

Kilsby Kronickle

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Welcome to the June-July edition of the Kilsby Kronickle!

What a wonderful Spring we've had – such lovely sunshine (so good we needed to ignore the mutters from the gardeners who had to water!!). And then their pleas were answered. Let's hope it means we're going to have a summer of lovely days and gentle rainfall overnight. Well we can but hope for perfection can't we.

And regardless of the weather, there's some great things lined up: The KGPA Garden Competition, June 20th and Open Gardens with the National Gardens scheme on June 21, (and don't forget those lovely home-made cakes at the village hall); Strawberries

and Wine on June 26th, which is always a lovely social occasion; and Pafest at The Red Lion in aid of Bowel Cancer on August 30th (and good weather for these would be nice bonus). And why not go and enjoy another great social occasion: the race night with fish and chips organised by KAG on July 24th. KAG do an amazing job in keeping our village unspoiled by major housing developments and they need your support. There's coffee mornings for the church, WI meetings, you could try out the Repair Café and save a few pennies, or visit Naseby Battlefield. As always in our wonderful village – so many great things to do.

The Editorial Team would like to add their thanks to Sharon King for her sterling 24 years service on the

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- Do you care about supporting local people and village life?

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Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee. Yet another great village event which is thoroughly enjoyed by adults and children alike.

The Kilsby Kronickle Editorial Team

What's On in Kilsby

June 2026

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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July 2026

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

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Revised May 2026

Kilsby Parish Council Chairman's Report

Rob Chamberlain - rchamberlain@kilsby-pc.gov.uk

I was delighted and honoured to be elected Chair of the Parish Council at the May AGM. I look forward to working with a really engaged group of councillors and an excellent Clerk to serve our village. I must firstly thank Howard Gibbs for his service to the village as Chairman.

The work of the PC is continuous and I thought in my first KK I would comment only on a few issues and ask for your help.

The council has recently received correspondence on the subject of parking inconsiderately in some areas and I would be grateful if you could help us with this issue.

My colleagues have been working hard to maintain and develop the village park, approval has recently been given for another picnic bench to be installed to try to extend the use of the facilities and we hope that it will be used a great deal. Please use the park with respect, take away litter and let us know if there are other things we can think about to improve this brilliant facility.

Highways and Road safety remain a key focus: my colleagues have been involved in repairing VAS signs and potentially moving them; other traffic calming measures are also under active consideration at the moment. I have a meeting with Prologis next month to discuss truck movement through the village.

Can you help us by serving as a Parish Councillor or join the speedwatch group?

If there is something that you think I should be aware of please email me on my parish council address and I will look into it .

I look forward to updating you in the next KK. You can look at our website or Facebook account at any time.

Parish Council Meeting dates:

- Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7pm
- Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7pm
- Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7pm
- No meeting in August
- Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7pm
- Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7pm
- Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7pm
- No meeting in December
- Tuesday 12th January 2027 at 7pm
- Tuesday 9th February 2027 at 7pm
- Tuesday 9th March 2027 at 7pm
- Tuesday 13th April 2027 at 7pm
- Tuesday 11th May 2027 at 7pm

Annual meeting of the village took place on Thursday 28th May 2026.

The Parish Council may need to change these dates from time to time but any changes will be published on the Parish Council website.



News from your West Northants Councillors

An Update from Your West Northants Councillors – Cllr Rosie Humphreys & Cllr Andrew Simpson

1. Council News

a. Parking charges

By law WNC were required to consult residents before changes to parking charges in Northampton, including charging blue badge holders, were implemented following setting the budget for 2026/27 in February. Regrettably this was overlooked and has now been rectified by a Traffic Regulation (Off Street Parking Places) Order. Despite saying no charges would be introduced in fact two car parks in Daventry – Primrose Hill and St John’s Square – will continue to have 3 hours free parking, but thereafter the charge will be £5 per hour (replacing a previous Fixed Penalty Notice for staying beyond 3 hours).

b. Community Gardening Policy

A new community gardening policy will enable residents and community groups to start gardening in suitable owned open spaces owned by WNC. Individuals and voluntary and community groups will be able apply to garden appropriate areas of land, such as sections of parks, other open spaces and highway areas which do not affect general public access. More details to follow.

c. By-election - Hackleton and Roade Ward

The result of a by-election on 7th May saw the Reform UK party candidate elected with the following results: Reform UK 1355, Cons 1051, Lib Dem 986, Green 623, Lab 212 and Ind 203. In contrast to the 35% turnout of last year’s WNC election turnout for this by-election was 50%, reflecting the national picture of the turnout for the main local council elections that was in May.

As a reminder the make-up of the council is currently:

- Reform UK - 40
- Conservative - 17
- Labour - 8
- Liberal Democrats - 7
- Independent - 4

2) Local Issues

a. Cadman Sporting – Planning Application – 2023/5783/MAF

As your local councillors we have submitted objections to this proposal and have been challenging the planning process as this has been ongoing since an original application in 2021. This application is due to be considered by the Planning Committee in the next few months.

b. West Northants Local Plan - Rural Strategy

WNC has received record responses to the Local Plan consultation that closed in March. As expected, the allocation of minimum housing numbers on Primary & Secondary villages has proved controversial. Under this Kilsby (categorised as a Secondary Service village) has been allocated 63 new houses to build up to 2043.

Planning Officers are seeking further views concerning this and also looking at how villages accommodate housing outside their current boundaries.

The final version of the plan is due to go out to consultation in September before being submitted by the end of the year. We will keep you updated over its progress.

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News from St Faith's

Alastair Wood, Rector of Barby and Kilsby

The Summer Celebrations are beginning at St Faiths Church.

We have two weddings this June and are booking more to come next year!

Everyone loves a good wedding, and what is better than a traditional church celebration?

We have a wonderful church building, and for the traditional we can provide a choir and music from the organ, or with our sound system your favourite tunes off your bluetooth phone.

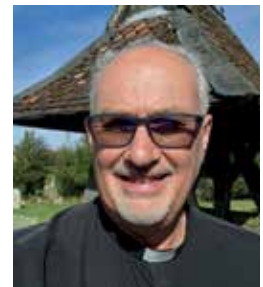
We also hold worship every Sunday, offering an inclusive and supportive space for anyone exploring their faith journey.

This early part of the summer we are praying for our Kilsby School and pre school, especially remembering those leaving this summer to begin senior school next term. We pray for the staff that they may find peace and rejuvenation where they can in a busy summer term.

We also remember our local businesses and village shop. And of course we are here to pray for our village community.

Do feel you can request prayer, you don't have to be religious!

Email me, or there is a prayer box you can use in the Church.



Most of all: Be Blessed

Revd Alastair



Kilsby Players

Save the Date!

Vicar of Dibley comes to Kilsby Village Hall

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October

We are pleased to confirm that we now have a full main cast for our performances of A Vicar of Dibley! Rehearsals are now underway and we're having fun trying to bring this 90's classic TV comedy to the stage.

We still have some smaller roles available if anyone would like to be an 'auditionee' for when Songs of Praise comes to Dibley. Or if you'd like to get involved with anything back stage or front of house we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Polly on 07780601052

Kilsby Garden and Produce Association

Diane Graham

On Saturday 9th May we had a beautiful morning for our **seedling sale** that was held on the Devon Ox Green. We had three members from the Association who provided a beautiful array of plants and vegetables for anyone to purchase.



It is also time to enter your wonderful garden for **the garden judging competition** which will take place on **Saturday 20th June** (the day before the NGS Open Gardens) so that you only have one weekend to work on your garden.

The categories for this are: Courtyard, Decorative and Mixed (flowers and vegetables), and there are beautiful cups to win for your efforts.

Please contact Diane Graham either by email: graham2017diane@gmail.com or by mobile: 07790 377516 to place your entry by Friday 12th June at the latest.

The next social event for members will be the Strawberry and wine evening which will be taking place on **Friday 26th June at 7.30**. Tickets available from Carol Chamberlain at £7.50 per person.

We have also decided on the Classes for the Handicraft section of the **Annual Show**, so that keen crafters can see which categories are available.

The Kilsby Garden and Produce Show is open to every household in the village (schedules will be distributed to every house at the beginning of August).

Handicrafts

41. Any knitted article
42. Any crochet article
43. Any sewn article
44. Patchwork and/or applique
45. Cross stitch
46. Any upcycled article (must state what it was before)
47. An orange colour-themed article in any medium
48. Picture in any medium (not cross stitch) size 22 inch/56 cms x 16 inch/40 cms see hanging requirements in notes below
49. Papercraft
50. A Photograph: "Insect or Insects" [7" x 5" max] unmounted (no white border)
51. A Photograph: "Canal Life" [7" x 5" max] unmounted (no white border)

Please note:

Exhibits in classes 41 – 51 must have been completed since September 2025.

All entries must be of a size to fit on a table top, not free-standing on the floor. All pictures whether framed, mounted, or otherwise must be capable of being hung with suitable hooks and string/wire.

Open Gardens at Kilsby

Janette Weekes.

On Sunday 21st June, from 1pm, some of Kilsby's prettiest gardens will be open to the public (regardless of the weather) and you will have a chance to visit them.

If you can, begin your afternoon at the Village Hall where maps and tickets will be available. Alternatively, look out for the bright yellow signs around the village and break up the afternoon with tea and cake at the Village Hall.

All the money raised from the sale of the tickets will go to the National Gardens Scheme to be distributed to some very important and much-needed charities.

Our keen gardeners look forward to seeing you.



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.

Plots available at no cost

in the garden of The White House,
Chapel Street

for growing flowers, salad and veg.

Contact Lesley on 07783521052 for a viewing.



News from Kilsby CE Primary School



It's been another busy and exciting few weeks at Kilsby School, with lots for the children to enjoy across all year groups.

A big well done goes to our Year 6 children, who have now completed their SATs. We are very proud of the hard work, determination and positive attitude they showed throughout the week. They really gave it their all. Thank you as well to parents and carers for all your support and encouragement during this time.

Our Reception children enjoyed their very first school trip this week with a visit to the Sealife Centre. The children were incredibly well behaved throughout the day and were a real credit to the school. They showed our school values at all times by being respectful and kind whilst exploring all the amazing sea creatures. We are so proud of how well they represented our school and know they made lots of special memories on their first school trip together!



Our Year 4 children recently enjoyed a wonderful trip to The Living Rainforest, where they learned all about rainforest habitats and the fascinating animals that live there. The highlight for many was seeing Harry the Armadillo.

Year 2 and Year 3 also had a fantastic day out at Hamerton Zoo Park. The children had a brilliant time exploring and learning about the animals and taking part in workshops with Nacho the Armadillo and the train ride being a particular favourite.



There is plenty more to look forward to this term. Year 5 are getting ready for their fortnight of swimming lessons, which the children are already very excited about.

Year 6 also have their residential visit coming up soon. This is always a special part of their final few weeks at primary school, giving them the chance to try new activities, build confidence and make some lovely memories together.



We are also proud to share that our school has achieved the Parent Friendly School Standard Award. This award recognises the work we do alongside parents and carers to build strong partnerships that support children's learning, wellbeing and success. We truly believe that when school and home work closely together, children benefit the most.

A huge thank you to our staff, parents, carers and children for being such an important part of our school family.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school. It really does make such a difference.

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

A1 area Daventry



West Northamptonshire Council



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.

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.

June 2026

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August 2026

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Please ensure your bins are out kerbside by **6:30am** on your collection day.

To find out more visit www.westnorthants.gov.uk/waste

KILSBY OIL CLUB

The next order points for the Oil Club are:

3rd July 2026 & 4th September

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

Saving lives through innovation: Turtle Medical wins Best Community Impact at BizX 2026

Kilsby-based business, Turtle Medical, has gained national recognition, after being named a winner at the BizX 2026 awards for Best Community Impact.

Founded in 2011, Turtle Medical supplies emergency medical equipment with a focus on bleed control and public safety. Through product innovation, training and community-led initiatives, the company is helping improve emergency response capabilities across the UK

BizX 2026 recognised the company's outstanding commitment to combining commercial success with meaningful, life-saving community initiatives.

Now in its 15th year, delivered by ActionCOACH, held at ICC Wales and hosted by broadcasting legend Kirsty Gallacher, the BizX awards are a highlight of the UK business calendar – celebrating organisations leading with clarity, purpose and results.

Turtle Medical secured the award for demonstrating exactly what Best Community Impact represents: profit and purpose working hand in hand.

Beyond manufacturing life-saving emergency medical equipment, Turtle Medical has led groundbreaking initiatives to improve public safety across the UK. The company funded and built the country's first national bleed kit mapping platform, Bleed Map, helping transform public bleed control into a coordinated and accessible safety network.

Through the deployment of more than 12,000 bleed control kits, over £50,000 donated to community and charity initiatives and the delivery of free public training, Turtle Medical was noted by the judges for creating measurable, real-world impact.

Also standing out was how the business has gone beyond traditional corporate responsibility to build a nationwide safety infrastructure.

For Mike Dowson, founder of Turtle Medical, being recognised on a national level is an amazing achievement



Image: From left to right: Mike Dowson, founder of Turtle Medical, Juliette Ryley from ActionCOACH Warwick, and ActionCOACH Global Founder Brad Sugars

but also brings home the importance of the work they do. "This one means a lot to us! From day one, Turtle Medical has never just been about selling products – it's about making sure people have the tools, knowledge and confidence to save lives in those crucial moments.

"To be successful at BizX, alongside so many incredible businesses, is something we're hugely proud of. It's also a testament to the communities, partners and first responders we work with every day – this award belongs to them as much as it does to us."

Julie Wagstaff, Managing Director of ActionCOACH UK, added, "The scale of what the team at Turtle Medical has achieved – from thousands of kits in communities to real-life emergency use – is incredibly powerful. Huge congratulations to Mike and the entire team; they should be very proud of the impact they're having across the UK."

For more information, please visit <https://thebizx.co.uk/>

LIVE JAZZ EVENTS



KILSBY JAZZ CLUB



Venue : Kilsby Village Hall

CHECK OUT FUTURE EVENTS ONLINE

WWW.KILSBYJAZZ.CO.UK

Kilsby WI Gets Off to a Fizzing Start

Jan Bowden



We held our first meeting of the new WI year on Thursday 9th April and we were all enthralled by Belinda Brown, telling us about Stonyfield Wine, her small family run business specialising in English Sparkling wine made by the traditional Champagne method. The vineyard is in Blisworth, Northants, 27 miles from Kilsby and consists of just one acre of land, which grows a 1000 vines, half Pinot Noir, half Seyval Blanc and produces 2,500 bottles per year.

Previously a pig farm owned by her Danish grandfather, rewilded by her parents as part of the National Campaign to save wild flowers, especially harebells, finally, on the death of her husband in 2010, she and her brother fulfilled a promise to him to explore the idea of creating a vineyard.

The name comes from the stony terrain which makes it well drained. The site is south facing, well sheltered and perfect for vines. It takes approximately 5 years from sowing to bottling, but their business has flourished and won National awards, their proudest achievement was winning against Nyetimber, one of the most popular English Sparkling Wines.

Not only giving us a fascinating overview of the history of Sparkling wine making in England, we also got to taste the best sellers from Stonyfield. I can tell you they are delicious and we highly recommend a visit. www.stonyfieldwine.co.uk



By contrast, but equally entertaining, the speaker at our May meeting, Ginny Davis, a former criminal barrister, writer and researcher, specialising in the Tudor period, held us all in suspense and asked us to participate in solving a historical whodunnit. Her subject was “the mysterious death of Amy Robsart” the wife of Lord Robert Dudley, favourite courtier and rumoured lover of Queen Elizabeth 1.

Amy died at the age of 28, having been found at the bottom of a staircase with a broken neck and two large wounds on her head. After intriguing us with her well researched potted histories of all the potential perpetrators, Ginny asked us to vote whether it was murder, accident or suicide.

Our WI members love the opportunity to express a viewpoint, not least the history buffs among us. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

Kilsby Residents Climate and Nature Action Group



Submitted by Cllr Cheryl Sibley & Ian Massey.

The column for this edition draws on the report made to the Village Annual Parish Meeting.

The Kilsby Residents Climate and Nature Action Group has had a productive year. Formerly the Climate Action Group, we expanded our focus following the introduction of Climate and Nature Champions by the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils. Councillor Cheryl Sibley now serves as Kilsby Parish Council's Climate and Nature Champion, with Ian Massey as Deputy Champion.

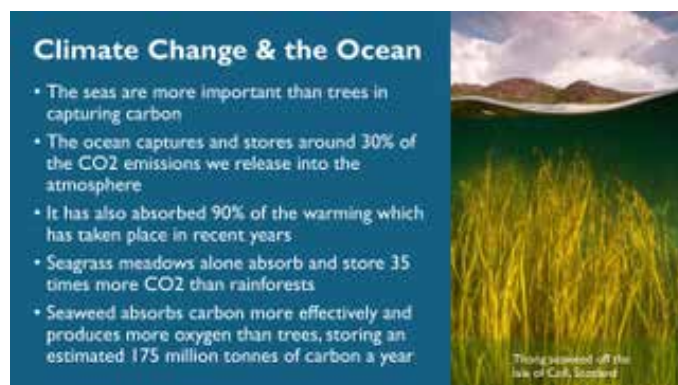
Since forming in September 2023, the group has developed a range of local initiatives focusing on waste reduction, recycling, energy saving, climate awareness, and nature recovery.

One of our major successes was organising a visit to the advanced **recycling facility** used by West Northamptonshire Council. The visit highlighted modern recycling technology and following interest from Councillor Rosie Humphries, resulted in WNC introducing a pilot scheme in Kilsby, Braunston, Barby, Lilbourne, Norton and some parts of Daventry. This allows a wider range of plastics to be recycled. Group members assisted in distribution of the WNC leaflets about the pilot scheme in Kilsby.

We also organised a successful village garage sale in September, and in April held a **composting workshop** led by Ian Weston and Cheryl Sibley, which received very positive feedback from attendees.

In August, the group submitted a statement to the West Northamptonshire Council Places and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in support of restoring **carbon reduction targets**. Councillor Rosie Humphries led the call for the restoration and we were proud that she quoted directly from our report in her concluding remarks.

The group continues to contribute regular Climate and Nature articles to the Kronickle and recently hosted a presentation from a resident with international experience of **climate change** impacts. His talk highlighted the role of oceans in absorbing CO2 and discussed hydrotreated vegetable oil as a lower-carbon alternative fuel.



Images courtesy of Andrew Barnes.

We have also engaged with the **Youth Club**, delivering a presentation which was well received, with plans for future collaborative activities

Work also continues on the **Local Nature Recovery Strategy**, a national initiative aimed at slowing biodiversity decline and improving habitats. Six key species have been identified in our area, including swifts, hedgehogs, bats, and Basil Thyme. Through collaboration with other Climate and Nature Champions across the county, we hope to help create wildlife corridors that benefit both these species and the wider environment.

A new event the group is organising is another **garage sale on the 14th September**, between 10am and 2pm. Further details will be given in August.

The group is also considering **another visit to the Sherbourne recycling facility** in Coventry, where our plastic waste is recycled.

If you would like to follow us please see our Facebook page, Kilsby Residents Climate Action Group.

Rugby Eco Hub: The Repair Cafe.

Ruth Axtell - Kilsby Residents Climate Action and Nature Group.

In 2019, Rugby Council declared a climate emergency. The aim of the Eco Hub is to turn that vision into action by developing green initiatives that benefit local people and the environment.

The current projects are: Library of Things, Community Garden and Kitchen, and The Repair Cafe.

The Library of Things are items that can be borrowed at a fraction of the price of buying. e.g sewing machine, wallpaper stripper, angle grinder, air fryer etc. There are two memberships; pay as you go borrower or regular borrower.

In April, I went along to the Repair Cafe which is presently at the Eco Hub at the Claremont Centre - 43 Clifton Road CV21 3QE. The entrance is on Bath Street, opposite Lawrence Sheriff School.

They can fix vacuum cleaners, irons, toys, food mixers, jackets, lamps and so much more.

The aim is to reduce waste, save money and also save resources by not buying new.

It is run by volunteers. There is no charge but a donation is appreciated.

Composting Workshop

Polly Redhead

On Saturday 11th April, Kilsby Residents Climate and Nature Action Group hosted a Composting Workshop in the village hall.

Ian Weston and Cheryl Sibley were very knowledgeable on all things composting and imparted their expertise through a fun interactive game!

The villagers who attended left feeling more confident on their composting journey, whether just beginning or seasoned composters.

Thank you Ian and Cheryl!



I took along my pressure jet washer which was not working properly and one of the volunteers managed to fix it which made us both very happy! The morning I was there, it was buzzing with activity. The cafe was also open so I could have a cup of tea while I waited. Food was also available.

The Repair Cafe is open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 am - 1pm.



If you have an item that you are planning to bring along to one of the repair sessions, it helps to book online (but you don't have to) to ensure that the right person is available with the right tools: <https://www.rugbyecohub.org/repair-cafe>





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The Rev. Kilsby Jones

Minister of Kilsby and what he did next.

Sophie Houlton

When my brother and sister-in-law moved to Kilsby, I hadn't expected to find a connection with where I live in Breconshire, mid Wales. While out for a walk around the village, I stopped by the history board outside the Chapel and read about the Rev. Kilsby Jones, Congregationalist minister of Kilsby for around 10 years in the 1840s. He liked Kilsby and used the name throughout his life, but he found village life quiet and, as we shall see, craved a larger audience. His ambitions and love of Welsh culture and landscape drew him back to Wales where he became a very well-known and sometimes controversial preacher, lecturer and writer. He also dived headlong into the politics of the day in support of the Liberal party. A man of great energy and faith, his unusual approach and eccentricities also attracted criticism.



The Methodist Chapel, Kilsby

James Rhys Jones was born on Penylan farm near Llandovery, Carmarthenshire on 5 February 1816. His journey to ordination as a minister was not entirely straightforward due to his inability to follow rules (something he continued to do throughout his life). He was expelled from his first training college in Blackburn for being disruptive and was almost expelled from college at Carmarthen for going to the races, although he managed to talk his way out of that one! Jones was ordained in Kilsby Chapel in January 1840 and the following year married Ann Southwell Chilcott from Leominster with whom he had a son, Ryse.

He was never a conventional minister and pastoral work like visiting the sick was not his thing since he disliked listening to peoples' problems. He also showed very little enthusiasm for administration. His biographer describes him as having a 'tendency to laziness' and rarely prepared anything, relying on his wit to get him through. Whether



Photograph of Kilsby Jones seated (Thomas, John, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons)

prepared or not, the congregation were likely to have received entertaining sermons. Kilsby Jones loved speaking at length and especially liked making people laugh. This attracted criticism since nonconformist ministers were supposed to be sombre and not have their congregation in stitches! Many sermons at the time were preoccupied with hellfire. Kilsby Jones didn't approve of this – he thought Christianity should be joyful.

His tendency to break rules also continued. It was said he allowed the burial of a Kilsby resident in an orchard. He also liked a drink which was unusual, particularly amongst Welsh ministers. When visited by a friend wearing a blue ribbon (the sign of the pledge) he reportedly said, "Take that thing off man! You are too thin to be a teetotaler. You ought to have four or five glasses of stout poured down your throat every day. It would do you good!"



Kilsby Jones' memorial with Glenview in the background

After Kilsby, he went back to Wales for a while before ministering for a short time in Bolton where he received a deputation of chapel elders who requested he stop making his sermons so amusing! By the mid-1860s he was back in Wales permanently and built Glenview House outside the small town of Llanwrtyd Wells.

Kilsby Jones died in 1889, just a week after returning from delivering a series of lectures in Cardiff. He had wanted to be buried on his own land at Glenview but this was vetoed and he was laid to rest in the churchyard of St David's church, Llanwrtyd, within sight of his home. The inscription on his monument reads "He being dead yet speaketh"

Kilsby Action Group

Rob Chamberlain, on behalf of the Kilsby Action Group.

We are continuing to campaign against the application to build 62 houses behind Rugby Rd. Our Planning Consultant has recently been advised that the application won't be heard by the planning committee in June and we will keep you updated as information becomes available. Please join our mailing list by sending your details to kilsbyaction@gmail.com in order that we can keep you informed .

We are now convinced that the West Northamptonshire local plan which determines development in our area for the next decade plus will be finalised and submitted to an inspector in December because failure to do so will mean they will have to start again under the new planning legislation. We will be seeking the right to attend the hearing to ensure that Kilsby's interests are represented.

We are attending a meeting, arranged by Cllr Andrew Simpson to clarify our status in the settlement hierarchy because we feel that as the new planning legislation plays out it may become very important, more news on this to follow.

We are holding a video race night with fish and chip supper as a fund raiser on July 24th and would like to see as many of you as possible.

Email kilsbyaction@gmail.com to book a table. It will be a fun night and will help us to raise money to pay for professional help as we need it.



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Gardeners' Corner

Ron Kickle

An unusual Spring

A warm April followed by a cold start to May was a bit of a shock, but we seem to have avoided damaging frosts so far. But the soil is still very dry.

It's time to prune your forsythias

Prune your forsythia as soon as the flowers have finished. This gives it time to grow 3 to 5 ft of strong new branches that will flower next year. Just completely cut out the flowered branches back to a strong looking side shoot. If you want to keep the bush down to 6ft tall, then you are looking to cut it down to only 2 ft from the ground!

If you don't want to lose the screening effect, then just cut 1/3rd of the branches right back like this each year, just lightly pruning the dead flowers off the others. This should keep it under control with a nice arching shape

If it's hot and dry (remember?)

Mulch your raspberries: They have roots near the surface and can suffer in dry spells. Raspberries and other soft fruit will benefit from a good watering followed by mulching with a good 2 inch layer of compost to keep the moisture in.

..and if it is still hot & dry...

Take the grass box off your mower.

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

Jobs to do in June

Dead head flowers.
Sow perennials.
Regularly sow salads for succession.

Jobs to do in July

Weed and mow again!
Sow a last crop of french beans.
Thin apples and pears to 2 or 3 fruits per spur.
Get the barbeque out.

Times past...

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

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

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

Good Gardening!

Ron Kickle



Kilsby History Society

Diana Smith - Secretary of the Kilsby History Society

Our meeting in July will be a visit to the Naseby Battlefield. On Thursday July 16th we will meet at the war memorial in Naseby village. John Dacombe will take us to two vantage points and explain how the battle unfolded.

Afterwards there is an option to stop at a local hostelry for refreshments.

If you are interested in joining us please email me on diana-smith@talktalk.net for further information as timings are yet to be arranged.



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Kilsby Christmas Tree News

Jessica & Annabel on behalf of the Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee.



After a whopping 24 years' of dedicated service, Sharon King, has decided to step down from the Kilsby Christmas Tree Committee this year.

As one of the founding members of this wonderful annual village event, we wanted to extend a huge thank you to Sharon on behalf of the village for her extraordinary hard work over the years. During Sharon's service on the committee, the Christmas tree has grown from its original size of approximately 5 feet to towering above us all! The event is also now regularly attended by upwards of 200 people who share in our mince pies and mulled wine on the village green on the first Saturday of December annually.

Sharon's commitment has enabled us to ensure the event and the entertainment has remained free for all attendees and this will remain core to the ethos of the committee as we move forward.

The committee are therefore continuing our fund-raising activity to ensure that this years' Kilsby Christmas Tree switch-on will be as big and as bright as it has been previously. We would therefore like to invite you all to participate in our Christmas Tree Lottery draw, which goes a long way to helping us fund the event.

It costs £4.34 per month to enter, and we have a monthly draw where the winner receives just under £60. Obviously, the more players we have, the larger the prize fund becomes!

If you would like to join in for a chance to win our monthly draw while also supporting us to continue running this fun village event, please email us at kilsbychristmastree@gmail.com and we will provide you with further details.

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From 6 years ago - 2020 June-July

A social-distanced not-in-the-pub street quiz

(From David Head, david@theheads.co.uk)

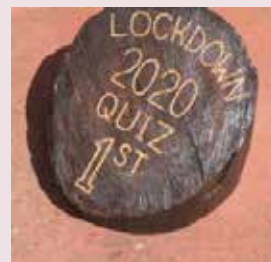
Residents enjoyed an unusual street quiz in Arnills Way on Spring Bank Holiday Monday afternoon with 13 teams from Arnills Way and The Banks taking part.

The winners were The Fuzzy Ducks, who scored 84/100 (wow!) and are shown below proudly posing with their grand prize, the beautifully crafted "Lockdown Log of Knowledge". Many Arnills Way residents are now envious of such a fantastic trophy of course. Booby prize winners The Jays received the "Lockdown Losers' Looroll", which was not quite as coveted!



The event was organised by Arnills Way residents David and Angela Head. Loudspeakers were set up along the street and teams enjoyed a few glasses of wine and even barbeques on their front lawns as they tackled questions on movie themes, literature, famous voices, TV themes, science and music, as well as the usual general knowledge rounds.

The street quiz followed a very successful VE Bank Holiday event in early May when residents were able to again enjoy a drink or two in their front gardens and commemorate the end of WW2 as a community, with speeches, music and narrative shared along the street.



Arnills Way residents are invited to watch out for news of another event in early July and again on August Bank Holiday. Other Kilsby residents within earshot are very welcome to join in too!

Kilsby Village Hall

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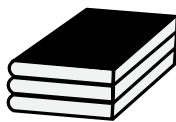


Playtime

Kilsby Village Hall
Mondays 9:45am - 11:45am
Term Time Only



Buckby Library & Hub



National Year of Reading: On Sunday May 10th, we had a pop-up stand at the Althorp Literary Festival, and on Thursday 14th, we



presented prizes for our own short story competition. Remember, it's free to join the library!

Environment Week at Buckby Library & Hub. June 5th is World Environment Day and we are hosting two talks:

Thursday June 4th **Get out and about with summer remedies!** Would you like to know more about how you can use the herbs and plants around you? Jenni McDonnell will be giving a layman's introduction on how to make teas, tinctures and salves from the plant life in your garden to sooth common summer ailments. Jenni is self-taught and does not have a qualification in herbal medicine but she has used everything that she is going to talk about herself.

Thursday June 11th **Mega Farms vs Family Farms: what do we want and why?** Mark Jelley from Perkins Lodge Farm will be asking this challenging question and talking about the exciting new innovations he is pursuing as a family farmer. Come along for a fascinating evening and

the opportunity to discuss with Mark the issues facing family farmers today.

Both talks are at 7.30pm (doors open at 7). Refreshments will be available. Please get your free tickets from the library or the Peephole in the High Street. Donations welcomed on the night.

Films: our final film of the season will be on Tuesday June 30th and is **Remarkably Bright Creatures**. "Through unlikely bonds formed during night shifts at a local aquarium, Tova, an elderly widow, learns of a life-changing discovery that may bring her joy and wonder once again." Tickets are £7.50 and will be available from the library or Peephole in the High Street. The start-time is 7.30; doors open at 7pm. Refreshments are available, including ice creams. Our future film programme will start again in September.

Music in July: on Thursday July 2nd the popular **Sixties Reunion Trio** will be performing Country & Western, Instrumentals, Ballads and Rock 'n' Roll. This will be a café style evening; refreshments available. Start time is 7.30pm (doors open at 7). Please get your free tickets from the Library or the Peephole in the High Street when they become available. Donations welcomed on the night.

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| Tuesday | 9am to 6pm |
| Wednesday | 9am to 6pm |
| Thursday | 9am to 6pm |
| Friday | 9am to 6pm |
| Saturday | 9am to 5pm |
| Sunday | Closed |

Rugby Library

Opening Times

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| 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 |

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However this does mean we need ever more volunteers to help us keep open!

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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!

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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.

Email: kilsbykronickle@outlook.com

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- ✓ - Join Speedwatch (p4)
- ✓ - Enter garden competition (p8)
- ✓ - Get crafting (p8)
- ✓ - Join the Christmas Tree Lottery (p25)
- ✓ - Volunteer at the shop (p30)

Kilsby Village Planter No. 3



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Kilsby Church 100 Club

Andrea Brown

Congratulations to all our winners in the 100 Club.

We still have a few numbers left so get in touch if you would like further details:

andreabrown0909@gmail.com

Good luck to everyone in the June draw - held at the Kilsby Coffee morning:

Thursday 4th June, 10-12 pm

Draw takes place at 11.00am

April winners

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| 1st | Gill Mason | £40 |
| 2nd | M Longmore | £30 |
| 3rd | Anne Tailby | £20 |
| 4th | David George | £20 |
| 5th | David Liddington | £10 |

May (bonus month)

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| 1st | W Clarke | £100 |
| 2nd | J Gardener | £65 |
| 3rd | J Strong | £40 |
| 4th | D Longmore | £40 |
| 5th | B Mieth | £20 |

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