

**Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 3rd December**  
Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday 5th December**  
Walking Group walk

**Friday 6th December**  
St. Faith's SC Coffee Morning  
School Christmas Fayre  
Kilsby Christmas Bake-Off

**Saturday 7th December**  
Switch-on of Christmas tree lights

**Wednesday 11th December**  
Visit of Father Christmas with  
Danetree Rotary

**Thursday 19th December**  
WI Christmas party

**Sunday 29th December**  
Christmas walk to Crick

**Thursday 2nd January**  
Walking Group walk

**Tuesday 7th January**  
Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday 9th January**  
WI Meeting

**Friday 10th January**  
Oil Club order point

**Monday 13th January**  
Village Hall AGM

**Sunday 19th January**  
Walking Group walk

**Thursday 23rd January**  
History Society talk

**Friday 24th January**  
KSA Swap Shop



Another year is nearly over but before we get to that we have the usual round of Christmas festivities, starting with a Christmas coffee morning, the school's Christmas Fayre and a return of the popular Great Kilsby Christmas Bake-Off. The annual Christmas Tree event takes place this year on Saturday 7th December. Full details are on page 13, together with a beautiful drawing of a Christmas Tree by Dylan Carter, who won this year's Drawing Competition. Well done, Dylan. Father Christmas will be back in Kilsby on 11th December, raising money for good causes, with the help of the Guides, Kilsby School Association, and Danetree Rotary.

Kilsby 1st Guides are also looking for a unit helper so that their meetings can continue. They do some great activities and provide lots of fun and learning so helping with their meetings would be very rewarding. Elsewhere in the magazine is an advertisement for the key role of paid part-time Co-ordinator for the Good Neighbours Scheme, and the Parish Council is looking for volunteers to put together an entry from Kilsby to Northamptonshire ACRE's 2020 Best Village Competition. We are sure that there is people out there who will be perfect for all these jobs.

A new Councillor, Ian Weston, has joined the Parish Council and we wish him well in the job. There is still one vacancy for a Councillor, and with the whole Council coming up for re-election next May, people are asked to start thinking now about whether they might wish to put their names forward.

It is both worrying and sad to read that a pet cat in Kilsby was shot with an air rifle, although thankfully she has recovered from her ordeal. We hope that whoever was responsible thinks very hard about the damage and hurt they have caused and never does it again. Next an animal or a child could be even more seriously injured or even killed.

Finally, there is an article about the wonderful trip Ruby Smith from Independent Street made to Florida with the Dreamflight charity and her Mum and others in the village are planning to do a charity walk next year to raise money so that others can go on one of these trips. We hope they will get lots of support.

Have a wonderful Christmas and very best wishes for 2020.

***WE WISH ALL OUR READERS  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR***



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## KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From Clare Valentine Clerk & RFO to the Parish Council, [parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk))

Dear Residents of Kilsby,

I write this contribution as Parliament is in purdah (the pre-election period) in the UK before the election of a new government. We have heard with regards to the local unitary proposals, that the structural change order was submitted to Government just as Parliament was dissolved, so decisions concerning our preliminary council and unitary changes are likely to commence in the New Year. Parish Councils have not been directly included or involved in these discussions and preparations, but it is likely that in the future we may see Parish Councils having additional responsibilities filtered down to us. Because of this, we are very interested to keep up-to-date with progress and any changes that we need to consider.

### Parish Council Elections – Invitation to stand for election May 2020

This is a great time for Kilsby and an opportunity to shape its future when we form a new Parish Council of 11 elected members. At present we have 10 members who are either elected or co-opted.

Parish Council elections, which include Kilsby, will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. If you have been a resident of Kilsby for more than 12 months (or work within 3 miles of the village), are over 18 and a registered elector then you are invited to stand for election to become a Kilsby Parish Councillor. We welcome all. We are friendly and proactive and willing to learn which enables us to help make decisions – will you join us?

We seek people who want to help look after our village and we cover many areas of business and are currently working on a number of projects for the village. We have a vacancy just for one member to be co-opted during a Parish Council meeting. If all present Councillors stand for election, we would also hope to have our 11<sup>th</sup> member co-opted before the 7th May date.

### New Councillor and Noticeboard

Ian Weston was co-opted to the Parish Council in October. He is a long term resident of the village and has interests in Speedwatch and planning. Welcome Councillor Ian Weston.

Our new Parish Council noticeboard is in place on the corner of Independent Street/Essen Lane. This allows us to give more information about the Parish Council as well as the documents we have to display.

### Cemetery

Just a reminder that Christmas wreaths must be removed by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

### Flood Prevention

Our Flood Wardens have successfully completed the flood prevention project using the Pathfinder II Grant. Four properties in Daventry road have been fitted with airbricks as recommended by a recent survey, and hydro bags to protect against flooding have been purchased with the remainder of the funds. Thanks to Julie Bunyan and Tom Hindle.

### Grants

The following grants have been awarded to organisations in the village:

Kilsby Youth Club, start up costs and fees £950.00;  
Kilsby Playgroup £50.00 for craft materials.

Best wishes to both groups and congratulations to the Youth Club who held their launch night on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

### Recycling

A young resident contacted the Parish Council to advise they had spotted there was a lot of waste left at the Recreation Ground which could be recycled. We have investigated and found that it is not possible at present to have a recycling service at the Recreation Ground but we fully recognise that we should all be mindful of considering how we can all do our bit with recycling and we do have recycling bins at home.

### Tree Survey

A survey has just been completed for all trees owned by Kilsby Parish Council. A qualified surveyor has completed the work and you may have seen him around the village. Initial feedback is positive and we have a good range of healthy trees, but we await full survey results and will complete any remedial work required. We have not had a survey for some time so we are cataloguing trees in a bid to hold records for future identification.

### A5 Kilsby to Weedon - Multi-Disciplinary Project

The latest bulletins can be found via this website: <https://www.forkers.com/a5-kilsby-to-weedon/>  
Highways England Customer Contact Centre: 0300 123 5000

### Recreation Ground grant

We have previously reported that we have submitted an application to Daventry District Council for Section 106 monies for play equipment at the Recreation Ground. We are pleased to hear the £14,229.80 for use at Kilsby Recreation Ground was considered at a recent Senior Management Team Meeting at DDC. The report was approved and presented to their Strategy Group (on 14th November) and will be presented to the full Council on 4th December as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. We await news.

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**(Cont. from page 3)****Best Village Competition**

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to form a group to enter Kilsby into next year's Northamptonshire Village Awards. In 2018, when the village entered this competition for the first time we won the award for Best Newcomer and a cheque for £250.

The competition assesses every aspect of village life: community life, involvement of local business, provision for children, young people and older people, how we treat our environment, our sustainability, communication, including our use of information technology, and how we welcome visitors and newcomers. We have done work on these areas since 2018 and believe the time is now right to enter the competition again.

The deadline for 2020 entries is 28th February, and the group will need to be able to meet and hold its initial discussions in January. You will have the backing of the Parish Council and it is a very interesting and rewarding exercise.

If you are interested, please contact me.

**Speedwatch update**

The Parish Council have met with NCC Highways in Kilsby along the A361 to discuss the recent Speedwatch results and possible improvements that could be made as speed reduction initiatives.

We have limited powers where Highways are concerned (we do not own the highways in Kilsby) but are able to look at some speed reduction initiatives and apply for funding towards things like signage and vehicle activated signs (VAS). NCC Highways will look at their faulty VAS on the A361. They are also looking into revising the speed limit from the existing start of the 30 limit on the Daventry Road (from the Ashby St Ledgers direction) to 40 mph and then starting the actual 30 mph limit at the M45 Bridge. As the current 30 mph starts so far out of the main residential section of the village there is no realistic prospect of compliance until a driver gets further into the village. Revising the limit is currently in process with their speed limit review group. We have also contacted the Police to request a mobile speed camera and they have identified a suitable spot but this has been placed on hold until the speed limit review group completes its work.

The Speedwatch group would like to increase the size of the group for next year and there are grants, eg from DIRFT and Prologis to be looked into. Any help would be most welcome.

**Parking**

We are again receiving complaints of cars parking on verges and on pavements and inconsiderate parking in and around the village causing issues to both drivers and pedestrians. Unfortunately highways are

not the responsibility of the Parish Council and we are unable to enforce the complaints but we still receive a number of reports each year about inconsiderate parking and related issues. Please think of others and road safety as it is a very important concern. Inconsiderate parking may or may not be immediately obvious to those who do it or some may wish to take the risk, but we ask those people to consider the effect it has on others and the implications for road and pedestrian safety for the village. It falls on us all to work together as individuals in an area.

Just a thought - we take note about litter and dog poo – let's try parking, particularly now it is winter, and dark and cold.

Thank you to all Councillors for their continued commitment, support and contributions to the Parish Council and thank you to our volunteers. On behalf of the Parish Council we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The next meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Kilsby Room at the Village Hall. It is a public meeting. If you are considering standing for election, please join us to get a feel for how Parish Councils operate. We do have some legal formalities and rules of the council that are in place to make meetings run smoothly and lawfully and this is part of training. If you have a matter you wish to discuss with the Council please let us know.

Kind regards, Clare Valentine

## **Report by Councillor Clive Thompson**

(Tel: 07769 586980)

**Crime and Policing**

Since the last KK I have received only one report of crime in the village via the Neighbourhood Watch email alerts. This happened on the afternoon of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October when the catalytic converter was stolen from a car that was parked in the middle of the village. Police have previously warned of a spate of such thefts in the area and their advice is as follows:

*'Catalytic converters are designed to remove toxins from vehicle emissions, and contain small amounts of three precious metals: platinum, palladium and rhodium. The value of these metals means the theft of a catalytic converter can provide a substantial return to a thief. If your catalytic converter is stolen, you'll know about it because your vehicle will sound different. Transit/Sprinter vans and other high clearance vehicles are especially vulnerable, but there are steps you can take to help prevent this crime:*

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- Where possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage, as close to your home as possible or in a parking spot overlooked by residents.
- Consider installing a Thatcham approved alarm to your vehicle. Ones that activate if the vehicle is lifted or tilted are particularly effective.
- Consider using a catalytic converter protection device or marking system approved by [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com). For further advice email [crimeprevention@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:crimeprevention@northants.pnn.police.uk)"

It is significant that this particular theft appears to have taken place in broad daylight. If you see someone acting suspiciously under a vehicle, report it to the police. Obtain as much information as possible, including any vehicle registrations.

**Urban Meadow Trial**

Work to establish an urban meadow on Malt Mill Green is under way. If you have passed the Green lately you may have noticed an area of grass covering roughly half the total area of the Green has been sprayed and the grass is dying off.

Unfortunately, due to recent wet weather, the process has taken longer than we would have liked and the area has had to be sprayed a second time. Once the grass has died, and the ground has dried out a little, it will then be possible to rotivate the soil but at the moment the ground is just too wet. (The

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**Local Government Restructuring**

First of all, an update on the proposed unitary authority. The Structural Changes Order, which will give effect to the two county unitaries, has been 'laid' before Parliament. It has still to go through a number of stages before it can take effect, and the calling of the General Election has halted the process. Rumour has it that, if there is a Labour Government after the election, the process will be stopped, and there may be three new unitary councils, with Northampton Borough, currently scheduled to be part of a new West Northamptonshire together with Daventry and South Northants, becoming the third unitary. There was originally a great deal of support for this, but the government decided otherwise. But who knows? Uncertainty abounds, and this is just, for now, rumour.

**Climate Change**

The DDC task panel looking at what the council might do to tackle climate change has held a very well attended and useful public meeting to gather views about action. It expects to report in the New Year.

same problem is being experienced by farmers who have been unable to plant and cultivate the soil.)

We want to be able to sow the seeds as soon as possible in order that they germinate over the winter months resulting in a good display over spring and summer. Hopefully we'll be able to do that.

**Litter Picking**

(From Councillor Sarah Stainton, Tel: 822477)

From 2020, the Parish Council are looking to make the picking up of litter in the village even more of a community affair. We will be organising a whole village clean up on Saturday 21st March which will involve bacon sandwiches for volunteers and a social drink in the Red Lion afterwards to say 'thank you'.

There will then be three opportunities for village organisations to undertake litter picks in and around the village at times later in the year. Each of these will be rewarded with a cheque for £100 to help the funding of your group.\* Please let our clerk or Sarah Stainton know if your organisation would be interested in taking on one of these litter picks.

\*Proof of litter collected will be requested!

**Daventry Country Park**

DDC is funding a large number of improvements to the Country Park in Daventry. It will involve better access and pathways, an enlarged café and better toilet facilities. Although the Park won a Green Flag this year for the fifteenth time, these were areas where the judges felt improvements were necessary.

**Capital Grants for Voluntary/Community Sector**

A recommendation to put extra money into capital grants for the voluntary and community sector will be debated by the full Council in December. This money comes from payments made by developers in connection with planning permissions. A further £150,000 for two years from 2021 is also being recommended for services commissioned by the council from the voluntary and community sector. This, if agreed, is good news for voluntary organisations in the district.

Christmas is fast approaching, and I wish you all a pleasant and joyful holiday time.

Catherine

## ST. FAITH'S CHURCH, KILSBY

### Church Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire. Our findings will be published in a future issue.

If you are one of those who offered help or regular giving but did not put your name and contact details at the end of the questionnaire, please contact:

Gill Mason on 822658 or Rev. Nigel Fry at enfrys@gmail.com

### Church Services

1st December	Morning Praise	11.00 am
8th December	Said Communion	11.00 am
15th December	Morning Praise	11.00 am
17th December	School Carol Service in church	5.00 pm
18th December	School Christingle service	9.30 am
22nd December	Holy Communion	11.00 am
	Carols by Candlelight	5.00 pm
24th December	Nativity Service	4.00 pm
25th December	Christmas Holy Communion	10.00 am (at St. Mary's, Barby. Nb it was at Kilsby last year.)
29th December	Holy Communion United Service	10.00 am (at Kilsby)

Services in January will follow the usual pattern

## KSA SWAP SHOP

Ladies... get ready to swap your unwanted clothes, bags, accessories and gifts.

The Kilsby School Association is organising a Swap Shop evening in January with more information coming soon.

To register your interest please email [kilsbysa@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbysa@gmail.com)



## 2019 POPPY APPEAL

(From Terry Dougan, Tel: 822650)



As you may be aware, I have taken over the organisation of the Poppy Appeal in Kilsby.

I would like to thank all the individual collectors for the time and effort they put in calling on households across the parish. They all did a brilliant job.

I would also like to thank the School, the Red Lion, Kilsby Shop, the URC chapel and St. Faith's church for their help with the Appeal.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents of Kilsby for their support and generosity. We raised an excellent grand total of £1268.84. This will be greatly appreciated by the local branch of the British Legion as it continues its good work.

If anyone else would be interested in helping with the collections next year I would be very pleased to hear from you.

## THANK YOU!

(From Margaret Couldrey)

A BIG thank you to all who helped me during my hour of need, I really did appreciate it and do not know what I would have done without you.

SO THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I'm still not hundred percent, but I am trying hard to get there.

Much love, Margaret xx

(ps: whilst writing, as a fellow gardener, may I take this opportunity to thank the 'Clays' (Chris and Tom) for all their hard work and dedication to the Garden Association and Open Gardens Scheme, you will be sadly missed. I will certainly miss Tom's banter!! May I wish you both all the very best when you eventually move to your new abode.)

## Santa Claus is coming to ... Kilsby

(From Kilsby School Association)



**Kilsby School Association** and **Kilsby 1<sup>st</sup> Guides** have an important job to do in the village on the evening of **Wednesday 11th December** between 6.30 pm and 9.00 pm.

We will be supporting our friend **Father Christmas** to spread some seasonal cheer around the village, supporting the Danetre Rotary collecting door to door for local causes. The KSA and the Guides will get a huge chunk of the monies collected in the village by the Rotary in exchange for our help.

We know that Kilsby is always very supportive of both the Guides and the School, and the Rotary do so much to support local communities. We hope that you will have a couple of coins or a cheeky note to hand when we call by with our collection buckets, and more importantly that you will enjoy coming out to give the big man himself a wave as he tours the village.

# THE GREAT KILSBY

## CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF!

### FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

#### KILSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Judging at**  
3:45 p.m.

**Just £1**  
per entry

Entry forms and competition rules available from Kilsby Pre-school, Primary School and Kilsby village shop.

**Children's categories:**

3 x decorated gingerbread biscuits

3 x small cakes

**Adult's categories:**

3 x mince pies

3 x festive buns

Proceeds go to Kilsby Preschool Registered Charity 1031349

## Kilsby History Society

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

Our next talk will be on Thursday 23rd January in the Kilsby Room at 7.30 pm.

The topic is 'The History of the Textile Industry in Northamptonshire' and the speaker is Wendy Raybould.

Admission £2 members      £3 non-members

Everyone is welcome

## Kilsby Good Neighbours Project

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

Encouraging support for the Kilsby Good Neighbour Project was received at the November Parish Council meeting. We are grateful for the offer of a grant of £200 to help the start up of the project.

Our next step is to recruit a Project Co-ordinator and when we are successful with this we are aiming to start up the scheme early in the New Year. (Eds. See advertisement on page 11.)

## ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

### Christmas Coffee Morning

Christmas Coffee in the Kilsby Room on Friday 6th December, 10.30 am - 12.00 noon. £2.50 on the door. Raffle and tombola. Do try and come. We will look forward to seeing you all.

### Quiz

The quiz on 23rd November was a great success. Everyone had a very good evening and we raised £454.00.



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## KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:  
Friday January 10th and Friday 6th March.

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)

## ANOTHER THANK YOU FROM THE CLAYS AND THE DOBSONS

(From Tom and Christine Clay, Tel: 822373)

It seems like ages since 5th October saw another mighty sale of valuable rubbish (sorry - items) in the garden of Pytchley House. Back in August, the first sale raised £460 which we all thought was good going. This latest one raised £501 which obviously is just satisfyingly better. This time the cash went off to Alzheimer's.

So once more thanks to the fabulous Dobson sisters for their help and entertainment but mainly to all of you who turned up with cash to generously give away.

That's the last of the sales I'm afraid - well you never know though do you - after all we all thought the Clays would have been long gone by now!?

## ST. MARY'S BARBY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

(From Jo Martin, Tel: 07790 222068)

Everyone is welcome to visit the Festival on Sundays 8th, 15th and 22nd December, from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

The trees have been donated and decorated by village organisations. There will also be refreshments, a raffle and a children's quiz.

Entry is free. This is a non profit event, with any proceeds going to the upkeep of St Mary's Church in Barby.

## Kilsby Church 100 Club

Many thanks to all the members who continue to support the 100 Club which raises money towards the upkeep of our village church. Thanks also to those of you who have just joined in helping us to swell the numbers toward the goal of 100. We still have room for more though.

The fees are £60 per year and can be paid in a variety of ways. There is a monthly draw including a quarterly draw with a first prize of £100!

If you are interested in joining, please call Lorna on 823246.

Many thanks.

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## New Menu Now Live!!

### Sausage and Mash Mondays

Every Monday 6pm-9pm

Your Choice of Sausage, Mash, Side  
and a Selected Drink for only £10!

### Lunch Club Loyalty Cards

Pop in and pick up one of our Lunch Club Loyalty Cards  
and enjoy your 10th lunch for free!  
Available lunchtimes Tues-Sun

### Christmas Party Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

You are invited to join The Team to celebrate Christmas with a  
bang!! Live music from Escher Rock, drinks promos and much  
much more. From 9.30pm till late!!

## Now taking Christmas Party Bookings

visit our website, give us a call or pop in for more details

New Years Eve Party Now SOLD OUT!



## Playtime

Kilsby Village Hall 9.45 – 11.45am every Monday  
(during Northamptonshire term time)

Toys, books and activities for all ages, babies up to school.  
Drinks and chat for mums, dads, grandparents, and childminders.  
Each session £2 per family  
Everyone welcome to join in the fun!

For further information, please don't hesitate to call:  
**Faye Jones 07815 618840**

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



## KILSBY VILLAGE HALL Happy Christmas

(From Julie Bunyan, Tel: 823707)

The Village Hall has enjoyed a very busy year with various events and classes available with regular sessions during the week. The film nights are well supported and will continue in the new year.

The committee has continued with the improvements to the hall with the benefit of grants and fund raising from the Open Gardens and Film nights. This will continue next year with various projects already identified.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped us during the year and particularly the volunteers at the shop who do a sterling job selling tickets for the film nights.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee or helping occasionally with projects or events you would be very welcome.

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to everyone from the Management Committee.

See what's on at [www.kilsbyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.kilsbyvillagehall.co.uk)

(Eds. See also page 20.)

## WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, [ljloader@btinternet.com](mailto:ljloader@btinternet.com)  
Tel: 822246/07783521052)

Dates for walks in December and January are:

### December

Thursday 5th, leaving at 9.30 am from The White House.

No walk on third Sunday

Sunday 29th Christmas walk to Crick for lunch at the Wheatsheaf, leaving at 11.00 am from The White House, Chapel Street.

### January

Thursday 2nd, leaving at 9.30 am from The White House, Chapel Street

Sunday 19th, leaving at 10.00 am from The White House, Chapel Street

For information on lengths of walk and other details contact

Lesley Loader on 822246/07783521052 or email [ljloader@btinternet.com](mailto:ljloader@btinternet.com)



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## KILSBY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

(From Keren Wood, Tel: 822456)

Kilsby Table Tennis Club meet every Tuesday at the village hall from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. The cost is £2, to include tea/coffee/biscuit. There is a wide standard of play and all are welcome.

We also meet on the FOURTH Thursday of each month from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, but not in December. We would like more people to join the evening session and hope to see some new faces.

Table tennis has many health benefits, so why not give it a try?

The heavy, wooden table tennis table is still looking for a new home. It would make a sturdy work bench and comes in two halves, so contact Keren Wood on 822456, if you are interested.

### Note from the Editors

Would contributors and advertisers please bear in mind that the magazine is printed in black and white and that colours such as pale blue, yellow, and pink are unsuitable for text as they don't show up very clearly. If you want us to use these colours for the on-line version of the magazine then please just let us know when you send the copy - and send us two versions - one using black for any text and a second in colour.

Thank you.

## BARKING MAD

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"We enjoy looking after people's dogs as it gives us pleasure to think they have come home from home." Host Carol, Barking Mad Website

## SHOE BOX COLLECTION

(From Sue Dobson, Tel: 822523)

Many thanks to all the villagers who took part and contributed to our annual Shoe Box appeal.

Over 70 boxes from Kilsby were sent to needy children in the war zones of the Middle East.

I know they will be so valued.

Thank you so much.

## DO YOU HAVE THE ORGANISING SKILLS TO BECOME KILSBY'S GOOD NEIGHBOURS CO-ORDINATOR? (part time, paid position)

We're looking for someone with first class organising skills to support the work of the Kilsby Good Neighbours initiative. To start with – alongside the Steering Group - you'll be involved with setting up the ground rules and guidelines for this new project. Thereafter you'll be responsible for monitoring requests for assistance and linking those requests to our team of Volunteers.

Initially the requests are most likely to come from our Befrienders but we'll provide you with a mobile phone (with answer service) which you will also need to respond to. We don't anticipate there being many phone calls in the early months of operation, nor will we be operating any type of emergency service. Your remit includes organising a fortnightly pub lunch and a monthly get together in the Village Hall.

Apart from being an efficient organiser you must also be a really warm, friendly 'people person' - if you have previous experience of having worked with the older generation as well, so much the better.

This is a paid part time position working from home and hours are flexible, probably averaging around six a week, and can be fitted in any time to suit you.

To fix up an appointment to discuss this position further contact **John Graham on 822544** or email: [johngrahamobe@btconnect.com](mailto:johngrahamobe@btconnect.com).

## THE GEORGE HOTEL

(From the Editors)

Further to the update we gave you in the last edition, there have been some hopeful signs of progress on the future of The George, with an application being made by the owners of the pub for variations in its licence to enable them to:

- Open the premises from 8.00 am each day.
- Sell alcohol at the premises from 9:00 am each day.

They have also submitted two planning applications relating to signage at the pub and some external features such as the construction of a new porch.

It really does seem as though things are finally starting to move towards the eventual reopening of The George.

We will keep you advised of further developments as we find out about them.

## Crick Medical Practice

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

### CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The surgery will close over Christmas and New Year as follows:-

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

For the remainder of this period it will be open as usual.

### TRAINING DAYS

The remaining training day for this year will be **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

For the first quarter of next year the dates will be:-

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**On these days the surgery will close at 1.30pm**



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 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Day & Boxing Day - Closed  
 Fri 27th to Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Dec - 8am to 5.30pm  
 Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Dec - 8am to 12 noon  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Dec - 8am to 5.30pm  
 Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Dec - New Years Eve 8am to 3pm  
 Wed 1<sup>st</sup> January New Years Day - Closed  
 Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan - 8am - 5.30pm - normal hours

**We would like to wish a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all our customers**



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## Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



### Kilsby Christmas Tree Event Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019



Designed by: Dylan Carter, age 9, winner of the Kilsby Christmas Tree Competition

Come and meet Father Christmas outside the old Post Office and Stores,  
11 Independent Street at **4.45pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

Father Christmas will then ride his sleigh to the village green and will  
switch on the Christmas Tree lights at **5.00pm** with the help of  
Dylan Carter and Joseph Fisher, winner of the Halloween Raffle.

There will be mulled wine and mince pies for sale and fairground rides for  
the children. All monies raised will go towards funding next year's event.

There will also be live music from "**The Tunnellers**".

## KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

We had another successful trip going down to London to visit Kensington Palace in September.

After the business at our AGM in October we had a short but interesting talk on Legal Power of Attorney - something more and more of us are having to deal with.

Sadly, our long standing treasurer, Nancy Golding, died in October. Nancy was a wonderful lady and an amazing asset to the WI and to Kilsby as a whole. She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Our group meeting at Welton had a wonderful talk about Julie Walters and Victoria Wood - let's be honest - just the word 'soup' and people start to giggle... two amazing women.

And another amazing woman, Sue Dobson, our president, became NCFWI Scrabble Champion!

We are busy working on our yarn bombing for our centenary in 2021; if you'd like to join in or have wool to donate we'd love to hear from you!

At our November meeting we had a brief visit from Nina and Poppy who work at Kilsby House. Nina is Activity Coordinator there and Poppy, her dog, has been trained as a petting dog for the residents. Nina does lots of craft work with the residents and is always looking for buttons, used stamps, small empty jars ~ even empty toilet roll holders! Poppy was the star of the visit of course...

### November - Crime Novel Author - Jane Isaac

20 years ago Jane and her husband took a year out to travel the world and to their own great surprise each day they wrote in the diary they had been given. Reading the diary after having her first child brought back so many memories Jane was inspired to go on a creative writing course and she decided there was at least one novel inside her trying to get out! Her first novel was published in 2010 and she's now about to publish her tenth!

Jane didn't want her main characters to be angst ridden as so many fictional detectives are; but rather normal people going about a difficult job. Each book takes about a year to write and is meticulously researched to provide the reader with as realistic and believable a background as possible. All are set in an area that Jane either knows or spends months researching. Living in Northamptonshire as she does, this gives local people great opportunities to recognise local landmarks! When walking in an area one day she explained to some locals that she was researching where to hide a body for her next book

and they happily provided her with several suggestions... quite why they had those ideas maybe we had better not look at too deeply! A fascinating insight into how a novel is written and the process an author goes through with publishers and literary agents.

### Next Meeting

December is our Christmas Party. We'll be amazed by The Great Adamos, an award winning magician! Our party date has changed due to the election. It's now on **December 19<sup>th</sup>**! Just £10 for a great evening's entertainment. Contact Mary Hunt (823133) for tickets.

In January we'll hear how the Street Pastors of Rugby offer help to those in need.

The two meetings are on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 and on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 19:30, both in the village hall.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings - it's just £4.

## KILSBY VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting  
of Kilsby Village Hall will be held  
in the Kilsby Room at the Village Hall on

**Monday 13th January 2020  
at 8:00 pm**

The AGM is open to all local residents

Please come along to hear what the  
committee has been doing in the past year  
and the ideas and plans for the future.

**Kilsby Village Hall Committee**



## KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

The AGM of the Kilsby Garden and Produce Association took place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, and it was great to see a good attendance for the event in the Village Hall.

All existing officers of the Association were re-elected for a further term, and reports on 2019 activities were provided by the Chairman and Treasurer.

Diane Graham described the year's events, from the Gardeners' party, through the spring plant sale, the summer outing to Wrest Park and Swiss Cottage Gardens, and on to the annual Produce Show in September. All of these are really enjoyable events, which demonstrate the benefits of being a member of the Association. Hopefully this may encourage more to come and join us.

Carol Chamberlain set out the accounts for the year, showing that the Association is in a very sound financial position, well able to absorb the small loss which is often made on the Produce Show, where the event is opened up to everyone to take part. Despite the entries for the show classes being well down on 2018, quality was still very high this year, and we are trying to ensure that the event in 2020 is even more attractive for entrants by adding further interesting classes including flavoured gin. Watch this space for further additions.

Charles Smedley advised that he is, once again, taking orders for Humax for 2020, giving members the opportunity to have high quality compost delivered at very competitive prices. The savings on this alone should encourage new members as membership only costs you £3 per household per year!

Following the AGM, we were treated to a presentation by Paul Thornton, from Rugby School, who took us on a journey through his year as Head Gardener at the School, with photographs of the work of his team through the seasons and the wonderful results they achieve. With a host of ideas and tips flowing from his 35 years experience in the position, his most enjoyable presentation was welcomed by everyone with an interest in gardening at any level.

## WHO SHOT KIRBY CAT?!...

(From James Carpenter, The Gables, Main Road)



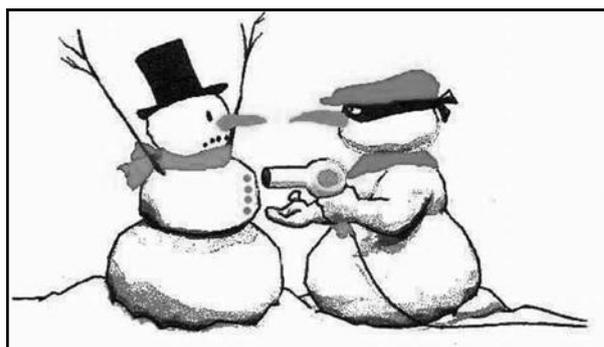
With the recent reporting in the Kronickle of "Peargate", this latest report of the emerging crime wave that is gripping Kilsby will no doubt be of grave concern to all; with house values set to plummet, and society on the brink of collapse, one can only hope that there is some caped crusader who can appear on the horizon so save us from ourselves and/or Brexit!...

With all joking aside, it was clearly of distress to two young children to have their little pet cat return home from her usual village jaunts with air gun bullet wounds on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

One can only hope that the person responsible for "capping" a small black ball of fur enjoyed themselves. We anticipate that most humans will agree that you clearly have a very unfulfilled and lonely existence if that's how you get your kicks.

We are pleased to report that Kirby cat is safe and well; having recovered from being rushed to the vets, she is enjoying her newfound status as the most gangster cat in the Bronx that is Kilsby.

Pet owners are nevertheless advised to be vigilant and report any other occurrences, to the authorities.



## Kilsby Village Shop

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

We have had a busy couple of months with Halloween and the selling of our pumpkins which proved a big success as did our bonfire night treats.

As we now look towards December our Christmas stock has started to arrive with a lovely range of Christmas cards/advent calendars and selection boxes. We have also teamed up with family butchers Chapman of Lutterworth so will now be able to offer a wide range of turkeys and meats for the Christmas celebrations this year (order forms from the shop).

Below is a shopping list which we thought may be of use to you for your Christmas day preparations and of course the shop supports as many local suppliers as possible in providing good quality foods to give your Christmas day that extra bit of sparkle.

<b>Breakfast:</b>	
Sercombes quality Bacon (Smoked/Back/Streaky)	
Sercombes award winning Sausages (Pork/Lincoln/Cumberland)	
Sercombes Black Pudding Rings	
Free Range Eggs (pick your own or large pre-boxed)	
Martins Fruit/Veg Mushrooms/Tomatoes	
John Dwyer's Bread (Granary/Farmhouse/Harvester)	
<b>Lunch:</b>	
Duck & Orange/Farmhouse Pork or Chicken Liver & Cognac Pate	
KVS Logo Christmas Red Onion Pickle/Cranberry & Port/Spiced Beet-root & Orange	
John Dwyer's Tiger/Harvester	
Chapman Family Butchers Turkey/Beef/Pork/Lamb	
KVS Logo Cranberry/Sage Onion Stuffing	
Sercombes Pigs in Blankets/Cocktail & Sausage Meat Tubes	
Martins Fruit & Veg Brussels/Parsnips/Potatoes/Carrot/Red Cabbage/Swede/Leeks /Peas/Onions & Cauliflower	
KVS Logo Sauces: Cranberry/Apple/Mustard/Horseradish/Mint	
Fatherson's Christmas Sponge Pudding/Mince Pies (Port & Cranberry)/Apple & Mincemeat Pie/Christmas Loaf/Mincemeat Bakewell's/ Festive Fairy & Cup Cakes	
Longley Farm Cream (Single/Double)/Brandy Cream/Crème Fraiche	
Fowlers awarding winning Cheese Board (Forest and Shropshire Blue/Brie/Stilton/Wax Vintage/Clarabel Cranberry or Apricot/Bard/ Warwickshire Truckle/Oak Smoked/Chilli/ Onion Chive/ Sage Derby/ Red/Mild/Mature/XXX	
KVS Logo Crackers/Cheeseboard Chutney	
Prosecco/Red Wine (Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz/Merlot) White wine (Pinot Grigio/Sauvignon Blanc) & Non-alcoholic wine/beers	
Floyers Fruit Farm (Flore) Apple Juice	
Church Farm Brewery Beers/Cider/IPA	
<b>Tea-time:</b>	
Sercombes traditional Pork Pies (Chicken & Ham/Pork & Black Pudding/Pork & Game/Gala (3 sizes—1 lb/2 lb/5lb.	
Sercombes Cooked Meats (Ham/Pork.Beef/Hazlet) sliced/whole	
Sercombes Sausage Rolls	
Fatherson's Iced Christmas Cake	
Tea/Coffee/Milk (including organic & Alpro)/Soft Drinks/Chocolate Brazil Nuts	
Logs/Kindling/Firelighters	

We are also offering our very own Kilsby Christmas hampers of KVS logo Christmas preserves/pickles/chutneys/biscuits or you can add a cake or bottle of wine. So please pop into the shop and take a look. It makes a very special Christmas gift with the uniqueness of our Kilsby Village.

We are pleased to say that the new additional lighting around the shop and car park has now been installed providing much better visibility for all our customers during the darker afternoons and early evenings.

On behalf of your Village Shop Committee and your shop Manager Andrea we would like to give special thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who work in the shop as without your dedication and support the success of the shop would not be possible.

If you know any family, neighbours or friends who have not visited our shop yet please do spread the word about our Village shop and the amazing locally sourced produce we offer, plus a selection of Vegetarian and Vegan options as well as everyday produce. Remember we now offer a delivery service, so if you need something and cannot get to the shop or just want to place a weekly order then please contact our shop manager Andrea on **07861 295358** who will be happy to help.

Finally, a special message to all our customers in that we would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** for your continued support of the shop and we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a very happy New Year.

## **KILSBY UNITED** **REFORMED** **CHURCH**



## **WILLIAM KILSBY**

(From Dr. Anthony Gross)

Some readers may recall that for many years my partner Richard Slade and I lived at Northgate House Middle Street. We have since moved to Winwick.

While living in Kilsby I often chatted with the late Gren Hatton about William Kilsby (d. 1346), Keeper of the Privy Seal to Edward III, who was born in Kilsby. Since my background is in medieval history I agreed with Gren that we would ultimately work together to produce something about William.

Sadly, Gren passed away before this came to fruition, though he was able to post some useful notes on William online before he died. I have now resumed my historical studies after a long break, and have been able to turn to William Kilsby full time in the hope of honouring Gren Hatton by taking his work on the subject forward.

On November 22 at the Institute of Historical Research in London I will deliver a paper to the seminar on Later Medieval History entitled 'The Rise of William Kilsby: Opportunity and Struggle in the Episcopal Polity of England 1320 to 1341'.

I would like to share my work with the people of Kilsby and to that end I am in discussion with the History Society about giving my talk again, under their auspices, some time in the spring.

Further details will be in a future edition and I hope that many of you will want to come along to find out more about this illustrious native of Kilsby

### **DECEMBER - JANUARY NEWS**

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

The Community Café is open every Monday and Thursday morning, 9.00 am until mid-day, to provide somewhere to meet up with old and new friends, to have a chat and to enjoy refreshments together.

The Scrabble Club meets on Wednesdays at 1.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Church Services at 11.00 am on Sundays**  
**(please note Christmas Day service at 9.30 am)**

**Everyone Welcome**

#### **December**

1st Rev Elizabeth Kemp Holy Communion  
8th Rev Michael Bond  
15th Rev Geoff Townsend  
22nd Mr Cecil Gill  
25th Rev Michael Bond, **9.30 am, Long Buckby**  
29th Joint Service

#### **January**

5th Rev Elizabeth Kemp  
12th Mr Trevor Boys  
19th Mr Cecil Gill  
26th Rev Geoff Townsend Holy Communion

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## NEWS FROM KILSBY PRE-SCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our pre-school. Our events simply would not be successful without you all.

In our last financial year, we raised a whopping £1471.02 with our fundraising events alone. We are still yet to find out how much has been raised from the summer family day which was run by Tesco. This term we have already raised £319 through our Halloween party and raffle.

We are excited to announce that work has finally started on our sensory garden so please do keep an eye on our Facebook page to see the finished work.

The pre-school children have been very busy this term making bird feeders, firework pictures, bread rolls and Halloween decorations as well as focusing on different story themes, such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Three Little Pigs. The children especially enjoyed making a poppy wreath from egg boxes and poppies out of lolly sticks, cake cases and lentils to commemorate those who lost their lives in the war.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED

Do you have any glass jars, twine or an old green garland with berries that you no longer need? If so, please could you bring them into pre-school or email [kilsbypreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kilsbypreschool@hotmail.co.uk) to let us know. They are needed for some very special Christmas craft activities!

### UPCOMING FUNDRAISING

#### FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Bake Off at the Christmas Fayre (see page 7). Forms are available from pre-school.

#### GUESS HOW MANY CHOCOLATES ARE IN THE JAR

You will have the opportunity to enter at Kilsby Community Shop during the last week of November/ first week of December as well as during the Christmas Fayre.

Please do 'like' us on Facebook to keep up to date with our news and events.

## KSA OKTOBERFEST

(From Kilsby School Association KSA)

Our thanks to everyone who supported our Oktoberfest evening, we didn't quite manage to drink the bar dry... but we did raise over £1000 to support the school after expenses.

There were some incredible examples of fancy dress, the Tunnellers played an eclectic mix of songs to entertain the inebriated, and we were very grateful to our friends at the village shop for helping with the ticket sales for our sell out event.



## Gardeners' Corner

### **Water, water everywhere...**

Well, June, July and August were damp with 50% more rain than average, but then September and October topped them easily with double normal rainfall and we were already over the normal total for November by 15<sup>th</sup>. So the ground everywhere is completely saturated.

### **Keep off the ground**

Tramping on our wet clay soil will compact it into a mess that will turn into mud bricks in the spring, so delay your winter digging until the ground has dried. In the meantime do what you can from the edge of the borders, cutting back perennials, raking off leaves and forking as far as you can reach to aerate the soil.

### **Prepare your spring bulbs**

Spring bulbs need a period of cold to start them into flowering, so put your potted-up bulbs out in the cold to suffer the frosts. Don't plant bulbs in your soggy borders, they will rot! Plant them in handfuls in any old pots for now, and then put them out later when the ground has dried. Protect the pots of bulbs from rain too.

### **Don't rush into winter pruning**

There is plenty of time to prune fruit trees and bushes in February. It is worth checking your fruit

## New Life for Village Hall Chairs

The Village Hall Committee is planning to replace the plastic chairs currently in use with new and more comfortable chairs as and when funds become available. The first fifty chairs will be being replaced in the next few months and it has been decided that the old chairs should be donated to a charity called 'Extra Mile' for use in new schools in Sierra Leone. More chairs will follow them out to Africa in due course.

Sierra Leone is an English speaking, Commonwealth republic in West Africa whose education system was almost completely destroyed by a decade of civil conflict at the end of the last century. In 2006 a retired British teacher, working in Sierra Leone, set up Extra Mile to try to help develop education in one particularly deprived area just outside Freetown.

The charity's mission is to support professionally the schools, staff and pupils in one village, Goderich, and also provide 'free' education for the very poorest

tree stakes and ties, particularly those on dwarfing rootstocks which will have weaker roots.

### **Jobs to do in December**

- Protect plants such as delphiniums from slugs with sharp sand.
- Ventilate your greenhouse on frost-free days.
- Clean your paths of moss and slippery patches.
- Sit in the warm reading your gardening catalogues.

### **Jobs to do in January**

- Start winter pruning.
- Plant rhubarb.
- Later in the month, sow tomatoes in the warmth for early crops.

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

In 'Directions for the Gardiner', John Evelyn, 1686:-  
*'Vines should be pruned all the Winter, before the sap rises, least they bleed to death. Cleanse all Fruite Trees from what too much hinders the sunn & aire, especially, within the bodies of standards and dwarfe trees, which keepe hollow like a bell.'*

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

families where it can build its own 'free' school. Over the years since its founding many volunteers have gone out to use their professional skills in supporting the project and funds to build new classrooms and furniture for them have been donated. The work of Extra Mile is helping to change lives in what is still a very poor country.

A new local 'free' secondary school has now been built in Goderich and our chairs will be used there, giving them a new - and very useful - life.



**Pupils at work in a Goderich school**

## RUBY'S 'DREAMFLIGHT' TRIP

(From Jenni Smith)

Ruby Smith, from Independent Street in Kilsby has just returned from the holiday of a lifetime to Orlando organised by the Dreamflight Charity.

Ruby, 12, a student at Ashlawn school in Rugby (and a former Kilsby Primary pupil) was nominated for this incredible experience by her Consultant, Dr Hewertson at Northampton General Hospital and she spent a wonderful 10 days in Florida visiting 7 theme parks and enjoying pool parties and an unforgettable Halloween!

Dreamflight is an amazing UK charity that each year takes 192 children with a life-changing illness or disability to Orlando, Florida for 10 amazing days without their parents. Established in 1987 and operating annually since, Dreamflight believes that fun and joy are just as important as medical research and equipment - especially for children who perhaps can't wait long enough for the breakthrough they need or whose illnesses and treatments have brought pain, distress and disruption to their lives. The trip costs in the region of £750k each year and relies 100% on fundraising and donations.

Ruby had a brain haemorrhage at 6 months old and as a result has suffered with complex epilepsy, left sided hemiplegia and Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Luckily, she underwent epilepsy surgery at Great Ormond Street in 2016 and has been seizure free ever since.

The experience started with a party at the Hilton Hotel at Heathrow where the VICs (Very Important Children) got to meet some famous faces including Hagrid, R2D2 and Dick and Dom! The following morning the 192 children and their army of doctors, nurses, physios and other volunteers boarded the specially chartered Boeing 747 and set off for Florida. The VICs are split into regional groups and Ruby was with 15 other children from the Midlands in the Goofy Group.

During the trip the children all got to experience the thrills and spills of Disney's Magic Kingdom and Hollywood Studios, Seaworld, Universal Studios and Discovery Cove where they all had the opportunity to swim with a dolphin. ITV News followed the trip and Ruby recently featured in their report broadcast across the region.

Speaking of the experience Ruby said "Swimming with the dolphin at Discovery Cove was my favourite part. My dolphin was called Akai...I also went on Mako ride which is the fastest roller coaster in Orlando; it was really scary! I had such a brilliant time on Dreamflight, I didn't want to come home!"

Ruby's Mum, Jenni along with Natalie Bishop, Wendy Bee and Sarah Wurr and James Loader, all from Kilsby, are now fundraising for Dreamflight by participating in Race to the Stones 2020 which is a 100 km non-stop walk. They are all keen to ensure that other children can have the same incredible experience as Ruby. Ruby also plans to do a sponsored walk to fundraise for Dreamflight next year.

You can support Dreamflight by sponsoring Jenni and the team using the following link:  
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/DreamflightDreamers>



## NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

(From Karen Burton, [mrsburton@kilsbyprimary.net](mailto:mrsburton@kilsbyprimary.net))

The weeks running up towards Christmas are always very busy in school. Since the last Kronickle, there has been a lot going on in and out of school:

### Peterborough Cathedral

The children in Year 4 were invited to a special 'Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving' at Peterborough Cathedral on 26<sup>th</sup> September. This was a really special service just for the schools in the Peterborough Diocese. The children thought it was a wonderful place, with beautiful stained glass windows and a huge high ceiling! They met the Bishop and also our Diocesan Governor was there.



### Royal Albert Hall



On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October the children in Year 6 and their teachers travelled to London for the day. They caught the train from Rugby Station.

On arrival in London, they took the underground to the National History Museum, and spent the morning looking around the museum. Afterwards they had lunch at MacDonalds. During the afternoon they were lucky enough to have free tickets to the Primary Music Prom at The Royal Albert Hall! What a magnificent place! They were so lucky to be able to visit such a beautiful building and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

### Harvest

The Harvest service at St Faith's Church this year was held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The whole school attended with the Rev Nigel Fry leading the service.

Parents, grandparents and people from the village came along. All the classes contributed at different stages throughout the service. The children in Reception sang a Harvest Song, the children in Cherry class read out a Harvest Poem, Rowan class spoke about the different foods from around the world and Maple class read out a Harvest Prayer. It was a lovely service.



Everyone came back to school after the service for coffee and cake, we raised a grand total of £116.92 for our two charities, Cancer Research and HOPE (for homeless people).

During the following days the children delivered all the wonderful Harvest Gift boxes to the elderly residents of the village.

### Shoe Box Appeal

Every year the school children assemble several gift boxes for the St Faith's Shoe Box Appeal. Parents were very generous with their donations again this year, and we hope someone, somewhere, this Christmas will be very happy to receive our gift boxes.

### Remembrance Day

At 11.00 am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November all the staff and children gathered beside the War Memorial in the churchyard at St Faith's for a 2 minute silence to remember all those who lost their lives for us during the world wars. Jude F, Eloise H and Tamzin C-I each read out a prayer.

Last week all the children had created strings of poppies which have been displayed inside the church over the Remembrance weekend.

We also took part in the annual Poppy Appeal and raised a fantastic total of £190.23.



### Archery Competition

Many congratulations to our Yr 3 and Yr 4 Superstars who took part in an Archery competition at the DSLV\* school in Daventry on Tuesday 5th November. (\***Danetree and Southbrook Learning Village**)

It was the first time we have been able to submit two teams to an event and for some of the children the first time to have done Archery.....we were thrilled to come 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also Holly and Lauren both received 'School Games Badges for Passion' from the sports leaders at the competition. We are so proud of all the children. Their behaviour was exemplary, also displaying great sportsmanship throughout the event.

### Strictly Competition

Eloise H and Jack G, both of Maple class, took part in a Strictly Northampton Kids 2019 competition on Sunday 10th November at The Deco Theatre in Northampton.

They had to learn two dances that they had never done before and then perform them on stage in front of judges who judged them on their routines and moves.

They both did really well, with Eloise coming second overall which is fantastic! Congratulations to them both.



### Kurling Competition



After school on Wednesday 13th November a small group of children from Cherry class represented our school by participating in a New Age Kurling Event at Guilsborough School.

Huge congratulations to our KS1 Kurling team who won 'The Spirit of the Games' award at the competition!!! They received this special award for their demonstration of the school games values: 'Determination, Self-Belief and Teamwork!'

### Children in need Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

We all went to school dressed in something spotty, there was a cake sale at break time and altogether we raised a grand total of £233.29 for Children in Need.

### Pantomime

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school will be going to the Macready Theatre in Rugby to see 'Santa and the Christmas Dragon'. Thanks to our hardworking KSA who have paid for this. The children are really excited about this lovely Christmas treat!

Our **Christmas Fayre** this year will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. There will be a book fair, stalls, bottle tombola, raffle, mince pies & mulled wine, gifts, and lots more. Santa will be there too. **(See also advertisement for Kilsby Bake-Off on page 7.)**

As usual the children will be enjoying many festivities during the last week before Christmas. They have their Christmas lunch, Christmas parties, the Christingle service and carol singing at Stephenson Court - a very busy time!

We hope that they will enjoy a well-earned break and we will look forward to seeing them all back in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## The Christmas Robin!

(From Dr Rosemary Collier)

According to a poll conducted in 2015, the robin is the UK's favourite bird and it was the 8<sup>th</sup> most numerous species in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch in January 2019. Male and female robins both have red breasts whilst the young are brown all over. Robins eat worms, fruits, seeds and small creatures such as insects.

Robins are very territorial and in summer each breeding pair defends their territory, whilst in winter individual birds have their own 'patch'. About 6 breeding territories would fit onto a football pitch, whereas winter territories are smaller. Robins will sing all year round to defend their territory and males also sing to attract a mate in the breeding season. The boundaries of territories may change frequently.

On average, robins live about 2 years and less than half of each year's brood will survive to the following year. However, they do produce quite large numbers of young, and since 1970 the national population has increased by almost 50 percent. Hard winters have an impact on survival and robins need to feed regularly, since their fat reserves will not last long in very cold weather. This is where humans can help; robins particularly like mealworms but will also take meat scraps, fat, cheese, crumbs and dried fruit.

British robins usually do not move more than a few miles. However, some will cross the Channel to spend the winter in warmer locations, going as far as Spain and Portugal. Our local robins may also be joined by migrants from continental Europe and Russia, which come south to avoid the extreme cold.

Wildlife date for your diary: RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch on 25-27 January 2020.



### Kilsby 1<sup>st</sup> Guides Needs You!

For the past 2 years I have been a unit helper with the Kilsby Guides. Sadly, due to a change to James' working hours, I will only be able to help once every 3 weeks going forward. This valuable village group will be forced to close unless more helpers can be found to cover the weeks I am unable.

Our Guide Group runs every Wednesday in term time at Kilsby School from 7pm-8:30pm. Our experienced and organised guide leader Esther plans exciting activities for each week... so the commitment is literally just supporting for 1.5 hours of fun!

The girls, who are aged between 10 and 14, are a creative, excited, motivated and very funny group. The activities are varied but most involve eating chocolate at some point in the night!

If you think that you could get involved in any small way to help support Kilsby Guides, please contact me for more info on 07985 797 539.

Thanks for reading, Jo Carpenter.

### WHY VOLUNTEER?

Whatever your previous experience of Girlguiding, as a volunteer you'll meet people, gain skills and do something good for you and your community

## Christmas 2019 waste and recycling collections

(From Daventry District Council)

Households are encouraged to find out more about arrangements for waste and recycling collections over Christmas and New Year.

### All collections:

Collections will continue to take place as usual over the Christmas and New Year period, **except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day**

If your collection is due on Christmas Day (Wednesday, 25 December) it will instead take place on Saturday, 28 December.

If your collection is due on Boxing Day (Thursday, 26 December) it will instead take place on Sunday, 29 December.

If your collection is due on New Year's Day (Wednesday, 1 January) this will instead take place on Saturday, 4 January.

During the week beginning 23 December, all households will get an extra blue bin recycling collection on their usual collection day. This includes households whose collections have been rescheduled from Christmas Day and Boxing Day to the following weekend.

### Garden waste collections

For those subscribed to the service there will be a short break in collections during w/c 23 December so that crews can focus on the extra seasonal recycling.

### Waste bins

Your black bin will continue to be collected as normal on its three-weekly cycle. Please make sure you recycle as much as possible as side waste and bins with raised lids will not be collected.

### Recycling

Your blue recycling bin will continue to be collected as usual over Christmas and New Year. There will be an extra collection for all households during week beginning 23 December – please place your blue bin out with your food waste on your usual collection day.

Extra recycling will also be collected if you cannot fit into your blue bin – please place items into clear or white bags next to your boxes (not black or green sacks).

Don't forget that a range of festive items can be recycled, including foil-free Christmas cards and wrapping paper, sweet tins and drinks bottles.

### Food waste bins

These will continue to be collected weekly for all households on their usual collection day.

### Christmas trees

Households can put their real Christmas trees in their garden waste bin or alternatively place them alongside their bins on the usual day of collection week beginning 6 January.

There are no communal collection points for real Christmas trees. You can also take trees to the local household waste recycling centre – find your nearest at [www.daventrydc.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/recycling)

### Check your collections calendar

You can check your bin collection dates on the calendar delivered to you in June, or by searching your postcode on our website at [www.daventrydc.gov.uk](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk)

You can also check your collection day and set up alerts on your mobile by downloading the free Daventry District Council app from the Apple or Google Play stores.

### Reporting a missed bin over Christmas and New Year

Daventry District Council's offices and Contact Centre will be closed from Christmas Day, reopening on Thursday, 2 January. During this time waste and recycling services will continue and you can report a missed bin collection on our website at [www.daventrydc.gov.uk](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk)

# KILSBY KRONICKLE KIDS KORNER

Can you name these Christmas related items by filling in the blanks?



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2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_



8. \_\_\_\_\_

- 8. Stocking
- 7. Elf
- 6. Snowflake
- 5. Snowman
- 4. Mince pie
- 3. Holly
- 2. Christmas Tree
- 1. Candy Cane

ANSWERS

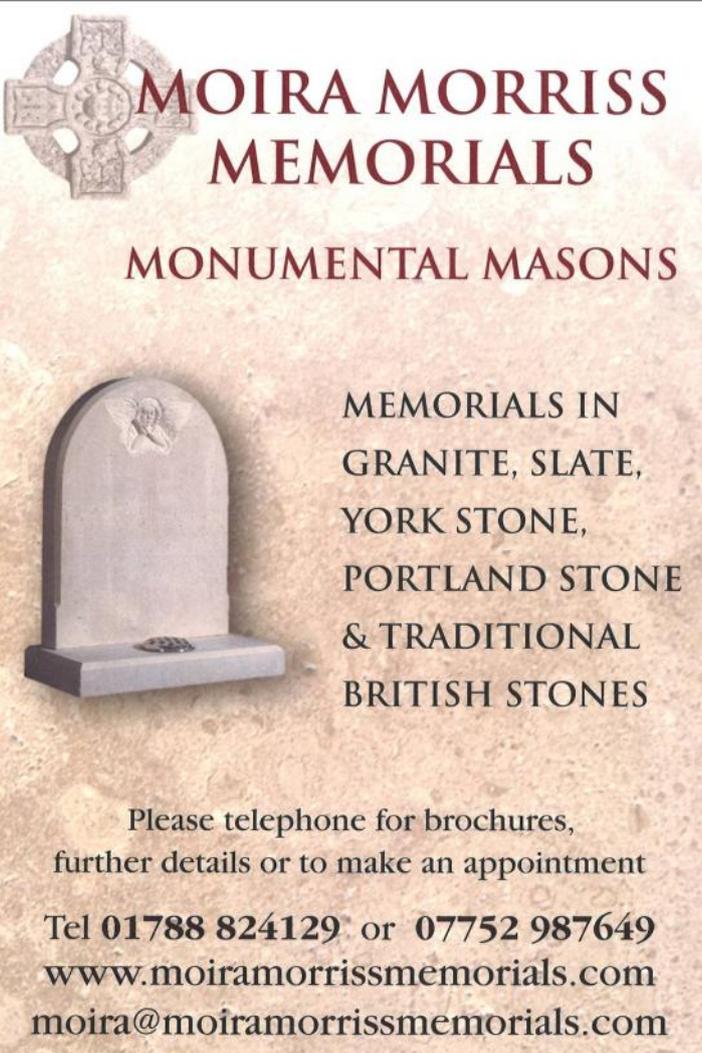
**Things to do in December and January**

- Go to the Christmas Tree event**
- Volunteer to help with the Guides**
- Volunteer to join the Parish Council**
- Enter the Great Kilsby Christmas Bake-Off**
- Help us enter the Best Village Comp.**
- Go to the Christmas Coffee Morning**
- Go to the School Christmas Fayre**
- Go to the Barby Christmas Tree Festival**
- Go to the WI Christmas party**
- Go to the History Society talk**
- Volunteer to help with Speedwatch**
- Volunteer your group/organisation to do a Litter Pick**
- Go to the Village Hall AGM**
- Join the Church 100 Club**
- Register interest in the Swap Shop**
- Take up table tennis**
- Become the Kilsby Good Neighbours Co-ordinator**
- Go on a Walking Group walk**
- Sponsor the Dreamflight fundraisers**

**Contributions to the Editors**

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**WANTED**

- Volunteers to join the Parish Council (see pages 3 and 4)**
- Volunteers to help with Speedwatch (see page 4)**
- Volunteers to help with Best Village Competition (see page 4)**
- Co-ordinator for the Good Neighbours Scheme (see page 11)**
- Christmas craft supplies (see page 19)**
- Sponsorship for charity walk (see page 21)**
- Help with Kilsby Guides (see page 24)**

**AVAILABLE**

- Heavy wooden table tennis table (see page 11)**

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



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We are open over the Festive Period so do not let those ache and pains spoil your time with family and friends. Just give us a call to book in to see one of our physiotherapists.

Stay active over the Christmas period and try not to eat too many mince pies.

**Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year.**