



Dates for your Diary
Thursday 3rd December
Walking Group Walk

Friday 4th December
Last day for donations to Food appeal

Saturday 5th December
Switching on of Christmas Tree lights
Pre-school Santa Scavenger hunt and
Christmas jumper competition

Friday 11th December
Visit of Father Christmas with
Daventry Rotary

Saturday 12th December
Draw for Christmas Tree lottery

Saturday 19th December
KSA Family Christmas Trail

Tuesday 29th December
Christmas Walking Group Walk

Thursday 7th January
Walking Group walk

Friday 8th January
Oil Club Order Point

Saturday 9th January
Draw for Christmas Tree lottery

Sunday 17th January
Walking Group walk



Once again it is nearly Christmas, after what has been a very strange and difficult year. At least now though there is hope on the horizon in the form of the newly developed vaccines. Until they are widely available however life continues to be restricted with many of the activities which would normally take place at this time of the year having to be changed or abandoned altogether. But the people of Kilsby have risen to the challenge. So although there will be no gathering on the Green to mark the switching on of the Christmas Tree lights Father Christmas will still tour the village with the winner of this year's drawing competition (many congratulations to Elsbeth Carpenter on her lovely picture - see page 6) and they will switch the lights on as usual. The Christmas Tree Committee has set up a lottery to support their funds which would normally be swelled by the event on the Green. The vicar has set out two schedules for Advent and Christmas services, depending on what restrictions are in place, (see page 23) and the school and preschool are doing all they can to make the run-up to Christmas as special as possible for the children. They have also organised, with the village shop and with Daventry Food Bank, an appeal for donations of items which can be put into hampers to give some of those many people who need support this Christmas a little extra. Details are on pages 20 and 21.

Elsewhere you can read about the novel approach WI has taken to keeping its members in touch and involved during the pandemic and the work the History Society is planning to do over the winter months whilst the meetings of both groups are suspended. Janet Chappell has written about the Jubilee Plantation, which is now open to visitors and is also looking for people to help look after it (page 14). And you can learn more about hedgehogs and how to help them on page 19.

All this and more, combined with an interesting and informative report from the Chairman of the Parish Council, an update on the review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, as well as the usual helpful update from Catherine Lomax on what is happening at District Level. You should find plenty to interest you in this edition, and if you have some spare time you might enjoy tackling the crossword on page 25. This is a new feature which we plan to put in regularly and which we hope readers will like.

Finally, our village shop is gearing up for Christmas with lots of delicious festive food and drink and great ideas for presents. The shop has done a wonderful job throughout the year in providing a great service, with deliveries where needed, for people who were especially vulnerable during the pandemic and indeed for the whole village. We hope everyone will continue to support the shop into 2021 and beyond and also support the Red Lion which is such a great asset to our village and which has suffered through having to shut down for prolonged periods, although managing to provide a great take away service.

Have a happy and healthy Christmas and stay safe.





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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs,
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Well what a year so far this has been and I hope you are all well and coping with the restrictions imposed. Hopefully we will get some slight relaxation of the rules and be able to see our families over the Christmas period, albeit mindful of Covid.

It was a pleasure to be able to lay a wreath on behalf of the Council and all Parishioners in Kilsby, at the St Faith's war memorial on Remembrance Day, There were several of us there and Cllr Clive Thompson very kindly read out a verse prior to us taking a two minute silence at 11:00 am.



Parish Clerk

Our current Clerk, Clare Valentine is on Maternity leave for the next few months and is expecting a happy addition to her family in mid-December. I am sure you would all like to send her our best wishes for the forthcoming arrival and hope everything goes well for her and the family. During the time Clare is away from us, Catherine Camp, who I'm sure some of you will remember from the past, has agreed to take on the responsibility of Clerk and Responsible Officer along side her responsibilities to Barby and Onley PC. The council would like to say, welcome back and a big 'thank you' from all of us.

Over the next few months and into the 21-22 financial year, the Parish Council has a lot of exciting work to do, on your behalf and below I have listed just a few things which you will see happening around the village over the next few months.

Extension to Urban Meadow at Malt Mill Green (wildflowers)

Cllr Clive Thompson took the lead on the Urban Meadow project and I am please to announce that he will (with Norse) be enlarging the area on Malt Mill Green which all will be able to admire during the summer months, it was a beautiful show this year and I personally look forward to seeing the enhancement during next summer.

Defibrillator

A second defibrillator is going to be installed in the near future, this time at the Village Hall. We would like to thank Turtle Engineering for the kind donation of the case it will be installed in and also the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to site it there. If you could help with weekly checks on it please contact Catherine Camp at parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk or telephone 01788 891194.

Speeding through our village

We are endeavouring to improve the problem of speeding through our village which I know is a concern to all of us. As such both Cllrs Weston and Massey are due to have meetings with Northamptonshire Highways to discuss the possibility of installing new signs not least, hopefully, on the A361.

I must mention, whilst on this subject, that Kilsby School held a Parliament Week during the first week in November. All the school year groups were asked to come up with ideas to calm speeding through the village and present them, via zoom, to the whole of the school. It was a pleasure to be part of the week and I was extremely amazed at the ideas the children had developed. We should congratulate Year Three on winning the election with their suggestion that Scarecrow Policemen should be made up and placed in prominent places around the village. I am looking forward to seeing the final Scarecrows and to be part of the judging process for the best one. **(Eds. See also report on page 24.)**

Cemetery

Daventry Town Council were recently approached to take over the management of the cemetery but after careful consideration they informed us that unfortunately they were unable to offer the facility although we must thank them for helping us out after we found ourselves without cover until Catherine Camp came on board to Clerk for us. However, that then leaves the village with the requirement for a Cemetery Administrator (see advertisement on page 18) to undertake the responsibilities of the post. Anyone who is interested and would like to know more about this position should please contact Catherine at parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk **(Cont. On page 4)**

(Cont. From page 3)

The council is considering some improvements around the cemetery and if you have any ideas please write to me via my email address hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk

I would be pleased to hear your thoughts.

Heritage information Boards.

You will obviously have read previously about the Heritage Board project the Council has undertaken. The idea for these and the texts were originally put together by Gren Hatton before he died. The Boards have been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and will be sited around the village: two wall mounted and seven lectern style. The launch date will be announced in due course and accompanying information leaflets produced.

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Other things happening around the village over the next year or so which will be confirmed at the Council Meeting in December are:

1. Improvements to Butts Lane around the culvert.
2. Malt Mill Green Bus Stop.

Can I and The Council wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Let's all hope we can beat Covid 19 and return to whatever a normal life will be. Remember to follow the Government Guidelines and be vigilant.

Howard Gibbs
Chairman, Kilsby Parish Council.

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

(From Lorna Griffiths, Tel: 823246)

I would love to say we have a waiting list.

I would love to say we have finally reached 100.

The truth is, numbers are down to 65 members this year.

Times are difficult and uncertain, and many of us are struggling one way or another, and yet, I have to ask if you would like to help maintain our village church, would you consider joining the 100 Club?

The fees are £60 for the whole year, payable in a variety of ways. A prize draw takes place in the Village Shop every month and if you have been lucky, I drop an envelope through your letter box with your prize money inside, giving you a moment of joy!

Please think about it and call Lorna on 823246 if you would like more details.

Many thanks.

Be well.

(Eds. Details of winners in September and October are on page 17.)



FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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

I read in the press that the Government is bowing to pressure from all sides, and is going to rethink the algorithm by which Northamptonshire would have seen the number of new houses "required" increase by about 75%. This is very welcome. Currently the rural areas of Daventry District have already exceeded the house building targets locally set and calculated to be needed within the next few years. We await other changes to the Government's proposed planning reforms.

Hopefully you have completed and returned to DDC the Kilsby Housing Needs survey (which closed on 27th November). Your response is important in helping us to try to get suitable and affordable housing for local people.

In our second Lockdown, business at DDC continues, but more slowly than usual, and with little face-to-face contact with residents. Do let me know if you have any difficulty in contacting officers. Many staff are still working from home, and all council meetings are conducted remotely on Zoom, which could continue until the Council is abolished on 1 April 2021.

The Government has allocated £428,000 to DDC for Disabled Facilities Grants. This is £28,000 more than expected, so it is good news.

The County Council in its weekly Highways update tells us that in the week ending 6th November 2020, 345 potholes were repaired following inspections and reports from the public. In the same week 3096 gullies were inspected and 3020 were cleaned. Attention to pavements would be welcome. Some in Kilsby are dangerous, and other parishes are also calling for urgent pathway repairs.

Our new local authority, West Northamptonshire (Shadow) Unitary, has been considering council tax and discount harmonisation, as the rates applied in DDC, South Northamptonshire, and Northampton Borough are all different. Council tax here will rise – that reflects the much higher existing rates in Northampton – but it will be phased in over a number of years, so we will only feel the pain gradually! The annual budget for the new council will be decided in the next few weeks, and your council tax demand will come from there.

Covid 19 cases have been rising in the district, so please keep to the guidance to keep yourselves and others safe. The second lockdown is about to end, and we can only hope there will be no more. None of us know what Christmas will be like this year, but my warmest wishes to you all for the season, and let's hope 2021 will be a much better year.



Facing issues with your laptop or tech?

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

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Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Sharon King, 01788 823264



Designed by: Elsbeth Carpenter, age 7, winner of the Kilsby Christmas Tree Competition

Unfortunately, the Kilsby Christmas Tree event will be cancelled this year, due to the current pandemic and government guidelines. We will, however, still be turning the Christmas tree lights on. This will still take place at **5pm on Saturday 5th December 2020** by Father Christmas and the Kilsby Christmas Tree competition winner, Elsbeth Carpenter.

Before the lights are switched on Father Christmas and Elsbeth will be driven around the village in his sleigh, from 3pm. His route will be as follows:

3 - 4pm		4 - 5pm	
Main Road	Malt Mill Green	Fishers Close	A5, Watling Street
North Street	Malt Mill Close	Ashby Road	Malt Mill Green
Rugby Road	A361	Independent Street	Chapel Street
Middle Street	Cildes Croft	Middle Street	Barby Road
Smarts Estate	The Banks	Rugby Road	Devon Ox Road
Manor Road	Arnills Way	Hall Close	Christmas Tree Green

You are welcome to wave at Father Christmas from your doorstep or driveway, but please do not come to the green. We will add updates to our Facebook page.

Thank you
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



Wharf Farm, Kilsby Lane, Rugby CV21 4PN

Pamper yourself with some 'me time' in all the chaos with these great December offers!

Mini manicure and mini pedicure with gel polish
X1 areas of waxing (half leg, under arm, bikini line or lip and chin)
Eye brow tint and tidy
£48 - 2 ½ hours



..... and for January!

Post Christmas Chill-out

Take time out for yourself to de-stress and re-balance with a 3 in 1 focused massage treatment. Release unwanted tension in your back, neck and shoulders with an aromatic blend of sweet orange, mandarin and lavender oils. Coconut oil is trickled onto the scalp to nourish, condition and massage with, followed by a cooling foot gel massage to soothe tired, aching feet.
£28 - 45 minutes

Detoxifying Body Treatment

Refresh and renew with this detoxifying full body treatment. Skin brushing and marine salts assist the buffing away of dulling skin cells ready for potent aromatics to be infused into the skin. A highly active seaweed body wrap will purge toxins and remineralise the skin whilst you relax with a scalp massage! To finish a skin drenching moisturising blend leaving your skin feeling smooth and glowing.
£30 - 60 minutes

Gift vouchers are also available for cash amounts and all treatments / offers.

Support a local small business this Christmas



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CHURCH MOWING SEASON OVER FOR ANOTHER YEAR

(From Ian Lee, Tel: 823022)

The curtain has come down on another season of mowing the grass at St. Faith's. I would like to thank volunteers Duncan Andrews, Russell Burnell, Jim Browne, Sam Dunn, Geoff King, John King, Dean Merrigan, Richard Page, John Snell and Stan Stallard for all their efforts.

This year we presented the inaugural 'BRIAN KING MEMORIAL MOWING TROPHY', in memory of Brian, who contributed so much over the years in keeping St. Faith's looking lovely, both in terms of actual mowing and managing the mowing rota. This year's winner is John King, Brian's brother. They both spent many a happy hour together cutting the grass at St. Faith's (albeit with a few moans and groans here and there, ha ha!). We had planned for a "get together" (drinking competition) of the team at The Red Lion but the pandemic put a stop to this. Lets hope we can meet up next year.

I hope you can all volunteer your services again next season, which kicks off in March.

We are always looking for extra volunteers so if you are interested contact me at info@leeweigh.co.uk or on 01788 823022.



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Father Christmas' Sleigh



Great news! Daventry's Rotary club have once again persuaded Father Christmas to visit the village on his sleigh to spread Christmas cheer with the usual lights and music on Friday 11th December from 6.30 pm.

The COVID compromise is that there will be no door to door collection this year which will unfortunately impact on the Rotary Club's fund and its ability to support our local groups such as Kilsby School Association and our Girl Guides.

If you would like to support the great work of the Rotary there will be a collection tin in our Village shop. A small number of village volunteers will also be supporting Father Christmas and holding buckets (if restrictions permit) to collect (distantly) donations en route.

You can also donate online – search 'Rotary club Daventry Christmas fund' (the donate button is at the bottom of the web page). You will also be able to find a direct weblink on the Parish Council Facebook page.

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:

Friday 8th January and Friday 5th March 2021

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



Christmas Orders

We are now taking orders for our
Christmas Produce

Chapman Family Butchers,
Sercombes, Fatherson Bakery,
Fowlers Cheese, KVS Logo Selection

Free Range Turkeys

Geese

Gammon Joints

Free Range Chickens

3 Bird Roast

Cockerels

Steak

Beef (Topside/Silverside)

Lamb

Sausage Meat

Ham Joints

Game (Pheasant/Partridge/Duck/Fowl/Venison)

Sercombes: Pork Pies, Chicken & Ham, Pork & Stilton, Pork & Game, Pork & Black Pudding, Ploughmans, Pork & Apricot, Gala Pies, Ham Joints, Pork Sausage Meat, Pork Cocktails, Pigs in Blankets

Fatherson: Traditional & Luxury Mince Pies, Port & Cranberry Mince Pies, Christmas Loaf Cake, Mincemeat Bakewells, Apple & Mince Meat Pie, Xmas Sponge Pudding, Fairy Cakes

Fowlers: Forest Blue, Little Derby, Soft Bard, Wax Vintage, Clarabel Apricot/Cranberry, Cropwell Bishop Stilton, Barbers Truckles,

We would like to wish a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year to all our customers



Kilsby Village Shop

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

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone but as we bring this year to a close, we are all optimistically looking towards Christmas and hopefully spending some time with our family and friends over the festive season. Your village shop is here to help bring that little bit of extra sparkle, we all so very much deserve.

Our Christmas stock has started to arrive with a lovely range of cards, advent calendars, chocolates and wrapping paper. We have teamed up with a new and local supplier - The Craft Drinks Company - to provide some Christmas cheer with their amazing gift boxes of ales, cider and gins. Our new KVS logo festive stock is arriving with tasty conserves, chutneys, pickles, pate and biscuits to try.

We are of course, taking orders for mouth-watering Christmas produce from Chapmans Butchers - following the fabulous feedback on their turkeys and cockerels last year, together with Sercombes, Fatherson Bakery and Fowlers Cheese - please see advert on page 9 or pop in the shop for an order form.

Struggling for that Christmas gift and would like something a little different - why not let us design you a hamper? You can choose from our lovely KVS Christmas logo items like Strawberry & Champagne Conserve, Raspberry & Amaretto or Apricot & Brandy, then add a bottle of your favourite wine, Prosecco or why not try one of our botanical gins. Alternatively, you could add some scrummy cheeses from our local cheesemaker - Fowlers, a bottle of port and KVS chutney and crackers. We also have some beautiful watercolour Kilsby mugs featuring our lovely church, tunnel and The Haven. Just pop into the shop, choose your items and we will design your hamper, gift wrapped and ready for collection or local delivery! Give someone that unique and special gift of 'Kilsby' this year.

As you start your Christmas day preparations the shopping list below may be of use to you. Remember: you can get all of this from your village shop. Your community shop supports small and local suppliers providing finest quality foods - so give your Christmas that extra bit of magic this year.

Breakfast:	
Sercombes quality Bacon (Smoked/Back/Streaky)	
Sercombes award winning Sausages (Pork/Lincoln/Cumberland)	
Sercombes Black Pudding Rings	
Free Range Eggs (pick your own or large pre-boxed)	
Martins Fruit/Veg Mushrooms/Tomatoes	
John Dwyer's Bread (Granary/Farmhouse/Harvester)	
Lunch:	
Duck & Orange/Farmhouse Pork or Chicken Liver & Cognac Pate	
KVS Logo Christmas Red Onion Pickle/Cranberry & Port/Spiced Beetroot & Orange	
John Dwyer's Harvester Bread	
Chapman Family Butchers Turkey/Beef/Pork/Lamb	
Sage & Onion Stuffing	
Sercombes Pigs in Blankets/Cocktail & Sausage Meat Tubes	
Martins Fruit & Veg Brussels/Parsnips/Potatoes/Carrot/Red Cabbage/Swede/Leeks	
/Peas/Onions & Cauliflower	
KVS Logo Sauces: Cranberry/Apple/Mustard/Horseradish/Mint	
Fatherson's Christmas Sponge Pudding/Mince Pies (Port & Cranberry)/Apple & Mincemeat	
Pie/Christmas Loaf/Mincemeat Bakewell's/Festive Fairy & Cup Cakes	
Longley Farm Cream (Single/Double)/Brandy Cream/Crème Fraiche	
Fowlers awarding winning Cheese Board (Forest and Shropshire Blue/Brie/Stilton/Wax	
Vintage/Clarabel Cranberry or Apricot/Bard/Warwickshire Truckle/Oak Smoked/Chilli/ Onion	
Chive/ Sage Derby/Red/Mild/Mature/XXX	
KVS Logo Crackers/Cheeseboard Chutney	

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Prosecco/Red Wine (Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz/Merlot) White wine (Pinot Grigio/Sauvignon Blanc) & Non-alcoholic wine/beers	
Floyers Fruit Farm (Flore) Apple Juice	
The Craft Drinks Co - Beers/Cider/Ales	
Teatime:	
Sercombes traditional Pork Pies (Chicken & Ham /Pork & Black Pudding/ Pork & Game/Gala (3 sizes – 1lb/2lb/5lb)	
Sercombes Cooked Meats (Ham/Pork/Beef/Hazlet) sliced/whole	
Sercombes Sausage Rolls	
Fatherson's Iced Christmas Cake	
Tea/Coffee/Milk (Including organic & Alpro)/Soft Drinks/Chocolate Brazil Nuts	
Logs/Kindling/Firelighters	

Our delivery service is still going really well; if you would like to place an order please let us know either via email at villageshopkilsby@gmail.com or by calling Andrea on **07861 295358**.

We are pleased to say that the new outside storage has arrived which will allow us to stock winter essentials of logs/kindling/coal/firelighters/winter car care and during the spring and summer garden plants and shrubs.

We will continue during these difficult times to protect our village and our customers as much as possible, so we will continue to offer safer shopping by only allowing one person (household) in the shop at any one time.

On behalf of your Village Shop Committee, we would like to give special thanks to our fabulous shop manager Andrea, our new assistant manager Sarah, together with all our amazing volunteers who have given their time to work in the shop, especially over this difficult time. Without your dedication and support the success of the shop in supporting the village during this pandemic would not have been possible. You are all an amazing team. **THANK YOU**

Finally, to all our customers a **HUGE THANK YOU** for your continued support of the shop. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. And as we say goodbye to 2020, we all look forward to a much brighter 2021.

Kilsby Neighbourhood Development Plan Review – Report on Progress

(From Councillors Clive Thompson and Ian Massey)

As reported in the last edition, it is a requirement for the plan review to incorporate an up-to-date housing needs survey. The lifetime of these surveys is three years and as the one used in the making of the existing Neighbourhood Development Plan was established at the beginning of 2015, a new one is required. Daventry District Council has the responsibility to produce this and the process started at the end of October with completion towards the end of November. Information posters were located around the village advertising the survey. Each household in the community received a letter from DDC informing them of the survey including a unique registration number to be used in completing it. Although the preference was for using an on-line survey (referred to in the letter), hard copy responses were also acceptable. We have to thank the Village Shop for keeping a stock of these hard copy questionnaires, and some have been handed out to residents who preferred this method.

It is anticipated that the results of the survey will become available in December so that they can be

incorporated into the next stage of reviewing the Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will involve the formal presentation of revisions to the plan to DDC, at the appropriate time. This is an involved technical process and will result in DDC making a judgement as to whether the changes needed to the Plan are considered material or non-material. As this is an important step the Parish Council have agreed that we should take advice from planning consultants to ensure that the response to DDC is as secure as it can be. Consequently, the consultants who advised on the production of the original Development Plan (Kirkwells Town Planning) have been contracted to provide this advice to the Parish Council. To fund this, the Parish Council has been successful in receiving a grant from Locality, an organisation set up to provide support to the establishing of Neighbourhood Development Plans.

Progress on the revision to the Neighbourhood Development Plan will continue to be reported in future editions of the Kronickle.

RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT



Sophie Abbott Andrea & Adrian Brown Alison Harrison
And Clive the dog who completed the whole route

We started at 10.00 am and finished at 4.30 pm, visiting five churches: Kilsby, Barby, Braunston, Ashby St Ledgers, Crick then back to Kilsby, and walking over fourteen miles. It was a beautiful day.

Special thanks to Gill and to Crick Church for supporting us by opening the churches and supplying much needed refreshments.

Thank you to everyone that sponsored us.
(See also note from Gill Mason on page 18.)




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Kilsby Youth Club

Kilsby Youth Club returned in the summer holidays with a whole week of activities taking place outside on the recreation ground. It was so great to see the young people of the village able to spend time outdoors mixing with people their own age, after a hard few months. Activities included archery, football, basketball, quizzes and lots of challenges with teams competing for the most points!

Kilsby Youth Club has continued throughout the autumn term meeting every two weeks at the village hall. Since the most recent lockdown, sessions have continued online, with quizzes and team challenges still very much part of the sessions.

The youth club is open to anyone over the age of 10 and everyone is welcome, you don't need to live in Kilsby. We are hoping that we will be able to meet face to face again soon, in time for the Youth Club Christmas Party! Keep an eye on the Kilsby Youth Club and Youth Inspired Facebook pages for updates.

Stay safe.

From all the Kilsby Youth Group Committee
Contact: Kilsbyyouthclub@gmail.com



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Jubilee Plantation

Looking for a new walk? Why not visit the Jubilee Plantation, one of Kilsby's own green spaces, belonging to the Kilsby Poors Land Charity.

It is an area of six and a half acres of woodland planted in 2002 with a mixture of native species which have now become mature trees. The site is adjacent to the A5 about half a mile from the village, just south of the Rugby to Northampton railway. Walking from the village is not always pleasant due to the volume of lorry traffic on the A5 but once in the wood it is surprisingly peaceful and you might spot some interesting wildlife. Do bear in mind that it is a 'wild wood' so please keep dogs on a lead. If driving to the site, one should park in the nearby lay-by (it is safest to reach this by driving to the roundabout at Halfway House and returning southwards to pull into the lay-by without crossing the line of traffic). Enter the woodland via the pedestrian gate. We are most grateful that with the help of a grant from Kilsby Parish Council it has been possible to arrange public liability insurance to cover the site.

The woodland is managed by Bob Wilson who has been the tenant of the land for many years. The latest challenge he has to contend with is ash dieback which, in common with many woods throughout the country, is now affecting some of our trees. This can only be dealt with by felling and replanting with different species. Bob would welcome assistance when it comes to replanting along with general maintenance tasks. Ideally, it would be good to have a volunteer group to work under his guidance. If you are interested in this project please get in touch.

Janet Chappell, Clerk & Trustee - Kilsby Poors Land Charity, 01788 822764 janet.chappell@tiscali.co.uk

Book Exchange at telephone kiosk

(From Lesley Loader, Tel: 8222460)

I know that the book exchange was well used during the first lock down and it certainly fulfilled a need with libraries and bookshops closed.

As, though, there is very little space in the kiosk and bearing in mind that someone may need to access the defibrillator in an emergency, please may I repeat my plea to people only to leave paperback books in there. The addition of the small cardboard boxes to take a few extra books was a good idea. I have recently made two or three trips to the Air Ambulance book bank by the side of the Red Lion in Hillmorton to leave hard back books. I recommend it to you if you are having a significant clear out. Enjoy reading!

Kilsby Photography Group

(From Paul Morrice)

Hello all,

I thought it a good idea to give an update on our group, prior to and during the Covid 19 situation we now find ourselves dealing with.

The original idea was to visit towns and villages on bus routes linked to Kilsby, to enable Bus Pass holders to make use of their passes, and enjoy a photographic experience somewhere new. Of late we have not used public transport due to social distancing, but have instead made a self-drive visit to a couple of places and spent an hour or two taking pictures of the location.

In view of this we have realised that the "Bus Pass" requirement is something that actually precludes some village photographers from our group, and we have therefore decided to open the group up to anybody that is interested in photography.

Before the pandemic, we were trying to get out once a month, though this is very flexible. And now we have lockdowns to contend with it obviously needs to be more carefully managed, as this is hardly essential travel.

The last trip, to Badby village, was arranged on a speedy, weather related basis, by phone message or WhatsApp. i.e. "As the weather is good does anyone want to meet up at such and such today at 11.00 am" It was spur of the moment but worked well. During the winter months this may be the way forward, rather than plan and diarise only to cancel if the weather is awful. To be honest, this is work in progress.

Please note that members of the group are welcome to use cameras and smart phone cameras. The only requirement is for you to just get out and enjoy photography, and of course the company of your fellow photographers.

We have been using Flickr and Google photos to display some of our efforts for all members to see.

The Group will now be re-named "Kilsby Photography Group" I hope to have a Photography Group presence soon on Facebook. I will either discontinue or change the name of the existing Facebook page.

If this interests you and you wish to have more information please email me on pmmorrice@aol.com or send a message on Facebook messenger.

GARDENERS' CORNER

Wet, wet, wet..

October in Kilsby was very soggy again, at 150 mm (6 in), more than twice the normal rain and even beating wet February's record of 135mm.

Let the worms do the work

It has been very mild so we are again well past the traditional 5th November for the first frost. The ground is very wet so instead of trying to dig it, just hoe and rake off any weeds and then spread the compost from your lovely compost heaps. There is no need to dig it in, the worms will take it down for you.

Don't rush into winter pruning

It is worth checking your fruit tree stakes and ties, particularly those on dwarfing rootstocks which will have weaker roots, but don't hard prune yet as that risks new growth starting too soon. There is plenty of time to prune fruit trees and bushes in February. It is worth just shortening and tying back the long shoots on bush and standard roses enough to stop them rocking in the wind.

Jobs to do in December

- Plant that garlic you should have planted in November!
- Finish clearing and tidying your flower borders.
- Sit in the warm reading your gardening catalogues.
- Finish your planting plan for next year.
- Order any remaining seeds and plants,

Jobs to do in January

- Clean your paths.
- Fork over round your bulbs and top dress with bonemeal.
- Expose pots of bulbs to frost but protect from rain.
- Later in the month sow tomatoes in warmth for early crops.

Times past...

Advice for December in "Kalenderial Index", Mr Loudon, 1850:-

"December: The gardener's operations are chiefly of the laborious kind but the days are short and the nights are long. He may console himself with the shortness of the day and hail the approach of evening when he may lay aside his wet dress and fortify his mind by converse with books."

Perhaps a hot toddy to fortify the body too!

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

Kilsby Women's Institute

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, our monthly meetings are still cancelled. We have decided to wait until at least April 2021 before attempting to restart our usual monthly meetings but we are optimistic that we'll be able to restart then and get back to 'normal' during the summer.

In the meantime we continue to have a 'thought for the day' each day - usually something to bring a smile to our faces! And each week we issue a quiz for our members. We held a lovely 'Treasure Trail' for our members around Kilsby - a great way to add a bit of interest to our walks! And after the great success of our 'Virtual Cream Tea' we are now holding 'meetings in a bag'! Some members are spreading out their 'meeting' over several days by opening just one of the inner bags each day. Our October 'meeting in a bag', amongst other things, held a hyacinth growing competition, a card blank to make a Christmas card for another member and some winter recipes from a qualified herbalist.

Just a reminder that because of Covid-19 we have taken the sad decision to cancel our normally very popular Christmas party - it simply would not have been possible for it to go ahead in its normal format.

We **are** still knitting furiously for our planned yarn bombing next year - part of our centenary celebrations. And we hope to have a lovely surprise for the whole village next year... watch out for news.

To you all from Kilsby WI - a Very Merry (socially distanced) Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Kilsby History Society

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822917)

Our chairperson, Gill Mason, has collected lots of information on the history of our village and its people, much of it in the form of photographs.

We will be busy over the winter scanning Gill's folders, which are full of fascinating facts, in order to preserve them in another format, as DVDs.

Do you recognise any of the faces in these photos?

Until we can meet safely again keep well.



To the left, children playing on the slide in 1953 when the park was opened; above, headmaster Mr. Wigley's retirement in July 1983 and below, the Golden Jubilee celebrations on the school field in 2002



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Special birthday celebration

(From Andrea Brown, Arnills Way)

On September 17th and 18th we celebrated two special birthdays in the village.

Jack Edwards was 90 and had several visitors throughout the day (keeping social distancing) to celebrate his birthday.

As you can see from the picture below, Jack wore his favourite jacket which he proudly wore when he represented Wales in the Shooting events at the Commonwealth Games in Australia 1982.

Happy birthday Jack from all your friends in Arnills Way.



Special birthday wishes were also sent to Cliff Worster of Rugby Road. Cliff celebrated his 90th year with his lovely wife Vera and family.

Happy birthday Cliff from Andrea and the team at Kilsby Village Shop.

(And congratulations from the Editors to both Jack and Cliff.)

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

September Winners

£40 (16) J Prendergast; £30 (56) H Grainger;
£20 (64) J Browne; £20 (58) A F Biles;
£10 (30) J Dixon

October Winners

£40 (26) A Lewis; £30 (97) J Ayton;
£20 (53) M and H Cheney; £20 (52) T Clay
£10 (93) P Seddon

Details of the Club and how to join are on page 4.



The Kilsby School Association is a registered charity that raises funds to enhance the education and experiences of the children that attend Kilsby Primary School. This year we have not been able to organise many of the events that we would normally run to raise money for the KSA, notably the May Fayre, which is our biggest fundraiser.

Fortunately, the KSA elves are busy organising some Christmas fundraising events that will hopefully not only raise some much-needed funds but also provide some festive cheer!

The KSA wrapping room will still operate (remotely) and the children from school and their families will have the opportunity to take part in a virtual Christmas bingo! The KSA will also be helping Daventry Rotary with their Santa sleigh collection on Friday 11th December. We are busy organising a family Christmas trail that will be open to the whole village. This will be on Saturday 19th December and trail maps will be available nearer the time, follow the trail to find some Christmas treats and goodies. For those who fancy solving a puzzle, there will also be a murder mystery trail set around our village. Open to all ages, families can take a walk to solve clues. Will you be able to find out who the murderer is? All correct crime reports will be raffled, to be in with a chance of winning a prize! Keep an eye out for more details!

The KSA is also teaming up with the Kilsby Preschool and Kilsby CE Primary school to collect donations for the Daventry Foodbank Christmas hampers. More details can be found on page 21 and in the village shop.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising!

Stay safe and Merry Christmas!
The KSA Committee

KILSBY OPEN GARDENS A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Sunday 20th June 2021 gardens in Kilsby will be opening, all being well, from 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm.

More information in future editions.

John Madigan, jam.madigan2015@outlook.com

St. Faith's Social Committee

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

The Committee is still hoping that we might be able to hold the planned quiz at the end of March next year. We will know more by the next edition but in the meantime we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

Take care and stay safe.

CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Flu vaccinations

The vaccination programme has gone extremely well and over 70% of the over-65 age group have now been vaccinated. Unfortunately the clinic on the 31st October had to be cancelled because no vaccine was available, but a further session for the over 65's was carried out on the 11th November. If you are in this group and have not been vaccinated yet but would like to be please contact the surgery.

Vaccination dates for the under 65's are still to be confirmed when confirmation of vaccine supply is received.

There has been a good uptake on the nasal-spray programme for the 2- 3 age group.

Staff changes

As I mentioned in the last issue, Doctor Twigg will be leaving at the end of the year and the partners will then be Dr Marchant and Dr Tharm (who will be returning from maternity leave on 21st December). Both of the new partners are experienced and are keen to keep the ethos of the surgery.

The practice manager, Sally Boyne, will be retiring on 25th November and we wish her well in her retirement. A new practice manager has been appointed and Lizzie Schisler will be commencing her duties on 14th December. She has been shadowing Sally recently so there will be a smooth transfer of responsibilities.

Covid 19 Situation

Although we are all looking forward to a change in the situation with the announcement of the Pfizer vaccine, things still remain unchanged with respect to the operation of the practice and are likely to remain so for some time. The practice is still awaiting news from NHS England on how any potential vaccination programme will be rolled out. Hopefully by the next issue the situation may be much clearer. Meanwhile follow the guidelines and keep safe.

KILSBY CEMETERY

(From Kilsby Parish Council)

After in-depth discussion with Daventry Town Council, Kilsby Parish Council has decided to continue to act as Burials Authority for the Parish of Kilsby. This provides an opportunity for a local parishioner or parishioners to undertake the work on an 'as and when' basis.

Kilsby Parish Council would like to appoint a

CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR on an 'as and when' basis

to administer the paperwork associated with the Cemetery.

Reporting to the Parish Clerk, we are looking for a person(s) with good organisational skills, who is happy to liaise with people at a difficult time, and to ensure records are kept up to date and legislative requirements are carried out correctly.

Payment will be based on £50 per Burial/Cremation or installation of Memorial.

Typically we have 12-16 events per annum when a visit to the cemetery will be required to check procedures and complete the record.

If you would like to be considered for this appointment, please submit a letter of interest outlining your suitability to the Clerk by email to: parish.council@kilsbyvillage.co.uk by 20th December.

All necessary training will be provided.

Further information can be found on the parish website: www.kilsbyparish.co.uk

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

I can now report that the sponsored Ride and Stride in September raised a total of £500.30. This has been sent off and we have received our half share.

Once again, many thanks to all those who walked and all those who sponsored.

(See picture and piece on page 12)

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, ljloader@btinternet.com
Tel: 822246 or 07783521052)

December

I am hoping we shall be able to walk on Thursday 3rd December, leaving at 9.30 am from White House 3 Chapel Street.

Because Sundays are usually busy in December with Christmas events etc, there is not normally a Sunday walk. Instead we walk one day between Christmas and New Year. This is a walk over to Crick (the long way round, not the bridleway) with a snack lunch at The Wheatsheaf and a walk back on the bridleway. As the path is flooded under the motorway bridge we may need to return another way which makes the walk a bit longer. I suggest this walk takes place on Tuesday 29 December leaving from Chapel Street at 11.00 am.

The flooding has been reported to the Rights of Way Officer at Northants County Council.

January

Thursday January 7th leaving at 9.30 am
Sunday 17th January leaving at 10.00 am
Both walks leave from Chapel Street.

More information from Lesley Loader, details above.

KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

With the second lockdown coming early in November, there has been little activity, and no meetings taking place. The committee of KGPA have all confirmed their willingness to continue serving, and so there will be no change in the organisation for next year.

We are, however, always happy to see new blood on the committee, and any member who wishes to join us is more than welcome to let us know.

As soon as we can, we will put together and announce a programme of events for 2021. Don't forget that the membership fees you paid for 2020 will also cover you for next year.

In the meantime, please stay safe, have a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and let's all look forward to better times to come in 2021.

Hedgehog Tales

Like everyone, we have spent far more time at home than usual this year, but it certainly has had its rewards. One sunny evening back in the summer, just as the light was going, we spied a hedgehog gliding towards our patio where we have bird feeders and it proceeded to Hoover up everything that was lying around. We had seen evidence of hedgehogs in the previous two summers, but this was our first sighting – wow!

Ever since, we have put dried food (the cat stuff is fine and much cheaper than special hedgehog food!) and a plate of water (milk is bad for them) every night. Most evenings up until about mid-October, we have enjoyed as many as three hedgehogs in the garden and on one occasion, two eating from the same plate and usually drinking from the water plate too. Before hibernation hedgehogs have to weigh 1lb for any chance of survival – basically the heavier the better.

A few times in October I heard a sort of grunting noise coming from behind a hedge and realised it was a hedgehog – how aptly named they are! In early November I was doing some clearing in a really small border in the middle of the garden and came across a wadge of long dried plant material that seemed a bit 'solid' and carefully opened it and there indeed was a 'hog' already hibernating. Thank goodness I hadn't stuck a fork in it by mistake! So, take care in your garden – they don't always choose a nice secluded place in a corner! I wonder whether this one is the one we have been feeding all summer – who knows – but it might be one that has visited your garden as they travel 2-3 kilometres a night searching for food. As I write this on 11th November, we saw one crossing Rugby Road this evening – a risky business which has sadly caused the loss of a few in the village this year.

So, I've learnt that it's worth keeping some food out all through the winter as in mild spells, they can leave their hibernation nest for food, although this can use up energy they can ill afford to deplete. Also, that their eyesight is poor and that they regularly suffer with cataracts but they have an excellent sense of smell which is probably a way they communicate with each other.

Let's hope next year we all see more of these enchanting creatures in our gardens and to see hoglets too would be even better – they are in huge decline so we need to do what we can to help them increase in numbers. I'd love to know if other people have seen more hedgehogs in the village this year.

Caroline, Hall Close, caro.grey@btinternet.com

KILSBY PRE-SCHOOL

(From Laura Cafolla)

It has been a busy start to the school year at Kilsby Preschool and we are currently full with a waiting list for September 2021. We have welcomed a number of new committee members and have been busy working together as a team to find ways to help develop the preschool as well as support the staff and the children.

Throughout this life of lockdowns Nikki and all of the staff have worked very hard to ensure there was always a level of normality for all the children, especially back in March when there were some children still attending preschool and others staying at home. The team worked together to ensure those at home still felt connected via Zoom calls and a Preschool Community Facebook. There was no limit to their time, attention and creativity when it came to ensuring nobody was without learning materials and nobody felt alone.

Despite the restrictions, we have found new and creative ways to engage with our community in a positive way while still raising much needed funds for the preschool. Last month saw the completion of our Outdoor Classroom which was a welcome resource especially during the last few months where we have focused on more learning activities outdoors. The children love this new space as well as the sensory garden which will be a busy area in the spring months with lots more planting for the children to get involved in.

Our focus for the coming months will be to resurface the outdoor play area and to continue developing the outdoor space. We have plenty of fundraising events lined up and we are very excited about all the Christmas activities that we have planned. You can find lots of information about the fundraising activities on our Facebook page and also at the village shop.

The next month will be filled with festive fun with something for everyone in the village to get involved in. Santa has asked us to help him post out some lovely letters to the children. So the Kilsby elves have been working hard to add some extra magic to each and every letter. We also have a Santa Scavenger Hunt and a Christmas Jumper competition both which will take place on the day Santa comes to Kilsby to switch on the Christmas lights, the 5th of December. It is guaranteed to be a day full of fun for all and just what is needed to kick off the countdown to the Christmas holidays after such a challenging year.

In addition to all of this Kilsby Preschool have teamed up with Daventry Foodbank. We are hoping that with help and donations from our community we

can offer some much needed support to the foodbank. We plan on making some Christmas Food Hampers to help those in need this Christmas. We are very grateful for the support and help that Kilsby Primary School, the KSA and Kilsby Village Shop have all offered in the run up to this event. We ask for all food donations be dropped off to the village shop, Kilsby Primary School or Kilsby Preschool by the 4th of December. Full details are on the poster on page 21.

So much going on and lots of ways to get involved. For any questions please feel free to contact me by emailing kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com Many thanks as always for all your ongoing support.



BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2020



(From Terry Dougan, Tel: 822650)

Because of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, the Poppy Appeal activity this year was always going to be limited. However the people of Kilsby responded generously to the challenge. The purchase of poppies in the village shop, the Red Lion and the school, and of a wreath by St. Faith's church raised £394.25. In addition I know many people donated to the Appeal by post or online or bought their poppies whilst shopping outside the village.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed for your continuing support, and hopefully we can resume 'normal' activities next year.



Daventry Food Bank Collection

This year, Kilsby Pre-school, Kilsby Primary and the KSA would like to show their support for the community by running a collection for Daventry Food Bank.

We would like to make some hampers that will be given out to vulnerable families and the elderly.

Please pick one or more items listed on the baubles below and drop them into the school, pre-school or the village shop by Friday 4th December.

Thank you for helping us to make someone's Christmas special.

Family Hamper Items



Elderly Person Care Package





Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Sharon King, 01788 823264

Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery

The committee would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery. The lucky number was drawn on Saturday 14th November and was 109. Well done to Alison and Dean who won £70 and a bottle of champagne. Half of the money raised for the month went to the prize fund and the other half to the Kilsby Christmas Tree Fund.

The draws for the next few months will be as follows:

Month	Date
December	Saturday 12 th December 2020
January	Saturday 9 th January 2021
February	Saturday 13 th February 2021

There is still plenty of time to join in for the December draw, please contact Sharon King on 0750 8228736 or email kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com for more information.

The money which will be raised from the lottery will be used to fund the Christmas Tree light switch-on event for 2021.

Thank you
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



Kilsby C.E.
Primary School

We're expanding our Kilsby family!

It's a really exciting time for us at Kilsby Primary School as we've increased our Pupil Admission Number from 15 to 26. This means we have spaces in year groups that were previously full.

To find out more, you can enquire by phoning us on 01788 822711 or by emailing office@kilsbyprimary.net



ST. FAITH'S CHURCH KILSBY

Services for Advent and Christmas at St Faith's Kilsby

Well, the last service plan didn't quite work out. Perhaps this one won't either, although I've tried to make some sort of provision for a continued lockdown.

November...

Sunday 22nd	Christ the King	9am	Morning Prayer	- via email & WhatsApp
		11am	Gospel & Sermon	- via email & WhatsApp
Sunday 29th	Advent Sunday	9am	Morning Prayer	- via email & WhatsApp
		11am	Gospel & Sermon	- via email & WhatsApp

Look out for the 'Advent Wreath Boxes' at the Community Shop. You are welcome to take one to make your own Advent Wreath to help you follow the Advent Story week by week.

Services in December...

Sunday 6th	Advent 2	11am	Holy Communion	- in Church hopefully
Sunday 13th	Advent 3	11am	Holy Communion	- in Church hopefully
Sunday 20th	Advent 4	11am	Holy Communion	- in Church hopefully
Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve	4pm	Nativity Reflection	- in Church hopefully
Friday 25th	Christmas Day	11am	Holy Communion	- in Church hopefully

Alternatively! If we are still in some form of Lockdown...

Sunday 6th	Advent 2	9am	Morning Prayer	- via email & WhatsApp
		11am	Gospel & Sermon	- via email & WhatsApp
Sunday 13th	Advent 3	9am	Morning Prayer	- via email & WhatsApp
		11am	Gospel & Sermon	- via email & WhatsApp
Sunday 20th	Advent 4	9am	Morning Prayer	- via email & WhatsApp
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Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve	4pm	Nativity Reflection	- via email & WhatsApp
Friday 25th	Christmas Day	11am	Holy Communion	- via email & WhatsApp

'Lord, grant us a glimpse of your glory:
open our eyes to your coming to us,
that we may know you are with us always,
and that you are a very present help in trouble...'

If you would like to be added to the email and WhatsApp groups please email me your email address and mobile phone number and then download WhatsApp onto your mobile device.

Rev Nigel Fry

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NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

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

Since we started back in September everything has been so different in school. We have all settled into a routine which is as normal as we can manage during these present times. Sadly, we have not been able to organise any trips for the children which we would usually have in place by now. Hopefully next year things will be different.

However, we have been able to organise Bikeability sessions for children in Years 3 and 4 to take place in January 2021. These sessions are very worthwhile, providing the children with the knowledge, skills and experience to make a journey confidently by bike. This Level 1 session encourages children to ride their bikes more, starting with off-road cycling.

On 21st October, the children in Hazel class enjoyed a Stone Age experience day. In the morning, they had fun creating Stone Age jewellery based on the artefacts that were found at Skara Brae. In the afternoon, they created cave paintings! Turning the tables over on one side made it feel like they were drawing in real life caves!

Also during October the children in Cedar class recapped on their learning about fossils. They sped up the process of fossilisation and recreated their own fossils using clay.



On Friday 23rd October we all came to school dressed in something pink to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness - a very worthwhile cause. We raised a grand total of £256.64 which is fantastic for a school as small as ours! Thank you so much.

At the beginning of November, the children enjoyed an interesting week learning about Parliament. They found out what Parliament is, what it means to them and even took part in a campaign of their own. They worked together with Mr Howard Gibbs, Chairman of the Parish Council who put forward the issue of speeding in Kilsby. On Monday the children had to put themselves forward and persuade their class why they would be the best representative. Once a representative had been selected, they had to create a campaign brief containing ideas to prevent speeding in the village. On Thursday of that week, a Google meeting was held with Howard and the rest of the school to deliver all the great ideas that each class had. Friday

was voting day! Every child had a ballot paper to vote for their favourite campaign, the votes were counted and a winner announced. The verdict was delivered to the Parish Council, and will contribute towards resolving the issue of speeding in the village. **(See also P.C. Report on page 3.)**

The children really enjoyed this experience and now understand a lot more about voting and democracy.



The Reception children in Chestnut class enjoyed celebrating bonfire night (during the day) on Thursday 5th November. They made 'fireworks' in the morning after learning all about Guy Fawkes. Then, in the afternoon they toasted marshmallows over the campfire and drank hot chocolate which was great fun!



The Year 1 and Year 2 children in Cherry class have been learning all about Florence Nightingale. Also they have had a go at sketching a bowl of fruit and vegetables working on looking at the individual fruit/vegetable and using sketching pencils.

We all marked Remembrance Day by holding a 2-minute silence at 11.00 am on the playground on Wednesday 11th November to remember all those who lost their lives in war. After the silence Joshua, Year 6 read out a prayer for Remembrance Day. The children had created poppies during the early part the week and these were displayed on the fences and gates around school.

On Friday 13th November staff and children came to school wearing something spotty and we all brought a donation in towards Children in Need. We raised a total of £161.37.

The Year 5 & 6 children in Maple class have created pieces of descriptive writing based on World War 2

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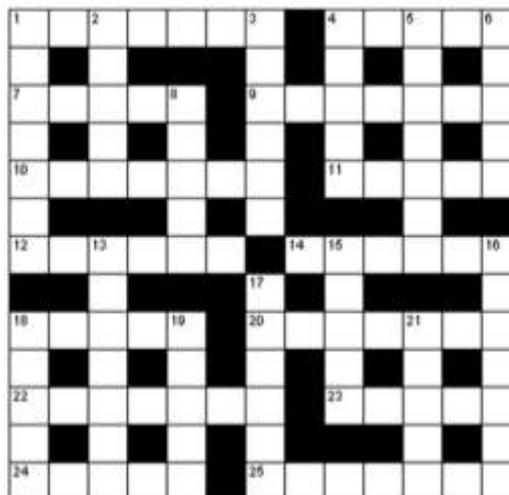
and used descriptive techniques to describe London during that time. They have used formative writing and written letters to our local MP expressing some of their concerns in the local area. Also they have been learning persuasive techniques and created tabloid newspaper articles.

In Science the children have been learning about light and how it travels, they have learnt how the light is refracted and now how prisms affect the light using Newton's theories.

In maths this term, Year 5 have been studying multiplication, division, factors and multiples. Year 6 have been working on fractions, percentages, decimals and angles.

In PE it has been all about hockey skills including tackling, dribbling and shooting.

This Christmas will be very different in a lot of ways. However, we have signed up for a Belgrade Theatre pantomime production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to be streamed to our school during the month of December. We are all looking forward to that very much. A huge thank you to the KSA for funding this treat!

Standard Crossword- ukp001**Across**

1. Floorshow (7)
4. Spooky (5)
7. Detection device (5)
9. Vertical (7)
10. Inactivity (7)
11. Measuring implement (5)
12. Dictator (6)
14. Ecclesiastic (6)
18. Copious (5)
20. Drawn (7)
22. Pouch worn with a kilt (7)
23. Diadem (5)
24. Admittance (5)
25. Spiny anteater (7)

Down

1. Transported (7)
2. Emblem (5)
3. Tropical bird (6)
4. Mistake (5)
5. Dependable follower (7)
6. Go in (5)
8. Magnitude relation (5)
13. Reinforcement (7)
15. Reasoned judgment (5)
16. Musical passage (7)
17. Opportunity (6)
18. Part of a church (5)
19. Ahead of time (5)
21. Obviate (5)

Solution on page 27

Eds:

We have been asked to place this advertisement for Schoolreaders, but you should be aware that Kilsby School is not currently taking volunteer readers because they do not want any more people than strictly necessary to go into school at present.

They would like to use Schoolreaders in the future after Covid but not at the moment.

There may well be opportunities to be a Schoolreader in other local primary schools.



Volunteers Needed to Listen to Children Read in Local Primary Schools After Lockdown

Our reading volunteers are going to be desperately needed due to Coronavirus. Thousands of children won't have had enough reading practice during lockdown. In a normal year, one in four children leave primary school unable to read well. Most children will have missed a term of school, so the reading gap is now even wider. Children who struggle with reading are more likely to live in poverty and be unemployed as adults.

Schoolreaders needs more volunteers in your local area to support children's reading and prevent them falling further behind. If you want to make a difference to a child's life, apply to become a Schoolreader. No qualifications are needed; just a love of reading and some spare time each week. The process to become a Schoolreader takes a few weeks, so please apply now so you can be ready to start as soon as it can be arranged.



To join us, please visit the website www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer-application-form or call 01234 924111 for further information.

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Kids Korner



**Can you work out what Christmas items are being described?
Read each clue, then fill in the blank spaces with the name of the item you think is
being described.**



- 1.** I usually live outside or in the loft, depending on whether i'm real or fake. But in December I come inside to be decorated and draped with lights. What am I?

ANSWER: _____



- 2.** Although I am very nice to look at, I am very sharp to touch. You might see birds eating my berries but humans must not! What am I?

ANSWER: _____



- 3.** I am a festive treat, that is only eaten at Christmas time. I am round in shape with a lid on top to keep my tasty filling inside. What am I?



ANSWER: _____

- 4.** You put me at the end of your bed or above the fire place on Christmas eve hoping santa will fill me with gifts. What am I?

ANSWER: _____



- 5.** I am shiny, sparkly and come in all different colours. You can wind me round the Christmas tree or twist me down the bannisters of the stairs. What am I?



ANSWER: _____

ANSWERS 1. Christmas Tree 2. Holly 3. Mince Pie 4. Stocking 5. Tinsel

Things to do in December-January

Join the Kilsby Photography Group

Offer to help at the Jubilee Wood

Offer to check the new defibrillator

Apply to be Cemetery Administrator

Join the Church 100 club

Donate to the Foodbank appeal

Go on a Walking Group Walk

Volunteer to hear children read

Join the Christmas Tree Lottery

**ST. FAITH'S FLOODLIGHT
COMMEMORATIONS**

11th December:

In loving memory of Dora and Malcolm Cant

25th December - 1st January:

**Cherished memories of Ray
Dearly loved Husband, Dad and Grandad.
Sheila and family.**

**In memory of Bill and Dorothy Smith
and Dick Watson**

WANTED

**Volunteers to help at the Jubilee Plantation,
(page 14)**

An administrator for the cemetery (page 18)

A volunteer to check the VH defibrillator (page 3)

Volunteers to listen to children read (page 25)

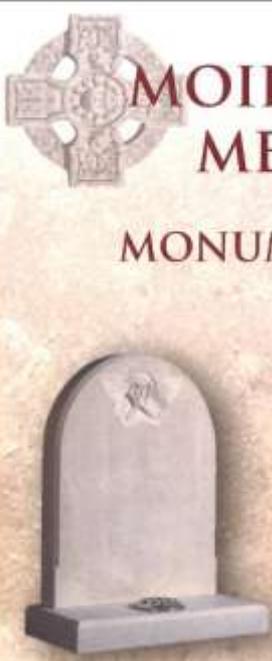
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& Happy New Year

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