

February/March 2016
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Kilsby Kronickle

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Dates for your Diary

February

Tuesday 2nd February
Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 20th February
Youth Focus (and pizza) evening

Sunday 21st February
Walking Group walk

Tuesday 23rd February
Messy Church

Thursday 25th February
St. Faith's SC Afternoon Tea

Saturday 27th February
St. Faith's Children's Event
Pre-School Rag Bag Collection
Charity Barn Dance

March

Thursday 3rd March
Northampton Round walk begins

Saturday 5th March
Pre-School Quiz Night

Friday 11th March
Gardeners' Party

Saturday 12th March
St. Faith's SC Quiz

Friday 18th March
First Youth Club meetings

Saturday 19th March
Licensing of new Vicar
Pre-School Easter Party

Sunday 20th March
Walking Group Walk

Tuesday 22nd March
Messy Church

Saturday 26th March
Decorating St. Faith's for Easter

Thursday 31st March
History Society Talk

APRIL (early notice)
Saturday 16th April
Whalebone concert



This edition is another extra large one, packed with information and opportunities to get involved in village life, as summarised on the back cover.

The reports from the Pre-School (which is planning a number of fund-raising events, including another Rag Bag collection in February and an Easter Party), and from the school (in Kids' Korner), as well as from the Guides, show just how lively and interesting life for Kilsby children can be. There are also details of another Children's Event at St. Faith's and of Messy Church meetings for younger children, and the very welcome news that Youth Club meetings for Key Stage 2 children and, separately, for 11-15 year olds are going to start in February. The newly appointed Youth Worker is also planning an evening at which young people aged 12 and over can give their views on what they want from their Youth Club (see page 13). We hope there will be a big take-up for this.

For residents of all ages there is news of quizzes, a barn dance, a concert, walks and all the usual range of activities organised by Kilsby's many groups and societies. Gren Hatton has written this time about the history of the Toll Roads in our area, a fascinating glimpse into the past.

For the future the roads through and around Kilsby will continue to get busier as neighbouring areas the village are developed and DIRFT continues to expand. Progress on our Neighbourhood Development Plan which will give us some say on development within the village itself continues, although slowly because of the processes which have to be gone through. We hope though that it will be in place later this year and will help to secure the future of Kilsby as a lively and thriving village and a close-knit community - and a great place to live.

Finally, welcome to our new Vicar, the Rev. Nigel Fry, whose Licensing Service is on Saturday 19th March.(see page 13). We hope that he will enjoy working in Kilsby and Barby.

KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Vacancy

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From Councillor Bob Gent, Tel: 823528 and the Parish Clerk parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

Parish Council Meetings

Council meetings take place on the **first TUESDAY** of the month, at 7.30pm in the Kilsby Room of Kilsby Village Hall. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 FEBRUARY 2016 in Kilsby Village Hall. All meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to come along and raise any issue that concerns them, or listen to the debate. The Agenda is published on the notice board outside the Village shop, or can be viewed and printed off the parish website www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Our recent vacancy has been filled by Steve Kettlewell who lives in Chapel Street. He has recently moved to Kilsby from Rugby and is keen to become part of the village community. He is a keen cyclist and works partly in London and partly from home for a large Software company. We now have another vacant seat on the Parish Council as Rich Haslett has had to step down due to pressure of work. Anyone interested in helping play a part in how the Council Tax is spent and who would like to help make Kilsby a better community to live in, is welcome to become a Councillor. You need to commit to attending a meeting from 7.00 – 10.00pm on the first Tuesday of every month. If you are keen to know more about the role, please contact the Parish Clerk (Tel: 891184).

Elections

The term of office of our current Parish Councillors comes to an end in May of this year and elections will be held for the next 4 year term. We will need 11 Councillors to fill in paperwork which will be available in early April and if we have more than 11 people willing to stand then the Election will be held on Thursday 4th May on the same day as the election for the Police and Crime Commissioner role.

Street Lighting

Please report non-functioning street lights to Councillor Richard Page (tel 822480) who will arrange repair.

Planning Matters

Gladman Developments Limited submitted another almost identical application for residential development of up to 99 dwellings to the rear of Rugby Road, but this was refused by Daventry District Council in November. We are expecting an appeal to be lodged against this decision. The new housing development on the former BT site on the A5 has now started. Initially 600 houses will be built. The area will be called "Holton" and be an extension of Rugby.

We have recently been advised that a passenger train station is going to be built to serve this new development. The train station will link onto the slower Northampton train line, but will allow passengers to get on the train without having to go to Rugby Station. We still do not know when this is likely to be built.

Highway Matters

The roads and pavements are maintained by Northamptonshire Highways. If you find a particularly bad area, please log it with Northamptonshire County Council Highways Street Doctor service via the website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor or by telephoning 0300 126 1000. Please note that most potholes need to be at least 5cm deep before they are deemed bad enough to fill.

We have been advised that £2m of planned highway repair works have had to be put on hold until the new financial year starts in April as the County Council has run out of money, so it is unlikely that anything other than major potholes will be filled in the next few weeks. Please keep reporting them though.

Now it is frosty, feel free to spread grit from the grit bins on the pavements, but please remember that the grit is not for use on private driveways. If the bin needs filling contact Street Doctor.

Highways England have informed us that they will be commencing the 'Smart Motorway All Lane Running Scheme' works on the M1, junction 16 to 17, in February. To ensure that the works are carried out safely there will be overnight full closure of the M1 from Junction 16 to 18 northbound from 10.00 pm to 6.00 am on 2nd, 10th, 12th and 16th February and full closure of M1 Junction 18 to 16 southbound on 9th, 11th and 15th Feb. All traffic will be diverted up the A5. If you have any questions you can contact Highways England Customer Contact Centre at info@highwaysengland.co.uk or on 0300 123 5000.

Following the development of the DIRFT III site Northamptonshire Highways have been approached by Prologis with the view to carrying out highway improvements in the village of Kilsby. As part of the improvements we have been promised a long awaited weight limit for The Ridgeway. We are now awaiting further details.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council would like to thank Lesley Loader who has volunteered to check the defibrillator on a weekly basis once it is installed. We are still awaiting information about when it will be installed in the phone box on Main Road.

(Cont. Overleaf)

Thanks also to the kind resident who has offered to paint the phone box. The Parish Council is purchasing a painting kit of Pillar Box red for you!

Youth Club

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has appointed Claire Griffin, who is a qualified Youth Worker, to run a Youth Club on Friday nights in Kilsby Village Hall from 6.00 - 8.00 pm for Key Stage 2 school children and from 8.00-10.00 pm for those aged 11-15 years. This will run in Term Time only. Claire is a very bubbly lady who is great fun and has lots of good ideas. She has previously worked at the Phoenix Youth Club in Daventry and has access to lots of activities, and training through the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs.

To get a feel for what the young people of Kilsby want from their youth club, Claire will be holding a Pizza night on SATURDAY 20th FEBRUARY from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm in Kilsby Village Hall. She would like any young people aged 12 years or older to come along and let her know what they would like their youth club to offer them.

Claire will also be needing some adult help as without other adults there, she would have to limit the number of children who can attend. If you could spare a couple of hours to help Claire on a Friday night, please can you let the Clerk (Tel: 891184) know and she will arrange DBS (The Disclosure and Barring Service) checking for you.

Anyone wanting to meet Claire or to ask any questions please either go along and meet her on 20th Feb or give the Clerk a ring.

We plan to hold the first Youth Club meetings on Friday 18th March so if you would like to join then please come along at the appropriate time.

Parking

The PCSOs have reported that they have received complaints that cars are being parked on pavements causing pedestrians to have to walk in the road. Motorists please be mindful of pedestrians when you park.

New seats and a Play House

Anyone visiting the Recreation Ground recently will have seen that a Playhouse and new seats have been installed. These have been funded from a grant provided by the Wind Turbine Company which has installed two wind turbines near Junction 18. Special thanks to David George for completing the grant paperwork and getting the equipment installed.
(Eds. See article and pictures on page 12.)

Policing

The police have reported that 3 burglaries have taken place in the last 2 months, and some thefts from vehicles. Although arrests have been made

they ask you to be vigilant and make sure valuable items are not left in sight in cars, and that cars are securely locked. Be particularly careful not to leave cars unattended and running on the driveway during icy weather, as there have been cases of opportunists taking advantage of an unattended car which has been left for a few minutes to warm up.

If you have any information about any of the incidents/crimes, please contact the police on 101 or 999 if a crime is in progress.

Alternatively, please call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

The Police have also forwarded a message sent by Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National):

Fraudsters have set up a high specification website template advertising various electrical goods and domestic appliances. These goods are advertised at below market value and do not exist. The fraudsters will request your card details via the website; however the purchaser will then receive an email stating the payment failed and they must pay via bank transfer.

The fraudsters entice the purchaser and reassure them it is a legitimate purchase by using the widely recognised Trusted Shop Trustmark. The fraudsters are using the Trustmark fraudulently and have not been certified by Trusted Shops and therefore the purchaser is not covered by the Trusted Shop money-back guarantee.

Protect yourself:

Check the authenticity of websites before making any purchases. Conduct a 'who is' search on the website which will identify when the website has been created, using the website <https://who.is/> and be wary of newly formed domains. Carry out online research in relation to the website, company name and the business address provided to identify any poor feedback or possible irregularities.

Check the Trusted Shops Facebook page where warnings about websites using their Trustmark are published. If you are in doubt about the legitimacy of a Trustmark then you can contact Trusted Shops at service@trustedshops.co.uk or on 0203 364 5906. They will confirm whether they have certified a particular website.

Payments made via bank transfer are not protected should you not receive the item. Therefore always try to make the payment via PayPal or a credit card where you have some payment cover should you not receive your product.

If the item advertised seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online at http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

Superfast Broadband

This is now available in many areas of Kilsby. This does not come to your phone automatically. You need to contact your provider and sign up for it, and there is a small charge. (Apologies if everyone knows this...)

Cemetery Rules

The Parish Council is the Burial Authority and under Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, parishioners should be aware that the disposal of cremated remains in water courses or on public land (without consent) may be an offence. The burial of cremated remains constitutes their final disposal.

In the event that the cremated remains are to be buried or strewn on a grave in the cemetery or in the memorial garden, then arrangements must be made with the Parish Council to do so. You are not permitted to carry out this function yourself in the cemetery or memorial garden.

The cremation certificate must be sent to the Burials Clerk as various laws and regulations must be observed and records completed relating to the final disposal of the cremated remains.

Mrs Helen Smedley is Kilsby Burials Clerk and she can be contacted by email at hmedley@talktalk.net or on 822241.

ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Kathy Jenkins, Tel: 822464)

St Faith's Christmas Coffee Morning

This Coffee Morning was held on Tuesday 8th December, in the Kilsby Room. Everyone seemed to have a great time and £153 was made for Church Funds.

Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Afternoon Tea

The Social Committee are holding an Afternoon Tea in the Kilsby Room at the Village Hall, on Thursday 25th February from 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm.

It will be a great occasion with some lovely cakes. So please come and have a lovely afternoon with us.

WHALEBONE AT THE VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 16TH APRIL

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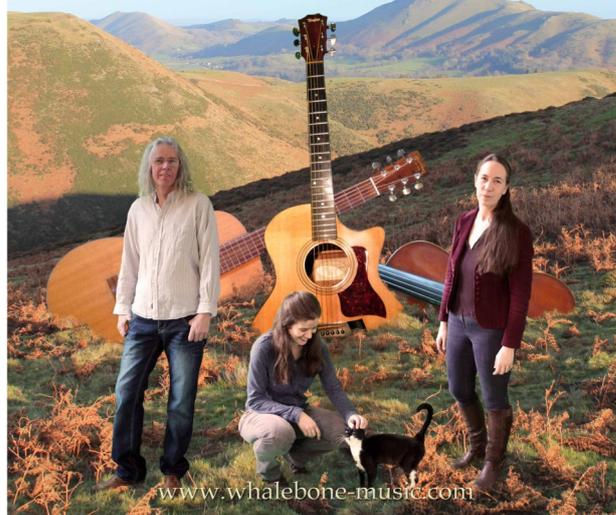
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Kilsby Village Hall

Rugby Road, Kilsby, Rugby, CV23 8XX

Saturday 16th April 2016, doors open at 7.00pm

Tickets £8.50 (children £7.50) from 01788 823178 or 07940 525272

Bring your own refreshments.



Tickets from Marj Mills on 823178
or Julie Bunyan on 07940 525272

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HALL**

Quiz

Our next Quiz is on Saturday 12th March at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Tickets are £8.00 and there will be a hot supper. Please bring your favourite drinks and glasses.

We had a waiting list last time, so please get your tickets as soon as they go on sale. It will be a great evening.

Decorating St. Faith's Church for Easter

We shall be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 26th March, starting at 9.30 am. It is a lovely job to help with, so can as many people as possible please come along. Tea and coffee and biscuits will be on hand.

Looking forward to seeing you all. If you have any greenery etc. will you please bring some with you.

FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

(Tel: 890939, 24 Castle Mound, Barby, CV23 8TN, clomax@daventrydc.gov.uk)

We are almost at the end of January as I write, but this is my first opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful 2016.

A5

I attend the meetings of the A5 Member Partnership Group, which concerns itself with traffic management and related issues throughout the length of the A5 from Cannock to Towcester. Highways England (the new body that has replaced the former Highways Agency) also attends, along with all the Highways Authorities along the route. It is a potentially powerful lobbying Group. I received today an updated Action Plan which has little in it to improve the A5 through our ward. Any current problems, including air pollution, will only be increased dramatically when the Rugby mast site and Dirft 3 opposite is developed. The group meets in Daventry on 22nd January and I shall be lobbying again to get an improvement in the current plans. I will report in the next Kronickle.

Welfare Reform

Changes to the Welfare system were announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement. The Bill is working its way through Parliament, and there may be further changes, but I have an interim briefing produced by the Local Government Association. If anyone affected would like to read about the proposals, just contact me by email, and I will forward a copy to you.

MESSY CHURCH

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

We shall meet again on Tuesday, 23rd February and Tuesday, 22nd March from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm at the URC Chapel in Kilsby.

Children from Kilsby and Barby are very welcome with parents/carers to join crafts, games, songs and tea. *All free.*

We should like to expand our small but dedicated band of **Messy Church Helpers**. We are looking for people to welcome, chat to parents, help with crafts, prepare tables, and clear away. Maybe you would like to come and have a look at what we do and then decide if there is some way you could help? Please contact Nancy (822611) or Liz (822791).

Waste collection

The current contract ends in June 2018, and work has already begun on considering what the future service should provide, and how. A full public consultation will take place in the Spring. I have received a number of comments and suggestions already, for which I thank you, and which I will be forwarding to the Council.

Settlements and Countryside Local Plan/ Gypsies, Travellers and Show People Local Plan

The Council has approved an Issues and Options Paper for consultation. The Plan will provide detailed planning policy and guidance to help decision making on rural and urban housing growth and other relevant topics. A number of public exhibitions are also being held across the District, the nearest to Kilsby being at the Old School, Crick, on Tuesday 23 February, from 4.00 – 7.00 pm.

Do not hesitate to contact me on any District Council matter at clomax@daventrydc.gov.uk or on 01788 890939.

Catherine

PARKINSON'S^{UK} Local Branch
CHARITY
PARKINSON'S^{UK} Local Branch

BARN DANCE

Live Band with caller
"JACK IN THE PULPIT"
Saturday 27 February, 8pm (doors 7:30pm)
Kilsby Village Hall bring your own food & drink
Raffle on the night donated prizes welcomed
ALL PROFITS TO PARKINSON'S^{UK}



Tickets only £10

Contact Tim Rose 01788 824240
rose08@tiscali.co.uk 8 Cowley Way

Kilsby in Bloom

(From Jane George, Tel: 822827,
jmgeorge@hotmail.com)

There has been some very positive verbal feedback about the planters for the village. We have promises of five planters from different groups and several people and groups offering to supply soil and plants and to maintain them. But we now need all offers, even if just for maintenance work, to be in writing, so that Daventry District Council can see we are serious about the project, and it strengthens my case for asking for the grant.

I intend to order the first of the planters, so we can get them planted, for Spring/Summer flowers. If or when we receive a grant, I will order more planters, depending on how much money we receive.

If anyone else would like to contribute to this project, in any way, please contact me.

DOG POO

(From Reg Dunn, Chairman of Kilsby Parish Council,
Tel: 823148)

Today (18th January 2016) I walked my dog as usual around the village and was disgusted to see the amount of dog poo on foot paths, Main Road, Ashby Road and Barby Road. I guess that these deposits were made during or after the snow which fell on Saturday night.

I was also delighted to see the snowmen that had also appeared during the weekend. Then I had a thought, how much of the snowmen contained dog poo? I remember how to make a snowman from when I was young and know that you start with a snowball and then just roll it around until it grows to the required size. It picks up more snow and whatever is also lying on the ground.

Most dog owners in Kilsby are responsible and clear up after their pets, but we must stop those few irresponsible owners who are endangering the health of our villagers.

How?

We could ask the Parish Council to pass a by-law to stop dog walkers from walking dogs off their leads but I think that this is rather extreme and may be difficult to implement.

I think that the best way to stop this disgusting practice would be to ask all residents to report irresponsible, thoughtless dog owners who do not clear up after their pets to the Parish Council or direct to the Daventry Dog Warden on 01327 871100 or email

environmentalimprovement@daventrydc.gov.uk
www.daventrydc.gov.uk/dogfouling

Kilsby Pre-School's...

EGGS-CELLENT

EASTER PARTY!

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH
KILSBY VILLAGE HALL
2.00-4.00PM

Music & Games

Easter hat Competition

Easter Egg Hunt

Face Painting

Treats

£3.50 A TICKET
RAISING MONEY FOR THE PRESCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1031349.
Contact: tracey_fisher@hotmail.co.uk
or message 07739 030989 for tickets.

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KATS

Cinderella – November 2015

(From Mary Sparks, Tel: 822893)

Cinderella is said to be the most popular pantomime of all and it seemed to be so with the Kilsby audiences. We were very pleased to play to full houses and we made a massive overall profit of just over £1,400.

Those of you who came to the Panto and read the programme notes will know that we were helping Jenni Smith (our Queen of Hearts) to raise money for her trek along the Great Wall of China in April of this year. Jenni is doing this in support of Epilepsy Action which is the UK's leading epilepsy organisation and exists to improve the lives of people living with epilepsy. Fifty million people worldwide live with the condition, half a million of which live in the UK. One of these is Jenni's daughter Ruby, who is one very brave and happy little girl. Ruby is under the care of Great Ormond Street Hospital where she has recently undergone tests to see if she is suitable for epilepsy surgery. Epilepsy surgery could help up to 340 children each year but up until 2012 only 110 children had access to the surgery. After a successful campaign by Epilepsy Action the Children's Epilepsy Surgery Service was established and now many more children, including Ruby have access to the surgery each year. This is why Jenni is undertaking the trek and we were very pleased to be able to donate £900 from our profits to her cause and I know that she would be very happy to receive further donations if anyone would like to help.

We continue to support Mariam at the Treasured Kids Primary School in Uganda – we have been supporting Mariam for 7 years and she tells us that she eventually wishes to become a teacher so hopefully we can continue to help her with her ambition. We give £175 each year to support Mariam and receive a letter from her each year telling us of her progress.

The Pre-School committee and helpers ran the Bar and raised in excess of £300 which will help with their plans to re-vamp their outdoor play area. I'm sure that those of you who came along will agree that their cakes, biscuits and mince pies were delicious so thank you Pre-School and particularly Nikki Chalkley for organising it.

Thank you all the actors and all those people who work behind the scenes, sorting out costumes, doing make up, organising the chorus, selling tickets, working the lights, sorting out the music and making scenery and props – I think that everyone who came agreed that the pumpkin/coach was

amazing and the transformation scene very impressive so thank you everyone who helped in any way.

We do all enjoy putting on the performances but it would all be for nothing without the marvellous audiences who cheer and boo at the appropriate (well mostly) moments. So thank you all for coming and helping us to make money for our charities and keep an eye on this publication for news of future events.

Finally Good Luck with the trek, Jenni, from KATS.



Music

at The George

Telephone: 01788 822 229;
www.thegeorgeatkilsby.co.uk

JAZZ SUNDAYS

With JOHN DUNMORE

1.00 pm – 4.00 pm

January 3^{1st} 2016
 NO JAZZ IN FEBRUARY
 March 13th 2016
 April 3rd 2016

Regular Sunday lunch & specials
 served Midday – 3:00pm

OPEN MIC FRIDAYS 8:00pm

EARS & PERFORMERS WELCOME

February 5th 2016
 March 4th 2016
 April 1st 2016

Regular Bar Menu & Evening Menu
 available until 9:00pm



Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



The Kilsby Christmas Tree light switch-on event on Saturday 5th December 2015 was again a huge success! The committee would like to thank everyone who came out in the cold to see Father Christmas and Katy Rose switch on the Christmas Tree lights.

Well done to Katy who won the Christmas Tree competition.

The committee would also like to give a big thank you to Rosemary and Ron Mason for the use of their electricity to power the event. Thank you to the Parish Council and Kilsby School Association to help fund our event. Thank you to Neil Hussey for the use of his truck. Thank you to Pete the electrician for checking our Christmas tree lights. Finally, thank you also to Father Christmas for taking time out to visit Kilsby during such a busy period.

Thanks also to all those who donated mince pies and helped to sell them and the mulled wine on the day. We raised £155.00. This will be used to fund next year's event. We would also like to thank the Jazz Club for their kind donation.

If anyone would like to volunteer and join the Christmas Tree Committee or has any ideas for future events, please contact Sharon King on 07508228736, Sarah Wood on 07791698927 or Annabel Strickland on 07511296446. Otherwise we all look forward to seeing everyone again on **Saturday 3rd December 2016!**

THANKS again to everyone who helped make the Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on a very successful community event.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



Five-a-side Football Tournament – 2nd May 2016



A Five-a-side Football Tournament will be held at Kilsby School on Monday 2nd May 2016 from 10.30 am.

More details to follow.

KILSBY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

(From Terry Dougan, Tel: 822650, on behalf of the Steering Group)

You will have seen from the card we delivered to you just before Christmas, that following a joint evaluation undertaken with Daventry District Council, Mr Nigel McGurk has been appointed to undertake the Independent Examination of our Neighbourhood Development Plan. Mr McGurk is a very well-qualified planner with extensive experience of examining Neighbourhood Development Plans.

We have been advised that the Kilsby Examination is now well under way. We expect to have his report within a couple of months.

We still anticipate that the Plan will go to the meeting of the full Daventry District Council which is scheduled for 18th May and, assuming we get agreement from the Council, a referendum will be held in the parish in late June or early July.

We will keep you up to date with developments in what is, unfortunately, a very lengthy process.

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader Tel: 822246
jlloader@hotmail.co.uk)

The group walks between 7 and 9 miles with a break if possible at a pub for food, drink and facilities, though some of us take sandwiches to eat. We leave every 3rd Sunday of the month from The White House in Chapel Street at 10.00 a.m. and are back between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm depending on whether we travel further afield. Do contact me to find out details of the next walk, if you are interested in joining us. Children and dogs are welcome to come along too.

The next walks will be on 21st February and 20th March.

Walking Group Extra

On the first Thursday in February we hope to complete the Leicestershire Round which we began in November 2014. We have decided to tackle next the Northampton Round, which joins up lots of villages around Northampton, starting on the first Thursday in March which is 3rd March. We will walk about 7/8 miles from Shutlanger (near Stoke Bruene) to Bugbrooke.

As for the Sunday walks, we hope to stop at a pub at lunchtime though, with the pub closures there have been, this is not always possible. There will be some car shuffling to organise so it is necessary to know in advance who is coming along to these Thursday walks. We usually leave a little earlier on these walks, probably 9.30 am. Contact details are the same as for the Sunday walks.

WI Stall for Mother's Day Flowers

Our stall will be outside the Village Shop from 9.00 am on Saturday, 5th March selling flowers or plants for Mothering Sunday.

Wanted

If you have any spare flower baskets, please drop them in to the village shop.

KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Sue Curtis, Secretary, Tel: 07764 335830, 01788 822039)

Gardeners' Party. Our annual gardeners' party – for members and would be members – will be held on March 11th at 7.30 pm at Tom and Christine Clay's Pytchley House. There will be a quiz to test out your horticultural know-how and lots of nice things to eat and drink. The cost is £4.00 on the door. It's a great way to meet friends or make new ones, and to find out more about the association and some of the things we are planning, **such as.....**

Plant sale - 10.30 am on **May 14th** on the village green. Great place to buy all sorts of healthy and often unusual plants and flowers and also to sell your own..You keep the profits ..so sow a few extra seeds this spring and bring the surplus along to the sale.

Christine and Tom are already keeping fingers crossed for good weather for **June 12th**, the date of this year's **Open Gardens** in Kilsby. Always a great day come rain or shine and if you want more information contact Christine on 01788 822373.

This year's **Annual Show** will be on **September 4th** at the village hall. We'll have more details soon but it's never too early to start planning for those prize cucumbers and award winning handicrafts.

Also top tip for bargain hunters. The May edition of **Gardeners' World magazine** will have a 2 for 1 entry offer to a selection of gardens nationally .. well worth the cover price.

Finally.. we'll be out collecting subs in March. Membership stays the same at £3 per household. Great value but the more members we have, the more we can do. So **do** consider joining, you don't have to be an expert, we're a friendly, sociable bunch and always happy to help.

Good gardening in 2016.

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Kilsby History Society

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Our next meeting is on Thursday 31st March, at
7.30 pm in the Kilsby Room.

The speaker is Nick Channer and the topic:
'Dickens of a Tour'.

Members £2.00

Non-members £3.00

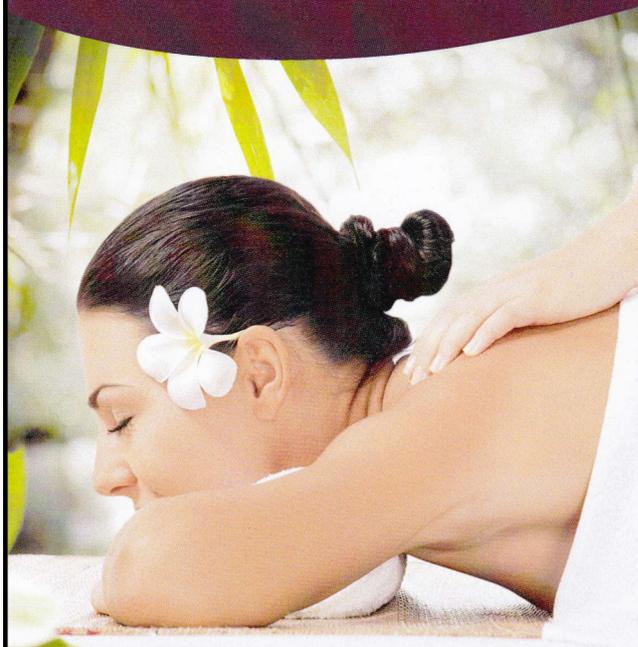
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Kilsby Recreation Ground News

(From The Kilsby Recreation Ground Trustees)

Those of you who visit or walk through the Recreation Ground will have seen the results of the recent improvements and additions made thanks to the grant money from Grantscape and Cllr Malcom Longley of Northampton County Council.

There are now five new benches, a new litter bin, a new Playhouse in the Toddlers' play area and a repaired and re-furbished seesaw.

In addition to the above work the springy equipment has been given a new coat of paint, the perimeter hedges have all been cut back and the old tree stump, some of which was used to fuel the fire that destroyed the bench and litter bin, has been removed.



All of this work has been carried out by Stephen Hartwell, some of it in pretty miserable weather, and the Trustees are very grateful to Steve and his 'team'.

Happily this is all positive stuff with only one negative issue. Will the rather large 'toddlers' stop using the new playhouse especially the one who smokes hand rolled cigarettes and litters the ground with his dog ends. The Byelaws prohibit entry to the Toddlers' play area to anyone over the age of 16 unless they are in charge of a child under 16.

Please respect this.

Kilsby Pre-School Quiz Night

Kilsby Village Hall

Saturday 5th March 7.00 pm - 10.00 pm

Tickets £5.

Maximum of six adults per team.

All profits to Kilsby Pre-School.

For tickets please call Pre-School on 824091 or Angus Farmer on 07988 033750.

KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

Our Christmas Party went very well with 54 guests who enjoyed a welcoming glass of mulled wine followed by a lovely supper provided by WI members. We were then entertained by Doe Demure's burlesque dancing group. This was followed by a special guest appearance of Madame Regina Dunwell who was accompanied by one of our very own elegant dancers. Madame performed exceptionally well and was asked to do an encore which included a somewhat unruly removal of frilly bloomers! This hilarious performance was greeted with rapturous applause. The evening ended with carol singing and we all went home full of the Christmas spirit!

Two of us went to the WI Group carol service which was at Yelvertoft Chapel. This was a lovely service of poems and carols followed by delicious mince pies.

On 14th January we had an interesting talk by Lyn Chapman on the history of burlesque, which started in the mid 1800s and has developed using all types of dancing. Lyn is a very professional performer who makes all her own costumes. She demonstrated her art dressed in formal wear and ended up revealing nearly all! Lyn had a very engaging personality and made the whole evening entertaining and fun.

On 27th January a party of members will be going to the Birmingham Hippodrome for a tour back stage and to see the pantomime.

A copy of our new programme is on our notice board outside the village shop. Do come and join us if there is something of interest to you. Guests are always welcome.

Our next meeting will be a talk by an ex-matron of Rugby School on 11th February.

NEWS FROM ST. FAITH'S FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

(From Nancy Golding, Tel:822611)

The Licensing of our new Vicar, the Reverend Nigel Fry, will be on Saturday, 19th March at 3.00 pm in Mary's Church, Barby, followed by refreshments in Barby Village Hall.

Please join us to welcome our new Team Vicar for Barby with Kilsby and the Daventry Team Ministry.



Services at St. Faith's Church

7 February	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd. David Randell
14 "	10.00 am	Family Service	Revd. Jan Collins
21 "	8.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd. Doug Spenceley
28 "	10.00 am	Parish Communion with Holy Baptism	Revd. Liz Cowley
6 March	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd. David Randell
13 "	10.00 am	Family Service	Revd Doug Spenceley

Holy Week – Services in the Benefice of Barby with Kilsby

20 March	Palm Sunday	10.00 am	Joint Service at St. Mary's Barby, Holy Communion with Holy Baptism (NO 8.30 am service at Kilsby)
23 March	10.00 am		Kilsby School Service in St, Faith's Church
24 March	Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion at St. Mary's. Barby
25 March	Good Friday	10.00 am	Walk of Witness from Kilsby URC Chapel to St, Faith's followed by coffee and hot cross buns.
	"	7.30 pm	Meditation on the Cross at St. Mary's, Barby
26 March	Easter Eve	7.30 pm	Service with the Lighting of the Candle at St. Faith's
27 March	Easter Sunday	10.00 am	Joint Service at St. Faith's Kilsby, Holy Communion (NO 8.30 am service at Barby)

Kilsby Youth Focus Meeting

Saturday 20th February, 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
At Kilsby Village Hall

Are you aged 12 plus? Come along and have your say (as well as pizza!).
Design your youth service—say what you want and need in your community.
A chance to make new friends, gain new skills and get out of the house and into the action.

Fly with Kilsby Youth Club

BE NOTICED



THE BIG SWITCH

If you registered for the **Big Switch Daventry District** scheme in the first auction round for the Winter 2014 scheme, it's now time to register again, with the current Winter 2015 scheme now coming to an end and closing on **1st February 2016**.

Big Switch Daventry District is a joint effort between Daventry District Council and its switching partner iChoosr to use **collective purchasing power** to secure better energy deals for residents.

Everyone who registers for the scheme is entered into a collective, with energy companies then being invited to bid for their custom in an auction. The deals offered are often cheaper than those advertised to the general public. The scheme has so far helped more than 400 people switch to cheaper energy tariffs since its launch. **Typical savings** have been **around £280** but some people have reported **savings of over £600 on their annual bill** as a result of switching through the scheme.

Registration just requires an annual energy bill to complete the process. There is no obligation to switch and no fees or charges involved whether people decide to switch or not. Online registration is quick and easy at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/BigSwitchDaventry or by telephoning the Council on 01327 871100.



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For further information, please don't hesitate to call:

Sarah Stainton 07590 460913

Tracey Fisher 07739 030989

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



Dear Homeowner,

I trained as an estate agent over 12 years ago and now specialise in the villages of Kilsby & Barby. I have a particular interest and knowledge of both of these villages having been brought up in Kilsby, living in Fishers Close. I went to the local primary school, played football for Barby FC for several years and also played tennis for many years at Kilsby Tennis club.

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You can contact me **AT ANY TIME** on my direct line 01788 556881 or on my mobile, 07989 404822 or email address ben.street@horts.co.uk.

Please consider me next time you have your home valued by calling **07989 404822**.

Many thanks

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**NEWS FROM KILSBY
PRE-SCHOOL** (From Kilsby
Pre-School, Tel: 824091
Registered Charity 1031349)



This term the children will be learning the importance of caring for their local environment as both pre-school and the village playgroup are supporting the local W.I. scheme by looking after one of the new flower planters that will be brightening up the village this year.

We have lots of exciting fundraising events coming up this term. On Saturday 5th March we will be hosting a fun quiz evening at the village hall from 7:00 p.m. onwards. Tickets are just £5.00 per person with a maximum of six adults per team. If you would like to join us, please contact the Pre-school (during school hours) on 01788 824091 or Angus Farmer on 07988 033750.

We are also very excited to be hosting our first ever Easter Party on Saturday 19th March at Kilsby village hall! There will be an Easter bonnet competition, egg hunt and many more fun activities!!! If you would like to book tickets for just £3.50 per child, please e-mail tracey_fisher@hotmail.co.uk or send a message to 07739 030989. All profits from our fundraising events go towards improving the facilities for our pre-school children so please do come along and support us.

Following the success of last year's 'Rag Bag' collection scheme, we are running a second collection on Saturday 27th February. If you would like to help us and donate your unwanted clothing, just place your items in a securely tied plastic bag and leave them in full view of the road on the morning of the 27th. We can accept wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts. The clothing will be sent to help some of the poorest developing nations in the world and the pre-school will be paid for every kg we recycle. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of village residents last year and hope to carry on with this wonderful scheme with your continued support. Any donation, however big or small will benefit the pre-school and our fundraising projects, so if you are clearing out any old clothing this month please remember our collection on the 27th.

Pre-school sessions are very busy at the moment with limited places available. However, if you are looking to place your child at pre-school in September you can register your interest now by telephoning the number above.

Finally, the Pre-School as a charity is run by a voluntary committee who are responsible for the

upkeep of the building and the background administrative running of the Pre-School as well as helping out with fundraising events. We are a friendly band of volunteers and we need new helpers to ensure the continued successful running of the Pre-School. So if you would like to find out how you can give a little of your time to help us please e-mail kilsbypreschoolcommittee@gmail.com for more information.

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please contact Sylvia Hatton, Tel: 822411

TOLL ROAD

(From Gren Hatton Tel: 822411)

The M6 toll road may cost a bit to use, but it takes a lot of stress out of the journey ...

The idea of making travellers pay tolls for upkeep of the roads they used was already centuries old when, in 1663, the first Turnpike Act was passed. In the Middle Ages, especially in the reigns of Edward I/II/III, there had been royal grants to individual persons and bodies, to collect tolls for repair of town streets, bridges and particular stretches of highway. But the real beginnings of the turnpike system date from the early 1700s – in 1706, eight turnpike acts were passed, including that from Stony Stratford to Dunchurch.

Our earliest local toll road – the Northampton to Dunchurch Turnpike via Crick and Hillmorton – was enacted in 1738. The A361/A5 route through Kilsby – the Banbury and Lutterworth Turnpike via Daventry and Cotesbach – was enacted in 1765 (NB: the act of parliament was signed by George III, hence the naming of Kilsby's 'George Inn'). The Watling Street to north Wales was a vital route by the 1700s, known then as the 'Holyhead Road' due to its importance in carrying mail from London to Holyhead, where it was transferred to regular mail 'packet' ships sailing to America.

Certain types of traffic were exempt from toll, including military horses and wagons, royal mails, persons riding or driving to church or to an election, beasts going to water, etc. Weighing machines were introduced in 1741. Typical toll schedules of 1750 varied from:

	20 sheep	7.5d (3.1 new pence)
	20 cattle	1s-3d (6.25 new pence)
to:	A coach drawn by 6 or more horses	4s-6d (22.5 new pence)

Road improvements to the turnpikes were carried out from 1810-1830. This was not a kindly gesture by the Turnpike Trustees, but a frightened response to the threat to their revenues resulting from the construction of canals in the late 1700s (the Canal Act for Coventry was passed in 1768, but most of the construction of our local canal network dates from the 1790s, and by 1800 traffic was already using the new canals).

The aim of the road improvements was to permit faster travel and compete with the canals. Average toll-road speeds in 1811 were 10-12km/h; by 1837 they had improved to 15-16km/h, due largely to the work of John MacAdam and Thomas Telford in improving road surfaces. The process of 'macadamising' a road surface with compacted stone chippings was introduced in 1816 by MacAdam. And to illustrate how canals and turnpikes were starting to cooperate, the huge loads of road-stone were often delivered by canal barge to wharves alongside the toll roads.

Between Birmingham and London, 22km of the railway was still incomplete in 1838, and passengers had to travel the unfinished stretch in horse-drawn coaches. The hills had slopes of 1:7-1:8; they were therefore paved by Telford with dressed stone slabs to reduce friction and ease the load on the horses. The result looked rather like a railway track – the so-called Weedon Stoneway, which I described in an earlier Kronickle article. A system was employed in which 11 coaches travelled together, each with 4 horses and 14 passengers, at improved speeds that would have been impossible even on macadamised roads.

However, worse was still to come. In 1821 an Act was passed for the Stockton and Darlington Railway. It went unnoticed in this area at the time, but it was the distant tolling of a bell destined to ring in change throughout Britain – and nowhere was more affected than Rugby and Kilsby. By 1831 plans were afoot to construct a railway from London to Birmingham, which provoked a further frightened response from the turnpike owners:

Northampton Mercury – 5th February 1831

A Meeting of the Trustees of the Turnpike Road from Dunchurch to Hillmorton in Warwickshire, and thence to Saint James's End in Duston Northamptonshire, will be held at the Fox and Hounds, at Harleston, Northamptonshire, on Monday 14th February at noon, to consider objecting to the projected Railway from London to Birmingham and adopting such measures as may appear expedient—Also of considering the best mode of paying off the sum of £1200, secured by mortgage of the Tolls arising on the said Road, the same having been called in.

In the 1820s, the Trustees of the Northampton-Dunchurch Turnpike had taken out a mortgage of £1200 on the turnpike tolls – probably to cover the unforeseen costs of macadamising. In 1831 this mortgage was suddenly called in by the lenders (fearing the demise of the toll road system due to the increasing threats from canals and railroads, and realising that unless they foreclosed the mortgage they would lose their money).

These new dangers caused the turnpike Trustees to introduce a system of annual auctions of the tolls from 1834 onward, to cover their own risk – and for the next 35 years the turnpike system continued to limp along.

Northampton Mercury – 6th June 1835

The TOLLS at the toll gates on the turnpike road from Dunchurch to Hillmorton in Warwickshire, and from thence to Saint James's End in Duston, Northamptonshire, known by the several names of Hillmorton Gate, West Haddon Gate, and Duston Gate, will be LET by AUCTION to the best bidder, at the Crown Inn, West Haddon, on Friday 10th July, at eleven o'clock; which several tolls were let the last year at the sums following:—Hillmorton Gate, £169; West Haddon Gate (except tolls from the parishioners of West Haddon, and tolls payable by the parishioners and occupiers of land in Crick and Winwick, at a Side Gate near Crick Wold), at £153; and Duston Gate, at £342 above the expenses of collecting them, and will be separately put up at those sums for the term of one year, to commence on 1st September. The meeting will also consider whether to remove the Toll House and Toll Gate in West Haddon, and to substitute one or more in lieu at another location.

However, as the canals and railways continued to take more and more of the transport trade, the turnpike system finally fell apart due to the steadily decreasing returns to its investors – by the late 1860s returns were typically down by 30-50% on what they had been in the 1830s.

Northampton Mercury – 8th October 1870

Sale of Toll Gates, &c - On Monday last a sale of a novel character took place at the Crown Inn, West Haddon. On 1st November next the trustees of Northampton and Dunchurch turnpike road will cease to have any control over the road, and on Monday last they disposed of all the toll houses, gates, rails, etc. The following is a return of the day's sale:—Lots 1-4, the Hillmorton gate and Kilsby side gate, comprising 4 gates, 12 posts, 140 feet of rails, one wood pump, and a brick and slated cottage with new kitchen range, were bought by Mr. Billington of Hillmorton for £20-10s. Lots 5-8, the Hillmorton Wharf gate, were bought by the same gentleman for £12-2s, comprising 4 gates, 11 posts, outbuilding, and a good house. The Crick Wold gate lots were divided; Mr. Collier of Duston bought 3 gates and 11 posts and rails for £4-3s., and the brick and slated house and outbuildings were bought for £12 by Mr. Mawby of Crick. The Buckby Folly gate had three purchasers. One lot, consisting of 3 gates, 8 posts, and 90 feet of rails, was bought by Mr Collier for £3; four posts, 2 gates, a piece of fencing, and a good lead pump, were bought by Mr. Newitt for £2-10s.; and the brick and slated house with outbuildings was bought for £11 by Mr. Johnson. Lot 15, the bar and mound across the road leading to Dallington mill, was bought by Mr. Collier for £1-12s.; and the Duston Gate, consisting of 3 gates, 3 posts, and a stone-built and tiled house with outbuildings, was bought by Mr. Collier for £14-10s.

There was also a toll gate in Kilsby, on the Daventry-Lutterworth turnpike; it stood at the junction of the A361 and the Ridgeway, and comprised a bar and gates plus a tollkeeper's house (which I have written about in a previous Kronickle article). The census returns show that the house was still occupied by a tollkeeper in 1841, but that the gate and tollkeeper had disappeared by 1861.

Gren Hatton, Jan 2016

New Year Message from Adam Simmonds, Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire



2015 was a very successful year for Northamptonshire Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire. We have made great strides in delivering my ambition to make Northamptonshire the safest place in England. For example:

- The number of full time, frontline officers protected at 1,220;
- Visited over 100 Parish Councils to engage in 'Parish Walkabouts';
- The number of Special Police Constables recruited passed the 600 mark;
- Seen a reduction of 50% in most serious violence over my term in office;
- Tackled Child Sexual Exploitation and Online Safety through announcing my Ten-Point Pledge, committing an extra £1million to tackle CSE and support victims, and consulting with 13,000 young people and parents on the issues around online safety;
- Launched a Rural Action Strategy document to promote safety and well-being in rural communities;
- Worked together with Northamptonshire County Council to lead the way on integrating the police force and the fire and rescue service.

Delivering such an ambitious goal is a challenging, but worthwhile undertaking. Not only are we increasing Police visibility through augmenting the number of Specials recruited to the Force, we are tackling the varying needs of Northamptonshire urban and rural areas, and ensuring that victims of crime are put at the centre of the criminal justice system to help them through the process as seamlessly as possible. All this is being achieved against a backdrop of increasing pressure on our local services and reductions in public spending. I am proud, however that we have been able to deliver so much and that the improvements we have made are now making a real difference to residents across our county.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a prosperous New Year.

CLOTHING COLLECTION KILSBY



Help raise funds for free!

Kilsby Pre-School is participating in a textile recycling scheme, offering good quality clothing to some of the poorest developing nations in the world and providing fundraising for schools, clubs and nurseries. The scheme pays the pre-school for every kg we recycle so we need your help! We will be collecting unwanted clothing from residents in Kilsby village on:

Saturday 27th February 2016

Please put your donated items in a securely tied plastic bag and leave outside in all weather in full view of the road before 9:00 a.m.

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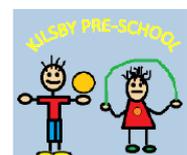
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KILSBY KRONICKLE KIDS' KORNER

Welcome
to 2016!

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ Warm up your brain and test your knowledge....

1. What is the first name of our current Queen?
2. How many years in a century?
3. Which animal can only see in black and white: a cat or a dog?
4. What are the two main food items that make up "toad in the hole"?
5. Which large supermarket has the catch phrase "eat well for less"?
6. How old do you have to be to drive in the uk?
7. What is the name of Prince William's first child?
8. How many letters are in the alphabet?
9. Which country has the colours black, red and yellow stripes in their flag?
10. Apart from your tongue, what other part of your body helps you to taste?
11. Can a cat live without a tail?
12. What is the name of the "head judge" on The X-Factor?
13. Who is the current prime minister?



NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

After a very busy and exciting Christmas time the children have settled back into the usual school routine. The children in Years 3 - 6 have started swimming lessons at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre in Rugby, the Year 3-4s go on a Tuesday afternoon and the Year 5-6s on a Wednesday afternoon until Easter. They are split into groups by ability, and have half an hour lesson in the water with fully qualified swimming teachers. The aim is that the children leave school with at least the ability to swim competently a minimum of 25 metres.

The School Dance Group has done very well in the Great British Dance Off competition, taking part in the Regional heats at the New Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham on Wednesday 20th January! It was an exciting day for them, where they had a dressing room, and danced in front of a large audience on stage! We are very proud of them!

The school held a 'Languages Day' on Friday 22nd January. The children came to school dressed in their sun hats and sunglasses as if they were going on holiday, even the staff dressed up as air hostesses, with Mrs Freeth as the Pilot! The day started off by having an assembly altogether, where the children were split into 4 mixed age groups. The groups spent the day moving round the school to each classroom, which represented a different country, where they learnt some simple words/sentences in that language, found out some interesting facts about the country, tasted traditional foods, etc (the countries were Greece, Mexico, Slovakia and Poland) - these countries were selected as we have children in school who originate from them. The children each had a passport that they took with them, and a little suitcase to put all the work they did in each 'country' inside. They had great fun and learnt a lot from the day!

Rowan class (Years 3 & 4) are looking forward to their residential trip to Everdon Activities Centre, from Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th January. The centre is based in the Old School building in the attractive village of Everdon near Daventry. The Centre has a small garden, and access to nearby woods, a stream and open countryside. With ranger-led curriculum-linked programmes the children have a fantastic stay taking part in activities such as orienteering at Fawsley, shelter building, tracking, looking at badger setts at Everdon Stubbs, etc.

The children in Year 5 will be attending the annual Candlemas service at Holy Cross, Daventry on Thursday 4th February at 10.30 am. They will be joining children from other Church of England schools in the area for this special service.

We will have our Pancake toss on Tuesday 9th February, which is always a lot of fun! Parents come along and watch the pancakes flipping everywhere and join us afterwards for an assembly! As part of their topic, 'Out of this World', the children in Cherry class (Years 1 & 2) have a trip to the National Space Centre, Leicester planned for Thursday 25th February. They are really looking forward to exploring the 5 different interactive galleries there! It should be a very interesting and informative day out for all!!!

ANSWERS
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Simon Cowel
David Cameron
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1st KILSBY GUIDES

(From Sue Curtis, Tel: 822039)



A big thank you to everyone who supported our Santa Post and bought the Christmas cards which the guides designed themselves. We raised a total of £167, which is fantastic, and we will be presenting the cheque to Cancer Research at a meeting shortly. A special mention to Juliet Hardwick, who sponsored the cards again, and to Paul and Diana at the Post Office.

Our garden at the village hall is a bit bedraggled but the daffodils are blooming and the leeks and cabbages and onions doing well. Do take a look if you haven't seen it yet (it is round the back, by the Kilsby Room).

We're also going to be looking after one of the new planters which are going in the village so everything is bloomin' marvellous!!

This term, we are celebrating the Chinese Year of the Monkey, going swimming, making and racing with pancakes, learning about web safety, making jewellery and creating our own new type of sweets.

We're always keen to welcome new guides, you need to be aged 10-14 years old, and also teenage or adult helpers. You can get your leadership qualification, which can be a real help when applying to university or for a job, and have fun too! Give as little or as much time as you can manage.

For more info, contact Sue Curtis, guide leader, 01788 822039 or 07764 335830. We meet Wednesday nights from 7.15 pm - 8.30 pm at Kilsby School.

St Faith's Church Children's Event

(From Fiona Gibbs: Tel:823530
and Marion Davis, Tel: 822188)

There will be another Children's Session in St Faith's Church on Saturday February 27th from 10.00 am until 11.30 am. Primary school children, with or without their parents, are welcome, pre-schoolers need an adult with them please. As this is close to Mothering Sunday we thought we would make a few things to give to Mums a week later! We look forward to seeing you there.

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Gardeners' Corner

After all the rain over Christmas and New Year, at last some cold weather! Let's hope it lasts long enough to kill some bugs and stop the grass growing.

Get those secateurs out

A cold clear February day, with the ground hard, is ideal for pruning your apple trees whilst they are still dormant. (*Leave plums until much later when they have started growing.*)

Careful with pruning the roses

The mild weather has caused tender new growth already, and pruning will only create more. This can easily be killed if we get a frosty spell. So it is a good idea to leave pruning until after the hard frosts. Then any unfortunate early growth can be cut back to healthy buds.

Pest trouble?

It is not the time of year to think of greenfly, but the mild early winter has let them flourish. Take a look at your winter pansies. If their leaves are going crinkly and small you will almost certainly find masses of greenfly on the underside of the leaves. The same can happen with cuttings in the green house. Get on top of it quickly with a pyrethrum-based spray. If you delay the infestation can easily kill the plants.

Jobs to do in February

- Finish clearing and forking over flower beds.
- Sow broad beans and parsnips.
- Prune fruit trees and bushes.
- Sow sweet peas in pots. Keep indoors in a plastic bag until they germinate, then out they go!

2015 Poppy Appeal

(From Tony Golding)



On behalf of the Royal British Legion Braunston & District Branch, I would like to thank all who took part, either in collecting or donating to this year's Poppy Appeal.

The total raised was £7459.96, of which £1367.50 was collected in Kilsby and £1009.93 at DIRFT.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the appeal.

Tony Golding, Poppy Appeal Organiser

Jobs to do in March

- Sow early peas at the beginning of March. (you might even chance a sowing in February)
- Sow hardy annuals in seed trays or pots.
- Prune roses once the risk of hard frost is past.
- Sow carrots, lettuces and peas for succession crops.

Times past...

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

"MEASURES Which a gardiner ought to understand

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60 miles to a degree? It must have been a big garden!

Good Gardening!

Ron Kieble

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 Northamptonshire West Area
 Northamptonshire Police
 Telephone: 101 mobex 778002

If you need to speak to either Lorraine Humfress or Les Conopo on a non-urgent matter, you can also contact them on the mobile numbers or at the e-mail addresses below:

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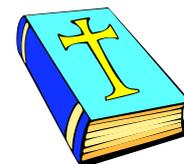
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- 14 Mrs Barbara Heighton
- 21 Mr Trevor Boys
- 28 Mr Jon Heard

March

- 6 Rev Geoffrey Townsend (HC)
- 13 Mrs Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones
- 20 Mr Martin Buckby
- 27 **Easter** Rev Cecil Gill (HC)

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Donate to the Rag Bag Collection

Go to the Gardeners' Party

Take your children to Messy Church and/or become a Messy Church Helper

Take your children to the church Childrens' Event

Join, or offer to help with, the Guides

Go to the afternoon tea

Go to the Pre-School Easter Party

Go to the Whalebone concert

Go to the Charity Barn Dance

Go to the St. Faith's SC Quiz

Offer help to the planter scheme

Go to the Pre-School Quiz Night

Go to the History Society talk

Become a Parish Councillor

Go to the Youth Focus evening

Volunteer to help with the Youth Club

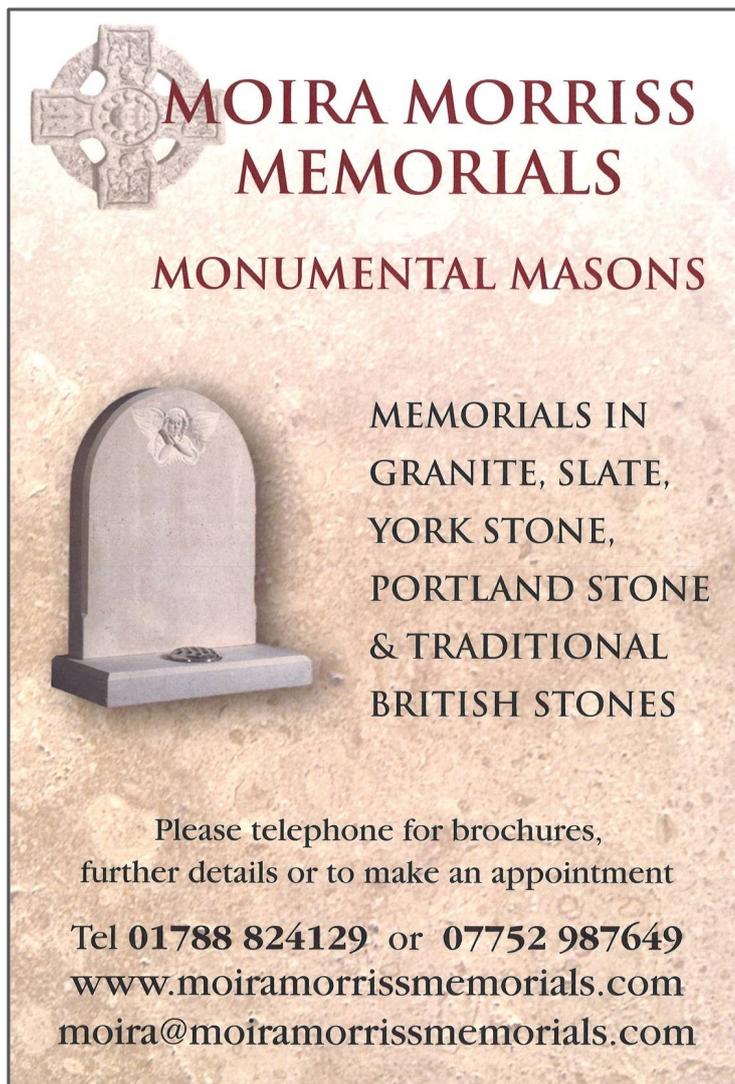
Join the Youth Club

Report dog fouling

Volunteer to help the Pre-School

Go on a Walking Group walk

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Flower baskets for the WI to make up gifts to sell for Mother's Day on 5th March (see page 10).

Spare clothing for the Pre-school Rag Bag Collection (see page 18).

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