June-July 2017 Edition no. 116

<u>Dates for your Diary</u> <u>Thursday 1st June</u> Avon Valley Way walk

Tuesday 6th June
St. Faith's SC Coffee Morning
Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 8th June W.I. Trip

Sunday 11th June Open Gardens

Thursday 15th June
Messy Church
History Society Research Group

Saturday 17th June
Garden Assn. Running Dinner
Pre-school Summer Ball

Sunday 18th June Walking Group walk

Saturday 24th June Garden Assn. Trip

Sunday 25th June Closing date for entries to gardens competition.

Sunday 2nd July URC Chapel Anniversary Service

Tuesday 4th July Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 6th July
Avon Valley Way walk
History Society trip to Leicester

<u>Friday 7th July</u> Strawberry and Wine Evening

<u>Saturday 8th July</u> Judging of gardens competition

Tuesday 11th July St. Faith's SC Coffee Morning

Thursday 13th July Outdoor Messy Church

<u>Sunday 16th July</u> Walking Group walk

<u>Wednesday 19th July</u> URC Chapel Barbeque

Early Notice September
Thursday 21st History Soc. AGM
Saturday 23rd Film Night

Kilsby Kronickle

Also available on the Kilsby Village Website www.kilsbyvillage.co.uk



Kilsby School's May King and Queen with their retinue and last year's King and Queen. Full details on page 18

This edition includes reports on the 2016-17 year from both our Parish Council and our District Councillor, which were prepared for the recent Annual Parish Meeting and contain lots of interesting and useful information. There is also the second part of Gren Hatton's survey of how Barby, Crick and Kilsby developed over the last half of the C18th and the C19th - a period of great change.

Elsewhere we have a report on what has been happening at Kilsby School including at the recent May Fayre, and a lovely piece, written by his daughter Sarah, remembering the late Martin Gibbs, who was very well-known in the village.

Entries are being encouraged for the gardens and hanging baskets competitions which will be judged early in July, and the village will be holding its annual Open Gardens (with exhibitions in the church and the Kilsby Room and teas at the village hall) on 11th June. There is news of several outings being planned by groups in the village and of regular summer events including the Chapel Barbeque and the Strawberry and Wine Evening. We hope that newcomers to the village will take the opportunity to join in some of these and find out what a friendly and welcoming village we are. On the same theme, many thanks to those who have volunteered to deliver Welcome Packs to residents on the new estate on Daventry Road as they move in. Don't forget though that if you have a new neighbour we can also provide you with a pack to give them. Get in touch with Chris Lomas on 822650 if you need one.

Finally, there are, as always, opportunities to get involved in village life - specifically this time in helping with Speedwatch, running sessions at Playtime, or helping with the Guides.

We hope you will enjoy reading this edition and find plenty to interest you, over what we hope will be a lovely early summer.

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

(From Councillor Bob Gent, Tel: 823528 and the Parish Clerk parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk Tel: 891184)

Kilsby Parish Council meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in Kilsby Room at the Village Hall. Any member of the parish is welcome to attend and hear the discussion. The first 20 minutes of the meeting will be open to allow parishioners to raise any issues that they may have.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on TUESDAY 6th JUNE at 7.30 pm.

NEW COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Keith Adams of Hall Close as a Councillor. His contact details can be found on the list of Councillors (Eds. on page 2).

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thank you to those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting. Perhaps the glorious sunshine on that evening prevented others attending. It is a legal requirement to hold an Annual Parish Meeting between the dates of 1 March and 1 June each year and it should be a chance for every organisation in the village to celebrate what they have done over the preceding year. A report on the year's achievements of the Parish Council, and a report from our District Councillor can be found on pages 12 and 16 of this magazine.

ELECTIONS

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (different to the Annual Parish Meeting) was held in May. This is the meeting where the Chairman for the year is elected. We are pleased to tell you that Councillor Reg Dunn is again Chairman of Kilsby Parish Council for 2017/18 with Councillor Charles Smedley as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Malcolm Longley was re-elected as our County Councillor at the election held on 4th May.

You get a further chance to exercise your democratic rights on 8th June in the General Election. The Polling Station in the Village Hall will be open from 7.00 am to 10.00 pm.

POLICING

The PCSOs have reported that in the last couple of months there have been two burglaries in Kilsby and two in Barby. One was particularly nasty as it was an aggravated burglary, so please check your security measures.

The Parish Council has recently met with Crick Parish Council and representatives from DIRFT as

we form a partnership that helps to fund our dedicated PCSOs Les Conopo and Duncan Cumming. We have heard that the Police are looking to alter the terms of the funding arrangement, which could result in the Parish being asked to pay more towards their costs. We do not pay as much as we used to towards this because DIRFT has taken on a greater proportion of the cost as the Rail Freight Terminal site has grown. The Parish Council will try and negotiate the best possible arrangement, and will try to ensure that we continue to have dedicated PCSOs, as both parishes and DIRFT value their work, and feel that the presence of uniformed policemen does help to reduce crime.

WEBSITE

Kilsby's new website will be launched in mid June, so keep a look out. Any organisation which would like to manage its own page on the website will be able to do so, and therefore ensure that information is always up to date. Please let the Clerk know if this is something your organisation would like to do.

The Parish Council would like to thank Matt Rollins for his work in reorganising the parish council information and helping set up the website which was used to display the Neighbourhood Plan information. The 'wix' platform which was used for this proved to be rather difficult to input information onto, so we are hoping that the new website from Vision ICT will be more user friendly. However without all Matt's hard work it would have been a much bigger challenge converting.

A361 DEVELOPMENT AND ROADS

The street names that have been accepted for the new development off A361 are 'Normandy Fields' and 'Longhouse Road'.

New traffic calming measures and weight limit signage for the Ridgeway should be put in place in June.

We continue to chase for the dip in the A361 near Malt Mill Green to be fixed to reduce the rattling noise that residents are having to endure. It is now scheduled to be done within the next five months, but District Councillor Lomax and the Parish Council are continuing to raise this as an issue.

OTHER NEWS

Daventry District Council have brought forward plans to build a cycle way from Braunston to Daventry to make it safer to cycle along the A45.

Gren Hatton has produce wording for nine Heritage Sign Boards to be located around the village. Two of them will provide information about the archaeological excavations on the A361 housing (Continued overleaf) site, and will be funded by the developers, Avant Homes. The Parish Council hope that they will be able to secure funding from grants to place the others around the village so that people can learn more about the history of the village.

GRANTS

Any village organisation wishing to secure a grant for a project should try to attend a Funding Fair which is being held at Towcester Racecourse on Tuesday 6th June from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm. There will be lots of grant funding bodies there who will be able to help and advise you.

Kilsby Garden Association has secured a grant towards more planters which will be placed around the village. The Parish Council is also providing a grant of £200 towards them, and purchasing them on their behalf. (Eds. See also page 9.)

COMMUNITY SHOP/POST OFFICE

Since Steve Kettlewell left the village, the Parish Council has been trying to ascertain where we are with setting up a Community Shop.

The Post Office is keen to re-establish a Counter facility within the village, but requires a business from which to operate.

The Community Shop Group was not successful with the bid submitted a bid in December for £50,000 to help build a community shop. The Group was

encouraged to resubmit the bid in March, but we have been unable to establish whether this was done.

Councillor Liz Rochford is arranging a meeting with the remaining members of the Group to find out the current position and and what needs to be done now to take the project forward. Please be assured that the Parish Council knows how important it is for the village to have a shop again.

CEMETERY

The Cemetery has neatly trimmed bushes, extended pathways and an extended area for cremated remains. The cemetery fees have just been increased to ensure they stay in line with Church of England fees. They are still substantially cheaper than those at Rainsbrook crematorium.

KEEEPING THE VILLAGE CLEAN

Please can people continue to clean up after their dogs, and if a dog is being walked by younger members of the family during holiday times, make sure that they carry a bag and clean up after the dog.

Please also note that Devon Ox Green is a registered village green, and vehicles must not be parked on it, or skips etc left on it.

Anyone putting notices up on telegraph poles is asked to remove them after the event. Thanks.

FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR CATHERINE LOMAX

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

DDC has just begun its new civic year, with its Annual Meeting and election of the new Chairman. The Chairman for 2017-18, taking over from Councillor Alan Chantler from Yelvertoft, is Councillor David James, who represents a Daventry Ward.

Kilsby held its Annual Parish Meeting early in May. I was disappointed by the very low turn-out, as this is an opportunity to hear what the Parish Council and your District and County Councillors have been doing on your behalf during the last twelve months. I myself also enjoy the reports from village organisations of their activities during the past year. The report I gave to the meeting is printed in this edition (Eds. page 16).

Three pieces of news from DDC. The Council now has a 6.3 year land supply, and I am assured that there is no intention currently of increasing the allocation of housing development in the rural areas. As Kilsby has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, this would in any case be unlikely to affect the village.

I have mentioned previously the Grand Depart of the Women's Cycling Tour. This is the first stage of a

five day event, featuring some of the biggest names in women's professional cycling. These elite cyclists will set off from Daventry High Street at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 7 June, travelling to Long Buckby Wharf where, having got into their stride, the 91.7 mile race starts in earnest. A number of related events are being organised by DDC and partners to celebrate the Tour and to encourage leisure cycling, including the Cycle Fest on New Street Recreation Ground on 4 June. More details can be found on Daventry District Council's website and at www.tourride.co.uk.

Lastly, an update on waste collection from June next year. Subject to completion of negotiations with Norse, the new contractor, food waste and comingled recyclables will be collected weekly, residual waste fortnightly, and paid-for garden waste every three weeks.

I hope everyone enjoyed the May Fair. How good to have warm, sunny weather for this enjoyable event.

Catherine

ST. FAITH'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(From Kathy Jenkins, Tel: 822464)

Coffee Morning

We have a Coffee Morning planned for Tuesday 6th June from 10 30 am till 12.00 noon in the Kilsby Room at the Village Hall. The cost is £2.50 on the door. Everyone is very welcome. We like to see all our usual visitors, but would welcome any 'new to the village' ladies and gentlemen. It's always a nice chatty morning and everyone enjoys it. Where else could you get a nice cup of coffee and lovely cakes for £2.50? Not many places. So come and give us a try. We have a good raffle and there are plenty of friendly people.

Strawberry and Wine Evening

We shall be having a Strawberry and Wine evening again this year at the lovely home of Barbara and Frank Almond, Orchard House, 22a Rugby Road. It will be on Friday 7th July from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm. Tickets are £6.00 and are available from Mrs Margaret Dean (822724) or any of the Social Committee. You get a nice bowl of strawberries and plenty of cream, plus plenty of wine or juice, and all your friends from the church and village. So do come and enjoy it all with us. It's always a great occasion.

Something else for July

We will have our usual Coffee Morning on Tuesday 11th July from 10 30 am till 12.00 noon. Cost £2.50 on the door. This time we shall be in St Faith's

Church. It's a beautiful place and we have plenty of room. Let's hope we get a nice large crowd of people. It will give new people to the village a chance to look at the beautiful and ancient church. We have our kitchen and clean and tidy toilet (very necessary - that's just from me).

1st Kilsby Guides

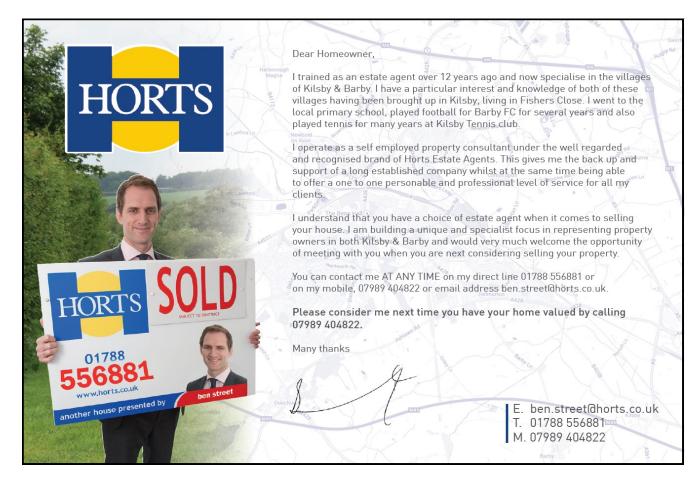
(from Sue Curtis 01788 822039)



The guides have continued to have lots of fun and activities. We fulfilled our Guide promise to help the community by cleaning St. Faith's Church for a month and by continuing to look after our planter on the village green and our garden at the village hall. The strawberries look to be doing very well and should be delicious. All the girls are also taking part in the competition to grow the biggest/best potatoes and Kelsey onions.

This term, we are sailing, horse riding, climbing and bellringing, and going on two trips to London and to Drayton Manor, so there is lots happening.

We have had one extra guide join us, but we would still welcome new guides and any volunteers who would be able to help out with our meetings, which are every Wednesday from 7.15 pm - 8.30 pm at Kilsby School.



Kilsby Open Gardens

(From Christine Clay, Tel: 822373)

On SUNDAY 11th June, from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm, there will be four large gardens and several small gardens open IN OUR VILLAGE to raise funds for the National Gardens Scheme.

They are: PYTCHLEY HOUSE, 14 Main Road; PYTCHLEY GARDENS (entry from ESSEN LANE); RAINBOWS END in Middle Street; GRAFTON HOUSE and BOLBERRY HOUSE (next door to each other in Rugby Road, opposite the playing field.

Look for the large yellow signs, and follow the red arrows. Plants will be on sale at Pytchley House and all proceeds will go to NGS.

Artwork from Kilsby Primary School will be on display in St Faith's Church, and there will be an exhibition of embroidery in the Kilsby Room at the Village Hall during the afternoon.

(Eds. There will also be teas at the Village Hall, see page 14.)

KILSBY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - MAY 2017

(From Phil Martin, Tel: 822700)

I would first wish to apologise for the lack of direct communication over the last few months. This has been caused by a combination of ill health of myself and my computer. I have been confident that the spreading of information directly by Northamptonshire Police would have ensured that you were all kept fully informed.

In checking through my recorded names and email addresses it is obvious that there will be many updates needed. If someone has left the village will you please let me know and I will remove their details. If I have used the address of a loved one who has passed away, I am very sorry but will immediately delete details when informed. I realise that informing me of the above is not something people would normally have on their "to do" list so I would ask for your assistance for updates.

I also plan to visit any residents where I know there has been a change of ownership as well as the newly constructed homes. It will take some time to achieve this so if you are not currently a member of Kilsby Neighbourhood Watch and would like to join, please contact me on <a href="mailto:phil

Kilsby History Society

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

Research Group

The next meeting of the research group is at my home, Laurelcroft Cottage, 28 Main Road, on Thursday 15th June, at 7.30 pm.

Trip to Leicester

The trip to the Richard III Centre at Leicester is on Thursday 6th July. The coach will leave from outside the old shop promptly at 9.45 am. We expect to leave Leicester at approximately 1.45 pm.

The cost is £15.00 - £8.00 of which is the fare. If you book and are then unable to attend, this portion will be non-refundable. I would like the money in to me by Friday 23rd June and if paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Kilsby History Society'.

At the time of writing there are a small number of spaces still available. If you are interested please contact Gill Mason, Tel: 822658.

AGN

The AGM will take place on Thursday 21st September in the Kilsby Room.



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KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

JUNE/JULY NEWS

Sunday Services (at 11.00 am)

June

4th Rev Elizabeth Kemp (HC), Church Meeting

11th Joint Service at CRICK

18th Trevor Boys

25th Bobbie Wakeleigh Jones

July

2nd Anniversary Service, Rev Peter Meek

9th To be announced. 16th Clive Leakey

23rd Cecil Gill

30th Joint Service at CRICK

Tuesday Guild (at 2.15 pm)

June

6th Christina Lomas 20th Judy Baldy

July

To be announced.

Dates for your Diary

Anniversary Service

Sunday 2nd July at 11.00 am. Rev. Peter Meek.





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Barbeque Lunch

Wednesday 19th July at 12.00 noon. Ticket only. Tickets are £8.00 each and can be bought from Val Janes on 822751.

Scrabble

The Scrabble group meets every Wednesday in the chapel café at 1.00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Café

The café is open every Monday and Thursday from 9.00 am until 12.00 noon for tea, coffee and cooked breakfasts.

WALKING GROUP

(From Lesley Loader, Tel: 822246)

The dates for the walks on the third Sunday of each month are June 18 and July 16. These walks leave from The White House in Chapel Street at 10.00 am. and are 7-9 miles. The dates for the Avon Valley Way walks are the first Thursdays of the month, June 1 and July 6. These leave from The White House at 9.30 am and are also 7-9 miles.

More details from me at <u>liloader@btinternet.com</u> or tel: 822246.



Playtime

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

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Each session £2 per child, reduced rate for subsequent children.

Everyone welcome to join in the fun!

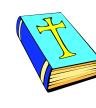
For further information, please don't hesitate to call:

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





KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

Lots of interest and variety at the WI!

Our programme of activities has included taking part in the Village Litter Pick, arranging the popular Mother's Day Flower Stall, a craft evening making flower wreaths for Easter, going to a Sleep Lecture, and a theatre visit to see 'Death of an Anarchist'.

A team of 4 members took part in the WI Federation Quiz held at Wickstead Park when we managed to finish in 4th place, and our Skittles team have done well by reaching the semi-finals but, after a good performance, they were unable to advance further.

In April we had an entertaining talk by William French who told us of his experiences as butler to the Queen, He had joined the Royal Navy and served in the Falklands War. He later became a butler serving the Queen on the Royal Yacht Britannia. There were some lovely photographs on display and he was able to share many happy memories and interesting stories of his life on the Royal Yacht. He later became butler to other well-known people including Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise.

At the Group meeting in Welton we heard an amusing talk about Motoring in the 1920s.

The annual meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes is to be held in Liverpool in June when Diana Humphreys will be our representative. The proposed resolutions, which we discussed at our meeting in May, are:-

- 1) Loneliness it was proposed that the WI could work alongside other agencies to help to alleviate loneliness.
- 2) Micro plastic fibres to be kept out of our oceans by calling upon government and industry to research and develop solutions in order to stop the accumulation of micro-plastic fibres in our oceans. Microfibres are shed from synthetic clothing in every wash and end up contributing to micro plastics which contaminate the oceans.

There were interesting discussions on these topics and our members felt that the matter of dealing with micro plastic fibres was of serious environmental concern and should be pursued.

Our members have been making Twiddle Muffs, which are pretty knitted pieces with novelty items attached, which can be used to amuse people suffering from dementia or when recovering from serious illness.

New members and guests are always welcome at our meetings which are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in Kilsby Village Hall.

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Kilsby Garden and Produce Association



(from Charles Smedley, Tel: 822241)

The Garden Association organised another successful Plant and Seedling Sale on the Barby Road/Devon Ox Village Green on Saturday 13th May, which was well attended. A big 'thank you' to all who came for your purchases.

The next event organised by the Association is a coach trip on Saturday 24th June to Winterbourne House and Gardens in Birmingham and then onto the National Trust property of Baddersley Clinton. Discounts have been negotiated for both venues and only a few seats remain on the coach. To secure a place please contact Carol Chamberlain on 823920.

If you would like to join the Garden Association you get the benefit of discounts NOW on plants from Barby Nurseries and discounts from Dennetts Nurseries in Daventry as well as huge reductions in the price of seeds and also of plug plants and other gardening items ordered from Dobies Seeds. We also organise a bulk purchase of Humax Compost 60 litre bags delivered to the village in the spring. If you are interested in joining please contact Carol Chamberlain (Tel: 823920).

Entries are now required for the garden competitions with cups to be presented at the Produce Show on the 10th September this year. The categories are:-

Best Small Mixed Garden Best Decorative Garden Best Courtyard Garden

The planters around the village are also being judged on the same day by our independent judges from the Guild of Judges in Leicestershire who have also judged the Produce Show for the last couple of years.

Judging of the gardens and planters takes place on Saturday 8th July and entries for the 3 garden classes should be registered with Diane Graham (Tel: 823485) by Sunday 25th June.

Don't forget the Kilsby Preschool

007 SUMMER BALL

AT THE HOLIDAY INN CRICK ON 17TH JUNE

Further details and tickets (£25.00) available from Kilsby Preschool kilsbypreschool@hotmail.co.uk 01788 824091

MESSY CHURCH

(From Nancy Golding, Tel: 822611)

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 15th June, from 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm at KILSBY VILLAGE HALL

A warm welcome to children with parents/carers from Barby and Kilsby to join in art, crafts, songs, stories and eating together.

It's messy! It's fun and it's free

There will be an outdoor

MESSY CHURCH

at St. Faith's Churchyard

Thursday, 13th July, from 4.00 – 6.00 pm

PLANTER UPDATE

(From Jane George)

With a further grant from Daventry District Council, and help from The Parish Council and The Garden Association, we will be able to have three more planters for the village.

More money has been applied for from Grantscape (the windfarm money), which would enable the purchase of engraved plaques for each of the planters, to show who has donated and who has adopted them.

As last year was a success, the planters will again be judged by the official garden judges, when they come to see the gardens for the Garden Association. Results and a cup for the winner will be awarded at the Produce Show.

KILSBY PLAYTIME CAN YOU HELP?

(From Sarah Stainton, Tel: 07590 460913)

Kilsby Playtime is still looking for volunteer session organisers!

Do you have any spare time on a Monday morning? Do you like children, chat, tea and biscuits? Playtime is where it's at!

Tracey and I will be moving on to pastures new in September and we are still looking for more support to keep the session going. We have had fun over the last 5 years however it is time to pass on the baton. It is such a vital service for new mums and young families in the village. Any support, once a month or once a term is welcome. Feel free to pop in to see us on Mondays during term time or call Sarah on 07590 460913 to discuss.

Warwickshire Open Studios 17th June to 2nd July 2017

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Local artists:

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Carole Wheeler

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Karen Wyeth

Contemporary Felt Artist www.karenwyeth.co.uk





Come and see a variety of vibrant and colourful artworks for sale and enjoy home made cake and coffee in a beautiful Crick location overlooking the countryside!

Moira Morriss will be exhibiting with Dot & Geoff Crowe and 5 other artists at Cleves Garden & Studio, Barby

Saturdays 17th & 24th June & 1st July, Sundays 18th, & 25th June & 2nd July All dates 12.00 noon until 5.00 pm.



Exhibiting this year are; two ceramic designer makers, a stone carver and letter cutter, also three painters offering water colours, acrylic and mixed media, one artist offering mixed media 2 & 3 d and a jeweller specialising in silver. They are:

Ceramic Designer Maker; Dot Crowe Ceramic Designer Maker: Geoff Crowe Stonecarver and letter cutter; Moira Morriss

Painter; Imelda Cahill Painter; Pete Daly Painter: Ella Hendy

Mixed Media; Sophie Watkins

Jeweller; Ruth Mary

A variety of work to suit all tastes, warm greeting on arrival; refreshments available; commissions welcome.



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LITTER PICK

(From Sarah Stainton, Tel: 822477)

An enormous thank you to the villagers who turned up and helped out with our village litter pick on Saturday 11th March and to Kilsby school children for their litter picking during the week. Our clean village, and roads in and out are great to see.

What an enormous pile of litter we had for Daventry District Council to collect.

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KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

(From Reg Dunn, Chairman)

Kilsby Parish Council started a new term of office following the Election on 5th May 2016. It was good to see democracy in action as we had 12 people standing for 11 seats, which meant that parishioners had a chance to vote for the 11 people they wanted to represent them as councillors. The elected councillors also became trustees of the Recreation Ground under the guidance of David George who acts as the Secretary and Treasurer, and works very hard to keep it in good repair.

The Parish Council has continued to be chaired by Reg Dunn. Recently Steve Kettlewell has had to resign and Keith Adams joined the Council last month.

Kilsby is represented by two District Councillors, Catherine Lomax and Ian Robertson. Catherine Lomax has attended all our Parish Council meetings and provided a report to the Annual Parish Meeting on 10th May. The County Councillor Malcolm Longley has recently been re-elected to the role. He tries to attend Parish Council meetings on a quarterly basis as he has a number of Councils which meet on the same night.

At the start of the year the Parish Council resolved to use the General Power of Competence which is a power of first resort brought in as part of the 2011 Localism Act. This gives the Parish greater powers to do anything that a normal person would be able to do (such as run a business). This means that the Parish Council will not be restricted by legislation if it wants to do something which enhances village life.

Policing

We have continued to sponsor PCSOs Les Conopo and Duncan Cumming who split their time between DIRFT, Kilsby and Crick. Since DIRFT has expanded, the Rail Freight Terminal has taken on a greater proportion of the cost of the Police Sponsorship deal and now covers 10/12ths of the cost leaving the parishes to find £3,300 towards the PCSOs per year. Les Conopo has been off sick for a period of time during the year, but is now back to 90% full duties.

We have heard that the contract may be changing in the future with the Northamptonshire Police looking for a greater level of finance than the 50% currently contributed, so we have already met with colleagues at DIRFT and Crick to consider the position. Without the sponsored PCSOs Kilsby would be policed by one PCSO who covers 40 villages.

What has your Parish Council been doing?

The Defibrillator is now installed in a smartly painted ex-telephone box which has been fitted with shelving so it can be used as a book exchange and leaflet holders so that village leaflets can be made available from the box. Thank you to lan Lee for his painting and DIY.

During the year the Post Office and Stores has closed, and the Parish Council has been trying to set up alternative services. This is a very difficult task, and we are not in a position to provide any positive solution at the moment, but will continue to make it a priority, as we are well aware of how important this issue is to Kilsby. The post box has been relocated onto Main Road, and will soon have a seat located near it thanks to a generous donation from a parishioner.

All the street lights in the village have been changed to 22W LED lamps (apart from 4 which we are still waiting for E.ON to do). We are already seeing significant savings in both energy costs and maintenance charges.

Cemetery

Helen Smedley continues to act as the Burials Clerk for the parish, and the Parish Council would like to thank her publicly for the hard work she puts in to what can be a very difficult and sensitive role. Helen and the Clerk attended training on Cemetery Legislation at the beginning of the year and are trying to ensure that all the correct procedures are in place.

The Cemetery extension has now been purchased and fenced. The concrete paths have been extended up to the current fence and the area for cremated remains has been extended, and the laurel hedge cut back. Thanks to Steve Hartwell and his team for all their hard work, most of which has been funded by a grant from the Wind Turbine Company Airvolution at Junction 18.

We have seen a reduction in the number of burials this year, which may seem like a good thing, but in reality is probably because more families are choosing to use Rainsbrook Crematorium and have ashes scattered there.

Planning

The Parish Council has acted as consultee and made comment on 31 Planning Applications, two of which were for applications on the DIRFT site.

During the year the 40 houses to be built off the A361 became 48, and work is now under way. During excavation of the site evidence of 13th Century Longhouses were found and an Archaeological Open Day was held so that residents could see the finds. Gren Hatton has very kindly put together some wording that will be displayed on Heritage Display boards in the village to explain the findings to anyone who is interested.

In May 2016 the Parish Council were approached by a landowner who was considering a small development of 5 houses on land off Barby Road. Despite the consultation no planning application was forthcoming.

On 21 July 2016 a referendum was held to approve Kilsby Neighbourhood Development Plan. This was given a 'yes' vote by 93.3% of the parish, and means that the Plan will help the parish have more control over future development. The Planning Consultants who provided advice to the steering group ran a workshop for all interested parties, to help the Parish Council submit our planning comments in the most robust way possible to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is given proper consideration in the decision making process by Daventry District Council Planning officers.

Highways

Councillor Reg Dunn has continued to represent Kilsby at the DIRFT Liaison Meeting which takes place every 6 months.

The development at DIRFT 3 has started, and funding has been made available to introduce a weight limit on the Ridgeway and Longdown Lane, and to provide more signage and gateway features to slow traffic travelling along the A5 and A361. The signage is currently on order and will be installed very soon.

A new "village" of 600 houses, to be called "Houlton" is being built as part of the Rugby Sustainable Urban Development on the Radio Mast site. This will be followed by further phases of building to a total of 6200 houses in the next 10 years. The site will include a passenger railway station.

Bollards were installed on the verge on Main Road opposite Rugby Road to prevent HGVs damaging the grass verge. To some extent this has solved the problem, but the bollards have been knocked over on a couple of occasions.

Youth Club

The Youth Club has continued to run under the leadership of the qualified Youth Provider, Claire Griffin. It opens during term time in Kilsby Village hall on Friday evenings from 6-8pm for primary aged children and from 8-10 pm for secondary aged children. It continues to be well supported with about 25 young people attending each week.

The Youth Club were finalists in Northamptonshire Youth Ambition Awards, and produced a poster which was used as part of the Remembrance /Poppy Day exhibition in St Faith's Church.

Four members have attended Young Leaders' Training.

The Council were approached by the young people to investigate whether a Skate Park could be installed. If anyone knows of a suitable location, or knows someone who is prepared to donate some land, please let us know.

Environmental and other Improvements

Kilsby Cattery continue to sponsor the A5 roundabout which helps cover the cost of mowing and wildflower seeds. We hope that there will be another good display this year.

Councillor Sarah Stainton has once again organised a village litter pick. Thank you to all those who came out to help tidy up the village. Litter bins and seats have been installed at the bus shelters.

Dead trees have been removed from adjacent to the footpath at the side of The George car park and an Irish Yew tree has been planted in Church Walk to replace the dead tree.

A grant of £200 has been given towards the church mower and a grant made towards planters which can be seen all around the village.

The village website was revamped by Matt Rollins, but proved difficult to add documents to, so the parish have decided to purchase a website from a company which sets up sites for Parish and Town Councils. All Matt's work has made it very much easier to do this, as it has been possible to transfer the content in a similar layout. Thanks to Matt and Jenny Fisher for their work, and we hope that the new website will be launched shortly. Village organisations will be able to have access to their own pages to keep them updated, and it should be much easier to add the parish documents so that the website remains up to date.

BUDGET

Kilsby Parish Council has requested a precept of £45910 for the year 1 April 2017 to 31st March 2018. This represents an increase of £2117 (4.8%) over 2016/17 precept, or £4.45 more per annum for a Band D household

KILSBY ACCOUNTS for Year ending 31 March 2017

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Precept	43793	Staffing	9457
Burial Fees	1445	Mowing	9212
Adverts in KK	877	Recreation Ground	2000
Bank Interest	40	Street Lighting	2295
Grants Received	16268	Policing	3373
VAT Refunded	17507	Cemetery	5930
Grant for Mowing	1013	Kilsby Kronickle	2351
Other	1647	Neighbourhood Plan	5270
		Grants	538
TOTAL INCOME	82590	Admin	120
		Audit	540
		Insurance	312
		Defibrillator	1775
		New Street Lighting	23650
		Planters	1908
		Training	546
		Subscriptions	659
		Election Costs	1305
		Other	11271
		VAT (reclaimable)	10715
		TOTAL Expenditure	93227

Balance carried forward at 1 April 16 = £ 65853

Closing Balance at 31 March 2017 = £ 55216

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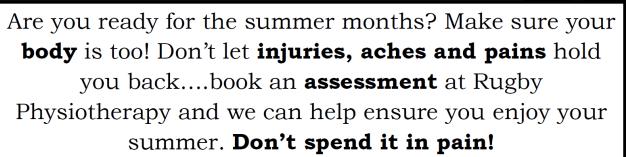
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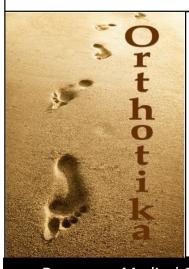
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District Councillor's Report on the year 2016/17 to Kilsby Annual Parish Meeting 10th May 2017

(From Catherine Lomax, Tel: 890939)

Major topics continue to be various aspects of planning and development, roads and traffic, waste collection services, and to which we now must add the future of the District Council.

The District Council has continued its work on the Local Plan Part 2, which will give detailed policies for development in the district. Although further evidence is needed before the draft plan is ready for public consultation, I am sure Kilsby will be placed in the secondary settlement category. It is expected that the draft plan will be ready for public consultation within the next two months. The District's requirement for pitches for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People has been reduced from 17 to 6. This is unlikely to affect Kilsby.

The District still has a 5.9 year land supply (Eds. See update in Catherine Lomax's report on page 4). Major developments in Daventry, Micklewell Park to the west of Welton and the north-east Daventry extension, have, however, not yet come forward. The result of this could be that the urban/rural split for new housing is revised. Although the requirement for rural housing to 2020 has already been reached, this is a minimum, so we could see further large applications being made by developers. With an adopted Neighbourhood Plan this parish should be well protected, but we have already seen less weight than expected given to Neighbourhood Plans at Planning Committee. We need to be robust in using the Plan when any application within Kilsby comes forward.

Always of concern to this ward is the question of the roads. This includes traffic volumes, particularly on the minor roads, which are deteriorating fast. Development pressures from Rugby could result in even more through traffic in the village, and we need to work to prevent traffic from the Radio Masts site turning minor roads around Kilsby into rat runs. Daventry Road has remained a problem. Having failed to stop the Avant development, we tried very hard to get proper safe crossing, but without success. I will continue to pursue the County Council on the questions of outstanding necessary repairs and traffic speed. As a member of the A5 Partnership Group, I have promoted the need for a comprehensive approach to the problems caused by HGVs' overnight parking in laybys and the littering caused. The Government recently published a 'Litter Strategy for England'. Unfortunately this was long on hopes and aspirations, short on positive, workable actions, with nothing to suggest how to achieve better detection rates and enforcement.

Subject to satisfactory conclusion of detailed negotiations, waste collection will from June 2018 be dealt with by Norse, a company originally set up by Norfolk County Council. Recyclates will be comingled and will be sorted at an out-of-county facility, food waste will continue to be collected weekly, and there will be a paid-for green waste collection. Collection of garden waste is not a statutory duty for local authorities, and many are now charging for its removal. I have no statistics on whether it has led to more fly tipping, but this may depend on the type of area.

Although the District Council has no responsibility for schools, it played a part in the setting up of the University Technical College, which closed this year only 3 years after opening, because of lack of pupils. The Council also enabled and partnered the building of a special school in Daventry, which takes pupils county-wide, and I understand is fully subscribed. The Council has also put money into a new primary school at Monksmoor. It has, during the year, put funding into the redevelopment of the Phoenix Youth Centre in Daventry and into Daventry Sports Park, where planned development of more football pitches has meant the displacement of several hockey teams, which currently have no satisfactory alternative place to play.

The Council has agreed to run an on-line community lottery for the benefit of local voluntary organisations. Other local authorities do this successfully, but I have my own doubts about how much it will raise. We can but hope.

There has been no progress in arts provision, which I mentioned in my report last year. It was notably absent from the Council's recent Corporate Strategy, and when a question was raised about this at full Council, the answer did not provide reassurance. There are, however, still hopes that Daventry may get a cinema in the redeveloped Site 1 area behind High Street. There has been no progress on the ground of the redevelopment of Daventry Town Centre, or the northern extension to the town east of the country park, but planning permission has been granted for the controversial canal arm to be built from the Grand Union canal to Eastern Way.

The Council has continued to support the Big Switch, giving customers the opportunity to opt for cheaper electricity suppliers. The latest round of bids for this ends this month.

You may remember that the Boundary Commission is conducting a parliamentary constituency boundary review. The proposal for Daventry is that the southern part of the district joins South Northants, and Lutterworth is joined to what is left. It looks as if the Commission found itself with odd bits and pieces

which it decided to amalgamate, as the proposal makes little sense, and the District Council is opposing it strongly. What might have more practical effect on the ward are the various proposals for a unitary authority. The County Council has a proposal for a county-wide authority, based upon the current county council. This is strongly opposed by all seven Districts and Boroughs, but their alternatives are not yet agreed, and talks continue. This is important to our villages, because it is likely that with a unitary authority, responsible for all services, economies of scale could be achieved, but decision making is likely to be taken further away, with no guarantee that services would improve. We await developments in the coming months.

At the Council I have continued as a member of the Licensing Committee, the Local Plan Steering Group, the Daventry Town Centre Development Working Group, and the Member Learning and Development Group. I represent the Council on the Rugby/Daventry Crematorium Committee, the A5 Member Partnership, and Northamptonshire ACRE. I have also supported your views at Planning Committee when there has been an application affecting the parish.

Catherine Lomax District Councillor, Barby and Kilsby Ward, 24th April 2017

Kilsby Village Hall Film Night (From Ruth Axtell Tel: 01788 823662 or 07814106401

Thank you very much to everyone who came to the Film Night on 29th April. It was a big success due to the wonderful support from the village. Also, thank you to every one who helped, including Richard Curtis for the delicious canapés. The feedback regarding the whole evening has been very positive. We raised the total sum of £235.11 and all proceeds will go to the Village Hall.

Date for your diary. The next **Film Night** will be on **Saturday 23rd September** and the film will be '**A United Kingdom'**. This tells the inspiring true story of Seretse Khama, the King of Bechuanaland (now Botswana), and Ruth Williams, the London office worker he married in 1948 in the face of fierce opposition from their families and the British and South African governments.

Doors will open at 7.30 with the film starting at 8pm.

To follow, there will also be a Film Night on Thursday 23rd November. Film to be decided.



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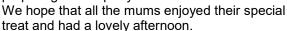
(From Karen Burton, mrs.burton@kilsbyprimary.net)

First of all a very big thank you to all of you who have been collecting the Sainsburys 'Active Kids' vouchers for our school. The scheme has now closed. If you still have any vouchers at home, please bring them into school or pop them through the door of 7 Ashby Road, Kilsby. We really appreciate your efforts. This year we shall be able to order some more really useful sports/games/cooking equipment. With the vouchers collected this year we are hoping to obtain new hoops, shuttlecocks, bean bags, and other items, all thanks to you!



On Friday 24th March the children in Cherry class invited their mums to school in the afternoon for a special Mother's Day tea party. They took part in different activities during the afternoon too!

The children worked really hard in the morning making cakes, sandwiches, chopping vegetables, etc. and preparing for the party.



The whole school attended a 'Looking to Holy Week' service at St Faith's Church, on Wednesday 29th March with the Rev Nigel. Afterwards the congregation were invited back to school for refreshments provided by Rowan class. Many thanks to our hardworking mums who produced some delicious cakes once again for this event.

On Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th April the Ofsted Inspectors visited our school. We are delighted with the outcome which rated the school as 'Good' in all aspects. A very big 'well done' to all the staff and to the children who behaved impeccably as



always, also we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to parents for being so supportive.

You can view a copy of the report on our website www.kilsbyprimary.net on the homepage click on 'Our School' and select 'Ofsted & SIAMS Inspections' in the drop down list.

The Year 6 children took their SATS during the week beginning Monday 8th May. They came into school at 8.00 am in the morning each day before the tests to enjoy a breakfast provided by school of cereal, toast and a choice of a bacon or sausage roll.

This year's May Fayre took place on Sunday 21st May. Our May King this time was Mikey McCarthy, his May Queen, Hannah Paddick, and their attendants Kyle Hughes, Peter Creasey, Lara Gordon and Emily Carroll. A picture of them all, together with last year's King and Queen, Sam Chalkley and Pippa Lonergan, is on the front of this magazine. We had the usual stalls and maypole dancing, and the crowning of the King and Queen was the highlight of the afternoon! We hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon, and many thanks to all our hardworking KSA members who put so much effort in organising this event and all the other events

throughout the year. We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Sarah Wurr and Sue Hussey who have now officially retired from the KSA. They have worked tirelessly fund raising for Kilsby School for 10 years and we are very grateful for all they have done. They were both presented with flowers and a card at this year's May Fayre as a token of our appreciation.



On Tuesday 23rd May Rowan class (Years 3 & 4) went on a super trip to Braunston Marina where they were lucky enough to have a canal boat ride on the 'Water Ouzel'. They took part in other activities during the day including a walk, looking at habitats and finding out all about canals. Many thanks to the Canal River Trust for inviting the children for the day, it was great fun!

Cherry class (Years 1 & 2) are looking forward to their trip to Holdenby House on Tuesday 13th June. They will be dressing up as Victorian servants taken from a workhouse to undertake jobs around the big house. They will take part in workshops in the kitchen and laundry room where 'only perfection is good enough!' In the afternoon they will be presented to her Ladyship and must perform a song or poem. It is a really interesting and enjoyable day for the children.

Chestnut class (Reception) are excited about going on their trip to Stratford on Avon Butterfly Farm on Tuesday 13th June. They will have a guide to show them around the farm where they will be able to experience "close encounters" with some of the minibeasts there and also ask any questions they may have. Afterwards the children will enjoy a picnic in the park by the River Avon and hopefully have some time to spend in the super play area they have there too before returning home.

Maple class (Years 5 & 6) are looking forward to a three day residential visit to Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire from 19th to 21st June. They will take part in many fun activities including camping, water sports, climbing and high ropes. This will be a brilliant and memorable experience for them all!

If you are interested in seeing more of what the children have been doing in school over the year, go to www.kilsbyprimary.net our website.

Gardeners' Corner

Wet & Dry?

What a lovely spring that was. A really good year for bluebells. We only had $1/3^{rd}$ of the normal month's rain in April. But then May has started with nearly a month's rain in the first fortnight. I wonder what the summer will bring?

Plant out everything

By the beginning of June it is time to get all those tender plants out, including runner beans and tomatoes. Both will benefit from good ground preparation by working lots of organic matter into the soil and adding a good dose of bonemeal. Don't forget the stakes. Tomatoes need something stronger than canes as the crop can be so heavy in a good year.

Divide spring flowering perennials

Lift and divide your early flowering perennials as soon as they have finished flowering to increase your stocks and keep the plants fresh. This is also a good time to transplant autumn-flowering cyclamens.

If it's hot and dry (we wish?)

Take the grass box off your mower.
Keep the humidity up in your green house with a tray of water. It will reduce heat stress on the plants. Keep it topped up, it is amazing how much will evaporate on a hot day.

Jobs to do in June

Prune spring flowering shrubs & hedges. Start summer pruning of fruit trees. Regularly sow salads for succession. Make a last sowing of peas at the end of the month.

Jobs to do in July

Deadhead, water, weed and mow.
Make new strawberry beds.
Sow spring cabbage at the end of the month.
Sit in the sun and enjoy the results of your efforts.

Times past...

In "Directions for the Gardiner", John Evelyn 1664:-

'One may sow Reddish, & Carrots together on the same bed: so as the first may be drawn, whilst the other is ready: or sow lettuce, purselan, parsneps, carrots, Reddis on the same beds, & gather each kind in their season, leaving the parsneps to Winter.'

...After 350 years that's still good advice for a small garden!

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle

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The evolution of Barby, Crick and Kilsby from 1750 to 1900 (Part 2)

(From Gren Hatton, Tel: 822411)

In the previous issue, we explored some early factors that shaped the growth of our local villages – manorial lordships and turnpike roads. This issue will focus on the coming of the canals, and the ways in which Barby, Crick and Kilsby responded to this new form of transport.

- 1768: Canal Act for Coventry.
- 1769: Canal Act for Oxford.
- 1778: Oxford Canal open as far as Banbury. Work then suspended until 1786.
- 1790: Many Acts passed, incl. Grand Junction, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick & Birmingham, Old Union.
- 1794: Acts passed for Grand Junction, Warwick & Braunston, Kennet & Avon.
- 1796: Act passed for Warwick & Napton.
- 1799: Completion of Warwick & Napton and Warwick & Birmingham canals.
- 1801: Buckingham and Paddington branches of Grand Junction Canal completed.
- 1802: Nottingham Canal completed.
- 1805: Main line of Grand Junction Canal completed from Brentford to Braunston.
- 1810: Completion of Kennet and Avon Canal.
- 1813: Completion of Grand Junction Aylesbury branch.
- 1815: Completion of Grand Junction Northampton branch.

Local influence of canals

Crick lies on the Grand Union Canal, which runs close to the village thanks to the canal tunnel under Crick Hill. In Barby and Kilsby, the Oxford Canal passes through each parish but does not come close to either village. As we will see, these two canals played a significant part in the development of two of the parishes through which they ran.

Felling of Barby Wood 1817-1818

Work on the Oxford Canal commenced in 1769. By 1774 it reached Napton, but the company was running out of money. In 1775, a second Act allowed the company to raise more funds. By 1778 the canal reached Banbury, but work on the final stretch to Oxford did not begin until 1786.

Although the Oxford Canal in Barby does not run close to the village, it skirts the foot of Barby Hill. In the agricultural depression following the Napoleonic Wars of 1793-1815, many farmers went bankrupt – and those who survived often had to resort to ingenious stratagems.

The new canal offered salvation to one Barby farmer, whose land included the remains of the once huge Barby Wood. In medieval times the wood covered hundreds of acres, and though much of it was felled between 1570 and 1770 there were still hundreds of mature oak trees on the hillsides in 1815:

Northampton Mercury - 10 May 1817

To be SOLD by AUCTION, On 19th May 1817, SIXTY fine OAK TREES. The lots are blazed and numbered, standing in Barby Wood, and in Little Wood, in the parish of Barby and very near the Oxford Canal for ease of transport. For a View, apply to Mr. WINTERTON, of Ashby Lodge.

Northampton Mercury - 28 March 1818

To be SOLD by AUCTION On 10th April, at the Sign of Black Horse in Barby, UPWARDS of 300 OAK TREES, blazed and numbered, in Barby Wood, and divided into small lots. For further particulars, apply to Mr. WINTERTON, Ashby Lodge.

The Grand Union Canal

A meeting was held on 30th August 1808, to consider linking between the Grand Junction and the Leicestershire & Northamptonshire Union canals, by the proposed Grand Union Canal. Estimates were given of expected annual freight tonnage on the proposed canal:

- Lime for agricultural purposes (i.e. fertiliser), 50,000 acres requiring lime at 10 quarters per acre, is 500,000 quarters, which will also consume 15,000 tons of coals
- Limestone, of which a quantity will be sent into Leicestershire, 150,000 tons
- Coals for domestic purposes, 10,000 tons
- Coals from the Derbyshire mines, 20,000 tons.
- The produce of the land in grain, hay, wool, bricks, lime, and stone for building.

It was obvious that money could be made out of this venture – and Crick was quickly developed as a major station on the new canal, with a wharf, a coal depot, and two brickyards:

Northampton Mercury - 3 December 1814

GRAND UNION CANAL WHARFS. To be LET on LEASE with immediate Possession, TWO new WHARFS; No.1 In Husbands Bosworth parish adjoining the Harborough-Lutterworth Turnpike Road, comprising a new substantial House, with Offices, Warehouse, Weighing-Machine, and nearly three Acres of Ground; No.2, in Crick parish, adjoining the Northampton-Dunchurch Turnpike Road, with a new and substantial House, Coal Sheds, and about one Acre of Ground.

An enterprising Crick carpenter

William Haddon, a Crick cabinet maker, quickly realised that the new canal through Crick could help him expand his business – by providing transport for his furniture (which was difficult to carry via road), it allowed him to advertise to a much wider clientele:

Northampton Mercury - 10 October 1818

To be SOLD by AUCTION, on 13th October 1818, on the premises of Mr. W. HADDON, at CRICK, THE following new HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE; seven sets of mahogany and oak drawers, set of double oak drawers, two writing desks, mahogany and oak dining tables, mahogany and oak dressing tables, five breakfast tables, two press bedsteads, night stands and wash-hand stand, five lots of chairs, mahogany work box, handsome 30-hour clock, neat oak case, and other articles. The furniture may be viewed on application to the maker, Mr. Wm. HADDON, at any time previous to the sale. The Auctioneer pledges that every article is made of the very best materials, put together in a manner highly creditable to the maker, and will establish his reputation as a furniture manufacturer.

It is clear that his venture succeeded, as he advertised for an apprentice soon afterwards:

Northampton Mercury - 23 June 1821

WANTED, A respectable YOUTH, as an Apprentice to A JOINER and CABINET MAKER. Inquire of Mr. HADDON, of Crick, Northamptonshire.

Crick wharf prospers

In the following reports from the mid-1800s, we see that the canal supported maintenance of the turnpike roads, and shipment of bricks from the Crick brickyards. Kilsby also had a brickyard – but because Kilsby lacked nearby canal access, Kilsby's brickyard was limited to supplying bricks locally – initially for the railway tunnel, and subsequently for purely local building projects. Kilsby brickyard therefore ceased operation relatively early, but the Crick brickyards were able to continue much longer.

Northampton Mercury - 18 March 1843

PERSONS desirous of SUPPLYING the Northampton and Dunchurch Turnpike Road with HARTSHILL STONE, at Long Buckby Wharf 200 tons, and at Crick, Hillmorton, and Northampton Wharf, each 170 tons, are requested to send sealed Tenders specifying the price per ton to Mr. Britten, Solicitor, Northampton, by 15th April.

Northampton Mercury - 30 November 1850

CRICK WHARF BRICK-KILNS.TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on 5th December 1850, the STOCK-IN-TRADE of Mr J. FOSTER, deceased; comprising nearly 70,000 building bricks, several thousand floor bricks, hexagon and other quarries, several lots of plinth and coping bricks, 600 ridge tiles, 30,000 pipe and common drainage tiles; a few lots of very stout, large tiles for gateways etc.; also several hundred pairs of common sized tiles, several thousand black swelled bricks (for foundation work), paving etc.; patent tile machine, seven wheelbarrows, cover boards and deal planks, brick and other moulds and mould boards, and an assortment of other implements; also 12 cast-iron heavy kiln doors and frames.

The agricultural revolution

By the mid-1800s, bulk deliveries of feed and fertiliser, coal and lime were revolutionising the farmer's ability to make maximum use of the land. We can get some idea of the magnitude of this change by comparing livestock numbers in farm auction sales (as listed in newspaper reports for Kilsby) during the period 1800-1900:

- 1800: 78 sheep, 8 cattle, 1 horse
- 1813: 19 sheep, 3 cattle, 1 horse
- 1818: 75 sheep, 17 cattle, 1 pig1822: 50 sheep, 11 cattle, 3 pigs
- 1825: 164 sheep, 14 cattle, 5 horses
- 1830: 84 sheep, 11 cattle, 6 horses
- 1830: 266 sheep, 2 cattle, 3 horses
- 1846: 385 sheep, 39 cattle, 11 horses
- 1848: 46 sheep, 14 cattle, 6 pigs
- 1853: 771 sheep, 92 cattle, 22 horses
- 1860: 107 sheep, 28 cattle
- 1865: 151 sheep, 32 cattle, 7 horses
- 1872: 39 sheep, 25 cattle, 1 horse
- 1893: 360 sheep, 82 cattle, 11 horses.

We see that average farm sizes are increasing – and there is at least a doubling of average livestock numbers, particularly sheep and draught horses. It is also evident that the gap between rich and poor is steadily increasing.

In the following issue, we will look at the effects of the next transport revolution – the railways – in which, although Kilsby was more involved than any other local village, many of the long-term benefits actually went to other communities.

Gren Hatton May 2017

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH: VOLUNTEERS PLEASE.



Once again Kilsby will be participating in the Community Speedwatch scheme in order to help the police to control traffic in the speed restriction zones around the village.

If you haven't taken part in the scheme before, it involves teams of three people operating a laser speed detector and recording vehicle details for periods of an hour at a time at intervals over a two-week period. Individually, the time commitment is not great, and a short training course is given in Northampton – probably on a Saturday morning. The monitoring locations are chosen in consultation with the police, and in the past we have operated on the A5, the A361, and Main Road. The more volunteers we have, the more coverage we can aim for, and the less time you will need to contribute.

We are still negotiating dates, and will confirm them as soon as possible, but it will be run over two weeks in the summer.

At this stage, it would be helpful if people would indicate that they are willing to participate. Please email the Community Speedwatch Coordinator (Barbara Almond) on barbara@almondconsult.com if you are prepared to help with this.

Crick Medical Practice

(From Eddie Taken, Tel. 822068)

Staff Changes

A new treatment room nurse, Louise Young, has now been appointed and will be starting on 3rd July. This should help to ease the load on the two practice nurses.

Dr Simon Twigg

Simon Twigg is now attending the practice about once every six weeks to carry out joint injections. Appointments are made by referral from the other doctors.

Training Days

The training days for this year will be:- 14th June, 12th July, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November and 6th December. On these days the surgery will close at 1.00 pm.

Missed appointments

The surgery has noted an increase in the number of patients missing appointments. Some of these are online bookings but some are ones made on the day. Appointments are precious and patients must endeavour wherever possible to inform the surgery if they are unable to make it to an appointment.

Facebook page

The practice has set up a Facebook page (Crick Medical Practice). This should help to keep patients informed of any relevant news.

Dr Annette Twigg

Dr Twigg has recently completed a 65 mile walk around the Isle of Wight in 24 hours in aid of Macmillan Nurses. She would like to thank all those who sponsored her.

Investment

(From Tony Redshaw, Tel: 01327 700219 daytime or 01788 823943 evenings).

Reluctantly I am offering for sale my rare 2 door Standard 9 saloon from 1935. In very nice original condition, this car shows some character having not been 'over restored' as many are.





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The little side valve engine runs sweetly and smoothly and the car drives as it should. The 4 speed manual gearbox engages smoothly. Brakes are surprisingly good! Recently fitted with four new tyres and inner tubes.

The interior is showing its age, but it has been left as it's part of the cars history. The rear bench seat is good, as are the side panels. All four windows wind down and up as they should, and the car is also fitted with a canvas sliding sunshine roof from the factory. Even the trafficators work as they should!

Any inspection is welcomed and positively encouraged.

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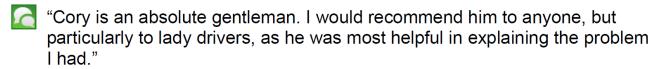
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I Hear You Now:

Eulogy for my Dad, Martin Gibbs by Sarah

What's that I hear? It must be the tinging of his cycle bell announcing his arrival home after his daily five-mile commute to GEC in Rugby. Rain drips off his yellow sou'wester and cape, and cycle clips tether his trousers. Hidden beneath the ample cape will lie his standard get-up, all by M&S. The shirt, the diagonally striped green and brown tie, the light brown V-neck acrylic jumper On top, his leisure jacket, complete with inner pocket, secured by the zip he had sewn in himself, containing his small diary and pen.

And now it's August, we're on holiday in the Lake District. Dad plods on ahead, steeply uphill. His huge red rucksack is weighed down with ash twigs for kindling, bigger sticks to fuel the fire, a cooking pot and tinned tomatoes, corned beef and instant mash. We're heading towards a disused quarry up White Pike, behind the little wooden hut we stay in every summer. It's a practice cook-out for my Guide hiker badge. As we walk, Mum, Rosemary, is trying once again to teach Dad about wild flowers - ironically the only name he ever remembers is the tormentil! When we stop for a rest he will point out the names of all the surrounding peaks.

We're looking out of a train window now, on "The Great Scottish Journey". This is a trip Dad has spent months planning, doing extensive research, poring over train, bus and ferry timetables. He's keen to educate us — pointing out of the window and saying "Now then girlies, it's time for a geography lesson." We would rather get on with our girlie chat so we don't pay much attention. "Are you listening?" he says. "Yes, professor", we lie. "Professor - my foot!" he says. And that name sticks - we cheekily call him PMF for the next couple of years.

And here he is showing us round a gas-fired power station, absolutely in his element with so many turbine blades around.

Oh, that must be him in a small side-room at Kilsby village hall. He's putting the winners' prize money into little brown envelopes at the Kilsby Flower Show - he's been doing the treasurer's job for many years now.

And I can hear more sounds in Kilsby: first the ringing of a doorbell in early November as Dad goes on his poppy-selling round. And now, it's the revving of a lawnmower as he mows the churchyard.

And now I'm in my first rented flat in Dulverton, poststudenthood. My house is a mess. Dad turns up and takes things in hand. He sweeps round my huge kitchen, gathering up the many unopened bank statements he's found lying around, opening them and filing them. The next day, when I am out at work, he loads up the boot of his estate car with two years' worth of unopened copies of The British Dental Journal. He has correctly concluded that I would never have read them. He also takes to the tip a number of my landlady's old electrical appliances that he deemed unsafe. I am rather horrified he hasn't checked with my landlady first, but I'm also grateful that he's taken action.

And here I am buying my first house, at least fifteen years later than Dad would have liked, and he's put in a very generous deposit. I reflect once again on the many ways he has helped me and cared about me over the years.

Oh, here he is at his retirement do; he looks far too young to retire, not a grey hair in sight and barely a wrinkle on his face. He'll soon be exchanging his M&S commuting gear for lycra as he and Mum join a local cycling group. They'll think nothing of knocking off 50 to 100 miles in a day, punctuated with bacon sandwiches at cafes along the way.

And now my parents are doing their "End to End" cycle ride. For non-cyclists this means they're cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats, or they would be if they were normal. But not them; they're taking in the Inner Hebrides, Orkney and Shetland, with a special stop at Muckle Flugga because they like the name. Like 'The Great Scottish Journey', this trip has required more meticulous planning and proves to be one of the highlights of their lives together.

And oh, whatever is he up to now? Well, you or I might be up to our usual business on land, but no, not Dad. He's underwater in a flooded gravel pit, in full diving get-up. He's posing stationary for many minutes on end so that Mum can get the perfect photo of an old Wessex helicopter. Dad is there for scale, and a bit of human interest, and with a bit of luck a shoal of fish will appear in the foreground to complete the image.

Oh look now, he's in a yellow fluorescent jacket again, and he's holding my daughter Ella's hand as he walks her down the country lane to her first day at Primary School. Like a true Gibbs granddaughter, she wears a little pink fluorescent jacket.

Oh, what's that I hear? There are raised voices in my back garden in Taunton! Dad is telling my husband John how he should have organised his shed more like Dad would have done, and why was John interested in cars, not bikes? Mum and I exchange glances and keep a low profile in the kitchen.

Oh look, he's up a ladder again, re-felting the hut roof - or is it the other hut roof? He's just as comfortable up ladders in the Lake District as he is in North Wales.

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And there he is, he's just filled the car with petrol and he's writing up the car logbook - it would be unthinkable for him to drive off without having made an entry first.

And what's happened now? After seventy-four good active years he's had a stroke, his brain is damaged and his life has changed. He can't use his logic any more. He's become afraid of so many things he had previously taken in his stride. He's gone from being someone whose motto was "It's only money" to someone who thought his house was about to be repossessed. From someone who loves his food to someone who often thinks his food is either plastic or poison. From someone with a full and active life to someone who needs the safety of a very contracted life. He has become afraid of living, and also of dying. His solace is a wander in the garden at Drovers House, or a stroll round Caldecott Park with Mum.

Rosemary and family would like to thank all those who have given their help and support in recent weeks, and for the many cards, which have been greatly appreciated

Beatrice and I grieve in these final years for the loss

encouraged and supported us, and enabled us to do

has finally been allowed to fade away - death is truly

And here he is now at the end of his life story - he

a release from the fear he has felt in the last few

years. As the plaque on his coffin says, 'Hubert

Martin Gibbs, died 22 March 2017, at Rest'.

of the father we knew, and feel grateful for all he

fortunate to have a father who believed in us,

so much.

gave us - a fostering of self-reliance, a love of the outdoors, an adventurous spirit. We are most

KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

RUNNING DINNER JUNE 17TH 2017

(From Sue Curtis, Secretary, Tel: 822039)

We are organising a running dinner in the village on Saturday June 17th. It's a lot of fun and a great way to make new friends or meet up with old ones.

All the money raised from the dinner will go to a very good cause too, the Down's Syndrome Association.

To take part, you don't need to be a couple – you can do it with a friend/neighbour. But as everyone walks from house to house for the different courses, you do need to have access to someone's house in Kilsby.

The cost is £6 per person (£12 a couple) plus providing the food and wine for one of the courses.

There will be four courses (starter, fish, main, and pudding) starting at 7.15 pm and ending late with everyone back together for final drinks. The food doesn't have to be gourmet – and recipes are available if you want inspiration. It will have a garden theme so there has to be an ingredient from your garden and you can extend the theme to your table decoration and dress if you want to get really creative! Think flower power!

Once we have all the entries, who does what course will be decided by pulling names out of a hat. We also hope it will introduce you to our gardening association. Don't worry if you aren't green fingered, nothing much is demanded of you other than paying subs of £3 a year and for that you get 10 per cent discount on plants at Barby Nursery and at

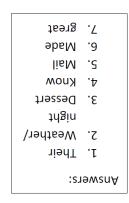
Dennetts in Daventry so a real bargain. There is also a produce show, a seedling sale and garden trips, but you can take part in as much or as little as you like and there are plenty of people willing to share their advice.

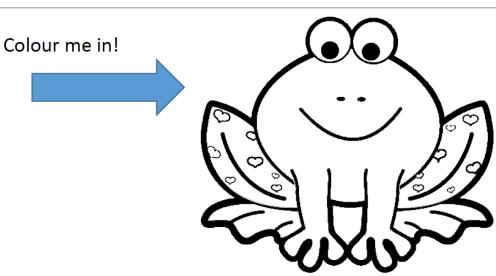
Below is a form to fill in if you want to take part in the running dinner, with a box to tick if you also want to join the gardening association. Please return the form to Diana Smith at 7 Rugby Road, or Julie Bunyan at 12 Daventry Road, by June 3rd or email it to: diana-smith@talktalk.net or julieb128@btinternet.com
Any queries – call Diana on 822197 or Julie on 07940 525272.

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	I/We would like to take part in the Kilsby Garden and Produce Association Running Dinner on Saturday, June 17 th
	Name(s)
	Phone and email
	Address:
	Please indicate if you are vegetarian, vegan or have any allergies
	I would/would not like to join the gardening association (delete where appropriate).

KILSBY KRONICKLE KIDS' KORNER

How well do you know your spellings? See if you can complete the sentence with the correct spelling of the missing words using the table below					
 Hannah and Jenny wen they had been saving. 	t to the village shop to spend pocket money that				
2. When the	is cold the cows are kept in the barn at to				
keep them warm.					
· •	ice cream for	but it had all been eaten!			
4. Mr Lace told the children if they don't					
	the exam leave it blank and go back to it at the end.				
5. In England we call a letter box a post box, but in America they call it a					
box.					
	6. Karen a cake for her Grandmother's birthday tomorrow.				
7. Matthew was explaining that the text phrase 'g8' is short for .					
7. Matthew was explaining	ig that the text piliase go is s				
Chose one word from each ro	w to fill in the blank space of	each question			
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2a	whether	weather			
2b	night	knight			
3	dessert	desert			
4	know	no			
5	male	mail			
6	made	maid			
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Things to do in June and July

Go on the History Society trip

Offer to help with Speedwatch

Enter the Gardens Competition

Go on the Garden Assn. trip

Walk with the Walking Group

Take part in the Running Dinner

Offer to help with Playtime

Go to a Coffee Morning

Go to the URC Barbeque

Take your children to Messy Church

Go to the Strawberry & Wine Evening

Visit the Open Gardens and have tea at the Village Hall

Go to a Parish Council meeting

Offer to help with the Guides

Donate a cake for the Open Gardens teas

Visit Warwickshire Open Studios

Go to the Preschool Summer Ball

Join Neighbourhood Watch

Encourage your daughter to join the Guides

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The deadline for the next issue is Wednesday 19th July 2017