

October-November 2019
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Kilsby Kronickle

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www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 5th October

Garden Sale Pytchley House
Decoration of church for Harvest

Sunday 6th October

St. Faith's Harvest Festival

Thursday 10th October

WI Meeting

Saturday 12th October

Possible extra Garden Sale
Pytchley House

Thursday 17th October

Closing date for Shoe Box Appeal

Saturday 19th October

KSA Oktoberfest

Sunday 27th October

Clocks go back

Thursday 31st October

Halloween food and drink in
Independent Street

Wednesday 6th November

Drawing competition closing date

Friday 8th November

Oil Club order point

Thursday 14th November

W.I. Meeting

Saturday 16th November

Village Hall cinema

Tuesday 19th November

Garden & Produce Assn. AGM

Thursday 21st November

History Society AGM

Saturday 23rd November

St. Faith's SC Quiz

December (early notice)

Friday 6th December

St. Faith's SC Coffee in the Kilsby
Room

School Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th December

Switch-on of Christmas tree lights



This issue includes a questionnaire about our village church. St. Faith's is a very important part of Kilsby and its heritage and we hope that everyone will take the time to give their views about its future. More immediately, there is a request for help with decorating the church ready for the Harvest Festival on 6th October and for donations of produce.

Elsewhere, there is an encouraging report on the progress being made with the proposed Kilsby Good Neighbours scheme, and a request from the ever-resourceful W.I. for wool and knitters to help them prepare another spectacular yarn-bombing of the village to celebrate the centenary of the local WI in 2021.

There is a report on the recent successful Flower and Produce Show and one from the school about the various interesting and educational things the pupils have been doing, as well as a piece about the work of the Speedwatch group, which needs more help to continue its important work in tackling what is a major and growing problem in the village.

The Kilsby School Association are planning an 'Oktoberfest', and the Christmas Tree Committee have announced details of this year's event, as well as of the annual drawing competition which always produces some lovely pictures. Other things to do over the coming months include another film at the Village Hall, a quiz, and the AGMs of several societies in the village.

Following the success of the first charity garden sale at Pytchley House in August, Tom and Chris Clay have announced dates for a further one and possibly two sales of further 'stuff' they have collected over their forty-five years living in Kilsby - this time to raise money for Alzheimer's and Dementia charities.

Finally, we carry an update on the future of The George Hotel, which is cautiously optimistic.

We hope you find plenty to interest you in this edition.

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OCTOBER 2019

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Plan; Village Hall Trustee;
Employment/staffing; Flood
Warden liaisonCemetery: Planning
Committee(Chair);Mowing/
Weeding; FinancePlanning Committee;
Cluster Group Liaison; Rights of
Way; Footpaths and HighwaysPlanning Committee;
Speedwatch; Website SupportRecreation Ground (Chair);
Planning CommitteePlanning Committee;
S106/Grants Lead ; Urban
Meadow ProjectBudget/Finance;
Street Lighting;
Cluster Group LiaisonFacebook Page;
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Youth Liaison; Litter PickingPlanning Committee;
Crime liaison;; Good
Neighbours;Urban Meadow
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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Parish Council vacancies and elections

With politics in the forefront of news everywhere and changes underway to the principal authority, it may be interesting for readers to hear that next year there is a strong indication that there will be a Parish Council election for Kilsby in May 2020. It is not confirmed yet due to a number of factors concerning the local government review, and of course Brexit. Currently Daventry District Council's advice is that there is a Structural Changes Order in draft going through Parliament, so we await confirmation of Parish Council elections for May 2020. Kilsby's last election was in 2016, so ordinarily it is due in 2020.

We mention this now as it is already time to start considering if you would like to become a Councillor and help shape the future of the parish into new and interesting times with local government. Joining Kilsby Parish Council is a real opportunity to help support and develop our community. Parish Councillors hold office for a term of four years, and if it is an election year in May 2020 we encourage applicants to stand for the election. We know Kilsby is renowned for having wonderful volunteers in all areas and we welcome great ideas so please do consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

If this interests you and you would like to get involved please contact the Clerk, or a member of the Council for more information. We currently do have two casual vacancies for co-option and urge candidates to apply. Please ask for more information.

Finance

At this time of year, we review our budget. As the Proper Officer (Clerk) and the Responsible Financial Officer to the Council, I help support the Councillors with the budget process. We will hold a meeting in October to discuss and plan next year's budget and precept for 2020/2021.

I am proud to report that the external auditors have completed their audit (my first as Clerk) for Kilsby Parish Council over the summer with no comment.

A National Lottery grant application has been submitted in support of the heritage trail project we plan to locate around Kilsby.

Interesting progress is being made with those involved in the trial Urban Meadow, which it will be very enjoyable to watch grow and develop over time on Malt Mill Green (see Councillor Clive Thompson's report in the next column).

The Parish Council noticeboard is to be replaced with a new, modern and more versatile noticeboard to hold our information. The Parish Council are to apply to Daventry District Council for Section 106 monies under the outdoor sports category for the Recreation Ground, which is something to look forward to.

Traffic management

It was alarming to note the volume of speeding traffic captured travelling through the village during Speedwatch this summer. The Speedwatch Team will continue their great efforts to reduce speeding traffic through Kilsby and we will give as much support as we are able with the ongoing traffic management campaign. There are police funding options we plan to look into regarding traffic calming and speed awareness measures and we are in discussion with NCC Highways.

If you have an interest in getting involved with safety and traffic calming in Kilsby, the group would welcome additional help please. (See separate report from the Speedwatch Group on page 15.)

As we now have dark night's drawing in and the clocks will soon go back, we can look forward to autumnal festivities and celebrations. Please be mindful of others and be safe.

Clare Valentine

Report by Councillor Clive Thompson

(Tel: 07769 586980)

Plans to establish a trial urban meadow in Kilsby are ongoing. Many thanks to those who replied to the request for input – the response was overwhelmingly positive. At the present time the favoured location is Malt Mill Green and the Council is working with the Kilsby Garden and Produce Association and other interested parties to develop a detailed and costed proposal.

Crime and Policing

Crime in the village

Two reports of crime in the village have reached me via the Neighbourhood Watch email alerts since my last report in the Kronicle. In the early hours of Saturday 17th August someone made an unsuccessful attempt to gain entry to a property in Hall Close by forcing the living room window. On Saturday 31st August a car was stolen from Normandy Fields Way (Cildes Croft). I am not aware if the vehicle was subsequently recovered.

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There have been numerous reports of burglaries and similar crimes in the towns and villages in the area, so, despite the low crime rate in the village itself, it is important to remain vigilant and keep an eye out for suspicious activity which should be reported to the police on 101 or via the police website:

www.northants.police.uk

Also, the police continue to appeal for any information relating to illegal sheep slaughtering in the area. The most recent incident that I'm aware of occurred in the Thornby area in the early hours of Monday 9th September.

Neighbourhood Watch

In August I took over as Co-ordinator of the Kilsby Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) scheme. These days NHW is primarily an 'on-line' affair, so to become a member you sign up through the website and in so doing you agree to receive information by email disseminated by the police or from me, the NHW co-ordinator. By default, these emails are limited to information directly relating to crimes in Barby and Kilsby and the immediate surrounding areas.

If there is one subject which unites us as residents of Kilsby village it is surely the desire to keep ourselves safe from crime and harm. So I see NHW primarily as a means of keeping villagers informed about crime, security and policing matters, thus enabling us to take appropriate precautions. In my capacity as NHW co-ordinator, and as Parish Councillor with the brief for crime awareness and police liaison, I attend a number of meetings from which I can obtain useful information, and I can pass on this information via the NHW system when necessary.

Currently we have fifty members of the Kilsby NHW scheme. If you would like to join, here's what you should do:

- Go to the Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch home page at www.northantsnhw.co.uk
- Enter your postcode and click 'Search'.
- Click on 'Kilsby' (D60)' which is our scheme.
- You will be presented with a map of the village. If you scroll down you will see a picture of me and, to the right, a yellow box with the words 'Apply to join'. Click this.
- You will then be taken through a registration process (involving the usual request for a password).

- Note that the email address you provide will be your Username by default.
- When asked "How can we contact you?" just leave the default option for email. Ignore 'Advanced Settings'.
- When asked "Who can contact you" tick 'Neighbourhood Watch' and 'The Police'.
- When asked "Are you involved with Neighbourhood Watch?" click 'Join Us'.
- The system then presents you with 'Kilsby (D60)' as the scheme you want to join. Click 'Proceed to next step'
- You're asked to confirm a verification number, and that ends the process.

- You are sent an email to confirm the email address you have supplied is correct.
- I am then sent an email informing me that you wish to join, which I will agree, and you receive a further email confirming this.

If you get stuck please contact me and I will try and help. I look forward to receiving lots of requests for new members!

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FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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

Unitary Authority

What's happening to our District and County Council? The Structural Change Order (SCO), giving effect to the establishment of the new unitary authorities, is at the draft stage, and will now be scrutinised by lawyers. I understand that the document follows closely already accepted SCOs in other parts of the country, so no great changes are expected. Details are, however, not yet available. The only possible uncertainty is what effect Brexit and a general election might have, and whether the prorogation of Parliament will hold up the necessary legislation. In the meantime, discussions on alignment of policies and services between the three existing authorities continue.

Climate Change

A Daventry District Council (DDC) Task Panel is considering Climate Emergency, and what steps DDC might take to mitigate climate change. As the United Nations discuss this today (as I write), it is perhaps something to which we should all turn our minds and consider what personal actions we can take.

Good Neighbours Schemes

Four Good Neighbour Schemes are now operating in the district, with 88 volunteers helping 160 residents. I await developments in Kilsby with interest. **(Eds. See page 16 for a report on progress with setting up a scheme in Kilsby.)**

Garden Waste Collection Service

More than 21,000 households are signed up to the collection of garden waste. This brings in an income to the council.

Catherine

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ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Margaret Dean, Tel: 822724)

Coffee in Church on 3rd September realised £109.50. Thank you to everyone who came.

Our Quiz is on Saturday 23rd November, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10.00, to include supper. Bring your own drink and glasses. Teams of 4-6. I have already got seven teams so book yours early - it's a good night.

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.

We could do with one or two new members on the Social Committee now we have lost Pam and Kathy has moved away. It's not a very onerous job and there are only four of us to see to everything at the moment, although we are extremely grateful to those who do help. If you are interested, please get in touch.

PHIL FRANCIS

Lilian Francis and Phil's family would like to thank everyone for their cards and support over the past few months in connection with Phil's death. It has been very meaningful.

DECORATING ST. FAITH'S FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

(From the Churchwardens)

We shall be decorating the church on the morning of Saturday 5th October, from 9.30 am onwards, ready for the Harvest Festival service the next day.

Please come along to help if you can. There will be produce to be arranged as well as flowers so you don't need to be a skilled flower arranger. Everyone is welcome.

We should also be grateful if people could bring along gifts of flowers, foliage, fruit, vegetables and other produce to help decorate our lovely church for this Festival.

We look forward to seeing you.

FRANCES CONOPO (FRAN)

We would like to thank all who sent cards, flowers and messages of condolences on the death of our dear mum Fran and those who attended her funeral it has been overwhelming.

Following the service a donation of £525 has been sent to Cancer UK

Many thanks
Suzanne and Robin

PHONE BOX

(From Lesley Loader, Tel: 822246)

If you are contributing books to the book exchange in the old phone box please remember that this is for paperbacks only. Could you also please make sure that you do not put any books on top of the lower row because doing so blocks sight of important information about how to access the defibrillator which would be essential in an emergency. The instruction to dial 999 and ask for the Ambulance Service to obtain the access code must be visible at all times.

If there is not enough room for further paperbacks, why not select a few to take away and dispose of elsewhere, leaving yours to ring the changes. Charity bags sometimes take books and village organisations have stalls at events such as the school May Day.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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LOSS FROM ALLOTMENT

From Bracken Thompson
brackentracy@hotmail.com

I have an allotment on the Poors Charity Land off the Crick Bridleway. I have had the allotment for 8-10 years now. Usually I cultivate it and get a good crop including all sorts of salads and veggies. However, this year I am awaiting a hip replacement operation which has meant my allotment has pretty much been left alone, since I have been unable to dig it or look after it properly. This does not mean I do not want to, but simply that I have not been able to do any heavy gardening.

Despite this I have managed to visit and do what I can. I grow quite a lot of fruit and this has given me pleasure seeing it grow despite the problems I am currently having. My partner has done his best to try to stay on top of the weeds for me by strimming the allotment regularly so, although there are no crops other than the fruit, it is obviously not a disused allotment. He has also spent time fixing fences and the gates.

My partner spent quite some time a couple of weeks ago strimming everything so I would be able to get onto the allotment and pick my pears and quinces. I am currently walking with a stick and I am pretty unstable. My operation is due in October and I am writing this in the middle of September so you can probably imagine the state of my walking right now.

I went up there on Sunday only to find all of my pears and quinces, which were there two weeks ago, have been stolen off the trees.

I hope the thief will read this and have the decency to feel some kind of remorse, because although my allotment has not been cultivated this year, that does not mean the fruit is free for thieves to take and this has upset me very much. I am already very frustrated at not being able to do any gardening without this having happened as well. I also hope that the thief, who probably thought the quinces were pears, finds them to be as bitter as I feel right now about this incident.

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:
Friday November 8th and Friday January 10th.

We will be open to receive orders for nine days, closing a week on the Sunday following the announcement. Members will be advised of the price and delivery dates when the buying process has been completed early the following week.

Anyone interested in joining the Club, or helping out with the ordering process, should contact
kilsbyoilclub@gmail.com

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, ljloader@btinternet.com
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First Thursday and Third Sunday of the Month:

October Thursday 3rd October 9.30 am start
Sunday 20th October 10.00 am start

November Thursday 7th November 9.30 am start
Sunday 17th November 10.00 start

Meet at The White House, Chapel Street

More info from Lesley Loader
ljloader@btinternet.com
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Kilsby Church 100 Club

Established to support the restoration and maintenance of St. Faith's Church, we are currently fewer than one hundred members.

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GARDEN SALE AT PYTCHLEY HOUSE ON 17th AUGUST 2019

(from Christine and Tom Clay, Tel: 822373)

This is just a too-brief note to thank all those who turned up, and particularly those who spent money so generously at the sale on Saturday 17th August.

Thanks also to the "Dobson sisters" and nieces and volunteers (ably led by Sue who ran the sale 'with an iron fist in a velvet glove!'), all those who helped setting up and those who helped clearing away.

The result of all your efforts was that £460 went off to Breast Cancer, a brilliant result and well worth doing!

So much so that we're going to do another similar sale on 5th October see below.

ANOTHER GARDEN SALE AT PYTCHLEY HOUSE ON 5TH/12TH OCTOBER 2019

(from Christine and Tom Clay, Tel: 822373)

The clearance of 45 years of valuable [well –ish!] collectibles continues and many will be on sale in the garden of Pytchley House on 5th October from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm. It will again be master-minded by the formidable Sue Dobson.

(It WILL be sunny!!)

Given the time of year, the number of items to sell and our need to fit in with the time scale of all you potential buyers, OR if its wet or cold on the 5th, OR if there are things left over, we might run another similar sale on 12th October! Watch for notices in the windows and on the walls of Pytchley to see dates and times.

This time we're adding to the (valuable-ish) decorative items, cooking pots, crockery etc, garden tools, garden furniture, books, vinyl records, etc, etc.

Who mentioned Christmas presents? (Soon be here you know.)

This time, proceeds are going to Alzheimer's and Dementia charities.

So do please come along, it'll be a jolly social occasion if nothing else. And let's see if we can get past the £460 raised on 17th August.

Remember, everything must go! Even the Clays!!

(Eds. After 45 years in Kilsby, during which the Clays have been very actively involved in every aspect of village life, they will be greatly missed. We wish them well for the future.)

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THE GEORGE HOTEL

(From the Editors)



Latest news from Star Pubs & Bars

There has been a regrettable delay to desired timescale due to the need to investigate unforeseen additional costs to the refurbishment plan. This had an impact on the allocation of funds from the national refurbishment budget, which is operated on a first come first served basis.

Nathan Darby the Business Development Manager for Star Pubs & Bars in Coventry and Rugby now has a very credible business plan from some very experienced individuals to whom the Pub has been offered. Although legal arrangements are yet to be signed, there is a degree of confidence that work on the site could start in January/February 2020.



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee
(from Sharon King, Tel: 823264)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The switching on of the **Kilsby Christmas Tree** lights will take place on **Saturday 7th December 2019** on the green at the top of Barby Road, Kilsby. We will be meeting at the usual place, outside the old village shop (top of Essen Lane/Independent Street/Smarts Estate) at **4.45 pm** to meet Father Christmas and will then follow his sleigh to the village green.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be for sale and there will be entertainment for the children.

All funds raised will be to cover the costs of the event. The lights will be switched on at **5.00 pm** by **Father Christmas**.

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 6th 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 Strickland on 07511 296446. Also, if you would like to donate a bottle of red wine for the production of the mulled wine, please contact us.

HALLOWEEN



The Christmas Tree Committee will be selling hot chocolate (50p) and mulled wine (£1.50) and hot dogs (£1.50) at Woodbridge, 3 Independent Street from 4.30 pm for Halloween (Thursday 31st October). Please come and see us. We will also be offering a raffle ticket to each child for a chance to ride in Santa's sleigh to the Christmas Tree light switch on event on **Saturday 7th December 2019**.

PRODUCE SHOW

A big thank you to everyone who bought refreshments at this year's produce show; we raised £126.50. This will be used to fund this year's Christmas Tree Light Switch-On event.

THANKS
Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



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KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel: 823939)

August - Herbalist - Lois Campbell

About 75% of all 'medicines' come from plants but somehow we've been brain-washed into forgetting that fact! Herbal medicine tries to use the whole plant to help with alleviating side effects and herbalists try to treat the whole person - not just the ailment. A qualified herbalist is trained to recognise when an issue needs to be seen by a conventional doctor of course and their consultations are thorough to ensure they are getting a full picture of a person's health and problems before prescribing treatment. It seems that almost all plants have some useful properties, so the next time you are tugging out nettles, dandelions, goose grass or daisies maybe consider gathering them instead and turning them into teas or tinctures or syrups! Lois dipped into some of the common plants and their properties - dandelion is a diuretic, blackberry leaves are good for a sore throat, rosemary is very warming, sage helps anxiety and nettles cure just about everything! And if you're not ill you can always just eat them!

September - Flower Arranging - Carol Gibbons

Here's someone who loves flowers! Or maybe more correctly loves arranging them. Now a matron at Rugby School, Carol has worked as a florist and competed at the Royal Show. Her joy, enthusiasm and knowledge shine out. She loves wild and wacky and the bigger the better - she once had a client who gave her £3,000 to decorate their home with flowers at Christmas! Her simple advice for flowers is to cut stalks at an angle, remove as much foliage as possible so the flower gets the water, and after buying put them in tepid water for 24 hours before using them. Then start with the greenery and add flowers once you've established your basic shape. Often odd numbers of flowers work best. Scavenge from hedgerows and don't be afraid to use anything that takes your fancy!

Next Meetings

In October we will hold our AGM and then have a presentation about Legal Power of Attorney - a subject many of us may need to deal with.

In November we have a talk from Jane Isaac- a real live crime novelist!

The dates are 10th October and 14th November, at 19:30 in the village hall.

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



KSA PRESENTS

Oktoberfest

SATURDAY 19 OKTOBER
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KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)



Garden and Produce show – 1st September

It was good to see so many people in the afternoon admiring all the show exhibits and Kilsby once again demonstrating the wealth of talent lurking in the village. We would love to see more of it, particularly in the handicraft and cooking sections (we know you can do it – we've seen it at at Krafty Kilsby!). So why not take the opportunity to share your skills with everyone. Now is the time to start planning entries for next year's show. It would be so good to see so many more people in the village taking part – just for the fun of it!!

Despite the reduced number of entries in many of the classes this year, the judges faced a challenging task in selecting the winners from the usual high quality exhibits on display. In the case of the Rose Class, the winning entry was described as the best specimen the judges had seen this season.

The winning entries for the Garden Competition and the show cups awarded were:

Best mixed garden – Richard Linnell
Best Decorative garden – John Madigan
Best Planter – Chris Lomas & Terry Dougan
Best Wheelbarrow – David & Jane George
Children's Cup – Elsbeth Carpenter
Hilda Ollerenshaw Cup (Victoria sandwich) – Jane George
Warner Crofts Cup (cookery and crafts) – Susan Hussey
Eva Lennox Cup (allotment holders) – Charles Smedley
Bracebridge Cleasby Cup (most points for veg, fruit and flowers) – Charles Smedley
Banksian Medal (RHS most points) – Susan Hussey.

Thanks to all those who attended and took part, and to the Christmas Tree Committee for providing the much appreciated refreshments.

The AGM will take place in the Kilsby Room on Tuesday 19th November 2019, when there will be a talk by Paul Thornton entitled 'Rugby School – The Head Gardener's Year'. Details of the subjects for the Photo competitions for the 2020 Produce Show will be decided at the meeting, but we can give advance notice that there will be a new class next year for the best Flavoured Gin, so now is the time to begin experimenting if you want to enter.

New members are always welcome, together with new ideas for consideration, so please come and join us.

GIVE LOVE IN A BOX THIS CHRISTMAS

(From Brenda Cuthbert, Tel:890990)

The Shoe Box appeal this year launched in the villages on 8th September and closes on 17th October. *Support has been wonderful in previous years. There are a few weeks left to fill a box with little gifts to delight children aged 3 - 12+ who live in desperately poor conditions around the world.*

HELP NEEDED

1 Bring wrapped and filled shoe boxes, medium size with separate lids. A leaflet is essential giving lists of gifts which are/are not acceptable and labels for boxes. Available from village shop, school, church, chapel or Brenda 01788 890990.

2 Small gifts if preferred - toys, balls, stationery, wrapped sweets (not chocolate), flannel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste.

3 Donations to help with cost of transport. Cheques to Teams 4 U (on line www.teams4u.com)

4 LOTS of Empty shoe boxes, medium size with separate lids, in which we arrange the separate items and knitted gifts.

Collection

Take to the school, church or ring Brenda (number above).

Thank you

Kilsby History Society

(From Diana Smith, Tel: 822197)

Are you interested in history and curious about the village you live in? If you are, then why not join our local history society. We're a small friendly group who meet up every two months to listen to speakers on a wide range of topics. We also organise a trip out each summer. Annual membership is only £5.00, with a £2.00 fee per talk. Some of us undertake research work based on Kilsby's past.

Our AGM is on Thursday 21st November at 7.30 pm in the Kilsby Room. During the evening we will be giving a presentation on our latest research topic, which is about the names of fields around the village and the people who farmed them.

For more information, contact Gill Mason (822658) or Diana Smith (822197).

Kilsby Village Shop

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

As we say goodbye to summer, we now step into the autumn and this brings new events to look forward to. In October we will be selling all things spooky as we head towards Halloween 🎃👻👻👻👻 so please pop in for your pumpkins, Fatherson's Halloween cakes and our trick or treat sweets. November brings Bonfire Night and although we will not be selling fireworks, we do have matches and torches and we will of course have our very popular Sercombe's sausages/beef burgers and John Dwyer's rolls, as well as toffee apples, marshmallows and sweets. We also have some great vegetables for those autumn menus: cauliflowers, parsnips, cabbage, leeks, new potatoes, onions, garlic, mushrooms (subject to availability but you can pre-order).

Then we look to Christmas 🎄🌟🎄🌟🎄 and we will be offering lots of special produce to ensure your Christmas has a sparkle. We will be taking orders for cold meats from Sercombes - the ham joints last year were very popular, cheese from Fowler's Cheeses, John Dwyer's bread and Fatherson's Christmas cakes. We will also take orders for fresh vegetables and free-range eggs, Church Farm Brewery speciality beers and a really nice prosecco and some very popular wines. So please pop into the shop to get your order form and, if there is

anything in particular you need, speak with Andrea and we will do our best to source it for you.

As we start towards the darker nights we are pleased to update that we have been successful in securing a grant from the Community Fund for Kilsby, administered by Grantscape, to allow us to put additional lighting around the shop and car park to ensure better visibility for all our customers visiting the shop. This will be installed at the beginning of November. We will also be stocking logs, kindling, firelighters and salt ready for the colder months.

If you know anyone - family, neighbours, or friends - who have not visited our shop yet please do spread the word about it and the amazing locally sourced as well as everyday produce we offer. 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 who will be happy to help.

If you would like to get involved with the shop, we are always looking for help, whether it is support on maintenance for the shop, gardening, stocktaking, re-filling the shelves, or volunteering to work in the shop which has available slots of just 3 hours most days of the week. All support would be very welcome.

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KILSBY SPEEDWATCH

(From Debbie Marsh, ddmarsh25@gmail.com)

We have now completed our community speed watch, and the results were quite astounding. Some vehicles didn't slow down at all - still going way over the limit of 30 mph, two actually hit the kerb on the A361 when they eventually saw us!

We also monitored the A5, as well as Main Road, but we concentrated more on the A361 due to the volume of traffic. A total of 328 speeding vehicles were recorded over 17 hours. (We could have done many more hours if we had more volunteers.)

This seems to indicate that there needs to be some kind of action on the A361, perhaps lowering the limit to 40 mph and then 30 mph.

We did actually record at least two villagers exceeding the limit!

There have also been a number of "near misses" where drivers have turned left into The Banks and the following vehicle has had to brake sharply and swerve to avoid running into the back of the turning car. This is also a concern for vehicles turning right into The Banks after coming through the village as well as the turning for Cildes Croft from Daventry.

We were amazed at the number of HGVs passing through the village. However the majority were recorded as not doing more than 34 mph - still over the limit but we were only recording 35 mph and above. Well done to all Eddie Stobart drivers with none exceeding the speed limit!

However, it was disappointing that we couldn't make full use of the equipment due to lack of volunteers. We had a total of six people, whereas Barby had 15 and were out early mornings and at the weekends. In a village the size of Kilsby it is a shame that more people didn't volunteer. One person we spoke to actually said that it "doesn't affect me". Does this mean that some people don't leave the village or have family and friends visit! Others we spoke to whilst we were on duty, said we were doing a good job and they were concerned about the A361 and the speed of traffic in general but didn't volunteer to join us. One resident from Cildes Croft said it was a nightmare trying to cross the road and another told us that the traffic during the evening is generally going too fast and could we monitor it around 8.00 pm. We explained that we didn't have the capacity for this.

When we do it again next year we will have more volunteers and some traffic calming measures will have been taken.

Although the six volunteers did go to Northampton for training on the use of the camera, it is not necessary to do this to come along and record vehicle details. It is just a matter of helping in identifying the speeding vehicle's make, model, colour and registration number, so please if you can spare us an hour or two (we do an hour or so at a time) don't hesitate to contact the co-ordinator for details of when we will be completing another Speedwatch.

If there is anyone who is interested in joining our Speed Watch group please email Debbie Marsh, her email address is ddmarsh25@gmail.com She would love to hear from you. The more people we have the better it is as we can do more to help slow down the traffic coming through the village.

Many Thanks

KILSBY WI IS NEARLY **100 YEARS OLD!!!**

(From Vicki James, Tel: 824589)

Well, almost. We actually celebrate our centenary in 2021 but we are starting to prepare for it. You may remember that we yarn bombed a small area of the middle of the village a few years ago. Well this time we're thinking BIGGER!!! We would like to have various installations at several points around the village.

BUT TO DO THIS WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

We need wool. Any sort of wool. Any colour. But most of all **WE NEED KNITTERS.**

If you can knit, or would like to learn how to, we would love you to be part of our village project. You don't have to do anything fancy. If you can knit a plain square, you'll be able to help us. And if knitting is something you've always wanted to learn to do – now's your chance! We are going to have knitting workshops (fancy name for a knit and knatter!) over the next eighteen months and would love you to join us.

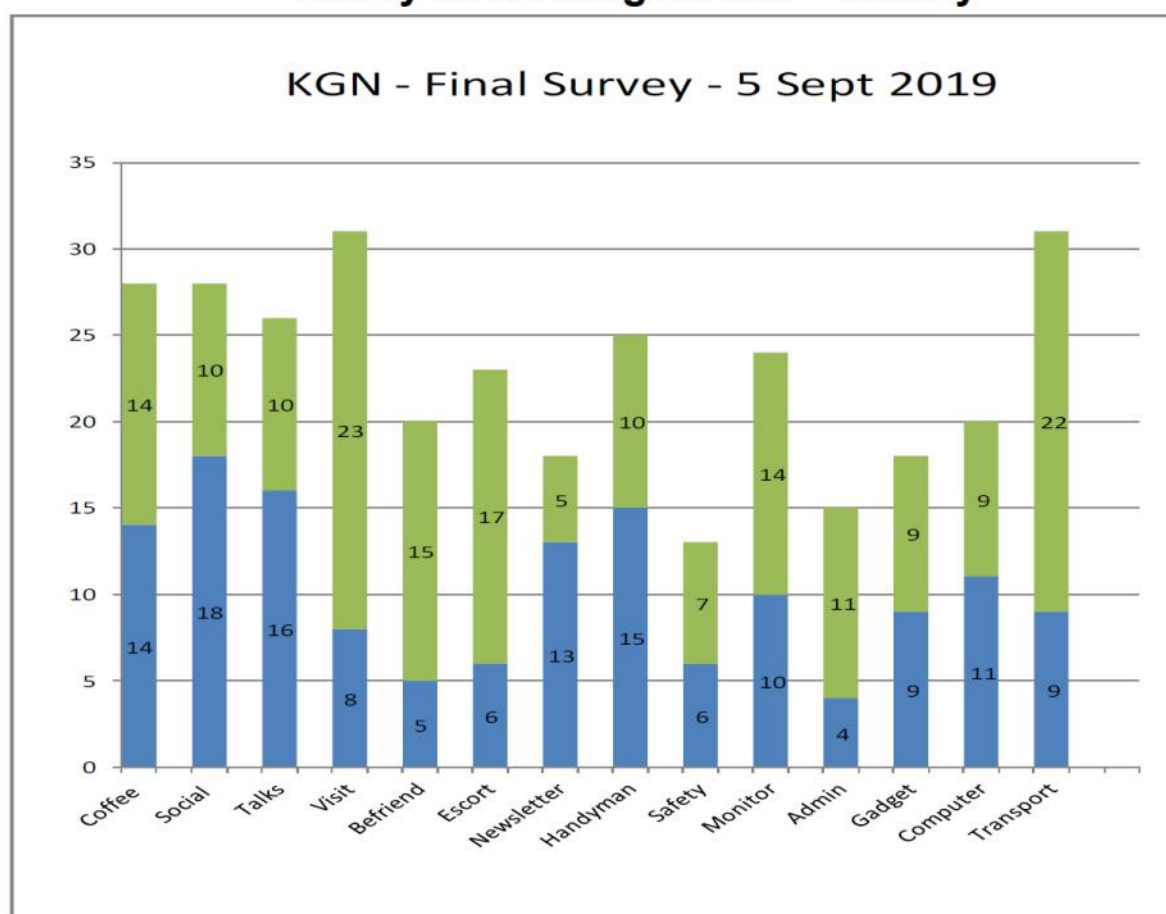
There are various team leaders co-ordinating projects at different locations around the village, so you could join in and contribute to the one near your street.

If you have any wool, or would like to join us, then please do contact:

Vicki James: Mews Cottage, Ashby Road,
Tel: 01788 824589.

Karen Gilmurray: 14 Independent Street.
Tel: 01788 823939

Kilsby Good Neighbours – Survey



The Good Neighbours Project Survey was circulated around the whole village in July. So far we have had 47 replies which, although is a low return, gives us more than enough information and encouragement to move forward with the project.

The above graph is the summary of the overall responses. Each bar of the graph relates to the individual questions in the survey. The lower, darker bars are the people who requested help and the upper, lighter bars are the people who offered to volunteer their support. We found it very encouraging that there were as many volunteers to help as there were people who needed help. This information was reported back to the Parish Council at their September meeting.

During September we are hoping to meet with all the people who have replied so far, to discuss in more detail what help they may require or support they can offer. We are hoping that the Village Shop can operate as a "hub" for the project. The precise details of this are still to be agreed with the Shops Committee.

During October, our next step will be to set up the project procedures with a view to starting offering assistance to people later this year. We will launch the project with a village meeting, the date of this is yet to be decided.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED THE FORM YET, IT'S NOT TOO LATE.
COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SHOP.**

From:

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

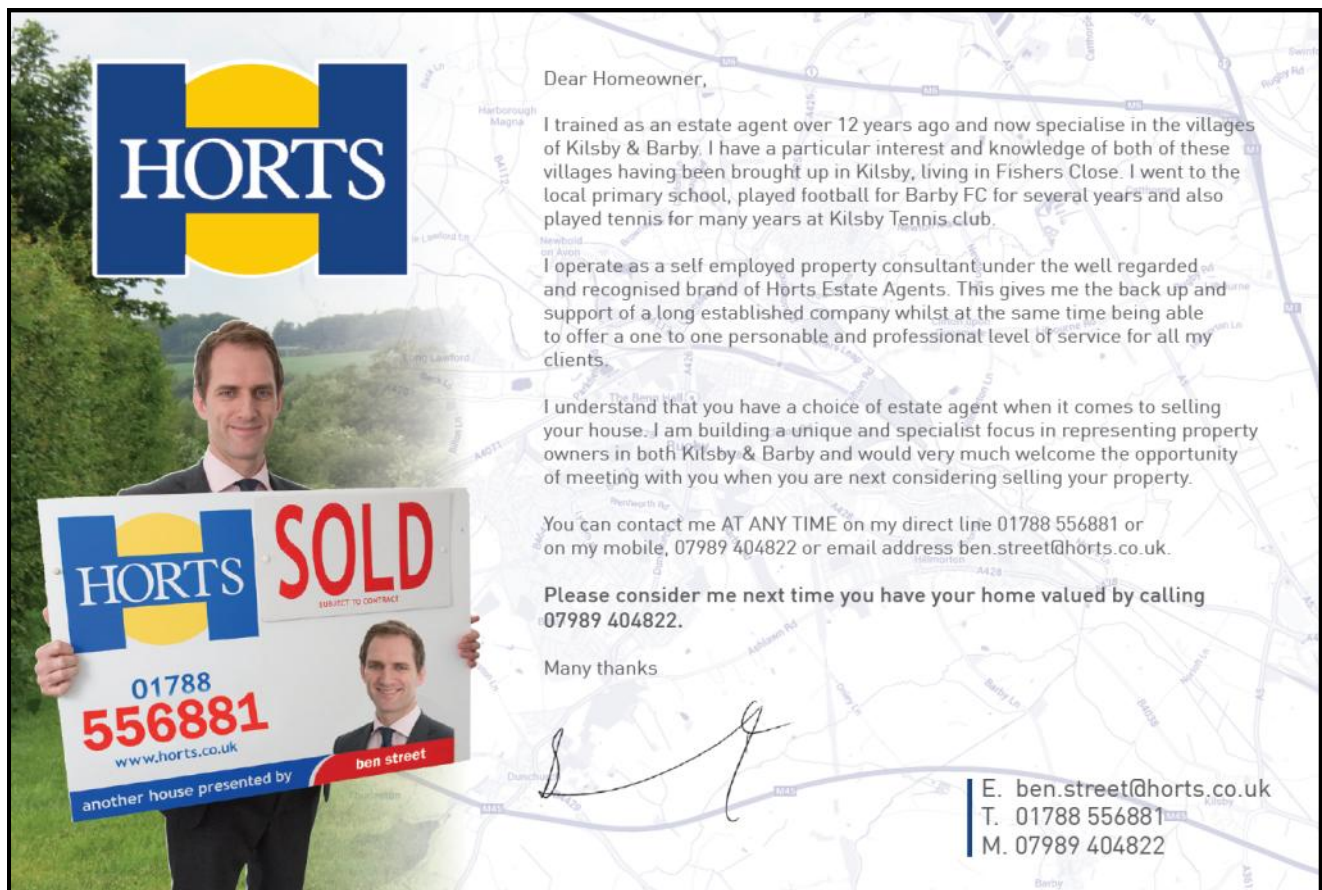
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KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 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 Everyone Welcome

October

6th Rev Elizabeth Kemp Holy Communion
13th Rev Tim Huc
20th Mr Cecil Gill
27th SERVICE AT CRICK

November

3rd Rev Elizabeth Kemp
10th Mr Cecil Gill
17th Rev Geoff Townsend Holy Communion
24th Mr Trevor Boyes

Welcome to St. Faith's Church

Services start at **11.00 am each Sunday** as follows:

Morning Worship with hymns – 1st and 3rd Sundays
of each month.

Holy Communion said service – 2nd Sunday of
each month.

Holy Communion sung service – 4th Sunday of
each month

**Our Harvest Festival service will be at 11.00 am
on Sunday 6th October.** (Please also see notice
about decorating the church on page 6.)

Gardeners' Corner

Wet and dry

What a terrible year for apples! Was it the dry weather in April and May? On the other hand the wet weather in June and July has really brought on our autumn raspberries. How did your garden do?

Take cuttings

Now is the time to take cuttings of hardy shrubs. Take a 300mm (1ft) piece of a mature healthy shoot of this year's growth (ie stem brown not green). 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 until you only have 2 to 4 leaves left. It will look very silly! Now 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

Cut down your herbaceous perennials when they have finished flowering. If you have a plant that has grown too big, then dig it up, divide off strong looking pieces with roots, discarding the old centre.

Clear you greenhouse

It is time to clear the greenhouse of the old tomatoes and clean it out. Start moving in any tender plants for shelter in the winter. Keep it well ventilated with the door open. Only close it up when a frost threatens at night.

Jobs to do in October

Plant bulbs in pots and borders.
Spread your compost and dig, dig, dig!

Jobs to do in November

Tidy up the flower 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:-

'The Gardiner should walk about the whole gardens every Monday-morning duely, not omitting the least corner, and so observe what the Flowers or Trees & plants want staking, binding and redressing, watering, or are in danger: especially after great stormes, & high winds.'

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

News from Kilsby School

(From Karen Burton, mrsburton@kilsbyprimary.net)

After a well-deserved summer break the children returned to Kilsby School ready for a new school year.

We welcomed 15 new children into our Reception class, and Miss Smith says that they have settled in extremely well. Here is a photo of them in class.



During their first couple of weeks they have been getting to know their way around school, and also the other children and staff. In class they have been working mainly on phonics and maths, but there has been plenty of time for play too! They have enjoyed a puppet show, playing in the mud kitchen, planting herbs and lots more! Also, the photographer has already been in to take the individual and family group photos.



In English, the Year 5 and Year 6 children in Maple class have been identifying features of a formal letter in preparation for their job applications for the expedition to Antarctica.

During the last week of September, the children in Maple class will be taking part in a 4 day Bikeability training course run by the Outspoken team from the Department of Transport. They will learn how to maintain their bicycles, to cycle carefully and safely on the roads and above all have fun and enjoy cycling. You might catch a glimpse of the group cycling around the village.

The children in Rowan class celebrated Roald Dahl Day by going on a scavenger hunt for Golden Tickets. Each ticket had a question and a code to crack, they managed to use the clues to reveal the secret character!



Also, in Maths, they have been developing their knowledge of place value! They can now partition two and three digit numbers.

Cherry class' topic this term is 'Into the Woods'. They have been having lots of fun in their role play area. It's a den in the wood and over the next few weeks they'll learn who the den belongs to.

The children have been outside looking at leaves, especially deciduous leaves and what happens to them during the autumn. They found many different types of leaves in the school maze, some acorns and even a bird's nest in the tree!



Also the children have been very busy in Forest School. They had the task of making a house out of sticks for a little mouse to live in. The children also did leaf rubbings and made magic wands. What a lovely afternoon!

The Harvest service at St Faith's Church, Kilsby will take place on Wednesday 9th October at 9.30 am, and afterwards there will be coffee and cake served back at school.

We shall be delivering our Harvest gifts to the elderly residents around the village after the service as usual. If you know of anyone you think should receive a gift or missed out last year, please contact the school on 01788 822711 to let us know, or email Karen Burton at mrs.burton@kilsbyprimary.net Many thanks for your help.



The Christingle service at St Faith's Church will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 9.30 am.

Our school **Christmas Fayre** will take place on Friday 6th December from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. There will be the usual stalls including raffle, bottle tombola, refreshments, Santa's grotto, book fair, wrapping room, craft stalls, etc. Do come along and join us!

We have a lot of exciting activities to look forward to during the weeks leading up to Christmas. You will find out more in the next Kronickle

Crick Medical Practice

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION

We are fast approaching the month of October when the surgery will be offering the seasonal influenza vaccination to all patients aged 65 years and over (including those who will become 65 by 31 March 2020) and to 'at risk' patients who fall into one or more of the following categories:

those suffering from chronic respiratory disease, asthma, chronic heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, chronic liver disease, or chronic neurological disease; carers; those with low immunity; and pregnant women.

There will be two clinics for flu injections on **Saturdays 12th October and 9th November 2019**. Other appointments will be available. Please book by calling the appointment line on 01788 822203 or book on line through Patient On line Access or through "The App" (see below).

THE NHS App

Did you know you can access our online services without the need to come into the surgery to collect your log-in details?

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The app is available via the Google Play or Apple App Stores. Once you have downloaded it, you need to register and verify your identity to begin using the services.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Order Monday by 3.00 pm - Collect on Thursday

Order Tuesday by 3.00 pm - Collect on Friday

Order Wednesday by 3.00 pm - Collect on Monday

Order Thursday by 3.00 pm - Collect on Tuesday

Order Friday by 3.00 pm - Collect on Wednesday

HOME DELIVERIES

The practice requests that patients who have their medication delivered allow four clear working days from request to receipt please.

TRAINING DAYS.

The dates for the rest of this year are as follows: 12th September, 9th October, 13th November and 4th December 2019.

On these days the surgery will close at 1.30 pm.

THANK YOU!

(From Bobbie Lord, Tel: 07521087701)



I would like to thank the kind person who left a bag of rhubarb outside the front of our house today (30th of July)

I've never cooked rhubarb before and have made a rhubarb, strawberry and raspberry crumble with blueberries on top, to enjoy with custard this evening!

Thank you.

WELCOME PACKS

(From Chris Lomas, Tel: 822650)

With lots of houses changing hands in the village this is just a reminder that if you have new neighbours you can phone me to get a Welcome Pack for them, with lots of useful information about the village.

If you are new to the village and haven't had a pack yet, then please give me a call too and I will be happy to bring one round for you.

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget that the clocks go back one hour at 2.00 am on Sunday 27th October when British Summer Time ends and we return to Greenwich Mean Time.

St Faith's Church in our community

How much do you value **your** church?

At the moment St Faith's is open each day offering a quiet space for everyone but due to falling numbers and a lack of support there is a very real possibility that St Faith's will be considered not viable and be closed.

We need to take action now to prevent this and are canvassing the local community to find out what you want from your church and if you are willing and able to help maintain it as a centre of village life.

To this end please take a few minutes to complete this survey and support **your** local church. Completed surveys can be returned to the Church or the Village Shop where you can find additional copies should you need them.

You can also complete the survey online by following the links on the Church website - www.stfaithskilsby.org.uk

The closing date for completing the survey is 25th October

1. What is your age?

☐ 18-30 ☐ 31-40 ☐ 41-50 ☐ 51-60 ☐ 61-70 ☐ Over 70

2. Do you attend services St Faith's Church?

☐ Yes, regularly ☐ Yes, occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never ☐ I wasn't aware of St Faith's

Please give a reason for your answer

3. We would like to see St Faith's being used as a community resource, what would you like **your** church to offer you?

Please specify:

4. What would you like to do to support your village church? For example:

Help with flower arrangements

Join the church council or social committee

Help to clean the church

Other practical jobs

Learn to be a bell ringer

Organise a fundraising event

Make a regular donation

Other (please specify)

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To discuss any of these further please contact Gill Mason (Church Warden) on 01788 822658 or
Rev Nigel Fry on enfrys@gmail.com or 07854 810588

5. Please tell us what else might encourage you to attend and use St Faith's Church

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6. If you are happy to hear from us in the future please provide your name and email address. We will not disclose this to any person or organisation beyond the church committee.

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Thank you for your help. Responses will be used to help us plan the future of St Faith's church and we will tell you the survey results in a future issue of The Kilsby Kronickle.

KILSBY KRONICKLE KIDS KORNER

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Can you find these 10 autumnal words in the grid above?

1. Autumn
2. Pumpkins
3. Halloween
4. October
5. Leaves
6. Autumnal
7. Cold
8. Dark
9. Fall
10. Yellow
11. Orange
12. Hibernate



Things to do in October and November

Volunteer for the Parish Council

Contribute to the Shoe Box Appeal

Offer to help with Speedwatch

Get your children to enter the drawing competition

Help to decorate St. Faith's for Harvest and/or donate produce

Join the History Society/go to its AGM

Go to the KSA Oktoberfest

Join the Garden & Produce Assn./ go to its AGM

Go on a Walking Group walk

Join the Church 100 Club

Go to the Village Hall cinema

Take part in the St. Faith's SC quiz

Go to the Garden Sale(s) at Pytchley House

Complete the church questionnaire

Join Neighbourhood Watch

Join the St. Faith's Social Committee


Go to the Halloween event in Independent Street

Go to a WI Meeting

Offer to help at the Village Shop

Get involved in the yarn bombing project

Take up hand or church bell ringing



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New Parish Councillors (see page 3)
New members for St. Faith's Social Committee (see page 6)
Help to decorate the church for Harvest (see page 6)
Bell ringers (see page 6)
Shoe boxes, gifts and donations to the Shoe Box Appeal
 (see page 13)
Help with the village shop (see page 14)
Knitters and donations of wool (see page 15)
Help with Speedwatch (see page 15)

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 David George, 12 Hall Close (822827)

**The deadline for the next issue is
Wednesday 20th November 2019**