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Villages remember “The Fallen”

The people of Kirkburton and Highburton came together in a wide range of activities to commemorate the centenary of the day the guns fell silent with the signing of the Armistice on 11 November 1918.

The events have included church services, civic ceremonies, commemorative events and activities in local schools and with the local uniformed groups. The library, the local history group and a ladies' choir have also been involved. Many businesses in the village have also presented window displays featuring poppies.

Central to many of the remembrance activities has been the upgrading and refurbishment of the Memorial Garden.

This project has been led by Burton Environment Group with a range of local partners.

The work has included the creation of a new memorial to the local men who fell in WWI created by long-time Kirkburton resident Robert Walters.

This features 100 pieces of local Kirkburton stone to commemorate the 100 years since the end of the war. Funding for the project included 100 donations of £30 from stone sponsors. There is also a new information board featuring photographs of the fallen. The stone war memorial erected in 1925 has been cleaned and the wrought iron Toc H gates erected in 1965 have been repainted. (For more details of this project see the article on page 5.)

On Wednesday 7 November parties of children from local schools visited the Memorial Garden to lay their poppy tributes and read prayers. (See page 3 for more information).



On Thursday 8 November our MP Paula Sherriff joined over a hundred local people in the Memorial Garden for the switch-on of the light to illuminate the War Memorial.

The switching on ceremony was a prelude to the “Silence of the Guns” commemorative event in All Hallows Church with the participation of HD8 Voices Ladies' Choir, Kirkburton History Group and solo musical performers. (See the report of the event on page 4).

The church is also hosting a display of embroidered and knitted hearts made by Burton Crafters to commemorate the soldiers from Kirkburton and Highburton who did not return from the war.

All Hallows is also displaying one of the “Tommy” silent soldier 6ft silhouettes from the There But Not There initiative.

The traditional Remembrance Sunday ceremonies were held on 11 November with hundreds of people crowded into the upgraded Memorial Garden for the laying of wreaths and the reading out of the names of The Fallen from our villages. This was followed by a church service at All Hallows.

The commemorative events for the centenary of the Armistice have been a remarkable demonstration of the strength of community values in our villages of which Burtoners, new and old, can justifiably be very proud.



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Local children remember those whose lives were cut short



Children from Kirkburton First School place their poppies at the War Memorial

Scores of children from local schools in Highburton and Kirkburton have paid their respects to those who lost their lives in the Great War.

The children have been learning about the young men who left our villages to go to war and have been producing their own tributes.

On Wednesday 7 November parties of children from Kirkburton First School, Highburton First School and Kirkburton Middle School visited the newly refurbished Memorial Garden to lay their own distinctive poppy tributes, to recite prayers

and stand in respectful silence remembering those who died.

The children looked for the names on the memorial and many tried to match these with the photographs of the soldiers on the new information board. Many of the adults present commented on how very well the children behaved.

The children from Kirkburton First School had made their own poppies from red plastic and wire which they stuck into the sandbags in the new monument in the Memorial Garden.

Highburton First School had

produced a net, reminiscent of the type of equipment in a WWI trench, to which they had added their own poppies. This net has been fixed to the railings of the Memorial Garden.

The pupils of Kirkburton Middle School produced dozens of ceramic poppies which have been placed around the new monument and around the base of the information board.

Copies of some of the prayers written and recited by the children have been fastened to the railings

of the Memorial Garden.

Kirkburton Uniform Groups made rag-rug style poppies and also painted poppies onto stones which were placed on the War Memorial, and several tall-stemmed poppies which were placed near the entrance gates. They also positioned several of the seated silhouettes from the *There But Not There* initiative on the benches in the Memorial Garden.

The children's respectful acts of remembrance were a great credit to them and to their teachers.



Children from Highburton First School with their tribute at the Memorial Garden

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Pupils from Kirkburton Middle School with their ceramic poppies.

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Silence of the Guns commemorative event at All Hallows Church



Andrea Tindle of Kirkburton History Group and Adam Priest, soloist, at the "Silence of the Guns" WWI commemorative event at All Hallows Church



The young men who left our villages to fight in the First World War were honoured in a moving commemorative event on Thursday 8 November. All Hallows Church was full for the "Silence of the Guns" commemorative event presented by HD8 Voices Ladies Choir and Kirkburton History Group. The evening raised over £1,500 for the Royal British Legion and the British Red Cross.

The audience stood and a stirring drum roll from young percussionist Harry Wood introduced the National Anthem, with the words adapted appropriately for a commemoration of 1914-18 to "God Save the King".

Andrea Tindle of Kirkburton History Group gave a well-researched and beautifully delivered presentation about our villages during the First World War. This described life in the villages at the outbreak of the war in 1914, the role of the local territorial forces, the arrival in the village of refugees from Belgium, the harsh realities of life in the trenches, and the role of women in the war including as nurses and members of the VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) in the temporary hospital in the Drill Hall.

HD8 Voices Ladies' Choir was once more directed by Liz Priest with Sally Byrne as accompanist.

The Choir's performance was up to its usual high standard and they gave stirring and affecting performances of "There's No Place Like Home", "Pack Up Your Troubles", "Tipperary", "Ave Maria", and "Keep the Home Fires Burning".

The programme also included three solo performances by supremely talented young local singers. Adam Priest, resplendent in a replica WWI army uniform, sang "If You Were the Only Girl in the World". Considerable emotional punch was added by solo performances of songs written some time after WWI. Lucy Willoby sang "Over the Rainbow" written in 1939 at the outbreak of WWII and Niamh Rattigan sang "Imagine" by John Lennon, written during the Vietnam War.

The poems included the familiar such as *Dulce et Decorum Est* and *Anthem for Doomed Youth* by Wilfred Owen, and also a largely unknown poem by local soldier George Charlesworth.

The evening concluded with the eerie strains of "The Last Post" played on a cornet by Isaac Marper, again in WWI uniform. The audience then joined the Choir in singing "Land of Hope and Glory".

Along with their customary poppies, each member of the choir wore a heart-shaped badge bearing the name of one of the soldiers from our villages who died in the

Great War.

In the side-aisle of the church a display of beautifully embroidered and knitted hearts made by Burton Crafters inspired by the fabric hearts stuffed with sawdust which recuperating soldiers in WWI sent to their sweethearts to use as pincushions. Each heart bears the name of a local man who died in WWI

The audience for the concert included our MP Paula Sherriff who, immediately before the concert, had joined over a hundred people in Kirkburton Memorial Garden to commission the light which illuminates the refurbished war memorial.



Some of the members of the Burton Crafters group with the embroidered and knitted hearts they made to commemorate the men of Kirkburton who died in WWI.



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Kirkburton War Memorial Garden



The 10th edition of the Burton Bulletin published in February of this year featured a front page article about an ambitious plan from Burton Environment Group (BEG) to refurbish Kirkburton Memorial Garden in time for the centenary of the signing of the Armistice.

The central idea, from BEG member Robert Walters, who has much experience of working in both wood and stone, was to replace the unkempt flower bed next to the existing limestone memorial erected in 1925 with a new memorial featuring 100 pieces of local Kirkburton sandstone.

The proposal was for the stones to be placed standing "shoulder to shoulder" to commemorate the soldiers from Kirkburton and Highburton who died in the First World War and in subsequent conflicts, and to mark the 100 years since the end of WWI.

After many months and hundreds of hours of volunteer effort later that plan has been realised in a way which has exceeded all expectations.



The work on the Memorial Garden was concluded on Wednesday 7 November just in time for the first act of remembrance with the visit of children

from three local schools to lay their poppy tributes.

As well as the new memorial, the project has included the creation of a new information board featuring photographs of the local soldiers who died in WWI.

A new footpath has been created leading to the raised paved area where two tables have been erected. These are intended to serve as an outdoor classroom for local schools and uniformed groups, and as a place for quiet reflection.



A new border has been created around one of the paths and has been planted with herbs.

The metal gates to the park erected by Toc H in 1965 to mark the 50th anniversary of the organisation have been repainted. The flagpole has been sanded and repainted with new fittings.

The original Bulletin article included an appeal for sponsors for the stones. The response of the people of Kirkburton and Highburton was magnificent and the target of 100 sponsors donating £30 each was soon reached.

The names of the sponsors are included on the information board.

Funding was also secured from Cobbett Environmental Limited from the land fill tax.

Kirklees Council, Natural Kirklees and Kirkburton Parish Council also provided support and advice.

Essential to the completion of the project has been the participation and support of local groups and individuals. The membership of BEG has grown steadily throughout the project. Some of the BEG work mornings have included as many as 17 people. There have been many hours of volunteer effort from the uniformed groups, particularly with the refurbishment of the flagpole.



Local schools have been involved, particularly school students doing the Duke of

Edinburgh award and their parents too. Kirkburton Cougars Amateur Rugby League Team lent their muscle to transport the pieces of stone from Town Quarry to the Memorial Garden

The research to find photographs of the soldiers who died involved input from Kirkburton Library and the Kirkburton History Group.

Mindlabs Media provided support for the design and production of the information board. There



are still nine of the 67 soldiers who died for whom no image has yet been found, but BEG intend to keep looking. See page 6 for information about the continuing search.

The project also benefitted from the generous donation of time, equipment and advice from a number of local contractors and individuals. The Lunch Box Sandwich Shop kept the volunteers supplied with free refreshments.

The refurbishment of the Memorial Garden has been a fitting tribute to those we commemorate.

For information on BEG's future projects see page 13.

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The quest for images of our fallen soldiers continues



As part of the community effort, to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice in 1918, Burton Environment Group has produced a Memorial Board in recognition of those that made the ultimate sacrifice. The names of The Fallen are on our Cenotaph and are read out every year on Remembrance Sunday. But what did these men look like? They were once loved by parents, brothers, sisters, wives, girlfriends, neighbours and friends. Their loss must have been devastating to the community.

Our aim was to find photos of all of the 67 villagers who lost their lives in WWI, so that their faces could be looked upon once more. In that way, their memory would live

on and their sacrifices would be appreciated. Please find time to visit the gardens and take a look at our Memorial Board produced by Chris Hughes of Mindlabs Media.

Kirkburton History Group gave us our first batch of photos, then the hard work began trawling through the electronic Huddersfield Weekly Examiner newspapers for the period 1915 -1919. We went twice through the microfiche records looking for the photographs of those men from our villages.

This process became very moving. Reading their names: Carter, Cartwright, Charlesworth, Haigh, Hill, Kaye, Shaw, Wilkinson and

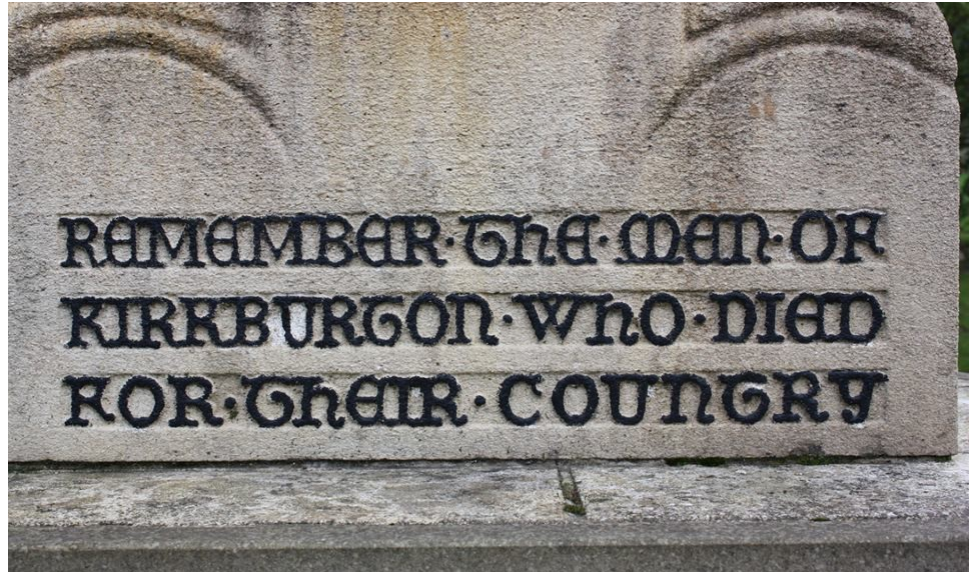
others. A surname would occur twice, brothers from the same house? Cousins from the same family? Finding where they lived – Low Town, Linfit Lane, Thorncliffe Green, Lane Head Lane, Far Dean, Hallas, Dogley Bar, Slant Gate, Lee Lane, Low Gate, North Road and Church Green, walking past the houses they must have lived has also had a profound effect .

Of the 67 soldiers we have managed to find 58 images. Most of the photographs have been taken from newspaper records and were often dark and of poor quality. These images have been enhanced, by Ian Gunson, to try and present the fallen in the clearest possible way. I would like to thank Robert Carter, Andrea Tindle, John Cartwright, the Wilkinson family, Neil Burnett and Sarah McMahon for providing personal studio por-

traits. But our mission is not over. We are still nine photos short. We are still looking for Benjamin Green (died 15 September 1924 from wounds received in the war), Private Willie Haigh (died 3 May 1917), Private Edgar Kaye (died 28 October 1916), Rifleman Percy Kaye (died 20 September 1917), Gunner Herbert Marsden (died 27 October 1918), Private Aquilla Matthews (died 3 September 1916), Private David Henry Roberts (died 22 September 1918), Sergeant George Oswald Rowlands (died 3 June 1917) and Gunner Ben Swift (died 2 November 1918) .

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On 24 November we have been invited to have a stall at the KHCA Christmas Fair which is traditionally held at Burton Village Hall. This annual festive event is for all the family and we are busy sorting through our Christmas stock, trying to find the ideal, perfect gifts for all your friends and family. As you can see from the photo, our Christmas items have been piling up in our storeroom upstairs so you won't be disappointed by the choice. Please make it a date in your diary. Refreshments are available and you can carry out your Christmas shopping in the warm comfortable surroundings of your community hall.

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From all the staff and volunteers may we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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Extract from Autumn newsletter

Our Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of volunteers who work with the practice to represent the views of patients on the services and facilities provided.

STAFF UPDATE

Happy Retirement – Dr Mike Wallwork

Dr Wallwork retired on 27 September, after 15 years at the practice. Dr Wallwork will be greatly missed by colleagues and patients past and present and we wish him a very happy, healthy retirement.

Appointments

GP Registrars Dr F Ahmed, Dr S Bzeu, Dr N Quaraishi and Dr S Dabhad have joined our team on a six-month Pennine GP training placement.

We also welcome Dr Leannda Barrett, who will be with us until the end of November. A new receptionist, Joanne Tordoff, has been appointed.

FOCUS ON

The role of Senior Receptionist - Liz Brook and Emily Town

Liz and Emily have been in post as Senior Receptionists for more than 12 months. They lead a team of 6 receptionists and oversee the running of the reception at the practice – everything that comes into the practice by telephone and in person. With more than 9 years' experience between them, they have weekly meetings with clinicians and our Practice Manager to update on matters which have arisen during the week and make sure that they are aware of changes to policy and procedures within the Practice and NHS.

Both have a specialist area within their role.

- **Liz** specializes in the appointments system. Working closely with our GPs and clinical staff, the appointments rota needs careful planning.
- **Emily** deals with medical student placements. This involves liaising with GPs and preparing timetables. She also plays a key role in creating and updating practice protocols.

Liz and Emily describe their role as “challenging, yet equally rewarding.” They are both committed to providing the highest standard of care to all our patients, and welcome and invite patients to pop in at any time to discuss any matters they have.

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An annual national awareness week that focuses on establishing support for self-care across communities, families and generations. During the week, there will be a range of posters, screen messages and leaflets delivering self-care messages. In addition, our PPG will put together a self-care programme, to start in January on a wide range of topics.

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We extend a warm welcome to all those children and their families that have joined us recently and welcome back our older children.

We have all been very busy this term harvesting our bumper crops of fruit and veg from the Playgroup garden. The children have particularly enjoyed eating the lovely apples and pears they picked from our trees.



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Our topic for the term has been "people who help us" and we have been lucky enough to have a visit from PC Anne who talked to the children about how the police help us and about "stranger danger."

"Whatever Next" by Jill Murphy has been our book for the term following the adventures of Baby Bear and we have props for the children to re-enact the story such as a colander like Baby Bear uses for a helmet!

We were very excited to welcome Sarah Morrell, the author of a new book for children "The King and the Cockerel". Sarah read from her book to the children who all did their best to sit still – which can be quite a challenge when you are only two.

We are preparing for Christmas with lots of making and learning songs for our Christmas Concert.

“Never give up on a dog”

■ strong reviews and celebrity endorsement for book by local author

Kirkburton resident and library volunteer Sarah Napier has written her first book. It has had strong reviews and caught the eye of actress Thelma Barlow (best known for her roles as Mavis in *Coronation Street* and Dolly in *Dinnerladies*) “I’ve never had the inclination to own a pet myself but I am an ardent believer in compassion and looking out for our fellow beings, whether they be humans or animals. I became drawn into the book because it isn’t a simple pet story, but rather about taking risks and beating the odds and about kindness, love and rescue. It’s an uplifting story, whether you’re into dogs or not, and a positive message in today’s world.”

‘*Ursu – Never Give up on a Dog*’ tells the tale of how Sarah and her husband Rob defied the odds to take on a feral Romanian dog so traumatised by human brutality he had to be sedated or netted before being approached. It tracks the first two years of Ursu’s life with them.

Ursu was already aged around seven when his photo, on an animal website, caught Sarah’s eye. Unfortunately, enquiries at the time revealed he was considered too mentally damaged to home and the charity sponsoring his keep in Romania had just taken the decision that he should stay there and take his chances.

Explaining the situation Sarah says: “Ursu had survived as a stray for about two years on the streets of Bucharest before being



caught by the dog catchers and flung into one of Romania’s most notorious kill shelters.

Kill shelters are so called because of their brutal practices including culling dogs in inhumane ways including clubbing, poisoning, starving, freezing them to death and burning them alive. Ursu witnessed all of this and experienced much of it and chose to shut down from humans.

Miraculously he survived on scraps of food for about three years despite being surrounded by death and disease and was somehow spared the barbaric regular killing of the dogs. No-one knows for sure how he survived but the

book explores how this might be explained and how he came to be transferred to a better, but still a kill, shelter where he continued to shun human contact despite the best efforts of some local volunteers.” He would growl if anyone made a move towards him and his eventual fate was unclear while ever he was incarcerated.”

It took a lot of persuading for the charity to let Sarah take the dog and it was only after a home visit and on the understanding that Ursu would be taken away if his aggression couldn’t be controlled. Ursu travelled from Romania to join Sarah and Robert in January 2015.

Sarah observes “the more I learned of his story the more I felt such a stoic dog should be given his chance. But I’m not a dog psychologist and had to rely on an innate understanding backed up by much research to try and work with him. There was no way my husband and I could take him to dog training. He arrived biting, bucking and terrified and hadn’t walked as such for up to four years. He wouldn’t take a collar or a lead. He was terrified of just about everything. We were beginning way back from the usual start line.

Despite the potential for a tragic tale ‘*Ursu – Never Give up On a Dog*’ is so-called because of its heart-warming portrayal of how there is no such thing as a bad dog, and that a canine’s emotional intelligence in its relationship with humans should never be underestimated.

“The morning after we got him, continues Sarah “which had been a very traumatic day for all three of us, Ursu took the decision to come up to me and sit down in front of me and put his head on my lap. After years of shunning all human contact his behaviour was extraordinary. He was still terrified and feral and inclined to try and bite and it was a long haul to get him to where he is now, but his canine intelligence told him he was somewhere very different and that he could take a chance on us. He is now the most affectionate of dogs and exuberantly happy. At the book-signing he happily let scores of people make a fuss of him.”

If I can do it then anyone with the patience and motivation to

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help these wretched dogs others can do so too. The charity said he was one of the most damaged dogs they have ever seen. But it isn’t rocket science. Have love in your heart and think like a dog and not as a human and with patience a dog will turn itself around. Ursu has developed into a wonderful dog and deserves every second of the wonderful life he now lives.”

‘*Ursu – Never Give up on a Dog*’ has been written to help raise monies for charity and is priced at £7.99. Locally it can be purchased from Cottage Kitchen in Kirkburton, Donaldsons Vets and the Flying Ferret pub in Shelley, or by contacting Sarah direct on 077 887 18089.

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Julia O'Brien had always enjoyed shopping in independent boutiques and often travelled quite some distance to find shops that offered different clothing labels.

In 2007, encouraged by family and friends, Julia took the opportunity to open her own boutique 'Almond' in the former chemist shop on Kirkburton high street. Her aim was to create a relaxed shopping experience where customers are encouraged to browse, often with a cup of tea or coffee, but also offered help when ever needed, from knowledgeable, friendly staff.

Julia and the Almond team have built their reputation for giving honest advice as they

know the best advertisement for the business is customers looking and feeling fabulous.

Julia works hard to introduce new labels on a regular basis with ranges from Denmark, Germany, France, Spain and even as far away as Australia.

Firm favourite labels include Masai, In Wear, Fransa and Numph, which keep the lovely customers coming back season after season.

They are also delighted to stock 'Me and Thee' which is designed and made in Huddersfield.

The team have always felt very welcome in Kirkburton, with a good base of local supporters, though they are also

delighted to welcome many regular customers from much further afield.

Something that Almond has always been passionate about is supporting local charities.

As well as donating raffle prizes, and making donations to worthy causes, a favourite way of fundraising is an 'Almond Fashion Show'. Despite taking a lot of organising, the fashion shows are a great way of raising money for fantastic causes, and they showcase some of the best seasonal ranges.

In 2010 Julia and her team were delighted to open '91 North' Almond menswear, situated in the old HSBC Bank building, just a few doors away from the ladies' shop. This was relocated to Holmfirth late in 2017.

After trading for five years in Kirkburton, Almond opened a second ladies' wear shop in the centre of Holmfirth, which carries similar ranges to the Kirkburton store, but also has the very popular sales and clearance floor. This allows customers to enjoy bargains all year around.

Sadly, the Holmfirth shop was closed for three months in Autumn of 2017 because of a fire in an adjacent business. However, the shop has now reopened and they are delighted to be welcomed back by customers and other local businesses, and it continues to grow from strength to strength.

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Another successful Heritage Weekend at local churches

It has often been said that 'if you enjoy something so much, then do it all over again!'. And that is just what All Hallows, Kirkburton did.

The weekend held in September as part of a national event provided a great opportunity for All Hallows' Church and Emmanuel Church, Shelley to welcome visitors; the second year they have taken part in this event. The Kirkburton History Group demonstrated the fruits of their research with detailed presentations, information about the Church, the inhabitants and local buildings, with a most interesting video loop including many references to local soldiers in WW1.

The Burton Environment Group was also much in evidence with displays of work they had undertaken around the village, including the '100 Stones' project to be seen at the War Memorial in Kirkburton. This sculpture represents, in 100 stones, the one hundred years since the end of the First World War.

There were Tower Tours - a total of 29 intrepid visitors climbed the narrow stair case to the Ringing Gallery. We were blessed with the computer-technical services of a University student, Liam Brown, who created a colourful, and musical, video of the Bell Ringers at work. This gave all visitors a chance to learn what went on 'up the Tower'.

Liam also helped the History Group to publicise their wonderful

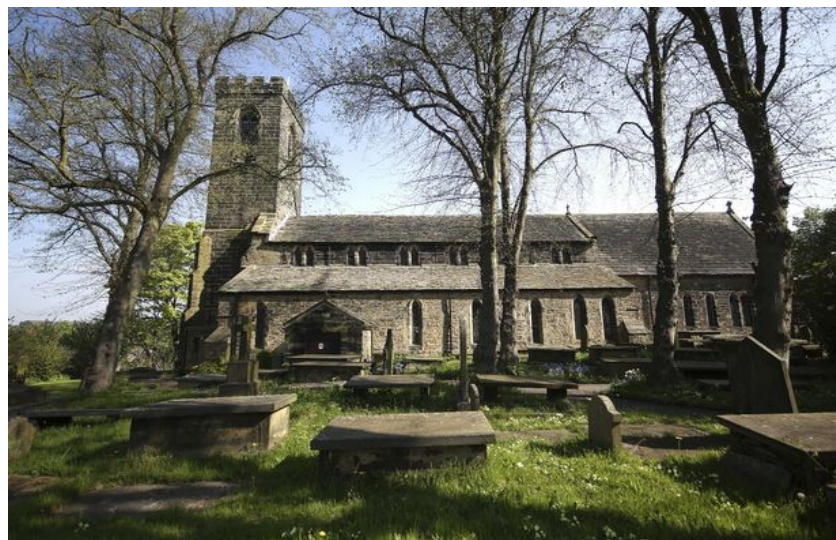
collection of old photos of First World War soldiers from Kirkburton, and views of the village - a poignant glimpse of a century ago.

Visitors were entertained on the Friday afternoon by Philip Sutcliffe, who gave a varied programme of organ music, and in the evening, Dr Pat Cullum, Head of History at the University of Huddersfield, gave a most interesting talk on The Medieval Church and its context in relation to Kirkburton. There was mention of a charnel house, a hidden crypt, and walls once decorated with glorious murals.

Kirkburton has always been a significant mother church in the Diocese of Wakefield. It was evident that church buildings metamorphose over the years when fashions in worship, architecture change and current needs all have an influence; there have been many changes in Kirkburton over the centuries, and doubtless there will be more in the future, to ensure a vibrant and living church in the parish.

The Youth Group set up a really eye-catching stall with hand-made pictures of the church, which sold like hot cakes, postcards and delicious goodies. I am glad to say that they made well over £100 - congratulations! Their presence was very much appreciated. Thank you so much.

On Saturday, Tim Viney of Atlantic Geomatics, gave visitors a flavour of what is involved in



digitising the burial grounds of Kirkburton and Emmanuel, by creating an up-to-date map of the graveyards, including all trees, graves with crosses and memorials. This will enable the enquirer to obtain a complete picture of a relative's grave, with a picture of the gravestone, exact location on the map, reference to birth and death certificates, and any other interesting information.

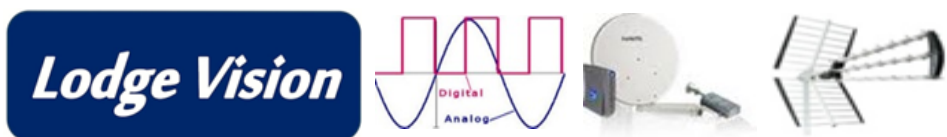
This project is being carried out thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and will enable all keen genealogists world-wide, to trace their ancestry in the Kirkburton area, by keying in specific information and obtaining a complete record of the relative. Both these villages will be seeking willing typists to enter information on to the programme, and thus complete another piece of the jigsaw of village life of Kirkburton and Shelley.

Please let the Churchwardens know if you would like to be involved.

Emmanuel Church chose the weekend to celebrate its 150th anniversary with a special Victorian Day. There were activities for the family in the morning, followed by lunch. Clifton Hand Bell Ringers gave a demonstration and concert in the afternoon, which was very well received.

Feedback revealed much appreciation of the friendly welcome, the beautiful and very interesting building, the knowledge and enthusiasm of the groups, the Bell Tower tours - and the delicious cakes.

Such positive comments are rewarding for all those who contributed to the weekend. Thank you all very much indeed.



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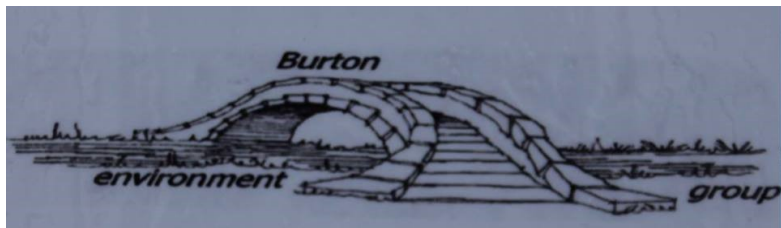
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Further projects for Burton Environment Group



Following the successful completion of the Kirkburton Memorial Garden project in time for the centenary of the Armistice, Burton Environment Group are turning their focus to a range of other projects to maintain local green spaces and improve the environment of our villages

The group has been working to develop a petanque/boules area in Burton Dean Park. This project which has attracted funding from Kirkburton Parish Council has involved a substantial number of volunteer hours to improve pathways, building walls and landscape area. The work is expected to be completed next month.

A new project is expected to begin in January to make further improvements to the lighting in Town Quarry and to improve the landscape and add new benches. The work which is being funded by Cobbett Environment Ltd with monies from the landfill tax is expected to be completed in May.

Cobbett Environment Ltd are also supporting BEG's plans for a trim trail including exercise stations in Burton Dean Community Fields. Recent consultation by BEG has shown a good level of support for this project which is also receiving funding from Kirkburton Parish Council. This work is expected to begin in January and to be concluded by May.

Tim Scott, Chair of BEG thanked the community for their help and interest, and Kirklees Council for ongoing advice as well as the Cobbett Trust for their support. He added that volunteers are always welcome at BEG's work days and meetings.

BEG work days take place on the third Monday and Wednesday of each month and usually run from 9:30 to 12:30. For details of the next work group consult the BEG facebook page.

You can contact BEG by email via Tim Scott at nether@tiscali.co.uk

SANTA'S SLEIGH NEWS

We have received fantastic news from Father Christmas's Chief Elf who has confirmed that the great man has once again put us into his hectic diary and will make a special visit so that he can meet the good boys and girls from Kirkburton and Highburton.

He will be landing his reindeer, led by Rudolph, in a field nearby, to give them a rest and a carrot or two. We have agreed to help him by pulling his sleigh around the local streets so that children have the opportunity of telling him that they have been good so that he should call at their houses on Christmas Eve.

So, children, you need to keep an eye out for Santa arriving. He has confirmed that he will be in the following streets with his helpers starting at 5.30pm each evening.

Monday 3 December – Highburton Hall Lane, Towngate, Burton Acres Lane, Burton Acres Drive, Saville Park, Burton Acres Way, Burton Acres Mews, Moor Lane, Cotswold Mews, Woodland Meadows.

Tuesday 4 December – Highburton Highfield Road, Redland Drive, Lee Way, Eastfield Drive, Mead Way, Burton Acres Lane, Southfield Court, Oakland Drive, Elm Court, Sycamore Court, Ashford Court, Springfields Estate, Dene Park.

Wednesday 5 December – Kirkburton Paddock Road, The Crescent, Thorncliffe, Turnshaws Road, Turnshaws Avenue, Burton Acres Lane, Hallas, Gregory Drive, Little Hallas.

Thursday 6 December – Kirkburton Queensway, Fairfield Rise, Low Town, Riley Lane, Riley Park, North Road, Northwood Park, Slant Gate.

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New Milestones for Old



Rowan Denton, a bronze sculptor and joiner from New Mill, was stuck in traffic on the New Mill Road, and he could see a milestone in a very bad state.

The writing on the milestone was almost illegible and the distances were also very difficult to read. He decided that he would use his expertise to restore that milestone. 'I've got to sort it' he said. And so that's what he did.

However, he started to see more faded milestones as he drove around and people started suggesting others that needed repairing.

He has now spent a couple of months of evenings and weekends repairing milestones around the

area. He can work on several different milestones at the same time, painting and restoring them, and moving onto others while the paint is drying.

Previously Rowan used his own equipment, but he has since been told by the Yorkshire Milestone Society, that he needs to use a special paint which costs £190.

A JustGiving page set up for paint and equipment raised £400 in three days. Rowan has recently started restoring cast iron road signs.

There are at least two stones in this local area – outside Shelley Village Hall, and at the far end of Riley Lane. Both of these now look prominent, crisp and clean after their makeovers.

Starting in 1892, 643 milestones were erected by Yorkshire County Council, using G&F Stead for the stones, and Brayshaw and Booth for the cast iron ones.

The response by the public has been outstanding, from cups of tea when working at the road side, to putting money behind the bar for a beer at his local.

The photos show the milestone at the far end of Riley Lane, before and after Rowan's treatment.

The renovation has highlighted the message to "Stick no bills" and the trig point symbol showing the precise point at which the height above sea level is measured is now also clear.

Keep up the good work, Rowan

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MEMORIES—HEALTH SERVICES IN OUR VILLAGES

To mark the 70th Birthday of the NHS. The Bulletin asked readers for their recollection of local health services.

Name and address supplied, Shepley

In Shepley I was with Dr Martin Dey who had his surgery at his house on The Knowle. Martin had taken over the practice from his father Dr Dey senior. There was no appointment system, we just turned up and waited. It was at his home and we would often see his young wife Jessie who was always so cheerful and their three young children. I remember the kitchen door being often open and seeing their clothes-rack full of washing either drying or airing off.

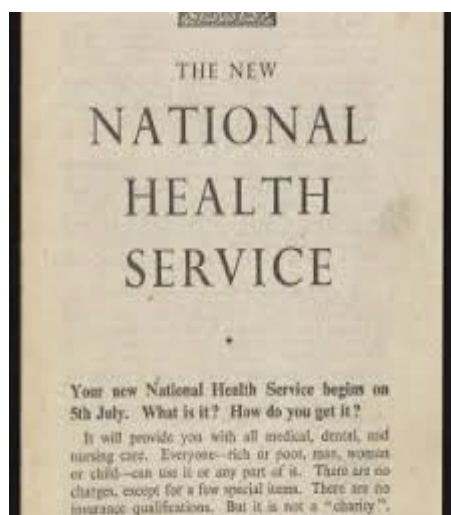
In 1972 my second child was due and I was offered ten days at the Princess Royal Maternity Home in Huddersfield which I readily accepted. It was fantastic with three meals a day. The babies were brought to us at 6 am and taken back into the nursery after 10 pm feed and fed by the nurses during the night. Ten nights of undisturbed sleep, bliss.

Since those early days, how things have progressed. Annual MOTs, booking online for appointments and reordering prescriptions.

For anyone who has not experienced the old “no appointments” system, I can tell you it was not pleasant. Often feeling poorly and having to wait sometimes

two or more hours in a building that did not have central heating was not a pleasant experience.

I have always felt that we have excellent healthcare in these two villages with outstanding practitioners. Long may it continue.



Name and address supplied, Kirkburton

The doctor was visiting my Mum, who was explaining that the NHS came in 1948 and before then, one had to pay for medical treatment. She told the doctor that it had cost £14 when she had my sister in 1943 at the Princess Royal Maternity Home in Huddersfield. Mum then started laughing and we asked why – she said that it cost nothing when I was born in 1948, so I must have been the original ‘buy one get one free’.

Bob Higson, retired Kirkburton GP

(This is an extract from his memories. We will include further insights next edition.)

I moved to Kirkburton in 1953 at the age of 16 years. At that time the Kirkburton medical practice was run by Dr John Stephens, and his daughter, Dr Joan. It was run from their house ‘The Dean’ at the far end of North Road. Dr Stephens was a full-blown toff, the likes of which you never see these days, more’s the pity. He always dressed in a smart navy three-piece suit, always wore a Homburg hat when out and highly polished black boots, with white spats. I doubt if many of the younger generation even know what they are.

It was always said, probably correctly, that Dr Stephens was more interested in politics than he was in medicine. He was chairman of the local Conservative party and of Kirkburton Urban District Council. He was always extremely busy in the weeks before the local elections, and visited every old person in the village, supposedly to give them a check-up, but really to extract from them the promise of a vote.

My grandfather, who lived with us, and had been a coalminer when younger, was staunch labour.

However, he always promised Dr Stephens he would vote for him. I once asked him why and he said ‘Well if I don’t vote for him, he will probably give me ‘The Black Tablet’ on his next visit. This was said in all seriousness.

For those who don’t know, the black tablet was a pill that all GP’s were thought to carry with them in their waistcoat pocket. If any patient was very ill, or stepped out of line in any way, they would be given the black tablet and apparently

it finished them off in double quick time. Most people nowadays will think ‘what a load of rubbish, no-one could possibly believe that’ but it was a different world then, and many people, especially the older end, did believe it.

Over the years I have been asked on many occasions whether or not we still carried the black tablet, I had to sadly inform them that we did not, but I often wished I had a pocket full. I think you might have had a lucky escape there, Jack Crookes.

In June 1975 I’d completed six years in the Army as a Regimental Medical Officer and decided to leave, so, one morning, I called in to see Dr Joan, simply to ask her if she knew of any practice in the Huddersfield area which needed a new partner. To my surprise and obvious delight, she said ‘Well this practice is getting too big for 2 of us, (Drs Joan and Standring), so why don’t you join us?’ I could hardly believe my ears or my luck. Having lived in Kirkburton since I was 16, I thought it was wonderful. “You can start next Monday morning, there will be no breaking in period, you already know the area, you will get equal work and equal after hours duties from day one.”

She continued ... “there are only 3 rules in this practice

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ices over the decades.

Dr Bob Higson, continued)

Joan was very autocratic, she was the boss and she made the decisions. There were no such things as practice meetings or discussing policy. Joan decided, and if you had anything to say, you said it over coffee at the end of surgery. That way things got done, and it was the way I liked it, hence Joan and I got on really well..

When I started we had 5min. appointment slots and did one in three nights and weekends. We each had one half of day off per week, and we all worked Saturday mornings. You really had to get on with it to see your patient within the five minutes, but in those days you dealt with the problem of which the patient complained and made a quick entry on their card recording it. There was none of this nonsense of asking patients 'Life-Style questions'. Targets, Guidelines and Best Practice directives had not been invented. I am not sure when the Government brought in the rule that all patients must be given a ten-minute appointment, but it didn't go down well with a lot of GPs. Dr Joan was amongst them, she said that if you could not see to a patient in five minutes, then you were in the wrong job!

Dr Priestley replaced Dr Joan and Dr Karen Dean replaced Dr Stan-drin. Dr Dean was very bright and clued up. Sadly, I couldn't say that about myself, as I was rather old-fashioned and tended to ignore government guidelines and targets. I don't think Karen was over impressed with the way I did things, However we all three muddled along together, guided by our superb Practice Manager Delia (known as Delilah), and constantly bullied by the recep-

tion gang. I think we ran a good practice.

For me, the rot set in with the arrival of the computer. It very quickly got to the stage where I was putting in a lot of extra work and frustration on everyone else in the practice. At that time plans were being prepared for the building of the new Health Centre. This was too much for me, so I retired, much to the relief of everyone else, I think.

I certainly never wanted to retire, and had we stayed in the Dark Ages, then I suspect I would still have been at it to this day, probably two to three days a week, and dishing out the same old rubbish to punters. I don't ever remember getting stressed out with the job. I thought it was a doddle. The wages were good too!

A few days before I retired, one of these characters came to see me ... Barbara, I had known her for donkey's years. I always called her 'Barbara lass' and she called me 'lad', and as she talked she kept prodding me in the chest with her finger. This particular day I said to her 'now then, Barbara lass, what can I do for you?' She said 'Tha can't do nowt lad, because there's nowt wrong with me. I have just come in to thank thee, lad, for what's tha's done over the years for all the old fogies in Kirkburton. We all know that tha's a silly bugger, but we know that when we ring you for an appointment, we'll get one on the same day, tha looks at us, tha listens to us, and tha talks to us' Thank you, Barbara lass, you were my kind of woman!

Thank you to all my lovely Kirkburton friends – the Punters. It has been my pleasure.



The end of the road for the old Kirkburton Health Centre in the former Drill Hall

MEMORIES

Please send us your stories of your experiences with the health services in the villages.

Had you heard of the 'Black Tablet'?

Can you recall the rifle range at the Surgery?

Were you canvassed by Dr John as you were being treated?

Let us have your reactions.

For the next edition of the Bulletin in February, send us your memories of shops and other business in Kirkburton and Highburton that are no more.

Winter Gardening Tips

from Lisa
Halifax
at Totties



As winter approaches, and spring still seems a way off, green fingers still twitch, so these are our top gardening tips for your twitchy fingers over the winter period.

There are a few things you can be doing to protect your garden and ensure it gets through the colder months and comes out stronger the other side. One of those things is to use grease bands to stop winter moth damage which particularly targets all maples, oak, apple, crab-apple, ash, and blueberry. It sometimes even drops onto perennials like roses.

Prune fruit trees between now and February. Apple and pear trees trained as free-standing bushes are best pruned every winter to ensure a good cycle of fruiting wood. Trees that are not pruned become less productive and congested with old branches. The aim is to create an open goblet shape with a framework of four to five main branches.

Add compost or well-rotted manure to your beds now for healthier plants next year. Either fork it in or, if you have 'no dig' raised beds, spread it on top.

It's also a good time to make leaf mould, using one of nature's free and annually renewable gifts to gardeners – autumn leaves.

Leaf mould is what's left when the dead, fallen leaves from deciduous trees and shrubs are heaped up and allowed to rot down. Leaf mould is easy to make, free of pests, diseases and weeds, a delight to handle, and you can't possibly overdose your soil on it. Make a wire cage for the leaves so they don't blow away or keep in black plastic bags with a little soil added to help them break down, and a few punctures in the bag. Use when well-rotted - after one to two years.

Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent water logging and from the frost getting to those seeds and bulbs you've planted. I would be a shame to ruin them before you've even got to enjoy them.

Look after our garden friends. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds so keep supplies well stocked. Birds will appreciate nuts, seeds and fat balls. Remember to freshen up water regularly and ensure it doesn't freeze over. Keeping an area of your garden untidy, with a pile of logs and fallen leaves, makes a perfect hedgehog house.

Christmas will soon be upon us. If you're bringing in a potted tree from outside, do it a few days before Christmas and leave the tree for 24 hours before you decorate it. Whether you choose a potted tree or freshly cut tree, remember to give it plenty of water and keep it away from the radiators. Conifers are very happy in the freezing cold, and miserable in a centrally-heated house.

Plant of the moment



Callicarpa bodinieri Profusion – Beautiful charming purple berries from September- December followed by masses of mauve flowers June/July. This shrub is a must for all gardens. Height 2m, Spread 2m

MP's Report

Paula Sherriff MP

From Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to World Mental Health Day, there's been plenty of worthy causes to highlight in Parliament in recent weeks. These are just a couple of the desperately important issues I've been speaking out about to raise much needed awareness and to urge the government into action.

Locally, I've been working with Councillor Graham Turner addressing some issues with local bus services operated by Yorkshire Tiger. After meeting the company management team they have advised that some positive amendments to the timetables are underway. This is an issue that Cllr Turner and I will continue to follow and raise any issues on behalf of the communities of Kirkburton, Highburton, Skelmanthorpe, Shelley, Clayton West and Denby Dale which have been particularly affected by the reduction in services.

A good quality public transport network is essential. Since 2010 bus fares have risen three times faster than wages and West Yorkshire has seen 44 bus services altered, reduced or withdrawn in the last year alone. We want local authorities to take back control of bus fares, routes, and timetables. It's time for communities to be put ahead of the interests of private profit.

Sadly, it is often the elderly who suffer from the deterioration of our local transport networks, so I was glad to visit the Denby Dale Centre, and to hear about all the fantastic work they are doing to counter this. They provide a community transport scheme for elderly and disabled residents and are running a number of activities across Kirklees which are reducing loneliness, isolation and improving quality of life.

They also offer training courses, such as First Aid, to businesses and individuals, as well as to charitable groups at a reduced fee. Their units, in Springfield Mills, Denby Dale, host a charity shop which helps to fund their vital activities, as well as offering a place for older residents to meet and socialise. If you can support them by visiting the charity shop, volunteering for a couple of hours a week, or if you are interested in any of the services or training courses that they offer, please don't hesitate to contact them; 01484 860077. It is a fantastic initiative.



I've also had the pleasure of visiting Reliance – another successful local company in my constituency. Reliance is a world leading precision manufacturing company providing engineering solutions across a diverse range of technologies. I was fascinated to learn more about the precision manufacturing process from procurement to completion. They employ over 200 people at their site near Lepton and I was particularly impressed to learn about their excellent apprenticeship scheme and indeed meet a number of the current apprentices.

November this year marks - one hundred years since the Armistice - a poignant moment to reflect on all that has been sacrificed for our security and freedom today. I am always proud to lay wreaths at memorial services around our area, and spare time to be grateful to our armed forces through the Poppy Appeal, and support The Royal British Legion's work providing essential welfare assistance to service personnel.

I pay tribute to the work of local historians and community groups, like all those involved with the Burton Environment Group who are helping to preserve the stories of local people for future generations. They are doing some great work on a project to enhance the Kirkburton Memorial Garden with an information board of those 67 young men who gave their lives in the First World War.

As ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office on 01924 565450, email paula@paulasherriff.org.uk or write to me; Paula Sherriff MP, The Old Dewsbury Reporter Building, 17 Wellington Road, Dewsbury, WF13 1HQ.

Letters

We want to hear your views, comments and suggestions. No personal attacks, unpaid for product, services or party-political promotion (you can deliver your own leaflets). Where political points are made (however subtly), to ensure balance, we will ask other parties to put their view. We will even consider publishing your letters anonymously (as long as you tell *us* your name and address!). We do, however, reserve the right to edit any letter you send as we do not have unlimited space, so keep it short!

The state of local footpaths

Following the expression of a number of serious concerns from dog walkers regarding the quagmire which masquerades as the meadowland path (between Thunderbridge and the footbridge leading to Storthes Hall woods), I recently contacted Yorkshire Water to report the scale of the problem.

The difficulty is this: even after just brief but heavy rainfall, the sewer man-hole covers spew forth sewage, including of course the obvious detritus.

Prolonged heavy rainfall can lift the heavy man-hole covers and thus causes sewage to erupt not only onto the path but also to cascade into Fenay Beck.

This area is popular with lots of families, cyclists and dog walkers. The many deep paw marks would suggest that dog owners do not realise what their pets are ploughing through.

Yorkshire Water inform me that they are now carrying out work to remove roots which are intruding into the sewer and that the water should then be flowing more freely. This would of course help to limit the blockages.

I am further informed that there is a long term plan looking to install large storage tanks to improve sewer performance but funding for this will not be looked

at until 2020. Meanwhile, a boardwalk is being considered.

I am pleased that Yorkshire Water are working with the Wildlife Trust to look at ways to prevent heavy pollution of Fenay Beck, one example being hay bales along the banks. Disappointingly, my suggestion that Yorkshire Water put up warning signs fell on deaf ears.

I am grateful to Yorkshire Water's Customer Care Manager for her regular updates. Yorkshire Water can be contacted on: 03451242424.

Councillor Maureen Sykes
Kirkburton Parish Council

Mike Greetham

I was greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mike Greetham. However, I very much appreciated reading Malcolm Macdonald's article about Mike in the August edition of the Bulletin. Mike did so much in our community and Malcolm's article was a fitting tribute.

Burtoner

Memories—education in the villages

I have just finished a period of caring for my mother, Joyce Palmer, who lived in Burton all her life. She died this March aged 99 and had many memories. When I brought the Burton Bulletin home it would often get a remark of some kind from her. Since she died I have taken some comfort by noting events in her life, perhaps some of them will be of interest. My mother's junior school was in the building now occupied by the Carlton Club. I wonder how many of your readers remember this; it would be in the 1920s.

Pa Pearson was the Headmaster of the Church of England school in the 1950's and 60's. By the time we reached the top class it was as if we had done enough of the academic side of the syllabus and were free to pursue practical and diverse subjects that were right up Pa Pearson's street. He was a member of the Huddersfield Choral Society, so everyone was in the school choir. He would play piano with one hand and conduct with the other. I remember being singled out at one point for a private audition, up and down scales. I obviously failed this test because I heard no more of it.

Basket work was another great divergence. No matter how good or bad you were, everyone

had a piece of basketwork on the go. And as with the choir, Pa Pearson was good at it himself, the windowsills were lined with pot plants in baskets. School was no holiday camp; corporal punishment was the main way of maintaining discipline. Boys would be slipped in class by the senior teachers. Or in case of a more serious misdemeanour the boy would be sent to Pa Pearson's room to be caned. I don't recall the girls being subject to these methods.

The postmaster, Vincent Walker, was Major of Kirkburton Urban District Council and presented the prizes for the Road Safety Slogan Competition that had occupied our time. At Christmas Miss Allott found Latin words for a favourite carol, so this had to be learned. A school play had to be written and performed.

The 11+ brought all this to an end. Those who passed would be sent to Penistone, Honley or Mirfield and the others had the shorter journey up the Hallas.

I lost interest in school at Mirfield and was the first to want to leave after the fifth form. It wasn't until later life that I realised that some of my interests were not picked up at grammar school, but thanks to Pa Pearson anyway.

Rodney Palmer



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Sports Reports



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Tennis is a brilliant sport! Whatever your age or ability you can keep fit and have fun playing tennis. If you play to a good standard then the teams will be delighted to meet you. If you are a beginner, then that is great too. Our coach also runs cardio tennis sessions subject to demand where fitness is the focus rather than the tennis skills.

Gregory Fields Tennis Club has 3 floodlit courts and a purpose-built clubhouse. It is a very friendly club that welcomes new members of all abilities to help the club grow and develop into the future.

As a member you will have unlimited access to the courts except match nights and children's holiday clubs.

There is a fairly stable core membership and a number of successful teams but this is not enough. The courts are under-used and this is a great shame. We need people to join us, play tennis, invite their friends to come along and provide ideas to influence the future direction of the club.

What we have to offer at the moment is good.....we have:

- Social tennis on Thursday evenings
- Social tennis Friday mornings
- Ladies / Men's practice nights
- Out of season table tennis
- Low membership fees with off peak and concessions
- Pay and play to give us a try first
- junior coaching and competitive junior tennis.
- adults coaching for both beginners and improvers by arrangement.
- individual coaching by arrangement,
- school holiday tennis schemes run by our coach, Andy.
- Cardio tennis.
- Two Men's Teams
- Two Ladies Teams.
- Two fun tournaments per year.

This still leaves gaps in court use - particularly outside the match season. This is a community resource that could be used so much more. Please give it some thought and contact us at gregoryfieldstc@gmail.com

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Kirkburton Football Club

Kirkburton AFC have started the 2018-19 season very well, having played seven games, won five, drawn one and lost one.

The management team of Matthew Sykes and Mikey Vickerman have recruited some new talented young players to play alongside the existing players.

The club are currently joint 2nd in the West Riding County Amateur League Premier Division behind Huddersfield YM and Deighton and are hoping to be challenging for promotion this season.



Kirkburton had a home fixture in the first round of the Groom Cup against Uppermill in October.

Then in the first round of the challenge cup they have been drawn away to first division side Colne valley on 17 November 2018, kick off at 1.45pm.

The team have a bye into the next round of the Sheffield cup.

The committee and players would like to wish Mikey Vickerman a speedy recovery after his emergency surgery.

Kirkburton AFC are on the look-out for new committee members, so if there is anybody out there who would like to help out with a well-established and well-run football team, please let us know.

Contact us at kirkburtonafc@btconnect.com or come along to a game and introduce yourself.

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Kirkburton Cricket Club

- end of season report



After a very busy 2018 season in which we have been blessed with marvellous weather, it is pleasing to report all our teams have performed beyond expectations. The First eleven had a blip at the start of the season, being knocked out of the Sykes Cup in the first round by Moorlands, but they exceeded expectations by finishing 7th in the Premiership, taking some big scalps on the way to 12 wins. Captain Craig Fletcher stood down at the end of the season. Craig has been an excellent Captain for us, not just on the pitch, but also his organising of popular social events which have brought much-needed funds and the club would like to thank him for all his hard work. Next season we will have 22 year old Toby Booth taking on the Captain's role for Kirkburton, and we are certain he will carry on the good work that Craig has been doing over the last few seasons.

Our Second eleven had an excellent season, Captained by club Chairman James Newsome, finishing 3rd in Premiership 2, winning 16 games, losing 7; they carried on the great work from last season by retaining the Paddock Shield beating Broad Oak in the final at Kirkburton. Broad Oak batted first and we bowled them out for 173, Robert Kettlewell taking 4 wickets for 47 runs. Our innings was led by Mike Smith with

31 and Ben Carrington (an Under 17) with 40. Dale Winterbottom with 33 and Tom Cliffe with 58, saw us home easily with just the 2 wickets down and plenty overs left in the tank. The only sad point about the day was our long-time supporter, Barbara Kirkman, had to be taken to hospital but returned to the match before the end to see the Shield being lifted by James Newsome.

Our junior section again had a very successful season, the Under 9's winning various tournaments, the Under 11's winning Area D, after an unbeaten league campaign and the Dawson cup! The Under 13's finished mid-table in the league, losing in the 2nd round of the cup, the Under 15's were 4th in Area A, losing to Almondbury Wesleyan in the cup and the Under 17's had a brilliant season. They won the league, winning 10 of the 11 games, the other game being abandoned due to weather. They also won the Philip Oldfield Cup, beating Golcar in the final.

Congratulations go to all our junior players and the coaches who devote so much time and effort into making the game of cricket so enjoyable for our young people, they do a marvellous job and the club committee are genuinely grateful to them.

One negative aspect to talk about is the increasing amount of dog dirt that appears around our club playing area. Our ground is, and always has been, a sports field, not a dog exercising arena. It seems that in the winter months especially, dog walkers are not being responsible with their disposal and it is left to our volunteers to clean up after them.

We have signs up all around the ground saying that it is a finable offence to not clear up after your dog, but these signs seem to be largely ignored. We have contacted local councillors to see what can be done about it and whether we can impose fines ourselves.

At this time of year our club activities slowly wind down, but our club house is always available for hire for any type of event or meeting. Please contact me if you are interested in hiring our facility and I can relay our pricing structure.

We look forward to the 2019 season with our new Captain in place and hope that the weather can be as kind to us again. I will update developments in the Spring issue of the Bulletin.

Andrew Crookes

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Eating Out

Miriam's Kitchen Table

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This café has 24 covers and is based in premises previously used as a vintage clothes shop.

The menu includes healthy lunches and brunches with "lots of things on toast". As well as serving Darkwoods Coffee, the café uses bread from artisan bakery Roger's Bread – both businesses based in Marsden.

There's also a range of delicious soups, pastries and cakes – baked on the premises.

Having said that, Miriam bakes excellent cakes as well as preparing fabulous soups, sandwiches and salads.

There is a great selection of food available for all, including vegetarians and those who follow a gluten-free diet. Highlights on the menu include perfectly cooked poached eggs, mushrooms with thyme, beans on toast (a healthy posh version, not from a tin) and a toasted cheese sandwich, probably the nicest cheese toastie I have ever eaten.



Miriam's is a relatively new and very welcome addition to the village. Miriam already had a reputation locally as a great cook and the simple but interesting menu is beautifully cooked with a very warm welcome thrown in. The staff are very friendly and helpful. When you walk in there is an immediate feeling of warmth and that, coupled with the friendly staff, creates an amazing atmosphere that helps you relax and have a wonderful meal.

The menu is expertly chosen. There are brunch type meals available all day – a huge bonus for those of us who don't want cake every time we stop for coffee.

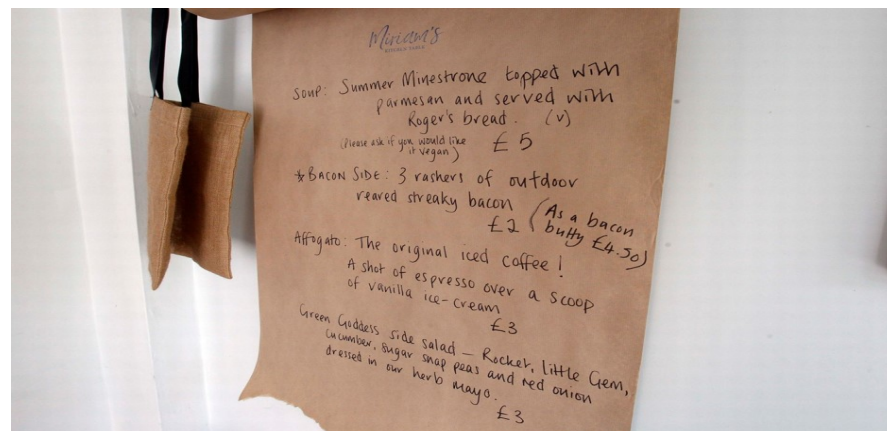
There are also some amazing cakes and cinnamon buns.

The coffee at Miriam's is excellent, she serves only the best, Darkwoods – good taste award winners. There are also excellent teas, lovely hot chocolate and healthy soft drinks.

Miriam's has a cool and stylish setting. Miriam has painted much of the art on the walls herself and has a great sense of style. A fabulous and friendly place to meet.

Very highly recommended.

The Burton Diner



Pop-up dining

One of our editorial team was fortunate to be among the 24 people at the pop-up Harvest Supper at Miriam's on 13 October. Miriam had previously run pop-up dining at her home but this was the first event at her premises on North Road.

After delicious home-made harvest bread with herb butter, diners enjoyed a choice of ham hock terrine with pineapple chutney or ricotta ravioli. The ham was sweet and the pasta had just the right amount of bite.

The main course was beef cheek with seasonal mash and cabbage. It is surprising how much meat there is in a cheek and how tender it was.

The other option was blue cheese cheesecake. This felt more like a soufflé than a cheesecake: very light with the blue cheese providing flavour without being overpowering.

The dessert was a choice of poached pear pavlova or remembrance cakes with sorbet. It was a fantastic culinary experience served with charm in a lovely friendly atmosphere. The cost was £25 for three courses which was great value especially as diners were able to bring their own wine.

Look out for the next pop-up dinner at Miriam's, but you may have to be quick when bookings open. Word is sure to spread.

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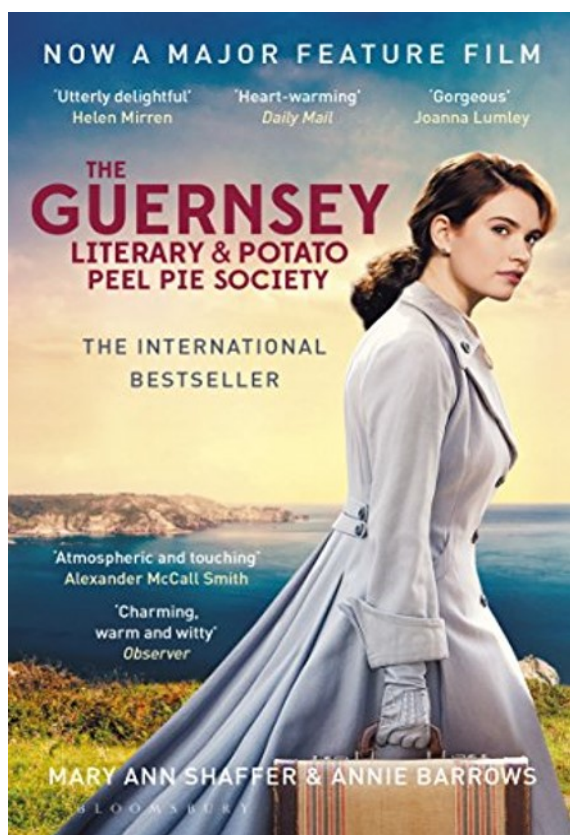
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BB Book Review

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie

Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer, Annie Barrows



Mary Ann Shaffer worked as an editor, a librarian and in bookshops. Her life-long dream was to write her own book and publish it. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society was her first novel. Unfortunately she became very ill with cancer and so asked her niece, Annie Barrows, a children's author, to help her finish the book. Mary Ann Shaffer died in February 2008, a few months before her first novel was published.

January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Unexpectedly she finds it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book written by Charles Lamb.

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends, a wonderfully eccentric world. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society - born as a spur-of-the-moment

alibi when its members were discovered breaking the curfew by the Germans occupying their island - boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literary lovers all.

Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members, learning about their island, their taste in books and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey. What she finds will change her forever.

Written with warmth and humour as a series of letters, this novel is a celebration of the written word in all its guises, and of finding connection in the most surprising ways.

An international bestseller and now a major film starring Lily James, released in April 2018.

Recipe for November

Plump Spotted Dog



I hope anyone who tried the Christmas Pudding recipe in a previous edition of The Bulletin enjoyed it. For those who do not like Christmas Pudding, this recipe is an alternative. I got it out of the Yorkshire Post years since and my family love it. This pudding is so easy to make and the beauty of it is, you can prepare it the day before, pull it altogether on the day and then just forget about it whilst it cooks. The recipe is for a 1 pint pudding dish, just double the recipe for a larger pudding bowl.

Grease a 1 pint pudding bowl and put 1 tablespoon golden syrup in the bottom. Then put 1 tablespoon of golden syrup into a pan together with 1 tablespoon water or 1 tablespoon rum/brandy, 2oz raisins and 2oz currants. Simmer for about 10

minutes until the fruit is plump. Allow to cool.

In the meantime, rub together:

4oz self-raising flour

1.5oz butter

Then add 1oz suet. Add a beaten egg and a little milk to make the mixture soft. Although this is the recipe printed, I add a small chopped baking apple as it gives the pudding a nice bite. Add the simmered fruit and golden syrup and mix well. Cover in greaseproof paper, then tin foil and steam or simmer in a pan or slow cooker for 2 hours (for a bigger pudding, cook for 4 hours). Serve with custard. I hope you enjoy this pudding.

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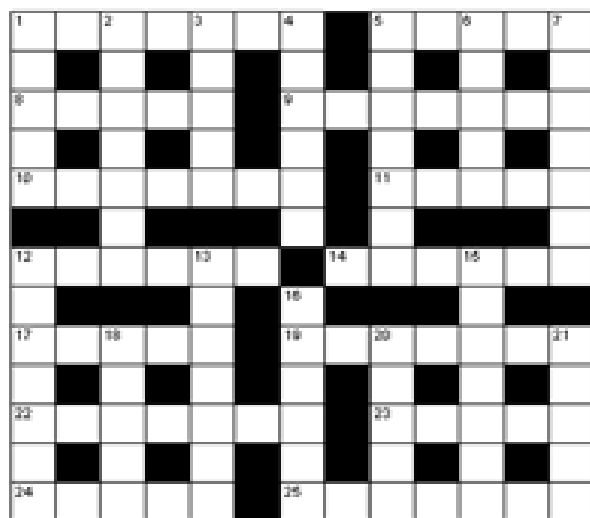
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PUZZLE PAGE



Across

1. Gallantry (7)
5. Subsequently (5)
8. Extreme happiness (5)
9. Considered unlikely (7)
10. Pills (7)
11. Paragon (5)
12. Gaped (6)
14. Concurs (6)
17. Proverb (5)
19. Recite (7)
22. Feed (7)
23. Water lily (5)
24. Frock (5)
25. Use again after processing (7)

Down

1. Established custom (5)
2. Arc of refracted light (7)
3. Publish (5)
4. Humble (6)
5. Risible (7)
6. Heading (5)
7. Conundrums (7)
12. Hankered (7)
13. Foes (7)
15. Flexible (7)
16. Fix firmly (6)
18. Angle less than 90 degrees (5)
20. Something that has survived the past (5)
21. Follow (5)

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The Bulletagram is a anagram of a 9 letter Word

The challenge is to solve the anagram and find as many 4 or more letter Words as you can containing the central letter .

TARGET :Not Bad 13, Better 17, Pretty Good 21, Champion 25

1. Can you find three errors in that puzzle?
2. Jamie looked at his reflection on the window mirror of the 45th floor. Driven by an irrational impulse, he made a leap through the window. He did not encounter even a single bruise.
How can this be possible if he neither landed on a soft surface nor used a parachute?
3. What is the probability of meeting someone in your lifetime who is having an above average number of arms?
Never, Unlikely, Likely, or Certain
4. A mule travels the same distance daily. two of his legs travel 10km and the remaining two travel 11km. Can you explain?
5. By using only one straight line , can you make this equation correct.
 $5+5+5=550$
6. What are the next two letters in the following series and why?
W A T N T L I T F S _ _
7. What is the answer to this equation ? $2 + 2 + 2 + 2$
 $2 + 2 * 0 + 2 = ?$



CODEWORD

Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.
Can you crack the code and solve the crossword? Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Three letters are already in place.

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Recycling— do you know the 5 R's ?



It's hard to ignore the current problem our planet has with waste. Whether you've seen Blue Planet or simply watched the news; plastic is a problem. Or, rather, single-use plastics are a problem. It's not the Tupperware jug you've had hanging around since the mid-80s (you know who you are) that is most concerning, but all the plastic we use once or twice that has a one-way ticket to your bin.

Each year, 400 million tonnes of plastic is produced, 40% of that being single-use. Examples of single-use plastics are carrier bags, drinks bottles, straws, coffee cups and crisp packets. Plastic is great, there is no denying it. It has many and varied wonderful uses, but the problem is that most of it isn't biodegradable. It doesn't rot like paper or food, instead it hangs around in the environment for hundreds of years, doing our planet serious harm.

So, what can you, the residents of Burton, do?

Take a look at the 5R's of waste reduction. We're all busy, and it's virtually impossible to live a totally zero-waste life, but lots of people making a few small changes will have a BIG impact:

REFUSE – Saying 'no thank you' to single-use plastics is one of the easiest and most impactful ways of cutting waste, as it reduces demand for these things in the first place. You can politely pass on items such as plastic drinking straws and bits of tat for your kids they'll never look at again (after a recent clear-out, the bottom of my daughter's toy box was testament to how much of a problem this is). When shopping for food take your bags with you and buy fruit and vegetables loose if you can. Next time you pay Russ Parkinson a visit, he'll be more than happy to pop your chicken breasts and pork chops in a tub to reduce packaging, as are most larger stores too! Swap to paperless statements and say 'no' to junk mail.

REDUCE – I love nothing more than going through our house and giving items gathering dust their marching orders; de-cluttering is liberating!

Kirkwood Hospice Shop and our local Facebook page Burtonbay have been the beneficiaries of many of these items! I've also been surprised by the power of the shopping list. We've saved money just by meal-planning, writing a list and buying only what's on it. Reducing waste AND saving money – double bubble!

REUSE – Swap disposables for reusables. Use a hanky instead of tissues (affectionately known as snot-rags in our home). Invest in a re-usable coffee cup and water bottle (for those who prefer fizzy water like me, a Soda Stream does the job).

There are so many swaps available (beeswax wraps instead of cling-film, bamboo toothbrushes and cotton buds, washable rags instead of paper towels – the list goes on), and they often save you money in the long run.

RECYCLE – Try to think of recycling as a last resort. Have you refused, reduced and reused first? Make sure you visit www.kirklees.gov.uk and be really clear about what can and cannot be put in your green bin, and whether you need to clean these items first. If a green bin becomes 'contaminated' the whole load can be shipped off to landfill instead of being recycled.

ROT – We know that Burton has many green-fingered inhabitants who probably already compost. Unfortunately, my fingers are resolutely un-green, but composting is actually a lot easier than you might think. You can even compost indoors without the terrible smell and attracting unwanted beasts (Google is full of fabulous tips on how to do this).

Helen Hirst,
Nowt On – Zero Waste Shop



Community notices

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Date	Emmanuel Church, Shelley	All Hallows Kirkburton
Sunday 9 December	Christingle Service 5pm	
Wednesday 12 December		Kirkburton Middle School Christmas Service - Evening
Sunday 16 December	Carol Service 10am	Community Carol Service with contributions from HD8 Voices Mulled wine and mince pies
Wednesday 19 December		Highburton First School Christmas Service 7pm (tbc)
Thursday 20 December		Kirkburton First School Christmas Service 9:30am
		Reflective Service 6:30pm an opportunity to join us for quiet contemplation and prayers; a service for those who find Christmas a difficult time
Friday 21 December		Carols Round the Piano an opportunity to join an informal group to sing carols, or share a reading over a glass of wine
Monday 24 December		Christingle service 5pm – an exciting and enthralling service for the young, and not-so-young. There will be a collection for the National Children's Society.
		Midnight Eucharist - 11:30pm – a Celebration of the birth of Christ
Tuesday 25 December	Christmas Day Family Service 10am (no Communion)	
Sunday 30 December	Cluster Service 10am	

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10.30 am- 11.00 rhyme time (pre school)

2.15 pm - 3.00 story time (term time only)

Last Thursday of the month 10.30 - 12.00 Coffee morning plus

Friday 10.00 pm - 12.00 local history group

2.00 pm - 4.00 Knit and Natter

Look out for our special events.

Coffee & Christmas Crafts

At Kirkburton Library 29 November 2018 10.30 to 12.00

Come along and make your own tree and table decorations for Christmas.

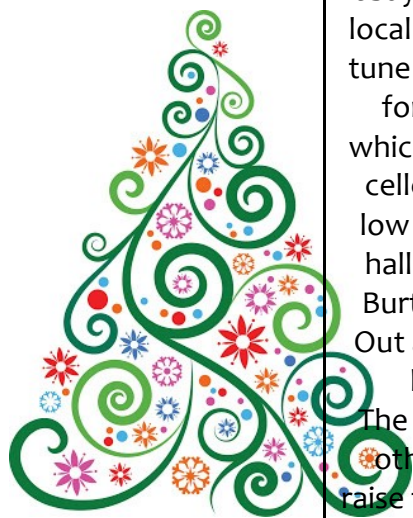
[Free materials and tuition.](#)

What's on in Kirkburton & Highburton

Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 24th November 2018,
Burton Village Hall, Highburton,
10 am – 3 pm.

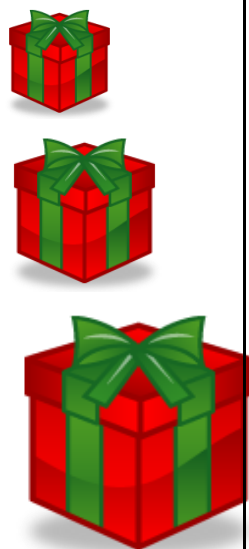


Last year our Christmas Fair helped support local community groups raise funds to the tune of over £1000!! Over £300 was raised for the Community Association funds which helps keep Burton Village Hall in excellent condition and keeps the rents as low as possible for all those who use the hall – Highburton Pre-School, Brownies, Burton out of School Club, Karate, Time Out and Wednesday Club. The funds also help support the Burton Bulletin. The Fair also provides an opportunity for other groups within the community to raise funds – the local pre-schools, the Hospice, All Hallows Church and Kirkburton Cricket club have all successfully raised funds at the fair.

As well as stalls supporting local community groups there will be **Clair from Coco Fashion, Temple Spa, Kissing Pomander** home-made cakes and gifts. We are also thrilled that Santa can join us and he will be in his grotto waiting to see all the children.

NEW THIS YEAR – in response to requests made by many parents there will be a “kids’ corner” with activities and games for children.

Please support our fair this year: make it a date in your diary and help make it one of our best. Pop in for a coffee, enjoy some warming soup or a hot-dog, meet friends and carry out your Christmas shopping in the warm comfortable surroundings of your village hall.



Get involved with The Bulletin

If you enjoy reading the Bulletin, and/or you think it could be improved, perhaps you'd like to get involved?

If you have time, energy and ideas why not join our team?

Contact Pat Shaw or Gerard Hetherington.

The address for your letters:

burtonbulletin1@KCHA.org.uk

What's on at Burton Village Hall

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association

Registered Charity No. 507813



Monday

Burton Out-of-School Club – 7.30am – 9.00am

Highburton Playgroup – 9.00am – 3.00pm

Burton Crafters – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Burton Out-of-School Club – 3.30pm – 6.00pm

8th Kirkburton West Brownies – 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Fitness Class – 8.00pm – 9.00pm

Tuesday

Burton Out-of-School Club – 7.30am – 9.00am

Highburton Playgroup – 9.00am – 12.30pm

Mothers & Toddlers – 1.15pm – 3.15pm

Burton Out-of-School Club – 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Highly Strung Guitars & Ukulele – 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Kirkburton Labour Party – 7.30pm – 9.00pm (2nd week of month)

Wednesday

Burton Out-of-School Club – 7.30am – 9.00am

Highburton Playgroup – 9.00am – 3.00pm

Wednesday Club – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Burton Out-of-School Club – 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Karate Club – 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Thursday

Burton Out-of-School Club – 7.30am – 9.00am

Highburton Playgroup – 9.00am – 3.00pm

Time Out – 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Burton Out-of-School Club – 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Kirkburton Parish Council – 7.30pm – 10.00pm (1st week of the month)

Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association – 7.30pm – 9.30pm
(2nd week of month)

Friday

Burton Out-of-School Club – 7.30am – 9.00am

Highburton Playgroup – 9.00am – 3.00pm

Burton Out-of-School Club – 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Fitness Class – 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Salsa – 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Saturday

Karate – 12.00pm – 4.00pm

To enquire about making a booking please contact Pam on 604109

NEXT EDITION

Issue 14 of the Burton Bulletin will be published in February 2019.

The deadline for articles and letters is Friday 18 January.

How do I get in touch with ..?

TRANSPORT

National Rail Enquiries	08457 484950
Metro Bus/Metro Train	01132 457676
Manchester Airport	0161 4893000
Leeds Bradford Airport	0113 2509696

SCHOOLS

Highburton First School	01484 222730
Kirkburton First	01484 222734
Kirkburton Middle	01484 222737
Shelley College	01484 868777

KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Main Switchboard	01484 221000
web site	www.kirklees.gov.uk
Huddersfield Library	01484 221952
Kirkburton library	01484 414868

Kirkburton Library Opening Hours

Monday:	2pm to 5pm
Tuesday:	2pm to 6pm
Wednesday:	9am to 4pm
Thursday:	Closed
Friday:	10am to 5pm
Saturday:	10.30am to 12.30pm

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Burton Village Hall	01484 604391
email	clerk.kbpc.co.uk
web site	www.kbpc.co.uk
Parish Council Office Open: Monday and Thursday 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.	

POLICE

In an emergency always dial	999
For non-emergencies	101
email	rural@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

HEALTH

Kirkburton Health Centre	01484 602040
NHS Non-Emergency	111
Hudds Royal Infirmary	01484 342000
Holme Valley Hospital	01484 690342
Calderdale Hospital	01422 357171
Barnsley General Hosp	01226 730000
Kirkburton Dentist	01484 605812

ELECTED MEMBERS

Parish Councillors

Anna Boden	01484 606996
Derek Hardcastle	07779 628147
John Sykes	01484 603600
Maureen Sykes	01484 603600

Kirklees Councillors

Bill Armer	01484 314314
Richard Smith	07973978369
John Taylor	07831 810096

Member of Parliament

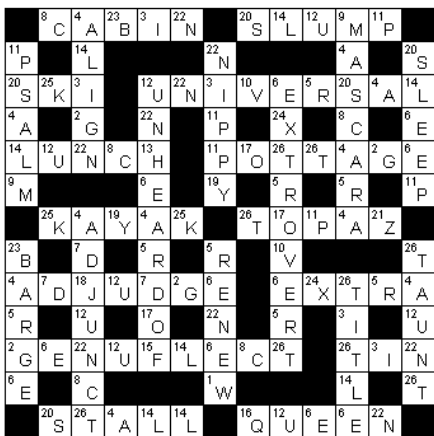
Paula Sherriff	01924 565450
email	paula.paulasherriff.org.uk

ANSWERS

BULLETAGRAM

WE GOT ▯ labyrinth binary
brainy tribal trilby bairn barny
binal birth blain brail brain brant
briny brith habit libra ably bail
bait barn bath bint blah bran
brat bray brit byrl

CODEWORD



CROSSWORD



SUDOKU

7	9	5	8	1	3	4	2	6
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9	7	2	1	5	4	3	6	8

BRAIN BENDERS

- The three errors are :
a) fynd is spelled wrongly b)'
that' is the wrong word

c) There are only two errors in the question and that is the third error because the questions asks us to find three.
- He was a window cleaner and leapt INTO the building
- As more people have less than 2 arms than those with more than 2 arms, the AVERAGE number of arms will be less than 2.
- Mule is going round in circles
- Make one of the pluses into a 4
- A W (first letter of each word in the question)
30. Write the equation in a straight line ..2+2+2+22+2*0+2
- A ... he is holding the child's hand



Elephant Bird???