



Welcome to the April-May edition of the Kilsby Kronickle!

Grab your Easter Eggs and settle in for all the latest updates from the village.

As Spring kicks in there are plenty of things to do in and around Kilsby. If you want to make the most of your garden you can join Kilsby Garden and Produce Association, or come along to the composting workshop at the village hall or sign up for Open Gardens.

If the arts is more your thing, Kilsby Players are putting on a production of The Vicar of Dibley in October and there is plenty to get involved in from acting to set design.

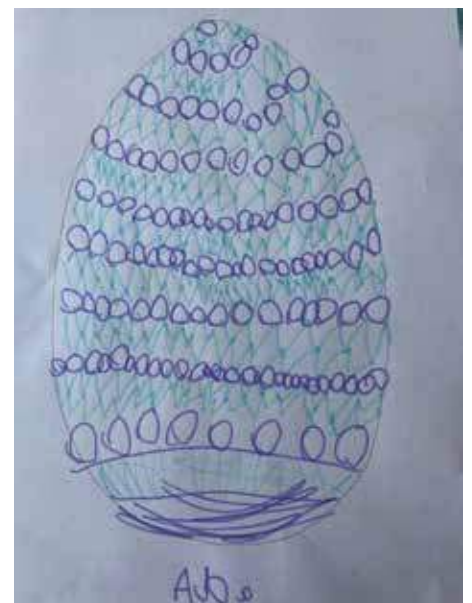
We would also love to showcase

your artwork on the front cover of the Kronickle! So please send in any original drawings, paintings or photos on the theme of 'Summer' for the June-July edition - no age restrictions so anyone can join in!

We've had a bit of a shake up in this edition with some new contributions from Woodbridge Hedgehog Rescue based in Kilsby, a short story, a delve into the Kronickle archives and a new feature of Day Trips from Kilsby so we can share ideas of places to visit up to an hour away from the village - please send in your recommendations of places to go!

This is your newsletter so please send in any articles you would like to share with the community.

Happy Easter from the Kilsby Kronickle Editorial Team!



Thank you to Ada for sending in this lovely Easter Egg drawing.

What's On in Kilsby

April 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 Coffee Morning (Kilsby room)	3 Good Friday Walk of Witness	4	5 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
6 Easter Monday	7	8	9 WI Meeting	10 Youth Club	11 Compost Workshop	12 St Faith's service
13	14 Back to school	15	16	17	18	19 St Faith's service
20 Kilsby Playtime	21	22	23	24 Youth Club	25	26 St Faith's service
27 Kilsby Playtime	28	29	30			

May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Oil Order Point	2	3 St Faith's service
4 Early May Bank Holiday	5	6	7 Coffee Morning (Kilsby Room)	8 Youth Club	9	10 St Faith's service
11 Kilsby Playtime	12	13	14 WI Meeting	15 Deadline for Kilsby Kronickle	16	17 St Faith's service
18 Kilsby Playtime	19	20	21 Kilsby History Society	22 Youth Club School breaks up	23	24 St Faith's service
25 Spring Bank Holiday	26	27	28	29	30	31 St Faith's service

Want to include your event or club? Please email details to kilsbykronickle@outlook.com

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ANNA PIKE

2nd May – 4th May 2026

10am – 4pm

Artist's talks 11am & 2pm Refreshments & Participation

St.Peter's Church, Wolfhampcote, Warwickshire
CV23 8AR

Kilsby Village Hall

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10am-12

2nd April
7th May
4th June



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Kilsby Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report

Howard Gibbs - Chairman, hgibbs@kilsby-pc.gov.uk

Well, the days are getting longer, the flowers are starting to appear and Spring is here and the good news is Summer will be here soon as well.

The Parish Council continues to work on a range of issues affecting our village and I would like to update residents on some of our current activities.

West Northamptonshire Local Plan

Firstly, the Parish Council is preparing to submit comments on the West Northamptonshire Council Local Plan. This document will shape development and planning policy in our area for many years to come. Residents are strongly encouraged to review the plan and submit their own comments so that the views of our community are fully represented. Details can be found on West Northants website.

Police Matters and Highways

At the end of January, the village was visited by the Police Beat Bus, providing a useful opportunity for residents to speak directly with officers about local concerns. Cllr Jenna Palmer continues to work closely with our local PCSO to address issues within the village. Speeding and parking remain key priorities and the Parish Council is committed to working with the police and highways authorities to improve safety.

The Council continues to meet with West Northamptonshire Highways to address ongoing concerns about potholes, speeding and the potential impact that future development in surrounding areas may have on the village. If you spot any potholes when out please do report them to WNC via their web page.

Cllr Tony Kerr has been hard at work repairing the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Main Road and updating the village welcome pack for new residents. The Parish Council would like to thank him for the time and effort he has put into these projects. If you know of any new residents in the village, please do contact Tony or new residents may be able to collect one from our village shop.

Neighbourhood Watch

Jenna is also hoping to revive the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Kilsby. This initiative can play an important role in strengthening community safety and awareness. If you would be interested in becoming involved, please do get in touch with the Parish Council.

Climate Action Group

Cllr Cheryl Sibley is working with the Kilsby Climate Action Group and local partners on a range of climate-related initiatives, helping the village explore ways to respond to environmental challenges and promote sustainability.

Village Book Swap

Finally, the Parish Council is continuing to consider alternative locations for the village book swap. The current location in the phone box is no longer considered appropriate as it can restrict access to the defibrillator. In the meantime, residents are kindly reminded to ensure that the defibrillator remains fully accessible when using the book swap.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and engage with the work of the Parish Council it is very much appreciated.

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

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1. Council News

a.) WNC Budget & Council Tax for 2026

WNC has set its budget and agreed on a council tax increase of 4.95% for the year. Although elected in May last year this is the first budget from the new Reform UK administration. Despite election promises to the contrary the budget looked very similar to what we have seen from the previous Conservative run council. Plans to introduce parking charges in Daventry had been dropped by the time of the budget meeting but we were dismayed to see the administration vote to increase councillor allowances whilst at the same time agreeing to charge blue badge holders for using WNC car parks. All three opposition groups put forward alternative proposals that were voted down.

Parish Council's also set their own 'precept' which results in an additional council tax charge for parished areas. The Braunston & Crick ward we represent includes 13 parishes and it has been interesting to see very different approaches. Kilsby PC kept it's precept the same as last year but we saw others increase theirs and in one case this increased the amount by over 15% for a band D property.

b.) Devolution for West Northamptonshire?

In February the Government wrote to council leaders and Chief Executives asking for 'Expressions of Interest' for the creation of Foundation Strategic Authorities. This would basically be about creating a group of local authority areas that would be given more powers by the Government over such things as local transport and energy supply plans. The idea is that this would be the first step toward then becoming a 'Mayoral Strategic Authority' which would give similar powers to Mayoral Authorities seen in London and Manchester.

West Northants Council has been working in partnership with North Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes and it was thought this could make a 'South Midlands Strategic Authority'. However not all six authorities agreed, and West and North Northamptonshire have been left isolated whilst the others have pressed on with a different set up.

WNC has now agreed to express an interest in pursuing the idea of a South Midlands Strategic Authority, but this will need agreement from the other authorities which might happen if political control changes in the

May elections. Otherwise WNC will look to work with North Northants Council to put forward a joint proposal establishing a Northamptonshire Foundation Strategic Authority. That would look a bit like 'going back to the future' of Northamptonshire County Council. Lib Dem councillors described this as being the 'very, very last resort'.

c.) Highways Matters – Potholes

Clearly this is one of the biggest issues affecting residents as the number of potholes has increased dramatically over the last few months with some causing damage to vehicles and questions being raised over the standard of repairs.

As your local councillors we get urged to ask residents to report all potholes through Fix My Street at www.westnorthants.gov.uk where they can be logged, assessed and tracked. We have raised urgent repairs directly with Highways Officers and the contractor Kier and when necessary, we also meet with them on location to try and get action over particularly poor stretches of road (such as Barby Lane). However, other than that we have limited power to get individual potholes repaired.

Complaints can be escalated directly to the Councillor (Cabinet Member) responsible for Highways who is Cllr Richard Butler e-mail: richard.butler@westnorthants.gov.uk

d.) Changes to Party Allegiances

Two Reform UK WNC councillors have resigned from the party and are now sitting as Independents. This leaves the administration with a majority of 2.

2.) Local News

a) Protection for the Rainsbrook Valley

As we reported last time, we are pleased to see that Rugby Borough Council have included within their new local plan an additional policy (EN3) that protects the Rainsbrook Valley as a sensitive landscape and green buffer. However, most of the area defined as the Rainsbrook Valley sits within the West Northants Council area so Andrew & Rosie have been pressing WNC Planning Officers to include corresponding protection within the draft West Northants Local Plan. We are waiting to see the outcome of this.

We would like to thank local Parish Council's, KAG and Kilsby residents who have responded to the consultations on both Rugby Local Plan and West Northants Local Plan to support this.

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

There has been a huge response to this planning application and both Andrew & Rosie have also submitted objections. This will go to a future meeting of the Planning Committee for a decision, and we will keep you informed of this.

c) Cadman Sporting/Barby Gun Club

The planning application for this dates back to 2023 and we have raised this with the WNC Director responsible for Planning to get it resolved. He acknowledged that the council has some work to do in resolving particular historic applications and agreed to chase it up.

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Kilsby Players

Save the date!

Our next performances will be on **9th and 10th October** where we will be performing a few episodes from the **Vicar of Dibley**.

We held auditions on 23rd March, but we may well still have parts available so please do get in touch if you would like to get involved. There are a few smaller parts so if you would like to dip your toes into the world of performing arts this is the perfect opportunity!

There is also plenty to do behind the scenes with set design, props, costumes and sound & lighting as well as help with ticket sales and front of house on the night. Any help is greatly appreciated and it's a really fun way to meet other villagers and have some laughs!

Please contact Polly on 07780601052 if you are interested in joining in.

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:

1st May 2026 & 3rd July 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:
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Kilsby Garden and Produce Association

Charles Smedley

Have you ever considered joining the Kilsby Garden and Produce Association (KGPA)?

Over 100 families in Kilsby have already joined the KGPA and have reaped the benefits.

Membership starts from April 1st 2026 and runs for 12 months, so now would be an ideal time to join to get the maximum benefit.

So what are the benefits you might reasonably ask?

We organise a number of benefits for our members and these include 50% discount on seeds ordered from Dobies Seeds (part of the Sutton Seeds Group) plus 15% discount on all other items in their catalogue.

We have, for a number of years, ordered bags of compost from a wholesale distributor of multipurpose composts and feeds. These are then delivered direct to the village.

We are talking of over 350 x 50lt bags of garden compost and liquid fertiliser delivered to Kilsby annually at reduced retail prices.



There is a Gardener's Party with quiz, food and drink, and an annual Strawberry and Wine garden party. We also coordinate a trip to a reasonably local garden and some with an interesting property to explore.



At the Annual General meeting we also organise a visiting speaker.

We have arranged for 20 planters to be installed in Kilsby, which various organisations and individuals maintain with colourful plants and flowers for the benefit of everyone.

Our biggest event of the year is the Kilsby Produce Show which has been going for over 150 years and everyone in the village can enter. The vegetables, fruit, flowers, handicrafts, photos, pictures and cookery are all judged



by independent judges from the Leicestershire Guild of Judges. These judges also judge our 20 planters, and various gardens on the Saturday before the gardens are open to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme in June with teas and cakes in the Village Hall.



We have associate membership of the RHS which also gives financial savings for visiting their gardens and properties.

The other major savings that members of the KGPA benefit from is direct financial savings. By presenting your membership card at Barby Nurseries you will receive a 10% discount on plants. At Whilton Locks Garden Centre there is also a 10% discount on plants, gifts and sundries (before the till on Monday to Friday)

All this for the Annual cost of just £5 per household for your family membership to the KGPA. If you would like to join the KGPA please contact the Treasurer Carol Chamberlain direct.

Email: carolc1000@icloud.com. Tel 07941 686066

News from Kilsby CE Primary School



Kilsby School has been buzzing with activity over the past few weeks, with a wonderful mix of events that have brought together fun, learning and a strong sense of community.

Kicking things off was the much-anticipated Valentine's Disco, organised by the Kilsby School Association (KSA). The event was a fantastic success, with the hall filled with music, laughter and excited children enjoying time with their friends. It was a lovely way to celebrate together and as always, the KSA did a brilliant job in creating such a memorable evening.



World Book Day followed and what a colourful celebration it was! Children and staff came dressed as characters from their favourite books, transforming the school into a vibrant world of stories. From classic tales to modern favourites, the effort and creativity on display were fantastic. The day encouraged a real love of reading and gave everyone the chance to

share and celebrate their favourite books.

Year 6 have also had a particularly exciting time, including their immersive Titanic Day. Pupils spent the day learning all about the famous ship, exploring its history, passengers and the events of its ill-fated voyage. The experience brought history to life in an engaging and meaningful way, sparking curiosity and thoughtful discussion throughout the day.



The school also came together to support Comic Relief for Red Nose Day. Children dressed in red and/or something funny, filling the school with colour and laughter while raising money for a very worthwhile cause. It was heartwarming to see such enthusiasm and generosity from everyone involved.

Year 5 then took part in their Bikeability training, heading out into the village to develop their cycling skills and learn essential road safety. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they practised real-life scenarios and all pupils were delighted to receive their badges and certificates in recognition of their achievement.

Meanwhile, Year 6 have also been learning to play brass instruments, working hard over recent weeks to develop their musical skills. Their efforts culminated in a special performance for parents, which was truly impressive. The confidence, teamwork and talent on display made it a proud moment for both pupils and staff alike.

Recently, the KSA held their ever-popular Easter Bingo on Wednesday 26th March, which was a fantastic success and a real highlight in the school calendar. That same weekend, on Sunday 29th March, the KSA also



ran their Easter Trail around the village—another much-loved event that families thoroughly enjoyed.

There is plenty to be excited about after the Easter break too, with a number of school trips planned across different year groups. Year 5 will also be starting their swimming lessons, providing another valuable opportunity to build confidence and learn important life skills.

With so much happening, it's clear that Kilsby School continues to be a vibrant and nurturing place, full of opportunities for pupils to learn, grow and create lasting memories.

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.



Your waste and recycling 2026 collection calendar

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Collection day for Kilsby is Wednesday.



Recycling

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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.

April 2026

M T W T F

W	G	F	30	31	1	2	3
	R	F	6	7	8	9	10
	G	F	13	14	15	16	17
W	R	F	20	21	22	23	24
	G	F	27	28	29	30	1

May 2026

M T W T F

	G	F	27	28	29	30	1
	R	F	4	5	6	7	8
W	G	F	11	12	13	14	15
	R	F	18	19	20	21	22
	G	F	25	26	27	28	29

June 2026

M T W T F

W	R	F	1	2	3	4	5
	G	F	8	9	10	11	12
	R	F	15	16	17	18	19
W	G	F	22	23	24	25	26
	R	F	29	30	1	2	3



Please ensure your bins are out kerbside
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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.

News from St Faith's

Alastair Wood, Rector of Barby and Kilsby

As Spring is upon us we continue the Easter journey with special services at St Faith's and at St Mary's Barby. You are most welcome to join us or just find that safe quiet place in our buildings as they are open during the day.

Whilst the world around us appears to be in much conflict, my invitation to you is to share your concerns, that you might be held in prayer. I am happy to receive an email or leave a message on my phone and you will be prayed for. You are also most welcome to meet over Coffee. Extending the theme do consider sharing your celebrations too, we are here to help you realise your dream wedding day, or celebrate your children through Christening or blessing. At hard times too we can provide a special tribute for your loved ones who have died, from a full funeral to providing the space needed to come to terms with having no time for reflection following a direct cremation.

Do feel free to contact me on revapwood@btinternet.com or 01788 726306

May you experience the blessing that Easter brings.

Revd Alastair Wood



Dear All

Below is the list of services at both our churches as now corrected with your suggestions implemented.

Palm Sunday 29th March: JOINT SERVICE at Kilsby 10:30am

Maundy Thursday 2nd April: Last Supper and Vigil at Barby 8pm

Good Friday 6th April: Kilsby 10am Walk of witness: Barby 14:30 Devotional service

Easter Sunday 10th April: Kilsby Sunrise service at 6:30am: Easter Service Barby 10:30am

June Clapp

June Clapp, wife of Alan and mother of Belinda, passed away in the early hours of March 7th aged 88. June and Alan have lived in Kilsby since 1971. She will be sadly missed. Private Cremation.

MORE GARDENS NEEDED!

Janette Weekes.

We all hope that we or our loved ones will never need help and support from MacMillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Parkinson's UK, or seek relief from one of the Maggie's Centres or spend last days with a sick relative in a Horatio's Garden. But sadly, many do, and some of us may need that help in the future.

These wonderful charities need funding and when we allow people in to our gardens for just one afternoon a year under the National Open Garden Scheme, the gardeners of Kilsby have a vital part to play in ensuring that these charities are available to those who need support at a desperate time in their lives. In 2025, Kilsby, Flore and thousands of other villages, suburbs, towns and individual homes enabled the NGS to support all these essential nursing, health and community causes across the UK. As a result, £3.8 million was given to these charities in 2025.

A few days weeding, trimming and mowing (and maybe even some watering) to get our gardens ready for people to see, will guarantee end of life care for someone. If you are not sure about your garden "being good enough", give me a call or send me a text message and I will pop round and see you.

Kilsby opens its garden gates for the afternoon of **Sunday 21st June** this year. It is Father's Day so let's have plenty of gardens (front or back) open to inspire those fathers who have just moved into new homes in Houlton, Daventry or Long Buckby.

Janette Weekes. 07815565034

2026 Memberships

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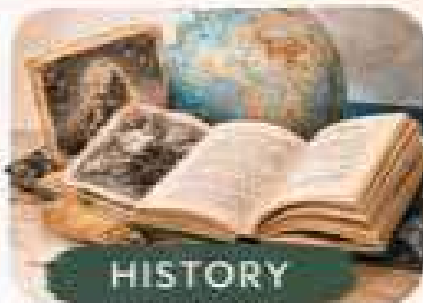
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Kilsby Women's Institute

Jan Bowden

Kilsby WI was delighted to hold its 110th Annual General Meeting on Thursday 12th March. As we celebrated, sharing a cheese and wine buffet, there was such a sense of pride and good humour amongst all the members present, in knowing that we have continued and flourished for well over a century. Our President, Julia Cartright, Secretary, Rachel McIntyre, and the club's Committee, were all voted in for another year of office and look forward to a great year ahead.

On Saturday 14th March members gathered for our annual plants and flowers' stall which offered a range of presents for children and their families to buy for Mothers' day, all at affordable prices. This year, following a very enjoyable craft evening in February, we branched out and produced home-made gifts which included decorated candles, messages in bottles and bird feeders created from the imaginative up-cycling of old cups and saucers. Thank you to all the villagers who came along to support us, to the Red Lion pub for use of the car park and Sarah in the village shop, who made coffee to keep us warm.

Our programme is now available for next year. It starts on Thursday 9th April with a visit from Stoneyfield Vinyard

which produces English Sparkling Wine. As well as a talk about production, with samples to taste, you will be able to purchase bottles on the night. If you are thinking about joining our WI, this will be an enjoyable introduction and an opportunity to meet members. Just turn up for a 7.30pm start; we only charge non- members £5 which includes refreshments at the end of the evening. Look for our poster in the Kronicle which gives you a fuller picture of the year's events and activities.

Why not give us a go? We look forward to meeting you.





KILSBY JAZZ DATE FOR DIARY



Richard Exall's Shooting Stars

Friday 5th June – 8.00 pm to approx.10.30 pm

Richard has worked with most of the established big bands , such as Glenn Miller Orchestra(UK) , The Memphis Belle Orchestra and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra (UK).

Richard has performed at Kilsby Jazz Club previously with other bands and now he brings us his own six piece jazz band, 'Shooting Stars ' .

Keep a look out for this years acts on: www.kilsbyjazz.co.uk

2026 Diary dates

5th June	Richard Exall Shooting Stars
11th Sept	Elaine Riches Cool Jazz Collective
4th Dec	Alligator Gumbo band.

Want details on future events and ticket sales ?
Checkout www.ticket-source.com/kilsby-jazz-club

Gardeners' Corner

Ron Kickle

The early bird catches the worm

The snowdrops have just finished as I write this and the daffodils are well out. By the end of April there will green trees everywhere... So, now the soil is finally drying out, get moving on those jobs before it's too late!

"Tray-bake" hardy annuals

Hardy annual seed packets always say to sow directly in the soil. The result is always more weed seedlings than plants and you can't tell which is which. A good way to avoid this is to sow in seed trays. A packet of mixed hardy annual seeds will spread over two trays. Sprinkle the seeds evenly over the trays. You can germinate them in the house in poly bags to speed things up too.

Once the seedlings have a couple of proper leaves then slice the whole tray into squares like tray-bakes and plant the squares in your prepared bed. Job done – no weed problem. We did this with a packet of "butterfly annuals" last year and it gave a great display right through to October.

Get the kids gardening

The "tray bake annuals" are a great way to get the kids involved. It is a pretty foolproof way of getting a great result and they will love peeking in the bags every day to see if things have germinated yet.

Jobs to do in April

Weed and mow.

Sow all those hardy annuals.

Jobs to do in May

Weed and mow again!

Sow French beans in the last week in May...

..and then get those summer pots out too.

Now sit in the garden and enjoy it – at last.

Times past...

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

"Weeder: Note that whilst the Gardiner rolls or Mowes, the Weder is to sweepe & clense in the same method, and never to be taken from that work 'til she have finished: first the gravell walkes & flower-bordures; then the Kitchen-Gardens; to go over all this she is allowed One moneth every three-moneths, with the Gardiners assistance of the haw, & rough digging; where curious hand-weeding is lesse necessary."

Who is the "Gardiner" and who the "Weder" in your garden?

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle



Kilsby History Society

Diana Smith - Secretary of the Kilsby History Society

Last year some members of Kilsby History Society had a fascinating visit to the Museum of Country Bygones in Marton, Warwickshire. The museum is a really special survival, a collection amassed by one man, George Tims, over many years and contains thousands of artefacts to do with rural life in the past. As a result we have invited David Fry from the museum to come and give us a talk on the history of the collection.

You are welcome to bring along one or two items to the meeting to add to the discussion.

The talk is on Thursday 21st May at 7.30p.m. in the Kilsby Room. Tea or coffee plus biscuits are provided.

Members £3, visitors £5. **Everyone is welcome.**





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Kilsby Action Group

Rob Chamberlain, on behalf of the Kilsby Action Group.

KAG have coordinated a very substantial objection to the inappropriate application to build 62 homes behind Rugby Rd. Our Parish Council and Ward Councillors along with our MP have all supported the case to prevent building in this green space on Kilsby's border. We have also seen nearly 200 objections from Kilsby residents who are clear that protection of green space in and around our community is crucial to preserving our identity as a village. KAG, using funds provided by residents and our own fund raising, appointed a planning consultant who prepared an excellent objection on your behalf. At the time of writing, we are awaiting the assessment by the planning officer of the application and the objections raised against the case and his recommendation. There will then be a planning committee meeting to consider the case at which we will be represented by our planning consultant. Once the date is known we urge you to attend the committee meeting and make it abundantly clear to them that Kilsby residents don't want this speculative type of development to ruin our rural setting.

You will have seen details of the consultation that is ongoing at West Northants Council to develop a new Local Plan – this is crucial to us as it will determine building protocols and regulations until 2043. KAG attended the seminar and have provided consultation to WNC about the type and number of houses that should be built during the plan period, and we have consulted with Kilsby Parish Council, who have been very supportive, and a query has

been raised about our status in the settlement hierarchy. If it were successfully reviewed that change in the village's position on the hierarchy would make a big difference to the impact on Kilsby of the "Rural Contribution" which has been set at over 3000 houses and our share is 62. We will keep you updated on the progress.

KAG members have been in discussion with other villages and Hillmorton (Hosted by our Ward Councillors Andrew and Rosie) to band together to seek special status in the respective plans of Rugby Borough Council and West Northants Council for the Rainsbrook Valley. There has been a united effort to make the case on both sides of the border that this area should be set aside, and speculative building should not be allowed. We will keep you updated on progress of this project. We are also in conversation with other villages who also face the threat of building in green space and are exploring ideas and sharing best practice to improve our capability of carrying the fight to the developers. The threat of Central Government overriding local objection remains and they are bringing forward a new National Planning Policy Framework early next year so learning from other communities is very important.

We are planning our next fundraising evening in Early July and if you are interested in coming along and having a good night out and helping us pay for professional advice please register your interest by emailing kilsbyaction@gmail.com or message 07952 404305.

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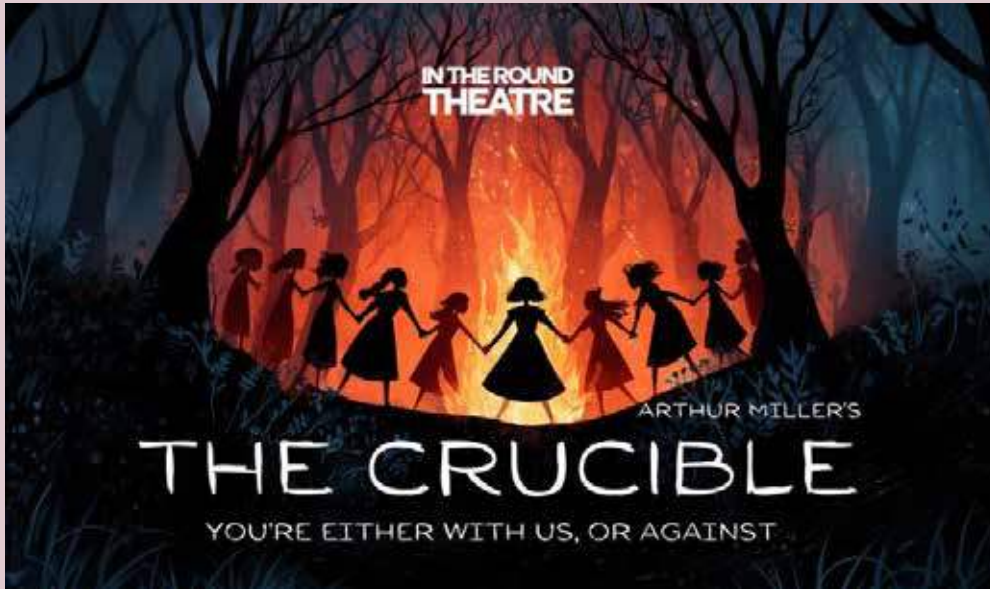
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PONTYPOOL By Tony Burgess

Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th April

Climate & Nature Matters



Cheryl Sibley & Ian Massey on behalf of the Kilsby Residents Climate and Nature Action Group.

Our name of our group now reflects the way that Climate and Nature items are dealt with by the Northants County Association of Local Councils. The main topic for this edition's column is trees, and starts with a nature item contributed by Parish Councillor Cheryl Sibley.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I moved to the village in August 2024 and was co-opted onto the Parish Council last September. I have a background in horticulture and having run my own business from 2005 until moving to Kilsby, it seemed appropriate for me to become the Parish Council Climate and Nature representative when the role of CAN Champion was created.

First of all I want to share some of the ways that nature can help to overcome the effects of climate change and some of the ways we have inadvertently caused issues by decisions made, often with the best of intentions.



Trees have been used by man for thousands of years to act as a shelter belt around our settlements. In a particularly exposed location, planting a shelter belt of large trees, together with smaller trees and then shrubs can effectively filter the wind and create a micro climate. They also provide a rich and diverse habitat in which wildlife can thrive. For example a mature oak tree supports over 2300 different species of wildlife including insects, birds, mammals, fungi and lichen, and is considered a keystone

species that supports more biodiversity than any other native tree in the UK.

Trees also take up water and so can help lessen the long term impact of flooding. One of the ways we have inadvertently caused issues around the impacts of climate change is in the way we have treated our watercourses. Many rivers, streams and even ditches have had their bends and meanders straightened to make way for new housing, roads and other infrastructure. These new water courses often have steep concrete sides and solid banks, which, when we have heavy rainfall act as a conduit, funnelling all the water at a fast pace, causing it to rise rapidly and flood where it is able to break the banks. Naturally the bends and meanders would have slowed the pace of the water and flooded across the loops and onto flood plains. The trees, shrubs and other planting would have trapped debris and further slowed the pace.

I am pleased to say that in many flood prone areas these natural features are being reintroduced as part of a pilot scheme and show promising results.

On another note, University of Birmingham researchers are conducting a major, long term experiment called BIFoR-FACE (Birmingham Institute of Forest Research Free-Air Carbon Dioxide Enrichment) in Staffordshire. The study began in 2017 and is planned to run until at least 2026. It aims to understand how 180 year old English oak trees react to elevated CO2 levels predicted for the 2050's. The experiment uses six 30 metre diameter rings. Three rings are treated with elevated CO2 and three act as controls. After 7 years the following was observed: increased woody biomass- the trees increased their production of wood by approx. 10%, effectively locking in more carbon. The trees consistently showed an increased rate of photosynthesis in response to elevated CO2. Enhanced root growth - fine root branching system increased by 73% allowing the trees to acquire the nutrients needed to support this increased growth. The extra carbon captured is being converted into long lasting woody biomass, indicating a sustainable, long term carbon sink. The trees made more efficient use of water potentially leading to increased drought resilience.

In our own gardens we can feel the effects of trees. They keep us cooler in the summer, they filter the wind, their leaves can be left in situ in a wild area or composted to produce a humus rich mulch. This mulch when spread thickly on our borders not only feeds the soil and suppresses weed germination, but also locks in moisture helping to combat the effects of drought.

So what has been happening climate wise. Official statistics for January have recently been released by the Met Office and confirm what many will already suspect - it has been very wet for many areas. Northern Ireland, south-west and southern England, and the east of Scotland all had

one of their wettest Januarys on record. On mainland Europe, many thousands of people have been evacuated in Spain, Portugal and Morocco after Storm Leonardo caused widespread flooding. The Met Office estimates that at current levels of global warming, wet winters such as these have gone from being a once in 80-year event to one in 20 - and with further warming this could become even more frequent. This could have significant impacts for housing, transport and food supply. In particular it is being blamed for the outbreak of dangerous potholes we have experienced recently, with the road between Kilsby and Hillmorton achieving notoriety in news on the BBC website.



A UK Intelligence Committee report has recently stated that the decline in the health of nature around the world poses a threat to the UK's security and prosperity. It warns of "cascading risks" from the degradation of some of the planet's most important ecosystems. These include conflict, migration and increased competition for resources. Officially published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). It points to the UK's reliance on ecosystems that are "on a pathway to collapse" and warns of rising food prices. Further, UK food security could be at risk if current rates of nature loss continue. Exactly when this would happen – and how long it would take – is uncertain.

This all links to so-called tipping points in climate science. These signify changes in the environment beyond which permanent change is irreversible. It has always been assumed that these tipping points would be approached slowly and their effects only felt slowly. However, a recent study has shown this is not necessarily the case. Scientists have discovered that an annual event when Emperor penguins completely shed and regrow their feathers is putting the birds in peril as Antarctica is transformed by a warming world. Each year the birds must stay

on platforms of floating ice for long enough to replace weather-beaten feathers with new, waterproof coats. But in 2022-24 Antarctic sea ice shrank significantly, largely down to climate change, depriving the birds of safe places to moult. Now scientists who track the animals using satellite pictures can no longer find most of the birds. They fear that thousands of penguins may have frozen in Antarctica's icy waters. If this is proven, it will indicate that these creatures will face extinction a few short years after the warming event took place. A tipping point?

As for trees, It is estimated that they absorb around 21 to 25kg of CO₂ a year. With each person in the UK being responsible for emitting around 10 tonnes CO₂/year and around 3 to 3.5 billion trees in the UK, the CO₂ absorption by trees accounts for somewhere between 4 and 10% of the country's annual emissions. Unfortunately many trees are felled to provide land for construction; this usually involves the use of concrete and globally, concrete production accounts for some 8% of all CO₂ emissions. So not a good idea to indiscriminately fell them.

Locally, we have a date for your diary. Ian Weston from our group will be hosting a workshop on home composting in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th April at 10.30. All welcome.

If you would like to join our group and help move the Climate & Nature agenda forward at the local level, or have any comments to make, please drop us an email at krcag@btinternet.com.





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Days Out from Kilsby - Windmill Farm Park

Polly Redhead

On a surprisingly sunny Sunday in February we had a day trip to Windmill Farm Park near Kibworth Harcourt in Leicestershire. It's about a 40 minute drive from Kilsby across the Leicestershire countryside. We've been to Mini Meadows and West Lodge Farm Park so thought we'd try a new farm experience with the children.



Windmill Farm Park has a range of farm animals, in the barn there were plenty of different breeds of sheep and some new lambs, some piglets, calves and chicks. The highlight for the children was guinea pig fishing (yes, you read that right!) and bottle feeding the calves.

There was also lots of different chickens and fowl and out in the paddocks there were goats, alpaca, reindeer and donkeys.



A wood area contained some enormous pigs as well as a den and some musical instruments to play.

My 5 year old daughter's favourite bit was the water play area where water can be run down tracks and blocked with various locks and plugs and transported by buckets, the 2 big bouncy pillows and the tractor go cart track.

Inside next to the cafe there was a good 'hard play' area and a softer play area for the little ones.

The cafe had maybe limited options but the food was all good. They are in the process of building a bigger cafe so there may be more choice once that's open.



It was £51 for a family of 4, but we spent the whole day there and the children were thoroughly entertained. Also note there was no gift shop....which was one less thing to navigate with eager children!



Would definitely recommend for a family day out!



Send in your day trip ideas!

Have you been out for a day trip from Kilsby that you'd like to share with other villagers for inspiration of where to go? Then please send us a write up and photos if you have them and we can share in the next edition.



Introducing Woodbridge Hedgehog Rescue

Woodbridge Hedgehog Rescue is a newly registered local charity, formerly known as the Kilsby Hedgehog First Response Unit.

After 14 years working in behavioural science, I turned my focus to animal behaviour and the rehabilitation and release of wild animals. Following training with The Vale Wildlife Hospital and establishing a working relationship with a veterinary practice experienced in treating wild hedgehogs, we converted an annex of our home into a small, self-contained hedgehog hospital right here in the heart of Kilsby.

Our facility includes a warm room kept at 18–20°C for sick and injured hedgehogs, a treatment room, and a small laboratory where we can examine parasite and faecal samples on site. We also have a pre-release ward where hedgehogs can gradually acclimatise to outdoor conditions before being released back into the wild.

As a charity, we rely entirely on donations and the support of the local community. We accept referrals from members of the public who may be concerned about a hedgehog – for example if one is seen out during the daytime – as well as from veterinary professionals who need support with rehabilitation and release.

There are many simple ways the Kilsby community can help. We are always grateful for donations of newspapers, empty cereal boxes (which we use to line the base of shelters during care), and unopened meaty pet food.

We will also be organising a number of fundraising events throughout the year, including a local craft fair in April, so please keep an eye out for details and come along to support us.

Hedgehog numbers in the UK have declined dramatically in recent years, but with community support we hope to play a small part in helping protect and support our local hedgehog population.



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OPENING OF KILSBY COMMUNITY SHOP

(From the Editors)

Kilsby's Community Shop, in the car park of the Red Lion was opened for business on Saturday 24th March during an event which also included face painting, a bouncy castle, a dance performance by children from Kilsby School, a barbeque and supplier stalls.

Despite gloomy weather which turned wet later in the afternoon, a very large number of adults and children came along and spirits were high.

Dr, Nigel Gostick, who is Chairman of the Kilsby Village Shop Committee, made a speech, as did Andrea Brown, the new shop's manager. Then a blue ribbon was cut jointly by Mrs Frances Conopo, the person who has lived in Kilsby longer than anyone else (93 years) and 5 year old Elsbeth Carpenter who was the winner of the children's fancy dress competition with her costume of The Hungry Caterpillar. A photograph of Elsbeth and Mrs Conopo is on the front cover and other photographs taken at the event are below.



After the formal opening many residents took the opportunity to visit the new shop, which did roaring business, with a long queue to get in. We are delighted that the village now has a shop again and wish it every success. Thanks are due to all those who have worked so hard to make this dream a reality, and all those who will be giving their time voluntarily to work in it.



Andrea Brown speaking before the opening.



Entrants in the Fancy Dress Competition get prizes of chocolate eggs.



Elsbeth makes the first purchase in the shop.





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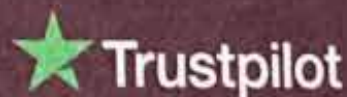
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Special events in April and May

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Our art exhibitions: in April there will be an exhibition of works by **James (Jim) Hollin** – details on our website soon! And in May, local artist **Ian Dexter** has an exhibition

called **'Buckby Scenes & Other Oils'**, including portraits and landscapes. Some will be for sale; commissions available. Come and view the work of local artists and enjoy a cuppa in our refreshment area.

April film night: our April film is on Tuesday 28th and is Hamnet. "After her young son Hamnet dies, Agnes Shakespeare is struck with intense grief. As she mourns with her husband William, the pair struggle to come to terms with the frailty of life and the ruthlessness of the plague. Set in 16th-century England, Agnes, a healer by trade, must find a way to move on with her life and provide for her other children." Tickets are £7.50 from the library or the Peephole in the High Street. Films start at 7.30; doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available, including ice creams. Do check our website for future films which are always on the last Tuesday of the month: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/film-nights-2/>.

Our May gig! On Wednesday May 13th, the **Long Buckby Community Band** will be providing an evening's musical entertainment in the library. Come along for a relaxed café style evening with this brilliant new band. Refreshments will be available. Free tickets from the library and the Peephole in the High Street. Doors open at 7pm; event starts at 7.30. Donations welcome.

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The Golden Oldies

A Short Story

Written by T. Hutchinson

The 'Golden Oldies' over 60's fitness class, or at least seven of them, were sitting in the café area of the leisure centre waiting for Sharon the class instructor to arrive. They had pushed two, square, pine effect tables together to accommodate them all. The high ceiling and bright lighting made the space very open. Sitting there you could see everyone arrive and push through the turn-style to the pool, the exercise studios or upstairs to where some would say the 'magic happens', the gym.

"But she's always late" Dawn said turning her head so everyone could hear. "What cake?" Diane leaning forward so she could hear, questioned. "Not cake Diane, I said, she's always late, Sharon the instructor, have you got your hearing aid switched on?"

"I'm trying to save the batteries", joked Diane

"Her husbands a high-ranking policeman you know" chipped in Isobel from the next table. At 82 still wearing colour co-ordinated bright yellow and black leggings and baggy blue sweatshirt. "Had to go to The Palace I hear".

"Brian and I went to The Palace last week" Alice said twisting and fidgeting in her chair.

"Not the 'Bengal Palace' said Isobel, 'The Palace', Buckingham Palace".

"Yes, and what a palaver that was", Alice started to explain. "Just sat down and he decides he needs the loo, only managed to get himself locked in there. Even the staff couldn't force the door open. They ended up pushing poppadoms under the door for him while we waited for the fire brigade. Never again I can tell you".

"How was Brian after?" Isobel asked smiling.

"He loved the attention, said it bought a whole new meaning to the phrase 'inconvenience' though he thought they should have given him some mango chutney as a dip" Alice answered, rolling her eyes and tutting.

Rob was sitting directly opposite Alice and burst out laughing. He was the only male in the group that religiously turned up every week, and enjoyed the attention he was given, although some of the stories he heard made him blush. His dark brown oversized top with wording that stated 'Save the Elephants' did little to hide his rather large physique. He would always claim that he got enough exercise by 'jumping to conclusions'. Rob thought this funny, but he was the first to admit his sense of humour could be a little different. He was slumping, sprawled in a chair that was too small for him, and to anyone who could hear he blurted out "I've started a new night class at college".

"Howzat"? exclaimed Jenny sitting next to him, chewing gum, as she always did, for a reason she could never explain.

"Haha, Freddie Flintoff, very funny". Rob hoped that hadn't sounded as sarcastic to others as it had to him. "You know I come to 'Walking Cricket' every Wednesday, it's extremely difficult getting used to not being able to run".

"It can't be that difficult, most of the England Test team seem to be good at it at the moment" she joked, hoping he wouldn't take offence. "So what's the new night class?"

"Plumbing and Electrics Rob" replied keenly, "I can now switch my washing machine on from my bedside lamp".

"Well that's always handy if ever you're bedbound with the flu" Jenny said laughing, she'd always liked Rob and found his knowledge of grouting and pipe lagging enthralling.

Jean, sitting at the other end of the table, was always a bit dreamy and scatter-brained. So much so she once arrived for the class with one trainer on and a slipper on the other foot. She loved this class, mainly for the 60's music that Sharon played for them to move around to. I hope Sharon plays some 'Black Lace' today, I'm just in the mood for some 'Agadoo'. If ever I was asked to be on 'Desert Island Discs' that would be top of my list as well as 'Una Paloma Blanca' "Jenny and Rob looked at each other and raised their eyebrows, neither knowing what to make of that, when suddenly, startling everyone, Jean's phone (which was sitting on the table in front of her) let out a rendition of 'wake me up before you go go'. She picked it up and started to walk around the café area talking into it for what was a very short period. She lowered herself gently back into her chair and put the phone back on the table. "Everything okay?" Jenny asked. "Oh, yes, just the neighbour telling me they'd taken a parcel delivery in for us". "It just looked important with you walking off like that" Jenny said. "No, no problem at all", Jean looked a little bemused. "It's that I've only just started using a mobile phone and I feel the need to be mobile when I'm talking on it, so I walk around. Silly really, just a habit I've got into." Jenny shook her head in bewilderment.

Sarah was without doubt the quietest member of the group and always liked to sit next to Alice if she could. She thought Alice was a little bizarre but always had something funny going on in her life. She'd enjoyed the last twenty minutes or so of some very strange stories and finally plucked up the courage to speak. "At long last the insurance company have paid us out for that old caravan we had stolen" she uttered. "It really was a relic. I wasn't sorry to see it go, every time I put the key in the door my hair stood on end", the others all laughed, "and we also sold that old 'banger' of a car we used to tow it with".

"Talking of 'bangers', anyone fancy a sausage roll before the class starts?" Rob asked excited about the prospect of more food.

"Not for me Rob, I've got this 'Kate Moss' figure to consider" Sarah, now standing, replied with a grin. "So we've now bought a Fiesta instead. I took it out for a spin yesterday to get used to it and someone cut me up, so I gave them a sharp blast on my windscreen wipers." There was a peel of laughter around the table.

Sharon, or 'Shaarron' as she like to be known, she felt this was more befitting the wife of a senior police officer who had been invited to 'The Palace' walked in behind the group from the pool area having just taken the Aqua Aerobics class. "Sorry I'm late" she said loudly as she approached.

"What cake?" queried Diane.

"Oh no, not again" Dawn said, shaking her head in exasperation.

Things to Do

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Kilsby Village Planter No. 17



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Our next draw will be at The Village Coffee Morning

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- 2nd John Donovan - 3 - £30
- 3rd Gill Mason - 25 - £20
- 4th Judy Ayton - 97 - £20
- 5th Andrea Brown - 9 - £10

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