

December 2022– January 2023  
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**Dates for your diary**

**Thursday 1st December**

**Walking Group walk**

**Saturday 3rd December**

**Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on**

**Tuesday 13th December**

**St. Faith's SC Christmas Coffee  
Morning**

**Daventry Rotary Club Santa Visit**

**Sunday 18th December**

**Carol Service at URC 11.00 am**

**Carol Service at St Faith's 3.00 pm**

**Monday 19th December**

**Last day to order prescriptions from  
Crick Surgery for delivery by Xmas**

**Thursday 22nd December**

**Last day to order prescriptions from  
Crick for delivery by New Year**

**Thursday 29th December**

**Walking Group Walk 10.30 am start**

**Thursday 5th January**

**Walking Group walk**

**Friday 6th January**

**Oil Club Order Point**

**Thursday 12th January**

**WI Meeting**

**Tuesday 10th January**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Sunday 15th January**

**Walking Group walk**

**Thursday 19th January**

**History Society talk**

# Kilsby Kronickle

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As this edition goes out it is nearly time for the annual switching on of the Christmas Tree, details of which are on page 12. It is great to read that this will be the 20th year of this event - thanks to the hard work of all the members of the Christmas Tree Committee and their supporters. Many congratulations to Lewis, who won the drawing competition this year and whose lovely picture of a Christmas Tree is also on page 12.

Elsewhere, we pay tribute to Margaret Dean, who sadly died in September but who had been very active in village life for many years. Together with other members of the St Faith's Social Committee she organised very many enjoyable events and raised a very considerable amount of money for the church. Another former resident, Pam Preston, is remembered on page 14 with news that her name has been put onto a Legacy Lifeboat. Like Margaret, Pam played a leading role in many village groups and left substantial bequests to the Village Hall and other local organisations as well as to the RNLI.

It is good to see from the piece on page 5 that several Kilsby organisations have benefitted from the success of the Fete which took place at the end of August, and that more funds are available from the Kilsby Events Charity for things which might be planned for 2023 (see page 20 for more details).

Finally, on page 24 there is an important update from the Kilsby Action Group on planning issues which could impact the village significantly. Please take the time to read this and to let the Group have your contact details.

We know that it has been a difficult year and may be a difficult Christmas for some of our readers but we hope you all manage to enjoy the holiday and wish you all a bright, happy and healthy new year.

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



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## **KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL(PC)**

(From the Chairman, Howard Gibbs  
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Well, it's November again with Christmas and a new year around the corner and what has your Parish Council been up to on your behalf? Well, on 11th November, I and others from the PC accompanied the staff and children from Kilsby School to the War Memorial where we laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish and the children laid wreaths that they had made at school. Reverend Kit held a small service. Thank you, children, and a big thank you to Rev Kit as well. (See pictures on page 14.)

This will be the last PC article for this year, and I hope you have enjoyed reading what we have been doing over the past twelve months. We thank you for your support. The next meeting of the council is at the village hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30 pm, so please come along then if you wish to say or suggest something.

### **Speed Signs (VAS)**

As you will have noticed, the Council felt it necessary to improve the speed signs (VAS) on the A361 and install a new VAS on Main Road by the zebra crossing. Although this has been successful in reducing the number of speeding motorists, we are fully aware of the need to do more. Both Councillor Weston and I have had several meetings with the Highways Liaison Officer from West Northants Council (WNC) and we are extremely hopeful that a speed reduction from 50 mph to 40 mph will be put into place on the approach to the village from Daventry (A361) with 'alligator teeth' being painted on the road to warn drivers they are entering a 30 mph speed limit.

### **Speed Watch**

Councillor Weston will be organising Speed Watch again during the coming year and really could do with more Kilsby residents to help. Can you give two hours of your time or even a couple of two-hour slots during the months of March and most likely September next year. It's not hard work and if you can't stand for long periods perhaps you could sit down and jot the registration numbers down and record the speeds. It really is worthwhile: 66 drivers were reported this year and more could have been if Councillor Weston had had more volunteers. COME ON KILSBY LETS GET BEHIND IAN. You can contact him at iweston@kilsbyvillage.co.uk.

### **Budget for 2023-24**

We have been compiling the PC's budget and precept for the forthcoming year 2023-24 and it has been decided that because everyone is facing higher energy and food bills, the Council will not increase the precept this time. The situation will be reviewed during 2024-25. I hope you will all be pleased with this decision and that it goes some way to make up for the increase imposed this year.

### **Recreation Ground**

The Recreation Park Committee are looking at the possibility of putting in more equipment for the younger members of our parish to use. We are looking for ideas and would really welcome your input as to the type of equipment you would like to see installed. You can send any suggestions to Councillor Mike Margetts or Emma, our Clerk. Contact details are. [mmargetts@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:mmargetts@kilsbyvillage.co.uk); and [parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@kilsbyvillage.co.uk) Remember of course that the equipment needs to be suitable for youngsters up to teenagers.

### **Trees Planted**

You will have probably noticed that the PC has planted several trees supplied to us via the Japanese Embassy, and also two special trees to mark The Queens Platinum Jubilee and, sadly, her passing. We will be placing plaques by these, and you can see them on Devon Ox Green. We must again thank Cllr Weston for the work on this project.

### **School Parking**

The council has received several complaints regarding inconsiderate parking whilst children are being dropped off at or collected from school. We do realise that time is important but must ask that parents be considerate to residents and that they try to park in the manner they would expect near their own homes. The new tenant of the George, Hari, has given permission for parents to use their car park during school drop off and collection times. Could everyone please use this facility, even though it means a slightly longer walk, rather than causing a problem by parking outside the school. We are grateful to Hari for his kind offer.

### **S106 Funds**

Councillor Bridges, our clerk, Emma and I had an extremely useful meeting with WNC regarding the use of these valuable resources for the benefit of our village. Several ideas for using the funds were put forward. The Council is currently looking into the viability of a community orchard, or there may be the opportunity to provide further sports facilities. I will keep you informed as things progress.

### **Project Ideas**

With the above in mind, do you have any ideas about things you want to see around our village? If so, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Contact me or our clerk, Emma, on the email addresses above.

### **Parish Council Web Site**

You may be pleased to know the PC is considering upgrading the current village website. We hope to make it more inviting and user friendly and include use for other organisations around the village.

I and all the Council wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Howard Gibbs Chairman Kilsby P C.

## FROM COUNCILLOR ALAN CHANTLER

**Assistant Cabinet Member for Planning and Rural Affairs, West Northamptonshire Council**

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Further government funding has been made available to help with the cost of living for eligible families. The distribution of this third tranche of the Household Support Fund is directed primarily to funding the lower income sector of the working community, and families with children. This is closely aligned to the areas of deprivation within the region, thus ensuring that the communities living in areas of highest poverty are prioritised. The distribution of these funds will meet the wider communities' financial needs, where other grants and funding are not available. For more information see the article below.

The Shared Lives Service, which sees carers across Northamptonshire share their lives and homes to support others, has been rated 'outstanding' in a report by the Care Quality Commission. The report summarised that people were 'supported to achieve their aspirations and goals', were 'enabled to access specialist health and social care support when needed' and were 'supported to play an active role in maintaining and improving their health and wellbeing'. We are incredibly proud that the Shared Lives Service has received this outstanding rating, which is testament to the amazing dedication and commitment of everyone involved.

Our Disabled People's Forum is working with leisure centres across West Northants, as well as Northamptonshire Sport, to find out more about

what people with disabilities want from their local leisure centres. There will be a drop-in session at Daventry Leisure Centre on December 3rd from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm where you can find out more and fill in the survey. It can also be accessed online at [tinyurl.com/382bevec](https://tinyurl.com/382bevec)

The Council continues to take a very strict position against fly-tipping of rubbish. There have been a number of fines levied on offenders and help for landowners to clear dumped rubbish is to be extended.

As part of its plans to control its finances the Council will close the current offices in Daventry and relocate the essential local services elsewhere in the town. Current use of the building in Lodge Road is suboptimal and represents an inappropriate use of available resources.

On a happier note, the Council has been awarded the prestigious 'Best in the East Midlands Region' award for its support for the local small business community.

Remember that we are here to serve you and should you seek clarification or guidance on any local matters please get in touch.

**Eur Ing Councillor Alan Chantler CEng FBCS  
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## NEW COST OF LIVING SUPPORT HUB



West Northants Council (WNC) has launched a new online support hub and phone-line to help residents find help during the ongoing cost of living crisis. The webpage is designed to be easy to navigate and contains lots of information on accessing grants, money and debt advice, government funding, wellbeing tips and links to local community organisations. The drop-down options are tailored to specific users and aim to make the information quick to find and easily accessible, without the need to scroll for a long period of time. Residents can also find tips to help keep daily costs down, and a directory of Warm Welcoming Spaces – community buildings offering people in need a comforting place to keep warm and enjoy a little company.

For those who prefer to talk to someone on the phone, WNC customer services team is available between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday to offer support and advice.

WNC understand it can be difficult for people to find out what support is available, so they have worked closely with partners to create a central hub of information to help with this.

If you aware of someone who is struggling, WNC are here to help. Please ask them to pick up the phone or get in touch so WNC can help them through this. Visit <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/cost-living-support> or phone 0300 126 7000.

## FROM WARD COUNCILLOR ROSIE HUMPHREYS

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West Northants Council has responded to the cost of living crisis by setting up an online support hub and phonenumber to help residents. The webpage is designed to be user friendly and contains lots of information on accessing grants, money and debt advice, government funding, links to local community organisations and warm community spaces. (Eds. See article and contact details on page 4.)

At present the Council has a total of 93 councillors. The Local Boundary Commission for England has decided that this number should be reduced to 77 and the first of two consultations on a boundary review recently closed. There will be further consultation February-April next year on the proposed new pattern of wards. The Council has submitted a new draft pattern with some significant changes for villages in the current Braunston and Crick ward. Kilsby would remain part of a ward with just the villages of Crick, Barby and Onley. The proposal is to make it a single member ward only.

The reason for grouping these villages is that they share facilities and the impact of DIRFT is a common issue for them all, which seems to ignore the fact the Lilbourne and Yelvertoft are also very close to DIRFT and also share services. Residents will be able to have their say at the second consultation next year, about these proposals including being represented by only one councillor

Recently I met a group of young people representing the Northampton Youth Forum at an event for UK Parliament week. I had my first experience of a political "speed date" where groups visited councillors at a table to ask questions and then would circulate to another table. Many of the excellent questions asked were about environmental issues and how schools could be made greener. Secondary schools in West Northants could look at the example of the all year group eco-committee of Guilsborough School, which earlier this year was awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag. Youth Forums are planned for Daventry and Towcester areas also. When I have more information I will let Kilsby Youth Club know.

Another recent first was the discovery of a very special museum in Northampton which houses a collection of 11,000 rare and historic leather items, from prehistory to the present day. The Museum of Leathercraft is currently in a very unsuitable location in the Grosvenor shopping centre and is only open to groups by appointment. The Council is making progress on plans to transfer the collection to the Shoe Museum which will mean that everyone can enjoy and celebrate this wonderful addition to Northampton's proud shoe and leather heritage.

With my best wishes to all residents for a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Cllr Rosie Humphreys

## KILSBY FETE DONATIONS

(From Sarah Thompson, Chairman Kilsby Events Charity)

We were delighted to give three Kilsby organisations a (rather large!) cheque for £200 each. Collecting the cheques were Mike McGuire for the Village Hall, Charles Smedley for the Kilsby Allotments and Sarah Stainton and Tracey Fisher from the Kilsby School Association.

We do have some funds left over, so if there is anyone who would like to run a village event next year, please email [sarah@kilsbyevents.org.uk](mailto:sarah@kilsbyevents.org.uk) with details of your proposal. (Eds. See also page 20.)



From left to right: Mike McGuire, Charles Smedley, Sarah Thompson, Sarah Stainton, Tracey Fisher

## A TRIBUTE TO MARGARET DEAN

(From the Editors)

We are sure that most the residents of Kilsby will have heard that Margaret died on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 aged 93 years.



As a very active member of St. Faith's Social Committee, Margaret unselfishly devoted a great deal of her time to organising fund raising events for the Church such as coffee mornings and quizzes and of course the inevitable raffles. You could never get past Margaret when she was selling tickets!

Margaret was also the captain and a stalwart of the bell-ringing team at St. Faith's and had an ambition to keep ringing until she reached 90 years of age. She achieved that, and continued to ring right up to the time of her death.

In the February – March 2019 edition of the Kilsby Kronickle we published a brief synopsis of Margaret's life to mark her 90th birthday. The information in the synopsis was kindly given to us by her family and we thought our readers would be interested to see it again:

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| 1928      | Born and lived in Suffolk   |
| 1946      | Left home and joined the Army at the age of eighteen  |
| 1948      | Married an airman and had three children over the course of eleven years  |
| 1973-1974 | Became Mayoress to her husband the Mayor of the London Borough of Greenwich.  |
| 1974      | Took part in a charity cycle ride in her bikini. The local media report of this led to a large donation from none other than Sir Billy Butlin.<br>Served as Governor of several schools and was a JP. |
| 1980-1981 | Became Mayor of the London Borough of Greenwich   |
| 1981      | As Mayor, gave the order to the Royal Artillery Gun Captain to fire the cannon that started the <b>first</b> London Marathon on Blackheath.   |
| 1983      | Moved to Kilsby to be closer to her boat moored at Braunston and enjoyed many happy days exploring the waterways of England.  |

Not only a very active member of St Faith's Social Committee also a Bell Ringer, gardener, stitcher, short mat bowler.....

Margaret participated enthusiastically in the social events in Arnills Way, where she lived, including being on the winning teams for the two outdoor, socially distanced, quizzes organised during lockdown! Covid wasn't going to keep her indoors!

She was a regular contributor to the Kronickle and the October – November 2022 edition was no exception. Her usual entry from the St. Faiths Social Committee reported on events held and some planned for the future. This time there was also an appeal for new members on behalf of Kilsby Bowls Club in which she was also very active.

Margaret was a lovely lady and will be sadly missed.

### Thank you from Margaret's family

Jenny, Martin, Simon and all the family would like to thank everyone who has offered their condolences and messages of support over the last few weeks and to those who have helped us out (especially Moira and Elaine). It is wonderful to know that Mum was held in such high esteem and respect within the village.

You may like to know that Mum's donation page on the Cancer Research UK website (<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/in-memory-of-margaret-dean>) has so far raised £845, including £269 from the collection at her funeral.

Thank you all for your generosity and good wishes.

## KILSBY HISTORY SOCIETY

(From Diana Smith, Tel 822197)

Our next History Society talk will take place on Thursday January 19th, at 7.30 pm, in the Kilsby Room.

John Frearson is our speaker. He used to work for Rugby Cement. When he retired he rescued a large amount of archive material which was about to be thrown away. A lot of it is now at the Warwickshire Record Office.

In his talk he will tell us about the history of the works and its connection to Halford Reddish of Welton.

The fee for this meeting is £2 for members and £4 for non-members.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Everyone is welcome

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Christmas Quiz Night - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm

Christmas Party - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 6pm

## St. Faith's Social Committee

(From the Editors)

Following the death of Margaret Dean, we have received the information below from Pauline Dalton:

'Margaret will be greatly missed as the organiser of the Social Committee, among many other activities.

As things stand currently, the Social Committee will cease to exist as it consists of only two members, but the Christmas Coffee Morning will take place as planned on Tuesday 13th December in the Kilsby Room, from 10.30 am - 12 noon.

We hope as many people as possible will attend to remember Margaret.'



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### September Winners

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£20 (20) donated; £20 (19) V James and R Nicholls;  
£10 (10) H Bartlett.

### October Winners

£40 (7) A Rogerson; £30 (36) B Strong;  
£20 (97) J Ayton; £20 (77) J and M Graham;  
£10 (1) B Lewis.

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## WALKING GROUP

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

The dates and start times of the next walks are:

Thursday 1st December 9.30 am  
Thursday 29th December 10.30 am  
Thursday 5th January 9.30 am  
Sunday 15th January 10.00 am

All walks start from outside the White House in Chapel Street and are no more than 8 miles.

There is no Sunday walk in December as people are busy getting ready for Christmas. Instead we offer a walk between Christmas and New Year, on 29th December, over to Crick and back with a lunch stop at The Wheatsheaf.

For more information contact Lesley Loader, details above.



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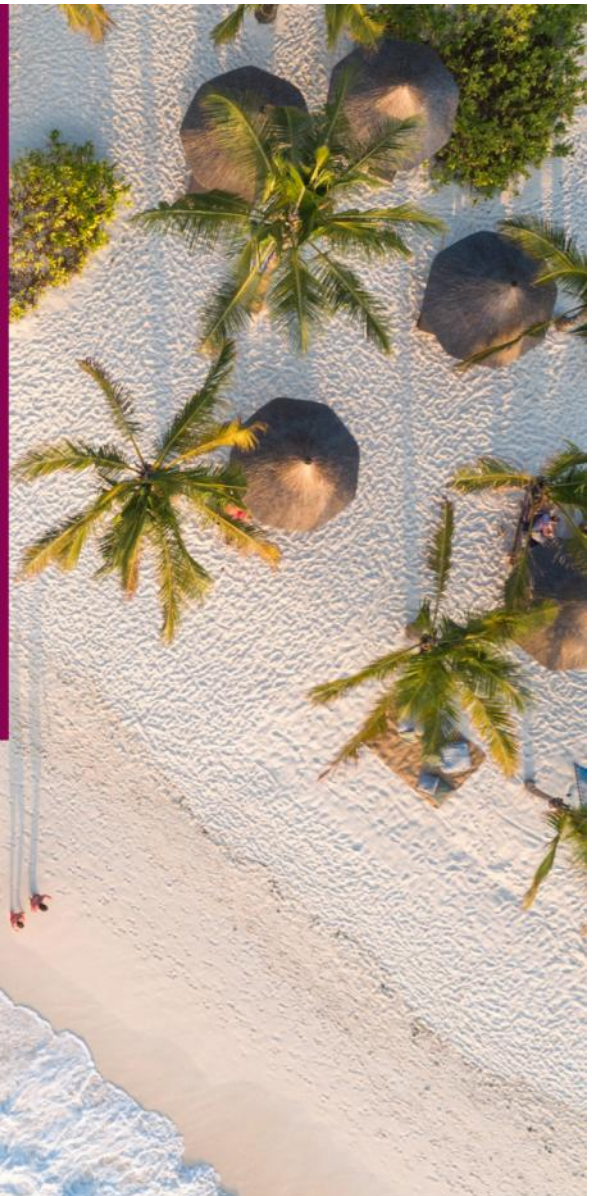
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## NATURE NOTES - JULY 2022

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

It's mid-November and with such mild weather, we've still been getting a hedgehog visitor most nights – sometimes early and sometimes late. We assume the temperature hasn't forced the hog into hibernation so it is taking every opportunity to have an extra snack to build up its resources ready for the long winter ahead. They really need to weigh 600g before the winter, so any little beetle or bit of cat food helps. Don't forget if you see a hog out in the daytime, it is probably struggling in some way. You can always contact Animal House on Rugby 575300. Look at Hedgehogstreet.org – Hugh Warwick is a great campaigner for wildlife.

Feathered visitors to our garden were quite low in numbers back in October. I think this was because there was plenty of food around in the hedges and trees away from gardens. Numbers have picked up and we now see plenty of goldfinches, blue and great tits at the feeders plus of course the usual band of jackdaws and the more docile pigeons. People ask about avian flu and its effect on garden birds – from what I've read, it has affected British seabirds far worse.

If we have old or damaged apples, I core them and thread them on a cane stuck into the ground and you can create a sort of feeding tube! It was odd in the early autumn that they weren't being eaten but thankfully blackbird numbers are up, even though they have been affected by another virus (Usutu). Hopefully we will still get an influx of fieldfares and redwings which are in the same family, and they do sometimes visit gardens looking for berries or fruit.

Some nature facts I've found about moulting are that sparrowhawks (and other birds of prey), only moult one flight feather each side of the wing at a time so they can still fly fast enough to catch their prey – nature is very clever don't you think! Also, the reason that our small garden birds hide away in the hedgerows in late August/September is that they moult all their flight feathers at once, making them extremely vulnerable.

It's also interesting to realise how important insects are to our world, despite the fact we tend to think of them with annoyance, either biting us, invading our houses, or eating our food. They perform vital functions such as replenishing our soil and removing waste and are a lifeblood of our plants. So, spare a thought for a tiny midge which crawls into the flower of the cacao plant to pollinate it, thus allowing us to consume lots of chocolate, particularly over Christmas!

## GARDENERS' CORNER

### *Is November the new October?*

What a swing from dry to wet in the last month. In the end Kilsby had average rain in October – but all in the last two days of the month! We are now three weeks into November and have already had the full quota of rain for the month and no sign of frost. My usual rule was to start winter tidying up of the garden on 5<sup>th</sup> November but this year it will be 5<sup>th</sup> December!

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

There is plenty of time to prune fruit trees and bushes in February. It is worth checking your fruit tree stakes and ties, particularly those on dwarfing rootstocks which will have weaker roots. It is worth shortening the long shoots on bush and standard roses enough to stop them rocking in the autumn winds. But don't hard prune yet as that risks new growth starting too soon in the spring.

### *Lifting Dahlias*

We normally lift our dahlias now, dry them off and then plant them in the dry greenhouse beds. If you want to bet on a mild winter, then you can leave your dahlias in the ground, protected with a mulch of compost.

### *Jobs to do in December*

- Plant that garlic you should have planted in November!
- Sit in the warm reading your gardening catalogues.
- Finish your planting plan for next year.
- Order any remaining seeds and plants.

### *Jobs to do in January*

- Clean, wash and fumigate your greenhouse.
- Fork over round your bulbs and top dress with bonemeal.
- Expose pots of bulbs to frost but protect from rain.
- Later in the month, sow tomatoes in warmth for early crops.

### *Times past...*

In 'Directions for the Gardiner', John Evelyn, 1686:-  
*"Look to your fountain-pipes, and cover them with fresh and warm litter out of the Stable, a good thickness, lest the frosts crack them; remember it in time, and the Advice will save you both trouble and charge."*

That advice is just as relevant today for your outside taps and pipes, although the material for lagging has changed a bit!

Good Gardening!

*Ron Kibble*

## CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

(From Eddie Taken, Tel: 822068)

### Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccination sessions have gone very well but if you have not yet had a vaccination and are over 50 you can still have one if you ring the surgery for a booking.

### Training days

The remaining training day for this year is 14<sup>th</sup> December when the surgery will be closed in the afternoon.

### Saturday Surgeries

The date for December will be the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### The Dispensary

Please see the notice on page 21 of this edition outlining the services offered by the practice. The dispensary is a very important part of the practice, and they would urge patients to use it as much as possible. If too many patients switch to alternative sources, it could no longer be viable and this would mean patients losing the many advantages of an integrated service.

## DAVENTRY ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS COLLECTION



Daventry's Rotary club has once again persuaded Father Christmas to visit the village on his sleigh to spread Christmas cheer with the usual lights and

music on Tuesday 13th December from 6.30 pm.

As usual, Santa' elves will be rattling collection tins for your contributions to the good causes Rotary are supporting. This year they even have card readers if you have gone cashless.



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### The Ibis Hotel

Many of you will know that the Ibis hotel near junction 18 is being used to house refugees while they are being assessed. As our Practice is the nearest to the hotel we have been asked to look after them.

There are currently 170 refugees at the IBIS but it will take up to 220. The Practice has been asked to give each of the refugees a health check and the doctors and staff should be congratulated on achieving this promptly without affecting the normal service to patients.

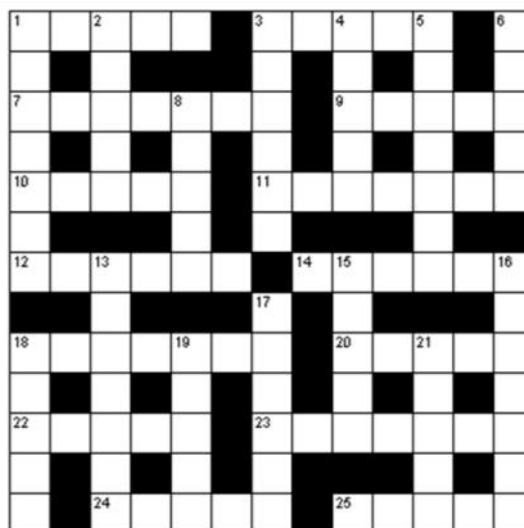
### Christmas closures

The surgery will be open as normal on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** and then will open again on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December**. It will be open as usual for the rest of that week up to and including the **30<sup>th</sup> December** and reopen on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.

If repeat prescriptions are needed before Christmas the last day to order will be **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** and if required before the New Year orders should be in on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**.

## CROSSWORD - Solution on page 25

© Puzzle Choice



### Across

1. Utensil (5)
3. Path (5)
7. Disregarded (7)
9. Send out (5)
10. Military command (5)
11. Mythical beast (7)
12. Taste (6)
14. Movie house (6)
18. Bet (7)
20. Deduce (5)
22. Unsuitable (5)
23. Roamed (7)
24. Finished (5)
25. Small boat (5)

### Down

1. Mariners (7)
2. Possessed (5)
3. Boredom (6)
4. Legal excuse (5)
5. Svelte (7)
6. Beer mug (5)
8. Relating to country life (5)
13. Tycoon (7)
15. Dialect (5)
16. Condense (7)
17. Worshipped (6)
18. Forgo (5)
19. Graded (5)
21. Criminal (5)



## Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee



# Kilsby Christmas Tree Event Celebrating 20 Years! Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022



Designed by: Lewis, age 5, winner of the Kilsby Christmas Tree Competition

Come and join us outside the **Kilsby Village Shop, Main Road** at **4.30pm** on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** for our Lantern Parade. **Please bring your lanterns!** Father Christmas will be joining us, and we will then parade along Essen Lane, Independent Street to the village green.

Father Christmas will switch on the Christmas Tree lights at **5.00pm** with the help of Lewis.

There will be mulled wine and mince pies for the adults and fairground rides for the children. Thanks to the contributions of the Kilsby Christmas Tree Lottery, these will all be free of charge.

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



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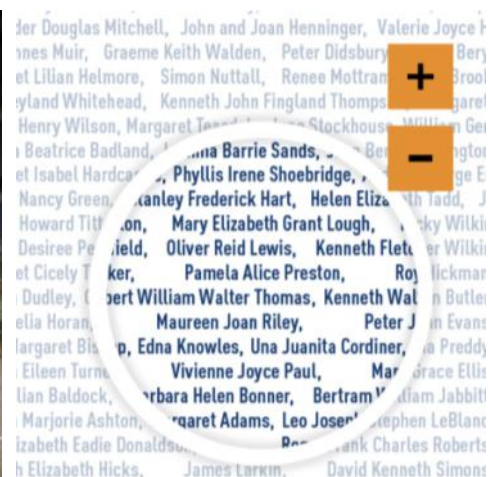
(From Carol Bruce)

Firstly, my name is Carol and I was born in Kilsby in 1952. My neighbour, and my friend, until her sudden death in March 2019, was Pamela Preston. Although I left the village in 1973, I was always returning because my parents continued to live in the same house on Smarts Estate all their married lives. My mother died in 2014 and my father more recently, on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

When Pam died I got to know her friend and travel companion Margaret Dean, who has also sadly passed on very recently. Margaret told me only a short while before she died that she wanted the village to know how generous Pam had been to charities on her death.

About Pam: She was born on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1942 at Bragborough Hall, Braunston. Her first Kilsby home was a cottage in Manor Rd. They moved to Smarts Estate in 1951 when the houses were first built. She attended Kilsby School and Rugby High School. When she was 12, sadly, her father was killed when the railway lorry, which was transporting him and others to work, crashed in snowy weather. On leaving school Pam worked in the offices of BTH, later known as AEI, in Rugby for all her working life.

Pam was involved in various village committees and enjoyed organising events. Her bequest was that her estate was divided into 5 and given to – RNLI, Kilsby Village Hall, Crick Surgery, Friends of Danetre Hospital and Friends of St. Cross Hospital. Crick Surgery has used some of their share for an awning and air conditioning. The RNLI has put her name on the new lifeboat at Gt.Yarmouth & Gorleston which Margaret was very excited about. Sadly Margaret didn't see the pictures of the boat I had got hold of (see below). Margaret was such a generous and lovely lady and arranged for a seat in Pam's memory to be put at Ashby Road/The Banks junction by the footpath.



## PICTURES FROM THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ON 11TH NOVEMBER



## NEWS FROM ST. FAITH'S

(From Rev. Nigel Fry, enfrys@gmail.com)

### Church life...

You'll need to wear a coat visiting St Faith's over the next few months! But you can be assured of a warm welcome. At present the post-Covid service arrangements for St Faith's are still in place, with a 10.00 am Communion service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. But services led by members of the Congregation on the 1st and 3rd Sundays have been curtailed; instead, a monthly Evening Service has been introduced. Sometimes these include 'live' music from the historic organ. Other times 'canned' tunes are used. Either way, it's good to have a sing. And the peaceful 'said' services have value too. A regular organist or keyboard player, or players of any other instruments, or someone to press the right buttons at the right time(!) would be very welcome to help lead times of worship on a regular or ad hoc basis. The Psalms encourage us to praise God...

'Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
One generation shall commend your works to  
another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.'

Psalm 145:3-4

...for the very fact of Life is a sign of hope. When we consider the vast length of time since the beginning of the universe, the millions of years of evolution; the tens of thousands of years of human development; that from so little has come so much, we can only be amazed. Awestruck. Great is the Lord indeed.

And we for a few years have the privilege of being part of it all... in a potentially constructive way. What an opportunity. Previous generations have left a precious legacy, and we in our turn are to pass that on.

Check out what Comedian Hugh Dennis has to say about the value and potential of village churches (<https://youtu.be/EMQ5Yslkgpg>).

You may feel indifferent to all that. Nonetheless the church is at the heart of our village and for generations it has also been at the heart of the living community, a place for gathering, worshipping, and sharing in the joys and sorrows that life brings our way. Its doors are open during the day. Please feel free to pop in.

### Advent and Christmas services:

11.12.22 - 10.00 am Holy Communion

18.12.22 - 3.00 pm Carol Service

25.12.22 - 10.00 am Christmas Communion

Rev Nigel Fry - Rector - enfrys@gmail.com

Gill Mason - Churchwarden - 01788 822658

## FLOODLIGHT COMMEMORATION

### December 11th

In Loving Memory of Dora and Malcolm Cant

### December 25th - January 1st

Cherished Memories of Ray.  
Dearly loved Husband, Dad and Grandad.  
Sheila and Family

## ST FAITH'S DECORATED FOR THE HARVEST SERVICE IN EARLY OCTOBER



## Kilsby Village Shop

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



Following the amazing summer's heat wave, we now put the wellies on for what seems to be relentless rain, but we do have Christmas to bring a smile to us all as we celebrate the festive season with family and friends. Your village shop is here to help bring that little extra sparkle and our Christmas preparations are well underway.

Our fabulous Christmas produce from all our local suppliers is starting to arrive. To avoid disappointment, you can place an order by popping into the shop for an order form or give Sarah and the team a call on **07469 255517** or email [villageshopkilsby@gmail.com](mailto:villageshopkilsby@gmail.com).



If you are struggling for that Christmas gift and would like something a little different - why not let us design you a hamper? You can choose from our lovely KVS Christmas logo items; then add a bottle of your favourite wine, Prosecco or why not try one of our botanical gins. We also have our KVS range of 'yester-year' Christmas sweets with Brazil Nuts, Wine Gums, Mushrooms, Sherbet Lemons, Humbugs, Torpedoes, Cinder Toffee, Rhubarb & Custard, and Black & White Humbugs. Just pop into the shop and choose your items (or we can design your hamper) -it will be gift wrapped and ready for collection or local delivery! Give someone that unique and special gift of 'Kilsby' this year.

Alternatively, how about a cute hessian bag to which you can add some scrummy cheeses from Fowlers (our local cheesemaker), a bottle of port, KVS chutney, crackers, or biscuits - the choice is yours.

We are now taking orders for our delicious quiches from Duston Village Bakery with scrumptious fillings of Cheese & Broccoli, Cheese and Sweet Pepper, and traditional Quiche Lorraine. There are three sizes: Large (serves 8), Medium (serves 4 - 6) and Small – fabulous for Christmas teatime.

We will be surveying the village this month so please keep an eye out for the questionnaire popping through your letter box and help us protect the future of the shop by supporting us with your thoughts.

As the weather starts to get colder; remember your shop is now stocking winter fuel. We have kindling, kiln dried logs & firelighters.

On behalf of your Village Shop Committee, we would like to give special thanks to Sarah, Alison and Suzie, and of course to all our amazing volunteers who have given their time to work in the shop. Thank you to George who has done a fabulous job again this year with the shop garden rockery and to Don who has helped us resolve the shop internet issues. Special thanks to Caroline and Elaine for looking after the recycling for the shop. Without the dedication and support of our shop manager Sarah and all our volunteers we would not have our fabulous Village Shop.

**THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.** You are all part of a very special amazing team. 🧑‍🎄

Finally, to all our customers:

a **HUGE THANK YOU** for your continued support of the shop especially over the last year. Please do give thought for your Village Shop, as we ask for your help to keep the longevity of your Kilsby Village Shop by shopping local.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.





## Christmas at your Kilsby Village Shop



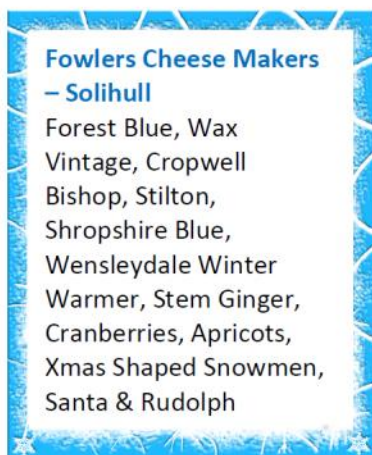
**Chapmans Family Butchers - Lutterworth**  
 Turkey/Boneless Breast, F/R & Bronze, Chickens, Duck, 3 Bird Roast, Cockerels, Partridge, Pheasant, Guinea Fowl, Venison, Beef & Pork Joints



**Farthersons Bakery – Alcester** Mince Pies, Traditional, Port & Cranberry, Bakewell, Dundee & Christmas Cake, Festive Loaf Cakes, Apple & Mincemeat Family Pies, Christmas Cup Cakes



**Sercombes – Rugby**  
 Pork Pies, Pork & Game, Pork & Stilton, Ploughman's, Chicken & Ham, Gala Pie, Ham Joints, Pigs in Blankets, Sausage Meat, Sausages: Cocktail, Caramelised Onion, Sweet Chili, Pork & Leek & Black Pepper



**Fowlers Cheese Makers – Solihull**  
 Forest Blue, Wax Vintage, Cropwell Bishop, Stilton, Shropshire Blue, Wensleydale Winter Warmer, Stem Ginger, Cranberries, Apricots, Xmas Shaped Snowmen, Santa & Rudolph




**KVS – Logo** Conserves:  
 Peach Melba, Cranberry & Orange, Plum & Mulled Wine  
 Apricot & Brandy, Christmas, Curds:  
 Lemon & Gin, Stem Ginger, Marmalade:  
 Orange & Brandy, Tangerine & Vodka with Gold Stars.



**KVS – Logo Chutney:**  
 Hot Toddy, Spiced Beetroot & Orange, Roasted Chestnut, Caramelised Onion & Bourbon, Pork Pie Pickle, Cranberry & Apple.  
 Savoury Biscuits: Cheese, Tomato & Basil, Honey & Mustard. Jellies: Mint, Redcurrant & Port, Bramley Apple



**John Dwyer – Rugby**  
 Farmhouse White, Harvester, Wholemeal Bread & Rolls, Bloomers: Plain, Tiger & Onion  
 Ciabatta: Tomato, Onion.  
 Focaccia: Chilli, Tomato.  
 Cakes: Luxury Mince Pies, Cinnamon Swirls, Crumble  
 Mince Pies, Doughnuts, Gingerbread Men & Trees,  
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**Martins Fruit & Veg**  
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## KILSBY GARDEN AND PRODUCE ASSOCIATION



(From Robin Nicholls, Tel: 07807 694524)

By the time you read this, the 2022 AGM of the Association will have been and gone, and we will be planning for 2023, in the hope of some good, mild gardening weather.

It's the ideal time to sit back and think about how you are going to enjoy your garden, and what plants and seeds you need. As members, you can get 50% discount by ordering these through the Association. There is also 10% discount on plants from Barby and Dennetts nurseries if you show your membership cards.

If you are quick, it is still possible to order compost through Ian Weston, and benefit from the low prices he has been able to get for a bulk delivery.

The first of the trips for 2023 has been arranged, and we will be visiting Compton Verney, to enjoy their Spectacle of Light, on 15<sup>th</sup> February. This wonderful experience comes at a vastly reduced price for KGPA, saving almost £10 per person on the regular ticket price. It may still be possible for members to book for this trip if you contact me early.

Even with the increased annual cost of £5 per household (it's been £3 for many years), membership more than pays for itself with the benefits you can get from being part of the Association. Just contact Carol Chamberlain or me if you want to join us.

More trips are being planned for the rest of 2023, and all members will be invited to join them as they are arranged. In the meantime, have a happy and healthy Christmas, ready to enjoy a new gardening year in 2023.

## Kilsby Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

(From Councillor Clive Thompson)

Final PDF copies of the NDP and associated Design Codes are available on the Parish Council website at [kilsbyvillage.co.uk](http://kilsbyvillage.co.uk) by selecting the drop-down tab marked 'Neighbourhood Plan'

Paper copies can be borrowed from:  
Cllr Clive Thompson at The Haven, Essen Lane.  
Tel 07769 586980;  
email [clive.thompson@kilsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:clive.thompson@kilsbyvillage.co.uk)

## KILSBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(From Karen Gilmurray, Tel:823939)

In October we held our AGM but also had a fascinating talk from Heather Wilson from Green Acres Farm near Staverton. Heather was a farmer's wife, happily working on the farm and bringing up her children who attended the local village school. Then the children went to upper school in Daventry; and Heather came to realise what different and difficult lives some children had. From this realisation sprang the Green Acres Farm community initiative. A cross between a business and a charity, its main purpose is to help give life chances to youngsters with issues. The work she and her team do is inspiring and humbling.

Our Group meeting was addressed by Chris Knight who told the story of his Auntie who had lived in the same house since 1948, and never threw anything away. The family knew clearing the house would be a mammoth task but even they were astonished by what they found: over 4,000 paper bags, Christmas wrapping paper carefully flattened and stored, newspapers going back to the 1950s. There were empty dog biscuit bags, though the last dog had died in 1975. Fifty three new packs of playing cards; although the pack the family used to play with each Christmas was held together with tape. A collection of used bandages; all carefully washed and labelled with who had used them and why! They found seventeen tins of pink salmon in a cupboard and, since she had always served red salmon for Sunday tea, the family wondered why. Clearly very thrifty, Auntie eventually confessed that the luxurious tinned red salmon she'd served for Sunday tea each week was actually pink salmon with cochineal colouring! As she pointed out, no one had ever noticed. A reminder to us all of our own quirky relatives, sometimes infuriating, sometimes hilarious!

Our meetings are at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall - visitors are welcome - it's just £5. Our next meeting will be in January when we'll hear from Helen Frost about the Women's Land Army.



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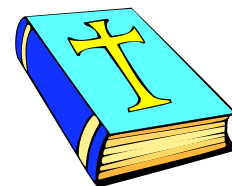
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## **KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**



### **Mission Statement**

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

### **Services**

**Sunday mornings at 11.00 am**

#### **December**

4th Mr Trevor Boys  
11th Mr David and Mrs Pat Biddle  
18th Pastor Cecil Gill - Carol Service

#### **January**

1st Mr David and Mrs Pat Biddle  
8th Rev Geoff Townsend  
15th Pastor Cecil Gill  
22nd Rev T Huc - Holy Communion  
29th Group Service at Crick URC

### **Community Café**

Open for teas, coffee, breakfasts from 9.00 am - 12.00 noon on Mondays and Thursdays. Everyone welcome.

Please note that the café will be closed from Tuesday 20th December until Thursday 5th January when it will re-open.

### **Scrabble**

Wednesdays 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.  
Everyone welcome.

### **Sewing Group**

Every other Friday 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.  
Everyone is welcome to come along to sew, knit or crochet etc.

### **Community Café Your Help is Needed**

Could you spare us an hour or so, maybe once a month, or more often if you could, to help keep this lovely café running. The work isn't hard and you would meet lots of people and enjoy good conversations and laughter. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact: Ann Tailby Tel: 822140

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Following our donations of £200 each to the Kilsby School Association, Kilsby Village Hall and the Kilsby Allotments the Kilsby Events Charity has some funds available for future events in 2023.

If you (or your organisation) has an event that you would like to be considered for funding, please send an email to [sarah@kilsbyevents.org.uk](mailto:sarah@kilsbyevents.org.uk) detailing what you would like to do with the money. Please note that you would need to do all of the organisation for the event!

# CRICK MEDICAL PRACTICE

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- Daily dispensary enquiry line
- Medication changes after receipt of a hospital discharge letter are updated on your repeat prescriptions

## NEWS FROM KILSBY SCHOOL

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

We have had a very busy start to the year. Already we are approaching the Christmas period, time flies! The KS1 & KS2 children really enjoyed their Film Nights in October. The KS2 children watched the Paddington 2 film, and the KS1 children saw 'Room on the Broom' and 'Zog'. Drinks and snacks were included. Many thanks to the KSA for organising this very popular event.

Our Harvest Assembly this year took place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October in school. The children brought their harvest gifts in to distribute to the elderly people at Kilsby House and also around the village. We have received a lot of thank you letters: people were happy to receive the gift boxes. This is the first time for 2 years we have been able to deliver gifts. We may have missed some people out as our list has not been updated during this time. If you know of someone who is over 80, lives in Kilsby and hasn't received a harvest gift this year, please email [mrs.burton@kilsbyprimary.net](mailto:mrs.burton@kilsbyprimary.net) and let me know their details so we can ensure that they will not miss out next year.



It was a lovely harvest assembly. Cedar class talked about what they were thankful for. Some were thankful for the crops, some were thankful

for the farmers working hard and some were thankful for the people who work in the shops where we buy our food. The Reception children shared what they had learnt about Harvest and wore the Harvest crowns that they had spent a lot of time making.

This term the Year 4 and Year 5 children in Hawthorn class enjoyed science with Mr Botterill. They created circuits using a wire, a light bulb and a cell. They had great fun working out ways to light up the bulb.



They have also been working hard on their Maths, looking into properties of 2D shapes and perimeters, so what better than measuring real objects! They worked in pairs identifying properties and perimeters of 2D shapes around the school.

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October our football team played against 5 other local teams at a tournament in Daventry. It was a tough competition, but out of six matches played: we won two and lost four, scoring sixteen goals and conceding eleven.



On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October our rugby team took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Daventry Rugby Club. Kilsby finished fourth out of seventeen teams competing.

We were very proud of both the football and the rugby teams who throughout both tournaments displayed excellent team spirit and sportsmanship.

The Year 3 children in Hazel class came into school one day in October, dressed as wild animals! They had been reading the book, 'Where the Wild Things Are' and so in connection with this, we decided to dress up as wild animals for the day. The children looked fantastic in their outfits! Also, they have been stewing fruit and tasting it! They've been learning about Stone Age settlements and the ancient Skara Brae settlement on the Orkney Islands.

The Reception children in Chestnut class have been practising how to write their name and the letter formation of the sounds taught in Phonics. In Maths they have been learning how to represent numbers 0-5, what the rules of counting are and one more/less than numbers to 5. Also learning how to add numbers within 10 together.

They have been learning all about Christianity (the importance of God, Jesus, the Bible, a cross and a candle) and also all about the 'Creation Story'. They have looked at Diwali, making Rangoli patterns and Diya lamps.

In PE the children enjoyed practising their throwing and catching skills and also played games with Miss Walton.

The Year 1 children in Cherry class have been looking at one more and one less in Maths, in English we have read 'Lost and Found' looking at the features of a book including the author and the title.

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They looked at verbs and past tense. The children worked really hard on this. They have enjoyed experimenting with glitter on their hands as germs, to see how it can spread and the best way to wash it off. They also created a rain cloud and watched rain drip through, they used sparkling water to create dancing raisins and then created a rainbow using skittles. The children had great fun having a go at the experiments, observing what happened and making predictions.

The Year 2 children in Cedar class have been looking at properties of 2D and 3D shapes. During English they have been writing a story about Tom and his Grandma (based on the book 'The Building Boy') adding exciting features such as alliteration. Miss Walton is teaching Boccia this term for PE and the children have really enjoyed this. They have started their new topic based around Geography, Paddington's Passport.

Late September the Year 6 children in Maple class enjoyed a cookery lesson making pizza! They enjoyed putting all their favourite toppings on top and of course the best bit was eating them! They have also been having a go at creating their own computer games, and having fun trying each other's games out. On World Science day in November, they created 'Fruit Volcanoes' using lemons, limes and oranges with food colouring, washing up liquid and bicarbonate of soda. The children were fascinated with the results!

## CHRISTMAS WASTE AND RECYCLING ARRANGEMENTS

With the festive season fast approaching, West Northamptonshire Council is advising residents of the arrangements for waste and recycling collections over the Christmas and New Year period.

Waste and recycling collection crews will be working throughout the festive season to make sure services are delivered on time and with no delays.

Downloadable Christmas and New Year bin calendars will be available from the Council's website at [www.westnorthants.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste) by the end of November.

But in the meantime, the key information for Kilsby residents is:

- Waste and recycling collection days in the South Northamptonshire and Northampton areas will not change over Christmas and New Year.
- Collections in the Daventry area which were due to take place on Monday 26 December, will take place on Saturday 24 December instead.

All the children and staff walked to St Faith's churchyard to join Rev Kit beside the War Memorial on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. At 11.00 am we held a 2-minute silence in respect and remembrance of all those who lost their lives during the World Wars. Each class had made their own poppy wreath which was taken along to the churchyard and laid at the base of the War Memorial. Some of the older children also read a prayer and a poem. (Eds. See also pictures on page 14.)

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November we all came to school wearing odd socks to celebrate our uniqueness and also to kick start 'Anti-Bullying' week. On the Friday of that week we all came to school dressed in something spotty or yellow bringing a donation for Children in Need.

We held a Scholastic Book fair in school from 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November, which was popular as always.

There is a lot planned for Christmas including the Christingle service at church with the Rev Nigel, Christmas lunch, Christmas parties, nativity play, Christmas Fayre and Carols by Candlelight

Thanks to the generosity of the KSA we are lucky enough to be taking all the children in school to see Dick Whittington at the Birmingham Hippodrome in January, which will be a real treat to look forward to after Christmas!



- Garden waste collections will be suspended from 24 December until 6 January across West Northants.

### Real tree collections

Crews will collect real Christmas trees between 9 and 20 January. Residents in the Daventry and South Northants areas should put real Christmas trees out on the day that garden waste is due to be collected in their area. You do not need a garden waste subscription to put out your real Christmas tree. Please ensure any trees over 6ft tall are cut in half, so they will fit into the lorries safely.

### Additional recycling

Additional recycling can be put out in clear plastic bags or boxes alongside recycling bins and boxes, or can also be taken to the nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre. These are open as usual throughout the festive period except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day, when they will be closed. Centres will also close early on Christmas Eve, at 2.00 pm.

## Northants Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride

(From Gill Mason, Tel: 822658)

The total raised from the September Ride and Stride was £410, of which half will be returned to St. Faith's.

Once again, thank you to all who contributed. It is much appreciated.

## Buckby Library & Hub

**Wednesday afternoons** at the library & hub: we have a self-service operation for book borrowing and returning books from 2-4pm. But if you just feel like getting together with others for a chat, a cuppa and maybe do a jigsaw or browse books and magazines, come along for a social afternoon (any time between 2-4pm).

**For children at Christmas:** the Winter Wonderland Magic Show with Steve the Magician is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am. Book your place with the library. Children: £4.50; accompanying adults free.

There will also be **activities for children** during December.

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>: crafts and a book hunt

29<sup>th</sup>: The Gruffalo & crafts

30<sup>th</sup>: Owl Babies & crafts.

All the activities are for children aged 3 and upwards. Start time: 2:15; £2.50 per child. Book your tickets at the library.

**Art in the new year:** in January, there'll be a new exhibition of paintings by Bob Billingsby in our refreshment area. Come and view the paintings, which will also be available to purchase. And do you want to develop your artistic side? Art Club in the Hub will continue on Tuesday afternoons, 2-4 pm, and Art for Relaxation on the second Saturday of the month, also 2-4pm: £5/session. Find out more here: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/art-groups/>.

Fancy a **film** on a Tuesday evening? On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, our monthly shows will start with 'Top Gun: Maverick', and, as an extra in January, on 31<sup>st</sup>, we are showing 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris'. Doors open 7-7.30pm. You can get your tickets at the library and the Peephole (in the High Street in Long Buckby): £6. Refreshments are available.

Finally, we'd just like to say a **big thank you** to all those who have used the library services and supported and enjoyed our activities during 2022. Season's greetings from us all!

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>; phone: 01327 842591; email: [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org).

## KILSBY ACTION GROUP

The proposed Richborough Planning application for the development on Barby Rd is still awaiting a decision by the Planning office of West Northants Council (WNC). This may be due to a lack of resources within the department, resulting in a long delay. We have repeatedly pressed the planning authorities to get this application into committee for a ruling. We are very confident in the strength of our case and want it heard for a final outcome as soon as possible. We believe the developer is simply sitting on their hands and waiting to see if the planning market turns in their favour. Our latest action is to ask our MP Chris Heaton-Harris to intercede on our behalf with WNC and at publication of this edition of Kilsby Kronicle we are still waiting for his response. Please make sure that we have your correct up-to-date email address or mobile number so we can contact you. We can then keep you updated before the next issue.

The land between DIRFT and Kilsby is currently seeing lots of activity with a number of archaeological pits being dug, which is generally a pre-cursor to a full scale application. Readers will recall that this area is one site under consultation as part of the WNC long term development plan. They sent out a 'call for sites' across the whole region and are assessing them and they will then create a shortlist where development will be permitted over the next 15 years. Our understanding was that this process has been extended beyond the original date and is unlikely to be completed before Easter. We have already made representations to WNC and indeed had a site meeting with Council leader at the location. We are somewhat surprised that activity is going on before completion of that consultation. This potential development is a real threat to our village, we have to act together to try to stop the builders occupying and developing the space between us and DIRFT.

There is a very real possibility that we will ask villagers to come together again to discuss our next strategic moves before the Feb/March edition of Kronicle. If you have not done so already we would ask you to contact us at [kilsbyaction@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbyaction@gmail.com) or text 07952 404305. We can then put you on our mailing list and keep you updated with any news.

## WELCOME PACKS

If you have neighbours new to the village do remember that Welcome Packs are available for you to give to them when you go to say 'hello'.

The packs contain information about organisations and services in the village, a map of Kilsby, and leaflets about walks and the Heritage Trail, as well as a history of the village, a shopping list from our shop, and a copy of the most recent Kronicle. Contact Chris Lomas on 822650 or at [lomdoucd@gmail.com](mailto:lomdoucd@gmail.com) to get one of the packs, which are sponsored by the Parish Council.

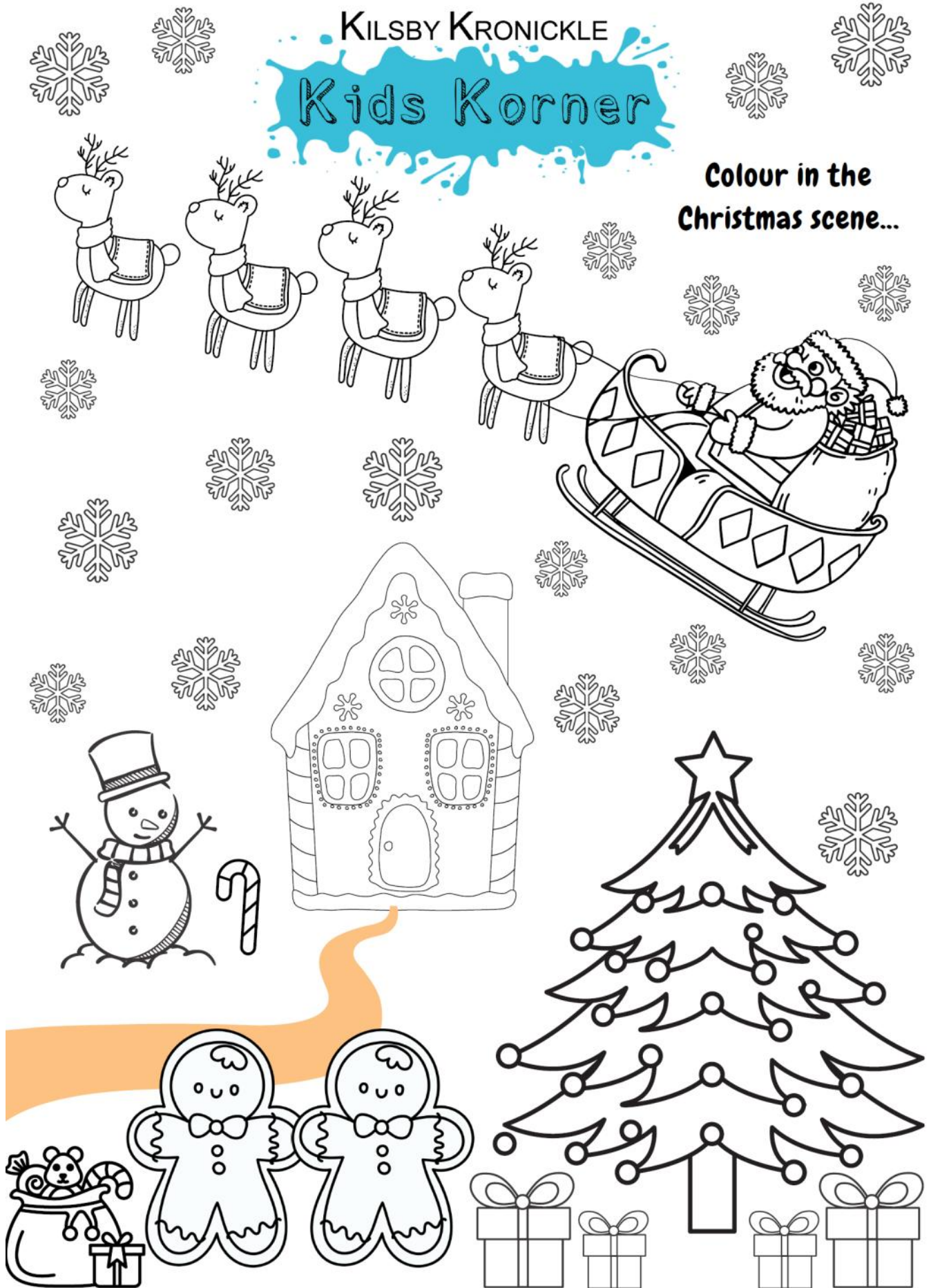




KILSBY KRONICKLE

# Kids Korner

Colour in the  
Christmas scene...



**Things to do in December and January**

**Go to the 20th Christmas Tree Event**

**Go to the St. Faith's SC Christmas Coffee Morning**

**Go to a Carol Service**

**Go on a Walking Group walk**

**Go to the History Society talk**

**Apply for a grant from the Fete Cmtee**

**Suggest new equipment for Recreation Ground**

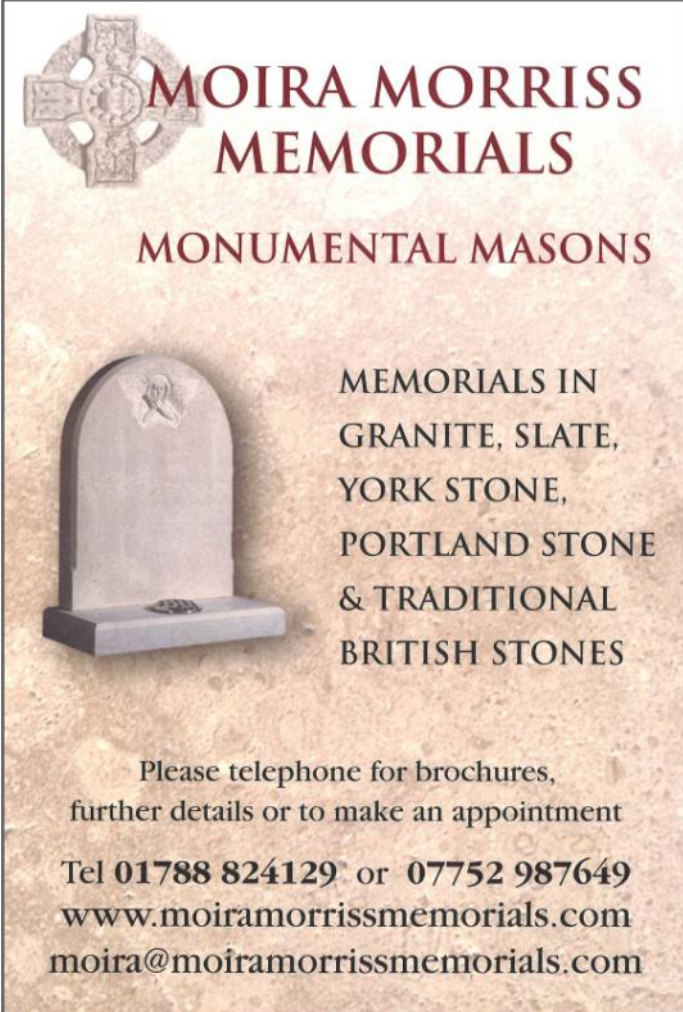
**Suggest projects for next year to PC**

**Offer to help at the Community Café**

**Join the Christmas Tree Lottery**

**Go to a WI meeting**

**Book a place on the Garden Assn trip**



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**WANTED**

**Offers of help with Speedwatch next year (see page 3)**

**Suggestions for equipment for Recreation Ground  
(see page 3)**

**Ideas for village projects (see page 3)**

**Help at the Community Café (see page 20)**

**Applications for funding for village events (page 20)**

**The deadline for the next issue  
is  
Saturday 21st January 2023**



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

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

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