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Kilsby Kronickle

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Dates for your Diary

February

Tuesday 4th February

Parish Council meeting

Thursday 13th February

W.I. Meeting

Monday 17th February

Knit and Knatter group

Thursday 20th February

St. Faith's SC Coffee Morning

March

Tuesday 3rd March

Parish Council meeting

Friday 6th March

Oil Club Order Point

Saturday 7th March

Kilsby Pre-school Quiz

Thursday 12th March

W.I. Meeting

Saturday 14th March

Village Hall cinema

Monday 16th March

Knit and Knatter group

Good Neighbours Meal

Thursday 19th March

History Society Talk

Saturday 21st March

Litterpick

WI stall selling Mothers' Day

flowers

Sunday 22nd March

Mothering Sunday

Friday 27th March

Rag Bag Collection

Saturday 28th March

St. Faith's SC Quiz

Sunday 29th March

British Summer Time begins

Clocks go forward

April (early notice)

Wednesday 8th April

Closing date for grant applications

Tuesday 21st April

Annual Parish Meeting



This time we bring details of this year's application process for grants from Daintree Wind Farm Ltd. under the Community Benefit Scheme, which provides up to £6000 annually for community projects in Kilsby. So if your group or organisation has a project which meets the criteria start the application now.

Elsewhere comes news of progress with the Heritage Board Project, which has been awarded a Heritage Lottery grant. It is hoped to install the boards around the village this spring. It is good to see also that the Kilsby Good Neighbours Scheme now has a coordinator and is launching its work with a Good Neighbours meal on 16th March. We wish every success to this very worthwhile project.

There will be an election for the Parish Council in May and although the current Council now has its full number of councillors, with Howard Gibbs having recently been co-opted onto it, new people who may wish to stand at the election are being invited to contact the Clerk. If you think you would like to contribute to the village in this way please do consider standing.

The Parish Council has been told by Daventry Planning that we must change the signage on our telephone box, which is Grade II Listed. At present some of the signage says 'Defibrillator' and the Conservation Officer wants this changed back to 'Telephone'. The Parish Clerk is asking for residents' views on this. Given there is no longer a telephone in the box and that someone's life may well depend on the location of the defibrillator being easily identified in an emergency, we feel that such a change is both unnecessary and very undesirable. But please let the Clerk know what you think. More information is on page 3.

Elsewhere in the magazine there is news of the usual round of social and fund raising events, including two separate quizzes in March, the return of the Village Hall cinema, a coffee morning, and Knit and Knatter groups. The Pre-school are holding another fund-raising Rag Bag Collection, and there is to be another of the annual Litterpicks, which we hope will be very well supported as it makes such a difference to the appearance of the village. You could also help to make the village look nice by joining the mowing rota for the churchyard. Finally, the Council is looking for ways for the village to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May, so please let them have your ideas.

We hope you find lots in this edition to interest and inspire you to get involved..

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February 2020

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Neighbourhood Development
Plan; Village Hall Trustee
Employment/staffing: Flood
Warden liaison : S106Cemetery: Planning
Committee(Chair):Mowing/
Wedding: FinancePlanning Committee
Cluster Group Liaison: Rights of
Way: Footpaths and HighwaysPlanning Committee:
Speedwatch: Website SupportRecreation Ground (Chair)
Planning CommitteePlanning Committee
S106/Grants Lead : Urban
Meadow ProjectBudget/Finance
Street Lighting
Cluster Group LiaisonFacebook Page:
School Governor Liaison
Youth Liaison: Litter PickingPlanning Committee
Crime liaison: Good Neighbours
Urban Meadow Project Lead:
FinanceSpeedwatch
Planning Committee
Highways Warden

Highways Warden

KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From Clare Valentine Clerk & RFO to the Parish Council, parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year.

Parish Council Notice of new meeting dates

Due to the 7th May, 2020 Parish Council Elections we must change the dates of our May and June meetings in 2020 from the 1st Tuesday of the month.

The proposed dates (to be verified at our 4th February 2020 meeting) are:

Tuesday 26th May, 2020 – Kilsby Parish Council Annual Meeting (*new Council will be formed and Chairman elected*).

Tuesday 16th June, 2020 – Kilsby Parish Council Ordinary Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting this year is proposed to be on Tuesday 21st April, 2020 (7.00 pm - 8.00 pm). This is a non-political meeting for parishioners. We invite village organisations to attend to share news about their groups and projects. More details will follow on www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk and our Facebook page.

If you are willing to stand as a Parish Councillor at the 7th May, 2020 elections please contact the Clerk to express interest. You will be supported in the process.

New Councillor

We wish to welcome our eleventh member to the team, Councillor Howard Gibbs. Howard is already the village Highways Warden and was co-opted at our December 2019 meeting. Welcome Howard.

New Play Equipment

Kilsby Parish Council, on behalf of the Kilsby Recreation Ground Charity, has successfully applied for a grant from Daventry District Council Community Grants S106 for play equipment totalling £14,229.80. We are pleased to let you know that the play equipment is scheduled for installation towards the end of March 2020. The installation will take approximately one week and part of the Recreation Ground where the work is to be carried out will be temporarily and securely closed.

Heritage Project

The Parish Council has applied for a DDC Section 106 amenity space grant for £1,250.00 to go towards the costs of our heritage project. Hopefully, towards the end of February 2020 we will hear if we have been successful.

As part of this fund raising we have also received confirmation that our National Lottery Heritage Fund application for £7,500.00 has been successful. A donation from a resident has also been pledged towards one of the information boards. The nine information history boards will be sited around Kilsby Village. The working group has submitted a separate update on this project covering the proposed positions of the boards. This is on page 14 of this magazine. Do please read it.

K6 Telephone Kiosk, Kilsby – located at Main Road, Kilsby

We have received an email from Daventry District Council Conservation/Planning Department telling us that the 'defibrillator' signage at the top of our Grade II red telephone box must be changed back to its original 'telephone' signage.

They have advised '...It is a very simple, functional structure; its historic use as a communal telephone box is integral to its character and appearance, and therefore, we feel that the change to the signage - changing the traditional 'telephone' sign to a modern 'defibrillator' sign, is not appropriate. We would prefer that all of the Grade II Listed Telephone Boxes in the district retain their traditional exterior appearance'.

We can apply for listed building consent for the signage alternation to 'defibrillator' but the officer has advised it is likely to be refused. We have been invited to make comments to Daventry District Council and Kilsby Parish Council would very much like to hear your thoughts. Please write to/email the Clerk.

Tree Survey

A tree survey has just been completed for the Parish Council. A copy of the tree survey report can be found on our website.

We are currently seeking quotes for work to trees identified in the 6 to 12 month categories of the survey with hope to complete work soon.

We are also seeking quotes to attend to overgrown vegetation within Butts Lane (EW13). On advice from experts we may have to tackle the lane in stages according to priority and as an ongoing project. The aim is to improve the footpath.

Work to the Cemetery, including hedges, trees and levelling of a numbers of graves, is being looked into as are other areas around the village.

Speed reduction

We previously reported that the speed review panel was looking at our request to revise the speed limit on the A361 from the existing start of the 30 mph limit (coming from the Ashby St Ledgers direction) to

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40 mph and then starting the 30 mph limit at the M45 Bridge. The Panel is chaired by Northamptonshire Highways Road Safety Manager and consists of safety engineers, road safety practitioners and the Senior Traffic Management Officer for Northamptonshire Police who has delegated authority from the Chief Constable in speed limit consultations.

The Panel supported the revision, considering that the current 30 mph restriction starts so far out of the main residential section of the village there is no realistic prospect of compliance until a driver gets further into the village. The request, legal process and completing the review mean the amended restrictions will not be introduced until the latter half of 2020. Now that the Panel has met, the request for Police speed checks in the village along the A361 is again being reviewed.

Houlton

We have been informed that The Transforming Lives Educational Trust has drafted the Admissions Policy for Houlton School in accordance with the school's funding agreement parameters. The policy is currently being reviewed by DfE consultants. They anticipate that the policy will be made available for public consultation early in the New Year, and encourage Kilsby Parish Council, along with all other stakeholders, to provide them with comments.

Finances

Parish Council Village grants have been approved to the following organisations:

- Kilsby Pre-school, £199.98 for IT Equipment for learning and development;
- Kilsby Playgroup (Playtime), £374.00 for a playball kit.

We also continue to support Kilsby Youth Club.

The Parish Precept for 2020/2021 is £44,650. This is a reduction of 4.9% on the 2019/2020 precept. Budget information for 2020/2021 can be found on our website and on the village notice board in Essen Lane.

The Parish Council mowing contract for 2020/2022, which includes verges, the Recreation Ground and the Cemetery has been awarded to Daventry Norse Ltd. who are looking forward to starting with us. They will understandably need a period of settling in and to become familiar with the whole village mowing plan; it's a big area. However, they are well prepared and equipped for the task!

VE Day Anniversary

We are interested to hear any ideas or plans you may have for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day which will be 8th- 10th May, 2020. All ideas most welcome.

Kind regards, Clare

Report by Councillor Clive Thompson

(Tel: 07769 586980)

Crime and Policing

Since the last edition of the KK there has been a good deal of commentary on vehicle crime in the area, particularly regarding thefts from vehicles and interference to vehicles. Kilsby crimes circulated by the police via the Neighbourhood Watch email alerts in the period are:

- Overnight on Tuesday 10th December, one van was broken into and tools stolen, and another was damaged but nothing stolen.
- Overnight on Tuesday 7th January, a car had its number plates stolen and wing mirrors broken, and a van was damaged but nothing taken.

Other villages in the area have experienced similar activity.

I'm aware of reports on social media of other instances of vehicle crime which haven't appeared on the NHW alert system. This means either that the crime was reported and the police have no need of additional information (ie they've solved it), or it wasn't reported to the police in the first place. If you have been the victim of a crime you may not consider it worth reporting to the police on the basis that they are busy or will "do nothing". However, if the police don't know about it they can't build up a picture of the activity to assist in their investigations. Although you may not get an instant result in the form of an arrest, it may well make a difference in the longer term. Not only that, your insurer may require a crime number.

Call 101 to report a crime which has already occurred, or 999 if you see a crime in progress or if life is in danger.

At a recent regular Councillor meeting with Stephen Mold, Police Commissioner for Northamptonshire, Stephen outlined a draft proposal for the installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras throughout the county. This would be in conjunction with local councils, and there will be an associated cost, but it may be an effective means to mitigate the kind of crime we have recently experienced. Your Parish Council is awaiting further information on this.

Daventry District Neighbourhood Police Team

It has been announced that Sgt Sam Dobbs is stepping down as Daventry District Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant at the end of February to take up a position at Police Headquarters. He will be replaced, initially at least, by Sgt Simon Pinchin.

Our Area PCSOs Craig Egdell and Tara Cooksammy remain in post.

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Trial Urban Meadow Project

Mother Nature has conspired against us and due to the wet weather we've not been able to rotivate and sow wildflower seeds on the area of Malt Mill Green where the grass has been sprayed and killed off. We've now agreed that we will wait until late March, which will hopefully still allow time for a reasonable display in the summer. However the first season will require some management to ensure that unwanted weeds and grass do not re-establish themselves. If unwanted weed species emerge these will need removing either by hand or by carefully spot treating with a weedkiller. Weeds are more likely to show in the first year after sowing, but thereafter the wildflowers should become dominant.

Towards the end of the summer most flowers will begin to die back and this is the time to make the 'hay cut'. The area will want cutting down to around 10 cm with the cuttings being left to dry on the surface for up to a week. This will allow the cut flowers to shed their seed. The cuttings can then be raked up and removed. I'm thinking that this would provide a great opportunity for the village community to get together for a worthwhile cause, so watch this space!

Kind regards, Councillor Clive Thompson.

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

(From Councillor Sarah Stainton, Tel:07590 460913)

Help keep Kilsby tidy! Stop the drop! Our village litter pick will be taking place this year on Saturday 21st March, meeting outside our Community Shop at 9.30 am.

Bacon sandwiches will available beforehand to fuel up all our volunteers with a social drink for all participants in the Red Lion afterwards.

All welcome!

I would be grateful if you could let me know beforehand either by telephone on 07590 460913 or by email at ssainton@kilsbyvillage.co.uk so I can ascertain numbers for catering

DACT MINI-BUS AVAILABLE FOR OUTINGS

(From Reg Dunn, Tel:813079)

If any village group needs a 15 seater bus for an outing, I can organise that for them from Daventry Area Community Transport (DACT).

Just contact me on 01788 813079 or email regandvividunn@btinternet.com for a quote.

FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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

First of all, a very Happy New Year to you all.

With the general election in mid-December, then the Christmas/ New Year closure at DDC, there is little to report. Routine business continues as usual, even though some officers have been seconded to work on plans for the new unitary councils, which start operating in May 2021.

The legislation to set up the new councils was delayed because of the general election, but I understand that it is now trundling through parliament. In May this year there will be elections for the Shadow Authority of West Northamptonshire. This body will be responsible for the details of how the new West Northamptonshire Council will work, its staffing, services and budget. As the new unitary authority will consist of Daventry District, South Northamptonshire, and Northampton Borough, I understand that there will be a total of 93 councillors. This number will decrease after one year, when the unitary authority comes into being.

The latest cost of setting up the new unitary councils is estimated at £43.5 million, and the annual savings at £85 million.

Another election in May this year, of much more importance locally, is for the Parish Council. All Parish Councils in the county will be up for election, so now is the time for you to think about whether you have a contribution to make to the running of Kilsby. Have you the skills and ideas and energy to help the village continue to be the excellent community that it is? Think about putting your name forward.

I was interested to read an item in one of my papers last week. Several years ago applications for wind farms locally caused great controversy, and there were cries of 'not enough wind here', and other objections. The item stated that at 7.00 pm on Saturday, 11th January, 34% of the UK's electricity was being generated by wind. With all our concerns about the warming of the planet from CO2 emissions, I think it's 'case made'.

Remember I can be contacted on any District Council matter. My details are at the head of this article and I will be pleased to hear from you, and particularly from new residents in our village.

Catherine

FRANK ALMOND

I would like to thank all those of you who have been such a support following the death of my husband, Frank.

We are relative newcomers to the village but I felt such comfort from the kindness so many of you have shown since Frank's death in December with very many lovely cards and offers of help.

Thank you to all those who attended Frank's funeral and particularly those who helped at the Village Hall, making it a very special occasion for his friends and family.

Barbara

1st KILSBY GUIDES

(From Joanna Carpenter, Tel: 07985 797539)



Happy New Year from the 1st Kilsby Guides!

Thanks to the fabulous advert posted last time by the Kilsby Kronickle, Esther and I are delighted to have a new unit helper on board with us this term. The girls are busy setting out their Guiding plans for the year ahead.

The girls finished last term by working on their Confectionary badges and some very successful Yule Logs were produced as well as a range of different sweets.

Last year ended with a lot of excitement when the Kilsby Guides joined Father Christmas on his Rotary visit to the village. The girls did a fantastic and energetic job collecting money from the generous people of Kilsby. We're pleased to report that one of the charities benefitting from the funds is ourselves and we have been awarded £100 for our efforts. The fun continued the following night when we had our Christmas trip to Coventry to see 'Sleeping Beauty on Ice' at the Coventry Ice Arena. We all had a fabulous time and lots of snacks and hot chocolate were consumed!

Our growing group is happy to welcome new girls aged 10-14 from Kilsby and the surrounding areas to join in the learning and laughter with us every Wednesday evening in term times from 7.00 pm – 8:30 pm.

Kilsby History Society

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

Our March talk is on the history of the Rugby cement works.

Our speaker is John Frearson, an ex-employee who rescued archive material from the works as it was about to be thrown away.

The meeting is on Thursday March 19th at 7.30 pm, in the Kilsby Room.

Admission £2 members £3 non-members

Everyone is welcome

ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

During 2019 we raised £1850.00 for church funds. Thanks to everyone who helped to organise and those who came along to the events during the year.

Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Kilsby Room on Thursday 20th February from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. £2.50 on the door. There will be a raffle. Do try and come. We will look forward to seeing you.

Quiz

Our next Quiz is on Saturday 28th March, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10.00, to include supper. Bring your own drink and glasses. Teams of 4-6. The quizzes are always popular so book early - it will be a good night.

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:

Friday 6th March and Friday 8th 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 kilsboilclub@gmail.com

WANTED – MOWER MEN (AND WOMEN)

Ever wondered who keeps the churchyard grounds looking tidy?

Well it's a small group of local volunteers and we would welcome some more.

We split the ground into three sections - Hall Close, central and school side. We have a rota running from April to November where people can choose which part they would like to cut on which day and how many times throughout the season. Some people volunteer just once, some up to five times.

The mower and fuel are provided.

If you could spare some time (it takes about 1½ hours) please contact:

Ian Lee at "Verona", Chapel Street, Kilsby

Tel: 01788 823022

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KILSBY GOOD NEIGHBOURS

(From Karen Wyeth, 10 Boxwood Drive, karenKGN@hotmail.com)



Karen Wyeth

Do you know your next door neighbour? Is there someone in your street that you could call on in an emergency? If the answer is no, then you're not alone. According to recent polls, 73% of people in the UK don't know their neighbours. More than half a million people in the UK will often go up to a week without seeing anyone. The new Kilsby Good Neighbours wants to start to change this.

For people of all ages, having someone local who can look out for you can make a huge difference. It can be something as small as someone putting your bins out when you are down with the flu, or dropping in for a chat when you are feeling alone, but it can help to make us all healthier and happier if we feel a sense of belonging in our community.

I have just taken on Coordinating Kilsby Good Neighbours. Many of you will have filled in an initial survey form last year and/or met with Gillian Farmer and John Graham, but you don't need to have done either to start getting involved! I have lived in Kilsby for 5 years and I am passionate about ending the social isolation and sense of loneliness that so many of us experience these days, no matter what our age. In this digital age, we tend to be connected online, but so often find it much harder to talk to people in real life.

Kilsby Good Neighbours is looking to create a social supportive neighbourhood where we all know those living around us a little better. For our first event I am organising our first **Kilsby Good Neighbours Meal** at The Red Lion on **Monday 16th March 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm**. This is for **everyone** in the village, whatever your age, to come along for an evening of friendship and chat. Come on your own, come as a couple or come with a friend or neighbour, either for a meal or just to have a drink. If you are interested in getting to know your neighbours, building friendships and growing our local community this is for you. It will also be a chance to share ideas on how we can get to know and be there for our neighbours and make Kilsby Good Neighbours something that makes a real difference to people's lives. The Red Lion will be serving a pub classics menu (vegetarian, vegan & gluten free options available) on Monday 16th with prices starting at £9.95 for a main meal.

If you can't make that date but would like to be kept informed of future Kilsby Good Neighbours events, or have some creative ideas for Kilsby Good Neighbours, I can be contacted at karenKGN@hotmail.com Please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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NEWS FROM KILSBY PRE-SCHOOL

Thanks to everyone's support we raised over £500 last term. We have some events coming up this term so please do come and support us if you can.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH – WINE AND WISDOM. Bring a team along to our quiz night. Teams of 8 - £8 per person. Two complimentary bottles of wine per team and nibbles. Kilsby school hall at 7.30 pm. To reserve your places contact Natalie at kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com or pop into the community shop. There will also be an option to pay via PayPal if that is more convenient for you. (Eds. See page 12.)

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH – RAG BAG COLLECTION. Please make sure that your bags are in view of the road by 9.00 am. (Eds. See advertisement opposite.)

Please do LIKE us on FACEBOOK so that you can keep up to date with all of our latest news and events!

THE NEEDLES ARE STILL WORKING HARD!

(From: Vicki James Tel: 824589)

You will remember that in the October/November edition of the Kronicle I told you about the yarn bombing by Kilsby WI in 2021. Well, the Knit and Knatter groups are going strong! We're beginning to build up a small stock of squares and lengths and everyone is getting very excited about where we might site all the wonderful pieces that are being produced. BUT WE NEED MORE, AND WE NEED KNITTERS. The two groups that meet are thoroughly enjoying their sessions, as much for the social chat as the chance to learn/practice their knitting skills.

Do come and join us – now is your chance to learn if you can't knit, and contribute to what is going to be a wonderfully colourful project.

Our next Knit and Knatter is on Monday 17th February, from 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm in the URC (with tea/coffee!), and we meet on the third Monday of every month so you can plan ahead.

It's a lot of fun, and we would welcome all your ideas about where we can put our wool!!!!

Vicki James, Mews Cottage, Ashby Road.



Clothing Collection Kilsby

Help Raise Funds, for free!

Kilsby Pre-school is participating in a textile recycling scheme, offering good quality clothing to some of the poorest developing nations in the world and providing fundraising for schools, clubs and nurseries. The scheme pays the pre-school for every kg we recycle, so we need your help! We will be collecting unwanted clothing from residents in Kilsby Village on:

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH



Please put your donated items in a securely tied plastic bag and leave outside in all weather in full view of the road before 9.00am.

Missed Bags Please Telephone 07540477963

We can accept:
Wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts.

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(From Clare Valentine, Clerk to the Parish Council, parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

Kilsby's Youth Club has been nominated in the 'New Group of the Year' category at the Annual Awards Dinner of the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs.

Very well done to all involved! We wish you success when the awards are announced.

BENCH IN MEMORY OF PAM



The lovely bench shown in the photograph has been installed at the junction of Butts Lane and Ashby Road and gifted to the Parish Council by Margaret Dean.

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, lloader@btinternet.com
Tel: 822246/07783521052)

Walks in February and March will start from The White House in Chapel Street, on the following dates:

Thursday 13th February, leaving at 9.30 am.
Sunday 16th February, leaving at 10.00 am.
Thursday 5th March, leaving at 9.30 am.
Sunday 15th March, leaving at 10.00 am

For more information contact
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Update on Kilsby's Heritage Board Project

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

In the April-May 2019 edition of Kilsby Kronicle the Parish Council advised you of our plans to locate around the village nine information boards celebrating Kilsby's heritage. A presentation about the boards and options for wording and funding took place on 21 May 2019 at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Following the presentation, an application was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for help in funding the project. We can now advise that we have been told that, provided we can satisfy various formalities with them, we have been awarded the full amount applied for. We would like to thank Kilsby WI, the Red Lion pub and Kilsby Village Community Shop for providing letters in support of our application.

We can now go ahead with finalising the layout, in advance of ordering the actual boards, and we will also be updating the Kilsby Historic Village Trail leaflet.

Eight of the nine boards relate to specific areas of the village so those particular board will each need to be in proximity to that area and meet Highway Regulations. A walk around the village has identified a specific location for each board as follows -

- Secure to brick wall of Stoneleigh, Middle Street on the Essen Lane corner near to council noticeboard.
- On the grass where The Banks meets the A361 between the sweet chestnut and prunus trees looking out towards the A361 development.
- On the grass in front of the Independent Chapel probably between the planter and the connecting path at right angles to the church.
- At the Independent St Main Rd junction on the grass between Cedar Lodge and the zebra crossing, halfway between the large tree and the zebra crossing.
- In front of the hedge at Laurelcroft, North Street and c2500cm from the road; angled towards Hunt House.
- In front of the Village Hall wall to the left of the "Salt" bin and far enough back not to impede overflow car parking
- At the top of Church Walk on the right; in front of the shrub just before the gateway to the church leaving sufficient space to prune the shrub.
- Secured to the brick wall at the A5 side of Church Walk opposite the Church Walk junction.
- On Malt Mill Green on the Daventry Rd side in line with the Butts Lane entrance, not far from the bench but angled towards Emery Row.

If anyone wishes to comment on any of the locations described, we will listen to and accommodate any alternative suggestions where we can. But please be aware that there are only limited options for where the boards can be installed, as each board will need to be in proximity to the area it describes. Please send any comments to Clare Valentine as the Parish Clerk (contact details on page 2).

We are hoping to get the boards installed in the spring of 2020 and will be organising an unveiling event at that time. We will be keeping you informed of progress.



Playtime

Kilsby Village Hall 9.45 – 11.45am every Monday
(during Northamptonshire term time)

Toys, books and activities for all ages, babies up to school.
Drinks and chat for mums, dads, grandparents, and childminders.

Each session £2 per family

Everyone welcome to join in the fun!

For further information, please don't hesitate to call:

Faye Jones 07815 618840

Kilsby Village Hall is situated on Rugby Road where it joins the A5,
there is plenty of parking available





Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



The Kilsby Christmas Tree light switch-on event on Saturday 7th December 2019 was again a huge success! The committee would like to thank everyone who came out in the cold to see Father Christmas, Dylan Carter and Joseph Fisher switch on the Christmas Tree lights and Kilsby's very own 'The Tunnellers'.

Well done to Dylan who won the Christmas Tree drawing competition and Joseph who won the Halloween raffle.

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.



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. Thanks also to all those who donated mince pies and helped to sell them and the mulled wine on the day. We raised £200.00. This will be used to fund next year's event.

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

The whole event costs approximately £500 to put on and the committee will be organising fundraising events during 2020. If anyone has any suggestions for any events or would like to help or sponsor the event, please contact Sharon King on 07508228736 or Annabel Strickland on 07511296446.



Otherwise we all look forward to seeing everyone again on **Saturday 5th December 2020.**

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

Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Kilsby Village Shop

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

A very happy new year to all our customers and a big **thank you** for your support in December which proved to be our best month for sales to date. With the teaming up with Chapman Family Butchers for the turkey and meat orders together with Sercombes for pork pies/ham joints/bacon/pigs in blankets and of course Fatherson's for Christmas cakes and mince pies, finishing off with the amazing Fowlers Cheeses we took some fantastic Christmas orders for the locally sourced produce and received fabulous feedback from our customers.

Convenience of just coming to the Shop, order arrived on time, stress free, so easy and on the day the turkey was gorgeous.

– The Morgan Family

The order was very good, thanks for the service, look forward to next year

– Terry

The rib of beef was absolutely beautiful

– Tom & Kate Hindle

My 'apple fed' cockerel was so easy to order and convenient to pick up from the Village Shop. The meat was the best our family had tasted – will be ordering the same next Christmas – superb

– Marj & Keith Mills

We will of course be taking orders for those Easter celebrations so please pop into the shop if you would like to place any orders as Sunday 12th April will soon be here.

We are currently stocking Valentines cards, chocolates and a good selection of wines and fizz (we now have a selection of non-alcoholic wines too) if you are looking for that gift for your loved one.

Pancake Day will also be here on the 25th February and the shop will be stocking everything you need to make the perfect pancakes with scrumptious toppings of locally sourced honey, maple syrup, lemon/orange juice or ice cream or why not try some of our Kilsby logo jams or preserves.

Mother's Day will also be here on the 22nd March. We will be stocking a wide range of cards and chocolates but if you are looking for something a little different, we also support local crafts in the shop which can give you that special gift for Mother's Day.

The 23rd March sees us celebrating the second birthday of our village shop and it's amazing how the time has flown since we opened.

We have worked hard to ensure we offer a good customer service and stock what our customers need but if there is anything that we can do better please let us know. There are feedback forms in the shop or speak with Andrea as she would welcome your comments. Please remember that the shop is your shop run by the village for the village so please support it, which will ensure the longevity of our shop to reach many more birthdays.

If you know any family, neighbours or friends who have not visited our shop yet please do spread the word about our village shop and our amazing locally sourced goods plus a selection of vegetarian and vegan options as well as everyday produce we offer.

Remember we now offer a delivery service, so if you need something and cannot get to the shop or just want to place a weekly order then please contact our shop manager Andrea on **07861 295358** who will be happy to help.

OPEN GARDENS AND WHEELBARROW COMPETITION

Kilsby Open Gardens will take place on Sunday 14th June this year and by popular demand there will be another Wheelbarrow Competition so start painting that barrow now! There will be more information in the next issue but in the meantime if you are interested in opening your garden for charity that day get in touch with John and Ann Madigan at jam.madigan2015@outlook.com or telephone them on 822350.

KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)



A very Happy New Year to you all.

We are at the time of year when there is not a great deal to report from the Association.

With Spring around the corner (we hope), it's time to consider the garden activities we want to take part in this year, and to make good preparations, without necessarily spending too much time in the cold and damp.

In particular, it gives us an opportunity to remind everyone that we would love to see more gardens entered into the annual competition. Judging takes place on Saturday 13th June, and, as well as being good fun, it gives us all something to work towards. It may also prompt you to consider opening your gardens on the following day as well, as part of the Open Gardens Scheme. (Eds. See also page 16.)

If you are interested in entering the competition, please contact Diane Graham on 07790 377516. There will be more details about the competition classes, as well as information about the 2020 Garden and Produce Show in the next issue of Kilsby Kronicle.

KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

Despite the government forcing us to change the date of our party (and without even asking us!) we had a great evening on the 19th December! Lots of guests and great food as we were entertained by a magician, The Great Adamos! People are still wondering where the lemon came from...



We all hear about the awful state of our town centres late at night - drunks everywhere, homeless people sleeping in doorways, the constant threat of violence; we hear much less about those trying to help. In January we heard from Dawn Thurkettle of Rugby Street Pastors. These caring people volunteer to patrol late at night, typically between 10.00 pm and 4.00 am, to offer help to the revellers, the homeless and those who might otherwise get involved in violence. Dawn is ex-naval, a trained nurse & part of an organisation of 14,000 who work all over the country trying to help. They will ensure drunk youngsters get into cabs or call their parents to come and get them; they offer protection to those who may be vulnerable to sexual predators, they give out water to rehydrate and lollipops to improve sugar levels. They will try to defuse arguments to prevent fights; and, let's be honest, who could fight whilst sucking a lollipop! Whilst it is sad that so many of these issues exist, it is humbling and inspiring to know that there are so many people who care enough to try and make a difference.

Don't forget that on March 21st we'll have our stall on the Green from 9.00 am selling flowers for Mother's Day. This is always very popular so come early to get the best choice!

Next Meeting

February will see us trying to dance ourselves fit with Lorraine Geddes who will be explaining dance style exercise to us. In March we hear from Roger Butler Kinton who has travelled extensively in Mexico. The dates are February 13th and March 12th, at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings - it's just £4.

KILSBY VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

Saturday 14th March 2020

Come and join us for refreshments at 7:30pm

Film starts 8:00pm (CERT 15)

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FEBRUARY - MARCH NEWS

Church Services at 11.00 am on Sundays (Everyone Welcome)

February

2nd	Rev Elizabeth Kemp
9th	Mr David Biddle
16th	Mr Cecil Gill
23rd	Mrs Dorn Margetts

March

1st	Rev Elizabeth Kemp
8th	Mr Tony Cervantes
15th	Mr John Perkins
22nd	Rev Geoff Townsend Holy Communion
29th	Joint Service at Creton - Rev Elizabeth Kemp

Café

Open Monday and Thursday mornings 9.00 am until noon.

Scrabble

Wednesday 1.00 pm

Sewing Group (Kilsby Stitchers)

Once a fortnight on Friday at 2.00 pm

ST. FAITH'S CHURCH, KILSBY

Church Services

February

2nd	Morning Worship	11.00 am
9th	Said Holy Communion	11.00 am
16th	Morning Worship	11.00 am
23rd	Sung Holy Communion	11.00 am
26th	Ash Wednesday Ashing and Holy Communion	11.00 am

March

1st	Morning Worship	11.00 am
8th	Said Holy Communion	11.00 am
15th	Morning Worship	11.00 am
22nd	Sung Holy Communion	11.00 am
29th	Morning Worship	11.00 am

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GARDENERS' CORNER

Squelchy! Our borders are still far too waterlogged to get on. We seem to have spent most of the time this winter chasing squirrels away from our tulip pots and then having to replant the bulbs.

Delay planting and sowing

The ground will be cold because it is so wet, so don't be too hasty sowing or planting – things will just sulk and rot. It is best to wait until after a period of dry high pressure weather and wind to dry things out. You can always sow in pots or trays and plant out later.

Complete pruning

Pruning is a job that can be done despite wet ground, so trim up all your trees, shrubs and climbers. Make sure all the retaining ties are secure ready for the March winds.

Clean drains and gutters

The birds are already spreading moss everywhere as they look for food and think of nesting. The moss and winter leaves can block gutters and drains, so take the chance to clear them out while you wait for the ground to dry.

Take cuttings of greenhouse plants

Plants such as geraniums that you have kept over the winter should have usable shoots by early March. So take cuttings, using a low nutrient sandy compost and keep them on the dry side or they will rot.

Jobs to do in February

- Divide perennials
- Sprout seed potatoes in a frostproof light place
- Sow broad beans
- Clean up your garden paths

Jobs to do in March

- Sow hardy annuals in seed trays or pots.
- Prune roses once the risk of hard frost is past
- Sow leeks and onions when the soil is ready

Times past...

In 'National Allotments and Gardens Society Diary', 1964:-

"A mild February is the forerunner of a miserable summer and a poor year for the harvester of outdoor crops. Watch your daffodils – almost invariably when they have not shown above ground by the beginning of February, the year that follows has high mean temperatures, long hours of sunshine and a useful rainfall."

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PART OF A361 3RD FEB. TO 16TH MARCH

(From the Editors)

Please be aware that the A361 will be closed from the 3rd February until the 16th March 2020 near the reservoir on the way to Daventry.

This is to allow various utility companies to work together on the installation of services for the new development at Mickel Well Park. By them working together in this way it is hoped that the overall length of time during which the A361 has to be disrupted will be reduced.

BRIDGE CLUB HELPS CHURCH ROOF FUND

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

Refreshments at bridge club meetings last year, and the annual bridge drive lunch, raised a total of £550.00 which has been donated to the Church Roof Appeal.

CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Repeat prescriptions

A number of patients are still using the telephone to order repeat prescriptions and because some patients do not have access to the internet this will continue to be possible. However, the times that this service is available currently are causing a lot of disruption for the dispensers.

It has therefore been decided to change the system. In future the telephone line for repeat prescriptions will only be available at the following times:-
2.00 pm to 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Training days

The dates for the next training days will be:-

Wednesday 12th February

Wednesday 11th March

On these days the surgery will close at 1.30 pm.

Flu vaccinations

The surgery still has vaccine available for all qualifying patients, especially 2-3 year olds and newly pregnant ladies. If you qualify and still require vaccination please contact the surgery for an appointment.

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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 2020 is: **Wednesday 8 April**

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.

Contacts and Further Questions?

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NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

(From Karen Burton, mrsburton@kilsbyprimary.net)



We enjoyed a busy end to 2019 in school with parties, a trip to the Macready Theatre, Christingle service, a KS1 Christmas performance, carol evening, Christmas lunch and parties, carol singing etc. Everyone was ready for a well-earned break by the end of term. After so many festivities and parties we were all tired out!

The children in KS2 took part in a "Carols by Candlelight" service at St Faith's on Tuesday 17th December. We hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as we did.

On Wednesday 18th December, the whole school attended the Christingle service which is always a really lovely service. After the service the children enjoyed a Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, followed by an afternoon of parties with a special guest, Santa, who dropped in with gifts for all! Thank you Santa!

On Thursday 19th December the children visited both Stephenson Court and Kilsby House to sing carols with the residents. Everyone enjoyed a good sing song!

We returned to school on Monday 6th January 2020.

The KS2 children in both Maple and Rowan classes have started their swimming sessions every Tuesday morning. These will run from January through to March. This year they will be travelling to The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre for their lessons.



A team of Year 5 and Year 6 children attended a Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Daventry Leisure Centre on Thursday 16th January. This competition is one of many we are subscribed to on a competition calendar which is facilitated by Northamptonshire Sport; a partnership of local and national organisations that forms our county School Sport Partnership. They competed against children from other Primary schools in the area in various different sporting activities including obstacle relay, lap relay, long jump, triple jump, vertical jump, hurdles and speed bounce. Our children did really well and we were very proud of their sportsmanship and behaviour as always.

The KSA held a disco for the children on Friday 17th January from 6.00 pm to 7.30pm. Drinks and snacks were included. This is a popular event for the children and everyone had a great time. Thank you to the KSA for their continued hard work and time in organising these fundraising events throughout the school year.

Also the KSA organised a Swap Shop evening on 24th January for parents which was held in school, where people could bring in their unwanted gifts/clothing/ items and swap them for something more useful.

The children in Year 5 have been invited to attend the annual Candlemas service at Holy Cross, Daventry on Thursday 6th February together with Year 5's from other church schools in the area. During the service, they usually take part in a little role play and also receive a candle for their school.

Finally, the children of Kilsby School have been lucky enough to have a new tyre park play area created in the playground at the end of 2019. Here are some of the Reception children trying it out recently, they think it's really fun!

We have a lot of activities and trips planned for the next few months, so in the next Kronickle you will hear all about these.



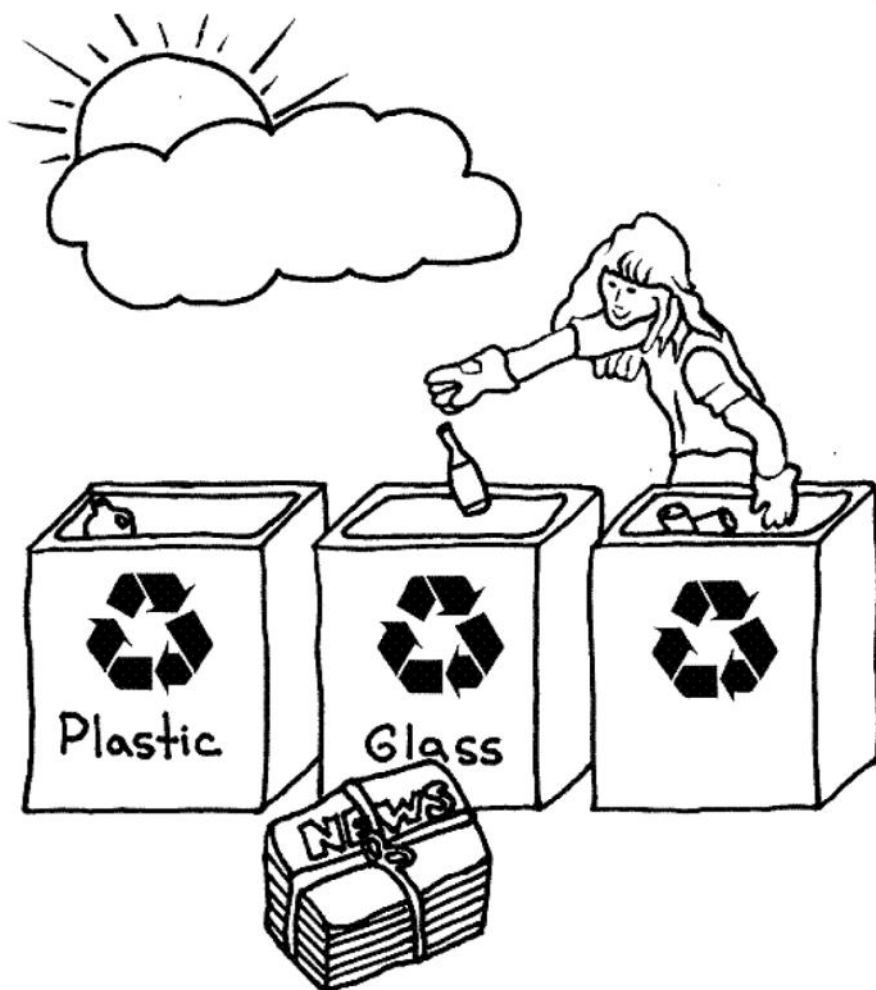
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3 things you can do to help the planet...

- **Save water:**
 - turn the tap off whilst you're brushing your teeth
 - turn the shower off whilst you're washing your hair
- **Use less of the things you only use once:**
 - put your packed lunch in a lunch box instead of wrapping it in cling film or tinfoil
 - use a reusable water bottle instead of a one use plastic one
- **Don't waste food:**
 - save left over food to eat later or the next day
 - ask your parents if you can start a compost in your garden



Colour in the picture of the person recycling...



REMEMBER TO....

REDUCE, REUSE
& RECYCLE!

Reduce what you use

Reuse what you can

Recycle the rest

Things to do in February and March

Send the Parish Clerk your views on the signage at the telephone box

Go to the Good Neighbours meal

Donate to the Rag Bag collection

Go to the coffee morning

Go to the St. Faith's SC Quiz

Go to the Pre-school Quiz

Offer to stand as a Parish Councillor

Volunteer to mow the churchyard

Come up with ideas for celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day

Go to the History Society talk

Join a Knit and Knatter group

Go to the Village Hall cinema

Apply for a Community Benefit Fund grant

Go on a walking group walk

Join in the Litterpick

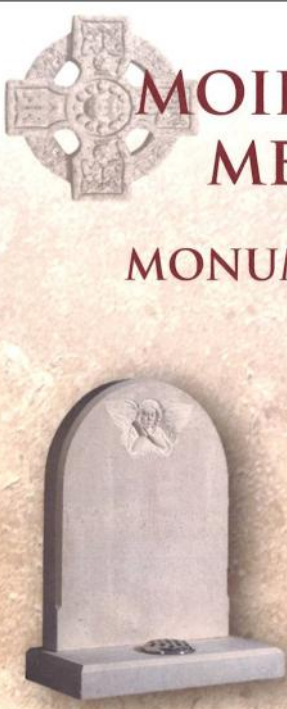
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WANTED

Volunteers to stand for election to Parish Council (see page 3)

Ideas for celebrating the anniversary of VE Day (see page 4)

People to join in the Litterpick (see page 5)

Volunteers to help mow the churchyard (see page 7)

Knitters to work on yarn-bombing project (see page 10)

Old clothing etc. for Rag Bag collection (see page 10)

**The deadline for the next issue is
Saturday 21st March 2010**