

## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 2nd December**  
Walking Group walk

**Friday 3rd December**  
School Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 4th December**  
Pre-school Santa's Grotto  
Christmas Tree Lights switched on

**Sunday 5th December– Friday 24th December**  
Barby Christmas Tree Festival

**Thursday 9th December**  
St Faith's SC Coffee Morning

**Friday 10th December**  
Closing date for applications for role of Parish Clerk and post in the Shop

**Friday 24th December**  
Closing date for comments on Options in WNC Strategic Plan

**Thursday 30th December**  
Walking Group Christmas walk

**Thursday 6th January**  
Walking Group walk

**Friday 7th January**  
Oil Club Order Point

**Thursday 20th January**  
History Society Meeting

**Sunday 30th January**  
Walking Group walk



Congratulations to Gabriella Devaney who won the Christmas Tree Drawing Competition (her picture is on page 17) and who will be helping Father Christmas switch on the Kilsby Christmas Tree lights on 4th December. The switching on of the lights is always a very happy and enjoyable event and we hope the weather will be dry and not too cold.

This edition brings news of the Kilsby Action Group, set up to fight against the proposal to build more houses on Barby Road. They are looking for the support of residents and the article on page 18 outlines how you could help.

Other opportunities to get involved in the local community include the post of Clerk to the Parish Council and a part-time paid role in the Village Shop, as well as volunteer roles helping with Speedwatch, working in the Community Café, or joining the team which helps to mow the churchyard.

As usual we have some lovely photographs of school activities and also of the winners of the Pre School Halloween competition wearing very inventive and striking costumes. The Pre School is now organising a Santa's Grotto and providing a welcome opportunity for people to donate to food hampers for the Daventry Foodbank and for local residents. People in the village were very generous in response to the recent Poppy Appeal and we hope they will also respond well to the Foodbank Hamper appeal.

Finally we would like to welcome Oliver Houlton to the Parish Council. We hope he will enjoy his new role. Have a wonderful Christmas everyone.

***WE WISH ALL OUR READERS  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR***



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## KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs  
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Here we are again. Another issue of the KK and obviously you all want to know what is happening at council.

It is great to report that we now have a full complement of councillors, and it is with pleasure that we welcome Oliver Houlton as a councillor.

We have been doing lots of good things around our village and I am sure most of you will have seen what is happening. Below I have listed what we have been doing and what we are hoping to do in the future.

### Butts Lane

The top surface has now been completed and we hope you find it pleasurable to walk through without getting mud over your footwear.

### Spring Bulbs

We must thank Councillor Weston for planting these around Devon Ox Green, I'm sure we will all appreciate his effort (and those of his helpers) next spring.

### Street Lighting

I'm sure you will all agree that lighting around the village is lacking in places especially on the A361 where the traffic at times is heavy. To walk there can at times be quite scary to say the least. Three new lamps are to be erected down the hill section and this should happen around the end of November. In addition, another lamp is to be placed in Chapel Street which was identified as being another particularly dark area.

### Remembrance Day

It was the writer's pleasure to again lay a wreath on behalf of the village at the war memorial in the Churchyard on Remembrance Day. It was even better this year as Kilsby School joined me and several councillors for the small service of Remembrance. All of the children attended and took part in the service. We hope to make this an annual event and I look forward to having the privilege of participating again next year. (See photographs on page 21.)

### Power Cuts

Good news regarding the continued problems with the electricity supply, I am sure we all get rather frustrated with the electricity going off at the most inconvenient times. Western Power are undertaking a rebuild program to increase the capacity on their network. This should be completed in the early part of 2022. Two new sub stations will be situated in the

village: one will be on the highway verge nearby the entrance to the village hall; the other will be on the highway verge near 47 Main Road.

### Parish Council Budget

I am sure you will all agree that the PC carried out a lot of projects throughout this year as it does most years. We had extra expense this year as our Parish Clerk was on maternity leave and it was necessary to engage a Locum Clerk for the period, obviously incurring extra cost. We also helped fund the extremely well organised and enjoyable Village Fete.

The Precept has not been increased for five years and indeed we reduced it two years ago. The councillors are keen to make a difference in the parish and to be able to do this we need to raise the Precept. A budget of £61,580 has been set and the Parish Council intend to request a precept of £54,580. This increase will amount to approximately £20.85 extra per year for a Band D household to contribute.

### Overgrown Trees and Shrubs next to Walkways

It is becoming increasingly noticeable that in several areas of our village trees and shrubs are encroaching on footpaths and forcing residents to walk in the road to avoid them. If you have hedges and shrubs that are overgrown can I kindly ask that you trim these back for the benefit of other residents.

### WNC Strategic Plan Consultation

West Northamptonshire Council is preparing a new Strategic Plan for the area. This will replace the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy and will cover the period up to 2050.

Spatial Option 3b, sees land in the triangle between the two railway lines and the A5, designated SLAA Site 26, being earmarked for potential 'employment' development. That would bring DIRFT to a point just after the first railway bridge on the left as you head north out of the village. Question 22 invites a comment as to whether we agree that this option 'has the potential to deliver employment development'.

The Options Consultation is the second stage in preparing the new Plan (after the Issues Consultation). No decisions have been made yet and the purpose of the document is to seek views on the Vision, Spatial Objectives and Development Options. The Spatial Options Consultation document includes a series of questions and there is also an opportunity to put forward ideas for potential development sites.

This document and background documents is available on the Strategic Plan consultation website: <https://westnorthantsplan.inconsult.uk/>  
**Stop Press:** The consultation period has been extended and now closes at 12.00 noon on **Friday 24th December 2021.**

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Copies of the response forms can be returned by post to: West Northamptonshire Planning Team, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE or electronically to:  
[strategicplan@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:strategicplan@westnorthants.gov.uk)

**Vacancy for Clerk to Kilsby Parish Council**  
 Kilsby Parish Council has a vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

The Parish Council comprises relatively new but very enthusiastic members who are dedicated to making a difference to their community while dealing with the many threats and challenges facing a rural village. The meetings are inclusive, welcoming, polite and not without a touch of humour where appropriate; all things that make our task easier and more productive.

Ideally, we are looking for an experienced, knowledgeable, and personable clerk who can fit easily into our team and guide us through the complexities of the local government maze. In doing so the successful candidate will provide us with the freedom to concentrate on the most important task – tackling the day-to-day concerns and issues of the residents we represent.

The Parish Clerk is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Parish Council services and functions. Ideally the person appointed will be CiLCA qualified (Certificate in Local Council Administration) or be willing to work towards this qualification within 12 – 18 months of appointment.

The successful candidate will require excellent management and leadership skills enabling them to work in partnership with staff, councillors, contractors and the local community and external partners.

This post requires an excellent track record in administration, accounting, policy, project management, communication, and strategic thinking.

## KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:  
**Friday 7th January and Friday 4th March.**

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)

Experience of working in local councils is desirable as is experience of budget monitoring and using 'Microsoft Office'.

**Salary:** Scale LC2 SCP 24 – 28 £14.90 - £16.75 per hour (pay award pending) subject to qualifications and experience.

**Contract:** Permanent Part-time 69 hours per month including evening meetings. 6 months probationary period.

**Pension:** Post holder eligible to join the NEST pension scheme.

**Location:** To work from home, for which an allowance is paid, and equipment provided.

An Application Form, Person Specification and Job Description are available at [www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk)  
**Closing date for applications is 5.00 pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** with interviews planned for w/c 10<sup>th</sup> January.

If you are interested in this post, or know anyone who may be interested then please apply or encourage them to apply, as with the help of a good Clerk we can really improve our local community.

This is the last article for 2021. Can I thank everyone for reading them, I only hope they haven't been too boring and, importantly, that they have been informative. It is a privilege for all the councillors to work on your behalf throughout the year and we look forward to doing so during 2022.

In the meantime, please do have a very peaceful and Happy Christmas together with a Happy, Healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Howard  
 Chairman, Kilsby P C

## POPPY APPEAL

(From Terry Dougan,  
 Tel: 822650)



Given the continuing situation with Covid it was decided that there would be no resumption of door to door collections for the Poppy Appeal. Instead, boxes were placed in the Red Lion and the Village Shop and at the school. The response was very generous, with the total amount raised, including payments from St Faith's, the Parish Council and the URC for poppy wreaths, was £556.96, significantly up on last year's £394.25!

Thank you so much to everyone who bought a poppy or contributed. Your support is greatly valued.

## FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS

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Planning and the climate change been at the top of the agenda in the last couple of months. Community spirit is clearly very strong in Kilsby with the revival of the Kilsby Action Group and its campaign against the proposed 42 dwelling Richborough development. I was sorry to be the only ward councillor not invited to the very well-attended meeting last month at the village hall. Like Cllr Alan Chantler and Cllr Malcolm Longley I will be representing to your views and objections when the planning application goes live.

Parish Councils and concerned residents have been busy getting on top of the big brief that is the public consultation about the new Strategic Plan. As mentioned in my article in the autumn KK, there are two employment sites, one at DIRFT and one by J18 which would affect the village and several sites in neighbouring villages. I have been learning a lot more about the ward in preparing a response on behalf of the area – did you know that Braunston is one of the top five historic Canal sites in the country? The two potential sites north of Daventry could have the affect of joining up Braunston with the town and damaging the Canal conservation area if they were allocated and built on. Understandably, I have not met anyone who supports developing these particular sites.

It is very encouraging to see so many villages engaging in climate action initiatives. Collective action on a local scale as well as globally, as seen in the decisions and pledges made at COP26, is what

will really make the impact on the Climate Emergency. There is a growing movement to shift pension investments from fossil fuels to renewable energy and a petition has been started to ask West Northamptonshire Council to end its £59 million pension investment in oil, gas and coal. Fossil fuel investments are financially risky as a result of the global Covid 19 pandemic and the global transition to more sustainable and environmental renewable sources of energy. The petition is being presented to the full Council meeting this month. To date there has been little information on the progress of the Council's climate action plan and the public consultation has been delayed.

Some good news for local community groups who have been struggling to raise funds during the pandemic. Every WNC councillor has been allocated £2,500 - a Councillor Covid Support Fund - to support their local community and voluntary groups. The fund is intended to help local communities recover from the impact of Covid and applications are open until 31<sup>st</sup> March. I would be delighted to support any group in Kilsby that would benefit. More details about this fund and the Community Grants available this financial year on the WNC website, or please contact me.

Wishing every reader a joyous Christmas and a prosperous, happy 2022.

Cllr. Rosie Humphreys

## St. Faith's Social Committee

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

We had a super quiz on 20th November. Everyone seemed pleased to meet again and enjoy themselves. We made a profit of £312.20 for the church.

On Thursday 9th December we are holding our Christmas Coffee Morning in the Village Hall, from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon. The cost is £2.50 on the door, and there will be a raffle. We may also have a small tombola.

Finally, can we wish everyone a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year in 2022.

Stay safe.

## KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel 822197)

Our next meeting will be on January 20th 2022 in the Kilsby Room, starting at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be John Frearson who will talk about the Speight family who were well known photographers in Rugby.

We all enjoyed the talk by John Perkins back in September on the disappearance of the Princes in the Tower. He will return next May to tell us more about the Titanic disaster and why it happened.

Entrance - £2 members, £3 non-members.

Everyone is welcome.

## FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN CHANTLER

(email: alan.chantler@westnorthants.gov.uk Tel: 07730986253)

The development of the West Northants Council (WNC) Strategic Plan is proceeding as intended. Following the consultation on Issues and Options we are now seeking views on some suggested Spatial Options. Responses are required by December 6<sup>th</sup> but the Council will consider late submissions. When considering a response care must be taken to understand that the document in circulation is NOT a plan (we haven't yet reached that stage) but is simply seeking opinion. Please do read the document carefully and then respond as appropriate. Notice that the sites referred to are Potential sites and not Preferred sites. Also note that there is at this stage no detail of the exact nature of any proposed development anywhere. We should also remember that we have not yet received any details from government of the expectations of development associated with the Oxford/Cambridge Arc.

The Council has produced some very helpful documents explaining enforcement in development control. The new Enforcement Policy is described together with notes on how it is to be applied and how it will affect those involved in any development. The three documents are available to view and download on the WNC website; look for Planning Enforcement in the search box.

All elected members of WNC have received a briefing on the planning 'Call In' process. Advice for

Councils suggests that, if a PC has a valid planning reason for objecting to an application then they should alert an elected member of WNC who should alert Development Control along the lines of "if you are minded to approve this application then I should like it to be determined by the Area Planning Committee for the following reasons....". This approach ensures resources are not consumed unnecessarily if the planning officers are intending to refuse the application.

There has been a lot of anxiety recently due to an agency which is apparently intending to seek permission to develop a number of dwellings on the edge of Kilsby. I have been able to attend a meeting of the Kilsby Action Group and have made an honest attempt to clarify the situation regarding development control. I was able to provide some technical advice as to how such proposals are to be processed and to draw attention to the relevant planning policies. There is evidence that WNC does make decisions based on its current policies, especially those concerning development in the open countryside, a description which covers all areas outside a settlement boundary.

**Eur Ing Councillor Alan Chantler CEng FBCS CITP**



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## Barby Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

All are welcome to visit our fantastic display of Christmas trees decorated by local village groups and families.

The Church will be open daily until 4.00 pm.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December there will also be mulled wine and mince pies from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

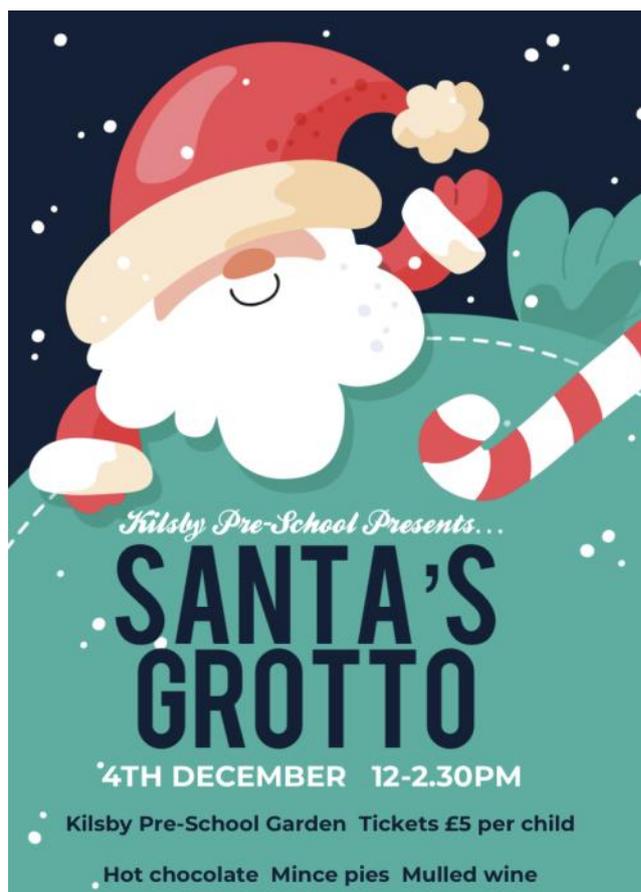
Free entry but donations most welcome.

## Ride and Stride Update

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Just a note to say that the total raised by the Kilsby participants in this year's Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride year was £503.00. Of this, half has been received by St, Faith's.

Once again, thanks to all those who took part and to those who contributed.



## WALKING GROUP

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

The dates and start times of the next walks are:

Thursday 2 December 9.30 am  
Thursday 30 December 10.00 am  
Thursday 6 January 9.30 am  
Sunday 16 January 10.00 am

We don't do a Sunday walk in December but instead we shall be doing what we call our Christmas walk on Thursday 30 December. We walk to Crick the longer way round (which is 3.4 miles), have lunch at the Wheatsheaf and return via the Bridleway (2 miles). Everyone is welcome to join us and to bring children and dogs. Some walkers miss out the lunch and go straight home and some people just join the group for lunch. If you fancy this and want lunch please let me know a day or two before so I can let the pub know our numbers.

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## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH 2022

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

We are pleased to be able to tell you that Kilsby has been invited to participate in the Community Speed Watch next year. This will not be before Spring 2022 (we will be informed of the dates when the equipment will be available to us) and we alternate the equipment with Barby over a six week period. We need volunteers who could spend an hour at a time to help with this as the last time (2019) we were really struggling with a core of only six from the whole of the village. You do not need to help at every Speed Watch - anything is welcomed. We do not operate in the rain or at night!

Community Speed Watch is the only opportunity for us to formally monitor speeding traffic, report back to the Police, and influence road change. The main roads we concentrated on last time were the A361 (opposite Cildes Croft), the A5 and Main Road but locations are dictated to us by the Safer Roads Team.

We are still hopeful that new measures will be implemented although this will take some time, and the pandemic has really put everything on hold. However, if we do not have enough participants we will be unable to take part.

Please contact me via email at:

iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk or on 01788 823332 by 11 December 2022 as we need to inform the Safer Roads Team that we have enough volunteers to make use of their valuable equipment.

## DRAINAGE DITCH BEHIND MAIN ROAD

(From Janette Weeks, Tel: 823206)

Following a bad case of flooding last winter, a new drainage ditch has been dug along the edge of the field behind the bungalows towards the end of Main Road. This is an attempt to help prevent future flooding of property caused by water run-off from the field.

People who walk along the field boundaries of these properties should beware of the new ditch as it is not fenced. Fencing is not deemed necessary as the official footpath runs straight across the field from the Rugby Road stile to the gate.

This year's sowing, already growing, is oats for harvesting next summer, so please keep to the path.

Many thanks.



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## Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

(From Cllr Ian Massey and Cllr Clive Thompson)

The six-week public consultation process finished on 15<sup>th</sup> November. It included a 'drop-in' event at the village hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October which provided an opportunity to view the draft Plan and talk to those involved in its revision. Many thanks to everyone who provided feedback through this process.

All comments are now being collated for Parish Council consideration. It's hoped that this will form an agenda item for the December meeting, but it may be the January meeting depending on the extent of feedback. A Consultation Statement will then be published and posted on the PC website detailing all comments and how they have been dealt with.

The Modified Plan, with supporting documents, will be passed to West Northants Council (WNC) for further consultation of six weeks, and during this period an Examiner is expected to be appointed jointly by the Parish Council and WNC. The Parish Council has the opportunity for final comments on any representations before the Modified Plan is passed on to the Examiner. Typically, examination can take around four weeks and the Examiner will consider whether any further changes are needed to ensure the Plan meets the required 'basic conditions'. At that point, unless the Examiner has decided that significant changes need to be made (considered unlikely), the review process is concluded and we will have our updated Neighbourhood Plan.

We will continue to keep you posted on progress.



### FLOODLIGHT COMMEMORATION

#### December 11th

In Loving Memory of Dora and Malcolm Cant

#### December 25th - January 1st

Cherished Memories of Ray. Dearly loved  
Husband, Dad and Grandad.  
(Sheila and Family)

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WASTE COLLECTIONS

Collection dates will not change over Christmas and New Year, but as the current collection calendars run out early in December you may find the details below helpful. More information from the West Northants website.

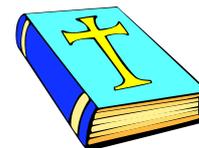
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Dec. 8th	General Waste/ Recycling/Food Waste	Jan. 12th	Garden Waste/Food Waste
Dec. 15th	Garden Waste/Food Waste	Jan. 19th	General Waste/Recycling/Food Waste
Dec. 22nd	Recycling/Food Waste	Jan. 26th	Garden Waste/Food Waste
Dec. 29th	General Waste/Food Waste		

Garden Waste collections are suspended over Christmas but on 12th January real Christmas trees will be collected if left in or next to garden waste bins by 6.30 am. Any trees over 6ft tall should be cut in half.

Over the Christmas/New Year period extra recycling can be left alongside your recycling bins in clear plastic bags or boxes, but please note that crackers, foil wrapping paper, cards with glitter on them and tinsel cannot be recycled.

The Household Waste Recycling Centre will close at 2.00 pm on Christmas Eve and reopen on 27th December. It will also be closed on New Year's Day.

## KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



### Mission Statement

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

### Services

**Sunday mornings at 11.00 am**

#### December

5th Mr Trevor Boys  
12th Rev Michael Bond (Holy Communion)  
19th Pastor Cecil Gill (Carol Service)  
26th No service

#### January

2nd Songs of Praise  
9th Mr David Biddle and Mrs Pat Biddle  
16th Pastor Cecil Gill  
23rd Mr Trevor Boys  
30th Joint Service at Long Buckby  
- Rev Liz Adams

### Scrabble

Wednesdays 1.00 pm.

### Sewing Group

Every second Friday 2.00 pm.

### Community Café

Open for teas, coffees and breakfasts from 9.00 am - 12.00 noon Mondays and Thursdays.

We urgently need help in the café. Could you spare a few hours once a month - or more often if you could - to help us keep this lovely café running? The work isn't hard and you would meet lots of people and enjoy good conversation and laughter. Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me for further details.

Val Janes Tel: 822751

## KILSBY ST FAITH'S MOWING VOLUNTEERS

(From Ian Lee, Tel: 07552 963659)

The Kilsby St Faith's Churchyard Mowing Volunteers brought the curtain down on another season with a get together at the Red Lion. Stan Stallard was presented with the 'Brian King Memorial Mowing Trophy'.

Thanks go to the team of Duncan Andrews, Jim Browne, Russell Burnell, Sam Dunn, Geoff King, John King, Ian Lee, Dean Merrigan, Robin Nichols, Richard Page, John Snell and Stan Stallard for their efforts in the past year in keeping the churchyard looking neat and tidy.

If you would like to volunteer and join the team for next year please contact Ian Lee on 07552 963650 or [info@leeweigh.co.uk](mailto:info@leeweigh.co.uk). The mower and its fuel is provided.



## KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

The Annual General Meeting of the Garden Association was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall, and it was a pleasure to see so many attending after such a long period without direct contact with members.

As usual, the business part of the meeting was soon concluded, with the Chair reporting on the Association activities during the last year, and the Treasurer's report on the Association's financial situation.

Advance notice of a trip to Westbrook House near Market Harborough on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 was given to members. (If you aren't a member yet, just sign up, pay your £3 for the household for the year, and you will be able to join this trip, in addition to enjoying the many other benefits that membership brings).

Having concluded the business, we sat back to enjoy a thoroughly entertaining and informative presentation by Ian College (The Plant Man), followed by refreshments- A good way to get back to meeting again!

Time now to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and to invite you all to join us again in 2022.

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## Kilsby Village Shop

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



Yet again this year has brought many challenges for a lot of people as the impact of the COVID pandemic is still with us. However, as we head towards Christmas 2021 with optimism, we hope that you enjoy spending some time with family and friends. Your village shop is here to help bring that little extra sparkle and our Christmas preparations are well underway.

Festive stock has arrived - with a lovely range of cards, (including handcrafted), advent calendars, chocolates and wrapping paper.

As you may have seen from our posters around the village, we have again this year teamed up with our fabulous local suppliers to be able to offer you their amazing fine quality Christmas produce to add that little bit of magic this year. Following enthusiastic customer feedback, Chapmans Family Butcher of Lutterworth are supplying Turkeys, Meats and Cockerels; Sercombes their amazing seasonal Pies, Cold Meat, Sausages & Bacon; Fatherson Bakery - for their stunning Mince Pies and Christmas cake selection and lastly, Fowlers - with their special & scrumptious Christmas cheese selection. Pop into the shop to place an order or pick up an order form.

The Craft Drinks Company are also back this year, providing Christmas cheer with their amazing gift boxes of Ales, Cider and Gins – great for Christmas presents. New KVS logo festive stock is arriving with tasty Conserves, Chutneys, Pickles, Pate and Biscuits to try.



If you are 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 Christmas, Strawberry & Champagne, Cranberry & Orange or Apricot & Brandy Conserve or our scrumptious Marmalades with Whisky, Orange & Brandy, Orange & Gin or Lemon & Lime, or a box of our fabulous biscuits with Mince Pie Shorties, Mixed Berry, Salted Caramel, Orange & Lemon or Raspberry & Oat, then add a bottle of your favourite wine, Prosecco or why not try one of our botanical gins. We also have our KVS range of 'yester-year' Christmas sweets with Brazil Nuts, Wine Gums, Clotted Cream Fudge, Mushrooms, Sherbet Lemons, Humbugs, Torpedo's, Rhubarb & Custard and Black & White Humbugs. Just pop into shop and choose your items or 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.



Alternatively, how about a cute hessian bag to which you can add some scrummy cheeses from our local cheesemaker - Fowlers, a bottle of port, KVS chutney, crackers, or biscuits the choice is yours.



We still offer a free delivery service within Kilsby so if you would like to place an order, please let us know either via email at [villageshopkilsby@gmail.com](mailto:villageshopkilsby@gmail.com) or by calling our new shop phone number **07469 255517**. Sarah and our fabulous team of volunteers will be happy to take your call.

As the weather starts to get colder; remember your shop is now stocking winter fuel. We have Kindling, Kiln Dried Logs, Firefighters, Household Coal (Doubles/Trebles) Smokeless fuel (Homefire/Homeflame/Excel & Supertherm) and we can deliver free to you within Kilsby. Give us a call on **07469 255517**.

Our newly appointed Shop Manager – Sarah, has settled well into her new role with the support of our fabulous volunteer team. Sarah has been looking at some of our suppliers following customer feedback. Keen to stock fresh bread and avoid wastage, we are pleased to announce that our bread suppliers; John Dwyer and Whittlebury Bakery now deliver on alternate days, meaning smaller daily quantities with better dates for our customers and a reduction in food wastage

Looking towards the future - we are looking for a part time person to join our team in January working Sundays 8.30 am until 12.30 pm and Mondays 8.15 am until 4.30 pm on a zero-hours contract basis. So, if you would like to work in our fabulous village shop, please get in touch with me via email [trishtbrown@gmail.com](mailto:trishtbrown@gmail.com) by 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to volunteer in the shop, we would be so pleased to hear from you, just pop in for a chat with Sarah our Shop Manager.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST

**Breakfast:** **Sercombes:** Bacon (Short Back/Smoked/Streaky/Gammon Steaks) Sausages: (Pork/Lincoln/Cumberland/Red Leicester/Black Pepper/Caramelised Onion) Black Pudding Rings, Free Range Eggs. **John Dwyer/Whittlebury** Bread: Granary/Farmhouse/Harvester/Wholemeal & Croissants. **Martin's Fruit/Veg:** Mushrooms/Tomatoes.



**Lunch:** **KVS Logo:** Duck & Orange/Farmhouse Pork or Chicken Liver & Cognac Pate, Christmas Red Onion Pickle/Cranberry & Port/Plum & Port Chutney. **John Dwyer's/Whittlebury:** Harvester Bread Rolls. **Chapman Family Butchers:** Turkey/Beef/Pork/Lamb/3 Bird Roast/Duck/Geese/Cockerel/Pheasant/Partridge/Venison **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/Redcurrant Jelly & Port/Apple/Mustard/Horseradish/Mint. **Fatherson:** Traditional Mince Pies/ Port & Cranberry Mince Pies/ Family Apple & Mincemeat Pie. **Fowlers:** Devon Cream Jars (Clotted/Double/Crème Fraiche/Clotted with Brandy or Irish Whisky). 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. Croome cuisine Selection Pack (Gold/Blackberry & Apple/Sage & Onion & Xmas Cake) Wensleydale Christmas Limited Edition: Winter Warner/Stem Ginger/Cranberries/Apricots. For the children Christmas shaped Snowman/Santa or Rudolph cheese. **KVS Logo:** Cheese Wafer Biscuits/ Tomato & Basil/Honey & Mustard/Cracked Black Pepper Crackers/Cheeseboard Chutney/Cranberry & Apple Chutney. 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 & Stilton/ Pork & Game/ Pork & Black Pudding/ Gala & Ploughman's (3 sizes - 1lb/2lb/5lb) Cooked Meats (Ham/Pork/Beef/Hazlet) sliced & whole Carvery Ham Joints, Sausage Rolls. **Fatherson:** Christmas Mincemeat Bakewell Tarts/Iced Christmas Cake/Dundee Cake/Christmas Festive Loaf Cake/ Christmas Cup Cake Platter. Ringwood: Fabulous Christmas Pudding Ice-cream. **KVS:** Chocolate Brazil Nuts/Clotted Cream Fudge/Mushrooms/Sherbet Lemons/Humbugs/Torpedo's/Rhubarb & Custard/Wine Gums. **Ringwood:** Fabulous Christmas Pudding Ice-cream - **ALL FROM YOUR VILLAGE SHOP**



On behalf of your Village Shop Committee, we would like to give special thanks to Sarah and of course to all our amazing volunteers who have given their time to work in the shop. A big thank you to Vicki who is one of our long-time volunteers as she takes time out to be with family. Thank you to Rob who has looked after our shop maintenance side and to George who has done a fabulous job with the shop garden rockery. Without the dedication and support of our shop manager Sarah and all our volunteers we would not have our fabulous Village Shop. **THANK YOU.** You are all an amazing team.



Finally, to all our customers, a **HUGE THANK YOU** for your continued support of the shop especially over the last year. As things start to get back to a little more normality since pandemic lockdown and everyone starts to get back to their supermarket shopping, please do give thought for your Village Shop, as we ask for your help to keep the longevity of your Kilsby Village Shop by shopping local.

**We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year**



## NEWS FROM ST. FAITH'S

### Lay services

Lay led services - run by members of the congregation - have been happening in both churches every other week at 10am. If you would like to be involved please let me know. **Singing** is happening at all the services. This is working quite well with recorded music, but if you know anyone who could get a tune or two out of the **organ** their presence would be very much appreciated.

### Trees

If you take a regular walk around the village you will have noticed that a considerable amount of cutting back has occurred in the churchyard; three of the trees lining the path have been **crowned** and three others trimmed. It was the least that needed doing and as much as church funds would allow. (May the reader understand, I didn't use the word 'budget'!)

### Don't be surprised

With a cold winter threatened and there being inadequate and costly heating at St Faith's, a **Gazebo** is being erected in the Lady Chapel. Hopefully it will contain the heat enough to keep us cosy when we gather.

### No fun in the Funds

As hinted above, your Parish Church is somewhat down at heel! Having had an extensive period without any services and now a longer period with services but no collection, seriously exhausted income has become even further depleted. The roof and the trees cut deeply into funds and there are still the **woodworm** to deal with. Our Parish Share contribution - the amount sent each year to the Diocese that goes towards the running of the Church here - will only be about **£2,000**; less than 10% of what is expected. Something will have to be done.

### Listen up for stories about the story

Advent is nearly upon us. This year the intention is to send out readings from 'An Advent Book of Days' by Gregory K Cameron. A book about the various characters in the Nativity stories. These will be sent out by email. If you want to join the Benefice Group to receive these, email me on [enfrys@gmail.com](mailto:enfrys@gmail.com) and I will add you to the list. An episode for each evening is planned from Advent Sunday.

### Christmas is coming...

It'll soon be Christmas, and we haven't had last year's yet. At present it looks as though it'll be a happening thing. On that basis included here are some planned services.

Last year I expect you remember a **scaffolding tower** at the church gate and carols and songs 'broadcast' across the village. It was good fun and the

nearest we could get to a community celebration, with all the prevailing restrictions. Many thanks to David Head and others who made that a happening thing. This year we can be more traditional, so a 6.00 pm **Carol Service** is planned to take place in Church.

On Christmas Day there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion** at 10am - that leaves plenty of time to get home to sort the goose out.

28.11.21 Advent Sunday	10am	Barby St Mary	Holy Communion
	4pm	Kilsby St Faith	Evensong
04.12.21	Noon	Barby St Mary	'Soup with Rolls and a Pud'
05.12.21 Advent 2	10am	Barby St Mary	Morning Worship
	10am	Kilsby St Faith	Holy Communion
10.12.21	1.30pm	Barby St Mary	Barby School Christingle
12.12.21 Advent 3	10am	Barby St Mary	Holy Communion
	10am	Kilsby St Faith	Morning Worship
	3pm	Holy Cross	Confirmation
17.12.21	9am	Barby St Mary	Barby School Carols
19.12.21 Advent 4	9.30am	Barby Hall	Breakfast Club
	10am	Kilsby St Faith	Holy Communion
	4pm	Barby St Mary	Candlelit Carols 1*
24.12.21 Christmas Eve	4pm	Barby St Mary	Candlelit Carols 2*
	6pm	Kilsby St Faith	Carol Service
25.12.21 Christmas Day	10am	Barby St Mary	Holy Communion
	10am	Kilsby St Faith	Holy Communion
26.12.21 Christmas 1	10am	Kilsby St Faith	Holy Communion

\* Tickets available from the Church.

### But first it's Advent...

Before we get to Christmas there is of course Advent, the time of preparation, of waiting for Christ to come. The 28th of November is the beginning of that season when we celebrate Advent Sunday. This year at St Faith's this will be with a service of **Evensong** at 4.00 pm. (There will be a service of **Holy Communion** in St Mary's Barby at 10.00 am.)

This is a prayer used on the Sunday before Advent. The Sunday came to be known as 'Stir up Sunday' as it was just the right time to prepare your Christmas Puddings. Have you been stirring yours?

*'Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.'*

Rev Nigel



## Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



### Kilsby Christmas Tree Event Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021



Designed by: Gabriella Devaney, age 6, winner of the Kilsby Christmas Tree Competition

Come and join us outside the Kilsby Village Shop, Main Road (please note new venue) at 4.30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December for our Lantern Parade. Please bring your lanterns! Father Christmas will be joining us, and we will then parade along Essen Lane, Independent Street to the village green.

Father Christmas will switch on the Christmas Tree lights at 5.00pm with the help of Gabriella Devaney.

There will be mulled wine and mince pies for the adults and fairground rides for the children. These will all be free of charge.

There will also be live music from "The Tunnellers".

## KILSBY ACTION GROUP

(Sent by and on behalf of members of KAG whose names are below. E-mail: [kilsbyaction@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbyaction@gmail.com))

Kilsby Action Group (KAG) has been revived at the request of residents on the Barby Road side of the village in order to provide opposition to the proposed development by Richborough Estates.

A core group has been formed consisting of members of the original group and new members who share the concern about inappropriate development in and around Kilsby. We have already got a mailing list of approaching 100 villagers who have asked to be kept up to date with progress and 116 residents have signed an "Open Letter" to our MP Chris Heaton-Harris asking for his help in opposing this and other developments which are not in keeping with the status of Kilsby in the planning hierarchy as a 'Secondary Service Village'.

We have contacted CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) who have agreed to give us their support. Members of KAG have attended Parish Council meetings to ask for support and the PC have been very supportive. Faye Jones from KAG ran a workshop with children in the village to get them to understand about the green space around the village and the wildlife which live there and how that habitat would be destroyed and that was picked up by the Daventry Express who ran an article on it.

KAG ran a public meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November which was held in a packed village hall – we stopped counting at 71 people. The purpose of the meeting was to ask for the support of the wider village and to present the 'Open Letter' to our MP which he accepted and agreed to help our campaign. The meeting was also attended by a number of Parish Councillors.

KAG presented the fact that the proposed development is outside the settlement boundary and under current planning regulations should fail but we needed to provide robust opposition to ensure that the developer didn't succeed. We are pleased that the sentiment in the room was that people did want us to provide opposition on behalf of the wider village and many additional people signed to join our mailing list and added their signatures to the 'Open Letter' to the MP. We have also received offers of help both financial and otherwise after the meeting – many thanks!

In order to publicise the meeting we delivered a leaflet – we thought to every house but someone at the meeting said they didn't get it and we apologise for that. We now ask for the continued support of the whole village in the following ways:

1. Join our mailing list by emailing [kilsbyaction@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbyaction@gmail.com) so we can keep you updated on the campaign and further meetings.
2. Support future leaflet deliveries to ensure we get to every household
3. When a formal application comes – oppose it and, if you don't know how to do it, contact us.
4. Ask your Parish Council to continue to support our campaign
5. Ask your West Northants Unitary Councillors to continue to support our campaign
6. Ask your MP to continue to support us if you haven't already signed the "Open Letter" that was in the village shop.
7. Please support us financially – we don't need a lot at the moment just a small float to cover campaign expenses. Email us if you can donate a small amount.
8. Please pledge to support us in the future if we need to hire planning consultants and lawyers. Email us if you can help. The amount you pledge will remain private and will only be called on if we need to hire professionals.

The KAG:

Faye Jones  
 Luke Jones  
 Naomie Stewart  
 Colin Cox  
 Andrew Farrier  
 Rebecca Lucy  
 Rob Chamberlain  
 Malcolm Cheney  
 Sally Tompkins



Andrew Farrier (right) from KAG handing the Open Letter to Chris Heaton-Harris MP.



The audience at the meeting on 20th November.

## NATURE NOTES

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

Well Autumn is well and truly here, and the trees have been looking beautiful. It is good to leave some of the fallen leaves (and general plant debris) in the corners of your garden for the winter – they are great for insects of all kinds and might also be used by hedgehogs to line their hibernation nests.

We have continued to see at least one hedgehog on the night camera up to the time of writing (mid-November) which might be due to the mild weather. October has been very busy – some nights a mother and one or two youngsters feeding together at different times during the evening and night, and they've been eating both dry and moist cat food. It is funny to see the various local cats turning their noses up at what's on offer though – they're clearly used to the more expensive brands at home! Experts say it is okay to leave a little dried food out during the winter as they do sometimes break their hibernation for short periods.

We hope the young hedgehogs are plump enough to survive the winter as they need to weigh at least 1lb to have a chance of surviving the winter – we have already found a tiny one on the grass who sadly hasn't made it this far. I had a great experience following one round the garden, pushing its snout into the grass to find beetles, going through the borders and eventually disappearing through a gap between our hedge and the electric sub-station. It was a bit like playing grandmother's footsteps (back in the day!) – if I got a bit too close, it became aware of me and stopped dead until I drew back. It looked healthy and of a good size, so I assume just taking the chance for some extra foraging. We are still fascinated by these cute creatures but are no nearer finding out the exact location of their breeding or hibernation nests so we will just have to keep looking!

On the butterfly/moth front, it was good to see a Red Admiral on a sunny day in early November. Most butterflies over-winter as caterpillars but the Red Admiral is one of five UK species which hibernate in their adult form. Look out for them in your shed, behind the curtains or in a quiet corner of the house with their wings closed. Between Spring and early Autumn, I recorded 143 species of moth flying through the garden during the night – it's amazing what goes on when we're asleep! I just hope I can remember some of them when I start up my moth trap again in March!

Look out for starling murmurations and an influx of robins, blackbirds and other winter thrushes who come over from Europe in the winter (no special permits needed!).

## GARDENERS' CORNER

### ***Ginger: The colour of this Autumn***

What a beautiful autumn it has been. The trees have held their leaves and we have had yellows, oranges and reds everywhere. Most unusual was the predominance of a ginger hue to the oaks and beech. With no wind each tree has been surrounded by its own colourful carpet of leaves.

### ***Let the frost do the work***

It really makes life easier in the spring if you can dig your vegetable plot as soon as possible. Leave it as rough lumps of soil for the frost to break it down over the winter. This both kills a lot of weeds and leaves a fine surface that is easy to rake over for seed sowing in the spring. The same applies to raised beds, although they may only need a light forking over.

### ***Start to prune roses***

It is a good idea to spread the pruning of roses over the winter. If the weather is still mild then wait a month to avoid encouraging early new growth that will be damaged by the frosts. It may be best to limit early pruning to just shortening long stems to stop rocking in the winter winds. Harder pruning can then be done in the early spring when the buds are showing signs of breaking.

### ***Jobs to do in December***

- Finish potting up bulbs for the spring.
- Clean the paths of moss and mould.
- Order any remaining seeds and plants.
- Sit in the warm finishing your planting plan for next year.

### ***Jobs to do in January***

- Clean, wash and fumigate your greenhouse.
- Clean and sharpen your tools and tidy the shed.
- Fork over round your bulbs and top dress with bonemeal.
- Complete fruit tree pruning.

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

From "Your Garden Week by week", A.G.L.Hellyer, 1936:-

*"January 4<sup>th</sup> week: Sow French beans for forcing: You can obtain a May crop of french beans by sowing now – five or six in each 8-inch pot filled to within a couple of inches with good loamy soil with which a little sand and leaf-mould has been mixed. Cover with a further inch of soil, water freely and place in the greenhouse at a temperature of 60 to 70 degrees."*

Good Gardening!

*Ron Kibble*

## KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

### The Timms Family and Beekeeping



*Samuel Timms amongst his beehives at the rear of The Haven in Essen Lane, in 1912.*

*Alice Timms attending to the beehives in the back garden of Fernside in Essen Lane; the same hives that Samuel Timms was using in 1912.*

*This picture was probably taken around the 1950s.*



*Back view of Fernside, also probably in the 1950s, showing how it looked before the alterations. Notice the beehives in the garden.*

## THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT ST. FAITH'S ON 11TH NOVEMBER



### KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

#### September Winners

£40 (53) M & H Cheney; £30 (8) A Tailby;  
£20 (70) E Houltram; £20 (24) J Strong;  
£10 (85) B Mieth

#### October Winners

£40 (72) N Duffin; £30 (91) L Griffiths;  
£20 (85) B Mieth; £20 (8) A Tailby;  
£10 (97) J Ayton



### 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 Women's Institute

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

Our AGM in October was preceded by a fascinating talk from 'Send A Cow', the charity which helps rural communities in Africa. I really wish I'd been there in 1988 when they loaded 25 pregnant cows onto a plane! Groups of women were selected and taught everything they needed to know to look after their cow - so they built pens, learnt how to milk and how to improve the land using the manure the cow produced. And even what useful stuff cow urine can be! For those who don't know, it's a natural pesticide...

In 1972 Jess Nash, our speaker in November, really wanted to be a bus driver but wasn't allowed. But she really wanted to be a driver and in 1975 she saw an advert saying 'drivers wanted - male or female' so she happily applied. Even though she didn't meet the

minimum height requirement (5'4") she managed to charm her way into being given a trial. Jess commented that maybe her '36-26-36 figure' helped?! She never looked back.... Though the nearly naked man who boarded her bus early one morning on route to the mental hospital and offered to pay his fare with a pint of milk might have given her second thoughts!

Our yarn bombing was a great success! We raised the stunning total of £1,019! Thank you to everyone who contributed or donated. We hope everyone enjoyed it.

Due to the Covid situation we have taken the decision to not have guests at our Christmas party this year. We hope next year we'll be back to normal! Our regular meetings are at 19:30 on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £4.

## KILSBY PRE-SCHOOL HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Winners of the Individual (left) and Family (Right) Prizes



## CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

### Patients Participation Group

The Group is now running very low on numbers and would greatly benefit from some new faces. If anyone is interested in joining the group please contact the surgery on 01788 822203 or email [crickmedicalpractice@nhs.net](mailto:crickmedicalpractice@nhs.net) and they will pass your details on..

### Covid Vaccination Boosters

The surgery are currently vaccinating as many eligible patients as possible. All their clinicians are holding extra booster clinics at West Haddon Surgery and Crick Medical Practice. If anyone believes they are eligible for a Covid Booster but has not received a text from the surgery please contact them at your earliest convenience.

### Flu Vaccination Clinics

The surgery have already held a number of successful flu vaccination clinics. Uptake has been

excellent this year and they currently have very few vaccines left. They are hoping to secure extra vaccine deliveries in the coming weeks.

### Carers and Veterans

Any patients who are registered carers or veterans should call the surgery and let them know so their medical record can be updated to include this information.

### Patient Details

The surgery have asked me to remind patients to update them with any name, address, telephone or email changes. They are finding an increasing number of patients are having trouble logging into the NHS App to access their Covid vaccination details. The usual reason for this is that the details they are using to register on the app do not tally with those that we have on record for them.

### Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Sharon King, 07508228736



### Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery

We have now been running the lottery for a year! The Committee would like say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken part, we have raised a total of £1,730, of this £872 has been distributed as prize money and £858 has been added to the Christmas Tree Fund, which will be used to fund this year's event. Also, a big thank you to Rebecca King for helping to set it all up and providing admin support as part of her college course.

As a result of the lottery we are able to provide the whole event for free to all those attending and will be on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. The event in 2022 will be our 20<sup>th</sup> year!

The lucky number for October was drawn on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October and was 134. Well done to Trish Brown who won £65. The lucky number for November was drawn on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November and was 133. Well done to Andrea Brown who won £65.

Each lottery draw takes place on the second Saturday of the month. The draws for the next few months will be as follows:

Month	Date
December	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
January 2022	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
February 2022	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2022

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

Thank you  
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

## NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

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

The last few weeks have still not been entirely normal as we continue to live with the threat of COVID-19. However, in school we are freely moving around as we always did and the class bubbles no longer exist. Unfortunately, we have not been able to book any trips or visits for the children which is a shame. Hopefully next year, all being well.

On Friday 8th October the staff and children came to school wearing something yellow in support of Mental Health Awareness day which was officially on Sunday 10th October. By doing this we wanted to help raise awareness of mental health, in everyone, including young people, and to show that other people care and they are not alone.

The annual Harvest service took place in church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October with the Rev Nigel Fry. All the staff and children enjoyed the service. Everyone sang really well. Several of the harvest decorations inside the church, were made by some of the children earlier the same week.



The Reception children in Chestnut class have been learning all about Harvest. They made Harvest baskets to decorate the church. They also learnt about fruit and vegetables, cutting them up to have a look inside, and afterwards using them for printing pictures.

Outside in our lovely new Outdoor Play Area, we've set up a farm yard in the tray. The children have had plenty of fun playing with that and on the trikes!

The Year 1 children in Cherry class have been busy this term. In Maths they looked at length, weight and ordering objects. Also, they have used their sketching skills to sketch real fruit in a bowl, carefully studying the patterns and markings on the fruit then copying these as best they could.

Another time they enjoyed making patterns in glitter and in Science they had fun taking part in a scavenger hunt to identify and find the different body parts. During their PE lessons they have been practicing their throwing and catching skills using and improving their hand eye coordination.



At the end of October, Year 2 and Year 3 children in Cedar class learnt all about the Great Fire of London. They created the type of houses that

would have existed along Pudding Lane in London at the time of the Fire. These were fantastic!

The Year 3 & Year 4 children in Hazel class have been looking at instructions in English. They had fun making fruit kebabs and thought about all the different things they would need to include in a set of instructions to make these. Also, they enjoyed creating explorer themed music inspired by Wagner's 'Columbus Overture'.

During their science topic Hazel class have also been learning all about sound and that it is created through vibrations. They conducted a 'sound survey' in school monitoring the different sounds and vibrations they could hear. In their RE lesson before the October half term, the children discussed the question, 'What does it mean to follow God?' They spoke about trust, and then explored how it feels to trust somebody by taking part in a range of activities where trust was the most important issue.

In October, the Year 5 children in Hawthorn class have been learning and practising how to order food in a restaurant, in French. They learnt how to order foods such as pizza, croissants, burgers, cake and drinks including water, hot chocolate and coca cola! They enjoyed a French breakfast one morning consisting of pain au chocolat, which they said were absolutely DELICIOUS!!!



One Monday morning the Year 6 children in Maple class presented persuasive speeches on environmental issues to the class. They spoke about plastic pollution, deforestation and other problems affecting our environment.

Also this term Maple have been practising their observational drawing skills and learning about litter

and recycling. Then they applied what they have been learning to create their own 'crushed can art' which was very impressive. Another time, they used the same skills to draw sweet wrappers and crisp packets.

Our tag rugby team consisting of boys and girls from Year 5 and Year 6 travelled to Daventry Rugby Club on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to take part in a Tag Rugby Tournament playing against children from other primary schools in the area. There were matches and training drills throughout the day. Everyone had great fun!

On Thursday 11th November all the staff and children gathered beside the War Memorial in the churchyard at St Faith's Church with the Rev Nigel Fry. Members of Kilsby Parish Council joined us too. Each class had made their own poppy wreath which was taken along to the churchyard and laid at the base of the Memorial. (Eds. See page 21.) Children in Maple class recited a poem, a prayer was read and at 11.00 am there was a two-minute silence when we remembered all those who had lost their lives in wars, fighting for their country and for us.

The children in Key Stage 1 were all very excited on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November because they had a visit from some firemen with their fire engine! They showed the children all the equipment they carry on

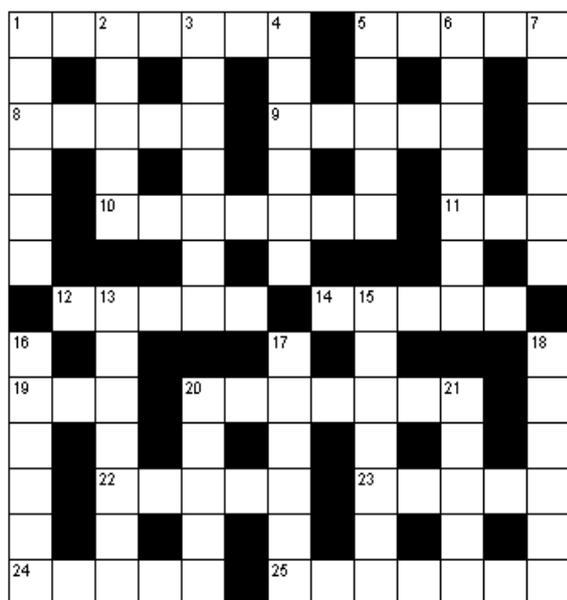
the fire engine, explaining what they do in an emergency when they have to fight a fire or make a rescue, and what protection they wear. They spoke to the children about fire safety. The children took turns in asking the firemen their questions, it was really interesting and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

It was 'Children in Need' day on 19<sup>th</sup> November. The staff and children came to school dressed in something spotty or wearing their favourite dressing up outfit, bringing a donation. In addition, the children in Maple class sold cakes at break time. All in all, we raised a grand total of £212.27 which is fantastic!

The children are looking forward to the Christmas period which is fast approaching. Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. There are two KSA film nights organised in December, one for KS1 and the other for KS2. The Reception children are taking part in a Nativity play, there will be KS2 Christmas carols, and also the lovely Christingle service with Rev Nigel Fry (hopefully in church this year), and of course, not forgetting Christmas lunch which will be served on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December!

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and new year!

## CROSSWORD (Solution on page 5)



### Across

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

### Down

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

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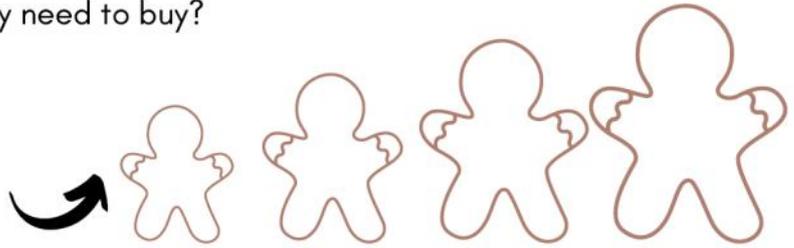
## Kids Korner

- 1.** There once was a family of 4 gingerbread men who all needed new buttons for their coats. Each member of the family needs 3 chocolate buttons on their coat. How many new chocolate buttons do they need to buy?

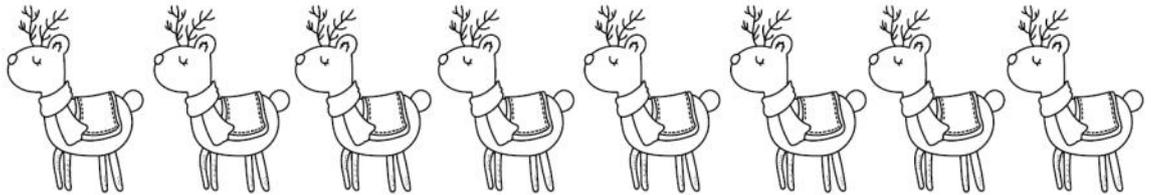


**chocolate buttons**

*decorate each gingerbread man  
+ draw on their new buttons!*



- 2.** Santa asked his elves to feed 16 carrots to his reindeer. Santa has 8 reindeer. How many carrots does each reindeer get to eat?



**carrots  
each**

*give each reindeer a different colour coat*



- 3.** Today the elves are making shoes for the children of kilsby who have put shoes on their Christmas list. They need to make 6 pairs of trainers, 3 pairs of football boots, 2 pairs of ballet pumps, 3 pairs of slippers, 2 pairs of riding boots and 1 pair of ice skates. How many pairs of shoes in total do the elves have to make today?

*can you draw another ice skate to  
complete this pair of shoes?*



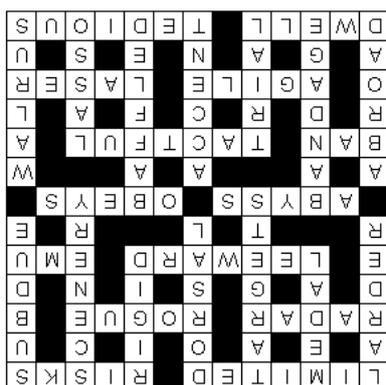
**pairs of  
shoes**



ANSWERS: 1 = 12 buttons 2 = 2 carrots each 3 = 17 pairs of shoes

**Things to do in December-January****Go to the Coffee Morning****Go to the Christmas Tree event****Visit Santa's Grotto****Visit the Barby Xmas Tree Festival****Go to the History Society talk****Donate to the Food Box****Go on a Walking Group walk****Volunteer to help with Speedwatch****Join the mowing team for 2022****Support the Kilsby Action Group****Apply to work in the Shop on  
Sundays/Mondays****Apply for the post of Clerk to the PC****Comment on the Options in the draft  
West Northants Strategic Plan**

Solution to Crossword on page 25

**Contributions to the Editors**

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**WANTED****Clerk to the Parish Council (page 4)****Volunteers to help with Speedwatch (page 10)****Items for Foodbank Christmas Hampers (page 11)****Volunteers to help at the Community Cafe (page 12)****People to help mow the churchyard (page 12)****Person to work in the shop Sunday/Monday (page 15)****Support for the Kilsby Action Group (page 18)**

**The deadline for the next issue  
is**

**Friday 21st January 2022**



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