

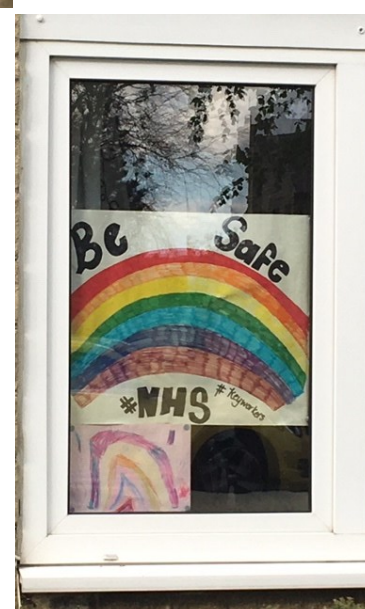
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The Burton Bulletin

The Burton Bulletin team thought carefully about whether to go ahead with the editing, printing and distribution of this edition during the coronavirus pandemic:

Would producing the paper even be allowed under the current restrictions?

With so many normal activities in the villages being suspended, would we have any stories to print?

Would local businesses on whom we rely for support want to take out adverts in the paper while their businesses are closed?

We were all absolutely clear that none of us wanted to do anything that would put anyone in danger from the virus, especially those in the at-risk groups. However, the production and delivery of newspapers is allowed under the current restrictions. National newspapers have been published and delivered during the lockdown as normal. Postal and other deliveries have also continued.

We are aware that some of our distribution team, either because of their age or underlying medical conditions, are included in the at-risk groups, so we have ensured that none of them have been asked to deliver copies of this edition.

While the schools and the village hall may be closed, clubs not meeting and sports teams not playing any matches, there is still a great deal going on in the villages.

We particularly wanted to report on the fantastic response of some of our local businesses and what some of the schoolchildren have been doing in lockdown. We also wanted to send a message that life goes on and that, as a community, we will all get through this.

Through the support of the local businesses who have advertised in The Bulletin over the past few years, we have built up a modest surplus in the bank. We have decided that it is time for us to return the favour and show our support for our local businesses. We have therefore not charged businesses for their adverts in this edition.

Finally, we thought that, especially during the lockdown, our readers might enjoy reading the feature articles and doing some the puzzles.

Stay safe, keep strong.

The Bulletin Team

In our villages



On the first Thursday of Clap for Carers, I tentatively went outside to see if there was any noise. I was overwhelmed. There was loud clapping, drums, bells, pans and even a triangle. It was terrific. On the subsequent Thursdays the noise has got louder and louder with cheering and singing. Absolutely brilliant.

Walking through the village is a different experience than before the Coronavirus pandemic. One day the queue out of the butcher's shop stretched to below the hospice shop. Russell, the butcher, is now selling carrots, rice and even toilet rolls and copier paper – as well as his usual high class of meat. What a service.

However, it is not just the butcher doing a good job serving the public. The hardware shop is doing a great trade, trying to get anything you ask for, within the regulations, and the Co-op and the supermarket in Highburton have never done such a trade as they are doing now. The Post Office, newsagent's and the Village Bakery have also kept on serving the villages. A heartfelt thank you to Russell, Louise and Glenn and the staff at the supermarkets, the Post Office, the bakery and the newsagent's – you are keeping the village stocked and supplied.

Wouldn't it be good to continue to support our local tradespeople when the restrictions are over? We would also hope that the businesses that have had to close will be able to start up again and be supported.

It is difficult to walk through the villages, either going to the shops or on daily exercise, without seeing others doing the same. Without exception— whilst keeping social distancing— people speak, chat, and enquire about one's health. Neighbours do the same, over the garden wall. A truly wonderful Yorkshire spirit of friendliness.

As I sit here writing this, there is very little traffic going through the village, so the noise of everyday life has lost the drum of traffic. Instead, it has been replaced by bird-song, which is lovely. Are there more birds than usual because of the lack of vehicles? Not being an ornithologist, I may be wrong on this, but I identified 14 different species of birds in the garden yesterday – house sparrow, hedge sparrow, robin, great tit, blue tit, wood pigeon, ring dove, chaffinch, jay, starling, jackdaw, thrush, blackbird and wren. Squirrels are regularly trying to get at the bird feeders. The weather, too, seems to have been kind to us, enabling us to enjoy our gardens more, finally finishing those projects started with enthusiasm a long time ago. There must be less pollution, so the air is fresher.

Technology is a wonderful thing, enabling people to stay in touch – be it FaceTime, WhatsApp, Zoom, Houseparty or texts and emails. It is good to hear that people are able to see loved ones without having to travel to visit.

This pandemic is a dreadful thing, and the statistics make terrible reading, but I do believe that it has brought out the best in people. We are a very lucky, traditional village, with a great honourable community spirit. Long may that continue.

Pat Shaw

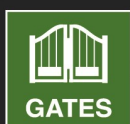


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We will continue to provide updates to patients through our text message services and keep our website updated with new information, including contact details of volunteers and support groups willing to help people in self-isolation.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature or a new continuous cough) use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service, or call 111. Please do not ring the surgery.

For more information, please visit <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> or <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-youneed-to-know>

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Be positive...



The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is such that we have found ourselves in uncharted territory and it has left its mark on the many facets of our daily life. We could write a massive list of all the things we can't do at the moment but that would only fill us with doom and gloom.

Instead, let us focus on the positives. It is Spring. The better weather has arrived. Nature has **not** been on lock-down, thank goodness, and it is saying, "LOOK AT ME." "I AM HERE FOR YOU TO ADMIRE" "ESCAPE BOREDOM AND ENTER A WORLD BURSTING WITH NEW LIFE." "Yes, we are lucky to live in a beautiful part of Yorkshire."

Our villages have the most amazing floral displays. The



daffodils of early spring are making way for tulips, primulas, aquilegia, forget me nots bluebells and rhododendrons in "All Hallows" churchyard. Cow parsley, red campion and may blossom are taking over from wild cherry and blackthorn blossoms, and wild garlic in the hedgerows..

Ponds are full of frog spawn. Birds are competing with each other by creating music throughout the day-light hours from their early morning dawn chorus to their sweet dream chirps at the end of the day.

We have been encouraged to take exercise every day...which is good for us physically and mentally. It is uplifting to see families and couples walking around our villages discovering new walks footpaths and spaces they did not know existed.

Although Burton Environment Group- BEG's work parties have been suspended... we have been delighted by your photos and comments of the sites we maintain.

We have included some of them, if yours are not here please do not be offended.

Without your lovely uplifting contributions we would have very little to post so please keep them coming.

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Burton Environment Group celebrates completion of projects

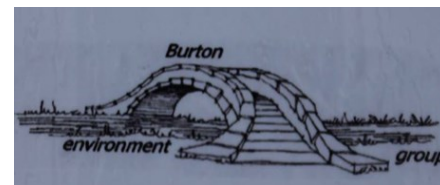
The final grant payments for the Town Quarry and Burton Dean Park Trim Trail projects have been made by Cobbett Environment Ltd / Entrust.

The Trim Trail document – at a record setting 80 plus pages – which was worked on by Dan Eustance (Coolgreen Environmental) along with Tim Scott and Peter Taylor of BEG was positively scrutinised by James Horne from Cobbett to provide evidence to complete the grant, similar work was done by Peter for Town Quarry.

After nearly three years of hard endeavour by Kirklees Council, Dan Eustance, and BEG members, the local community now has another set of pathways and fitness areas in use. The Town Quarry geology area and pathway seating is now well-used and joins the previously-completed Memorial Gardens and Burton Dean Park, with its boules pitches.

Unfortunately, the near completed Trim Trail and Exercise Stations were damaged by Water Board vehicles responding in the dark to an emergency sewage callout. In fairness, they responded quickly to the problem, and have offered to pay the full costs of repairs in advance and are currently camera searching the sewers to remotely cut out tree obstructions. The blockage had been caused by a builder's large hard hat.

To oversee this trim trail repair we have formed a sub-group of interested parties to report



on the repair programme using the Water Board monies to get the project finished as soon as current conditions allow.

To help prevent future damage, the sub-group have made suggestions to the board on alternative routes and the type of vehicle to be used. The sub-group managed to act quickly to arrange separate onsite meetings with YWB, Andy Wickham (Kirklees Parks), Paul Wayne (the original Kirklees trail contractor) and Dan Eustance (from Cobbett) all of whom together with the sub-committee, have had a very positive input into the report.

Dan Eustance, the current project manager, has agreed, in consultation with the sub-group and BEG members, to take on the management and work schedules for the repair work. We now need to just get this final project finished and join the large numbers of local people who are keen to use this fantastic location to improve their wellbeing.

Please come and enjoy all of our sites.

Tim Scott - BEG Chair

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Kirkburton First School—living with lockdown

Well, what a funny few weeks it has been. All at Kirkburton First School were busy making preparations for the shut-down of school and we now remain open with a skeleton staff and a few children of the Key Workers in our community.

We have been overwhelmed by the kind words people have shared with us about how we handled the lead up to and eventual closing of school. Every child has received a work pack and is busy working away at home. We have also given access to many online systems for our children to use whilst at home.

It is important to remember though that our children are still children – we have strongly encouraged parents not to push too hard. Enjoy the time they have together at home and build experiences into their daily lives – cooking, gardening, walking; genuine life experiences.

As an additional line of communication to run alongside our school Twitter account (@KirkburtonFirst) we have also launched a school Facebook group. Current parents of children at school can request access to the group by searching for 'Kirkburton CE (VA) First School' on Facebook.



We are delighted to report that this has blossomed into a beautiful community of families and staff sharing what they are doing during the closure of school. We are certain that this will make our school community much closer and stronger as a family.

If you have walked past school on one of your daily exercise outings you may have noticed we have a fresh new sign up at the school gates. We thought it was about time we had the logo updated and we are certain you'll agree that it is a huge improvement! Many thanks to MindLabs Media in the village for their super speedy support with this.

We would like to wish everybody in the Kirkburton and Highburton communities all the very best and take care in the coming weeks and months.

One Year Down — reflections of a WI Chair



This February we turned one. We celebrated with a social evening, where we played plenty of games including a quiz and ate lots of cake, as well as awarding prizes. I have to say that as a first time WI member and WI President this last year has been a learning curve, but a very enjoyable one.

I will admit, that waiting for speakers to arrive will never get any less nerve-racking and the thought that they might not arrive is my worst nightmare. However, we have been very fortunate in that they have all appeared even if a smidge late and letting me off the hook of having to perform cartwheels for entertainment.

This last year would not have been possible without my amazing committee members that help and assist in pulling together ideas and speakers as well as events. Last year we had, Razan Alsous, the founder of the Squeaky cheese company. You may have recently seen her on Dragon's Den, Andy Lloyd the hilarious gentleman who did a chocolate making demonstration and had us all in stitches and Liz Green from BBC Radio Leeds who came and did a very engaging and interesting talk. We have had various hands on workshops from calligraphy to floristry and many social evenings.

We have a really good programme of events for this year but unfortunately with the current situation these have had to be put on hold. We are looking at doing an online quiz so keep an eye out for that.

So, what has this last year of being a WI President taught me? Well, I have had to become much more confident in public speaking, I definitely would not add it to my list of hobbies, but I can say it has got easier. I am enjoying engaging with ladies of a range of ages and it's nice to interact and get to know more about each of them. Learning new skills has been a big one and many I have continued to practise; however, I still don't know how to make jam. Maybe we'll add that to the agenda!

It's lovely to be a member of a group that is part of a much bigger organisation and be able to have a say on certain issues as well as having the ear of government. It's also lovely to be part of a group in such a friendly community, this was evident before but even more so during this difficult time. It's nice to see so many people helping each other and coming up with ideas to keep people's spirits up.

With a year under our belt it can only get even better and it's an honour and privilege to say I am the Burton Belles very first President, but our WI just wouldn't be what it is without our fantastic members, they really do make it what it is. So, here's to many more wonderful years of the Burton Belles WI.

Sarah Sharp-Allison

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Charity race night at Kirkburton Liberal Club postponed

Members of Kirkburton Liberal Club were extremely disappointed that the charity race night for Prostate Cancer (Saturday 21 March) had to be cancelled. The night was the brain child of Christian Rooney; he had attended many such evenings and knows of the benefits they bring to the chosen charity. Also he thought it would be a way of introducing new residents and those from the two villages who had never been inside the club, to what "The Libbers" has to offer.

Prostate Cancer was the chosen charity as a couple of years ago the club lost a very dear member to this disease. Since then a lot of men in the Kirkburton/ Highburton area have undergone prostate cancer treatment and the money raised will help further research.

The club was decorated with posters of the local businesses who had generously paid £10 to sponsor a race. St Patrick's Day bunting, shamrocks and racing hats were hung from the ceiling.

Phil Thomas had ordered a cask of real ale, Silver King. The bar was stocked with Prosecco, a variety of gins, a range of Fever Tree mixers as well as the popular lagers.

A lot of preparation for something that was not to be, **Yet!**

The bunting has been left in place ready for when it is safe to host this event when we hope you will come and support us. Feel free to dress up and let your hair down. You do not need to be a member. A selection of curries and chilli will be served at half time for a small suggested donation of £3.

We would like to thank our 'owners' and 'jockeys' for their sponsorships. For each race the winning owner and jockey will receive prizes. Thank you to those who donated these prizes as your generosity means that all monies raised go to prostate cancer. We have also received some very generous individual donations for our named charity.

All the sponsorship money is saved until we run the event and will be added to the amount raised on the night – so a grand total would be sent to the charity.

If you have pledged sponsorship as an owner or jockey and you have changed your mind, please let John Boden know so we can advertise the sponsorship opportunity again. (tel.01484 606996).



Ready for the off– bunting remains in place at the Liberal Club for the race night

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Donated prizes – Pat and Steve Shaw – Gin, Roger Beaumont – Jura, Jenna Clay – 2 Prosecco, Christian Rooney – 3 Bells Whisky, John and Anna Boden – 2 Prosecco, Bells Whisky and Gin, Jane Greetham – Whisky, Steve Blackford – Prosecco, Peter Taylor - Prosecco, Kim and Michael Dean – Jack Daniels, Helen Thornton – Baileys, Sako – Bells, Janet Booth – Prosecco and Duncan Tudor – Vodka.

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It has been reported that over the last few weeks garden and household waste has been tipped over the wall at the top of the steps down to the Town Quarry. These include, 7 full bags of garden waste including sweet wrappers, hedge clippings, grass clippings (see photo), a laurel bush, a small sapling tree 5ft long. However, the situation is worse than that, as there was also, orange drink cartons, crisp and other snack packets, a plastic drinks bottle and other plastic containers.

This is appalling. Work carried out in the quarry over the last few years is being ruined, it is ugly, anti-social, unsightly and potentially dangerous, but most importantly **IT IS ILLEGAL** - even garden waste.

For £37 a year it is possible to have a fortnightly garden waste bin collection. Plastic should be put into the green bins that all households have.



Thoughtless fly-tipping in Town Quarry, Highburton

If you see anyone fly-tipping please try to get photographic evidence so that action can be taken. Even without this, please contact Kirklees if you have any evidence at all about this.

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The power of the internet linking names, places, and the past

At the end of January, Bob Richardson contacted the KHCA as he had seen our Memorial Board on the KHCA website. Bob lives in Conistone-with-Kilnsey (near Grassington) and he had raised money to erect a war memorial for those WWI and WWII soldiers connected with his parish.

What has this to do with Kirkburton I thought? Did he want to copy the design of our Memorial Board?

No, he had noticed that we had photos of two brothers Felix and George Emsley Wilkinson on our Memorial Board and could provide more information about them. The boys, prior to moving to Kirkburton, attended school and lived in Conistone-with-Kilnsey.

Sgt. George Emsley Wilkinson of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment died of wounds.

Felix was reported as missing 3rd May 1917 only months later, the family were notified of his death. Felix was one of 159 men from the Leeds Pals who have no known grave.

The family lived at Lane Head Farm, Kirkburton. The Wilkinson family then moved to a smaller property "Park View, Kirkburton".

This story does not end here. Burton Environment Group received a message from a lady

(who will remain anonymous for this article) She wrote, "Hello, through Ancestry DNA my partner's father who lives near York, has just discovered that the man in this link, George E Wilkinson, was his grandfather.

We came across these images and they have cited your organisation as the reference for them. We just wondered where you got them."

When her partner's father was clearing his mum's house after her death, he discovered a small piece of paper. George Emsley Wilkinson's name was on the maintenance payment. No-one knew who George was or what it meant until a few years ago. His grandmother had a son who grew up never knowing his father and because of the stigma at the time, he was constantly teased. Potentially there could be relatives living in the area, consequently I will not reveal the surname until the family have done some more research into their family tree. With their permission, I will then update you on their findings.

Anna Boden



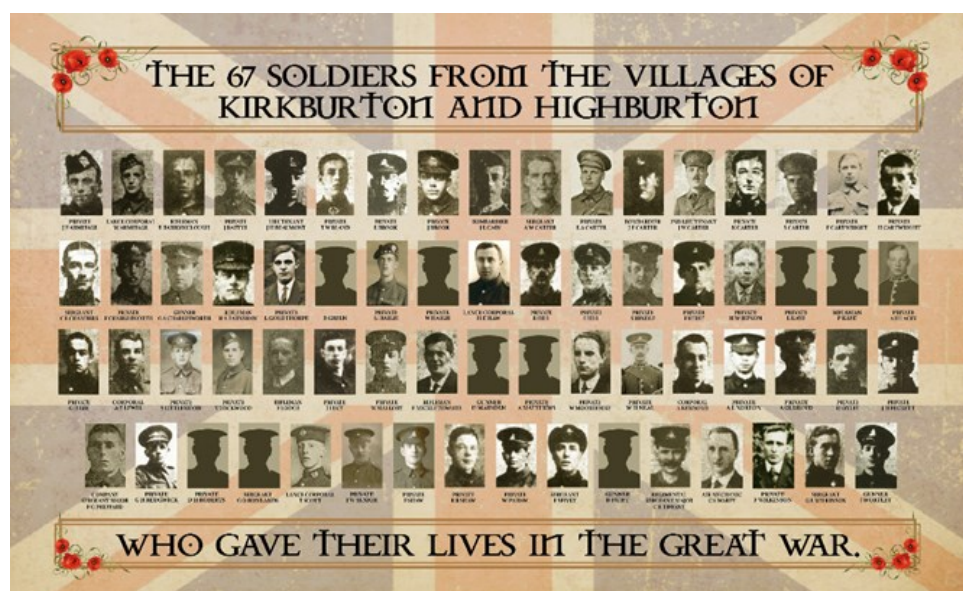
Sergeant George Emsley Wilkinson M.M. No. 240112 Died 26 July 1918 Aged 23 years

George Emsley Wilkinson was born on 4 April 1895, at North Cote, Kilnsey. His parents were Richard Armistead and Jane Wilkinson, née Sayer and he was the brother of Private Felix Wilkinson. In 1903 the family moved to Walsden in Lancashire and later they moved again to Kirkburton near Huddersfield. On July 18 1918 the allied offensive began on the Marne, with the 5th Battalion ordered to capture the Bois du Petit Champ on July 22. At the centre of the wood they met with serious opposition from a strong point difficult to locate, and sustained heavy casualties. Meanwhile, "C" Company were threatened by a very strong counter attack and were eventually surrounded. The enemy captured the most forward post, then charged the other two posts of the Company with fixed bayonets. A Lewis gun was put into action and compelled the enemy to retire temporarily. They came on again with stick bombs and the position became untenable. During this desperate fighting on July 22 George Wilkinson was severely wounded and taken to the Casualty Clearing Station where he died on July 26. He was buried in grave 79 Vertus Communal Cemetery, a village 30 kilometres west of Chalons-en-Champagne. His mother, Jane, by now a widow, received the news of his death at "Park View", Kirkburton, the second of her children to be killed in the war.

Formally Corporal G. E. Wilkinson, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 22 years of age was awarded the Military Medal "For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in the trenches. On the night of August 7 1917, battalion headquarters in the trenches were heavily shelled and all wires were broken. Corporal Wilkinson, with two linesmen, went out and repaired the lines to two of the companies under extremely difficult conditions. On the night of August 13, during the inter-battalion relief, the corporal and his linesmen again went out under heavy shell fire and repaired lines, which had been broken. On this occasion the relieving battalion had one of their linesmen killed and two others wounded within a few feet of them. On the night of August 16 all wires were again broken and he and his linesmen immediately went out along the canal bank, which was being heavily shelled with gas shells and high explosives at the time, and succeeded in getting the line through to the left frontline company."

Private Felix Wilkinson No.32626 Died 3 May 1917. Aged 35 years

Felix was born at Litton on 2 April 1881, son of Richard Armitage and Jane Wilkinson, née Sayer. He was admitted to Conistone School on 7 September 1886. In 1901, Felix, aged 19 years, was still living at North Cote, Kilnsey with his grandparents, and his brother George Emsley. He was reported as missing since 3 May 1917, when the 15 West Yorkshires (Leeds Pals) attacked German trenches near Gavrelle during the Third Battle of the Scarpe, a part of the Battle of Arras. The attack commenced at 3.45 am and the first objective was achieved by 5.30 am. The attack had then swept on to the second objective but had been repulsed, and the Germans began a counter attack. At the end of the day, the Battalion had been driven back to their starting point. At 8.00 p.m. the enemy opened a heavy bombardment, but the rest of the night was quiet. During that day's fighting, the battalion suffered heavy losses with 10 officers and 160 other ranks killed in action. Of these, only 1 officer and 10 other ranks have known graves. Felix was one of the 159 men from the Leeds Pals who have no known grave, and his name is commemorated on Bay 4 of the Memorial to the Missing at Arras.



The board in the Memorial Gardens showing Felix Wilkinson third from the right in the bottom row and George Wilkinson second from the right in the same row.



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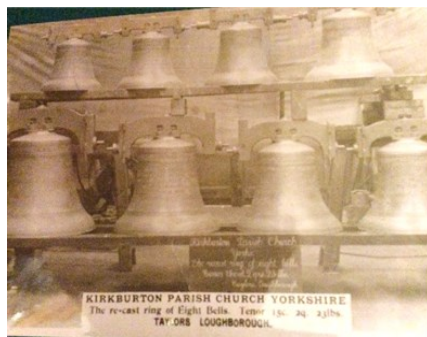
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All Hallows Church—bells

February 2020 saw the 100th anniversary of the first ringing of the current ring of bells in Kirkburton Tower.

The bells cast by John Taylors of Loughborough replaced an older ring and carry inscriptions which are a war memorial to those who fought in the Great War.

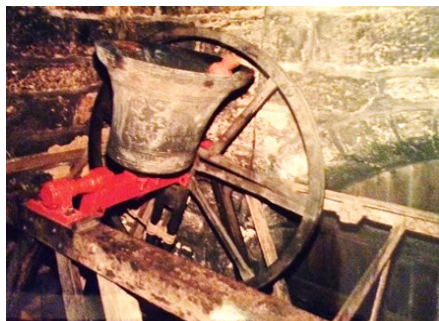


The bells before being hung

A Quarter Peal takes about 50 minutes. The ringing was dramatically accompanied by several claps of thunder.

The team was made up of ringers from the Kirkburton team and ringers from other local towers who have regularly attended our practices and assisted in training our new recruits.

Mark Sheridan, Tower Captain



The bells in the upright position

The bells were first rung on the 14 February 1920 and were dedicated for church use on 2 January 1921.

To mark these anniversaries the ringers are organising special ringing and events throughout the bell's centenary year.

To start the year, we successfully rang a Quarter Peal of 1260 changes of Plain Bob Triples on Sunday 16 February at 5pm.

Editor's note : sadly, like so many other activities the ringing of the church bells has stopped because of the restrictions to control Coronavirus.

HD8 Voices - Love Notes

HD8 Ladies Choir and HD8 Angels held a love themed Valentine concert on 13 February at The Venue, Storthes Hall.

As has become expected of them now, it was a sell-out and could have sold far more tickets. The concert was to raise money for All Hallows' Church Bells renovation fund.

The room looked super. Red and pink were the themed colours and these colours were picked out in balloons, the outfits worn by the choir, hearts on the tables and 6 wonderful valentine themed raffle prizes.

HD8 Voices sang for the residents at Croftlands Care Home. As always, when visiting homes for the elderly, one is struck by the depth of care offered by the staff and the vital importance of their roles.

They sang a range of songs, old and new, and were so pleased to see a few of the residents singing happily along with us, beating time and clapping. A very different audience from the previous night, nevertheless one which we hoped enjoyed our visit, gave them all pleasure and hopefully brought back happy memories for them.



HD8 Musical Director Liz Priest as Sandra Dee from Grease

A great contribution of £350 was raised to boost the renovation fund.

It would be very difficult to pick out the highlights as everything was exceptional. There were items from the Ladies, including two solos from choir members, the Angels, readings from four of the Ladies and an Angel, solos from Georgia, Lucy and Amy, an incredible duet from Liz and Adam, and a song from Sally who accompanied herself on the piano. Her song, the classic from the Carpenters, 'Close to you', along with Liz's 'Summer Nights', show the versatility and talents of the two ladies who lead the choirs. The performances together were a rich blend of fun, poignancy and various aspects of love.

Following on from that concert, the next day a small group from

Advanced notice

On the afternoon of Sunday, 7 June, the choir are hoping to resurrect the old Burton Sing, as a music festival at Kirkburton Cricket Club.

There will be choir performance, community singing and picnic on the pitch. **Save the date – more details later.**

(At the time of writing, restrictions are in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and there is no clarity whether or not future events will take place.)



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The Cottage Kitchen— old and new



It doesn't seem like two and a half years since Mandy and Geoff Samuel took over a shop at the end of Kirkburton, put their style on it and named it the Cottage Kitchen. What an apt name that was – it was small like a cottage and it seemed like the centre of anyone's house, where people gather to chat and eat, the kitchen.

It seemed natural to chat to the people on the next tables, not just because it was small, but because everyone was friendly. Conversations there could be as diverse as sport, ukuleles, clearing your attic out, Brexit (honest), shoes, holidays – the list is endless. Geoff and Mandy would join in if they weren't busy, which wasn't often. Mandy's love of dogs showed in the number of canines who brought their owners in, and it wasn't long before they knew there was always a chicken tit-bit for them if they were well behaved.

But I haven't mentioned the food.

It catered for everyone – ladies who lunch, workmen, walkers and cyclists, and people working in the village. Whether you wanted a full English or a smaller breakfast, soup, sandwiches or Mandy's cakes, all were cooked to a very high standard.

Thank you, Mandy and Geoff for making it a very happy place. Sadly, they have decided to call time on this venture, we wish them all the best for the future whatever it holds for them.

The café only closed for a couple of days before it was opened again by Kim and Mike, but very sadly, even though it was still attracting the same customers, they had hardly been open a fortnight when they were forced to close because of the Coronavirus restrictions. Whilst it was open, there were breakfasts, sandwiches, soup, and again, delicious looking cakes, and we really do wish Kim and Mike all the very best for the future when they are able to start trading again.

Pat Shaw



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MEMORIES — Fashion “on the ration”

This was written in April during the third week of ‘lockdown’ and it is quite strange to compare what was happening in 1941 to what is happening today.

In Britain during the Second World War, one of the first noticeable changes in dress was the number of people - both men and women - wearing uniform. Around a quarter of the British population was entitled to wear some sort of uniform as part of the armed forces, women's auxiliary forces or one of the numerous uniformed voluntary services and organisations.

The British government needed to reduce production and consumption of civilian clothes to safeguard raw materials and release workers and factory space for war production. The imposition of clothes rationing was announced on 1 June 1941. Making the announcement just before a Bank Holiday allowed the Board of Trade time to brief retailers before the shops reopened. The news came as a complete surprise to most people.

The rationing scheme worked by allocating each type of clothing item a ‘points’ value which varied according to how much material and labour went into its manufacture.

Eleven coupons were needed for a dress, two for a pair of stockings, and eight for a man's shirt or a pair of trousers. Women's shoes meant relinquishing five coupons, and men's footwear forced the surrender of seven coupons. When buying new clothes, the shopper had to hand over coupons with a ‘points’ value as well as money. Every adult was initially given an allocation of 66 points to last as the war progressed.

The coupon allowance was at its lowest from 1945 and 1946. For the eight-month period from 1 September 1945 to 30 April 1946 only 24 coupons were issued, effectively allowing the shopper only three coupons a month.



New mothers were also given 50 coupons. Government publicity offered advice about the complex rationing system.

Children's clothes had lower coupon values in recognition of the fact that they would need new clothes more often as they grew. From 1942, all children were allocated an extra ten coupons, with additional coupons being issued for older children or those classed as ‘outsize’. Coupons were also needed for school uniforms, which could be a particular problem as many schools did not relax their rules on uniform during wartime.

Clothing exchanges were set up by the Women's Voluntary Service (WVS) to help meet the

needs of women struggling to clothe their families. Women could take the clothes that their children had outgrown and were given a number of points for the clothes she handed in. These could be ‘spent’ on other clothes at the exchange.

Although shoppers would have to hand over coupons for dressmaking fabric as well as readymade clothes, making clothes was often cheaper and saved coupons.

“Make Do and Mend” classes took place around the country teaching skills such as pattern cutting. Dress makers and home sewers often had to be imaginative and experimental in their choice of fabrics. Individual style flourished.

Shortages necessitated imaginative use of materials, recycling and renovating of old clothes and innovative use of home-made accessories, which could alter or smarten up an outfit.

Many women used furnishing fabrics for dressmaking until these too went on the ration. Blackout material, which did not need points, was also sometimes used.

Parachute silk was highly prized for underwear, night-clothes and wedding dresses.

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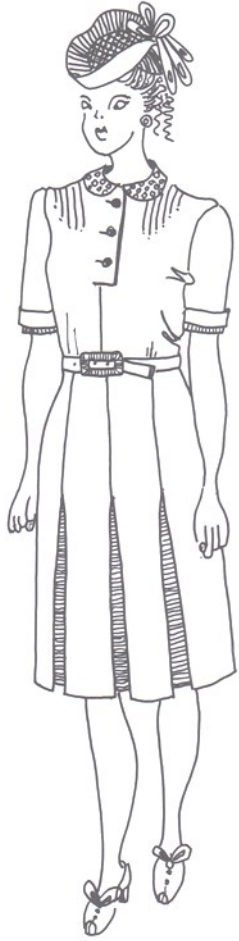
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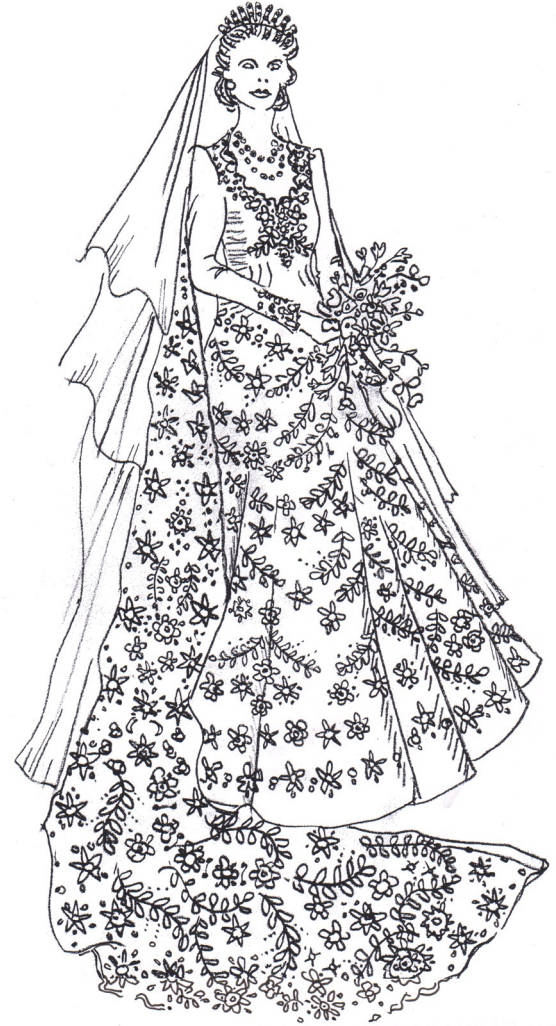
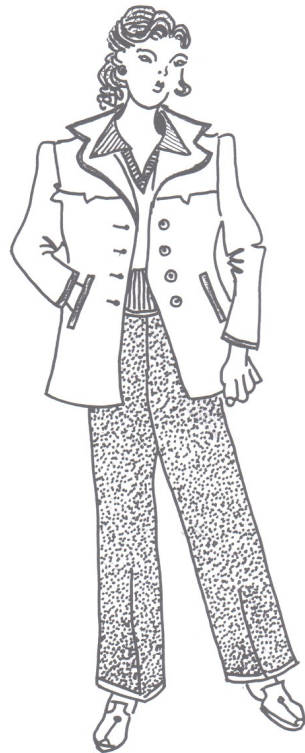
cern for the morale of women was a major factor in the decision to continue the manufacture of cosmetics, though in much reduced quantities.

Make-up was never rationed, but was subject to a luxury tax and was very expensive.

Most British people hoped for an end to rationing restrictions in peacetime. Clothes rationing lasted, albeit in a gradually reduced format, until March 1949 and many of the changes brought about by war continue to shape fashion today. Developments in large scale garment manufacturing helped to accelerate the growth of mass market fashion, which in turn helped department stores to flourish. The trend towards a more relaxed and informal style of dress also gathered pace in wartime.

Everyone had to use these coupons, even the Queen, which could have proved a problem for her wedding dress, when she married in November 1947. Members of the public sent their own coupons as they wanted this celebration at the end of the war to be spectacular, but this was deemed illegal, so they had to be sent back. However, the Norman Hartnell dress was possible as the government gave Princess Elizabeth 200 extra coupons, with the result that the fabulous showpiece wedding dress wowed the nation on that exciting day.

In wartime Britain it became 'unfashionable' to be seen wearing clothes that were obviously showy, yet women were frequently implored not to let 'standards' slip too far. There was genuine concern that a lack of interest in personal appearance could be a sign of low morale, which could have a detrimental impact on the war effort. The government's con-



Princess Elizabeth's wedding dress by Norman Hartnell



Article by Pat Shaw, with thanks to Nick Andrews for the line drawings.

Suggestions for **Memories** in future editions include: transport (cars and buses) and technology in the home (early vacuum cleaners etc). Let us have your ideas.

Featured business

Flinders Dance Centre

The Flinders Dance Centre is a family business and has been running for the last 38 years. Peter and Adean Flinders, my parents, were competitive ballroom dancers from a very young age, they trained at The Charles Frost Dance Studio in Huddersfield.

They initially ran our business in local village halls, Burton, Emley and Honley. We came to North Road, Kirkburton, 30 years ago. My Dad qualified as an examiner with the International Dance Teachers Association (IDTA), and ran the studio, along with my Mum, sister and myself.

Sadly, my Dad passed away 16 years ago, and my Mum continued to run the business with our help. Five years ago she decided it was time to retire, and I took on the business full time, with her help, my sister and now my daughter. We work with all ages, starting from 3 years up to 90+ years. We have a large modern ballroom with maple wood sprung

floor. We have a second floor location, with amazing views over Kirkburton.

Our children's classes are run on a Saturday morning and Wednesday evenings, teaching Ballroom, Latin American, Sequence, Freestyle and Rock & Roll.

We run a medal system, with the International Dance Teachers Association, whom all our staff are qualified with. Medal tests and exams are by no means compulsory, we pride ourselves on the social side of dance. Meeting new friends, enjoying music, and exercise.

Children can come along and enjoy a free taster session, in any genre. Our classes work on a pay as you go system, and there is no outlay on regulation clothing or footwear. Day wear and school shoes or pumps will do just fine. All our staff are Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certified.

We run Adult classes and private lessons by appointment. Whether it's learning to dance, as you've booked your first cruise, or your looking for your first dance for your upcoming wedding, or just for the fun of it. Our classes are a mix of Ballroom, Latin & Sequence. If you want to concentrate on a particular genre, Ballroom, Latin, Sequence, Rock & Roll, alternative Latin Rhythms (Salsa/Bossa Nova etc) maybe a private lesson would work for you. We have a Saturday evening social dance once a month, and a Monday afternoon tea dance, also monthly, great for meeting new people.

It's great to make new friends and socialise.

As we are an IDTA school, we have access to medallist competi-

tions, should it take your fancy. I am currently a committee member on the IDTA North East Area, we organise competitions throughout the year.

My name is Lisa, please don't hesitate to get in touch, whatever your requirements. As we say to all our new customers, one of the hardest things for most people is stepping through the door. It's not the dancing, if you can walk, you can dance! It's a great way to exercise and keep fit, great to socialise and great fun!


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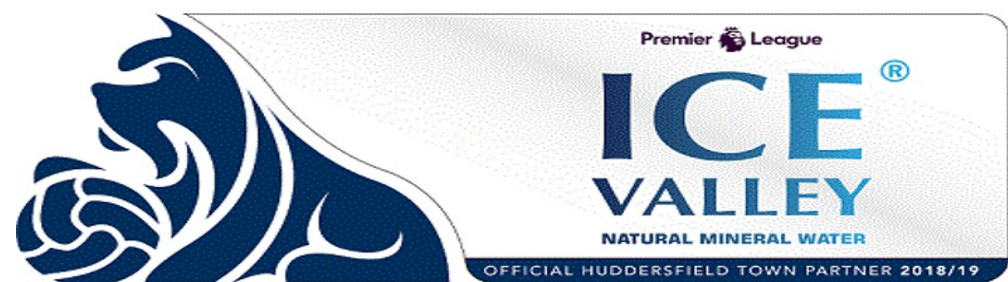
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MP's report

Mark Eastwood MP



So much has happened since I last put pen to paper here. The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has been admitted to and discharged from Intensive Care with the Coronavirus. He no sooner returned to work, before he and partner Carrie Symonds announced the birth of their first child together, Wilfred. Quite an eventful last four weeks!

It has been great to see so many people behind Boris, every step of the way during his recovery, and that includes people across the political spectrum. It's excellent to have him back at the helm, and I wish him and Carrie every happiness with their new bundle of joy.

Back in the constituency where I have been since the lockdown began, I have been actively embracing technology. I cast my first remote vote away from the House of Commons, and I attended the Select Committee on our Future Relationship with the EU. Here, I quizzed Michael Gove over video link about the progress and nature of the UK's trade negotiations with our international partners. You'll be pleased to know that we appear to be all on track, which is great because I am firm in the belief that there are lots of Brexit opportunities that lie ahead.

Several small businesses, who occupy shared spaces contacted my office to raise awareness of the fact they have high fixed property-related costs. Yet, they are not eligible for the current grant schemes because they do not have a business rates assessment.

As such, I along with a group of 14 other Conservative MP's sent a letter to the Business Secretary Alok Sharma on 17th April, to raise this issue. And I know other bodies and local authorities have too. So I was delighted, when on Saturday the Government announced a discretionary top-up grant fund, giving Council's the latitude to tackle this issue. I want to thank the Government for taking this step and listening to all our concerns.

The Government have also introduced a new 100% government-backed loan scheme for small businesses, which has gone live this week. This is very welcome news, and it's good to know many small businesses across the constituency will be able to access vital finance at this challenging time.

Kirklees Council's staff have been doing a great job under extraordinary circumstances with their vital Coronavirus response. I'm so pleased that the Government are backing our Kirklees with an additional £24.32 million so they can continue providing essential services and support to those who need it the most.

One of the Council's essential services that have been put on ice (for entirely understandable reasons) is the closure of the Kirklees tips. My team and I have been in regular contact with the Council over the last few weeks to request safety measures be put in place so that we can get the tips back open ASAP. At the time of writing, I understand that Kirklees has a draft operational plan to re-open the tips, and I look forward to them re-opening soon.

The Government has widened access to Coronavirus testing. And, I want to say a massive thank you to all involved in a fantastic national effort to smash the testing target goal of 100,000 tests a day!

Did you know over 65s, those needing to leave home for work & those with symptoms (plus members of their households) are now eligible for tests. So, if you would like to get tested or see eligibility, please go to gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test

As always if my team or I can be of assistance, please feel free to email: mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 01924 939007.

Mark Eastwood

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.

Kirkburton Hardware

I am delighted that our local hardware store has remained open and safe and offering a unique service.

Just drive up to the window, request goods, handed over (along with hand wipe), make a contactless payment. Drive off

Perhaps Louise has created a new enterprise ... drive-thru hardware store.

Dave Hilton

Russell the Butcher

What a great job Russ Parkinson is doing during the coronavirus emergency.

He has stocked up on loo rolls, pasta, sugar and other essentials and is even running a jigsaw library.

The village is lucky to have him. I hope people will continue to support him after the lockdown is over.

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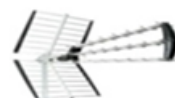
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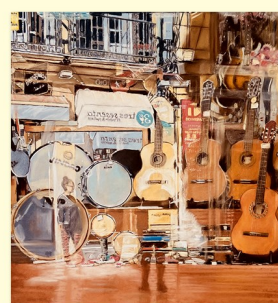


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Ideas for younger children while schools and playgroups are closed

(with apologies for the odd example of use of American language : backyard for garden, band-aid for sticking-plaster etc)

INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

primary playground

- Find a fork.
- Find something that is red.
- Find a tissue box.
- Find 3 things that have wheels.
- Find an orange crayon.
- Find something that is very soft.
- Find a band-aid.
- Find a key.
- Find 2 socks that match.
- Find something round.
- Find a sticker.
- Find a rubber band.
- Find a pair of glasses.
- Find an envelope.



RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

primary playground

- Find something red.
- Find something yellow.
- Find something orange.
- Find something green.
- Find something blue.
- Find something purple.
- Name a fruit that is red.
- Name an animal that is yellow.
- Name a vegetable that is orange.
- Name a plant that is green.
- Name a flower that is purple.
- Name something outside that is blue.



INVENTOR SCAVENGER HUNT

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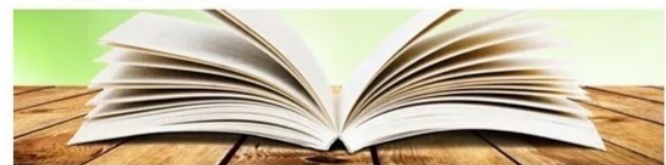
- Find something that you can turn.
- Find something that is bumpy.
- Find something that is metal.
- Find something you put together.
- Find 3 things that are round.
- Find something you twist.
- Find something shiny.
- Find something you can roll.
- Find a tube.
- Find 3 things that are squishy.
- Find something clear.
- Find something that can bounce.



BOOK SCAVENGER HUNT

primary playground

- Find an animal in a book.
- Find the word spring in a book.
- Find someone helping someone in a book.
- Find a picture of a sun in a book.
- Find a book that makes you laugh.
- Find a bug in a book.
- Find someone sleeping in a book.
- Find a character eating in a book.
- Find a pet in a book.
- Find a cat in a book.
- Find a superhero in a book.
- Find a bike in a book.



SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

primary playground

- Find a yellow flower.
- Find 3 different shaped leaves.
- Find something that is red.
- Find a spider web.
- Find something that flies.
- Name 2 things you see in the sky.
- Find something that is long.
- Find something that grows that is green.
- Find 2 birds.
- Find some water.
- Find something purple.
- Find something that crawls.



5 SENSES SCAVENGER HUNT

primary playground

- Find something that makes a crunch sound.
- Find something that tastes sour.
- Find something that smells good.
- Find something smooth.
- Find 3 of the same thing.
- Find something that smells bad.
- Find something that tastes sweet.
- Find something loud.
- Find something long.
- Find something soft.
- Find something white.
- Find something quiet.
- Find something rough.




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How to play...

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Sports reports



The club is currently closed because of Coronavirus.

We wish the residents of Highburton and Kirkburton all the very best at this difficult time. We hope to open up our courts again as soon as it is safe to do so. Please keep checking our website for updates.

We are a small and friendly local club at the heart of Highburton / Kirkburton and we would be absolutely thrilled to see you on the courts, whatever your age or ability. The club has three All-weather tarmac courts with floodlights, so it is possible to play all year round. We have a modern purpose-built clubhouse with kitchen facilities and changing rooms.

So, when restrictions are lifted, consider tennis as a means of regaining your energy levels whether you are an absolute beginner, or returning to the game after a break or an experienced player – **GET IN TOUCH.**

We have two men's teams, two ladies' teams and two mixed doubles teams - as well as a junior team – all playing in the Huddersfield and District Tennis Leagues.

For social players, we hold club sessions on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm and on Friday mornings 10am -1pm.

These sessions are an important focal point for the club and provide a great opportunity for members to come along, meet other players, mix in – and generally have a fun time! We also hold social events throughout the year.

Andy Smith, our Level 4 LTA qualified Coach, runs a coaching programme which caters for children from age four and adults and includes:

Taster Sessions for Children

Junior Coaching on Sunday Mornings

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Our Membership Secretary Paul Dowse can be reached via our email address at

gregoryfieldstc@gmail.com

Full details of our membership packages, coaching and Holiday Sports Camps are available on our website at

**clubspark.lta.org.uk/
GregoryFieldsTennisClub**

It is also possible to use the courts on a Pay & Play basis.



Kirkburton Football Club



We don't have a lot to report at the moment because of the Covid19 virus.

Both teams were looking like they could get promotion, the first team under the watchful eye of Matthew Sykes and Daniel Capstick; they were in 2nd position with three games in hand and only two points behind the leaders.

The second team run by Jack Wimpenny and Mikey Vickerman, was top of the league and looking certain to gain promotion.

But the season was called to an end by the powers that be, and all games are null and void.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses that donated prizes for the race night, it was a very successful night, The club raised £1,700.

A special mention to The Junk pub for sponsorship for the season. And to Matt and Tom Willan of Willans Woodcraft Ltd for this year's shirt sponsorship.

Thanks also go to A to B Airport Travel who kindly paid for the repairs of our goalposts after they had been vandalised.

The club also donated a shirt to the Jordan Sinnot foundation.

The club are looking for new sponsorship for next season whether it be kit, board, or footballs, etc.

If anybody is interested please don't hesitate to get in contact. Kirkburtonafc@btconnect.com or any committee members.

Regards, Bomber

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Spring Gardening Tips

from Lisa Halifax at
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What strange times we find ourselves in with more time than ever on our hands, for most that is, where getting outdoors has become our sanctuary be it your garden, balcony or doorstep.

Why not try to 'grow your own'?

Sales of seeds have increased dramatically, from a mixture of not wanting to venture to the shops, becoming a little more self-sufficient to giving us things to do during lockdown.

There are still plenty of seeds you can sow in the coming weeks as the days grow warmer, try both vegetables and flowers.

You can sow in the garden, containers or window boxes so, in any amount of space you can have a go...

Sowing in successional is a great way to have a continuous supply of edible fruits and vegetables.

Think little and often, sow a small number every couple of weeks such as lettuce, cress, mixed leaf etc and even beetroot, so that there are always more plants growing on for a later harvest.

With the children off school and some home schooling to be done get them involved in growing; make a cress egg head or why not try making a bird feeder from a recycled plastic bottle or an insect house by piling sticks together in a corner of the garden. Maybe decorate a plant pot.

It's National Children's Gardening Week from 23rd to 31st May 2020. For more things to do take a look at <https://www.childrensgardeningweek.co.uk/fun-things-to-do/>

Get your lawn looking its best – get mowing and don't cut it too short, aim to cut no more than the top third of the leaf, alter the direction of cut if possible and remove the clippings. If you have some available apply lawn treatments (weed and feed etc).

Most treatments are best applied when the grass foliage is dry, but the soil underneath is damp.

Brush any granular treatments off stones, paving, timber or metal items as these can leave marks on paving and corrode metal items.

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Kirkburton Cricket Club

After the 2019 season held many ups and downs with the 1st XI retaining their place in the top division of Huddersfield League Cricket, whilst also reaching two cup semi-finals, and the 2nd XI having a below par season for them finishing fourth, plans were well and truly in place for what should have been a very successful season.

Jonny Butterfield agreed to take over as 1st XI captain and the club were delighted to announce in November that Roscoe Thatill had been re-signed as club professional. Roscoe settled brilliantly last season and topped the league batting having also missed eight games. Alongside Roscoe most of the 1st XI remained with new signings Gavin Smith, returning to the club from his loan spell at Lascelles Hall to open the bowling, John Keeling a talented spinner moving to the club from Broad Oak CC, and Fletcher Coutts, a young all-rounder from New Zealand who we expected to have a major impact. In early March things looked very positive...

At the time of writing we are now four weeks into lockdown with much uncertainty around what the coming months hold for us all. The cricket club isn't exempt from the challenges and planning has already started to see us through these challenging times. The committee are fully supportive of all the directives sent out by the government and also the Huddersfield Cricket League, who we would like to thank for their prompt response. With no cricket looking likely until at least July the committee have had to consider how and what we spend our money on in the best interests of the club's long term future. Unlike some clubs in the area we are completely self-financing. Our only sources of revenue are bar takings, club membership and kind sponsors. With the lack of

bar takings in the coming months, with many outgoings continuing, the club is looking for ways to bridge that gap.

The club sits at the heart of the community with many groups away from cricket also using our ever-improving facilities. In terms of cricket, the club hosts fixtures up to five days a week in the summer months between April and September. Friday nights see up to 100 junior cricketers taking part in age group training whilst the majority of their parents enjoy a well-deserved drink. The junior section is currently the strongest in Huddersfield and something we are incredibly proud of. Testament to that is many of our juniors have moved up to become regular 1st and 2nd team players over the last couple of years.

So how can you help? The club is looking to come out of this current challenge as strongly as we went into it. To do that we need to generate sponsorship and would welcome support from any business or individual in a position to help. The club has a long-standing relationship with a number of businesses in the Kirkburton area and it goes without saying your support is invaluable and very much appreciated. If anyone would like to support the club please contact either Tom Cliffe on 07866581620 or Marcus Kelly on 07803758278.

We hope we are able to bring better news around cricket for the next edition. Many of our 2020 plans will now carry over to the 2021 season, where we hope Roscoe and Fletcher will be with us.

Best wishes to everyone on behalf of the Kirkburton Cricket Club committee and please stay safe.

Thanks, Tom Cliffe

Food —since it is not possible to bring you a restaurant review for this edition because of Coronavirus the Burton Diner has been looking into something that is essential for any meal out: forks.



Forks were first introduced to Europe in the 10th Century by Theophanu Byzantine wife of Emperor Otto the 2nd and made their way to Italy where their use became very popular and it was normal for people to have their own knife and fork which they would keep in a special box. These early forks were flat and with two long tines. [prongs] The fork using custom was then introduced to France by Catherine de' Medici.

Catherine was married in 1533 at the age of fourteen to the future king of France Henry the 2nd so moved from her home in Italy to France where she was horrified to see how the people ate.

During the Middle Ages dining tables were simply boards on a trestle base with a cloth over on which the diners wiped their hands, this procedure is the origin of the expression 'to set the table'. All knives and spoons were shared and soup was drunk straight from the bowl, diners used their knives to spear meat from a large platter and then they either put it on a board or thick slice of bread known as a 'trencher' these were often shared by two people. Food was served in large bowls with each diner dipping in with knife or spoon so all sorts would end up in the bowl a truly non-hygienic affair.

There were a few eating rules observed at this time but really only followed by the more well bred diners, if you spat or

blew your nose you had to make sure you didn't clean your hands on the tablecloth and if you needed to spit it should be behind you and never on the table or anyone else.

Catherine being a well bred Florentine had been brought up to follow a manual written in the 1290's called '50 Courtesies for the Table' these might have been observed by the wealthier families but this was not an option for the poor who mainly ate with their fingers. Catherine's attempt to popularise fork usage was slow to catch on and it's use wasn't introduced to England until 1611 where it was even slower as British men said they liked to use their fingers and were proud to do it! Even the church was against forks, the thinking being that God in his wisdom had provided us with natural forks, our fingers and that it would be an insult to him to substitute them for these metallic devices.

In 1633 King Charles I declared "it is decent to use a fork" and this really heralded the beginning of civilised table manners, but not until the 18th century did culinary guides advocate the use of a fork, it was thought to be a continental fashion and a feminine affectation. It's recorded that foreigners who visited England in 1669 complained that there weren't forks on English tables as often people were expected to bring their own knife, fork and spoon and this continued for many years with the poorer

end of society. The earliest English fork is in the Victoria and Albert Museum and dates from around 1632, it has two prongs.

As the fork became more widely used for spearing meat and transferring it to the mouth the knife lost its point and was made with more rounded ends, toothpicks were set out for diners as they could no longer pick their teeth with the point of the knife.

When spearing certain foods such as peas and grains the widely-spaced two-prong fork was impractical so between the 17th and 18th Centuries the prongs were increased to three and then to four, and the shape of the fork became more curved to accommodate soft food such as peas.

In the 19th century mass production and the invention of electroplating meant many different types and styles of forks were introduced with a fork for every specific type of food, fish, cake, pickles, oysters and many more.

There were forks for the wealthy, elaborate and made of silver with ivory, bone or mother of pearl handles and many much cheaper versions for the average householder, the prongs became shorter and closer together. Instead of cutlery being brought to the table as necessary, it was now laid on the table at each place setting before the meal began. and no longer did fingers touch food, and putting the knife to the mouth at any time during dinner was seen as an unpardonable offence against good breeding.

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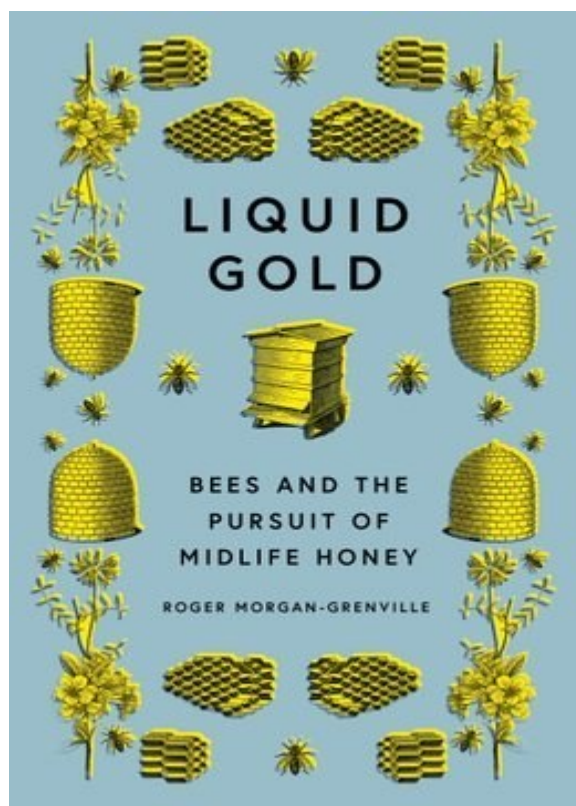
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BB Book Review

Bees and the Pursuit of Midlife Honey

by Roger Morgan-Grenville



Roger Morgan-Grenville had never intended to become a beekeeper. An early introduction to bees from his grandfather's kindly gardener provoked little more than a polite interest and, besides, there isn't room for an absorbing occupation like beekeeping in a life already taken up with running a business, even though Roger's children have now flown the nest.

Yet when a chance swarm appears in a friend's garden, Roger impulsively offers to take it home with him. After an equally chance meeting in a pub, he acquires a beekeeping partner, Duncan, and, before he knows it, he is the proud co-owner of a grandly named bee farm. The only problem is that neither of them has a clue about how to look after bees.

Undaunted, Roger and Duncan launch themselves into beekeeping with infectious enthusiasm, accumulating equipment and information with equal fervour. Needless to say, the pursuit of honey isn't

without its blunders and catastrophes and Roger doesn't spare his own blushes in relating them.

Then a funny thing happens. Roger's desire for honey is overtaken by a love for the simple act of looking after bees. As he becomes more in tune with the world around him, and he and Duncan grow in skills and confidence, something shifts within him. He starts to see the world, and his own purpose within it, in a new light. Beekeeping really is changing his life.

Peppered with fascinating facts about bees, Liquid Gold is a compelling and entertaining insight into the life of the beekeeper. But it's much more than that. It's the story of a life at a crossroads when a series of random events sets the author off on a different, and more satisfying, path. It's a tale of friendship and fulfilment, stings and setbacks, successes and failures and finding meaning in midlife.

The Burton Bookworm

Recipe for May

Cauliflower and potato curry



Ingredients

4 tablespoons of vegetable oil
1.5 teaspoon cumin seeds
1-2 whole green chillies
20-25g root ginger - shredded
1 tablespoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground cumin
0.75 teaspoon turmeric
1 teaspoon garam masala
400g cauliflower florets
250g potato chunks
1 teaspoon ground mango powder (optional) or 1 chopped tomato
Chopped coriander leaves

Method

Heat oil in a large pan, add cumin seeds and cook until aromatic.

Add whole pierced green chillies and julienned root ginger, and cook until the ginger starts to colour.

Now add ground spices – coriander, cumin, turmeric and garam masala, and some salt. Cook for one minute.

Tip in cauliflower and potato cut into chunks, and two tablespoons of water. Stir to coat.

Cover and cook gently for about 15mins.

Stir in dried mango powder or chopped tomato and a handful chopped coriander leaves.

Adjust seasoning and serve.



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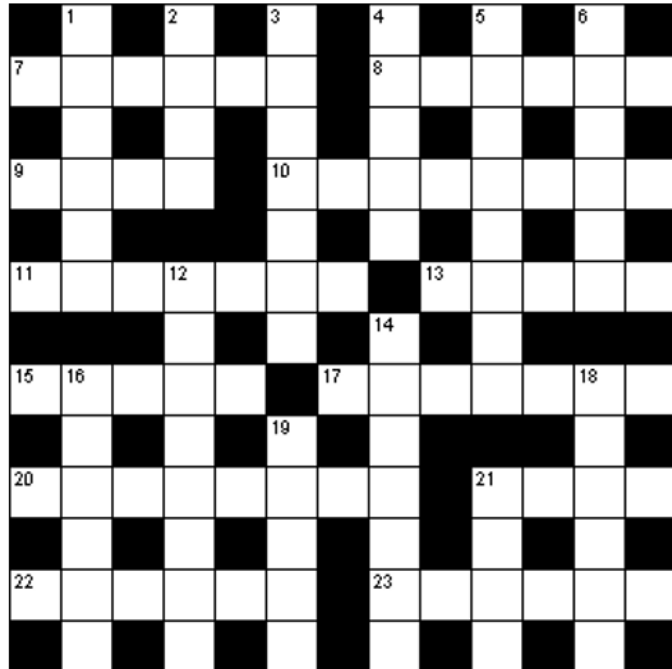
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PUZZLE PAGE

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Across

7. Live here, adores idea essentially (6)
8. Country rearranged on a tin (6)
9. Sounds like a naked animal (4)
10. Somewhere hot, slow pace mostly, endless choice and unfinished beer (8)
11. Corresponding to parts of the alphabet (7)
13. Repulse renegade with change of heart (5)
15. Taste starting off is plentiful (5)
17. Serving of wine and wild animal first off (7)
20. Pro icons with disorienting sting in the tail (8)
21. Replace pawn with bishop in animal friends wagers (4)
22. She ate dinner warmed up a little (6)
23. Mythical beast to last too long (6)

Down

1. Calm essential in wiser enemy (6)
2. Sounds like a searching look or landing (4)
3. Greet us with a sign for a change (7)
4. Not off electrically charged particle can make your eyes water (5)
5. Loud step mid-evening Tango (8)
6. Find security device mostly consumed (6)
12. Put up with confused toe alert (8)
14. Ripped commotion windstorm (7)
16. Replace secured middle England with taunted central Denmark (6)
18. Stirred up potion is a possibility (6)
19. Replace beginning of February discoveries with weekend varieties (5)
21. Craft found in a limbo atoll (4)

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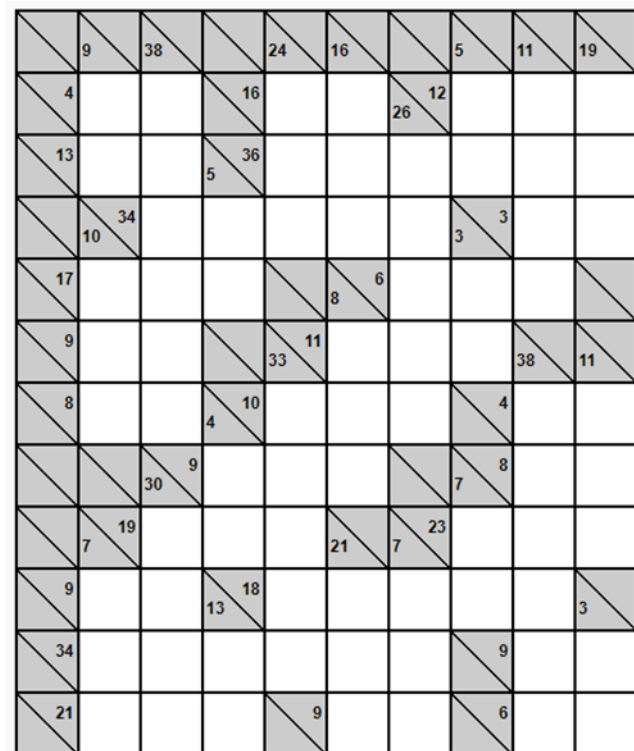
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K	L	D
C	Y	O

The Bulletagram is an anagram of a 9-letter word.

The challenge is to solve the anagram and find as many words of 4 letters or more which contain the central letter

THE TARGET: Not Bad 15, Better 19, Pretty Good 23, Champion Quality 26

KARUKO



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. 3 letters are already in place to get you started.

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JUST FOR FUN

In these days of lockdown people are taking more notice of our surroundings. More bird song is noticeable encouraging us to observe our feathered friends more closely.

Below are pictures of birds you may see in your garden or on a walk. Can you name them? (Answers on p 28).



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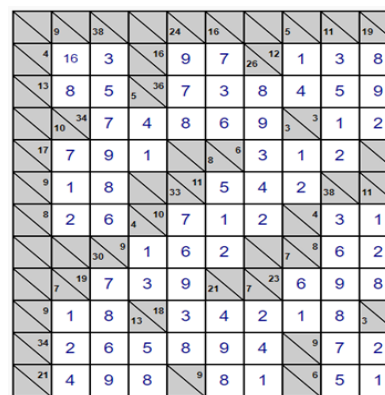
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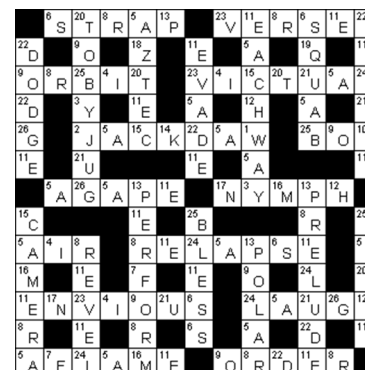
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WE GOT: crookedly, cloyed, colder, cooled, cooler, locked, locker, looked, looker, relock, relook, yodler, yolked, clerk, dolce, drool, loeed, older, redly, lord, lore, lory, lyre, oldy, oleo, rely, role, yolk

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CODEWORD



BIRD QUIZ

Green Woodpecker	Blue Tit	Tree creeper	Tawny Owl
Grey Wagtail	Starling	Rook	
Chaffinch	Mistle Thrush	Goldfinch	Wren
Kestrel,	Lapwing	Buzzard	