

## Dates for your diary

### October

Thursday 5th October  
Walking Group walk

Saturday 7th October  
KAG Fundraiser Quiz

Thursday 12th October  
WI Meeting

Sunday 15th October  
Walking Group walk

Sunday 29th October  
British Summer Time ends.  
Clocks go back.

### November

Thursday 2nd November  
Walking Group walk

Saturday 4th November  
Closing date for drawing  
competition entries

Thursday 9th November  
WI meeting

Friday 10th November  
Oil Club Order Point

Sunday 12th November  
Remembrance Day services at  
church and chapel.

Thursday 16th November  
History Society talk

Sunday 19th November  
Walking Group walk

Tuesday 21st November  
Garden & Produce Assn. AGM

### December Early Notice

Saturday 2nd December  
St Faith's Church Bazaar  
Switch-on of Christmas Tree lights



The picture above was taken at the Garden and Produce Show in early September. A full report and more pictures are on page 15. It is very encouraging that there were so many entries this year - the Village Hall looked very colourful when they were all set out.

Although we are only just moving into October, plans are already being made for Christmas events, which this year will include a Bazaar at St. Faith's, which we hope will get lots of support, and the return of the travelling crib (see page 13), as well as the ever-popular Christmas Tree event (see page 8). As in previous years, there will be a children's drawing competition and the winner will help Father Christmas switch on the lights. The standard in previous years has been very high and we look forward to publishing this year's winning entry into the next edition.

On page 6 there is a report on the very important meeting about the Climate Emergency which took place on 9th September. A very impressive set of presentations had been arranged to help residents understand what we in Kilsby might be able to do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and it is a shame that more people from the village were not able to attend the meeting. If you weren't there, please do take the time to look at the presentations on the village website and to fill in a personal pledge card. Full details are in the report. This is such an important issue for everyone.

Anyone who uses or recognises the value of our libraries should also take a look at the West Northants Council Library Service Strategy which is out for consultation and complete the Council's survey about this. You can find further details on page 22.

The Parish Council is planning to plant lots of bulbs around the village ready for next spring but help will be needed with this. If you can spare some time to plant a few bulbs to ensure a beautiful display next year your help will be greatly appreciated. See the Parish Council report on page 3.

The back page of this magazine lists other opportunities to get involved with life in the village, whether in a practical way or through input of ideas. We hope you will find things to interest you.

Have a good autumn.

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## KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL(PC)

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs  
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Hello everyone, I do hope you had a good summer and holidays. The weather was a bit inclement at times but I'm sure we all enjoyed the sunshine (when we had some). Dark nights approaching and the trees all going to sleep for a few months brings our attention to autumn and soon to be winter. Never mind, we have Christmas to look forward to.

More to the point, what has your Parish Council been doing over the past two months and what are we looking to do. I have listed below some of the things completed around our village and a couple of items where we are seeking either your suggestions or some practical help. Please give some thought to them and get in touch by email,

### Highways

- Butts Lane has been completed and the Parish Council hope all who use the new path find it much better and that it has not changed the environment too much.
- Councillor Ian Weston and I had a meeting with West Northamptonshire Council Highways to discuss potholes around the village. As I am sure you will have seen, Highways have already commenced some of the work and we are hopeful that this will continue. If you notice any major areas needing to be repaired, please report these to Street Doctor.
- Councillor Weston organised a Community Speed Watch again this year in an effort to reduce the speed of drivers travelling through the village. Thank you to everyone who helped, although a few more volunteers would have been welcome. Thank you, too, to Ian Weston for all the hard work he has put into it. **(Eds. See report on page 16.)**
- I am sure everyone would agree that Speedwatch needs to continue, but Ian is having to step down and we will need a new Speed Watch Co-ordinator for next year. If you would be prepared to take this on, please let Ian Weston, our Clerk Emma, or me know. Ian is happy to give some help.
- The Council was asked by Kilsby School if we could install a new light outside the school gates as the area was very dark during the autumn and winter months when children were leaving school. I am pleased to report that this has been installed and hope the school finds it of some help.

### Climate Change

- Cllr Ian Massey (who leads the council on climate change) organised a great event held in the village hall on 9th September. We are all grateful to Ian for the effort and hard work he put into organising the day. **(Eds. See report on page 6.)** We should also thank Andrew Simpson and Voltalia, all those organisations which made presentations, and the W.I for organizing the refreshments. Ian will be organising a follow up event and will publicise details of this later.

### Kilsby Village Website Website

- The Council wants to update the Village Website to improve its appearance and ease of access. Village organisations interested in having space should contact Cllr Oliver Houlton **(email details on page 2)**.

### Community Green Space/Outside Sport Facilities/Village Projects

- As reported previously, the PC is trying to find a plot of land, somewhere either in the village or nearby, to purchase on behalf of the village for the benefit of all residents. In order to achieve this, we have applied for a grant from the S106 funds (funds given by the developers of Cildes Croft to the village). If you have any land you would be prepared to sell for this purpose or know of any which might be available, please get in touch with our Clerk, Emma.
- The PC wants to commemorate the coronation of King Charles, Hopefully, I will be able to let you all know how we are going to do this in the next edition of the KK.
- We are also considering an event to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024. If anyone has any ideas about this or would like to get involved with the planning, please do let me know.
- Cllr Weston has a lot of crocus, daffodil and other bulbs to plant around the village and is looking for people who could help with this task so that the village will look really lovely next spring.

### Phone Box Books

- As I have mentioned previously, we have been trying to relocate the book exchange which was previously housed in the phone box. It is pleasing to report that St Faith's is considering having it in the church. Please keep a look out for further information about this on social media and the village website.

Well, that's about all for now, so have a good autumn and look after yourselves.

Howard, Chairman, Kilsby P C

## **FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS**

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I was very pleased to attend the Kilsby Climate Action event in September at the village hall. I look forward to supporting the team being set up to follow up and monitor the ideas and actions to reduce carbon emissions that were suggested at the event.

There are many carbon reduction initiatives and projects included in West Northants first Sustainability Report which are contributing to the Council's sustainability commitments and its net zero pledges.

One of these projects is to assess the feasibility of installing large scale solar farms on its own land in order to supply the Council's energy demands from renewable energy. The Council is also working on a scheme to enable a village that is off-grid to utilise renewable energy instead of oil or solid fuels. The proposal is to hold a competition to select a village and if the scheme is successful more villages might follow, which would reduce both the carbon footprint of off-grid villages and heating costs.

Councillors understood until very recently that the new draft Local Plan would be ready for public consultation in October. The date has now been deferred to February 2024 owing to delays in the detailed technical work on the number of dwellings

estimated to be needed and the amount of employment land to be provided up to 2041. Kilsby residents will not therefore learn for another 5 months whether the site between the village and DIRFT will be included in the draft Local Plan. I, along with the other ward councillors will be continuing to support Kilsby Action Group in its campaign to retain this land as an important green buffer between the village's rural setting and its neighbouring industrial landscape.

The Council has started work on a new Local Transport Plan which will complement the Local Plan and should go out for consultation next year. This will set out a strategy for the management, maintenance and development of a local transport network. It should align with the Council's net zero commitments with priorities enabling people to be better connected, making places healthier and safer and levelling up left behind areas. The consultation will be an important opportunity for local residents to contribute their views on their preferred travel options during a period when people may be travelling less overall due to continued expansion of home/hybrid working.

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## Remembering Jane

(From David George and family)

Despite her determination and courageous fight against the impossible odds of Pancreatic Cancer, Jane slipped peacefully away at 1.30 am on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Thanks to the wonderful support of the Myton Hospice at Home team we were able to have her at home, where she was expertly kept as comfortable and pain free as possible by the lovely District Nursing team from the Orchard Centre in Rugby.

Our thanks go out to all the people, medical and non-medical, associated with Jane's care and treatment over the past year or so. The doctors, nurses and support staff at the Whitehall Medical Practice, the Oncology Department at UHCW, Rugby St. Cross Hospital and the Myton Hospice.

We thank all of those who were able to join us for Jane's funeral which was arranged by Rugby Funeral Home, led by Shirley Timms and carried out with sympathy and understanding at Rainsbrook Crematorium. Thanks also to the friendly, efficient and helpful team at The Draycote Hotel for the refreshments following the service.

Finally, we have been so grateful for the number, and the sentiment, of the kind messages we have received. It is a great tribute to Jane and her place in the community that she loved.

## WALKING GROUP

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

The dates and start times of the next walks are:

Thursday 5th October	9.30 am
Sunday 15th October	10.00 am
Thursday 2nd November	9.30 am
Sunday 19th November	10.00 am

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

The meeting place is Chapel Street outside the White House.

For more info contact Lesley Loader (details above).

## KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

When we next meet on November 16th we will be welcoming Mike Tebbitt who will tell us all about 'The Abandoned Villages of Northamptonshire'. There are many more lost villages in our county, more than you might think. Some are not far from Kilsby. The main reason for the disappearances might surprise you!

The meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. in the Kilsby Room. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available as usual.

The entrance fee will be £3 for members and £5 for visitors. Everyone is welcome.

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## Village Meeting on The Climate Emergency

(From the Organising Group, Ian Massey, Andrew Simpson and Rupert Knowles)

How fitting that the meeting took place on the UK's hottest day of the year. Although not as dramatic a temperature as in the summer of 2022, it does serve as a reminder that the UK is not immune from the kind of extreme heatwaves and flooding that has taken place across the world.

It was disappointing that so few residents came to the meeting and therefore missed an opportunity to hear about actions they may be able to take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions here in Kilsby and contribute to establishing a plan for the village. A number of residents had registered their interest in the event although they would be on holiday and wished to be kept informed going forward. However, there were sufficient numbers present to make the event worthwhile.

Following an introductory presentation which set the background to the climate emergency and some of the impacts, guest speakers made presentations aimed at stimulating residents thinking about what steps they can take to reduce their carbon footprint.

Speakers from Voltalia, a global provider of solar farms, outlined their approach to mitigating the environmental impact of such schemes. The main obstacle facing developers of solar and other generators of green electricity is the lack of preparedness of the national grid. Voltalia operate a Community Benefits Scheme which is of particular interest to Kilsby. Under this scheme, village organisations will be able to bid for grants of up to £5000 for suitable projects benefitting a sustainable community when work commences on the Rainsbrook solar farm.

A presentation by Climate Action West Northants (CA-WN); <https://exchange.ca-wn.org/> described some actions already taken by CA-WN and some planned for the future. It described the work with home-made air quality monitors placed near schools and other congestion hotspots. These showed the pollution impact of both the school run and lighting fires in the evening. The message is that parents must not sit in their car with the engine running while waiting to pick up pupils from school! CA-WN is also involved in analysing the gargantuan task of making all 163,000 homes in West Northants more climate friendly.

The speaker from M+S Renewables gave a brief outline of the beneficial integration of solar panels with battery storage for use with electric car charging and taking advantage of competitive tariffs from

energy suppliers at different times of the day. The company provides affordable, sustainable energy solutions that can help reduce carbon footprint and save money on energy bills.

Braunston Climate Action Network explained how they are organised and how they have established a plan for the Parish. The Network is independent of any Council or Group but influences the Parish Council. A particular initiative implemented by the Braunston and which might be of interest to Kilsby is the classification of grass mowing into amenity grass, mown every three weeks, and wildlife-rich grassland, only mown twice a year.

West Northants Council Sustainability Department gave the final presentation on the work they are doing to take community leadership for sustainability in the county. Their goal is to move towards net zero carbon emissions by 2030. 5% of emissions in the county are generated by Council operations which and it has influence over a further 30%, with the remainder from residents and businesses

Questions to the presenters led to the involvement of residents in a session generating ideas as to what they can do to reduce emissions. A number of residents have volunteered to move the agenda forward and a brief follow up meeting is being arranged with them to plan the way ahead based on the responses obtained.

Thanks are due to Voltalia who provided the publicity material for the event as well as the equipment used for the presentations. Thanks are also due to the Kilsby branch of the Women's Institute who provided refreshments for the event, and to the Village Shop for a display on their recycle/reuse initiative.

It is not too late to be involved in contributing to the village plan which you can do by emailing [kilsbyclimateaction@btinternet.com](mailto:kilsbyclimateaction@btinternet.com) or by filling in a personal pledge card on activity you can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These are available in the village shop and can be left there for collection.

Copies of the presentations are available on the Village Website.

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## KILSBY ACTION GROUP

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

### Site 3b between Kilsby and the DIRFT industrial area

Kilsby Action Group (KAG) previously advised supporters that the Draft Local Plan, which will determine the sites permitted to be used for development, was due in October 2023. We have campaigned aggressively to get the Kilsby site removed from the Local Plan and have been supported by our MP and all of our District Councillors, Council for the Protection of Rural England and Kilsby Parish Council. We can now report that the Draft Local Plan has been delayed and will be published in March 2024. We have another meeting with West Northamptonshire Council in November 2023 and will continue to campaign until the Draft Local Plan is published.

### Barby Road Proposed Development

It was September 2021 when Richborough distributed a consultation document around Kilsby in connection with their proposal to build houses in green fields off Barby Road – **2 YEARS AGO**. KAG submitted an objection within the deadline in December 2021 and nothing has happened since !!!

We have continually chased the planning department and have been supported by all of our Councillors. We have not been able to get a planning committee hearing date to present our case. We have heard anecdotally that the planning officer has been advised by the developer that they will be bringing forward a reduced proposal, but nothing has been asked for a review of the case.

**(Eds. Remember that the KAG Fundraiser Quiz publicised in the last issue will take place on 7th October.)**



## Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



### Kilsby Christmas Tree Light Switch on Event 2023

The Christmas Tree Light Switch on event will be held on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023** on the green at the top of Barby Road, Kilsby. We will meet outside the Kilsby Village Shop at **4.30 pm** to meet Father Christmas and we will then follow his sleigh to the village green.

With the continued success of the Christmas Tree Lottery, the mince pies and mulled wine will be provided free of charge and there will also be free entertainment for the children. The lights will be switched on at 5.00 pm by Father Christmas. This will then be followed by live music by **'The Tunnellers'**.

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 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.

Thank you  
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee





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## KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel:823939)

Helen Frost spoke to us in August about the faith of those serving at the front in WWI. Often for the men (and women) at the front in the Great War there was little to give them hope. For many, who at home might, at best, have been ambivalent about religion, having something to look to and give them hope and confidence was a support they would have fallen without. Ministers, although non-combatants, often committed acts of great bravery and many died serving at the front. When the war ended ministers had received 3 Victoria Crosses, 67 Distinguished Service Orders and 487 Military Crosses. There were many nationalities and many faiths in the ranks. Since ministers were limited in numbers, they all studied the rites and rituals of other faiths in order that any of them could conduct these services for any of the fallen. Helen gave us a fascinating insight into this awful time. 'I never forgot the other life the Great War took away...'

On a lighter note, in September we had a talk and demonstration from artist Michael Peachey. Michael is a self-taught painter who sold his first painting at the age of 11 for £2! After that he was hooked... to start his demo he blocked out a rough outline, copying from a photo he'd taken the day before. Then he started to



fill in the image with colour and asked volunteers to fill in different areas! Amazingly the picture came out ok! He encourages anyone to have a go at painting for enjoyment and spends lots of time helping people with problems such as head injuries to enjoy the thrill of producing a piece of art!

Our meetings are at 19:30 on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £5. At our October meeting we'll hear from Adrian Perkins, a Ghost Detective! Then in November we'll hear from local travel consultant Grant Bowles.



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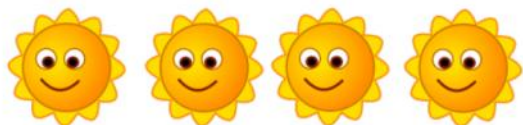
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## Kilsby Village Shop

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



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## Is it too early to mention Christmas?

(From Fiona Gibbs, Churchwarden, Tel:07965 207852)

### Bazaar

This year St Faith's will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2nd December in the church. We hope to have stalls selling Christmas Cards, Handy Crafts, Christmas Cakes, Evergreens and Christmas Gifts.

But we can't do it without you!

We are looking for helpers on the day, stall holders selling gifts, donations of handy crafts, items for the raffle and most importantly supporters to come and have fun.

If you can help at the event or would like to book a stall, please get in touch. Donations can be left in the church or given to a member of the PCC.

### Travelling Crib

We will again be running our popular Travelling Crib throughout December. The Holy Family will make their way around the village, staying overnight in different houses as we remember their journey to Bethlehem. The crib will begin its travels at the communion service in St Faith's on 26th November, returning to the church during the Carol Service on 17th December.

If you would like to take the crib for a night, please contact us or sign up on the list in the church porch.

### Carols by Candlelight

This year's Carols by Candlelight will take place on Sunday 17th December. Come and join us for a wonderful celebration of the Christmas season, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

(Eds. See also News from St. Faith's on page 20 for details of services and events over the next few months.)



## Facing issues with your laptop or tech?

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### Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

Sharon King, 07508228736



### Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery

The committee would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery so far. The lucky number for September was drawn on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August and was 132. Well done to Donna Esders who won £63. The lucky number for September was drawn on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September and was 131. Well done to Ian and Maggie Smith who won £61.

Half of the money raised each month goes to the prize fund and the other half to the Kilsby Christmas Tree Fund. This money will be used to fund the Christmas Tree light switch-on event for 2023 which will take place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**.

Each lottery draw takes place on the second Saturday of the month. The draws for the next few months will be as follows:

Month	Date
October	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
November	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
December	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

The money we raise from the lottery allows us to put on the event for free each year. If you would like to join the lottery, for just £1 a week, please contact Sharon King on 0750 8228736, Annabel Davies, 07511296446 or email [kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank you  
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee

## KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

(From



### Annual Garden and Produce Show

The Annual Show was bursting with colourful entries this year, and the two judges from The Guild of Judges in Leicester had a busy time assessing the over 300 entries in the 66 different classes.



The number of entries this year was up 25% on last year which reflected the better growing conditions for the fruit, vegetables and flowers. It was good to see the other categories also doing well with plenty of entries in most classes. A big 'thank you' goes to the Village Fete Committee who gave a generous donation to the running of the show and to the Christmas Tree Committee who provided and served the teas and cakes.



The various trophies were awarded to the following winners:-

Courtyard Garden to Elaine Morrice  
Decorative Garden to John and Anne Madigan  
Mixed Garden to John Beeston;

The cup for the most attractive Planter was won by Number 2 Ladies Reading Group, second were Sam and Mick, last year's winners for the Watling Street planter, and third was Number 1 Book/Walking Group.

At the show:-

The Children's Cup was awarded to Arthur Gosling;

The Hilda Ollerenshaw Cup for the best Victoria Sandwich went to Doreen Wilson;

The Warner Crofts Cup for the most points in Cookery and Handicrafts went to Diane Graham;



The Eva Lennox Cup for the most points in fruit, vegetables and flowers for an Allotment Holder went to Charles Smedley;

The Bracebridge Cleasby Cup for the most points for fruit, vegetables and flowers went to Charles Smedley, with second place to Diana Smith and third to Diane Graham.

The judges were also asked to nominate the best entry out of all the different entries and classes and the winner was the best quiche, cooked by Diane Graham.

The Banksian Medal from the RHS for the most points for fruit, vegetables and flowers went to Diana Smith. This medal can only be won once in three years by the same person.



### AGM

The AGM for the Garden Association will be held on Tuesday 21st November at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and the speaker this year is Liz Taylor from the Woodland Trust.

## NATURE NOTES - JULY 2023

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

As I write, Autumn seems to be well and truly here with wind, rain and plenty of leaves blowing all over the place. Talking of leaves, don't clear them all away as they will help to keep our Kilsby hedgehogs warm and dry over the winter. Also take care before you stick a fork in a pile in case there's one resting in there. We've continued to have visiting hedgehogs over the summer – we seem to get the same one for several nights in a row and then that one moves on, and we get a different one (or two!). Several people have reported seeing them passing through their gardens which is amazing – it would be so good though if there was a way of mapping those visits. Maybe next year? Any suggestions welcome! There is a national hedgehog survey due next year – I can't remember the full details but there are to be several urban sites fitted with cameras over a given period and then the analysis is due to be done by AI! I'll look forward to the results.

During the hot spells of August, butterfly visitors to the garden were amazing and in great numbers. The most numerous were Red Admirals and also plenty of large and small whites – in flight I find it so hard to tell the difference as it is markings as well as size you must check. According to the Butterfly Conservation charity, there were 95,000 participants in the Big Butterfly Count this year which is great – the Red Admiral had a huge increase since last year and is now a UK resident.

We also had a few visits from a Hummingbird Hawk Moth on buddleia flowers– a truly amazing little thing whose wings beat faster than you can see. I was also amazed one morning to find an enormous moth in my light box – a Blue Underwing – a rare migrant moth. If one flew into your house, you would certainly know about it but please catch it gently and let it out!

Quantities of birds in the garden have been variable but some days we have seen families of sparrows, starlings and blue tits raiding the feeders before disappearing just as fast into the fields (or someone else's garden!). I look forward to seeing some different species in the winter – you can usually see some interesting winter water birds at Draycote Water – there have to be some positives about the cold weather!

By then, the house martin I saw this morning (20<sup>th</sup> September) will have travelled to Africa. One of the bird charities is planning to use tiny geolocators to find out more about their route and where in Africa our visiting birds end up.

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

(From Ian Weston - Highways Warden/Speed Watch Co-Ordinator; Tel: [01788 823332](tel:01788823332))

We have now completed Kilsby Community Speed Watch for this year. Thanks to the volunteers. We couldn't have done this without your help.

Unfortunately, at the beginning of our four weeks the weather was not kind to us and we had to cancel a few sessions. However, we were able to complete 13 sessions in total - 12 on the A361 and one on Main Road. We recorded eight vehicles on Main Road and 378 on the A361, all travelling at 35mph or considerably over in some cases.

Sadly, one village resident was caught for the third time since we restarted Speed Watch after the pandemic, and three of the speeding vehicles coming down the A361 turned into the Cildes Croft estate. Clearly the safety of other road users in Kilsby does not apply to them!

Because of additional future commitments I am reluctantly standing down as Speed Watch Co-ordinator for Kilsby, but am happy to help at any sessions which are organised for next year. Hopefully, someone will volunteer to take over the role, otherwise Kilsby will be unable to join the Community Speed Watch campaign.

## POPPY APPEAL

(From Terry Dougan,  
Tel: 822650)



This year's Poppy Appeal will run from Sunday 22nd October up until Poppy Day, which is Tuesday 14th November.

As in recent years, there will be no 'door to door' collections in Kilsby this year. Instead, the Appeal in the village will be concentrated on the shop, pubs and school.

I have arranged with Kilsby Village Shop, The Red Lion, The George, and Kilsby School for poppies and other merchandise to be available for purchase from 22nd October. People in Kilsby have always supported this worthwhile cause very generously and I hope you will continue to do so this year.

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 12th November and following the Holy Communion Service at St Faith's there will be a Remembrance Service at the War Memorials in the south aisle of the church at 11.00 am. People are asked to gather at 10.50 am. There will also be a Remembrance Service at the URC Chapel that morning at 11.00 am.





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## KILSBY CHURCH 100 CLUB

### July Winners

£40 (86) G Farmer; £30 (91) L Griffiths;  
£20 (87) M Couldrey; £20 (97) J Ayton;  
£10 (25) G Mason.

### August Winners

£100 (47) P Lewis; £65 (97) J Ayton;  
£40 (31) P Liddington; £40 (86) G Farmer;  
£20 (50) K James

## COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVE SIGN INSTALLED AT CEMETERY

The grave of a 18 year old soldier who died in the First World War has been in Kilsby cemetery for many years but now the site has been recognised by the installation of a Commonwealth War Graves plaque on the gate of the cemetery so that visitors are aware the grave is there.



## GARDENERS' CORNER

### **An Indian summer?...**

..at least it was for a week of 30 degrees in September! We have had a bad year for apples and runner beans, but the autumn raspberries are great. Looking longer term, we have now stopped trying to grow delphiniums and lupins as they just don't like repeated hot dry spells.

### **Take cuttings**

Autumn is a good time to take cuttings of hardy shrubs. Take a 6 inch to 1 ft piece of a mature healthy shoot of this year's growth. Cut the bottom level just at the bottom of a leaf joint. Cut the top at an angle (so that you can tell the top from the bottom!) Take the leaves off the bottom half and stick it in the ground in a sheltered place open to the rain. Take several – they won't all survive. Then forget about them until the spring.

### **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 or two forks back to back.

### **Plant bulbs**

When planting up your bulb pots put some sharp sand under the bulbs to improve drainage. Given the pattern of occasional heavy rain, it is also a good idea to protect the pots with a slate over the winter.

### **Jobs to do in October**

Sow sweet peas in pots for next years garden show!  
Plant spring bedding and bulbs

### **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...**

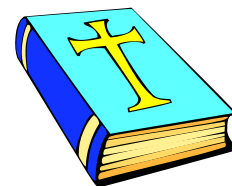
In 'Directions for the Gardiner', John Evelyn, 1686:-

*"You can hardly be too sparing of water to your hous'd plants; the not observing of this, destroys more plants than all the rudeness of the **Season**: To know when they want refreshing consider the leaves; if they **shrivel** and fold up, give them drink; if **pale** and **whitish**, they have already too much; and the defect is at the roots, which are in peril of rotting."*

Good Gardening!

*Ron Kibble*

## **KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**



### **Mission Statement**

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

### **Services**

**Sunday mornings at 11.00 am**

#### **October**

1st Rev. Jane Wade  
8th Mr Andrew Howes  
15th Pastor Cecil Gill  
22nd Mrs Wendy Pittman  
29th Group Meeting (not at Kilsby)

#### **November**

5th Mrs Dorn Margett  
12th Mr Andrew Howes Remembrance Day  
19th Pastor Cecil Gill  
26th Mr Wally Mular

We are a small (and ageing) congregation, but continue to hold our weekly services and hope to attract more people to join us.

### **Scrabble**

Wednesdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.  
Everyone welcome.

### **Sewing Group**

Every other Friday 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.  
Everyone is welcome to come along to sew, knit or crochet etc. If you enjoy any of these activities please do come and join us - we would love to have some new members.

### **Community Café**

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


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

Please contact: Ann Tailby Tel: 822140  
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## NEWS FROM ST FAITH'S

(From Gill Mason, Churchwarden, Tel: 822658)

### Services at St Faith's

- 8th October      See below \*
  
- 22nd October    10.00 am    Holy Communion
  
- 29th October    Joint Benefice Holy Communion  
10.00 am at Barby
  
- 12th November   10.00 am Holy Communion  
followed by a Remembrance  
Service which, this year, will  
take place in the south aisle of  
the church by the War Memorials.  
Assemble at 10.50 am.
  
- 26th November   10.00 am    Holy Communion

- St Mary's at Barby are to become custodians of the Coles Memorial Chalice for a year and they have invited us to join them at a special Holy Communion Service at St Mary's at 11.00 am on Sunday 8th October at which the Bishop and a Deputy Lord Lieutenant will be present. We have accepted this invitation and there will not be a 10.00 am service at Kilsby that day.

On Sunday 3rd December, the Archdeacon of Northampton, the Rev Richard Ormeston, will be taking a Benefice Holy Communion at 10.00 am. This will be at Barby as it is their Sunday for Holy Communion. Please try and come. The Archdeacon is a great character and his sermons are never dull.

### Ride and Stride

Thank you to John Donovan and Michael Savage who cycled in some extremely hot weather. Also thank you to all those who sponsored them. At the time of writing I do not know how much has been raised.

(Eds. See also page 13 for early information about Christmas events.)

## SOLUTION TO SUDOKU

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## CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

### Flu Vaccinations

These are being carried out earlier this year and have already started in September and will carry on through October.

The Surgery are very pleased with the response this year, and this is very important as they have to order vaccinations and pay for them earlier in the year based on the numbers the surgery usually vaccinate. If some patients get their vaccinations elsewhere the Surgery are left with spare vaccines which cannot be used and they are not reimbursed for them. If you are in a qualifying group and normally have your vaccination at the surgery and you have not booked your vaccination yet please contact the surgery and make an appointment.

### Covid Vaccinations

These will be carried out by the Surgery this year and will be taking place very shortly. The Surgery will contact you when they would like you to make a booking, and this will probably have happened by the time this article is published. This is therefore a reminder to book your appointment if you have not already done so.

### Repeat Prescriptions

As I mentioned in my last article, please give five WORKING days' notice when ordering your repeat prescription. Many of you will have noticed that you are often notified your prescription is ready much sooner than the five days. The dispensary works hard to get out prescriptions as soon as possible, but demand varies and sometimes it takes longer than at other times. To make sure you get your medications when you need them, please continue to give five days' notice.

### Telephone system

Those of you have contacted the surgery recently will have noticed that they have installed a new telephone system. This will have great benefits for patients and the staff. The most obvious one is that when making appointments, whilst you will be in a queue as usual, you will have the option of requesting a call back with your place in the queue being held until it is your turn, when you will be called.

### Training Days

The surgery will be closed for mandatory staff training on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 12.30 pm – 6.30 pm. It will re-open from 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm, for booked appointments only, and from 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm for prescription collection

## NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

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

We have been back in school for two weeks now, after a relaxing summer break.

The week school finished for the summer, we had an Ofsted inspection on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July which was a bit of a surprise! We are very pleased to have been given a 'Good' rating and with the feedback. The report should soon be available online for everyone to view.

We have only been back in school for two weeks so there is not a lot to report at this stage, but we are now really fortunate to have a classroom for each year group in school which is certainly better for everyone concerned.

At the beginning of September, we welcomed 23 new Reception children, they have settled in really well already. For their first week they came in only for the morning or the afternoon, but then they all came in full time the following week. They spent the first week getting to know their teacher Miss Allen, and one another, as well as finding out



about school rules and routines. They have been learning sounds s, a, t and p, in their phonics. In their Learning Through Play, they have enjoyed lots of play including building dens, creating models, playing families, making hot chocolate in the mud kitchen and riding on the bikes/scooters! In Maths they played games to practise their number recognition and 1:1 counting skills.



During the first week back, the Year 2 children in Cedar class have begun talking about their topic for this term which is based on media and broadcasting, with a focus on the history of early communication and leading to the invention of radio and television.



They also looked at how messaging was sent in the past. Some of the ways they found out were via messenger, smoke signal and church bell ringing. They had a go at their own messaging using code, first with semaphore messaging and then they had fun using code dots... in the form of code sweets!

The Year 4's in Hawthorn had their first English Experience Day last week. They looked at the structure of a play-script, and had a go at acting!



Also last week, the Year 6 children became inventors and created their own menus using a list of very limited ingredients. They took some of the ingredients they had and made some tasty treats. They all made a pitta pizza and a fruit kebab drizzled with melted chocolate. As you can guess, they really enjoyed eating their creations!

The Year 3's in Hazel class spent their PHSE lesson thinking about all the things they were good at. Then, they went around the classroom and told their friends everything that they think they are good at too. They have also enjoyed their first French lesson, taking part in several games to help them remember important greetings.

The Year 1's in Cherry class have a trip planned in November to Warwick Castle which they are really looking forward to.

Some children in the school choir from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Young Voices concert at the World Arena in Birmingham in January 2024. It is a series of huge choral performances in arenas

across the country, it is a spectacular event! The choir will get to sing a variety of songs with professional singers and dancers involved.

Swimming lessons for the children in Years 5 and 6 are booked at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre in Rugby in January, this year they will be taking part in an intensive two-week session.

Bikeability Level 1 & 2 sessions run by Outspoken Training have been booked for Year 5 and Year 6 in February, we are hoping the weather will be good to us!

The Year 2 in Cedar and Year 5's in Elder classes have a visit to the National Space Centre booked for 10<sup>th</sup> October, which is a very interesting day out. They will look around the exhibition and also visit the planetarium while they are there.

The Photographer will be in school taking individual and family photos on 25<sup>th</sup> September as usual.

The school nurses have already been into school and administered all the children, who had consent, with the flu nasal spray vaccination.

The staff have organised several after school clubs aimed at different year groups to run during the autumn term including Dodgeball, Running, Media & Make, Construction, Reading, Homework, Loombands. There will be choir during Monday and Thursday lunchtimes as well.

We will have a lot more to tell you in the next edition of the Kronickle in the approach towards Christmas.

## KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:  
**Friday 10th November and 5th January 2024.**

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)

## Buckby Library & Hub

### 'Farming and wildlife conservation: are they compatible?'

We are holding a talk on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 - 9.00pm as part of Green Libraries Week. Come along for a fascinating evening and discussion with Long Buckby farmer, Mark Jelley, and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust conservationist, Ian Jelley. The event is free – donations welcome. Refreshments will be available. Please register your attendance.

### More on Green Libraries Week, 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October

We will have a display of photographs, books, magazines, a quiz for adults and library book hunt for children. Come on in during opening hours, go green and enjoy!

### Long Buckby Ukulele Group

Come to an evening of musical entertainment on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Doors open 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start. The event is free - donations welcome – and refreshments will be available. Please register your attendance.

**Our films:** next up is *A Man called Otto* on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Then on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be showing *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*: Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Refreshments available. Tickets from the library & hub or the Peephole in the High Street: £7.

### The Aperture Photography Group

This group will be holding a 3-part exhibition in the refreshment area from October 17<sup>th</sup> and throughout November. Do come in and see their work!

### Additional services during Oct/Nov

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00 -3.30 pm: the Police Beat Bus will be in the car park – an opportunity to talk to neighbourhood police officers.

Fridays, 6<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 am - 12.30: West Northamptonshire Council drop-in service. Come and raise any issues you might have.

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00 - 4.00 pm: the NAB mobile sight centre will be in the car park.

### WNC library service strategy consultation

West Northants Council is seeking views on its proposed library service strategy. You can read the consultation document and complete the survey here <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/have-your-say-on-the-library-service-strategy-2023/>. The consultation closes on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

For all our regular activities, go to:  
<https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org/>;  
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# KILSBY KRONICKLE

## Kids Korner

### AUTUMN QUIZ!



Can you answer 10 questions about autumn?

Write your answer to each question on a piece of paper. When you've finished, check your answers against the correct answers at the bottom of this page. Give yourself one point for each answer you get right. How many can you get out of 10?

Good luck!

1. What date in November is Bonfire Night?



2. What is celebrated on 31st of October?

3. Trees grow new leaves during autumn, true or false?

4. Which vegetable do we carve out and use as a lantern during October?

5. What is another name for Bonfire Night?



6. Which three months of the year make up the Autumn months?



7. How many days are in the month of November?



8. People gather together to look up at the sky at night during the beginning of November, what are they watching?

9. Here in the UK we move our clocks forwards and backwards twice a year. Once in the spring and once in the autumn. Do we change time on our clocks forwards or backwards in the autumn?



Hello Autumn



10. Americans refer to autumn as 'fall' because this is the time of year that leaves fall from trees. True or false?

ANSWERS:  
 1: 5th November / 2: Halloween / 3: false / 4: Pumpkins / 5: Guy Fawkes Night OR fireworks Night / 6: September, October & November / 7: 30 days / 8: fireworks / 9: Backwards (An easy way to remember which way the clocks change is to think of the seasons, in spring the clocks 'spring forward', while in autumn they 'fall back') / 10: True

### Things to do in October and November

Volunteer to coordinate Speedwatch

Go to the History Society meeting

Go to the Garden Assn. AGM

Make a personal pledge on action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Get your child to enter the drawing competition

Go to a WI Meeting

Volunteer help or goods for Bazaar

Go on a Walking Group walk

Offer to help at the Community Café

Join the Stitchers

Comment on the Libraries Strategies

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**The deadline for the next issue  
is Monday 20th November  
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