

# Kilsby Kronickle

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## Dates for your diary

### **February**

**Tuesday 9th February**  
Parish Council Meeting

### **March**

**Tuesday 2nd March**  
Parish Council Meeting

### **Thursday 4th March**

Possible Walking Group walk

### **Friday 5th March**

Oil Club Order Point

### **Saturday 13th March**

Sale of flowers for Mothers' Day if  
Covid restrictions permit

### **Sunday 14th March**

Mothers' Day

### **Sunday 21st March**

National Census Day  
Possible Walking Group walk

### **Sunday 28th March**

British Summer Time begins.  
Clocks go forward one hour

## Early Notice

### **April**

**Wednesday 28th April**  
Closing date for applications to  
Grantscape

### **May**

**Thursday 6th May**  
Local Council Elections

### **Friday 7th May**

Oil Club Order Point

### **June**

**Saturday 19th June**  
Judging of Gardens Competition

### **Sunday 20th June**

Kilsby Open Gardens and  
Wheelbarrow Competition



## Kilsby Kronickle

It is disappointing that we find ourselves in another open-ended lockdown as I write this first editorial of 2021, but the days are gradually lengthening and we are starting to see snowdrops and even the first hopeful daffodils appear, and this edition provides plenty of cheerful and forward looking information about how the village is coping. The village shop and the Red Lion both have plans to make Valentine's Day very special for customers this year and there is a lovely article praising the community spirit so many people in the village have shown over the last year. Page 18 shows photographs of community spirit in action after an HGV jack-knifed in Rugby Road during the snow.

There will be the annual Gardens' Competition in June and, fingers crossed, gardens will open under the National Gardens Scheme, and to help you prepare for those events Ron Kickle has his usual words of wisdom and garden tips. Elsewhere there is an interesting article about the birds you can see in your garden at the moment and the History Society has provided some lovely old photographs of three Kilsby pubs - two of which are no more. We know that a lot of villagers have recently been showing interest in village history and anyone who hasn't yet discovered it will find lots of information and photographs of Kilsby, Crick and Barby on the website of the West Northants History Society, including all the articles which the late Gren Hatton originally wrote for this magazine, and which we reprint from time to time. Look at <http://www.westnorthantshistory.co.uk/> if you are interested. We also have a Sudoku quiz for you this time, and a little poem which you may find amusing as well as the usual interesting reports from the school and the WI and great news from Preschool about the success of their Christmas fund-raising and charity activities.

The Parish Council is seeking your views on lighting in the village and in particular around Butts Lane and you are also encouraged to consider standing for election to the Parish Council in May. The shop is looking for a new accountant/treasurer and we hope a volunteer will come forward for that important role. Details of this year's application round for funding through Grantscape is on page 11 and you could also apply to join the panel which decides on those applications.

Finally we would like to add our congratulations to those of the Parish Council to our Parish Clerk, Clare Valentine (currently on maternity leave) on the birth of her daughter in December.



## KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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# KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs  
[hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk))

Well, 2020 is out of the way (what a year that was) and 2021 well and truly here. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. Let's hope this turns out to be a year in which we defeat the virus and return to somewhat of a normal life.

Whilst the Council do not meet over the festive time, we do carry on doing positive things for our village and parishioners, so I have, as last time, listed below what is happening and the relevant information you need to be aware of. I hope this will be useful to you all, prompting you to get involved in activities, or maybe volunteering to do some good things on behalf of your community and village. We always need help and welcome input from our parishioners.

## **Parish Council Meetings**

The council meets on the second Tuesday of every month, normally in the village hall, but at the current time via Zoom. If you would like to attend one of our meetings please email our Locum Clerk, Catherine Camp, at [parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk) or give her a call on 01788 891184. She will be glad to arrange to send a link so that you can sit in on the meeting and can, if you wish, address the Council about any ideas or concerns you have regarding our village.

## **Parish Clerk Clare Valentine**

I reported in the December/January issue of KK that Clare and her family were looking forward to a new addition to the family and I'm very pleased to report that Clare had a little baby girl on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. The Council, on your behalf, sent a congratulations card and some flowers. We wish Clare and the family all the very best.

## **National Census**

The 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 will be National Census Day. The Census is carried out every ten years and helps us understand what we need now and will need in the future in terms of such things as transport, education and healthcare. Please complete it on the day and whilst I wouldn't normally say this, 'It Is A Legal Requirement'.

## **Elections**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May the local elections will take place (postponed from last year) All Parish Council seats are up for re-election alongside Local Councillors and of course representatives for the new West Northamptonshire Unitary Authority. If you would like to stand for the Parish Council please speak with Catherine Camp (our locum Clerk) on 01788 891194 or send her an email to:

[parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk) - you must apply before the end of March.

## **Kilsby Street Lighting**

The Parish Council are going to undertake a lighting review around the village as there are quite a few areas that have little or no lighting and many of you have mentioned to me concerns about the poor lighting. To help with this I would ask everyone who feels that there are particular areas they would like us to consider to let us know. You can contact me personally on [hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk) or email Catherine Camp on the address above. We will reply to any emails received and you can also always call me on 01788 824718.

## **Speeding through the village**

Councillors Weston and Massey have now met with Steve Barber from The Highways Department and had a very fruitful discussion about the possibility of further speed signs in the areas mentioned in my last article: A361, Barby Lane and others. So hopefully you will soon see an upgrade on the A361 and further signs on entry into the village from Rugby and Barby.

## **Heritage Boards**

Further to my last article, I am pleased to say that the boards have now been ordered and will be installed around the village later in the year when the weather gets warmer. We hope to be able to hold an event to launch these to everyone in the village and the wider community. Keep reading the KK for updates on progress or take a look at our web site and Facebook Page.

## **Village Event**

The Council would like suggestions for village events, either combined or separate, to be held after we are released from lockdown and are, hopefully, able to go about normal life again. We are therefore asking for your suggestions as to what type of event you would like to see and whether you might wish to organise one either for people local to you or for all village residents. Please do contact me or Catherine with ideas. You could also give a three minute presentation to the Council at our next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Kilsby Cemetery**

The council have arranged to have the hedges trimmed around the Cemetery to ensure it remains tidy as we move into Spring. We would also like to thank all those who have expressed interest in the part time Cemetery Administrator Role, The Council will be in touch shortly to have a chat with you.

## **Litter Picking**

There are grants of £150 available to any village organisation which would like to help in this area.

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These have, of course, had restrictions placed on them because of the current pandemic crisis and any group wishing to help with this would need to be following all Government rules and guidelines. Please contact Catherine Camp should you be interested.

**Butts Lane**

The Council is planning to improve the surface and drainage of Butts Lane, which is currently often extremely muddy. We are also looking at installing a street lamp at each end, and perhaps one in the middle. If you have any views on this could you let Catherine Camp know.

**Police Liaison Officer**

Councillor Clive Thompson has very kindly offered to carry on performing this vital role and I know you would all like to thank him for his commitment to the village.

**Finally...**

I am sure you would also like to join me in thanking the three editors of the KK, Chris, David and Richard; John and Brenda who organise the distribution and all the volunteer deliverers for all of their hard work and commitment in continuing to get the KK published and distributed around the village and outlying areas. They work extremely hard for no reward other than the satisfaction of seeing a great informative publication go out to all households every two months.

Thank you for reading this message and I hope you found it interesting. Remember you can always contact the council via our web site, Facebook Page, or by direct contact with me or any of the Councillors. Their details are on page 2.

Kindest regards

Howard Gibbs, Chairman Kilsby Parish Council

**WALKING GROUP**

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

Given the Covid regulations, Walking Group is not planning any walks in February. As it is somewhat unlikely that these restrictions will be lifted before March I do not think we shall be meeting together for walks in March either. Just in case, we are able walk in March, though, the dates would be:  
Thursday 4 March and Sunday 21 March

Meanwhile if you are interested in joining in one or both of our two walks a month and would like further details of type of walk, distance usually covered etc, please get in touch with me .

**WE BLOOMING WELL NEED YOU !**

The National Gardens Scheme lost thousands of pounds last year, money which goes to many of the well known health charities - Cancer Research, MacMillan Nurses, Parkinsons, Mind, Carers Trust and many more. This year we desperately need Kilsby Open Gardens to be on a bigger scale than ever to try and recoup the losses.

**20th June 2021, 1.30 – 5.30 p.m.**



OR enter the decorated wheelbarrow event.

More details in the next Kronickle

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Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so every row, every column and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.  
**(Solution on page 21)**

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## FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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

Yet again there is little to report from Daventry District Council. Christmas and New Year are always quiet times, and now DDC is winding down, as we move towards the Council's abolition on 1st April.

Your new Council, replacing both Daventry District Council and Northamptonshire County Council, will be West Northamptonshire Unitary Authority, which will in future be providing all your local authority services, from bin collections to adult social services. The council offices in Daventry will be retained at least for the time being, which is good news, as should a personal visit be necessary, it is so much better than having to travel over to Northampton.

There has been some uncertainty about local elections this year, whether and when they might be held, in view of the restrictions of lockdown. The latest news from the Chief Executive of West Northamptonshire Council (Unitary Authority) is that elections will go ahead on 6 May. You will be voting for the Parish Council, (think about whether you would like to stand to help guide and develop your village), West Northamptonshire Council, (you will

have up to three votes, as the much bigger ward includes the current Braunston and Lilbourne wards, and Middlemore in Daventry, and will have three councillors), and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Of course, it is still possible that these plans will have to be revised, if the lockdown does not successfully reduce the pandemic.

Do give your views to the Parish Council on possible improvements to Butts Lane. It gets very muddy after rain, so the better surfacing the Council is planning would be welcome. And do look at and comment on the draft report on the Housing Needs Survey for the village, which is available on the DDC website.

I am available at [clomax@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:clomax@daventrydc.gov.uk), on 01788 822483, or by post, at 22 Daventry Road, Kilsby to help with any District Council issues.

Best wishes

Catherine



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## THANK YOU

(From Alison Harrison)

To all my friends in Kilsby I would like to say thank you for your kindness, care and support following the death of my dear Dad in October and my Mother's death just after Christmas.

It has been difficult, but I just wanted to say how much I appreciate you all.

Thank you again..

## St. Faith's Social Committee

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

Unfortunately we have had to take the decision to cancel the quiz we had planned for the end of March as it now looks very unlikely that things will have improved enough by then to allow it to take place. So we shall have to wait until November - by which time we very much hope a quiz will be permitted.

Look out for more information in a later edition and in the meantime keep safe and well.

## 'Seva' in Kilsby

(From a Kilsby resident - details supplied to Eds.)

I recently received an email from the Chair of the organisation I work for stating that he wanted to thank staff for 'seva' during the pandemic. He explained that 'seva' is a Punjabi word that describes 'selfless service'. It got me thinking about what a lot of 'seva' has been going on in our little village of Kilsby and I wanted to write about some of the examples I have noticed.

An obvious place to start is our fab village shop, which has been like a mast in a storm throughout the last year. A smile and a chat with Andrea always makes it a warm place to be and its amazing how many people in our community give their time for free to keep it running, from the dedicated committee, the staff, and even the village postman delivering people's food orders in between the mail!

Because I am an NHS clinician my children have been able to continue attending their usual settings during the pandemic. A special mention must be given to Nikki, Julie, Sue, Jill and Steph at Kilsby Preschool for the wonderful work they have done throughout. It has meant so much to our family to be greeted with a smile and enthusiasm during what must be anxiety-provoking times for them. They have created a relaxed and happy atmosphere for the children at the preschool, as well as going to great lengths to connect with children at home. They have brought a number of children's stories to life, turning them into acted videos, complete with costumes, face paint and some Oscar-worthy performances! (Well worth a look on YouTube!)

Throughout our village there have been little examples of 'seva' everywhere. A daily joke in the window in Manor Road, neighbours offering to mow lawns for free, people offering grocery trips for one another, trails organised for children and an array of rainbows and Kilsby Rocks.

This has been a really difficult year but living in Kilsby feels like it has made a little easier.

## KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

### November Winners

£100 (20) Anon. Donated; £65 (3) J Donovan;  
£40 (90) D Cheney; £40 (21) J George;  
£20 (81) S MacPhie.

### December Winners

£40 (11) S Hatton; £30 (27) J Meith;  
£20 (77) J and M Graham; £20 (8) A Tailby;  
£10 (40) H Morris.



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## Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



As the annual Kilsby Christmas Tree light switch-on event was cancelled for 2020, we arranged for Father Christmas to tour the village on his sleigh with our Christmas Tree poster winner, Elsbeth Carpenter. This took place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December and was a huge success, we then turned on the Christmas Tree lights! The committee would like to thank everyone who came out and waved at us.



A huge thank you to Dean Meredith and Tom Jones for the fantastic 'sleigh'. Thank you to Kevin Brown the electrician for checking our Christmas tree lights.

We are now looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 for the Light Switch-On Event.

**Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee**

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Prawn & Chorizo Stew

Roast Salmon Fillet with Honey & Soy on Garlic Greens

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For 2 Persons

£49.95

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## **KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION**

(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)



A very happy New Year to you all.

With the bulbs beginning to show through, and new shoots hiding under today's snow, now is the time to be planning for the 2021 gardening year.

To provide you all with an incentive, judging of the Garden Competitions will be on Saturday June 19th, so let's see if we can have a repeat of the wonderful range of gardens we saw in the village last year. This will coincide with the Open Gardens, which will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

The plan is to hold the Produce Show on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, assuming that conditions by then will allow, so again it is an opportunity to think about how you can take part in the event. More details of the arrangements for the show, and the classes to enter, will be available in the Kilsby Kronickle as we move through the year.

There will also be more information in future issues on membership of the Association, as we finalise our arrangements to collect fees and distribute membership cards in a way which respects safe practice.

## **Kilsby Neighbourhood Development Plan Review – Report on Progress**

(From Parish Councillors Clive Thompson and Ian Massey)

Although it was anticipated that activity over the holiday period would be low, there has been some progress since the last edition. Following the successful application by the Parish Council for a grant from Locality (an organisation set up to provide support to establishing Neighbourhood Development Plans), Kirkwells Town Planning Consultants have made a start on reviewing the current plan.

The initial recommendation is that the plan would be enhanced by the inclusion of design codes for any developments which might be considered in the future. Design codes are part of National Planning Policy and would ensure that any development would meet the need to maintain the attractiveness of the village and preserve its character. The inclusion of such codes is highly technical and needs the input of specialist help. Fortunately, Locality provide this help and the Council has made an application for specialist technical assistance.

An essential part of the Plan review is for the inclusion of the revised Housing Needs Survey. This

was carried out during November and the draft report has been made available to the Council. From the 610 letters which were sent to households 83 questionnaires were completed, a response rate of 13%. This may be rather low to ensure that meaningful conclusions can be drawn.

The whole process for review of the Plan will take some time and progress will continue to be reported in future editions.

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## Fund Overview

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The Fund allows groups to apply for grants between £250 and £6,000. There is one application round to apply to each year.

The application closing date for 2021 is: 28th April 2021

## Project Location

Projects for which grants are requested must be located in the Parishes of Crick or Kilsby.

## Project Purpose

Priority will be given to:

- Energy efficiency or renewable energy projects, such as insulation, efficient boilers or small scale renewable energy installations
- Training or education projects, especially vocational training for unemployed young people under the age of 25 years old
- Projects for school age children, or older people
- Any other community projects for the benefit of residents of the local area

For full details of what can be funded (there are limited exceptions), please see the Funding Criteria, available on GrantScape's website.

## Eligible Organisations

Eligible Organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- Voluntary, community groups
- Parish Councils
- Schools and educational establishments
- Social enterprises (including credit unions, co-operatives, social firms, community owned enterprises, community interest companies and development trusts) provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis



Applicants need to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and a bank or building society account held in the name of the organisation in place before applying for a grant. If you don't have these please consider asking if the Parish Council can apply on your behalf.

Applicants can apply for further grants each year, however, they may not receive priority over organisations that have previously been turned away or those who are applying for the first time.

## Making Grant Recommendations

Recommendations as to which projects should receive funding are made by two locals Panels, one representing Crick and the other Kilsby. There is currently a vacancy on the Kilsby Panel, so if you live in the Parish and are interested in helping decide how best this money should be awarded, please contact GrantScape.

## Contacts and Further Questions?

Telephone: 01908 247630

[www.grantscape.org.uk](http://www.grantscape.org.uk) Email:

## CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

### Covid 19 Vaccinations

The following information was supplied by the practice and comes from the practice website:

*As of January 8<sup>th</sup> nearly 4000 vaccinations have been given and nearly all of those over 80 have been vaccinated and all care home staff in our area and residents of care homes have been vaccinated.*

*Vaccinations for the 75-80 year old age group will begin shortly and we aim to have them all vaccinated as quickly as possible. We have the capacity to vaccinate 3000 people per week. The limiting factor at the moment is availability of the vaccine, not doctors and nurses to vaccinate.*

The figures quoted are for the Northamptonshire Rural Primary Care Network to which we belong and accounts for a total population of around 49,000.

### Scams

To protect yourself and your family members from fraud and criminals please remember the following:

- The vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free to people in priority groups. The NHS will contact patients when it is their turn. You will not be asked to pay for the vaccine.
- The NHS will never ask you to press a button

on your keypad or send a text to confirm you want the vaccine, and never ask for payment or for your bank details.

- The NHS are not making house calls to deliver or discuss the vaccine.

### Flu vaccination for patients aged 50 – 64 years

The practice is now offering the seasonal influenza vaccination to all our patients aged 50 – 64 years. To book an appointment please call the surgery between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon or 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm and press option 5.

Please note that you may receive text or voicemail message from the surgery asking you to make an appointment.

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## Kilsby Village Shop

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

A very happy New Year to all our customers. We hope you all managed to share some time with friends and loved ones on Christmas Day - although it was very different this year, in comparison to the usual celebrations. So, as we kick out 2020, we hope for a happier and healthier 2021 for us all.

We would like to thank all our customers who placed orders with us for Christmas, your support is amazing and ensures the longevity of our shop, so a big **THANK YOU**. We processed over 35 poultry/meat orders from Chapmans butchers together with over 30 Sercombes orders and made up in excess of 15 Christmas gift hampers. It was a very busy week prior to Christmas, but our lovely manager Andrea and assistant manager Sarah, along with an amazing team of volunteers did an excellent job to ensure we delivered everyone's orders, adding that extra bit of sparkle to everyone's Christmas.

And now we find ourselves in our third lockdown. But we have been here before, and with everyone pulling together we can get through this, with the added knowledge that the vaccine is now starting to be rolled out. Your village shop is here to support you through this next stage of the journey - with additional thought, kindness and support, we hope we can make the time a little less stressful for us all.

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

1. We are still ensuring safe shopping by allowing only one customer/household in the shop at a time.
2. We have now had a roof put onto the ramp to allow shelter for our customers waiting to enter the shop during the winter months. Many thanks to Dean who lives in Kilsby, (Dean Meredith Building Contractors 01788 823344) who has done a very professional job in installing the cover for us.
3. We have an automatic hand sanitiser at the entrance to the shop – it is ‘no-touch’ so you only need to put your hands below to receive the correct amount of spray sanitiser.
4. Two outside storage units have been installed. One is for winter fuel: coal (household doubles or Homeflame Smokeless), logs (seasoned or kiln dried), kindling & firelighters - we also take fuel orders and deliver to your home. The second displays our fabulous seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables, allowing a much wider range, so you are able to pick these prior to entering the shop.
5. One of our lovely villagers, Judy, has made us some amazing marmalade from the Seville oranges we have had in. This is selling fast and is a fabulous addition to our conserve range. Thank you Judy.
6. We are currently purchasing a gazebo (no sides just top and back) to cover the two outside storage units and waiting shoppers, providing extra shelter whilst shopping during the winter weather.



7. We ensure that all our shop team, even those behind the till screen, wear masks to protect themselves and our customers.

8. We are regularly cleaning everything we possibly can with antibacterial wipes

9. We work hard to ensure our shop is fully stocked at all times; whether everyday essentials or speciality produce from our local suppliers. Your community shop is very proud to support local suppliers and currently have teamed up with over 10 enterprises who provide daily and weekly quality produce. Shopping local protects you and our village while supporting small businesses. If there is an item you would like which we do not sell, then just let us know and we will do our best to get it in for you.

10. We provide a free delivery service (there is no minimum spend) - so if you would like to place an order, no matter how large or small you can either do this by email to [villageshop.kilsby@gmail.com](mailto:villageshop.kilsby@gmail.com) where we will acknowledge your order and keep you updated as we progress it, or by phone to **Andrea on 07861 295358**. We follow a very careful COVID delivery process to ensure both your and our delivery teams' safety when delivering your shopping to your door.

We hope all this provides the safest shopping environment we can for our customers, Andrea, Sarah and our shop team of volunteers.

### We need your help

Many of you who are shareholders/customers will know Peter Aytton who is our accountant/treasurer and has been part of the committee since the very beginning. Peter has decided to step down from this role, after the close of this financial year, in April. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Peter for his contribution to this project and for managing the accounts for what will be three years in March. He has been truly amazing and he will be very much missed. Now we are looking for a replacement - big boots to fill as Peter's professionalism and passion for the shop has been amazing. However, he has kindly offered to work with his replacement over the year end in order to do a full handover. So, if you would like to volunteer and help your village shop by joining the committee team as treasurer, we would love to hear from you, please contact me at [trishbrown@gmail.com](mailto:trishbrown@gmail.com).

We will of course now start to plan for our seasonal celebration dates over the next few months and you will find a selection of either produce (scrumptious special celebration cakes from Fatherson Bakery) cards or gifts for Pancake Day, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day in the shop. Please keep a look out for our posters round the village.

We wish you all well. Stay safe and, let's hope, as the vaccine is rolled out, we will have a brighter healthier 2021.



## Kilsby History Society

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822917)

The Red Lion as it was in late Victorian times with Samuel Frisby, the innkeeper, and his family standing outside. A fire destroyed half the building in 1888.

### THREE KILSBY PUBS (ONLY ONE STILL STANDS)



The Railway Hotel, which stood on Watling Street near Kilsby station, later became the Halfway House and was only demolished a few years ago. This photograph was probably taken in Victorian times.

The Devon Ox pub had become a farmhouse by the time this photo was taken. When it was still a pub it was very popular with the navvies building the tunnel.



## GARDENERS' CORNER

Well, what a wet winter that was. Maybe we should build those raised beds we've all kept talking about. It's a good job Kilsby is a bit too high for flooding. At least the recent frosty spell should have killed a lot of pests after a few winters that were really too mild.

### **Pest trouble? Hoe-hoe-hoe:**

Did you have trouble with leaf eating pests last year? We had a bad attack of small moth caterpillars which ate up our clump of meadowsweet. Now is a good time to deeply hoe or lightly fork round any affected bushes. Go about 5cm (2 inches) deep. This will expose the pupae of the insects which are in the soil. The birds are desperate for food just now, so they will do the rest. You might even find your local robin following you round.

### **Something easy to grow**

Try growing garlic. It is easy to grow, and pests don't like it. The garlic we planted at the end of October is just showing shoots, but it is not too late so long as you do it now. Just use a bulb from the supermarket, break it up into separate cloves and plant them about 20cm (8 inches) apart in decent soil in a sunny spot. Make sure you push them in deep enough to hide the tops or the birds will pull them out.

### **Jobs to do in February**

- Finish clearing and forking over flower beds
- Prune fruit trees and bushes
- Sow sweet peas in pots. Keep indoors in a plastic bag until they germinate, then out they go!

### **Jobs to do in March**

- Sow early peas at the beginning of March. (you might even chance a sowing in February)
- Sow hardy annuals in seed trays or pots.
- Finish pruning roses

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

Having left the EU we will no doubt soon ditch the metric system, so you will need this:

From 'Directions for the Gardiner' John Evelyn 1686:

### **'MEASURES Which a gardiner ought to understand'**

*3 Barly-Corns make an Inch: 12 Inches a Foote: 3 Foote a Yard: 3 Foote 9 Inches an Ell: 6 Foote a Fathom: 16 Foote & ½ a Pearch: one perch in breadth, & foure in length is a Roode: 4 Roode an Aker: 40 Roodes in length is a Furlong: 8 Furlongs is a Mile. 60 Miles is a Degree.'* Got that?

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

## BIRD LIFE

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

Lockdown 3 being in the winter has really made us look carefully at the birds visiting our garden and feeders. We're lucky to have a good selection of the usual visitors and when it was frosty, some redwings and fieldfares visited the lawn where we'd scattered apples and also used the pond for drinking and a quick dip. These birds are known as winter thrushes, who along with mistle thrushes, come here from Northern Europe to seek some slightly milder weather and to munch their way through the berry crops, mostly in fields and hedgerows. The large holly/ivy tree in the churchyard has now been stripped of berries but of course blackbirds have had their fair share too!

One bird I haven't seen in a Kilsby garden for 30 years is a song thrush. The mistle thrushes are larger than song thrushes and slightly paler - they adopt a more upright position when standing whereas song thrushes tend to remain low to the ground and I think are a bit more of a rounded shape. Song thrushes used to be quite common, but they have sadly declined by 50% in the last 25 years. It would be good to know if they visit other gardens in the village.

House sparrows have declined too, mainly due to lack of suitable breeding habitat but we're lucky to have quite a lot living in a large area of pyracanthas. If you have groups of sparrows visiting your garden, take a closer look to see whether any of them are tree sparrows, a scarcer sparrow living mostly in hedgerows and fields. We have a pair who seem to be living alongside the house sparrows – they're a little bit dumpier and have a white 'collar' and white cheeks with a black mark in the middle and they have brown on the head rather than grey. The nearest place to Kilsby I've seen them in the past is Draycote Water so it was great to see them in the village for the first time in 2020.

If you're interested in recording birds visiting the garden, you may have taken part in the RSPB Garden Bird Watch at the end of January. It has become really popular over the last few years and has helped inform trends in bird populations. You could also join in the BTO Garden Birdwatch which goes on throughout the year – you just record the highest amount of any species you see in the garden weekly and either send in a form or easier still, enter on an on-line form. Since the start of the Covid crisis, this is free to join – it's worth giving it a go, particularly as there are sections for insects, mammals and butterflies!

## ST. FAITH'S CHURCH, KILSBY

(From the Rev. Nigel Fry Tel: 07854 810 588  
[enfrys@gmail.com](mailto:enfrys@gmail.com))

As things stand it doesn't look as though we will be able to hold services or meet in Church for some time. Lent and Easter will come and go before that is likely to happen. But Lent isn't far away; Ash Wednesday is on February 17th. (That makes Easter earlyish this year, on April 4th. If you're struggling to keep youngsters occupied, set them the task of working out how the date for Easter is arrived at each year!)

It was during Lent last year that the pandemic began. You may remember the little boxes that were available? They contained an object, a reading and a focus for each week. Little did we realise that our small attempts at deepening our relationship with God would also be - a somewhat inadequate - preparation for a time that still has no visible endpoint. If we learn anything from this time surely it is that we are dependent: on others; on the world we inhabit; and on God, the source of wholeness and peace.

One thing I've noticed in myself is that I'm taking more notice of the - somewhat limited - environment I inhabit, and more notice of the things I see and read. I have found the Collects - the Church's prayers for each week, festival and special occasion - more meaningful; they are having a greater impact. The Collect for the second Sunday of Epiphany has already become a favourite...

*'Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.'*

The line, '*transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace*' particularly resonates and speaks to the needs that we have.

During that first Lockdown we quickly had to improvise; what could we do without meeting in church? Some churches immediately went online, we opted to record services and email them out, figuring that more people would be able to access that; we also started a 'WhatsApp' group. Novelty was everywhere; something different that wasn't threatening, unlike the something different that was. Nearly twelve months on, novelty has worn thin - as novelty does. The prospect of another Lent and Easter without being able to gather in church tends only to add to the misery this pandemic has brought.

Are there other ways we might share in worship together or just 'meet up'? Have you become more 'tech savvy' during lockdown? As the long-haul becomes an even longer long-haul, perhaps we should all be better 'kitted up' to better enable community conversation? We would be interested to hear your thoughts.

Though services are off the menu, the Church is being opened every day (at least for now). So long as we remember all the rules when we go in it is a safe place for individual prayer; a space to go and be, away from the madding world/home/work - hopefully not crowd - for a while.

Looking ahead to something positive, our Ordinand Clare Glover is to be Ordained Deacon on Sunday 27th June! That will be a momentous occasion, even if it happens over Zoom. Clare will then go on to serve as Assistant Curate at '*St Peter and St Paul, and St Michael and All Angels*' in Kettering. After a significant amount of preparation and training this next step is to be celebrated, even though we will be losing Clare from the Benefice. Please pray for her and the family.

For Ash Wednesday an interactive service is being planned and for Lent we hope to have some study material. On Sundays a sound file for Morning Prayer will continue to be sent out, as will a second file with the Gospel and a reflection.

*If you would like to be on the Church's email list just email me on [enfrys@gmail.com](mailto:enfrys@gmail.com)*

*And if you would like to be on the WhatsApp group, download the app and send me your mobile phone number.*

The Lord bless you and keep you,

Rev Nigel

Cornerstone House, 4 Emery Row.  
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## KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:

**Friday 5th March 2021 and Friday 7th May**

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)

## LUCKY ESCAPE IN RUGBY ROAD Kilsby Community in Action

On 25th January, after heavy snowfall overnight, a truck and trailer jack-knifed on the very slippery surface of Rugby Road and ended up right across the road. It narrowly missed demolishing the garden wall of one of the houses in the process - and luckily no pedestrians were about:- but Rugby Road was completely blocked.



The shaken driver, who said she had been misdirected into the village by her sat nav was given coffee and looked after by local residents whilst she waited for a rescue vehicle organised by her company to arrive. But when it did it was unable to shift the vehicle. Efforts were made by the police and other residents to free it using bricks behind the wheels but to no avail.

In the end a phone call to Manor Farm brought a tractor which finally pulled the vehicle free and the very relieved driver was able to continue her journey home to Kent.



The driver commented that Kilsby was a lovely community and thanked everyone who had helped her.

## 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. Our 'speakers' for April are Queen Victoria, her lady in waiting and her favourite servant, Mr Brown. It will be very interesting to know what her Majesty thinks of our current situation...

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. Our December 'meeting in a bag', contained some lovely recipes to try, a craft project, instructions for making a Christmas Wreath, a Christmas story, an interesting 'talk', a quiz and a surprise Christmas gift! Our hyacinth growing competition had, I think it fair to say, mixed results! Well done to everyone who remembered to take their hyacinth out of the garage in time for it to flower! Many of us made lovely Christmas cards for each other and some of us made beautiful wreaths or table decorations.



We are hoping that we ***will*** be able to run our usual Mother's Day flower stall on the Green on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9.00 am; though probably with a smaller and more limited selection than we normally provide. Of course this will very much depend on the lockdown situation at the time. Look out for our posters in the village and on the WI noticeboard in the days beforehand to see if we are able to proceed. If we can be there, please follow any guidelines in place at the time including social distancing and mask wearing.

We ***are*** still knitting furiously for our planned yarn bombing this year - part of our centenary celebrations. If you like to knit we'd love to hear from you!



### From the Editors - A little poem for lockdown.....

#### A Brief Pageant of Verse (Anon)

I won't arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
I'll sanitize the doorknob and make a cup of tea.  
I won't go down to the sea again; I won't go out at all,  
I'll wander lonely as a cloud from the kitchen to the hall.  
There's a green-eyed yellow idol to the north of  
Katmandu  
But I shan't be seeing him just yet and nor, I think, will  
you.  
While the dawn comes up like thunder on the road to  
Mandalay  
I'll make my bit of supper and eat it off a tray.  
I shall not speed my bonnie boat across the sea to Skye  
Or take the rolling English road from Birmingham to  
Rye.  
About the woodland, just right now, I am not free to go  
To see the Keep Out posters or the cherry hung with  
snow,  
And no, I won't be travelling much, within the realms of  
gold,  
Or get me to Milford Haven. All that's been put on hold.  
Give me your hands, I shan't request, albeit we are  
friends  
Nor come within a mile of you, until this trial ends.

## NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

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

Happy New Year to everyone!

As we are back in lockdown this January, we only have key worker/vulnerable children attending school in their usual classroom bubbles and all our other children have been doing their lessons at home via Google Classroom. It has been an interesting learning experience for both the children and the teachers! But we have managed to keep in touch with parents and children alike, and continue teaching our children as best we can during these difficult times, the children have been brilliant.

Fortunately we were altogether during the autumn term and still had quite a lot going on in December running up to Christmas.

During the early part of December, the children in Chestnut class found out about Diwali. They learnt about how it is celebrated and listened to the story of Rama and Sita. Then they made some "diyas" little lamps that were used to guide Rama and Sita home. After waiting a long time for the clay to dry, the children decorated them ready to be taken home. They were very pretty.



They also enjoyed a festive day where they made some beautiful Christmas decorations for their classroom including paper chains!

It was Christmas jumper day on

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December! Everyone came to school wearing their Christmas jumpers, it was a cheerful sight to see on a very grey day!

The Year 3 children in Cedar class took part in an experiment in December. They wanted to find out what cress seeds needed, to grow into healthy plants. They planted some cress seeds in pots, watered them and placed them in different places to see where they would grow best or if they would grow at all! Some were placed on the windowsill of the classroom, some outside and some under the sink. They discovered that cress seeds needed mild conditions, water and light to grow best.

During December, the children in Hazel class learned about Druids as part of their Stone Age to Iron Age topic. They enjoyed creating their own Druid crowns inspired by nature. Here are just a few examples, they looked really good!



Maple class have been learning all about WW2. Some of the children brought some fascinating artefacts into school to show everyone including a ration book, medals, a helmet and hand-written memoirs of life during the war.

On Monday 14th December all the children were treated to a virtual trip to the Belgrade Theatre to watch the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk! They connected up to the link via their classroom and hall whiteboards, and each class were able to watch from the safety of their own class bubbles. It was a really great way to enjoy a pantomime in these current circumstances! The children enjoyed the afternoon immensely and got quite noisy in the process!

Many thanks to our hardworking KSA who funded this lovely Christmas treat and also to the Belgrade Theatre for providing this brilliant facility for schools!

The children came to school wearing their party clothes and enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, followed by parties in their classrooms all afternoon, packed with fun and games. The children in Cherry class made their own placemats especially! A huge thank you to Rachel our cook, she did a fantastic job as always, creating 100 meals from her small kitchen pod!

The whole school took part in a virtual Christingle service on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, from their respective classrooms and the hall. Normally we would go to St Faith's church for this lovely service with Rev Nigel Fry, but sadly this year that was not possible.

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The Bikeability session for Year 3 & 4 organised for January has had to be postponed due to the Covid restrictions, but hopefully the children will be able to benefit from this later on, in the spring or summer term instead.

We hope soon the restrictions will be relaxed and life can return to normal in school; it has been a very challenging time for staff, parents and children. We really appreciate all the support we have received from our parents which has enabled us to provide the very best education we can for our children during these difficult circumstances

**Solution to Sudoko quiz on page 4**

9	7	2	6	4	8	1	5	3
3	5	8	1	7	9	2	4	6
4	6	1	2	3	5	7	8	9
8	3	5	9	2	7	6	1	4
1	4	7	3	8	6	5	9	2
6	2	9	5	1	4	8	3	7
2	9	6	4	5	1	3	7	8
5	8	4	7	6	3	9	2	1
7	1	3	8	9	2	4	6	5

**KILSBY PRESCHOOL**

(From Laura Cafolla [kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com))

Christmas was a very busy time for Kilsby Preschool as the committee worked hard on a number of fundraising events as well as a foodbank drive for Daventry Foodbank.

We had an amazing and overwhelmingly positive response to our Father Christmas letters. Kilsby Preschool Committee's elves worked on over one hundred personalised Father Christmas letters. We are incredibly proud of this activity and given the year that it was in we feel it added an extra special sparkle to the festive season. Special thanks go to Laura Jamieson and Sophie Raven for their creativity and hard work which ensured that this fundraiser was such an amazing success.

We also had great fun organising and hosting a festive family fun day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were very fortunate to have such lovely weather and the Preschool staff added excitement to the day with a bake sale, hot drinks and a place to showcase some beautiful raffle prizes. The entire event was hosted outdoors with individual families following their scavenger maps around the village to help Santa with all his lost belongings. The day brought the community together at a time when we have all felt a little isolated. Despite the social distancing measures in place, it was a wonderful day and another incredibly successful fundraiser. The Christmas Fundraising efforts overall raised an astonishing £748.60 and on behalf of the committee and the Preschool staff I would like to thank all who contributed and took part in these fundraisers because without your support we would be lost.

Alongside a busy month of fundraising, the Preschool staff and committee worked together with

Kilsby Primary School and the Kilsby School Association collecting donations for the Daventry Foodbank. None of us anticipated just how well this campaign would go. We were absolutely blown away with the generosity and amazing support that was shown by our wonderful village community. In total we were able to assemble and deliver twenty-two hampers to Daventry Foodbank as well as eight additional hampers to those who needed them in Kilsby. Thank you so very much to everyone who donated. The response was fantastic and we are so very grateful to all those who participated. Special thanks to Julie Farmer and Nicola Chalkley who worked hard on the assembly of all the hampers, making sure that each one was beautifully wrapped; to Ross Jamieson who hand-made a wooden sleigh for the event; and to Andrea Brown and all those at the village shop for their time and support with this event.

Despite lockdowns and the various difficulties that 2020 has challenged us with, the Preschool has been very busy. The committee have been applying for various funding which we hope will assist in the installation of a soft surface for our outdoor play area. It is our hope that if we are successful in these applications then this project will begin in Spring 2021. Other Spring activities will hopefully include additional planting in our sensory garden and the repainting of the fences around the preschool. We rely heavily on fundraising and people who volunteer their time and skills for these projects like so once again thank you all for all your support.

That's all from us for now, thanks for everything and stay safe everyone.

## Supporting Independence Programme - Public Health Northants

Now, more than ever, services across the community are working together to support those most affected by COVID. Our aim is to support and enable people to maintain their independence and resilience for as long as possible. We are keen to work in partnership with local parishes to promote our service to the wider community, in order to support vulnerable adults to improve and maintain their independence and wellbeing.

Our service can be tailored to support anybody in the county, over the age of 18, who may be struggling with one or several areas of their life, leading to mild frailty or reduced independence. We are currently operating as a telephone service, offering 12 weeks of person-centred support with a trained Wellbeing Advisor. Advisors have a wealth of knowledge and contacts for community services, charities and organisations across the county, working in partnership to achieve a positive outcome for customers. Referrals are dependent on successful completion of the eligibility criteria, which are just a few quick questions included within the referral form. Our administrator will then contact the customer within 2 working days to arrange an initial appointment with an allocated advisor. Examples of areas we support with include:

- Social isolation
- Falls
- Lifestyle
- Medication
- Mental and emotional health
- Physical health and mobility

For more information and to access the online referral form, please visit:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/health/pages/supporting-independence.aspx>



**Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee**

Sharon King, 01788 823264

**Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery**

The committee would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery so far. The lucky number for December was drawn on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December and was 102. Well done to Annabel Davies who won £72. The lucky number 105 was drawn on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January and £65 was won by Stuart Wright.

Half of the money raised each month goes to the prize fund and the other half to the Kilsby Christmas Tree Fund. This money will be used to fund the Christmas Tree light switch-on event for 2021.

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

Month	Date
February	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
March	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
April	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

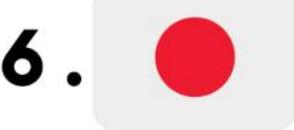
There is still plenty of time to join, please contact Sharon King on 0750 8228736 or email [kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you  
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

KILSBY KRONICKLE

# Kids Korner

Can you match these flags to the name of the country they belong to?  
Draw a line from the flag to the name of its country.



CANADA

JAPAN

USA

AUSTRALIA

INDIA

UK

CHINA

### Things to do in February-March

**Send the Parish Council your views on Butts Lane**

**Notify the Parish Council of street lighting problems**

**Offer to open your garden in June for the NGS**

**Volunteer to become Accountant/Treasurer for the Community Shop**

**Consider standing for the Parish Council**

**Apply to join the Grantscape Funding Panel**

**Do some knitting for the Yarn Bombing**

**Put forward ideas for village events to be held after lockdown ends**

**Apply for a grant from Grantscape**

**Apply for funding to support litter picking**

### **WELCOME PACKS Yet another plea.....**

Lots of new people are moving into the village and we would like to be able to get Welcome Packs of information about Kilsby to them as soon as possible after they arrive.

So if someone new moves in near you please contact Chris Lomas at lomdoucd@gmail.com or on 822650 to ask for a Pack which you can hand over when you say a socially distanced 'hello' to your new neighbours.

Let's make sure new people know how friendly Kilsby is, and what a great place to live, even though the current restrictions mean we can't get together as we normally do.



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### **FOR SALE**

**Nearly new under counter fridge and freezer (see page 10)**

**Range of woodworking tools (see page 12)**

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