



## From the Editors

This edition is coming out a little later than normal because we wanted to be able to include a report from the Parish Council's Annual Meeting, at which a new Chairman, Howard Gibbs, and Vice Chairman, Clive Thompson were appointed. We wish Howard and Clive well in their new roles. We would also like to add our thanks to those expressed by the Clerk in the last edition, to the outgoing Chairman, Jenny Fisher, and Vice Chairman, Richard Thompson, both of whom have now left the Council, for all their hard work for the village over the years.

The banner picture above was taken on the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May. Although it shows the empty streets which have been typical of the last few months, people throughout the village made the most of the opportunity (on their own drives or in their gardens and within Government restrictions) to mark the anniversary with decorations and household parties. We have been sent lots of photographs of what was a very happy day in the midst of the general gloom of lockdown and these are shown in colour on pages 12 and 13. Lots of the children from Kilsby school made their own bunting for the festivities at home (see page 21).

Throughout what has been a very difficult period, people in Kilsby have shown their usual ingenuity and community spirit. Arnills Way has hosted a socially distanced quiz, people are knitting items of all shapes and sizes for next year's yarn bombing, the Thursday evening tributes to the wonderful work being done by NHS and care workers have been well supported, and Kilsby Good Neighbours has offered practical help and the opportunity to chat to all who have needed it through the Helpline. The fact that the Helpline has received comparatively few calls on its resources is an indication of how well people in this village already support each other, but the volunteers who answer the Helpline and provide the assistance are all doing a great job, giving up their time to help others. Thank you them and to everyone who has been supporting others during the lockdown.

A huge thank you goes also to the village shop, which has provided a lifeline for many people during the last few months. New volunteers came forward to stand in for the regular helpers at the shop who had to stay at home because they were vulnerable, and the delivery service which has been provided has been wonderful, as the tributes on pages 14-15 testify. Thank you Trish, Andrea and the team. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic asset in the village.

We hope that life will gradually return to something more like normal over the next few months. There will be another edition of Kronickle out at the end of July and we hope that this will be able to report target dates for the restarting of some of the usual village activities. But we hope that the cheerfulness, friendliness and strong sense of community which has been evident throughout the lockdown will continue. To quote one of our contributors who moved here a couple of years ago 'Kilsby is a lovely village'. Stay safe everyone.



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Dear Parishioners,

We thank all the key workers in the village and kind volunteers and neighbours. We hope everyone is staying safe.

The Parish Council's Annual meeting was held as a public virtual online meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. It certainly has proved a useful tool to meet online during this difficult time. The legislation to hold our meetings online due to COVID-19 currently runs for the next twelve months, but we hope that we will be able to return to meeting in public before then.

The new Kilsby Parish Council Chairman is Councillor Howard Gibbs. Howard has already proved himself as an experienced chair at the first meeting with valuable knowledge to take the Parish Council forward and we are pleased to welcome him as Chairman.

Our Vice-Chairman is Councillor Clive Thompson, who is extremely interested in helping with all areas of the Parish Council and Parishioners alike.

During the coronavirus lockdown, we have been able to carry on with our grass cutting duties and continuing care at the Cemetery and keeping areas maintained.

The Parish Council obtained, during our last financial year, a grant for £14,229.80 funded by S106 arising from the development on Daventry Road, Kilsby. This has been put towards new play equipment and although work was delayed during this pandemic, we have worked with the companies involved in the project during lockdown so it can be enjoyed for many years to come. We will be paying the contractor and submitting the paperwork for the grant to DDC in the next couple of weeks.

If you are a community group in Kilsby and are considering making an application for a capital grant, or Section 106 funds, contact the District Council at: [communitygrants@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:communitygrants@daventrydc.gov.uk) or on 01327 871100.

As we have just held our annual meeting and now have a new Chairman and Council formed, we are currently undertaking a full review of the Parish Council's budget for 2020/2021. Along with this there are discussions about any available Section 106 funds from the new housing development for Parish Council and Village Projects. We will keep you updated on this.

### Vacancies

Helen Smedley, our long term Burials Officer for the Parish Council is leaving the area after many years. On behalf of the Parish Council we would like to thank Helen for her long service and all those she has kindly helped over the time. We wish her all the best for the future. Thanks Helen.

We are seeking a new Burials Officer for Kilsby Parish Council. The role, which reports to the Clerk, is a voluntary 'as and when required' one with paid expenses. It is a very important role for the village. We currently assist with approximately ten burials per year and the role deals with other cemetery related matters and enquiries too. We need a compassionate person willing to be trained in the role, who is able to work electronically.

We also have two vacant seats for Parish Councillors and even though we are in the midst of unusual times and online meetings, it is a great time to join with lots to do. Training will be provided.

For all vacancies, please contact the Clerk for more information.

### Street Problems

Don't forget any road or street problems can be reported directly to:

<https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/>

Kind regards, Clare

### Crime and Policing

Apart from a Neighbourhood Watch email alert advising of 'A series of Vehicle Interferences in the areas of Kilsby and Wilton Locks' on 27 May, police have reported no incidents of crime in the village itself since the last edition of the Kronickle. The NHW alert system is used by the police to distribute information via email on crimes occurring in the area as well as to advise the public of potential threats and to provide security advice. If you want to receive this information please sign up to the Kilsby NHW scheme by going to [northantsnhw.co.uk](http://northantsnhw.co.uk)

Police have advised of a number of scams occurring during the covid pandemic which people should be aware of. Please don't fall for any of these:

- **Doorstep crime** - Criminals targeting older people on their doorstep and offering to do their shopping. Thieves take the money and do not return. There are also doorstep cleansing services that offer to clean drives and doorways to kill bacteria and help prevent the spread of the virus.
- **Online scams** - Email scams that trick people into opening malicious attachments, which put

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people at risk of identity theft with personal information, passwords, contacts and bank details at risk. Some of these emails have lured people to click on attachments by offering information about people in the local area who are affected by coronavirus.

- **Refund scams** - Companies offering fake holiday refunds for individuals who have been forced to cancel their trips. People seeking refunds should also be wary of fake websites set up to claim holiday refunds.
- **Counterfeit goods** - Fake sanitisers, face masks and Covid19 swabbing kits sold online and door-to-door. These products can often be dangerous and unsafe. There are reports of some potentially harmful hand sanitiser containing glutaral (or glutaraldehyde), which was banned for human use in 2014.
- **Telephone scams** - As more people self-isolate at home there is an increasing risk that telephone scams will also rise, including criminals claiming to be your bank, mortgage lender or utility company.
- **Text scams** – These include offers for tax rebates and lump sum payments from the Government as well as ones telling people they've been fined.
- **Donation scams** - There have been reports of thieves extorting money from consumers by claiming they are collecting donations for a COVID-19 'vaccine'.
- **Loan sharks** - Illegal money lenders are expected to prey on people's financial hardship, lending money before charging extortionate interest rates and fees through threats and violence.

## ST. FAITH'S 100 CLUB

### March winners:

£100 (3) J Donovan; £65 (90) D Cheney; £40 (54) S Hartwell; £40 (5) J Gardner; £20 (42) S Matthews

### April winners

£100 (90) D Cheney; £65 (42) S Matthews; £40 (6) P Thompson; £40 (49) D Hoskins; £20 (40) H Morris

### May Winners

£100 (18) N Golding; £65 (28) R Gibbs; £40 (33) M Dean; £40 (69) T Dougan; £20 (48) P Dalton.

The 100 Club was established to support the restoration and maintenance of St. Faith's Church, the annual cost is £60 and there is the opportunity to win a cash prize each month. If you would like to join, please call Lorna Griffiths on 823246 for further details.

Please keep an eye out for your neighbours, particularly if elderly or vulnerable. Anyone needing assistance with errands or advice can call the Neighbourhood Watch helpline. Keep safe.

Cllr Clive Thompson

**Eds. See also information on Scam Awareness Fortnight on page 22)**

### Urban meadow scheme

Those of you who have passed by Malt Mill Green in recent days will see that we are now witnessing the start of what could become an excellent display of wildflowers over the summer. It's ironic that we were unable to plant the seeds over winter due to excessive rain, but now we could do with a little more to bring the flowers on! Once again, on behalf of the Parish Council, I'd like to thank the family of the late Arthur Durban for sponsoring the wildflowers on Malt Mill Green.

Some of you may well have seen a similar display on the A5 roundabout, which is the result of an earlier Parish Council initiative. We also have a nice display adjacent to the zebra crossing on Main Road, which I believe has come about after a resident asked our contractor not to mow that bit of land. Well done that person! I don't know how the flowers got there but they look very nice.

**(Eds. W.I. members have planted that area with wild flower seeds following their planting of crocus on the same site to celebrate their 90th anniversary in 2012.)**

Moving forward, if you enjoy the idea of some more wildflowers being planted around the village, benefiting both biodiversity and probably our own mental welfare too, we would like ideas as to where they might go. As a starter, may I suggest the grassed area on the south side of Main Road close to the zebra crossing but across the footpath from the display that's already there. Please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council with any suggestions.

Cllr Clive Thompson

## FREE HONEY BEE SWARM COLLECTION



**Contact Laura or Steve to get a swarm collected or for advice on wasps' nests.**

**Phone 07904 012128**

## FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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

As I write, we are about to see a further easing of the restrictions that Covid 19 has placed upon us all over the last few months. We must, however, remain vigilant, because we have no idea yet whether there will be a 'second wave' of infections.

I am told that Northamptonshire has had the largest number of volunteers per head of population. That certainly chimes with my experience and observations of activity in our small corner of the county. We can all be very proud of the community response, support, and helpfulness shown by so many. Hopefully, that will last long after this awful time is over.

To turn to District Council matters, many members of staff have been working from home, and services have continued with minimal disruption, except that it is taking longer than usual to answer queries. Committee meetings began again this month, June, by Zoom, which has worked reasonably well. Grants have been made to businesses under the Government's emergency grant scheme, and the discretionary grant scheme has also been helping

voluntary bodies. There is no word yet about face-to-face meetings, and, while approval has been given for some public consultations, these are on hold until the end of lockdown and social distancing. There will be changes to bin collections as from August. These will not affect the day of collection, which will remain Wednesday, and a new calendar will be issued shortly.

The new Shadow Unitary Authority, West Northamptonshire, has had its first meeting, attended by most of the 124 councillors who now find themselves, willy-nilly, members. The business of the meeting was to announce political post holders, and approve the Constitution, and Code of Conduct for members. In the next two months senior interim officers will be appointed. Various very small 'Task and Finish' groups of councillors have been set up to look at aspects of structure, strategy, and policy for the council when it comes into being proper next May after the postponed elections.

Keep safe and well.  
Catherine




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## THANK YOU'S FROM LOCKDOWN

### BARBY NURSERIES

(From Janette Daines)

I just want to say a big thank you to Barby Nurseries.

During lockdown they have provided gardeners with an efficient system of ordering for collection (or delivery) basic items at a busy time of year when we all find we need those gardening extras.

Their friendly willingness to help local gardeners keep going has been exceptional and has helped the Nurseries to keep their business afloat.

### THANK YOUs FROM MARGARET

(From Margaret Dean, 14 Arnills Way, Tel: 822724)

To my neighbours for my shopping; and to Andrea and her village shop volunteers who deliver the items bought from them.

V.E. Day - to Lucy for arranging the bunting and to Dave for all his music. We had a fabulous day and the majority of people joined in.

May 25th - to Dave and Angela for organising the lockdown quiz from 3.00 - 5.00 pm on our front lawns (Eds. See page 8). Another lovely day. We look forward to the next event.

To the people who have given me jigsaws to keep the brain ticking over.

My thanks to every one of you.

### THANK YOU FROM KIT AND CATHERINE

(From Kit and Catherine Jarman, The Reverie, 22 Daventry Road)

With many weeks of lockdown coinciding with exceptionally fine weather, we have spent much time (particularly Kit, as he is forbidden to smoke indoors!), sitting in our porch.

We have enjoyed and been particularly impressed by the friendliness and laughter of those passing us by, many with their dogs. We both hugely appreciate those who have stopped for a brief or longer chat, joke or conversation.

As the lockdown ceases, grateful thanks from both of us for contributing to the boosting of our occasionally dented morale!

### CRICK POST OFFICE & STORES

To all our valued customers in Kilsby

We would like to offer a massive thank you for your patience and understanding during our 2 week shut down during April.

We really appreciated your support and well wishes during this uncertain period when both Margaret and I had the Coronavirus.

Special thanks to Andrea of the Kilsby Village Shop for covering the newspaper deliveries that we were unable to carry out.

We would also like to thank our 3 paperboys Ethan, Callum and James who have worked tirelessly throughout the lockdown period.

Hopefully as time passes things will gradually return to some sort of normality. It does appear that things are moving in the right direction if not as fast as we would like.

Chris and Margaret  
Crick Post Office and Stores

### TELEPHONE BOX LIBRARY

(From Sarah Thompson)

I just wanted to say a big thank you to those people who are putting their books in the Kilsby phone box.

It's been a delight during this strange time of lockdowns and social distancing to pop out for a walk and drop into the phone box to see what new books are inside. I've read books that I wouldn't necessarily have bought – from John le Carre's Legacy of Spies to the decidedly weird American Psycho, via an Eddie Izzard biography, John Farrow's Ice Lake and a real find – Pierre Le Maitre's French detective.

Thanks everyone.

### THANK YOU FROM ANDREA

(From Andrea Brown)

I want to say thank you for all the love and support the village has given me over the last six weeks with Pops.

I really appreciate all the beautiful cards, the cake, and the show of support on the day of his funeral. I really felt loved.



## **DO YOU NEED HELP OR SUPPORT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE YOUR HOME DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC?**

**Have you, or a member of your household experienced symptoms of COVID-19?**

**Have you been advised by NHS111 to self isolate?**

**Are you in a category that identifies you as vulnerable to the effects of the Coronavirus?**

**Then you should STAY AT HOME.**

Kilsby Parish Council, in conjunction with Kilsby Good Neighbours, have set up a helpline\*, staffed by volunteers, so that you can access assistance you may need. So if you would like support or want to ask for help with:

- Getting food or other household supplies
- Access to or understanding of the current government advice
- Obtaining medicines or prescriptions\*
- Dog walking
- Running errands e.g. posting mail
- Or would just like to have a chat with someone

**Please call the following dedicated Good Neighbour Helpline number**

# **01788 486040**

Kilsby Good Neighbours is not a professional body. We can only offer help within reason, and in ways that we can also stay safe. If you need medical advice, phone the NHS on or use the 111 online coronavirus service at [111.nhs.uk/covid-19](https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19)

\*Note that this is not an emergency service and we cannot give medical advice.

## **We're here to help - please ask!**

## **A social-distanced not-in-the-pub street quiz**

(From David Head, david@theheads.co.uk)

Residents enjoyed an unusual street quiz in Arnills Way on Spring Bank Holiday Monday afternoon with 13 teams from Arnills Way and The Banks taking part.

The winners were The Fuzzy Ducks, who scored 84/100 (wow!) and are shown below proudly posing with their grand prize, the beautifully crafted "Lockdown Log of Knowledge". Many Arnills Way residents are now envious of such a fantastic trophy of course. Booby prize winners The Jays received the "Lockdown Losers' Looroll", which was not quite as coveted!



The event was organised by Arnills Way residents David and Angela Head. Loudspeakers were set up along the street and teams enjoyed a few glasses of wine and even barbeques on their front lawns as they tackled questions on movie themes, literature, famous voices, TV themes, science and music, as well as the usual general knowledge rounds.

The street quiz followed a very successful VE Bank Holiday event in early May when residents were able to again enjoy a drink or two in their front gardens and commemorate the end of WW2 as a community, with speeches, music and narrative shared along the street.



Arnills Way residents are invited to watch out for news of another event in early July and again on August Bank Holiday. Other Kilsby residents within earshot are very welcome to join in too!

## **DIRFT Heritage Information Site**

(From Keren Wood, Tel: 822456)



It is well worth a trip along the A5 north to visit this site. The boards are an interesting read, with some lovely photos of the old Kilsby and Crick station.

As traffic is a bit lighter at the moment, it is quite a pleasant walk. The site is just over the railway bridge before the road dips down. There is room to park off the slip road if you are a non walker.

More adventurous folk might like to continue to the roundabout and turn right, walk along pavement past the warehouses and then the grass verge to turn right onto the byway that is Watling Street. A grassy path takes you to the Crick bridlepath intersection, where you turn right again to walk under the railway and up the field to the bridlepath that takes you back to Kilsby on the A5 opposite the village hall; a circular walk of about 5 km.



## Kilsby Good Neighbours Project

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In the last Kronickle we announced the setting up of a helpline for villagers to call in the event of needing assistance or advice during the Covid pandemic. With some initial funding support from the Parish Council, we're pleased to say that this has worked extremely well during the 12 weeks that it has been in operation. Our team of eight call handlers, working six-hour morning or afternoon shifts, have handled a variety of requests including prescription collections, 'click 'n' collect grocery collections from the main supermarkets, parcel deliveries to the post office, and from folk just seeking advice for help to understand the myriad of government Covid regulations.

The call handling team have access to a list of people who have offered their services in a variety of ways. If you have carried out errands for us on request, many thanks for your help which is much appreciated. If you offered to help but have not yet been asked it's simply that call numbers have not been as high as anticipated. We think this is a measure of the closeness of the Kilsby community in that most people have access to friends and neighbours who are looking out for them.

Our operation is registered with Northamptonshire County Council's Community Resilience Hub, meaning that our helpline number has been circulated to various agencies in Northants and surrounding counties. As a result, we have received calls to provide support to vulnerable people who have come to the attention of other agencies, such as a resident who was being discharged from Walsgrave hospital but had no close family support. Other residents have received the benefit of a regular call just to make sure they're okay, or what we call a 'befriending' service.

In the longer term, once the Covid 'lockdown' is a thing of the past, we anticipate continuing the helpline service for the benefit of Kilsby residents. In the meantime, we will continue to operate it with our team of eight whose names are worth mentioning here – Sara Hind, Corne Rinaldi, Helen Cheney, Dorn Margetts, Tracey Fisher, Lizzie Wright, Sophie Abbott and Clive Thompson. Many thanks to you all. Unfortunately two of our call handlers will have to leave the team in the near future so we will be looking for replacements. If you can assist by undertaking phone monitoring for a couple of six-hour shifts each week then we'd love you to call us on the helpline number – 01788 486040. The actual hours are flexible and can be arranged to suit your personal circumstances.

## BARKING MAD

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## LEONARD GOODES RIP

Born 11<sup>th</sup> September 1947 Died 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
 (From Linda Hartley, Tel: 823154)

On the 21<sup>st</sup> March my neighbour and friend, Len Goodes returned from Cyprus. He phoned me the next day to say he was back home. I explained that because of the self-isolation rules we would not be able to meet up for our usual coffee and chat about his holiday.

Over the next week Len became ill and I posted paracetamol and Immodium into his outside letter box and Mary and David across the road also helped out leaving essentials on Len's doorstep. By the beginning of April I was phoning him twice a day exhorting Len to phone 111 to get help. This he did and was told to rest and drink plenty of liquids. Having his emergency number I decided to phone Len's brother Ed and explained who I was. He was aware of Len's illness and so were other friends who were all keeping in touch by phone. A friend and former colleague who taught with Len at Lawrence Sheriff School phoned 111 to get medical attendance to come to him. On Saturday 4th April I came down to bring the milk from the door and there was an ambulance at Len's house. He was taken into hospital and later that day after several phone calls we discovered Len was in Northampton General Hospital.

Len died on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. He died of coronavirus. Had I not been in self-isolation, had friends and neighbours not been in isolation, had Len himself not followed the rules of isolation, many more of us in Kilsby may have caught this dreadful disease.

It is hard for us to have lost a friend in such dreadful circumstances.

## DOROTHY WHITEHEAD

11.06.1923 - 15.04.1920

Christina, Carolyn and Terry would like to thank everyone in the village who sent cards and messages following Dorothy's death in April. These were a great comfort to us at a very difficult time.

Thanks also to her friends in Stephenson Court and at the URC Chapel for their support and care for her over the last ten years. She loved living in Kilsby and your friendship helped to make her last years very happy ones.

### The needles are working overtime in lockdown!

(From Vicki James, Tel: 824589)

One of the ways many of our members have kept themselves occupied during the lockdown is to keep those needles going! There are some splendid things being produced for our yarn bombing next year - 12 months and counting! I've seen photos of some of the pieces that have been produced and they are amazing! I'm not even going to give you a hint. Just trust me when I say they are going to be very well worth seeing.

But we still need more knitters - one aim is to try and give the telegraph poles and lamp posts their own knitted 'jackets'. We would like to cover as many as possible on the woolly walk around the village. The route we are currently proposing is along Main Road, up Ashby Road and The Banks, along the A361 and then turning down to Manor Road. Up Church Walk, cut through to Hall Close, down Rugby Road to Middle Street. Then along to Essen Lane, and finally back down Main Road to our community shop.

So if you would like to knit a jacket (any colour, any height, any pattern) for a lamp post or telegraph pole along this route, please do get in touch and I can mark your name down on the map! Only 10 have been earmarked at present which leaves a lot of scope!!!!

We do have some wool and needles if you need them, but are always grateful for wool donations, particularly of lovely bright colours.

So if all the long list of jobs you made for yourselves at the beginning of lockdown are now completed, your gardens and houses are showpieces, and you want something to while away a few hours then please do get in touch. Even if you don't fancy knitting a 'jacket', I can always put you in touch with one of the teams making the installation pieces.



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## WALKING GROUP

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

We have obviously not been able to walk as a group over the last two months and this situation looks like continuing for a while longer. However I know that most of the group members, along with many residents of Kilsby have been using the several footpaths that we are lucky to have locally crossing fields to Barby, Ashby and Crick. Initially each of us could walk alone or with a household member, then we could walk with one person from another household, which was a treat.

We have been fortunate with the weather and it is amazing how dry it is underfoot after so much autumn and winter rain. The hawthorn blossom was at its best mid May and now the buttercups are turning some fields yellow. With more spare time, I have been walking several times a week and been able to watch the progress of the Spring from the arrival of new leaves on the trees and lambs in the fields to their growing maturity.

Perhaps I shall be able to offer some walking dates in the next edition of the Kilsby Kronicle.

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## Kilsby Village Shop

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

**We were there for YOU  
when YOU needed us most!  
We will continue to be here for YOU  
so please be there for YOUR Village Shop**



The 23<sup>rd</sup> March will be a date that I am sure will live in all our memories for many years to come. As for the Village Shop, it was the day we realised that our shop needed to be there to support all our customers from Kilsby, and also the surrounding villages during this troubled time. Our first challenge was resources. As many of you will know, a lot of our volunteers are within the government's high risk categories which meant unfortunately, and with great sadness, they had to step down from their two years of supporting the shop in order to stay safe. We then had to recruit new volunteers, which we did, and they have been truly amazing in their support since March and both Andrea and the committee cannot thank them enough. We then had to ensure that we kept the shop as well stocked as possible. Even when the country went into panic buying of loo rolls, pasta, eggs and flour - we had them all. Our long-standing work with local suppliers proved beneficial in ensuring we had daily fresh veg, fruit, bread and milk together with weekly deliveries of cheese, yogurt, our amazing pies, sausages/bacon and ham and of course the scrumptious cakes. Our team also tried to ensure that we stocked all of the essentials to help our customers stay safe and avoid the supermarkets. We put in new processes to keep our customers safe ensuring that only one person/household was within the shop at any one time to allow safe shopping and then of course our FREE delivery service really came into its own and has been so successful we will continue to offer this service to the village going forward. The delivery service email is: [villageshopkilsby@gmail.com](mailto:villageshopkilsby@gmail.com)

Below are some of the comments we received about our delivery service that I would like to share with you.

Pandemic pandemonium and panic!  
What was the solution? .....The Village Shop

Refusing to join the panic buying public in the supermarket we found ourselves with very little in the cupboard. Step in the Kilsby Community Shop Superheroes. Donning their masks (P.P.E.) and capes and spinning round in the local telephone box (perhaps not, it's a little crowded at the moment) week by week they have not only put themselves out to source our needs but have speedily delivered our orders too. Bliss! No queueing to inconvenience us or anyone else, no fear and no worry as our box of goodies appears on the doorstep as if by magic, with the additional bonus of a smile. Andrea, Trish and the team have gone way above and beyond the call of duty and have dedicated themselves to providing an amazingly professional service, taking some of the crisis out of the Crisis!

Virtual medals all round! ..... John & Anne Madigan

We have had a delivery from the village shop every week of various basics, plus a few treats to keep us going. Our daily newspaper has also been delivered to us. The order has always arrived on the day we asked for it and we are told in advance if something is not available. A number of different volunteers have dropped off the delivery - always with a smile and we are very grateful to all of them. Covid-19 has made us very aware of how lucky we are to have a village shop that is so supportive. Knowing the shop delivery service is there if you need it, is a real plus for living in Kilsby during these worrying times.....Jenny Fisher.

Who could not be happy with the supply and delivery of provisions by Andrea, Trish and the team at the village shop during these difficult times. The service has been exceptional, all delivered with kindness, consideration and enthusiasm.

A Very Big Thank You to all involved!!  
Mike and Mary N.

We wish to send a big THANKYOU to Andrea, Trish and all their team for keeping Tony and myself furnished with essentials in these strange times. They are always friendly and helpful. Although we only live a stone's throw from the shop, they have never been reluctant to deliver to us. We have never had to rely on anyone helping us before, it has been necessary this time due to health issues, but being people who have always helped others it's been difficult for us, this transition has been made so much easier due to our wonderful new neighbours and yourselves. We have realised how important our Village Shop is and we will continue to support it when all this craziness is over. Kind regards. Wendy and Tony Goddard

Just wanted to say a huge Thank You Andrea to you and to all your wonderful team of volunteers for the fantastic service you've been providing to John and I (and many other villagers) whilst we're locked down and unable to get out and about during this Covid pandemic.

You've been an absolute lifeline in providing our weekly food order/delivery. I'm especially grateful for the times you've gone 'that extra mile' to source things I've wanted which you don't normally stock: this truly is good old-fashioned Service at its very best.

When life gets back to normal and this current crisis is behind us rest assured, I'll continue to give you my ongoing weekly order in support of the Community Shop. I feel strongly that this is the very least I can do to try and repay you for all the help and kindness you've given me throughout these troubled times.

Many thanks to everyone for all your hard work and dedication. I'm sure I must be speaking on behalf of many people in the village when I say It really, really is very much appreciated.

Kind regards, Mo Graham

We found the service to be an absolute lifeline at a time when the big stores were withdrawing food shopping facilities or were overwhelmed by people wishing to use them. The shop's service has been fantastic, right from getting emails sometimes at 10pm at night as you were trying to keep up, to acknowledge an order. This was followed by a very cheery phone call to discuss substitutions, offers to deliver a single item that wasn't coming from the wholesalers till later in the week and a very friendly and efficient payment service. Then the delivery itself was very quick and carried out in a professional "socially distanced" way. I want to thank all of you for the wonderful job you have done, and I think that the best way we as villagers can thank you is to continue to use the shop once we go back to the "new normal".  
Many thanks Carol & Rob Chamberlain

The home delivery service from Kilsby Village Shop has been exemplary. It has been a life saver and contributed greatly to the shielding of our daughter. Without this service from day one of the lockdown it would have been very difficult for me and my family to get our groceries. I am so grateful to Andrea and her team, our local key workers and heroes. Judy

#### COMMENT FROM AN ANONYMOUS VILLAGER

We are under "house arrest" thanks to one of us being registered as COPD, which means that we must stay at home at all times. Consequently, we cannot come to the Village Shop for sticky cakes, pork pies and all the other goodies on offer, not forgetting the local gossip. However, your on-line stock list means that we can order (by Email) and bingo! along comes the delivery. It always cheers us up. 'We are extremely grateful for the time and effort you are taking in keeping us supplied. This applies to keeping looking out for items we like when the wholesaler is out of stock and offering them when they eventually appear. Congratulations to Trish and Andrea for all the hard work, very much appreciated.

We think the delivery service has been excellent and just what we needed so we could stay isolated during the lockdown. The ability to make last minute changes to our orders is particularly valuable because we never ever remember everything we need. Brian & Celia

As restrictions now start to be lifted, we will continue to ensure the safety of our customers, our Manager Andrea and her team of volunteers by keeping our new processes in place. We will continue with only one person (or household) shopping at any one time. We have installed a PVC screen across our counter thanks to the kind support and donation from Wanzl - based in Leamington Spa - and Alan who kindly custom made it for us. Andrea has also ensured that we are now providing hand sanitiser wipes for everyone entering the shop, and our one-way system will still apply together with our cleaning process to ensure the safety of everyone.

The committee would like to thank, Andrea and the team of volunteers; working in the shop or 'outside' delivering shopping and newspapers to our customers over this period, as well as those that have been behind the scenes with maintenance in keeping the shop running. You have all been awesome and have all been part of an amazing team working together and getting our customers and village through this very difficult time. THANK YOU, you are truly superheroes.

As you will know we would normally be holding our annual AGM for our shareholders of the shop now but due to the current situation this is not possible. However, you should have all received from me either an email or hand delivered copy of our annual update on the shop together with a detailed view of our accounts issued by our Treasurer Peter Ayton. If you have not received this or you would like to become a shareholder, please email me at [kilsbyvillageshoplimited@btinternet.com](mailto:kilsbyvillageshoplimited@btinternet.com)

Don't forget we do have a Facebook page which Andrea keeps updated with new stock items and our deliveries as they arrive.

Finally **thank you** to our customers for supporting the shop over the last few months. Please remember that this is your village shop which was built for the village and is run by the village, so please use it and let us all help one another to stay safe by reducing our social contact by shopping local. We continue to wish all our customers well during this difficult time and please stay safe and look after yourselves.



## PETER GORDON BOX 23.11.30 - 7.5.20

**From Angela and Rupert Saville  
(Arnills Way)**

4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – today we said goodbye to a very dear neighbour in the village of Kilsby. Pete sadly passed away peacefully at Coventry & Warwickshire University Hospital on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Pete was a bell ringer at both Kilsby and Barby Churches and dedicated nearly 64 Years of his life to something he loved. He also restored and rang handbells.

Pete's dear friend James Glover and his children Bea and David kindly rang these handbells outside Kilsby Church in Pete's honour as his funeral cor-sage paused. The bells at Barby Church rang for another drive by and pause.

Pete's service was conducted by Reverend Nigel Fry, who spoke very fondly of the memories he had and Pete's devotion to the Church. There were eulogies from his stepson, Norman Leech, and his neighbours Rupert and Angela Saville.

Pete will be sadly missed sat in his garage at his home on The Banks and chatting to passers by .

**From Margaret Dean and James Glover,  
(Kilsby Bell ringers)**

Peter came to live in Kilsby from Newnham in 1996. He joined the Daventry branch of church bell ringers in August of that same year.

When he came to Kilsby he always rang at Barby and in 1999 taught a band to ring for the Millennium. He was deeply involved with their 'new' Millennium treble. He came to ring at Kilsby about four or five years ago and he bought some handbells from Everdon to augment his own set and had them professionally restored at Taylors of Loughborough.

If you came to the carol service in Kilsby church last December, you heard them ring for the first time, with help from James regarding the music.

If he had lived until August he would have been ringing bells for 64 years.

He was so looking forward to his 90th birthday in November. If we are out of lockdown we will ring on that day. Otherwise we will raise a glass in his memory.



### NOTE TO DOG WALKERS

(From the Editors)

With apologies to all responsible dog owners we have, sadly, to report again that there are problems with some owners not 'picking up' after their pets.

A reader tells us that some people are NOT watching their dogs in the fields behind Main Road, and far too much mess, is being left for others to pick up both on the footpath and off into the fields. There are more families with small children using the path for their daily exercise and the fields are growing cereals for our food. There is a special bin beside the stile in Rugby Road so there is no excuse for owners not clearing up after their dogs.

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## GARDENERS' CORNER

### ***Did you enjoy the sunshine?***

We did! Except for the continual watering and now having a brown lawn. On the other hand since the only thing we have been allowed to do in "lockdown" is gardening, we have hardly any weeds left except for.....

### ***Bindweed***

Bindweed is one of the most difficult weeds to eradicate. It really needs use of a systemic weed killer, but that is difficult to use when the bindweed is close to existing plants. Get at it early, when the shoots are only 1 to 2 inches long. A good trick is to use a hand-held spray, together with an old plastic flower pot with the bottom cut out as a shield to stop drift of the spray. It is also a good idea to use pieces of cardboard to stop contact with the foliage of your existing plants until the weedkiller has dried.

### ***Prune climbing roses***

Climbing roses often get very overgrown, with flowers only on the top of very long branches waving in the wind and nothing much lower down. The time to correct this is now. Look for new shoots starting low down near the base. Retain these new shoots and completely remove half the old branches. This may seem a bit extreme, but it will encourage new shoots to grow from the base to form a new framework. Then give a good feed and watering.

The ideal is to get to a situation where every year you remove two old branches and replace them with two new ones.

### ***Jobs to do in June***

- Prune spring flowering shrubs
- Sow french beans, peas etc.
- Regularly sow salads for succession

### ***Jobs to do in July***

- Weed and mow again!
- Thin apples and pears to 2 or 3 fruits per spur.
- Get the barbeque out.

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

In "Pocket Companion & Diary", National Gardens & Allotments Society 1964:-

*" JULY: The month's garden work should be considered to commence when lavender is in flower. Raspberries and gooseberries ripen at the middle of the month. The last week brings swarms of flying ants, the young queens are mating and then seek new nesting sites."*

Good Gardening!

*Ron Kibble*

## GRIEF RECOVERY METHOD

(From Moira Morriss, Tel: 824129 or email [grm@moiramorriss.com](mailto:grm@moiramorriss.com))

After many years of working with clients to design and make memorials for loved ones, I have often felt that I would like to have some form of training to be able to provide qualified support to clients to help them through their loss and grief.

Having been introduced to the Grief Recovery method some years ago and studying the programme, I trained to become a practitioner at the beginning of 2020. The course went really well and I felt it to be of enormous value to my life. The Grief Recovery Method can be used to talk about so many losses in our lives: divorce, redundancy, loss of health, pet loss and many others.

The practical programme is carefully taught, with every practitioner trained the same way to ensure that the course offers supportive guidance every step of the way. The course provides a safe environment where you are given specific tools to help you recover from loss.

As I completed the course, I looked forward to offering the programme on a 1:1 basis.....but then Covid 19 arrived, suddenly grief, loss, fear and change are being experienced by so many:

- Sadness over huge changes to lives, separation from loved ones, plans being cancelled and the sense of isolation from our normal lives.
- Families losing their loved ones, made more difficult by the restrictions on hospital and nursing home visiting and limitations on funerals due to the pandemic.

The training was adapted so that we can now provide an online programme, with 1:1 support. Hopefully we will be able to offer soon the 1:1 in person.

If you would like to learn more about the programme and how it runs, then please contact me (details above).

I also have a Facebook Page dedicated to the Grief Recovery method, with regular posts that cover many of the losses we are all facing which you may find a useful source of information.

Facebook; Moira Morriss Grief Recovery Specialist

## **Warwickshire Canals – Youth Boat Appeal – IT WON'T COST YOU A PENNY!!!**

(From Vicki James, Tel: 824589, or email [Vicki.james7@outlook.com](mailto:Vicki.james7@outlook.com))

I am a Trustee of an organisation called 'Stratford on Avon Narrowboat Trust' and am also the Narrowboat Adviser for GirlGuiding Warwickshire. These are voluntary positions, and I hold them because I am passionate about the benefits of our wonderful canal system (and, as many of you will know, equally passionate about GirlGuiding having been a Leader for 44 years!!!).

The Trust owns a wonderful old 70-foot narrowboat, **Centenary**, which is moored at Hillmorton Marina, and is a 12-berth boat that can be hired, at much less than commercial rates, to take youth groups away on the amazing canal network we have in Warwickshire. (More details are available at: <http://www.centenarynarrowboat.btck.co.uk/>). I have run training courses for Leaders aboard Centenary for many years, and love spreading my passion to other adults who, in turn, will pass this on to younger generations.

Centenary was first donated to the Stratford on Avon Youth Trust by Marks and Spencer in 1983 to mark their own Centenary (hence the name!). She's now getting to be a bit of an old lady, and is undergoing some *serious* maintenance work. Every year it's a fine juggling act to balance income and expenditure and we usually just about manage it with hiring fees and grants. This year it's different!

Like so many other organisations and charities we haven't been able to generate our normal income this year due to the Covid19 virus. In our case the position has been exacerbated because she has been in dock awaiting essential work and the workforce have not been able to carry out the repairs due to the lockdown. As Trustees we had to take a decision at the beginning of the year regarding the major essential works that had to be done to our ageing lady (hull overplating etc etc). After *considerable* discussion we finally decided to go ahead and use up virtually all our available capital, on the basis that the only other alternative was to scrap her, and we hoped we would generate enough hiring income this year to cover our running costs. Not to be!

Calor Gas operate a grant system each year based on online votes. So, the purpose of my missive is to ask you to vote for us. Any money we can obtain from the Calor Rural Communities Fund will be incredibly welcome.

We did this last year, but unfortunately we didn't generate enough votes to obtain a grant. We can but hope that this year it will be different. It would

help us in this aim if you would go on the Calor website and click "Like" to enhance our chances. **It will not cost you anything**, though you have to register an email address and password (any password that won't be used for any other purpose). This would give us 1 point in our bid which is competitive with other charitable projects. If you know of others who might support us in this way please pass this message on.

I do appreciate that voting on this site is not a 10 second task, it does take a little time, but we would be extremely grateful if you could spare some minutes and vote for us. The procedure is as follows:

- 1 Go to "Calor Rural Communities Fund" web site : <https://communityfund.calor.co.uk/>
- 2 Register an email address and make up a password.
- 3 Find "Projects" and put "avon" in the search box
- 4 Click on "The Stratford upon Avon Narrow Boat Trust"
- 5 Click on "Like".

You will only get a confirmation of vote if you tick the box for updates.

If you are feeling generous there is an opportunity on the site to donate to our project, which gives us 10 points in addition to the donation. (Click "Support us").

**PLEASE NOTE: VOTING CLOSSES AT 9.00am ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY!!!!**

I do hope that you could find 5 minutes in these stressful times to do this.

Many thanks in advance.

## **A PLEA FOR PEACE & QUIET**

(From Janette Daines)

No doubt most of us in Kilsby have enjoyed the peace and tranquility of our gardens during the weeks of lockdown.

But PLEASE refrain from playing radios outside so that neighbours can hear them. In some cases, not wanting to upset the noisy neighbour, people have had to retreat indoors on a beautiful afternoon to escape the unwanted noise. Not everyone shares your taste in music or likes to have the rhythmic bass beating out from the other side of the garden fence while they are enjoying some quiet weeding or an afternoon snooze.

In the days of earphones or headphones, please be considerate and use them.

## PROBLEMS AT KILSBY ALLOTMENTS

From Bracken Thompson)

A couple of weeks back, I went to my allotment on the Poors Charity land to find my wheelbarrow had gone. I found a track from my allotment which went through the undergrowth which led to the land at the rear of my allotment. This is a wooded area between the foot path next to the Vicarage house which runs across the back of the Poors Charity land fields and the allotments.

My wheelbarrow was deposited half buried and with the tyres let down next to a shack or den. I assumed this was either local kids or a homeless person. I also found my garden tools ( hoe, fork, etc) and all my garden canes which had been taken from the shed on my allotment. The 8ft canes had sadly been cut into three pieces so will no longer be of use for growing runner beans this year which is upsetting. More worrying was finding an unattended axe. I was concerned so called the Police. The Police came out to see the site and took away the axe. I retrieved my own property. The rest of the allotmenters have been informed of the incident.

The following day we walked through to the allotment using the foot path route through the woods. When we got to the shack or den there were two young men there. My partner spoke to them and let them know what had happened. Since we do not know if it was them I cannot accuse them of the thefts. I do not know if the two young men live in Kilsby or another local village. One of the young men, who had short brown hair and glasses and I would estimate was between 14 and 19 years of age, accosted me and asked if he could have his axe back. Apparently it belongs to his father. I explained it was now with Daventry Police. The Police have said the owner can collect it from them. The young man said his father is a 'lawyer' and that he was not breaking any laws being on the land. However, I believe this is trespass. The other young man was darker, about 6ft tall and similar age. I did not engage in conversation with him.

As already stated I cannot prove these people are responsible for the thefts of my equipment. I also cannot prove they are responsible for cutting down and vandalising the old woodland and killing many of the shrubs and trees that have been there for years. Sadly, the land has been decimated over the last few weeks. I have not seen these young people since but have noticed when walking past the den that several items have been removed from the area surrounding my allotment and have appeared in the young people's den. I have not removed them.

I go up to the allotment daily. Today I found again my equipment has been interfered with and broken.

I do not know if the same young people are responsible, but I hope their parents read this and take appropriate action.

**(Eds. The piece above was written in May. Bracken has now sent an update - below.)**

About a week or so ago I went up to my allotment to find my cold frames pushed over and my seedlings destroyed. Someone was responsible rather than animals because they had stepped heavily on some wood and broken it and I do not honestly believe animals would be heavy enough to do that. I have no idea why because I have had no interaction with these young people since the previous incident, but I am assuming it is probably them responsible. There have been no incidents like this at the allotments in other years, so it does seem somewhat of a coincidence.

This morning we went to the allotment and some wood had been taken from my allotment next to the shed. This is marine ply salvaged from a shed at home which we were intending to use to build a shed at the allotment and was found in the den where it was apparently being used as part of the den structure itself. The den is now very large with carpet and the area surrounding it, which is a wooded and full of wildlife, is very much destroyed which is criminal in itself.

The police are aware of both incidents of theft on the following crime numbers:

The first Police Incident number NP- 20200506-0082

Today's crime reference is NP20000288-160

I know it is difficult to prevent teenagers building such structures but I implore their parents to take some kind of action because this is ruining my allotment life.

### KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:

Friday 10th July and Friday 11th September 2020.

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)

## NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

(From Karen Burton, mrsburton@kilsbyprimary.net)

Since the last Kronickle, the children and staff at Kilsby School have had to adapt to a very different type of school life due to the COVID virus situation. School has remained open throughout the pandemic with a rota-based staffing taking care of the children of our key workers. Although these are strange times, the children have still been able to enjoy fun, interesting and enjoyable activities with the staff in school and at home. Mr Chambers has been doing a regular 'Chambers Challenge' PE/Keep fit video which they can follow at home and at school, thanks to the internet.



Those who have been isolated at home with their parents have received work set by their teachers online every day to do at home. Class teachers have been in constant contact with the children and their parents and have always been available to help out with any problems or concerns. So, thanks to modern technology, school has continued, albeit in a different kind of way!

Parents have been sending photos of their children taking part in various tasks at home. One of the extra fun challenges was to create their own VE Day bunting. Pictured are just a few of the wonderful creations we received. The children really put a lot of effort into their work. Some of the VE Day bunting photos have been put together to create a beautiful VE Day collage which we shall get framed and put up in school. Another fun challenge was to do '50 somethings' in line with the school celebrating 50 years on its current site. Some children skipped for 50 seconds, others ran for 50 seconds, some did 50 star jumps. another hula hooped 50 times and one child even did 50 basketball hoops! They had a lot of different ideas!

In line with government guidelines, school opened on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Year 6 children. On the Wednesday of that same week, Year 1 children returned and on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June the Reception children were welcomed back. The children are working in small 'learning pod' groups with one or two adults. These 'pods' self-isolate during the school day and no other children or adults enter their classroom. With staggered starting and finishing times to assist with maintaining the recommended social distancing, we have been very careful to give the utmost care and consideration to the situation and everyone concerned.

Gradually we will be able to welcome back the remaining children from other year groups once the government deem it safe to do so. Until then their teachers are keeping in contact with the children and their parents at home and setting work for them to complete in the usual manner during lockdown.

Not all children have returned in their year groups as we have left the decision entirely up to the parents. how they feel. Sending a child to school during lockdown is not compulsory at the moment and we fully respect parents' wishes if they prefer to wait a while.



## My Moment of Glory

(A short story by Karen Gillmurray)

All the months and years of preparation were behind me now, the pain of early morning training sessions receded into the past, this was it, my last chance for gold. I had to do it this time.

I listened to the noise of the crowd in the stadium, the rise and fall of excited voices, anticipation shimmered around them. We moved to the start line as silence rippled across the crowd, they quieted, hoping to see, what? I gazed around at them all, who knew what they hoped for? Each must have their own hope, at least some must hope for me to win but even more probably didn't.

I closed my eyes, stilled my breathing, practising the deep breaths my coach had taught me, mentally preparing myself for the race. I looked across the line at the other competitors. They all looked calm, capable and very young. This was truly my last chance; by the next games I'd be too old. The one award I'd never managed in my long career; a gold medal.

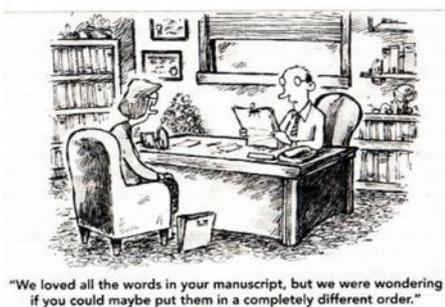
The starter waved us forward, I flexed my knees one last time and moved into my starting position, head down I waited for the crack of the starting pistol.

The pistol fired, we were off, a clean start, I was with the lead pack, Fenshaw was leading but I knew he always flagged after a good start; I kept my pace steady, I didn't want to peak too soon. Two others were ahead of me, someone just behind. I edged past Timons, only Fenshaw and Smith ahead of me now. I could feel Lilley getting closer on my left, we were neck and neck as we moved ahead of Smith, Fenshaw was flagging, he dropped behind us both, the finish line was in sight.

It was time, my muscles screamed in protest as I pushed myself to the edge and burst through the tape just before Lilley. I juddered to a halt and sank to my knees, the roaring of the crowd in my ears; I'd done it, at last, gold. My heart pounded wildly in my ears, this validated my career; this was the pinnacle, the crowning moment. After all, it's not every retiring headmaster who can win the teachers egg and spoon race.

## Calling all writers of fiction

Thanks to Karen for this story. If any other readers have short pieces of fiction that they would like to see printed in KK then please send them to us.....Eds.



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- It seems too good to be true – for example you've won a competition you don't remember entering
- Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly
- You're being urged to respond quickly so you don't get time to think about it or talk to family and friends
- You've been asked to pay in an unusual way – for example by bank transfer or gift vouchers
- You've been asked to give away personal information

If you think someone might be trying to scam you, take the time to get advice. You can contact the Citizens Advice consumer service for help with what to do next, and report scams or suspected scams to Action Fraud.

Watch out for coronavirus scams – whether that's emails pretending to be from the government, adverts selling face masks at high prices, or someone knocking at your door asking for money for a fake charity.

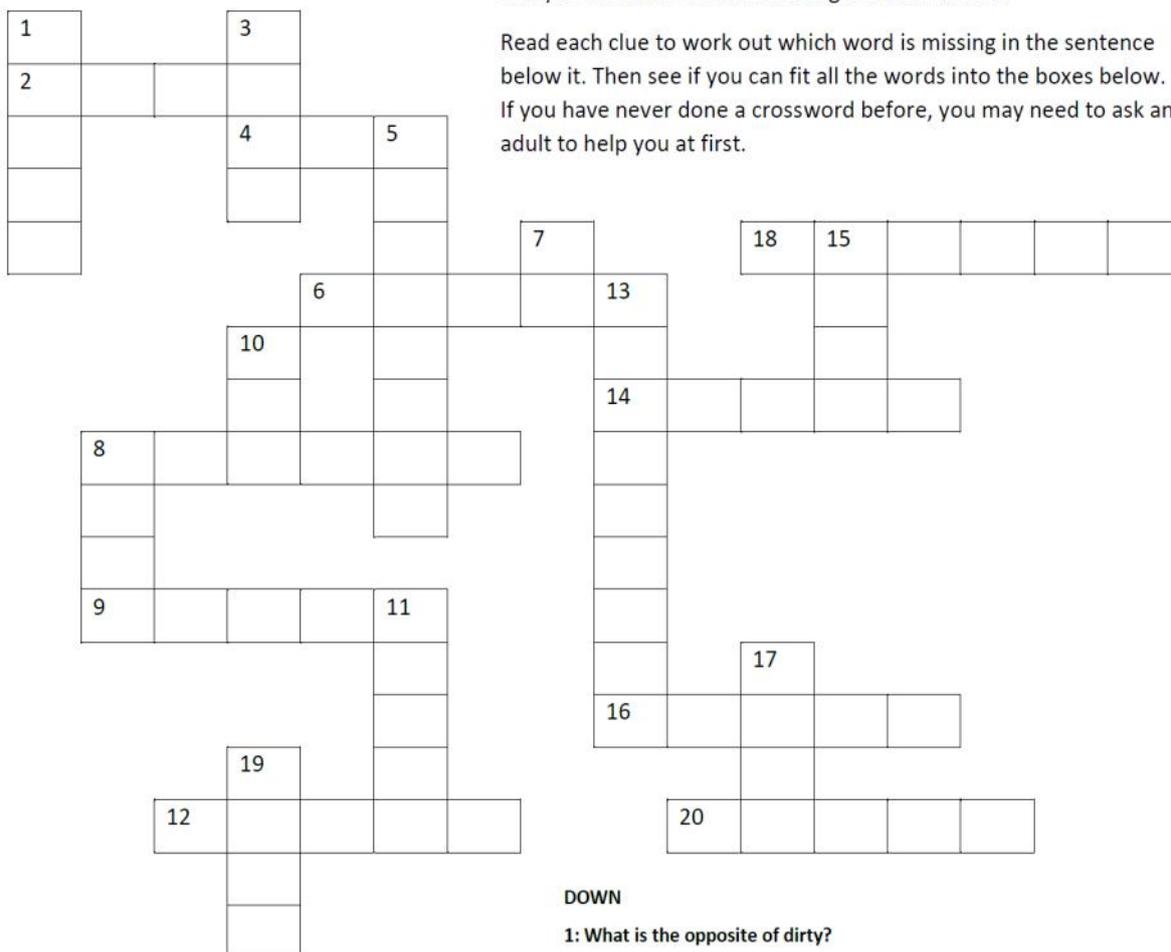
Don't give money or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust, and don't click on any links they send you.

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# KILSBY KRONICKLE KIDS KORNER

Can you fill in the crossword using the clues below?

Read each clue to work out which word is missing in the sentence below it. Then see if you can fit all the words into the boxes below. If you have never done a crossword before, you may need to ask an adult to help you at first.



## ACROSS

**2: What is the opposite of right?**

e.g. I write with my \_\_\_ hand

**4: What is the opposite of new?**

e.g. the girl had to give away some of her \_\_\_ toys

**6: What is the opposite of sad?**

e.g. the puppy was so \_\_\_ to see her owners

**8: What is the opposite of slower?**

e.g. please can you talk a bit \_\_\_\_\_?

**9: What is the opposite of heavy?**

e.g. the parcel was as \_\_\_\_\_ as a feather

**12: What is the opposite of south?**

e.g. Father Christmas lives at the \_\_\_\_\_ pole

**14: What is the opposite of big?**

e.g. the kitten is so \_\_\_\_\_ compared to the mummy cat

**16: What is the opposite of old?**

e.g. the child is \_\_\_\_\_ compared to their grandparents

**18: What is the opposite of weak?**

e.g. I can pick up anything because I am \_\_\_\_\_

**20: What is the opposite of blunt?**

e.g. be careful because the knife is very \_\_\_\_\_

## DOWN

**1: What is the opposite of dirty?**

e.g. the car was very \_\_\_\_\_

**3: What is the opposite of go?**

e.g. the traffic light turned to red so the cars had to \_\_\_\_\_

**5: What is the opposite of agree?**

e.g. the brother and sister decided to agree to \_\_\_\_\_

**7: What is the opposite of down?**

e.g. what goes \_\_ must come down

**8: What is the opposite of empty?**

e.g. the cinema was so busy it was almost \_\_\_\_\_

**10: What is the opposite of no?**

e.g. \_\_\_ I would like some ice cream please

**11: What is the opposite of loose?**

e.g. oh no my trousers are too \_\_\_\_\_

**13: What is the opposite of tomorrow?**

e.g. what shall we do \_\_\_\_\_?

**15: What is the opposite of short?**

e.g. that building is very \_\_\_\_\_

**17: What is the opposite of pull?**

e.g. to open the door you have to \_\_\_\_\_ it

**19: What is the opposite of hard?**

e.g. this teddy bear is lovely and \_\_\_\_\_

**Things to do in June and July**

**Join the Helpline team**

**Volunteer to become Burials Officer**

**Put yourself forward for the Parish Council**

**Apply for a capital grant or Section 106 funds for your community group**

**Donate some wool or start knitting for the yarn bombing**

**Walk up to the DIRFT Heritage site**

**Continue to support the village shop**

**Support the Youth Boat Appeal**

**ST. FAITH'S FLOODLIGHT  
COMMEMORATION**

2nd June

Loving birthday thoughts of Sally  
- remembered always.

**Advertising Rates for Kronickle**

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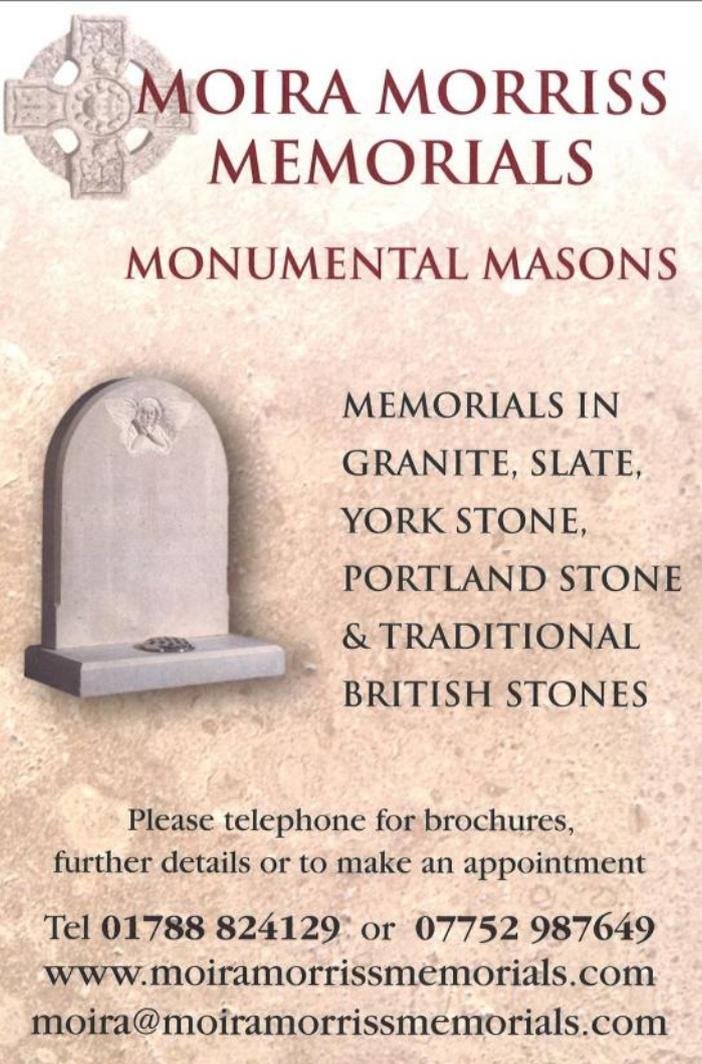
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**WANTED**

**Volunteer to become Burials Officer (see page 3)**

**New Parish Councillors (see page 3)**

**Volunteers to answer the Helpline phones (see page 9)**

**More knitters for the Yarn Bombing project (see page 10)**

**Your vote for the Youth Boat Appeal (see page 19)**

**The deadline for the next issue is  
Tuesday 21st July 2020**