

Dates for your diary

August

Thursday 3rd August

Walking Group walk

Thursday 10th August

WI Meeting

Saturday 19th August

Guest supplier morning at Shop

Sunday 20th August

Walking Group walk

Sunday 27th August

Red Lion PatFest Music Festival

Thursday 31st August

Walking Group walk

September

Sunday 3rd September

Garden and Produce Show

Thursday 7th September

Village Shop Shareholders AGM

Saturday 9th September

Climate Emergency Meeting
Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Thursday 14th September

WI Meeting

Saturday 16th September

Village Hall cinema

Sunday 17th September

Walking Group walk

Thursday 21st September

History Society AGM and talk

Saturday 23rd September

Decorating St. Faith's for Harvest
Festival

October (early notice)

Saturday 7th October

KAG Fundraiser Quiz



This edition includes photographs of the village Open Gardens event in June, at which seven magnificent gardens were open for everyone to admire whilst raising money for charity. Given the enormous amount of hard work everyone involved put in, including the team providing teas at the Village Hall, it was very disappointing that so few village people chose to visit the gardens or the Hall. On page 11 John and Ann Madigan have written a poem reflecting on the day and asking for people's views on what should be done to make what was always a very successful event, popular again - including the possibility of taking a break for a year or so.

On a more positive note, it is good to see that the Parish Council now has its full complement of Councillors and that the St Faith's Social Committee is going to start up again. We have lost so many much-enjoyed events from the village over recent years - it will be good to get some of them back. St Faith's itself is very active, despite the current lack of a vicar, with Fiona Gibbs having joined Gill Mason as churchwarden and Andrea Brown also involved.

The Village Hall is looking for a new secretary with Julie Bunyan having decided to step down after doing a splendid job for many years including helping to introduce Village Hall cinema, with another great film showing in September (see page 5). We hope someone will step forward to take Julie's place and in the meantime everyone who has not already done so is invited to give their views on the future of the Hall, using the form on page 17.

The terrible heat, fires and floods being endured in many parts of the world are a dire warning of the consequences of the climate change, which will affect us all. Here in Kilsby we have high levels of CO2 emissions and air pollution which are affecting our local environment and contributing to global warming. The Parish Council is arranging a meeting/presentations and workshop about what we locally can do to help counter climate change. Details are on pages 5 and 22 and we hope as many residents as possible will go along.

A very good piece of news comes in the KAG report on page 14 with Bericote having apparently withdrawn their development proposals for the land between Kilsby and DIRFT for the time being. This is far from the end of this particular threat but certainly a victory for now. We hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer.

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL(PC)

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs
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The summer is here, and we are all hopefully going to enjoy the warm weather with the sun. As I write it's raining and not too warm but I'm sure all of us will enjoy the light nights and hopefully the sun when it re-appears.

Anyway, to business, what has the Parish Council been doing on your behalf and what is going to happen over the coming few months?

New Councillor

We are pleased to report that Cllr Jordan Parker has been co-opted on to the Council. Jordan we are sure, will fit in well with and add to the great team we have working on our village's behalf. Look out for him, over the next few months and hopefully years, as he finds his feet and his part in moving Kilsby forward. With Jordan's arrival the Council at last has a full complement of councillors again.

Speed Watch 2023

Cllr Ian Weston has again secured the equipment for speed watch, and this will start week commencing 24th July and run for four weeks. If you have a few hours to help, Ian would be pleased to have you and I am confident you would enjoy the experience helping to reduce the speed through our village. You can contact him by email at: iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk. We thank Ian for all his hard work throughout the village and for the effort he puts in to make Speed Watch a success.

(Eds: See also page 7)

Highways

Cllr Ian Weston and I have had several meetings with West Northants Council (WNC) regarding various matters of concern on roads and pathways throughout our village. One of the items we discussed was the speed restriction from 50mph to 40 prior to entering the village. You all be pleased to know that this should be in place in the very near future.

Potholes were also discussed, and several bad examples were shown to the inspector. He has promised to look into getting some of those reinstated and we are hopeful that these will be sorted very soon.

Butts Lane resurfacing should hopefully commence on Thursday 27th July. We will all, I'm sure, look forward to being able to walk through the area without getting ourselves or our dogs muddy.

The Council has applied to have double yellow lines on either side of Main Road between Essen Lane and Oldfield Lane. We felt it necessary to do this to

stop motorists having to pull into the centre of the road on the blind corner in order to pass parked vehicles. The application is to be dealt with in September and we will keep you informed as and when a decision has been made.

Defibrillator Phone box

The phone box has at last had some remedial works effected and a complete repaint. I am sure you will notice the difference when you go past.

We are trying to find a suitable accessible alternative to having the books in the phone box. If you have any ideas where this could be please do get in touch either with the writer or our clerk. We will keep you informed via social media or on our village web site when a suitable place has been found.

Community Green Space

The Council is considering the feasibility of a community green space/woodlands together with possible outside sports facilities. We have approached WNC about the funds available under the S106 scheme. The first thing we need to do is to identify and purchase some suitable land, either in the village or near the boundaries. If you have any ideas about this, please let Cllr Clive Thompson know. Clive can be contacted at: clivethompson@kilsbyvillage.co.uk.

Village Website

As I have mentioned in previous reports, the Council feels the village website should be upgraded and a working party headed by Cllr Ian Massey has been looking into the feasibility and costs involved. We will keep you informed about progress and hopefully the new site will be more pleasing to visit and use, with better access and more information from organisations throughout the village.

Climate Change

Cllr Ian Massey is the Council's lead on Climate Change. He has done an enormous amount of work on this subject and is organizing a CLIMATE CHANGE event, to be held on the 9th September 2023 in the Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be presentations and a workshop. Refreshments will be available. More details are on pages 5 and page 22 of this edition.

Planning Application

The council was very surprised to learn of a second, supplementary, application from Cadman Shooting Club in Barby. This is for the provision of additional bunding which would cause considerable disruption whilst it is being built and will not have any significant benefit. The PC is objecting to the proposal and I'm sure some of you would wish to have input as to your thoughts. If so, can I suggest that a letter from you to WNC planning department would be appropriate. You will need to send this as soon as

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possible, ideally before the end of July or at least the first week in August.

The planning application can be found at:

<https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/planning/display/2023/5783/MAF>

Police Matters

Northamptonshire Police have introduced a new messaging service, Northamptonshire Talking, to provide news and updates on policing matters in our

area. This replaces Neighbourhood Alert. Sign up for it at: <https://www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk/>

Well that only leaves me to wish you all a very happy and enjoyable summer and I look forward to writing a report to you all in September.

Howard Gibbs
Chairman
Kilsby P C.

FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS

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

As many Kilsby residents will be aware, a further recent planning application was submitted by Cadman Sporting regarding structural works at Barby Gun Club. The planning application concerning expanding the number of days the Club will operate has still to be decided. Meanwhile the new application proposes the construction of 8m high bunds on the site and other structural alterations. Any resident who wishes to comment but has not yet done so now has until the end of August to do so – this was confirmed to me by the case officer considering the application. I have attended both Kilsby and Barby & Onley PC meetings when the application was discussed and have already been emailed by numerous residents about the new application, so am well aware of the highway, landscape and amenity concerns that local people have about the proposal.

As regards the possible employment development site close to DIRFT, all three of your ward councillors will soon be having another meeting with Kilsby Action Group and the West Northants Executive Director of Planning. This will enable KAG and your elected representatives to be updated on any future plans the developer may have for this site that the Council has been made aware of.

The Council has recently published a number of public consultations which are open for residents to comment on, details are available via this link: [West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space](#) They include having your say on the future of Waste Services for which there are proposals to minimise waste and to develop services to prevent waste first and reuse and recycle. The draft Housing Allocation Scheme is another consultation that is open, covering who will be eligible to register for social housing and which applicants will be given priority. There are currently three schemes covering Daventry, South Northants and Northampton which now need harmonising into one scheme so as to be

consistent and fair for the whole West Northamptonshire area.

A draft local Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be out for public consultation in the coming weeks. This Strategy aims to reduce health inequalities in West Northants and to enable local people to be active and confident, enjoying good health and wellbeing. These are ambitious goals given the cost of living crisis and the different life experiences and life expectancies of residents – there are some stark differences in life expectancy between some communities living only a few miles apart. Also in the information are some sobering statistics on physical activity and obesity rates and hospital admission rates for self harm which are worse in our area when compared with the rest of England. There is much work to be done to support people to make good lifestyle choices and prevent poor health outcomes.

The Strategy also records that the number of people in West Northants consuming their “5 a day” was worse in 2019-20 than the English average. I don’t imagine this will apply to customers using local community larders that are now running in West Northants, where fresh fruit and vegetables are available for free in addition to heavily discounted grocery items, fresh and store cupboard. The Daventry community larder, which is open to all villages as well as the town, celebrates its first anniversary this summer. Run by volunteers it is tackling both the increased financial hardship experienced in our communities and the problem of food waste – all the goods on offer would otherwise go to landfill. Open on Wednesday lunchtime and evening I volunteer and shop there as often as I can and it would be great to see some Kilsby residents shopping there too. Shopping orders can be delivered for those who cannot travel to Daventry. For more details go to: [Hope Community Larders – Hope Centre \(northamptonhopecentre.org.uk\)](https://www.hopecommunitylarders.org.uk)

Cllr Rosie Humphreys

Eds. Councillor Alan Chantler is away)

The Village Hall is Looking for a New Secretary

As Julie Bunyan has decided to step down as secretary for the village hall, we are urgently looking for a replacement to oversee the administrative side of the hall.

If you are interested in joining the Village Hall Committee, please contact Julie Bunyan on 07940 525272, email secretary@kilsbvillagehall.co.uk

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

(From Councillor Ian Massey, Tel: 07764 254476
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Climate Change is here in Kilsby so what can we do about it? As indicated in the last edition, a meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th September. Note the new start time of 10.00 am.

The world is seeing catastrophic changes to the environment leading to environmental crises - from extreme heat waves and wild fires to extensive flooding. The weather is becoming more extreme as our planet tries to adjust to increased levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Kilsby village is not immune - we have higher than average levels of CO₂ emissions and our carbon footprint is above the average in the UK and also in the Daventry area. Being surrounded by roads doesn't help nor does the fact that much of the village uses oil for heating.

The meeting will consist of guest speakers and displays to stimulate thinking about an action plan for what the village can do. These include Climate Action West Northants (CA-WN), Voltalia, M+S Renewables, Braunston Climate Action Network and West Northants Council. These will be followed by a workshop to draw up a plan for the village going forward. Refreshments will be provided.

To aid with the catering arrangements, please book a place now by dropping an email to kilsbyclimateaction@btinternet.com or register to attend in Kilsby Village Shop. Thank You

(Eds. See also page 22.)

KILSBY VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

Saturday 16th September 2023

Come and join us for refreshments at 7:30pm

Film starts 8:00pm



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

KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

Our next meeting will take place after the summer break, on Thursday 21st September, in the Kilsby Room.

After a short AGM we will be welcoming Helen Frost who has extensive knowledge of the Great War. Her talk is entitled 'The Women's Land Army during The First World War'. She will explain how close to starvation people in this country were during that war.

The meeting starts at 7.30 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available as usual.

The cost for the meeting is £2 for members and £4 for visitors. Everyone is welcome.



Village Hall Open Garden Teas - Thank You



Many thanks to everyone who donated a wonderful selection of cakes and came to the Open Gardens Teas. In spite of a quieter than usual day, you all helped to raise £235.90 for the hall.

Special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help on the day.

Kilsby Church 100 Club

(From Lorna Griffiths. Tel. 01788 823246
or mob. 07912016809)

First, a huge 'thank you' to all who have subscribed this year to the Kilsby Church 100 Club.

Second, many congratulations to those of you who were lucky enough to have your number drawn for a cash prize.

Third, for those of you still waiting to win, hold your nerve and cross your fingers for better luck this year.

Fourth, if you are not a member of the 100 Club, please consider joining. It couldn't be easier. Contact me, then fill in a simple form giving your name, address and contact number, choose how you want to pay, then sit back and hope that an envelope containing your prize drops through your letter box!

Fees are £60 per year, starting in September, payable annually, quarterly or monthly. Proceeds go towards helping to maintain the church building.

Finally, a reminder that fees are due at the beginning of September, cheques payable to Kilsby Church 100 Club. You can pop your fee through my letter box at Mulberry Cottage, 10 Essen Lane. Give me a call if that is a problem, or you want further details.

Many thanks to all.



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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH 2023

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

We have now taken delivery of the equipment for this year's Community Speed Watch which we have until 18 August.

Although we have had a few new volunteers to help, we are still looking for additional people to help with this during various times of the day, early evenings and weekends. The more volunteers we have the more we can utilise the equipment to monitor speeding traffic through Kilsby. You do not need to help at every Speed Watch, but we do need a minimum of three at each shift to be able to operate.

If you are concerned about the speed of traffic, especially from The Ridgeway through the village on the A361, and also on Main Road near the zebra crossing, which are the areas we have the most complaints about, please volunteer to help us make Kilsby a safer place to live.

Please contact me if you are able to help with this, via email at iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk or on 01788 823332.

St Faith's Social Committee

Following on from the dark days of the pandemic lockdown, we are trying to re-establish the St Faith's Social Committee.

The Committee's aim is to provide fun, sociable events for the people of the village, whether they are church goers or not. Events where people can meet, mix, and enjoy good company, friendly conversation, and some amazing homemade cakes!

At the moment we are looking for people to support us, but the level of commitment is up to you. We need people to share ideas, plan and prepare events, or help out on the day as and when.

Everyone is welcome, no matter your age, background, or religious beliefs. We are grateful for any ideas or suggestions and look forward to hearing from you.



Please contact Andrea: 07861 295358 or Fiona: 07965 207852 churchwarden@stfaithskilsby.org.uk

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NEWS FROM ST FAITH'S

(From the Churchwardens, Fiona Gibbs Tel: 07965 207852 and Gill Mason Tel: 822658
Email: churchwarden@stfaithskilsby.org.uk)

What is going on at St Faith's?

As you may be aware, Rev Nigel left us at the end of May for pastures new. We are now in the process of recruiting a new vicar, but be warned, this will take some time. The system is designed to allow breathing space between incumbents, so that the parish can refresh and review its vision for the future and ensure that the new recruit fits the bill.

Over the next few months, the diocese will advertise the role and applications will be made. An interview day will be organised in October, and if all goes to plan, the new vicar could be installed in January 2024. However, this is assuming a perfect outcome. The process could take longer than planned, in which case the new vicar would not be in place until Easter 2024 or later.

Throughout this lengthy process the congregation of St Faith's will be supporting the village in every way they can. Regular Sunday services will be maintained and special services, such as weddings, baptisms and funerals can be arranged as needed. Our Social Committee is growing again after the pandemic and has already held its first coffee morning. Other events will be on their way soon, so keep an eye out for posters in the village and posts on Facebook for what is coming next.



We are always pleased to see new and old faces at St Faith's.

Everyone is welcome!

If you need anything from St Faith's, want to know what is happening with the recruitment, or would just like to know more about the church and its role in the community, please feel free to contact one of the Churchwardens (details above).

Services at St. Faith's

Sunday 13th August - Holy Communion

27th August - Holy Communion

10th September - Holy Communion

24th September - Harvest Festival - Holy Communion

On the Sundays when there is not a service at St. Faith's there is a 10.00 am Holy Communion service at Barby.

Saturday 9th September

The annual Northamptonshire Historic Churches' Trust Ride and Stride will take place between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm. If you enjoy cycling or walking have you considered taking part in this? There is no set route, the decision is yours. All sponsorship money received is divided equally between NHCT and the church or chapel you choose.

Sponsorship forms are now available. For further details contact Gill Mason on 822658.

Saturday 23rd September

On Saturday 23rd September we shall be decorating the church for Harvest Festival. Helpers are wanted from 9.30 am. You do not need to be an expert. Harvest gift contributions are welcome, especially gifts for the Food Bank.

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KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel:823939)

Our annual trip in June started in the sunshine and all went well till a closed road and the diversion we were sent on took us on a route that surely was not suitable for a coach! The coach was touching the hedge on both sides of the road and we ended up reversing for a good bit (well done driver!) A friendly tractor driver told our driver how to escape. I'd never seen anyone's jaw actually drop but I have now! A lady outside her cottage was obviously stunned by the sight of a coach trying to inch past!

We were only a bit late reaching Kentchurch which is a lovely old house, not massive but full of history, having been owned by the same family since the Middle Ages. Our guide was full of stories and information, and in fact is the author of a book about the family. We had a great day out.

Past Alive are a group who don't just talk to you about a subject but come dressed in costume. So we had a cardinal, a monk and three nuns bearing a

whole variety of artefacts waiting outside the Village Hall when we arrived for our last meeting!

By 1460 there were eleven religious houses in Northampton, Delapre Abbey being one of them. These houses were small; often holding as few as a dozen inmates. Our visitors were full of fascinating information about the clothes they wore; their lives and the artefacts they used. Nuns would probably wear leather boots and stockings which tied above the knee, a shift and then a habit with a belt holding it all together. Often the belt would have items attached to it like a scrip (bag) to hold your knife, trencher and spoon. Of course there would also be a rosary. A scapula (apron) covered it all and a veil and wimple covered your head. All very heavy and very hot to wear!

Our meetings are at 19:30 on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £5. At our August meeting we'll hear about the faith that sustained people during WWI.

THE RED LION



~ KILSBY ~

Opening Times

Bar

Sunday: 12pm-10pm
Monday- Saturday: 12pm - 11pm

Kitchen

Monday: 6pm - 9pm
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Sunday: 12pm-4pm

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Upcoming Events

4th August 9pm- Groove Masters
5th August 9pm- Rolling Stock
12th August 9pm- Mottled Shades

Quiz Night: 8pm, Sunday August 20th

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GARDEN OPEN DAY REPORT

The flowers were bloomin' lovely,
 The gardeners worked so hard,
 The sun it shone just as it should,
 But, oh dear, the day was marred
 By an evil clap of thunder
 Just as the clock struck, three,
 The crowds fled fast up to the Hall
 To snatch a scrumptious tea.
 The gardens they were empty
 And we were very sad,
 So little money for charity,
 It made us very sad.



"Where do we go from here?" you say
 "What should we do next year?"
 Well, we can't predict the weather,
 That is very clear.
 Perhaps avoid Fathers' Day
 They'd rather have their rest,
 But Fathers' Day it was last year,
 When our takings were the best..

Each year we strive to raise the most
 For nurses, carers and the like,
 But we need some real commitment
 A definite decisive strike..
 We need a decision in September,
 For the N.G.S. Yellow Book
 To advertise far and wide
 So the punters take a look



Please don't say , "I'll have a think,
 I fear it might not be done".
 The visitors, they don't care,
 It's all a bit of fun -
 A half finished patio,
 Patches in the grass,
 Acres of bindweed,
 (Such a pain in the a~~~~!,)
 They really don't care,
 They just want a nose
 Or a bit of a chat
 About that beautiful rose.



This isn't :London's Chelsea,
 Those little flaws won't show,
 But do we do it, or drop it?
 We really need to know

Our e-mail's at the bottom,
 Perhaps you'd volunteer
 To be our new leader,
 Bring out a fresh idea.

You ,might overwhelm us
 With your generous garden offers
 Your ideas and suggestions
 To swell the charity coffers.



THE MADIGANS

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KILSBY ACTION GROUP

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

The proposed Barby Road development has not come to a planning committee as we hoped it would have done by now. In this case two things have happened since we last updated KK readers . Firstly, we had a meeting with the Campaign for the Protection Of Rural England(CPRE) who have written a superb critique of the proposal and sent it to the planning Officer on behalf of Kilsby. Secondly, we had an expectation that the case would come before a planning committee but sadly that hasn't happened so far. Cllr Alan Chantler has written to the department asking in the strongest possible terms that there be no further delay, and the case is heard ASAP. It won't make the August planning committee, but we have our fingers crossed for September and will keep you updated as we want as many residents as possible to attend the planning committee meeting.

Bericote have now withdrawn their intention to bring a planning application for the land between Kilsby and DIRFT **outside of the Local Plan Process**. KAG is certain that the reaction of village residents, both in the survey that many residents took part in and the village hall consultation meeting, which had a massive turnout and left the developer in no doubt of the level of opposition they faced, was a key reason for that decision. **THANK YOU.**

However, they will continue to try to develop the land within the Local Plan Process, the next stage of which is the publication of a DRAFT PLAN in Autumn 23 which will go out for further consultation. KAG will let you know when that happens and help those of you who wish to take part in that phase. We will also be instructing a planning consultant to prepare a statement on behalf of KAG and the village. His fees will be paid for using the pledges of support we have had from many residents. The last stage, probably in 2024, will be a public examination of the plan by a Planning Inspector , KAG will attend, and we will be represented by a Barrister. Be in no doubt that the developer will go all out to succeed in getting this land deemed a permitted development site but KAG, with your support, will fight them all the way to keep the green buffer between the village and DIRFT.

We have been asked to give more details of Kilsby Action Group for newcomers to the village. We are a group of Kilsby residents who first came together in 2015 as a response to a specific threat from an aggressive developer . We believe that a core group with the wider support of village residents can impact on planning decisions that affect our community and we have had some success in fending off inappropriate planning applications. The current core

group is ten people, and we have some others who support us as needed with specific projects. We have a formal constitution, and we are registered with the Information Commissioner to comply with data protection regulations. We have a business bank account with Cashplus, an online bank who are covered by the Government's FSCS scheme which protects deposits. We have a good relationship with our Parish Council, but we and the Council have different roles in the community. We also have good relationships with our District Councillors, irrespective of political allegiance. We also are very fortunate to be supported by our extremely busy MP, Chris Heaton-Harris .

KAG SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISER QUIZ

Saturday 7th October, Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Teams of 6 Maximum

£15 per person including supper
PAID BAR

We already have interest in 5 tables; can you support us by attending a fun social evening?

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

Solution on page 19)

KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

Since the last Kronickle, we have seen the judging of gardens and planters, with results due at the Annual Produce show on 3rd September.

The Strawberries and Wine evening took place on 6th July, with around 20 members enjoying a very pleasant evening. Thanks go to Charles and Diane for hosting the event.

This was followed by the trip to Sezincote on 11th July, with a similar number enjoying a very entertaining and enjoyable private tour of the house and Gardens.

It's a good time to remind those of you who are not members of the Association that these events are open to all members, who also receive discounts on purchases at Barby and Whilton Garden Centres, making the annual membership cost of £5 per household an absolute bargain.

Thoughts turn again now to the Annual Produce Show, which will take place on Sunday 3rd September. We hope that as many of you as possible will take part in the competition categories. Photo competition themes this year are Bridges and Steps.

Full details of how to enter will be given in the show schedule, which will soon be delivered to all village residents. This year entry to the show will be free of charge for families bringing their schedule on the day, so come along and make the most of an enjoyable local event.

A Plea for More Consideration

(From a Kilsby resident, name provided)

Whilst summer is now here and we are all enjoying the sun, it would be nice and neighbourly if residents didn't have their music blaring when they are in their garden. Your neighbours don't want to hear your choice of music.

Please also refrain from lighting bonfires, so that we can all enjoy our gardens without choking to death on the fumes of your garden rubbish.

Moan over - enjoy your summer and let us enjoy ours.

GARDENERS' CORNER

Changeable weather

After a wet March, dry April and hot June we now seem to be in a showery July. It's anybody's guess what August will bring.

More geraniums for nothing

Geranium cuttings root really easily. You can take them any time in August. Take shoots 4 or 5 inches long (10 to 12cm) that are not carrying flowers. Trim just below a joint and insert several round the edge of pots of sandy compost. Put them in a shaded sheltered place indoors or out. Be mean with the watering or they will rot. You can tell when they have rooted as they will start growing. Then you can increase the watering.

Prune your spring raspberries...

Cut off all the old canes as soon as fruiting has finished. Treat the remaining new canes to a mulch of compost, a dose of fertiliser and a good watering to encourage them ready for next year.

..and rambling roses

Rambling roses can often get straggly with few flowers low down. This is due to lack of pruning. Treat them like the raspberries! Cut the old flowered shoots well back to a strong new side shoot. Then mulch, feed and water to encourage the new shoots to develop for next year.

Jobs to do in August

Sow perennials
Lift ripe onions and garlic
Sow spinach, beet, carrots and parsnips
Get ready for the KGPA Show.

Jobs to do in September

Sow hardy annuals
Start planting bulbs for next year.

Times past...

In 'Directions for the Gardiner', John Evelyn, 1686:-
"To be done in August...: Now (and not until now, if you expect success) is the just Season for the budding of the Orange Tree: Inoculate therefore at the commencement of this Month. Now likewise take up your bulbous Iris's, or you may sow their seeds, as also those of Larks-heel, Candy-tufts, Columbines, Iron-colour'd Fox-gloves, Holly-hocks and such plants as endure Winter, and the approaching seasons."

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

Kilsby Village Shop

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

Here comes Summer!



Beautiful sunny June then led to a very wet July but a welcomed need for the gardens which do look amazing around the village with their abundance of summer flowers. August promises to bring much sunny weather we hope! So, what's been happening in your village shop?

We have held two innovative guest supplier events in June & July. Our next one is **Saturday 19th August**. Our guest suppliers are **The Lost Farm** from Grandborough and **Little Webby Cheesecakes**.

Curious? Then join us on 19th August for tea/coffee and cake in our pop-up café:

10.00 am until 12.00 noon



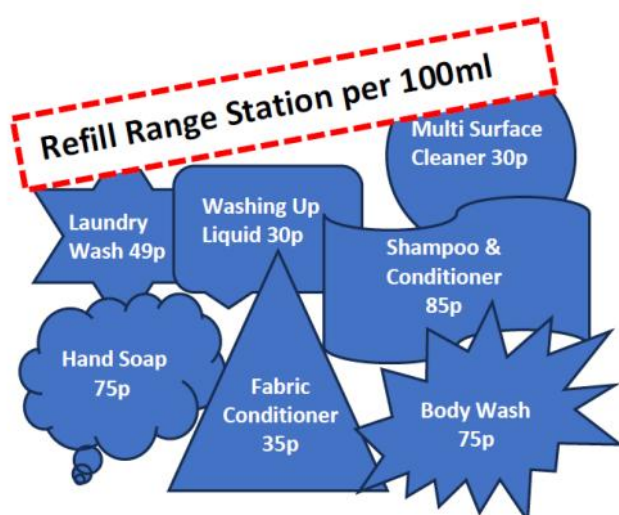
Positive customer feedback means The Lost Farm will be supplying our shop with fresh meat and poultry: **Friday to Tuesday starting 28th July**.

The Lost Farm pride themselves in rearing livestock the traditional way, slowly and with care - there is nothing to beat the flavour and eating quality of a properly reared and pure-bred piece of meat, especially from one of the many forgotten breeds of beef, sheep, pig and poultry.

SHOP SIGN OUT: WE'RE IN



Following the survey feedback, we are pleased to announce that we are extending our opening times. We will be opening later on **Thursday/Friday and Saturdays, from 9.00 am until 5.30 pm**. If we can get further volunteers, we will look to increase our hours further so if you would like to be part of our amazing team and can spare two hours per week, either in the day or early evening then please pop in to see Sarah our Shop Manager.



Our new range of eco-friendly cleaning and personal body care products, Suma, offer Ecoleaf - a totally plant-based range of cleaning products.

They're not just great at their job, they're natural and vegan. Their Alter/native range, harnesses the power of plants to create products that are great for your hair, skin, and the planet.

We also have our zero-waste Refill Station where you can bring along your empty bottles and refill them - better on your pocket and kind to the planet!



NATURE NOTES - JULY 2023

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

Well I hope you have seen some interesting wildlife in your garden so far this summer. Our camera has recorded lots of hedgehogs and it's great that so many other people have seen them around the village too. We watched some interesting behaviour one evening and our friends were amazed by two things – the hogs have long, strong legs and they can run fast when needed! Maybe one of them was Barry!

I know three orphaned hoglets were rescued from Independent Street so let's hope they made it and will have hoglets of their own next year.

There have been quite a few Garden Tiger moths which can easily be mistaken for butterflies. On a few summer evenings driving back into the village, I've noticed lots of moths in the headlights. I know moths aren't that popular (although weirdly I love them!) but they are so important for the survival of many species. There seem to have been more Box Moths about which isn't great – I haven't seen one myself but, from photos, they could be thought of as pretty but are very damaging to box plants. Although I don't like to hurt any creature, it would be best to destroy these as they are an invasive species. They can also have 3 life cycles per year which would be a lot of box tree caterpillars/moths!

I read recently that a Red Kite called Aragon which was brought to the UK in 1994 as part of a reintroduction programme had just died – that seems like a long life for a bird! I am very excited that we have a pair of kites almost daily over the village and I am hoping that they are resident and may even be breeding – I'd love to know where, but I favour over towards Ashby or Barby; somewhere where there are big trees. I volunteered on two projects in the late 60s – one in Wales and the other in the Chilterns – so I have a special interest!

The last couple of days have brought lots of Red Admiral and Peacock butterflies to the buddleia flowers – you can record your sightings on the Butterfly Conservation's app – Big Butterfly Count - and it's very easy to use which helps!

I have read that our local Wildlife Trust has been granted permission to release beavers to a lake near Wellingborough in winter 2024 and also that there have been regular osprey sightings about 10 miles away so let's hope they have found a place to breed in our county too. It's also fantastic to hear that a white tailed sea eagle has hatched the first chicks in the UK for 243 years - so many reasons to be positive for nature lovers!

Enjoy the last few weeks of swifts swooping over the village before they fly back to Africa – I saw fifteen the other evening!

WALKING GROUP

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

The dates and start times of the next walks are:

Thursday 3rd August	9.30 am
Sunday 20th August	10.00 am
Thursday 31 August	9.30 am
Sunday 17 September	10.00 am

NB there is no walk on Thursday 7 September, but instead we will walk on Thursday 31st August..

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

The meeting place is Chapel Street outside the White House.

For more info contact Lesley Loader (details above).

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DOG WALKER FOR HIRE

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The following services are available:

30-minute solo walk- £10 45-minute solo walk- £15

Walk; additional dog from the same household- £5 30-minute visit rate for food, play, comfort breaks etc- £10

I am fully insured, DBS checked, canine first aid trained and have over 30 years' experience of both working and owning dogs.

If you have any questions, or for further information email or call Samantha on samoakley2@aol.com or 07720 612433.

*A surcharge for petrol applies for services >5 miles from Kilsby.

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:
Friday 8th September and 10th November.

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

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

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CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Anima

As I mentioned last month, this new Online Consultation platform is now up and running and can be used to submit a medical or admin request to the surgery and get help quickly without always having to visit or call the practice. For more details visit the Anima website at www.animahealth.com/patients or to sign up for Anima now visit the Crick Medical Practice website and click the 'Consult with your Doctor' online link.

This service is additional to what we currently do, and for those who are unable to use it the usual ways of dealing with the surgery will remain unchanged and patients can continue to contact the surgery as at present.

Repeat Prescriptions

Again as I mentioned last month, the surgery is asking that patients needing repeat prescriptions allow FIVE WORKING DAYS from ordering to collection. As many patients will be taking holidays in the next two months please make sure you give plenty of notice when you submit a request.

Blood Pressure Monitors

The practice has a supply of blood pressure monitors that patients can borrow. If a clinician asks you to take some readings and you do not have your own BP machine, please contact the admin team at the surgery who will be happy to arrange for you to borrow one of theirs. Alternatively, they are available to buy online, the ones recommended are the NHS Approved A&D UA-611.

If you borrow one of the surgery machines, please ensure it is returned as soon as you have finished with it, so it can be given to the next patient.

Training Days

The surgery will be closed for mandatory staff training on Wednesday 16th August and Wednesday 20th September from 12.30 pm – 6.30 pm.

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

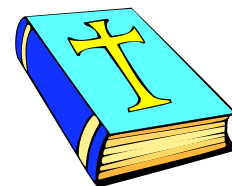
May winners

£100 (87) M Couldrey; £60 (86) G Farmer;
£40 (93) P Seddon; £40 (85) B Meith;
£20 (91) L Griffiths.

June winners

£40 (49) D Hoskins; £30 (21) J George;
£20 (14) C Lomas; £20 (48) P Dalton;
£10 (63) J Chappell

KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Mission Statement

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

Services

Sunday mornings at 11.00 am

August

6th Songs of Praise
13th Mr Wally Mular
20th Mr Trevor Boys
27th Rev. Liz Adams

September

3rd Mr Wally Mular
10th Rev. T Huc - Communion
17th Songs of Praise
24th David and Pat Biddle

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

Scrabble

Wednesdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
Everyone welcome.

Sewing Group

Every other Friday 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
Everyone is welcome to come along to sew, knit or crochet etc.

Community Café

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

Help is still needed. We are grateful to the volunteers who have recently joined our team but we need more.

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NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

(From Karen Burton
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The summer term has absolutely flown by for us all!



The Year 5 and Year 6 children really enjoyed taking part in their Outspoken Training Level 1 & 2 Bikeability course before the Whitsun holiday. They practiced applying their brakes,

pedalling in a straight line, avoiding hazards, and so on in the playground, then they were taken out on to the roads in the village, where they practiced starting and stopping, passing stationary vehicles and negotiating junctions and learnt about the different road signals, signs and markings. They really enjoyed this course, and learnt so much.

The Year 1's in Cherry class enjoyed a trip to SnowDome in Tamworth after the Whitsun break. They had great fun whizzing down the slope in their 'donuts' and playing in the snow at the bottom.



The Year 6 had a super time on their residential visit to Kingswood, Dearne Valley towards the end of June. They had a fun-packed itinerary including

kayaking, orienteering, bushcraft shelter building, vertical play, aeroball, laser and zipwire and one evening enjoyed a campfire with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Together with the Year 4's they have been having swimming lessons once a week (10 sessions in all) and every Friday for several weeks, they have been learning to play the African drums, a First Access course run by NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust).

During week beginning Monday 19th June we celebrated World Music Day by having three performances from local musicians in school.

Firstly, on the Wednesday morning, we were joined by 'Dos Guitarras' who are a young, local group. Myles, Korban and Nick joined us and took us on a tour of music through the years. The children loved listening to all the genres of music and their story, especially as Myles himself attended Kilsby Primary School.

Then on Wednesday afternoon we were joined by the Daventry Danetre Ukulele Orchestra who again put on a fantastic performance, and the children enjoyed joining in with shakers and singing along to 'Sweet Caroline'.

On Thursday we were joined by Macey a local artist from Daventry who performed a selection of songs on the piano. The children loved listening to the piano and were pleased when they guessed one of the songs was 'Firework' by Katy Perry. The children enjoyed singing along to this performance. All these musicians really were a real inspiration to our budding musicians and it was a great way to celebrate World Music Day!



The Year 3 children in Hazel class enjoyed a day trip to Think Tank Museum in Birmingham on Tuesday 27th June. They explored 'MiniBum', a child-sized mini city, and visited the 4K Planetarium where they took a trip to see the stars. They discovered the world of science in the interactive outdoor science garden, also learning about Birmingham's industrial past and saw steam engines, trains, cars and planes from years ago. They even saw a dinosaur! After all this they still had some leisure time to play in the play area as well.



Hawthorn class had a very interesting day out at the Living Rainforest in July with 850 species of tropical rainforest plants and animals, including free-range butterflies, birds and small reptiles. They had a fabulous time.

Our Summer concert took place on the afternoon of Friday 7th July. The concert

started with our Year 6 playing the African drums which they have been learning an hour a week during this term, then the musicians played their music pieces in guitar, violin, viola and piano/ keyboard. There were also a few songs including 'I once saw an Elephant' and 'Hold back the River'. We hope that the parents enjoyed the afternoon.

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Parents and grandparents joined us for sports afternoon on Wednesday 12th July on the school field. The children took part in sprint races, three-legged races, bean bag, obstacle, relay and this year, there was a Dad's wheelbarrow race and a Mum's wheelbarrow race which was good fun! At the end of the afternoon the parents took part in House tug of wars with Brunel coming 1st, Telford 2nd and Stephenson 3rd.



Every year the WI runs a sunflower poster competition for all the children in school and every year there is a KS1 Cup and a KS2 Cup to be won. This year the entries were exceptionally good and

it was a difficult decision for the ladies. However they awarded the KS2 cup to Molly in Year 6 and the KS1 cup to Lois in Year 2! The runners up were Jude in Year 3, Robyn in Year 2 and Sophia in Reception. Each received a small gift of a sunflower pen. Well done to them all!

Our new Reception children starting in September joined us for two transition mornings in July, and were also invited to a picnic and play with their parents one afternoon in June. At the moment we are expecting 25 Reception children. In September we will have all the year groups split into their own individual classes.

We are sad to see our Year 6's leaving us at the end of this academic year. We hope they are all very happy in their new secondary schools and wish them all the very best. This year we have children moving on to Rugby High, Lawrence Sheriff, Rugby Free, Houlton, Parker E-Act Academy, Guilsborough, Harris, Lutterworth and Bilton Schools.

Finally, as always, we would like to say a huge thank you to our hardworking KSA who give so much of their spare time throughout the year to help raise funds for our school. The funds they raise from various different events go straight back to our children, providing them with heavily subsidised trips and the opportunity to go to the theatre for pantomimes, books to help our library, sports equipment for their PE lessons... the list goes on. Their efforts are much appreciated.

Climate Change is here in Kilsby

What can we do about it?

Presentations & Workshop - on Saturday 9th September - 10am - 12.30pm in the village hall.

To book a place/s please drop us an e-mail at kilsbyclimateaction@btinternet.com or register to attend in Kilsby Village Shop.

KILSBY KRONICKLE

Kids Korner

When a baby animal is born, they have a different name to the adult animal they will eventually grow into.

For example, a baby cat is called a kitten, and then a cat once it has fully grown. A bit like how humans are called children when we are young, then adults when we are older.

Can you match the names of these baby animals to the names of the adult animal they will grow into?

	<p>Kitten</p> <p>Duckling</p> <p>Puppy</p> <p>Chick</p> <p>Piglet</p> <p>Foal</p> <p>Calf</p> <p>Tadpole</p> <p>Cygnnet</p> <p>Lamb</p> <p>Bunny</p> <p>Joey</p> <p>Cub</p> <p>Caterpillar</p> <p>Gosling</p> <p>Kid</p> <p>Hoglet</p>	<p>Horse</p> <p>Goose</p> <p>Hedgehog</p> <p>Sheep</p> <p>Kangaroo</p> <p>Frog</p> <p>Swan</p> <p>Cat</p> <p>Dog</p> <p>Butterfly</p> <p>Bear</p> <p>Pig</p> <p>Goat</p> <p>Rabbit</p> <p>Duck</p> <p>Chicken</p> <p>Cow</p>	     
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ANSWERS: Kitten = Cat / duckling = Duck / puppy = Dog / chick = Chicken / piglet = Pig / foal = Horse / calf = Cow / tadpole = Frog / cygnnet = Swan / lamb = Sheep / bunny = Rabbit / joey = Kangaroo / cub = Bear / caterpillar = Butterfly / hoglet = Hedgehog

Things to do in August and September

Offer help with Speedwatch

Offer to become Village Hall secretary

Go to the Climate Emergency meeting

Book a table for the KAG Quiz

Enter/ to the Garden & Produce Show

Go the Village Shop Supplier Morning

Offer help at the Café

Give your views on the future of the Village Hall

Go on a Walking Group walk

Go to the History Society AGM and talk

Go to Village Hall Cinema

Join or renew membership of the Church 100 Club

Help to decorate church for Harvest

Give your views on Open Gardens

Go to the Village Shop AGM

Join the St. Faith's Social Committee

Take part in the Ride and Stride

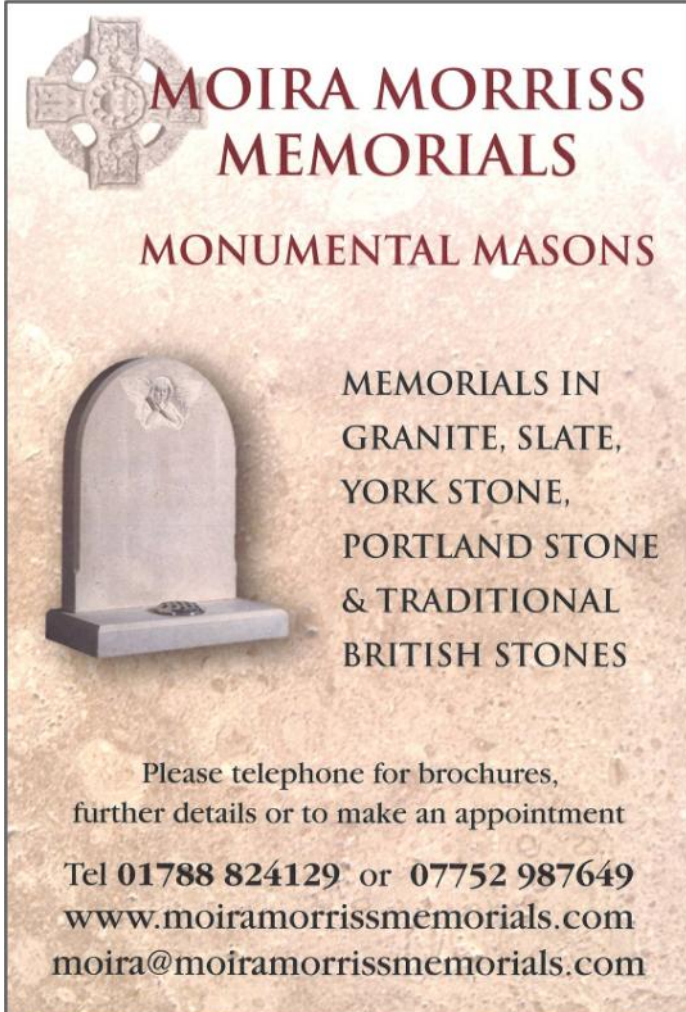
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Secretary for the Village Hall (see page 5)

Help with Speedwatch (see page 7)

Help with St Faith's Social Committee (page 7)

Helpers to decorate church and gifts for Harvest Festival (see page 8)

People to take part in the Ride and Stride (see page 8)

Help at the Community Café (see page 17)

The deadline for the next issue

is

Thursday 21st September 2023