

Dates for your diary

June

Thursday 1st June
Walking Group Walk

Friday 2nd June
Kilsby Jazz Club concert

Thursday 8th June
WI Trip to Kentchurch

Saturday 10th June
Guest Supplier morning at Shop

Saturday 17th June
Judging of Planters/gardens

Sunday 18th June
Open Gardens and Village Hall teas
Walking Group walk

July

Thursday 6th July
Strawberries and Wine Evening
Walking Group walk

Tuesday 11th July
Garden Assn trip to Sezincote

Thursday 13th July
WI Meeting

Sunday 16th July
Walking Group walk

August and September Early Notice

Sunday 27th August
Red Lion Charity PatFest

Sunday 3rd September
Garden and Produce Show

Saturday 9th September
Climate Emergency Meeting
Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Thursday 21st September
History Society AGM and talk



Picture of Coronation decorations in the village, courtesy of the WI

The WI once again did a brilliant job in creating decorations for the village to mark the Coronation and although the weather was wet on the day itself, we were lucky enough to have lovely sunshine for the rest of the Bank Holiday weekend. We hope all readers enjoyed it.

This issue includes a survey on the future of our Village Hall, with the possibility of a new hall being looked at. Please cut out the form and return it with your views, or send your thoughts by email or Facebook. The form and full details are on page 13.

The present hall will be in use as always for delicious teas on Open Gardens day - 18th June. This is always a lovely afternoon and the hard work and creativity on show in the beautiful gardens is amazing. We hope that many readers will take this opportunity to admire the efforts of their neighbours, whilst helping to raise money for cancer charities, and then go for tea and cake in support of the Village Hall.

If you are proud of your garden but don't want to open it to all, then enter it for the Gardens Competition so your hard work can be recognised that way (page 14).

On a darker note, the latest report from the Kilsby Action Group (page 19) highlights again the imminent threat to the village of warehouse development just the other side of the West Coast Main Line. The KAG are doing all they can to fight the proposal but need funds to engage professional help on this. With the cost of living having risen so steeply it is a difficult time to ask for money but the impact of warehousing so close to the village and the resultant additional traffic and pollution would be so severe that we hope as many people as possible will help to ensure that this development is never built.

Since the last issue our Vicar, Rev Nigel Fry, has left the parish to move to Dorset. We wish him well in his new role there.

As always, we have news of lots of opportunities to get involved in village life, including in the Parish Council's proposed Repair Shop (see page 7). Lots of us will have items we would love to see repaired or serviced and there must be many residents who have the skills to do this. If you could help, then please volunteer and ensure that this useful community venture gets off the ground.

There are lots of other things of interest in this edition, including forthcoming events for the early summer. We hope you enjoy reading it.

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(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs
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Kilsby Parish Council AGM 2022-23 Chairman's Report

General

It has been a full year for the Parish Council, and we have been hard at work on your behalf.

I'm sure you will all wish to thank Emma for the work she has done in support of the council and congratulate her on completing her probationary period. The council was happy to confirm her permanent appointment as clerk and we look forward to her tenure with us being long and fruitful.

Cllrs Massey and Thompson have worked extremely hard on the Review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan which has now been completed (both are relieved as they can now return to their families) If anyone wishes to see the Review Plan, a copy is on the Kilsby Village Website and the shop also have a copy. I would like to publicly thank both councillors for their hard work and dedication in completing this daunting task.

At the present time the council has a vacancy for a councillor. We are fortunate to have dedicated councillors to work on our behalf to improve the village we all live in. If you feel that it might be something you would like to consider doing, please contact either me or Emma. We would be happy to tell you more about what is involved and the rest of the council would give you a warm welcome.

It was pleasing for the council not to have to increase the precept for this year 2022-23 and we hopefully won't find it necessary next year either. However, we are all aware of the pressures on finance at the current time and the council will inform everyone before any increase is levied if an increase is found necessary.

We have recently undergone an Internal Audit and I am pleased to report everything was in order. Indeed the auditor praised the Clerk and council for good management of finances and adherence to necessary regulations.

The council has been concerned that the community should benefit from money given by the developers of the Cildes Croft under the S106 agreement. Three representatives of the Council met officials from West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) to clarify what the funds could be used for. As a result of that meeting, we are pleased to announce that an application has been submitted for funds to purchase a plot of land close to the village, for the development of a wooded area with facilities for outside sports. We will keep you informed as things move forward.

Councillors Massey and Houlton and I are looking at the possibility of upgrading the village website. We are hopeful that the exercise will improve the accessibility and appeal of the site and will keep everyone informed of progress.

The council is keen to help reduce our carbon footprint and Councillor Massey attended a recent meeting on climate change to explore ways in which both Kilsby and WNC could work together. I am pleased to say that a meeting/event is to take place on 9th September for residents to get involved.

(Eds. See also page 6.)

The council has been pursuing the possibility of a KILSBY REPAIR SHOP where residents could take broken items and hopefully get them repaired. We are at a very early stage, but the signs look hopeful. We are looking at the feasibility of holding this at the United Reformed Church in Chapel Street.

(Eds. See also page 7.)

Grants given

The Parish Council is always pleased to receive requests for grants and whilst we have to be mindful of funds, we are pleased to let you know that we have been able to give grants to the following:

- Recreation Ground
- Youth Club.
- Brownies.
- Kilsby Action Group - grant for a leaflet.
- W I - grant for a new cooker hob for the Community Cafe.

We have also recently purchased new parking bollards for the school to help alleviate congestion during drop off and pick up times.

The Council has also approved a new streetlight outside the school to operated during the autumn and winter terms. This will be put up during the half term break in May.

The PC decided to purchase special commemorative mugs for the children at Kilsby School, to celebrate King Charles's coronation and are pleased to report that these were presented on 5th May.

(Eds. See picture on page 9.)

Total Grants: £18,137.00

Projects undertaken or being considered

As most of you will have seen, work has been undertaken on Butts Lane to help reduce the amount of water and mud around the culvert. The path put down has improved walking through the area, but as there is a lot of mud along the whole of the lane the council will be considering extending resurfacing along the whole length.

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The Council is also considering quotations to refurbish the telephone box housing the defibrillator. The book exchange located there is to be moved to make access to the equipment easier, and the structure will be repaired and repainted. The new home for the book exchange has yet to be finalised but we will let residents know when it is.

I'm sure we all agree the village, whilst looking pretty and nice, could do with a few more flowers growing in the public areas. The council have agreed to purchase bulbs and we hope to get these planted during the year ready for next spring.

It is pleasing to see the trees that have been planted on Devon Ox Green (and thank Cllr Weston for his great work). There are two planted to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and the other, sadly, to mark her passing. There are a further three Cherry trees kindly donated to the village by the Japanese Embassy.

The council has also received quotations to tidy the cemetery and the furniture placed there and we hope this work will be undertaken during the summer.

I'm sure you would all agree the council are working hard to improve the village and its amenities for us all.

Highways

I am sure we are all concerned about the speed of traffic through our village. The A361 is a major problem and whilst the council has placed a new Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS) at the top of the hill coming from Daventry, I am pleased to report that, in addition to this, WNC have agreed to reduce the speed from 50mph to 40mph on the approach to the village from that direction. It is hoped that this will

be in place in the very near future. In addition, the Council has installed a further VAS on Main Road near to the zebra crossing, which has helped reduce speed on that stretch of road.

The Council has been concerned about the bend on Main Road between Boxwood Drive and Essen Lane. Cars parked either side cause traffic to move into the centre on the blind bend increasing the possibility of a collision occurring. We have therefore submitted an application for double yellow lines to be put between the two points mentioned.

The Council would like to thank the landlord of The George, for giving permission to the parents of children at Kilsby School to use the car park during drop off and collection times at the school. Together with the new signs, we hope that these measures will help to reduce the amount of traffic in the area.

Cllr Weston and I have met with Kier WNC Highways to look at potholes throughout the village. We hope that work will be undertaken to improve our roads over the next few months.

Councillor Weston will be conducting another Speed Watch during August. If you have any time available to help, he would really appreciate your getting in touch (his contact details are on page 2).

To close, I hope you all had a good Coronation weekend and have an even better summer. Let's hope it doesn't get quite as hot as it did at times last year.

Cllr Howard Gibbs
Chairman, Kilsby Parish Council, May 2023

**STALLHOLDERS
WANTED!**

The Red Lion are running a music event in aid of the "Never Too Young" campaign for the Bowel Cancer charity.

If you're interested in running a stall at the Red Lion PatFest on Sunday 27th August do get in touch!

Stalls are £20.00 and the event runs from 12noon to 8pm in the Red Lion Car Park.

Send an email to sarah@kilsbyevents.org.uk for a booking form.

FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS

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In recent weeks the profusion of wild flowers along the Daventry Road has been lovely and I am sure has cheered many a driver passing through the village. It is striking that so many parish and town councils in West Northants are now focussing on giving local biodiversity a boost by sowing wildflower areas, signing up to No Mow May or by mowing less or at different frequencies throughout the summer. This of course benefits both wild flowers and other wildlife and also the pollinators so vital for our global food supply.

During May I attended a number of Annual Parish Meetings, including those at Kilsby and Braunston. The meeting at Braunston had chosen the theme of Community Transport. Cllr Phil Larratt who is West Northants Council's Cabinet member responsible for Highways, Transport and Climate Change also attended and gave some interesting insights when questioned about the perennial problem of potholes. An additional investment of £1million from West Northants Council and £1.8 million from Government funding has been put towards the repair of potholes this year. However, owing to years of underinvestment, it would cost an eye-watering £200 million to remedy all the defects on our highways that are scarring our roads and causing drivers expense in tyre punctures.

Cllr Larratt had some other comments to make, not all complimentary, about Kier, who were awarded the new highways contract last year. The Council

has now employed a manager to monitor the delivery of Kier's contract, a officer role which until now has not been filled. It was an interesting meeting and perhaps your parish council might consider inviting a council cabinet member to speak at a future meeting.

In May, Daventry Area Planning Committee met for the final time. From June there will only be two planning committees – North and South – with all Kilsby planning applications which come to committee being heard by the North committee. The North committee will meet in Northampton and will hear applications located in the Daventry area wards and some Northampton wards also. The decision to abolish Daventry Area Planning Committee and the two other existing planning committees arose from a review of the Planning Service undertaken by the Planning Advisory Service at the end of last year. Parts of this review were highly critical of the service, including lack of customer focus and worrying culture and practice in one of the committees observed. This poor rating seems to have been anticipated by the administration as the Leader of the Council recently remarked that "We knew it [the review] was going to be bad." Looking forward, it's hoped that these changes will enable the Service to improve for the benefit of both residents and applicants seeking planning permission.

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday 9th September 10.00 am - 6.00 pm

We are hoping for volunteers to take part in this. Some of our regulars are unable to do it this year.

You can ride or walk, as little or far as you wish.

All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between the NHCT and Kilsby Church.

The church is to have a building inspection in August and without doubt issues will have to be addressed. We may need to call on NHCT for a grant but we can only do this if we take part in the Ride and Stride.

For more details, see www.nhct.org.uk or contact Gill Mason on 822658.

KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

Our next meeting will take place after the summer break, on Thursday 21st September, in the Kilsby Room.

After a short AGM we will be welcoming Helen Frost who has extensive knowledge of the Great War. Her talk is entitled 'The Women's Land Army during The First World War'. She will explain how close to starvation people in this country were during that war.

The meeting starts at 7.30 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available as usual.

The cost for the meeting is £2 for members and £4 for visitors. Everyone is welcome.

Don't Forget!

KILSBY OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 18th June 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Teas at the Village Hall

FROM EUR ING CLLR ALAN CHANTLER CEng FBCS CITP

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At its Annual Meeting recently West Northamptonshire Council elected Councillor John Shephard as the Chairman for the next year, with Councillor Jo Gilford being elected as Vice Chairman. All members of the Cabinet were reappointed, and I was made Assistant Cabinet Member for Planning as before.

Further reorganisation of services continues. The Daventry Offices in Lodge Road have closed and there is a Customer Services contact desk in the Abbey Centre. The future organisation of Development Control and Management is under active consideration and it is likely that the next round of staff recruitment will take place very soon. The Assistant Director, Stephanie Gibrat, is working hard at this. The Planning Committee structure has changed. There are now two Local Planning Committees, North and South. The majority of the previous Daventry District, including Kilsby, will be covered by Planning Committee – North. This has 13 members and meets in the Jeffrey Room at the Guildhall in Northampton. New technology has been installed to allow all meetings to be streamed live on YouTube. The Strategic Planning Committee will continue to meet in The Forum at Towcester. I am now a member of this committee. We are working hard to resolve an intermittent issue relating to on-line documents for applications determined before 23 March 2023 in the Daventry area.

It is anticipated that the next round of consultation on the new Local Plan will take place in June or July as work on the Plan progresses. Meanwhile, following a useful meeting between WNC and KAG, we await further information concerning a possible commercial development within site 3b (between the two railway lines). Remember that anyone can apply to do anything anywhere at any time. **(Eds. See KAG article on page 19.)**

The number and size of the potholes still increases on a daily basis. The council's partner, Kier, is well aware of this and has begun to carry out much work in the new financial year. An additional £2.86m is being invested in our roads in the year ahead, allowing our partners, West Northamptonshire Highways to accelerate maintenance and repair works across the area. The additional investment includes £1m from our council, plus an extra £1.86 million from the Government. We also continue to work with Kier to deliver a multi-million-pound plan to maintain our road network through the Community Enhancement Plan. People are encouraged to continue to report problems using Street Doctor or Fix My Street.

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

CLIMATE EMERGENCY - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

With our overheating world forecast to break the key temperature limit of 1.5C in the next few years, what can we in Kilsby do about it? On Saturday morning 9th September at 10.30, the Parish Council will host a meeting on the Climate Emergency in the Village Hall. The meeting will consist of some short presentations followed by an interactive session with residents. Refreshments will be provided.

We are the first generation to recognise that there is a Climate Emergency, and the last one which will be able to do anything about it. Although we in Kilsby are only a small part of the equation, to coin a phrase - every little helps. So please do come along and contribute to developing a plan to help Kilsby residents play their part in combating the unpredictable and likely cataclysmic effects of climate change.

Further information about the meeting will be given in the next edition of the Kronickle.



Open Gardens – Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall Sunday 18th June 2023



Please come and join us for tea and cakes at the Village Hall

Sunday 18th June 2023 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

All proceeds from the refreshments will go to supporting the Village Hall

If you would like to support the hall by donating a cake or helping on the day please contact Marj Mills 01788 823178 or Julie Bunyan 01788 823707



Kilsby Repair Workshop

We need you. Are you able to volunteer your skills for this venture?

You may have seen from the last edition of the Kilsby Kronicle that a Repair Workshop is being considered for the village. The aim is to provide a means of repairing or servicing items using a group of residents with appropriate skills. The workshop would meet at a regular interval, yet to be decided, and a suitable location has been identified.

Volunteers are now needed and if you feel you are able to contribute, please can you email Ian Massey at imassey@kilsbyvillage.co.uk and let him know.

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Kitchen

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Upcoming Events

Open Mic Night: 6pm – 9pm, Sunday June 4th

Quiz Night: 8pm, Sunday June 25th

PATFEST MUSICAL FESTIVAL: 12pm – Late, Sunday August 27th



Presentation, by Councillors Howard Gibbs and Bob Gent, on behalf of the Parish Council, of commemorative mugs to children at Kilsby School to mark the Coronation.



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KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel:823939)

We hope that you all had a lovely Coronation weekend and that you enjoyed our 'crown' tribute to our new monarch King Charles III!



In April we heard from Doreen Addicott who gave us a potted history of Weedon Depot. What a fascinating place; the location was selected as the safest place being as far away from the coast it was possible to be. It was begun in 1803 and used to house great stores of guns and ammunition; as a barrack it could house 2,000 soldiers. It had its own prison, hospital and fire service. The canal system was later linked in and the turnpike was near. Brass tins to be sent to soldiers in 1914 were packed at the depot. It was used as a military centre up until 1965 when it closed and sold for development. Some of it was demolished to make way for housing but much of it remains and is now used to house small businesses.

Medics To Medics. Kate Wilson spoke to us in May and is also connected to war but in a very different way...when a speaker's first sentence is a request that no photographs are taken because images that get onto social media could get some of her contacts killed, you have a sharp reality check. Kate was a paramedic working for the NHS when Russia invaded Ukraine. Already involved in sending out-of-

date items to other countries, she and her colleagues decided they had to help. Within days they hired a van, filled it with supplies and were driving to the border of Ukraine. There they offloaded the supplies to their contacts for onward transport into Ukraine. Like everyone else they expected the conflict to be over within weeks but within days of that first trip they had a phone call asking when they were coming back... they are now about to start their 13th trip.

Speaking to medics on the ground, Kate finds out what is actually needed and obtains that, no matter what it might be. They also make up IFAK (Individual First Aid Kits) to be given to people being sent to the front line after their military training. These people were teachers, dancers, accountants - just ordinary people; usually with no military or medical backgrounds. Often their best chance of survival, if wounded, is the IFAK. Data from the front line suggests that 600 IFAKs are used each day...

This inspiring group are helping people on the ground with aid that they truly need, and need right now. They are not talking or promising future help as many 'big' organisations do but actually doing it now and saving lives.

Our meetings are at 19:30 on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £5. There is no meeting in June so our next meeting will be in July when we'll be entertained by Jo and Steve Parish of Past Alive as they tell us all about the behaviour of the Cluniac monks and nuns of Delapre Abbey!

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KILSBY VILLAGE SHOP

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



We are moving from spring to a hopefully warmer summer. The last few months have been crazy weather-wise with a real mixed bag: from snow, to hail, to torrential rain, to high winds, to the odd hot sunny day – take your pick! It was a delight seeing the village lampposts encircled with kingly crowns, Church Walk full of the children's 'royal artwork', flags and bunting decorating individual homes - all to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The Bank Holiday weekend weather was kind in Kilsby and allowed us to enjoy the celebrations, certainly lifting the weather blues and allowed us all to share the memorable occasion with family and friends. We are now looking forward to a hopefully sunny June at the start of the great British BBQ season.

As for your village shop, the team are still beavering away - ensuring we can meet the requirements of our customers; with a warm welcome and smile from Sarah, our Shop Manager, Alison and Suzie her able assistants and of course our amazing team of truly fabulous volunteers.

We hosted a stall at the Kilsby School May Fete. Surprisingly, the afternoon was dry, sunny and occasionally hot - it was lovely to see such a fabulous turn out of families for the May Day celebrations. We wooed visitors with our fabulous KVS logo products, our Two Farmers moreish range of crisps and with soft drinks and sweets which went down very well.



By now you should have all received a leaflet updating everyone on the results of the shop survey (spare copies in the shop if you missed out). We are now working on the feedback to see how we can implement some of the ideas put forward for the shop.



One change we are introducing is a new range of eco-friendly cleaning and personal body care products. Suma offer Ecoleaf - a totally plant-based range of cleaning products: they're not just great at their job, they're natural and vegan. Their Alter/native range harnessing the power of plants to create products that are great for your hair, skin, and the planet. We also have our zero-waste Refill Station where you can bring along your empty bottles and refill them with; Shampoo & Conditioner, Body Wash (Wild



Rose/Lavender & Geranium), Washing up Liquid, Laundry Wash, Fabric Conditioner & Multi-Surface Cleaner - better on your pocket and kind to the planet!

We are sad to report that after 5 years of supplying the shop with amazing cakes, Fatherson Bakery have closed their oven doors for the last time after 15 years of business. We wish all the staff there the very best for the future. Sarah is working hard to get a new supplier in place to match the quality, price, and the choice that Fatherson has given us over the last 5 years, so look out for the new range of scrumptious cakes in the shop.



We will be celebrating Father's Day on June 19th, and have a lovely range of cards, chocolates, beers, wines, and our new Bramble cakes, or why not get one of our mini hampers of cheese and chutneys - these make great gifts.

BBQ time - Our butcher - Sercombes of Rugby have an amazing selection of sizzling sausages (Lincolnshire, Cumberland & Traditional) and burgers. Their fabulous pork pies, sausage rolls, and meats will make any BBQ celebration just perfect. Complete your BBQ with white, wholemeal and granary rolls from John Dwyer bakery. Meat-free foodies will enjoy fabulous quiches from local supplier Duston Bakery – Quiche Lorraine, Cheese and Red Pepper, Broccoli & Cheese in individual or family size.

For extra interest with your BBQ try our KVS Logo chutneys and pickles: Spicy Tomato & Sticky Onion Chutney, Farmhouse/Ploughman's or Caramelised Onion Chutney, Pork Pie Pickle, to name just a few. We stock a range of seasonal salad and fruit (especially the strawberries) from Martin's Fruit and Veg. Chapmans Family Butchers of Lutterworth supply us with a fabulous range of meats and poultry and will be producing competitively priced and varied-sized BBQ packs.

Don't forget our FREE delivery service for residents of Kilsby; if you would like to place an order, please let us know via email at villageshopkilsby@gmail.com or you can also call us on our direct number 07469 255517 for orders or general enquiries.

KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

Lawns are being mowed, and colour is coming back to Kilsby once again, with so many gardens being transformed by new planting.

The annual plant sale on the village green was the Association's first activity of the year, doing great business, with customers arriving, as usual, well before the official opening time. Kilsby residents are clearly keen to maintain the high standards we have all come to appreciate.

We hope that as many as possible will take the plunge and enter the Gardens competition, which will be judged on 17th June, with cups to be awarded at the Produce Show on 3rd September. If you enjoy your garden, why not show it. Contact Diane Graham by 10th June to enter. Email: graham2017diane@gmail.com

The next Association event is the Strawberries and Wine evening on 6th July, hosted by Charles and Diane at 1 Hall Close. Tickets are £7.50 per person, to include the first glass of wine.

This is followed by a trip to Sezincote on 11th July, for which there are still tickets available (£10 per person). This is a great opportunity to have an exclusive private tour of the house and its wonderful gardens. If you would like to come, contact Charles Smedley: chassmedley23@aol.co.uk

The Produce Show takes place on 3rd September, and the Schedules will be distributed as usual to all households in the village. This year's photograph themes are Bridges and Steps, and we hope that there will be a lot of entries for these and all categories in the Show. Please note that entries are not confined to Association members, but are open to everyone in the village, so please take the opportunity to be part of a whole village event.

The Association are grateful this year for a donation towards the costs from Kilsby Events Committee, which has helped to enable us to offer free entry to the Show on production of your copy of the schedule.

Village Hall - Chairs looking for a home

As we are replacing some of the chairs in the hall, we have 50 chairs (brown) looking for a home. If you can find a use for any of the chairs they are free to collect.

Please contact Marj Mills on 01788 823178 or email bookings@kilsbyvillagehall.co.uk

GARDENERS' CORNER

A late spring?

It feels like spring is a bit late this year. Maybe it was the very wet March followed by an arid April. There have been no serious frosts so far, so fingers crossed for the fruit tree blossom.

Water newly planted trees and shrubs

Keep a close eye on newly planted trees and shrubs. They will easily dry out now the sun is warmer. It is better to water occasionally rather than a dribble every day. I give them a bucket a week in dry weather.

Prune spring flowering shrubs

Prune your shrubs as soon as the flowers have finished. This gives the shrub time to grow 3 to 5 ft of strong new branches that will flower next year. Completely cut out the flowered branches back to a strong looking side shoot. If you want to keep the bush down to 6ft tall, then you are looking for a bud only 2 ft from the ground!

If you don't want to lose the screening effect, then just cut 1/3 rd of the branches right back like this each year, just lightly pruning the dead flowers off the others. This should keep the bush under control with a nice arching shape.

If it's hot and dry

Take the grass box off your mower. Keep the humidity up in your green house with a tray of water. It will reduce heat stress on the plants. Keep it topped up; it is amazing how much will evaporate on a hot day.

Jobs to do in June

Prune spring flowering shrubs and hedges.
Start summer pruning of fruit trees.
Straw your strawberries.
Make a last sowing of peas at the end of the month.

Jobs to do in July

Deadhead, water, weed and mow.
Make new strawberry beds.
Sow spring cabbage at the end of the month.
Sit in the sun and enjoy the results of your efforts.

In 'Directions for the Gardiner', John Evelyn 1664:-
"Gather Herbs in the Full to keep dry; they keep and retain their virtue and sweet smell, better dry'd in the shade than Sun, whatever some pretend."

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

NATURE NOTES - APRIL 2023

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

Meet Barry the hedgehog!



Well, I'm glad to say that all went well with Barry's release back into the wild (if you didn't see last time's article, we overwintered Barry since November as he was found weighing only 200g). For 3 nights, he was in his usual enclosure but on the lawn and he spent a lot of the night on his back legs either looking out or checking that we had secured things down properly, so we reckoned he was ready to go!

We saw him a few times after that busy feeding but once the marks we had given him had gone, it was impossible to tell him apart from other males. We were also given a female called 'Pink Floyd' to release into the garden, so your guess as good as ours whether they ever crossed paths or even made a more lasting friendship! Who knows!!

We've certainly seen 5 or 6 different hedgehogs regularly, either feeding, rushing about at great speed, scratching, shoving another one out of the way of the food bowl or simply curling up into a tiny ball with fear. One regular visitor has two large white patches so maybe you released him – we'd love to know where, to get a better idea of where they travel every night!

Don't forget to make a space under a fence if you're not able to make a hole in the actual fence (your neighbour might not appreciate that) and pick up any bits of wire, garden ties, elastic bands, litter etc as they won't do our prickly friends any good at all.

It's worrying that there have been very few moths yet this year, partly because moth caterpillars make up about 50% of a hedgehog's diet particularly during the autumn and winter. I've seen a few butterfly species such as Brimstone, Orange Tip and Holly Blue – such a lot more to look forward to in the summer.

We've had no more fox sightings thankfully but there are bats on the wing at dusk which is fun – possibly Pipistrelle or Daubenton's.

Our frogspawn was eaten by hungry newts quite early on and I'm looking forward to some dragon and damselflies.

I'm still waiting for house martins and swallows to appear over the village – swifts may be flying at great speed over your roofs by the time this is published and what a spectacular sight that can be.

If you'd like to contribute to the Nature Notes in the next edition, please let me know – maybe an unusual sighting in your garden or around the village. I tend to keep the article mainly to Kilsby apart from mentioning the peregrines on Braunston Church which are always a thrill to see.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Anima

The surgery has recently signed up for a new Online Consultation Platform called Anima. Patients can use Anima to submit a medical or admin request to the surgery and get the help they need quickly without always having to visit or call the practice.

For more details visit the Anima website at www.animahealth.com/patients or to sign up for Anima now visit the Crick Medical Practice website and click the 'Consult with your doctor online' link.

This service is additional to the current service and, for those who are unable to use it, the current ways of dealing with the surgery will remain unchanged and you should continue to contact the surgery as you are doing at present.

Repeat Prescriptions

When requesting repeat prescriptions the surgery kindly request that patients allow five WORKING days from ordering to collection. You will receive a text when your prescription is ready for collection.

Blood Pressure Monitors

The practice has a supply of blood pressure monitors that patients can borrow. If a clinician asks you to take some readings and you do not have your own BP machine, please contact the admin team at the surgery who will be happy to arrange for you to borrow one. Alternatively, monitors are available to buy online. The one recommended is the NHS Approved A&D UA-611.

If you borrow one of the surgery machines, please ensure it is returned as soon as you have finished with it, so it can be given to the next patient.

Training Days

The surgery will be closed for mandatory staff training on Wednesday 21st June and Wednesday 19th July from 12.30 pm – 6.30 pm. It will re-open at 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm for booked appointments only and from 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm for prescription collection.

My Planned Care

Have you been referred for hospital treatment? My Planned Care is an NHS website that gives helpful information to patients waiting for clinical opinion, treatment or surgery. This site is updated weekly and can be viewed by anyone. This means you, your family or carer as well as your NHS team can see all the latest information.

If you are looking for an update on your referral, please check at: www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk before contacting your hospital or GP surgery.

Spring News Letter

To see a copy of the Spring Newsletter please visit the Practice website:

www.crickmedicalpractice.co.uk

or pick up one when you next visit the surgery

BUCKBY LIBRARY AND HUB

On Saturday 17th June 10.00 am to 12.00 noon: there will be a **book signing** of *The Starved God*, recently published by local author, Thomas Norford. Proceeds will go towards Cancer Research and Buckby Library & Hub.

Sunday 18th June 12.00 noon - 4.00 pm: we will have a stall with a book sale, plant sale and tombola at the **fete** organised by Friends of Long Buckby Infant School and Long Buckby Vintage and Classic Vehicle Meet, to be held on Long Buckby Sports Field.

Wednesday 21st June 2.00 pm - 3.30pm at Long Buckby Community Centre: come along to our stand and see what we have to offer at the **Carers and Veterans Tea and Coffee Afternoon**.

Friday 30th June 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm: a **car treasure hunt!** Setting off from the car park at Buckby Library & Hub between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm, and returning by 9.30 pm. Refreshments available during the debriefing in the library from 9.30 pm - 10.00 pm. Participation is at car owner's risk. £20 per car. Contact us for further information and to apply to join in.

Saturday 1st July, 8.00 pm at the Old King's Head in Long Buckby: there will be a **disco** in aid of Buckby Library & Hub. Tickets: £10. A BBQ will be available from 7.00 pm (additional cost). Please book directly with the OKH: 01327 437574.

Sunday 23rd July: we will be hosting refreshments for visitors to the **National Garden Scheme** Open Gardens in Long Buckby. Please check our website nearer the date for details.

If you run a small business, might you be interested in having a stall at a **late summer fayre** we are planning for Saturday 23rd September. If so, please do get in touch.

Finally, **we're improving our building!** From 1st June to mid July (approximately), we will be installing a fully accessible toilet and making improvements to our existing one. This is part of our aim to be an inclusive service for all. We aim to keep any disturbance to a minimum and are planning to remain open as usual during this period. Please check our website and Facebook page for updates, or just phone us. Don't forget to check our website for our regular activities; <https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; info@buckbylibraryhub.org; Tel: 01327 842591

KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Mission Statement

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

Services

Sunday mornings at 11.00 am

June

4th Mr Trevor Boys
11th Rev. Geoff Townsend
18th Pastor Cecil Gill
25th Rev. T Huc - Holy Communion

July

2nd Rev. Nigel Adkinson
9th Mr Andrew Howes - Holy Communion
16th Pastor Cecil Gill
23rd Mr Keith Bishop
30th Group service at Creaton

Scrabble

Wednesdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
Everyone welcome.

Sewing Group

Every other Friday 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along to sew, knit or crochet etc.

Community Café

Mondays 9.00 am - 12.00 noon

Thursdays 9.00 am - 12.00 noon

Help is still needed. We are grateful to the volunteers who have recently joined our team but we need more.

We would like to thank Kilsby Parish Council for the donation of a new cooker hotplate. This is very much appreciated.

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Note from the Editors

Reg Dunn

We were very saddened to learn of the death of Reg who served for many years on the Parish Council, latterly as its Chairman, and who was also known to many people in the village as the friendly and helpful man who delivered their prescriptions from Crick surgery or drove them to hospital appointments or on outings in the DACT bus. He was also involved in organising very many other village activities, including shopping trips into Rugby and Daventry, and the Red Lion Skittles team. Last year, when he and Viv moved to Nottinghamshire we published a tribute to Reg and the enormous contribution he had made to village life. Robin Burkill has now written the piece in the next column about Reg's work with the Scouts in the village in the 1980s.

We send our deepest sympathies to Viv and the family.

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:
Friday 7th July and Friday 8th September.

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

WALKING GROUP

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

The dates and start times of the next walks are:

Thursday 1st June	9.30 am depart
Sunday 18th June	10.00 am depart
Thursday 6th July	9.30 am depart
Sunday 16th July	10.00 am depart

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

The meeting place is Chapel Street outside the White House.

For more info contact Lesley Loader (details above).

REG DUNN

Following the successful start of the Cub Pack, a call went out for parents to become involved with the formation of the Scout Troop. Reg answered that call, as did Ivor Smith and Michael Pipes.

Under Ivor's lead, Reg and Michael helped to ensure that the Troop was a success and in a short time it had twenty Scouts..

It was decided to hold a Gang Show, which was a joint venture between the Cubs and the Scouts. After many panics and lots of noise, it was all right on the night, mainly due to the efforts of Reg, whose success condemned him to produce a longer show next time. The following year the Brownies and Guides were invited to join in.

The Scout Group benefitted from the tremendous amount of time both Reg and Vivienne put into distributing and running the Webb-Ivory Cards in the village.

Reg took charge of the Venture Unit in 1986 and under his leadership the Unit continued to flourish, setting high standards for others to follow.

A report back from the Unit's first independent Summer Camp read:

'I should be proud to see one of my units camping to such a high standard.' Tim Andrew, ADC Venture Scouts, Devon.

Two members of the Unit succeeded in obtaining their Queen's Scout Award.

Another accolade, very much to Reg's credit, read:

'This was one camp I did enjoy visiting. Credit to you all, your standards are high. Keep it up please Kilsby Venture Unit, you are an example to all who meet you.' Ralph Clifford, Hon. Commissioner, Somerset.

Reg was persuaded (head-hunted) to join the District Scouting Team as a District Venture Leader as well as continuing to lead the Kilsby Venture Unit. Such is the dedication that Reg put into his Scouting and all that he did for everyone in the village and beyond.

I am sure that there are many of the young people (although now in their 50s) of our village who remember Reg with gratitude for the help he gave to them in their formative years.

Robin Burkill
Group Scout Leader 1980-92
Kilsby Scout Group



KILSBY ACTION GROUP

KAG wants to thank all of our neighbours for your support thus far, the turnout in the village hall (standing room only) at the meeting in January was a big surprise to us and our MP. Then we got back consultation surveys on the site between Kilsby and DIRFT in record numbers (approx. 45% of households responded) and we have shared those with West Northants Council – more of which below. Then you turned out in large numbers, our best guess is between 150 and 200 villagers turned up, to tell Bericote exactly what you thought of their proposal to build another giant warehouse on green space. We could see how surprised they were at the reaction to their presentation. **We need to ask you for further help to protect our village as our judgement is that we are coming to a critical phase.**

Here is an update on Barby Rd and the development between Kilsby and DIRFT:

1. Barby Road

We have continually asked the planning officer to bring the Richborough Application to build houses outside the village envelope into a planning committee so we can get a decision. Richborough distributed their original leaflet in Sept 2021, and we had to get our objection to the planning department by December 2021. In a few short months we will be at the 2-year point from Richborough's original proposal, and we still don't have an opportunity to oppose them in a formal hearing and get this closed. Our latest 3 emails to the planning dept have yielded no response. Our MP Chris Heaton – Harris has written to WNC (approx. 4 weeks ago) to ask for a meeting, on behalf of his constituents in Kilsby, to break this impasse. We spoke to his assistant on 4th May and no date had been agreed at that point, but his assistant assured us that she was pushing for that meeting.

2. Spatial Option 3b – land between Kilsby and DIRFT.

We have attended a meeting with WNC's planning director and the Leader of West Northants Council and our three District Councillors were there in support of Kilsby. At that meeting we asked them for three things, a) to take the village survey into their evidence base for the Local Plan consultation, b) review the online submissions because we believe that there is confusion between sites 3a and 3b, c) to meet again to discuss further the Local Plan process. **We are pleased to let you know that they have said agreed to all 3 requests.**

3. Bericote planning application

The village hall meeting, at which so many of you were robust with the developer in your criticism of

their plans, was at short notice. We therefore wrote to them on the 28th of April to confirm the huge local opposition to their proposal and to ask for a copy of their presentation, because we had had many requests for a copy or a website to look at from people who couldn't attend. We also invited Bericote to contact us, but we have had no reply. We have had a reply from their PR company to say that a website would be available soon. We also formally asked WNC to tell Bericote that any planning application wouldn't be allowed to go through the planning process until the Local Plan was complete, our request was noted but no response given.

Our plan to oppose the proposal for new industrial development, if Bericote bring it forward, is likely to need **substantial funding**. We have contacted our barrister and he is considering the legal challenges available to us. We have also contacted our planning consultant who advises us that if Bericote are permitted to bring forward their application he will need to instruct specialist consultants in noise and traffic and environment as a minimum to prepare a robust objection on behalf of the village. These costs and his own fee are significant.

Many of our supporters have kindly given us cash to fund our expenses thus far and we are very grateful for that help. We have a healthy cash balance in the KAG account to cover our immediate costs. We asked for pledges to provide funding if we needed to instruct professionals in Kilsby's campaign of opposition and we have some of those already but it's not going to be enough. We now ask all our supporters to consider pledging money, which will only be drawn down as we need it to pay the costs of professional help. In timescale, we need to know who can pledge in the next couple of weeks and those people who have pledged previously we would like you to reconfirm your pledge and at this stage we would be grateful if you could specify amounts. The actual transfer of the money is likely to be around four weeks, but we can't be certain of the date. No pledge is too small; we are grateful for any support. Your pledge and subsequent transfer will be private and only the KAG core group will know who has supported us and in what amount.

We would be happy to discuss any of the points in this statement or clarify any questions over the role of the consultants we plan to employ to defend Kilsby. We are also happy to discuss any aspect to the funding support we are asking for.

Please email kilsbyaction@gmail.com or call/message 07952 404305

NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

(From Karen Burton
K.burton@kilsbyinnovatemat.org)

We can't believe it is the end of May already!

As always, we have had many interesting activities going on in school since the last edition of the Kronickle.

Before the Easter holidays, the Year 5 girls took part in an iMAT Interschool Netball Festival. They made the whole school proud with their efforts, team spirit and enthusiasm. It was a great afternoon.



On the morning of Friday 31st March, the whole school attended St Faith's Church for our Easter service with Rev Nigel Fry. Every class participated in the service speaking about the 'story of Easter', 'the signs of Easter' and 'when is Easter'. The church was packed as many parents came along to join us, and it was a lovely service. Afterwards we served coffee/tea and cake in school.

At the end of April, we were sorry to say 'Goodbye' to Rev Nigel Fry who has moved on to pastures new. We would like to thank him for all he has done for our school over the years and wish him all the very best in his new role in Dorset.

After the Easter break, swimming lessons started on Tuesday mornings for children in Year 4 and some of Year 6 at Rugby Sports Centre. During the same week, Cedar class enjoyed a fabulous trip to Warwick Castle. They had a brilliant time exploring and learning all about life in this amazing castle.



On Friday 28th April we held a Science Fair in school. The aim was to raise the children's awareness of science and help them to see that science can be interesting, active and exciting! Children worked on creating their own projects outside of school and on the Friday brought their work in to show everyone.

Parents came in at the end of the day to take a look at what the children had created, and watch the demonstrations themselves.

On Friday 5th May, the day before the Coronation of King Charles III, everyone came to school wearing something red, white and blue to celebrate. We enjoyed a street party style picnic lunch outside on the playground and we were very lucky the sun came out for us! A big thank you to the lunch ladies who worked really hard in preparing our delicious meal.



Throughout the day the children took part in fun activities in connection with the Coronation. They made crowns, union jack flags and even little Royal Guard pegs.

At the end of the day, Howard Gibbs (Chair of the Parish Council) and Bob Gent (also from the Parish Council) came into school to present every child in school with a gift of a Coronation souvenir mug to celebrate this moment in history. The children were really pleased with their gifts and we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the Parish Council on behalf of the children. **(See picture on page 9.)**

The Reception children in Chestnut class visited the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham on Friday 12th May. They had a fabulous time looking at all the different sea creatures there. A workshop was included in their visit, where they looked at the layers of the ocean and at the different habitats. The children enjoyed seeing the penguins, lots of different coloured fish, sting rays, sea horses, turtles and even sharks! It was a great day out.

The KSA May Fayre was held on Sunday 14th May in the school grounds. Our May King this year was Max B with Attendants Stan and Jacob. The May Queen was Lillie with Willow, Faith and Laila as her Attendants. They looked really smart.

The day went very well, the weather was good and a large number of people came. There was the usual Maypole dancing, the choir sang the 'Coronation' song, and there were games and stalls. Everyone really enjoyed the afternoon and we would like to thank our hardworking KSA members for their time and effort in organising this popular event.

(Cont. on opposite page)



The Year 5 and Year 6 children will be taking part in an Outspoken Training Level 1 & 2 Bikeability course week beginning Monday 22nd May. This is run by qualified Instructors and is fully funded by Northamptonshire Highways. First of all, the children will have some time practicing applying their brakes, pedalling in a straight line, avoiding hazards, etc. on the playground; then they will be taken out on to the roads in Kilsby to experience road cycling. They will practise starting and stopping, passing stationary vehicles, negotiating junctions and the understanding of road signals, signs and markings. It is always a very worthwhile course for the children and they really do enjoy it.

We are now looking forward to our Whitsun holiday after which we will be entering the final term of the school year!

A Fond Farewell to the Indoor Bowls Club from the Village Hall

The indoors bowls club has been a regular user of the Village Hall since the early 90's. We now say a fond farewell as they have decided to retire the club.

We would like to say a sincere thank you to Clifford Jones who presented a cheque for £1,271 to Mike McGuire and Marj Mills from the Village Hall Committee.

GUIDES AND BROWNIES - info wanted

I look after the Welcome Packs which we try to give to all new residents of the village, but my list of village organisations and activities currently has nothing about the Guides or Brownies because when Jo Carpenter left the village she was unable to give me a new contact point.

I understand from Parish Council minutes that these activities have successfully started again. If you are involved, could please get in touch with me at lomdoucd@gmail.com to give me your details so that I can put them into the Welcome Packs and new residents will know how to contact you.

Many thanks, Chris Lomas

ST FAITH'S CHURCH

Services for June and July in the Benefice of Barby and Kilsby

4th June	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Barby
11th June	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Kilsby
		Morning Worship	Barby
18th June	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Barby
25th June	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Kilsby
		Morning Worship	Barby
2nd July	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Barby
9th July	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Kilsby
		Morning Worship	Barby
16th July	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Barby
23rd July	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Kilsby
		Morning Worship	Barby
30th July	10.00 am	Joint Holy Communion	Kilsby

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

March winners
 £40 (4) M Wirtz; £30 (6) R Thompson;
 £20 (87) M Couldrey; £20 (69) T Dougan;
 £10 (27) J Mieth

April Winners
 £40 (93) P Seddon; £30 (1) B Lewis;
 £20 (64) J Browne; £20 (33) M Dean (donated);
 £10 (86) G Farmer

KILSBY KRONICKLE

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THE ALPHABET GAME

A fun game to play to pass the time whilst travelling in the summer holidays!



A B C D E F G
H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T U
V W X Y Z



HOW TO PLAY:

Choose a category from the list below (or come up with your own) and decide who is going to go first.

The first person must think of something in the chosen category which begins with the first letter of the alphabet, which would be A. For example: if the category was fruit, the first person might say apple, or apricot.

The next person would then have to think of a fruit that begins with the next letter of the alphabet, which is B, so they might say banana. And so on.

Take it in turns with however many people are in the group, moving onto the next letter of the alphabet with each person. If you're playing on your own you have to think of something for every letter!



THE AIM OF THE GAME:

The aim of the game is to think of something in the chosen category for every letter of the alphabet, and making it all the way through to Z without skipping any letters!

EXAMPLE CATEGORIES:

- Fruit & vegetables
- Girls names
- Boys names
- Shops
- Things you'd find in the kitchen
- Song titles
- Designer brands
- Place names
- Animals
- Food
- Things you'd take on holiday
- Musical instruments



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Things to do in June and July

Offer help with Speedwatch

Offer help at the Café

Go to the Strawberry and Wine Evening

Offer your skills to the Repair W/shop

Give your views on the future of the Village Hall

Visit the Open Gardens

Bake a cake for or help with the Open Garden teas

Go on a Walking Group walk

Become a Parish Councillor

Support the work KAG is doing

Enter the Gardens Competition

Offer to have a stall at PatFest

Go on the trip to Sezincote

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The deadline for the next issue

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Friday 21st July 2023



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