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Have your say on how to use KHCA funds to benefit your community

Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association (KHCA) is inviting residents of the villages to have their say on how the surplus funds built up by the Association over recent years should be used.

Because of good financial management over recent years and other positive financial issues KHCA is running a healthy surplus.

The Association now wishes to reinvest this in facilities and or the local community. The issue will be discussed at KHCA's Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday 9 September at Burton Village Hall starting at 7:30pm. All residents of Kirkburton and Highburton are invited to attend.

The purpose of the AGM is normally just to elect the key officers for the next year, however, this year's meeting will discuss ideas for the use of the surplus currently running at approximately £30,000.

This is a chance for local residents to have a say in the way this money could be spent for the benefit of the community.

KHCA Chair Roger Beaumont said: "We live in a wonderful location, the villages of Kirkburton and Highburton are both excellent areas to live but could be much better, there are many potential opportunities to improve the villages and facilities currently on offer but to do so we need more residents to engage with the community association, to put forward ideas and help implement them.

Possibilities like our own food and drink festival, feature films at the village hall are just a couple.

We are currently running with an operating financial surplus so why not come along to our AGM and put forward your thoughts and ideas on how best to invest and hopefully express your interest in helping introduce your ideas"

Anyone who can't attend is welcome to send suggestions via the contact form on the KHCA website khca.org.uk

Kirkburton Carlton Working Men's Club, School Hill



Can you help
with finding
photographs of
the men from
our villages who
gave their lives
in WWII?
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The View from the Bulletin

Getting back towards normal

While coronavirus has not gone away and is not likely to go away for some time, the relaxation of government restrictions means that we can begin to resume our day to day lives from before the pandemic.

We are seeing the return of normal activity in the villages in the sports clubs, including the relatively new Petanque Club.

Groups such as the WI, the Crafters and the HD8 Voices choir are slowly returning to normal and making plans to meet face to face.

While Burton Environment Group (BEG) has been holding its meetings via Zoom, the work parties have continued in a safe and socially distanced manner. We are seeing the benefits of BEG's work in the high level of maintenance of the Memorial Garden and the projects in the Burton Community Fields and the general tidying up of our green spaces.

BEG are also making plans to have a memorial in place by Armistice Day with photographs of the men from

our villages who gave their lives in WWII

In this edition we report on the outcome of the consultation on the road signs for the villages

Looking forward the AGM of the Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association on Thursday 9 September promises to be an important meeting where local residents can have their say on how the surplus funds accumulated by KHCA can be used for the benefit of the community.

The following Saturday 11 September sees Heritage Day when All Hallows will be welcoming visitors to parts of the church which are not usually open to the public. The church are also planning activities in the autumn including a performance of Handel's Messiah

As the schools break up for summer after what has been a very a difficult year, we can see life returning to normal and we are reminded what great places Highburton and Kirkburton are to live in.



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We know some patients do prefer telephone and online access, and we aim to provide a balance of these appointments, as well as maintaining access for on the day appointments for patients who become suddenly unwell. Over recent months, we have had more contact with patients than ever before. The way we worked had to change quickly due to the pandemic, but we really do miss seeing people face to face and having a busy waiting room.

VACCINATION SUCCESS



Our COVID-19 vaccination programme has been a huge success, with hundreds of messages of support and uplifting comments from patients and relatives. 15,642 patients received their vaccinations between the December and May.

In line with other GP Practices, we will not be receiving any more first doses of the COVID-19 vaccination. Anyone who is now eligible for their first dose should book their appointment by ringing 119, or online at www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination.

Thank you, to our staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the past six months to ensure a safe, efficient experience for our patients.

KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE

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SUMMER 2021

CARERS COUNT

Our Carers Count team are now able to provide home visits in situations where it would be difficult to resolve an issue by telephone. Strict health and safety measures are in place, including the use of PPE, sanitising equipment taken into a person's home and time limited visits. In order to keep everyone safe, telephone appointments are preferred where possible.

Throughout the year, groups have been delivered virtually via Zoom, with very positive feedback. The number of groups has been extended, and includes coffee and chat, creative chat, movie club, quiz night, Tai-Chi and meditation, plus one-off sessions covering carers rights, benefit awareness and young carers events. The team has also put together activity packs including puzzles, recipes, craft ideas, mindful colouring and ideas for activities suitable for a carer and the person they support to do together. The packs are free of charge and are posted to the carer's home address.



As restrictions ease, the team are working hard to offer face-to-face contact in a safe way, in line with current government guidelines. Walking groups have resumed, meeting in local parks across Kirklees, along with park picnics for those less mobile who would prefer to sit and chat.

For more information about the support on offer, our events or Walking for Carers, please visit www.carerscount.org.uk or telephone 0300 012 0231.

Support is also available for anyone who would like to access a Zoom session but is not sure how to go about it.

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Photographs for proposed WWII Memorial Board

Since our appeal for photos of those that died in the 2nd World war in the February edition of the Burton Bulletin we have some more images to share with you.

Alick Shaw (middle row, third from the left). Our only hope of finding a more up to date photo of Alick is through the West Yorkshire Police Archives as he was a police constable in Pudsey before he enlisted in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 27 Squadron.

Harold Victor Jenkinson Thanks to Sandra Spivey



who read our appeal in the February edition, and knows Harold's son Barry, we now have photos of Harold on his wedding day. Their son Barry was born in 1940 and on his fourth birthday in 1944, Barry received a birthday card of a boy soldier which said "Love from daddy." The sad thing was that Harold had died before the card was delivered.



Frank Hill Roger Armitage, a member of Kirkburton History Group, delved deeply to track down Brian Hill - Frank Hill's son, who lives in Bournemouth.



In the November edition of the Burton Bulletin we will be publishing the story of Frank through the research done by Brian. It is a very moving story. In the meantime, we received this email which shows why it is important we never forget.

Thank you for your e-mail and photographs. It is uplifting to know, after all these years, that my father is remembered at Kirkburton Church, Cenotaph and Memorial Gardens. The photos show all the good and caring work you are doing, it is delightful to see. I want to visit when coronavirus restrictions are lifted and think attendance on Remembrance Sunday would be a good time.

Albert Brook (On our cenotaph Albert Brook's surname is spelled Brooke) Efforts by Dinah Ruth Bentley and Roger Armitage discovered that a David Brook from Emley was the nephew of Albert.



David has two photos of Albert taken on 9 March 1945 whilst he was on sick leave recovering from a shrapnel

injury to his leg. In the photo you can see Albert in civvies and his wife Dorothy. Little did they know that a few weeks after this photo was taken, Albert would be killed on 24 March 1945.

David also had a photo of Albert's older brother James Brook who was killed in action on 23 September 1918 aged 22 years.

On our WW1 Memorial Board we used an image of James from "The Huddersfield Weekly Examiner" which is nowhere as good as this studio portrait of him.



Proposed WW2 Memorial Board Update

Burton Environment Group (BEG) has been awarded a grant from Kirkburton Parish Council. On our grant application we specified that the memorial would be complete for this year's Remembrance Day.

BEG have been asked to be part of the Heritage Open Day on 11 September in All Hallows Church, Kirkburton and we are hoping to be there to talk about our WWII Memorial Board.

The pressure is now on to get the invitations out to the living relatives of the men named on our cenotaph for this November's Remembrance Day. Most of these relatives are now in their eighties.

The surviving relatives had to wait over 65 years after WWII for the names of their loved ones to be written on our cenotaph. BUT this is still not certain. We now know our application is down for discussion at the end of August and the view that this application is at a very low risk of not approval gaining and therefore we cannot see a reason why the group should not continue with its preparations for Armistice Day.

Fingers crossed.

Anna Maria Boden

Can you help to find photographs of the remaining soldiers? (See page 21.)







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Former Highburton student, Jake Metcalf, has chosen to set his new film in his home area. When asked why, he said, "It's a beautiful landscape, and it would be great to give justice to the place where I grew up"

Jake is a filmmaking student at Manchester Metropolitan University and Managing Director of Infinity Pictures. He's been passionate about film since studying at New College, "Everything I do now is about film, whether it's



Life's A Blur, my work with the National Youth Film Academy, University or just watching and talking about films".

Life's A Blur was developed with Oxford-based Zach Boynton who wrote the script, and award-winning producer Tammay Srivastava who works with them from India.

Together they've brought together a talented cast, including actors Lewis Nyanyo and Megan Hill, and crew from the Midlands to Wales. Other members of the crew include Huddersfield Composer Sid Sydelko and Beth Morris, a Make-up Artist from London.

"We're really pleased with the progress we've made so far and are hoping to start filming by early September. The film is currently in the funding stage, we're hoping to raise over £2,000 to pay for such A SHORT FILM TO BE SET AROUND HIGHBURTON AND KIRKBURTON, "LIFE'S A BLUR" IS A DYSTOPIAN, THRILLER, SHORT-FILM DIRECTED BY JAKE METCALF, WRITTEN BY ZACH BOYNTON AND PRODUCED BY TANMAY SRIVASTAVA.

THE FILM REVOLVES AROUND TWO SURVIVORS, A BOY AND A GIRL, TRAPPED IN A VICIOUS DYSTOPIAN WORLD CONSTANTLY ON THE RUN FROM AN OTHERWORLDLY ENTITY. WILL THEY SURVIVE OR WILL THE POST-APOCALYPTIC WORLD BREAK OUR HEROES?



From Left to Right) Writer Zach Boynton, Actor Megan Hill, Director Jake Metcalf and Actor Lewis Nyanyo

things as team accommodation, travel and food; equipment hire such as filming rigs; as well as costumes and special effects".

Look out for them in locations around the villages or check out their social media and Kickstarter Fundraising page, where you can find updates about the film and donate if you wish to support these creative young people.

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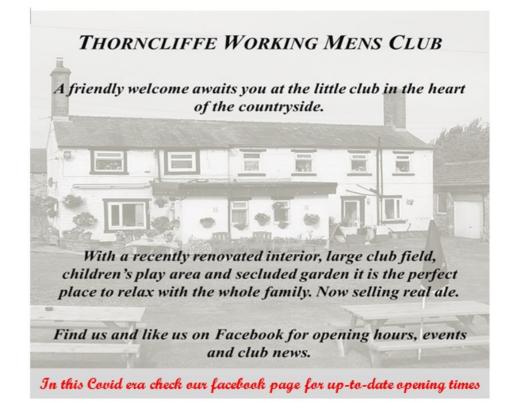
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If you require childcare over the summer we have a variety of activities planned, places available most days and we'd love to see you..

As well as trips to Greenhead Park, Cliffe House, Beldon Brooke and Kirkburton Library, we also have pizza making, juicing, and baking.

There'll be plenty of opportunities to keep brains active with treasure hunts, construction toys, giant draughts, giant chess, jigsaws, puzzles, and even an Escape Room. We'll be keeping physically active too, playing rounders, football, water fights, curling and croquet, as well as bike and scooter days and our very own sports day.

We'll also be getting creative playing musical instruments, painting pebbles, cartoon drawing and sewing.

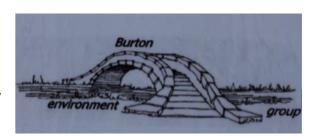
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	26 July	27 July	28 July	29 July	30 July			
AM	Forest School	(if open) fo		Rounders/ football on playing field	Giant draughts/ chess			
PM	Art activities	(continued)	Construction	(continued)	Pizza making with Leanne			
Day	Monday 2 August	Tuesday 3 August	Wednesday 4 August	Thursday 5 August	Friday 6 August			
AM	Sports day on playing field	Juicing Beldon Brook & picnic		Bikes & scooters	Art activities			
PM	(continued)	Floor piano	(continued)	(continued)	Baking			
Day	Monday 9 August	Tuesday 10 August	Wednesday 11 August	Thursday 12 August	Friday 13 August			
AM	Construction	Rounders/ football on playing field	Kirkburton Library	Floor piano	Bikes & scooters			
PM	Sewing with Bev	(continued)	Cartoon drawing	Treasure Hunt	(continued)			
Day	Monday 16 August	Tuesday 17 August	Wednesday 18 August	Thursday 19 August	Friday 13 August			
AM	Fidget Hip Hop dance £5.00	DVD and popcorn	VD and popcorn Smoothies with Victoria 8		Rounders/ football on playing field			
PM	Board & card games	(continued)	Jigsaws & puzzles	Pebble painting	(continued)			
Day	Monday 23 August	Tuesday 24 August	Wednesday 25 August	Thursday 26 August	Friday 27 August			
AM	Treasure Hunt	Bikes & scooters	Escape Room	Jigsaws & puzzles	Cliffe House (£5 charge)			
PM	Water fight	(continued)	Giant draughts/chess	Cake decorating with Leanne	Assorted activities			
	CL	OSED from Monday 30 A	august to Friday 3 Septem	ber	•			
Day	Monday 6 September	At Burton Village Hall Packed Lunch required						
AM	Bikes & scooters	Please book now to secure a place						
PM	(continued)	Two weeks' notice required for any cancellations						
		All our trips are extra – to be paid in cash on the day						
		Cameras (on any device) are not allowed at the club						

Burton Environment Group New Life in the Community Field a tale of drunken gods and a hungry donkey





Plans to improve biodiversity in the Community Field are now well under way following long delays caused by restrictions due to Covid

Volunteers from BEG were given a number of mature wildflower plants by Kirklees Council and have also grown more from seed. Two small test areas were mown leading to the first flowers being planted. They will take a couple of years to establish themselves and hopefully attract numerous much needed pollinators.

We plan to enlarge these test areas at the end of the summer and again mow the grass and this time plant seeds of yellow rattle which is a parasitic plant drawing its nutrients from grass roots. This, over time, will weaken the existing grass and give the new wildflowers a better chance of survival.

The site has already caused interest amongst visitors who ask for further information from our hardworking volunteers. One or two people have even identified these newly cleared areas as possible picnic or sunbathing sites. We would ask that folks are very careful not to sit or lie on the newly plant-

ed flowers as some of them are still quite small and fragile.

One of our new introductions has the intriguing name of lady's bedstraw. As with most wildflowers, different stories associated with its name have developed over hundreds of years. It is thought to have been given this name because its dried flowers were traditionally used for stuffing straw mattresses, often for pregnant women, as its scent kills fleas and the plant was also thought to aid a safe delivery. Another slant on this story goes back to the birth of Christ when Mary and Joseph are said to have arrived in the stable and their donkey ate all the hay so Mary had to lie on a soft pile of these blooms.

Another new flower you may be able to spot is the **red campion** otherwise known as red catchfly, bachelor's buttons (said to be used as buttonholes by eligible men), Johnny wood, ragged Jack, scalded apples or adder's flower.





The first part of red campion's scientific name - Silene - comes from the Greek woodland God Silenus. He is often depicted as drunk and was the tutor of the God of Wine, Dionysus. Silenus was often covered in sticky foam (his name comes from sialon, the Greek word for "saliva"). Female red campion flowers also produce a froth that helps catch pollen from visiting insects.

It is an excellent source of food for bees, moths and butterflies.

A bright bluey-purple flower from the same family as peas called **tufted vetch** has also been planted. Some of its local names are cat peas, cow vetch and fingers-and-thumbs. It loves to scramble through other plants and produces its seeds in pods which end with a little "claw".

These are just three of the new varieties planted so far, there are more to come over the next few months and years. We don't expect instant results but look forward to the gradual effects of this long-term project to improve the biodiversity of this area and will keep you informed of its progress.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you'd like to help or be involved in any way.

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Village Road Signs - Clear results from the village signs polls



We had a great response to the Burton Bulletin article in the May edition when we asked whether there was support for the idea of village name signs for both Kirkburton and Highburton. Burton Environment Group (BEG) would like to thank all those who filled in either the online poll on Facebook or used the questionnaire in the last edition, in particular those people who not only answered the questions but also added their own comments. The results are summarised below.

There were 133 responses from the facebook poll and 28 from the BB article.

Overall support for signs

These are the combined results from the FB poll and the BB article.

In favour of Village Signs 96.13%

Not in favour of Village Signs **3.87%**

Kirkburton

A clear favourite was for a "stone engraved with the village name" placed at the entrance to the village on North Road near to Northwood Park with 48% of the votes in favour of the design and 72% in favour of the position.

Highburton

The clear favourite here again is for a "stone engraved with the village name" with 58% of the votes and a position near the centre of Highburton with 53% of the votes.

Comments from the poll

The vast majority of the comments said "good idea" or similar although there were a few suggesting that the money could be spent on other projects within the communities, but there were no suggestions as to any alternatives.

What Happens Next?

From the results of the poll it is clear that there is sufficient support for the project to move ahead to the next stage.

This will involve getting final quotes in for the engraved stones and the work required to put them in position.

We will then need to raise funds with the aim of getting the project finished in 2022.

Thanks once again for making your views known, watch this space for progress.

Petanque at Burton Dean Park great fun for all ages - no experience necessary

About two years ago, we established two playing pitches (officially called 'terrains') at Burton Dean Park and a few of us got together to form The Kirkburton Petanque Boules Club.

Just in case you were wondering, the game is called Petanque, and the balls are called boules. Then a certain global pandemic did its thing and we put play 'on hold' for a bit.

Now we are back, we meet on Saturdays at 10.00 am.

The surroundings are idyllic – the sunlight dapples through the trees on to the terrains and the only sounds you hear are the fabulous birdsong and the gentle 'clonk' of a well-aimed boule hitting the ground.

Dog-walkers and joggers always say 'hello' as they pass. We can accommodate up to five games simultaneously and you can play as a team or individuals.



It's a pretty informal affair, so if you fancy giving it a go, just come along. We are a friendly bunch and would love to see you. We have spare boules for newbies, and the rules are straightforward.

We just play for fun but there is talk of getting a team together for local tournaments when life gets back to near normal.

Just turn up or get in touch to find out more: ajstonehouse@supanet.com



A few of the members of the Petanque Club.

Chair of KPBC, Tim Scott is in the centre.

Help to make ours an Environmentally-Friendly Community — 'Make a Difference'



Plastic - Friend or Foe?

What is plastic? The term plastic is derived from the Greek word 'plastikos' meaning capable of being shaped or moulded. It now describes any material that can be formed this way when you apply heat or pressure,. The term covers a wide range of synthetic or semi synthetic materials that are used in a huge variety of applications. The raw materials used to produce plastics are natural products such as cellulose, coal, natural gas, and crude

Plastic is used everywhere in our lives but recently has been demonised especially single-use plastic. Plastics are versatile, inspire innovations that help make life better, healthier and safer every day. In the health sector, plastic is a reliable material used for many purposes such as catheters, protective gloves and life-saving valves, plastic provides world class



healthcare that is hygienic and prevents infection.

Plastics are used to make bicycle helmets, child safety seats and airbags in cars, they are in mobile phones, televisions, computers and other electronic equipment that make modern life possible. They are in roofs, walls, flooring and insulation that make homes and buildings energy efficient. Plastics make possible many things that people don't recognise as plastic at all - like paints, protective coatings and linings, adhesives, sealants, and insulation.

There are most definitely good and bad plastics... Single use plastic is really the demon - widely used for food containers, water bottles, plastic wraps etc, it is convenient but is associated with health risks and environmental harm. The association with health risks is because most plastics contain chemicals that are known as hormonedisrupters, and these can leach into food and drink. Whilst the idea of plastic free shopping sounds appealing there are more complex reasons behind its use and try as we might it is impossible avoid plastic packaging, and nowhere more so than supermarkets where it has several important purposes - it protects food from damage, it preserves food for longer periods of time, allowing a prolonged shelf life and it makes it look visually appealing for consumers, these are all important features for reducing food waste and in turn prevents over farming. It is often overlooked by the public, but plastic protects some foods that have a significantly higher carbon footprint than the packaging itself, there is a fine balance between reducing plastic and not increasing food waste.

On the negative side, when plastic gets into the environment through degrading into microplastic or improper disposal (not all plastic can be recycled due to how it's made or too expensive or difficult to recycle), it can end up causing huge amounts of damage

to our ecosystem. It is important that we ensure that plastic is disposed of correctly and that as much as possible is recycled rather than released into the environment and added to landfill. Most of it is not biodegradable, it doesn't rot like paper or food so instead it can hang around in the environment for hundreds of years.

Each year approximately 380 million tonnes of plastic is produced and 50% of that is single use plastic, used once and binned. More than 8 million tonnes of plastic enter the world's oceans each year. It is thought that by 2050 the amount of plastic in the ocean will more than outweigh the amount of fish. Animals on land or in the sea can be hurt by plastic, each year 100,000 marine animals are killed by it.

Whilst we must work towards reducing overall plastic consumption as a society, the fact remains that plastic has a vital role and if recycled properly can have a sustainable role in our lives but for single use plastics it's better to reduce the amount we buy altogether.

Help make ours an Environmentally Friendly Community - 'Make a Difference'

We are striving to make our community and the world a better place to live in and enjoy, to protect our environment and help it flourish, to look after our homes and gardens and to care for our health and each other.

We welcome your letters, tips and queries so please contact us at <u>janmoscovitch@icloud.com</u>

This Summer's tips are things we can all try with a few concentrating on plastic use which is this edition's theme.

- Mulch flowerbeds to conserve moisture and reduce watering
- Make jam/chutney with summer fruits and vegetables
- Buy things in jars/glass bottles to avoid plastic
- Use a milkman rather than buying supermarket milkBuy a reusable water bottle rather than single-use ones
- Always take reusable bags when shopping

It's easy being green



Grow Refill Store was born in my mind some six years ago after the birth of our first child – always the eco warrior, I was frustrated by the number of Tetra Pak cartons we were going through for the non-dairy milk we used for both of our children. Those cartons can really mount up, and since they cannot be placed in kerb-side green recycling bins, require a trip to the tip. Even still, recycling a carton that has been used for less than a day seemed a terrible waste of energy and resources.

What if I could feed our family without all of the single use packaging – especially the plastics that are still not recyclable? And so, **Grow Refill Store** came into fruition in its physical form at the beginning of 2021, opening in March.

The concept is simple – bring your own containers to fill with store cupboard essentials. First, we weigh your container, then you fill it, then re-weigh and pay – you only pay for the contents and not the packaging, and defi-

nitely not for the weight of your container. You can refill just about anything – herbs, spices, pasta, rice, lentils, beans, nuts, seeds, flour, sugar – even chocolate and coffee! In addition, we also sell a wide range of eco-friendly household cleaning and personal care products such as shampoo, conditioner, laundry liquid, hand wash and washing up liquid – remember to BYOB.

For those who don't have a suitable container – or pop in without them – we have a selection of paper bags that you can use as well as some really lovely containers that can be purchased for both food and cleaning products.

Alongside the refills we also stock fresh sourdough on a Thursday and Friday, and will be offering veg boxes on a Friday, too. We also have regular vegan and gluten free cakes and we always have oat milk on tap – bring a bottle or buy a glass milk bottle in-store.

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Borrow an e-bike



On the last two weekends in July, Kirkburton Parish Council supported a scheme **EPIKS** run by (Environmental Projects in Kirklees) to show residents how e-bikes are a clean, green way to travel. With an electric motor to help you pedal, e-bikes make journey times shorter and hill climbs easier. Finding the right e-bike can be difficult and expensive, so residents were offered the chance to try one locally for free. A series of E-bike Roadshows were held in villages across the Parish -Shepley, Highburton, Lepton and Kirkheaton.

On Friday 30 July 16 residents braved the torrential rain to take a challenging test ride with an experienced instructor around

Highburton and Kirkburton including Slant Gate and Turnshaws. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity and many were enthusiastic about signing up for the second stage of the project. Residents can join the Kirkburton e-bike library and could be eligible for the free two-week loan scheme, running from August to the end October 2021. Further info and registration for the library found can be www.epiks.org.uk

The project is a Kirkburton Parish Council Climate Emergency Project (www.kbpc.co.uk Twitter: @KirkburtonPC). Try an E-Bike events are supported by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's CityConnect project.





Bug Hotels







Bug Hotels, or insect hotels, are structures made from various materials for insects to take shelter. They can be formal purposefully built structures using materials like bricks or wood or could simply be a wood pile tucked away in a corner of the garden.

The idea is to create a type of fancy insect house with different sections filled with various for insects to either hide, hibernate or lay eggs in.

Why build a bug hotel?

Our insect populations are in severe decline. BBC Wildlife reports up to 50% of our insect population has vanished since 1970.

One of the main contributions is the loss of habitat. Insects are very important to us, we need them to sustain many things such as the food chain in the pollination of crops and plants.

The decline in insect populations is very serious for us and future generations.

We can do small things to make a big difference in our own gardens and green spaces to help reverse the decline.

How to build a bug hotel

Collect materials such as wood, bricks, old pallets, pine cones, logs, twigs, rotting wood, dry leaves, bark, straw, hay and canes etc.

Create a structure with different compartments made up of the materials you have collected and pop a roof on top to keep it dry.

The photos above show how we built one in our garden, but there are no real rules, it can look however you want it to look.

Search the internet for 'bug hotel' and see the hundreds of creative ways to make one.

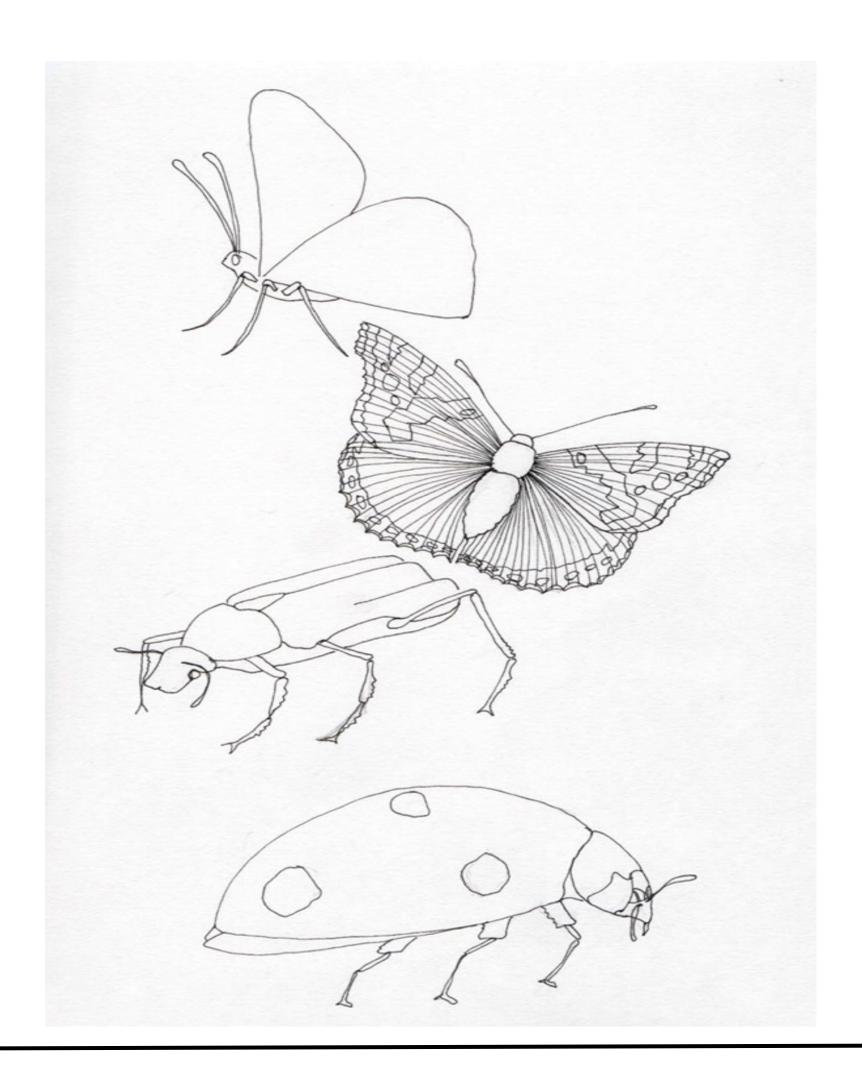
There is an impressive one in All Hallows church yard (included in the photos above) ... more like a 'bug mansion'.

Are you up to the challenge? Well school holidays are here, staycation is likely ... so here is an idea for something to use up some of that spare time.

Further mindfulness drawings from Burton Environmental Group

Here are some creatures that may visit your bug hotel. Take some time to add colour using paint, coloured pencils or pens or even collage. The wings on the first butterfly have been left blank for you to create your own pattern.

We look forward to seeing your results, please share them on our Facebook page. (See page 23 for the response to the drawings in the last edition).





As we approach the long holidays, we are looking at recent changes in the parish and look forward to seeing our

We offer a warm welcome to Reverend Stephanie Hunter, who continues her time here as Priest in Charge

many plans come to fruition.

Welcome also to Reverend Sue Clarke, who has joined us to share some of Stephanie's workload.

It is great to have two such enthusiastic and friendly leaders of our church. The PCC and the congregation wish them both many happy times working with us all.

Meanwhile All Hallows has been continuing to worship, despite lock-down. We shall continue to offer Holy Communion every Sunday, either at 11 am on most Sundays or at 6 pm on the first Sunday of each month. We are open for quiet, private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4 pm.

The 11 o'clock service on the 1st Sunday of each month is Worship for All – a less formal service, with no communion and a focus on families. There will also be a group of musicians to lead our worship. There will be a Holy Communion Service at 6 pm on the 1st Sunday.

There are also other projects in process:

Adopt a Grave – a project to improve our churchyard, maintain our Green Flag status but also to give us all an opportunity to tend and nurture a specific grave, mostly in the oldest section of the graveyard.

Heritage Open Day on 11 September 2021

Come and Sing Messiah on 28 November 2021

News from All Hallows Church

Flyers for each of these will be available in church.

We also have four weddings planned before Christmas, and Baptism Services are held very frequently.

We hope to establish a

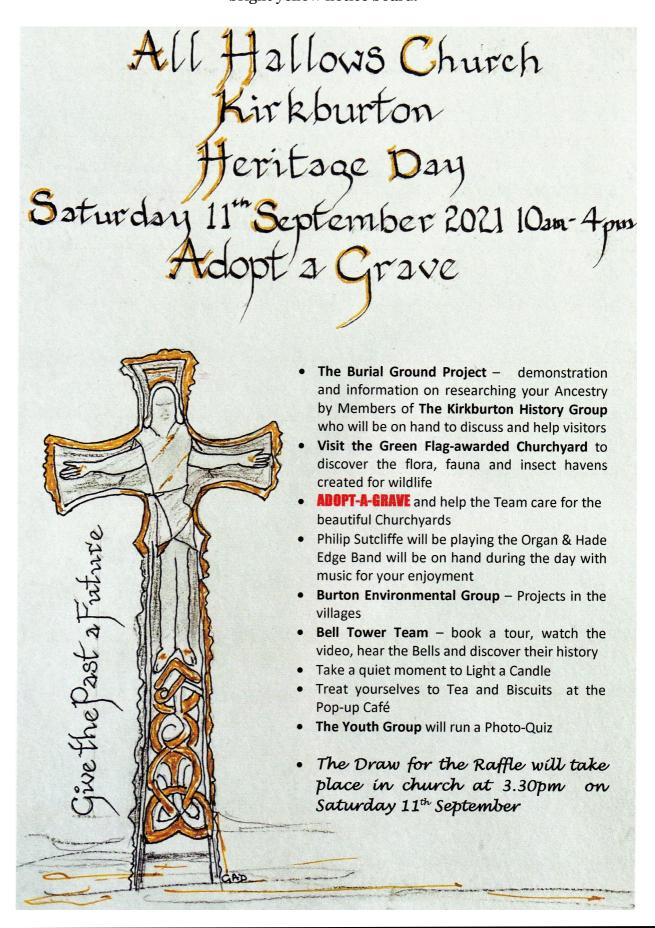
Church Office soon to facilitate communications and documentation.

So come and join us — or come and look round — welcome whenever the doors are open — watch for our bright yellow notice board.

More details on the noticeboards in the graveyard or from me

Kate Tordoff,

01484 607284

























Russell "meats" his match

Saturday 12 June 2021 was an incredibly special day for me for a couple of reasons, although perhaps one more momentous than the other.

On Saturday, it was to be the last working day in the shop for my right-hand man, Myles Hulme. Myles began working for me four years ago and left a month after his 18th Birthday. During our time together, we have had great fun and Myles's wonderful sense of humour was sarcastic to the point where we were constantly taking the 'Michael' out of each other.

During the first lockdown, Myles's hard work and good humour kept me going through those exceptionally long days at work due to Covid. Whilst I will miss Myles in the shop, I am confident we will remain friends for many years to come.

After I finished work at 1.30pm, my special day took a far more important twist as I was to rush home to my Mum's house for a shower and to put my new suit on, as I was to be at St

James's Church in Slaithwaite to marry my lovely fiancée, Ursula.

Ursula bought a house in Kirkburton five years ago and came into my shop one Saturday. After a lengthy chat with her, I thought if I am lucky, this could be the lady for me. After not seeing Ursula the following three weeks I decided to send her a "welcome to your new home" card and wrote my phone number on the bottom of the card (smooth, eh?) and bingo, she rang me. The rest is history and we have now been together ever since.

The Covid curse unfortunately meant we could not celebrate as planned; however, we had the perfect wedding day with just 15 family and friends in attendance, followed by a honeymoon in Beverley, East Yorkshire. Our original planned wedding reception is on a larger scale and foreign honeymoon will now take place on May Day Bank Holiday weekend next year, preceded by a marriage blessing to give our guests "that wedding feeling" and a reason to get dressed up.



Russell and Ursula on their wedding day

Ed – The whole village sends congratulations and best wishes to Russell and Ursula, for a long and happy life together. Not long after they met, Russell told his customers, "she's a keeper", seems he was right.



Russell and Myles outside the shop in Kirkburton

Russ Parkinson

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Kirkburton First School

Hello from Kirkburton First School.

I am writing this just one week from the end of the school year, and what a year it has been. Even last summer I don't think anyone could have predicted that the pandemic would have had such an impact on our daily lives for so long. Every change we've made, every short notice closure, has been met with acceptance and resilience.

Every one of us at school is so proud of our young people for dealing with every challenge so well; who'd have thought that Reception age children would have learned how to unmute. I asked the children in Years 4 and 5 what their highlight of the year was. Coming back to school on 8 March was a very popular answer. Each class is buzzing with activity and excitement, there is nothing like the noise of a full school.

Slowly but surely some signs of normality have returned. Our Year 1 children entertained their families with a wonderful display of maypole dancing on our field. This was a particularly special occasion because it was the first school event that we have held with a live audience since March 2020. Following this, our Year 4 children held a ukulele concert for their families, playing a selection of tunes as well as singing at the same time. Our children were surprised by a visit from an ice-cream van, and the oldest children in school have enjoyed a camp out on the school field.

We have also joined in sports events in the area where finally we could compete against other children again at cross country running, cycling, rounders and cricket. We have held an Olympic day where stars of the future have had the chance to show their skills.

At this time of year we say goodbye to our Year 5 children as they leave us to go to their next school, most probably Kirkburton Middle. Some of our staff will have known these children for six years, seeing them on their first day in Reception, then being part of their journey as they grow and develop into who they are today. We are so proud of the young people they have become and hope that they carry on being such special ambassadors for Kirkburton First as they take their next steps. Who knows, maybe in our midst we have a future Prime Minister, Olympic Star or world beating scientist.

It's always sad to say goodbye to families who have had a long association with our school, and we wish them well as they move on. One of the aspects that makes any school special is the sense of community; this has been more apparent in the last year than ever. Looking forward to September, we are all looking forward to the simple pleasures of playing together once again or joining together as a whole school for collective worship. That spirit of togetherness is what makes a school become more than a collection of classes, but instead is a family. Hopefully, we will be able to get back to some of the communal routines and events which make our school so special. I sincerely hope that our children have the most enjoyable and welldeserved summer break and look forward to meeting them all along with our new starters in September. Enjoy the sunshine.

Mr P West Headteacher

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Kirkburton Middle School Summer Term Update



The events of the last eighteen months will live long in the minds of all those who experienced them. That most certainly includes all the young people in our community who have seen some of their most formative times disrupted by the pandemic. We have faced many challenges as a school community throughout the year; positive covid cases, remote learning and live lessons, bubble closures and selfisolation, on site mass testing, a restricted curriculum in some subjects, and ever changing government guidance which has often had to be implemented with little or no notice. Despite this we, pupils, staff, parents, the wider community (what a fantastic response we had to call for volunteers to support in school Covid testing), should all be incredibly proud of everything we have achieved against this backdrop. One thing is for sure, the pandemic has not stopped us doing what we do at best at KMS - enjoying, achieving, succeeding together.

The summer term has been very busy and at times it has felt like we are seeing a very gradual return to 'normality'. We have tentatively started to reintroduce some of our extracurricular clubs; sports, music and gardening (we need your help –

see below) to name but a few. We have also seen the return of competitive sporting fixtures with the Kirklees Schools Athletics competitions. At the time of writing, out of the four competitions we've entered, the school has won two events with victories for the Year 7 girls and Year 8 boys teams. A magnificent achievement given the pupils were competing against pupils from across Kirklees and against some schools with a much bigger intake than our own. Well done to everybody who involved. Other events which have taken place within school this term have included our annual sports day, a careers and enterprise day, a virtual assembly from Commonwealth swimming champion Aimee Wilmott, our very own 'KMS does Through the Keyhole' tidiest form room competition and Henry our therapy dog has paid weekly visits to the school. We've also continued with our drive to develop and embed a culture of reading across the school.

At the end of term, we were sad to see our Year 8s leave, particularly as much of their time at KMS had been disrupted by the pandemic. I wish we had another year with them because they are such a talented year group. We are however really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 6 intake in

September. Our transition arrangements were slightly different once again this year but we were delighted to be able to send KMS staff to spend the morning in each of our feeder First Schools. At the time of writing, we are currently making final preparations for our transition summer school which we are very excited about and will run during the first week of the summer holidays.

We said goodbye to a number of staff at the end of the year including Mrs Stratford who retires after giving 20 years of service to the school. We are also looking forward to welcoming some new staff when we return in September.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who offered feedback in relation to our recent fencing project. The overwhelming majority of comments we received were extremely positive and we had some very constructive meetings with the local MP, local councillors, representatives from KHCA and local residents. Such a project is always going to stir a mixture of responses, often from people with very polarised views. The fence around the South field has allowed us to achieve our intended aim of opening up the space to provide access to the playing fields at social times





and during PE lessons so the children can run, play and exercise freely without significant risk of harm. They have certainly made the most of this opportunity during the summer term. We look forward to once again working with neighbours and residents when we revisit our plans for securing the North field boundary in the autumn term.

Can you help? Our school gardening club meets weekly at lunchtimes and we are looking for volunteers who can come and help the children with their miniature gardens.

Date for your diary – Our school open evening for parents who are interested in sending their child to KMS will take place on Thursday 30th September.

Can I once again thank members of our local community for all their wonderful support during what was my first full year in post as the Headteacher at KMS? We have a truly remarkable school and a fantastic community and I look forward to seeing what the next twelve months have in store for us all.

For more information about our school, please visit our social media feeds and sites. You can also find copies of our fortnightly parent bulletin, which is packed full of information about all things KMS, in the news section of the school website.

Chris Taylor, Headteacher

@KMSchool

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(*Note: Thursday 12:30-3pm is Rising 5's for Pre-Schoolers only)



We can offer places for children aged 2.5+ and we have space most of the week during term time. We

also offer funded places for children aged 3 and 4. If you are eligible for

30 hours we can offer a place for up to 27.5 hours a week or you can use part of the funding with us and part with another childcare provider. You can check if you are eligible for 30 hours funding using the childcare

choices website. All 3 & 4 year olds are eligible for 15 hours funding;

these can all be used with us and any additional hours required can be paid for.

Thanks to a grant from the Parish Council, the Co-Op Local Community Fund and the fundraising efforts of parents and children our outdoor play area has been resurfaced. The children (and staff!) at Playgroup love it!





We would like to say GOODBYE & BEST WISHES to the children and parents who are moving onto school in September.

BECAUSE OF COVID RSTRICTIONS

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New provisional date

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 2021

Shelley Cricket Club 1.30-4pm

Don't forget...

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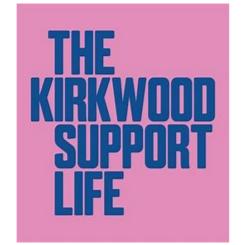


Kirkwood

Our shop has gone through very difficult times, but there is a definite light at the end of what has been a very dark tunnel. Most of our team of volunteers are now fully vaccinated to protect each other as well as our customers. The vaccine roll out has been the highlight of 2021 and our band of volunteers were keen to book their vaccine once eligible. It has given us peace of mind and made us all feel safer.

Now that the quarantine rules have been relaxed, we are delighted to announce that we are now able to accept all your donations — with the exception of used quilts, used pillows, cycle and horse-riding helmets, booster car seats and old videos. You can also arrange furniture collections from your home as our Mirfield Furniture Store, which opened in May, is now up and running.

For those who have not yet visited the shop, it is well worth the trip. The store is located at Foldhead Mills, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield WF14 8BE. It has a massive floor space filled with antique, vintage and modern furniture. It also sells accessories like mirrors, pictures, bric-a-brac, mats and elec-



trical goods. Great if you are setting up home or just wanting a new look.

In line with the updated Government guidance from Monday 19 July, customers in our shops are no longer required to wear a face mask. However, we ask that you consider continuing to wear a face mask, use the hand sanitiser provided and follow the hands-facespace in our shops to help The Kirkwood play our part in reducing the chances of Covid-19 being transmitted. The rule of four customers in the shop has also been relaxed.

Upcoming fundraising events for your diary

Sandra, one of our Thurs-

day volunteers, together with friends Christine, Kay and Margaret are hosting two fundraising events this August.

Event 1

Sunday 1 August 2pm until 4pm at Highburton Village Hall.

Afternoon cream teas, tombola, white elephant, raffle, guess the teddy's name, soft toy stall and homemade gifts are on offer.

Event 2

Sunday 22August 2pm onwards at Thorncliffe Working Men's Club. They are doing the same again.

Throughout September we are hoping other people in our two villages will be holding similar events for "The Big Kirkwood Get Together."

The event is all about bringing friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues together to raise funds for "The Kirkwood". You could host a coffee morning, picnic, barbeque, birthday bash or anything else you have in mind. Once you have signed up, you will receive a free fundraising pack to plan your event. The beauty of it is that you choose the date, time, and venue, so whatever works best for you.

To sign up call: 01484 557911 or go online to thekirkwood.org.uk/ gettogether, or email: fundraising @theKirkwood.org.uk





Letters

Letter from Richard Smith

I would like to thank the people of Kirkburton and Highburton for all the support I received during the Local Elections recently. I also really appreciated the congratulatory messages and emails I received.

I look forward to being able to be out and about more in the coming weeks as the lockdown restrictions continue to ease. It is always good to be able to speak to people face to face and discuss what matters to them locally.

The best way to get in touch with me is via email on

richard.smith @kirklees.gov.uk or

richard4kirkburton@gmail.com

Thanks again for your support,

Best Wishes,

Councillor Richard Smith Kirkburton Ward

LETTERS

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



Unsung hero

It is good news to hear of someone going to a lot of trouble to raise funds for charity.

Margaret Ingham is one such person. A lot of charities have been unable to hold fund raising events during Covid, so Margaret decided to raise some money her own way. She walked around Pugneys lake near Wakefield until she clocked up six miles in her own sponsored walk. It was quite lonely on her own, but her determination not to let her sponsors down got her through.

The good news is she raised £1,100 for Kirkwood Hospice. She would like to thank all her sponsors.

Well done, Margaret.

Admiring Burtoner

Ed — Do you know of someone like Margaret who is doing something amazing for our community? If you do, let us know at The Bulletin.

Can you help to track down photographs of these men from our villages who gave their lives in WWII?

Our aim is to have the Memorial Board in place for November consequently this is our last appeal to Burton Bulletin readers .

Cyril Todd

Son of Joseph Todd (born on 24 August 1878, died in 1950) and Lucy (nee Shaw) Todd (born 26 November 1890, died in 1941). Cyril had an older brother called Clifford. Clifford was born on 29 January 1926 in Low Town, Kirkburton and died in 1993 in Northumberland. In 1949 Clifford married Jean Lloyd (born 9 April 1927, died in 1999. We don't know if they had a family. Cyril was born in October 1926 in Low Town, Kirkburton, and died 11 June 1944. The Todd family lived at 48 Paddock Road, Kirkburton according to the 1939 Register.

Frank Stocks

Died in Plymouth. He was the son of Joe Stocks of Lepton (who died in 1920) and Ethel Stocks. (Nee Micklethwaite) who died in 1954 in Almondbury. Frank's younger sister Nancy married a Jack Iredale. Nancy Iredale died in 1989 in Huddersfield. We don't know if Nancy had a family. Frank was married to Hilda Stocks. In 1946 Hilda remarried Arthur Vickerman and lived at Robinson Street, Barkston Ash, Garforth until 1960.

Stanley Fitton

Stanley had a mother called Alice Fitton and an older brother called Joe. The boys were born at Roydhouse Shelley in 1912 and 1918 respectively. No father was recorded on the birth certificates. The family lived with Alice's parents Herman and Rose Hannah Lockwood in Roydhouse for some years the early 1900's. Herman and Rose had a daughter called Gladys Lockwood. For some reason Alice kept her mother's maiden name Fitton.

The electoral register had all the family living on George Street from 1931-1937. In 1938 Alice, Joe and Gladys lived at the bottom of Hallas. By the Autumn of 1940 only Alice and Gladys lived there. Joe had married Alice Nixon Smith and they had a son Derek in 1942. Joe died in Dalton in 1949.

Gladys died on 21 January 1961 and Alice died one week later. Derek Fitton, grandson of Alice, signed both death certificates. He was living at 65 Longfield Ave, Dalton at the time. Derek died on 6 June 1975. At the time of his death, he was living at 48, Grosvenor Rd, Dalton.

Ralph Chadwick

Ralph's only connection to Kirkburton is through his father Randolph Churchill Chadwick, known as Jack the postman. Randolph (Jack) was born in Bramley, Leeds. He married Agnes (nee Whitehead) in 1920. They had three children: Lawrence born in 1921, Ralph in 1925 and Joyce in 1927. They divorced in the early 1930's and Jack moved to Kirkburton in 1931-2. In 1937 Jack married Ellen Ridley. Jack was a stalwart of Kirkburton British Legion and he asked for Ralph's name to go on our "Roll of Honour".

Our only chance of finding a photo of Ralph is through the children of his older brother Laurence. Laurence married a Margaret Waspe in 1946. They had three children Laurence born in 1947. Lorraine in 1950 and Paul in 1957.

If you can help, please contact Anna Boden

Wendy Crookes

26 December 1937—2 July 2021



Most people in the village knew Wendy Crookes. She died, suddenly but peacefully, on 2 July, leaving Jack, and children Andrew, Mark and Helen. She was mother-inlaw to Karen, Sharon and Richard and Grandma to Ruth, Matthew, Jordan and Jaden.

The editorial team asked the family for thoughts on Wendy's life.

Wendy attended Kaye's College in Huddersfield where she did a Secretarial Course – shorthand, typing and bookkeeping, which would stand her in good stead in the future.

Her main job, before she had children, was at the famous Bamforth's Postcards in Holmfirth where she was secretary to the Managing Director Derek Bamforth). As a young girl she had always said she didn't want to work in a "stuffy old office" but wanted to work with horses or dogs. But she actually ended up loving her job at Bamforth's and excelled in secretarial work.

Her bookkeeping and business skills were put to great use in the plumbing business Jack and Wendy ran after they were married. Her love of animals didn't fade and Wendy ensured, over the years, there were dogs and a horse.

She had a very organised life enjoying a variety of things. On Mondays she went to the organ concert at Huddersfield Town Hall. On Wednesdays she attended The Hub, Kirkburton for "Food and Film Club" with her friends and neighbour Sheila. Thursday it was the "Time Out" club at Highburton Village Hall. Sundays were Hallows special: All Church, Kirkburton. Her faith was a guiding light.

Wendy's children and grandchildren were a great source of joy and pride and she instilled in Andrew, Mark and Helen, to love, always to be kind and to do their best ("All you can do is your best and if you've done that, then I'll be happy"). "We were SO LOVED and SO LUCKY to call her Mum."

Wendy had four grandchildren who she adored and on whose lives she will have left a lasting imprint. "We all loved Grandma she was loving, kind, generous and funny".

Charity work was important to Wendy. In previous years she was on the local committee for the NSPCC and helped organise fundraising events. She did door to door collecting for the RNLI, and helped at All Hallows Church right up until the pandemic, making teas and coffees and other assistance including knitting wool hats to raise church and charity funds.

In her later years, Wendy loved her home and her two annual trips to Scarborough with Jack to watch Yorkshire play cricket. They had many memories and made many friends on those trips. In earlier years, Wendy loved a day trip with her friend Margaret, but these were

not ordinary day trips. They included visits to Venice, Prague and Budapest and a day trip on the Orient Express. Wendy also had the privilege to fly on Concorde (again a day trip) with Jack and Helen. She took many photos and cherished her memories of these trips and other family holidays over the years. Although she always loved coming home though to Kirkburton and the family.

Wendy had great acumen in bookkeeping and business. "Mum was the brains behind the plumbing business, and Dad was the brawn". They ran the business from home for over 40 years until their son Andy took over.

Wendy loved knitting, not only for raising funds for charity and the church, but also for friends and family.

Her main talent though was being an amazing wife, mum, grandma, neighbour and friend. She was loving, kind, caring and had a fab sense of humour. Wendy has left an imprint on everyone's hearts and she will be greatly missed, and always remembered.

Anna Boden adds:

Wendy's funeral was held on Wednesday, 14 July at "All Hallows Church," Kirkburton. Wendy had written down her own order of service. It wasn't a sad affair but a celebration of a life filled with love. I told you she was organised and it does make you think that her way is "the way".

She entered the church to "We Laughed" and exited to "You Raise Me Up."



Andy and family



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Bee drawings

The May edition of The Bulletin included some drawings of bees as part of a feature about mindfulness.

It was suggested that readers both young and old might enjoy colouring these in or decorating them in any way they chose.

These drawings from Burton Out of School Club are just some of the many examples we received.

See page 13 for this edition's drawings.



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Music making has continued to flourish in the Spring and Summer term. Students have been preparing for ABRSM exams which are now operating as usual.

I have been able to book a local recording studio to record the lockdown songs written this year. This will be an amazing experience for our budding songwriters and performers. I am hoping to develop a link with this studio so any students could use it independently in the future.

I am hoping to organise an Autumn concert, once restrictions are eased, to celebrate the achievements and progress of our young pianists and singers. This will be an opportunity for them to perform in front of a live audience, which will be both exciting and challenging. I hope many of you will be able to attend this concert (details to follow in the next edition) and thank you for supporting the talented young musicians in our villages.

Sally Byrne

Wishing good luck with their Summer exams to **Alex Haigh** Grade 2 Piano and **Evelyn McAvinue** Grade 3 Piano.

Well done to Alex Haigh, Bethan Elson, Anya Moscovitch who took part in a Summer Serenade concert at Highburton First School

We also wish Raffi Leece all the best as she goes off to university this September. Raffi is going to study at Waterbear, a college accredited by Falmouth University. She will be studying the Career Musician Course focusing on Vocals.



Huge congratulations to **Jessica Elson** who has passed her
Grade 3 Rockschool Vocals
with Merit! Her first exam going straight to Grade 3 is quite
an achievement





Carribean in their school assembly at Kirkburton First School



'Foreign' Walks - a staycation suggestion



We're very fortunate to live in a beautiful area surrounded by some exceptional walking opportunities but for those looking to stretch those legs a little further afield the Rivelin Valley Nature trail in north Sheffield is a "must." Here's why.

The River Rivelin is one of several streams that join together close to the city centre and were once the main sources of power for the infant city of Sheffield which was originally a settlement centred on farming. Take a peek at the city Coat of Arms if you don't believe

Starting high on the Hallam Moors the Rivelin tumbles down through the hills dropping quite a few feet as it does so giving rise to numerous waterfalls, pools and fast running stretches. The local citizenry were not blind to the advantages fast running water could yield



and by the 1650's numerous small businesses existed using waterwheels to generate power. Sheffield's world-famous cutlery business started here using locally grindstones sourced shape and edge knives of all sorts of shapes and sizes. History goes back much further than this, however, witness the discovery of items identified as belonging to Roman soldiers close by the head of the river in the 1900's.

The Rivelin really became alive with industry in the eighteenth century with the river being "industrialized" via the excavating and construction of pools, sluices and waterways to divert water into waterwheels powering all manner of enterprises. At one time there were corn mills, several cutlery mills, a wire works and a paper mill to name but a few. Industry in one form or another continued right up to around 1920 with the famous "Mousehole Forge" being one of the last to close. Anvils made here were recognised internationally as being some of the best available due, it is recorded, to the exceptional quenching properties of the Rivelin water. The anvil at Gretna Green is reputed to have been made here.

Around 1830 the grandly named "Sheffield Statutory

Water Committee" decided to build a road right up the Rivelin Valley to link up with the dams further upstream and provide the good people of Sheffield with water that was actually drinkable. Records indicate the labourers were paid the grand sum of five and three quarters (old) pence an hour and were glad of the employment. Mercifully, this tree lined road still exists and provides an ideal way to visit and walk the valley from either end. As an aside, it's the road where Olympian Sebastian Coe (now Lord Coe) trained as a lad.

The valley now has lost almost all traces of industry although they are still there if you know where to look and have a keen eye. Nature has been busy over the last 100+ years as well and has returned the valley to a green and pleasant place to walk, allowing you to be not more than a few meters from the tinkling River Rivelin at all times. You also have to cross it a couple of times on steppingstones to the delight of children of all ages! Trout have returned to the river.

The actual walk is a mere two and a half miles or five miles if you want to park at one end and return.

The trail starts at Malin Bridge near where the Suterminates Hillsborough. On entering Rivelin Valley Road just round the corner from the stop head for the Fire Station to find the trail entrance on the same side of the road. Halfway up the trail you have to cross the main road to complete the walk at Rails Road where there is a small car park and a recently reclaimed small dam. All the way along small dams can be found dotted around but many are silted up. There are some unique way-signs and numerous unusual and interesting things to spot and admire. How about a rocking chair positioned in the middle of the stream? You have the "Plonk Wheel" and the "Spooner Wheel" to look out for. There's also a cafe near the bottom end of the walk that has a certain notoriety for the size and tastiness of its cakes. It is close by a children's playground, (once a dam) and paddling pool. Grandparents can be safely parked here if necessary.

For maps, details, photos and info go to www.rivelinvalley.org.uk
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Fancy driving a JEEP? by Martin Ward



I've been travelling the world for the past 32 years, going to all corners to test drive new cars and trucks. I've flown many hundreds of thousands of miles to get to the location where an event is being held, with many fantastic memories, and people do ask "Where is the best place?", "What was the best car?", "What was the most unusual?".

Out of countless places I've driven a new vehicle, one of them that stands out is the JEEP Cherokee launch in the desert of Morocco. (The name JEEP came from its original description as a General Purpose vehicle, shortened to GP, then to JEEP).

We flew to Barcelona, then took a small 25-seater to a small air strip in the desert. We all had bought pens, paper, crayons etc as we were asked to donate them to a school we would be visiting.

During the flight we were told explicitly the rules and how to drive safely in the rugged terrain. They told us over the aircraft speaker system that we would encounter high sand dunes, up to 'four-storeys high'. But they repeatedly told us, "Full power up, keep full power on, and full power down". Right I thought, I've got that.

Off the plane, into the JEEPs. Using the sat-nav and coordinates, no roads

there to follow, we headed off for the lunch stop. After a two-hour drive across the desert, occasionally seeing a bloke with 17 camels following him, don't know where he'd been, or was going, we finally arrived at our destination, a very small village, and the school. On top of one of the 'Mud-Huts' was a TV receiving dish, and a Solar Panel. We were greeted by a small, excited boy, probably around 6-7 years old.

He said 'sprechen sie deutsch?', "no!" we said, then 'parlez-vous francais', "no!" again, then "hablas espanol?' – "no!" again was our answer. Then 'do you speak English?' 'ah yes!'. Then he asked us if we were from Coronation Street, a very memorable moment.

After burgers, chips, salad with Heinz tomato ketchup (a strange meal to have in the desert, but it was enjoyable), we set off again creating plumes of sand dust, and although you could see in front of you, the rear was just a blank.

We reached the huge sanddunes, and remembered what had been drilled into us on the flight. I was driving, right, here goes I thought. Full power to get up, keep the accelerator pedal firmly pressed, and full power down.

Well, I set off, saw sand and sky, and at the point I couldn't see any sand, just blue sky, guess what, I bottled it, and took my foot of the pedal. We had no traction at all. We opened the doors to find we were perched on the top of the dune, with not one wheel touching anything, Cherokee was just balancing there. We had to radio for help, and soon enough we were towed down the sand, how very embarrassing.

We stayed the night in a fortified castle, converted to a hotel, literally in the middle of nowhere, great food, great company, spending the whole evening talking about this fantastic adventure, and a great experience. The JEEP Cherokee proved beyond any doubt that it is a true off-roader, and is capable of tackling the toughest of terrains.

If anyone ever wants someone to drive them over sand -dunes, just don't ask me.

Martin Ward

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Kirkburton and Highburton Art Scene

Linda Downs's piece in May edition of the Bulletin generated much interest.

Sketching Day

Our first village sketching day took place in Kirkburton Churchyard on Saturday 19 June. We were blessed with a perfect day, not too hot but sunny and calm and it was great to have ten enthusiastic artists joining in. It has to be said that we were a mixed bag of abilities with some experienced sketchers, a couple of serious dark horses and three or four who genuinely haven't picked up a sketch-book since school. We started off with a few introductory guidelines about subject matter and composition and then everyone chose their preferred spot and got stuck in to the first sketch of the day.



It was clear at lunch time that people were all really enjoying themselves. When you are drawing there is a real need to focus on your subject and the surroundings and it's a great way to

tune out from the hassle and routine of everyday life and gain a bit of precious "me time". We all enjoyed getting to know the people in the group that we hadn't met before and made a joint decision to meet again occasionally. Hopefully we will manage another Saturday at the end of July or during August. Just look at the results of our labours, I think you will agree that they are stunningly good, all the sketchers need to be tremendously proud of their achievements.

If you would like to be involved, please look out for my postings on the Kirkburton and Highburton Facebook page or email me with your details.

lmdowns@hotmail.co.uk

We would love you to join us.

Linda Downs

Note from a sketcher – I was one of the novices and a little bit nervous that I would make a fool of myself but I needn't have worried. Everyone was very kind, very helpful and I was very proud of what I produced. Why not give it a go?

Poem

We received a handwritten letter in the post box at Burton Village Hall with a request to include the following poem in The Bulletin.

"LOSS OF A SON"

"Something will remind me
I never know just when
It might be something someone says
And it all comes back again
The times we spent together
When you were only young
And then again, I feel the pain
Of life without my son
It's said that time's a healer
I'm not sure that it's true
I know for me there's not a day
When I don't think of you
And wonder why this had to be
And wish it could have been me"

The accompanying note read:

"If this is considered to be suitable, I would be honoured to have it put in The Bulletin."

The honour is entirely ours—Ed









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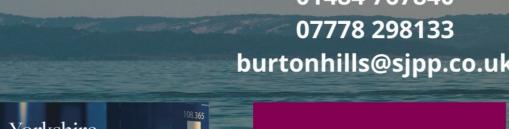
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Burton Belles WI — Best Foot Forward



We are back. Although we never went away it feels like forever since we had our last face to face meeting and for the past seventeen months have been meeting through Zoom. But for our August meeting we are back face to face rather than through a screen, and I for one cannot wait. On 19 August we will be meeting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, this will be an outside gathering as we transition slowly back into meetings, so if you want to come along and join us for an informal catch up then please feel free.

We have had access to a plethora of engaging, informative and entertaining speakers using Zoom includ-

ing the latest one. In July we hosted Mildred Freeman, a historian who took us on an animated and exciting journey with her talk on the history of gin, this journey took us from the 1100's all the way through to our modfascination with ern 'mother's ruin' and was a definite hit. But whilst it was nice to have access to so many different and varied speakers from across the country, there is nothing better than getting back to normal meetings.

The Burton Belles committee has put together a programme of events for the remainder of the year

meeting, this will be a fun filled evening with activities, socialising and of course cake.

In October we will be partaking in an interactive session with Think Forensics and learning all about the world of forensics with a hands-on approach, this is sure to be a fun and informative evening. The fabroach is a function of the course of the course cake.



stopped off at Guest Dining. The second walk took in Lepton Woods and then headed off towards Dearne Lee tearooms for some much -needed refreshment. If you're interested, then keep an eye out for future dates of walks. This is the first of hopefully many different subgroups that the Burton Belles has put together which are associated with our WI so if there is one you want to see then let us know.

After all this time and with still being a relatively new WI group we cannot wait to



ing demonstration in November. She is wonderfully entertaining and provides a lot of cake to eat as well, what better way to spend an evening.

and we hope to see some new faces joining us. After our August catch up, we

will be celebrating 106

years of the Women's Insti-

tute with our September

ulous Linda Hewitt will be

returning for another bak-

So, after all that cake why not join one of our very first subgroups, the Burton Belles walking group. This has been started by Justine and Angela who are committee members. This group has been a big hit so far with members, who meet rain or shine. Their first walk was around the two villages and then Farn-Tyas, where

get things back to normal and welcome new and existing members back to our meetings, so put your best foot forward and come along.

Further information can be found on the Highburton and Kirkburton WI Facebook page as well as emailing.

presidentburtonbelleswi@outlook.com or secrectaryburtonbelleswi@outlook.com

Sarah Sharp-Allison President of Burton Belles WI



Burton Crafters



As this is being written, it is expected that the group will be starting back at Burton Village Hall on Monday 19 July. It is hoped that by now, the group will have had several meetings and are enjoying time together again.

However, the ladies have not been idle during lockdown. At the start of lockdown, scrubs, masks, washbags and hearts were some of the things made to support the More recently the NHS. Huddersfield Textile Association contacted craft groups to ask them to knit or crochet 6-inch squares to 'woolbomb' Huddersfield Railway Station. They sent in hundreds of squares. The end result was really spectacular, with the central pillars, lamp -posts and street signs all being bombed (see photos).

Also, ladies have been making poppies in order to decorate Kirkburton remembrance garden for the November Remembrance Day.

This has generated such enthusiasm that ladies who do not attend craft have been helping knitting and crochet poppies and patterns have been flying across the internet.

However beneficial these activities are, nothing compares to doing craft together, having a good chat and a cup of tea on a Monday afternoon. Bring it on.

Pat Shaw



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lockdown, After when 'normality' returns, Friday mornings may never be the same without a bright cheerful photo of flowers being sent by Cynthia, to all members of the choir's WhatsApp group. During the dreary winter days and later, spring and summer, there would be a 'ping' on people's phones and best wishes for a good day and the weekend would be there, along with a photo of a flower, followed by a few more pings, from ladies sending thanks. Well done, Cynthia, you certainly kept peoples' spirits up.

The WhatsApp group has been invaluable in supporting each other during the pandemic. Initially it was about food availability, advice and helpful tips, but more recently it has been about vaccinations. One member of our choir, Deirdre, is a retired GP and went back to work for the NHS in their Covid-19 vaccination programme. She shared information about who could get jabs, and where and when. Many group members, and their families are very grateful to her.



Retired GP and choir member Deirdre Cashin at the Honley Vaccination Centre

Her latest post was telling the group about a vaccination centre set up for the difficult to reach groups, and asking if anyone knew of any group or network that would benefit from such a clinic, which it is really hoped was successful. Let's hope that soon she will be able to go back into enjoying her retirement with a good job done.

Currently it is hoped that HD8 Choir will return in September, when the term should restart and I am sure all members have their fingers crossed.

Pat Shaw



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Services at Time Together (the Denby Dale Centre)





Like many community groups and charities, the Denby Dale Centre has followed and watched the guidelines applying them to their own services and activities. Just like many businesses, the Denby Dale Centre has also been applying both the Health and Safety at Work Act and common sense to care for staff, customers and visitors. In doing so, and creating a Covid Secure Protocol, our local services have resumed albeit it in a safe way.

If you come to any of the Denby Dale Centre's activities, you will see the continued Covid Secure Protocol in place, which you will see some degree of face covering or distancing, hand cleansing, sanitization between users, venting and for staff you will see regular testing.

TIMEtogether is the operating name of the Denby Dale Centre, and you will see this branding more and more as some of the work of the charity benefits people outside HD8, like Community Transport and the dementia services.

The following services are presently available:

In Kirkburton:

- Dementia Support Group
- Dementia 1 to 1 @Home
- Café Connect (linking people to other groups)
- Kirkburton Hub
- Film & Food Club (starts in August)
- Tea Dance (starts in September)
- DDC Training Centre (B2B first aid and food safety training).

In Emley:

 Dementia Support Group

In Denby Dale:

- Denby Dale Charity Shop (Springfield Mill)
- TIMEtogether Meeting Room
- Cream Teas (starts in August)

In Skelmanthorpe:

- HD8 Community Pantry
- Skelmanthorpe Charity Shop

Services across HD8:

- Volunteer Car Service
- Vaccination Transport
- HD8 Shopper Bus Service
- HD8 Walkie Talkies (walking befriending)
- HD8 Community Helpline
- HD8 Digital Inclusion

Services outside HD8

- Marsden Memory Café
- Mirfield Dementia Group

Please keep an eye on our social media for updates as services reopen or new services start up; you can find us on Facebook @DDCprojects, Twitter @TimeTogether1 and online www.ddc.org.uk, however if you do not connect online, then you can call our community helpline on 01484 860077.

You will see that the Kirk-burton Hub is being used now by Rhythm Time (baby/toddler music group), Bubble Adventure (weight loss support group), U3A, Black Horse rock band and we are expecting other groups to start back soon. We will be launching a new Games Group at the Hub in August, a two-hour session of

connecting with others, with Covid Secure rules in place to protect everyone involved.

There are two portals to find social groups where you can connect that cover the area; HD8Network and Kirklees Connect to Support, however there are several smaller village platforms that are available too. If you get stuck with online searches, please call our helpline on 01484 860077 for help. If you are responsible for community space in HD8, please register it at

www.ddc.org.uk/other-places

so that we can signpost group leaders to you as we are taking calls from people looking for spaces. If you are a group leader, please do make time to register your group on as many platforms as possible including the HD8Network and Kirklees Connect to Support, to help people find you — if you cannot get online, please do call our number as above.

Recognition for Denby Dale Centre



Paul Jones, chief officer of the Centre has been appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2021 Birthday Honours. The honour is in recognition of Paul's services to older people and the community, in Kirklees.

Paul joined the team at the Denby Dale Centre, a charity which aims to connect people, in May 2016. Since then he has led and grown our team as we have restructured operations and developed new projects.

Paul, who lives in Salendine Nook, has constantly volunteered within the community since 1983, and presently is a volunteer with @UKScouting, @Girlguiding, Lindley Methodist Church and the @YorksAmbulance Service. He has been employed in the community sector for over 13 years, specialising in #communitytransport, and since joining the Denby Dale Centre has included work within older people services. Paul is a Community Transport and Community Projects Consultant, working closely with other organisations.

Also, the Denby Dale Centre was nominated and then shortlisted to FINALIST for the nationally recognised Social Prescribing Community Group of the Year. This is so very recent, and in October the Centre will find out if they are selected as Winner or remain as Finalist – watch this space. The Centre are delighted to be recognised in this way.

Sports reports





We are a small and friendly club at the heart of Highburton / Kirkburton and we would be absolutely thrilled to see you on the courts, whatever your age or ability. The club has three all-weather tarmac courts with floodlights, which makes it possible to play all year round.

If you are interested in playing competitively, then we have two ladies' teams and two men's teams who train on Monday and Tuesday evenings respectively. This year, unfortunately, we are unable to compete in our usual league matches but we will be playing 'friendlies' against other local clubs. Within the club, we are also running a Kiwi League. This is a doubles competition with a twist, with players accumulating their own individual score. We hold two annual tournaments - The Crabtree Cup in June and the Presidents Cup in September.

If you prefer to just play socially, then we hold club sessions on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm and on Friday mornings from 10am. These sessions are a great opportunity for members to come along, meet other players, mix in – and generally have a fun time.

So, whether you are an absolute beginner, someone returning to the game after

a break or an experienced player – **GET IN TOUCH NOW**

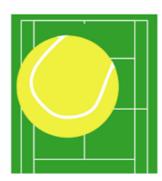
Adult membership costs only £85 for the year and £50 for young persons aged 16 – 25. Full details are available on our website at <u>clubspark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub.</u>

Andy Smith, our Level 4 LTA qualified Coach, runs an extensive coaching programme on Sunday mornings, which caters for children aged 4 upwards. He offers individual or group coaching for adults, by arrangement and runs a Cardio Tennis session for adults on Sundays, 1pm -2pm which is open to both members and nonmembers, cost £6 / £7. This is a high energy workout to music, with the opportunity to hit lots of tennis balls – and all abilities and fitness levels are welcome.

Andy is running a Summer Sports Camp on Thursdays over the school holidays for children aged 5 and over, with both full day and half day options.

Full details of our coaching programme and Sports Camp are available on the club's website and you can contact Andy direct at andysmithten-

nis@icloud.com, or call 07876718968.





Kirkburton Football Club



Kirkburton AFC (in red) and the Laund Hill team at the cup final

The last two seasons have been very difficult because of COVID-19. The season was postponed yet again for 2020/21 with both Kirkburton teams riding high. After six games the first team were second in their division, and the second team were joint leaders in theirs, so it was very disappointing for both teams, as they would have probably gained promotion.

The Huddersfield and District League decided to run the cup competitions instead of the league. The first team got to the final of the Groom Cup which was played at Storthes Hall. We were well on top of the game for sixty minutes and leading by two goals to nil. Forced changes didn't work and Laund Hill came back and were 3-2 winners in the end. Captain Henry Philpott scored the first goal for Kirkburton and Daniel Lockwood scored the second. The scorers for Laund Hill were Jimmy Knowles and Craig Burns with substitute Declan James getting the winner.

The new season starts in late August 2021, training starts early July, if anybody would like to join Kirkburton AFC please contact a committee member or email kirkburtonafc@btconnect.com or check out their Facebook page. All the training and friendly dates will be published on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Kirkburton first team will be under new management this forth-coming season. Ryan Moyles will be your main contact for the first team.

The second team will again be run by Jack Wimpenny.

Regards, Bomber

A message from Kirkburton Football Club

We have a small but aged loyal band of helpers, who do their best to keep the Gregory Playing Fields in tip top condition, cutting the grass twice a week in summer and pruning the Hallas Road hedge twice a year and repairing the outside fencing.

One of the frustrating parts of this work is finding rubbish left on the pitch and its surrounds which can take a lot of time to collect and remove and can be dangerous.

Thanks to the regular, responsible dog walkers we do not suffer much dog fouling

and they help with the rubbish and keep to the periphery of the pitch, but what really annoys is finding damage to equipment and broken glass bottles.

The pitch surround rail has recently been pushed over and a number of posts broken off by the usual idiots. About half of the pitch rail, some 150 meters in length, needs replacing urgently at significant cost to the football club. At the moment we are trying to get quotes for replacing the posts in metal that are stronger and should last longer. Early

indications are that the cost for this work is around £5000 which is money we do not have. The rail barrier is there for everyone's benefit footballers, spectators, dog walkers and hopefully to stop people using the pitch as a short cut between Highburton Kirkburton and damaging the playing surface. The rail also acts as a barrier to stop bikers from cycling across the pitch which has now started to happen with part of the rail missing. There is a hard surface road/path around the Gregory Field for everyone to walk on and

we try to keep the Hallas Road hedge/verge cut back in order that walkers have somewhere to step out of the way of vehicles.

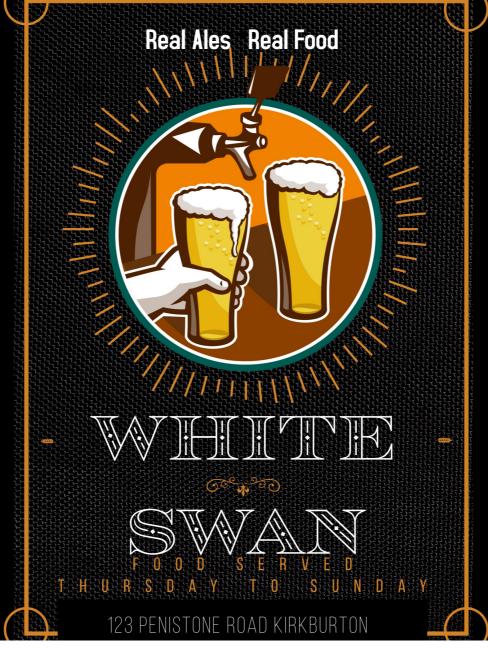
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It's been all change with the restaurants in Honley as the ones prior to Covid have mostly gone and come back as something else and this is one of them as previously these premises were Cafe Uno an Italian restaurant, The new restaurant describes itself as an exciting restaurant offering a small plates Asian menu of vibrant and delicious dishes which are served tapas style, the is centrally restaurant placed on the main Street in Honley with parking in the village.

It was such a treat to eat out after many months when we couldn't, so I came to eat at Pan Yum with one of my sons and his family. We had a booking and were quickly seated at our table by very friendly and helpful waiting staff and were soon enthusing over the menu which had plenty of selection covering, fish and seafood, meat, veggie, salads, some curry dishes, bao buns, sides and nibbles, there really was something for everyone whether you ate everything or were, vegan, vegetarian or gluten free. There was a children's menu, and a good selection of wines, beers, gins, spirits, soft drinks and cocktails too.

Pan Yum recommend around three portions per person from the menu and as we were all pretty hungry, three adults and two children we ordered some nibbles at £2 each, twelve

main dishes ranging between £5 and £9 plus three sides, at £4 each and one grandchild had the children's menu option of a main, dessert and drink for £8.

The dishes started arriving at our table, well presented in earthenware bowls and looking so tasty these delicious flavours from Asia, the portions were a good size too as we shared the selection so as to get a taste of everything. I particularly liked the seafood dishes, Thai infused crayfish fritters, Vietnamese king prawns, the chilli salt squid and Malaysian red mullet taco, but in all honesty I liked it all including the Indonesian chicken satay, katsu curry, and the bao buns which I'd never eaten before, a light fluffy steamed bun full of crispy aromatic duck leg with Hoisin sauce, spring onions, carrot and cucumber were lovely, the children too enjoyed everything and left totally clean plates.

I finished with a coffee whilst the others sampled the desserts; my son chose the banana mochi served with honeycomb ice cream and my grandson the chocolate brownie with coffee ice cream, sesame and cashew brittle. We all agreed that it had been a really enjoyable meal, thanked the staff and left the restaurant as satisfied customers.

The restaurant offers dine in only, so no home delivery or take outs.

Reservations are required. Opening hours are Wednesday to Sunday 4pm to late

Opening hours and times etc may change with the lifting of covid restrictions so it would be wise to phone or check the website before visiting.

The Burton Diner



BB Book Review

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Four septuagenarian sleuths, a female police officer with her first big case: a brutal murder. Welcome to The Thursday Murder Club.

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Club. Murder Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves.

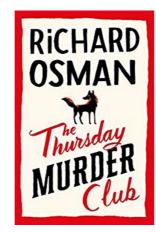
When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case. As the bodies begin to pile up, can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it's too late?

Deep in the Kent countryside lies the luxurious Coopers Chase Retirement Village. Once a week, four friends there, Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron meet in the Jigsaw Room to investigate unsolved killings. Each contributes something different but they are united in their determination to get to the bottom of a violent crime that once baffled the police and allowed someone to get away with murder.

When Tony Curran, a local builder with a dubious past, is found clubbed to death, the aged sleuths find themselves immersed in their first live case, one with "a real corpse, and somewhere out there, a real killer." Their inquiries throw up a range of suspects which include a rival Polish builder, a lapsed priest, Ron's boxer son, and Curran's onetime business partner, the shady property developer Ian Ventham.

But then Ventham falls dead, and in full view of a crowd of Coopers Chase residents. After confirming foul play, the gang find themselves tracking two killers and wondering if one of them might lurk within their community.

The author, is a quiz show presenter on British television. He is also a devotee of crime fiction. For this, his debut novel, he has drawn on his knowledge of trivia along with the tricks of



the trade of the murder-mystery genre, from the Golden Age of detective fiction to the present day. He also blends in many of his own unique touches which make the proceedings very clever and brilliantly funny.

The whole narrative is held together and driven forward by its perfectly formed characters. All four members of the crimebusting quartet pull their weight: Elizabeth, a spy in a past life, is plucky and resourceful; Ibrahim, a former psychiatrist, is fastidious and methodical; firebrand Ron has a warm heart and a hot head; and exnurse Joyce radiates friendliness and compassion.

We get to know Joyce best, thanks to her scattered diary entries. When not informing us about a successfully baked lemon drizzle cake or the pleasure of drinking gin and tonic in a can, she keeps us updated on the unfolding case and provides insight into those connected with it.

The book is a compelling whodunit with red herrings, unexpected twists, and a pair of police officers who, despite their best efforts, always manage to be one step behind their amateur counterparts. Osman also allows his main characters to experience senior moments or reflect on growing old. There is regular humour but also bouts of tragicomedy "I'd welcome a burglar: it would be nice to have a visitor" and moments of real poignancy.

Fortunately, this is no standalone mystery but rather the start of a series. Osman has devised an original concept and crafted a quite wonderful first instalment.

Recipe for August

Spiced Apple and Pear Crumble



FRUIT MIXTURE

750g apples, a mix of tart and sweet (5-6 apples) 100g light brown sugar zest of one lemon (1-2 tsp) 1-2 tsp cinnamon half tsp nutmeg quarter tsp ground cloves 750g large, firm pears (3-4) **CRUMBLE TOPPING** 200g plain white flour 50g rolled oats 50g brown sugar 115g dairy-free spread or butter

METHOD

- 1 Preheat oven to 200°C/fan 180°C/gas mark 6.
- 2 Peel and chop apples into bite-size pieces. Sauté in a large pan with brown sugar, lemon zest, cinnamon, nut-

meg, and cloves, until apples are partially softened, about 5-7 minutes.

- 3 While cooking the apples, peel and chop the pears into similar size chunks. Once apples are softened, remove from heat and stir in the pear chunks. Layer evenly in a 20cm non-stick baking dish and set aside.
- 4 In a large bowl, combine flour, rolled oats, and brown sugar. Add spread/butter and mix, either using a pastry cutter or your fingers, rubbing the fat into the dry ingredients until it reaches a crumbly texture that resembles breadcrumbs.
- 5 Sprinkle the crumble mixture evenly on top of the fruit and bake for 25-30 minutes, until the topping is golden brown and the fruit mixture is bubbling.
- 6 Serve with custard or vanilla ice cream.



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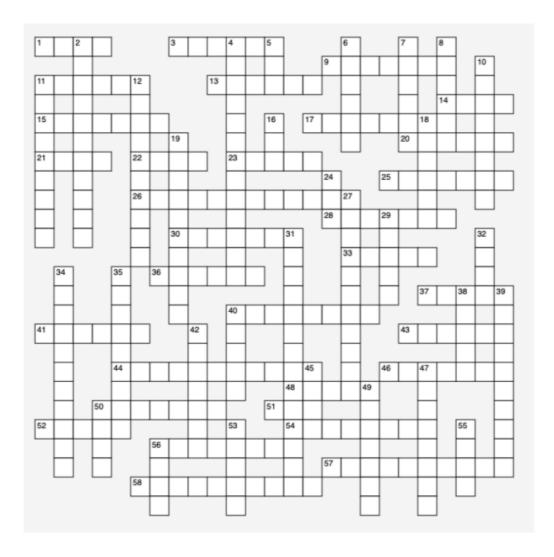
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Burton Summer Crossword



Across

- 1. Could this son of Parkin have the best joint in the village? (4)
- 3. Is the shot wife of our historic Royalist hiding in the churches terrain? (6)
- 9. Now a source of honey but once a local maker of stays (7)
- 11. Village location where spokes meet (3,3)
- 13. Did our Reverend Stephanie end up organising the run? (6)
- 14. A weaving machine that appeared ominously in our village (4)
- 15. Posh cars that might make your hair curl (7)
- 17. Not computer kit but useful stuff is sold in this village store. (8)
- 20. This mother and her boys provide a lodge for this group (6)
- 21. Sounds like this eye sore is a home for pigs (4)
- 22. There may be resistance to this law (4)
- 23. This former Inn was fit for a king (5)
- 25. Did these bygone baths have something Cinderella lost? (7)
- 26. The local petal pusher (9,3)
- 28. Pope or Peck could provide fields for playing (7)
- 30. Where Terriers play (7)
- 33. Did I once see the Beatles crossing this local road? (5)
- 36. You might get this experience on North Road (6)
- 37. A gate with an angle (5)
- 40. Shortest cocktail provides a hall for the university (8)
- 41. Thirteen of these play for us (6)
- 43. Fast car has reversed registration for this local lane (6)
- 44. Did a dusty singer once park at this old hotel? (11)
- 46. Sounds like this baker provides a fresh total (7)
- 48. Is this Liz a top designer? (5)
- 50. Vehicle left with heavy weight makes a local club (7)
- 51. Dean or Dene? either way it's not close (3)
- 52. Unknown in Earth's satellite once produced textiles (5)
- 54. Local precision business could be real nice (8)
- 56. Is our representative from a forest in Hull? (8)
- 57. Re-arranged hall permits place of worship (3,7)
- 58. Something you may do if your car breaks down (3,7)

Down

- 2. Did Percy Bysshe attend this old school after a drink or two? (7,4)
- 4. Village where lightning comes before a card game (13)
- 5. Don't get stuck in one of these (3)
- 6. An unforgettable lane (6)
- 7. Did this former coffee maker leave Moses in the bullrushes? (6)
- 8. Thankfully this Burton ladies' group are not of St Trinians (6)
- 10. Cakes for young guides (8)
- 11. Rotates hawthorn berries for a way to school (9)
- 12. What a lot of local cattle will become (6,4)
- 16. Her cup of coffee may give you a happy feeling (3)
- 18. Kind of wit that dances (6)
- 19. A local metal worker's members (6,4)
- 24. Maybe gardens are hiding these very busy volunteers (3)
- 27. A sweet substance came to a sticky end here in Lowtown (7,4)
- 29. A roof part that joined Clark and was, 'Gone with the Wind'? (5)
- 31. Our busy volunteers created this unforgettable place in the village (8,6)
- 32. Is heaven to be found on this hill? (4)
- 34. Hop by this woodland to find a watering hole (6,5)
- 35. This ugly duckling became a place to get a round in (5,4)
- 38. Did these Saxons make an 8th century settlement in our village? (5)
- 39. Once you have sorted out a tree search you can sit down here for a meal (5,5)
- 40. Did actor Kathy have this rod to keep Compo in Holmfirth? (5)
- 42. Could you get your hair cut in this rearranged lost inn? (6)
- 45. Read again for this boutique (4)
- 47. 83 Drivers often change where Napoleon met his downfall (8)
- 49. The colour of Robin Hoods friend Will (7)
- 50. Get a dividend from this policeman holding nothing (2-2)
- 53. How many times have we recently won the Paddock Shield? (5)
- 55. What does this pressing business love to do? (4)
- 56. This nobleman makes a grey sort of tea (4)

KATAS SANBONS AND STROKES KIRKBURTON KARATE CLUB



Kirkburton Karate Club has been operating since 3 February 1988 under the guidance of Karate Sensai Colin Hanson (6th Dan). It has helped to train hundreds from all age groups including a number of older people who have become Karate Black Belts in their own right. Colin is rightly proud that the club has trained more than 80 who have gained black belts or better and in 1992, in a national competition, became the club winning the most trophies. It provides training

Colin is recognised locally, as he is invited to provide training/development sessions at local schools and uniformed groups. His eyes shine when he talks about his work at Ravenshall School and the achievements of these special children.

Colin and the club have overcome several difficulties in the recent past both because of COVID lockdown and personal health matters and still maintained remarkable progress.



both at the Village Hall and a purpose-built centre on Near Bank Shelley.

Colin not only teaches the people of Burton, he is a National Coach with the British Institute of Karate Organisations (BIKO) and also instructs in Belgium.

He has won many competitions and is proud of being a finalist (at 44) in an international competition in Germany (this was his last competitive event), representing BIKO in Florida in a world event where he came 4th and is a British and national champion

During the Coronavirus lockdown sessions at the club stopped. That didn't stop them, the club developed virtual training, virtual assessments and created virtual competitions. They even had a current England referee to make some of the evaluations. Imagine trying assess Katas (movements) and Sanbons (take downs) through a screen .. if you can't go up to the Club to see what this means – it has restarted in an approved COVIDsecure environment.

Colin, a very fit person, has suffered two strokes in the past. He puts down his recovery to the first aid training (necessary to run the club) and the club itself - his focus for getting better.

In November 2019, whilst alone in the house, he had a stroke which eliminated his power of speech and movement in his right-hand side. fected. And it has enhanced his work with SEN children ... he is 'one of them' .. sometimes struggling to find the appropriate expert, comment, declaration expression.

Colin is not alone in the running of the club ... there are several senior instructors who have stepped in to the breech enabling the club to



Because of his first aid training he knew he needed help. Imagine falling/dragging/hauling/tumbling your limited self down 17 stone steps into the street so that someone might notice you and make emergency calls. He did. He was noticed. And hospital beckoned. Four weeks later he was back at the dojo (but just watching).

One result is that sometimes words don't come easily, but, funnily, those words are English ... his Japanese (needed for karate) is unafcontinue to flourish. Colin is a determined person and some of his getting better is due to that. As major feature in his recuperation is the Club, the prolonged goodwill from the members, their families and carers in their support, and him wanting to get back to coaching.

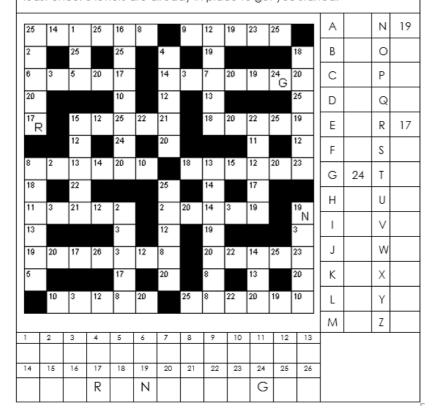
The club provides training from four years upwards at the Village Hall and the Dojo at Near Bank. Interested? Contact Colin on 07947 582746



PUZZLE PAGE

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.



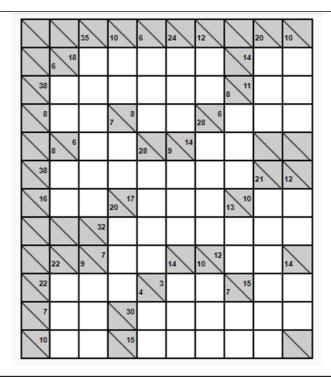
BULLETAGRAM

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The Bulletagram is an anagram of a 9 letter word. The challenge is to solve the anagram and find as many words of 4 letters or more which contain the central letter

THE TARGET .. Not Bad 17, Better 20, Pretty Good 24, Champion Quality 27

KAKUKO — sometimes called the numerical equivalent of a crossword. Fill in the squares using numbers 1-9 without repeating any of the numbers in a vertical or horizontal line.



OLYMPIC WORD SEARCH

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JUST FOR FUN

Here are some of the stories we received at the Bulletin, but decided not to publish

A Highburton resident was talking to her friend: "Over lock-down I have become badly out of shape so I decided to joined a fitness class. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotard on, the class was over."

A denizen of Kirkburton volunteered to entertain patients in old folks' homes and hospitals in Kirklees. He visited Croftlands Care Home bringing along his portable keyboard. After telling jokes and singing songs at residents' bedsides and in the community room, he said his farewells finishing with ... "I hope you all get better." One elderly resident replied, "I hope you get better too."

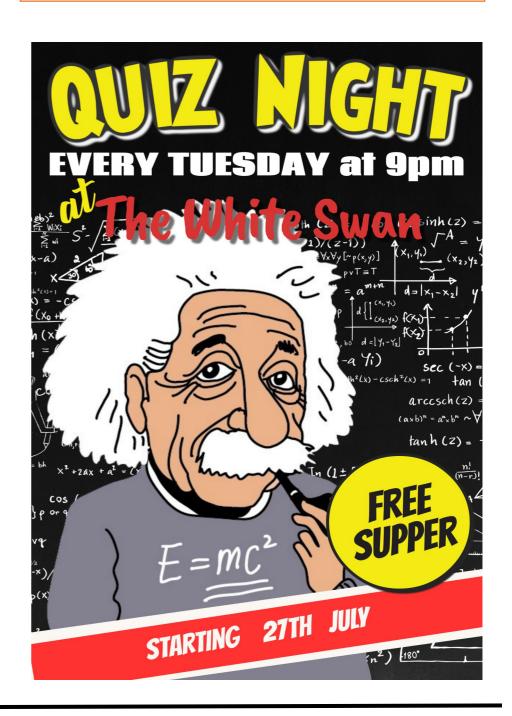
Overheard one quiet morning, a neighbour was making a breakfast of fried eggs. Suddenly, his wife burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' she said, 'careful! Put in some more butter. You're cooking too many at once. Too many. Turn them. Turn them now! We need more butter. They're going to stick. Careful. Careful. I said be careful. You never listen to me when you're cooking. Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you crazy? Don't forget the salt. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. Use the salt. The salt! The husband stared at her. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?' His spouse calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

A local resident was invited to his old friend's home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms - Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years, and, clearly, they were still very much in love. While the husband was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call him those loving pet names." The lady hung her head. "I have to tell you the truth. I forgot his name about 10 years ago."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement. The first patient is examined by her regular doctor within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week. The second sees his regular doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for 6 months from then. Why the different treatment for the two patients? The first is a Golden Retriever, while the second is a Senior Citizen.

A reporter from the Bulletin was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just got married for the fourth time ... we thought it would make an interesting story. Our interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting," our reporter thought. Then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director. Our reporter looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."



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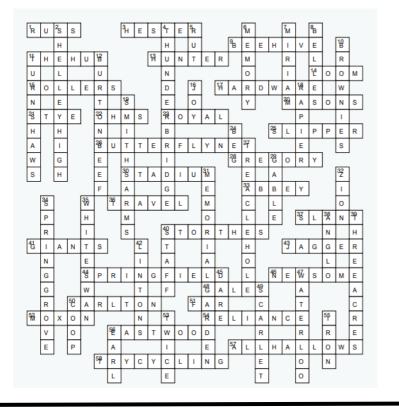
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Burton Summer Crossword



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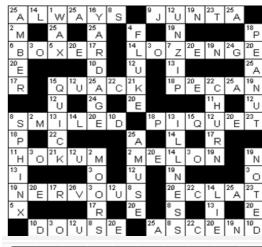
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