

Dates for your diary

April

Thursday 6th April

Walking Group Walk

Saturday 8th April

Decorating the church for Easter

Thursday 13th April

WI meeting

Sunday 16th April

Walking Group Walk

Saturday 22nd April

Grand Kilsby Village Quiz

May

Thursday 4th May

Walking Group walk

Friday 5th May

Oil Club Order Point

Saturday 6th May

Coronation Day

Thursday 11th May

WI Meeting

Saturday 13th May

Plant Sale

Wednesday 17th May

History Society talk

Sunday 21st May

Walking Group walk

June (early notice)

Friday 2nd June

Kilsby Jazz Club concert

Thursday 8th June

WI Trip to Kentchurch

Saturday 17th June

Judging of Planters/gardens f

Sunday 18th June

Open Gardens and Village Hall teas

July (early notice)

Tuesday 11th July

Garden Assn trip to Sezincote



The magnificent array of flowers on sale on the Village Green at the WI's annual stall for Mother's Day. Pictured are (left to right) Sue Dobson, Sylvia Hatton, and Sophie Hazell.

We are very pleased to see that, following the plea from Gill Mason in the last edition, there was a good attendance at the AGM of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and that we now have a working PCC and a second church warden. More help is still needed though as Gill outlines on page 18, starting with volunteers to help to decorate St. Faith's for Easter.

The article from the KAG on page 8 confirms the worrying news that a developer plans to put in a planning application for industrial buildings on the fields between Kilsby and DIRFT, in advance of any decision being made on whether to include this area as a development site in the West Northants Spatial Plan, about which KAG sought everyone's views recently. When the date for the proposed 'consultation' meeting about this in the Village Hall is known as many as possible of us need to go along to ensure our views are heard and noted. If you are not already on the KAG's contact list do get in touch and give them your details to make sure you are kept up to date with what is happening. This really is important for the future of the village and the lives of us all.

On a happier note, there is news of lots of things going on in the village over the next few months, as well as appeals for your help in a variety of ways - from joining the Parish Council to helping to plant bulbs round the village, and from becoming a bell-ringer to entering your garden for the Open Gardens. More helpers are still being sought for the Community Café and for Speedwatch too. Details of where to find out more about all these and other opportunities are on page 28.

The usual report from the school brings news of all the very interesting things pupils have been doing, plus some lovely photographs, whilst the Shop, as it moves into its sixth year continues to refine its offering in line with what customers say they want. We are delighted to see that the Shop now has a new Treasurer and wish her success with the role.

Let's hope that the current milder weather continues and we wish everyone a very Happy Easter and a lovely spring.

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March 2023

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL(PC)

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs
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Here we are again. Another Kilsby Kronickle edition and a chance to see and catch up on what has been happening and what is about to happen around our village. I do hope you have all got through the winter months unscathed and are looking forward to the spring and summer. It's already getting gradually lighter at nights and we can see our gardens springing into life. Flowers and trees around the village are waking up and in general Kilsby is beginning to look full of life once again.

Anyway you will all want to know what the PC has been doing since January and I have listed below what we have been getting up to along with things residents will be able to get involved in as well.

S106 Funds

There are still quite a reasonable amount of funds to be used and a limited time to use them before they are returned to the contractor who built the Cildes Croft development, I am sure you would not want that, so organisations around the village who want to use available funds to improve their organisations and the village, should contact either our Clerk, Emma, or Cllr Will Bridges. Either of them would be pleased to point you in the right direction.

The PC are looking to acquire an area of land somewhere around the village in order to develop an open green space with woods and outdoor sports facility.

Councillor Vacancy

If you think that you could help residents around the village and are free on the evening of the second Tuesday of each month, why not come and join the council. It would be good to welcome you. We are a happy bunch and make decisions on Kilsby's behalf which improve our village. COME ON, speak to me or our Clerk, Emma. We would be pleased to tell you what is involved in being a councillor and how you could help. **(Eds. See ad. on page 17.)**

Grants Approved

It was the Council's pleasure to approve grant funding for the following projects:

- **School Parking Bollards**
I have no doubt that you will have seen these positioned by the school. We hope these are helping with the parking issues at drop off and pick up times.
- **Manor Road Lighting**
The council have approved the provision of a street lamp post and light for the area outside the school and I am pleased to say that this

will be erected during the half term break in May. (The light will be on a timer so as not to annoy residents.)

Climate Emergency

Cllr Massey wants to hold a village meeting to discuss climate change and what can be done to reduce our carbon footprint. More information will follow later. Keep an eye on our website or Facebook page and of course the Kronickle. The Council would like to involve Kilsby Primary School and have approached the school to seek a meeting to discuss how we could work together.

Highways

A speed reduction on the A361 has been agreed by West Northants Council and the PC are hoping that this will be introduced in the very near future. Cllr Ian Weston has organised a speed watch campaign again for this year and could do with some more volunteers. If you are able to help please contact him at iweston@kilsbycouncil.co.uk. He would be very pleased to hear from you.

(Eds. See also page 18.)

I understand the need occasionally to park cars partially on the footway. However, walking around the village I have noticed that some not so considerate folk park virtually all the way across the walkway making it necessary for mothers with prams and small children walk out into the road, causing danger to them and to other drivers. Please be considerate and if it is necessary to partially straddle the pavement, leave enough room for prams, wheelchair users and scooters to pass by safely.

Phone Box and Defibrillator

The council have approved maintenance and repainting of the phone box. Lesley Loader who has looked after it for many years on our behalf has decided to step down, and we would like to give her a big 'thank you' from all of us for all her hard work. Mike Dowson has agreed to look after the defibrillator going forward. His contact details are on page 2. Please note that the book exchange situated in the box is going to be removed and relocated to ensure easy access to the defibrillator. We will let you know in due course where the new home for the book exchange will be.

King Charles III Coronation.

I thought it might be a useful guide to you all to list the timetable for the coronation of King Charles III. Below I have given the dates and timings for each national event and hope it helps in planning your weekend.

The Coronation Ceremony Saturday 6th May

This will take place in Westminster Abbey and will be televised. This will be followed by a procession

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returning to Buckingham Palace and an appearance on the balcony.

The Big Coronation Lunch Sunday 7th May

Neighbours and communities across the UK are encouraged to share food and fun together. If you are organising an event, I hope you have already arranged any road closures which will be necessary with the police. No matter what you will be doing, enjoy yourselves and have some fun together.

The Coronation Concert Sunday 7th May

This will be broadcast from Windsor Castle. It should be good, I think.

The Big Help Out Monday 8th May

This is being organised by the Together Coalition, and a wide range of partners such as the Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the UK. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on local communities across the UK.

You may ask me what the council is doing to mark the occasion and I'm very pleased to report that the

PC has approved a commemorative mug to be given to all of the children who attend Kilsby School and the Pre-school.

Kilsby Repair Shop

A Kilsby Repair Shop is being considered to help with all different kinds of repairs around the village. Would you be available one day/evening a month to help? We would especially welcome people with a particular expertise. Please contact our clerk Emma or email me detailing any expertise you may have.

Bulb Planting

The PC is arranging bulb planting in the village ready for next year. Volunteers to help with this would be welcome. If you can help please contact Cllr Weston (details above and on page 2) who will be very pleased to hear from you.

Well I think we are all up to speed now so all that remains is to wish you all a Happy Easter and a great time during the Coronation Weekend.

Howard Gibbs
Chairman Kilsby Parish Council.

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

(From Lorna Griffiths, Tel: 823246)


You will no doubt have read the article in the last issue, written by Gill Mason, pointing out the difficult situation faced by our Parish Church of St. Faith. This should give us all something to think about, and hopefully something to act upon.

As usual, I am asking you to consider joining the Kilsby Church 100 Club. This is a practical way in which you can help at least to maintain the building, keeping it safe and warm for all those who wish to use it.

It is also a bit of fun, something rare in these pressing times. For a subscription of £60 per year, your number will be entered into the monthly draw, giving prizes of between £10 - £40, and between £20 - £100 every quarter.

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Many thanks.



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FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN CHANTLER

Assistant Cabinet Member for Planning and Rural Affairs, West Northamptonshire Council

(email: alan.chantler@westnorthants.gov.uk Tel: 07730986253)

Following the establishment of West Northants Council (WNC), work has been ongoing with partners, officers and stakeholders to bring the Building Control service back in house to enable a single consistent service to be provided across the whole of West Northants. Work is now nearing completion with the building control service for the Daventry area to be provided by WNC from 1 April.

The contact details for West Northamptonshire Building Control Service from 1 April 2023 are:

Email buildingcontrol@westnorthants.gov.uk,
Telephone 01604 838920.

The roads in the area are still in a terrible state. The number and size of the potholes increases on a daily basis. The council's partner, Keir, is well aware of this and has plans to carry out much work in the next financial year. The Council is actively exploring the acquisition of some new technology to help with this. People are encouraged to continue to report problems using Street Doctor. There is always the possibility of claiming for damage to your vehicle from WNC and Ward Members can point you to the appropriate application forms.

Following the first round of consultation on the new Local Plan, work continues to progress to the next stage. It has been decided that there will in future be

a single Local Plan rather than the previous arrangement of a Part 1 Plan and Part 2 Plans for the three development areas. There will be a second consultation later in the year as work on the Plan progresses.

Further reorganisation of services continues. The Daventry Offices in Lodge Road will be closed very soon and there will be a Customer Services contact desk in the Abbey Centre. From the beginning of March all Planning Committee meetings take place at the Forum in Towcester. The future organisation of Development Control and Management is under active consideration and it is likely that the Committee structure will change in the near future. The newly appointed Assistant Director, Stephanie Gibrat, is working hard at this.

At a meeting held in February the Council agreed its budget for the next year. Finances are still under pressure but it has been possible to propose a balanced budget once again.

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

WI ANNUAL TRIP

(From Sylvia Hatton, Tel:07714 469 771)

Our annual trip this year will take place on Thursday June 8th and will be to a privately owned house and gardens in Herefordshire called Kentchurch.

The cost of the coach is £26 per person, which is not refundable because of the overall cost. The coach will leave Kilsby at 8.45 am.

We will be having a guided tour of the house, which will last around an hour. The charge for this will be £10, which is reduced for us. The gardens cost £7.50.

There is a tearoom which I have been told is "rustic"!

My contact details are;
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KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

Our next talk is on WEDNESDAY 17th May instead of our usual Thursday. It is in the Kilsby Room, starting at 7.30 pm.

The speaker, Wendy Raybould, has researched the life of Mary Burbridge, an innkeeper's widow who lived in West Haddon in the 18th century. Her talk is set against the backdrop of enclosure riots, turnpiking and textile production.

There will be tea and coffee with biscuits and a chance to ask Wendy questions.

The entrance fee is £2 for members and £4 for non-members. Everyone is welcome.

FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS

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

At the March meeting of the Parish Council it was good to hear of the interest in exploring ways to support residents to tackle climate change. Kilsby will be in good company with neighbouring villages – Crick, Braunston and Yelvertoft have all set up village groups to help their communities set achievable goals to combat climate change and to look forward to a sustainable future. The latest IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report has recently reminded us of the urgent action that is needed to reduce greenhouse emissions, to keep the warming of our precious planet to 1.5°C.

At a local level there is clearly an enthusiasm for finding ways to combat the climate emergency. Recently I received many emails from Yelvertoft residents about the idea of providing a cycle/walking path between the village and Crick, which received support for so many reasons: leaving the car behind, the benefit of exercise, giving children independence, reducing carbon footprint, a safe route for mobility scooters, amongst others. The proposal had over 70 'likes' on the village Facebook page. Sadly, the cost is likely to be prohibitive and West Northants Council is currently focussing on its Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans centred around its towns. These are initially considering including villages within 5km of each town and once complete will enable the Council to make the case for future funding.

You may already have read about the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposals for new ward patterns in West Northants. The consultation on the recommended draft wards is now open, closing on 15th May. A summary of the recommendations is in the link:
<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/36573>

The Commission did not agree with West Northants Council's proposal to reduce the Braunston and Crick ward to a single councillor Crick ward comprising Crick, Kilsby, Barby and Onley. The draft recommendation is to retain the same group of villages, to reduce the number of councillors to two rather than three and to add West Haddon and Watford to the ward.

At this month's meeting of Full Council I will be proposing a motion, which I hope will be supported, on reintroducing a therapeutic service for children in care in West Northants. This used to be provided by the county council until the service was cut in 2016. A recent Council report found that children and young people in our county can wait up to two years to be seen by Children and Mental Health Services. This is far too long a wait for those in such acute need of help.

Children in care are up to four times as likely to experience mental health issues as their peers and there are currently around 689 children in care in West Northants. Several hundred of these children are looked after by foster carers. Last month's Ofsted inspection of the Children's Trust Fostering Services, which rated the service inadequate, with 'serious or widespread failings', is very worrying indeed. The Leaders of both West Northants and North Northants Councils have pledged to work with the Trust to rectify this serious situation as soon as possible.

Cllr Rosie Humphreys



Open Gardens – Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall Sunday 18th June 2023



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Sunday 18th June 2023 1pm to 5pm

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KILSBY ACTION GROUP

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey to ensure that your voice is heard in the consultation at West Northants Council (WNC) for permitted development sites in our region. KAG will now coordinate the results and meet with WNC to discuss the views of our community. Whilst the completion date is passed if you still want to let us have your survey back, please call or text 07952 404305.

In the meantime, we have learned that a planning application is on the way for the land between the village and DIRFT. At the village hall meeting in January, we informed villagers about preparatory work that was going on and that we thought an application might follow. Developers are entitled to make an application at any time and the council must accept or decline it. We are also entitled to oppose it.

We understand that a leaflet will shortly be circulated setting out, no doubt in glowing terms, how the developer will provide lots of protection to the village and the impact will be minimal. They will also claim that new development will provide lots of employment opportunities for residents of Kilsby. At our village hall meeting one of our neighbours informed us that he had worked at DIRFT, but he had met very few other people from Kilsby and that is supported by seeing the people being "bussed in" at shift change times. We also heard that a recent speed survey had recorded 60000 plus vehicle movements through Kilsby in a week and KAG is of the firm belief that any increase in traffic created by the proposed development will make living in Kilsby unbearable.

Our understanding is that following the leaflet being circulated to villagers a meeting will be held in the village hall for the developer to 'consult with the village' and make their case that their type of development is eco-friendly and will be good for us.

These exact words are what we heard when DIRFT was built. We hear that a country park will be created to screen the village. Any trees will take a generation to provide any type of cover and if you look at the trees planted by DIRFT all those years ago they still do not and never will provide any significant cover from light or noise pollution.

We will keep you updated and would urge you to attend the village hall meeting, once the date is confirmed, and make it abundantly clear to the agent for the developers that further development between the village and the industrial zone is not welcomed and is in contravention of the village plan which was recently updated and 'made' by WNC, and which clearly set out the need for a green buffer between us and the industrial zone.

Please ensure we have your contact details so we can keep you updated by any of the following methods:

email – kilsbyaction@gmail.com

Facebook follow us @kilsbyactiongroup

Whats App – let us have your details by message to 07952 404305

(Eds. See also poem about DIRFT on page 26.)

KILSBY FETE DONATIONS

(From Sarah Thompson, Chairman Kilsby Events Charity)

The Kilsby Events Charity is pleased to advise that we have donated the following amounts to village events from the proceeds of Kilsby Fete:

Kilsby School Association Fete - £150
Kilsby Christmas Tree Lights event - £300
Garden Association Annual Show - £200

We wish them every success.

We still have some funds available, so if you or your organisation is running an event for the benefit of the village please send details to:

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Upcoming Events

Games Night and Happy Hour: 7pm – 9pm every other Sunday

Open Mic Night: 6pm – 9pm Sunday April 2nd

Quiz Night: 8pm Sunday April 16th

VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

(From Julie Bunyan, Tel: 823707)

We are really pleased to be back with the film nights at the Village Hall and we hope everyone has enjoyed the films shown so far. We will be taking a break for a few months and will be back in September and November with some new films. Everyone is welcome to come along and it gives everyone an opportunity, to not only watch a film but catch up with old friends and make new friends.

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:
Friday 5th May 2023. and Friday 7th July.

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

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

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The rules of Sudoku are simple. Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Solution on page 21

KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel:823939)

Kit Jarman kindly volunteered at the last minute to replace our intended speaker in February when she was unable to come. After studying in Ireland and being ordained, Kit joined the Royal Navy as a Chaplain in the 1950s. Not really understanding the implications of the type of training involved, he said 'yes' when he was asked if he would do the commando training course. And so the hardest few months of his life began. He is still immensely proud of his Royal Navy Commando badge. The camaraderie that exists in these circumstances is obvious from Kit's joyful memories. There may have been discomfort and hard work but the great satisfaction he got from doing his job well and helping others shines through to this day.

Alex Wood talked to us about his love of early theatre in Northampton, both the performances and the buildings. We all love stories so I'm sure 'theatre' began with people sitting around and telling tales... but as we lived in larger and more affluent groups the idea of theatre evolved slowly into what we see today. As towns and cities grew up theatres as buildings began to appear. Often they began life as something else but were adapted. Some places had a double usage being maybe a brewhouse some of the time and a theatre at others!

Alex talked about his own time working at the Royal as well as explaining the history of the many other theatres in Northampton. The Royal was actually misnamed when a stonemason carved the name even though the theatre did not have permission to call itself 'Royal'. Queen Victoria was begged for retrospective permission and eventually gave consent so the theatre remained the 'Royal'.

Our Mother's Day Flower Stall was as bright and cheerful as ever, and even though the day was a bit dull we had a good flow of customers throughout the morning. Thank you to everyone who supported us again!

(Eds. See photograph on front cover.)

Our meetings are at 19:30 on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £5. At our meeting in April we'll hear from Doreen Addicott about Weedon Depot; an astonishingly large historic site, dating back many years, yet hidden away in the middle of the country!

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WALKING GROUP

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

The dates and start times of the next walks are:

Thursday 6 April 9.30 am depart
Sunday 16 April 10.00 am depart
Thursday 4 May 9.30 am depart
Thursday 21 May 10.00 am depart

Walks are usually circular and between 6-8 miles with a lunch stop, hopefully at a pub for the use of the facilities. There is usually a short drive to the start of the walk.

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For more info contact Lesley Loader (details above).

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BEGINNER

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St.George's Church Hall,
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BEGINNER

5.30 - 7.00 PM

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NEWS FROM ST. FAITH'S

(From Rev. Nigel Fry, enfrys@gmail.com, Tel: 07854 810588)

After St Faith's recent Annual Meeting we can all rejoice that the Church here is moving forward with a full complement of PCC members, two Churchwardens and a Deputy Warden! There is much to give thanks for! Thank you to all who attended the meeting and gave their support. We can be optimistic as we look ahead and as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this Easter.

Holy Week in the Benefice of St Faith's Kilsby and St Mary's Barby

02.04.23	1 Palm Sunday	10am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
		2pm	Teddy Bear's Picnic	St Mary's
06.04.23	2 Maundy Thursday	7pm	Eucharist & Watch	St Mary's
07.04.23	3 Good Friday	10am	Good Friday Walk	Kilsby URC to St Faith
		3pm	Meditation on the Cross	St Mary's
08.04.23	4 Easter Eve	9.30am	Decorating the Church	St Faith's
		7pm	Easter Vigil	St Faith's
09.04.23	6 Easter Day+	10am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
		10am	Holy Communion	St Faith's

1 Holy Week begins with a celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to confront the secular powers of his time and reclaim the Temple for the worship of God. The 10am service in the Benefice for Palm Sunday is at 10am at St Mary's Barby. In the afternoon at 2pm the Teddy Bears are again meeting for a picnic. Come along to join in an informal gathering where we will listen to a story, sing a song, have a prayer and share a picnic (provided) together. Age is no limitation!

2 On Maundy Thursday there is an evening service at St Mary's Barby; a low-key Communion followed by a time of quiet reflection as the Sanctuary is stripped to help us contemplate the dereliction of Christ as he is judged and sent to the cross.

3 Come along and join the sombre but good humoured walk across Kilsby from the United Reformed Church to St Faith's. We will gather at the URC for a hymn and prayer before setting out. We will pause at various points 'on the journey' to listen to Gospel readings. When we arrive at St Faith's we will sing again before sharing Hot Cross Buns and a drink. All welcome. If the walk might be difficult just join in at the beginning and/or the end.

4 Are you familiar with flower arranging or fancy having ago? Come along on Saturday morning (8th) to join in. Or just come along for a chat. Help decorate St Faith's for Easter, or encourage others as they do so. There will probably be a cuppa on the go as well.

5 Traditionally the Easter Vigil is the high point of the Christian Year at which we consider our commitment to the Way of Christ after the journey through Lent and as we come to celebrate Easter afresh. The service is full of symbolism, beginning with the lighting of the Pascal (Easter) Candle in a fire outside the church. I hope it isn't raining! The service begins at 7pm at St Faith's Kilsby. All welcome.

6 On Easter Morn' there will be services at both St Mary's Barby and St Faith's Kilsby at 10am to celebrate that Christ is risen! God freely offers that risen new life to us all. He died and rose again that we might know that new life in the here and now of our present existence and for all eternity. Alleluia!



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KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

It's Spring again, and time to renew membership of the Association. If you haven't already had a visit from one of our committee members with your new cards, it will come soon.

This year, membership will give you discounts at Barby Garden Centre, as usual, and at Whilton Locks Garden Centre, for the first time, so still excellent value for £5 per household!

The Gardener's party will be over by the time you read this, but there are other events to enjoy through the year.

We kicked off the year in February, with a visit to Compton Verney, to view their Spectacle of Light, which proved to be a very enjoyable evening, living up to its title, and was appreciated by everyone who took part.

Following this, arrangements have been made for a trip to Sezincote, near Moreton in Marsh, on 11th July, for an exclusive tour of the house and gardens.

This can be combined with a visit to Batsford Arboretum, on the other side of the road, to enjoy their wonderful walks, which are well worth a visit in their own right.

Before then, we shall be holding our annual Plant Sale on the Village Green on Saturday 13th May. Buyers and sellers of plants will be welcome.

On Saturday 17th June the judging of the planters and of the gardens entered for the various categories of Best Garden competition will be done. The winners of all the categories and of the award for Best Planter will be announced at the Garden and Produce Show on Sunday 2nd September.

Plans are also under way for the Association to host this year's Strawberries and Wine evening, early in July, and details will be circulated about this in due course.

If you are not yet a member, you will obviously not get a visit from us, but you can contact me (arjayen@hotmail.co.uk) or membership secretary Carol (carol@profitlinkgroup.co.uk) to enquire about joining, and take part in any or all of the events planned for the year. We look forward to welcoming you.



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NATURE NOTES - APRIL 2023

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

Well, what an amazing spectacle we have been lucky enough to witness every evening for the last few weeks – the startling murmuration! No need to go further afield like the pier in Brighton! Yes, I accept they make a pretty unpleasant mess but 1000's of birds flying around the village, swirling and swooping and making fantastic patterns in the sky, has to be one of nature's best spectacles. Why they chose Kilsby, I do not know but there are a few groups of leylandii and other evergreen trees (even the Monkey Puzzle tree in the churchyard) which make safe, and presumably cosy, roosting places. Apparently it is all to do with physics which enables each individual bird to keep in touch with others and avoids too many collisions. I have, though, seen a few sparrowhawks amongst them so presumably a few unlucky ones do perish. What is also amazing that even after dark, they continue to chatter away in the trees which must make it interesting if you're walking through the churchyard from the George!

We have been continuing to look after Barry our overwintering hedgehog since November – it is like having a guest who you rarely see! He has seldom gone more than 10 days without emerging through the hay and newspaper to have a quick feed but as it's at night, we never get to see him. I think that is the usual pattern with hibernation but I would have expected a more prolonged period of zero activity. I will hopefully be able to report on his release into the wild in the next edition. It is a great shame we can't put a tracker on him so we know where he goes and what he gets up to once he's free to roam.

There's a lot to look forward to once the spring really has sprung – as I write, the lawn is white and there are quite a few dishevelled looking daffodils about. Watch out for the first butterflies which might have been overwintering in a state of dormancy somewhere like a shed, ready to emerge on a sunny day in March – Peacock, Brimstone, Comma, Red Admiral and Small Tortoiseshell. Check the Butterfly Conservation website for ID. We need to plant as many nectar rich plants as we can as a recent survey has shown there has been an 80% decline in butterflies since the 1970s and half of our UK species are now classed as near threatened, which is a tragedy. It's not all doom and gloom though as there are several programmes for re-introducing butterflies, one being in east Northants.

Swallows, martins and swifts will be back in April and May, the ponds will be swarming with life, the bats will be on the wing at dusk feeding up after their long winter without food and fledglings will be venturing to our gardens for some tasty snacks. Of course, I'll be looking at moths again and we'll be feeding hedgehogs (maybe Barry!) at our patio 'hog only' snack bar!

GARDENERS' CORNER

Wet & Dry?

After a very dry February and very wet March, I wonder what is coming next? Certainly handling extremes of weather is becoming more of an issue.

Coping with extremes

It may seem strange but the answer to making your garden resistant to both wet and dry weather is the same: get plenty of organic matter in the soil and avoid bare ground. So dig in plenty of compost from your lovely compost heaps to improve moisture retention. Cover bare ground by mulching or, even better, put in some ground cover plants.

Look to your lawn

After the March rains your lawn may well need some freshening up. Give it a good raking as soon as the ground has dried enough. If it has become really compacted and wet then using a power scarifier and aerator might be a good idea. You will be amazed how much stuff comes off. Then scatter some new grass seed mixed with fine gardening sand.

Give seeds a quick start

Sow seeds in pots or trays and put them on an indoor windowsill in a plastic bag. Once they have germinated put the pots outside in a sheltered place for the seedlings to grow on before planting out.

Jobs to do in April

Sow peas once the soil has dried and warmed
Sow French & runner beans under glass
Clean, and repair your paths
Rake or scarify the lawn to clear moss

Jobs to do in May

Mow-mow and hoe-hoe!
Plant out half hardy things in the last week in May...
Prune spring flowering shrubs after flowering
Water newly planted stuff if there is a dry spell.

Times past...

In 'Your garden Week by Week' by A.G.L.Hellyer, 1936:

'If the weather is at all favourable do not hesitate to sow parsnips out of doors....Those who grow for exhibition very often make a hole for each parsnip with a large iron crowbar. This is driven to a depth of about 2 feet, the hole is then almost filled with fine potting soil, two seeds are sown, and a little more fine soil placed on top. If both seeds germinate the weaker seedling is pulled out.' Perhaps I'll stick to the raised beds...

Good Gardening!

Ron Kibble



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Councillors attend meetings, decide what activities to support, how to spend money, and comment on planning applications.

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Do you want to make a difference to your local area?

Do you want to get involved? If so... Further information on eligibility to become a Councillor can be found on our website www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk or contact the Clerk to the Council on the details below.

Emma Gibson, Parish Clerk: 07715651904

parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk

CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Surgery Hours

This is a reminder to patients that the surgery at Crick is now open until 8.00 pm on Mondays and Wednesday. To cover these extra hours there will no longer be any Saturday surgeries.

Repeat prescriptions

There has been an increase in the number of people requiring repeat prescriptions and the dispensary is finding it difficult to meet the present three day lead time. They have asked that, in future, patients allow four **working** days before collection and the surgery will send a text when prescriptions are ready.

For those who have home deliveries the same applies: please allow **four working** days before your normal delivery day.

Training Days

The training days for the next six months are:
19th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July,
16th August and 20th September.

Spring Covid Boosters

The surgery will not be carrying these out, and we have no information on dates at present. Those who

are eligible will be contacted by the NHS in due course and will be given details of when and where to book an appointment.

Anima

The surgery has recently signed up for a new Online Consultation Platform called Anima. Patients can use Anima to submit a medical or admin request to the surgery and get the help they need quickly without having to visit or call the practice.

For more details visit the Anima website at: www.animahealth.com/patients or to sign up for Anima now visit the Crick Medical Practice website and click the 'Consult with your doctor online' link.

The surgery has introduced Anima in line with NHS requirements for the future of medical practices. It is designed to increase the service that can be given to our patients. This new service is additional to current ways of dealing with the surgery and those who are unable to use it will be able to continue to contact the surgery as they do at present.

AN UPDATE FROM THE CHURCH WARDEN

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

It was so pleasing to see a good number of people at the recent Parochial Church Council (PCC) AGM. This has resulted in Kilsby now having a workable PCC and also another church warden, with a further person 'shadowing'. This is great news, but it is only the beginning.

We still need to grow, not only the worshipping community, but many other aspects of church life which aid it. It would be good to get an active choir and music up and running again. Are there any bell ringers out there, or people who would like to learn?

We are soon to enter a period of time without a minister and it is essential that we pull together. The more people who help, the easier the task will be.

Finally, we shall be decorating the church for Easter from 9.30 am on Saturday 8th April. Help will be much appreciated. You do not need to be a skilled flower arranger or bring anything with you (unless you want to) - just yourself. You will be most welcome.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH 2023

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

We have received confirmation that Kilsby will definitely be participating in Community Speed Watch this year.

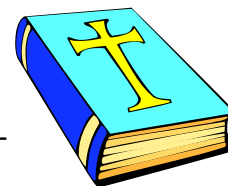
Many thanks to the people who have volunteered so far, I will be in touch nearer the time to liaise with you about when you are able to help. However, if anyone else is able to volunteer we will be able to monitor traffic for a much longer period and fully utilise the equipment. The more volunteers we have the more we can evidence the volume and speed of traffic through Kilsby.

GRAND KILSBY VILLAGE QUIZ SATURDAY, 22 APRIL 19.30 - 23.00

Just a reminder about this quiz in the Village Hall for teams of 3 to 5 people. Entry is £2.00 and booking forms can be found at: www.theheads.co.uk/quiz

For queries contact David Head on 07720 444084 or at ents@theheads.co.uk

KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Mission Statement

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

Services

Sunday mornings at 11.00 am

April

2nd Rev T Huc - Holy Communion
 9th John Perkins
 16th Pastor Cecil Gill
 23rd Mrs Dorn Margetts
 30th Group Meeting - Rev Jay Phelps

May

7th Mrs Wendy Pittman
 14th Mrs Dorn Margetts
 21st Pastor Cecil Gill - Holy Communion
 28th Mr David and Mrs Pat Biddle

Scrabble

Wednesdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
 Everyone welcome.

Sewing Group

Every other Friday 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along to sew, knit or crochet etc.

Community Café Your Help is Needed

We are grateful to the volunteers who have recently joined our team but we need more. Could you spare us an hour or so, maybe once a month, or more often if you could, to help keep this lovely café running. The work isn't hard and you would meet lots of people and enjoy good conversations and laughter. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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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.



As the clocks go forward on Sunday 26th March and spring arrives, it will be so nice to see the village come alive with all the lovely spring flowers. With lighter nights, hopefully some sunnier days and the Easter holidays to look forward to something I am sure will be welcomed by us all following the recent wintry weather we have had.

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

Village Shop Survey Update. Following the fabulous response of approx. 200 completed survey returns, we are collating the comments and feedback so we can use this detail to help us over the next 12 months in our plans for the Village Shop.

We will be sending out a separate flyer with further details in April so please keep a look out for it popping through your letterbox.

We have taken on board your feedback and introduced a Village Shop 'Everyday' range of bread, ham, cheese, cakes and other essential items, so please pop in and take a look.

We are keen to bring you a sustainable shopping experience and are proud to be launching our Eco and refillable range of cleaning and personal care products - see our advert on page 15.



Easter is only a few weeks away so we have stocked up on a lovely range of Easter eggs, cards, yummy Fatherson's cakes and scrumptious John Dwyer hot cross buns from their bakery. We will be taking Easter orders for Chapmans of Lutterworth – butchers, 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.

Spring means venison is also in season, and we are now stocking locally sourced lean steaks, diced meat, faggots, chorizo and sausages - traditional and chilli.

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), the award winning Fatherson cakes, fabulous Sercombes meats, Fowlers incredible cheeses and yogurts from Manor Farm, and new deliveries of 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. They also supply us with vegetarian and vegan varieties. And the good eco news? Two Farmers use fully compostable packaging for their products!



We celebrated 5 amazing years on 24th March. Yes, it is 5 years since we opened the doors of Kilsby Village Community shop to you all. A huge thank you to the Village Shop team both past and present: we couldn't have done this without your support and dedication over the last 5 years. Special thanks go to our current Team: Sarah our Shop Manager, Alison and Suzie covering Monday/Sunday and our fabulous volunteers: Linda, Lesley, Trudi, Keren, Caroline, Sue, Keith, Dick, Chris, Jenny, Marj, Martin, Maureen, Donna, Concelia and Michael; Maintenance Team: Don & George (also committee members who fill in the gaps when needed: Liz, Elaine, John, Elaine L & Trish) you are all amazing.

We are a jolly lot and are always pleased to welcome new volunteers to join our team, so if 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.

We have successfully replaced our Treasurer – Sally Tompkins – who stepped down due to work commitments – thank you Sally for all your expertise and humour. We are pleased to welcome Cheri Gilmurray as treasurer who joins the Committee from April.

The Committee, Manager Sarah and all our volunteers would also like to say a huge thank you to all our customers for their continued support. We hope you will continue to support us ensuring the longevity of your village shop over the next 5 years.

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



KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

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If you would like to receive our newsletter please contact Chris Lomas at lomdoucd@gmail.com to get your details onto our mailing list.

We look forward to seeing you!

Glenn Shaw, Chairman Kilsby Jazz Committee, kilsbyjazz@btinternet.com

KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

'HORSE POWER'

Until motorised vehicles became common horses were used for delivery work. Horses provided the pulling power for local tradesmen, even as late as the 1930's.



This is a photo of the local milkman, H. Lowe, taken outside The Hollies. He delivered milk in Rugby as well as Kilsby.

Mr. Egan and companion, carters, with horses and carts. Photo taken along Barby Road.



The coal merchant in Kilsby was Frank Clarke. In the photo he is pictured with his cart and horse, Bonnie. It was taken at Llamas Farm. When Frank retired his son-in-law took on the business, using a lorry for deliveries.

NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

(From Karen Burton,
k.burton@kilsby.innovatemat.org)



The whole school was treated to a Brass Recital during the morning of Wednesday 8th February by a group from NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts). First of all, they entertained the younger KS1 children, and then later in the morning they performed for the KS2 children.

Everyone really enjoyed the music, there were opportunities for the children to participate and also ask questions about the brass instruments including the trumpet, trombone, French horn and tuba.

What an opportunity for a group of our KS2 children to be part of the Young Voices 2023 competition at the World Resorts Arena, Birmingham, on Friday 27th January. Not only did they sing in a choir of 6,339 children, they also got to sing 'Proud' with Heather Small. They watched The Urban Strides, the World Champion Beat Boxers and watched a spectacular performance from the violinist Anna Phoebe.



The children were so well behaved and even though it was a very late night they all did really well. Someone from another school even made the effort to speak to the Kilsby staff just to say how amazing our children were, that they were very well behaved, were singing beautifully and she was impressed how well they knew all the songs! Well done to all the children, they were a real credit to our school.

On Thursday 9th February the children enjoyed their end of term discos, organised by the KSA. The KS1 children had their disco party first, then afterwards, the KS2 had their disco. Thank you so much to the KSA for their ongoing support and hard work.

We held our annual Pancake flip on Tuesday 21st February, all the children came to school with their frying pans and a ready-made pancake. They took part in year group races, while flipping their pancakes in their pans, to win points for their houses. Parents came along to watch the fun in the playground and take part in a parents' pancake themed competition after the children's races if they wished.



On Thursday 23rd February we were fortunate enough to have the GB Athlete and Olympian Marni Levena visit our school. He spent the day with all the classes in turn

talking about what he does, what he has achieved in his career to date and what his aspirations are for his future. He was so inspirational and enthusiastic, and only 17 years old! The children enjoyed his visit very much, many sounding enthused and motivated to follow their own dreams. They asked some brilliant questions during the assembly and then were challenged to complete a circuit of star jumps, push ups, mountain climbers and sporty dogs. The whole day was a very positive experience all round.



On Thursday 2nd March it was World Book Day and the children came dressed up as their favourite characters. There were some really great outfits!

We would like to thank Chris and Rebecca of Hunts bookshop, Rugby, for visiting us. The children were very excited to listen to readings from a variety of new books. Hunt's were kind enough to let us keep the books they had read to each class. The children also received a Golden Ticket which gives them £1 off any book in the shop! During the day, the children had fun looking at, listening to and reading some amazing books. All in all, a very enjoyable day!

After school on Wednesday 8th March, a small group of Year 3 children attended a 'Quickstick Hockey Festival'. They learnt many new skills and had a great deal of fun, despite it being very cold!

The following couple of days were snowy and the children had great fun playing in the snow together at break time!



It was British Science week from Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March. This year's theme is 'connections'. The children took part in various different scientific experiments including making their

own electrical circuits and also there was a 'crime scene' in Hazel class where they investigated the science behind fingerprints! It was all very interesting.

Our football team enjoyed a friendly match against Braunston Primary on March 16th. The final score was 3-2. We were defeated this time, but hope to meet them again soon for another game as they were a great team to play!

The KSA held their annual Family Easter Bingo night on Friday 24th March, there was a mountain of yummy chocolate prizes to be won!

It will soon be our Easter break, then we have a lot booked up for the summer term. You will hear all about what has been going on in the next Kronickle.

Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Sharon King, 07508228736

Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery



The committee would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery so far. Without these funds, we would not be able to hold the event and provide it for free.

The lucky number for March was drawn on Saturday 11th March and was 117. Well done to Vicki Jacques who won £60. Number 136 was drawn on Saturday 11th February and the winner was Steph Bramwell who won £60. Number 122 was drawn on Saturday 14th January 2023 and the winner was Cassandra Hollyoake.

Half of the money raised each month goes to the prize fund and the other half to the Kilsby Christmas Tree Fund. This money will be used to fund the Christmas Tree light switch-on event for 2023 which will take place on **Saturday 2nd December 2023**.

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

Month	Date
April	Saturday 8 th April 2023
May	Saturday 13 th May 2023
June	Saturday 10 th June 2023

There is still plenty of time to join for just £1 a week, please contact Sharon King on 0750 8228736, Annabel Davies on 07511 296446 or email kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Buckby Library & Hub

Easter activities for children: It will soon be Easter and we will be offering stories, crafts and an Easter egg hunt (with small prizes for those who take part!) on Tuesday April 4th (2.00 pm - 3.15 pm) and Thursday April 6th (3.00 pm - 4.15 pm).

Our **Autumn/Winter film season** is drawing to a close until next October. Our last film will be on April 11th, featuring *Dream Horse*, "...an unlikely race horse bred by small-town Welsh bartender, Jan Vokes. With no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise Dream in the hopes he can compete with the racing elites." Starring Toni Collette, Damian Lewis and Owen Teale.

Doors will open at the slightly later time of 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start. Tickets £6 from the library or the Peephole in the High Street. Refreshments available.

REFLECTIONS ON DIRFT

(From Annie Madigan TeL 822350)

Sorting out my drawers during a bout of COVID, (as you do) I came upon an old edition of the Kilsby Kronicle from 2000, which contained a poem I wrote when Tom Clay was warning of the dire consequences of not protesting enough about the DIRFT Plans. To think that at the initial meeting we were handed a plan showing a fairly small triangle of developmental land. When I questioned the probability of expansion beyond this, a gentleman replied in no uncertain terms, "Madam there are no plans to extend beyond these margins now or later. I guess his knickers are now on fire! (For the uninitiated – Liar! Liar! Knickers on fire!)

The poem I wrote then is printed in the next column. Sadly, this has proved more horrifically prophetic than I ever imagined and the DIRFT monster has become an adult, a Putin figure whose power knows no bounds, who seeks only to cover OUR parish in concrete for its own greed.

We have to fight off further threats to what was, when we moved here, a small rural village surrounded by fields.

(Eds. See article from Kilsby Action Group on page 8.)

Change of hours: after our winter warm space openings, which extended our hours over the lunch period, from April 1st we will be reverting to our regular schedule, closing between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Forward look: we are hoping to show the May 6th Coronation of King Charles III on our large TV screen for those who would like to join others to see it. Refreshments will be available. Times are still tbc, so please check our website or facebook nearer the date.

Activity calendar: for all our regular activities, you can find our calendar at:

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

web:<https://buckbylibraryhub.org/>;

Email: info@buckbylibraryhub.org;

Tel: 01327 842591

DIRFT – A MONSTER IS BORN (2000)

*An idea was conceived, planned and borne
By the Powers-That-Be, to become a living form.
It seemed quite harmless in the days when it was small,
But its parents abandoned it, and no one cared at all.
This monster must be christened, it was growing at such speed,
They wanted to call it "Progress", but not everyone agreed.
Some deemed it was regressive, a poor subnormal boy,
So they named him "Destruction", and watched his every ploy.
Left alone untended he became a changeling child,
With no one to control him, he ran completely wild.
He grew by the week, ugly, huge and towering,
Foreboding, forbidding, frightful and glowering.
He was out of all proportion to his little homeland isle,
No tether could hold him, no protest cramp his style.
And now he's a teenager, no one can stay his hand,
Wilful and untamed, he's tearing up our land.
He laid aside the fields, but he didn't stop there,
He stripped away the greenness and swept the country bare.
He pillaged the acres, though he'd promised not to do it,
They gave him permission, they should have known they'd rue it.
The more he destroyed the more deranged he got
And now he won't be satisfied until he's razed the lot.
If he becomes an adult then what becomes of us?
Saddened, crushed and beaten, no use to make a fuss.
Take away the countryside, what shall we be?
What can we do? What shall we see?
Where will we turn to reverse the harm he's done?
How can we reign in this self-destructive son?
If the vomit of this monster continues to spew
It will cover the charm of the land we thought we knew.
Don't let this creature spawn another of his breed,
Neuter him now before he spreads his evil seed!*



KILSBY KRONICKLE Kids Korner

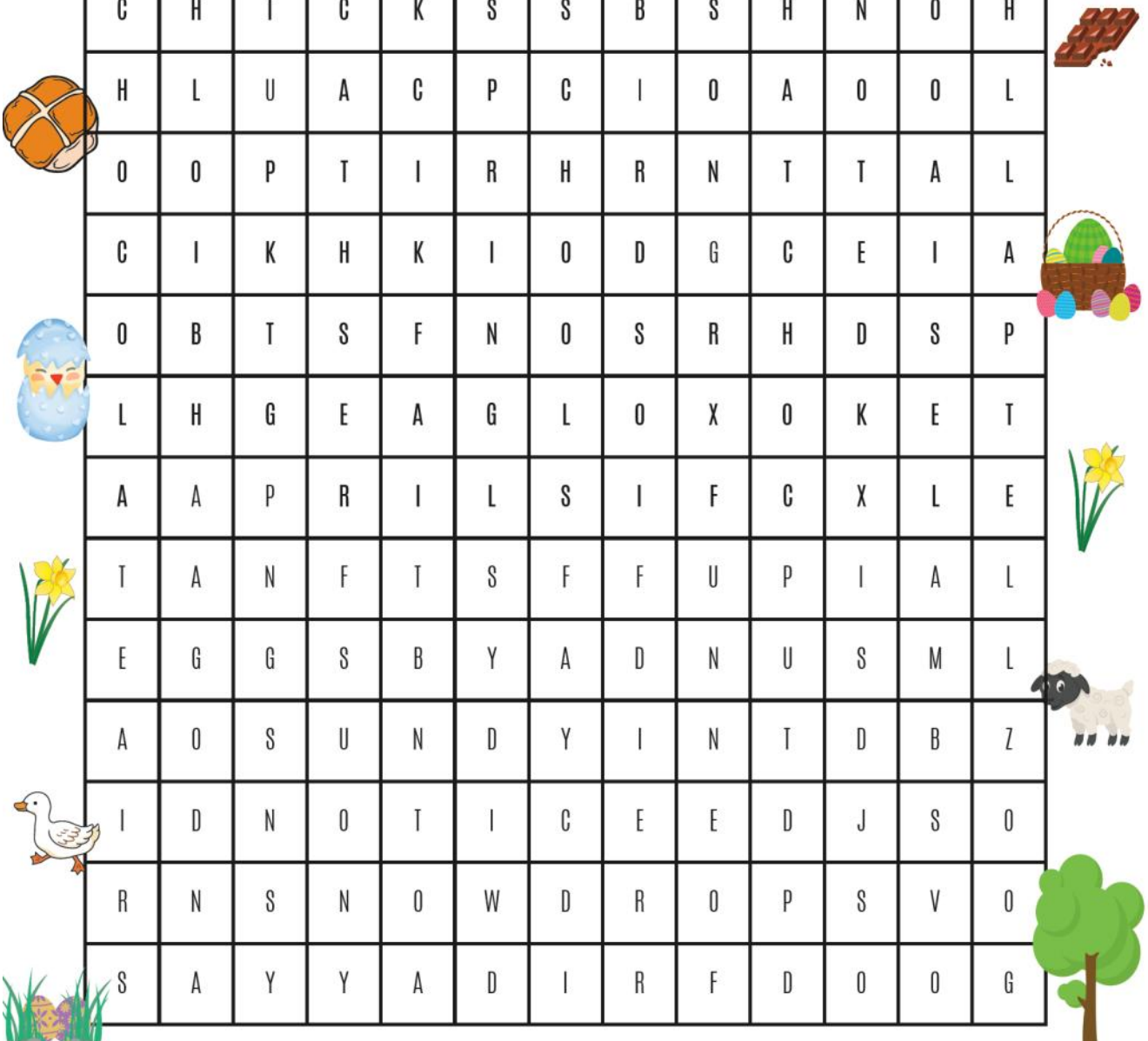


EASTER WORD SEARCH

Can you find these 15 easter words in the grid below?

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. Chocolate | 6. Eggs | 11. Good Friday |
| 2. Hot Cross Bun | 7. Daffodil | 12. Hatch |
| 3. Spring | 8. Easter | 13. Fresh |
| 4. April | 9. Sunday | 14. Snowdrops |
| 5. Chicks | 10. Lambs | 15. Ducks |

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Things to do in April and May

Sign up for the Grand Village Quiz

Help to decorate the church for Easter

Suggest ideas to spend S106 funds

Become a Parish Councillor

Offer to help with Speedwatch

Go to the Plant Sale

Ensure you are on KAG's contact list

Offer to help with Repair Shop

Offer to help plant bulbs

Go to the developers' 'consultation' meeting in the village hall

Join the Church 100 Club

Go to the History Society Meeting

Sign up for the WI Outing

Offer to make a cake or help at Village Hall teas in June

Go to the History Society talk

Apply for funds from Kilsby Fete

Enter for the Open Gardens

Sign up for the Jazz Club Newsletter

Offer help at the Community Café

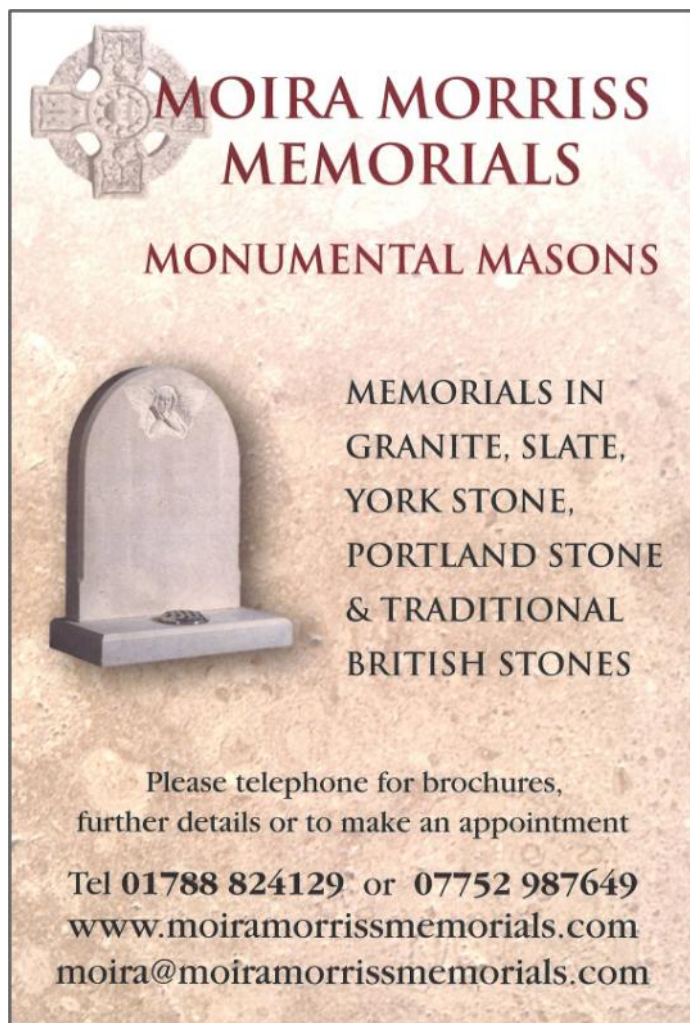
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WANTED

People to help at Repair Shop (see page 4)

People to help plant bulbs (see page 4)

More members for Church 100 Club (see page 4)

Parish Councillor (see page 17)

Help decorating the church for Easter (see page 18)

Bellringers for the church (see page 18)

More volunteers to help with Speedwatch (see page 18)

Help at the Community Café (see page 19)

Volunteers to work at the Village Shop (see page 21)

The deadline for the next issue

is

Sunday 21st May 2023