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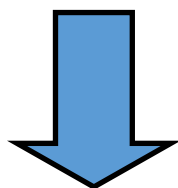
Villages emerge from coronavirus lockdown

After weeks and months of closed shops, pubs and cafes., no sports and clubs and church services, the villages of Kirkburton and Highburton are slowly returning to something approaching normal life as they emerge from the lockdown restrictions imposed to control coronavirus.

This has been a challenging time for families and businesses, for the services that we all rely on.

The Bulletin editorial team thought it would be an interesting exercise, to ask local individuals and business people for their comments about how lockdown has affected them. We got some very interesting replies..

We also noticed the magnificent Covid 19 snake of over 900 stones (we counted) in Burton Acres Lane and have produced photographs of some of the stones to represent the lockdown snake among the leaves slithering its way through this edition of the Bulletin. Starting here:



Kirkburton Hardware

We had heard about Coronavirus but never thought it would affect us the way it did. Our hardware shop was definitely not prepared for what was to come. Immediately after lockdown was pronounced, we were bombarded with people visiting, phoning, emailing and leaving Facebook messages for so many items for people to keep themselves busy – decorating things, fence paint, gardening materials and many items we had never stocked – **but we got what we could.**

We soon started selling out of stock and I was constantly at the warehouse, sometimes almost fighting for goods – never seen anything like it. It has been so busy that I had to start closing early to go searching for stock. My dog Ollie no longer had his perch on the window sill as it has turned into my serving hatch, or as some people have called it – a drive through so ordering burger and fries! Ollie has been for long walks with new friends Katherine and Cedric, and I am very grateful to them, as Ollie is.

I only hope all my new customers continue to shop locally, not just for me but for the whole village. Everyone will have beautiful gardens and houses – except me! I am definitely looking forward to a holiday or at least some time off.

Thank you, everyone – Louise and Glenn

Roger Beaumont

In February I was unbelievably busy, playing in a ukulele band called The Pleasant Pluckers, we were booked throughout the whole year to play in care homes, special schools, rehabilitation centres etc and were playing across West and South Yorkshire and even had a few gigs in Lancashire, we were playing three to four gigs a week, sometimes more.

I was also practicing every Monday afternoon at Shelley Village Hall with the Over 60's group and a couple of extra sessions a week with Dominic Beresford in his Get Strumming sessions at Shelley Sports & Social Club, we also managed to squeeze in a few pub and club gigs and a monthly venture into South Yorkshire to a ukulele club in Oxspring.

On top of this Dominic and I set up a choir for people who think they can't sing called Sing For Toffee Choir, we were running the choir on Monday evenings at The Venue in Storthe's Hall Park and it was a roaring success, singing popular songs for an hour and a half with up to forty people coming along every week and singing their hearts out, it was great fun.

Then bang, the crisis and lockdown hit and from being occupied every single day, playing, preparing, singing and working my activities went to next to nothing. So, there are only so many old cowboy films and car restoration programmes you can watch on daytime TV. I had to find something else to do.

We had planned to enter our garden in Burton Open Gardens so I have spent hours turning our garden into something more attractive but with the end goal of making it low maintenance. After many hours or planning and work it has turned out well and looks a picture.

Dominic has given me some excellent support and tuition helping me expand my playing range of musical instruments and I can now play a few rock riffs on my bass guitar, the lack of a haircut for nearly five months has also helped me take on the appearance of an aged rock star, or is it a cave-man.

So not all doom and gloom and in true Yorkshire spirit I have tried to make the best of a bad situation.

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Lockdown stories continued

(Continued from front page)

Dominic Beresford

2020: what a turbulent and uncertain year for everyone. After a great year of activities for myself and the Shelley Over 60's Ukulele Group and Sing For Toffee Choir that I run, I was all set and ready to build on that success. Then nothing. No groups, no care home performances, and quite rightly so; our members and audiences well-being were paramount. Instead of throwing the towel in, however, the ukulele group has continued to remain active and positive with the wonderful Zoom sessions provided online. Something which would have not been an option 10 years ago. I've also provided Facebook concerts for staff and residents in care homes. Keeping people connected through technology has been an absolute privilege and I'm eager to bring back all of our groups, with a vengeance, once the time is right to do so.

Angela Ellam—an unintended sabbatical

I am a self-employed management consultant, which involves helping other organisations plan and manage change. By February, all my work had dried up. Business-ess were focusing on the crisis, not change! So, I started my unintended sabbatical well before the official lockdown in March. Like many people, I

was left thinking what shall I do now! Travel was definitely out of the question. Baking was a no-no for me – all that cake has to be eaten! So, I turned to writing. Based on the old adage that 'everyone has at least one good book inside them waiting to be published' – I am writing a book. It is a true life story based on a family that were faced with the ultimate tragedy – the loss of a child. It has proved to be very challenging. I had to do a lot of interviews – socially distanced of course! And I have had to develop a style of writing that is very different to the one I am used to. Three chapters in, and I am getting there. I still have lots to do. But I don't think I will be working for the rest of the year. So, I should have plenty of time to finish it.

Dr Bill Armer

Perhaps the biggest change (and challenge) of lockdown for me has been the urgent need to learn how to use video conferencing software.

Now, I know that 70 year-olds are said to spend most of their time on social media and are adept at using software which I have never heard of, including video, so it must be easy 'innit. Problem there is that I don't have a 7year-old on hand to teach me. So, it has taken me most of the lockdown period to get to a stage where I can just



Russ Parkinson's jigsaw library during lockdown has raised funds for Kirkwood Hospice

about participate in virtual meetings. But I got there.

That was when I realised I had a much bigger problem: just how do I re-educate a spoilt brat cat (called Millie since you ask) that if I am on video it is not acceptable for her to wander all over the keyboard and in front of the camera, whilst making the loudest screeching noises ever heard?

As anyone who has been owned by a cat can attest, they have a well-developed sense of their Feline Rights. Especially Article 1, which states that a cat has the inalienable right to do what it likes, when it likes, and

where it likes, and Article 2 which makes it clear that a mere human has no business interfering in the exercise of Article 1. So it is that, once lockdown ends, my first task is to make grovelling apologies to any number of Kirklees officers, plus Kirklees and Parish Councillors, who have been offended. Especially by a close-up of a cat's behind.

My lockdown lesson? As a cat's servant I have no rights whatsoever, simply the duty to attend to her every need and desire. Now!

More lockdown stories on pages 8 and 9



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Yorkshire Web, part of The Barnsley Chronicle who have printed the Burton Bulletin since its inception in its current form, sadly ceased their printing operations at the end of July.

Fortunately for us, Adrian Sanger one of the managers at Yorkshire Web was able to arrange printing of this edition of The Bulletin.

The Bulletin Editorial Team is very grateful to Adrian and his colleagues for their help and support.

We hope that we will be able to find a permanent arrangement for the future.





KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

EXTRACTS FROM SUMMER 2020

The COVID-19 outbreak has presented many challenges. Our team has risen to the challenges and adapted to new ways of working to ensure the safety of patients, clinicians and staff. Our practice, along with many other GP Practices and Hospital Trusts in the country, is embracing online and video consultations. We are seeing the benefits of this innovative technology, however we understand that it is not suitable for all our patients or conditions. Please do not ignore health issues or ongoing medical conditions.

eConsult is proving popular with patients. Launched in March, the online consultation can be accessed from our website. Just fill in the online form for medical advice, treatment, sick note, GP letters or test results.

We will respond by the end of the next working day. The cut off time to submit your form is 2pm.

Do not use eConsult for isolation advice. An isolation note can be obtained via the NHS 111 online website <http://111.nhs.uk/isolation-note/>.

This virtual consultation software enables video consultations, with the facility to receive photographs from patients. **[You receive a text from your GP asking you to respond using a link, you should be able to use your phone to do this if you have internet access on your phone]**

Dr Rebecca Schatzberger, who joined our team in November, is now a partner.

She qualified as a doctor at the University of Leicester in 2009 and then gained membership to

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

NHS England has asked practices to take extra measures to protect patients and keep staff safe.

In response to the guidelines, we have suspended routine face-to-face appointments. Urgent appointments will be seen on the day, or a telephone appointment will be arranged. Please telephone the surgery (01484 602040). On arrival at the main entrance, please use the intercom to speak to our receptionist.

You will be advised where to wait and what to do before your appointment to prevent the spread of coronavirus. New Government guidance states that Med3 Certificates will not be required for people who are self-isolating due to coronavirus (either because they have symptoms, or they live with someone who has symptoms and cannot work). An isolation note can be obtained via the NHS 111 online website <http://111.nhs.uk/isolation-note/>.

If you have received a letter or text from the Government advising you to self-isolate, you should forward a copy to your employer as evidence. Please do not call the surgery for a letter or note. This will enable us to respond to those patients who are unwell.

Prescription requests can be ordered online. We encourage patients who do not have online access, to telephone the practice to set this up. Alternatively, paper prescription requests should be left in the prescription box, located at the main entrance to the practice. **Please do not telephone the practice to order a prescription, as we are currently experiencing a very high volume of calls.**

We apologise if it's taking you longer to get through to us on the phone and thank you for your patience and understanding at this difficult time.

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>

Please stay safe, and continue to follow the Government's guidance to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

the Royal College of Physicians in 2013, before specialising in genito-urinary medicine. Although she loved that specialty, she decided to follow in her dad and brother's footsteps, and become a GP.... "I love the diversity that General Practice brings, and the ongoing relationships with patients.

I am overjoyed to be a partner at Kirkburton Health Centre"

The Practice has been accepted on two national COVID-19 research studies. The PRINCIPLE Trial is being led by a team at the University of Oxford, and aims to find medicines which can help people with COVID symptoms get better quickly and stop them going to hospital. Patients who have had COVID symptoms for less than 14 days, aged 65 or over, or over 50 with an underlying health condition, may wish to volun-

teer to join the trial. For more information, visit <https://www.phctrials.ox.ac.uk/principle-trial> or call 0800 138 0880.

The second study is looking at how the Practice is responding to the challenges of the pandemic.

Testing is now available to members of the public with COVID-19 symptoms by visiting nhs.uk/coronavirus or calling 119 to book a test.



Efforts of BEG Volunteers in Town Quarry Marred by Vandalism



In May we were sad to see the Geology Information board had been used as target practice again. This board replaced a badly damaged board which had been destroyed by a huge stone being thrown at it. The stone put a hole in that board.

Our new board has a reinforced backing plate and edge strip which worked well against the stones thrown at it this time but the laminated information did not do so well and it has been damaged in several places. We are in the process of repairing this board.

Whilst walking through the quarry recently we noticed more vandalism had taken place. The directional post, which BEG recently installed, has been used for target practice. The signs are now

pock-marked and the directional signs are facing the wrong direction. We will be able to point the signs in the right direction but we won't be able to remove the craters.

Burton Environment Group is funded by contributions and grants and consequently do not have the money to keep repairing the damage. We have been told that children were seen throwing stones at a house from the quarry on Wednesday 22 July.

It is extremely disappointing to see the damage that is being caused by a few individuals. We do not know who is responsible, but we would like everyone to enjoy this well-used space and respect it.

Anna Boden

Burton Environment Group



May, June and July have seen a vast amount of effort and hours put into community environmental work across the areas of Highburton and Kirkburton. The enforced use of Zoom for meetings was a huge success and resulted in a very efficient use of time.

BEG members have been involved in general clearance work at Burton Cross, in hedge work, down ginnels and other public areas. Town Quarry steps are now fully useable, track sides



have been flailed, the lower area of planting has produced a splash of colour. The Memorial Garden workers have been complimented on their efforts in celebrating VE Day in another splash of colourful flags and banners. The Park area has been refreshed by BEG fence and bridge painters and has had a good Spring clean.



BEG's concern for the local environment has led to a Biodiversity survey to plan a future environmental strategy for the two villages. The Community Fields Trim Trail work is the last of our 4 main projects and is nearing completion. There is already a weekly footfall of over 400 - an enthusiastic mixture of

walkers, runners, bikers and pushchairs.

With Climate Change back in the news again our green spaces increase the 'wellbeing' of all at this time of stress and change. The repair of the tracks supported by Yorkshire Water, Cobbett, and Kirklees means that the new drainage and walking surfaces will improve the structure of the fields and return them to their original Biodiverse state. Many hours of volunteer work have resulted in the provision of community exercise and social facilities.



The improvement to the allotment access has been appreciated and once the regrowth of the path side vegetation is complete we can use the flail machine for maintenance.



Additional grants from Yorkshire Water means we can help prevent further damage to the area and improve the more natural ambience appreciated by users of the site.

We have decided to appoint a membership secretary due to the increase in numbers and the greater need for safety risk assessment measures. We thank the community for its continued support.

Tim Scott.

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New Headteacher at Kirkburton Middle School



Chris Taylor writes about his first 100 Days as Headteacher at Kirkburton Middle School

It seems an absolute lifetime ago when, last October, I received the call to offer me the Headship at Kirkburton Middle School (KMS). I don't think any of us in our wildest dreams could have predicted the times that followed – the word bubble has certainly taken on a completely new meaning of late.

Having spent 18 very happy years teaching at Holmfirth High School I always knew it was going to take something very special to tempt me away. From the moment I walked through the door at KMS I knew it was that 'something very special'. I met with Mr Johnson, the outgoing Headteacher, and listened to his vision for the school - it resonated with everything that I believe a school should be. KMS is a place which strives for the very highest academic standards but with a relentless focus on the education of the whole child. Being one of only five middle schools in the country which admits pupils between the ages of 10-13, KMS is already a very unique school; however what makes it so special extends far beyond this. Our pupils enter the school as children and leave as confident young adults, each developing at the rate that is right for them. The very best schools are full of energy, places where everybody enjoys attending and where long lasting memories are made. Anybody familiar with KMS will know it has all these elements in abundance; as our motto says, we are committed to 'enjoying, achieving, and succeeding together.'

It was not without a little nervousness that I stepped through the doors in January on my first day however the initial weeks seemed to go very well. I ticked off a number of key milestones; first pupil assemblies, first presentation to the staff, 'meet the new Headteacher' presentation to parents. Indeed I was just starting to enjoy things when on one cold February morning the boiler decided not to work. After an initial brief panic, we sent a text message to parents explaining the situation and informing them of a delayed start to the school day and then following a quick ring round some local schools and businesses to source alternative heating (thank you Holmfirth High School for your heaters) we were back in business by 11am. Unfortunately, the long term solution wasn't so simple and it took two weeks before our gas supply was returned. Typically, the weather turned from being unseasonably mild to a spell of cold and frosty mornings. That said, everybody rallied round to keep the school open – Mr Carver the premises manager came in even earlier than usual (some may call it at night-time) to turn all the portable heaters on and the kitchen continued to offer a full and varied menu using just the electric ovens. We also managed to continue our full range of out of school activities including two parent's evenings.

At this point I felt the school had passed the crisis situation test with flying colours and the rest of the school year would surely continue very smoothly. What little did we know. As we moved through the start of March the school was busy as usual. Every child in the school took part in the 'Great Kirkburton Sport Relief Cycle Challenge'. Between us the pupils, staff and even some parents cycled a total of 818 miles in four days on three static bikes which we'd installed in the entrance hall. We had presentations from a high court judge, a TV script writer, and university and apprenticeship providers. Pupils attended a number of visits including New College and Syngenta. Finally our sporting success continued with victories in the sports hall athletics and other competitions.



It was therefore with great sadness we watched events unfold in Italy and elsewhere knowing that life in the UK was also about to change. As the coronavirus outbreak turned into a pandemic we saw school trips abroad cancelled, extra-curricular activities suspended and then finally the closure of the school to all except our critical worker and vulnerable pupils. Just sixty school days had passed between starting my new job and locking the school gates for the foreseeable future as we moved all our provision to Scissett Middle School. What followed has most definitely been one of the most challenging periods of my career to date, something I'm sure I have in common with most people across the country regardless of their profession. There have however also been many, many highlights. Our pupils have been a real credit to the school and their families, stoically dealing with the challenges the lockdown has thrown at them and always maintaining a calm and focused approach to their learning. It has been great to see that, in and amongst their studies, pupils have kept the schools' tradition of extra-curricular and enrichment activities going. Many have learnt new skills during the lockdown, we've held our first (virtual) talent show, our first virtual sports day and a number of pupils have spent their free time raising money for charity.

It has also been a real privilege watching how the school and the wider community have pulled together in a time of great adversity in order to ensure everybody is well looked after and nobody is forgotten. The school staff have regularly gone the 'extra mile' in order to ensure pupils feel safe, secure and happy in their learning- always thinking of others before themselves. It was

humbling to see how many of them came forward to volunteer to work during their holidays and bank holidays in order to run our critical worker emergency child-care club at Scissett Middle School. Many staff have also been out into the community delivering work packs for pupils, carrying out home visits where parents have raised concerns about their child's well-being and supporting those families who needed our help the most. We recognise this has also been an extremely difficult time for parents and we are very grateful for their ongoing support. The African proverb says 'it takes a village to raise a child'; we have certainly seen this in action during these difficult times.

As we moved into June, and following numerous risk assessments, external health and safety audits, classroom redesign, safety markings spray painted on the playground and even an instructional video, it was with great delight that we were able to reopen the school on my 90th day in post to our Year 6 pupils. The remainder of the summer term has seen a mixture of on-site and off-site learning. Our Year 6 numbers on site have steadily grown and we have also been able to invite all Year 7 pupils back for a pastoral morning prior to their return to school in September. We have also said goodbye to our Year 8 cohort in a series of socially distanced leaving assemblies.

I can safely say my first 100 school days at Kirkburton have brought some of the most challenging times of my career to date, they have also been some of the best. I can't wait to see what the next 100 days bring.

Chris Taylor
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HD8 Voices Choir during the pandemic



The lockdown, of course, caused HD8 choir to stop their regular weekly rehearsals, which not only stopped practice, but also the conversation, chats and general support members give to each other each week. However, never to be defeated the WhatsApp group, consisting of most of the choir members, soon found a way round this. The posts from choir members have been funny, touching and artistic.

Some people put beautiful photographs taken during their daily exercise walks of the surrounding countryside, some put funny videos often with a twist at the end to make them quite moving, original art, singing, information about availability of shops and food being delivered direct were all posted, often 20 or 30 a day.

I have been told by several people that this has been

such a support during lockdown, especially to those living alone and those shielding.

This, however, is not surprising as the support that the choir gives in normal time to friends in times of trouble is always evident. A great big thank you to all those members who posted during lockdown – it kept us all sane.

The choir has put on two small performances during lockdown, with no more than six people, supporting the social distancing rules.

One was an alfresco rendition of Happy Birthday to Jo, celebrating a significant birthday – she then was brave enough to sing her solo part in 'This Is Me' after the surprise!

The second was for Marion, the postmistress, who retired in July.

Six members met up outside the Post Office on the day of her retirement, and sang 'We'll meet again' to a very surprised Marion and Peter, and an even more surprised man who came to use the cash machine. (There is a more detailed report on page 23.)

In the words of that famous lady – we will meet again.

Pat Shaw

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Reconnecting with the WI

It seems very strange at a time where we have all mostly slowed down that we are using a platform called Zoom to connect with people. It has however provided a fantastic way to reach out and interact with our WI members during these very unusual and everchanging times.

As a WI group we still wanted to be able to offer something to our members that hopefully they would find useful or entertaining. It has been a challenge coming up with speakers for Zoom meetings, but we have had a few good ones over the past few meetings.

As May was veterinary nurse awareness month, I did a talk on a day in the life of a veterinary nurse, this hopefully highlighted how much veterinary nurses do in practice and how much of a valuable asset they are to the veterinary team.

In June we had Jim Gardner from MasterChef speak to us on his experience about being on the show. From the very first interview to some show secrets, as well as talking to us about his volunteering at The Mission and cooking meals for the less fortunate amongst us. It was a very interesting talk that I think could have gone on all night.

At July's Zoom meeting we welcomed Jo Bee who is a freelance knitwear designer based in London. Her designs are superb, and her talk was very informative and fascinating, especially seeing the more intricate designs and what goes in to creating these magnificent pieces.

We have been doing online coffee and catch ups, where it's been really nice to get to know members more and just have a nice informal catch up and fresh conversation. We've hosted bingo nights for members as well as quiz nights.

Our VE day quiz was very informative and I have to say I learned quite a lot from it.



Jim Gardner

As a committee, we put together a little tea-break pack and distributed these to our members. I mean who doesn't love a brew and a puzzle.

As a committee and a group, I think it's safe to say that we cannot wait until we can all meet up safely again. However, at the moment we're not sure on when this will be as we want to ensure the safety of all our members. It is a very strange time but I'm hoping that the little things we have and continue to do are helping.

With certain restrictions lifting it's nice to start reconnecting with friends and loved ones, even if you do end up sitting in the garden with a brolly whilst it pours down with rain. The things you do for a brew with your sister.

I suppose for now you will just have to watch this space on when we will be returning to our usual meetings at the village hall. But in the meantime, enjoy seeing your friends and family and don't forget to check on those that are more vulnerable or alone.

Sarah Sharp-Allison

President of the Burton Belles WI



More lockdown stories

Justine Plumb

Like most people my initial thoughts about Covid19 and lockdown were disbelief and anxiety about what the future holds. As a parent I was relieved when schools closed as this made us feel safer but as the parent of a boy who thrives on learning and the school environment I was concerned about how I would keep his learning up. My OCD kicked in and each week I have devised a timetable using available resources. What I quickly learnt though was this was an opportunity to share those life skills which cannot always be taught in school eg. cooking, baking and growing vegetables and plants. The greatest thing has been spending quality time together as a family and learning with him, he's even taught me to do fractions.

Academic learning is important but more important is being there for our children supporting them as like us they are worried so take time, give them a cuddle, go for a walk in our beautiful countryside and if home learning is not going as planned today, try again tomorrow.

Linda Pearce

Lockdown for me has been a time for reflection; I for one had found the months leading up to this very hectic and tiring. The pace of life in these modern times had got busier and busier as we tried to keep in touch

with friends, help out with family and visit lots of different countries whilst we have our health. All these things are very important, so why would I say things have changed for the better.

I have taken a lot more exercise, walking a couple of hours a day if weather has permitted. Having lost a stone in weight I feel far healthier and happier in myself.

Out walking, with my husband, we've found many people are like us and want to stop for a chat (2 metre rule!) or at least pass the time of day. We have met lots of interesting people and learned a lot about the surrounding countryside.

Being in our 70's we have been self-isolating and our younger neighbours have been so thoughtful, offering to do shopping if required. Local businesses have come up trumps doing free deliveries if required. I just hope now we are coming out of lockdown and have more freedom to shop that we DO NOT FORGET the local businesses that have helped us cope over the past few months and continue to support them now; many thanks to you all.

Gerard Hetherington

I have enjoyed exploring the local areas in previously undiscovered walks that I can do by just stepping out of my front door. I have explored the foot-

paths around Kirkburton and also Shepley, Shelley, Emley and Lepton. I have spotted skylarks, lapwings, curlews, buzzards, deer (twice) and even a barn owl.

A family quiz on Zoom involving my brothers and sisters and our grown-up children has been running every Saturday night since the end of March. We have managed to get as many as 17 participants from the 19 households eligible to take part. Sharing family stories and reminiscences after the quiz has led to me being coaxed into researching my family history over the past 100 years. I have promised to write this up and share it with the quizzers.

I have grown a beard - my first. It gave me something to do. As I am now in my 60s, the beard has come in grey and white. I think it will have to go. My son says it makes me look like the runner-up in a Jeremy Corbyn look-alike contest.

I have also been involved in producing the Bulletin. There were some doubts expressed about whether we should go ahead with the May edition. It took quite an effort to produce the paper and get it distributed - observing social distancing - so it was good to find that it was well-received.

Shelley College Y10 student

Lockdown came with a lot of uncertainty about what was going to happen with my GCSEs, and worry about the amount of school I was missing, but all Year 10s through the country are in the same boat. Shelley College have been very helpful and I was in school one day per week for the last few weeks which helped answer problems during home-schooling, but only in small groups. Most days I completed all my work and was still able to chat electronically with my friends. I am now on school holiday and look forward to meeting up with all my friends again.

Caroline Newsome, Police Community Support Officer

Policing didn't stop, and we were suddenly responding to what we now call 'Covid jobs', where, in the initial few weeks of lockdown, we were inundated with calls, (across Huddersfield), from people reporting those who would wish to put others at risk, ignoring the restrictions and social distancing rules, visiting friends, making unnecessary trips out, and gathering in groups etc. I never thought in my 20 years of policing, I would be asking people not to visit their own family, but it was for the right reasons, to stop the spread, and prevent further infections. This impacted on myself too, in that I missed my own family, apart from the odd visit, to drop off shopping, (flinging a tin of



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corned beef, onto my 99 year old Grandma's doorstep). I loved the Thursday evening clapping, a show of support for our fabulous NHS, and found it quite emotional, calling it my 'Thursday evening weep'

I saw the best and worst in people, and felt that, it had brought communities together, (socially distant street parties, food parcels to the elderly, and those shielding, people saying hello, and engaging in conversation in the long queues outside the supermarket etc). At times, I felt unsettled and worried.

One of the most poignant and upsetting moments for me during this pandemic was having to deliver devastating news to an elderly gentleman, that his daughter had died. Turning up on his doorstep, to turn his world upside down, and when he broke down in tears, I was not able to comfort him, hug him, offer him my hand. For that moment, I hated everything about the virus.

My holiday to Italy was cancelled, and my mother's 70th birthday could not be celebrated in the way we had wished, so a socially distant pizza, and drinks on the driveway was the best we could do. Still, it was a good evening.

The virus continues to dominate the news, and we adapt to the changes. My beloved dogs, oblivious to all that has been going on, have enjoyed their longer walks in our beautiful countryside, so there have been positives and negatives, to my lockdown experience.

Linda Musgrave

The news that my husband was on the Government's list of people at risk and we would have to isolate for three months came as quite a shock. I am usually very busy out and about at different groups and activities, the thought of being in the same four walls together for three months with nothing to do filled both of us with dread.

At first, the main problem was trying to get food, and getting shopping was a nightmare as none of the big supermarkets had any delivery slots. Thank goodness for the local village businesses, family, friends and

neighbours who would drop shopping off at the front door so we did not starve! The sense of community has been really amazing and humbling.

At the beginning of lockdown my house had never been so clean but there is only just so much cleaning a person can stand!! And as the weeks went by, I found more and more things to do to fill my time.

On the craft side I knitted and sewed tiny pairs of hearts for the Intensive Care Unit at HRI, sewed hospital scrubs for Pinderfields Hospital, made uniform wash bags for Kirkburton Surgery, sewed masks for a friend for when her nail salon reopens, made lots of crocheted octopi for the Special Baby Unit at CRH and even sent some octopi to my brother in Suffolk to raffle for the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. I made decorations on my computer for my front windows for the VE day celebrations and a rainbow poster to thank the NHS and key workers.

I also found that I had much more time to catch up with work on the computer. I managed to plot all the unmarked graves at All Hallows Church onto the Burial Ground Management System (BGMS) software from the Church's old maps and have now started a spreadsheet for all burials at All Hallows between 1681 and 1812 as these are not on the BGMS system which will keep me busy until at least the autumn.

I had never heard of the Zoom app before lockdown, but I now use it for virtual weekly meetings for Weight Watchers and Kirkburton History Group. The Houseparty app was another revelation and our now family get together on-line every Sunday from Kirkburton, Shelley, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Guernsey, South Africa and Australia which I am sure will continue well after lockdown is over.

And, of course, we must not forget the clapping. We were on the doorstep every Thursday evening to show our appreciation and clap for the NHS and all key workers for the fantastic job they are doing during this pandemic. Phew! I have never been so busy.



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Burton Crafters sew for the NHS

Like most organisations, Burton Crafters closed down in March due to the Coronavirus. However, not meeting up on Monday afternoons, did not mean they have been idle. Through various contacts the group have been busy helping local Hospitals, Pinderfields, and even Birmingham.

The first thing they were asked to make pairs of hearts (pictured) for Huddersfield and Calderdale hospitals. As next of kin couldn't be with their loved ones in intensive care, the idea was that, when a patient passes, a heart is kept with them and an identical heart is given to the next of kin as a memento. Staff at the hospitals, found that loved ones were helped through the bereavement process with this small gesture.

They were also asked to make scrubs bags for uniform so that staff could remove their uniforms and place them in a wash bag, approximately the size of a pillow case, with a draw string, and take them home to wash with as little contamination as possible. These were made for the local hospitals and, through a craft member, for a hospital in Birmingham.

Pinderfields then asked for volunteers to make full sets of scrubs (pictured) – and



they would supply fabric, thread and patterns in order for them to be produced. This was limited to our members of the group who had sewing machines with overlockers on them to bind the seams. About five members were able to do this and along with other groups around Wakefield, were given a goal of 2000 sets. Currently the management are very impressed with the standard of work and at the time of writing over 1000 sets have been made.

Currently, members are busy sewing face covering, either for charity or just for themselves and friends..

Let's just hope that these crafty activities have been a little help during this awful situation.



Scrubs made by Burton Crafters for staff at Pinderfields Hospital.

Sew much support for cancer



A face covering project, started by Dianne Stewart of Kirkburton, is raising hundreds of pounds for Yorkshire Cancer Research. The first batch of 15 face coverings sold within two hours of being released – and now orders are rolling in.

Pat Shaw, Secretary of Burton Crafters, said: "This is a fantastic project, producing non-medical face coverings while raising money for Yorkshire Cancer Research. We have a team of four enthusiastic volunteer sewers to help us to keep up with the demand and we must say a huge thank you to Dianne Stewart, Molly Lucy Dowie, Pauline Dolan and Judith Norris for their time and dedication."

Claire Revell and Michelle Hare, of Shelley-based Online Fabric Boutique Cow and Giraffe have kindly donated a selection of vibrant, high qual-

ity 100% cotton fabric to the project.

The face coverings are double layer, 100% cotton, washable and reusable.

They are on sale at Kirkburton Post Office, Linton's Hair and Beauty, Kirkburton and Lydgate Styles, Shelley. So far, sales have raised over £600.

Carol Hirst, Secretary of the Huddersfield Voluntary Committee, Yorkshire Cancer Research, said: "Yorkshire Cancer Research would like to thank Burton Crafters, Cow and Giraffe, Kirkburton Post Office, Linton's and Lydgate Styles for their fantastic support. The money raised from the sale of face coverings will help to improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in our region."



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Kirkburton Uniformed Groups – a plea

As a group we have not been meeting person to person since lockdown but sections have been trying to continue to offer activities for young people remotely (via Zoom and similar routes).

We are currently going through a national review of how we can address the different levels of lockdown and start to offer activities as social distancing and other restrictions are eased (always with safety to the fore).

A secretary is one of the key committee roles that allow us to function so we are very keen to find someone who would be willing to take on the role. **01484 817221** or kirkburtonuniformedgroup@gmail.com

Many thanks, Martin Smith

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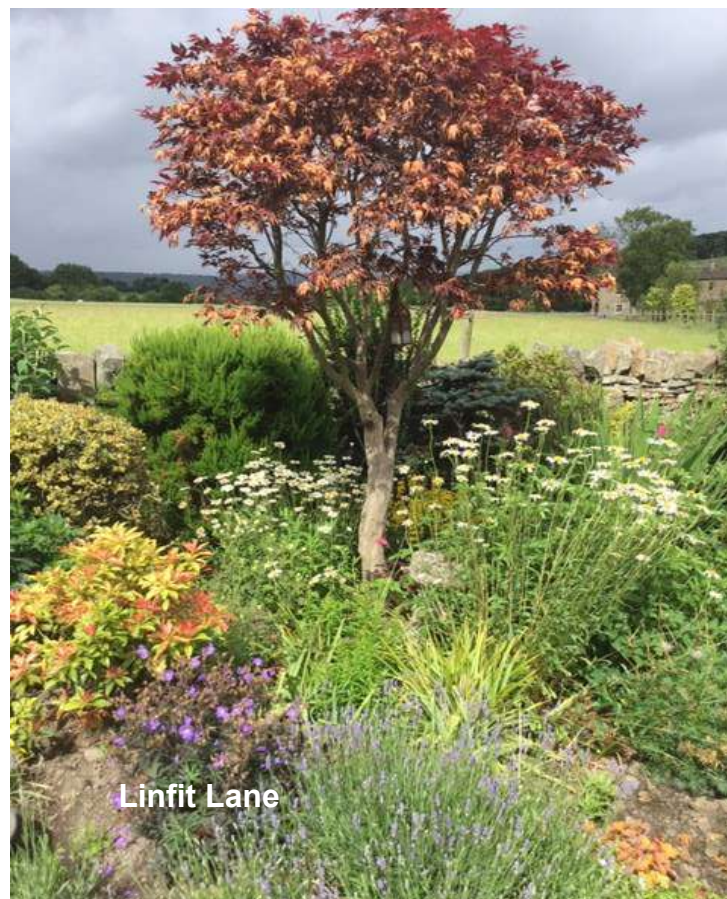


Burton Open Gardens—what we missed

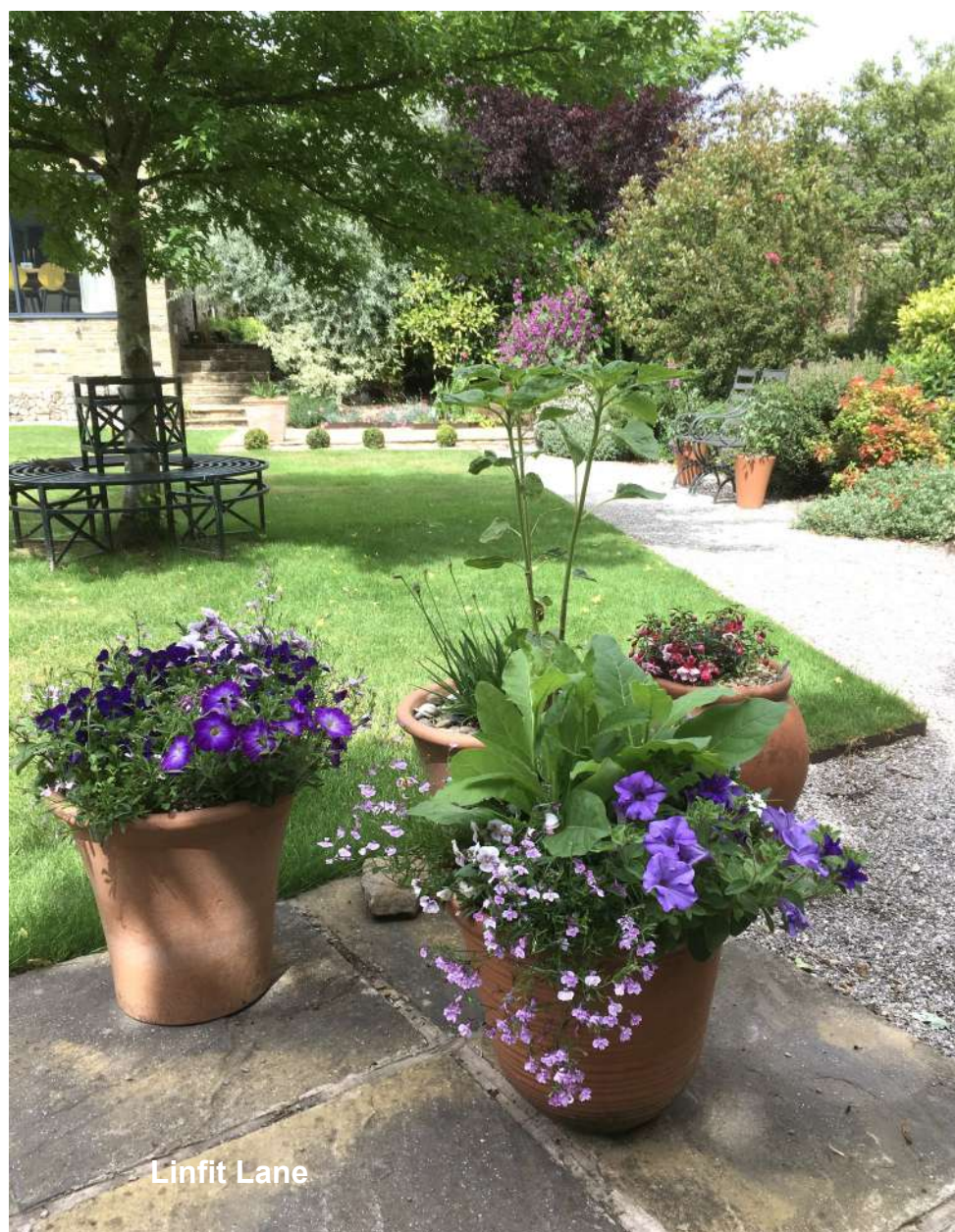
Sadly the Burton Open Gardens event scheduled for Sunday 29 June could not be held this year because of the coronavirus restrictions. The Bulletin asked the households which had been planning to show their gardens to send us a photograph of how it looked that weekend. Here are some examples of beauty in Burton.



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Linfit Lane



Woodland Meadows





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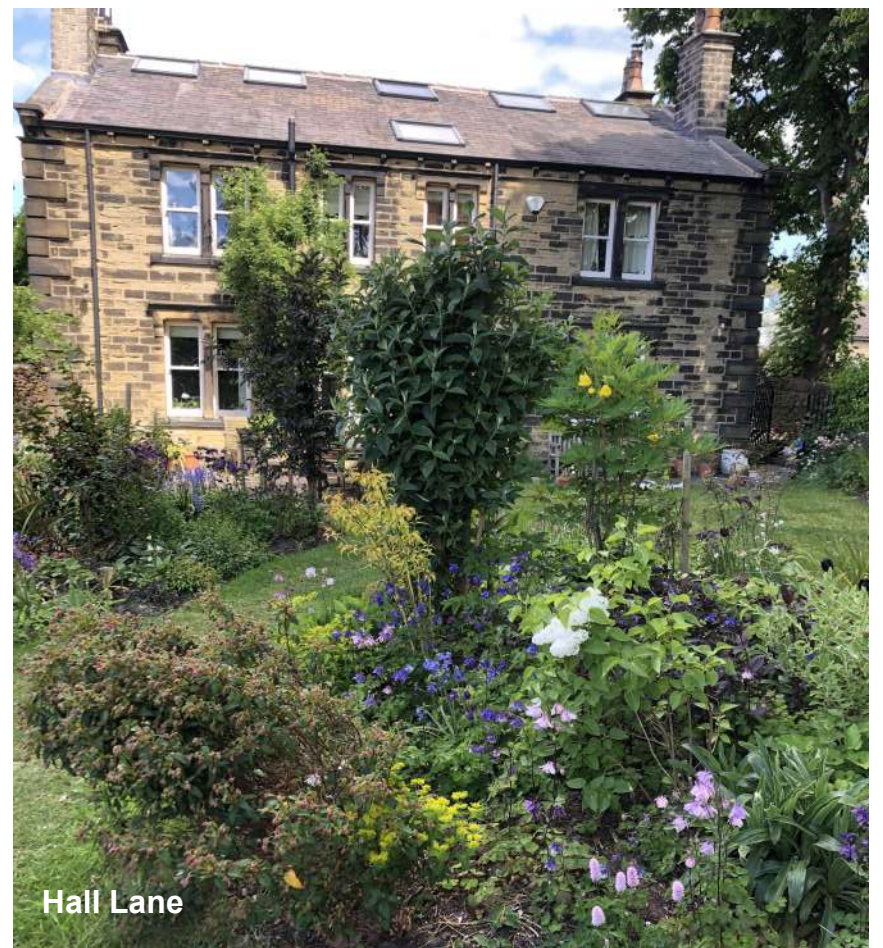
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All Hallows Church

Greetings from the Church of All Hallows' at Kirkburton. We have been living through "interesting times" – while the church stands firm in its history of more than 800 years, many other things have changed.

It is with great pleasure that we offer a warm welcome to **Reverend Stephanie Hunter**, who has come to support us during our inter-regnum. Many of you already know Reverend Stephanie as she has helped us out by taking a variety of services during the previous vicar's absence. Now she is coming to work part-time with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and community of All Hallows'. We wish her a positive and enjoyable time with us, and we are sure you will all make her welcome.

We reopened for limited formal services on 19 July with continued social distancing and strict codes of conduct. It is good to see members of the church family again and we plan regular services throughout the summer, but sadly without singing. Reverend Stephanie led her first *in officio* service and we are delighted to welcome her to our church. From September we hope that a more normal routine of services will be in place, with Advent and the approach of Christmas to look forward to.

In the 'closed' time, we have begun some of our planned repairs and restoration, especially with some long-awaited improvements to the toilets, the promise of a new notice-board and some serious re-thinking of 'how we "do" church'. The Ministry Team and PCC have been meeting via Zoom and we are looking forward to carrying forward some of the events we have had to postpone or cancel. So keep an eye open for posters and circulars.

Meantime, all our planned weddings, except one, have been cancelled and rearranged for next year, and we have several youngsters waiting for baptism.

The PCC have now created some new sub-committees to focus on specific needs - Children and Young People; Churchyard; Church building; Safeguarding and our new website. The hope is that these smaller groups will fast-track the necessary progress in each of these areas.

We offer a huge wealth of thanks to the retired clergy who have helped us keep the church services going, up until shut-down – Graham Whitcroft, Ann Sykes, Mildred Butterworth, Anne Young, and both Anne Dawtry and Bishop Jonathan, and the many visiting priests who have officiated at baptisms, weddings and funerals – including Reverend Stephanie, who has battled through some really nasty weather to ensure our services have proceeded.

Do come and spend some quiet time with us on Sundays – 10 till 12 noon – and when we regain our full services, we hope you will come and celebrate the survival of our ancient and prestigious Church of All Hallows', and look forward to a joyful restoration of "normality".

Also, please remember the special Kirkburton Heritage Day on Saturday 12 September. Come and visit our past and present.

God bless you all,

Paul and Kate

Churchwardens

All Hallows' Kirkburton

Reverend Stephanie Hunter: a self-portrait



Taking on a secondment during a period of lockdown would not have been my first choice, but when the Bishop of Huddersfield asked me, it was clear that he was concerned that the Parish of Kirkburton had been without regular active ministry for several months, so I was glad to accept his offer.

The parish of Kirkburton is technically now in vacancy. I am not the Vicar, but I have the responsibility to provide more consistent pastoral care, potentially up to 12 months, until a permanent arrangement is made.

As a curate in the Church of England, I do not have overall responsibility for a parish. I work under the supervision of a more experienced person. It is a bit like an apprenticeship. Over time I will work increasingly independently as my experience and knowledge increases.

I have now been ordained three years and am close to being considered to being signed off from my curacy. I am a priest in the Church of England, so I can take Christenings, Weddings, funerals, and any other kind of service.

For this secondment I will be focussing my time on working with our children and young people alongside the PCC and Churchwardens.

I live in the Rectory in Upper Cumberworth, with my husband, Andrew, and our dog, Skye. I enjoy baking and cooking and being able to welcome people into my home.

If there is anything that I or the church can support you with, please do not hesitate to get in touch 605386 or email: stephanie.hunter@leeds.anglian.org

Blessings,
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Kirkburton Cricket Ground

I wanted to say a big THANK YOU to Kirkburton Cricket Club.

The cricket field has been an oasis in our lockdown desert. Living on Riley Park, the field is an extension to many people's gardens.

It has been a delight to see how many people have enjoyed the amazing, beautifully kept, green space during lockdown, to exercise, have, self-distance chats, have fun, and admire the views.

I wished to donate to the club and on enquiring was given details to support the club by donating via the clubs bank details.

If anyone else would also like to say thank you by way of a donation, the details are, Sort Code 402510, Account Number 22060256.

Thank you, Kirkburton Cricket Club and good luck with winning matches in the times ahead.

Pat Whitaker



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Denby Dale Centre

I wanted to let you know about the very important work being done by the Denby Dale Centre to support isolated, elderly members of our villages during the Lockdown. I thought this would make an inspiring and uplifting story for the next edition of the Burton Bulletin. It really is a wonderful example of how local people have come together during the past few months and done what they can to support vulnerable people.

I've been volunteering with the Monday Group at the Hub in Kirkburton (one of the Denby Dale's out-reach groups) for several years now - most of the people who attend the group are living with Dementia. Since the beginning of Lockdown, this group (and all other groups organised by the Denby Dale Centre) have, of course, been unable to run - this has left group members (many of whom live on their own), isolated from their friends and communities - sometimes not seeing anyone in a day - although some group members live with families or have family members visiting regularly. I have been one of several volunteers on a phone rota, ensuring that all group members receive a phone call every day - I make 2 or 3 phone calls each week day. I can tell you that the phone calls are so important to the people we speak to - they're all missing the support and friendship that the weekly groups provide and can't wait to be able to meet up in person again - but, until that is possible, the calls let them know that they haven't been forgotten. We talk about all sorts of things - their life memories, what

they've been doing that day, activities they've participated in at the Hub, we sing, we discuss the Coronavirus, we talk about pets, politics, music, about what they've had to eat, the weather, anything really - I've had such wide ranging and interesting conversations and now know the group members even better than I did before.

Denby Dale Centre staff have also been putting together weekly themed Activity Packs which are sent out to members. Everyone has been provided with colouring pencils and pens. The Packs contain interesting facts about each theme, colouring, word searches etc. The Group Members have loved them and look forward to each new pack - they have really kept people occupied, engaged and helped to maintain both mental and manual dexterity.

These are just two of the ways that the Denby Dale Staff and Volunteers have been supporting people - but they've also been doing other important community work during the Lockdown and I would really urge you to contact The Denby Dale Centre to find out more about what they've been doing.

I really can't speak highly enough of the Staff. They have been totally committed to keeping in touch with and supporting vulnerable members of our local villages during the past months. I do think that it would be wonderful to recognise the work they've done with an article in The Burton Bulletin.

Sue Salmon

(Ed: You have done a great job with this letter - We hope to get something from DDC in the next edition saying what they are doing after lockdown)

The Bulletin

Thank you so much for the latest issue which dropped through my door step this morning. It is so refreshing not to have to read about gloom and doom, and having just scanned through it, I look forward to reading it in depth. Thank you for doing your bit for the businesses that advertise in The Bulletin.

I have been fortunate in being able to visit the shops in the village which are doing a great job. My normal pattern of work does not allow me to shop in the village.

Like many others, I could initially do my job from home, thanks to online training ready to be redeployed into another area. However, I have now been furloughed and have now completed sewing quite a number of uniform bags for NHS and care workers, and doing projects from home which I have been meaning to do for months.

During this lockdown I have taken to walking in this fabulous environment I have lived in for 26 years. I really am so lucky to live in the area that I do. While walking I came across by accident part of Molly Mangle's Meander. I may try to complete the walk at a later date. I have since discovered that it is one of a series of ten walks in the area.

I loved the article "In Our Villages" by Pat Shaw which really brought a tear to me eye. I agree that it is good to hear and see nature that we don't normally notice in our busy lives.

You were right to go ahead with this edition. Stay safe and well.

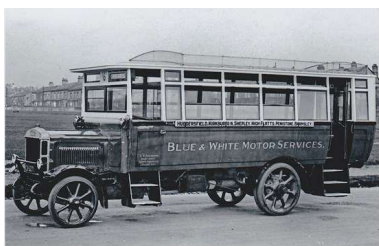
Susan Cornish



MEMORIES Some pioneer motorbus operators in and around Kirkburton

"A transport enthusiast" has provided this record of early bus services in the Kirkburton area.

After the end of the First World War the availability of cheap ex-War Department lorries and men able to drive them resulted in a tremendous expansion of motorbus routes in Britain. The earliest operators in the Kirkburton area carried their passengers as far as the tram terminus at Waterloo, where people would change to complete their journey into Huddersfield.



Arthur Pearson of Dean Bottom Garage was advertising his Kirkburton to Waterloo service in the Huddersfield Examiner by early April 1919. He also had the distinction of being mentioned in the Tramway and Railway World journal of May 1919.

Some time between July and November 1919 Tom Mitchell of Kirkburton, trading as Red and White, began running be-

tween Kirkburton and Waterloo and was paying Kirkburton Urban District Council 2d per mile for the privilege of running on their roads. By 1925 Mitchell used a plot of land alongside Penistone Road at Waterloo as his bus garage – still in use today.

In September 1921 Fartown based charabanc proprietor Frank Kilner Harburn trading as Blue and White (from 'Town's' colours) provided the first bus service of any operator to start from/run into Huddersfield town centre rather than connecting with a tram route in the suburbs. Harburn used a new Huddersfield-built Karrier.

Harburn was very publicity conscious and advertised the invigorating virtues of his service with claims such as: "A dose of Kruschen salts and a ride on my



bus and you could be pushing tramcars over".

Meanwhile a much more substantial operator appeared on the scene: the Barnsley and District Traction company. In May 1923 it extended its Barnsley- Cawthorne route via Denby Dale, Scissett and Kirkburton to Huddersfield - the original terminus was in Castlegate until the move into



Lord Street in 1926, from where all Kirkburton bound buses then loaded until 1975.

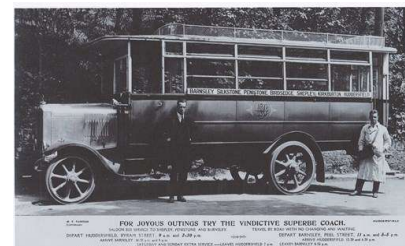
There was constant competition between Barnsley & District, Harburn and Mitchell. During 1925 the inevitable happened, with the much larger and financially robust Barnsley based undertaking buying out the other two. Barnsley & District's first (very small) garage in the area was in Dogley Lane.

Charabancs known as "The Mountaineers" operated from these premises - carrying coal during the week and passengers at the weekend and sometimes the two commo-

ties were mixed.

In March 1927 Huddersfield Corporation introduced a new Huddersfield-Kirkburton (George Inn, Shelley Lane Bottom) route in direct competition with Barnsley & District's existing Kirkburton-Lord Street service. Hostilities reached a climax in April 1928 when two intending passengers waiting at Rowley Bottom had to jump over a wall to save their lives when Barnsley & District and Huddersfield Corporation single-deckers arrived at the stop literally simultaneously.

In late 1932 both Huddersfield and Yorkshire Traction (as Barnsley & District was renamed in January 1929) ex-



tended a few journeys daily from Turnshaw via Moor Lane to Highburton, Town Gate, the village's first bus service.

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News from Kirkwood hospice shop



Hurray! We are now open! We re-opened for business on 19 June .

It was a strange and unpredictable three months and none of our team could have anticipated what the effect of Covid 19 would have on our everyday lives. Now we are open things are very different. We are struggling to keep up with the mountain of much needed donations we are receiving with a reduced workforce of volunteers.

We have had to adapt to new ways of working to keep everyone safe. A number of safety measures have been installed like the hand sanitising station as you enter the shop. There have been changes to the shop layout and operating procedures. The shop is following strict social distancing guidelines and at the time of writing this article only two customers are allowed to shop at any one time.

Who could have predicted that you would have to queue and wear a face mask to get into a charity shop? A plastic screen has been placed in front of the till and card payment is encouraged although cash is accepted. Surfaces are regularly wiped down. Donations have to be stored for 48 hours before they can be opened and sorted.

On occasions we have been over-whelmed and had to stop

taking in donations due to the shortage of space and Health and Safety reasons. We do not like taking this action so, to avoid disappointment, call the shop before dropping your items off. (Details below.)

Our shop relies heavily on the support and goodwill of an army of local volunteers. We have a large number of volunteers who are shielding or self-isolating. We have volunteers, of a certain age, who would love to come back but due to the current guidelines cannot.

The shop needs to recruit younger volunteers to help fill the gaps. What would younger volunteers get from this experience? Well it could help to build confidence, learn new skills, meet new people and get satisfaction from being part of the Kirkburton Kirkwood team.

If you feel you could help find us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/kirkwoodkirkburton/> Or, drop in and speak to the manager Amanda Burda or Bekki Grafton. Or, telephone on 609312

Our shop is open six days a week. (9am- 5pm) We sell a fantastic range of clothes, accessories, books, toys, bric-a-brac, Hospice new goods and so much more. Our friendly team are at hand to help and we would like you to know that we value your custom during these very difficult times.

Extract of minutes of meeting on 9 July 2020

Community Police Representative: Caroline New-some.

During lockdown the number of domestic burglaries and anti-social behaviour have reduced, however there has been an increase in commercial property burglaries.

There has been an influx of calls relating to speeding vehicles and breaches of the lockdown guidance.

Police are aware of the increase of the use of nitrous oxide – (laughing gas). Use of this is illegal and is a nationwide issue.

Recent incident reported at The Junction pub - Kirklees Licencing are involved.

Gregory playing fields: despite information on social media, there have been no major reports made to the police.

An arrest has been made following a report, related to drugs.

Re-opening of village hall Most regular hall users have indicated that they will not be returning until September except for **Burton Out of School club** which will be re-opening on Monday 20 July.

KHCA will review the situation at the end of August as other groups prepare to return.

Treasurer's report The financial position is good, following a £10,000 grant received from Kirklees Council.

Parish Council—Emergency grants of up to £500 have been made available to local groups whose income has been affected by Covid-19.

Environment and climate change committee to be re-instated. Planning a climate change date for 2021.

Section '106 money' Redrow have now paid over the £235,000 education provision.

KHCA WEBSITE <https://www.khca.org.uk/>

As reported elsewhere in the Bulletin, the Village Hall is closed for the foreseeable future. But when things change this will be appear on the website. Check to see when your familiar activities are restarting.

During these past days of 'leisure' you may have taken photos of our area, of your activities, of interest ... perhaps you would consider sending them to the Bulletin (burtonbulletin@khca.org.uk) to put into the Gallery of the KHCA website.



**KIRKBURTON AND
HIGHBURTON
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

North Road Junction – To re-engineer the junction a telegraph post needs to be re-sited. Highway in correspondence with BT.

George Street wall – to be repaired during July.

Riley Lane wall - requires substantial repair, will require road to be closed and legal notices issuing.

Highburton Shop – the planning application to amend use to offices has been rejected, but a new application has been submitted.

Website - Improve ... add a counter, tidy up, add a business directory, extend gallery.

Parish walks – information to be updated including signs, maps, leaflets etc.

Fruit trees require pruning, Parish Council looking to train volunteers to do this work.

Trim trail and exercise stations - footfall is approx. 400 per week.

KHCA discussion at the next meeting – do we stay as we are, or engage more with the community? Events in the hall etc to encourage new members.

Future of Kirkburton Church – creating a "Heritage Church" bringing the community together. Hoping to create an artistic centre, involve ancestry UK, as well as raise a substantial amount of money.

Promote our local area. Tim Scott is working with Dan Eustance from Kirklees to explore.

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday 10 September
at 7:30 at The Village Hall



Featured business

The Bakery & Coffee Shop

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The Bakery in Kirkburton is a charming country shop in an idyllic village location. Now in the hands of a second generation of the Newsome family the business is now run by Mr James Newsome.

This delightful village bakery was established in 1972 by Mr Philip Newsome. A past president of the Huddersfield and District Master Bakers Association; Mr Newsome served on the college liaison committee and was a member of the Regional Council for Master Bakers.

Throughout the 1970's and 1980's continuous growth in the business was maintained as the company followed the

virtues of consistently producing top-quality products and provided excellent service to customers. By 1985 as the business expanded new premises were found to provide more production space.

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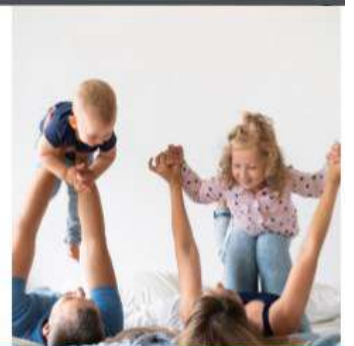
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MP's Report

Mark Eastwood MP



Upon returning to Westminster, it was a great honour to be able to deliver my maiden speech, which I had intended to give some months ago but was delayed due to COVID-19.

I used the address to say thank you to the people of Dewsbury, Mirfield, Kirkburton and Denby Dale and to highlight the incredible work of our keyworkers and community groups. I was also incredibly proud to be able to pay tribute to my mother, who had to bring me up on her own after being abandoned by my father when I was just three years old and who showed me the value of hard work and compassion.

I very much welcome the excellent progress being made to reopen local businesses safely. I have been keen to get out and about to see how everyone is getting on. In Kirkburton, I chatted to shoppers and local traders who tell me trade has been good. It has been good to see our local pubs reopening - and safely too. On my visit to two fantastic local pubs the Woodman and the Dunkirk it was good to see local brewery Small World Beers from Shelley on tap at both establishments.

I very much enjoyed visiting Shelley College to give a talk, and follow up on the School's trip to Westminster earlier in the year. Thank you to Mr Lane and all the staff, pupils and the headteacher for welcoming me. I was asked lots of interesting questions, and it was great to see so many active minds.

It was also good to join Kirkburton ward Councillor John Taylor and volunteers during a recent socially distanced litter pick in Shepley village, which was a huge success.

On a personal front, I cannot tell you how satisfying it has been to be able to help so many people during this challenging time.

The Government have done an excellent job of putting together a comprehensive package of support for businesses and individuals, to help see them through this crisis and allow people to pay their bills and put food on the table.

I was also pleased to hear that the Council have processed over 8,000 applications, and local businesses have benefited from over 91 million pounds worth of the Government's Business Support Grants.

Since this temporary crisis began, the team and I have dealt with over 2500 cases, ranging from helping people navigate the relevant support packages to dealing with constituency issues away from Coronavirus.

Finally, as always if you would like to contact me, I will always do my best to help, my office telephone number is 01924 939 007, or you can contact me via email mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk

Mark Eastwood



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News from Kirkburton Liberal Club



Christian Rooney and John Boden at the Liberal Club with the cheque for funds raised for Prostate Cancer

Charity Race Night

In the May edition of the Burton Bulletin it was reported that the charity race night organised for 21 March had been postponed. The article gave sponsors and those that gave donations the opportunity to withdraw their sponsorship. No-one contacted the chair of the club to do so, Event organiser, Christian Rooney, therefore collected all the pledged sponsorship money and this will be sent to Prostate Cancer UK.

Christian said, "We were hoping to re-arrange this event sometime in the autumn and although lockdown has eased we felt social distancing would be impossible to enforce. The local businesses and individuals that sponsored a race, an owner or jockey together with donations received means the Liberal Club have raised a fantastic total of **£901.80**."

The race night **WILL** go ahead when it is safe to do so. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who donated bottles of wine or spirits as prizes. This meant all monies received so far goes to Prostate Cancer UK. The prizes will be given out to the winning owners and jockeys when the event does take place.

All charities are suffering at the moment and we are hoping to raise more money for Prostate Cancer UK in the near future. In the meantime, we would like to thank you for supporting our chosen charity and for giving so generously."

Janet Standhaven

On 2 August Janet Standhaven retires from her role as Stewardess at Kirkburton Liberal Club after 18 years of service. Janet started work in August 2002 and has been a reliable and conscientious employee admired for her calm, efficient and friendly demeanour. She will be missed by the many customers and inhabitants of Kirkburton and Highburton. The committee, club members, visitors and those she has served over her time at the Liberal Club wish her a long and happy retirement.

Club opening times

The club reopened for business on Wednesday 15 July after undergoing extensive modifications to comply with the guidance for keeping customers and staff safe from coronavirus. A risk assessment has been used to identify the changes that needed to be made including reorganisation of the seating and serving arrangements, sanitising the premises, increased cleaning and installation of hand sanitation points.

Opening times are from Wednesday to Sunday from 7pm to 11pm. The arrangements will be amended in line with any changes in the guidance. In these difficult times everyone will want to ensure that we minimise the risk of catching this dangerous virus.

New members are always very welcome.

POST LOCKDOWN FROM SOME OF OUR ADVERTISERS

Travel Experience

As we all start to come out of a worldwide shared experience of being 'locked down', we're sure we are not alone here at **Travel Experience** reflecting on how we 'got through it' and more importantly what the future holds.

Whilst we had to close our office, we had a small team working from home, and are immensely proud that we were able to continue to provide a much needed and appreciated service. Whether that was for our clients stranded overseas, or the many clients with holidays already planned which had to be re-arranged or sadly cancelled.

We are delighted to be back in the office on a part-time basis, entirely COVID 19 compliant, **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 4pm – please email to arrange to come and see us** and still full time via email. sales@experientctravel.net

Flights seem to be resuming with many more white trails visible in our skies. Our much-loved holiday destinations are slowly re-awakening and are ready to welcome us again, the threat of quarantine seems to be off the agenda (phew) – all positive signs that we all may be jetting off somewhere very soon.

One thing we do know is we look forward to helping you all plan your next trip away.

Almond

Our approach has been to create a safe and clean environment to give our customers the confidence to shop with us again, and keep our staff safe and well. Our Kirkburton shop was refurbished and decorated during the closure, which gave us the opportunity to consider what was the safest way to operate for both customers and staff. We have a sanitising station with disposable gloves, and face masks are available if required. Our staff don't have to wear masks, but can choose to do so, though they are very clear about current social distancing guidelines. When we reopened we felt some customers might feel uncomfortable being around other shoppers, so we offer a private appointment system. Other customers have been very understanding if they couldn't get access during these appointments.

We created a short video for our Facebook page, explaining our new procedures, and what was expected of our own staff and customers, so that customers knew what to expect when they came to see us. Clothes can be tried on, but if not purchased, they are steamed and put into quarantine for at least 72 hours. For us it's all about keeping our customers safe and well..

The White Swan

All pubs in England were ordered to shut in March. For a week or two we didn't really know what to do with ourselves but then we focused on what a unique opportunity this was to get jobs done that you can't do when you are open seven days a week. Repairs and improvements continued at a pace culminating in a full redecoration inside and the construction of a new raised seating area to the front to provide a smart place to sit, a little above the road to enjoy one of our fine ales.

From 4 July we reopened, adhering to all the government instructions regarding social distancing, table service, sanitising and recording of visitor details for track and trace. From 9 July we started serving food again Thursday to Sunday and we welcomed our new chef, George who has made a fantastic impression with his restart menu of classic pub favourites. We plan to expand the menu to allow him to express himself more in the coming months. Watch this space.

It was good to be back, welcoming our lovely regulars and new faces too. Trade is a little up and down at the moment, as to be expected. We have decided to hold off with our Tuesday Quiz until September. We have also amended our opening hours to close a little earlier on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays at 9pm for now. However, if the last week has been anything to go by customers are starting to return. It's great to see staff kept busy providing a great table service for our customers. We accept bookings for either food, drinks or both and with table service we have found it is a very relaxed experience for the customer....who knows we may continue with it after the restrictions are eased.



Changes at the Post Office, Kirkburton

Many of you will have discovered by now that Marion and her husband Peter retired on 25 June after 20 years as postmaster, although she had not been around for some time before that because of Lockdown. Many people sent her their best wishes and hopes for a long and happy retirement. She, and her staff always had a smile, a kind word or a piece of advice about the best way to go about something concerning the Post Office.

Kirkburton Post office has continued to thrive and has stayed firmly in place, even expanding to a pop-up PO in Shelley village hall, when many other villages have lost theirs. Queues often formed on Tuesday mornings just before 9am when people waited to collect their pensions to be able to spend the cash dispensed inside the shop. This is testament to what a service it provided. Recently, the queues at all times of day with people safe distancing again showed what a busy place it was.

Marion is a member of HD8 ladies choir and as they cannot meet at the moment, 6 members of the choir met up on the afternoon of her retirement day to give a rous-



Members of HD8 Voices who gave Marion a send-off at the Post Office

ing rendition of 'We'll meet again' to the surprise of Marion and Peter, and passers-by, some of whom joined in. Marion said she was determined not to cry and nearly managed it. Thanks to Liz, Sally, Pat, Cynthia, Karen, Sarah and Hilary for their effort.

New owner Steve is now running the PO and we wish him well. We also wish Marion and Peter a long and happy retirement after serving the community for so long.

A MESSAGE FROM MARION
For those of you who don't already know Peter and I have now officially retired.

We missed serving you all over the four months of lockdown as we were both shielding, and it certainly wasn't how I imagined our leaving would be, but the pandemic has impacted greatly on all our lives. Regretfully, we were only able to say goodbye to a very few of our customers, many of whom we have come to know so well over the last 20 years. Your new Postmaster Steve, with his wife Helen, will I'm sure take the Post Office forward in these challenging times. We wish them the very best of luck in their new venture.

If you've been into the Post Office lately you will find that there has been no changes to the staff.

Sarah, Melanie and Bev are still behind the counter and our grateful thanks go to them for working so hard to keep the post office open for you. It has been a difficult few months for everyone, but hopefully things will now start to return to some sort of normality.

All that remains is for me to thank you all for your loyal custom over the last 20 years supporting your local post office. You've petitioned MPs and campaigned to keep our post office open at times when others were closing. All of which has made a huge difference to our village and community.

Thank you also for all the lovely messages, cards, flowers and fizz. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and especially to the HD8 ladies choir members who serenaded me at the post office on my last day - a very emotional moment indeed! It has been my absolute pleasure to be part of the community of Kirkburton and I wish you all the very best. Hopefully, I will see some of you on the other side of the counter and at choir in the Autumn.

Take care and stay safe.

Marion and Peter



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Extracts from a lockdown allotment diary

This is the eleventh year that I've been working this plot but I still get a buzz from the start of a new growing cycle. Do you?

MARCH Not a lot to pick - a few rather sad specimens of red cabbage and swiss chard and armfuls of Timperly Early rhubarb. By the end of the month we had rhubarb gin, rhubarb and ginger jam, rhubarb and vanilla jam and many crumbles.

The empty beds are basically ready for this season's crops. Don't go in for digging much since reading a book called 'The Earth Care Manual' by Patrick Whitefield. It describes how soil has a network of life of numerous kinds giving it a structure that regulates the soil conditions and works symbiotically with crops. Digging breaks down this network. This made sense to me and anyway, this new information coincided with various medical issues with my back, my hips and my shoulder. So, my strategy is to disturb the soil as little as possible. Whenever I lift a crop I cover the soil with garden compost and leave the weather and the worms to do the work for me. So, just a quick hoe and I planted parsnip, beetroot, broad beans and peas. The soil was still very wet and cold so it may well have been too early but I was itching to get things going.

The main job for the month was to take control of the area devoted to soft fruit which gets neglected each year because it's under netting. That's a feeble excuse I know. Anyway, this year I am determined to get on top of things early and keep on top of it. So, much of March found me on my hands and knees, facing into the wind to



protect my kidneys (family lore) digging up every weed, roots and all. This photo may not look like much, but oh, the satisfaction.

APRIL The Purple Sprouting broccoli finally came into its own and the asparagus started sprouting so we enjoyed those all month.

The pear trees blossomed closely followed by the apples; went round with a soft paintbrush 'tickling' the blossom because haven't seen many pollinators on the plot.

Planted potatoes and a bed full of various brassicas. They look very lonely and vulnerable but covered them with netting to keep the wood pigeons away

The broad beans, parsnips and beetroot, planted last month, are sprouting. . Every time! I get a childlike surge of excitement.

Spent some time each visit hoeing the beds. When working among the onions, a robin joined me for several mornings collecting grubs and taking them to a nest in the bramble patch beyond the boundary fence.

I'm so grateful that allotments are open during lockdown. It's reassuring the way Spring just gets on with springing, as though there's not a problem in the world and it's companionable to know others are also working alongside at the site.

MAY What lovely weather we had. Early in the month, the warm days were followed by cold nights. Heeded the warning for overnight frost and took what precautions I could but, in spite of wrapping the grape vine in fleece, every shoot had been

killed. Mutual commiserations help a bit but you have to be very resilient to be a gardener. As if that wasn't enough, the dreaded Asparagus Beetle struck towards the end of the month. Killed all I've found, hoping I caught them before they had the chance to breed but had to curtail the asparagus harvest so all that was available to harvest this month was Globe Artichokes.

At the beginning of the month sowed four wigwams of beans - French Climbing and Runner beans for the summer and Barlotta and Cannellini to dry for over winter. At the end of the month planted out courgettes, butternut squash and sweet corn grown from seed at home.

The plot is ready now for the summer. Job now is just to weed, feed, and water when necessary and look out for pests. It's over to the plants to do their thing.

Written by 'PLOT 17'



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Neighbourhood Watch has moved in a direction of caring for neighbours and protecting the vulnerable. During the pandemic and lock down period, we have seen many examples of how Neighbourhood Watch has evolved to stand up and make a difference within communities. This has been evidenced in the success of Neighbourhood Watch Week, with all the thank you messages, the photographs of people coming together, followed up with an influx of people wanting to join a scheme, or to set up a scheme of their own **Contact:**

Email wyp.nhw@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk or ring 101 and ask to speak to your Force Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

The last four months has also shown us the callous nature of fraudsters who have preyed on the distressing situation of the pandemic. They have scared people into buying products and services believing they are going to help protect them from the virus. This has predominantly been carried out via online fraud tactics. This is why it is important that Neighbourhood Watch Schemes progress in their understanding of how fraud and cyber-crime work. Learning about the different frauds, the tactics fraudster's use, the preventative measures and raising awareness are the biggest tools we have in combatting fraud. West Yorkshire Police work

closely with WYFEAT and Friends Against Scams to promote education as well as crime prevention techniques to use and share. West Yorkshire Financial Exploitation and Abuse Team (WYFEAT) are a part of the West Yorkshire joint services.



The Safer Project delivers FREE informal, interactive and engaging community workshops on a number of topics, including: Scams, fraud and door step crime. If you'd like to find out more about the SAFER Project then please call them on 0113 535 0242 or email saf-er@wyjs.org.uk

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Molly James passed away on 17 June 2020. She was the oldest lady in Kirkburton village aged 104.

Molly's family would like to thank all her neighbours and friends for their help and support over the years, especially Freda and Mick. Molly still lived independently in Kirkburton and enjoyed attending Shelley Over 60's club where she had a passion for playing cards.

A big thank you goes to everyone who gave her a great send off from her home address in Queens Way.



Molly James 1916-2020

Carole Briggs

A poem for our times

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

KITTY O'MEARA



Sports reports



Great News. We are open for play again.

And NOW is a fantastic time to join us as we have significantly reduced our membership rates because some club benefits are not currently available due to Covid19 restrictions.

The club has three all-weather tarmac courts with floodlights, so it is possible to play all year round. We also have a modern purpose-built clubhouse with kitchen facilities and changing rooms.

If you are interested in playing competitively, then we have two men's teams, two ladies' teams and two mixed doubles teams along with a junior team – all playing in the Huddersfield and District Tennis Leagues.

If you prefer to play socially, we hold club sessions on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm onwards 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 club tournaments, ladders and social events throughout the year.

Andy Smith, our Level 4 LTA qualified Coach, runs an extensive coaching programme which caters for children aged four upwards and adults.

So, whether you are an absolute beginner, someone returning to the game after a break or an experienced player – **GET IN TOUCH NOW.** Our Membership Secretary is Paul Dowse and he can be reached via our email address at gregoryfieldstc@gmail.com

Full details of our membership packages are available on our website at club-spark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub



Kirkburton Football Club

The 2019-20 season was going really well for both the 1st team and the reserves, until the dreaded Covid-19 came along.

The first team were in 3rd place and looking good for promotion. The reserves were top of the league and were certain to gain promotion. but the season came to an abrupt end, so both teams will hopefully start the new season where they left off, assuming the new season does resume.

The players are now back in training and if anyone would like to come along, please do. Training is held at Hallas Rd Kirkburton on a Tuesday night at 6.30pm.

The club are looking for new committee members and volunteers to help out with field maintenance and administration. We are also on the lookout for sponsors, if anybody is interested, please contact a committee member or email kirkburtonafc@btconnect.com

Regards
Bomber

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Kirkburton Cricket Club

After what has been a challenging few months cricket finally returned to Riley Park on Saturday 18 July which we were all delighted about. This looked very unlikely at one stage so it's pleasing to have games to look forward to and revenue coming into the club.

Kirkburton CC have two senior teams playing in a revamped 30-over competition designed to ensure that social distancing and current legislation can be adhered to. Although it's not the usual format, we are just glad to have some cricket confirmed and we would like to thank the Huddersfield League for their response to the undoubted challenges they have faced getting to this stage.

Over the last few months the club has developed the outdoor seating and we are now setup for the summer ahead. The bar is well stocked and the club will be open weekly on a Friday 5-9pm., Saturday 2-10pm and Sunday 2-9pm. Social distancing measures are in place, - what better place to enjoy a drink outside, cricket or no cricket? With the new setup we consider it to be the best beer garden in town.

The cricket club publicly recognises the support received from our sponsors and the groups that use the clubhouse as their base. One such group, the Kirkburton Probus Club, have been kind enough to keep paying their quarterly rent throughout lockdown which is very much appreciated. The clubhouse is available throughout the year, should any groups want to use it, please contact Andrew Pearce on 01484 687546.

As well as senior cricket, the junior section has started practice again. Games started from the week commencing 20 July and all fixtures are on the notice board in the clubhouse. For anyone looking to play, we currently have U9s, U11s, U13s,

U15s and U17 sides playing in the Huddersfield Junior competition. 'All Stars', which has always been a great success, is due to make an announcement and for those registered at the club we will be in touch soon.

Several people have contacted the club in recent weeks to ask how they might be able to support the club. This ranges from residents utilising the field for exercise during lockdown (*Ed: see letters section*) to businesses wanting to offer support. We welcome all support whether in the form of donations, sponsorship or club membership. Due to the reduced season, club membership rates have been reduced for 2020 only to the following - *Senior Playing Member £45, Junior Membership £30, Social Membership £20 or Social Couple Membership £30*. Membership is now due, and we would like to remind the community that use of the field and bar facilities are for members only. Please contact Ray Bottomley the club membership secretary to make payment on Ray.Bottomley@summers-inman.co.uk or a club coach in the case of junior teams. Alternatively, any member of the committee will be able to help.

Finally, the club is currently on the lookout for a new treasurer. We have been very fortunate to have had Mike Nicholas as treasurer serving on the club committee for over 19 years. Mike has been an integral part in building the club to what it is today and his commitment will be impossible to replace. Mike has agreed to remain as trustee which is appreciated by all members. If anyone is interested in the role of treasurer please contact club secretary Tom Cliffe on 07866581620.

We look forward to seeing you all at the club soon. We hope the sun will shine and there will be some good cricket to watch.

The Committee

Summer Gardening Tips

from Lisa Halifax at
Totties



Hopefully your gardens should be better than ever with the opportunity to spend more time in the garden. We have seen a wave of new gardeners to the centre, many setting off on new garden projects during lockdown and a surge in those 'growing their own' fruits and vegetables. Many families bringing growing into their home schooling with children genuinely interested and excited to see the fruits of their labour. If you are planning to get away enlist the help of neighbours or friends to look after your garden especially the watering of pots, planters and vegetables; use water retaining gels and remember don't cut the grass too short.

As lockdown eases there are still jobs to be done to continue enjoying your garden and preparing for the Autumn and Spring. Deadheading and pruning will ensure your flowers last longer and can even be pushed right through for an autumn show. Keep feeding all hanging baskets, pots and even border perennials with liquid fertilizers like water soluble feed or tomato feed.

Add some gritty compost in your Alpines areas to bare patches that have died back or become weedy. This will encourage new growth and help area continue to look good. Cut back foliage and stems on herbaceous plants that have already died back.

Look out for aphids such as greenfly, blackfly and whitefly and treat with pesticide - ladybirds are a natural predator so pick them up and transfer them to your roses, fruit trees or any plant you're worried about.

Once September comes you need to start planning for Spring by thinking about

what spring flowering bulbs to plant. Now is the perfect time and much cheaper than buying potted bulbs later in the year. When hanging baskets get past their best re-plant with autumn flowering plants and underplant with spring bulbs. If you have a veg plot then this month is a busy time for harvesting. Freezing fruit and vegetables if you have a glut is always a good idea. Clearing up the plot and getting it ready for winter is essential.

September is also the perfect month to sow or lay new lawns. Grass seed is best sown from late summer to mid-autumn, there is less competition from weeds, and the soil is warm and damp, perfect for seed germination. Now is also a great time to plant or move evergreen shrubs and trees. Shrubs planted now will have a better start in Spring, as they will have settled in and had the chance to become established.

As summer plants finish flowering, plant autumn flowering bedding to cheer up your garden. Antirrhinums, pansies, violas, bellis and wall flowers will give you a splash of late colour. The cooler autumn conditions are perfect for filling in those gaps with the likes of winter flowering heather, heuchera, leucothoe and skimmia.



Plant of the moment ...

Hebe Donna loved by bees and butterfly. This bushy plant with flower spikes of 5 to 7cm brings bright colour to a patio or border right into the autumn.



Food —since it is not possible to bring you a restaurant review for this edition because of Coronavirus, the Burton Diner presents A Brief History of Cakes.



Evidence of foods that could be called cakes have been found in the very earliest of civilisations with the ancient Egyptians showing advanced baking skills but what we today usually mean by the term cake, something sweet, soft and spongy only really comes into being in the mid-18th century.

These very earliest 'cakes' were flat, round and composed of crushed grain and were basically a variation of bread. Different cultures added egg or butter and sweetened the mix with honey and some even included nuts or dried fruit, these weren't referred to as cake as the word only seems to have been used since the 13th century and is a derivation of an old Norse word 'Kaka'.

The prime feature of a cake was its shape round and flat, when shaped by hand into a

ball, the dough relaxed into a circular shape which was considered to symbolise the cyclical nature of seasons and life and most specifically the sun and moon. Cakes played a central role in people's worship and rituals around the world and still today there is likely to be a cake involved in celebration.

The wealthier you were the more you could eat cake which frequently formed a part of banquets, as spices such as pepper, saffron, cinnamon and ginger were expensive.

Modern cakes only emerge when separated from bread but were also related to porridge when in early times grains were soaked and enriched with dried fruits, suet, butter, honey and spices this version eventually developed into what we know as Christmas pudding. This mixture could also be baked and formed the basis for the first fruit cake once ovens were more readily available rather than just in manors and monasteries because of the danger of fire in a domestic setting. From the 16th century the management of these large homes passed from male stewards to the 'Gentlewoman Housewife' who was responsible for all provisions needed by the house and baking became transformed, also things like treacle, currents and raisins became available in the 16th and 17th centuries. Cakes were baked once a week on a specific designated baking day, mostly spice or seed cakes and gingerbread.

By the 18th century merchants and shopkeepers could afford ovens and baking really took off, 1780 saw the invention of the kitchen range and at about this time cakes stopped being raised with yeast from ale barm and became egg raised. The most popular cake was the 'pound cake' which required a pound of each of butter, sugar and flour and around eight eggs, this cake formed the basis of the Victoria sandwich which became

extremely popular and Queen Victoria's favourite, hence its name. This cake started life as a cake for children as it was thought a simple plain sponge was safer for them as it didn't contain the fruit or seeds of the cakes traditionally served at afternoon tea which by these times was firmly established, as it filtered down the social scale it became a fixture of the lives of most middle class women for whom the weekly 'at home day' when they would receive friends for tea, sandwiches and cake was the centre of their social lives.

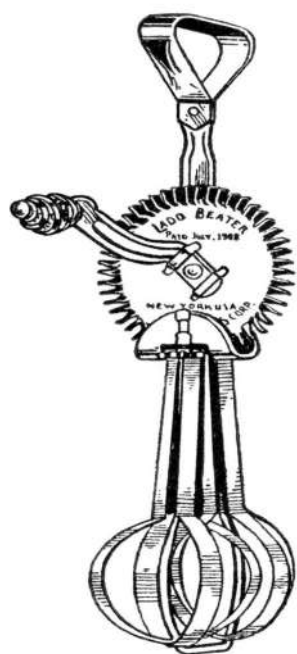


The final stage in the evolution was the development of chemical raising agents, true baking powder was invented in 1843 by Edward Bird an Englishman, the increasing

availability of sugar and the refinement of flour, aided the commercial baker to expand his range of baked good and to lower prices for a wider sector of the population. The 1920's was an age of baking innovation, gas ovens were now in ordinary people's homes, then electric ones plus developments in baking equipment and a wider range of ingredients.

Post war baking lost ground after the non-availability of so many ingredients but there was a brief renewal in the 1970's on the back of the whole food movement, with wholemeal cakes, oat slices and carrot cake becoming a feature of homespun hippyish cafes. In the 1990's cakes underwent a radical makeover with the fashion for cupcakes imported from America and now the emphasis is on health again with cakes using less fats and sugars and replacing them with banana, apple, beetroot, or courgette, knowing what is in what we consume is valued more than ever today.

Baking is still perceived as an art and continues to enjoy overwhelming popularity and as anyone who has ever come home to a warm kitchen and the smell of cake baking will tell you 'Nothing beats a home-made cake'.



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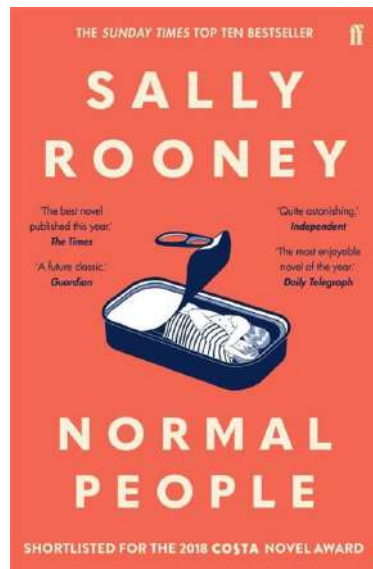
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BB Book Review

Normal People

by Sally Rooney



Normal People is a 2018 novel by Irish author Sally Rooney. It is her second novel to be published, after Conversations with Friends. It became a best-seller in the US, selling almost 64,000 copies in hardcover in its first four months of release and has been longlisted for the Booker Prize. A well-received television adaptation was shown on BBC in April 2020.

The novel opens in small-town Carricklea with 16 year-old Marianne. A little plump, seriously uncool, and far too openly clever than is wise in a bog standard comprehensive school, Marianne isn't liked. She sits on her own at lunchtime reading Proust in the canteen and couldn't care less what people think.

Her classmate Connell is quite a different specimen. Naturally aloof and smart, with a touching sweetness, Connell loafs about with the in-crowd. His need to please is visceral. But Connell has a secret other life.

His single mother Lorraine is a cleaner for Marianne's rich family, and after her shifts Connell picks her up from the white mansion in the posh part of Carricklea; from this odd setup there begins a clandestine attraction between the two teenagers.

The teenagers enjoy doing things to each other's bodies, they discover. And so they get into a bit of a routine: Marianne traipses over to Connell's house after lessons, they go to bed, and once back at school Connell doesn't speak to Marianne. Or even look at her. These humiliating scenes are

excruciating to read, and Rooney's examination of casual cruelty is masterful. She is a writer wiser than her years. But the relationship that emerges is more complex than first appears. There develops on both parts an astonishing closeness, a rawness in the way they open themselves to each other.

"With Marianne it was different. He could do and say anything he wanted with her...It gave him a vertiginous, light-headed feeling to think about it." Real love requires a perilous risking of oneself, and Marianne is far from risk averse. In fact, she lacks the second skin that most of us acquire to get by. The self-abandon of this character is her rue wonder and sorrow

And so the book traces the vicissitudes of this charged, tender and torn relationship between the friends/lovers who can never really fully admit to being together.

Alternating between the perspectives of Connell and Marianne, the chapters follow their journey from Carricklea to Trinity College Dublin, where Marianne flourishes and Connell turns in on himself: they both meet other people, come together, fall apart. A rhythm defines the narrative. The pair are drawn to each other but can never quite stick. Will the two ever manage to settle into a sustaining relationship?

Rooney excels in writing characters who stand askance from life. She writes anguish like nobody can. There's nothing normal about Rooney. She's exceptional.

Recipe for August

Courgette, Basil and Parmesan Gratin



Serves two as a main course, four as a side dish.

Ingredients

4 courgettes
1 onion
1 clove of garlic
175 ml double cream
60 g parmesan
grating of lemon zest
10 leaves of basil
handful of pumpkin seeds
handful of breadcrumbs

Method

Preheat the oven to 200 C gas mark 6.

Slice the courgettes diagonally into half cm strips. Toss them in some oil, salt and pepper and roast them in the top of the oven for 10 minutes until soft.

While they're cooking finely slice the garlic and onion and fry them in oil until soft. When

the courgettes are cooked drop them into a bowl with the onion and garlic, roughly chopped basil leaves and three-quarters of the parmesan and a little grated lemon zest. Mix well together and spread on an ovenproof baking dish.

Evenly pour over the double cream and scatter over the remaining parmesan and bread crumbs.

Bake on the top shelf of the oven for 15 minutes until bubbling and golden on top. Finish off under the grill.

Variations

Layer some sliced tomatoes in between the courgettes before adding the cream.

Scatter finely-shredded Parma ham on top of the courgettes before baking.



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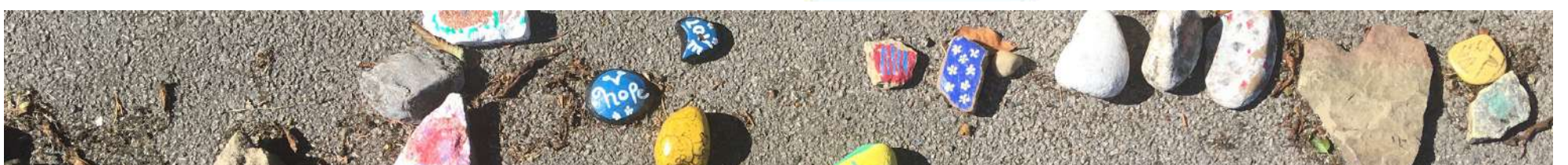
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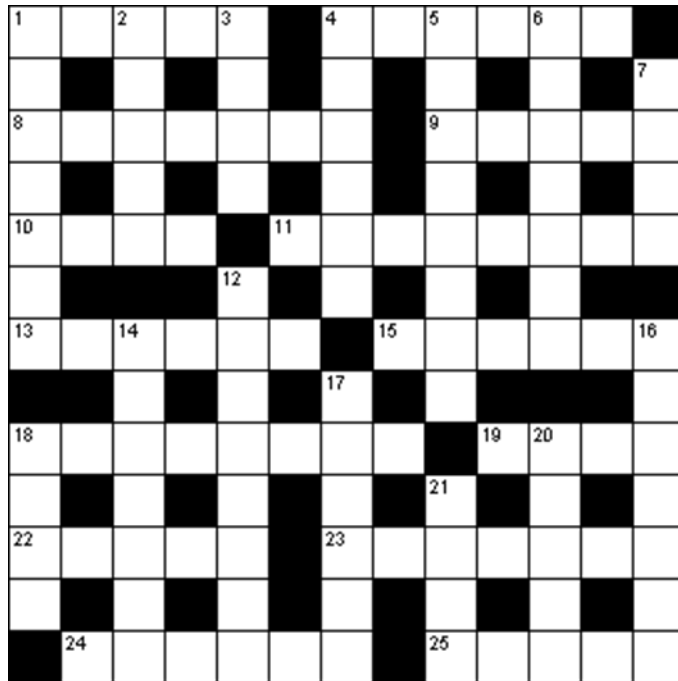
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PUZZLE PAGE

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Re-arrange a draw for a prize (5)
4. It's astute to send a fourth letter to a bad-tempered woman (6)
8. Desolate pro at first, initially left or north (7)
9. Rope found in Dallas somewhere (5)
10. Essentially ale, maybe erosion (4)
11. Remainder not so much on the move (8)
13. Previous spouse and wine for sale abroad (6)
15. Street and a meeting place (6)
18. Motor rep became an impresario (8)
19. Initially French performance is a proven truth (4)
22. Headdress in militia raids (5)
23. Hawaiian garland certainly provides relaxation (7)
24. Jape, initially royal, is a medieval clown (6)
25. Scandinavian vegetable? (5)

Down

1. A fab flea is genial when erratic (7)
2. Eager change to reach an accord (5)
3. Entrance part of judo originally (4)
4. Vocalist changes to resign (6)
5. Reveal it for a change to something proportional (8)
6. Movie relating to us with strict ending (7)
7. Tip of these used to escape on foot (4)
12. Tarragon becomes self-important (8)
14. Exhibiting a semi-pro panel, it's a gas (7)
16. Highest degree displayed in next remedy (7)
17. Excel largely in the basement, essentially (6)
18. Change step to make some animal friends (4)
20. Daughter of Zeus could entertain (5)
21. A young lady off target? (4)

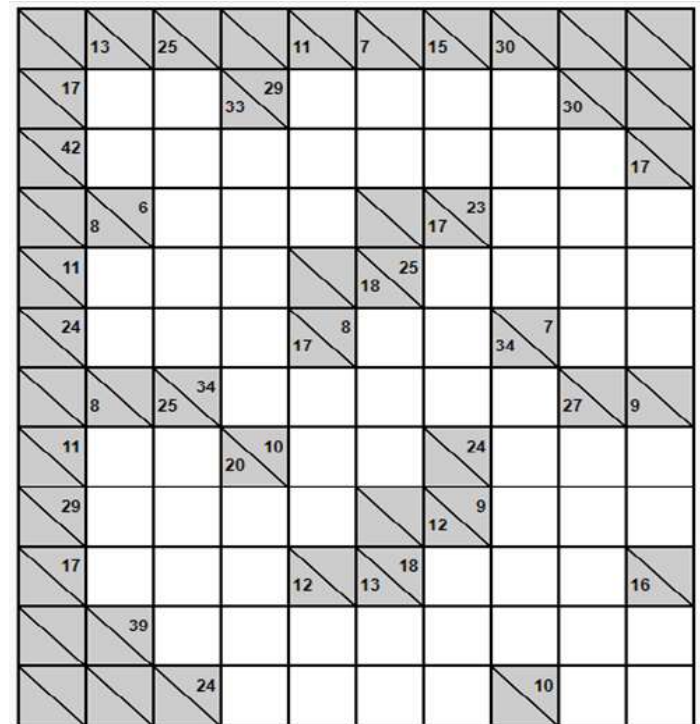
BULLETAGRAM

W	E	O
K	L	D
E	N	G

The Bulletagram is an anagram of a nine letter word. The challenge is to solve the anagram and find as many words of four letters or more which contain the central letter

THE TARGET . Not Bad 19,
Better 23, Pretty Good 27,
Champion Quality 31

K
A
R
U
K
O



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

BRAIN BASHERS

- Each of these sets of 4 symbols represents a word - what are the words?
 $\blacktriangleright \blacktriangleleft \blacktriangledown \blacktriangle$ $\blacktriangledown \blacktriangleright \blacktriangleleft \blacktriangle$ $\blacktriangledown \blacktriangleright \blacktriangleright \blacktriangle$
- What number comes next in this sequence?
 917452 97452 9745 975 -----
- There are 10 horses with 10 riders following a bridge path in Corfu. They passed an orange tree with 13 ripe oranges. Each took one, yet there were still 12 left. How is this possible?
- Four men were in a boat on the lake. The boat turns over, and all four men fall into the lake, yet not a single man got wet. Why?
- Which of the numbers below is out of place and why?
 1011, 2223, 3940, 5646, 8990

BRAIN BASHERS- ANSWERS

- Points of the compass ... NEWS, SEWN, SEEN
- Lowest numeral discarded
- Each was the name of one of the riders
- They were all married men
- 5646 Each of the other number is made up of sequential numbers, 10, 11, 22, 23

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ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

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BULLETAGRAM

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CODEWORD

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