

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th February

Walking Group Walk
WI Meeting

Monday 13th February

Village Hall AGM

Sunday 19th February

Walking Group Walk

Thursday 2nd March

Walking Group Walk

Friday 3rd March

Oil Club Order Point
Kilsby Jazz Concert

Thursday 9th March

WI Meeting

Thursday 16th March

History Society Meeting

Saturday 18th March

Village Hall Cinema

Sunday 19th March

Walking Group Walk

April (Early Notice)

Saturday 22nd April

Grand Kilsby Village Quiz



This issue's shows a packed village hall, with people still queuing to get in, on Saturday 14th January, when Kilsby Action Group held a meeting to outline development threats to the village. A report is on page 13 and this sets out ways in which all of us living in the village can help the Action Group to fight off these proposals. A key message at the meeting was that concerted action by local residents can make a real difference, so we hope that everyone who cares about keeping our village as a village will get behind the work the Action Group is doing on our behalf.

Elsewhere in this edition is a plea (page 12) for more people to join the Parochial Church Council and for volunteers to help our parish church in other ways. There is a real threat to the future of St. Faith's if people don't take on these roles.

On a happier note, we are delighted to congratulate the Village Shop on its forthcoming fifth birthday (23rd March). The Shop has proved an enormous asset to the village and Sarah and her team of volunteers, as well as the Shop Committee, do a wonderful job. We all need to continue to support the Shop by buying things there regularly and more volunteers are always needed to work there. The Shop also currently needs a Treasurer and we hope someone will come forward to take this on.

We are pleased to hear that the lovely Community Café has now got some more volunteer helpers but more are needed to help ensure that this facility can continue into the future (see page 18). At the same time, Councillor Weston is again appealing for people to help with Speedwatch (see page 4). Vehicles speeding through the village is a real problem, especially for people at Cildes Croft who need to cross the very busy A361, so it is very important that volunteers come forward to help to monitor what is happening and help efforts to reduce the danger to residents.

In these times of tight budgets it is good to see that both the Community Benefit Fund (page 21) and the Kilsby Events Charity (page 13) are offering grants - the Benefit Fund to organisations which have projects to benefit the village, and the Events Charity to people and groups who want to organise events in Kilsby. These opportunities to get financial assistance to help the village and organise events for those who live here should be fully grasped.

Kilsby has been such a lovely place to live in part, at least, because there has been so much going on here and residents have always been willing to come forward to organise and to give their time to help. Very many people still do and the Kilsby Action Group and the Village Shop are wonderful examples of this, but some village organisations are starting to fold because of lack of people to run them especially as the older people who have done this for many years have to step down. So we appeal to everyone to look regularly at whether they could spare some time to respond to the various pleas for help which appear in every edition of Kronickle, so that Kilsby can remain a vibrant community in which it is a pleasure to live.

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL(PC)

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs
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Well, I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to this new year and the opportunities it may present. Anyway, Happy New Year to you all.

This year brings opportunities for the council to improve the village and also the chance for you all to contribute to the village. If you have any ideas or think there is something you wish could be improved please let us know. It will be added to the next council meeting agenda and you might wish to come to the meeting and address the council about your ideas. Please let me or our Clerk know. My contact details are above and the Clerk's on page 2.

S106 Funds

These are funds given to the village as a result of the development on Cildes Croft. We need to use this money otherwise we will lose it and it will be returned to the developer. The Council is considering the purchase of land to create an orchard together with the provision of sports facilities, indoor and out. It is also looking to improve the cemetery. We are looking for land and would welcome any suggestions you may have in order for us to move forward with the project. If any of our village organisations need help with any projects, you may be considering please do get in touch and we will let you know who to contact at West Northants Council (WNC).

Vacancy for Councillor

Your Parish Council is still one councillor down and would really love to hear from you if you would like the opportunity of giving something back to your community. Please do consider the chance and give either me or our Clerk, Emma, a call. We would be pleased to hear from you.

School Parking

The council was approached by the school for funds to purchase a couple of bollards to place on the zig zags outside the school to help with parking issues. The council approved the grant and the bollards will be in use during term times. The landlord of The George has also very kindly allowed parents to park in the car park there during drop off and collection. Please do use this facility; it isn't far from school and will alleviate any inconvenience to local residents.

Lighting on Manor Road

The Council has been asked if we could improve the lighting outside the school and we will be gathering quotations for the erection and installation of a light which will be operable during school opening and closing time in the winter months, October to March.

Kilsby Action Group (KAG)

The Council approved a request from KAG for a grant to cover the cost of the flyers recently delivered in the village. The Council wholeheartedly supports what the Group is doing to try to stop unwanted development around the village, so we were pleased to approve the grant and thank them for all of their work on our behalf.

Environment

Councillor Ian Massey recently attended a Climate Xchange Conference looking for ways that Kilsby could do more to help reduce our carbon footprint. If residents would like a meeting to discuss the issues and give their input please let Ian know by email. His contact details are on page 2.

Parking Issues

The council is considering applying for double yellow lines to be put on Main Road between Essen Lane and Boxwood Drive. We would welcome input and we will be sending forms to all residents who would be affected by this. The bend on that stretch of road is very dangerous and there have been accidents due to parked cars forcing vehicles out into the centre of the road. We feel it is necessary to take action to try to prevent a serious accident. Please let the Council know your views.

Parish Council Website

The Council is looking to improve the current website. If you have any ideas on this or about the information you would like to see available on it please write to me or to Councillor Ian Massey.

Cemetery

The Council agreed to look at how the cemetery might be improved and will be conducting a review of the facilities in the spring. Again, please let us know if you have any ideas on this.

Village Welcome Packs

As you may know the village produces a Welcome Pack for new residents but some people are missing out on these because their neighbours have not notified Chris Lomas that they have moved in. We really need your help on this. If you know of anyone moving in near to you please contact Chris on 822650 or at lomdoucd@gmail.com so she can let you have a pack to take round to the new residents to welcome them to the village.

That's all for now from your Parish Council but please do get in touch if there is anything you can help with or you want to raise with us.

Howard Gibbs
Chairman
Kilsby P C

FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS

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West Northants Council draft Budget consultation 2023/24 closes at the end of January. There are many increased charges proposed – from 4.99% Council Tax increase (meaning an average annual increase of £80.50 for a Band D property) to increases in planning fees, car boot sale charges and green waste charges rising from £42 per year to £55. The Council has predicted a budget shortfall of almost £60 million for the next financial year which is why higher charges are considered necessary. High inflation driving up costs and a significant increase in service demand from the Children's Trust and Adult Social Care in particular are causing this shortfall.

While all councillors will be able to vote on the final Budget decision at the Full Council meeting on 22nd February they were unable to have their say on a recent decision made at January's Cabinet meeting to increase parking charges at Daventry and Brixworth country parks and also the car park at the Racecourse in Northampton which is currently free. At present it costs £2.20 to park all day at the Daventry country park; the daily fee is proposed to rocket to £12 per day. At the meeting, like many other councillors I suggested that the decision be postponed as such big increases could deter residents from visiting the parks and penalise Northampton residents who rely on the Racecourse car park as there is insufficient parking space on local streets. However, no Cabinet member raised any objection and so the decision was passed, with the new charges being reviewed after six months.

The Rural Services Network and the Rural Issues Group of Citizens Advice are jointly running a Rural Cost of Living Household Survey which is open until 31st March and all rural residents are encouraged to take part. Go to: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural_Households_Cost-of-Living

The survey is seeking to understand more about rural household budgets during this very difficult time for everyone's finances. Research commissioned last year showed that rural areas are suffering more acutely from the cost of living crisis than urban areas and the findings of the survey will help the argument for further funding for rural areas, which are all too often left out. If you want to take part but don't use the internet I would be pleased to help – see my contact details above.

It was good to hear that the recent Kilsby Action Group public meeting was well attended. There will be a further opportunity to comment on the potential 63 hectare employment site should it be included in the full draft plan for consultation. I put forward my concerns, on behalf of Kilsby residents, about this site during the first consultation (as did Kilsby Parish Council and many others). The full draft plan consultation has been delayed by at least a year – the original aim was for the consultation to open last summer.

Cllr Rosie Humphreys

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH 2023

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

We now have confirmation that Kilsby has been invited to participate in the Community Speed Watch this year. However at this time we have not been informed of the dates we will have the equipment.

We still need volunteers who could spend an hour at a time to help with this during various times of the day, early evenings and weekends. The more volunteers we have the more we can utilise the equipment to monitor speeding traffic through Kilsby. You do not need to help at every Speed Watch, but we do need a minimum of three at each shift to be able to operate. This time there is no formal training.

If you are concerned about the speed of traffic, especially from The Ridgeway through the village on the A361, which is the area we get the most complaints about, please volunteer to help us make Kilsby a safer place to live.

Because we had so few volunteers for the two periods in 2022, we may not be able to participate unless we can provide evidence that we have enough people this time to make Speed Watch viable. This would mean that no further evidence regarding speeding in Kilsby could be gathered.

Please contact me if you are able to help with this, via email at iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk or on 01788 823332, by 20 February 2023.

FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN CHANTLER

Assistant Cabinet Member for Planning and Rural Affairs, West Northamptonshire Council

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People living in rural areas are being urged to complete a survey on the cost of living.

The Rural Services Network (RSN), in partnership with the Citizens Advice Rural Issues Group, has launched the Rural Cost of Living Household Survey to understand more about rural household budgets during what is a very difficult time for many.

People are encouraged to help by completing the survey by the closing date of 31 March. The results will help the RSN engage more effectively with Government Departments, MPs and other policy makers. The survey can be found at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural_Households_Cost-of-Living

Plans are progressing to bring Building Control services back in-house to West Northants Council from the beginning of April 2023. Back in 2015 the Building Control function for the former Daventry District Council was transferred to a shared service with Warwick and Rugby Councils.

Following the establishment of West Northants Council, work has been ongoing with partners, officers and stakeholders to bring this service back in house to enable a single consistent service to be provided across the whole of West Northants.

These plans are well underway and are now nearing completion. As part of this work we are in the process of recruiting for new colleagues to join the new structure.

KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel 822197)

The subject of our next History Society talk is John Clare, 'The People's Poet'. It will take place on Thursday 16th March in the Kilsby Room, starting at 7.30 p.m.

Our speaker, Jon-Paul Carr, is keen to get us involved in reading some of the poet's work. If you are willing to read some poetry please let Gill Mason or myself know.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be on offer as usual.

The fee for the meeting is £2 for members and £4 for visitors.

Everyone is welcome.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of this work and anticipate that contact details and more information about the service will be shared during February.

The roads in the area are in a terrible state. The number and size of the potholes increases on a daily basis. The council's partner, Keir WSP, is well aware of this but has insufficient funds to carry out much work until the next financial year. People are encouraged to continue to report problems using Street Doctor. There is always the possibility of claiming for damage to your vehicle from WNC.

It is hoped that we may soon receive an update concerning the development of the new Strategic Plan. There was a well-supported meeting of the Kilsby Action Group recently at which the most up to date position was discussed regarding the Richborough application and the possible future of the site next to the railway lines at Houlton. No explanation has been forthcoming concerning the obvious activity on this site. **(Eds. See page 13.)**

Remember that we are here to serve you and should you seek clarification or guidance on any local matters please get in touch.

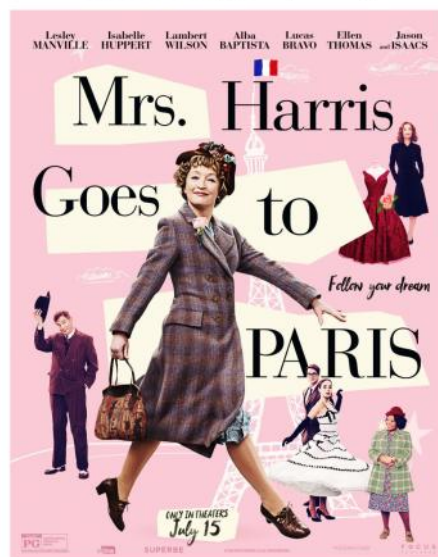
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KILSBY VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

Saturday 18th March 2023

Come and join us for refreshments at 7:30pm

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KILSBY JAZZ CLUB

(From Keren Wood, Tel: 822456)

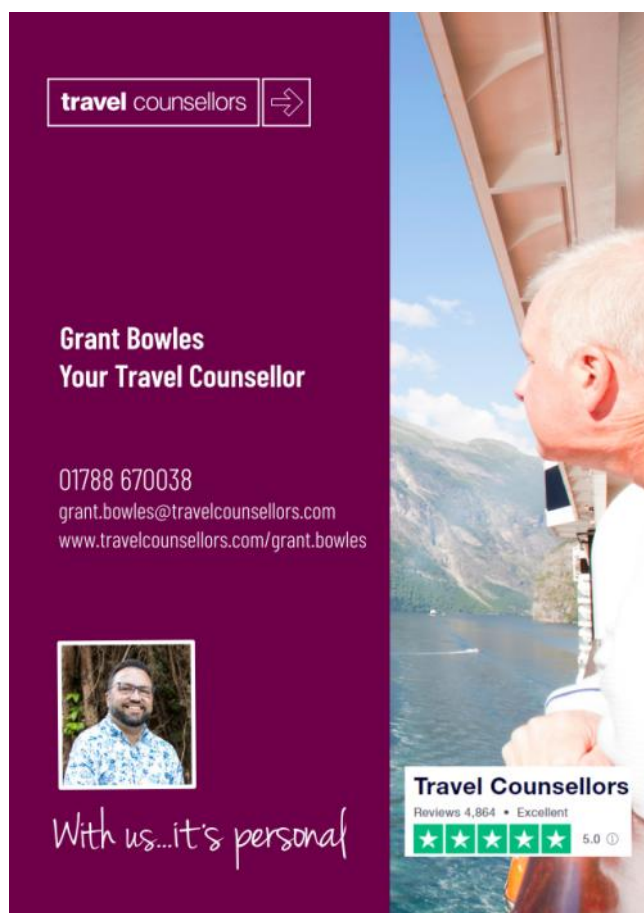
Kilsby Jazz Club began in the 1970s and raised funds to build the tennis courts in the village before going on to donate money to a wide variety of charities and deserving causes. Since 2011 over £15,000 has been raised and given out to charities which have been very appreciative of these donations.

The Club holds four events a year - usually in March, June, September and December. Details of forthcoming concerts and of how to buy tickets are sent out to members in a newsletter prior to each concert. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for these newsletters, please send your email address to Chris Lomas at lomdoucd@gmail.com

The concerts are held at Kilsby Village Hall on Friday evenings and are always well attended. The music has usually been 'Trad Jazz' but our new Chairman, Glenn Shaw, is planning to broaden the style and scope of the concerts with something for everyone in the future.

The next concert is on 4th March when The Chase Jazzmen will be playing. Get your address on the mailing list for further details and come along for an enjoyable evening out.


(Eds. After this article was written we were very sorry to learn of the death of John Watts, who was a great jazz fan and was Chairman of the Jazz Club Committee from 2012 until 2020.)



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Wednesday – Saturday: 12pm – 11pm

Kitchen

Monday & Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday ~ Friday: 12pm-2.30pm & 6pm-9pm

Saturday: 12pm-3pm & 6pm-9pm

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We would like to thank everyone who joined us in person and online for Paul's funeral and wake on the 14th December. It was a perfect send off and, of course, expertly hosted by Rainsbrook Crematorium, Rugby Funeral Home and the team at The George in Kilsby.

Thank you to everyone who helped Paul and us as a family over the last 2 years. We have appreciated all your support, advice, help and love. Living in Kilsby has been a lifeline as a community. Paul would have been overwhelmed with the support and kindness shown by everybody. We too have been overwhelmed by the cards and kind messages.

Thank you also to Home Instead, Marie Curie, Cynthia Spencer Team and all the medical staff at Crick Medical Practice along with all the district nurse team!

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WALKING GROUP

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

The dates and start times of the next walks are:

Thursday 9th February 9.30 am
Sunday 19th February 10.00 am
Thursday 2nd March 9.30 am
Sunday 19th March 10.00 am

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

The meeting place is Chapel Street outside the White House.
For more info contact Lesley Loader (details above).



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NATURE NOTES - JULY 2022

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

We had a real surprise one night at the end of November to see a young fox in the garden – caught on camera!! Maybe we've had foxes before but have never seen any real evidence - we might have realised though as one morning we found a hole in one of the borders! We're not going to actively encourage them as they're not a great friend to hedgehogs.

On the subject of hedgehogs, we have been lucky enough to have been overwintering one since late November through a vet in Rugby. Barry was found on 20th October (not sure where) weighing 201g. Hence he had to be rescued as he was far too small to have any chance of survival independently. After a few weeks of care, living in a snug box inside an enclosure with ample supplies of dried food and water, he now weighs 681g! He can't quite decide whether to hibernate or not, maybe because the weather seems to swing from mild to cold and back again regularly at the moment. We're hoping we'll be able to release him in our garden so he can prepare himself for fathering a whole new generation of Kilsby hoglets. It's a real shame that many were born late last summer and would have been far too small to survive the winter so they do need all the help they can get. It's been amazing to watch Barry re-assembling his nest during the darkness – we'll be sad to see him go when the time comes in March.

I think winter is a great time to watch birds – so much easier with fewer leaves on the trees and hedges and they are definitely thinking about pairing and nesting soon. In fact, I've noticed a pair of jackdaws inspecting a neighbour's chimney pot already! We had some great sightings of redwings in that cold snap in December and residents of Hall Close and other streets were kept amused too with a heron regularly surveying the garden ponds from a high vantage point. I hope that not too many people lost their priceless Koi! Don't forget, if you use bird feeders, to clean them regularly as they can be a real source of infection – also give your bird baths a wash out too. I find it a real achievement to dismantle our feeders and then put them back together again without having to ask for help as they can be fiddly but it is well worth removing all the old, damp seeds.

In January, I really look forward to what's in store for garden nature watchers – late February should bring the frogs to ponds and then the joy of spawn, tadpoles and froglets (provided the newts don't get to the spawn first). Of course, if they do, there's the joy of newtlets. Then in March, we might see hedgehogs making their first forays into gardens and I can also start finding moths so there is lots to look forward to.

GARDENERS' CORNER

Another frosty winter! The cold spell ought to have killed a few bugs and given the spring bulbs a good start. But the soil is very wet so we are now waiting to plant things until it is drier and not frozen.

Prune autumn raspberries

A cold clear February day, with the ground hard, is ideal for pruning autumn raspberries. Cut them down to about 6 inches to encourage new shoots from the base that will fruit this autumn.

Time to start early crops

It is now time to force rhubarb if you want an early crop. Cover a few plants with large upturned pots, excluding all light and surround them with some compost to keep warm. Examine regularly and pick a few stems at a time.

You can also start broad beans by sowing in pots on a windowsill. They will soon germinate and can then be put out to harden off. This is much more reliable than sowing in the ground which always leave us with great gaps in the rows.

Jobs to do in February

- Clean your pots and greenhouse ready for the season.
- Finish clearing and forking over flower beds.
- Divide up any perennials that are too large.
- Start dahlias in the greenhouse.

Jobs to do in March

- Stake and tie any plant liable to be damaged by March winds.
- Sow tomatoes in trays or pots on a windowsill.
- Prune your roses when the hardest frost risk is past.
- Sow hardy annuals in seed trays or pots.

Times past...

In 'Directions for the Gardiner' John Evelyn, 1686:-

'The Gardner is every night to aske what Rootes, sallading, garnishing, etc will be used the next day, which he is accordingly to bring to the Cook in the morning: and therefore from time to time inform her of what garden provision and fruit is ripe and in season to be spent. He is also to Gather and bring in to the House-Keeper all such fruit of Apples, peares, quinces, Cherrys, Grapes, peaches, Abricots, Mulberries, strawberry, Rasberies, Corinths, Cornelians, Nutts, Plums & generally all sort of fruite...'

Good Gardening!

Ron Kibble

CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

NHS App

To order repeat prescriptions 24/7 please download the NHS App. You can also use the NHS App to book appointments at 8.00 am without being in the telephone queue.

Please note that our telephone line for ordering repeat prescriptions (option 2) is now operational between 2.00 - 3.00 pm only. During this hour, the dispensary is shut for prescription collection as part of protected time so that your prescriptions are organised safely.

For those who cannot use the new system you may continue to use your previous method of ordering repeat prescriptions if you prefer i.e. using Patient Access Online Ordering or by putting your repeat slip in the black box outside the surgery.

Training Days

The training days for the next five months are:-
22nd February, 22nd March, 19th April, 27th May and 21st June.

KILSBY VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Kilsby Village Hall

will be held in the Kilsby Room
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**Monday 13th February 2023
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Hosted at Kilsby Village Hall, The Grand Kilsby Village Quiz is open for entries.

Teams of 3 to 5 people are invited to take part in what will be a fun community event.

The quiz will feature 8 rounds, and will include a wide variety of topics, including music, film & TV, local knowledge, current affairs, and loads more.

Prizes for the top, runners up and third placed teams. Wooden spoons all round for the bottom team.

Snacks, soft drinks and beers will be served, and teams will be welcome to bring a bottle of wine to the table too!

So, get a few family and friends together and sign up for the Grand Kilsby Village Quiz.

Entry is £2.00 and booking form for tickets can be found at www.theheads.co.uk/quiz

For queries contact David Head at ents@theheads.co.uk or Tel: 07720 444084

Book your place soon - numbers are limited by the capacity of the hall.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Your Parish Church of St Faith is in danger of being administered by St Mary's Barby.

It is just over seventy years since the two villages first shared a clergyman. In all that time, both villages have been treated equally.

What has happened to put this in jeopardy?

Kilsby Parochial Church Council (PCC) has become so small that it is difficult for it to function adequately. We have lost members, largely through age, death, and people moving away, and unfortunately we have not had volunteers to take their place.

If we have to go under the umbrella of Barby PCC Kilsby could be left vulnerable to closure, should it be deemed necessary to close a church. Hopefully this will never happen, but it cannot be ruled out at some time in the future.

We would like to offer more activities, or just bring back some of those we had in former times, but this cannot happen without people.

How good it would be to get the choir active again with someone to provide music - if not an organist then another instrumentalist.

Bell ringers, flower arrangers and more volunteer cleaners would be most welcome.

On a positive note, we do have the church open during the day all through the year. Everyone is welcome to use this quiet space.

To all those who do give their time to help - whether inside or outside the building - I offer my sincere thanks.

I have tried to put you all in the picture. What happens next is down to you. If you wish to contact me, I am available on 01788 822658.



KILSBY PLAYTIME

Join us for some pre-schooler fun!

Toys, crafts and refreshments – including a cuppa

Every Monday in term time at Kilsby Village Hall

09:45 – 11:45

£2 per family – no need to book just turn up

Contact Polly for more info

pollyredhead@hotmail.com

07780601052

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

November winners

£100 (4) M Wirtz; £65 (11) S Hatton;
£40 (95) J White; £40 (27) J Mieth;
£20 (33) M Dean (donation)

December winners

£40 (45) M Longmore; £30 (36) B Strong;
£20 (19) V James and R Nicholls;
£20 (49) D Hoskins; £10 (9) A Brown

KILSBY ACTION GROUP

Thank you to all our friends and neighbours who attended the KAG meeting at the Village Hall on Saturday 14th January. We were astonished and delighted with the turnout on a rainy Saturday morning - the village hall was packed!! **(Eds. See photo on front cover.)** We also want to record our thanks to our MP Chris Heaton-Harris and Cllr Alan Chantler for attending the meeting . Also, Cllrs Rosie Humphries and Malcolm Longley who were both on holiday but sent written messages of support.

The key message from that meeting is that the community can impact on planning decisions that affect us all by supporting KAG in its efforts to oppose developers who want to build in an inappropriate way. The current threats are a planning application on Barby Road, which is in a green field outside of the village boundary and should be rejected on that point alone; and the West Northamptonshire Council consultation at DIRFT to identify development sites for its the new 15-year development plan . Site 3b is between the village and the original DIRFT. Our objectives are to stop the proposed development on Barby Road and preserve the sanctity of the village boundary and to get site 3b site off the consultation list for the development plan.

You can help us in 3 ways as follows:

1. We need help funding the campaign, if you can help us with a small donation, please send it to our bank account, Kilsby Action Group, sort code 08-71-99, account number 08249300. If you can help us with a larger amount to pay for planning consultants, barristers etc please email kilsbyaction@gmail.com with a pledge to support us with X amount and we will call on you if we need to instruct professionals in our campaign again. The pledge system has worked well in the past for larger amounts.
2. Pledge to object to the Barby Road planning application when it comes back for re-consultation. We will let you know in good time, and help, if needed, with the objection. Please pledge to kilsbyaction@gmail.com
3. Pledge to send your comments on the consultation on site 3b which would see commercial development between Kilsby and the original DIRFT site. Once we receive your pledge on this, we will help you with suggestions as to how you can comment – it's important that comments are individual but we can help you format your objection. Please pledge on this to kilsbyaction@gmail.com



FUNDS AVAILABLE

Following our donations of £200 each to the Kilsby School Association, Kilsby Village Hall and the Kilsby Allotments the Kilsby Events Charity has some funds available for future events in 2023.

If you (or your organisation) has an event that you would like to be considered for funding, please send an email to sarah@kilsbyevents.org.uk detailing what you would like to do with the money. Please note that you would need to do all of the organisation for the event!

Kilsby Village Shop

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



Hello 2023!

Wishing all our customers a very happy New Year



A huge **THANK YOU** to all our customers who supported us during December giving us a much-needed busy month - it really did make a big difference to our sales. With Christmas orders for poultry and meat from Chapmans family butchers and a fabulous range of Pork Pies and cooked meats from Sercombes, together with our handcrafted Christmas gift hampers; filled with mouth-watering KVS products complimented with Fowlers cheese and some of our alcohol range, it gave us all a very busy few weeks prior to Christmas. Your lovely manager Sarah, her support team of Alison & Suzie, along with our amazing team of volunteers did an excellent job to ensure we delivered everyone's orders - adding that extra bit of magic to everyone's Christmas.



Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete our Shop Survey - we really do value your opinion.

We are currently working our way through the replies and will be taking your comments on board as to how we can improve our sales and ultimately protect the future of our village shop. We will also be in touch with those who offered their help to the shop and those requesting details of becoming a shareholder. We do still need your help though, so please give a thought for the village shop as you shop throughout January & February and pop in for a warm welcome from Sarah and the team. Alternatively, give us a call on **07469 255517** to place an order.

We are looking forward to 2023 to make this a great year. As we know finances are harder this year for everyone and we are all trying to reduce our costs – including your shop. Following some of the survey feedback we have read and your comments to our shop team, we have now launched our Kilsby Everyday Range. Due to increased costs, we have streamlined our bread lines: keeping the ever-popular John Dwyer Bakery goods and have added a more familiar bread range of Hovis, (White 800g £1.39), Warburton's (Wholemeal 400g £1.20) & Baker Street (White & Brown £1.89). We have also introduced a new range in cold meats at just £1 per pack, grated cheese packs at £1.99 and cake packs of 6 (Lemon Slices £1.50, Brownies £1.99) giving more choice for your pocket.



Our winter fuel is back in stock so if you need firelighters, kindling or kiln dried logs, you can collect, or we can deliver free of charge to you within Kilsby. We hope to source a new coal supplier so please pop into the shop for further details.

We are again looking for a new Treasurer; a big thank you to Sally who has been in the role since last April, but sadly due to work commitments will be stepping down at the end of January. If you would like to help with the Treasurer's role, then please get in touch with me via email to trishtbrown@gmail.com.

As always, we are looking for additional voluntary help - if you can spare 2 or 3 hours a week why not come and join our friendly team - pop in for a chat with Sarah for more details.

We are getting ready for this Spring's seasonal events: **Valentine's Day 14th February**, with our fabulous range of cards and chocolates, wine, and fizz to show your loved one how much they mean to you on 14th February or why not cook them something special with our scrumptious Venison range. **Pancake Day on March 1st** We also have everything you need to make those special pancakes with scrumptious topping (oranges, lemons, honey, blueberries, golden syrup, bacon and maple syrup, bananas, chocolate, Nutella or traditional sugar - the choice is yours to enjoy. With **Mother's Day on 19th March**, **Easter 9th April**, the **Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May** and **Father's Day 18th June** there is so much to look forward to. Look out for more details on our posters around the village.



Happy Birthday Kilsby Village Shop

We are 5 - it is our 5th Birthday on the 23rd of March. Yes, we really have been open for 5 amazing years, which we could not have achieved without our awesome shop team past and present and of course **YOU** our fabulous customers.

THANK YOU EVERYONE



Don't forget 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 or by calling us on **07469 25517**. Sarah and our fabulous team of volunteers will be happy to take your call.

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KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel:823939)

Our Christmas party was again a great success! We all enjoyed a hot supper, a raffle and an amazing quiz. Then we sang along and danced in the aisle as we were entertained by the wonderful Johnny Tarrino.

Helen Frost gave us a fascinating talk in January on The Women's Land Army. Quite radical in concept for the times; women, the 'fairer, weaker' sex, were encouraged to leave their homes, wear revealing and unflattering clothes (puttees!!) and take on the work previously always done by men. Pretty much everyone was against the idea but amazingly it did work; not only did women join; they provided the urgently needed workforce which helped to save the country from starvation. The life was hard and many were injured, some even died. But for others the new found freedom was a reward in itself and many never looked back or returned to their previously sheltered and cloistered lives. We owe these unsung women an astonishing debt of gratitude.

Our meetings are at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £5. At our meeting in February we'll hear from our local stonemason,

SUDUKO

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Solution on page 22

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

NO MORE BOOKS IN THE TELEPHONE KIOSK PLEASE

The telephone box has become overloaded with books which could impede some one accessing the defibrillator quickly in an emergency.

PLEASE DO NOT add any more books until further notice.

Thank you
Lesley Loader

Buckby Library & Hub

Book sale

On Saturday 25th February, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm, we are having a book sale. Come and find your bargain reading. In the meantime, we have many books for sale on our outside trolleys and shelves in the refreshment area, as well as some new shelves of donated specialist education books. Prices start at 20p for children's books and 50p for adults.

Newspapers and Magazines

Do you know about our newspapers and magazines? We have subscriptions to local newspapers, as well as the Daily Mail and the 'i', and the consumer magazine, Which?. We are also subscribing to The Week and The Week Junior. Sometimes we receive donated magazines, from gardening magazines to Private Eye. As well as our morning refreshments, there is a free hot drink stand from 12.00 noon until 4.00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, so come and have a cuppa and a browse!

Monthly Films

February's film is 'Ticket to Paradise', on Tuesday 28th, where two divorced parents who can't stand each other go to Bali when their daughter announces she is marrying an islander she met on holiday.

On Tuesday, March 28th, we are showing 'The Lost King', the story of an amateur historian who seeks to find Richard III's remains, lost for over 500 years. Tickets are £6, at the library and the Peephole (in Long Buckby High Street). Doors open 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm and refreshments are available.

Join the library in Long Buckby

Being a member means you can have a good read and access to library online resources for free. Next time you're in Long Buckby, come to the library to find out more and fill out a form with one of our dedicated volunteers.

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; phone: 01327 842591;
email: info@buckbylibraryhub.org.

KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

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

ROADS NAMED AFTER KILSBY RESIDENTS



Postle Close is named after William Postle (pronounced 'postal') who was headmaster of Kilsby school for 39 years. This photo of him and some of his pupils was taken in the 1890's.

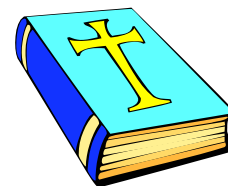
Smarts Estate was named after Mr. and Mrs. Smart who did a lot for the village. They lived at Withycroft on Daventry Road. This is a photo of Mrs. Smart, the second President of the W.I



The area now occupied by Emery Row and Emery Close was once the home of John Emery and family. They farmed land owned by the Cowleys. The photo shows four generations of the Emery family.

The other two roads named after locals are Cowley Way and Essen Lane.

KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Mission Statement

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

Services

Sunday mornings at 11.00 am

February

5th Rev Iain Muir
12th Mr Andrew Howes- Holy Communion
19th Mr John Perkins
26th Pastor Cecil Gill

March

5th Rev Liz Adams
12th Rev Geoff Townsend - Holy Communion
19th Pastor Cecil Gill
26th Mr David and Mrs Pat Biddle

Community Café

Open for teas, coffee, breakfasts from 9.00 am - 12.00 noon on Mondays and Thursdays.
Everyone welcome.

Time to get walking again!

(From: John Harris, john@walkinginengland.co.uk
www.walkinginengland.co.uk)

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Northamptonshire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants> has loads of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Northamptonshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

(Eds. See also details of group walks from the village on page 8.)

Scrabble

Wednesdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
Everyone welcome.

Sewing Group

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

Community Café Your Help is Needed

We are grateful to the volunteers who have recently joined our team but we need more. Could you spare us an hour or so, maybe once a month, or more often if you could, to help keep this lovely café running. The work isn't hard and you would meet lots of people and enjoy good conversations and laughter. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact: Ann Tailby Tel: 822140

Val Janes Tel: 822751

PARKING IN DAVENTRY

(From the Editors)

It has been brought to our attention that several people have recently received parking fines when using the Bowen Square and New Street car parks in Daventry.

The period of free parking in both those car parks, which are in private ownership, was reduced from three hours to two early in 2021 and automatic number plate recognition cameras were installed, meaning that anyone who stays longer than the two hours without paying a fee (only payable by phone) will receive a fine of £100.

Other car parks in Daventry town centre, owned by the Council, remain free, although you will see from Councillor Humphrey's article on page 4 that there may soon be a steep increase in charges at the Country Park.

Most people may already be aware of the two hour restriction in Bowen Square and New Street but if you don't go into Daventry regularly, or you normally park there for less than two hours and then stay for a longer period because you have extra shopping to do or go for a coffee it is very easy to forget - and a fine, even if reduced to £60 for prompt payment - is a very nasty surprise. So be warned.

Bowen Square is the area in front of Waitrose and New Street the small car park behind the Square. Neither is owned by Waitrose.



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



The Kilsby Christmas Tree light switch-on event on Saturday 3rd December 2022 was again a huge success! This was our 20th year and it was lovely to see so many people attend the event and everyone's lanterns in the lantern parade.

The committee would like to start by thanking everyone who has supported the Christmas Tree Committee by joining the Christmas Tree Lottery. This support has allowed us to fund the light switch-on event and provide it for free. We would also like to thank everyone who came out in the cold to see Father Christmas, Lewis who helped to switch on the Christmas Tree lights and Kilsby's very own 'The Tunnellers'.

A huge thank you to Dean Meredith and Jessica for the fantastic 'sleigh'. Thank you to Kevin Brown the electrician for checking our Christmas tree lights. Thanks also to all those who donated mince pies and helped to serve them and the mulled wine on the day. Also, a big thank you to Mike Dowson who helped put the lights on the tree and take them down.



The committee would also like to give a big thank you to Rosemary and Ron Mason for their hospitality and the use of their electricity to power the event.

Finally, thank you also to Father Christmas for taking time out to visit Kilsby during such a busy period.

We all look forward to seeing everyone again on Saturday 2nd December 2023.

THANKS again to everyone who helped make the Christmas Tree Light Switch-on a very successful community event.

If anyone would like to join the committee or help out on the day, please contact Sharon King, 07508228736 or Annabel Davies, 07511296446.

Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

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

As usual there were a lot of activities in school during the last few weeks before Christmas.

The Reception and Key Stage 1 children were very busy on Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th December performing 'Prickly Hay' their nativity play. Their parents and grandparents came to watch, we hope they enjoyed the performance.



The children all sat down together for their Christmas lunch with turkey, stuffing, vegetables, roast potatoes, gravy and everyone's favourite, 'pigs in blankets' on Wednesday 14th December! This was followed by a large Christmas tree shaped biscuit. After their lunch the children's Christmas parties began, Father Christmas even popped in bringing gifts for everyone! All the children had a fabulous time!



On Monday 12th December the whole school walked to St Faith's Church in Kilsby to attend the Christingle service with Rev Nigel Fry.

During this lovely service they sang carols including 'Silent Night', 'Shine Jesus Shine' and 'Come and Join the Celebration'. Each child was given a Christingle candle to hold, and these were lit during the service. We hope those parents who joined us enjoyed the service too!



The KS2 children took part in a 'Carols by Candle light' service, with the Rev Nigel Fry at St Faith's Church on the evening of Thursday 16th December. Parents were invited to join us for an enjoyable hour of Christmas carols. During the evening, Maple class read a prayer and Hawthorn class read a poem. We hope everyone who came enjoyed the service.

After a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break we all returned to school ready to start the new term.

During the first week back after the Christmas holiday, the children in Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a Bikeability Level 1 training session run by qualified



instructors from Outspoken Training. The training was carried out through fun, progressive games, where pupils learnt how to master control of their cycles including pedalling independently, applying brakes smoothly, looking behind over each shoulder whilst cycling in a straight line, pedalling one handed in a straight line (to signal), avoiding hazards and using gears.

We received some great feedback from the Bikeability coaches, and the children all successfully completed their Level 1 Qualification! They had a very enjoyable day! The Year 5 and Year 6 children will have the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability Level 2 course during the summer term.

We have some great after school clubs running this term, including the popular KS2 Art Club, KS2 Benchball, KS2 Board Games, KS1 Construction and KS1 Media & Make. We hope that the children will enjoy them!

On Friday 13th January the whole school were treated to a trip to Birmingham Hippodrome to see the pantomime, Dick Whittington. Everyone had a fantastic time! The children really enjoyed the coach trip too. A huge thank you to the KSA for very kindly paying for this lovely treat.

2023

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND FOR CRICK AND KILSBY

Daintree
Wind Farm Ltd

Fund Overview

Daintree Wind Farm Ltd has committed £12,000 each year into a community Fund, which is split equally between the Parishes of Crick and Kilsby in Northamptonshire.

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 2023 is: **26th April 2023**, decisions early July 2023.

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.

Telephone: 01908 247630

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SOLUTION TO SUKUKO ON PAGE 16

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KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:
Friday 3rd March and Friday 5th May 2023.

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

Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Sharon King, 07508228736



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 10th December and was 132. Well done to Donna Esders who won £56. The lucky number for January was drawn on Saturday 14th January and was 122. Well done to Cassandra Hollyoake who won £63.

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 2023 which will take place on **Saturday 2nd December 2023.**

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
February	11 th February 2023
March	11 th March 2023
April	8 th April 2023

The money we raise from the lottery allows us to put on the event for free each year. If you would like to join the lottery, for just £1 a week, please contact Sharon King on 0750 8228736, Annabel Davies, 07511296446 or email kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

KILSBY KRONICKLE
Kids Korner

Can you match these capital cities to their country?
 Draw a line from the name of each capital city to the name of the country they are located in and are the capital city of!



- Berlin
- Stockholm
- London
- Washington D C
- Kyiv
- Paris
- Madrid
- Rome
- Dublin
- Tokyo
- Beijing
- Brussels
- Athens
- Mosco
- Amsterdam

- France
- Japan
- Germany
- Ireland
- Belgium
- Ukraine
- China
- Italy
- Greece
- Netherlands
- Russia
- United Kingdom(UK)
- Spain
- Sweden
- America (USA)



ANSWERS: Berlin = Germany / Beijing = China / Stockholm = Sweden / London = UK / Washington DC = USA / Kyiv = Ukraine / Paris = France / Madrid = Spain / Rome = Italy / Dublin = Ireland / Tokyo = Japan / Brussels = Belgium / Athens = Greece / Mosco = Russia / Amsterdam = Netherlands

Things to do in February and March

Go to the Village Hall AGM

**Apply for a grant from the
Community Benefit Fund**

Book for the Grand Village Quiz

Go to Village Hall Cinema

Join the Jazz Club

Volunteer to help with Speedwatch

**Complete the Rural Cost of Living
Household Survey**

Pledge to help Kilsby Action Group

Apply for a grant for a village event

Offer to be Treasurer of the Shop

Join the Parochial Church Council

Volunteer to help in the Shop

Go to the History Society talk

**Offer to clean or arrange flowers at
the church or help in some other way**

Go on a Walking Group walk

Go to a WI meeting

Become a Parish Councillor

**Let the Parish Council have your
views on a range of issues**

Contributions to the Editors

Preferably by e-mail to Chris Lomas at: lomdoucd@gmail.com
or by any other computer media or on paper to:

Chris Lomas, The New House, 20 Rugby Road (822650)

Richard Linnell, Bolberry House, Rugby Road (822382)

David George, 12 Hall Close (822827)



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The deadline for the next issue

is

Tuesday 21st March 2023