

# Kilsby Kronickle

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*A polar bear and Miss Kitty having fun in the park*

## Welcome to the February - March edition

What a mixed winter we're having. Ranging from wet, grey dreary days to beautiful bright sunshine and cold snaps. Despite the problems of slipping and keeping warm, I think we'd probably all prefer the latter! And we can already see some signs of the spring to come in the bulbs that are popping their heads up everywhere – and the snowdrops seem particularly beautiful this year.

January is never anyone's favourite month of the year after all the hype of Christmas, but if you live in Kilsby you've got a lot of things to take your minds off the dreary days – there's no need to be hobbits in a village like ours! In the next couple of months we've got church coffee mornings, the WI meetings, the 7 (yes seven) events at The Red Lion,

we can learn about Dad's Army at the History Society and make yourselves feel good by singing with the Barby and Kilsby Community Choir. The widespread benefits of singing are proven and among them are stress and anxiety reduction and mood improvement, perfect for this time of year!

Brave the weather and come and join in a village activity. And on the really dull days, how about writing an article for the KK about absolutely anything that interests you/you have done/you are planning to do..... Yes, there will be interested readers out there.

Stay warm and safe and watch those spring bulbs grow!

**The Kilsby Kronickle Editorial Team**

A poster for the Kilsby Village Shop. At the top, it says 'Kilsby Village Shop A Community Owned Project'. Below that, in large blue letters, is 'Important REMINDER'. A yellow sticky note is pinned to the poster with the text 'We are now open LONGER!!'. To the right of the note is a blue arrow pointing right. At the bottom, it lists the shop's opening hours: 'Monday - Friday 9:00am - 6:30 PM', 'Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 PM', and 'Sunday 9:00am - 12:00 pm'. The poster also features a small illustration of a megaphone and some blue decorative shapes.

# What's On in Kilsby

## February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 St Faith's service
2 Kilsby Playtime	3	4	5 Coffee Morning (Kilsby room)	6	7	8 St Faith's service
9 Kilsby Playtime	10	11	12 WI Meeting	13 Youth Club School breaks up	14	15 St Faith's service
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 St Faith's service
23 Back to school	24	25	26	27 Youth Club	28	

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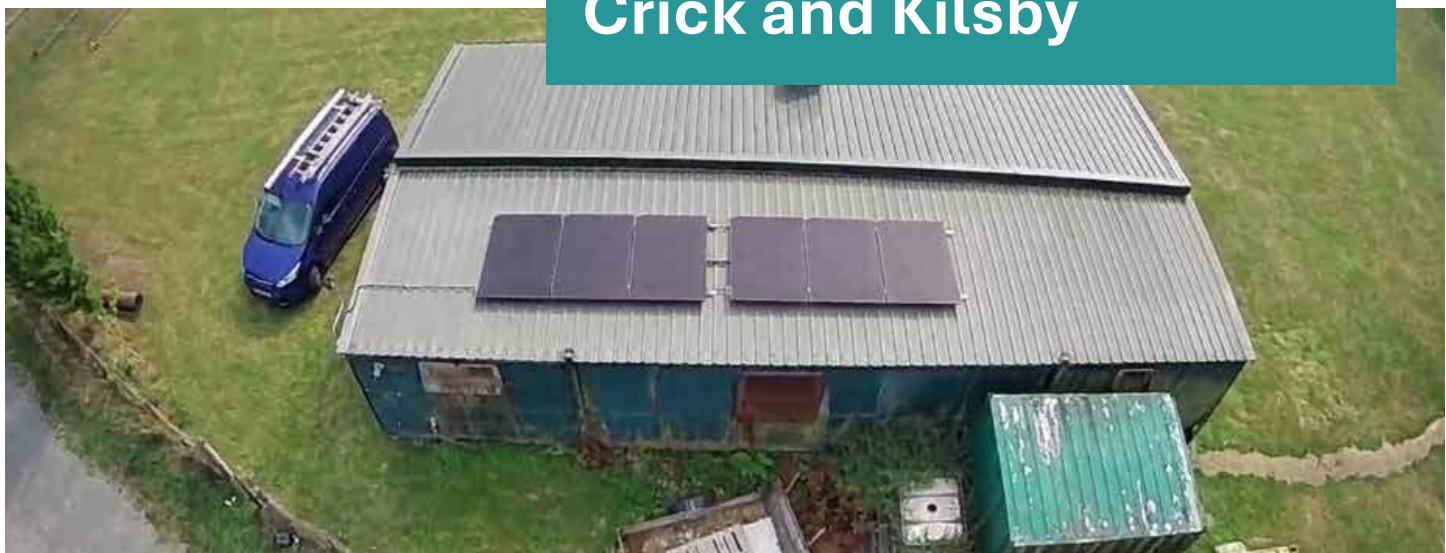
Want to include your event or club? Please email details to [kilsbykronickle@outlook.com](mailto:kilsbykronickle@outlook.com)

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Revised January 2026

## Community Fund for Crick and Kilsby



▲ Crick Lions Cricket Club: Pavilion Solar Panel, Battery, & Solar Floodlight Installation, completed Sept 2025

### ⊕ Fund Overview

**Daintree Wind Farm Ltd** has committed **£12,000** each year into a community Fund, which is split equally between the Parishes of Crick and Kilsby in Northamptonshire.

- Grants between £250 and £6,000
- Closing date: **8th April 2026**
- Final decisions: End of June 2026

Projects must be located within the Parishes of Crick or Kilsby.

### ⊕ Who can apply?

Eligible Organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- Voluntary, community groups
- Parish Councils
- Schools and educational establishments
- Social enterprises, provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis and have minimum of three unrelated directors.

### ⊕ What can be funded?

Priority will be given to:

- Energy efficiency or renewable energy projects, such as insulation, efficient boilers or small scale renewable energy installations
- Training or education projects, especially vocational training for unemployed young people under the age of 25 years old
- Projects for school age children, or older people
- Any other community projects for the benefit of residents of the local area

**For full details of what can be funded (there are limited exceptions) and to apply, please visit GrantScape's website.**

### ⊕ Contact and Further Questions?

- 📞 01908 247630
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# Kilsby Parish Council

## Chairman's Annual Report

Howard Gibbs - Chairman, [hgibbs@kilsby-pc.gov.uk](mailto:hgibbs@kilsby-pc.gov.uk)

Happy New Year to all Kilsby residents, I do hope you all had a lovely time and enjoyed time with your families.

### Highways

The Parish Council continues to work with West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) Highways to address ongoing concerns about speeding and parking within the village and are endeavouring to tackle issues where we are able to do so.

The Council has received a significant number of complaints regarding vehicles parking on grass verges throughout the village. These verges are the responsibility of West Northamptonshire Council, meaning the Parish Council must obtain their permission before taking any action or making improvements, such as resurfacing or installing bollards. At present, WNC are unwilling to take action themselves or grant permission for the Parish Council to make changes. We therefore encourage any residents who are unhappy about this situation to contact WNC directly, so that the strength of local feeling can be fully appreciated.

We are pleased to confirm that the zig-zag lines outside the school are now enforceable. Parents and caregivers have been advised and reminded of the importance of safe and considerate parking at school drop-off and pick-up times. Enforcement Officers will be in attendance to help ensure compliance.

Cllr Palmer, the Parish Council's Police Liaison, has been working closely with the local PCSO on issues such as parking on pavements. Encouragingly, there appears to have been a reduction in incidents following this campaign, and we thank residents for their cooperation.

### Speed watch

We are grateful to those volunteers who have come forward to help resurrect the village Speedwatch initiative. However, more volunteers are still needed, as the scheme requires a minimum of ten participants to operate. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### Kilsby House

The Parish Council has been in contact with contractors working on the Kilsby House development to try to find solutions to issues caused by construction vehicles in and around the area. While some measures have been put

in place, problems do persist, and we will continue to engage with the developers to address these concerns.

### Butts Lane

The path at Butts Lane has now been completed, along with the necessary tree works, and we hope residents will benefit from these improvements. The Council is currently considering moving the village book swap from the telephone box to ensure clear and easy access to the defibrillator. Ideas include installing a cabinet on Butts Lane, if you have any suggestions for a suitable new location, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### Planning.

As always, the Parish Council continues to consider and, where appropriate, object to unsuitable planning applications. We urge residents to keep an eye on Parish Council agendas for upcoming planning matters and to submit any comments or objections directly to West Northamptonshire Council via their online planning portal.

### Welcome Packs.

The village welcome pack has recently been updated. Cllr Tony Kerr is the contact if you would like a copy. An electronic version will also be added to the Parish Council website. If you have a new neighbour, please let us know and we will endeavour to ensure they receive a welcome pack.

### Kilsby School.

We are delighted to share that Kilsby Primary School pupils have designed new signs for the Recreation Ground and surrounding areas, reminding residents and visitors to pick up after their dogs and not to litter. These signs will be installed shortly, and the Parish Council would like to thank the children for their hard work and creativity — we're sure you'll agree they look fantastic.

### New Projects and Village Grants.

The Parish Council continues to consider a range of projects for the village in the year ahead, and we look forward to working with residents to help improve and support our community. If any village organisation would like to apply for a grant from the council, please do get in touch with Emma our clerk who would be pleased to let you have the necessary application form.

Well, that's about all for now and if you wondered why I'm still around, it's because our house move hit problems and whilst we were very disappointed, the upside is, I'm still about for now and able to enjoy my walks around our village.

### Cllr Howard Gibbs

Chairman

Kilsby Parish Council

# News from your West Northants Councillors

*An Update from Your West Northants Councillors –*

*Cllr Rosie Humphreys & Cllr Andrew Simpson*

## 1. Council News

### a.) WNC Budget 2026/27

At time of publication consultation will have closed on WNC's draft budget proposals for 2026/27. Although elected in May 2025 this is the first budget from the new Reform UK administration so we will be interested to see how much they change anything because of the public consultation.

The key headlines are:

- Council Tax is proposed to increase by the maximum allowed of 4.99% (taking the Council's average charge for a band D equivalent property to £1,960.14 per year).
- Key areas requiring additional spend are Adult Social Care (£22.7m), Children's Services (£9m) and Central Services (£11m). The first two have been driven by increasing demand and costs whilst the third is to support the administrations capital spend and borrowing.
- Around £25m of savings have been identified to balance the budget.
- A number of fees and charges are being increased with proposals to introduce car parking charges in Daventry, Towcester and Brackley WNC car parks.
- Increase garden waste collection subscriptions by £20 per annum
- Total council expenditure is c£459m for 2026/27 (excludes ring fenced schools budget of £552m).
- It is worth noting that Adult Social Care and Children's Services takes up c58% of the council's expenditure.

We are working with our colleagues in the Lib Dem Group to put forward alternative proposals when the final budget goes to be agreed at the Full Council meeting on 26th February.

### b.) New Local Development Plan

At time of publication the council should have gone out to public consultation on the final version of its Local Development. This will guide development across West Northamptonshire up to 2043.

In terms of the impact on Kilsby the draft plan has included a review of the village confines and categorised the village as a 'Secondary Service Village'.

There are several other changes from the previous draft plans and in particular there is now a 'Rural Area Housing Requirement' which sets out what growth is needed

to provide an additional c3,800 homes in the West Northants rural area. This growth being provided from Primary or Secondary Service Villages from within their confines (where possible).

The proposal is that this is led by the Neighbourhood Plan or a Development Plan Document for each of the villages impacted.

For Kilsby there is now a minimum additional requirement of 62 new houses being provided by the end of the plan period (2043).

We are challenging this change as it no longer appears to be based on a local housing needs assessment or the existing Neighbourhood Development Plans. How the numbers for each village have been arrived at uses a complex formula and needs explaining. Also, the proposed requirement for Neighbourhood Development Plans to be reviewed to accommodate the minimum housing numbers currently comes with no additional resources to support a review.

### c) Review of Blue Badge Scheme

Rosie is leading a working group looking at issues raised by the Lib Dems motion to Full Council in November which highlighted problems with badge renewals requiring extensive information to be provided. Please provide us with any feedback of your experience of the current scheme.

## 2. Local News

### a) Rugby Local Plan – Final Consultation & Submission

Rugby Borough Council is also consulting on the final version of its local plan which is up to 2042.

We are delighted to see that the new version significantly protects the Rainsbrook Valley by removing previous development sites off Kilsby Lane at Hillmorton and off Barby Lane. The plan now focuses more on using brownfield land and adding enhanced protections which is a change heavily influenced by public consultation and local advocacy against housing proposals in the valley, though new development will still occur nearby, like 250 homes opposite Houlton. The Rainsbrook Valley is now designated as a 'landscape of elevated sensitivity'. This gives it some added protection when considering development options.

Rosie and Andrew are to meet with WNC Planning Officers to see if a similar designation can be agreed for the WNC side of the valley.

**b) Planning Application No. 2025/5290 Land to the rear of 6 to 54 Rugby Road (Rainier Developments) for 63 Houses**

This application was published on the WNC Planning portal just before Christmas, but a number of errors were made when it was posted. The application will be decided by the Non-Strategic Planning Committee and the deadline for comments has gone back (at time of writing to 5th February) Based on current timelines it would go to a committee meeting later in the year – the earliest is potentially 9th April. We will keep you updated of any changes to this.

**c) DIRFT IV**

Prologis are moving ahead with a proposed expansion of DIRFT to the east of the M1 details can be seen at [www.prologis.co.uk](http://www.prologis.co.uk).

**d) Cadman Sporting/Barby Gun Club**

a) WNC have now heard back from the applicants' agents who are in a position to formally submit additional documentation on ecology and highways. These are expected shortly and once reviewed the council will launch full formal consultation.

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# Kilsby Players

We enjoyed a break over Christmas and New Year, and are now meeting up to read through some scripts and decide what to do next.

Once we've confirmed what the next production will be, we'll be holding auditions so look out for more details on Kilsby Friends Facebook if you're interested in auditioning.

Alternatively please contact me at any time if you'd like to get involved - you don't have to tread the boards as there is plenty to do behind the scenes!

Polly - 07780601052



# News from Kilsby CE Primary School



## Kilsby CE Primary School

### A Busy and Festive Time at Our School

The Christmas period was a wonderfully hectic and memorable time at our school, filled with celebration, music and community spirit.



We were delighted to take part in several festive events at St Faith's Church, where friends and families joined us to celebrate the season. Highlights included the beautiful Christingle service and Carols by Candlelight, both of which created a warm and reflective atmosphere

and were well attended by our school community.

Our annual Christmas Fayre was a great success, raising an impressive £1,110.10. This would not have been possible without the fantastic support of the KSA, along with families and friends who helped make the event such an enjoyable occasion for everyone.

The children thoroughly embraced the festive spirit through their performances. Pupils in Saplings and Chestnut classes delighted audiences with a very cute Christmas sing-along, while Cherry and Cedar classes confidently performed the Christmas nativity, "Whoopsie Daisy Angel", which was enjoyed by all who attended.





Santa Claus made a special appearance at the children's Christmas parties and was a huge hit, bringing smiles and excitement to everyone.

Our Key Stage 2 children also had an unforgettable

experience attending the Young Voices concert at bp pulse LIVE in Birmingham. Singing their hearts out, they took part in a truly fantastic event, collaborating with over 5,000 primary school children from across the country.



As we move into the spring term, there is lots to look forward to. Some of our younger children will be taking part in Learn to Ride, while older pupils will enjoy Bikeability sessions. We also have exciting events planned such as the Pancake Toss, World Book Day, Red Nose Day, and much more.

It has been a brilliant start to the year, and we look forward to sharing many more achievements and events with our community in the months ahead.

Finally, you might be interested to know that we have a Facebook and an Instagram page for 'Kilsby CE Primary School', so you can keep updated as to what is going on in school whenever you like.



# The Red Lion Kilsby Pub & Dining

## **Upcoming Dates for 2026:**

Burn's Night Supper - 25th January 2026

Six Nations Kick Off - 5th February 2026

Valentines Night - 14th February 2026

Pancake Day - 17th February 2026

National Pie Week - 2nd March 2026

Mother's Day - 15th March 2026

St Patrick's Day - 17th March 2026

Easter Weekend Egg Hunt - 4th April 2026

Father's Day - 21st June 2026

Patfest - 30th Augst 2026

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# News from St Faith's

*Alastair Wood, Rector of Barby and Kilsby*

Following a wonderful Christmas at St Faiths, may we wish the community in Kilsby a blessed new year.

There is much difficult news in the world today, and additionally the national church is under examination and for many found wanting. So what exactly does our own Parish Church of St Faiths stand for? What relevance does it have in 2026.

There has been a Church in our village for centuries, changing its looks over the years until we all can visit a typical village Church. Doors open all day, a place for peace and a moment when you need it. Proper pews, and a great atmosphere that can enhance our wellbeing.

Traditional family gatherings take place with Christenings, Funerals and Weddings, something that the Church does well. The building has been a place of prayer and continues to be so. Praying for the specific needs of the village as well as for the wider world. Services are traditional with a modern twist at times, they help us to journey without dictating how we proceed.

That's what we do, and you are welcome to journey with us or join us on your special occasion.

**Services are: 1st and 3rd Sunday 9am**

**2nd and 4th at 10:30am**

**Wednesday: Morning prayer at 9am**

The Kilsby and Barby community choir has begun again and is running on Monday evenings at St Mary's Barby 7pm to 8:30pm. All are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. What a great time we had at the Carol service and then a few days later singing round the village before a concert at the Red Lion.

Best wishes to you all.

**Revd Alastair**

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## Kilsby Churchyard Mowing Rota

**Sharon King, 07508228736**

### **Kilsby Churchyard Mowing Rota**

Does anyone have any spare time to help keep the churchyard grass tidy? The small group of volunteers are looking for more people to join the mowing team.

There are three sections, and there is a rota that runs from March to November. People can choose which part they would like to cut on which day and how many times throughout the season. Some people volunteer just once, some more, but regardless, any help would be much appreciated.

The self-propelled mower and fuel are provided. If you could spare some time (it takes about 2 hours per section), please contact me at: [sharonking@aol.com](mailto:sharonking@aol.com) or 07508228736.



# Kilsby Women's Institute

*Julia Cartwright Rachel McIntyre*

## Happy New Year from Kilsby WI!

We had an incredible 2025 with some excellent speakers and fabulous trips out - Bletchley Park being just one of them.

We ended the year with our annual Christmas party with nearly 70 ladies. We enjoyed scrummy food, great entertainment and had a lot of laughs. I believe a good time was had by all. Thank you to those who came.

Unfortunately we had to take the difficult decision to cancel our first meeting of the year due to the snow and ice. So we are kicking off 2026 in February!

Our February meeting will be on Thursday 12th at 7.30pm in the village hall. We will be holding an evening of craft making, so anything from painting to knitting and guests are very welcome. It's worth coming along for the refreshments alone!

Don't forget, we will be holding our annual Mothers Day stall in front of the village shop on Saturday 14th March selling plants and other goodies for Mum. More details to follow

We meet the second Thursday of every month in Kilsby village hall at 7.30pm. If you are interesting in joining us please come along. We are a very friendly bunch.

For more info on Kilsby WI please contact:

Julia Cartwright , Rachael McIntyre



# Gardeners' Corner

Ron Kickle

## Confusion

Hot? Cold? Dry? Wet? It's so difficult to describe the last few weeks, we seem to have had some of everything. The lovely Daventry Country Park reservoir went from empty to overflowing in what felt like a week.

## Watch out for frosts

If you have tender plants do watch for hard frosts and protect with fleece or even newspaper. You don't need to peg the newspaper down, because if it's windy it won't be frosty.

## Get those secateurs out

A cold clear February day, with the ground hard, is an ideal time to prune your apple and pear trees whilst they are still dormant. (Leave plums and other stone fruit until much later when they have started growing.)

## The basic rules of pruning:

- Flower buds are fat and rounded
- Leaf buds are thin and pointed
- The harder you cut the more it grows
- "If your tree's about right then pruning is light"

Don't cut off anything ending in a flower bud: You'll get no fruit! Then follow three simple steps:-

1. Cut out any dead or diseased wood.
2. Reduce side shoots that end in leaf buds to 2 or 3 side buds. (To encourage development of fruit spurs)
3. Reduce last year's growth of leaders that end in leaf buds by one third (Less if the leader is strong, more if it's weak)

## Jobs to do in February

- Clean your pots and greenhouse ready for the season
- Divide up any perennials that are too large

## Jobs to do in March

- Stake and tie any plant liable to be damaged by March winds
- Sow tomatoes in trays or pots on a windowsill
- Prune your roses when the hardest frost risk is past

## Times past...

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

### "MEASURES Which a gardiner ought to understand

*3 Barly-Corns make an Inch: 12 Inches a Foote: 3 Foote a Yard: 3 Foote 9 Inches an Ell: 6 Foote a Fathom: 16 Foote & ½ a Pearch: one perch in breadth, & foure in length is a Roode: 4 Roode an Aker: 40 Roodes in length is a Furlong: 8 Furlongs is a Mile. 60 Miles is a Degree."*

## Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle



**National Open Gardens Scheme**

**Kilsby**

**Sunday 21st June 2026**

For the open day you can book your tickets in advance.

Go to <https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/kilsby-gardens-cv2/> to book or you can just turn up and pay on the day.



## KILSBY JAZZ CLUB 2026 JAZZ EVENTS

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Want to hear great live jazz being performed ?

Then Join us at the Kilsby Village Hall for the 2026 events:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kilsby-jazz-club>



6th March 2026

#### Paula Jackman Jazz Masters

The six piece band has played at venues across the UK, Czech Republic and Germany. The band offers a mixture of well-known tunes and those that are more obscure but deserve to be well-known. Many of the tunes are arranged by Hugh Crozier, who is the pianist and vocalist with the band.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kilsby-jazz-club/t-mj0zjpg>



5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

#### Richard Exall's Shooting Stars

Richard has worked with most of the established big bands, such as The Glenn Miller Orchestra (UK), The Memphis Belle Orchestra and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra (UK). Richard now brings us his own six Piece Jazz band, 'Shooting Stars'.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kilsby-jazz-club/t-njovmvn>



11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

#### Elaine Riches Cool Jazz Collective

Cool Jazz Collective 5 piece band features the smooth, mellow vocals of Elaine Riches and Neil's delicate touch on the keys.

Elaine's style is captivating as it is versatile, inspired by her love of songs from the musicals, popular classics and, of course, Jazz with Neil's sublime rendering of obscure Jazz standards with Latin and Jazz, to create the perfect combination.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kilsby-jazz-club/t-plqymkp>



4<sup>th</sup> December 2026

#### Alligator Gumbo Band

Alligator Gumbo have been playing together since 2011, they have played extensively around the country to rave reviews.

Playing jazz from the hey-day of the New Orleans swing/jazz era, in particular the "roaring 20s"

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kilsby-jazz-club/t-xdmzaje>



# Kilsby Action Group

*Rob Chamberlain, on behalf of the Kilsby Action Group.*

**Dear Friends and Neighbours, we need your support again please.**

## PLANNING APPLICATION RUGBY RD

As many of you will know an application has been made to build 63 houses behind Rugby Rd in green space. We published details because the concern was that the last date for objections was early January.

It is now confirmed that objections can be submitted up to 13th Feb so we would be grateful if you haven't already made an objection that you use this time to do so.

The application can be found on the WNC portal <https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2025/5290/MAO>

There are many reasons to object but if you want to discuss further please contact us by emailing [www.kilsbyaction@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbyaction@gmail.com) or message 07952 404305 and we will come back to you.

Building in green space outside the village confines without a rural exception is not permitted and is specifically contrary to the current Local Plan and the Kilsby Neighbourhood Plan. The access is extremely dangerous and the ridge and furrow is one of the best examples in the area and should not be ploughed up for developers profits. The green space should be preserved in order that Kilsby retains its identity as a village.

## WNC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN UP TO 2043

In terms of the impact on Kilsby the draft plan has included a review of the village confines and categorised the village as a 'Secondary Service Village' – this is very good news.

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For Kilsby there is now a minimum additional requirement of 62 houses being provided by the end of the plan period (2043). **BAD NEWS!**

The requirement no longer appears to be based on a local housing needs assessment or existing Neighbourhood Development Plans **VERY BAD NEWS!**

KAG is attending a consultation briefing in early Feb and will report back, we will keep you notified but we need everyone to participate in the consultation exercise with WNC, and we will keep you updated on how to do that.



## KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:

**6th March 2026**

**1st May 2026**

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

Anyone interested in joining the Club, or helping out with the ordering process, should contact:  
[kilsbyoilclub@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbyoilclub@gmail.com)



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# Ginger and Honey Cake

*Recipe by Jenny Moore*

This recipe is a cake that brings back happy memories of sitting in KATHY BROWN'S garden which she used to open to visitors, and then provide tea and cake at the end of the tour.

**A cake that is enjoyed by all the family.**

## Ingredients:

**8oz of margarine or butter**

**8oz of castor sugar**

**4 eggs**

**8oz sifted self-raising flour**

**2 level teaspoons of baking powder**

**2 level teaspoons of ginger powder**

## Method:

Cream margarine/butter and sugar together beat in eggs one at a time, then add flour baking powder and ginger. Bake in two 8 inch tins in a moderate oven. Cool then split the sponges to make 4 layers.

**Filling.** Hand mix 4oz of cold cream cheese plus 4oz of soft unsalted butter with 2 tsp of ginger powder and 2tbs of honey (the ginger and honey can be adjusted according to taste). Using equal amounts layer filling between cakes adding 1tsp of crystallised ginger in the middle layer

**Mix** 6oz of icing sugar with 1tsp of ginger powder and a little water to make icing. Spread over top of cake and you could add 1tsp of crystallised ginger

Please email your favourite recipe to [kilsbykronickle@outlook.com](mailto:kilsbykronickle@outlook.com)

# Kilsby History Society

*Diana Smith - Secretary of the Kilsby History Society*

Most of us have watched 'Dad's Army' in the past and some of us have ancestors who were in the Home Guard in WW2.

Our speaker, David Morse, will visit us on Thursday March 19th at 7.30p.m. and tell us why it was formed, the weapons used and the training given.

He will bring along various artefacts and give a powerpoint presentation.

We meet in the Kilsby Room of the village hall.

Tea / coffee and biscuits will be available.

Members fee £3, visitors £5.

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# Climate Matters



*Ian Massey on behalf of the Kilsby Residents Climate Action Group | Email: [krcag@btinternet.com](mailto:krcag@btinternet.com).  
(not to be confused with the Kilsby Action Group)*

The weather this year globally has been somewhat wild. Since the last edition of this column, severe flooding in Indonesia has killed more than 600 people. Whilst writing, bush fires in Australia have consumed an area the size of London, destroying at least 300 properties with at least one person reported killed. The Himalayas are now bare and rocky after a lack of snowfall at a time when they should be snow covered. What little snow that remains is melting quickly due to rising temperatures. The reduction in ice and snow will not only change how the Himalayas look, it will also impact the lives of hundreds of millions of people and many ecosystems in the region. As temperatures rise in spring, snow accumulated during winter melts and the runoff feeds river systems. This snowmelt is a crucial source for the region's rivers and streams, supplying water for drinking, irrigation and hydropower.

Countries are now starting to plan for a high temperature future. Spain plans to open a network of climate shelters in public buildings before next summer, to provide refuge from the heat. So far there is no sign of the UK planning ahead for such a situation, even though the Government's lead climate adviser has declared that the rising temperatures in the UK have become the new norm.

Although published statistics show that the UK has had its sunniest and hottest year on record, globally the year was not as hot as 2024 when the significant threshold of 1.5C above pre-industrial times was breached. This in itself is concerning as the Pacific Ocean El Niño phenomenon which provides a cooling effect was active. In essence, even though there was a temperature decline, the temperature was above what might be expected.

In the UK we have had storm Claudia which led to severe flooding in Wales with Monmouth particularly badly affected, and storm Goretti which brought high winds, travel disruption and for some, deep snow. The recent extended cold snap has reminded me that, although we think of global warming leading to high temperatures, there is an alternative scenario which worries scientists, that North West Europe could enter into significant cooling. The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation current moves heat from the tropics to the poles. It is driven by dense, cold salt containing water moving northwards becoming saltier as it cools and which sinks near the Arctic, starting the deep ocean return flow south. Now scientists have found that glacial run off is causing the salt content to decline so weakening the current. The

Gulf Stream is the local part of this system and it is what keeps northwestern Europe warm at the high latitudes where we reside. It is known that the Gulf Stream is slowing down with concerns it could stop altogether. In the UK this would drop average temperatures by around 3.5C and in continental western Europe by as much as 10C to 15C.



Harsher and more extreme winter conditions would occur particularly across northern areas of Britain, with snow accumulating at levels that the country would struggle to deal with. Elsewhere the southern hemisphere would become warmer. All this would lead to ecological and agricultural changes impacting the whole globe leading to food insecurity for billions.

So what is happening locally? Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils have implemented a scheme of Climate and Environment Champions. The Climate and Nature Champion acts as the local council's key point of contact and advocate for environmental sustainability, biodiversity, and climate resilience. This voluntary role supports the council in identifying, promoting and coordinating local action on climate and nature matters. A bit like KRCAG but at a higher level. Kilsby Parish Council has appointed Cheryl Sibley as Champion who will be supported by Ian Massey as Deputy Champion. Both will report back to the Council and also to KRCAG.

Following on from Kilsby's visit to Sherbourne Recycling, Yelvertoft PC are arranging a visit of their own. They have invited Kilsby to join if numbers allow and 2 residents have been able to secure a visit before all places were taken.

KRCAG has also contacted the Youth Club Leader and it is planned to meet with the Club now that the holiday festivities are over. It is intended to have a short workshop session to find out how younger people and their families view climate change, collate their thoughts and provide feedback at a subsequent session.

If you feel you would like to be involved in KRCAG activities, we would love to hear from you so please drop me a line at [krcag@btinternet.com](mailto:krcag@btinternet.com) and I can let you know when the next meeting will be.

# Your waste and recycling 2026 collection calendar

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Collection day for Kilsby is Wednesday.



**Recycling**

Collected every  
two weeks



**Garden waste**

Collected every  
two weeks



**Food waste**

Collected  
every week



**General waste**

Collected every  
three weeks

## Garden waste collections

You will only receive garden waste collections if you subscribe to the chargeable service.

**There will be a short break for garden waste collections  
from 22 December 2025 to 4 January 2026.**

## Batteries and small electrical items:

Please place your old small electrical items and batteries in a bag **on top of** your general waste bin for collection on your usual general waste collection day.

### February 2026

M	T	W	T	F
G F	2	3	4	5
R F	9	10	11	12
W G F	16	17	18	19
R F	23	24	25	26

### March 2026

M	T	W	T	F
G F	2	3	4	5
W R F	9	10	11	12
G F	16	17	18	19
R F	23	24	25	26
W G F	30	31	1	2

### April 2026

M	T	W	T	F
W G F	30	31	1	2
R F	6	7	8	9
G F	13	14	15	16
W R F	20	21	22	23
G F	27	28	29	30
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Please ensure your bins are out kerbside  
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To find out more visit [www.westnorthants.gov.uk/waste](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/waste)



*A frozen pond on the footpath over the fields to Crick"*



## Kilsby Christmas Tree Light Switch-On Event 2025

The Kilsby Christmas Tree light switch-on event on Saturday 6th December 2025 was again a huge success! It was lovely to see so many people attend the event.

The committee would like to begin by thanking the participants of the Christmas Tree Lottery, whose continued support has enabled us to fund the light switch-on event and offer it free of charge. If anyone would like to join the lottery, please email us at [kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com](mailto:kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com).

We would also like to thank everyone who came out in the cold to see Father Christmas, Sofia who helped to switch on the Christmas Tree lights and Kilsby's very own 'The Tunnellers' for providing the live music.

A huge thank you to Dean Meredith for the fantastic 'sleigh'. Thanks also to all those who donated mince pies. Also, a big thank you to Mike Dowson, who helped put the lights on the tree and take them down.

We owe a special note of thanks to Rosemary and Ron Mason for their incredible hospitality and for so generously providing the electricity needed to power the event. Thank you both!

Finally, thank you also to Father Christmas for taking time out to visit Kilsby during such a busy period.

Before the Christmas festivities began, we needed to upgrade the electricity box by the tree to comply with new safety rules. We want to give a special shout-out to Kilsby Parish Council for providing additional funding to make this happen, and a big thank you to Dean Meredith and Kimberley Sitch for generously donating their time and expertise to help with the installation.

We all look forward to seeing everyone again on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2026.

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

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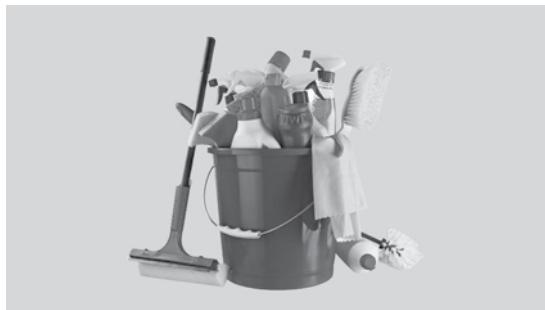
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# Buckby Library & Hub

At the end of 2025, Buckby Library & Hub was presented with a **national award** from the **Community Managed Libraries National Peer Network** for its promotion of health and wellbeing, which has been led by our manager, Sam Holst, and volunteers. We were delighted!



## 2026 is the National Year of Reading

- It's free to join the library. Come along and see what we have – both for you and for your children.
- Join a book club! We have an afternoon and an evening one, both monthly. The afternoon group is seeking new members. Come and find out more.
- And do you know we have an amazing collection of jigsaws? You can join the jigsaw swap scheme or simply buy one for £2.

## Our special events in February and March

**Art exhibitions:** in February, we have a photographic exhibition of wildlife, **Through the Lens**, from **Sue Ebbage**. She says: "I am constantly astounded by the diversity of creatures ... and have travelled extensively to capture as many of the flora and fauna as possible within the UK." Come and see these lovely photographs! And in March, we will be having another photographic exhibition by **Amanda Burditt**. Please see our website for further details.

**Films:** Tuesday 24th February is **Roofman** and Tuesday 31st March is **The Choral**. All films start at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00); refreshments available including ice creams. Tickets are £7.50 from the library or the Peephole in the High Street.

**Ukulele Group evening:** come and listen (and sing along to) our ever popular Long Buckby Ukulele Group which is providing an evening of musical entertainment on March 12th. Free entry. Refreshments available. Starts at 7.30 (doors open at 7.00).

## Friends and Trustees needed

To become a **Friend** of Buckby Library & Hub, please see the information on our website <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/friends/> or pop in to see us.

If you would be interested in becoming a **Trustee**, please get in touch with [sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org) for an initial chat and further information.

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## Daventry Library

### Opening Times



Monday	9am to 6pm
Tuesday	9am to 6pm
Wednesday	9am to 6pm
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Saturday	9am to 5pm
Sunday	Closed

#### Daventry Library

The Abbey Advice and Resource Centre  
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## Rugby Library

### Opening Times



Monday	9am to 5.30pm
Tuesday	10am to 7pm
Wednesday	9am to 5.30pm
Thursday	9am to 5.30pm
Friday	9am to 5.30pm
Saturday	9am to 4pm
Sunday	12 noon to 4pm

#### Rugby Library & Information Centre

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**Kilsby Village Shop**  
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# Kilsby Village Shop

A Community Owned Project

Our new hours are settling down as our customers get used to them. Lots of lovely new customers who weren't able to come before, and existing customers, are enjoying the extra convenience.

We are open until 6:30pm on Monday to Friday.

Our ranges have been updated in response to customer input so we now have more upmarket pizza, extra types of pasta and pasta sauce, Covent Garden soup, Monster drinks and chilled ready meals. We've added to our frozen ranges so we have new burger ranges and Linda McCartney vegetarian meals.

Don't forget we can deliver for free in the village. Pop in or call 07469 255517 to arrange this.

As a village shop we don't just operate as a business. Part of our aim is to be a community hub and also to offer a service for people in the village who may struggle to get out and about. If you're retired why not come in every day for a paper or a few bits; the exercise and the social contact will be good for you!

Remember:

Using your village shop is good for you, the village and the environment!



## Playtime

Kilsby Village Hall  
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## **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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# Get to Know the Villagers

Chileen De Beer

## 1. How long have you lived in the village and why did you move here?

We have lived in the village for just under three years, although it feels much longer. We originally planned to move to Rugby to be closer to amenities, but we couldn't find a suitable house just after Covid. Then an unexpected opportunity came up when a house in Kilsby became available and that's how we found ourselves becoming part of the village.

## 2. What do you like about the village?

The friendly and easy-going community. People are welcoming, but there is also a sense that everyone minds their own business, it is a really nice balance. Oh and, of course, the Lychee Martinis at The George!

## 3. What do you/did you do for a living or what would you like to do if not currently working?

My husband and I work in the plastics injection moulding sector, primarily serving the automotive, medical and composite industries. I mainly run the office and take care of all the behind-the-scenes work - the boring but very important stuff!

## 4. What aspects of village life do you like getting involved in?

Gardening! Even though I can barely tell a petunia from a pansy, I joined the Kilsby Garden Association. It turns out that you learn a whole lot more than just gardening when you join a village club! I would love to get involved in more, but time has no mercy.

## 5 What would you like to change about Kilsby?

If I had superpowers and could change anything, I would add more activities for teenagers, for example, a skate park and a mountain bike trail around the village. The latter is something I'd be especially excited about, as I used to love mountain biking back in South Africa.

## Please Get in Touch

As a new year starts, we're always looking at ways to improve the Kronickle and add a wider variety of articles for villagers to enjoy. So if you have any ideas of what you would find useful, or you would like to read about please let us know.

Additionally, if you would be interested in writing a regular article or a one off piece for a village group that isn't represented yet, or on a topic close to your heart please get in touch.

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## Kilsby Church 100 Club

### Congratulations to all our winners.

There are still a few numbers left at just £5 per month to support the furnishings of our lovely church, St Faiths, Kilsby and the chance of winning 1 of 5 cash prizes every month.

For further information please contact me

Andrea Brown | 07861295358

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Our next draw will be at the **Village Coffee morning**

Thursday, 5th February, 10-12 in the Kilsby Room.  
Kilsby Village Hall

**Everyone is Welcome.**

### December Winners

- 1st: Fiona Gibbs 55 - £40
- 2nd: W Clarke 61 - £30
- 3rd: D Hoskin 49 - £20
- 4th: B Mieth 85 - £20
- 5th: Helen Cheney 53 - £10

### January 26 Winners

- 1st: T Cashmore 99 - £40
- 2nd: Ann Lewis 1 - £30
- 3rd: Liz Rockford 98- £20
- 4th: D Longmore 66 - £20
- 5th: Mike Savage 34 - £10

**The deadline for the next issue is: Friday 13th March 2026**

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