

Dates for your diary

April

Thursday 4th April
Walking Group walk

Thursday 11th - April
WI Meeting

Sunday 21st April
Walking Group walk

May

Thursday 2nd May
Walking Group walk
St Faith's Vestry and AGM

Friday 3rd May
Oil Club Order Point

Thursday 9th May
WI Meeting

Saturday 11th May
Plant and Seedling Sale

Sunday 12th May
Kilsby School Assn May Fayre

Thursday 16th May
History Society Talk

Sunday 19th May
Walking Group walk

Monday 20th May
Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday 26th May
Pre-school Garage Sale

June (Early Notice)

Thursday 6th June
D-Day Commemoration Service

Sunday 30th June
Open Gardens



And it's 'Goodbye' from us. The retiring editors - Richard, Chris and David.

As we sign off from Kronickle with this, our final edition as editors, we are delighted that three new people have come forward to take on our editorial roles. They introduce themselves on page 8 and we wish them every success in the future and hope they enjoy working on the magazine as much as we have done.

We are also very pleased to note that someone has stepped up to take on the role of Booking Secretary of the Village Hall thus helping to ensure that this very important village asset will continue to thrive in the future. We would like to pay tribute to the enormously hard work Marj Mills has put in as Booking Secretary over the last decade ensuring the financial success of the Hall through high levels of bookings both from inside the village and further afield and helping to bring in many improvements to the facilities. We wish David McIntyre every success as he takes over this job.

It is also very good to note from the report on page 10 that the recent interviews for a new rector were successful and that we can look forward to hearing soon details of the new incumbent at St Faith's.

So the future of Kronickle, the Village Hall, and the Church have all been secured but the URC Chapel remains in danger (there was an article about this in the February/March issue). It badly needs more worshippers and urgently needs more help with the very successful community café. We really hope that people will come forward to help save this village institution as well.

This time's piece from Buckby Library & Hub on page 18 includes important information about the new requirement to have photographic identity if you want to vote in local or national elections and how you can get this if you don't already have it.

There is, as always, lots of information about activities planned in the village over the coming months and we hope you will enjoy reading about them and participating in some of them during the coming spring.

Editing Kronickle has been a pleasure and a privilege and we shall miss it but we wish all our readers good health and good fortune and hope you will continue to enjoy living in our great village and being part of our lovely community.

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November 2023

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Cemetery environs

Litter

KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL(PC)

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

The summer is nearly with us and spring very definitely with us. The Parish Council planted a lot of bulbs around the village last year and aren't they looking great? Thanks to Councillor Weston and his helpers.

The end of the council's financial year is nearly here and Emma Gibson, our Clerk is working hard towards finalising the 23-24 year end figures. We would like to thank her for all the hard work she puts in for our village and also thank all of our councillors for all of the things they have been doing on our behalf throughout this year.

So, what is your council doing and working towards during the forthcoming year? Below I have outlined some of the things we are going to do, and what we would love our residents to help with. I do hope you enjoy reading the article and I look forward to thanking some of you for helping around our village.

Parking

It is with some annoyance that I have to write again regarding inconsiderate drivers and their lack of care for other residents and the appearance of the village. The council has received numerous reports from residents throughout the village regarding parking. They have also reported drivers driving over grass verges and churning them up. I was going to insert photographs at this point but didn't want to embarrass the culprits, but if I have to write on the subject again, I will do so. Come on everyone, let's have some respect for our village and the way it looks to visitors and residents.

The other problem is parking over walkways. I have written about this subject on numerous occasions throughout the last couple of years. You must be as fed up reading about as I am writing about it. Remember, if it is necessary to park on the walkway you should leave enough space for pedestrians to pass, Mothers with prams and the less fortunate of us that have to use mobility scooters, thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Speed Limit A361

The Council has arranged a meeting with West Northants Council Highways during April to discuss the new speed restriction signs they have installed on entry to Kilsby and about the possibility of reducing speed limits in some areas of the village to a maximum of 20 mph. The council feels that this would decrease the likelihood of accidents and improve air quality by reducing the speed at which some drivers travel. **(Eds. See also page 19.)**

We will also be raising the subject of the damage caused to grass verges by drivers churning them up, as mentioned above.

There are areas around our village where the roads are disgraceful with potholes. We will be asking Highways when they intend to tackle the worst areas. If you have noticed any bad potholes please do report them to Street Doctor.

Coronation Bench

The council has now placed an order for the purchase and installation of a bench to commemorate the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla. It will be installed during the summer at the junction of Main Road and Manor Road.

Litter Picking

I am sure you will all have noticed the tidiness of our village, and we must thank Councillor Will Bridges for organising this throughout the year. However, he always requires volunteers and organisations to support this effort and looks forward to hearing from anyone who would like to help or even coordinate activity. To aid everyone who helps, the Parish Council has arranged for the purchase of twenty 'litter pickers': ten for adults and ten for children. The Council would like to thank Murray Uniforms for their kind donation of high-vis vests.

So come on lend a hand.

Stiles and Rights of way

There are a few stiles and rights of way needing attention and repair. Emma has reported these to West Northants Council Highways and to the appropriate landowners responsible for their upkeep.

Village Web Site

Work continues on the review of the Village Web Site with a view to making it more appealing and easier to view and navigate. An order has been placed with a new supplier and the Council has paid for their services.

If anyone feels that something which is not on the current website needs to be included on the new one, please contact Emma Gibson or Councillor Ollie Houlton (details on page 2). They will be pleased to consider your ideas and put them to the Council for agreement.

Community Green Space

The Working Party has submitted a new application for S106 funding and is working hard to find a suitable piece of land. It is good to be able to report that two landowners on the edge of Kilsby may be interested in selling the Council some land. I will keep you informed as to how both the S106 application and the potential land purchase are progressing.

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(Cont. from page 3)

Kilsby Climate Action Group.

The group continue to meet under the guidance of Councillor Ian Massey, whom we must thank for his hard work, to look at climate issues throughout the village.

Councillor Massey is hopeful of getting the involvement of the Youth Club but would also welcome any residents who are also interested in helping. Projects such as air quality monitoring are being considered and if you would like to get involved in this vital activity, please do contact him at imassey@kilsbyvillage.co.uk

D- Day Commemoration

The WI are again looking to decorate the village with poppies (knitted I presume) to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. We must thank them for all of their hard work in everything they do around our village.

The Council is also looking to decorate the village in some way and plans to mark the anniversary by holding a commemoration service at the War Memorial at 6.00 pm on Thursday 6th June 2024. This will be followed by tea and coffee at the Village Hall (subject to volunteers being found). You are all invited to attend, and the Council look forward to seeing as many as can make it there.

Kilsby Kronickle

When I wrote for the last edition we were a little concerned about the future of the magazine given that Chris Lomas and her team were going to

stand down after this issue. It is very pleasing to report that three volunteers have been found to take over and thus continue this vital part of our village life. (Eds. See page 8). We thank them for stepping forward and wish them well for the future. We would also like to thank Chris and her colleagues for all of the hard work they have put in over many years and wish them well too.

Whilst giving thanks to the KK team I would also like to thank Kilsby Action Group (KAG) for the work they do on behalf of all of us in fighting against developments planned for outside of the village. We all want to keep Kilsby as a village and I am positive that without KAG it would soon be swallowed up by one of the nearby towns. (Eds. See report from KAG on page 10.)

Annual Village Meeting

The Annual Village Meeting is to take place at the Village Hall on Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.00 pm. Residents are invited to attend, and representatives of village organisations are encouraged to come along and submit their reports.

Well, this has gone on a bit, but I hope you enjoyed reading it and found some of the information useful. I look forward to seeing some of you at the next Council meeting and in the meantime, have a great spring.

Howard Gibbs
Chairman Kilsby Parish Council

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Braunston and Crick Ward

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Budget

West Northants Council (WNC) has agreed its budget for the year 2024/2025. It has set the precept increase at the maximum 4.99%. This was necessary in order to allow for the inevitable increase in the demands of the statutory social care services for children and adults. These services are demand led and effectively beyond our control. The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner has also increased his precept.

Settlement Hierarchy

The Parish Council will have received a request from WNC that they complete a survey regarding the Settlement Hierarchy for the new Local Plan. It is important that the information shown is checked and updated as this will affect the classification of the parish.

Local Plan

The current Local Plan consists of the Joint Core Strategy at Part 1 together with the three Part 2 Plans, one for each former District, plus any Neighbourhood Development Plans. It has been decided to have just one Local Plan in future, and you will no doubt remember responding two years ago to a consultation on spatial strategy for the new Plan. This produced over 11,000 responses which the officers have described as "not all negative".

There were also over 400 responses to the call for sites. It has also been decided to shorten the Plan period to 2041.

Following analysis of these responses the new Plan will have to find extra space for 4,000 new houses and approximately 10 hectares of strategic employment land. A revised Draft Local Plan will be considered by the WNC Cabinet on 12th March for approval for referral to Full Council on 21st March. Assuming that Council agrees, public consultation will take place over 8 weeks starting in April. Please help to ensure that people know about this opportunity to influence the future development of West Northants.

Highways

The Highways Department has purchased some new advanced equipment to help speed up the process of pothole repairs. It is hoped that this, together with the extra funding recently announced by Government, will lead to noticeable improvement to the roads within West Northamptonshire. Do not expect miracles but you should notice a lot of ongoing work during the better weather to come.

Remember that your Ward Councillors are here to serve you. Do not hesitate to get in touch.



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FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS

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

Together with your other ward councillors I have been supporting KAG's successful campaign against the inclusion of the employment site between the village and DIRFT in the new draft Local Plan. While West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) states in the draft Plan that it will support high quality sustainable logistics development at DIRFT, it is positive that there is proposed to be a 'green wedge' of land designated between the Kilsby and DIRFT which will help prevent your village being joined up with DIRFT.

The new Plan identifies a need for 4,000 new homes for the plan period of up to 2041 as well as 10 hectares of strategic employment land. It is anticipated that the majority of these homes will be built in Northampton on central brown-field sites and some peripheral sites. There are no new sites allocated in Daventry. Employment land has been allocated to the south of J15 M1 and of the Northampton Gateway new rail freight interchange.

The draft Plan will be out for consultation after Easter. Please consider taking part. If planning policies can (understandably) sound very dry there are ambitions and goals set out in the document which will be of real interest and will impact all our

communities, so do take a look at the consultation or attend one of the local roadshows that are planned.

There are 14 chapters in the draft Plan on subjects including affordable housing, sustainable transport, health impact assessments, trees and woodland, residential canal moorings and economic growth. Arguably one of the most important chapters is how policies can respond to the impact of climate change through the delivery of sustainable development and by encouraging sustainable transport. Local plans are required to take a proactive approach in mitigating and adapting to climate change and there are many proposals in the Plan which will help achieve this, from the introduction of 'Passive House' (highly energy efficient) standards in house Construction, to prioritising pedestrians, wheelers, cyclists and public transport users ahead of car users in new developments. The Council is committed to being net zero in its carbon emissions by 2030 and net zero for the whole West Northamptonshire (businesses and residents) by 2045 and the new Plan will play a crucial part in achieving this ambition.



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A Note From The New Editors

(From Polly Redhead, Catherine Peake and Vicki James email: kilsbykronickle@outlook.com)



Catherine

Polly

Vicki

Hello! We are your new editorial team who are excited to be taking over the production of the Kilsby Kronickle from the next edition.

We are Catherine Peake who has lived in Kilsby since 2001, Vicki James who has been in the village on and off since 1978, and Polly Redhead who moved here in 2021.

We want to say a huge thank you on behalf of the village to Chris Lomas who has been producing the newsletter for the last 20 years. It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication to keep it going and providing valuable updates and insights into village life in Kilsby – we hope we can do your legacy justice!

And also a big thank you to Richard Linnell and David George who have been supporting Chris for many years. Again your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. We hope you all have a happy 'retirement'!

We aim to carry on the good work and the regular articles we all enjoy reading will continue. We will also make some changes over time, and if you have any ideas for what you would like to see, or if you would like to make any contributions as a one off or regular article, please get in touch with us.

One thing we are thinking of introducing is a calendar view of all village events, so if you run a regular activity in the village or are planning any one off events, please let us know. We'll take what we can from publicly available information but your input is vital.

We have a new dedicated email address:
kilsbykronickle@outlook.com

or if you prefer to write by hand you can drop any notes or articles to 7 Essen Lane, Kilsby.

We look forward to hearing from you!

GARDENERS' CORNER

Wet and Mild

Water, water everywhere and so mild as well! We must be a good month ahead of normal this year. How did your plants cope? Our strawberries didn't like the wet at all. We have lost half the plants, so re-organised the remainder into just two rows instead of four. On the other hand the raspberries seem to have thrived, but then they are from Scotland.

We planted three new fruit trees last spring: A cherry, a Victoria plum and a conference pear. They have done really well and are covered in flower buds – so exciting! But so early too, so we are dashing out with fleeces at the slightest warning of frost.

Get the kids gardening

The "tray bake annuals" are a great way to get the kids involved. It is a pretty foolproof way of getting a great result and they will love peeking in the bags every day to see if things have germinated yet. A packet of mixed hardy annual seeds will spread over two seed trays.

Fill the trays with compost mixed with some horticultural sand. Sprinkle the seeds evenly over the trays and cover with a little more compost. You can germinate them in the house in poly bags to speed things up. Once the seedlings have a couple of proper leaves then slice the whole tray into squares like tray-bakes and plant the squares in your prepared bed.

Jobs to do in April

- Sow peas once the soil has dried and warmed
- Sow French and runner beans under glass
- Clean, and repair your paths.

Jobs to do in May

- Mow-mow and hoe-hoe!
- Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowering
- Water newly planted stuff if there is a dry spell.

Times past...

In 'Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry' by Thomas Tusser, 1573:

"Go looke to thy bees, if the hive be too light
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Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle



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KILSBY ACTION GROUP

(kilsbyaction@gmail.com or call/text 07952 404305)

KAG is delighted to confirm that the site between Kilsby and DIRFT is NOT on the Draft Local Plan. The plan is West Northamptonshire Council's blueprint for Housing and Economic development over the next 15 years and the proposal is that further rail supported logistics will be focused at another location on the M1. The plan has more phases to go through before being formally adopted, including a public examination before a planning inspector at which KAG will represent Kilsby, but this is good news for the village.

KAG wants to say thank you to our three Ward Councillors: Alan Chantler, Rosie Humphreys, and Malcolm Longley; and to our MP, Chris Heaton Harris, and the Parish Council, all of whom have supported us in this fight. We mostly want to thank our friends and neighbours in Kilsby who have supported us in so many ways, not least of which is donating to the fighting fund very generously.

At the time of publication of KK, the battle against inappropriate development in green space on Barby Road is coming to a head. KAG has instructed a planning consultant who has prepared a very robust objection to this proposal. The Parish Council, our three Councillors, our MP and CPRE (Council for the Preservation of Rural England) have all voiced objections to this application and again our wonderful village community has really supported us. We counted circa 250 objections on the West Northamptonshire Council planning portal – thank you very much.

If you would are not on our mailing list please email kilsbyaction@gmail.com and we will add your details so we will keep you updated.

Or follow us @kilsbyaction on Facebook.

KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

On Thursday May 16th the History Society will be welcoming Anne Langley. Her talk is entitled 'The Brandon Silk Mill and Child Labour'

The Coventry area has long been known for its silk production, think of Cash's name tapes and ribbons for example.

As usual, the talk is in the Kilsby Room of the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm.

Members £3, visitors £5. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Everyone is welcome.

NEWS FROM ST FAITH'S

(From Gill Mason, Churchwarden, Tel: 822658)

Services at St Faith's

April

14th Holy Communion 10.00 am
28th Holy Communion 10.00 am
Rev Liz Cowley, who has taken most of our services during the interregnum, is celebrating 30 years in the Priesthood at this service.

May

12th Holy Communion 10.00 am
26th Holy Communion 10.00 am

A reminder that we are decorating the church on Saturday 30th March from 9.30 am. Help would be appreciated.

31st March Easter Day

The most important festival in the Christian Calendar. Holy Communion 10.00 am

St Faith's Vestry and AGM

This will take place on Thursday 2nd May at 7.00 pm in the church. We had a good attendance last year and hope this will be repeated. Prior to this meeting I shall be revising the church electoral roll. If your name is not on it and you would like it to be, please contact me.

Appointment of a Rector

We had a successful interview day on 7th March. When we are given official permission to do so, we will inform the parish of the outcome.

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

January Winners

£40 (4) M Wirtz; £30 (24) J Strong;
£20 (92) J Bridges; £20 (31) D Liddington;
£10 (63) J Chappell.

February Winners

£100 (91) L Griffiths; £65 (64) J Browne;
£40 (3) J Donovan; £40 (2) J Thomas;
£50 (45) M Longmore.

News from the Village Hall

(From Julie Bunyan, Tel: 07940 525272)

We are pleased to welcome Dave McIntyre who has kindly volunteered to take over the role of Booking Secretary for the Village Hall.

Dave can be contacted at:
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News From Kilsby School

(From Kilsby School Office)

We've had a busy Spring Term, full of lots of exciting events. Our oldest children have taken part in Bikeability and swimming lessons and children from across the school have been involved in a variety of sporting festivals and competitions, including: a multi-skills target festival, a county school games festival and a school games net/wall festival.



Children in Year 4 and 5 who joined our school choir took part in Young Voices. They had the opportunity to perform as part of one of the largest children's concerts in the world at Resorts World in Birmingham and were part of a choir of 5,472 children!

Staff also arranged for the children to travel to all seven continents in the world in one day - made possible by the fantastic Kilsby Air, with no delays to any flights! The children took part in a 'Come Fly with me' day and learned something about each continent they visited, including greetings in different languages, different dances, artwork, animals and famous landmarks.

At the end of February, the school celebrated the success of its first-ever staff panto: 'Mrs Sensible and the 7 Class Teachers'. The panto was inspired by Snow White and the seven dwarfs, with a school twist involving budget cuts, exams and a glue stick shortage!

Not only did the event bring lots of excitement to children and parents, it also raised an impressive £1,300, highlighting the generosity of the school community. Feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive and the staff were good sports and did a fantastic job!



We have an opportunity for a co-opted governor to join our governing body at Kilsby. If this is something you might be interested in please contact the office on office@kilsby.innovatemat.org

If you would like to support the school but cannot commit time on a regular basis, our amazing KSA have funded £2,500 of reading books for Key Stage 1 children (those starting to learn to read). However, we still need another £2,000 to complete the full set. Any donations towards this great cause will be highly appreciated.

There is a Just Giving page you can visit by following the link below, or by searching 'Kilsby Reading Books' at justgiving.com

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/KSABookfund?utm_term=6Z5EAQNMN

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:
Friday 3rd May and Friday 5th July 2024.

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

KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Mother's Day Flower Stall this year. The weather held for us and we sold just about everything.



In February we heard about the trials and tribulations of buying an old house. After buying a farmhouse which had been mostly unoccupied for 10 years Kate and her husband could be forgiven for often asking the question 'why did we buy this house'? There were a lot of surprises and not a few shocks as they worked to bring the house back to its former glory. Getting home to find a gaping hole where the upstairs window used to be probably counts as a shock; finding a newspaper from 1788 stuffed into a gap in a window frame a nicer surprise.

Their research into the house told them not only about the building but also about the people who have lived there over the last 300 years; a fascinating insight into the evolution of a house and its occupants over time.

Our speaker in March astonished us by how many varied things could be made from items in our recycling bin! Susan is a passionate believer in helping the world to at least slow down climate change by saving 'rubbish' from going into landfill. She started knitting with strips made from plastic bags; very handy for making cushion covers for garden furniture. This led to her being asked by NASA to knit a plastic spacesuit for a rubber chicken called Camilla! The chicken goes up in a hot air balloon as an educational resource. And very fetching the suit is too!

Plastic can be woven and plaited as well as knitted and the end results are strong and durable. But even newspapers and magazines can be laminated and used to create durable items. We've all heard about how long crisp packets last, so turning them into something useful like a bag makes sense. Especially if you like crisps! Believe it or not, plastic bottles can be made into furniture. The bottoms of plastic bottles make lovely 'flowers' to float in a water feature with a night light glowing in the dark. And really, if it's good enough for Camilla the rubber chicken who are we to argue!



Our stalwart member Sylvia had a big birthday this month so there were flowers and cake to celebrate!

Our meetings are at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall. Visitors are welcome - it's just £5.

In April we will be learning the gentle art of Tai Chi and in May our speaker will be explaining Lasting Power of Attorney.

Kilsby Garden and Produce Association



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

The first event of the gardening year was held on 8th March, when members enjoyed a very successful Gardener's Party. Chris Lomas was the winner of the gardener's quiz and will now have the unenviable task of setting the quiz for next year's party.

The next event will be the annual Plant and Seedling sale, which will be held on Devon Ox Green on Saturday 11th May, beginning at 10.30 am.

If you are preparing your gardens for Spring, you will be needing the benefit of discounts at Barby Nurseries and at Whilton Locks Garden Centre, available on production of your membership card. If you don't have one yet, join up now for £5 per household per year, and you could be saving 10%.

We should now be thinking ahead to the Annual Produce Show in September, while there is still time to get the knitting and painting entries completed. A reminder also that the Photo competition subjects for the Show are 'a single tree' and 'fungi'.

Anyone who would like to take part in the 'Potato in a Bucket' competition should contact Charles Smedley at chassmedley23@aol.co.uk, and he will supply the potato, and possibly a bucket!

For Sale

Dyson corded vacuum cleaner (nearly new)

£80.00

Hayter petrol driven mower £40.00

Contact: 01788 822631

NATURE NOTES - JANUARY

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

Well, I'm happy to report that we have hedgehogs visiting the garden every night after their long winter hibernation. We thought it was a bit early to put food out but we spotted some poo and thought we were in with a chance and were rewarded.

Male hogs usually emerge from hibernation before females and when they first appear, can be quite vulnerable and possibly wobbly so food and water are much needed. It's always worth putting out some dry cat food (meat based rather than fish) on a plate and a shallow bowl of water. If the food plate can be covered somehow to prevent too much of it being eaten by cats, so much the better. We use a low plastic stool previously used for kids to reach the loo! Look out when it's dark and see if you can spot one – this summer I'm ever hopeful of a female and her hoglets feeding in our garden but we've never seen evidence of a nest!

With hedgehogs in mind, if you see things like rubber bands, hair ties, garden ties, bits of wire or string discarded on the ground, please pick them up and throw away as hogs can get easily get entangled.

This week I saw my first Spring butterfly – a lovely yellow Brimstone. So despite the weather we've been having, Spring it seems is round the corner. The other early butterflies to look out for on a sunny day are Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and Red Admiral followed by the Orange Tip later in April.

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, lloader@btinternet.com
or Tel: 07783521052)

The dates and start times of the next walks are:

Thursday 4th April
Sunday 21st April
Thursday 2nd May
Sunday 19th May

Thursday walks are 5/6 miles and Sunday walks 7/8 miles.

We aim to stop at a pub for the use of the facilities, but you can bring your own lunch and eat it before we reach the pub if you prefer. There is usually a short drive to the start of the walk and we take it in turns to do the driving.

We meet in Chapel Street in front of The White House.

For more info contact Lesley Loader (details above).

I'm delighted to report that two peregrines have taken up residence on Braunston Church spire and what a sight they are! They are often easy to see without the help of binoculars – if you park by the gate and look up the spire, they usually perch on the stone embellishments high up, often facing the road. Let's hope they successfully rear chicks this year.

The birds are looking very handsome in their breeding plumage and doing all they can to attract a mate and prepare a cosy nest (hopefully sheltered from the rain!). Don't forget you can get small bags of bird seed from the Village shop – always useful if you haven't room for a large bag! Also listen out for warblers due to arrive in the Spring and then martins, swallows and swifts too – lots to look forward to!

Further afield, I have read that there is an exciting project not far away near Oakham to reintroduce species such as lynx to a 1000 acre site and also another to reintroduce beavers to a lake which is part of the Rushden Lakes Shopping Area, managed by the Wildlife Trust. Great news in these times when some species are in decline.

Lots of wildlife to look out for in the garden and further afield – I'd love to hear about what you've spotted!

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Kilsby Village Shop

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

Spring is in the air at our Village Shop.



The clocks go forward on Sunday 31st March and spring arrives; it will be nice to see the village come alive with all the lovely spring flowers especially after the wintery showers we have recently had. With lighter nights, hopefully we will see some sunnier days and with the Easter holidays to look forward to I am sure that will be welcomed by us all.



So, what's been happening in your village shop?

Easter is a little earlier this year with Easter Sunday on the 31st March so we have stocked up on a lovely range of Easter eggs, cards and scrumptious John Dwyer hot cross buns from their bakery. We will be taking Easter orders for The Lost Farm, so if you want to order your meat for the holidays; please pop in to see Sarah, or give the shop a call on 07469 255517, alternatively you can place an order through our free delivery service at villageshop.kilsby@gmail.com. (last day for orders Tuesday 26th March)



As per my update in the last issue our Shop Manager Sarah is reducing her hours as she starts to enjoy semi-retirement. We advertised in February for a part time Manager to work along with Sarah and we are very pleased to say that Claire Adams joins our amazing team in May covering Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with Sarah working Friday and Saturday. Special thanks to Sarah and a big welcome to Claire. (Sunday/Monday will be supported by the Committee/Claire and our fabulous volunteers).



New customers always remark on our extensive range of products and we are proud to stock an amazing range of produce; not just everyday items but local speciality produce: artisan flours and cereals milled at Leicestershire's Claybrooke Mill, clear honeys from the beehives at Barby and Bilton, our bread selection from John Dwyer (plus Everyday ranges from Hovis & Warburtons), scrumptious cakes from Bramble in Market Harborough, fabulous Sercombe's meats, yoghurts from Manor Farm, quiche from Duston Bakery and meat and poultry from The Lost Farm.

Then we have our speciality KVS logo items. Two Farmers Crisps have surprising and exciting flavours of Woodland Mushroom & Garlic, Hereford Bullshot, Salt & Vinegar, Sausage & Mustard, Hereford Hop Cheese & Onion. (vegetarian and vegan varieties). Two Farmers use fully compostable packaging with their products! And finally we have our new range of eco-friendly cleaning and personal body care products. You can bring along your empty bottles and refill them at our zero-waste station – better on your pocket and kind to the planet. So much choice in your local community shop – so pop in and take a look.



We are a jolly lot and are always pleased to welcome new volunteers to join our team, so if you can spare a couple of hours per week either as an individual or as 'a pair' (couples, friends, neighbours all welcome) then please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you.



Happy Birthday - We celebrate six amazing years on 24th March, so it's time to spruce up the shop. We would welcome any help towards our project to paint the shop, which we are planning as a community day on either the 9th or 23rd June – weather dependant. If you would like to help whether with time, donations of painting equipment or wood preservative please contact: Trish on 07711 877935 or email me at:

villageshop.kilsby@gmail.com.



On behalf of the committee and our amazing shop team; Sarah and the volunteers, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.



KILSBY JAZZ DATE FOR DIARY



ROARING TWENTIES THEME NIGHT

Friday 7th June 2024 – 8.00 pm to approx. 10.30 pm

David Hepworth "ROARING TWENTIES" . . . will give you an evening of entertainment from the era of beautiful fashions, elegant celebrities, flappers, gangsters and last, but by no means least, hot jazz. Tunes from the trumpet and cornets of Louis Armstrong, King Oliver and Bix Beiderbecke are part of the band's repertoire. Added to this are songs from the classic Jazz singers of the 1920's: Mamie Smith, Ida Cox, Ma Rainey and Bessie Smith in the blues and vaudeville styles.

Keep a look out for next year's acts at: www.kilsbyjazz.co.uk

2024 Diary Dates

7th June **Roaring Twenties theme**
13th Sept. **Sarah Spencer's Transatlantic Band - New Orleans theme**
6th Dec. **Lady be Good - Rat Pack , Great American Song Book**

Want details of future events and ticket sales? Email: kilsbyjazz@btinternet.com

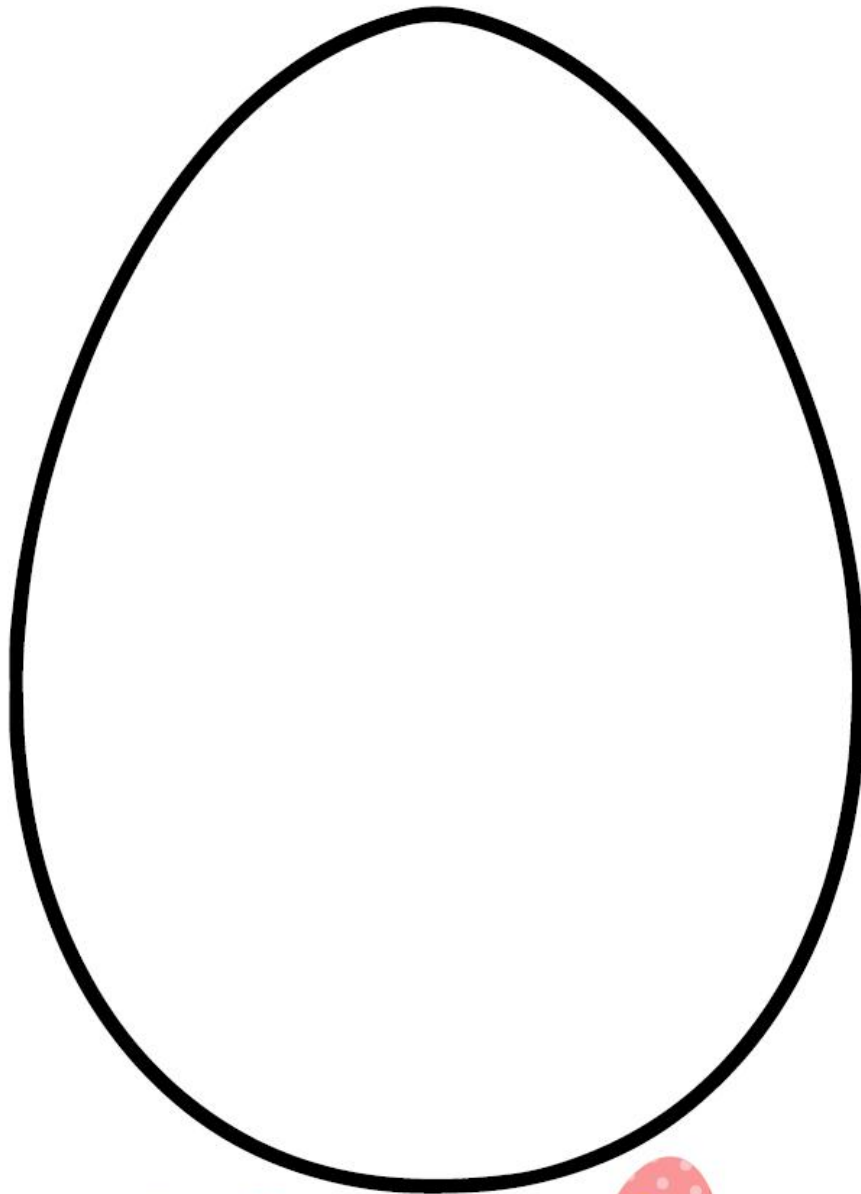


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DECORATE YOUR OWN EASTER EGG!

Decorate the egg below with whatever patterns, shapes, colours or drawings you like. If you get stuck for ideas you can use the pictures around this page as inspiration...



KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

(From Val Janes, Tel: 822751)



Mission Statement

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

Services

Sunday mornings at 10.30 am

April

7th Rev Tim Huc - Group meeting in Kilsby
14th Mr David and Mrs Pat Biddle
21st Pastor Cecil Gill
28th Rev. Nigel Adkinson - Holy Communion

May

5th Mr Keith Bishop
12th Mr Trevor Boys
19th Pastor Cecil Gill
26th Rev Geoff Townsend - Holy Communion

We are a small (and ageing) congregation, but continue to hold our weekly services and hope to attract more people to join us.

Buckby Library & Hub

(<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>;
info@buckbylibraryhub.org; 01327 842591)

Voting in local and national elections in 2024? You will now need photo ID. A list of acceptable forms of ID can be found here:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/service-privacy-notice/electoral-services-privacy-policy/voter-id>.

If you don't have any of these, but are on the electoral register, you will need to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC). The VAC will display your name and include a passport style photograph which will enable you to vote. You can apply online (how to do it can be found in the link above) or you can pop into Buckby Library & Hub where our volunteers will help you with your application.

Activities for children during the Easter holidays!

These will be on Thursday 4th and 11th of April at 2.30 pm. Please check our website or call the Library & Hub for further details.

April film night

We are showing 'Past Lives' on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.30 pm. 'Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrestled apart

Scrabble

Wednesdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
Please come and enjoy yourself.
Coffee and cake.
£2.00 per session.

Sewing Group

Twice a month Fridays 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
Everyone is welcome..

Community Café

Mondays 9.00 am - 12.00 noon
Thursdays 9.00 am - 12.00 noon

The café URGENTLY needs some help to keep running.

Please contact: Ann Tailby Tel: 822140
Val Janes Tel: 822751

after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea to Canada and then New York. Twenty years later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront notions of love and destiny...' Tickets (£7) from the Library & Hub or the Peephole in Long Buckby High Street: Doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available.

Spring is on the way

However before temperatures warm up, do you, or someone you know, still need a bag of useful winter items? These are for anyone who meets some basic conditions. If you, or anyone you know, would find a bag useful, please pop into the library, speak to a volunteer and complete a simple form. The bags have been provided by West Northants Council and are free.

We'd like to extend our appreciation and thanks to the Department for Work and Pensions and Partners for their visit to the Library & Hub on Thursday, March 14th to provide advice and support in a range of areas such as career advice and CV writing, job search, mental health support, free courses and training.

Do check our website for all our regular activities, including all those for children as well as adults. You can find our calendar here:

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>.

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>;
info@buckbylibraryhub.org; 01327 842591

From David McIntyre - a concerned resident

Calling Kilsby Village Residents

20 ...is plenty!

The current speed restrictions on the major routes through the village (Barby Road, Main Road & Rugby Road) whether observed by motorists or not are insufficient: 30 MPH is not safe for all other road users, pedestrians and pets.

Speed watch campaigns and the current automated signage doesn't work – control measures do!

To change anything, the Parish Council needs evidence and that includes representations from villagers.

Have you had a near miss? Are you just plain concerned that the people using these roads (largely non-residents) to get to the workplaces/towns either side of Kilsby don't care about safety in the village?

As a concerned road user and resident, I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to email me on the address below and just tell me if you are concerned (one word) or wish to vent those concerns. **Summon up your inner Grrrrr!!**

(It will help me build a mailing list to keep you posted on how I get on).

KilsbyTwentysPlenty@hotmail.com

PS: I am not on the Parish Council

CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Staff

After seven years at the practice our Lead Nurse Alison is retiring at the end of March and two new nurses are joining the team. Practice Nurse Kerri started on 5th March and Senior Practice Nurse, Louise, joins the team on 22nd April. We are all very sad to see Alison go but wish her a very well-earned happy and relaxing retirement!

We are also pleased to welcome Emily-Jane, Karen and Suzanne to our reception team and also Remote Clinical Pharmacist, Jabran Khan.

Spring Covid Booster

The surgery will be carrying out booster vaccinations for over 65's and vulnerable groups. The vaccine should be available from April.

Those qualifying will be notified by the surgery when the vaccine is available and the dates of the sessions have been fixed.

Training Days

The training days for the next few months are as follows:-
Weds 17th April, Weds 8th May, Weds 12th June,
Weds 10th July and Weds 21st August.

On these days the surgery will close from 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm. It will re-open at 6.30 pm for booked appointments only until 8.00pm and prescription collection until 7.30pm.

Things to do in April and May

Support Kilsby Reading Books appeal

Become a school governor

Offer to help at the Community Café

Offer help with the Shop painting

Offer to open your garden in June

Go to the Annual Parish Meeting

Go on a Walking Group walk

Go to the History Society talk

Offer to help with teas for D-Day Anniversary

Support the 20 is Plenty campaign

Take a pitch or go to the Pre-school garage sale

Sign up for the Potato in a Bucket Competition

Go to the Plant and Seedling Sale

Help with litter picking

Go to a WI Meeting

Contributions to the Editors

**Catherine Peake
Polly Redhead
Vicki James**

**By e-mail to kilsbykronickle@outlook.com
Or by hand to Catherine at 7 Essen Lane, Kilsby**

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**Dyson corded vacuum cleaner (nearly new)
Hayter petrol driven mower
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