

February-March 2018
Edition no. 120

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st February
Walking Group walk

Tuesday 6th February
Parish Council meeting

Thursday 8th February
Messy Church
WI

Sunday 18th February
Walking Group walk

Wednesday 21st February
Local Lotto Launch Event at
Daventry Rugby Club

Friday 23rd February
Wine-tasting in the Village Hall

Tuesday 27th February
St. Faith's SC Coffee Morning

Thursday 1st March
Walking Group walk

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Thursday 8th March
WI

Friday 9th March
Gardeners' Party

Saturday 10th March
WI Flower Stall
St. Faith's SC Quiz

Sunday 11th March
Mother's Day

Thursday 15th March
Messy Church
History Society Talk

Saturday 17th March
Village Film Night

Sunday 18th March
Walking Group walk

Saturday 24th March
Village Litter Pick

Advance Notice
Thursday 24th May
St. Faith's SC Fashion Show

Kilsby Kronickle

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



Welcome to the February-March edition of Kronickle which brings news of a variety of events planned for the next couple of months as we move from winter into spring, including a charity wine-tasting event, a quiz, another of the popular film nights, and the annual gardeners' party.

There is also news of the launch of a Daventry District Local Lotto, which will enable local voluntary and community organisations to raise a regular income for their causes, and also news of the opportunity to register for a revamped messaging service from Northamptonshire Police which will provide targeted alert information about crime and other issues.

There is to be another Village Litter Pick on 24th March and we hope there will again be lots of volunteers for this. The Parish Council is also looking for volunteers to train for Speedwatch to try to cut the speed of traffic passing through the village. If you want to help the village on a longer-term basis then please consider becoming a Parish Councillor - there are currently two vacancies. The Parish Clerk would be delighted to give you more information about this very worthwhile role. Another opportunity to help is to offer to serve as Flood Warden (more information on page 4).

The junior Youth Club (8-11 year olds) and the Guides are both looking for new members. They offer lots of fun and learning experiences to young people and we are lucky to have them so we hope they will be well supported in the future.

We have a further update on the Community Shop on page 7. This is progressing well, although more slowly than originally hoped. A manager has been appointed and plans are in train for a grand opening. The shop committee want the person who has lived in the village the longest to carry out the opening - could that person be you?

Elsewhere, the Parish Council is looking for someone who might be willing to sell them some land to establish a pocket park. The one at Crick is lovely and it would be a great asset to Kilsby if we had one too.

Finally, we have another article written for us by Gren Hatton last year. In this one he gives us a whirlwind account of Kilsby through the ages, with some fascinating information and insights into the past of our village.

KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 6th February** at 7.30 pm in the 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 concern which you would like to make the Parish Councillors aware of, then come along and let them know about it. It may not be possible to provide an answer immediately, but the matter can be put on the agenda for the following meeting.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Unfortunately Keith Adams has had to resign as a Parish Councillor so we now have **TWO** vacant seats on the Parish Council. Please consider whether you might be able to take on the role. Call the Clerk on 01788 891184 leaving your name and email or contact her at the email address at the top of this article and she will send you more information about the role.

POLICING

The cost of a PCSO for 2018/19 will be £37,245 which covers salary and salary related costs. To continue to fund two PCSOs it will cost £74,490. DIRFT have now agreed to pay £60,000, Crick £8,190 and Kilsby will pay the remaining £6,300.

PCSO Conopo came along to our recent Parish Council meeting and reported that there had been one theft from a HGV parked overnight, one theft from a van, one driver over the drink limit, and one safe-guarding issue. Our PCSOs have also been working with the Primary School to deliver an anti-bullying scheme, where children were encouraged to wear odd socks to demonstrate the fact that it is okay to be different.

YOUTH CLUB

The youth club would like more attendees in the 8-11 age group. This session is from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm on Fridays. Unless more children start coming the Youth Club for younger children will have to close. The session for older children would continue to run.

SPEEDWATCH

If you are concerned about the amount and the speed of traffic through the village, would you be prepared to get involved with speed-watch and be trained to use the speed gun? If you are, and could spare an hour at the busy periods of the day, then please let the Clerk or a Parish Councillor know. We need at least 12 volunteers for this to go ahead. We are looking for volunteers to help over 3 weeks of a six week period starting on 24th March. The training for those who have not used the guns before will take place on **Saturday 10th March at Caroline Chisholm School, Northampton.**

CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Thanks to those who came to the Conservation Area exhibition in the Kilsby Room on 16th January 2017. We now await a proposed area from Daventry District Council and will be given the opportunity to say what we think about it before it is put in place.

MOWING

The Parish Council are about to appoint contractors to carry out mowing in 2018 and 2019. Councillor Thompson will be overseeing the contractors. If there are any problems with the village mowing contact Richard Thompson on 822035.

AVANT HOMES/A361 DEVELOPMENT

Avant Homes have asked Daventry District Council for an amendment to the original Planning permission which set the timescale for works to make the road safer with a turning lane, and pedestrian refuge.

In the original outline planning consent, all roadworks needed to be done prior to first occupation of any of the houses. Avant have asked to be allowed to delay the work until occupation of the sixteenth home. The Parish Council objected strongly to this, on the basis that safety measures should apply to all new residents. We have now been told that since this is not a planning application, it will not be decided by the District Council's Planning Committee, nor determined by officers. Avant have no right of appeal.

The Senior Planning Officer states that the original conditions still apply and have not, as far as he knows, been breached, as no houses have been occupied yet. If occupation occurs, the Local Planning Authority will consider enforcement. The Planning Officer understands that the relevant 278 agreement is close to or has been signed, enabling the road space to be booked for the work to take place.

PARKING

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

WANT TO BE ON TV?

Shiver Productions are developing a new television programme for one of the major broadcasters. They are looking for vibrant, fun and outgoing grandparents who have **3 or more adult (18+) grandchildren** with whom they would like to spend more time. In the programme, grandparents will spend time with their multiple grandchildren in an attempt to get to know them better and see if they can offer any help. They will learn about the pressures their grandchildren face, the lifestyle choices they make, their hopes for the future and what, if anything, is preventing them from achieving them. And it should be a fun experience!

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Filming for the programme will not take place straight away. This is the initial casting stage and they plan to speak to people over the phone. Those selected for the programme will have all the logistics arranged for them by the Production team. They are hoping to hear from people **as soon as possible!** If you are interested contact shivercasting@shiver.tv or phone 0207 157 4588.

SMART METERS TO HELP YOU SAVE ENERGY

In the winter edition of Daventry Calling, you may have read an article about the smart meter rollout (page 12). In the article, it refers to the Smart Energy GB website which contains a wealth of information about smart meters and can be found here: smartenergygb.org or telephone 01327 302253 to speak to **Joely Slinn**, Environmental Improvement Officer, Daventry DC. He will be happy to chat to you about Smart Meters and how they can help you.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NCC) 2018-19 BUDGET CONSULTATION PHASE 2

The money the Council receives from Government has been reducing for some time and will do so again in 2018/19. Since 2010, NCC has delivered savings totalling £376 million. By 2021, total savings will have risen to £0.5 billion. On top of this, they are facing higher than ever demand for their services. They have made a number of difficult

FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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

NORSE CONTRACT FOR WASTE COLLECTION

This will begin in June. In the meantime a Liaison Board has been set up, which will begin work in February, and is expected to consider proposals about the service. A statutory board will then make formal decisions. The Liaison Board, of which I am a member, will also act as a link between Norse and the community, so I should be well placed to keep you advised of developments.

A5 ISSUES

Highways England has been asked to provide a written maintenance schedule, covering litter, mowing, broken lamps and signs and other issues. (The problems we have in this area are the same as those experienced throughout the A5 south from Cannock and which cause much local anger and frustration.) This should be available by March, and we will then be able to hold Highways England to account for any failures, always remembering, of course, that it is road users who cause littering.

The Chief Constables of Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Staffordshire are jointly conducting a study across the four counties on speed limits, lighting, and other safety issues.

HGV PARKING

The District Council is holding a meeting, in early February, with all interested parties to discuss the ever-present problem of HGV parking in this area.

choices over the last few years to make the savings, and they need to do this again to make sure that they have enough money in the budget to run services that meet statutory requirements and help those who need it the most. They have recently run a consultation on Phase 2 of the budget proposals, which closed on 30th January. Details can be found on the NCC website.

FLOOD WARDEN

Kilsby Parish Council is looking for someone to volunteer as a Flood Warden. Training will be arranged by NCC on **Saturday 17th March from, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at Nene Whitewater Centre, Bedford Rd, Northampton NN4 7AA/**

The flood warden will receive emails alerts about particularly bad weather, and will ensure that in the event of such weather, any blocked culverts etc are reported to the County Council. It is not an onerous task, but means that there is a point of contact if there are any flooding issues in the village.

POCKET PARK

Kilsby would love to have a village pocket park, and if there is any philanthropic person in the village who has a piece of land that they would sell to the parish, please let the Parish Clerk know.

Many parts of the country share this problem, and no one, in the absence of enough safe and secure lorry parks, has been able to find a solution. So, while we can hope, don't expect miracles!

ROADS MAINTENANCE

The Highway Authority, that is the County Council, is responsible for road maintenance on B, C, and unclassified roads. Government figures from the Department of Transport show a fall of 24% between 2005-06 and 2016-17 on spending on maintenance of these roads. The Local Government Association estimates that the backlog of repairs, costing £12 billion, will take 14 years to fix.

LOCAL LOTTO

The District Council's local lottery is being launched on 21 February, 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm at Daventry Rugby Club, Western Avenue, Daventry. At the launch, fortified by a free fish and chip supper, local voluntary and community groups can learn how the lottery can work for them. To book in, contact Daventry District Council on 01327 871100.

If you have any matter you wish to raise with me, my contact details are at the head of this report. I wish you all a splendid 2018.
Catherine

ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Kathy Jenkins, Tel: 822464)

Coffee Mornings

The Social Committee's Christmas Coffee Morning on December 5th was well attended and we made £168.75 for Church Funds. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday 27th February from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon in the Kilsby Room. The cost will be £2.50 on the door. Everyone welcome.

Quiz

We shall be having another quiz on Saturday March 10th, at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The tickets are priced at £10.00, which includes a hot supper. They can be purchased from Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724. Please bring your own favourite drinks and glasses. Our quizzes are always very popular so book your tickets early.

A Date for Your Diary

There will be a Fashion Show with Wanda's lovely clothes on Thursday 24th May in the Village Hall. Tickets will cost £6.00. The Fashion Shows are always very popular, so write the date in your diary and come and enjoy a lovely evening with us all.



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Kilsby History Society

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Our next meeting is on Thursday 15th March
The speaker is Jackie Hibbert and the subject is:

'The Lost Village of Thrupp'

Members £2.00

Non-members £3.00

All Welcome

Charity Wine Tasting in Kilsby Village Hall, Friday 23rd Feb at 19.00 (7.00 pm!)

After a break of four years (yes it really is that long) there will be another very relaxed 'fun' wine tasting in the Village Hall on 23rd February at 7.00 pm.

As last time, the event has been organised by the Rotary Club of Rugby [President Richard Taylor]. The presenters will once again be Tom Clay and John Leaviss. There will be eight wines to taste with finger food to match.

We'll be looking at 'what the New World has made of Old World grapes' – so some interesting comparisons.

There'll be a wine related quiz with prizes (!) and a raffle and no doubt much fun and noise (particularly as the evening goes along). There will be absolutely NO sales pitch (but if you ask we will tell you where we bought the wines).

The entire evening can be had for a mere £12.00 per head. All the proceeds will go to **Meningitis Now**.

All welcome, do come along. Bring your friends or meet some new ones there!

Tickets before the event please (we need to know numbers in time to cater) from Tom Clay, email: tomfclay@gmail.com or tel: 822373.

2017 Poppy Appeal

(From Tony Golding, Tel: 822611)



On behalf of the Royal British Legion Braunston & District Branch I would like to thank everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal, especially those people who gave up their time to go collecting.

The total raised is as follows :-

	£
Kilsby	1,787.92
DIRFT	1,033.45
Ashby St. Leger	375.32
Barby	1,240.89
Braunston	2,697.68
Welton	1,463.14
Total	8,598.40

Well done everyone.

Tony Golding
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser

We think you
need to
decorate your
wheelbarrow



Don't be silly, we're not going to tell you how to do it, it's a new village competition open to all!

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

BUT WE WANT MORE!

How can you help?

Open your garden on Sunday 10th June

We know there are lots of lovely gardens and courtyards out there just begging to be seen. So don't be shy, help us out.

Enter our wheelbarrow competition

Devised by the whining, wassailing women of Kilsby (don't ask) this fun competition can be entered by anyone in the village, adults or children. Just transform your wheelbarrow in a beautiful or bonkers way and park it in your front garden, drive, etc. where it can be seen from the pavement by people walking round the Open Gardens.

Suggested ideas from the group (after a glass of wine or three) - paint it, plant it, stick the old man in it! (I'm sorry, it's no good denying it ?????, we heard you!).

A map will be produced, for sale, showing the location of all entrants, along with a voting form. Further details will be available when further details are available! (Got that?)

Meantime, you need to email or phone John and Anne Madigan to signify your interest in either of the above. **DO IT NOW**. (Don't you dare close this magazine and go away!)

Tel: 822350 or email: jam.madigan2015

Note from the Editors

We have been asked to draw attention to the fact that some dog-owners are leaving plastic bags of dog poo on the corner of Smarts Estate and Manor Road, where a green litter bin used to be sited. Only the base of the bin remains on the grass and dog owners are asked please to use other bins.

Community Shop Getting There – Honest!

(From Liz Rochford, Kilsby Village Shop Committee Secretary, Tel: 822791)

Have you ever had the builders in to do some work and assumed/been assured that your dream would be completed by a certain date? And then watched that date slip by? Well that's how it feels at the moment, so I've given up predicting a particular opening date.

NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS:

The planning permission was given – hurray!

The portacabin has an arrival date of 12th Feb (crossing my fingers as I write this).

The lease with The Red Lion has been signed.

Interviews for the shop manager's job have taken place (the calibre and experience of applicants was very high) and we now have a manager; Andrea Brown from Rugby.

Post Office Local (as it's called) is in progress but this will take some months as the Post Office need to assess the security of the sited building before installing their equipment. The shop will open initially without P.O. facilities.

A much-needed volunteer book-keeper has been identified who will do the weekly finance 'stuff' for the shop (thanks to Nigel Woodstock for his skills).

A meeting of fundraisers and organisers have already been brainstorming ideas for the Grand Opening. They have a question for the village:

Who has lived in the village the longest?

They want to give that resident the job of cutting the ribbon that will officially open the shop. So, if you think you qualify and fancy the opportunity to be a celebrity for the day please contact me or one of the shop committee members. Remember this may not be the oldest person in Kilsby.

Andy Tompkins, our project manager has been liaising with trades and is keen to get started on fitting out the cabin. This will mean bespoke shelving, a disabled access ramp (thank you to Cllr Malcolm Longley who granted £500 from his allocated empowerment fund), digging a trench for a soakaway and other assorted jobs – if you want to help, let him know.

Hopefully by the time this goes to print, the Parish Council and the committee will have signed a debenture against the portacabin and KPC funds will be released, allowing the venture to proceed at an increasing pace.

There are commercial fridges to purchase and stock to buy. Our shop manager, Andrea, is very keen to acquire locally sourced produce and has many contacts. There is a fine balance between stocking everything everyone would want and a finite space in which to display it. Hopefully with Andrea's expertise we will get it right first time.

Remember that you can follow us on Facebook.

Wanted

Outdoor space to hire/rent in which to exercise our pet dog (a saluki cross). She is fully vaccinated (including kennel cough) and has a lovely nature but is a rescue dog and still barks on the lead. Off the lead she plays nicely but has a unreliable recall still. We would like to give her the freedom for a good run in safety.

Please email calliss@mail.com or ring 07399 553420 if you can help, detailing the space and price. Thank you.

KILSBY VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

Saturday 17th March 2018

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

Jimmy's Hall (CERT 12A)



Tickets £6.50 each

available from Ruth Axtell 01788 823662/07814 106401
Richard Curtis 01788 822039

All proceeds to the Village Hall

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Kilsby Garden and Produce Association

(From Sue Curtis, 07764 335830)



Don't despair with the winter blues .The first sign of spring is just round the corner. ..the Association's annual gardeners' party which is open to everyone!

This will take place on Friday, March 9th, from 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm at the home of Christine and Tom Clay at 14 Main Road, Kilsby. Tickets are £5 per person, payable on the night, and this includes light finger food and your first glass of wine. There will also be a quiz. All welcome. It's a great night and a good chance to meet fellow gardeners and to find out more about the association. You can also pick up all you need to enter the competition for the heaviest potatoes grown . The bin, and potatoes will be provided **for free**.. along with lots of good tips . At Easter, onion seedlings will also be available for anyone who fancies trying to grow the heaviest onion. Again, all free so worth having a go.

Many of you have already placed your order with Charles Smedley for compost which will be delivered to Chris and Tom Clay's garden soon. PLEASE we need help with unloading the compost, so if you can assist please email chassmedley23@aol.co.uk or phone 822241.

We will also be out and about towards the end of March collecting subs. These are still just £3 per household for a year. So if you aren't already a member, and think you would like to join, come to the party on March 9th, or contact association secretary, Sue Curtis, 07764 335830, 01788 822039 or any other member of the committee.

You don't have to be a great gardener or have a large garden and here's what you get when you join:

- *Events all year round- a gardeners' party, a trip out to see some beautiful gardens, a produce show, our annual meeting with a speaker.*
- *Plant sale where you can sell any surplus plants.*
- *Discounts on compost, seeds, and at two local garden centres.*
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NEW LIFE

(From Barbara Lang)

Our son, Nicholas Lang, has returned home permanently from South Africa. He will be joined by his wife and baby towards the end of March and Carmen will be seeking employment opportunities at that time.

- She has extensive experience in the accounts department of a large and very busy company.
- Prior to that she worked for a veterinary practice.
- She is a fully qualified puppy trainer.

They will looking for small house/ cottage to rent.

If you know of any suitable job opportunities for Carmen or somewhere they might rent to live please contact Mike and Barbara Lang on 01788 879795/07443 897569.

HAVE YOU LOST...?

One pair of dark grey Fat Face gloves and one purple Rock Jock hat.

Found outside The White House in Chapel Street a couple of weeks ago. Contact Lesley Loader on 822246 or 07783 521052 to arrange collection.

Village Litter Pick

Saturday 24th March 2018, 9.30 am
(From Sarah Stainton, Tel: 822477)

Come along and do your bit to help keep our lovely Kilsby tidy!

We'll be meeting outside our new village shop (in the car park of the Red Lion).
Pickers, gloves, high vis. vests, bags and hoops will be provided.
All welcome!

MESSY CHURCH

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

**in Kilsby Village Hall
from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm
on Thursday, 8th February
and Thursday, 15th March.**

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

It's fun and it's free!

New year, new hobby!

Make a Felt Picture Workshop!

Join Karen Wyeth, local Contemporary Felt Artist, to learn how to create a beautiful picture of your own using merino wool! You will be taught how to lay down the merino wool fibres and build up the image before wet felting it. You will leave with your own felt picture which you can further enhance at home with stitching if you wish.



Felt picture making workshops are run at The Barn in Houlton, Rugby (CV23 0AB). This is beautiful brand new community centre with lots of space and light, right next to the lovely Tuning Fork café, perfect for lunch afterwards!

Workshops are suitable for beginners or those who already have some experience of felting.
Half day workshop 10.00 am - 1.30 pm.
Cost: £55 - includes all merino wool, plus tea/coffee and homemade cake.



Small groups ensure plenty of individual attention, max 6 people per class. Why not book with a friend or get a group of your friends together?

'What a truly enjoyable time was spent with Karen learning how to felt! From beginning to end the tuition was excellent, interspersed with laughter and cups of tea. Such a pleasing, tactile product to create! New skills learnt, advice given for further enhancement of piece. Time and money truly well spent!' Gail, May '17

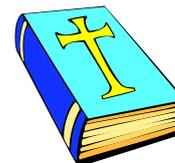
If you get a small group of friends together, I can organise a workshop to suit you! Ideal for birthdays, hen nights and other celebrations.



To make a booking visit my website,
<http://www.karenwyeth.co.uk/pages/felt-picture-making-workshops>

Or contact me: studio@karenwyeth.co.uk

KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



FEBRUARY-MARCH NEWS

Sunday Services (at 11.00 am)

February

4th Rev. Elizabeth Kemp (HC)
18th Mr Clive Leakey

March

4th Rev. Elizabeth Kemp (HC)
Followed by Church Meeting
18th Rev. Michael Bond

Café

Café open Mondays and Thursdays, 9.00 am until noon.

Scrabble

Wednesdays at 1.00 pm.

Everybody welcome.

HORTS

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.

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1st Kilsby Guides

(From Joanna Carpenter, Tel: 07985 797539)



Kilsby guides enjoyed an exciting and varied winter term which saw us pottery painting, meeting guide dogs and learning dance routines. The girls were also successful in completing both their chocolate badges and their outdoor cookery badges.

We rounded the term off in style with a Christmas party involving lots of cakes and some slightly burnt pizza!

This year we have lots of exciting new activities planned including a trip to the trampoline arena in Northampton, orienteering and henna tattoos! We remain a small and friendly group with spaces for new members, so if you know any girls aged 10-14 who might like to come and join our Wednesday night adventures call Jo on 07985 797539

KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

In December we visited 'ChocFest' which was a delicious day of trying all kinds of chocolate, as well as other local food produce - a really good way to start the Christmas season.

Our craft evening in December was spent making Christmas decorations which were used at our party.

We were pleased to welcome 54 guests to our Christmas Party when we enjoyed a lovely supper provided by our members, as well as a quiz and entertainment in the form of amusing poems and a sketch. The evening ended with carol singing and we think a good time was had by all.

Our Skittles team have won their last two matches and are keeping up their practising.

Our first meeting of the new year was a talk by Rebecca Ayton on Japanese quilting – a type of sewing known as Sashiko which goes back hundreds of years. The technique is quite different from the quilting we know as there is no wadding used and three pieces of material are stitched together by holding the needle in one hand and folding the material onto it. The original material used was hemp which is a really tough material to work with. When cotton came along garments became more light-weight and were easier to embroider. Rebecca was a lively and interesting speaker who showed us some beautiful samples of sashiko work.

We shall be pleased to welcome new members to our meetings which start at 7.30 pm in Kilsby Village Hall. The dates and subjects of our next two meetings are :-

Thursday 8th February - Creative Writing at Ryehill Prison - Jan Bowden;

Thursday 8th March - The Art of the Monologue - John Tearne.

Northants Neighbourhood Alert

Northamptonshire Police has relaunched a free message alert system, to help people in the county be much better informed about crime and police activity in their local area, and help keep their communities safe.

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WI FLOWER STALL

Mother's Day Flowers

Saturday, 10th March from 9.00 am

Baskets of flowers and plants will be on sale at the WI Stall on the Green by Barby Road

Crick Medical Practice

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Care Navigation

This system started on 4th December and to date has been working well. When patients call to make an appointment, they are asked the nature of their call so that they can be referred to the best person to deal with them. This has helped to make better use of our practice nurse, Sharon and increases the number of appointments available for the doctors.

Training Days

The training days for the next 3 months are:- 21st February, 14th March, and 18th April. On these days the surgery will close at 1.00 pm.

Saturday Surgeries

The surgery has had to make some changes to the dates for the Saturday surgeries and these now will be:-

13th January, 3rd February, 17th March, 7th April, 12th May, 2nd June, 14th July; for prebookable appointments

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, Tel: 822246)

Why not give walking group a try out. We walk and talk so it's good exercise and companionable.

Sunday walks of 7'ish miles are on 18th February and 18th March, leaving from The White House next to the Chapel at 10.00 am. This is the third Sunday of each month.

On the first Thursday of the month we have been walking named routes: the Northampton Round, the Leicester Round and are just finishing the Harry Green Way around Southam. What next? Come along to find out. Distances are again about 7/8 miles and the next two walks are on Thursday 1st February and Thursday 1st March, leaving from the White House at 9.30 am.

More info from Lesley Loader at: ljloader@btinternet.com or telephone 822246.

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 Worship with hymns
 2nd Sunday " " - Holy Communion 'said' service, a quieter more reflective service.
 3rd Sunday " " - Morning Worship with hymns
 4th Sunday " " - Holy Communion with hymns and a sung setting of the Communion led by the choir.

Please see Church Newsletter or notice board for Easter services.



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



The Kilsby Christmas Tree light switch-on event on Saturday 2nd December 2017 was again a huge success! The committee would like to thank everyone who came out in the cold to see Father Christmas and Hannah Stevenson switch on the Christmas Tree lights.

Well done to Hannah who won the Christmas Tree competition.

The committee would also like to give a big thank you to Rosemary and Ron Mason for the use of their electricity to power the event. Thank you to Paddy Emmerson for the use of his truck and driving the sleigh. Thank you to Kevin Brown the electrician for checking our Christmas tree lights. Finally, thank you also to Father Christmas for taking time out to visit Kilsby during such a busy period.

Thanks also to all those who donated mince pies and helped to sell them and the mulled wine on the day. We raised £130.00. This will be used to fund next year's event.

The whole event costs approximately £500 to put on and the committee will be organising fundraising events during 2018. If anyone has any suggestions for any events or would like to help or sponsor the event, please contact Sharon King on 07508228736 or Annabel Strickland on 07511296446.

Otherwise we all look forward to seeing everyone again on **Saturday 1st December 2018.**

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

Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Gardeners' Corner

Well, what a wet and cold December, with significant snow for what feels like the first time in years. It has left our garden very soggy.

Delay getting onto your plot

It may seem strange for a gardening column to advise to stay off the garden, but the ground is so wet after the snow that it will compact if you get on it, and anything you plant will drown in a wet hole. So give it a rest and attend to other things until the ground dries out.

Paths and pots

So, clean and brush your paths and then check over all your bulb pots. The cold weather in December should have helped the bulbs make a good start, so tidy them up and give them a dose of bonemeal. Then, on the first dry and sunny day, collect your empty pots, clean them out and sort them ready for planting up.

Flower borders

As soon as the ground has dried out enough to walk on, then work over your flower borders. Cut down and remove those old flower stems, then rake over the whole bed to remove fallen leaves and other debris. Now you can see what you are doing, fork

over between the plants removing weeds (mind those bulbs!). Any plants that have grown too large can be lifted and divided.

Jobs to do in February

Prune fruit trees & bushes.
Sprout seed potatoes in a frost proof light place.
Clean up your garden paths.

Jobs to do in March

Sow hardy annuals in seed trays or pots.
Prune roses once the risk of hard frost is past.
Sow leeks and onions when the soil is ready.

Times past...

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

'February: Experience indicates, year after year, that a mild February is the forerunner of a miserable summer and a poor year for the grower of outdoor crops. Watch your daffodils – almost invariably when they have not shown above ground by the beginning of the month, the year that follows has had high mean temperatures, long hours of sunshine and a useful rainfall.'

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle



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News from Kilsby School

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

The children started back after Christmas with a special Curriculum Enrichment Day!

On Monday 8th Jan. they had a very exciting morning! When they arrived at school they discovered that there had been a visitor over the weekend. Mr How needed the children's help to decide what had come onto the playground and field. They all searched all around outside for clues. It turns out that it was a dragon and it had left a large golden egg behind!



The children in Maple Class had three visitors from Northamptonshire County Council come to see them on Tuesday 16th January to talk to them about flood awareness. They found it very interesting to understand the reasons why flooding occurs, what happens when it does flood and what measures can be put into place to prevent it from happening again. This coincided with the class topic studying extreme weather conditions around the world.



The children in Rowan class will be taking part in the regional heats of the 'Great Big Dance Off' competition on Monday 22nd Jan. at The New Alexandra Theatre Birmingham.

We are very proud of them for getting to that stage in the competition and wish them lots of luck. Here are two photos of some of the class during a dress rehearsal. They will be dancing to Katy Perry's song 'Roar'. Not only have they learnt their dance moves to this song, but also, as a special addition, they have learnt the sign language to accompany it!



Also this term the children in Rowan class have been having swimming lessons at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre in Rugby, every week, spending an hour in the pool working on and improving their swimming skills.

They were also lucky enough to have a Roman soldier in their class for the whole day, on Friday 12th January. The children had a very interesting time, they learnt all about the culture and the history of the Romans. They even had the chance to try on some armour and helmets! They found the armour was very heavy!



The children in Reception class have a trip to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham, planned on Tuesday 27th February. They are very excited about going to see all the different sea creatures.

In their classroom role play area they have a pirate ship this term. They have been dressing up as pirates, reading treasure maps and finding out all about pirates.



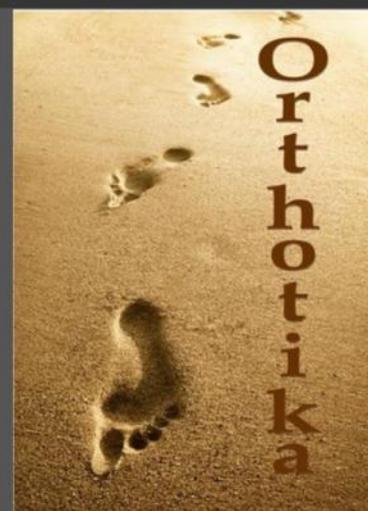
Year 1 and Year 2 in Cherry Class have had a new teacher, this term, Mrs Seeney, who is taking the class while Mrs Sensecall is on her maternity leave with her new baby Theo. In Maths they have been looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and had a hunt around the classroom to find different properties. In science they have been investigating different materials and their properties.

On Friday 19th January all the children in the school attended a disco after school organised by the KSA. This is always a very popular event, and the children had a great time.



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Kilsby through the ages

(Written by Gren Hatton May 2017)

Looking through the many articles on village history that I have written I noticed that, though I have illustrated many aspects of what makes our village unique, I have never presented a connected timeline describing in a single short article its growth and development.

In fact, before 2016 it would have been difficult to put together such a timeline – because it was only in that year that archaeological work on the A361 housing development revealed the traces of a 13th century long-house that disclosed a whole new chapter of Kilsby's medieval history.

So, here it is at last – a connected tale of Kilsby, covering 1100 years of life in our village, and summarising the factors that have combined to make it what it is.

800s: A time before Kilsby existed

The Danes make increasing attacks, and by 873AD they overrun all of Mercia. In 878AD a boundary is established between Saxon territory and the so-called Danelaw — in this area it follows the Roman Watling Street. At this period no settlement exists at Kilsby, and Barby is a much larger Saxon parish extending up to Watling Street.

900s: Cildesby — the early community at Kilsby

Relationships form across the new border — and a Danish community is established at Barby Nortoft. The fields at the crossroad of Kilsby Lane and Nortoft Lane are named 'Thingho' — 'the assembly place' — midway between Barby and Nortoft, where matters of common interest are debated. The Danes at Nortoft prosper, and a strategic marriage takes place, leading to the foundation of a new settlement. Kilsby's spelling at Domesday — 'Chidesbi' — is probably a Norman corruption of 'Cildesby' which means 'the settlement of the Saxon lord's son (cilde), who married a Danish girl'. The new settlement probably dates from c920-940AD. The spelling 'Kildesby' continues until the mid-1700s.

1000s-1100s: Leofric's new monastery, and the diverted village tithes

In 1043 Leofric and Godiva found a Benedictine monastery at Coventry (this later becomes Coventry Cathedral). To support his monastery, Leofric illegally claims the lordships of over 20 villages (including Kilsby), and diverts their tithes to Coventry. The deception is uncovered c1105AD, and Kilsby returns to the diocese of Lincoln — the lordship of Kilsby now belongs to the bishop of Lincoln until the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539, when it passes to the Crown (initially leased to tenants, it is eventually sold in the early 1600s).

1200s: Village boundary ditch and medieval long-house

The housing development on Daventry Road includes archaeological work, which discovers a group of rare 13th century buildings. The work shows that by the 1200s Kilsby has grown significantly. A boundary ditch in the north of the site now forms part of the south limit of the village — 400m south of the village church, which also dates from the same period.

Early 1300s: Sir William de Kildesby

Born in Kilsby of peasant stock c1295-1300, William de Kildesby rises to greatness, as close companion to Edward III and bearer of both the Privy Seal and Great Seal of England.

The priests of Kilsby 1300-1320 are relatives of bishop of Lincoln, John Dalderby, who regularly visits his relatives in Kilsby. William comes to the bishop's notice, is selected for education at Daventry Priory, and by 1325 he is a clerk at Lincoln to Dalderby's successor, Bishop Burghersh.

When Burghersh becomes chancellor to Edward III in 1327, William accompanies him to London, and becomes a King's Clerk. William makes himself indispensable to Edward III, who employs him on royal business — as a fund-raiser to support his wars in Scotland and France, and in negotiating foreign loans. William's powers grow in the 1330s — but in 1340/1 his ambitions suffer a blow. Ordered by Edward to prosecute John Stratford, William antagonises the lords, who side with Stratford — and born in a peasant hovel, he has no friends at court.

William seeks to secure the archbishopric of York, which the king has promised him; but it is granted to William Zouch, who sets off to receive the pope's seal. William now makes a fatal blunder — Zouch is kidnapped, and William is suspected. With powerful enemies, William's fall is inevitable. Edward wishes to retain his services, but there is no scope now for him in politics; he turns soldier, serving in England, Scotland and France, and raises his banner alongside Edward's in battle. He dies in France in 1345 in the run-up to the battle of Crecy.

Late 1300s: Prebendary house and Penn-tiled church floor

As birthplace of William de Kildesby and former seat of priests related to the bishop of Lincoln, Kilsby's status in the late 1300s rivals that of Daventry. Kilsby is made a prebendary of Lincoln Cathedral in 1380AD, to allow the bishop to add Kilsby's tithes to the stipend of his Precentor. A prebendal house is built — probably in the grounds of Kilsby Hall alongside Church Walk. From an old document, we know the prebend house of 1390AD is still habitable in 1650AD.

Archaeological investigations in Kilsby church in 2006 reveal remnants of a rare Penn-tiled floor, dated to the 1390s — probably provided by the prebend of Lincoln as a gift to the village whose tithes helped to pay his wages. These 'status' structures are probably long-term effects of the prestige brought to the village by William de Kildesby and his relations.

1500s-1600s: Drove routes, Puritanism, Kilsby's weaving industry

The sheep-based economy that flourished during the 1400s in the wake of plague, peaks in the 1500s then declines in the 1600s. The 1500s are a time of religious fervour, upheaval of England's medieval church, and explosive population increase. These factors all affect Kilsby.

Sheep drove routes now criss-cross this area, some passing through Kilsby. A major sheep-logistics centre is created in the early 1600s at the nearby deserted hamlet of Onley, to which many local drove-routes lead.

In the early 1600s, Kilsby is a centre of early Puritanism — this leads later on to the creation in Kilsby in 1663 of one of Northamptonshire's earliest Independent Chapels.

As population grows, land becomes scarce again — and the social structure diversifies. In the 1400s every man farmed a few acres, but by the 1600s part-time trades emerge among men who no longer have enough land to support a family solely by farming. Kilsby, in a sheep-pasturing area, becomes home to a domestic weaving industry, which flourishes in the 1600s/1700s, with up to 50 weavers working in sheds and work-shops.

1700s: Wealth turns to poverty

The cottage-based weaving industry is dealt a body-blow by the Industrial Revolution — by the 1790s dozens of weavers in Kilsby are starving to death. Parliamentary Enclosure further increases the gap between wealthy and poor, and Napoleonic War creates high-inflation and conscripts labourers away from the land. The result is inevitable — years of poverty, a farming depression in the early 1800s, and a struggle to maintain the village as a self-reliant economic unit. Village populations decline during the late 1700s and early 1800s.

1800s-1900s: Turnpikes, canals and railways

Three new systems of transport — improved turnpike roads in the early 1700s, canals in the late 1700s and railways in the mid-1800s — all affect Kilsby. The turnpike road through Kilsby (A361 and A5) influences development of shops and inns along the eastern edge of the village. But the most significant factor is the coming of the railway in the 1830s, and construction of Kilsby Railway Tunnel, with the village occupied by an army of 1250 navvies. Lodging-houses and inns flourish — albeit only briefly, for the workers move on when the tunnel is completed.

And so to the present ...

The 1900s see unprecedented turbulent change – collapse of the outdated 'squirearchy' system of village governance, two world wars, advent of the motorcar (leading to improved roads and eventually to motorways), growth of Rugby as an industrial centre, ever-easier communication via telephone, radio, television, computers and the Internet – and finally the danger of local villages becoming merely 'commuter suburbs'.

Despite all this change, Kilsby remains a pleasant place to live – and a village with an increasing awareness of its identity. Whatever challenges the future brings, this awareness of identity will, I hope, enable us not merely to survive as a community but to build and increase the wonderful experience of living in a village. Everyone has a part to play in this – it starts with simple things, such as saying 'hello' to your neighbours as you meet them, and stopping to chat for a moment.

ARE YOU A KEEN PHOTOGRAPHER (From the Editors)

On the front page of every edition of Kronickle we have a photograph of a part of the village or a recent village event. We would like you to send in your own photographs which we might use in the future - whether they be of a specific event of general interest, an unusual angle or corner of the village, or just a picture of Kilsby of which you are proud and which you would like to share with others. Please send any pictures you have to Chris Lomas at lomdoucd@gmail com - we look forward to getting them.

KILSBY KRONICKLE KIDS' KORNER

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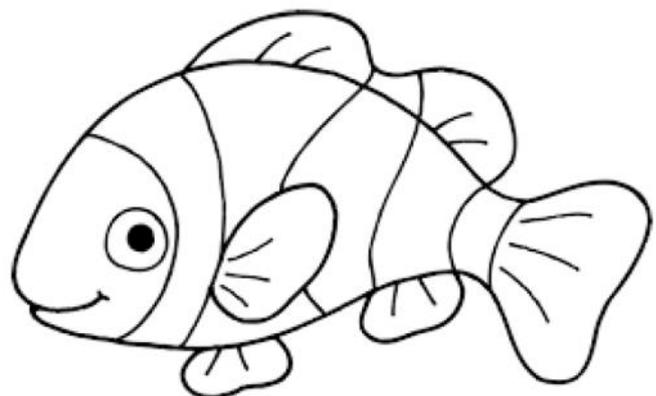
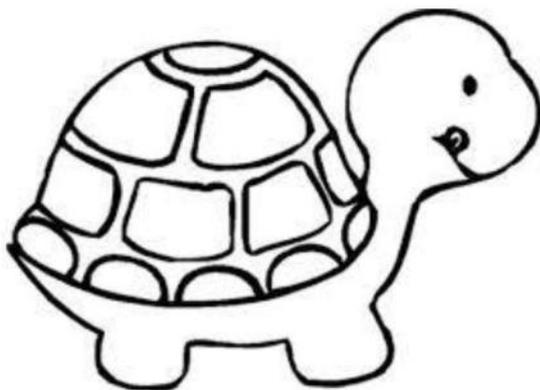
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Ask these 10 random questions to your friends or family to get to know them better!.....

1. What skill would you like to master?
2. What movie or game universe would you most like to live in?
3. What age do you wish you could permanently be?
4. What day is the best day of the year?
5. What is something that is considered a luxury, but you think you couldn't live without?
6. Have you ever done something amazing but no one was there to see it at the time?
7. What is the scariest thing you have ever done?
8. Where in the world would your dream place to live be?
9. If you could be an animal for a year, what animal would you be?
10. If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

Colour us in!.....



A) 15, 23, 25, 7, 9
 B) 60, 72, 92, 30
 C) 10, 15, 20, 25, 70, 85
 D) 3, 12, 30, 60, 33, 6

Answers:

Things to do in February and March
Become a Parish Councillor

Go to the Coffee Morning

Go to the St. Faith's SC Quiz

Go to the Charity Wine-tasting

Volunteer for Speedwatch

Help with the Litter Pick

Volunteer to be Flood Warden

Get your 8-11s to go to Youth Club

Encourage your daughter to join Guides

Register for the Local Lottery launch

Join in the Wheelbarrow Competition

Go to the Village Hall Cinema

Go to the Gardeners' Party

Join the Garden Association

Take your child to Messy Church

Register for Neighbourhood Alert

Join WI

Buy Mother's Day flowers from the WI stall

Go on a Walking Group walk

Offer to sell land to the Parish Council for a pocket park

Offer to help unload compost

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House/cottage to rent (see page 9)

Employment opportunities for someone with accounts,
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Volunteers for Speedwatch (page 3), Parish Council (page 3)
and Flood Warden (page 4)

LOST AND FOUND

Hat and gloves (see page 9)

Please note

**The deadline for the next issue
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