

April-May 2022
Edition no. 144

Dates for your diary

Saturday 2nd April
Spring Clean Litter Pick

Sunday 3rd April
Pre-school Easter Trail

Thursday 7th April
Walking Group Walk

Tuesday 12th April
Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 16th April
Decorating the church for Easter

Sunday 17th April
Walking Group Walk

Saturday 23rd April
Village Hall cinema

Tuesday 3rd May
Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 5th May
Walking Group Walk

Friday 6th May
Oil Club Order Point

Tuesday 10th May
St Faith's SC Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th May
Annual Plant Sale

Sunday 15th May
Walking Group Walk
Kilsby School May Fayre

Tuesday 17th May
PCC Annual General Meeting

Thursday 19th May
History Society Meeting

Wednesday 25th May
Garden Association trip

Early Notice

Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

Sunday 19th June
Open Gardens

Friday 24th June
Strawberries and Wine Evening

Sunday 28th August
Kilsby Fete

Sunday 4th September
Garden and Produce Show

Kilsby Kronickle

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



As we move into spring and the warmer weather is bringing all the lovely flowers around our village into bloom, there is an opportunity to help ensure it looks at its best by joining the 'Spring Clean' Litterpick on 2nd April. Thank you in advance to all those who will be giving up their Saturday morning to clean up after others and make the village attractive for us all. It is good to see that two cherry trees have recently been planted on Devon Ox Green where they will bring pleasure to passersby in springtime for very many years. And it is good to know that Kilsby's long tradition of opening gardens for charity in the summer is continuing with a request for owners to open their gardens this year.

On a slightly darker note the Kilsby Action Group report that we may need to be prepared to fight a possible expansion of DIRFT right down to the northern edge of our village. This is one of the options currently being considered by West Northants Council for its Strategic Plan, and would have very major adverse implications for Kilsby, not least in terms of traffic volumes, and would affect the whole character of the village.

For the time being however we have the summer to look forward to and this edition brings news of lots of activities planned for the coming months, including an Easter Trail, the return of the very popular Village Hall Cinema, the school May Fayre, a village picnic during the Platinum Jubilee Weekend and a second Kilsby Fete at the end of August. If you want to get more involved with the village there are plenty of opportunity to do so with requests for volunteers for the village shop, help at the community café, new members for the PCC, a new churchwarden, or people to join the churchyard mowing team or just volunteer to spend some time helping to tidy the churchyard. Or you might be interested in taking over the tenancy of the Jubilee Plantation.

A new clerk, Emma Gibson, has taken over at the Parish Council and we welcome her and hope she will enjoy the role. Catherine Camp, who stepped back into the job on a locum basis when our previous clerk, Clare, went on maternity leave is now 'retiring' from the Kilsby role for the second time, and we would like to thank her for all her help and support over the last 18 months.

Finally there is a piece on page 22 paying tribute to one of the most familiar faces in the village over many years - Reg Dunn - who has moved away from the Rugby area. We wish him well in his retirement.

KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

March 2022

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs
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Well Spring has sprung; the weather is getting warmer and the days longer. Let's hope we don't get locked down this year.

What's happening in Kilsby and what is the Council doing on your behalf?

The Council's next meeting will take place on the 12th April at 7:30 pm in Kilsby Village Hall. You are all invited to attend and address the council on any issues you wish the council to be aware of. We may not be able to give you an answer straight away, but the council will consider any issues at the next full meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual Parish Council Meeting will be held this year on Tuesday 3rd May, again commencing at 7:30 pm. I will be chairing it. Please do come along and learn what has been happening over the last twelve months in your village.

New Clerk

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Emma Gibson as the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. Emma is an experienced clerk, having worked with several Parish Councils, and is the current clerk for Spratton and East Haddon. She is fully qualified and holds the 'Certificate in Local Council Administration'. We look forward to working with Emma over the coming years. Catherine who stepped in and has been with us for the past 18 months leaves us at the end of March. We must thank her for all the hard work she has done for the village and wish her all the very best for the future. She now has only Barby and Onley to worry about!

Village 'Spring Clean' Litter Pick

Councillor Will Bridges has organised a litter pick for Saturday 2nd April starting at 9:30 am from the village shop. Free bacon rolls will be provided by the Red Lion and further information about the litterpick and how to volunteer to help is available from Will on 07932 415815 or at wbridges@kilsbyvillage.co.uk

Barby Sporting Club

Thank you to everyone who sent letters to the West Northants Planning Officer responsible for Daventry giving their views on the proposed extension of shooting hours. We understand that the Planning Committee will not be hearing this application until early May and we will keep you informed as we know more.

A361 Lights and Vehicle activation Signs

I am pleased to report that the lights are now operational again and that a new activation speed sign will be installed soon to replace the current one which does not work that well.

Grit Bin

The Council has installed a new grit bin outside Kilsby School to replace the one which was damaged. We thank Councillor Bob Gent and helpers for their hard work.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June are Bank Holidays this year to make a long weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The national events taking place are:

- Thursday 2nd June:** Trooping the Colour in London Lighting of beacons across the UK in the evening.
- Friday 3rd June:** Celebration Service in St Paul's Cathedral
- Saturday 4th June:** Garden Party Buckingham Palace.
- Sunday 5th June:** Every community is encouraged to share the Big Lunch together.

We are hoping that we all can come together on Sunday 5th June by bringing a picnic at either Devon Ox Green or the Recreation Ground and we hope the Church can be lit up in purple and everyone can decorate their houses if possible. I will keep you updated via the web site, Kronickle and Facebook. Please do feel free to make any recommendations to enhance the event and let's all get involved.

Eds. Note: See also note from Gill Mason on page 8 about an exhibition planned for the Jubilee Weekend.

We have also planted two cherry trees on Devon Ox Green. These were very kindly provided by the Japanese Embassy as part of the 'Sakura Cherry Tree Project' which aims to promote friendship between our two countries. We must thank both Catherine and Councillor Weston for their help and hard work. The Council also intends to plant an acer tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Parking around the Village

There are still a number of vehicles regularly parked on pavements around the village, preventing pedestrians getting past without walking on the road. The cars also stop parents with pushchairs from getting past. Can everyone remember that it is their responsibility when parking to ensure pedestrians can still pass by without having to risk injury or worse by having to walk on the road.

Please Park Responsibly.

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Speedwatch

Thank you to Councillor Weston and all of the residents who have volunteered to help with Speedwatch this year to try and slow vehicles down through the village. We all appreciate your efforts.

Western Power Distribution

As you will all be aware Western Power Distribution has been installing a new power cable from Crick to Barby to improve our power supply. This has necessitated their contractors digging extensive trenches and installing two new sub stations in the village. Any damage to highways or verges will be reinstated by them and they have offered to provide plants to help screen the sub stations.

Well, that's about it for this this edition and I can only wish you a great spring and look forward to keeping you all up to date in the next KK.

Howard Gibbs
Chairman Kilsby PC

Eds. Note: Re-creation of Kilsby Skirmish

The re-creation of the Kilsby Skirmish of 1642 which was mentioned in the last edition as a possible event during the Platinum Jubilee Weekend, will not now take place that weekend but we understand that it may be arranged for some time in August 2023.

FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS

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

Recently I visited Roade village hall which every Monday morning has up to 85 people arriving with their shopping bags to buy a weekly food shop from food that would otherwise go to landfill. Towfood Community Larder is a membership scheme with over 300 members. Annual membership is £10 and it is open to anyone. Members pay as little as £4 a week to purchase ten items, which they can choose from a large selection of dry, tinned and fresh goods, plus as many fruit and vegetables as they can make use of. All the fruit and veg would be going to waste if it wasn't used and this scheme is an amazing way of tackling food insecurity and food waste. For more information here is the link:
<https://www.towfood.org.uk>

With everyone being affected by escalating food and energy prices and being more aware of the scale of food waste in the UK (9.5 million tonnes each year is thrown away) there is definitely a need for similar schemes elsewhere in West Northants. Please contact me if you would be interested in discussing this.

West Northants Council has now pledged to cut its emissions to net zero by 2030 and is launching its Sustainability Strategy at the end of March. (The Climate Strategy which was going to be announced in time for COP26 back in November didn't happen.) Let's hope that there is real detail in the content, and in particular information about how it will inform the selection of sites in the draft full Strategic Plan, two of which could severely impact on Kilsby. These are the 63 hectare employment site next to the village and the 106 hectare site on the eastern side of J18. These choices really could be the test of the Council's commitment to its 'green and clean' priority. West Northants already has a gigantic 182 hectare Northampton Gateway logistics park under

construction by J15. Could our Council seriously permit another one only three junctions further north up the M1? Local voices need to speak louder and your Parish Council is meeting with neighbouring ones to consider how to respond to this threat to our rural communities. **(Eds. see also article from KAG on page 10.)**

With the grim news today that ten million people have now fled their homes in Ukraine following the Russian invasion it's heartening to see how our communities are responding to try and support the victims of this humanitarian tragedy. Donations of items, fundraising for transportation, Russian-Ukrainian speakers offering translation help, offers to accommodate refugees and not least the Crick and West Haddon Scout Group together walking the equivalent of the distance from Crick to Kyiv (1478 miles) to raise funds for The Scouts in Ukraine. What fantastic young people (and their leaders) we have in our villages!

Councillor Rosie Humphries

St. Faith's Church Floodlight Commemoration

14th February
Loving thoughts of Sally

Remembered by Family and Friends

FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN CHANTLER

Assistant Cabinet Member for Planning and Rural Affairs, West Northamptonshire Council
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West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) continues to manage and organise the area formerly covered by NBC, SNC and DDC, together with those parts of former NCC which are relevant here.

The major effort this month has been in the production and approval of the budget for next year. It is a legal requirement that this is completed before the end of February and our budget was approved by Council on 24th February. There is much in the budget which is of limited interest to the everyday lives of most of us but the greatest interest obviously lies in the setting of the Council Tax for the next twelve months.

The Council Tax is made up of a number of contributory items. WNC basic Council Tax has been increased by the allowed maximum of 1.99 percent to which must be added an increase in Adult Social Care, the demands of the Police and the Fire and Rescue services and the Parish Council precept. For the coming year the figures for a Band D Property in Kilsby are as follows:

Basic WNC £1,422.20; Adult Social Care £173.32; Total WNC £1,595.52; Parish Council £98.69; Police £278.04; Fire and Rescue £68.20; Total £2,040.45. The WNC Average Total will be £2,040.59 so you are just below the average.

A brief meeting was organised to discuss the flooding problems in Yelvertoft with the Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, WNC and your three Ward Members. This was a disappointing meeting as everyone was agreed that there was a serious problem but no-one would commit to doing anything about it. We shall continue to pursue this matter.

Other notable achievements of WNC include a commitment to assist with the homing of refugees from Ukraine and the successful prosecution of some fly tippers. At a recent meeting the cabinet has agreed a deal with Northampton Town Football Club regarding land for the completion of the stand. As we approach the end of our first year we are pleased to end the year with a balanced budget and a small surplus to carry forward.

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

Eur Ing Councillor Alan Chantler CEng FBCS CIP

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 * **GARDEN ON** *
 * **SUNDAY 19TH JUNE** *

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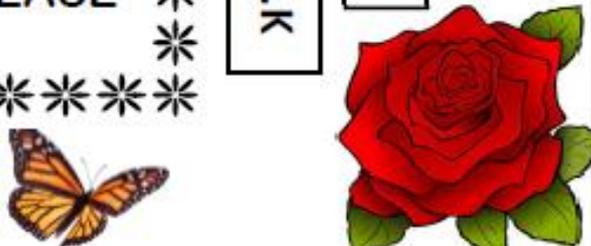
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KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel 822197)

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th May when we'll be welcoming back John Perkins. He spoke to us in November last year about the possible fate of the 'Princes in the Tower'.

His subject this time will be very different. It is entitled 'Sixteen Warnings from the Titanic' and aims to give us an insight into the errors and failings which led up to the tragedy.

We meet as usual in the Kilsby Room and the talk starts at 7.30 pm. Entrance is £2 for History Society members and £3 for everyone else. Everyone is welcome to come.

WANTED

To Buy or Rent

Secure Garage / Workshop / Lock-up / Barn

Needed for storage of a large classic car

**Call or send a message to
07747011573**

The Jubilee Plantation

(From Janet Chappell, Tel: 01788 822764
Clerk & Trustee - Kilsby Pools Land Charity)

Are you passionate about trees? Are you committed to nurturing habitats for wildlife? If so, would you consider taking on the management of an area of woodland, the Jubilee Plantation? You would be making an important contribution to our community by supporting one of Kilsby's designated green spaces.

The Jubilee Plantation is the 6.5 acres of land south of the Rugby - Northampton railway line, adjacent to the A5. It has been under the dedicated care of Bob Wilson since 1983. Initially he farmed it with arable crops but in 2002 it was planted in perpetuity as woodland under a Forestry Commission scheme.

Bob now wishes to retire so Kilsby Pools Land Charity is seeking a new tenant to replace Bob. If this is of interest to you and you would like more information do contact Bob on **07766704683**.

WANTED – MOWER MEN (AND WOMEN)

(From Ian Lee, 'Verona', Chapel Street, Kilsby
Tel: 07552 963650)

Ever wondered who keeps the churchyard grounds looking tidy?

Well it's a small group of local volunteers and we always welcome some more to the team.

We split the ground in to three sections - Hall Close, Central and School Side. We have a rota running from mid March to early November where people can choose which part they would like to cut on which day and how many times throughout the season. Some people volunteer just once, some up to six times.

The mower and fuel are provided.

If you could spare some time (it takes about 1½ hours per section) please contact me (details above).

SCHOOL MAY FAYRE



CHURCHYARD TIDY

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Many thanks to the person who volunteered to help tidy the churchyard. It would be good to have a few more people.

If you can help, please contact me on the number above.



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ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

Coffee Morning

Our coffee morning on 22nd February raised £46.00. The weather wasn't so nice this time but the regulars still came.

Quiz

The quiz on 12th March gave us a profit of £291.20. Once again it was a very enjoyable night and we hope to have another one in November. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Future Events

The next coffee morning in the Village Hall will be on Tuesday 10th May. **Please note the change of date from 17th May given in last time's Kronickle.** Come and enjoy a chat with coffee and some lovely cakes. £2.50 on the door plus raffle.

Our Strawberries and Wine Evening is Friday 24th June. The venue, provisionally, is Orchard House, but this might change. Watch out for posters and more information in the next Kronickle. Cost £8.00.

Best wishes to all. Take care and keep safe.

KILSBY VILLAGE HALL CINEMA
Are pleased to be back!

Saturday 23rd April 2022
Come and join us for refreshments at 7:30pm
Film starts 8:00pm (CERT PG)



Tickets £7.00 each
Tickets on sale at the Village Shop
Also available from Ruth Axtell 01788 823662/07814 106401
Julie Bunyan 01788 823707/07940 525272

All proceeds to the Village Hall

The Queen's 70th Jubilee

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

For the Jubilee Bank Holiday I am going to mount an exhibition in the church to show how Kilsby celebrated the Coronation and other Jubilees.

The exhibition will include scenes of Kilsby as it was in the 1950s. If you lived in Kilsby during that decade and would like to share your memories, I will be pleased to hear from you.



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SUNDAY 3RD APRIL 2022
14.00-16.00

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- 👉 ENJOY AN EGG-CITING HUNT FOR YOUR EASTER PRIZE!!

£2 PER MAP. MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON....

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:
Friday 6th May and Friday 8th 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 Recreation Ground
Rugby Road**

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

KILSBY

SUMMER

F T T E

**SUN 28th AUGUST 2022
1PM - 6PM**

**STALLS FOOD & DRINK
RAFFLE**

LIVE MUSIC

**DOG SHOW BEER TENT
COMPETITIONS AND GAMES
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

KILSBY ACTION GROUP

(e-mail kilsbyaction@gmail.com)

KAG continues to pursue the local authority in connection with the proposed development at Barby Road by Richborough Estates. The latest situation is that we are informed by our planning consultant that the planning officer managing the case has asked the developer for responses to the objections including KAG's formal report and objection and they have not been forthcoming. We have asked all three of our ward Councillors to press the council on this matter, we will keep pushing for a decision and keep you updated.

KAG is in discussions with West Northants Council about the consultation for development sites in the region which will form the basis of the local plan. One of the sites identified is an extension of DIRFT which will build in the direction of the village. We have already succeeded in getting the leader of the council to visit the site and see the proposal from the village's perspective. A campaign by KAG to oppose this development is going to be a much larger proposition than the campaigns against housing development in the village. The support of large numbers of people in the village will be needed to mount a strong campaign and we will need to fund raise on a much bigger scale than previously, KAG is happy to lead on this but it really does affect the whole village in a major way and to have any chance we need a lot of support. If you haven't already please add your name to our mailing list kilsbyaction@gmail.com so we can update you. It is our intention to have a public meeting shortly and will publish the date as soon as possible. Please register by email your interest in attending the meeting.

Decorating St. Faith's for Easter

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

We shall be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 16th April from 9.00 am onwards.

Please come and join us.

Refreshments will be available.

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To date we have given out nearly 80,000 door stickers and if you know of an older person who would like to have one, please email us at info@ablecommunitycare.com telling us how many you would like and the address to send them to.

NATURE NOTES

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

Today (March 10th) has been a lovely Spring day and suddenly the mood is lifted and I am reminded of a little ditty from childhood. I'm sure it's familiar to others. I hope it makes you smile too!

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the boidies is,
The boids is on the wing, Naa, dats obsoid, The wings is on the boids!

So Spring must be here – I have seen two enormous bumble bees and my first butterfly – a Brimstone. It will have emerged from hibernation perhaps from a shed or hanging well camouflaged among leaves. Brimstones are attracted to yellow flowers so it makes sense for them to emerge on warmer March days when there are so many daffodils and primroses to feed on. Once this year's caterpillars have emerged in late summer, they prefer purple blooms like thistles and teasels – it shows how what we grow in our gardens is so intertwined with what wildlife needs. Look out for Orange-Tips, Peacocks & Small Tortoiseshells, all seen in early Spring.

Our lovely wildlife pond is once again devoid of frogspawn – I think my previous tiny ponds with lots of covering have proved more popular. I was hoping for breeding toads but we are equally happy to have lots of newts – last year the emerging froglets were all eaten by newts in a single sitting (how greedy!) but at least it helped them with their breeding efforts. I saw my first newt last night on a torchlit patrol round the garden which was exciting! Why was I doing this – keep reading!

I have continued to monitor birds in the garden every week and notice numbers and species are lower now, most likely as they have gone elsewhere to nest. There are certainly fewer finches (apart from goldfinches) and who sees a thrush in their garden anymore? A rare treat to see this once common garden bird.

I have also just started looking for moths again as the nights have been quite mild – I just have to learn the species all over again but as this is my third year, I may remember a few more – you never know. Trouble is they say Covid might have caused a 2% brain shrinkage so it doesn't bode well.

My other reason for the torchlit patrol is to look for Victoria, Hall Close/Manor Road's very own free-range hen. She used to chase the jackdaws away but is now quite happy to share food with them! She is very beautiful and I was going to ask for ideas of how to catch her but today Jean's ingenious trap aided by a piece of wood and a long string did the trick and Victoria is now back home telling her sisters Mary and Elizabeth about her adventures!

The following morning witness told Crock what he had heard.

The Bench said they were clearly of opinion that the defendant did commit the offence, and that it was both cruel and abominable. If fined, the cost would fall on the parents; so, as a warning to himself and others, the prisoner would be sent to prison for one calendar month, with hard labour.

Menageries in Kilsby

An 1838 news report records that 'Mr John Cowley of Kilsby' owned a stuffed bear. He lived at Kilsby Hall (at the bottom of Church Walk), and family anecdotes relate that the bear was one of several animals kept in a sort of private menagerie in his grounds. The bear escaped on one occasion, and attacked a child – and it subsequently ended up at the premises of John Wadsworth the taxidermist in Daventry.

John Cowley's menagerie was not the only one in Kilsby – in the early 1900s a certain Major Forwood lived at The White House (on Barby Road, adjoining the Independent Chapel) ... and I can do no better than give you the story just as it was told to me 20 years ago by the late Mr "Bonny" Mason:

"The White House had stables up at the top of their land, and they had grooms that used to live in. There used to be a shed where they kept their two monkeys – and they had two scottie dogs, and two bull-terriers, and a mule – Miriam, it was called, and it was a right 'un! It'd bite anything, that mule – and so would the monkeys!

When old Matt Conopo used to work there, he used to have to take their washing into Rugby; and he was taking it in one day, in the gig, when a copper came up to him to say something – and the old mule took hold of this copper in the shoulder and shook him like an old rat.

Nearly had me, them monkeys did. I used to have to go along to old Forwood's; through the old gate at the chapel end of the house. I was round there one day, and went underneath a tree; I never saw this monkey, but he dropped down on my shoulder and grabbed me at the back of the neck – anyhow, I caught hold of him and bashed him on the floor, by crikey that upset him! And he was just getting up to fly at me, when one of the skivvies came out and stopped him – they'd take notice of her, 'cos she'd belted them a time or two!

They set the house on fire once, you know, those monkeys. They had oil lamps in those days – and they tipped one of them over and set the house on fire. They used to be up and down at the big glass windows – and of course, the young chaps used to go there and act about outside to get them all worked up, they made them a jolly sight worse".

Kilsby Village Shop

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

Spring is in the air at our Village Shop.



With the clocks having just gone forward and spring starting to show itself, crocuses, tulips and daffodils will brighten up the village. Hedges will sport blossom, new lambs will be in the fields, there will be longer daylight hours and hopefully some sunnier days, which I am sure will be welcomed by us all.

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

- We are pleased to update that we have now filled the part-time role within the shop. A big thank you to Alison, who not only is one of our fabulous volunteers but will now be managing the shop on Mondays. Also, a warm welcome to our new member of the team Abi who will be managing the shop on a Sunday morning; both reporting to Sarah. Our appreciation goes to all our volunteers: you are amazing, fabulous, and so flexible – filling in at short notice with a smile. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our friendly team so if you can spare a couple of hours per week; either joining our existing volunteers or if you have a friend or neighbour you would like to join with then please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you. (See advert on page 19.)
- We have an amazing range of produce within the shop with not just everyday items but local speciality produce: artisan flours and cereals milled at Leicestershire's Claybrooke Mill, clear honey from the beehives at Barby, our bakery selection from John Dwyer and Whittlebury Bakery, 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. The outside storage units have allowed us to stock a greater range of seasonal fruit and veg, we also stock a great range of fuel: logs, kindling and coal which have been much appreciated in the colder weather by those lucky enough to have open fires and wood burners. Spring means venison is also in season, and we are now stocking locally sourced lean steaks, diced meat, faggots, chorizo and yummy sausages - traditional and chilli.
- We have acquired a new eco-conscious supplier of crisps! Two Farmers have surprising and exciting flavours: 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 with their products!
- From our KVS logo supplier come new Martin Frobisher fruit juices: Sparkling Raspberry & Rhubarb with Bergamot, Ginger & Juniper and Bumbleberry Summer Fruits juice - both of which have received great feedback from our customers. So why not pop into the shop and give the two new products a try? There is a free taster morning on Saturday 2nd April.



Mother's Day is the 27th of March. We are creating our very own Kilsby Village Mother's Day Cream Teas – a pretty floral plate arrangement of scones, cream and individual pot of jam, to share with Mum. So why not treat her (or someone you appreciate) and pop into the shop to place your order with Sarah. We also stock a great selection of cards.



- Easter is fast approaching! To celebrate, we have a lovely range of Easter eggs, cards, yummy Fatherson's cakes and scrumptious hot cross buns from John Dwyer and Whittlebury Bakeries.
- We are taking Easter orders for Chapmans of Lutterworth Butchers, so if you want to order your meats for the holidays; please pop in to see Sarah, or give the shop a call on 07469 255517, alternatively you can place an order at villageshop.kilsby@gmail.com Delivery is free.
- Your shop has been supporting the project of two of Kilsby's residents Simon & Sophie in their work at collecting essential items for the people of the Ukraine. A massive thank you for the support our village has given so far and if you would like to give items or donate, please pop into the shop for further details.

Yay!! We celebrate 4 amazing years this month (24th March) as your village community shop. Yes, it has been that long since we opened our doors to you all.

The committee, shareholders, manager Sarah and all our volunteers would like to say a huge thank you to all our customers, far and wide, for their continued support. We hope you will continue to support us as we start our fifth year; ensuring the longevity of your village shop.



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



FREE HONEY BEE SWARM COLLECTION



Contact Laura or Steve to get a swarm collected or for advice on wasps' nests.

Phone 07904 012128

ST. FAITH'S CHURCH

Services for Holy Week and Easter

For details of these services, please look at the Church Noticeboard nearer the time.

Details of the Good Friday Walk of Witness are on page 14.

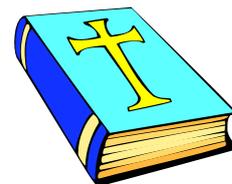
Parochial Church Council

AGM

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

The Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be held in the church on Tuesday 17th May at 7.00 pm.

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.

Services

Sunday mornings at 11.00 am

April

3rd Songs of Praise
10th Mr Trevor Boys
17th Mr Cecil Gill
24th Rev Liz Adams

May

1st Mr Tony Cervantes
8th Mr Andrew Howes HC
15th Mr Cecil Gill
22nd David and Pat Biddle
29th Joint Service at Kilsby URC
Rev Craig Muir

Good Friday Walk

15th April. Leave St. Faith's Church at 10.00 am. Walk around the village and back to the Chapel at approximately 11.30 am for hot cross buns

Scrabble

Wednesdays 1.00 pm. Everyone is welcome

Sewing Group

Every other Friday 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Community Café

Every Monday and Thursday morning 9.00 until 12.00 noon. Teas, coffees, breakfasts etc. Everyone is welcome.

We still urgently need help in the Community Café. The work isn't hard and you can meet lots of people and enjoy good conversation and laughter. Any help you could give would be appreciated - it is only on Monday and Thursday mornings.

Contact: Val Janes (Tel 822751) and Ann Tailby (Tel: 822140).



Facing issues with your laptop or tech?

I can get your devices back up and running in no time. My name is Tim Banks, and I am an IT support specialist based in Kilsby. With 30 years of experience in this industry, I have the expertise and knowledge to offer IT set-up and solutions for your homes or business. I offer my services in Rugby, Daventry and surrounding villages. I accept payments through BACS, PayPal, cheque and cash. Whatever your IT requirements or problems are, I am here to help. After an initial phone consultation, home visits can be arranged or I can connect remotely to solve simple problems.

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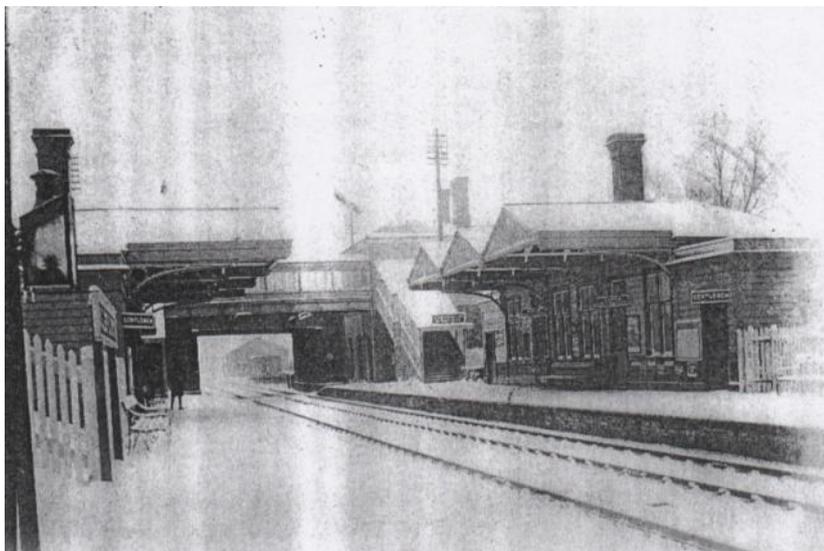
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KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

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



In this picture Kilsby and Crick Station lies under a blanket of snow in 1909.

The station was over a mile from either of the villages it was meant to serve. It opened in 1881 and closed in 1960. There is an information board along the A5 close to where the station once stood.

Kilsby and Crick signal box with assembled railway staff and dog! The Stationmaster is standing by the signal box door.

This photo was probably taken in the late 1800's or early the next century



This photo shows the Stationmaster's house and the rear view of the station cottages, demolished in 2010 to make way for DIRFT expansion..

Eds: We are re-printing below an article written by the late Gren Hatton and originally published in Kronickle in the June-July 2013 edition. A longer version of this piece with illustrations is available from the KK History Downloads page at <http://www.westnorthantshistory.co.uk/kilsby/kilsby-published-articles>

MAN'S BEST FRIEND

(By Gren Hatton)

Animals are a major aspect of country life – but our modern attitude to cruelty to animals differs widely from that of our ancestors, as these old newspaper reports illustrate:

Northampton Mercury - 23rd July 1825

The Lion Fight, it now appears, will take place at Warwick on Tuesday 26th inst. The lion is backed against six bulldogs, which are to be let go three at a time. If the lion is successful in the first onset, he is to have 20 minutes rest before the remaining three dogs are to be sent in. The fight is to take place in a large iron cage, 57 feet round by 15 feet high, placed in the centre of a brick building, round which seats are erected for the accommodation of spectators, who will remain in perfect safety during the extraordinary spectacle. There has been no exhibition of the sort in this country since the reign of King James, and then the dogs were set on one at a time; the lion was, of course, victorious. The lion arrived at Warwick last week, and has been placed in the centre of the Amphitheatre. The agreement specifies that if the receipts amount to £500, the owner of the ground is to receive £100, and other sums are specified to be paid, in proportion to the receipts.

Northampton Mercury - 29th April 1871

Kilsby - John Coleman, a lad of eleven years, was charged with cruelly ill-treating a donkey, the property of William Crock of Kilsby. Complainant said he saw his donkey alive and well in Mr. Lickorish's field on Saturday 25th of March. On the 27th he went to the field, and found the donkey dead. The defendant was employed bird-tending in a field. Mr. Lickorish said to the boy, "Did you see anybody in my field on Sunday?" The defendant said, "No, I was not there". Mr. Lickorish then said, "You lying rascal, I saw you there myself, when I went across the field with a bit of hay".

George Linnett said he was in Nortoft-lane, on the 28th of March, about six o'clock in the evening, when the defendant came out of a field. Witness asked him if he was riding Crock's donkey on Sunday. Defendant said, "No," but afterwards said "Yes, we were riding Crock's donkey. There was another boy, Thomas Bedding". Witness said, "Had you a stick?" Defendant said, "Yes, a good thick stick. We knocked the donkey down and kicked him".

GARDENERS' CORNER

April Showers?

Dry settled weather is forecast until the end of March. If it continues into April keep an eye on watering newly planted things that may dry out. Having read that, don't be surprised if we have a soggy April!

"Tray-bake" hardy annuals

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.

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. Job done – no weed problem. We did this with a packet of "butterfly annuals" last year and it gave a great display right through to October.

Get the kids gardening

The "tray bake annuals" are a great way to get the kids involved. It is a pretty foolproof way of getting a great result and they will love peeking in the bags every day to see if things have germinated yet.

Jobs to do in April

Weed and mow.
Sow all those hardy annuals

Jobs to do in May

Weed and mow again!
Sow French beans in the last week in May...
..and then get those summer pots out too.
Now sit in the garden and enjoy it – at last.

Times past...

In 'Directions for the Gardiner', John Evelyn, 1686:-

'Weeder: Note that whilst the Gardiner rolls or Mowes, the Weeder is to sweepe & clense in the same method, and never to be taken from that work 'til she have finished: first the gravell walkes & flower-bordures; then the Kitchen-Gardens; to go over all this she is allowed One moneth every three-moneths, with the Gardiners assistance of the haw, & rough digging; where curious hand-weeding is lesse necessary.'

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

We may well have had a mild winter, but Spring finally seems to be making an appearance, and the village gardens are already showing their usual array of colour, so we all need to be turning thoughts to plans for gardening in 2022.

KGPA have begun their season with a most enjoyable Gardener's party on 11th March, and thanks go to John and Ann Madigan for hosting the event, as well as to Rosemary Gibbs for a challenging quiz, won by Rose Spry and Diane Graham, who now have the unenviable task of preparing questions for next year's event!

Meanwhile, the annual plant sale will take place on the village green at 10.30 am on Saturday 14th May, and on Wednesday 25th May there will be a trip to Westbrook House, with a cream tea.

Judging of the Garden Competitions will be on Saturday 18th June, with the Open Gardens taking place on Sunday 19th June.

The annual Produce Show in the Village Hall on 4th September will round off the season. This year's photo competition will be on the themes of "Roofs" and "Human Encounters", so now is the time to be getting your entries ready.

If you are not yet a member of KGPA, but think that this all seems like good fun, why not join us. For the princely sum of £3 per year per household you can have access to all that goes on in the Association, as well as discounts off your garden plants and accessories and a chance to join in all our events. Contact me for details.

ST. FAITH'S CHURCH

Can you help?

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) still needs more members.

There is also an urgent need for a second Churchwarden to share the work with Gill Mason.

If you would like more information about either of these roles then please contact either Gill Mason on 822658 or the Rev Nigel Fry 07854 810588 or at enfrys@gmail.com

It would be lovely to get some younger people involved. We cannot keep leaving these jobs to the older generation.

Kilsby Women's Institute

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel:823939)

In February Alex Wood gave us an interesting insight into the early days of the police force in Northampton. His ancestor William Spencer was in that early force for a time until he was invalided out due to injuries received whilst on duty. Let's hope his life in retirement was a bit calmer!

The WI changed Carmen Harrington's life! After hearing a talk by a hypnotherapist she was so fascinated that she trained as a therapist herself... so starting a new era of her life. She talked to us about the workings of the mind and how hypnotherapy can help resolve some of the problems we all have to deal with in the modern world.

During our meeting in March we held a collection for refugees from Ukraine and were delighted to collect over £100 which we have donated to the Red Cross. Sue Dobson was able to tell us that a van load of medical supplies donated from the various surgeries she works with had arrived safely in Ukraine. The man who drove the van over there has now joined the Ukrainian army to fight for the freedom of his country.

Hopefully our lives are getting back to normal after the pandemic - as WI being able to hold our usual Mother's Day stall demonstrated! Do look out around the Jubilee weekend for some strange new growths on the tree near the WI planter..... :-)

Coming up we have 'the pink hair lady' Lucy Swales who will talk about bespoke wig making and Daniel Pinder who will tell us about 'tax, care & toy boys!'

Our meetings are at 19:30 on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £5.

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

January Winners

£40 (58) A F Biles; £30 (27) J Mieth;
£20 (16) J Prendergast; £20 (35) B Asbury
£10 (4) M Wirtz

February Winners

£100 (89) C White; £65 (72) N Duffin;
£40 (69) T Dougan; £40 (37) M Mills;
£20 (49) D Hoskins

CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Staff Changes

After seventeen years delivering, Reg Dunn has retired and he and Vivienne have moved to Nottinghamshire. I'm sure you would thank Reg for his service and wish them both well in their new home.

Meeting For Carers

The practice is taking part in an event for Carers at Long Buckby Community Centre on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd June. The event is being organised by Long Buckby Surgery who have asked our practice to take part. The last event was held in 2019 and was a huge success.

Local businesses and charities who can provide help and assistance to carers are invited to take part and there will be tea /coffee, cakes and a raffle.

Training days

The dates for the training days are as follows: -6th April, 25th May, 22nd June, 13th July, 19th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November and 14th December.

Patients Participation Group

As mentioned in my last article, the group need new members so if anyone is interested, please contact me or Lizzie Shisler at the surgery.

Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Sharon King, 01788 823264

Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery



The committee would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery so far. The lucky number for February was drawn on Saturday 12th February and was 125. Well done to Elaine Morrice who won £60. The lucky number for March was drawn on Saturday 12th March and was 118. Well done to Rob Chamberlain who won £65.

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 2022, which will be our 20th year and will take place on **Saturday 3rd December 2022**.

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 9 th April 2022
May	Saturday 14 th May 2022
June	Saturday 11 th June 2022

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

Thank you
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



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A Community Owned Project


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Searching for
Volunteers



We need your help!

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NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

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

The weeks have flown by since our last report. At last things are really getting back to normal and we are starting to receive visitors in school and organising trips for the children again.

We celebrated National Book Reading week at the beginning of February, by reading stories from various different authors. Also, the children enjoyed looking through the books for sale at the visiting Scholastic Book Fair during that week. Book sales at the fair resulted in the school being awarded £352.55 to spend on free books for school which is fantastic!

On Friday 11th February everyone came to school out of uniform and with at least one item of clothing worn inside out in support of Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness day. With this in mind, in school we have been looking at the theme 'It's the Inside that Matters'. Children took part in activities in class relating to mental health awareness and looking after themselves including square breathing and yoga.

On Tuesday 1st March the children took part in pancake relays on the playground! It was great fun; even the parents joined in, having a go at pancake flipping!

It was World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March and staff and children came to school dressed as their favourite book character, or as a reader. As always, everyone had lots of fun during the day and the outfits were great!



Also, during the day, we were lucky enough to have time on Zoom listening to an author who told us all about how she writes her books. The children were really excited, as she had a new book and they were the 'first people in the world' to hear it, as it's not even on sale yet!

After half term, children in Reception enjoyed exploring their topic of 'Pirates and Under the Sea'. They have dressed up as pirates and spent time playing in the pirate ship in their classroom! In connection with this topic they enjoyed a trip to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham on 15th March. They had an amazing time looking at, and learning



all about the different creatures and fish that live in the sea. There were penguins, turtles, stingrays, starfish and lots more! Huge thanks to our hardworking KSA who covered the cost of the coach for this trip.

The class spent one day in February celebrating the Chinese New Year. The children helped to chop vegetables for a stir fry during the morning and then they enjoyed tasting it in the afternoon. They all thought the food was 'Yummy' and it showed, because everyone had a clean plate! Earlier that same week Chestnut class created a Chinese dragon using prints and paints. During the afternoon they created music for the dragon and enjoyed making it dance!

In their RE lesson at the beginning of March, the children learnt about Palm Sunday and acted out the story. All the children enjoyed taking it in turns to act out being the donkey, Jesus and his disciples. They made their own palm leaves and flags to wave when Jesus arrived!



Very recently the Reception and Year 1 children were really excited to have a little lamb visitor, who came into the classroom. They loved feeding her with a bottle and giving her cuddles.

The Year 5 children in Hawthorn class have taken part in a big art project constructing their own cityscape across the school playground! They also enjoyed creating cityscape silhouettes and another time painting their own Claude Monet paintings.

During one lesson they took part in drama fit for a king! They enjoyed an afternoon of acting where they wrote scripts based upon Anglo-Saxon Kings v Vikings. They have also enjoyed designing, inventing, advertising and pitching, coming up with some fantastic ideas.



In Maths the Year 1's in Cherry class learnt all about the days of the week and months of the year and the children enjoyed exploring 'Before and After.' The lesson was finished off with a quiz rounding up all they had learnt during the week. The children also had a go at designing their own setting and character. They really

enjoyed this and used these ideas to write their own stories.

Cherry Class have enjoyed writing their own story and practicing '1 more and 1 less' in Maths. They've had a lesson learning all about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and became scientists themselves, examining dinosaur poo to see if they could identify whether the dinosaur was a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore!

In PE they have been practicing their ball skills working well together and following instructions.

Hazel class have been learning all about the different types of teeth and their functions, in their science lesson. They used salt dough to recreate their own teeth.

They have also enjoyed learning in 'Topic' about Mummification and having great fun trying to mummify each other. At a later date, they had a go at mummifying a tomato! Time was spent discussing Anubis and the children designed their own masks.



In March the Year 2, 3 & 4 children in Cedar & Hazel classes enjoyed an Ancient Egyptian day in school! Their day started with a visit from Queen Cleopatra who came in to school to talk to them all about the Ancient Egyptians, how they lived, what they wore, what they ate. They heard all about Pharaohs, pyramids and mummification. The children found it so interesting and had lots of questions themselves.

During the day, the children had a go at Egyptian dancing, building pyramids and playing a game of Mancala which is a strategy board game played in those times, with small stones, beans or seeds and rows of holes or pits in the earth, a board or other surface. The objective is usually to capture all or some of the opponent's pieces. It was a great day.

Miss Walton has been teaching the children Boccia in PE, which is a game similar to bowls.



The Year 6 children in Maple class have been learning all about Greek gods and goddesses. They thought about temples and the children were challenged to create a temple in pairs using a limited number of art straws and paper.

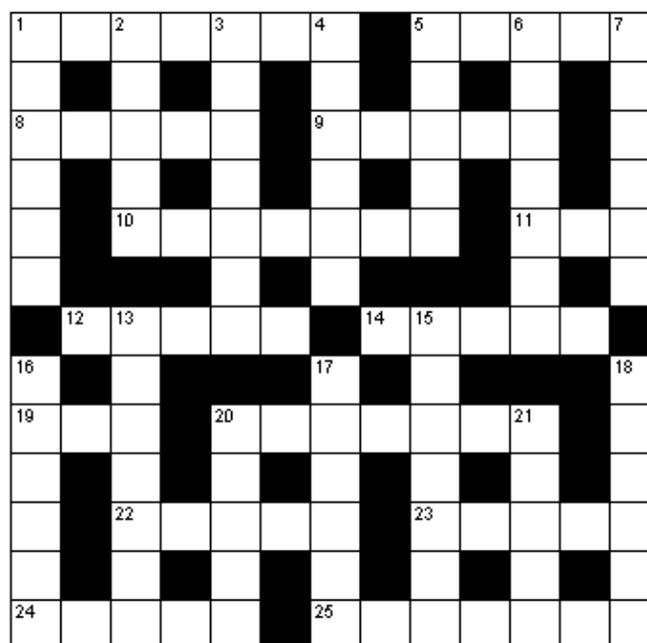
In English the children took part in a 'hot seating' drama activity. They had to take on the role of a character

from a fable and answer questions from others in class. This helped the children to identify how the characters might be feeling and to understand why they acted the way they did in the fable. Also, they enjoyed creating freeze frames for different fables to support their understanding of a range of fables and how characters were feeling. They made their own additions of costumes and props.

All the children in school have shown lots of care and concern for the situation in Ukraine. They have planted sunflowers as this is the National flower of Ukraine, to keep the Ukrainian people in our thoughts. On Friday 18th March everyone came to school dressed in something red, yellow or blue (thinking of Ukraine), we raised a grand total of £179.70 for Comic Relief and also some children brought in boxes of plasters to be sent to help the Ukrainian refugees.

Our Easter holidays will soon be here, I think everyone is ready for a good break before we start a very busy summer term.

CROSSWORD - Solution on page 22



©Puzzle Choice

Across

1. Restricted (7)
5. Perils (5)
8. Detection device (5)
9. Villain (5)
10. The sheltered side (7)
11. Flightless bird of Australia (3)
12. Chasm (5)
14. Complies (5)
19. Prohibit (3)
20. Diplomatic (7)
22. Nimble (5)
23. Light beam (5)
24. Reside (5)
25. Boring (7)

Down

1. Food store (6)
2. Decoration (5)
3. Goals (7)
4. Fin (6)
5. Stiff (5)
6. Stage set (7)
7. Repress (6)
13. Dressing (7)
15. Perplexed (7)
16. Overseas (6)
17. Dialect (6)
18. Tusked marine mammal (6)
20. Test (5)
21. Lariat (5)

Buckby Library & Hub

Buckby Library & Hub is a community managed library and registered charity in the centre of Long Buckby. We aim to serve all villages in the vicinity and you can explore what we offer on our website: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org> We're predominantly run by volunteers, but we have also just appointed a part-time manager, Sam Holst.

Please do drop in to say 'hello' and find out what we do if you're in Long Buckby and have a few minutes to spare. Sam and the volunteers would love to hear from you.

For details of our opening times and all our activities and events, please check our website; you can also email info@buckbylibraryhub.org or phone: 01327 842591.

WALKING GROUP

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

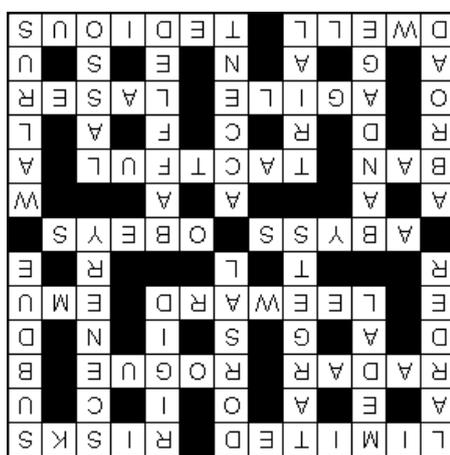
Dates for the next walks are:-

Thursday 7th April
Sunday 17th April
Thursday 5th May
Sunday 15th May

We usually walk about 7/8 miles with a lunch stop after 5 miles. It is possible for walkers to stop at lunch time and either be picked up by a friend or family member, or we can arrange to have a car at the lunch stop to bring walkers back to Kilsby.

For more information contact me (details above).

Solution to Crossword on page 21



REG DUNN - A 'LOCAL HERO'

(From the Editors)

Reg Dunn and his wife, Viv, have recently moved away from Rugby to Nottinghamshire thus ending his very long association with and support for Kilsby, which continued even after they left the village itself at the end of 2017. We thought that we should mark what is in effect the ending of an era with a short tribute to the work Reg has done for Kilsby.

Reg and Viv lived in Kilsby for forty years up until they moved to Bilton in 2017 and brought up their three sons here. In the 1970s and 80s Reg was one of the leaders of the Scout Troop and later he founded and ran a group of Venture Scouts. But it was after he retired from Fords that Reg's involvement in supporting residents in the village began in earnest.

In 2005 he became a voluntary driver for DACT (Daventry Area Community Transport), serving mainly Kilsby, Crick and Barby. He drove many residents to hospital and GP appointments, and regularly took local clubs and community groups, including residents of Stephenson Court, on outings using the DACT minibus. He was also available to drive parties of residents on nights out if there were enough people to cover the cost of hiring the minibus; and for a time he ran regular weekly shopping trips into Rugby for those without their own transport.

At the same time (2005) Reg started delivering prescriptions from Crick Surgery (where Viv already worked) to the village and many residents can testify to the excellence of the service he gave and to the fact that he would always 'go the extra mile', checking in on elderly residents and contacting their families if he had any concerns about them.

Clearly these activities did not keep him fully occupied because in 2007 he joined the Parish Council. He served on the PC for ten years, for the last six of which he chaired the Council, only resigning when he and Viv moved to Bilton.

His other activities in the village continued even though he had moved away. He continued to organise and be an active player in the men's Skittles team at the Red Lion, to work in Kilsby on behalf of DACT and to run the Kilsby Travel Club for all those who might want to hire the minibus, and he continued to deliver prescriptions. All of this came to an end only when he moved to Nottinghamshire a few weeks ago.

Reg has many friends in the village who will be keeping in touch with him and Viv and we all wish them well in their new home, but he will be missed enormously by all those who benefitted from his selfless service to the village. He was unfailingly reliable, flexible and cheerful - one of a kind - and we wanted to thank him on behalf of the village for all he has done.

Enjoy your retirement, Reg. You deserve it



KILSBY KRONICKLE

Kids Korner



Can you fill in the 11 missing words to complete the description of Easter?

Easter is celebrated during the season of _____, and always takes place at the weekend, on a _____.



Family and friends often celebrate Easter by sharing a meal together and exchanging gifts of chocolate _____.



Children also take part in an Easter egg _____ . Hoping to find sweet treats left for them by the Easter _____ !



Another special food enjoyed as part of this holiday is a hot _____ bun. A delicious spiced bun filled with currents, fruit peel and marked with a traditional cross on top.



Eggs of all kinds are also enjoyed, used as decorations and eaten during Easter celebrations. You might be thinking, why an egg? Well, this is because an egg symbolises new _____, which at this time of year is beginning all around us!



Animals often associated with Easter and Spring are being born, including little white _____, fluffy yellow _____ and baby bunny _____ are being born in the fields.



Spring flowers such as snowdrops and tulips are also sprouting, as well as and golden _____ are blooming.



(1) SPRING (2) SUNDAY (3) EGGS (4) HUNT (5) BUNNY (6) CROSS (7) LIFE (8) LAMBS (9) CHICKS (10) RABBITS (11) DAFFODILS

ANSWERS

Things to do in April-May

Take your children/grandchildren on the Pre-school Easter Trail

Go to the Village Hall Cinema

Go to the School May Fayre

Offer to open your garden for charity

Go to the talk at the History Society

Go to the Annual Parish Meeting

Volunteer to help tidy the churchyard

Join the churchyard mowing team

Offer help in the Community Café

Share your memories of 1950s Kilsby

Help to decorate the church for Easter

Go to the Plant Sale on the village green

Apply to manage the Jubilee Wood

Volunteer to help in the Village Shop

Go to the AGM of the PCC

Join the Patients' Participation Group

Go on the Good Friday Walk

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