week, please contact Sharon King on 0750 8228736 or email kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee









Can you find these 30 animals in the grid below?





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- Owl
- Eagle
- 7. Spider
- Baboon
- 9. Bumblebee
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20. Swan









22. Worm

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24. Starfish

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26. Fox

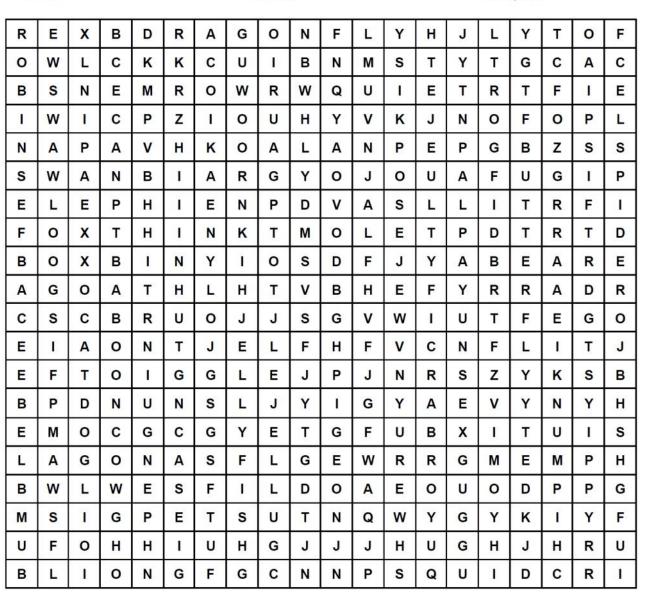
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29. Chipmunk

30. Elephant





Things to do in February and March

Offer to help in the Community Café

Join the Table Tennis Club

Go to a WI Meeting

Go to the History Society talk

Go to the Coffee Morning

Go on a Walking Group walk

Go to the Quiz

Go to the KSA Spring Ball

Take up Short Mat Bowls

Offer to open your garden in June

Join the Crick Surgery Patients' Participation Group

Offer to help tidy churchyard

Apply for an allotment

Get involved with 'Kilsby Skirmish'

Join the Grantscape Local Panel

Apply for a funds through Grantscape

Volunteer to work at the Shop

FOR SALE

Household furniture and items (page 6)

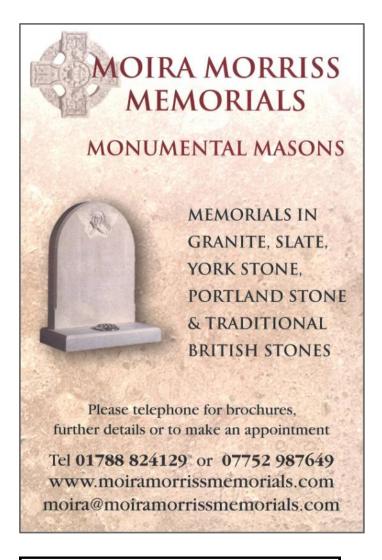
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WANTED

Volunteers to help tidy churchyard (page 6)

Volunteers to help with Speedwatch (page 8)

Help in the Community Café (page 11)

Voluntary and paid help at the Community Shop (page 14)

New member for Grantscape Local Panel (page 19)

New members for Patients' Participation Group and new Secretary and Chair (page 21)

The deadline for the next issue is

Monday 21st March 2022