

## Dates for your Diary

### August

#### Thursday 6th August

Walking Group walk

#### Sunday 16th August

Walking Group walk

#### Sunday 23rd August

Judging of 'Potatoes in a Bucket'  
and 'Largest Onion' competitions

### September

#### Tuesday 1st September

Parish Council meeting

#### Sunday 6th September

Possible restarting of services at St.  
Faith's

#### Thursday 10th September

Walking Group walk

#### Friday 11th September

Oil Club Order Point

#### Saturday 12th September

Historic Churches Ride and Stride

#### Tuesday 15th September

Possible St. Faith's SC Coffee  
Morning

#### Sunday 20th September

Walking Group Walk

### November - early notice

#### Thursday 19th November

History Society AGM

#### Tuesday 24th November

Garden & Produce Assn. AGM



As we hoped, when we last wrote an editorial six weeks ago, life is gradually starting to return to more like normal after the lockdown, although mask wearing and other restrictions are likely to be in place for the foreseeable future. Activities in the village are beginning again and the 'Dates for your Diary' feature is back, although not nearly so full as it would usually be at this time, and with some events still not definite. Other much loved annual events such as the Garden and Produce Show have had to be cancelled, although gardens, hanging baskets and planters were judged early in July, and the competitions for growing potatoes in a bucket and for onions are still happening. So is the annual Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride, which offers an attractive opportunity for exercise whilst raising money for a good cause.

With the relaxation of lockdown, and as people have been able to make other arrangements, calls to the Kilsby Helpline have dropped to a low level and the service is being suspended from the end of July. Clive Thompson and his team of volunteers have provided a brilliant service which has been greatly appreciated. Our thanks to them all. Thanks also, again, to the fantastic team at the shop who continue to do such a wonderful job for the village. Their hard work and unfailing helpfulness and cheerfulness has helped many of us through these difficult months. And we know that many other people have been quietly doing what they can to help and support friends and neighbours as well as family members, during the lockdown period - demonstrating the strong community spirit which makes Kilsby such a good place to live.

For those who have the time and want to do more to help the village this issue brings details of a range of opportunities, both voluntary (see page 9) and paid (see page 14). We hope that people will come forward to take these up.

We have printed another short story by Karen Gilmurray on page 16 and are again inviting anyone who has written any pieces of fiction during lockdown which they would like to see published in this magazine to send them to us. We would also like photographs of the village and village activities so if you have been out and about with your camera, please share the results with us.

We wish all of you a happy, healthy and safe summer, and hope you enjoy reading this edition.



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## KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Hello All,

At the time of writing the Parish Council are continuing to meet remotely, adhering to Government advice. We are awaiting for instruction as to when it will be possible to hold a meeting in public. Any parishioners who are wishing to join us for the meetings are more than welcome. Agendas are published on [www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk) with meeting instructions. If you have an item for discussion please notify the Clerk.

### BECOME A COUNCILLOR

**The Parish Council urgently needs new members for co-option onto the Council.** We meet once a month (except August) and we do need people to come forward to enable us to continue to fully support the village. This is really important to help us run and keep our services operating. Just a few hours each month is all that is required for you to become actively involved with the things we need to do and could do for Kilsby!

We have a number of very exciting project ideas this year and we deal with lots of other matters concerning the village, from the cemetery to helping organisations, commenting on planning matters, consultations and making decisions. Now is a great time to join with changes looming regarding the unitary authority. This is not just a matter for the Parish Council but something that will no doubt touch us all in some way, so consider stepping up to apply.

### CEMETERY

**Can you help at the cemetery?** We urgently need persons to help take out and return back the bins at the cemetery. The Parish Council do have contractors for general work and grass cutting, but other tasks need undertaking routinely and these are not entirely down to contractors. It would be so good if we could find helpers who enjoy spending time outside and may be interested in looking after our Cemetery. It has been busy with funerals and extra hands would be most appreciated to keep it looking attractive and tidy. Some light work, weeding and gardening would be a great help and the timing of this can fit around you. We need those who appreciate the nature of the grounds and mirror peace and tranquillity and understand the need to protect, maintain and improve it. The Parish Council have great plans to improve the Cemetery.

### RECREATION GROUND

**Kilsby Parish Council is the Sole Trustee of Kilsby Recreation Ground. The Recreation Ground Committee operates the Kilsby**

**Recreation Ground Charity and they are seeking a Secretary/Treasurer.** This job involves just a few hours each month. If you have some spare time please contact the Chair, Mike Margetts, or the Clerk to the Parish Council. It would be great to have someone on board who has interests in supporting the Recreation Ground in its objective to provide a recreation play area for young people. DBS may be required.

**(Eds. See separate report from Mike Margetts on page 10 and job advertisement on page 9.)**

### UPDATES

Thank you for all the lovely feedback and further ideas about beautiful wildflowers on Malt Mill Green. We are considering all ideas. Our Heritage Project for the planned series of lecterns around the village with information about Kilsby's history is progressing well despite the lockdown. It is hoped that we will have these in situ in the near future once we have finalised all needed permissions to display the logo for the National Lottery Heritage Fund on the boards. It is very exciting to see that all the hard work on this project and the ideas and work of Gren Hatton will soon be on show for all to see.

**(Eds. See report from the Heritage Board Project Working Group on page 6.)**

News has arrived from the District Council that a Housing Needs Survey for Kilsby is overdue. We are just in the early stages of finding out what this involves and will keep you updated.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the Kilsby Good Neighbours Coronavirus Helpline, a truly good service that has helped a great many people during these difficult times. Our continued support of course, goes to the Kilsby Good Neighbours in their ongoing efforts.

**(Eds. See report from Gill Farmer and John Graham on page 15.)**

### GRANTS

We receive requests for help with funding from local non-profit organisations, but these requests are often too few! Please consider contacting us - we are here to help.

The Parish Council each year allocates money for village organisations and if you are a local organisation or group that needs help, please get in touch so we can consider your request.

Some good news for the village is that we have obtained a recent update on funds from the S106 agreement relating to Cildes Croft for which we can apply to Daventry District Council. The following amounts are available under the S106 agreement for planning application DA/2014/0221:

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£32,936.46 towards the provision and/or enhancement of indoor sports and court provision.

£3,747.38 towards the enhancement and/or provision of indoor youth facilities.

£41,649.57 to fund the provision and/or enhancement of outdoor sports facilities.

£4,484.17 towards the provision and/or enhancement of amenity green space.

£860.20 towards the enhancement of allotments.

£19,354.69 towards the enhancement or provision of public parks and gardens.

£2,971.59 towards the enhancement and/or provision of play areas for young people.

Will Kilsby organisations please come forward with ideas to apply for these funds. The Parish Council will fully support groups to help apply for your projects to come to life, if you need our help.

Let's act now before these funds are gone.... If you are interested please contact the Parish Council or Daventry District Council directly [CommunityGrants@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:CommunityGrants@daventrydc.gov.uk)

We hope we have given you some things to consider and that you have had some ideas during lockdown which would help to bring the community together.

If you have been at home and at a loose end, or have some spare time, or would like to add additional skills to your C.V. please contact us.

Stay safe. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

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## KILSBY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

(From the Editors)

Since the Kilsby Neighbourhood Development Plan was 'made' in July 2016 following a village referendum in which 93.3% of those voting approved the Plan, the August-September edition of Kronicle has carried an annual update on progress with the Plan.

This year that update has been deferred because Daventry District Council has offered all villages with 'made' Plans help in carrying out a formal review in the light of the recently adopted Settlements and Countryside Local Plan and changes made to Planning guidelines at national level. Kilsby's review will also need to take account of the results of the Housing Needs Survey referred to in Clare Valentine's report.

Two members of the Parish Council, Ian Massey and Clive Thompson have undertaken the task of leading this review and will be doing training and participating in seminars (on a 'virtual' basis) with the District Council and representatives of other villages to get up to speed to do this. There will be further news about the review in future editions.

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## FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

(Tel: 822483, 22 Daventry Road, Kilsby, CV23 8XF, clomax@daventrydc.gov.uk)

There is still social distancing and face masks, and virtual meetings, and some of us still in lockdown, but things are beginning slowly to return closer to normal. And that includes the traffic on the A361, which is now thundering past at pre-coronavirus levels, **and speed**. The small changes in road signage do not seem to have had a significant effect, and I thought there was a law against motor bikes without adequate exhaust silencers?

Northamptonshire ACRE, the charity that supports rural communities, has launched a 'Covid 19 Community Champions' initiative to recognise and celebrate what local communities have achieved during lockdown. It isn't a ranking competition with prizes; Northants ACRE will collate the stories about how communities have come together, so that there is a comprehensive record of the county's response. Perhaps someone can put together a piece listing how Kilsby's people have come together to help and support each other? And when it's all over, remember to give Kilsby shop (your shop) as much support as its amazing manager and volunteers have given the village.

Daventry District Council (DDC) and the new West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority have continued their routine work remotely and by Zoom. It has been announced by government that business

## CAT OWNERS' PLEA

Several cats around the Middle Street/Smarts Estate area (and possibly other parts of the village too) seem to be getting food from somewhere other than their own homes, either stealing food or being deliberately fed elsewhere.

Could we kindly ask residents not to feed cats which are not from their household, and also, if at all possible, not to leave their own cat or dog's food readily accessible to greedy visitors ☺. In addition to the problem of over-eating and weight gain, the cat may have dietary restrictions or medical conditions.

Many thanks.

Nicole Dowson and Linda Attwell

conferences will start again on 1 October, if rates of infection do not increase. The news in Northamptonshire is that, like the rest of the country, those rates, and thankfully the number of deaths, have dropped greatly.

Quite a number of parents in the village have been hoping that the new secondary school at Houlton, due to open in 2021, will accept children from here. The admissions policy of the school is not yet finally set, but the signs are not encouraging. Now, DDC has been recommended to approve the building of a new secondary school on the much loved open space on Eastern Way, Daventry. The main arguments for this seem to be to provide competition to the current schools, and thus raise their standards, to encourage parents not to send their children out of county for their secondary education, and to accept the government money available for the provision of this free school. Public consultation is taking place now, and in September the Council will scrutinise the recommendation again.

Keep on keeping well and safe.

Catherine  
District Councillor, Barby and Kilsby Ward, Kilsby,  
01788 822483

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## RIDE AND STRIDE

**Saturday 12th September**

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

The organisers have decided that the Ride and Stride should be able to go ahead this year with the same format as usual but with social distancing, the use of sanitisers, and reduced refreshments.

Thanks to Andrea and her husband, last year Kilsby Church contributed a tidy sum to the fund.

We also benefitted from a grant of £500 towards the security system and a further £2000 towards the cost of the lead replacement.

I hope we have some volunteers to ride or stride this year.

For further details or sponsorship forms please contact Gill Mason (details above)

## MICHAEL PIPES

September 18th 1948 - March 23rd 2020

We would like to thank our friends and neighbours in the village for their kind thoughts and for the lovely messages we received when Michael passed away, after losing his bravely fought battle against cancer.

He will be very sadly missed.

Sandra, Richard, Chris, Laurence, David and all the family.

## Update on Kilsby's Heritage Board Project

(From the Heritage Board Project Working Group – Jenny Fisher; Richard Thompson; Clive Thompson; Robin Nicholls and Janet Chappell)

The Kilsby Heritage Board project which will deliver nine interpretation boards and a new leaflet celebrating Kilsby's history, remains ongoing.

The funding referred to in the February 2020 edition of Kronickle has been secured. The project is primarily being paid for by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Most of the permissions that are needed for the installation of the boards have been obtained by Kilsby Parish Council.

Subject to social distancing restraints and any other unknowns, we hope that the Parish Council will soon be able to order the actual boards and schedule an opening event for later in the year.

## St. Faith's Social Committee

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

### Coffee Morning

Subject to lockdown restrictions, we are hoping to hold a Coffee Morning in the church on Tuesday 15th September, from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon. The cost will be £2.50 on the door and everyone will be welcome.

Please look out for posters nearer the time if we are able to go ahead with this event.

## Kilsby History Society

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

We will not be meeting in September as we usually do.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday November 19th, if the situation allows it to go ahead. It will be our postponed AGM and we have a speaker booked.

More details on that in the next KK.



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## KILSBY OIL CLUB

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**Friday 11th September and Friday 13th November 2020.**

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](mailto:kilsbyoilclub@gmail.com)

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## KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)



In an extraordinary year, we are very fortunate to be able to see so many wonderful gardens in the village, to remind us of nature's continuous beauty, whilst life is so changeable.

A walk around the village shows just how much work has gone into making it such an attractive place to live, and everyone deserves congratulations for making it that way. Our beautiful gardens are proving to be one of the positive aspects of these unsettling times.

We were able to judge the Garden competitions on 11<sup>th</sup> July, and we look forward to seeing the winners presented with their cups later in the year. Good luck to all those who entered.

Normally, the awards would be made at the Annual Produce Show in September. This year, however, there is still considerable uncertainty about whether such a gathering will be allowed, and under what conditions, and we have had to take the unfortunate decision to cancel the show.

At the foot of this page is an advertisement for to the Largest Potato and Largest Onion competitions, which will still go ahead, so we hope that as many people as possible will take part in those.

As a result of the cancellation, this year's cups will be presented at the Association's AGM on 24th November, in the village hall. By then we should be in a position to get together, even with some social distancing if that is still the rule of the day.

The guest speaker at the AGM will be Ian Colledge, known as 'The Plant Man'. Some of you may be familiar with Ian himself, as he spent some time working at Barby Garden Centre before setting up his own nursery. More of you may know his wonderful nursery at Braybrooke (also called The Plant Man), which Ian has built up from scratch over a number of years, with its wide range of unusual high quality plants. We can look forward to learning about how he has turned his dream into a very successful business and take the opportunity to benefit from his knowledge and experience in all things plant related.

Everyone is welcome, so please put the date in your diary.



### DID YOU GROW POTATOES IN A BUCKET OR A LARGE ONION?



It's a no show for The Show! But fear not, your carefully nurtured potatoes and onions will be judged. Bring them along to Rainbow's End at on the 23rd August at 4.00 pm. and they will be weighed and ranked by an impartial judge. As you are all citizens of impeccable morals we trust you to harvest your own produce on the day for ease of transport.

A glass of wine will be on offer on a tray holding the Air Ambulance Box! In case of inclement weather, a gazebo will allow the competition to continue. As the event is outside, social distancing should not be a problem.

Please email [jam.madigan2015@outlook.com](mailto:jam.madigan2015@outlook.com) or phone 822350 if you intend to enter.

## Kilsby Church 100 Club

(From Lorna Griffiths, Tel: 823246)

Yes, it's that time of the year again, with subscriptions to the 100 Club due for renewal at the end of August.

This year we have given £3000 to St. Faiths, to help with the maintenance of the building, so my thanks to those of you who have been generous enough to support the scheme, and patient in waiting for your number to come up for a cash prize each month!

Congratulations to all the winners, and good luck to all prospective winners in the coming year.

Kilsby Church 100 Club is a great way to help maintain this historic building for the future, with an annual fee of just £60, and a variety of ways to pay. Please consider becoming a member.

Pick up a form from the Village Shop, or the church porch, or give me a call on 823246 for more details.

Many thanks, Lorna Griffiths.

P.S. Cheques payable to 'Kilsby Church 100 Club' please (the banks are getting very picky!).

**(Eds. See list of winners for June on page 20)**



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## VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

There are currently two vacancies for Parish Councillors and the Clerk would like to hear from anyone who is interested in being co-opted into one of these important roles.

More details are in Clare Valentine's report (see page 3). If you would be interested in helping the village in this way then get in touch with Clare at [parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk) or phone 07581 490581.

## VACANCY FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER TO RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

A volunteer is wanted to take up this honorary post dealing with the day to day management of the Recreation Ground, keeping up to date the accounts and the charity and safety documentation and maintaining the records of the Recreation Ground Charity.

The job normally only involves a couple of hours work each month and you would be supporting the Committee appointed by the Parish Council to maintain, enhance and develop the Recreation Ground for the benefit of all the children and young people of Kilsby.

If you are interested in this very worthwhile role please contact Mike Margetts, Chair of the Committee at [mmargetts@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:mmargetts@kilsbyvillage.co.uk) or on 824195.

## VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE CEMETERY

The Parish Council is seeking volunteers to help to keep the cemetery tidy. The grass is cut by contractors but help is needed with gardening, weeding, light jobs, and taking the bins out and returning them.

Timing would be to suit the individual and you would be working in a lovely peaceful setting and helping to keep the area looking attractive and tidy. If you are interested contact Clare Valentine on 07581 490581 or at [parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

## UPDATE ON RECREATION GROUND

(From Mike Margetts, Chair of Recreation Ground Committee, Tel: 824195)

We are very glad that the recent work to install the basket swing and aerial runway, plus repair and improve the surrounds of several items has now been completed, despite the delays due to the Coronavirus - which stopped work for weeks just a day after it started! We have had some good feedback on these items.



We are also very pleased that the easing of restrictions have allowed us to open up the Toddler Area again - but would remind everyone that social distancing and good hand hygiene etc should be still be maintained in the whole area and especially when using the equipment to keep everyone safe and well!

Looking ahead we will be aiming to deal with some maintenance issues and in particular improve the

goal mouth areas, and we welcome further suggestions for future developments.

Can we just take a moment though to remind everyone that the Recreation Ground was donated for, and is bound by Charity law and Byelaws as being for the recreation of children and young people. It is a lovely open green space which we want everyone to enjoy, but while it is commonly referred to as "The Park", it is not actually a general use park, so all activities in it need to fit with the intended purpose.

### SECRETARY/TREASURER

Unfortunately our current post holder, Jenny Fisher, isn't able to continue in the role. We are very grateful to her for all the time and effort she has put in, particularly with regards to the latest equipment upgrades.

We are therefore looking for a new volunteer! It is an honorary position, dealing with the day to day management of the Recreation Ground, keeping the (fairly minimal) accounts and charity and safety documentation up to date and maintaining the records of the Recreation Ground Charity, working with the Managing Committee who are appointed by the Parish Council as Trustee to maintain, enhance and develop the facility for the benefit of the children and young people of Kilsby.

If you or someone you know would like to join us in this vital role in providing for our young people, please do get in touch with me to discuss it further. (Contact details are above and on page 2)

## WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, [lloader@btinternet.com](mailto:lloader@btinternet.com)  
Tel: 822246 or 07783521052)

We started walking again in July locally, avoiding the need to use cars. I anticipate that we shall do the same in August and then see what September brings. The group is usually 6-9 people.

The dates for August are:-

Thursday 6th 9.30 from White House Chapel Street  
Sunday 16th 10.00 from White House Chapel Street

The dates for September are:-

Thursday 10th 9.30 from the White House  
Sunday 20th 10.00 from the White House

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## Kilsby Good Neighbours Project

From: Gill Farmer, 8 North Street, Kilsby ([gillianfarmer@icloud.com](mailto:gillianfarmer@icloud.com)) and John Graham, 25 Rugby Road, Kilsby ([johngrahamobe@btconnect.com](mailto:johngrahamobe@btconnect.com))

Before we could get started on our Good Neighbours project the Coronavirus lockdown was instigated, on the very day we were due to hold our inaugural meeting at the Red Lion. Many of the committee and volunteers fell within the 70 plus 'vulnerable' age group and had to immediately self isolate.

We were very fortunate that Clive Thompson came to our rescue. He stepped in and quickly recruited volunteers from the village to run a Help Line service. This service had to be set up from a standing start and deal with each issue against the background of social distancing.

That was sixteen weeks ago and in the following weeks the volunteers have responded to 58 requests for assistance from 33 different people. The most requested service was from people needing prescriptions or other medication collecting from Rugby or Daventry. We are lucky to have had a volunteer delivery service from the Crick surgery. Our second most requested service was for shopping and these requests were passed to the Village Shop, where again they were able to provide a delivery service to people who were socially isolating – another of the lifelines run by village volunteers.

Other things the help line volunteers have assisted with include the collection/delivery of parcels, responding to hospital discharges, help with technology and clarifying general information about advice from Government.

We have also provided regular telephone befriending calls to a number of individuals over these last four months.

We are most grateful to Clive and his dedicated team for making such a success of the helpline. However, the volume of calls has now reduced to a trickle. We have therefore decided to suspend the help line service from the end of July now that people have been able to make other arrangements.

We hope to be able to re-launch the original Good Neighbour Project to link together people in the village as soon as the worries about Covid19 are resolved.

Gill Farmer and John Graham

## Kilsby Women's Institute

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 our monthly meetings are cancelled at the moment. We hope to hold a meeting in September - when Anna Stasinska from 'The Old Brickyard Tea Garden' will talk to us about 'Discovering Darjeeling' - fingers crossed!

We held our annual walk on 6th July, and although it may not look it in the picture below, it was actually a nice bright morning as we walked from Ashby to Welton and back!



On Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> we made and delivered a 'virtual' cream tea for our members - enormous thanks to Elaine Morrice and Sue Dobson for baking and delivering them all!



If anyone has a quantity of chunky knitting wool, about 600g, that they don't want I'd be happy to use it up to complete the giant balloon I'm knitting as part of our centenary celebrations!

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## Kilsby Village Shop

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



Following the government lifting certain restrictions in relation to COVID19, a new normal has arrived - something we are all starting to get used to. At your village shop we continue to serve the community with all our amazing local produce: tasty ham, pork, beef and haslet slices, as well as scrumptious pork pies, traditional pasties, sausages, bacon and sausage rolls - all from Sercombes. Fabulous cakes including lemon drizzle, cherry & almond, carrot, Jamaican ginger, Victoria, and chocolate; and appetising pies: Bramley apple, and cherry to name just a few - all supplied locally from Fatherson's Bakery. We have mouth-watering cheeses from Fowler's - the oldest cheese maker in the UK. Additionally, we stock a new range of cream cheeses, fromage frais, creams and beautiful fat free or Bio yogurts from Manor Farms. John Dwyer's bakery provide us with fresh, amazing bread, rolls, awesome doughnuts, Eccles cakes and scones. Cotswold fresh milk is delivered from Haynes Dairies. Local honey comes from Barby and apple juice from Flore. To top it off we have daily deliveries of fresh fruit and veg: everything from cavolo nero kale to romanesco cauliflower (it created quite a stir when this purple cauliflower arrived!) as well as the usual favourite vegetables and fruit. Our local dry-cleaning service has also now resumed, so please pop in for details. We have received excellent feedback on their service and the turnaround is very quick. They are happy to quote prior to cleaning large or unusual items.

During this difficult time our local suppliers have kept our shop well stocked with quality produce at great prices. With this in mind and our continued approach to ensuring safe shopping for all our customers, where better to shop than your local Village Shop? You will always receive a warm welcome from Andrea and our friendly team of volunteers.

Our delivery service has been very successful and our thanks go out to all the lovely people who drop off your orders (including Steve the postie). It is great to see it continue even as restrictions are lifted and people can now get to the supermarkets, but they are still choosing to shop locally, so to those that are using the service a massive thank you for your continued support. If you would be interested in our home delivery service, which is **free** for Kilsby residents, then please contact us for a shopping list or to place an order by email at [villageshop.kilsby@gmail.com](mailto:villageshop.kilsby@gmail.com) or call Andrea on 07861 295358.

If you have some spare time and can offer an odd hour to help with our home deliveries, I would love to hear from you me at the above email address or call me on 07711 877935. We hope to set up a WhatsApp group so that Andrea can put a message out to everyone when the shop needs help.

Our shop hours will continue as Monday to Saturday 9.00 am until 4.00 pm and Sunday 9.00 am until 12 noon. We will still continue our 'safe shopping' policy with only one person (or household) in the shop at any one time. From the 25<sup>th</sup> July the further government guidelines came into play so we would request all our customers to please wear a mask or face covering when entering the shop. We need to ensure we protect both our customers, Andrea our shop manager and the team of volunteers by following the government guidelines designed to protect all of us. We do sell several types of PPE Safety items including face masks, hand sanitiser, wipes and gloves.

We cannot thank our current volunteers enough for their practical support since March (including Lesley, Alison, Richard and Robin; who through rain and shine delivered the newspapers to those shielding indoors – **thank you**). Although it is great to welcome back some of our original volunteers, the 'team' is only 10 strong now as opposed to the 32 we had before lockdown. We need to strengthen the team, so having secured a government grant we are advertising for a part time assistant to support Andrea by covering her two days a week off, with additional times throughout the week to further support Andrea and the volunteers. If you would be interested in this position please see our advertisement on the next page.

We have also been successful in securing a further grant for additional storage from the Community Fund for Kilsby, administered by Grantscape. As you can imagine we have increased our stock to support the village

through these challenging times and as our space is limited, additional storage will be very welcome. We also now have in place a full-sized sink within the shop following a £250 grant from the Parish Council towards the cost of the project and Paul Morrice's handy work at making it fit, which is a great help to Andrea and the team. Many thanks to both Grantscape and the Parish Council for their support.

On behalf of the Village Shop Committee, Andrea our shop manager and the team of volunteers we thank you for your continued custom and ask you to take care and keep safe.



**WANTED FOR OUR THRIVING VILLAGE SHOP:  
PART TIME ASSISTANT (20 hrs minimum)**  
Wages to be agreed

To cover Sunday opening hours 8.15 am to 12.30 pm and Mondays 8.30 am to 5.00 pm (remainder flexible)

We are seeking a part time assistant to help support our Shop Manager, Andrea, and our group of volunteers in our village shop. Ideally you will be able to demonstrate a passion for retail, an understanding of local produce and a real sense of what a village shop represents to its community.

Preferred skills:

- Retail experience
- Strong interpersonal and selling skills
- Excellent customer services and rapport building skills
- Able to work as part of a team
- Quick learner and flexibility

Duties will include:

- Reporting to our Shop Manager
- Covering for the Shop Manager two days per week and holiday cover
- Supporting our Shop Manager with pricing and stock control
- Maximising sales
- Maintaining good links with local suppliers

This is a great opportunity to join an amazing team and support our local village shop, growing and providing you with new skills in the hub of our community.

## GARDENERS' CORNER

### ***Back to normal?***

If nothing else is, at least the weather seems back to normal after the extremes earlier in the year. In our garden the bees and butterflies are back too after being more or less absent last year.

### ***The apples are back too***

After last years disastrous apple season, this year is looking really good. The 'July drop' is now over but we still have too many apples per spur. For several years we have stopped using grease bands or sprays. That does mean we get some 'buggy' apples which we take off now as we thin the spurs to two apples each to get good sized fruit.

### ***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 12 cm) that are not carrying flowers. Trim just below a joint and insert several round the edge of 4 or 5 inch pots of sandy compost. Put them in a shaded sheltered place indoors or out. Be mean with the watering or they will rot.

### ***Look to your soft fruit***

Prune the fruited canes of summer raspberries back to the ground and tie in the new canes. Blackcurrants fruit next year on wood grown this year, so once you have picked the crop, cut out the old fruited wood. Redcurrants happily fruit on old wood, so for them just keep the bushes open by taking out one or two of the oldest branches each year.

### ***Jobs to do in August***

Sow hardy perennials.  
Sow spring cabbage.  
Keep dead-heading.

### ***Jobs to do in September***

Lift onions for drying.  
Take cuttings of shrubs.  
Start planting daffodils, snowdrops, iris for the spring.

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

In "Directions for the Gardiner, John Evelyn, 1664":-

*'Plant strawberries (especially the large sort) in tufts at a foote distance, so as you may stirr and strew rich earth about them, and water them well. Thus will one tuft produce more and better fruite than where planted so thick together.'*

Good Gardening!

*Ron Nettle*

## KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

(From Val Janes, Tel: 822751)

Unfortunately we are unlikely to be able to open the chapel until October at the earliest. There will be more information in the next edition of Kronickle.

The community café has to remain closed until the chapel reopens.

## **DUMMIES**

(A short story by Karen Gilmurray)

The mother handed her child a new dummy. It was the third one this week. She wasn't sure what had happened to the others but she didn't want her daughter sucking a dummy that had been rolling around on the floor. Since the child never left the house or garden she couldn't imagine where the dummies disappeared to. She wondered if they were being thrown over the garden wall, but surely the Jones's would have complained. They complained about everything else. She watched her daughter going back out to the garden where she was holding a dolls' tea party, the dummy firmly held in her mouth. She shook her head and went back to the washing.

The child knew her mother would stop her if she could, but so far she hadn't been able to find any of the old dummies. She guardedly looked back at her mother, but she was busy with the washing. She removed the dummy from her mouth and looked at it crossly. New dummies tasted horrible. She loved her old dummies. After they had been buried in the garden for a few days they tasted so much nicer. But when she had discovered this by accident a couple of weeks ago her mother had wrenched the old dummy out of her mouth and thrown it away saying 'don't suck that dirty dummy, it's been on the ground.' Actually it had been half buried by the rose bushes. The next day she had made sure her mother wasn't watching and then buried her new dummy by the bushes. Then she ran crying to her mother for another one. When she had dug it up after three days it was perfect; a little gritty but not rubbery and horrid like the new ones.

The little girl smiled. Another dummy meant she now had seven hidden away in various places. She dug up the oldest one and popped it in her pocket. She thought she now had enough for a constant supply, no point making her mother any more suspicious than she already was. She popped the new dummy back in her mouth thinking about the lovely old dummy she would be able to suck tonight as she went to sleep.....

## **COVID-19 AND 'BEING CHURCH' AT ST. FAITH'S KILSBY & ST. MARY'S BARBY**

(From Rev. Nigel Fry, enfrys@gmail.com)

Four months have gone by since lockdown commenced. Four months without any services in either church. It hasn't stopped us being church though, in fact it has been a valid test of our faith. Of course, it's lovely to have a steady rhythm to life and to have disciplines, behaviours and good habits ingrained - like going to church, praying and seeking God's guidance in the scriptures. Those habits should be helping us to hold the present crisis before God, give thanks for all key workers, to ask for protection for them and all the vulnerable and to pray for all those suddenly thrown into unexpected and often tragic circumstances.

Worship, Scripture and Prayer have always gone together for Christians, but also, often, so have unsettled and threatening circumstances. If our faith has only been lukewarm these last few weeks we will have found the time more trying than necessary, and, as we see each day now, for those without faith, fear and anxiety take over, there is a loss of self-control, with consequences for law and order in our societies.

When the lockdown first began, we were allowed to keep churches open for prayer, but not surprisingly that soon had to change. For a few weeks now that ruling has been relaxed. However our churches have had to be properly set out to help limit the risks as much as possible. And for them to be open, supervision is required.

We have taken the opportunity to give both churches a jolly good clean, which St. Mary's in particular needed after the roof work which, thankfully, was eventually finished just before the lockdown.

Guidance for opening is now further relaxed and, in common with the hospitality industry (I like that), churches are allowed to be open. However services would still be very limited: there wouldn't be services of Holy Communion; there would be no sharing of the Peace (I know, I can hear one or two 'whoopies' about that); no refreshments and chat afterwards; no individual greeting or farewelling; no singing; no music. We also need to remember that the most vulnerable age group is the over-70s - easily the majority of those who were attending church. Should such an expectation, pressure, temptation, be even put out there for them to resume attendance yet?

So perhaps it is just too soon to go back to church? The return to pubs and shopping - together with people taking holidays, will be very telling.

As services have been made available all the way through the lockdown (just email me to be put on the list - enfrys@gmail.com), and as we now have 'Pocket Congregations' being established in both parishes - meeting in gardens within the 6 person guideline (again, email me for details), my considered opinion is that we should hold off going back to church until September (assuming everything is ok by then!) Just maybe, by then, we might at least be able to have a good sing and experience something nearer to being church as we knew it.

On that basis, maybe Sunday 6th September could be our 'Returning to Church Sunday'. However, as we all know, everything relating to this virus changes on a daily basis, so sooner might well become a real and safe possibility; conversely we could be thrown into another lockdown. Let us not increase the risk of the latter by taking unnecessary risks here.

Prayerfully,  
Rev. Nigel Fry

## **CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE**

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Although restrictions are easing, the surgery will still be maintaining the systems they have been using since the start of the pandemic.

If you are suffering from any of the symptoms of the virus you should not visit but contact the NHS on 111 and follow their instructions.

Visits to the surgery are by appointment only and you must wear a face covering if visiting the surgery. Although the front door remains locked the practice are still seeing patients who need to be seen by a clinician and the numbers are increasing day by day. Social distancing would be difficult within the building if patients were able to enter freely, so for the time being, staff will continue to serve you via the windows for the safety of everyone. The practice is continuing to make use of telephone, video calls and photos and this seems to have been working well. For those of you who have access, the surgery Facebook page keeps everyone informed of any changes.

The situation appears to be improving, but we must all still be very aware and follow the latest guidelines to maintain safety.

## NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

(From Karen Burton, [mrs.burton@kilsbyprimary.net](mailto:mrs.burton@kilsbyprimary.net))

The summer term has been very different in school as you can imagine. Throughout the whole of the pandemic we have had Keyworkers' children in school. Then from June we welcomed back our Year 6 children, Reception and Year 1's.

We have managed to adapt and keep the children safe and separated in their own pods. It has worked very well and most children in these year groups have returned to school.

During the last few weeks, the children have been busy at home and at school doing various different pieces of work and tasks for their teachers. Here are some examples of what they have been up to:



Also seeing that we cannot have our Sports Day in July this year, Miss T.K. and Mr Chambers have organised weekly Sports & PE Challenges for the children to complete, with house points, bonus points and points per person awarded.

These activities included speed bounce, standing long jump, washing line challenge (peg 5 items onto a washing line as quickly as you can), sock and spoon (a rolled-up sock instead of an egg), and lots more fun challenges. We have no photos of these activities as the children were videoed, but they did very well!

In September we plan to have all children back in school, all being well. The school will be organised in class bubbles to ensure everyone feels safe and confident about their return to school. We shall stagger the children's return to school and will hopefully have all children back in school by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

At this point in time we are expecting 16 new Reception children to start with us in September, but there may yet be more as we have had enquiries about places.

We shall also start the new school year with an extra class. We are splitting up the Year 3 and Year 4 children into two separate classes this year. This will enable us to accept more pupils, which in turn, will allow our school to flourish in the long term. Reception class will remain as Chestnut class, Year 1 and Year 2 class will still be called Cherry class, Year 3 will be known as Cedar class, Year 4 as Hazel class and finally Year 5 & Year 6 will remain as Maple class.

We hope you all have a very enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing everyone back in school in September. Enjoy a good rest and relax!



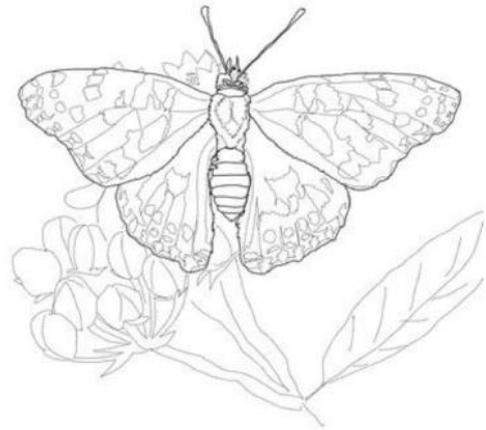
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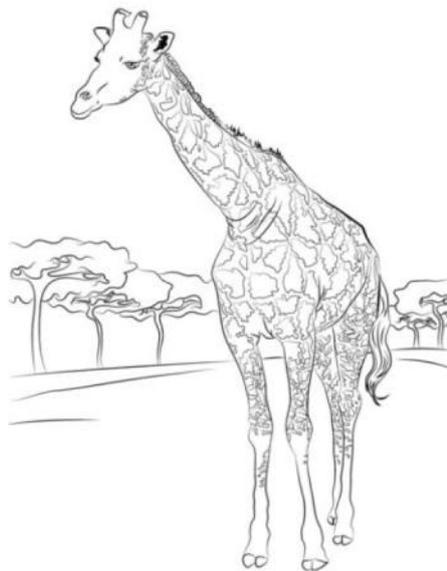
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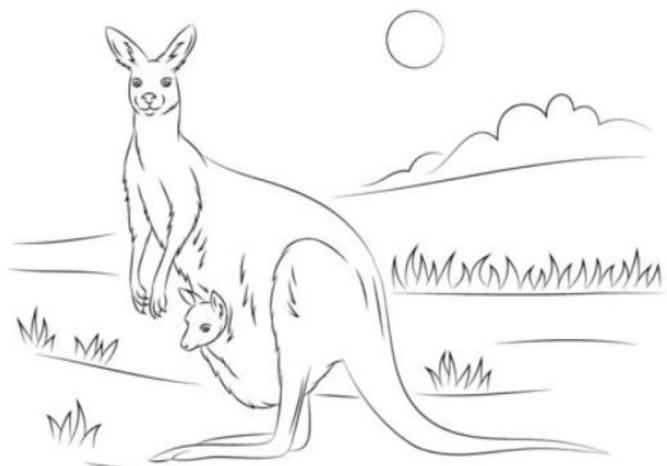
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### Things to do in August-September

**Join the Parish Council**

**Volunteer to be Secretary/Treasurer of the Recreation Ground Committee**

**Join in the Ride and Stride**

**Go on a walking group walk**

**Enter the 'potatoes in a bucket' and 'largest onion' competitions**

**Join/renew subscription for Church 100 Club**

**Go to the Coffee Morning**

**Volunteer to help at the cemetery**

**Apply to work at the Village Shop**

**Put forward an application for grant funding for your organisation**

### **KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB**

June Winners

£40 (38) B Almond, £30 (67) J Watts,  
£20 (7) A Rogerson, £20 (31) D Liddington,  
£10 (75) J Bartlett

Details of the Club and how to join are on page 9.

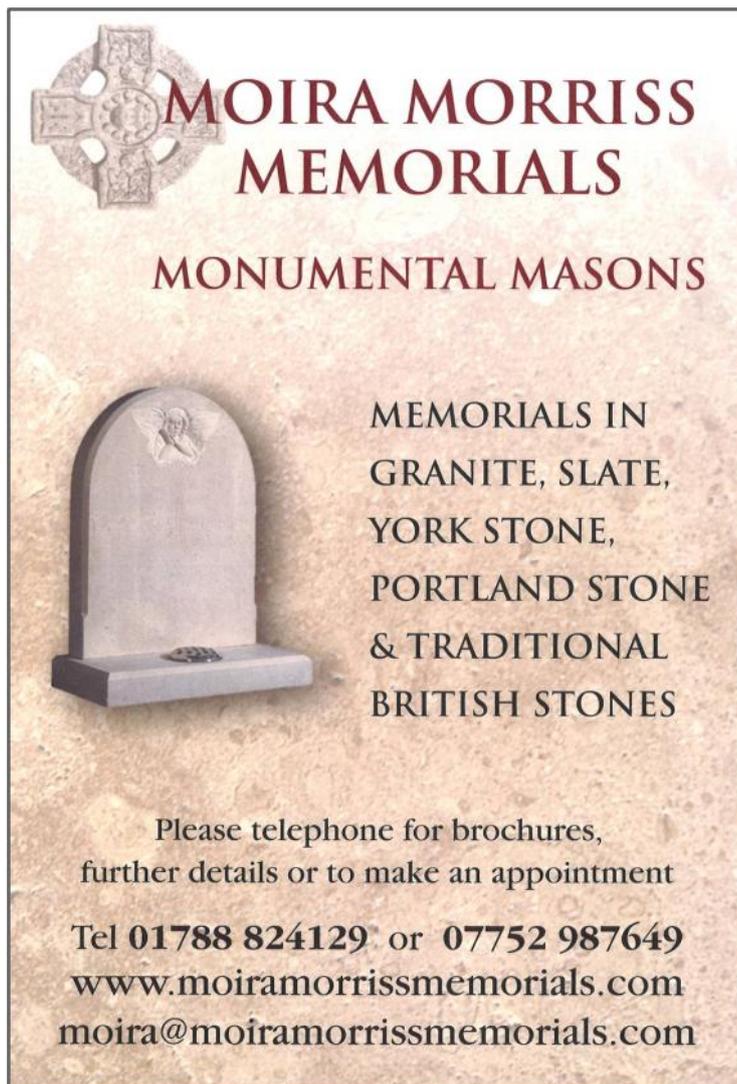
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### **WANTED**

**More Parish Councillors** (see pages 3 and 9)

**Volunteers to help keep the cemetery tidy** (see page 3 and page 9)

**Applications for S106 funds** (see page 3 and 4)

**Entries for the Potatoes and Onions competitions** (see page 8)

**Secretary/Treasurer for the Recreation Ground Committee** (see pages 9 and 10)

**Chunky knitting wool** (see page 12)

**Part-time (paid) assistant for the shop** (see page 15)

**The deadline for the next issue is  
Tuesday 22nd September 2020**