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Edition no. 155

# Kilsby Kronickle

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[www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

## Dates for your diary

### February

#### Thursday 1st February

Walking Group walk

#### Thursday 8th February

WI Meeting

#### Saturday 18th February

Walking Group walk

### March

#### Friday 1st March

Oil Club Order Point

Jazz Club concert

#### Saturday 2nd March

Ceilidh in Village Hall

#### Thursday 7th March

Walking Group walk

#### Saturday 9th March

WI Flower Stall for Mother's Day

#### Sunday 10th March

Mothering Sunday

#### Thursday 14th March

WI Meeting

#### Sunday 17th March

Walking Group walk

#### Saturday 23rd March

Village Hall Cinema

#### Friday 29th March

Walk of Witness

#### Saturday 30th March

Decoration of the church for Easter

#### Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday

Clocks go forward

### May (Early Notice)

#### Friday 3rd May

Oil Club Order Point

#### Sunday 26th May

Pre-school Garage Sale



This edition brings worrying news about the potential closure of the Chapel in the village after more than 400 years of non-conformist worship in Kilsby, 240 of them in the chapel building in the middle of the village. At the same time there are serious concerns about the Village Hall with no-one so far coming forward to take on the roles of Secretary and Booking Secretary. And so far no-one has shown any interest in taking over editorship of Kronicle when the three of us step down at the end of March so yet another village 'institution' may well fold.

In the past villagers have supported all these things and people have always come forward to fill the shoes of those 'retiring' from the roles which organise and run them. This was part of the pattern of village life which we all cherished and took responsibility for in the past. It will be very sad if people in Kilsby no longer value some of the things which have made the village such a good place to live sufficiently to help as their predecessors have done. We hope that this is not the case and that now that 'the chips are down' people will ensure that these village institutions can continue and thrive.

One group of volunteers in the village which is certainly doing sterling work on behalf of us all is the Kilsby Action Group and there is a report from them on page 10 which makes interesting reading. The KAG have done a great deal to try to protect the village from unsuitable and intrusive development and are going to need the help of all of us in the coming months to add our voices in support during the consultation and planning processes.

Another successful venture which relies heavily on volunteers is the Village Shop and it is good to know that its future is now much more secure. Kilsby would be a much poorer place without it. This edition carries an advertisement for a part-time manager to work with Sarah and we hope that a good candidate can be appointed quickly.

Finally, we are delighted to see that the WI will once again be running its Mother's Day Flower Stall - another of those activities which are so important in the life of Kilsby but which would not happen without willing volunteers.

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November 2023

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Planning Committee  
Highways Warden; Speedwatch  
Cemetery environs

Litter

## **KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL(PC)**

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs  
hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

Well Christmas has come and gone, and the New Year is upon us. I do hope you all had a good Christmas and may I wish you a happy, peaceful, healthy, and successful 2024. As usual I have highlighted some of the things the Parish Council are doing for the village and a few things our great residents can get involved in. I hope you enjoy reading about them.

### **Speed Change A 361**

As you will have noticed, changed speed limits have been brought in on the A361 going out of the village. As many of you have commented, these are not in an ideal place and are dangerous. The Parish Council would like to point out that the changes are not we expected and agree with the comments made on Kilsby Village Face Book page. Councillor Weston and I will be having a meeting with Highways as soon as possible and will be requesting a temporary change in the new limits until Highways are able to install the changes originally agreed.

### **Speed Watch Coordinator**

As mentioned in my last article, Cllr Ian Weston will be stepping down from this role and we need someone willing to take over the responsibility in place as soon as possible. If you feel this is something you could get involved with and would like to talk over the role please contact Ian either via his email address: [iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk) or by phone (823332). He will be pleased to hear from you.

### **Coronation Bench**

The Council has agreed to purchase and site a commemorative bench and also agreed to place it either on the grass outside the Chapel, or on the grass opposite on the corner of Manor and Main Roads (subject to residents' approval of course). If you feel there is a more suitable place, please do contact me via email: [hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:hgibbs@kilsbyvillage.co.uk).

### **80th Anniversary of D Day Landings 6/6/24**

We are still looking for suggestions as to how the village might commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day Landings on 6th June. If you have any ideas or would be willing to organise, or help to organise, an event. Please do get in touch with me or our Clerk Emma.

### **Village Green Space, Woodland/Outdoor Sport Facilities**

The Council are still trying to purchase a suitable plot of land, preferably within the village) for a green

space together with much needed outside sport facilities. There is a considerable amount of S106 funding available and I'm sure we would all like this to be used for benefit of the village. If it isn't it will be returned to the developer of Cildes Croft. If you have any ideas about this please do get in touch with Cllr Clive Thompson.

### **Kilsby Climate Change Action Group**

Cllr Ian Massey informed the council that the group meet regularly to discuss ways in which they can help Kilsby reach targets for Carbon Emission. The group is looking at commencing a programme of Air Quality Monitoring, and is also planning younger members of our community through The Youth Club and maybe the school. Cllr Massey would also welcome other residents who would like to get involved.

### **Village Web Site**

You will be pleased to hear that things are progressing well with the new web site and we hope that it will be ready soon. We will keep you advised of what is happening.

### **Village Mowing**

We are pleased to report that a new three-year contract for mowing has been agreed with Norse. I'm sure you will agree they have done a great job over the past three to four years.

### **Malt Mill Green**

Anyone who walks or drives near Malt Mill Green will have seen that the Council have had the trees there pruned and tidied. I am also pleased to report that the bollards along the side of the A361 have also been replaced by Highways. Don't forget, if you spot anything around our village which needs attention, feel free to contact either myself or Emma via our email addresses.

### **Village Grants**

The Council recently granted the Gardening Club £500 for maintenance of the planters throughout the village, as they did last season. I'm sure we would all like to thank those who look after the planters for their hard work and commitment in keeping them looking so good. If any village organisation would like to apply for a grant from the Council there is a New Grant Application form available from Emma on email [parishclerk@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

### **Parking**

I remain concerned about the number of complaints made to the council about parking around our village. Whilst I understand that parking in certain areas may be difficult, I urge car drivers to remember that there are others living in your area, not just you, and to please please park considerately.

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### **KILSBY KRONICLE URGENT**

As mentioned in my last article. Chris Lomas is retiring from the editorship of Kronickle after many years in the role, and her two fellow editors have decided that the time is right for them to step down also. I hope everyone who reads the Kronickle, either the free printed copy delivered to you, or on our village web site, will agree that the service it provides for the village is vital and that it should be kept going into the future.

We are looking for any interested parishioners to take up the challenge and keep the magazine alive in Kilsby. If you are interested both Chris Lomas or Emma our Clerk would be delighted to talk to you about it.

Come on Kilsby let's keep the KK going. Please volunteer to help, if not take it on in full. We need three willing parishioners NOW.

I think that's enough from me this time but hope you enjoy reading the Kronickle and my report.

Until next time, have a good Easter and Springtime.

Howard Gibbs, Chaiman, Kilsby P C

## **Come to a Ceilidh - Dancing to 'Jack in the Pulpit' -**

**Saturday 2nd March 2024  
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West Northants Council has recently opened a consultation on a draft Local Cycling and Infrastructure Plan (an 'LCWIP') for Daventry. There are similar consultations out for the towns of Brackley and Towcester and they are all open until 25<sup>th</sup> February. These plans set out 10 year proposals to provide routes to make getting around without the need for a car journey easier, benefiting health, air quality and helping to reduce carbon emissions.

One of the maps in the LCWIP shows that it would take 30 minutes to cycle from Kilsby to Daventry – if there was a safe route to take. The consultation focuses on routes connecting four villages, including Braunston, which are twenty minutes from the town. So while Kilsby is too far from Daventry and the consultation survey questions concentrate on the proposed routes in the town there is an opportunity to suggest other routes as a priority and to make general comments.

So if you have an interest in extending safe cycling routes to connect more of our villages to our towns please take part in the survey: [Have your say on Daventry Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - West Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space](#)

Although many of our rural roads are far too treacherous to cycle, with high vehicle speeds and narrow lanes with no footway, there is a substantial network of others which are little used by cars and have potential to attract the visiting leisure cyclist. These tranquil lanes could boost the local tourist economy, if properly invested in. Cabinet has recently approved a Tourism Strategy which aims to reverse the recent decline in visitor numbers and change the status of our visitor attractions as one of 'Northamptonshire's unsung economic heroes'.

Had our county's visitor economy grown over the past decade at the same pace as that of our neighbours in Cambridgeshire it would have resulted in £36m more spending by overnight visitors and some 660 jobs either safeguarded or created. Northants may not have King's Chapel or Bletchley Park, or a famous medieval king discovered under one of its car parks but it has a wealth of attractions to compete with our neighbouring counties. These attractions in our unsung county deserve far greater recognition and our local economy would reap the benefits.



### Facing issues with your laptop or tech?

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

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## FROM EUR ING CLLR ALAN CHANTLER CEng FBCS CITP

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West Northants is one of three areas in England selected as a partner for the National Youth Agency (NYA)'s Routes to Community Success programme. The programme, made possible with funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF), aims to pilot a collaborative and youth-led approach to designing youth work services over the next two years. 15 local Youth Ambassadors will be recruited who will engage with young people across the area, to ensure that their needs and aspirations, relating to their local youth work offer, inform the development plans.

Winter has arrived, along with shorter days and colder temperatures. During this time of year, we often see an increase in common illnesses that tend to peak during this season as well as many people feeling lonelier and more isolated. That's why we've introduced our winter wellbeing page, to help you look after yourself this winter so you can enjoy activities with your friends and family or meet someone new in one of our welcoming spaces. On our website you'll discover tips on maintaining a healthy diet, getting enough rest, practicing good hand hygiene, preventing illnesses, minimising the risk of falls and how you can keep yourself mentally well this time of year too.

Getting vaccinated is an important step in keeping yourself and others around you safe. Being fully vaccinated helps to protect you from severe illness and can reduce the likely transmission of viruses to

others. This is particularly important during this time when there is an increase in the number of viruses in circulation. Some of the common winter illnesses that can be vaccinated against include: Seasonal Flu, COVID-19, Measles. Those eligible for free Covid-19 jabs are being reminded that they have until Wednesday 31st January to get vaccinated. More details on our website.

It is widely acknowledged that smoking is harmful. If you wish to give up smoking and would like to access help and support then look for the 'stop smoking' area on our website or contact 0300 126 5700.

A new online directory of services for children and young people in West Northamptonshire with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) has been launched. The features on the Local Offer for West Northants pages will really help families find the information and services they are looking for. More details on the website.

For more general help and advice concerning your health and wellbeing contact 0300 126 7000.

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

**Eur Ing Councillor Alan Chantler CEng FBCS**

### KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

Our next meeting is in March. If you like a murder mystery this talk will be a treat for you.

On Thursday March 14th Paul Waddoups will tell us the story of 'The Kilsby Tunnel Murder'.

The meeting starts at 7.30 pm in the Kilsby Room of the Village Hall.

We charge £3 for members and £5 for visitors. Everyone is welcome.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

## KILSBY VILLAGE HALL AGM

**The Annual General Meeting of  
Kilsby Village Hall**

**will be held in the Kilsby Room at the Village  
Hall on**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 7.30pm**

**The AGM is open to all local residents**

**Please come along to hear what the committee  
have been doing in the past year and the ideas  
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**Kilsby Village Hall Committee**





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KILSBY WI

# Mother's Day Plant Sale



NEW VENUE

9th MARCH 2024



Red Lion / Village Shop Car Park From 9:00 am until all plants sold

CARDS AND CASH ACCEPTED

## Village Hall Committee Vacancies

We are still seeking new members for the committee for the role of secretary and booking secretary to assist with the day to day running of the hall. The roles are not onerous, and you would be working as part of the committee to maintain the smooth running of the hall.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact either Julie Bunyan on 07940 525272 or Marj Mills on 01788 823178.

## Kilsby Church 100 Club (From Lorna Griffiths, Tel: 823246)

In July 1999 the Kilsby Church 100 Club was launched in response to an inspection which found that work was needed to repair the roof and stonework of our village church.

Since then, the 100 Club has continued to support the upkeep of the church by donating an average of just over £2000 per year over the past 5 years. I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all of you who have continued your membership of the 100 Club ,even though some of you are still waiting for an envelope to drop through your letter box with your winnings!

Unfortunately, membership has declined recently due to a number of factors, and the 100 Club can boast only two thirds membership.

I would like to invite you, regardless of your individual beliefs, to take part in supporting our local heritage, which I am sure is of interest to us all, by becoming a member of the Kilsby Church 100 Club and helping to maintain the village church.

Draws take place on the last Thursday of the month at the village cafe.

The cost of membership is £60 per year, which works out at £5 per month. Payment can be made annually, half yearly, quarterly or monthly, the choice is yours.

For more information on how to join, please call me on 07912016809, or 823246 and I'll be happy to talk to you.

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## WALKING GROUP

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

The dates and start times of the next walks are:

Thursday 1 February 9.30 from White House  
Sunday 18 February 10.00 from White House  
Thursday 7 March 9.30 from White House  
Sunday 17 March 10.00 from White House

Thursday walks are 5/6 miles and Sunday walks 7/8 miles.

We aim to stop at a pub for the use of the facilities, but you can bring your own lunch and eat it before we reach the pub if you prefer. There is usually a short drive to the start of the walk and we take it in turns to do the driving.

We meet in Chapel Street in front of The White House.

For more info contact Lesley Loader (details above).





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## KILSBY ACTION GROUP

(kilsbyaction@gmail.com or call/text 07952 404305)

Thank you to everyone in Kilsby who supported KAG during 2023. Residents really showed how the desire to keep our community as an independent village is widespread. Without doubt the response that the developers got in the village hall when they presented their plan to build more warehouses closer to the village had a major impact on the end users decision to seek another site. **This reinforced KAG's central belief that a core group of people with the support of the wider community can impact decisions about what happens in their village.** Happy New Year to everyone and the campaign continues in 2024 - and probably beyond.

### Barby Rd - proposed building of houses in green fields

In November we were told that a revised application was coming to build 19 houses on this land outside the village envelope. As KK goes to press, we haven't been given the formal documents in order that we can object but we are preparing our objection now and have instructed our planning consultant (who is paid for by donations from Kilsby residents).

When the details are confirmed, we will contact you and ask for your support by objecting to this application. If you are not on our supporters mailing list, please email to [kilsbyaction@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbyaction@gmail.com) or text / WhatsApp 07952 404305 and we will add you and ensure you are kept updated. **PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR OUR EMAILS AND FACEBOOK MESSAGES AS THE TIME TO OBJECT WILL BE SHORT.**

The original application in 2021 was for 44 houses, KAG is of the opinion that irrespective of the number of houses proposed by the plan, building into green fields outside the village envelope is not allowed by West Northants Council's own policies and it should be refused. We also believe that if building into green space is allowed on this site, then any land around Kilsby will be a target and we will be joined up to Rugby or Daventry in due course.

### **West Northants Council Draft Local Plan - Site 3b proposed warehousing between DIRFT & Kilsby**

The draft local plan, which will decide which sites will be allocated for development during the plan period up to 2041, is due to be published in March 2024. KAG has been in touch with all 3 of our District Councilors and they sent a joint statement to the Planning Director setting out why development should not be allowed in Kilsby. We also have worked with our MP and CPRE who have both made it clear to WNC why our site should not be included in the local plan. We have supplied them with evidence on several topics, particularly the traffic

impact on Kilsby which would be caused by further warehouse development. We met the Planning Director in November, and he confirmed all our evidence was being considered in the decision-making process. Once the Draft Local Plan is published there will be a period of consultation and KAG will let you know details so you can comment. The process will then go to a public examination in early 2025 and KAG is preparing to represent the village at that enquiry.

We are concerned that reports of progress of the Draft Plan being favourable to Kilsby are premature as the process has some way to go yet.

The latest news is that KAG met our District Councilors last week and we have agreed a twin track approach to lobby for Kilsby. The Councilors are going to call a meeting with the appropriate officers and politicians at WNC who have responsibility for the Draft Plan to renew their call for this site not to be in the final version as there is evidence that it is simply not necessary and that building on the green buffer between the village and the site is simply not sustainable, or worthwhile for the number of jobs created. KAG is going to ask for a meeting in Westminster with our MP Chris Heaton-Harris and national planning officials. There are reports that our area may be asked to take more development than we need because of the national importance of the 'Golden Triangle of logistics'.

**KILSBY VILLAGE HALL CINEMA**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**


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## Kilsby Garden and Produce Association



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

A happy new gardening year to you from all of us at KGPA.

It may be too cold for much outside work, but now is the time to be planning how to get the best from your garden in 2024.

Whether you are growing flowers or vegetables, membership of the Association can help. With discounts on plants and seeds from Barby Nursery and Whilton Locks Garden Centre. If it is compost you need, it can be ordered at a bulk price through Ian Weston, and the Village Plant Sale, which is usually in May, will be another good opportunity to buy plants from members.

Keep an eye open for details of the Gardeners' Party in early Spring, and come and get together for a sociable evening with lots of other members.

Thanks to a grant from Kilsby Parish council, some big improvements have been made in the decorative planters around the village, and we are grateful to all those who look after them. They continue to help maintaining the attractive village environment we all appreciate.

A reminder of the photograph subjects for the 2024 Produce Show in September;

1. A single tree
2. Funghi

If you are still thinking of joining the Association (it's only £5 per year per household), you can contact me (arjayan@hotmail.co.uk) or any committee member for further information.

### KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:  
**Friday 1st March 2024 and Friday 3rd May**

We will be open to receive orders for nine days, closing a week on the Sunday following the announcement. Members will be advised of the price and delivery dates when the buying process has been completed early the following week.

Anyone interested in joining the Club, or helping out with the ordering process, should contact [kilsbyoilclub@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbyoilclub@gmail.com)

## KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

Our Christmas Party was exciting, though maybe not in a way we would have wished for! A guest passed out (it does get quite hot in the hall); fortunately she fully recovered and is ok. Then the entertainer was stuck on the M6 in a massive holdup after a big crash... a plea went out to Dave McIntyre who gallantly stepped in and rushed up to the hall to entertain us with some songs and a disco! So big thanks to Dave.

January gave us a talk from Barry Watson on the life led by the wives of canal boatmen through the 19th and 20th centuries. I really don't know how they managed to raise large families and survive in a space only 7 x 8 feet wide and 5 feet high! Even as late as the 1970s our own Sue Dobson was delivering babies on the boats!

Our meetings are at 19:30 on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £5.

In February our talk is from Kate Mawer on the History of a Northamptonshire Farmhouse and in March Susan Drage will be telling us how to Recycle With A Difference.

Mother's Day this year is very early so on Saturday March 9th we'll be opening our usual Mother's Day Stall. This year we'll be sited by the Community Shop at the back of the Red Lion car park. We'll open at 9.00 am and we'll be gone when we've sold everything, so come along early! As usual we'll have lovely pots and baskets both large and small. We take cash and card payments. **(Eds see ad page 7.)**

## Buckby Library & Hub

(<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>;  
[info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org); 01327 842591)

**Film nights:** Our next film is The Miracle Club on 27th February And an advance alert! The film on 26th March film is Jules.

**WNC drop-in sessions:** West Northants Council advisers come in once a month on a Friday morning at 10.30 am for members of the public to ask anything or raise any issues. The next session will be on 9th February. June.

**Book Sale:** We are having a book sale on Saturday, 2nd March, 10.00 am - 2.00pm.

**International Women's Day:** We will be holding a social event for International Women's Day on Saturday, March 9th, 2.00 pm - 4.30pm.

**Ukulele Evening:** Long Buckby Ukulele Group returns on Thursday, March 21st 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Free entry, donations welcome. Book your place.

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## KILSBY CHAPEL

***In danger of closing....Please help!***



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Sadly, it is in very grave danger of having to close during the next few months.

We provide regular Sunday services in the Chapel, a Community Café open every Monday and Thursday mornings, and spacious additional meeting rooms which may be used by groups and individuals in the village.

Our main challenge is that we no longer have people in all the Officer posts legally required for us to continue. Please consider helping. We need:

- Enthusiastic Christians to become Members of the Congregation and, in time, take on the posts of Secretary, Treasurer, and Safeguarding Officer.
- Folk to volunteer to organise and help in the Café.
- All the village to encourage people to support all the activities and make use of the premises.
- If every household could attend Worship at least twice a year and visit the Café twice a year, it would transform both the village and our community.

The United Reformed Church is supporting us as best it can, but it cannot actually provide people! Whilst we have a keenness to survive, we really want to grow and be part of a new generation of Kilsby people.

Do come and visit us.

Contact: Val Janes (Tel: 01788 822751)  
Rev. Jay Phelps (Tel: 07436811514)

## CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

### Flu Vaccinations

Crick Medical Practice would like to thank everyone who supported them by having their flu vaccination at the surgery.

The surgery still has flu vaccines available so if you have not had your vaccination yet please call the surgery on 01788 822203 and book your appointment today.

### Training Days

The remaining training dates for this quarter will be Wednesday 14th February and Wednesday 20th March 2024.

On these days the surgery will close from 12.30 pm – 6.30 pm. It will re-open at 6.30 pm, for booked appointments only until 8.00 pm, and for prescription collection until 7.30 pm

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## NEW EDITORIAL TEAM NEEDED FOR KRONICKLE

(From Chris Lomas, Tel: 822650)

As set out in the last edition, the three of us who currently edit and produce Kronickle are stepping down at the end of March - which means that unless people come forward to take on our roles, the next edition of the magazine (April-May) could be the last.

We feel that this would be a very sad loss to the village. Kronickle first began in the 1980s but stopped because of lack of contributions. It was re-launched in 1998 and the current edition is the 154th since then and the 114th that I have put together since I took over as editor in 2004. Even though the world has changed significantly since then and social media is now widely used to publicise information and events, we believe there is still enormous benefit in having a paper magazine which is delivered to every home in the village six times a year and which pulls together in one place all the information which is otherwise only available to residents through a variety of social media sources, which are not accessible to everyone. For those who prefer to get their information on screen Kronickle is also posted on the village website.

The Parish Council have always strongly supported Kronickle, recognising the benefits to our community of an effective and reliable communication medium. They pay the costs of printing, although these are

now significantly offset by the advertising revenue the magazine attracts. Despite this funding from the Council the magazine is totally independent and has full editorial control.

The editorial roles are very interesting and get us involved with people and groups all over Kilsby, and beyond. The main role involves getting in material and advertising from individuals and organisations and putting this into the magazine format, together with suitable photographs. This takes about five days every other month and is very straightforward. It does not require sophisticated technical skills. The draft magazine is then carefully checked by the other two editors, who also input to policy decisions, and changes made as necessary before it is sent, electronically, to printers in Rugby. Once the magazine has been printed John and Brenda Beeston distribute it to the volunteer delivery team and they will be continuing to do this. The final task for the editors is to send out invoices to advertisers and advise the Parish Council of the income raised and printing costs for each issue. The roles are not unduly onerous and a new team would be free to re-organise responsibilities and the way the magazine is put together to suit them.

We very much hope that someone will come forward to continue the magazine. It is an important community asset and part of Kilsby's identity as a village. Please, if you think you might be interested, get in touch with me to find out more, on 822650 or at lomdoucd@gmail.com



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## Kilsby Village Shop

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



Welcome to 2024! Wishing all our customers a very happy and healthy New Year and we hope you had a lovely Christmas too.

December saw a very busy month for our Village Shop and sales were good, so a huge **THANK YOU** to all our customers who supported us during the run up to Christmas -- it really does make a big difference when you choose to shop with us. With Christmas orders for poultry and meat from Lost Farm rare breeds, our fabulous range of Sercombes Butchers Pork Pies and cooked meats plus our fresh winter vegetables it gave a very busy few weeks. In addition, our lovely manager Sarah made up special Christmas gift hampers using our amazing KVS range. Sarah and her amazing team of 'elves' worked very hard to ensure we delivered everyone's order, adding that extra bit of magic to everyone's Christmas. We do still need your help though, so please give a thought for the village shop as you shop throughout January/February. Pop into the shop for a warm welcome from Sarah and the team or give us a call on 07469 255517 – we offer free delivery within Kilsby on all orders.



- With the wintry weather now with us why not try our fantastic savoury pies from The Lost Farm - we have received glowing feedback on the quality of both the pastry and pie filling. With Chicken & Leek, Venison, Beef, Lamb & Mint, and Buffalo to choose from in both small and family size pies they make a perfect evening meal. Complement them with something from our range of fresh veg: potatoes, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, leeks or cabbage. Fresh Pies arrive every Friday but are also perfect for freezing – these can be pre-ordered too. Get yours for British Pie week: 4th - 10th of March.

We also have the scrumptious Quiches from Duston Bakery - fresh in every Wednesday. Individual slices, family or large sizes are available. These too can be ordered in advance. With Cheese & Broccoli, Lorraine or Cheese & Peppers you will be spoilt for choice.



Our winter fuel is back in stock; if you need firelighters, kindling or kiln dried logs you can collect, or we can deliver to you within Kilsby.



Happy Birthday. We are 6. It is our 6th Birthday on the 23rd of March, and you will shortly see our flyer through your letterbox giving you all an update on the work the Committee have been doing for the future of our Village Shop.

We are getting ready for this year's seasonal events; starting with Pancake Day 13<sup>th</sup> February. We have everything you need to make those special pancakes with scrumptious toppings - oranges, lemons, honey, blueberries, golden syrup, bacon and maple syrup, bananas, chocolate, Nutella or traditional sugar - the choice is yours to enjoy.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day: choose from our fabulous range of cards and chocolates, wines and fizz to show your loved one how much they mean to you.



Our super manager, Sarah, has decided it's time for semi-retirement, so we are looking for a new part-time Manager sharing the role with Sarah starting from June this year. This is a fabulous opportunity for a person to join our amazing team - see our advert on page18 or please get in touch with me via email to [trishtbrown@gmail.com](mailto:trishtbrown@gmail.com).



## KILSBY JAZZ CLUB 2024 JAZZ EVENTS

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Want to hear great live jazz being performed? Then join us at the Kilsby Village Hall for the 2024 events:



**1st March 2024**

**Dave Browning's Jazz Cats**

Six piece Chicago style jazz band with UK's top stride pianist.

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Themed Event - The Roaring Twenties**

A night of jazz, blues and swing from the 1920's

**13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Sarah Spencer's Transatlantic Band**

Band leader Sarah Spencer takes us to Jazz in Ole New Orleans.

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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Want to know more - check out our website [www.kilsbyjazz.co.uk](http://www.kilsbyjazz.co.uk)

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If you are interested, please email either Trish Brown - Chair at [trishtbrown@gmail.com](mailto:trishtbrown@gmail.com) or Elaine Morrice at [elainemorrice2@aol.co.uk](mailto:elainemorrice2@aol.co.uk)



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## **KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

(From Val Janes, Tel: 822751)



### **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 10.30 am**

##### **February**

|      |                     |                |
|------|---------------------|----------------|
| 4th  | Mr Trevor Boys      |                |
| 11th | Rev Jay Phelps      |                |
| 18th | Mrs Margaret Hooper |                |
| 25th | Rev Tim Huc         | Holy Communion |

##### **March**

|      |                    |                                 |
|------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3rd  | Mrs Dorn Margett   |                                 |
| 10th | Mr John Perkins    |                                 |
| 17th | Pastor Cecil Gill  |                                 |
| 24th | Rev Geoff Townsend | Palm Sunday                     |
| 31st | Songs of Praise    | Holy Communion<br>Easter Sunday |

## **NATURE NOTES - JANUARY**

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

Not everyone likes January but for me, it's a month full of hope – the days are slowly getting longer, the birds are starting to claim their territories and seek a partner, there's always a possibility of a starling murmuration and wow, Spring isn't that far off! There's only a very small group of starlings flying around at dusk so far, but I'm told there's a larger group in Crick and continuing to make a mess on a few cars!

Our pond is currently frozen and I'm just hoping that there's enough oxygen at the bottom to sustain a few lives in there – I have tried gently breaking the ice but it seems to freeze up again pretty quickly at -5. If your pond has lots of plant life in or around it, don't forget to clear it by mid to late February - certainly before the frog gathering season. If you leave it until later, you are far more likely to disturb any spawn. I do always shake the clumps for the compost over the pond and then pick off any snails, dragonfly larvae or other biddies to save as much life as possible.

The frog mating season starts as early as January in the South-West of the UK and by March, ponds all over the country should have spawn – we always hope that some will eventually develop into adults but sadly ours always gets eaten by newts who seem to time their breeding to coincide with the frogs' very tasty and nutritious offerings!

### **Scrabble**

Wednesdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.  
Please come and enjoy yourself.  
Coffee and cake.  
£2.00 per session.

### **Sewing Group**

Twice a month Friday 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.  
Everyone is welcome..

### **Community Café**

Mondays 9.00 am - 12.00 noon  
Thursdays 9.00 am - 12.00 noon

The café urgently needs some help to keep running.

Please contact: Ann Tailby Tel: 822140  
Val Janes Tel: 822751

As I mentioned in the last edition, Waxwings which are winter visitors to the UK have swept across the country in their thousands this winter and probably in the highest numbers for about thirteen years. Waxwings are the only bird I would travel far to see as they are completely stunning and can rival any exotic species in the world in my opinion – look on the internet and see if you agree! Unlike many species, they favour housing developments or urban sites where developers have kindly planted native trees and bushes such as Rowan, Cotoneaster and Blackthorn. We've been to several sites only a few miles away but did see them in a new housing area in Corby – three weeks later they are still munching their way through the berries and there plenty more to go.

Another thing I watched recently was the spectacular swooping of a Sparrowhawk, claws extended ready to pin a small unsuspecting bird onto the ground. Five minutes or so later, it was on my neighbour's fence swiftly removing the poor bird's feathers. It's grim I know, but of course a reality in the natural world and after all, that little bird had probably destroyed many insects and caterpillars to keep itself going for the previous six months.

Spring isn't that far off when we can expect more moths, butterflies, hedgehogs from hibernation and migrant birds as the world wakes up again – can't wait!

## GARDENERS' CORNER

### **Wet & Dry**

After a very wet mild autumn the first two weeks of January have flipped to cold and dry. The early bulbs have started showing, but the ground is still soaking.

### **Do some serious pruning**

A cold clear February day, with the ground hard, is ideal for serious pruning. Look to your trees and shrubs and cure overcrowding by taking out complete branches right back to the main trunk or stem. Get them into a pleasing shape too – what looks right is right

### **Uncover your bulbs**

Now your bulbs in the borders are showing, tidy up and weed round them and give them a dose of bonemeal. Leave the rest of the borders untidy until the end of February to keep some shelter for wildlife.

### **Chack your autumn cuttings**

Pots of autumn cuttings of half-hardy plants will be well –rooted and starting to grow. Pot them on into individual pots of new compost. Remember not to overwater and keep the leaves dry! The best way to water pots is to dunk them for a few minutes in a tray or bowl of water.

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

- Clean your pots and greenhouse ready for the season;
- 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:-

*'PRUNE fruit-trees and Vines as yet; For now is your Season to bind, slash, nail and dress, without danger of Frost. This to be understood of the most tender and delicate wall-fruit, not finished before; do this before the buds and bearers grow turgid; and yet in the nectarine and like delicate mural-fruit\*, the later the pruning the better, whatever has been, and still is the contrary custom.'*

**Nb 'plashing' is layering as in layering a hedge by part cutting and laying branches horizontally..**

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

## NEWS FROM ST FAITH'S

(From Gill Mason, Churchwarden, Tel: 822658)

### **Services at St. Faith's**

#### **February**

11th 10.00 am Holy Communion

25th 10.00 am Holy Communion

#### **March**

10th Mothering Sunday 10.00 am Holy Communion

24th Palm Sunday 10.00 am Holy Communion  
Distribution of palms

29th Good Friday 10.00 am Walk of Witness,  
which this year should be from St. Faith's to  
the United Reformed Church where a drink and  
Hot Cross Buns will be served.

31st Easter Sunday 10.00 am Easter Communion

### **Saturday 30th March**

Volunteers needed to help decorate the church for Easter. You do not need to be expert. All are welcome. We will begin at 9.30 am.

### **Brown Wheelie Bin**

We ask that dog walkers do not use the brown bin at the church to deposit 'poo bags'/ I recently had to remove four bags when I went to put spent flowers in the bin. Your cooperation will be much appreciated.

## **Update on St Faith's Rector**

(From Fiona Gibbs, Churchwarden  
Tel: 07965 207852)

We are very pleased to tell you that the advert for our new Rector has now been placed in The Church Times. Applications will be made via the Peterborough Diocese and, after shortlisting, interviews will be held in March. The interview panel will include representatives from St Faith's, St Mary's, the Deanery and the Diocese.

If an appointment is made, it would be likely that the new Rector would be in place by late summer. However, we must remember that there is no guarantee that a satisfactory candidate will be found at this time. In which case a second advert will be placed in the Autumn and the process will begin again

Hopefully, however, this will not be necessary and a suitable candidate to join us will be found in March. We will let you know the outcome as soon as we are able.



2024

# 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 2024 is: **10 April 2024**, decisions end June 2024.

## 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 and have minimum of three unrelated Directors.

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.

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## Kilsby Kronickle

As the festive season unfolded, our children at Kilsby Primary School embraced the Christmas spirit wholeheartedly. Christingle at St Faith's church and the delightful carols by candlelight, led by our talented Key Stage 2 children, brought a warm, festive feeling to our community.



Meanwhile, Key Stage 1 students impressed everyone with their hard work in 'Lights, Camel, Action!'



The Christmas Fayre was a great success, raising over £1,000 for our school fund and supporting the Kilsby Village Shop. Our children relished Christmas lunch, parties, and a special visit from Santa himself. We hope that all members of our school community who came to watch and take part in our Christmas events had an enjoyable time.



In December, we bid a fond farewell to Karen Burton, our dedicated school office administrator of 24 years. We express our heartfelt thanks for her hard work and commitment and wish her a joyful retirement.



The new term began smoothly, with the children settling back into the school routine. We extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Mackin, our new office administrator.

Exciting activities await our older children, with Years 5 and 6 diving into swimming lessons and bikeability training for safe road riding. Our choir in Years 4, 5, and 6 is gearing up for a grand performance at Resorts World in Birmingham, collaborating with thousands of primary-aged children at the end of January. This is a really exciting opportunity for the children to be part of the biggest performance we have an opportunity to join in with.

Looking ahead to this term, we are looking forward to our annual pancake toss, World Book Day and Red Nose Day along with many more fun activities.

As a school we now have a Facebook page. We are trying to post in Kilsby Friends too so that you can see more of what we get up to as a school. Please feel free to 'like' and 'follow' our page!

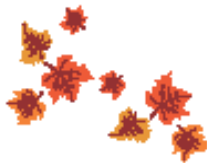


KILSBY KRONICKLE  
**Kids Korner**

**What am I?**

Can you guess what animal is being described in each of the clues below?

1: I can walk for miles on piping hot sand, you'll find me in the desert with a hump on two on my back. What am I?



2: My tummy is soft but my back is spikey. I go to sleep in the Autumn and don't wake up until the sun is shining! What am I?

3: I love using my wings to swim fast in cold water and my black webbed feet for waddling on the ice. What am I?



4: I sleep upside down during the day, then when it's getting dark I come out to play. My eye sight isn't very good, but flying at night is what I do best! What am I?

6: I have no legs, no arms and no feet but one thing I do have is scales for skin and a good set of teeth! Even without legs I can move quicker than you can see, you'll find me slithering in grass, sometimes in water and even up a tree! What am I?



5: I have a long pointy face with black and white stripes. I live in a network of burrows and tunnels underground known as a set. You won't often see me out and about but if you do it will be a night or just before sunset. My teeth are sharp and so are my claws, I love to dig holes in the ground and worms are my favourite snack! What am I?



7: I am a bird, and I am small in size with black beady eyes. My feathers are brown with a ruby red chest. You may see me sitting on your garden fence or flying gracefully over your head. What am I?

**Things to do in February and March**

**Take on coordination of Speedwatch**

**Take over editorship of Kronickle**

**Help organise event for D-Day anniversary**

**Join the Village Hall Committee**

**Help support Kilsby Chapel**

**Apply to be part-time Shop manager**

**Join the Church 100 Club**

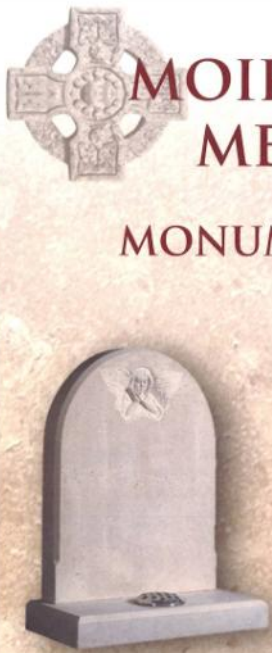
**Go to Village Hall Cinema**

**Go on a Walking Group Walk**

**Go to the Ceilidh**

**Go to the Jazz Concert**

**Help decorate the church for Easter**



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November Winners  
£100 (2) J Thomas; £65 (93) P Seddon;  
£40 (83) C Jarman; £40 (31) D Liddington;  
£20 (49) D Hoskins

December Winners  
£40 (19) V James and R Nicholls; £30 (95) J White;  
£20 (4) M Wirtz; £20 (82) M Hunt;  
£10 (5) J Gardner

**WANTED**

**New coordinator for Speedwatch (page 3)**

**Ideas for commemoration of D-Day (page 3)**

**New editors for Kronickle (pages 4 and 15)**

**Secretary and Booking Secretary for the Village Hall (page 8)**

**Support for the Chapel (page 14)**

**Help in the Community Café**

**Help decorating the church for Easter (page 20)**

**The deadline for the next issue  
is  
Monday 18th March 2024**

**Contributions to the Editors**  
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