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# Kilsby Kronickle

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## Dates for your Diary

### JUNE

Saturday 1st June  
Tunnelfest

Saturday 8th June  
Defibrillator training

Wednesday 12th June  
Rag Bag collection

Thursday 13th June  
Walking Group walk  
WI Outing

Friday 14th June  
Village Shop AGM

Sunday 16th June  
Open Gardens & Village Hall teas  
Wheelbarrow competition  
Walking Group walk

Saturday 22nd June  
Pre-school 80s disco

Saturday 29th June  
Pre-school's 'It's a Knockout'

### JULY

Thursday 4th July  
St Faith's SC Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th July  
Garden Association Trip

Wednesday 10th July  
History Society outing

Thursday 11th July  
Walking Group walk  
WI Meeting

Friday 12th July  
Oil Club Order point

Friday 19th July  
Strawberry and Wine Evening

Sunday 21st July  
Walking Group Walk



**Maypole dancing at the Kilsby School Association May Fayre on 19th May**

We have another very full edition this time, including annual reports from both the Chairman of the Parish Council and our District Councillor (see pages 12-14) as well as the usual monthly reports. The Parish Council currently has three vacancies and there is an article by a new member of the Council which we hope may encourage others to join. We would like to thank Councillor Bob Gent, who has now taken on other Parish Council responsibilities, for his contributions to Kronickle over the last five years.

We are delighted to learn that plans are underway for the Youth Club to restart and this edition contains an appeal for a volunteer youth leader and for others to join the committee which will run the Club. Again, we hope volunteers will come forward.

Elsewhere there are reports on two very successful recent events in the village - the May Fayre (see picture above and also pages 21 and 22) and the Get Creative Krafty Kilsby exhibition which revealed that there is an amazing amount of talent in our village (see page 21). It is great that so many people got involved in these events - and so many went along to enjoy them. It is not long now until Open Gardens Day, 16th June (see page 15), which is always a great success. There is still time to enter a wheelbarrow for the competition which will take place on the same day (see page 14), or to offer to help with the teas. The village also now has its own excellent band - The Tunnellers - who will be appearing live at Tunnelfest on 1st June. We hope the sun shines for both these really popular events.

This edition brings news of the usual round of summer events - including the St. Faith's Social Committee's Strawberry and Wine Evening, and the WI, History Society and Garden Association outings. The Pre-school are also organising an 80s disco and looking for people to participate in 'It's a Knockout'. You can now also play table tennis in the evenings. So whatever your interests, there should be something you might like.

On a more serious note, there is a valuable opportunity to go to learn how to operate the defibrillator on 8th June and that help is needed to coordinate this year's Poppy Appeal. Finally, there is another appeal for funds to help pay for the repair of the church roof after last winter's theft of lead.

We wish all our readers a very enjoyable summer.

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JUNE 2019

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## KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From Clare Valentine, Clerk to the Parish Council,  
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Summer is on its way and it is an exciting time to consider joining the Parish Council and helping to look after our lovely village!

### Chairman and Vice-Chairman elected

At our April 2019 meeting we are pleased to report the Parish Council re-elected Councillor Jenny Fisher as Chairman, for a term of 12 months, and Councillor Richard Thompson as Vice-Chairman. During the meeting all Councillors reviewed and agreed their roles and responsibilities covering both Parish Council duties and projects that have been budgeted for in 2019/2020. Please see the Parish Council contact list, on the page opposite, for details.

### Accounts

The Parish Council budget for this year is £46,830.00. After being held at the same level for two years there is slight increase of £920.00 on 2018/2019. This year the Parish Council have also considered the unitary changes and how this could affect our responsibilities. As we have not yet been consulted as to how we may be affected, we have sensibly considered and allocated spend towards such things as village maintenance under a wider banner, to be used within our powers. This is for tasks like weeding, entrances to the village, tree work and keeping the village smart. We have seen a reduction in some services from the local authority over the last 12 months and last summer the weeds were a particular problem in and around the village. The money allocated will hopefully help with Parish Council owned areas including the Cemetery and also the Recreation Ground. Monies have also been allocated towards Community projects and we have increased the Village Grants availability. Full Budget 2019/2020 can be found on the village website.

Last year's income (non-precept) was £10,316.77. A percentage of the total capital reserves to date has been allocated to the Kilsby Heritage Project, although an application for a Heritage Grant is being worked on currently. A total of £1062.99 was issued in village grants which includes Kilsby Brownies and Guides, the W.I. and Welcome Pack costs plus others.

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 Defibrillator Awareness Training

We have arranged for The Heartbeat Community Trust to hold a defibrillator training awareness session in the **Kilsby Room at the Village Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June between 10:00 – 12:00 pm**. It is free to attend, so please do come along to find out what to do in an emergency using the village defibrillator.

### Thanks to Bob Gent

We would like to say 'thank you' to Bob Gent for his regular reports to Kronickle over the last five years. This time Bob has reported that the gate post on the Right Of Way to the rear of Arnills Way has now been repaired. He is on the Parish Council's Planning Committee, and is the contact for Rights Of Way, Highways and Footpaths.

### Annual Parish Meeting Report

Our Chairman Jenny Fisher prepared a detailed report from the Parish Council for Kilsby's Annual Parish meeting and we are including it in this edition (see pages 12 and 13). Thank you everyone who attended and gave reports on the activities of their village organisations. It was a very informative evening and lovely to meet residents and representatives alike.

### Three Vacant Seats – Request for help

Kilsby Parish Council has 11 seats in total and we are fortunate to have a friendly team of Councillors. Liz Rochford finished in April due to a conflicting work schedule and we thank Liz for her contributions and her six years of service with the Council.

There are currently three vacancies which means the Council is not up to its full quota and we are missing additional skills and knowledge and decision making which would benefit the village.

Three more people would create a new mix for this year. We are really appealing to all - please help fill the vacant seats, and in this non-election year!

We have meetings once a month (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 19.30 hrs except August) and it is entirely up to the individual how much or little they wish to be involved with projects and the volunteer responsibilities that Councillors help with outside of the meetings. It is recognised we all have busy lives and other commitments too.

It is important to be able to debate and to learn the rules of the Parish Council, to be able to make decisions - and, most importantly, to have an interest in the village. We are looking for people who want a rewarding challenge, who work well as part of a team and have good ideas.

You must be over 18, an elector and live or work within 3 miles of the parish. If you think you would like to be a Councillor, visit a Parish Council meeting to get a feel for what is involved or call the Clerk.

Most people say at first they do not know anything about Parish Councils but this is expected and you will soon find how interesting and rewarding being a Councillor can actually be. Also, the skills you will learn are transferable. Our newest Councillor, Clive Thompson has written a piece about his experiences and this is at the foot of page 4.

Have a great summer.

## FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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### Future of local government in Daventry district

An update on this is contained in my report to the Annual Parish Meeting (21.5.2019) which is on pages 13 - 14 in this edition of Kilsby Kronickle. Daventry District Council will cease to exist in May 2021. A new West Northamptonshire Council will come into being then, and elections for a Shadow Authority will take place in May 2020. It is likely that you will then have 3 (Unitary) councillors, rather than the current 2. The Barby and Kilsby Ward will also disappear, and the new ward will be considerably larger. I will keep you informed as details emerge.

### Garden Waste

It is still possible to re-register or to sign up for garden waste collection for 2019-20. In this current year 56% of households signed up, and in the first 6 months of the service, over 4000 tonnes of garden waste was collected.

### Disabled Facilities Grants and Home Repair Assistance Grants

A reminder that these grants are available to help adapt and improve homes for those with disabilities and for anyone receiving a means tested benefit. Loans can also be made available. Contact Care and Repair at DDC, 01327 871100.

## From Clive Thompson, new Parish Councillor

(Tel: 07769 586980)

You will have read from the last Kronickle that I have been accepted onto the Parish Council. Having never served on a local council before I've got a lot to learn, but fortunately there's plenty of information available and I can always call on some of the longer-serving councillors for advice.

I enjoy living in Kilsby and decided to become a councillor as a way of giving something back to the village. Having retired recently, I have some time available and serving on the Parish Council seemed a good way of keeping myself usefully occupied. I'll be attending a day course in June to get up to speed on the roles and responsibilities of a councillor, so hopefully I'll know a lot more when I return from that!

There are a number of roles available to be shared amongst council members, but I have chosen initially to pick up the role of Crime and Policing. Irrespective of your situation in the village, this is one of those subjects in which we all have an interest. I see the role primarily as one of providing information to residents by liaising with the various interested parties – Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch, victims of crime, etc. – and making sure that

### New Library for Daventry

The new Daventry Library has opened this month (May) on the ground floor of the Abbey Centre. While it looks bright and welcoming, there is now no room, as there was in the old library, for community meetings and small exhibitions.

### Village Events

I have enjoyed three village events in the last weeks. It was amazing to see how much talent there is in Kilsby, as displayed in the W.I.'s Krafty Kilsby exhibition, and, of course, the school's May Fayre was as popular as ever (I hope lots of money was raised!) The film show was very good – try to support the next one in September. And on the subject of support, what a great community shop this village has – do support it.

**(Eds. There is an update on the shop and a report on the Krafty Kilsby exhibition on page 21, and a report on the May Fayre on page 22.)**

### Thank You

A personal thank you for the very warm welcome I have received since moving into Kilsby in February, and for that extended to my husband who joined me here in April. Please note my new contact details above.

crimes and crime prevention have a high profile. The way I see it, the more information we have the better we are able to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

I'm looking forward serving Kilsby as a councillor and expect to be able to provide more information on my new role in the next edition of the Kronickle.

## KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next two order points for the Oil Club are:  
**Friday July 12th and Friday September 6th.**

On each occasion 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 [kilsboilclub@gmail.com](mailto:kilsboilclub@gmail.com)

## ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

### Afternoon Tea

We had a very successful Afternoon Tea on 9th April, which made £99.00.

### Coffee Morning

We shall be having a Coffee Morning in the church on Thursday 4th July, from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon. £2.50 on the door and the usual raffle.

### Strawberry and Wine Evening

We shall have our usual Strawberry and Wine evening on Friday 19th July, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Tickets £7.00 from Margaret Dean (phone number above).

### Date for your Diary

We plan to hold a quiz on Saturday 16th November. Further details nearer the time.

## EVENING TABLE TENNIS

(From Keren Wood, Tel: 822246)

There are now sessions of adult evening table tennis at the village hall on the first, third and fourth Thursday of every month from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm. We are a small group and would be delighted if a few more folk joined us for a sociable evening of friendly table tennis. No previous experience is necessary and there is a wide standard of play, so please feel welcome to come and join us.

We also meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. The cost is £2, to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Enquiries to Keren Wood on the number above.

## Kilsby Stitchers

(From Brenda Beeston, Tel: 822713)

The Stitchers meet once a fortnight on Fridays from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm in the Chapel Cafe.

We enjoy all types of stitching together, patchwork, embroidery, dressmaking, knitting and crochet etc. We also like to work on joint projects and occasionally enjoy going to stitch related exhibitions together.

We would like to thank the WI for giving us the opportunity to see all the different creative work produced in the village at their amazing Krafty Kilsby Exhibition recently in the village hall. Some of us enjoyed showing off our own work too.

New members are always welcome.

## St. Faith's Church ROOF FUND

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

**THANK YOU** to those who have kindly responded to the appeal for funds to replace the Church roof following the theft of lead.

The cost of replacement will be **£24,000**. We have now reached the half way mark **but still need to find £12,000**.

Of course we are still pursuing grant applications where possible.

### Roof Alarm

Permission has now been granted for a roof alarm to be installed. This is a requirement by the insurers where there is still lead on the roof. We are now able to go ahead with the installation and have been awarded a grant of £2,000 from the Allchurches Trust towards the cost of nearly £4,000.

We should be grateful for your support at any of our social events or may be you have some ideas which will help to give the Roof Fund a boost!

*(Cheques should be made payable to the PCC of Kilsby Parish)*

## 'Tunnellers' help Church Fund

(From Ian Lee, [info@leeweigh.co.uk](mailto:info@leeweigh.co.uk))



Kilsby village band 'The Tunnellers' played at the Red Lion on Paddy's Day, helping to raise £85 for repairs to St.Faith's Church Roof.

The picture above attached shows band members Matt Smith, Ian Lee, Steve Rose, James Loader and Alan Bee. Also in the band but not on the picture are Robyn Field, James Carpenter and Sharon King.

Thanks to all who supported the event and donated.

There is another chance to see 'The Tunnellers' on 1st June (see advertisement on page 10).

## KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Charles Smedley, Tel: 822241)

### Plant and Seedling Sale

The plant and seedling sale on the Devon Ox Green went very well on Saturday 11th May, with a wide range of flowers and vegetable plants available at bargain prices, and new and old customers taking full advantage of the goods for sale.

### Garden and Planter Competitions

The next gardening event is the Open Gardens on the 16th of June. On the day before that, the Garden Association is holding the annual Garden and Planter Competitions, for which cups will be awarded at the Produce Show on the 1st September. The judges will be visiting Kilsby on the 15th June so if you are responsible for looking after one of planters around the village, check that it is in tip top condition. It is not to late to enter the Individual garden competitions which are judged on the same day. The categories are Best Courtyard Garden, Best Decorative Garden and best Mixed Garden. If you want to enter then please contact Diane Graham on 01788 823485 or email her at [Graham2017diane@gmail.com](mailto:Graham2017diane@gmail.com) by Sunday 9th June.

### Summer Trip

The Garden Association trip to Wrest Park and The Swiss Cottage Garden at Shuttleworth is on Saturday the 6th July. We still have a few seats left on the coach, if you would like to join us. For details contact Charles Smedley on 01788 822241 or email [chassmedley23@aol.co.uk](mailto:chassmedley23@aol.co.uk)

### Produce Show - Photography Classes

The photography classes for the Kilsby Show this year are "Black & White" and "Music". Size 7" x 5" maximum, unmounted.

### Plastic trays and plastic pots

If you have a surplus of these and would like them reused, please advise Charles Smedley (details above) or pop them round to 5 The Lawns. They will be much appreciated.

### Plea for Help

We have a speaker coming for our AGM in November who would like a projector to attach to his laptop for the presentation. Can you provide one or do you know of one we could borrow for the night please?

## Kilsby Community Grant

We are now in the fifth year of a Community Grant from Daintree Wind Farms Ltd. For those of you new to Kilsby we have an equal share of £12000 with Crick which is donated by operators of the wind turbines by the M1 motorway bridge to allocate each year for community projects in our village.

Previous years have seen monies spent on various projects. These have included:

- Kilsby Village Hall kitchen & hall upgrade
- Allotments water supply
- Girl Guides equipment
- Kilsby Primary School - ICT equipment & outdoor play area equipment
- Kilsby Pre-school - outdoor equipment
- Kilsby Tennis Club - equipment and storage
- Community village shop - automatic door and equipment.
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The grand total spent to date is a staggering £24,000 for our community.

This year's applications again exceeded the amount available, which is a healthy indicator that our village community is thriving. The allocation committee sat in April to consider the applications on their merits and on how they best served the community.

This year we have made a total of £6000 in grants to the following:

- Kilsby Table Tennis Club for new tables
- Kilsby Tennis Club for new storage
- Kilsby Primary School towards a new outdoor play area
- Kilsby Village Hall for new furniture
- Kilsby Recreation ground for additional hard standing
- Kilsby Playgroup for new equipment
- Kilsby Village shop for new outside lighting

Applications for the 2020 round of grants open in January. For more details have a look on the Grantscape website [www.grantscape.org.uk](http://www.grantscape.org.uk) to see more detail of previous grants and the application process for next year.

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## Kilsby Playtime

(From Victoria Devaney, Tel: 07544 929501)

Kilsby Playtime is a parent and toddler group for parents and carers of babies and children up to school age, from Kilsby and the surrounding areas. There are toys, books and jigsaws, craft activities and a baby area. It's just as important for parents and carers to get together, as well as having somewhere for the little ones to play, and we always look forward to welcoming new families. We meet every Monday 9.45 – 11.45 am (Northamptonshire term time) in the main room at Kilsby Village Hall (£2 per family).

### Can you help??

Victoria will be stepping down from running Playtime in July 2019 as her youngest starts school. Whilst we have a team of volunteers who help to set up and pack away, we are looking for someone to help with the admin (collecting money, arranging and paying hall hire and insurance and updating the facebook page). If you can volunteer to help to keep Playtime running or if you want more information about what is involved, please get in touch with Victoria (details above) or chat to one of the volunteers at Playtime!

## Kilsby History Society

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Our next meeting will take the form of an outing to Market Harborough on Wednesday 10th July. We will be meeting at the museum, part of the Symington Building in Adam and Eve Street, at 10.20 am for an introductory talk before exploring the museum and historic town at our leisure.

Short stay parking, pay and display, is available close by in Symington Way. The nearest long stay parking is in Symington Recreation Ground car park or the Angel Street car park.

## KATS

### Murder Mystery Evening Mafia Wedding Saturday 30 March 2019

Many thanks to all those who attended this very successful event and congratulations to the winning detectives!

We made an amazing profit of £700.

£350 was donated to the Rugby Branch of Parkinson Research UK. This local branch supports around 150 members and provides exercise groups and social events as well as helping with the day to day problems of people living with Parkinson's. Donations to the Branch are also used to help fundraising nationally.

£350 was also donated to a group of intrepid Kilsby walkers, Sarah Wurr, Annabel Davies, Nikki Chalkley, Susan Hussey, Julie Farmer, Keely Jenkins, Natalie Bishop, Heike Cloete, Joanne Woodall and Caroline Haycock who will, by now, have completed the 'Moonwalk' on Saturday, 11 May. They walked the London Marathon route overnight in aid of the Breast Cancer Charity 'Walk the Walk' which funds research and supports people living with cancer. Sarah also organised a raffle at the Murder Mystery and raised a further £100 for this charity. At the last count the group have raised over £4000 between them.

Thank you to all those who acted, cooked, set up and decorated tables and helped to clear up and special thanks to the waiting staff who did a sterling job including washing lots and lots of plates and cutlery.

### Funeral of Pam Preston

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

Following the funeral of the late Pam Preston, a sum of £318 was collected, which has kindly been donated towards the repair of the roof of St. Faith's Church.

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council of Kilsby Parish, we give many thanks for this generous donation. Pam had been an active member of St. Faith's Social Committee whose events helped to support the church, so it is a fitting tribute to her that these donations were made.



### Clothing Collection Kilsby

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

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**



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

**Missed Bags Please Telephone 07540477963**

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

Bags can also be brought to:  
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 01788 824091  
[kilsbypreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kilsbypreschool@hotmail.co.uk)  
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## Kilsby Youth Club

(From Victoria Devaney  
KilsbyYouthClub@gmail.com)

As some of you may be aware, Kilsby Youth Club used to run every Friday night. However it had to close and hasn't run for some months.

We now have a management committee set up to manage the organisation of the youth club and will be starting sessions again in September 2019. We would really like to have some youth members on the committee and we also require a volunteer youth leader to attend the sessions on a regular basis.

If you are interested in volunteering as a youth leader or additional committee member please get in touch using the email at the head of this article. Our intention is that the youth members themselves will be involved in selecting activities, running the tuck shop and organising social media for the youth club.

To register your interest in attending and for any ideas of activities please email us at the address above.

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## KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

### Honey Bees & Their Hive

This was the title of a talk in May by Wendy and Kevin Potts which gave us a fascinating look at what happens inside and outside the hive during the life of a honey bee. Wendy and Kevin manage 400 hives with 5,000 bees in each. Bees spend some time cleaning the hives ready to lay new eggs and then go off to collect nectar and pollen. The honey produced by the work of bees is an amazing natural product which lasts forever.

### Group Meeting

At Barby in April we were entertained by Victoria Molmar-Brown on the accordion. She was an accomplished and enthusiastic musician who had been a UK solo champion. We heard some history of the accordion and listened to a variety of classical and popular music which was very enjoyable. Barby WI then provided a very nice tea.

### May Meeting

In May we had a short debate on the resolutions which are to be voted on by the National WI Annual Meeting for further action to be taken. We then had an amusing time when our member Judy Squires demonstrated napkin folding and how to be a silver service waiter - with real food! Fortunately the eggs were hard boiled though the mashed potatoes did end up on the floor!

### Get Creative Exhibition

Kilsby WI sponsored this exhibition held in the village hall on 12<sup>th</sup> May which brought together many crafts which people in the village enjoy. There was a variety of over 100 items displayed by 28 exhibitors with crafts including embroidery, patchwork, dress making, knitting, cross stitch, felting, macrame, crochet, decoupage, book binding, painting, drawing, stained glass, woodwork, model making, jewellery, stone work, and flower arranging. Each class in Kilsby School made entries as well which produced a lovely display. Our 'Have a Go' workshops were very popular!

Visitors were impressed by how well everything was arranged and by the number of talented people there are in our village. Sincere thanks go to WI member Karen Gilmurray who organised and arranged the displays which were beautifully laid out in the hall.

(Eds. See also article and pictures on page 21.)

### Next Meeting

We shall be away on our annual summer outing in June, so the next meeting will be **in the Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm**, when we shall try Morris Dancing.



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## **Kilsby Annual Parish Meeting – 21 May 2019**

### **Chairman's Report: Year ended 31 March 2019**

#### **Parish Council People Changes**

The last 12 months have seen a lot of change in personnel for the council:

- In June Clare Valentine replaced Catherine Camp as parish clerk. Clare is an experienced councillor and has been busily acquiring the legal and practical knowledge that is required for the parish clerk's role. Clare is currently undertaking a 12 month training course in order to achieve the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). Clare has settled into her role as parish clerk and is a welcome asset for the council.
- Our chairman Charles Smedley left the council at the end of September and Jenny Fisher was appointed chairman with Richard Thompson as vice chairman.
- Tom Moore, Diana King, Francesca Kirtley-Paine and Liz Rochford have all left the council for various reasons – such as new employment roles; getting married and other family reasons. In their place we have welcomed Mike Margetts, Robin Nicholls and Clive Thompson but currently have three unfilled councillor vacancies.

#### **District Council and County Council and the new Unitary Council**

Our District Councillor Catherine Lomax continues to keep us well informed and supports us by attending our monthly meetings and writing in Kilsby Kronickle. Currently there is a major reorganisation due to the split of Northamptonshire County Council into two unitary councils, meaning the abolition of district councils. Daventry District Council's area, along with South Northamptonshire Council and Northampton Borough Council, will form the new unitary that will cover Kilsby. Catherine has advised us that parish councils are not to be directly consulted on the changes, as parish councils will remain (although clearly we will all be affected). Parliamentary approval for the change has only recently been given, which has meant that the implementation date has been put back a year to April 2021.

Councillors Bob Gent and Richard Page have started to attend cluster meetings with some of the other local parish councils, where they are having discussions on how working together might benefit parish councils under the new structure.

#### **Volunteers Supporting the Council**

In early 2019 Cressida Woodcock Sweales began helping us in the role of Secretary for Kilsby Recreation Ground. David George is continuing to support us whilst we seek to acquire new park equipment via the Section 106 funds arising from the A361 development.

We continue to receive help from Helen Smedley and Chris Lomas in their roles as Burials Clerk and Kilsby Kronickle editor respectively. We thank them both for their hard work and commitment.

The Youth Club ceased in late 2018. Efforts are currently underway to get a new club up and running. Such initiatives rely on the support of the village and we would like to thank the volunteers who have recently come forward.

Thanks also go to Julie Bunyan and Tom Hindle who stepped forward for the roles of Flood Wardens. They have put together an "emergency plan" for Kilsby and recently secured a grant to help with flood prevention. The emergency plan is a risk based plan and covers more than floods. The plan can be found on the village website.

Speeding is frequently raised as an issue in the village. One of the few areas where we are able to be actively involved in speeding on a practical level, is with Speedwatch. We were therefore happy to welcome Debbie Marsh who came forward to accept the role of speedwatch coordinator. Debbie and her team will be operating the equipment later in Kilsby in June and July 2019.

Good Neighbour Schemes operate in some villages. John Graham and Gillian Farmer are kindly giving their time to research the appropriateness of such a scheme for Kilsby.

#### **Planning and Development**

The past 12 months have been relatively quiet on the planning front with no proposals for major developments. The houses on the A361 have all now been completed and we welcome all the new house owners to Kilsby. The Welcome Pack initiative instigated by Chris Lomas is continuing with packs provided to newcomers, preferably delivered to them by their neighbours.

### **Highways and the Environment**

A World War 1 memorial bench was acquired and has been sited on the Ashby Road side of Devon Ox Green. Some villagers think the bench looks isolated, whilst others appreciate the panoramic view across the Green. It was sited where it is in order to satisfy the villagers who suggested the Green and those who suggested somewhere along the Ashby Rd/The Banks stretch.

The March litter pick organised by Councillor Sarah Stainton continues to be a successful community event with a positive impact on the environment.

Councillors Sarah Stainton and Tom Moore plus Janet Chappell, Chris Lomas and Victoria Devaney entered Kilsby into Northamptonshire ACRE's 'Best Village' competition. Kilsby won the 'Best Newcomer Award'. Feedback from the organisers was positive but an area identified for improvement is that Kilsby needs more facilities for young people. We are hoping that the new youth club plans will be successful and that our aspirations for the recreation park will be fulfilled. **(Eds. See page 10 for news on the Youth Club.)**

In December 2018 areas of Kilsby were designated by Daventry District Council as Conservation Areas which has led to the adoption of supplementary planning documents that will be used to help determine planning applications.

### **Going Forward For 2019-2020**

The village website is a useful facility for storing village documents but it could be so much more. We would like to see it as a 'go to' place for what is happening in Kilsby. But to make it a more vibrant and colourful website that is kept 'current' we need someone with an interest in that area, who can upload data for us. Our Facebook page can be a real time communication tool but to have a 'living' website remains an aspiration.

The parish council remains interested in purchasing/renting a parcel of land that could be used as a Pocket Park. If you are the owner of such land on or near the village boundary please get in touch.

As already stated we have vacancies for three new councillors. With the changes in the council structure as well as the fact that next year is an election year for councils, now would be a good time to join. If you are interested please contact Clare.

Finally thank you to everyone that has served on the council in the last 12 months and to all those who have supported us - it can be quite challenging at times.

Councillor Jenny Fisher, Chairman of Kilsby Parish Council 21 May 2019

### **District Councillor's Report**

I reported in 2018 that the most significant event of the year was the collapse of the County Council. This has continued to dominate through 2018-19. For Daventry District Council this has meant, in addition to keeping all its services and activities running as normal, a huge amount of time has been taken up by Members and officers in discussions about the future of DDC and local government in the county. Two weeks ago the Government confirmed that two new unitary authorities, will be set up. All current councils in the county will be abolished. Daventry and South Northants Districts, and Northampton Borough, will be combined to form West Northamptonshire Council. The Government's concentration on Brexit has caused significant delay to the timing, and this will now take effect in May 2021.

For the last 14 years DDC has been pursuing an ambitious regeneration programme, which involved development on 5 sites in the town. For various reasons progress has been slow overall, though some projects have come to fruition. The plan to build a commercial development, including a supermarket, at the bottom of Ashby and Braunston Roads in Daventry has been reduced. The development of a new shopping area behind the High Street has been abandoned, and now a cinema and restaurants will be built there. The long-promised new library has been re-located on the ground floor of the Abbey Centre. The canal arm scheme has been abandoned, and the likelihood of the town extension east of the country park seems as far away as ever.

As DDC has considerable reserves, unlike the other local authorities, it has been spending them in the District so that those funds, raised in our area, are not swallowed up by the new unitary. So the grants budget for voluntary organisations was doubled, and large sums have been allocated to projects such as a new building for Reach for Health, improvements to the Sports Park in Daventry, and new play equipment at the Country Park.

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Two significant changes in the year have been the start of the partnership with Norse for the collection of waste and grounds maintenance, and the launch of the Local Lotto scheme. The change to the so-called 1-2-3 service under Norse seems to have gone well, although inevitably there were some minor teething troubles, and there is general acceptance that it is much better overall than the former service from Amey. I am a member of the Liaison Board which meets regularly with the Norse management, and there is a willingness to listen, to co-operate, and to deal with any problems that arise.

The Local Lotto scheme was launched a year ago, and has so far raised over £26,000 for local good causes, with 803 individual winners claiming altogether £7800 in prize money for a £1 ticket, and other prizes in kind also being distributed.

I mentioned last year the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan which has been worked on for several years. This was finally submitted for inspection by a planning inspector early this year, and that public examination will take place shortly.

The Big Switch initiative has run again during the year, giving householders the chance to find a cheaper electricity tariff. The Good Neighbour Scheme has been promoted in conjunction with Northamptonshire ACRE, and a number of villages have set up initiatives. The Country Park has yet again achieved a Green Flag Award, and is still a huge attraction for people across the district, and the District has just won an award for its various environmental efforts, putting it into the top 5% in the country. The annual sports awards, recognising achievement across age groups and sports was also run again.

DDC won its bid to host the final Northamptonshire stage of the Women's Cycling Tour in June, and the event was a great success.

It isn't possible to give more than a flavour of what has been happening at DDC in the last 12 months. I have continued as a member of the Licensing Committee and of a number of working groups, including the A5 Member Partnership, a grouping of all the boroughs and counties through which the A5 passes between Cannock and Towcester. It liaises with Highways England, the Police and other agencies to discuss and resolve, where possible, the many common problems that the road causes to local communities throughout its length.

I have taken up a number of issues on behalf of individual residents and the parishes in the ward during the course of the year, and I remain ready to deal with any District Council issues you may have. A reminder of my contact details, which have changed, is below.

Catherine Lomax

District Councillor, [clomax@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:clomax@daventrydc.gov.uk), 22 Daventry Road, Kilsby, CV23 8XF, tel: 01788 822483

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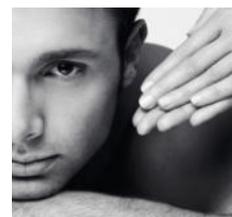
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## **Note from the Editors**

The gardens open for the National Garden scheme in Kilsby this June are:

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Rainbow's End, Middle Street

Summerhill, Rugby Road

Sundial Cottage, Essen Lane

The Haven, Essen Lane



## News from Kilsby Pre-school

(From: kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com)

This term the children have been learning about people who help us. The role-play area has been transformed into a police station, a hospital and a fire station. We have been teaching the children about calling 999 in an emergency. They have also been taking fingerprints and 'making each other feel better'. The children have also been learning about plants and how they grow. They have been planting their own seeds using our picture instructions. We will be making sure that the plants get plenty of light and water to help them grow!

We would like to congratulate our staff, committee members and villagers for their hard work and determination in completing the Moonwalk in aid of breast cancer. A great success!

### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

#### **Wednesday 12th June - Rag Bag Collection**

Please support us by leaving your unwanted clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts outside of your home in view of the road by 9.00 am.

#### **Saturday 22nd June - 80s Disco**

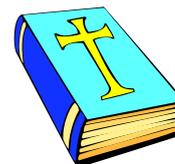
Please come along to our annual summer disco and dress up if you would like to. There will be 80's music and a fish & chips dinner included in your ticket price. We will also be holding a raffle with some fantastic prizes on offer. Places are now on sale at [kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com) and via the shop and pre-school. **£15 a ticket**. You do not need to have a child who goes to the pre-school to attend – everyone is welcome!

#### **Saturday 29th June - It's a Knockout**

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

Once again, we thank you all for your ongoing support!

## **KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**



### **JUNE-JULY NEWS**

#### **Sunday Services (at 11.00 am)**

**Everyone Welcome**

#### **June**

|      |                    |                |
|------|--------------------|----------------|
| 2nd  | Rev Elizabeth Kemp | Holy Communion |
| 9th  | Mr Clive Leakey    |                |
| 16th | Mr Cecil Gill      |                |
| 23rd | Rev Tim Huc        |                |
| 30th | Joint Service      |                |

#### **July**

|      |                    |                |
|------|--------------------|----------------|
| 7th  | Rev Elizabeth Kemp | Holy Communion |
| 14th | Mr David Biddle    |                |
| 21st | Mr Tony Cervantes  |                |
| 28th | Rev Geoff Townsend | Holy Communion |

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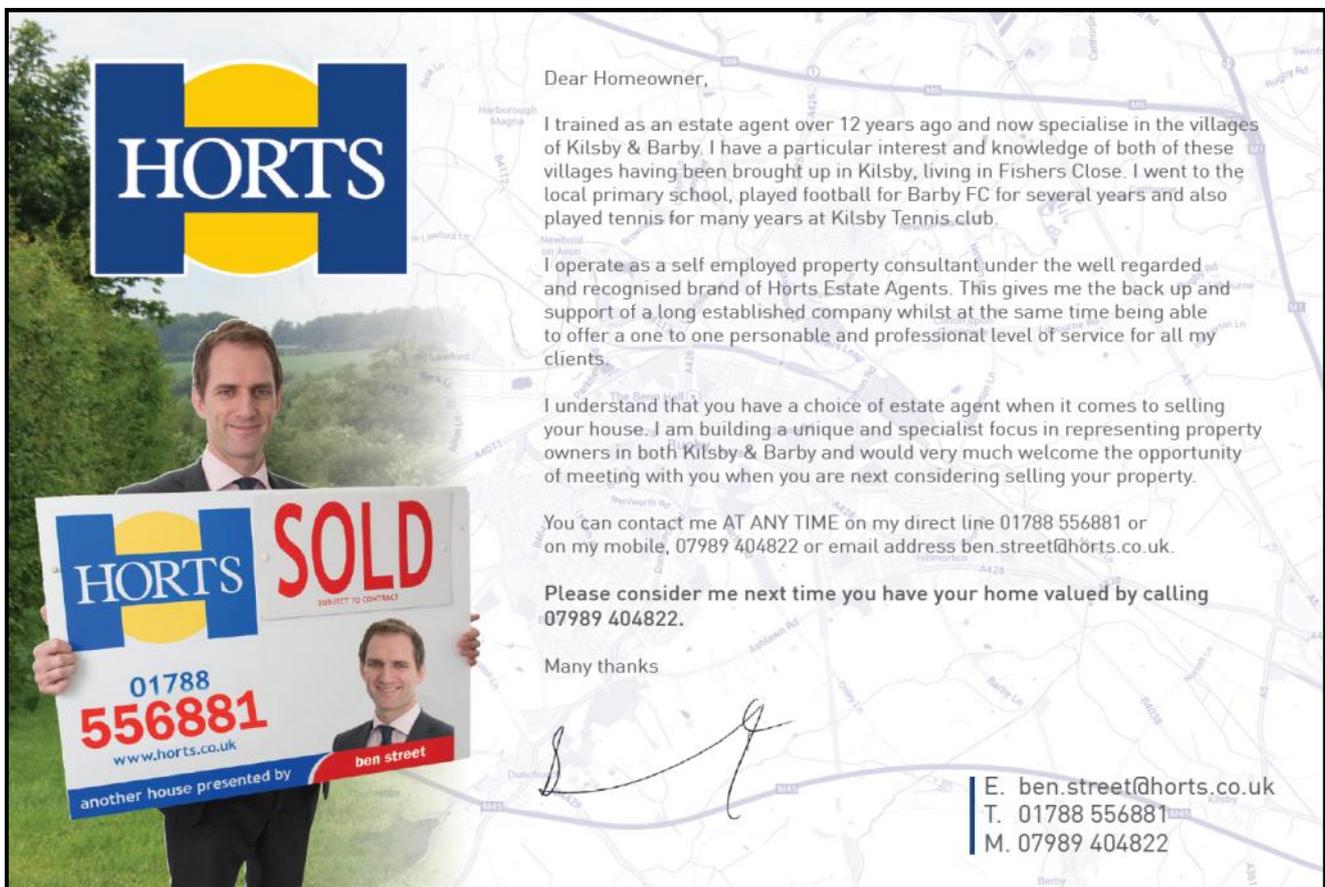
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## KILSBY (VERY!) GOOD NEIGHBOURS

### Feasibility Study coming through your door soon

(From Gill Farmer and John Graham, details below)

For some time now we've been considering setting up a Good Neighbours Group in the village and are about to send out a feasibility study on this proposed new initiative. The study will be delivered to every home in the area and will be asking you to respond to one of two questions:

1) If you would be willing to do something worthwhile in the community and can spare an hour or so a week to volunteer to help get this new initiative up and running, and

2) If you are the sort of person who would like to become a member of the KGN Club and participate in the events on offer.

We need to know both of these numbers before we can proceed further.

We estimate that out of a population of around 1600 people, about a quarter are retired. That's around 400 older people in Kilsby. Many of them are already involved in one or more of the groups that are active in the community and we don't wish to duplicate the good work these groups are already doing.

However, we know that some older people aren't attending village groups as they are less able to get out and about easily without help. And there are some who are just too reticent to turn up to things of interest on their own: they'd like to go, but would feel more comfortable going with someone else initially. This is where the volunteers would truly come in to their own by helping both these groups with transportation, befriending, etc.

On the volunteer side we'd be looking for friendly, enthusiastic people to help out with transportation to and from our afternoon teas: people who are willing

to 'befriend' an older person and who would encourage them to participate in what the KGN scheme has to offer them.

Our idea is initially to set up regular weekly (or monthly – depending on the interest) afternoon tea and cake sessions, often inviting expert speakers to chat to club members on a wide variety of subjects. These could be anything from how to use modern technology like mobile phones and tablets, how to save a great deal of money by changing energy suppliers, or whether you're receiving all the benefits you're entitled to.

So when our postal survey drops through your door please consider whether you could help us with this new project – or indeed, if you'd like to become a member of the Club itself and get to know people in the village better. Please complete/return the survey by the date suggested and drop it off at the Village Shop. Or if you prefer, you can contact: Gill Farmer, 8 North Street, Kilsby (email: [gillianfarmer@icloud.com](mailto:gillianfarmer@icloud.com)) or John Graham, 25 Rugby Road, Kilsby (email: [johngrahamobe@btconnect.com](mailto:johngrahamobe@btconnect.com)), direct.

### KILSBY 1st GUIDES

(From Joanna Carpenter, Tel: 07985 797539



Kilsby Guides continue to go from strength to strength. Our fantastic radio advert on Rugby FM has been successful in getting interest for a new leader when our current leader goes on maternity leave in the summer. The girls have completed their first aid badges and are currently working on their outdoor cooking badges.

Thanks to a kind donation, the girls enjoyed a trip to the Jump In trampoline park last week. We are continuing to welcome any girls aged between 10 and 14 who would like to join our friendly group on a Wednesday night for fun adventures and lots of chocolate-eating!



### Open Gardens – Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall



## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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

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

## News from Kilsby School

(From Karen Burton, mrsburton@kilsbyprimary.net)

It has been another busy time at Kilsby School since the last Kronickle update.



Towards the end of March the children in Cherry class were thrilled to have some eggs in an incubator in their classroom. They were especially excited when one morning they came into school and discovered that one of the eggs had hatched and others were cracked! During the following hours the other eggs hatched, and very soon the children were delighted to have several little chicks to take care of.

Along with learning how to care for the chicks, the children also found out how to tell if the chicks were female or male just by looking at their colour. Male chicks are yellow and female chicks are brown. Before we broke up for Easter, most of the chicks were given a new home with Saira, Elsbeth and Ethan.

Before we finished for our Easter break the children in Cherry class organised a Mother's Day party for their mums. Mums were invited into school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March for an afternoon of activities with their children including an afternoon tea!



Cherry class worked really hard during the morning preparing for their party, making cakes and decorations. They took the food and drink orders and the mums enjoyed a selection of delicious sandwiches, cakes and biscuits made by their children. They also had fun making and colouring in face masks together!



Tuesday 26th March was Epilepsy Awareness day! Everyone came to school dressed in something purple and children brought in a donation to buy a cake at break time.

Grace, Miss Houghton, Jess and Summer sold the cakes at morning break time. There was a huge queue of children wanting to buy a cake, they were delicious and enjoyed by everyone! We raised a grand total of £107.96 for the Epilepsy Society which is brilliant!

Later that same day, the children in Rowan class enjoyed an afternoon learning to play cricket with an expert coach who came in especially to show them how it's done. They practised their bowling and batting skills outside, including throwing and catching. The children enjoyed the afternoon and learnt some useful cricketing skills

We all enjoyed a nice, relaxing Easter break with really beautiful weather and returned to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. On the Friday of that week, the whole school attended the Easter service at St Faith's Church.



Rev Nigel Fry conducted the service with the children from each class contributing their part.

Chestnut class shared their Easter Gardens, Cherry class retold the Easter story, Rowan class did Freeze Frames and Maple class spoke on the topic of who was responsible for Jesus' death.

Afterwards, parents and grandparents joined us back at school for tea, coffee and cakes served by the children in Chestnut and Cherry classes. We raised a grand total of £101.30 from donations for coffee and cakes, which is excellent. This money will be donated to the Air Ambulance!

From Wednesday 1st May to Friday 3rd May, the children from Rowan and Maple classes went on their residential visit to Dearne Valley, Kingswood, South Yorkshire.



They had a fantastic time taking part in many different and exciting activities including high ropes, zip-wire, blindfold games, archery and lots more! They spent the night in safari tents and one evening enjoyed sitting around a campfire.

Everyone came back tired out and thankfully it was the bank holiday weekend, so they could all catch up on some quality sleep, including the teachers!!

Everyone had a brilliant time. The whole experience was one that will remain with them for a long time to come!



On Monday 1st April, all the children in Chestnut and Cherry classes went out onto the playground to have a go at learning to play tennis. They went out one class at a time.

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First of all they practiced bouncing and catching the balls. Then they tried hitting the balls using a racket, firstly just around the playground and then later on, over the net. They learnt a lot and had great fun at the same time!



The children in Rowan class had fun on Thursday 4th April. They enjoyed a Mad Science day all day long! During the morning they looked at changes in the state of different matters. They conducted some interesting

experiments making dancing raisins, cornflour plasma, rice krispi cakes, also a skittle experiment. The afternoon was just as fun filled!

It was a sad day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We had to say 'Goodbye' to Mr How, our Headteacher. We held a special assembly and he was presented with beautifully made



cards from all four classes including little messages and pictures from each child, and also a gift from the parents and staff of travel vouchers to put towards his next holiday! We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr How and wish him every success in his new position as Head at a brand new school in Nuneaton.



You may have visited the village hall on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May where there was a 'Krafty Kilsby' exhibition. Amongst other items on display, were some contributions from children from Kilsby

School. Amongst these were sea life boxes the Reception children created after their trip to the Sea Life Centre which was in March, Cherry class provided some examples of their own chicken coop designs. The Year 3 and 4 children in Rowan class sent some of their artistic interpretations of our school core values and the older children in Maple class donated some examples of their Dragon Eye creations and also some of their latest artwork.

Year 6 took their Key Stage 2 SATS tests during the week Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. That week the children came into school early at 8.00 am

to have a breakfast of sausage or bacon sandwiches and a chill out with their friends before the tests began. Overall they seemed very positive about the whole experience.

The KSA May Fayre was held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. (Eds. See page 22 and the picture on page 1). It was a lovely day and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. The children took part in the usual Maypole dancing on the playground and country dancing. There were plant, book and toy stalls, a bottle tombola, raffle with some amazing prizes, games, performances, refreshments, and a BBQ. The Kilsby MG Club came along and a mini village shop was there too! Parents, grandparents and villagers came along to join us. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

A huge thank you to our hardworking KSA who worked tirelessly to organise this popular, annual event. The money raised will go towards helping cover the costs of trips and equipment for our children throughout the year. Without this extra money, the children would not be able to enjoy as many amazing trips and experiences as they do!

## Crick Medical Practice

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

### Training days

The remaining training day for this year will be:-

**12<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July**, (no training day in August),  
**11<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

**On these days the surgery will close at 1.00 pm.**

### Repeat Prescriptions

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

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

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

As a reminder the dispensary is closed from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm daily to allow the dispensers to work on the dosset boxes that enable patients with complex medication to have it dispensed in diarised containers.

## Kilsby Village Shop

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

Following our Birthday celebrations in March where we had some new suppliers supporting our special day, we are pleased to have three new suppliers joining us. Floyers' Fruit Farm in Flore are providing their scrumptious apple juice, and Manor Farm Dairies are providing yogurts and fresh cream, both of which are very delicious. We also have a new sandwich supplier who is providing not only sandwiches but also wraps, salad and pasta boxes. So if you need to pick up something for lunch please do call in as we have a good selection.

We held a stall at the Kilsby School May Fayre which was a lovely afternoon, and it was great to show some of our products, especially the locally sourced bread, cakes and juices. It gave us a great opportunity to meet new customers who were not aware of the village shop and to share our story. So, if you know any family members, neighbours or friends who have not visited our shop yet please do spread the word about our shop and our amazing locally sourced, as well as everyday, produce we offer.

June sees us celebrating National Volunteers week (1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>) so on behalf of Andrea our shop manager and the committee we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to our volunteers as without you we would not be able to have such a wonderful shop for our community to use.

We will be holding our AGM at the Village Hall, at 7.00 pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> June for both Shareholders and anyone who would like to come along for an update on the shop. If you missed the share scheme prior to the opening of the shop and would like further details of how you can support your shop, then please pop into the shop for a pack which will give full details.

Here comes summer. We are starting early in the shop and if you are planning a BBQ, party or event this summer please pop into the shop and take a look at our summer packs which you can pre-order to provide everything you need for an amazing summer celebration. We are also now increasing our stock of Ice-creams and lollies so, along with our really lovely Ringswood Real Dairy Ice Cream, we have all the additional favourites for this summer.

Don't forget Father's Day is the 16<sup>th</sup> June and we have lots of amazing cards as well as our speciality beers from Church Farm Brewery which make an ideal gift. So it is well worth a visit to the shop.

If you would like to get involved with the shop, we are always looking for help, whether it is support

with maintenance for the shop, gardening, stocktaking, re-filling the shelves, or volunteering to work in the shop. All support would be very welcome. Please contact our shop manager Andrea on 07861 295358 if you are interested in helping us.

## Get Creative

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

We had a wonderful day at our Krafty Kilsby Get Creative exhibition. We had 28 exhibitors showing well over 100 items - covering a vast range of crafts including drawing, painting, felting, patchwork, knitting, crochet, macrame, model making, stone work, glass work, willow weaving, book binding, jewellery and wood turning. All four classes at the school made items which gave us a lovely colourful display. And our four small workshops on paper craft, Brusho painting, biscuit decorating and knitting (specifically aimed at our yarn bombing event in 2021 for our centenary) proved popular - especially with the children! And home made cakes are always popular!

We were visited by the West Midlands Development Officer for Voluntary Arts Nicola Winstanley. This is one of the organizations which is responsible for the Get Creative festival. Nicola really enjoyed looking around all our exhibits and talking to both us and our visitors.

Below are some pictures from the day.



## Kilsby School Association

(From James Carpenter, Chair of Kilsby School Association, contact details below)

As a registered charity our Annual May Fayre on 19<sup>th</sup> May was our biggest fundraiser of the year and every penny we raised goes towards supporting the school at the heart of our village community.

We are delighted to announce that this year we raised a grand total of £3141.34.

Our thanks go to the residents of Kilsby and the families and friends of the school for their kind support, both in attendance at the Fayre, and for the generous contributions and donations that have helped us to put on the event and the range of stalls.

We were very grateful to our headline sponsors, Richborough Estates, for their sponsorship of the event. And we would also like to thank all the businesses and friends of the school that supported the Grand Draw by providing prizes.

The biggest thanks go to the school and all the staff and children for their time and enthusiasm and the fantastic performances, and thanks to all the staff and KSA volunteers who helped set up and run the event.

We had great pleasure in welcoming this year's May King and Queen, William and Emma and their attendants Summer and Holly (pictured) who were crowned by last year's attendants Ruby and Niamh.



Hopefully everyone who attended had a great time and we look forward to seeing you again at next year's fayre or one of our other upcoming events.

*To find out more about the work of the Kilsby School Association, and discover how you can get involved, please do contact us by email at [kilsbysa@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbysa@gmail.com), by phone at 07939 482 781 or visit: <https://www.kilsbyprimary.net/community/k-s-a>*

### Date for Diary

**KSA Oktoberfest – 19 October 2019**



## POPPY APPEAL

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)



The Poppy Appeal has always been well supported in Kilsby and is something we hope will continue.

### **A Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator is required to organise the appeal in Kilsby.**

Please get in touch if you are able to help with this which involves preparing 20 collecting boxes and distributing them to the collectors at the end of October. After Remembrance Sunday the boxes have to be collected and passed back to a Royal British Legion representative. The boxes are already prepared for this year so will be ready to go out.

We are grateful to those people who volunteer to be collectors and we are sorry that there were some new volunteers who were not contacted last year. We hope you will be able to help this year.

*Please contact Sue Dobson (822523) or Nancy Golding (822611)*



## Playtime

Kilsby Village Hall 9.45 – 11.45am every Monday  
(during Northamptonshire term time)

Toys, books and activities for all ages, babies up to school.  
Drinks and chat for mums, dads, grandparents, and Childminders.  
Each session £2 per family  
Everyone welcome to join in the fun!

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

**Victoria Devaney 07544 929501**

Kilsby Village Hall is situated on Rugby Road where it joins the A5,  
there is plenty of parking available





## WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, ljloader@btinternet.com,  
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### Sunday Walks

These are on the third Sunday in the month, leaving from The White House, Chapel Street, at 10.00 am.

#### Sunday June 16th

We shall do a shorter local walk to enable people to be back in the village early afternoon with time to go round the gardens and see the decorated wheelbarrows.

#### Sunday 21st July

We shall do a 7/8 mile walk with a lunch stop at a pub

### Thursday Walks

We are changing these from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday. They will leave from the White House, Chapel Street, at 9.30 am and there will be a lunch stop at a pub.

#### Thursday June 13th and Thursday July 11th

For more info about the walks contact Lesley Loader, details above.

## Gardeners' Corner

### ***Spring has sprung***

It seems to have been a very quick and dry spring. We seem to plant out our dahlias and geraniums earlier every year. I hope we don't now get a late frost.

### ***Prune your spring flowering shrubs***

Prune spring flowering shrubs as soon as the flowers have finished. This gives them time to grow strong new branches that will flower next year. Just completely cut out the flowered branches back to a strong looking side shoot.

If you don't want to lose the screening effect of a shrub, then just cut 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the branches right back like this each year, just lightly pruning the dead flowers off the others. This should keep it under control with a nice arching shape

### ***If it's hot and dry***

Trees and shrubs that were planted in the spring can easily dry out due to a combination of wind and sun. Keep them watered and give them a mulch of compost.

### ***Tend your soft fruit***

Mulch your raspberries as well: They have roots near the surface and can suffer in dry spells. Raspberries and other soft fruit will benefit from a good watering followed by mulching with a good two inch layer of compost to keep the moisture in.

### ***Feed those pots***

The flowers in pots can start to look tired as we get into July as the nutrients in the compost are used up. Keep them going with a liquid feed once a week. They will then keep going into the autumn.

### ***Jobs to do in June***

Sow french beans, peas etc..  
Sow perennial and biennials  
Regularly sow salads for succession.

### ***Jobs to do in July***

Weed and mow again!  
Thin apples and pears to 2 or 3 fruits per spur.  
Get the barbeque out.

### ***Times past...***

In "Directions for the Gardiner", John Evelyn, 1686:-  
*"Gather herbs in the Full to keep dry: they keep and retain their virtue and sweet smell better dry'd in the shade than sun, whatever some pretend".*

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

**Things to do in June and July**

Become a Parish Councillor

Go to Tunnelfest

Volunteer to coordinate the Poppy Appeal

Get trained in use of the defibrillator

Go to the Pre-school Disco

Take part in 'It's a Knockout'

Go to Morning Coffee

Make a cake/help with the teas on Open Gardens day.

Visit the Open Gardens/wheelbarrows

Go on the Garden Assn. Trip

Enter the Best Gardens competition

Take up evening table tennis

Join a Walking Group walk

Express interest in Good Neighbours Scheme

Go to the Shop AGM

Join Kilsby Stitches

Volunteer to be a Youth Leader or member of the Youth Club Committee

Go to the Strawberry and Wine Evening

Go on the History Society outing

Donate to the Rag Bag Collection

Offer to help with the village website

Enter the Wheelbarrow Competition

Offer to help at the shop



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**WANTED**

New Parish Councillors. See page 3.

Loan of projector for presentation in November. See page 6

Someone to take over admin. work for Playtime. See page 8

Youth Leader and members of Youth Club Committee. See page 10

Someone to run the Village Website. See page 13

Volunteers to help at the shop. See page 21

Poppy Appeal coordinator. See page 22

**FOR SALE**

Pair of cream curtains (lined). See page 16.

**Contributions to the Editors**

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Monday 22nd July 2019.**