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# Kilsby Kronickle

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There is no diary in this edition because all events in the village have been cancelled or postponed as we move into what look likely to be the most challenging period most of us has ever experienced, The elderly and vulnerable as well as those suffering symptoms of the virus and their families are being asked to self isolate and everyone is having to reduce their social contacts to a minimum. It is a very uncertain and frightening time but the difficulties are bringing out the very best in our village as people try to help each other and businesses and organisations adopt innovative approaches to provide their services in different ways.

So there is plenty in this edition which you will find of interest, despite the lack of the usual village activities. As you may already know, a Helpline has been set up to provide information and help to people who can't get out of the house at the moment, and more volunteers are coming forward every day to give the support that people are looking for. The shop is providing a delivery service and we have just heard that it will be reducing its opening hours to enable a greater focus on this (as well as to help keep Andrea and her team safe). There is also the usual gardening advice - getting out into the sunshine to work in your garden if you can will provide a tonic for the spirits as well as some good exercise. And we have a Kids' page packed with suggestions for things which bored children can do inside.

Lots of organisations have written about their plans for the future - once we are through this. Life will go on and it is good to have some things to look forward to. We are also asked to think about supporting Speedwatch when the village next participates, and there is a very important article by Ian Massey about climate change challenging us to think what we as individuals, and as a village, can do to combat what will otherwise be the next global emergency to hit us. The Parish Council wants to establish an Action Plan for the village and now is a good time for each of us to think hard about what might be done if we want to play our part in preserving our world.

We are so lucky to live in a beautiful part of the country and in a village where most people care about and look out for each other. Some of you may feel very alone at the moment but even if you can't actually meet others it is so good to know that there is someone at the end of a telephone ready to listen and to offer you practical help. Thanks so much to everyone who is helping to keep life going for their friends, relatives and neighbours, and of course to anyone who works in the NHS or Care services and is doing a magnificent job in very difficult circumstances.

We hope you all stay safe and well and look forward to returning to normality in a few months time.

# KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL April 2020

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Election of Chairman 1<sup>st</sup> item at next meeting

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## AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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Planning Committee: Speedwatch: Website Support
Recreation Ground (Chair) Planning Committee
Planning Committee S106/Grants Lead : Urban Meadow Project
Budget/Finance Street Lighting Cluster Group Liaison
Facebook Page: School Governor Liaison Youth Liaison: Litter Picking
Planning Committee Crime liaison: Good Neighbours Urban Meadow Project Lead: Finance
Speedwatch Planning Committee Highways Warden
Highways Warden

## KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Clare Valentine Clerk & RFO to the Parish Council  
[parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk))

Dear All,

At the time of writing this report we are facing unprecedented times. Please follow the Government and Public Health England advice concerning Covid-19. We hope everyone stays safe and well.

The Kilsby Good Neighbours Helpline supported by the Parish Council is underway and we wish them well and thank all involved and of course not forgetting the shop.

The Parish Council Elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 have been cancelled for 12 months. It is possible that we will need to change the PC meeting dates, dependant on how things progress. We will keep the Noticeboard, Website and Facebook updated with news and we are listening closely, to our senior bodies as to any emergency and local government guidance as we continue to operate.

One of the meetings which may need to be changed is the Annual Meeting of the Parish currently scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020. We have until 1<sup>st</sup> June to hold this meeting under current legislation.

Jenny Fisher has resigned as Chairman. Jenny has been on the Council for 6 years. We do hope she will continue to be involved with some of the activities, groups and the Recreation Ground for the benefit of the village. Richard Thompson, a long serving Councillor and Vice-Chairman, Chair of the Planning Committee has also resigned. We wish them well and thank them for all they have done for the Community. We will have vacancies for two members. The first item for our next meeting will be election of Chairman.

### Recreation Ground

The installation of new play equipment at the Recreation Ground is scheduled to start Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020. This will mean that some areas of the park will be fenced off and may cause some inconvenience. As well as the new equipment, there will be a new play surface for the Wendy house and the gym exercise item, plus improvements to the surface around the swings. The Recreation Ground Trustees are also arranging the cleaning of some current equipment and play surfaces.

### Heritage Project

The Group steering this has been working very hard to progress the project and some beautiful artwork has been produced by a resident. Thank you to those who responded to the article in the Feb/Mar

edition of Kilsby Kronickle. Your feedback about the proposed locations for the Heritage Board Project has been considered and you will receive a response.

As we are at year end, we would like to say 'thank you' to Chris Lomas, David George and Richard Linnell for the Kilsby Kronickle. It really is a fantastic source of information and we can see much hard work goes into this and we wish to acknowledge them. Thank you also to Helen Smedley our Burials Officer for her long standing commitment to this important role. It will be sad when she finishes.

A number of projects are still in progress and Councillor Clive Thompson has provided updates below on Crime and Policing and the Urban Meadow. Councillor Ian Massey has also provided a separate report on the Climate Emergency (**Eds: see page 14.**)

### Crime and Policing

Since the last edition of the Kronickle there have been two reports of crime in or near the village.

On the night of 24th January, a van which had been parked and locked on the Crick Bridleway (exact location unknown) was broken into and items stolen, with significant damage to the vehicle.

On the night of Friday 31st January a property in Kilsby was burgled. Although the perpetrators left quite a mess nothing of value was taken. The householders were sleeping elsewhere in the village due to work being carried out on the property, but were returning regularly during the day. The concerning thing about this event is that someone must have known that there would be no-one there overnight despite the fact that there was activity at the house during the day. The moral of the story is, if you plan to be absent from your home at any time be very careful who you tell and where you tell it. Someone with bad intent may overhear a conversation. Northants police have committed to visit all victims of burglary, and indeed they did on this occasion.

I can recommend the following website which has some very clear and easy-to-read information on how to keep your home safe:  
<http://protectyourhomenorthants.co.uk/>

On Monday 16th March I attended a public meeting at which Stephen Mold, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, gave an update on policing in the county. There was little of direct relevance to security matters in Kilsby or the surrounding villages, and when you consider the statistic that in 2019, in the Daventry District as a whole there were roughly 7000 crime events, whereas in Northampton over the same period there were 33,000, you can well understand where the police have to focus their resources.

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Finally, a plug for Neighbourhood Watch. We currently have 60 households signed up to the Kilsby scheme, roughly a 10% uptake. Neighbourhood Watch provides a forum for sharing information from the police and NHW, and although the system is not as user-friendly as it could be, it still provides a useful forum for security and policing matters via email. You can filter the type and source of information as you wish. My recommendation is to request information solely relating to 'Daventry Rural', that way you get emails only relevant to Kilsby and the surrounding villages. To sign up go to northantsnhw.co.uk and enter your postcode to find our 'Kilsby D60' scheme. Make sure you actually join the scheme and don't just sign up to email alerts. As I said, the system could be more user-friendly!

**Urban Meadow trial**

With an easing of the wet weather, at last we have some good news regarding the urban meadow trial. On Thursday 12th March our grounds contractor was able to turn over the soil on



Malt Mill Green, where the grass had previously been sprayed, and plant the wild flower seed. In total 2kg of seed was broadcast over the site, this being a mixture of Cornflower Annual plus Hedgerow and Lightshade. So now we let nature take its course. Hopefully we can look forward to a good display this summer, but please remember that the wildflowers take a few seasons to become properly established. Feedback to the Parish Council is welcomed.

**FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX**

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

When so many residents are worried about corona virus, its spread and its impact on everyday lives, it seems irrelevant to be reporting on what is happening at the District Council. So far, services have not been disrupted, so things continue more or less as normal.

DDC has declared a Climate Emergency, following the report of a panel of councillors looking at what the Council could do about climate change. The report made a large number of recommendations, the responsibility for action on most of which has been pushed onto the new West Northamptonshire Council, which should come into being in May next year.

**(Eds: see article by Ian Massey on page 14.)**

A review into the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, a crucial planning document for our area, is about to start. It requires another Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SLAA). When this exercise was undertaken a few years ago, it led to developers 'identifying' areas of land on the outskirts of villages for potential housing, so we will be keeping a close eye on this to protect the ward from speculative and inappropriate development.

A planning application for the North East Daventry Sustainable Urban Development, to the east of the country park up to the Long Buckby Road, has been received after many years of delay. Several thousand houses, plus community facilities including schools, are expected.

The government has indicated that, in the absence of elections this May, the new Shadow Authority for West Northamptonshire will comprise all 157 sitting councillors of the 4 authorities, DDC, South Northamptonshire, Northampton Borough and NCC divisions in the area. Their first meetings in May will take place virtually. 8 members from the 4 authorities will form the Executive/Cabinet to take forward plans for the organisation of the new West Northamptonshire. It is understood that the government will nominate the Leader of this body. By the time Kilsby Kronickle is published it is possible that all this may have changed, so fast are things moving.

For the moment, grateful thanks to all residents who are helping others in the health crisis, and keep healthy, all villagers.

**REVISED SHOP OPENING HOURS DURING CURRENT CRISIS**

**Monday-Saturday 9.00 am - 4.00 pm**

**Sundays 9.00 am - 12.00 noon**

**See also article from the shop on page 8.**



## **DO YOU NEED HELP OR SUPPORT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE YOUR HOME DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC?**

Kilsby Parish Council, in conjunction with Kilsby Good Neighbours, have set up a helpline\*, staffed by volunteers, so that you can access assistance you may need. So if you would like support or want to ask for help with:

- Getting food or other household supplies
- Access to or understanding of the current government advice
- Obtaining medicines or prescriptions\*
- Dog walking
- Running errands e.g. posting mail
- Or would just like to have a chat with someone

**Please call the following dedicated Good Neighbour Helpline number**

# **01788 486040**

Kilsby Good Neighbours is not a professional body. We can only offer help within reason, and in ways that we can also stay safe. If you need medical advice, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service at [111.nhs.uk/covid-19](https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19)

\*Note that this is not an emergency service and we cannot give medical advice.

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## **CAN YOU HELP BY BEING A VOLUNTEER?**

Are you able to help with:

- Shopping and deliveries (in conjunction with the village shop)
- Buddy with a fellow villager
- Joining a rota for manning the dedicated phone line
- Dog walking
- Any other help and services...?

Please call the number above - we'd love to hear from you.

## CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Obviously, all concerns are with the coronavirus outbreak and the following is the best advice at the present.

The best medical advice can be found on the NHS website:-

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

This site is continually updated and will give the latest advice.

For medical advice please use this site as there a lot of bogus sites which give misleading advice.

For those people without access to the internet ask friends and family who will be able to look up the latest advice for you.

The surgery asks that if you have any symptoms such as a cough or fever please do not visit the surgery.

If you are concerned ring the surgery and a telephone call from the doctor can be arranged

## 1st KILSBY GUIDES

(From Joanna Carpenter, Tel: 07985 797539)



The 1<sup>st</sup> Kilsby Guides have been getting badges galore this spring term! The girls wrote menus and created their own mocktails for their Mixology badge, spent time reflecting for their Thinking Day badges and made their own sweets for their Confectionary badge.

The girls enjoyed a trip to Nuneaton Bowl and a surprising number of strikes were scored.

Before the Covid-19 crisis we were looking forward to our next trip to try and get out of an escape room! We were also lucky enough to have Amanda from Blossom Cottage Beauty coming to do a beauty session with us.

Unfortunately these activities have had to be suspended for the foreseeable future but when Guides is able to start again we look forward to welcoming existing and new members to our friendly group to join in our range of exciting activities.

We will let you know when we can start up again. In the meantime stay safe and well.

## THE GEORGE HOTEL

(From the Editors)

The latest information about the re-opening of The George is rather disappointing. It seems that the person who was due to re-open the pub in the Spring this year withdrew from the process at Christmas.

In the last update in the December-January edition of the Kronicle the planning applications were reported. We can now confirm that the planning consent has been given and details can be found on the Daventry District Council Planning Portal Ref No.DA/2019/0834 and DA/2019/0838.

Star Pubs and Bars Business Development Manager has stated that, although there is nothing concrete to report, a couple of interesting leads are being pursued.

Let's hope that there is some more encouraging news in the not too distant future.

## KILSBY YOUTH CLUB

(From Kilsby Youth Group Committee, Kilsbyyouthclub@gmail.com)

Kilsby Youth Club started up again in November last year with a pizza launch night. Since then we have met every other Friday night at Kilsby Village Hall. Regular activities include table tennis, pool, games and tuck shop. Recently our members went on a trip to see Northampton Saints with other youth groups from the area!

Unfortunately given the current situation with COVID -19 there will be no Youth Club running for the foreseeable future. Once we are up and running again, we would love you to let us know what you want to do at YOUR youth club. Email us with ideas and to make sure we contact you when we start again!

Stay safe

## KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:

Friday 8th May and Friday 10th 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

## Kilsby Good Neighbours Project

From: Gill Farmer, 8 North Street, Kilsby  
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Much has happened since the last edition of the Kronickle, which contained an article by Karen Wyeth who had just been appointed Co-ordinator. Unfortunately, Karen was unable to continue in the role and we've had to make alternative arrangements to the organisation.

In her article Karen announced our first social event, which was to have been an evening meal at the Red Lion pub on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We were well on the way to achieving this, and had over twenty people confirmed when, a couple of days beforehand, the full effects of the Coronavirus epidemic started to become apparent. Around half of the group pulled out, quite understandably, and so we cancelled the event. Or perhaps we should say 'postponed the event' because we fully intend to continue with this and other social occasions once the virus scare is over.

What we are able to announce, however, is that with the support of the Parish Council, Kilsby Good Neighbours is rising to the challenge of helping villagers through potentially difficult times brought about by the Coronavirus outbreak. We are setting up a dedicated phone number, staffed by volunteers, which can be called by anyone with concerns, or needing help, whilst confined indoors. Naturally we would urge neighbours to be alert to the plight of those who may need help, and make sure that those small but important errands are dealt with. However, as a fall-back, our volunteers at the end of the phone will be able to assist with most day-to-day requirements and, if nothing else, lend a sympathetic ear. After all, we're all in this together.

You'll see, elsewhere in this edition of the Kronickle (**Eds. See page 5**), our notice which lists the kinds of services on offer and gives the phone number to ring. We are, of course, also seeking those all-important volunteers to help with the scheme, so if you're able to lend a hand please call the number on the notice. We've also leafleted all homes around the village with the same information.

## BARKING MAD

Happy Dogs!  
 Happy Holiday!  
 Happy You!



If you love dogs but can't commit to the full time responsibility of having a dog of your own, or you have a very sociable dog who would enjoy a friend coming to stay for a sleepover or holiday cover, then contact Lin on 01788 422288 visit our website [www.barkingmad.uk.com](http://www.barkingmad.uk.com) to find out more.

"We enjoy looking after people's dogs as it gives us pleasure to think they have come home from home." Host Carol, Barking Mad Website

## KATS Murder Mystery Evening A Fete Worse Than Death

### Sometime in the Future – Kilsby Village Hall

For what I am sure are obvious reasons, we have decided to postpone this event, which was to have taken place in April, until the autumn (or later!).

The profits will go to Dreamflight UK, which is a charity that aims to change young lives through taking children with serious illness or disability, without their parents, for the 'holiday of a lifetime' in Orlando, Florida. Dreamflight believes that fun and joy are just as important as medical research and equipment, especially for children who perhaps cannot wait long enough for the breakthrough they need, or whose illnesses and treatment have brought pain and disruption to their lives.

Our own Ruby Smith from Kilsby went on this holiday last year and we are keen to help other young people enjoy the benefits of this fantastic opportunity.

Watch this space for further details.

## Kilsby Village Shop

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

As we are all aware at the moment the Coronavirus COVID-19 is currently in all our thoughts and I am sure extremely worrying to many of us.

Your village shop has been here now for nearly two years, it is well stocked unlike the big supermarkets and as we use a lot of local suppliers, we are still receiving daily deliveries of essential items, so we can support you through this challenging time.

With recommendations of reduced social contact and self-isolation for a lot of people this may seem quite scary especially with regards to difficulties surrounding provisions. So, let your village shop help you with this and deliver your shopping directly to your door. Our process is simple as follows:

**Please call Andrea our shop manager on 07861 295358 or email [villageshop.kilsby@gmail.com](mailto:villageshop.kilsby@gmail.com)**

**We can deliver or email our shopping list to you.**

**You select what you need to order.**

**Place your order via email or phone.**

**Easy payment options: credit card(min £5), debit card via phone, or bank transfer. No Cash please.**

**Chose delivery date/time & we will deliver to your door.**

Please also remember that we do have a Facebook page which we do keep updated with new stock items and our deliveries as they arrive.



On a brighter note. How time flies. It's Birthday time as our Village Shop reaches its 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We cannot believe it has been two years since we opened the door of the Kilsby Village shop to our village and its customers and we would like to thank all our customers for their support over those two years and also those who volunteers who help and support the everyday running of the shop and of course our wonderful shop manager Andrea.



April hopefully brings some better weather but I am sure will be a very different sort of Easter than most of us are used to. But we will still be stocking all the Easter treats with some lovely hot cross buns from John Dwyer and some really tempting cakes from Fathersons as well as lots of Easter eggs. We also have a new supplier on board offering amazing local venison (steaks, sausages, minced/diced & small/large joints) which is ideal for Easter Sunday lunch and will also be taking orders for Chapman family butchers who supplied us with some beautiful meats at Christmas as well as our long running support of Sercombes with their fabulous meats and pies and Fowlers for their beautiful cheeses.

Please remember that this is your village shop which was built for the village and is run by the village, so please use it and let us all help one another to stay safe by reducing our social contact by shopping local.

We do wish all our customer well during this difficult time and please stay safe and look after yourselves.

## GARDENERS' CORNER

### ***Every cloud has a silver lining...***

So, are you socially distancing, self-isolated and bored with watching box sets? Are the kids off school and under your feet? Now you have the chance to really sort out the garden to prepare for a wonderful show in the summer. Gardening is so good for physical exercise and relieving feelings of depression – so go to it!

### ***Clean your paths and patio***

After such a wet winter, there is a lot of potentially slippery mould on paths. This will clean off with a traditional hard broom and some water. Whilst you are about it, clean the greenhouse and your pots ready for new planting.

### ***Get the kids gardening***

Hardy annual seed packets always say to sow directly in the soil. The result is always more weed seedlings than plants and you can't tell which is which. A good way to avoid this is to sow in seed trays. A packet of mixed hardy annual seeds will spread over two trays. Sprinkle the seeds evenly over the trays. You can germinate them in the house in poly bags to speed things up too.

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.

'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.

### ***Jobs to do in April***

Keep up with the lawn mowing  
Sow peas once the soil has dried and warmed  
Give the flower border a dose of general fertiliser

### ***Jobs to do in May***

Stake tall perennials before they fall over.  
Water & mulch newly planted things if there is a dry spell.  
Plant out tender summer bedding in the third week.

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

In "Directions for the Gardiner, John Evelyn, 1664":-  
*"One may sow Reddish, & Carrots together on the same bed so as the first may be drawn, while the other is ready: or sow Lettuce, purselan, parsnep, carrots, Reddish on the same beds, & gather each kind in their season, leaving the parsneps to Winter."*

Good Gardening!

*Rox Kibble*



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## VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

(From the Village Hall Cinema Committee)

In view of the current situation with Covid-19 the Village Cinema showing planned for May has had to be postponed. We hope that, if the situation improves, we might be able to hold it in September.

We are very sorry to have to suspend this popular event for the time being but would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last couple of years. We look forward to welcoming you back in due course.

### **WANTED SOMEWHERE TO STORE SMALL CAR**

I am looking for a garage to store a small car during the week.

Would anyone in the village have any covered space/garage/shed that I may be able to use/rent occasionally?

Please contact me at [Nathan.Mitchell@qa.com](mailto:Nathan.Mitchell@qa.com)

Many thanks  
Nathan Mitchell

## All Church services are suspended until further notice.

If you have a particular concern, or a prayer request, or are aware of someone who is on their own who would appreciate a phone call, please contact Rev Nigel Fry by phone on 07854 810 588 or email [enfrys@gmail.com](mailto:enfrys@gmail.com)

If you would like to be on the Benefice email group please contact Rev Nigel Fry via email at [enfrys@gmail.com](mailto:enfrys@gmail.com)

If you would like to be on the Benefice Whatsapp group please join Whatsapp (by downloading the app) and emailing your phone number to [enfrys@gmail.com](mailto:enfrys@gmail.com)

St Faith's Church in Kilsby will continue to be open during the day for personal prayer. We hope to be able to have St Mary's in Barby open from next week (once the roof work is finished).

*For further information see the Church of England website.*

Rev Nigel Fry (Tel: 07854 810 588)  
The Vicarage, 4 West End, West Haddon, Northants, NN6 7AY

### St. Faith's Church

April 5th is Palm Sunday when, normally, palms are distributed to the congregation. Blessed palms will be left on the table near the main entrance of St. Faith's for people to take one if they wish.

Should you want a palm and are unable to go to the church please let me know and I will do my best to get one delivered. The church building will be unlocked as usual.

Thursday 14th May is the date of the Vestry and AGM meeting at 7.30 pm in the church. Whether this takes place will depend on the situation nearer the time.

(Gill Mason, Churchwarden, Tel. 822658)

## KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Due to the current situation all worship and meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Those who would like to follow a weekly podcast service or daily devotions from the URC can do so via the link:

[devotions.urc.org.uk](http://devotions.urc.org.uk)

The cafe at the chapel is also closed until further notice and there will be no Scrabble or Sewing Group (Kilsby Stitchers).

We look forward to seeing everyone again when we are through this, but in the meantime please keep safe.

# LOCAL KILSBY BUILDER

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from June to September (hopefully.)*

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## **KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION**

(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)



With the uncertainty surrounding us all at the moment, the likelihood is that the annual Garden Competitions this year may be postponed, in line with the Open Gardens, which are to be moved to a date in September, as part of the national NGA arrangements. The plant and seedlings sale, which had been planned for 9<sup>th</sup> May, is also under review, and further information will be circulated about both these events when it is possible to confirm dates.

The annual Produce Show is still planned for 6<sup>th</sup> September, by which time we are all hoping that life has returned closer to normal. The Photograph classes have now been confirmed as 'UK Wildlife' and 'Street Furniture'. Please note that all entries must be a maximum of 7" x 5", and that they must be unmounted, with no white border, in order to be eligible for judging. Don't forget that this year we will have a class for 'Flavoured Gin', and keep an eye open, when the schedule is circulated, for any other new classes which may be added.

Above all, enjoy the enforced opportunity to spend more time than ever in the garden this year, and maybe we will see some new members in the Association as a result! If you are not a member, and would like to join, please contact Carol Chamberlain on 01788 823920 (carol@profitlinkgroup.co.uk).

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

(From Ian Weston Tel: 01788 823332)



Kilsby will be participating in the Community Speed Watch again this year. We are still looking for volunteers who could spend an hour at a time to help with this as last year we were really struggling with a core of only six from the whole of the village, so please help us make Kilsby a safer place to live.

Some of you may have noticed the 30 mph sign coming into the village on the A361 has been knocked down, with skid marks left on the verge. If anyone had been walking along there at the time it could well have had catastrophic results!

Community Speed Watch is the only opportunity for individuals to formally monitor speeding traffic, report back to the Police, and influence road change.

As a result of the 2019 monitoring there will be new measures put into place although this will take some time, as mentioned in the February/March issue of the Kronickle. This proves that we can make a difference so please come and join us.

I have now taken over the Community Speed Watch co-ordinator role and can be contacted via email at [iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk) or on 01788 823332.

### Kilsby History Society

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

Our next meeting was to have been a special one requested by Dr Anthony Gross and hosted by the History Society, when Dr Gross would have talked to us about the life of William de Kilsby. Under the present circumstances that, and our next regular meeting, which was scheduled for Thursday 21st April have been postponed until further notice.

The topic for the May meeting would have been the controversy around Henry VII, Richard III and the Princes in the Tower. The speaker was to be John Perkins.

We hope to reschedule both meetings in due course. Look out for further information in a future edition of Kronickle and on posters.



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# Parish Council to Take Action on the Climate Emergency. What Can You Do To Help?

(From Ian Massey Tel: 07764 254476)

We had storms Ciara and Dennis in February bringing extensive flooding. Australia burned throughout January. 2019 was the most costly Pacific typhoon season ever. 2018 brought us the “Beast from the East” and summer heat waves. 3 hurricanes caused extensive damage to Caribbean Islands and the US in 2017. These were all extreme weather events. The scientific community say that these types of events will become much more frequent and more extreme as global warming continues. Man-made carbon dioxide emissions are major contributors to this warming and even if all emissions were stopped today, warming will continue for many decades to come.

The average temperature for the Earth is around 1°C above pre-industrial levels. Although this does not sound much it represents a much more energetic climate system. This is responsible for the increase in frequency and severity of the weather events which are a consequence of the global warming. Already ice sheets are melting, leading to coastal flooding globally, loss of habitat and extinction of species. Ocean currents are being affected which in turn affect the global weather systems. The global average temperature is continuing to rise above pre-industrial levels and scientists say it will be necessary to keep this increase below 1.5°C by the end of the century to prevent the situation becoming uncontrollable. The problem today is that at current rates of increase, the 1.5°C limit will be reached in around 10 years’ time and will eventually rise to 3° C by the end of the century, unless drastic action is taken now to reduce emissions.

The Coronavirus situation which has developed over the last few weeks has taught us what a Global Emergency means. Although the timescale is longer, the Climate Emergency is likely to be no less severe. The United Nations has declared that climate change is an emergency and in 2019 a large number of countries, including the UK, have declared Climate Emergencies. Within the UK, Climate Emergency declarations have trickled down to local levels. Daventry District Council has recently made such a declaration and is considering what actions they should take. Although much work needs to be done at global and national level, Kilsby Parish Council have decided that they should take a lead in the community by promoting the message to Kilsby residents and encouraging actions which would lead to reduced emissions. Although we are only a small part of the equation but, to coin a phrase, every little helps. **We are the first generation to recognise that there is a Climate Emergency, and the last one which will be able to do anything about it.**

The Parish Council was planning to hold a meeting in the Village Hall to contribute ideas as to what can potentially be done by residents to combat climate change. This has now been postponed because of Coronavirus considerations. It is hoped the meeting can be held at a later date in the not too distant future and details will be included in a future edition of the Kronicle as well as on the village website and Facebook platform. As the Climate Emergency is playing out to a timescale set by the climate, there continues to be a need to **Act Now**. If you are willing to work with the Parish Council to help develop a plan for the community, then please let me know your contact details by emailing me at [imassey@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:imassey@kilsbyvillage.co.uk) . It is intended to set up a Facebook and/or Twitter accounts so that we can keep in touch until the virus restrictions on meetings are lifted. We have already agreed to cooperate informally with the Climate Emergency Groups in Barby and Braunston, both of whom are ahead of Kilsby in developing plans for their communities. In the meantime, please see the Climate Emergency tab on the village website, <http://www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk/> which has links to other sources of information. It includes a Carbon Footprint calculator developed by the University of Chester which will help you assess how much your household contributes towards carbon dioxide emissions.

Please do consider helping us develop a plan for Kilsby **and remember: WE are the last generation that can do anything about mitigating the unpredictable and likely catastrophic effects of climate change.**

Thank you.

Ian Massey



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## KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

We had great fun trying out Pop mobility exercises with Lorraine Geddes in February. We were maybe neither elegant nor very good at it but it was great fun and the idea is to keep moving not to get a '10 from Len! Following music as you move does seem to make it easier for those amongst us (myself included) who can't tell left from right or have two left feet.

Monuments, mountains and markets - Mexico in 3 words! The monuments are amazing, the geology and scenery are spectacular and the markets are vibrant. Roger Butler took us on a journey through Mexico as he relived his travels there. Mexico City is an amazing place full of many strange contradictions, enormous pollution but vast beautiful squares, old colonial buildings and a canal system to rival Venice. You can eat prickly pear or crunchy, salty dried grass hoppers. Where else in the world you see a radish carving festival? And the Mexican Copper Canyon is 3 times larger than the Grand Canyon! Roger was privileged to see the winter home of the amazing Monarch butterfly - which flies there from Canada each year.

Our Mother's Day Stall was again a great success – thank you to everyone who came out and supported us at this very difficult time.

### Next Meeting

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 our monthly meetings are cancelled until further notice.



## NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

(From Karen Burton, [mrsburton@kilsbyprimary.net](mailto:mrsburton@kilsbyprimary.net))  
**(Eds. Please note that this article was written before the news that the schools were being closed because of Covid-19)**



On 11th February the children in Cherry and Maple classes travelled by coach to Leicester to visit the Masjid Umar Mosque. This forms part of our Religious Education curriculum

which requires children to learn about different religious beliefs, and was therefore an opportunity to learn about another faith and experience a different place of worship. The children took a tour of the mosque with a factual talk based on the uses and various parts of the building and the 5 Pillars of Islam. While they were there, they visited the Ablution Area, Prayer Hall and Madrasah facilities. It was an interesting visit.



The Year 5 children attended the annual Candlemas service at Holy Cross Church in Daventry on Thursday 6th February. Lauren and Dylan received a candle and a charge

and the children made promises on behalf of our school. There were Year 5 children from other schools in the area there. Our children behaved extremely well and were a credit to our school, we were very proud of them.

On Tuesday 25th February the whole school took part in the annual pancake toss. The children brought their frying pans and pre-cooked pancakes ready to flip. Parents came along to watch the fun, everyone had a great time.

Also during the months of January and February, all classes in school participated in a Tae Kwon Do session. They learnt some basic moves and had a lot of fun at the same time!



All the children in Cherry class enjoyed a visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester on Friday 6th March. They spent the day exploring the different



galleries and the planetarium, finding out all about space and space travel. They discovered interesting facts about the planets in our solar system and so much more! Everyone had a really brilliant day and behaved beautifully.

It was World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. The children all came to school with a prop in relation to their favourite book and the other children in their class had to guess which book it was. It was fun and created interesting discussion in all the classrooms! Also, in the evening, children came to school in their pyjamas with their parents for a bedtime story together including a nice mug of hot chocolate.

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a Swimming competition on Tuesday 10th March at Daventry Leisure Centre against other schools in our iMAT group. They did really well and had a lot of fun, we have some very competent swimmers, well done to them all!

The children in Chestnut class spent the day at the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham on Thursday 12th March. They enjoyed finding out all about the sea creatures there, including turtles, sharks, penguins, sting rays, sea horses and lots more. They had a really brilliant day!



We all came to school wearing our sports gear on Friday 13th March in aid of Sports Relief. Children brought a donation into school and took part in different sporting activities during the day. We raised a grand total of £97.85 for Sports Relief.

All the children in Rowan and Maple classes have been attending swimming lessons every week at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre in Rugby during the spring term. They have completed most of the allocated sessions and the aim is to ensure that all children are able to swim at least 25 metres and have confidence in the water before they leave Primary School.

We have some exciting activities and trips planned for the summer term, but will have to wait and see if they will go ahead or not due to the Coronavirus situation.

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# KILSBY KRONICKLE KIDS KORNER

## 12 FUN THINGS TO DO INSIDE

1. **Have a picnic inside** - clear the furniture out the way and lay down a blanket on the floor to have a picnic lunch on
2. **Play hide & seek** - 1 person counts to 20 whilst everyone else hides. The counter then has to find everyone! Last person to be found wins! Or you can play sardines...1 person hides and everyone else counts to 20 and then goes to find them. When you find the person who is hiding, you have to hide with them! Eventually everyone will be hiding in the same place, the last person to find everyone loses and the first person wins
3. **Painting & drawing** - pick a random object in your house or from outside, then try your best to draw it (or paint) to look as real as possible
4. **Baking** - visit <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-baking> and pick a recipe to bake, then ask an adult to help you made it!
5. **Make a card** - why not make a card for someone who lives on their own or is in an old people's home to brighten up their day? Fold a piece of card in half, decorate the front, write inside, then ask an adult to help you post it
6. **Play a board game** - pick a board game to play. For example: monopoly, scrabble, snakes and ladders, mouse trap, chess, articulate, dobbble, dinkee linkee, guess who. To name a few
7. **Build a den** - made a den to play in! There are a few different ways to make a den. Under the table: put a large blanket over a table so the edges hang over the sides like walls. Or push pieces of furniture (like dining room chairs) close to a sofa or arm chair and drape a large blanket over the top to make a roof. Fill your den with cushions, duvets and blankets to make it cosy. Then you can read, watch a film or play a game in there!
8. **Watch your favourite film** - then you could write a story about what happens to the characters after the film has ended! If the film had carried on, what would have happened? Or maybe you could write a new story about the same characters?
9. **Make a scrap book** - print off some photos of you and your family/friends and stick them in an empty note book. Why not write next to each picture about what it's about and who is in it. If you don't have any photos, you could carefully cut out pictures you like from a magazine/newspaper/holiday brochure and make a collage
10. **Learn what your parents do at work** - Lots of parents are working from home at the moment, ask if you can learn about what they do and see if you can help! You can pretend to be their secretary or assistant!
11. **Dance** - Make up a dance routine to your favourite song! You could even perform it in front of your family!
12. **Learn something new** - Think about something you've always wanted to learn, then ask an adult to help you look on YouTube.com for videos on how to do it! For example, learn how to play the piano, recorder or guitar. Learn how to plait your hair or tap dance! There are videos to teach you anything



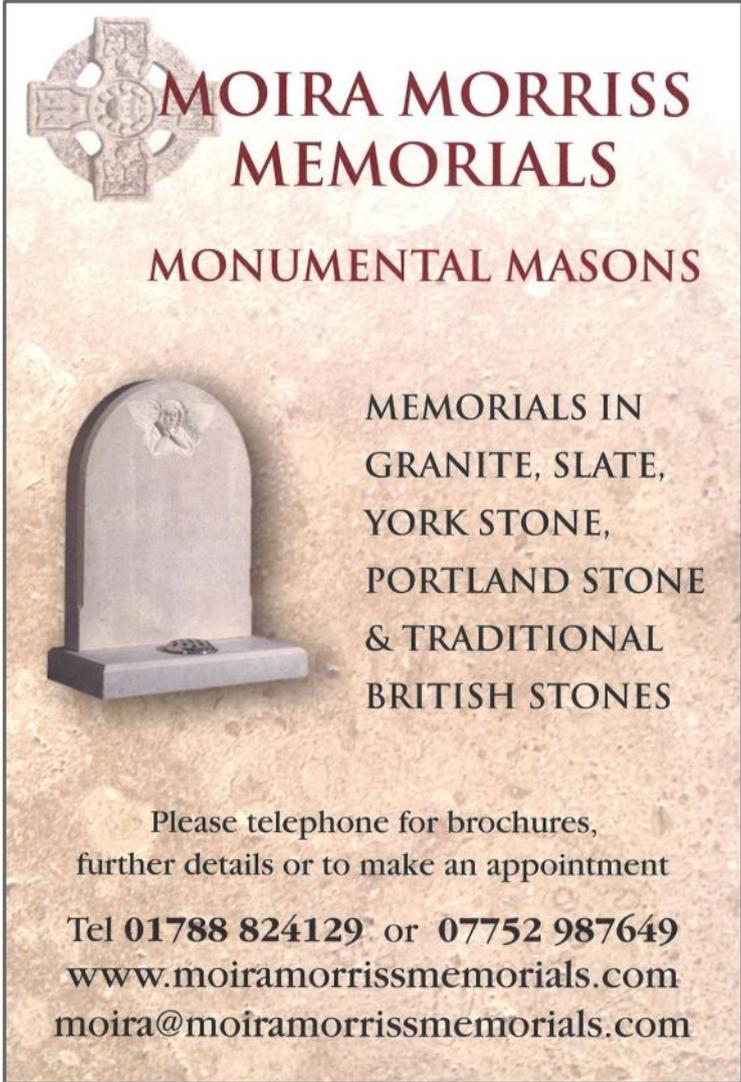
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**Volunteer to help with the Good Neighbours scheme**

**Express interest in helping Speedwatch**

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**AVAILABLE**

**Unwanted but good quality household items (see page 12)**

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