

Dates for your Diary

October

Saturday 3rd October

Harvest gifts to be taken to St Faith's

Sunday 4th October

Harvest Communion

Thursday 8th October

Walking Group walk

Tuesday 13th October

Parish Council meeting

Sunday 18th October

Walking Group walk

Sunday 25th October

British Summertime ends. Clocks go back.

November

Wednesday 4th November

Closing date for drawing competition

Thursday 5th November

Walking Group walk

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial in the churchyard

Tuesday 10th November

Parish Council meeting

Friday 13th November

Oil Club order point

Sunday 15th November

Walking Group walk

December (early notice)

Saturday 5th December

Switching on of Christmas Tree lights



It is sad that the resurgence of the Covid-19 virus and the restrictions which have had to be introduced have meant that many of the events planned for the autumn have had to be cancelled. But the school is now open again and we have our usual report and photographs on page 16, and the very popular 'Playtime' is back in the Village Hall. There will also be the usual Drawing Competition for children organised by the Christmas Tree Committee, even though it is still uncertain what form the switching on of the tree lights will take this year. Details of the competition are on page 12.

Two new Parish Councillors have been co-opted - Caroline Haycock and Barbara Barrett - and we wish both of them success in this important role. Our Parish Clerk, Clare Valentine, has gone on maternity leave and we wish her well for the birth of her new baby, and we are also delighted to welcome back Catherine Camp who will cover the Clerk role whilst Clare is away.

A great many homes in the village are changing hands at the moment and we would like to welcome all the new residents who are moving in. Unfortunately because of the virus they are not going to be able to experience many of the activities and regular events which help to make Kilsby such a great place to live, but we hope that they will still feel the warmth and friendliness which is such a feature of the village and, like the rest of us, look forward to joining in those activities just as soon as they are restarted.

Finally, we have, in this issue, reprinted one of the articles which Gren Hatton wrote for the Kronickle before his death. This one, which features 'The Haven' in Essen Lane and gives some fascinating information about the village's social history, was originally published early in 2014, so there will be many readers who will not have seen it before, and we hope those who have will enjoy being reminded.



KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Note from the Editors:

Because of unforeseen circumstances we do not have a full report from the Clerk to the Parish Council for this edition. A report from the Chairman of the Council will appear in the December/January edition. In the meantime, there is a piece below from Councillor Thompson about Crime and Policing and also a piece on page 4 about the review of the Kilsby Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Editors have also put in a note about the Cemetery and the role of Burial Clerk on page 14.

Please note that the Parish Council has agreed to change the dates of its meetings to the second Tuesday of each month, with the next meeting taking place on 13th October

Crime and Policing

Northamptonshire Police have advised the Parish Council of their intention to install an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera in the village as part of a wider roll-out across the county.

ANPR cameras are a crime prevention tool and are not to be confused with speed cameras. The proposed location is the junction of Rugby Road and Main Road, and the Council are currently in discussion with the police to ascertain why this particular location has been chosen. No timescale has yet been given for its installation.



Playtime

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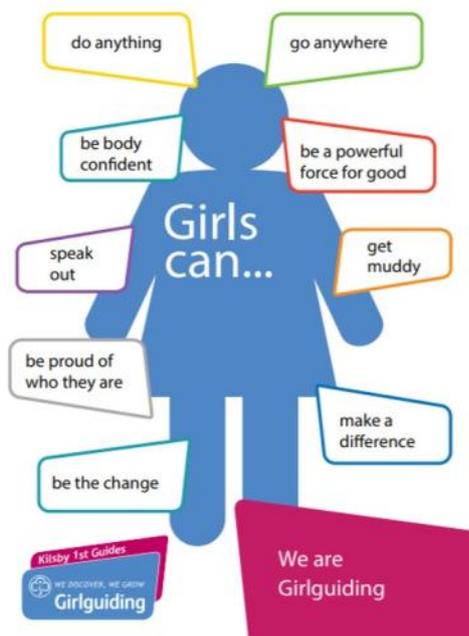
Faye Jones 07815 618840

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



After 6 months of being closed it's been lovely to open the doors of Playtime again. Due to current Covid-19 guidelines we are asking that people pre book a slot as we are running at reduced numbers. Please follow our Facebook page for regular updates and any questions feel free to give me a call.

Faye



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<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/>

Kilsby Neighbourhood Development Plan Review – Report on Progress

(From Councillors Clive Thompson and Ian Massey)

As reported in the last edition, a review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is underway by us as members of the Parish Council Planning Committee, which has ultimate authority for it. The review is necessary due to changes in the National Planning Policy Framework 2019 (the NPPF) and the introduction of the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) for Daventry District (the Local Plan).

A review toolkit has been provided by Daventry District Council which follows a number of stages, the first of which is to screen the Kilsby Plan policies against the Local Plan and the NPPF. It also considers additional evidence and changes since the Plan was made. Initial responses to the tables provided in the toolkit have been completed and sent to DDC for an informal review and helpful suggestions have been received from them as to how these can be improved. The tables are now being revised in readiness for formal submission at the appropriate time.

Part of the process requires Daventry District Council to update the Housing Needs Survey for the

village and a copy of this will be sent to households in Kilsby in the near future. As a result of this survey and changes which have occurred within the village (e.g. the establishment of the conservation area) along with the changes to the Daventry Local Plan and the NPPF, it is likely that the Kilsby Development Plan policies will need to be updated. These will require to be ratified by the Parish Council. DDC will consider any changes, along with the new evidence, and will judge whether or not they are considered to be material or non-material. Dependent on this judgement, if they are considered to be material, it is likely that professional help will be needed to revise the Kilsby Plan.

As far as timescales are concerned, if the changes are considered non-material we should see the process completed within six months. However if they are deemed to be material changes the whole review could take almost a year. We will report on progress via the Kronickle.

Cllr Ian Massey
Cllr Clive Thompson

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FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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

There is little to report from the District Council over the last two months. Many staff are still working from home, and all meetings are on Zoom. Face to face meetings between officers and members of the public are only held in exceptional circumstances. Should anyone have difficulty in being able to speak directly to an officer at the Council, please do let me know.

West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority has appointed all its senior staff, some of whom are already employed by local authorities in the county. The council offices in Daventry are set to be retained, which means that there will be a relatively local presence after the Unitary Authority takes over next May.

In the last edition of Kilsby Kronicle I reported that the Government had announced that business conferences could start again on 1 October, if Covid infection rates did not rise. We have heard, as I write, that more restrictions are being imposed, so no change for now. I also wrote last time that infection

rates in Northamptonshire had reduced greatly, but since then there has been a well-publicised spike in Northampton itself. All we can do is follow the rules, and hope for better times.

I have had information from the Community Safety Team that a traffic census was undertaken from 7th August 2019 to 15th August 2019 at the motorway bridge on Daventry Road. 20,284 vehicles were counted over the week, at, almost unbelievably, an average speed of 30mph, and 85% of vehicles not exceeding 35mph. It seems much faster than that lower down Daventry Road, and with the dark nights coming on, I fear for anyone who has to walk from Cildes Croft in the late afternoon or evening. Any views from our newer residents on that development?

Keep safe and keep well. Contact me with any District Council matters.

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St. Faith's Social Committee

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

Sadly, we didn't have the coffee morning in the church on 15th September. I have also cancelled the quiz planned for 14th November and the coffee morning in the Kilsby Room on 11th December, as neither would be viable with low numbers.

I have 'taken the plunge', in the hope that things may change in 2021, and booked a quiz for 27th March, providing the Village Hall is ok.

It would be lovely to see you all again and we on the Committee hope you are all well and keeping your chins up.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Many thanks to all the people who took part in this event on Saturday 12th September.

A big thank you also to everyone who sponsored the event. At the time of writing, I do not know the total amount raised.



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WALKING GROUP

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

The walks in October and November will be on:

Thursday 8th October
Sunday 18th October

Thursday 5th November
Sunday 15th November

Walks start from The White House, Chapel Street. The usual start times are 9.30 am on Thursdays and 10.00 am on Sundays.

More info from Lesley Loader:
lloader@btinternet.com or 822713 or 07783521052

Kilsby History Society

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

We had hoped to be able to hold our history meeting and AGM on Thursday November 19th but limitations on numbers attending and other restrictions due to Covid 19 have made it impossible. The decision has been made to cancel this and probably January's meeting as well.

As soon as it is safe to do so we will recommence our usual pattern of meetings with speakers.

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:

Friday 13th November 2020 and Friday 8th January 2021.

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

INCONSIDERATE AND DANGEROUS PARKING

(From Ian Weston, Highways Warden,
iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

We have again received several complaints and concerns regarding parking around the village. Some areas are of particular concern as vehicles are parked in dangerous positions.

The roads most commented on are:

- Rugby Road
- Manor Road - along by the school to the junction with Main Road
- Daventry Road - to the junction with the A361
- Middle Street / Independent Street junction
- Ashby Road – from the junction of Barby Road to Fishers Close
- Fishers Close – near the junction with Cowley Way.

There was an accident at this last location a few weeks ago due to cars parked both on the junction and opposite it. Luckily there were no casualties but there was damage to several vehicles. One resident said that at times this area is like negotiating a chicane.

Please be aware when parking that there are wheelchair users, people with pushchairs, partially sighted villagers, and children who have to step into the road if you park on the footpath, thereby putting themselves at risk. No one would like to think they were the cause of an accident/injury due to inconsiderate parking.

PLEASE, PLEASE think safety. Do not park on junctions, over pavements or create dangerous passing points.

KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

July Winners

£40 (45) M Longmore, £30 (49) D Hoskins,
£20 (89) C White, £20 (58) A F Biles,
£10 (53) H and M Cheney.

August Winners

£100 (54) S Hartwell, £65 (66) D Longmore,
£40 (52) T Clay, £40 (97) J Ayton,
£20 (8) A Tailby.

KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

The extraordinary year continues!!

It had been planned to hold the Garden Association AGM in November, as usual, but the restrictions imposed by the ongoing situation with Covid 19, make it impractical, and it has been decided to cancel this year's meeting. Hopefully, the planned speaker will be able to come along to next year's AGM instead.

There are AGM matters which will need to be addressed by the end of the year, and where relevant, these will be reported upon in the next issue of KK. All the current committee members have indicated their willingness to continue in office for 2021, and any other members who would be interested in joining the committee are invited to contact the Chair, Diane Graham, at graham2017diane@gmail.com

Meanwhile, the cancellation does mean that we are able to announce the winners of the 2020 Garden Competitions in this article. These are as follows:

Mixed garden: Richard Linnell

Decorative garden: Diana Smith

Courtyard garden: Vicki James and Robin Nicholls

Planters:

1st: Jane and David George

2nd: No 1 Book Club and Walking Group

3rd: Sam, Grantscape

The general standard of gardens in the village has been wonderful to see this year. Thanks to everyone who took part in the competitions, and congratulations to the winners.

The arrival of Lockdown in March affected the collection of subscriptions for the Association, with the result that some members will not have been able to pay their subscriptions or receive their membership card for this year. It has been decided that payment of the 2020 subscription (a massive £3 per household!!) will entitle members to 2021 membership with no additional fee required. Those who were unable to pay earlier in the year can pay now, and still get the extended membership. Just contact Carol Chamberlain (01788 823920 or carol@profitlinkgroup.co.uk) for more information. This will also apply to new members, so please take advantage now.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2020

(From Terry Dougan, Tel: 822650)



You will not be surprised to learn that there will be no door to door collections for this year's Poppy Appeal. Instead there will be collection boxes available in shops and other commercial premises, as well as schools, and people will also be able to donate/order poppies on line.

I have confirmed with Kilsby School, The Red Lion, and Kilsby Community Shop that they are all willing to make poppy boxes and collection tins available from Saturday 24th October until Remembrance Sunday, 8th November (**see page 15 for details of the Remembrance Service**).

If you wish to donate on line then go to:

www.rbl.org.uk

Please do make an effort to contribute, especially this year, so that the Legion's good work supporting the Armed Forces community can continue.

GARDENERS' CORNER

A wonderful year for...

What a wonderful year for apples and tomatoes. Our apple trees are heavily laden and ripening early. The outdoor tomatoes are also great, so our freezer is full already.

Divide your herbaceous perennials

October is a good time to divide your herbaceous perennials. Cut the plant back first. Then dig it up, divide off strong looking pieces with roots, discarding the old centre. Split big plants using a spade and fork back to back.

It's a good idea to clear the whole bed every 3 years anyway, to clear perennial weeds and re-jig the planting plan. Dig in some compost and give a dressing of bone meal before re-planting. It is amazing how it rejuvenates things the following year.

Time to plant garlic

Now is the best time to plant garlic, so that the plants have time to make good root growth through the winter. Make sure the ground is well-prepared and fertile as garlic is a greedy feeder. When planting, push the cloves in well, otherwise you will be re-planting them regularly as the birds pull them out!

Jobs to do in October

Plant spring bedding and bulbs
Sow sweet peas and broad beans

Jobs to do in November

Tidy up the beds and border for winter.
Start winter pruning of roses with a light cut-back to stop rocking in the wind.

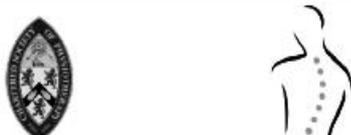
Times past...

In 'Pocket Companion & Diary', National Gardens & Allotments Society Ltd., 1964:-

'APPLES AND PEARS can be successfully stored for varying periods according to the variety. What is needed is a cool, frost-proof room in which moist atmosphere can be maintained. A cellar is suitable if not too cold and providing the warm air from above can be eliminated. Trays are better than racks and in the case of apples each fruit should be individually wrapped. Oiled wraps are best but newspaper is quite adequate.'

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle



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Kilsby Village Shop

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

How lovely the weather has been during September, allowing us all to enjoy a fabulous late summer. We have had lots going on within the shop over the last couple of months too.

Following our advertisement in the last issue of the Kronickle, we are pleased to announce that Sarah Clarke is joining the team as Assistant Manager to Andrea. Welcome to Sarah – she will be covering Andrea's two days off per week on Sundays and Mondays along with some additional hours over the remainder of the week. We hope she will have a great time working in the shop and that you will all get to say hello and meet her on your visits to the shop. We are also pleased to see some of our original volunteers re-joining the team: Linda, Keren, Lesley, John, Barbara, Judy, Keith, Marj - we have missed you all and it is great to have you back.

Andrea, our shop manager, has recently been working with a new supplier and we are excited to announce that we have teamed up with Leicestershire Claybrooke Mill to provide their amazing award-winning flour and cereal products. So if you love baking, especially bread making, then why not pop in to take your pick from some of the following flours: Stoneground Wholemeal, Organic Brown or White, Siskin, Onion, Nuthatch, Tomato, Spelt and of course Plain and Self-Raising; we also do Dough Conditioners too. In addition there is also Pasta and Pizza flour for you to try – do give us your feedback on these new lines. Their cereal range covers not only cornflakes and fabulous muesli but oats and bran flakes too.

Our work continues to protect our village and our customers as much as possible, so we will continue to offer safer shopping by only allowing one person (household) in the shop at any one time. Thank you to everyone for wearing a mask whilst in the shop to protect our shop manager and the team of volunteers as well as all our customers. Our hours will also continue as:

9.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday

and 9.00 am - noon on Sundays.

Our delivery service is still going really well; if you would like to place an order please let us know either via email at villageshopkilsby@gmail.com or by calling Andrea on **07861 295358**. Whether you use our delivery service or are a regular visitor to the shop, a huge 'thank you' for your continued support - it really does make a difference in keeping Kilsby safe and for the longevity of the village shop.

We are launching our updated shopping list in October. On it you will find not only our everyday essentials but also our speciality items of wholemeal, white, granary bread and rolls; jam, caramel and lemon doughnuts from John Dwyer; our beautiful Sercombes pork, beef, haslet and ham slices as well as sausage rolls, pork, chicken and ham pies and their amazing bacon, sausages and black pudding. We also stock a range of their frozen pies with steak and ale or kidney, chicken and mushroom or ham in large and individual sizes. We have gorgeous small Manor Farms yogurts in both fat free and Bio with their award winning Lemon Curd and Orange and Passionfruit Curd and eight further fruit flavours to choose from, as well as large plain natural live and fat free. We also stock fromage frais, cream and cottage cheese, Jersey butter and fresh cream all from this local supplier.

We are also one of the few stockists of Fowler's cheese - the oldest cheese maker in the UK (est.1670), offering exquisite cheeses from their famous Mature Triple X to Sage Derby, Chilli, Warwickshire Smoked Oak & Truckle, Soft Bard, Forest Blue, Brie, Goats & Danish Blue as well as their Maryland butter.

Then we have scrummy cakes from Fatherson Bakery and if you have not tried one then you are missing a real treat; whether it be their award winning lemon drizzle or lemon and ginger, their cherry and almond, carrot, chocolate indulgence, coffee and walnut, salted caramel or Jamaican ginger either in small or large loaf cakes. Or you may prefer the more traditional sponges - Victoria, lemon, coffee, chocolate or banoffeee. We also have apple, cherry, apple and blackcurrant pies or treacle lattice, finishing off with rocky road, millionaires' shortbread, chocolate fudge brownie and Bakewell tray bakes which are scrumptious.

We have a new range of local ale from Dow Bridge and also apple juice from our nearby village of Flore and of course our local honey from Barby.

We do our very best to bring on board local suppliers offering the best quality produce at good prices, so if you would like a copy of our full shopping list then please pop into the shop where Andrea, Sarah and the team will offer you a warm welcome, or email your request to the above email address.

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Kilsby Good Neighbours Project

From: Gill Farmer, 8 North Street, Kilsby (gillianfarmer@icloud.com) and John Graham, 25 Rugby Road, Kilsby (johngrahamobe@btconnect.com)

In view of the rising number of Coronavirus restrictions, we have decided we are not going to do anything with the Good Neighbours project at least until the New Year. So we are not able to say any more than we did in the last issue.

Let's hope there is a better situation by then, but we are not optimistic about starting any group meetings until at least the spring of next year.

In the mean time, keep your chin up, keep your distance and keep safe everybody.

Kilsby Women's Institute

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 our monthly meetings are still cancelled. We hope to hold a meeting in November - when David Price will tell us the truth behind 'Les Miserables' - fingers crossed!

Because of the Covid-19 situation we have taken the sad decision to cancel our normally very popular Christmas party - it simply would not have been possible for it to go ahead in its normal format.

We **are** knitting furiously for our planned yarn bombing next year - part of our centenary celebrations. Would anyone in Cildes Croft like to join us in knitting a seaside project? Could be the closest you get to the seaside next year! Let us know if you'd like to join in.



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

(from Sharon King, Tel: 823264)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The switching on of the **Kilsby Christmas Tree** lights will take place on **Saturday 5th December 2020** on the green at the top of Barby Road, Kilsby. Due to the current circumstances, we do not know at the moment whether we will be able to host the event as normal. We will continue with the drawing competition and the lights will be turned on. Further details and updates will be posted on our Facebook page and in the next edition of the Kronicle.

The committee will be holding a drawing competition which is open to all children under 16. The picture should be of a Christmas tree and the winner will help Father Christmas switch on the Christmas tree lights. The winning entry will also be used on the advertising posters for the event. All entries should be on a A4 sheet of paper, outline in black ink and should be sent to Sharon King at 16 Hall Close, Kilsby, by 4th November and should include name, address and phone number.

If you would like any further information please, contact Sharon King on 07508 228736 or Annabel Davies on 07511 296446.



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CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

Surgery Access

Covid 19 still remains a threat and so the surgery will continue to use the same practices that have been used since the start of lockdown.

They apologise to all their patients for any inconvenience, but all the precautions are necessary to protect patients and staff. Unfortunately, the surgery is not large enough to allow free movement of patients and retain social distancing, so they will continue to have the outer doors locked.

They are dealing with as many patients as possible but there have to be fewer appointments because of the time taken to clean down after each visit. The position has been improved by telephone and video appointments where applicable.

Home deliveries

For obvious reasons, the number of home deliveries of prescriptions has increased greatly during lockdown. Now that things have improved if you are now able to pick up your prescriptions it would be appreciated. If you are not in when the prescription is delivered it will be returned to the surgery.

If you do have your prescription delivered please allow four clear working days from request to delivery.

Flu vaccinations

Seasonal flu vaccinations are already underway and patients over 65 (including those becoming 65 by 31st March 2021) will be contacted first.

Patients under 65 who qualify for the vaccination will be contacted in October when the surgery receives the vaccine. These patients fall into one or more of the following risk groups:

- Those with chronic respiratory disease, asthma, chronic heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, chronic liver disease, or chronic neurological disease;
- Carers;
- Pregnant Women;
- Those who have low immunity.

Patients aged 50-64 will be contacted in November/December depending on vaccine availability.

Please use your patient access account to book your flu vaccination. Alternatively you can call the surgery between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon or 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm and press option 5.

Doctor Tharmaratnam (who doesn't mind being referred to as Dr Tharm)

Dr Tharm, as you may know has been on maternity leave. She had a baby boy in June and both are doing well. She will be returning to the practice on the 14th December.

Dr Twigg

Dr Twigg will be retiring at the end of the year and I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for looking after us so well and being an integral part in building what has become an excellent practice. We wish her well in her retirement.

KILSBY CEMETERY

(From the Editors)

Those of you who have not looked at the minutes of September's Parish Council meeting may wish to know that the Council has 'resolved to amend the Cemetery Rules and Regulations so that only residents and former residents of Kilsby will be entitled to use the cemetery as a final resting place'.

The responsibilities of the Burials Clerk, which have been being carried out by the Clerk to the Council over recent months, since Helen Smedley stood down from the role, are being transferred to Daventry Town Council.

ARNILLS WAY QUIZ



On August Bank Holiday Monday David Head organised a second socially distanced quiz for residents of Arnills Way and The Banks. Around a dozen teams took part and everyone enjoyed a great afternoon.

The winners were, once again, The Fuzzy Ducks, pictured above with their prize - the Pandemic Plank of Wisdom. Congratulations to them and well done to everyone who took part, and thanks to David for arranging such a splendid event.

ST. FAITH'S CHURCH KILSBY

(From the Rev. Nigel Fry)

A sure foundation.

I expect, like me, you have received plenty of emails and other communications recently that begin, 'In these uncertain times...', or words to that effect. Edging our way along the road of life was trying enough as it was, but with a deadly virus about any progress eludes us and at best we feel in limbo. And it seems impossible to plan anything. Be that as it may, below is the plan for St Faith's Church services for the next couple of months!

During the Lockdown and until a couple of weeks ago services were sent out via email and WhatsApp. We've also had a few weeks where 'Pop-up' Church services have happened in Kilsby and Barby (groups of six meeting in a garden, sharing readings, prayer and conversation.) For now we are back in the Church building. we hope that may continue, but if not we'll have to think again about how worship can happen here.

These certainly are uncertain times, and although we might feel we're getting nowhere fast, we can be assured of a secure foundation for our lives and our life together in Jesus Christ. The writer to the Church in Ephesus compares Christ to the cornerstone of a building; the sure foundation set exactly right to determine the building of the rest of the structure. Solid and reliable.

'So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.' - Ephesians 2:19-21.

Saturday 3rd October Harvest 4.00 - 6.00 pm Harvest Gifts to Church
You are invited to bring your Harvest Gifts to St Faith's. At 6.00 pm prayers of thanksgiving will be said and the offerings blessed for distribution in the community and from the local foodbank.

Sunday 4th October Trinity 17 11.00 am Harvest Communion

Sunday 11th October Trinity 18 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th October Luke the Evangelist 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th October Last Sunday of Trinity 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st November All Saints' Day 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday 10.50 am Service at the Memorial
You are invited to a service of Remembrance at the memorial in St Faith's Churchyard. There will be prayers remembering those who died in times of war, for peace, and for those who serve in our armed forces today to maintain peace.

Sunday 15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday 11.00 am Holy Communion
We celebrate the beginning of the new Church Year. It is a time of expectation and preparation for the coming of God among us in the Incarnation of Christ.

Rev Nigel Fry

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NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

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

Returning to school in September was a gradual process for staff and children.

First of all, the Year 1, 2 and 3 children came in on Thursday 3rd September, then the Year 4, 5 and 6 children on the Friday 4th September. We held parent consultations both days when class teachers were able to have a brief meeting or telephone conversation with all parents about the return, giving them the opportunity to discuss any worries or concerns they had regarding their children returning to, or starting school.

The Reception children came into school with their parents to meet Miss Smith on Wednesday 9th September before returning for a morning or an afternoon session on the Thursday and Friday of that week. Everyone was back in school on Monday 14th. It was really good to have everybody back together again.

This year we have 17 children in our Reception class, and a total of 100 children overall. We have not had 100 children at Kilsby School for a very long time! The number of classrooms we have has also increased, we now have 5 classrooms instead of 4. The Reception children are in Chestnut class, Year 1 and Year 2 in Cherry class, Year 3 in Cedar class, Year 4 in Hazel class and Year's 5 & 6 in Maple class. At the start of this school year we welcomed 3 new teachers: Miss Denney who teaches Year 4, and Miss Roberts together with Miss Sanders who teach our Year 1 and 2 children. Everybody seems to have settled into school life very well.



Our new Reception children

The children have enjoyed the start of the new school year, some getting to know their new teachers and new classrooms. Chestnut class have enjoyed getting to know one another, finding out about school routines and have started working on their phonics.

Cherry class have enthusiastically returned to school, enjoying being with their friends after the break. In between lots of hand washing and learning how to be safe, they have helped to make the classroom welcoming and cheerful as well as starting to read, write and count once again.

Cedar class have been learning all about the Stone Age and how life was then, and they have also enjoyed learning some French. Year 4, in Hazel class, have been learning French and also all about the Stone Age, especially looking at the housing and living conditions in those days. They are finding it all very interesting!

As part of the 'Well-being week', Maple class created feelings in the form of emojis (see photos below). They have also started the year by walking 4 laps of the field every morning.



Normally we would have a lot planned for the weeks ahead, but as Covid-19 is still around, we are delaying any trips and visits until we know for sure it is safe to do so. At the moment we are just really enjoying being back together again and settling back into school life.

(Note from the Editors: the article below was originally published in the February/March 2014 edition of Kronickle as part of a long-running series of articles about the history of the village, written by the late Gren Hatton. We hope to republish some more of these articles in future editions)

Long-term effects of Enclosure – The Haven, Essen Lane

Enclosure of Kilsby's open fields, in 1778, caused major changes in the usage of former farm buildings. Farms that for 800 years had been located in the village (equally handy for all three open fields between which each man's land was divided) were suddenly in the wrong location, for each man's land was now collected together all in one place – and that is why so many new farmhouses and outbuildings were built out in the fields during the 1800s.

Meanwhile, what of the old farmsteads in the village? Poorer farmers continued to operate from their village-based farmhouses – wealthier men built new farmhouses in the fields, converted their former barns into cottages that could be rented out, and partitioned their old farmhouses to provide further tenant accommodation. Fairview (North St) and the Manse (alongside the chapel) are examples of converted barns – and The Haven in Essen Lane is an example of a converted former farmhouse.

I can illustrate this using four scraps of information about The Haven:
A needlework sampler, dated 1779.

Pages from a schoolboy's copybook, dated 1829.

An 1823 newspaper advertisement

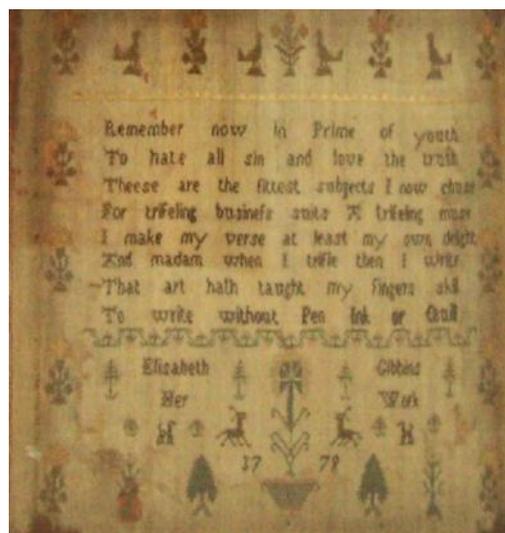
A "for sale" notice in 1860.

The Sampler of Elisabeth Gibbins, 1779

For those who haven't met this term, a sampler was a scrap of linen on which a young girl demonstrated her finest needlework, embroidering little pictures and texts in coloured silken threads to show off her talents.

This sampler was worked in 1779 by Elisabeth, oldest daughter of John Gibbins and his wife Ann (née Lee). It was John Gibbins who built the stone part of The Haven in 1773.

The Gibbinses first arrived in Kilsby in the 1720s or early 1730s, from the Daventry/Badby area, at a time when Kilsby's woollen industry was at its peak. They were woolcombers and wool-staplers, and married into Kilsby's influential Cowley and Lee families, which indicates that they were already relatively wealthy. They took over a small farmhouse near the village centre – a sensible choice of location.



Elisabeth Gibbins was 20 when she stitched this sampler – and 10 years later she married wealthy Kilsby farmer John Roberts and went to live at his house on Rugby Road (now known as Iliff's). The sampler was still hanging in the lounge at Iliff's in 2012 when I photographed it – but I copied the image to the owners of The Haven, to return it to the place where it was created.

The Copybook of John Gibbins, 1829

While re-plastering an upper room in 1997, the previous owners of The Haven found some sheets of paper, dated October 7th 1829 and signed by John Gibbins. They are pages from a child's copybook (used to practice hand-writing), containing carefully penned repetitions of phrases such as "Lies are despised", "All have a talent to improve" and "Boast not thyself of tomorrow" (Proverbs 27:1).

John was christened at the Independent Chapel in 1819, so was 10 when he copied the above exercises. His three sisters also appear in the Chapel registers from 1810-1825, and the family lived at The Haven. His great-grandfather, also John Gibbins, is listed in Kilsby's Enclosure paperwork of 1778, as a "cottager in Kilsby", ie not a farmer or landowner.

Parts of The Haven were inhabited by other families during the 1800s – notably the Essens (who were related by marriage to the Gibbins family). The property was two houses at that time, and the Gibbins lived in the western end of the cob structure (with its stone-built extension dating from 1773), while the Essens inhabited the older (eastern) end of the building. The 1841 census indicates that the two families worked very closely together, operating a butchery, grocery and drapery:

Ann Gibbins, 77, independent means; Mary Ann Gibbins, 20, dressmaker;
Elizabeth Gibbins, 20, grocer; John Gibbins, 20, butcher (ie the author of the copybook).

and next door:

Joseph Essen, 70, farmer; Sarah Essen, 65, grocer and draper;
Maria Essen, 40, housekeeper.

In the early 1800s, roasted corn was sold as a poor man's substitute for the expensive imported coffee or tea that Jane Austen and other smart folk would have enjoyed at that time. The advertisement on the right appeared in the Northampton Mercury in September 1823 – and one of the sales outlets listed was the Gibbins' grocery shop on Essen Lane.

As you can see, it was produced locally at East Haddon, and distributed through a network of small shops in villages and towns over a 50-mile radius. Advertisements like this shed light on the sort of things that were stocked in village shops in the Georgian era – and it conveys a vivid impression of rows of shelves filled with preserves, hair-curlers, mouse-traps, bags of sugar, candles, balls of string etc.



A Property Sale, 1860

On 4th August 1860, the Northampton Mercury carried the following notice:

"To butchers, grocers, and others. To let, and may be entered upon at Michaelmas Day next; A good butchering business, with grocer's and drapery shop attached, established more than half a century, situate at Kilsby, Northamptonshire. Stock and fixtures to be taken at valuation. For particulars, apply to Mr. John Barratt, on the premises aforesaid."

This hints at the humble beginnings of the little shop on Essen Lane – which, from the advertisement, must have started up around 1805-1810. This, in turn, is very revealing – for the shop was opened during the Napoleonic Wars – a time when poverty afflicted weavers and woolcombers and other folk in Kilsby who had no land of their own to farm.

And now we can complete the story – from a wealthy woolcomber who moved here in the 1720s at the peak of Kilsby's wool trade and married into the top circle of village society, through the sudden onset of poverty when Industrial Revolution and Napoleonic War combined to destroy the local weaving industry, to the opening of a humble village shop and butcher's business as a means of survival, to the eventual sale of the premises in the 1860s as a thriving concern.

I could say more – for the story continues into the 1900s – but as usual, space is scarce! Read more about Kilsby history at www.westnorthantshistory.co.uk ...

Gren Hatton
January 2014

KILSBY KRONICKLE

Kids Korner

HALLOWEEN IS ALMOST HERE! Saturday 31st October is Halloween & it is probably going to be a bit different this year because of COVID-19. But that doesn't mean it can't be fun! Here are some fun and spooky activities you can try at home this Halloween...

BRAIN DIGGING

- 1 Add green or red food colouring to a bowl of cooked spaghetti to create a slimy bowl of 'brains'!
- 2 Hide peeled grapes for eyeballs, dried apricots for monster ears, popcorn kernels for teeth, & carrot sticks for witches' fingers in the bowl of spaghetti
- 3 Take it in turns to rummage through the mush for a specific item with a blindfold on. Each person has to look for a specific object e.g. one person looks for an eye ball and another looks for a finger! If you find your item within 20 seconds you get a treat!

HALLOWEEN HUNT

Ask an adult to hide halloween treats like chocolate or sweets around your house (or garden). Dress up in your favourite costume, then go and see how many you can find !... a bit like a spooky Easter egg hunt!!!!



SPIDER WEB

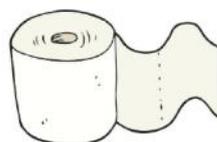
Create a spider web obstacle course by stringing lengths of toilet roll around a room or hallway. You have to then have to climb over and crawl under the toilet roll. If you break a strand, you have to go back to the beginning!



DRESS THE MUMMY

If you are a family of 4 then split into two teams of 2. Choose one person from each team to be the 'mummy' and the other person will be dressing the mummy in toilet roll! The first team to cover their mummy entirely in toilet roll wins!

Or if you don't want to do a timed game why not do a competition for the best dressed mummy by making different clothes out of toilet roll!



Things to do in October-November

Volunteer to help with the Guides

Deliver welcome packs to your new neighbours

Get your children to enter the Drawing Competition

Go on a Walking Group walk

Knit for the yarn bombing project

WANTED

**Help with Guides, Rainbows or Brownies
(see page 3)**

WELCOME PACKS

With so many houses in the village changing hands, please remember that Welcome Packs are available for you to give to your new neighbours when you pop round to introduce yourselves.

The packs contain lots of information about the village and local organisations and services, plus a map and even a shopping list from the Community Shop.

We know from feedback that new residents appreciate getting the packs so please, if you are getting a new neighbour, contact Chris Lomas on 822650 or at lomdoucd@gmail.com to get a pack to give to them when they move in.



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