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Burton City Limits



Have your say on new village signs

Burton Environment Group (BEG) are seeking villagers' views on new road signs for the entrances to our villages. The Group has been recently discussing whether there would be public support for a project to place name signs in both villages and if so what sort of sign and where could they be placed? Chris Hughes of Mindlabs has put together design ideas for signs that could be located at one or more places in each village. To find out whether the project has the backing of village residents this article is intended to show the types of signs being considered and possible locations.

There are several possible designs.

The example above with the curved upper section reference the Kirkburton railway line that ended where houses on Northfield Park are now situated. Bertone is the old name for both Highburton and Kirkburton in medieval times and is listed in the Domesday Book.

The signs can be used in a variety of ways, either as

stand-alone mounted on stone (shown on the right).

The lettering could read "Kirkburton" or "Highburton".

An alternative to the use of a mounted sign is to use a simple piece of stone with the village name cut into it as in many of our neighbouring villages, the name could either be picked out in black or gold (see bottom right).

We have only outline quotes at the moment but it is likely that a simple stone sign would be £3000-4000 each, a stone with a sign approximately £5000 and the signs on their own approximately £1000 each

Possible locations are:

- 1: on North Road at the entrance to the village on the ground near the start of the entrance to Northfield Park
- 2: at the junction of Riley Lane and Penistone Rd
- 3: on lamp posts at the bottom of Far Dene and near the Moor Lane/Paddock Rd junction
- 4: a stone or sign marking the centre of Highburton situated on the ground near the notice board opposite the village hall.









Have your say on the signs by completing and returning the questionnaire on page three.

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The View from the Bulletin

After what has been a long and difficult winter for many people, it is great that Spring is here at last.

By the time you read this edition of The Bulletin we should be well on the way to returning to normal, with the removal of many of the coronavirus restrictions.

Indoor mixing and hospitality will be permitted from 17 May and almost all remaining restrictions will be lifted from 21 June.

Readers may notice a rather green tinge to this issue of The Bulletin. Several of our news articles and features are about the environment.

This is not because of any decision by the editorial team to give more space to green issues, it simply reflects the material we have received.

Some of this material was prompted by an article in the last edition of the Bulletin about biodiversity.

But perhaps also the end of lockdown and the arrival of the Spring has turned everyone's thoughts to nature and making the most of our open spaces and thinking about what we can do to protect the environment.

It is not our intention to make political points about the environment,



Just in case anyone thinks the coverage of the environmental issues—or any other of the articles in this edition might be considered political—we have ensured that this edition of the Bulletin will be distributed after the local elections on 6 May.

Another theme of this issue is participation. Several articles ask for feedback:

Street signs on page 1 (see the questionnaire below) The Village Hall on page 6 Biodiversity on page 8 Blocked gullies on page 9 Electric cars on page 24

We hope you will respond to these consultations and other invitations to comment

You can email us at

burtonbulletin@khca.org.uk

or leave your completed questionnaire in the special boxes at Russell Parkinson the butcher's, Highburton Village Shop, the library or the village hall. You can also leave written responses on the other points in these boxes.

We always welcome your letters for publication.

We had a very good response to the appeal in our last edition for people to join our distribution team to fill some gaps caused by retirements.

We are still looking for people to help with the writing and editing of the paper, especially younger people.

If you think you might like to get involved please contact either Gerard Hetherington on 600488 or Pat Shaw on 605318.

The Bulletin Editorial Team

Village Signs Questionnaire

- 1. Do you support the idea of village signs, Yes or No?
- 2. What design of sign would you like to see and where should they be used?

	Yes/No	Position in either village
Stone with a plaque		
Plaque on lamp post		
Free-standing plaque		
Engraved Stone with village name		

3.	Further Comments	

Your response to these questions is valued and will be used to decide whether the project goes ahead and if so in what form. Please return this form to one of our BEG Suggestion boxes located in Kirkburton or Highburton,



KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
(PPG) NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2021

The newsletter can be viewed on our website <u>www.kirkburtonhealthcentre.nhs.uk</u>, or by email on request.

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME SUCCESS

We are delighted with how The Mast Primary Care Network (PCN), is working together to deliver the COVID-19 Vaccination programme for patients of Kirkburton, Dearne Valley, Lepton and Kirkheaton, Shepley and Skelmanthorpe practices. A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers and car park team, who continue to work tirelessly to ensure a safe, efficient experience for our patients.

We are working through groups in priority order, as set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). We are currently focusing on Cohort six, those aged 16 to 64 with an underlying health condition, and our second dose vaccination patients.

- Please do not ring the practice to try and book a vaccine. We will contact you when your vaccination is due.
- When we do contact you, act immediately and make sure you attend your appointment.
- Please: wear a face covering unless exempt; use the intercom on arrival; sanitise your hands; and have your temperature checked.
- It is important that when you have received both doses of the vaccine, you continue to follow Government guidance on social distancing.

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SOCIAL PRESCRIBING LINK WORKER ANN SWEENEY

Health and wellbeing can be affected by many things, such as feeling isolated, lonely, stressed, or living with a health condition. Our Social Prescribing Link Worker, Ann, works across the Mast Primary Care Network practices. Her role is to offer one-to-one support, listen to what matters, and put patients in touch with people and activities that will help to make them feel better. Ann said: "Although many activities and groups are currently on hold, social prescribing is making an important contribution through staying in touch with people who are feeling lonely or isolated."

Referrals can be made to Ann through our doctors or nurses, or by contacting the Practice. To find out more, please visit our Social Prescribing web page <u>Social Prescribing | Kirklees Council</u>.

Work on Middle School fence halted

Many people in our community have welcomed the decision by Kirkburton Middle School (KMS) to pause the fencing project at the North field perimeter. The decision was reached following an informal consultation, led by KMS, in March.

The school had proposed the fence to improve security and safety for pupils at the site in Turnshaws Avenue.

Residents and members of our community were made aware of the project when a Planning Application for a 2.4m perimeter fence was submitted to Kirklees Council on 29 September.

This was withdrawn on 27 October and new plans for a 2.0m fence were proposed as a permitted development. Plans to secure the South field received substantial support. Work is progressing, with some revisions agreed by the school, after taking into

account residents' concerns. Revisions include a permitted walkway from Turnshaws Quarry to Hallas Road.

Plans for the North field met with some opposition, and legitimate concerns were raised. Meetings and discussions with residents, Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association (KHCA) and KMS senior leadership team have been ongoing since January.

Roger Beaumont, Chairman of Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association said:

"Our community has welcomed the leadership team's decision to pause the project on the North field perimeter. This will allow positive involvement with stakeholders and KMS leadership team at a future date and will ensure that any boundary is safe and in keeping with the environment."

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New Woodland Reserve



People using the footpath route between Hallas and Turnshaws by the Middle School playing fields will have noticed young saplings starting to grow in the field down towards Kirkburton village centre. These are the early results of a scheme planned with help from the Woodland Trust to create "Little Hallows Wood" (from the original name of the field).

It isn't large, less than a hectare, but has been planted with many hundreds of "whips" all native to the UK, including oak, ash, hornbeam, birch, rowan, willow and hawthorn. The Trust met part of the cost as part of a national scheme to support small-scale reforesting.

So far, the results have been good, with some of the faster-growing species like birch and willow already a couple of metres high. The grass in between is still very tussocky, a great environment for voles, field-mice and other small mammals, and as the trees grow there will also be an increasing bird population.

If schemes like this can be repeated right across the country, as the Woodland Trust argues, the effects really could be great, not least in increasing biodiversity while combatting climate change. Meanwhile, the saplings are still at a very vulnerable state so please help discourage people from going into the field and give it a chance to develop into a new woodland for future generations.



POLICE REPRESENTATIVE People are still urging us to stick to current Covid guidelines as we slowly emerge from lockdown. Much current police work is acting on calls about people breaking the rules.

Facebook has reported local dog theft, but nothing had been reported to the police. Please be vigilant if strangers are showing a great deal of interest in other peoples' dogs. A suspicious white van in the area has been dealt with (nothing to do with dog thefts).

The representative urged people to get in touch with the Police via 101 rather than social media platforms, particularly in relation to anti-social behaviour issues.

FINANCES

£350,000.

KHCA continues to be in a healthy financial position

SECTION 106 MONEY This is money paid by developers (Redrow) to Kirklees to help the local amenities – schools, facilities and travel, to offset disruption during construction work. It totals approximately

The Chairperson reported that despite spending many hours on this issue he is not making headway and whilst the money is being held in Kirklees Council's bank account it is not being released to the projects agreed in a contract entered into by Kirklees, Redrow and the landowners. He has had no constructive responses from local councillors or our MP. Much frustration was felt on this issue, if it is not released by Kirklees to the schools, etc, it will be returned to the developers after five years. Further meetings were planned.



ROAD GULLIES

A letter on this matter appears on page 19.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FENCE

This issue was discussed at length. Since the meeting work on the KMS perimeter fence to the North fields has been suspended and all stakeholders, residents and neighbours, have been contacted. There will be further dialogue to find a solution more in keeping with the rural setting of the school. It is hoped that an outcome can be achieved which addresses safeguarding issues, but without requiring the use of steel fencing.

Work to complete the South fields fencing will continue but with some modifications to take residents' views into account and maintain a permissive walkway around the fence perimeter from Turnshaws Quarry to Hallas Road. An article on this subject appears on page 5 of the paper.

OTHER ISSUES

Four new volunteers have come forward for the Burton Environment Group (BEG) BioDiversity group

A grant has been approved for the WWII board in the Memorial Garden.

Village entrance signage were discussed, (see article on the front page).

The Hub will be opening in a limited way from 12 April; the dementia support group continues to meet at the Denby Dale Centre; the centre will also be issuing a directory of local services and events in the summer.

The petanque (boules) club will be restarting soon.

Pat Shaw

Making Better Use of Burton Village Hall



Our villages have a firstclass facility in Burton Village Hall, but are we making enough use of it?

The former Highburton Village School was extensively renovated in 1999 with funds raised by local people and a grant from the National Lottery Fund. The hall is maintained and run by the Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association (KHCA) who rent out the various rooms to a wide range of local groups.

Before lockdown the activities in the hall included Brain Boost, Brownies, Burton Crafters, Fitness, Karate, Mothers and Toddlers, Salsa, Time Out, Ukulele, Women's Institute, Yoga and various political party and parish council meetings.

We hope these groups will soon be able to resume their activities, but surely the hall could be used for so much more.

We are aware that some people living in the villages may not have been into the Village Hall for some time, especially as it was not possible to hold the annual Christmas Fair in November because of Covid restrictions. We realise that some newer residents of the villages may never have even set foot in the building.

As we consider life after lockdown (this edition of the Bulletin comes out when we are still in partial lockdown - shops and pub gardens are open but

restaurants and cinemas are not) everyone is thinking about what they want to do when the remaining restrictions are lifted.

After more than twelve months without normal activities, many people are looking to get more involved with activities in their community.

The Village Hall is an obvious place to start. It is your Village Hall, so what would you like to see happening there?

The editorial team at The Bulletin together with the management of the Community Association would like to ask readers for ideas of what they might like to see at the Village Hall. A couple of ideas might be a monthly film club or some kind of food and drink festival.

If you have any ideas, then please let us know by contacting The Bulletin at burtonbulletin@khca.org.uk

AND SECONDLY.....

There are two vacancies on the management group for the community association and its website. These are Hall booking manager and someone to update the KHCA website gallery.

If you could volunteer for either of these jobs, training will be given and your input would be very much appreciated. Without volunteers a very valuable village asset could be lost. Again, contact is via email to burtonbulletin@khca.org.uk

Greening our villages

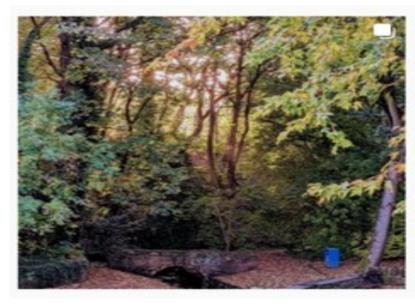
The February edition of the Bulletin included an article from Burton Environment Group asking if people in the villages were interested in action on biodiversity.

The responses we received included the following suggestion from Melody McLoughlin...

"Hi, I live on North Road and visit the community fields very regularly with my two year old.

"In response to the article in the Burton Bulletin about improving biodiversity in the villages. I love the idea of more hedging for birds and wildflowers for bees, I think that would be a fantastic way to increase homes for nature in the villages. I've seen blackcaps down in the community field trees and I'm sure we could encourage more birds with more habitat.

"I wonder if there are ways we could encourage people to make changes in their gardens to help too. Our gardens are such a big amount of green space when added together. Could we do articles in the Bulletin



about how specifically to do this in our own gard e n s .

"Suggestions might include

- hedgehog highways
- planting flowers
- nest and bat boxes
- making a wildlife pond
- education on the use of weed killers

"Last summer we installed a pond in our garden and we've already seen frogs in it in such a short space of time. We've planted loads of flowers and

they just hummed with bees and insects all summer. We also made a bug hotel and log piles for the insects. Simple things like not digging up the dandelions or spraying weed killer to feed the bees are things people might not know. I've only learnt all this from reading articles in magazine in estable of the second of the s

I would love to hear if this is a possibility.

I've also created an Instagram account called 'wild about kirkburton' where I've been posting images of things like flowers and birds around the village. (Ed: 27 posts 113 followers). Perhaps there could be a group started where we look at encouraging people and sharing ideas alongside articles on how people can do easy things at home to help wildlife in The Bulletin?

Melody McLoughlin

Editor's comment:

Would anybody like to join Melody in such a group?

What would be needed to encourage some of her biodiversity suggestions?

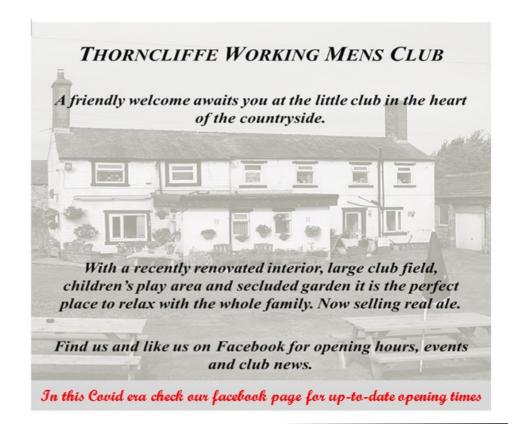
Should there be financial support to provide incentives to for building a bat box, a birdbox, a bug hotel, re-wilding part of your garden ... or other actions?

Melody's letter has certainly prompted discussion within Burton Environment Group, the Bulletin team and others.

Over the next few pages we print suggestions and reports about various initiatives for making our villages more environmentally friendly.



A bug hotel



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



This will be a new regular page in the Bulletin with articles, tips, readers' letters, and queries. We are all striving to make our community and the world a better place to live 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 can all do our little bit to improve things for ourselves and our community so here is a start, a few simple things we can all make an effort to do and a Spring project.

Spring Tips....

- Walk if you can, use the car less.
- Don't leave lights and appliances on unnecessarily.
- Install a water butt for garden use to help conserve water.
- Buy loose veg and fruit to avoid plastic.
- Shop local.
- Plant flowers to attract bees and insects

The Spring project was Food Waste 1 and Why Compost.

Composting

Composting is an inexpensive and a natural process that turns your kitchen and garden waste into a nutrient rich food for your garden and it's easy to make. Research shows that almost half of food waste in an average rubbish bin could

have been composted and it saves money, saves resources, improves your soil, and helps reduce your impact on the environment.

Now is the time of year to make a start if you don't already compost your garden and household waste .You can build your own bin from pallets or a simple frame with wire netting, look on gardenersworld.com, enter 'how to build a compost bin' in the search box and all information is there, or you can choose from a whole range of specially designed bins available at DIY and garden centres or via Kirklees at getcomposting.com

Choose the right site, sunny and on bare soil if possible, if on a hard surface put a layer of paper and twigs or other compost at the bottom to help worms and other creatures to colonize, once the bin is in place there a few simple rules to follow:

Start in the Spring

Get the mix right, place more woody material at the bottom to help air cir-culation then add layers of different materials, combine a mixture of soft greens which are quick to rot and provide nitrogen and moisture - keep a container in the kitchen for vegetable and fruit peelings, teabags and eggshells and dry brown material which is slower to rot and provides fibre and carbon but also allows air pockets to form which helps keep the heap healthy. It's really important not to put cooked food or any of the items on the 'not to compost list' (below) in your bin as this can cause dense wet compost, can attract rats and flies and make it smell unpleasant

Mix in roughly equal quantities, try not to let one material dominate the heap. Shred or tear up larger items so they will decompose more easily. Keep adding to the pile at regular intervals and try

to make sure there is a good mix of green soft things and drier brown ones, the heap will heat up as decomposition gets under way, if the waste seems very dry sprinkle in some water but don't soak it, if you can it's good to turn the heap every few weeks but this is not always possible with the plastic bins. In warm weather and with frequent turning compost can be ready in 4-6 months, but normally it's best to leave it for a year, sit back and let nature take its course.

Once your compost has turned into a crumbly dark material and gives off an earthy aroma you know it's ready to use, don't worry if it looks a little lumpy with twigs and bits of eggshell this is perfectly normal. Use to enrich borders and vegetable patches or plant up patio containers.

We welcome your letters tips and queries, please contact us at:

janmoscovitch@icloud.com or if you prefer to write, boxes are available for your letters at Russ Parkinson the butchers in Kirkburton, Highburton Village stores, the library and the Village Hall.



What to compost

Green things

Fruit and vegetable scraps
Old cut flowers
Tea bags and coffee grounds
Soft prunings
Grass cuttings
Rhubarb leaves

Plant and annual weeds before they have set seed

Brown things

Cardboard and paper, torn up Newspaper Egg boxes and toilet roll tubes Twigs and hedge clippings Wood ashes and sawdust

What NOT to compost

Cooked food Cat and dog litter Diseased plants Perennial plants
Meat and fish Dairy Disposable nappies

Blocked Gullies



During lockdown walking, have you noticed the high number of blocked gullies at the side of local roads? I certainly have and been amazed at the apparent lack of maintenance from Kirklees Council. Knowing only too well that these play a large part in stopping flooding (Miry Lane, Holmfirth being a recent example - 21 January 2021), it has caused me much concern. I have investigated the matter and now know the policy of the Council - they regularly (twice a year) clear gullies on all major bus routes. All other gullies are done on a reactive basis/report from the general public. In other words, they are neglected.

So, it's clear that it is up to us to report any blocked gullies to the Council and they will kindly come out and clear them. Wouldn't it be great to get all the local blocked ones cleared ready for next winter? So please make a note of the exact location of a problem - street names and house numbers are recognised - and get your reports in and let's see a difference. Sadly, Ordnance Survey grid references are of no use to the council.

To report a blocked gully online use the following link: https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/ beta/report-aproblem.aspx#roads-andhighways

The online form does not have a specific drop down for this issue. Select Other Request and then fill in the requested details.

Alternatively, you can phone 01484 221000 to speak to a robot - oh, sorry - a person (eventually). Good luck with that. I would love some follow up on your experiences.

Carole Engel, Brookfield, Penistone Road Kirkburton,

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What is Climate Change?

A guide to terminology

We all need ENERGY in the home for heating, lighting, and cooking, for transport for going to school or to work and in manufacturing and business.

Most of this energy comes from coal, oil, and gas, these are the fossil fuels.

When these fuels are used, they produce a gas and sooty particles as well as the energy. The gas is CARBON DIOXIDE which goes up into the atmosphere where it acts like a blanket stopping the sun's extra heat from radiating back into space.

This extra heat causes the Earth to get hotter which is called GLOBAL WARMING. Not all parts of Earth heat up by the same amount, the land tends to heat up more quickly than the oceans. Hotter areas produce rising air currents, which upset the normal currents in the upper atmosphere and disturbs our weather this is called CLIMATE CHANGE.

Meteorologists and research scientists forecast hotter, wetter, and windier weather, these are the EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS which are happening all over the world now, breaking previous records all the time. They also predict that we will reach a TIP-PING POINT where it will be impossible to reverse these effects.

People, plants, and animals are adapted to the places in which they live. As climate change takes effect crops fail, the icecaps melt, and storms become more frequent. When crops fail the less able are left at home and the young leave and become migrants. The melt-

ing of the ice causes sea levels to rise and people must leave low lying areas near the sea.

The storms cause damage to property so there are FINANCIAL OUTCOMES, the repair bills put up costs and insurance premiums go up. Economists have calculated that it is cheaper to stop burning fossil fuel now than to leave it for the future.

Governments the world over accept that climate change is happening and that it is happening today, that is why we are asked to reduce our energy use and turn to more renewable forms of energy which are not so polluting.

Governments, countries, and people find it difficult to change but thank goodness the young have got the message and hopefully will drag the rest of us to where we ought to be before its too late.



All about Bees

Bees are a common sight in our gardens, unmistakable with their yellow and black striped bodies. But not everyone might realize how important these small insects are to humans. Unfortunately, bees are in severe decline and if they become extinct our planet will be in trouble. Honeybees are essential for a third of our food. A major benefit to our health and economy arises from honeybee's pollinating our crops. Honeybees can pollinate over 600 different species of plant, including 70 crops. In the UK, honeybees are estimated to be worth £450 million to the agricultural economy.

There are a few reasons bees are disappearing including: loss of habitat, use of pesticides, climate change & invasive species. We won't delve into these subjects here, in-stead let's focus on what we can do to help the bees! We can do things in our own gardens to help the bees, and they aren't expensive and don't re-quire any skills. If we looked at all the gardens in Highburton and Kirkburton together, there is a lot of potential land that we could use to make a difference to our pollinating insects

Grow flowers: We can fill our gardens with bee friendly flowers. Not only will the bees love them, but it will draw other pollinating insects in too (and it looks pretty) Here's some flowers you could sow directly into your soil over the next few weeks:

- *Poppies *Cornflowers
- *Sunflowers
- *Wildflower Seed Mixes
- *Ox Eye Daisies
- *Foxgloves (sow this year flower next)
- *Cosmos
- *Nasturtiums

Seeds are easy to pick up from supermarkets or garden centres and normally only cost a couple of pounds. All the above seeds can be sown directly into soil or plant pots with no need for special treatment in greenhouses etc. So even if you only have a windowsill, you could still grow a small window box of flowers and the bees will love it.

Friends of the Earth do Bee saver kits for a small donation, these include a helpful information pack and seeds to sow. You could send off for your



h t t p s : / / friendsoftheearth.uk/ bees/donate-save-britains -bees-get-your-bee-saverkit-today

- 2. Avoid using pesticides and weedkillers - Weed killers and pesticides are very harmful to bees. Re-search alternative natural ways to control the pests in your garden.
- 3. Create Bee Houses These can be purchased from shops, and bees use them to lay eggs in and hibernate in. It's also easy to make your own using bamboo canes cut down and placed in a frame or an old plant pot, or drilling holes into logs.
- 4. Help a Bee in need If you see a Bee on the ground and it's not moving much it might benefit from a little helping hand. Just mix two tablespoons of granulated sugar with one tablespoon of water and place it near the bee for it to have a drink.
- 5. Get involved in Burton Environment Group - Burton Environment Group (BEG) have been planting flowers and wildflowers around the villages. There are further plans to plant more wild-flowers in the village soon. One way you can help is do-nate a couple of hours of your time and come along and help BEG with these projects.









A moment of mindfulness from Burton Environment Group (BEG)

Both children and adults can enjoy adding colour to this image - use your pencils, pens or paints – you could even use collage or make a bee sculpture out of recycled materials. It would be lovely to see your results on our Facebook page.



Bee illustrations by Sheila Goodwill



<u>Totties—plant of the moment</u>

Camellia rosthorniana 'cupido'

This beautiful hardy camellia suitable for growing in your garden or in a pot. This evergreen blooms through March to May producing splendid white flowers and then beautiful red young leaves. Height 150cm width 70cm. Does not require pruning. Likes shade or semi shade.

See the Spring gardening tips from Totties Nursery on page 14





AII Hallows Church

Churchyards are loved places and they are full of magic. They are full of history, of stories, of tears and of laughter. Despite their association with death, they resonate with life and memory. There are echoes of lives lived and lost but not forgotten.

All Hallows Church, Kirkburton wants to share the precious history of a place well-loved but in need of ongoing tender loving care with our community and beyond. The graveyards are a place of peace and sanctuary but they are also full of life and future promise. Visitors are always welcome but so are helpers.

This year the Church hopes to launch an 'Adopt a Grave' project. The aim is to enlist volunteers, young or old, to help maintain and revitalise the graves and the churchyard. The Church has already been given the Green Flag Award which reflects the hard work and commitment of the Graveyard team but we can do so much more.

As we prepare to launch the scheme we are looking to recruit a ligison officer to work with the Church, the Graveyard team and the Adopt a Grave project. This needs someone with commitment, vision and enthusiasm to bring our ideas to life. There are so many facets to a graveyard: it's flora and fauna, ecosystems, local history and family stories, genealogy which spreads its tendrils worldwide, archaeology, land husbandry, planting and design and many more.

People with the talents we need live on our doorstep.

Please take the first step and volunteer to become involved with the future of All Hallows and its Churchyards. If this strange year of lockdown has done anything it has made us aware of what is just outside our door. It has made us look again at all those special places close by, revisit old haunts and discover new ones. We need a sense of belonging and sharing. All Hallows' has a history that goes back a thousand years - let's give it a future together.

As you read this ask yourself 'could I be interested?' 'have I something to contribute?'. My answer on your behalf is 'yes you are' and 'yes I can', and do it.

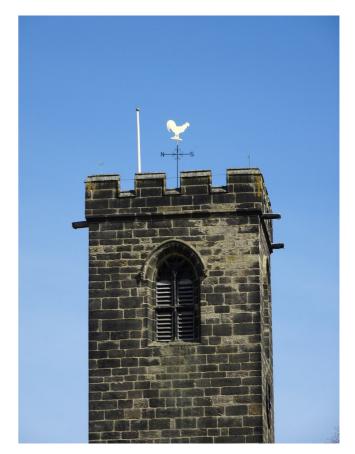
Please don't put this to one side and forget that flash of interest. You can contact me at <u>georgina.dickinson@hotmail.com</u> or any of the church officers posted on the notice board outside church if you are interested in the liaison post or just volunteering.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Georgina Dickinson

For more information on this project, go to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Living Churchyard Project

'Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless' *Sherry Anderson*



The golden cockerel back in position on top of All Hallows Church (photo Ian Gunson)

Adopt a Grave

This is what can be achieved if some of the old graves are filled with Wild flowers or spring bulbs

















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Plants, animals and humans all depend on each other but people have the responsibility to make sure the world can support everything that lives on it.

The web of life connects us all and balances support for plants and animals with the provision of food for humans, but that balance can be upset if changes happen too quickly for creatures to adjust. If people use the earth's resources such as metals, crops and animals greedily, and dump waste such as plastics without care, biodiversity will be lost and our world will become a sadder place.

Test yourself with our biodiversity quiz.

- 1. What is biodiversity?
- a) The animals that live in the rainforest.
- b) The creatures that live in your garden or yard.
- c) The rich variety of life that lives in every ecosystem on earth.
- 2. What is interdependence between species?
- a) When 2 or more species need each other.
- b) When 2 species don't want to live near each other.
- c) When young animals grow up and become independent.
- 3. Why do we need diversity?
- a) It gives us food to eat,

water to drink, air to breathe and much more.

- b) It makes our world unique and a good place to live.
- c) All of the above.
- 4. Where can you find diversity?
- a) In the woods and fields around the village.
- b) In our play areas and gardens.
- c) Everywhere.
- 5. What is an invasive species?
- a) A species the protects its home from intruders.
- b) A species which lands in a new place develops and upsets the natural balance.
- c) A species that migrates to another place.
- 6. Which groups have the most variety of species?
- a) Plants (including trees)
- b) Arthropods (insects, spiders and shellfish)
- c) Mammals (humans/ animals who give birth to live young)
- 7. Why is biodiversity under threat?
- a) Destruction of habitats
- b) Introduction of non-native plants and animals
- c) Both of the above and more.
- 8. What can you do to help save biodiversity?
- a) Reduce, re-use recycle.
- b) Protect habitats, plant trees, clear up litter.
- c) All of the above and more.

Bees are a threatened species which we can all help. We need them as they pollinate many of the plants we need for food. What you could you do to help:

Leave a wild area in your garden for nectar rich plants. Avoid using pesticides.

Find out about bees and other beneficial insects and how to encourage them.

Answers to the biodiversity quiz.

1.c 2.a 3.c 4.c 5.b 6.b 7.c 8.c

Spring Gardening Tips

from Lisa Halifax at Totties



We have seen a sunny and very dry April so make sure you are watering regularly. Plants usually give you fair warning that they are stressed before they die by turning older leaves yellow and dropping, or soft new growth wilts and shrivels. If you can, water in the morning and evening. Also ensure you feed your plants with the correct plant food. Plants in pots and containers need regular feeding, as they rely on what you give them. Plants in beds and borders can take the nutrients from the garden soil and may not need feeding. Ornamental trees and shrubs in garden soil may not need regular feeding with fertiliser. Fruit, vegetables and bedding plants will also benefit from regular fertiliser.

We have also seen many evening frosts I hope you have protected your bedding plants and seedlings. Plants grown from seed can be hardened off at the end of May by leaving them outside, gradually increasing the periods of time. Begin with the warmest part of the day and build up to overnight.

Also protect new fruit tree blossoms with fleece to ensure that they bear fruit come the summer and autumn. Now is also a good time to mulch your fruit trees with compost to provide them with the nutrients and minerals they need for a productive season. Remove weeds and give the tree a good water.

Last issue we talked of getting started with seeds; both vegetables and flowering plants hopefully you are seeing some results, also chitting potatoes and growing some of your own fruits and vegetables. We are seeing continued growth in new gardeners

enjoying and making the most of their outdoor space at home. Remember you can sow in the garden, containers or window boxes so any amount of space you can have a go. It's not too late to plant more vegetables including chillies, peppers, tomatoes.

It's National Children's Gardening Week from 29 May to 6 June so let's get the kids and grandkids involved in the garden. Kids also love arts and crafts; why not try making a bird feeder or decorating a plant pot? Visit h t t p s : //www.childrensgardeningweek.co.uk/fun-things-to-do/

Now is the time to get your lawn looking its best - apply a high nitrogen summer lawn fertiliser to encourage a healthy-looking lawn. Repair patches using seed or fresh turf. Tackle the moss and get to the bottom of what is causing it. Moss is often a result of poor growing conditions caused by climatic factors, the environment or poor lawn care. By improving the health of the lawn, moss can be kept at bay. Get mowing but don't cut it too short, aim to cut no more than the top third of the leaf, alter the direction of cut if possible and remove the clippings.

In June make sure you keep on top of weeds with regular hoeing. Prune summer flowering shrubs and stake tall and floppy plants. Also clip Buxus hedging and topiary.

Through the summer make sure you are deadheading as this results in bushier growth and second flowering. Taking off withered flowers from it diverts energy from seeding into producing more flower bulbs. You can also lift and divide overcrowded bulbs, bluebells and snowdrops but wait until the leaves have turned yellow.

KIRKBURTON

Part of a procession during the 1953 Coronation celebrations outside the Rose and Crown Inn at the junction of Slant Gate and North Road, Kirkburton. Photograph courtesy of KHG member, Jenny Sykes.

Our weekly Zoom meetings have continued each Friday over the lockdown period, with up to twelve members joining the discussions. One of our most talented researchers has spent a great deal of time investigating historical files in the local newspapers to find articles relevant to Kirkburton and the surrounding area.

These have given a fascinating insight into the life of our community around the second half of the nineteenth century. The number of pubs and ale houses in the village at that time was incredible.

Our ancestors certainly seemed to find plenty to do without the distraction of the television.

As well as the usual group of members, we now have an ex-Kirkburton resident who left the village to live in Malta; he heard about the meetings from our Facebook page and now joins in the Zoom sessions most Fridays. It is great to see him, but a little bit disappointing as his weather always seems to be better than ours.

We have spent some time during the lockdown revisiting our website www.kirkburtonhistorygroup.co.uk, which was originally set up as part of the National Heritage Lottery Grant we received in 2014, and the group feels that the time is now right for the site to be updated.

We have a lot of new ideas and the plan is to sit down with the brilliant team at Mindlabs on North Road, once Covid restrictions are eased, to give it a complete makeover.

As part of this update, can we please repeat the plea from the last Burton Bulletin for any suitable family pictures or memorabilia relevant to Kirkburton or Highburton that we could share through the medium of the website.

Please remember that anyone with an interest in local history can join in our meetings and either take an active role in the projects, or simply act just as an observer.

Whichever is appropriate, you will be made very welcome.

At the moment, our weekly meetings are held via Zoom, but we hope to be back at Kirkburton Library every Friday morning once Kirklees Council allows the group meetings to restart.



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Our fantastic outdoor play area has seen better days and needs resurfacing, which is a costly job! With a grant from the Parish Council, the Co-op Local Community Fund and the children and parent's fantastic fundraising efforts, we have raised enough money to go ahead with the work. Work will commence this Spring

Thank You to our Amazing Staff

In line with Government guidelines, the Playgroup has stayed open throughout most of the pandemic. Our staff have worked so hard to provide much needed childcare in some very challenging times, and we really appreciate all their hard work, they are what makes our Playgroup outstanding and we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to them, from the Management, the Committee and the parents.



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Opening Hours - Holiday Club: - 8am - 6pm

It is with regret that due to Covid we lost the venue for our second club. Unable to secure a suitable alternative, sadly we had to say goodbye to all the Kirkburton First and Middle school children and families. Thank you for all your support in the past. We hope you've all been well over the last year.

At present we also have reduced usage of the Village Hall, with children unable to access the large hall until 4pm. They have adapted brilliantly, either playing outside or taking their snack in the small room, but we are all very much looking forward to returning to normal on 21 June, when we can use the large hall all evening and have access to all our equipment.

Kelly and two other committee members have stepped down as their children no longer attend the club. A big thank you for all their efforts over the last few years and welcome to Claire Linley and three new members who will continue to help steer the club through these difficult times.

Finally, Angela is due to retire after working at the club for 14 years. Please join us in wishing her all the best for the future. Her replacement is Victoria Green. She has been a playworker at the club for a few years now so is already known to the children, parents and staff. We wish her well in her new post.

Thank you to all the parents and children that have used or helped to run this facility over the past 14 years. Over the years BOSC has provided many families with an important service, which wouldn't be possible without your support. Thank you. We look forward to returning to normal with you all soon.

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Gwen Lodge

1935-2021



Gwen with her son James celebrating her 80th birthday

It is with sadness that the Bulletin team report the sudden yet peaceful death of Gwen Lodge, on 1 February this year. She proudly used to declare her age, she would have been 86 on the first of July. The Kirkwood report (see page 18) refers to her massive contribution she made there, but there were other aspects of Kirkburton life where she had a great impact.

She originally lived down Far Bank with her husband Clive, then moved to the Hallas many years ago, where she had two sons, James and Edward, and where she was very sadly widowed. James lives in Gothenburg, Sweden and works in transport, and Eddie lives in Kendal and runs a fish and chip shop. She was a devoted grandma to three grand-daughters.

Whatever Gwen did, she did well, with gusto and enthusiasm, whether it was at the Hospice, the Library, or the Church, often reading the lesson. It is doubted that there will be many other 80-odd year olds modelling for the Hospice, the local shop Almond, and the church, at fashion shows, when she would proudly strut her stuff, looking quite the professional.

She was a brilliant baker and any coffee morning would have traybakes and cakes contributed by Gwen. One of her recipes, Weetabix cake featured in an early edition of the bulletin. Arthritis stopped crafting activities a while ago, but she still loved doing crosswords and reading local papers. She loved walking, attending the local gym and did Pilates.

The whole village will miss one very smart lady who certainly made a difference.





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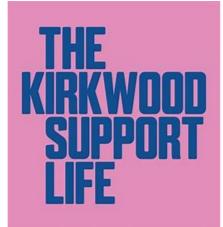
The website has examples of all the paintings and prints available

Kirkwood

We were so very excited that shops selling non-essential goods, like ours, were allowed to re-open on Monday 12 April. At 9 am the metal shutters slowly went up and we were able to welcome back our loyal customers and volunteers. It seemed that normality was at last returning to North Road, Kirkburton. This lockdown was so much harder than the last one and it was great to see and talk to people we had not seen for a couple of months.

From the amount of donations we have been receiving, we know everyone has had a good clear out, and we are trying to accept donations on a daily basis. Sometimes we can only accept a couple of bags. If you're planning on dropping off your donations, please give the Kirkburton team a call ahead of your visit to make sure we have capacity to accept your items. Thank you for understanding.

Whilst in lockdown the left-hand corner of the shop has been treated for damp. New carpet tiles have been laid and it has made a much larger area for our vast library of



books, DVDs and CDs. We hope this work has created an improved shopping experience for our customers and donors. If you haven't visited us yet, please drop in and check it out.

The Kirkwood will be opening a brand-new furniture store in Mirfield. (It was a bathroom showroom and shares a carpark with Speights Lighting and the Oxfam shop.) We have been told by the manager of the Moldgreen Furniture Store, John Matthews, that the shop is being stocked as this article is being written

We don't have a date for the opening yet, but as soon as we do we will let you know.

GWEN LODGE

On a very sad note, we were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of the lovely Gwen Lodge in February. She was such a massive character, contained in a petite and energetic body. I know she will be missed tremendously by all who knew her.

I first met Gwen when I started volunteering at the small hospice shop that was the Halifax Bank. Gwen was always " front of house" on the till and would "advise" customers on what would suit them. She would definitely give you a straight answer to " Does this suit me?" Usually with a full explanation whether it was a yes or a no.

Sometimes her direct approach had me in stitches and I would dive upstairs to control a fit of laughter. It was never a dull moment when Gwen was on the till.

Gwen was always immaculately turned out. She did not mind saying, "Well I bought this little outfit from here" or "I have had this for years." Gwen readily volunteered as a model when our shop held a fashion show at The Hub. She could change outfits in a flash, revealing a very

small thong. My underwear was more the Bridget Jones type and I can still hear Gwen saying "Oh no! You need to wear thongs with trousers....no nasty lines and bulges." How I loved Gwen's with but sadly I never did follow her advice on that one. Comfort first for me.

Gwen loved her holidays abroad particularly in sunny climes. One year we both ended up in Egypt. Gwen was there for a fortnight and I was there for a week. After comparing flights, we thought the chances of meeting up were slim. Guess what? Gwen's flight was delayed big time and we met her in the airport. She should have departed well before we arrived at the airport. That year there had been a few shark attacks and Gwen informed me that it did not stop her swimming in the sea. Why was I not surprised and what shark would be foolish enough to attack her?

Gwen always had a birthday bash on 1 July and I thank her for always inviting me. I can't believe that this will never happen again. I would have put money on her reaching a 100. Gwen, I will be raising a glass or two this July in memory of a fantastic human being.

Sleep tight beautiful lady.

Anna Maria Boden





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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.

FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD SMITH

Speeding remains a concern in our area. It was good to see action from younger residents in the form of posters along North Road. I have regular conversations with the Police in our area and along with my Ward colleagues receive updates on a monthly basis regarding enforcement action. At the time of writing, I have just been informed that the Police are carrying out speeding enforcement throughout Ward in the coming weeks, including Kirkburton village itself. Other crime is below the levels we experienced last year which is positive, but there are reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in some parts of Kirkburton, which is something the Police will focus on as well. Clearly to have regular conversations and updates from the Police is positive and we are lucky to have a Police team who are so responsive to our requests. Myself and Ward colleagues will continue to pass on concerns from residents where concerns are raised.

Highburton/Kirkburton Recreation ground seems to have been due an upgrade for quite some time now, but I am pleased to report that it is now very close to the point where we will see actual work taking place on the ground. Obviously some of the Kirklees staff have been diverted onto other activities during the Pandemic, but I am assured that very soon work will be able to be started. By the time you are reading this or very shortly afterwards I am hopeful that contractors will be on site to commence the works.

Many of you will be aware of discussions between the leadership of Kirkburton Middle School, residents and Councillors regarding a fence around the North field. Following a meeting with the school and Ward Councillors we have now a commitment

from the school that work is suspended and no further work will be started before a proper discussion to find a solution "More in keeping" with the setting which is good news.

On the subject of schools, there has also been discussions about Section 106 money, which the Council ask developers to pay as a contribution to an area when new developments take place. Regarding the Redrow Homes development of 97 dwellings on Burton Acres Lane, Highburton under planning application 2016/93688, I can confirm that the agreed section 106 contribution towards education has been collected in full from this developer. The process for allocating available developer contributions starts with the identification of a basic need for additional school places. Options to address this need are then explored with local schools. Whilst this money is collected there is, potentially, a long lead in time to it being spent as the houses need to be built and occupied before any assessment can be made about the final impact of school places at any one particular school. That money is held in a ring-fenced re-serve until such time as it is needed.

At this time there is no evidence of a basic need for additional school places as there are sufficient school places in this area. The evidence base can be found at the following link: https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/pdf/securingsufficient-school-places17.pdf. The impact of housing developments on local school places is not always immediate so, officers continue to monitor the position.

Best wishes Cllr Richard Smith Kirkburton Ward

AN APOLOGY

February's edition of the Bulletin had just been delivered and, not for the first time, I was soon commenting to my wife that "you get a lot more interesting information in 'ere than you do in any average edition of the Huddersfield Examiner, or on the BBC's News". and no sooner had I gone on to say "accurate and honest stuff too", when I got to page 28..... and groaned.

Page 28 comprised the 'Quiz about Huddersfield and some Famous Residents' that I'd submitted a few weeks previously to one of the Bulletin's editors, Pat Shaw. And, as I checked the answer to its very first question, I was red-faced with embarrassment. Because Question number 1 enquired "At which secondary school was Huddersfield born **Prime Minister Harold Wil**son educated"; and, for heaven's sake, the answer supplied at the bottom of the page was "Colne Valley Grammar School". Oh

My Auntie Eileen had been at school at the same time as Harold and so, for most of my life, I'd known the great man had enjoyed a fine start to his life by attending Royds Hall. So, surely, I couldn't have got this wrong; could I? I switched on my word processor and the truth was "yes I could".

And worse still, even before the quiz had arrived at question number 1, now I spotted an even more astonishing mistake; being a sub-headline claiming the quiz had been "Compiled by Andrew Pearce of Northfield Lane". The problem here was that, although I once was a resident of this road (alongside Highburton Village Hall) this had been between 1986 and 1994. And, for the last nine years, with my wife Linda, I've

been fortunate indeed to be a resident of *Northwood Park, Kirkburton*.

My wife wasn't remotely surprised by my double gaffe (she knows me too well); but Pat Shaw (quite rightly) requested (in fun) a written apology and so here it is... "Ever so sorry readers and neighbours. In future I will definitely try, much harder, to get my facts correct."

Yours Sincerely,
Andrew Pearce
(Trainee quizmaster)

DON'T BE IDLE

A little girl called Ella Adoo Kissi died following an asthma attack in 2013.

An inquest held in December 2019 found that air pollution was a significant contributory factor. Ella lived near a busy road.

Walking past the first and middle schools in Kirkburton and Highburton, I have sometimes noticed parked cars with their engines idling, waiting for the children to come out of school. The children walking past are walking through their exhaust fumes.

An obvious solution is to turn the engine off while waiting. Better still, walk to and from school if possible. It is Walk to School Week from 17 to 21 May. Why not make a start then?

Deirdre Cashin



MP's report Mark Eastwood MP



At this moment I feel it important to start my report by reflecting on the sad news of the death this week of Prince Philip. He has been an exemplary public servant and a great support to the Queen during her reign. His influence and legacy is widespread here and across the Commonwealth. However I suspect one of his greatest legacies will be the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. I know from visits to schools and talking with students and young people how much they valued taking part in the activites organised by the Scheme and the skills and experiences they gained. I am sure his loss will be felt much wider than just within his own family and he has set the standard high for other members of the family to aspire to.

I felt it right that as a mark of respect all political activities ceased once the sad news was released and whilst his funeral will be a quieter affair due to Covid, I am sure many people will take the time to reflect on his long service to the country. Once the official mourning period is over, normal activities will resume and of course we have elections in early May, both for local Councils and to elect the first West Yorkshire Mayor. I hope everyone will use their vote, clearly I will be supporting Richard Smith in his re-election, but however you choose to vote I do hope you will use it.

I have been liaising closely with Kirklees Council and with Minister to make sure that the elections can be held safely without putting people at risk. We may see limits in how many people can enter a polling station at once and people may need to queue in a socially distanced way outside at busy times, but these seem sensible precautions. I am sure we can hold these elections safely and would encourage you all to use your vote and have your say.

We still have Covid with us but the numbers of infections are coming down and now that we have largely completed the vaccinations of the most vulnerable groups I am pleased to see that the numbers being hospitalised and those sadly dying are greatly reduced. There was a worry that schools reopening would lead to a rise again in numbers but thankfully this has not occurred and as the numbers who have been vaccinated increases, so one would hope that the risk recedes. I do think this twin track approach of making vaccines available as widely as possible whilst tentatively easing the lockdown is the right one to make sure we do not see numbers rise again.

I am writing this update on the day that has see a further relaxation of restrictions with Retail, Pubs, Restaurants and hairdressers and other services reopening and I am looking forward to having my first pint outside a pub this evening and will be, over the coming days, checking with local businesses that have reopened to see how the new restrictions are working for them.

I was pleased several weeks ago to attend the opening of a new business here in Kirkburton with Cllr John Taylor. Joy's Coffee Shop on North Road is a welcome new addition to the village and I wish them every success and can certainly vouch for the quality of the coffee.

I have also been liaising with your local ward Councillors and local residents about concerns which have been raised with me about the proposals from the Middle School to fence off the land surrounding the school. I understand how concerned people who live locally have been but at the same time understand the school's need to ensure

person. Whilst I have been able to ask questions, play a full part in debates and attend committee meetings, doing this via video link is not the same.

Being in the House gives me far more opportunities to buttonhole Ministers on issues I wish to raise and to share ideas and work on campaigns with colleagues.

I am also looking forward to the time when I will be able to welcome constituents to the Houses of Parliament, I did manage to welcome a group of Shelley College students before Covid and hope more



Visiting new business Joy's on North Road Kirkburton

that students are safe at all times whilst in their care. I was glad to be able to engage with the school and am pleased that the proposals for the field to the north of the school have been paused whilst an alternative, such as hedging which was suggested by Cllrs Richard Smith and John Taylor when they met with the school, is being looked at. These are always difficult issues and I am hopeful that a compromise that suits all parties can be found.

Personally I am looking forward to being able to return to Westminster in

of you will take up the offer to visit the House in the future. I also hope that this Summer I will be able to get to meet many more of you as village life starts to resume and hopefully there will be events through the Summer that I will be able to attend. If you would like me to come to any events which you are planning, please do get in touch.

You can email me at: mark.eastwood.mp@parli ament.uk or phone 01924939007

100 Years Young



Betty the birthday queen

Betty Wragg celebrated her 100th birthday on the 2 March 2021. Although she was reluctant to contact The Bulletin, friends and her daughter, Barbara, thought that her life should be celebrated with an article about her.

There have been three Kings, one Queen and 22 Prime Ministers in her lifetime. The Roaring Twenties, Flappers, the Charleston, The Lindy Hop, the Black Bottom and the Jazz Age all mark the culture of the decade when Betty was born.

She was born and brought up in North London, near Arsenal Football ground. As most young girls of her age, she became a secretary, and her passions were swimming, St John Ambulance and Guiding. However, with the onset of World War II, she was called up and joined the Royal Air Force and worked as a nursing orderly at bombing stations, working all over the UK, but mainly at Mepal, Cambridge.

She was married to Alwyn in 1944; a neighbour making her wedding dress. She told me the story of a bomb going off in the street outside the house where 50 home-made trifles were being stored for the wedding reception. A bit wobbly, but they survived.

They had two children, Peter and Barbara and enjoyed holidays, firstly camping, then caravanning. In the 1960s they would take the caravan abroad, and travelled extensively, to places as far apart as Lisbon and Istanbul. She recalled making a caravan awning on her sewing ma-

chine, if you wanted something in those days, you made it yourself or did without.

She was always keen on the Guides and rose to Division Commissioner in Bedfordshire.

Betty and her husband moved up to Highburton in the late 1960's, where she still lives. She has three grandchildren, Laurence, Antonia, and James.

Simon her eldest grandchild has sadly passed away.

She also has three greatgrandchildren, Holly, Sebastian and Averie.

Betty had 44 cards to celebrate her birthday, including one from the Queen, and one from the Royal Air Force, along with flowers, chocolates and biscuits. I think there will be more celebrations once we are out of lockdown.

Congratulations and have a wonderful 101^{5†} year.



Betty in her RAF days



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Sally Byrne on the range of music and creativity going on behind the scenes during this third lockdown

Lessons have continued online and I decided to set my students the challenge of writing their own song. The aim was to write a song about their lockdown experiences and look towards a brighter future.

We studied the structure of pop songs and using the current songwriter Billie Eilish as an example.

I was so impressed with the creativity and enthusiasm for the project and many students have written, no-tated, played and sung their own original songs. We will showcase these songs in a future concert so watch this space.

I am also in the process of organising a day in a local recording studio. This will give the songwriters a studio experience and enable to take their song-writing to the next level. Exciting.

Sally Byrne

OTHER NEWS

Evelyn McAvinue recently submitted an excellent piano piece and vocal song to the middle school talent challenge well done.

Ewan Plumb recently achieved his Blue Peter badge for his dedication to his practise and his achievements in his piano playing. Here is Ewan displaying the famous badge.



LOOKING FOR RAINBOWS

Song lyrics by Eleanor Wood

When it rains look for rainbows When it's dark look for stars And wherever you are No matter how far apart We'll still be together We've had some storms along the way We've had to be really strong Missing my friends every day Hoping it won't be long Red and yellow, pink and green Months apart we have been Orange, purple and blue You're missing me, I'm missing you





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Martin Ward on Electric Cars

Martin has amused us over the last two issues... but this time, he gets serious



If you think the idea of electric vehicles is a new idea, think again. The use of electric batteries to power cars can be traced back to the 1830's. English inventor Thomas Parker, who was responsible for many innovations such as electrifying the London Underground, overhead tramways in Liverpool and Birmingham and smokeless fuel "Coalite", built the first production electric car in Wolverhampton in 1884. Electric Taxis were used in many cities in the early 1900's, including New York and London, and were affectionately known as "Hummingbirds" due to the noise they made.

Early electric cars were used by the rich and famous as they preferred them for ease of use as they didn't need the 'starter-handle' that petrol

cars required. The beginning of the end of early electric cars was due to the invention of the electric starter motor, many car manufacturers bought into the idea, and within a few years, petrol powered cars became popular and much cheaper...but electric vehicles were still used, as many of you will remember the electric milk float that were used mainly in the 1950's & 60's and some are still being used today.

So, move on to 2021, and the fourth or fifth incarnation of electric cars, Governments around the world need to reduce emissions from petrol and diesel vehicles

Over the past few years, I have driven many electric cars over the whole range, they are brilliant to drive, quick and full of technolo-

gy. I will give just one example of my experiences with one car, a MINI Electric I had on test from the manufacturer. I had to charge it from a plug near my front door, meaning I couldn't shut the door, so couldn't charge it at night. After around twelve hours it was full, but only a range of % miles. I had to go to Manchester airport you have to work out the shortest route - the one where you use least electric. I went over Saddleworth Moor, past Dovestone Reservoir, around 38 miles. It used a lot of your battery going up the hills, but does self-charge going downhill. On arrival at the airport, I had 54 miles left should be OK but what if those hills use too much? a concern as there are no charging points on this route. I did make it back home, with 9 miles to spare. So, you spend nearly £30,000 on a car that does

The cost of charging is not cheap anymore, if you use Motorway service stations, it can work out more than petrol or diesel. The cheapest option is to charge at home, but as I walk round Kirkburton and Highburton, I can see many houses where this would be impossible, as getting a cable to the car is just not possible.

The current Government has said that by 2030 all new cars sold in the UK must be electric, making us the only Country in the world to have these regulations. I cannot see this happening; it will be delayed until more countries have the same approach. There will be nothing to stop a new car buyer, going to another country to buy a car, such as Ireland.

Is the electric car the future? I think probably not. They do have a place, and will be popular by many drivers, but will not be favoured by a lot, but at least there should be a choice.

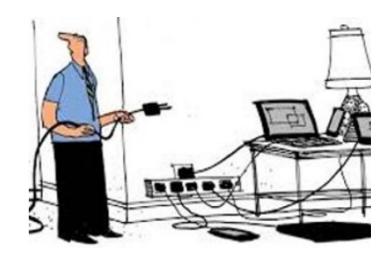
Infrastructure needs to improve massively and the UK will need many more thousands of charging points, and at a sensible, affordable price.

The electric vehicle has failed before, for various reasons, and this time around will be no different, something will happen to make them either unsalable or unusable, and history will repeat itself, maybe...?

Martin Ward

If you have any comments on this contentious issue, please contact me (or contact The Bulletin – Ed)





Going electric—another view



We bought our Renault Zoe just over two years ago and can't envisage ever going back to the old ways. Trading in our much-loved elderly Volvo diesel wasn't easy but the £5,000 scrappage fee combined with government and company discounts brought down the Zoe's cost by more than a third.

This included a fitted home charger, and its range has turned out to be as good as claimed, from 130 miles in winter to 180 in summer.

The new Zoe has a range of up to 245 miles, many new electric models are at least that, and 300+ miles will be the norm long before 2030.

If need be, we can top up at a motorway service station, most of which now have Ecotricity charge points. An app gives you location and real-time availability and as we buy our domestic supply from them (generated from renewables) we pay half the usual roadside charge.

The Zoe is a joy to drive - quiet, comfortable and smooth, with plenty of space for passengers and luggage. Moreover, on those very rare occasions when sudden acceleration is necessary it will leave most other cars standing.

In any case, that isn't the point. Up to 36,000 people in Britain die due to air pollution each year, much of it down to vehicle exhausts. Moreover, electric cars are part of a global energy transformation which is still in its early stages. It is, though, increasing rapidly since fossil carbon energy sources are obsolete in an era of accelerating climate breakdown.

Despite the best efforts of climate deniers and the fossil fuel corporations, change is coming.

Electric cars may not be with us long-term, with hydrogen and other noncarbon sources eventually replacing them but, whatever happens, fashioned petrol and die-sel cars will be little more than cherished if fascinating museum pieces within a generation or so.

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Burton Belles WI — Looking Forward



Spring is definitely here and it's difficult to not start planning and looking forward to things at this time of year. The last year has been a tough one to say the least but as a new WI we battled through and have continued to provide excellent speakers for our members to enjoy, and this upcoming year is no exception.

The new membership year has begun and although it doesn't look as though we will be back in the village hall until September at the earliest, we have still got some amazing speakers for you to enjoy via Zoom.

Our May meeting will be seeing us host our annual general meeting as well as a bit of a social evening after all the official business has been taken care

We are really excited to welcome back Hampton Court's very own Sarah Slater, who will be telling us all about the ghosts that reside within the famous

palace. Sarah is an amazing and very informative speaker who never fails to capture your attention. Those paranormal and history fans out there, are bound to enjoy this June

All those gin lovers amongst us, and I'm sure there's a few out there, might be interested in our July meeting. We have managed to book Mildred Freeman, The Lady Historian, for a talk entitled 'Mother's ruin - the story of gin'. She is a fantastic and very entertaining speaker and is sure to enlighten you about the origins and history of gin, which I'm sure can be enjoyed whilst drinking some as well.



Many of us have been knifting coloured squares for the Woven in Kirklees project, the Big Rainbow Knit. In June they are going to be yarn bombing the pillars of Huddersfield Train Station, this is sure to be a tremendous sight so be sure to have a visit and maybe try and spot your knitted square if you contributed.



This Easter we treated our members to a small goodie bag, we included a chocolate bunny, puz-zles and some sunflower seeds. I can't wait to see the sunflowers popping up around the village adding a bit of cheer as well as a small amount of friendly competition.

We are so looking forward to when we can finally meet back in the village hall altogether,

and I am sure that it will be a huge celebration with cake of course. But until then we will continue on with the power of Zoom.

We are always happy to welcome new members to the group and if you are interested in joining this lovely group of women then please get in touch. Alternatively, if you would rather see what we're all about before joining, then you're more than welcome to come to a meeting before deciding. If you would like to see what we up to you can follow us on Facebook, our page is the Burton Belles Highburton and Kirkburton WI. We look forward to hopefully seeing you at our meetings.

Sarah Sharp-Allison President of the Burton **Belles WI**

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#GETout #GETfit #GETtogether

As restrictions ease, we are all hoping and praying for an improved lifestyle. You maybe someone who has found their summer clothes have shrunk in the wardrobe, or that you suddenly find yourself uncomfortable about being outside, or find it difficult to consider mixing with other people again. We are hoping that there is provision to help you.

TIMEtogether is an operating name of the Denby Dale Centre, and we continue to work to help local people. Here are some of our projects that you may like to get involved with, either as a volunteer or as a participant.

Walkie Talkies

We will find people a walking buddy, limited to walk down their street, but with a friendly face and with great conversation. This project takes over from Chatterbox, which we ran through the pandemic as a telephone buddy. We hope that with regular short walks that you can build up your strength, fitness and find confidence in being out with other people. The buddy will remain distanced, but will have a mask with them if you get less than a car width close together. This is free, and we hope to have volunteers in each district so we can connect you with local people.

More information: 01484 860077 or www.ddc.org.uk/walkietalkies

Shopper Bus

We have a HD8 shopper bus service, which is for members of TIMEtogether. The minibus will pick you up from home and pick up others en route, and drop you off at Morrison's on Wednesdays. The minibus may go out to pick up others whilst you are shopping, but it will come back ready for your return journey. There will be time for a drink at Morrison's Café too, whilst you wait, so you can talk to the other passengers there as well as on the bus. This is £6 return.

More info on 01484 860077 or www.ddc.org.uk/shopperbus

Silent Cinema

Relaunching the Film and Food club in the Kirkburton Hub this summer, the silent cinema is a Covid Secure project. Watch a film on an individual screen whilst wearing headphones, and then chat about that film over a two course freshly cooked meal with others. Each participant will have their own space, chair and table, and the meal will be served to your table.

More info 01484 860077 or www.ddc.org.uk/film

Community Helpline

TIMEtogether has a Community Helpline to help connect those who are not online to groups in the local area. It can also help a group who is not online to get listed on one or more of the directories that are available online. This helpline can also book you onto one of the TIMEtogether activities. Helpline – 01484 860077







Café Connect

Based at the Kirkburton Hub, this Friday coffee morning is for people to connect to other local groups. Meet the council social prescribing link worker and find out what activities meet your needs. Come and join us for a Covid secure coffee and chat, distanced of course, **from June 2021**.

More information: 01484 860077 or www.ddc.org.uk/cafeextra

Training Centre

The DDC Training Centre has operated throughout the pandemic, mostly to support volunteering with awareness courses. Now we are experiencing fewer restrictions and these include the training centre, we are able to offer work based first aid training courses, plus food safety and other legally required courses. Most courses can be a blend of online and classroom to conform to HSE requirements. We offer charity and community discount of up to 50%. More information: 01484 860077

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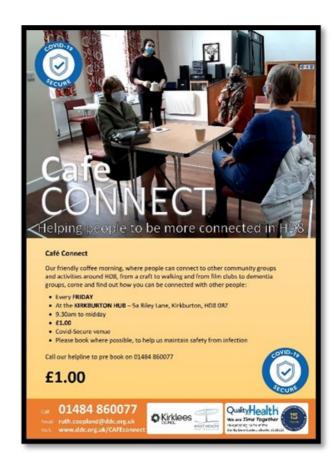
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Burton Crafters



If you had asked this group in February 2020, what would they be doing in the coming year, their answer would be a long way away from what they actually did. Scrubs, wash bags, hearts, masks, memory bears and much more have been crafted at home by fingers that don't like to be idle.

All of this has been for people working for the NHS and other caring professions, to keep them safe and make their busy lives a little easier to cope with. Other crafted articles which have helped to ease the pain for families who have lost a loved one.

One of their most recent initiatives has been making 6" squares for the Big Knit. This is part of Woven, A Celebration of Innovation in Textiles across Kirklees. In June 2021 there is going to be a 'yarn bombing' of the six grand pillars at the front of Huddersfield Railway Station, a really impressive façade. They have asked for volun-

teers from individuals or groups to knit, crochet, felt or weave squares in any of the seven rainbow colours. Each of the six pillars will be decorated in a graduated variation of one of the rainbow colours – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet, but, the organisers say – don't expect an arc.

The crafters have produced 136 squares in all seven colours, so pop along to the railway station between Saturday 5 June and Sunday 27 June, it should look very impressive.

The crafters hope to recommence their weekly meetings from 21 June 21, fingers are crossed for this first gettogether in over 12 months. One project we will be starting on is making poppies for the November Remembrance Service around the War memorial, along with the other, many crafty projects that the group enjoy.

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In the four years, the choir have had charity fund-raising concerts.

During lock-down, ensuring social distancing, they have sung outside to celebrate special birthdays and a retirement.

Much more than these, very important though they are, is the WhatsApp group support members have had for each other.

They have sent funny messages, videos, pictures and helpful tips to make lockdown a little more bearable.



They have supported the local history group in remembrance services for Armistice Day, had vintage tea parties, entertained at the local residential home, supported Uniformed groups at their beer festival, sung with a pop-up men's choir for Movember and loads more.

We were recently entertained by a video on WhatsApp by Sally and Kitty with the Carole King song 'You've got a friend' giving a taste of what they will be singing in September when they return, it was absolutely gorgeous and made members of the choir feel very excited.



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SUMMER READY?

This last year has been really tough on all of us. With gyms and sports clubs having to close, bitter winter weather and endless lockdowns it has been hard to stay on top of our health and fitness. Now there is a little light at the end of the tunnel and with summer just around the corner, you might be thinking it's time to get up off the sofa, pull out your trainers, and wear your exercise clothes for exercise.

So here are my top 5 exercises to add into your fitness routine:

High Knees – A great exercise to raise your heart rate to improve fat burning and your fitness. <u>Tip</u>: Pumping your arms at the same time allows you to use even more muscles and get a lot more out of the exercise.



Squats – A full body exercise that helps to strengthen our leg and core muscles. Make sure to keep your heels on the floor and sit back aiming to squat through 90 degrees. If you find it difficult pop a chair behind you and go from standing to seated back to standing.



Jumping Jacks – Again a great exercise to increase your heart rate, using lots of muscles and improving our fat burning potential.

Press Ups – these do not work just your upper body but your core and glutes too. They help with your stability and strength. <u>Tip</u>: if a full press up is a little much for you at first rather than going from your knees use the edge of a table or box, that way you'll still be engaging all of the same muscles and working on your stability.







Bicycle Crunches – strong abdominal muscles are important not only for exercise but for everyday life. They help with coordination, balance and stability. Bicycle crunches recruit lots of our core muscles as well as our legs and arms making them a great addition.

Why not try these exercises as part of a circuit? – Work for 30 seconds on each exercise taking 30 seconds rest between each. After all 5 exercises, rest for a full minute and then repeat. Complete 3-4 rounds for a great full body workout.

If you have any questions about the exercises or would like help with your health and fitness, please feel free to get in touch!! www.laurajaynefitness.co.uk, @laurajaynefitness02 on social media.



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Kirkburton and Highburton Art Scene

Linda Downs



Hello, I'm Linda Downs, some of you might know of me because I have been posting sketches of local scenes on the Kirkburton and Highburton Community Facebook Group pages. I must confess that I am an obsessive sketcher and particularly love working outdoors or "en plein air" if I'm feeling like a proper artist.

In normal times I go out with a group of friends to locations all over Kirklees and beyond but during the first period of lockdown I started sketching in our own villages. There is so much of interest in our immediate vicinity that I have come to question why I ever needed to



go elsewhere. We are so lucky to have such beautiful scenery on our doorstep, what's not to like about a footpath stile, a lych gate ,a cobbled spider alley, a babbling brook, a field of cows or sheep, a bluebell wood, a rolling hill or two (or three or four), a really tall mast or even a "castle" on a bills

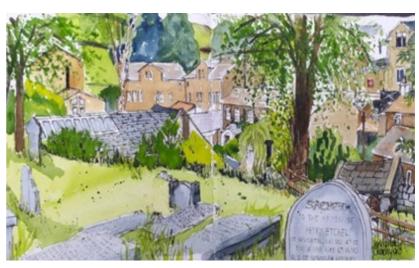
Then there are all those gorgeous buildings that tell the history of our surroundings, the mills, the church and churchyard, the chapels, the farmsteads, the pubs and shops and all the houses and cottages all built from stone quarried from our own village. I could sketch every day for a year and still not consider my record finished!

I'm absolutely certain that I am not the only artist living hereabouts and I've come up with an idea to have a village sketch crawl open to anyone of any ability. The idea would be to pick a weekend day during the summer months with a good weather forecast (so it would be a bit last minute obviously!) and to meet up as a group initially for

a welcome briefing then spread out around the villages at various safe locations for some sketching and painting. At the end of the session we would come together to view and photograph everyone's work and post the results in the next edition of the Burton Bulletin and or on the community web site. Depending on the amount of interest in this event, we might consider holding two sessions, one in each village or split a day between the villages. Maybe if Covid restrictions permit we could meet in an indoor venue at the start and end of the day.



I would absolutely love to hear from you if you would like to take part and will be in touch with further details. You can contact me using my email a d d r e s s : Imdowns@hotmail.co.uk



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Jay Leyland — artist

I decided to move here a few years ago after sticking a pin in a map. I am originally from Liverpool and have family there and also on the east coast in Hornsea, so wanted to find the best place to fit visiting both sides of the country. After sticking a pin in a map, roughly half way between both, fate positioned me and my family in Kirkburton! So we packed up and moved 3 years ago now and have never looked back, it's such a beautiful place to live.



My children go to Kirkburton School which is lovely, and my wife works in Leeds now, so ideal for her commute. When the neighbour found out I was an artist, they commissioned me to do a painting of their beloved dog.

Word soon got round and now I find myself painting the people and pets of Kirkburton and Highburton. Now when I go out, pandemic permitting, I recognise the people and pets through my art I have done of them.

After researching the cottage I live in, I have discovered the rich history of the area, indeed my house is built on top of the old village well and there is a coin in the wall over 400 years old, how inspirational. I couldn't have found a more perfect place to live for my creative mind.

Thank you pin!
Jay Leyland







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And NOW is a fantastic time to join us. Our membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March and we have significantly reduced our rates to reflect the uncertainty around Covid and to take account of the current restrictions, which prevent us from running our full programme of events.

Adult membership costs only £85 for the year and £50 for young people (16 - 25).

Full details are available on our website at <u>clubsise</u> park.lta.org.uk/ GregoryFieldsTennisClub.

So, whether you are an absolute beginner, someone returning to the game after a break or an experienced player – GET IN TOUCH

We are a small and friendly local club at the heart of Highburton / Kirkburton and we would be absolutely thrilled to see you on the courts, whatever your age or ability.

The club has three allweather 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. Unfortunately this year, 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 also plan to hold our two annual tournaments – The Crabtree Cup in June and the Presidents Cup in September.

If you prefer to play socially, then we hold club sessions on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm and on Friday mornings 10am -1pm. These sessions provide a great opportunity for members to come along, meet other players, mix in – and generally have a fun time.

Andy Smith, our Level 4 LTA qualified Coach, runs an extensive coaching programme on Sunday mornings, which caters for children aged 4 upwards. He also offers individual or group coaching for adults, by arrangement.

Andy also runs a Cardio Tennis session for adults on Sundays, 1pm - 2pm which is open to both members and non-members, 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.

Full details of our coaching programme are available on the club's website and you can contact Andy direct at and ysmithten-nis@icloud.com, or call

Andy also plans to run a summer Sports Camp over the school holidays. Full details coming soon.





Kirkburton Football Club

The hierarchy of the Huddersfield league has decided to cancel the league for this season 2020-2021 – both our teams probably would have got promotion; the league tables below show positions before the league was cancelled.

LEAGUE TARIES TO FER 2024

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2	Kirkburton	6	4	2	0	23	14
3	Scissett	7	4	2	1	20	14
4	Deighton	5	4	0	1	12	12
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1	Scholes A.F.C.A	8	4	2	2	7	14
2	Kirkburton Res	7	4	2	1	6	14
3	Linthwaite Ath A	8	4	1	3	4	13
4	Berry Brow A	7	3	3	1	11	12
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The league has decided that they will play the cups to finish the season, they will be played like a champion's league cup, where division 3 and division 4 will be split into four leagues and play each team once, the winner of each league will play in the semi-final and the winner of each semi-final will play in the final

The first team have been playing in the Groom Cup. Their results so far are:

Marsden won 3-0

Grange Moor Saints drew 3-3

Mount won 3-1

The team have one remaining game against Flockton for a place in the semi-final.

The reserves team have been playing in the Gee Cup.

Their results were:

Fothergill won6-3

Berry Brow lost 3-0

Scholes won 6-0

The team missed a place in the semi final on goal difference.

If there is anybody wanting to join Kirkburton AFC either to play or to help out please contact a committee member. Or through our Facebook page or twitter account

The club would like to send their condolences to Peter Whitaker's family, he sadly passed away earlier this year, R.I.P Peter.

Bomber



Kirkburton Cricket Club

It goes without saying that the last couple of years have been a challenge for the club but one we have embraced. As cricket has been limited or even postponed at times the committee and club have looked to improve facilities for when things can return to normal!

Over the last twelvemonths we have renovated further the clubhouse, improved our scorebox, ensured we have new tables to offer members a safe hospitality area and have bigger plans for later in the year which we will share as the

season develops. The plan is to ensure we have some of the best facilities in the town which can be a real credit to the club and Kirkburton in general.

On the cricket front we are slowly returning to normality and are delighted to confirm Jonny Butterfield has again agreed to captain the first team. Equally exciting news Roscoe Thatill has been resigned as club professional and arrived 3 weeks ago well in time for the first game. Roscoe settled brilliantly in 2019 and topped the league batting having also missed 8

games! At the time of writing we have just had two win in the first round of the new season. The first team beating Delph & Dobcross CC away and the second team winning at home to Armitage Bridge CC.

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

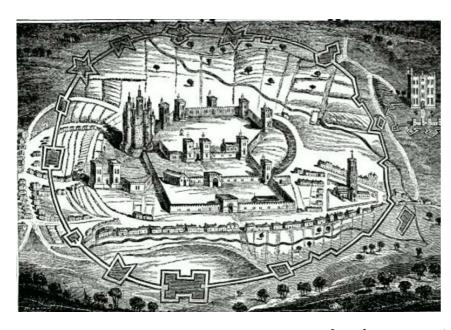
The club is fortunate to have some great members and sponsors who we thank so much for their help throughout the last 18 months. The club has a long standing relationship with a number of businesses in the Kirkburton area and it goes without saying their support is invaluable and very much appreciated. If anyone would like to support the club please contact either Tom Cliffe on 07866581620 or Marcus Kelly 07803758278.

We hope 2021 will be a great season for Kirkburton Cricket club and we are able to enjoy relaxed covid rules as the season goes on. We look forward to seeing as many locals as possible at Riley Park over the coming five months.



With our local pubs and restaurants still closed our food critic, the Burton Diner, brings you the story of

Liquorice and the Pontefract Cake



Liquorice is something we associate with Pontefract but it had a long history before it ever arrived in Yorkshire. There are records of liquorice being consumed in the form of a drink by the Pharaohs, Romans and the Chinese where it was considered more for its medicinal benefits, ability to give vitality and, longevity. It had a prominent place amongst worriers who used it to quench thirst whilst on the march.

Originating in Asia the liquorice plant spread from the Middle East and into Southern Europe, the plant 'Glycyrrhiza glubra' is a flowering plant belonging to the pea family, from the root of which a sweet, aromatic flavouring can be

extracted, the name is of Greek origin and means 'sweet root'.

Liquorice arrived in Pontefract, it is thought, by Crusaders or monks returning from the Middle East in around the 11th century. The plant likes deep Sandy soil and one of the few places where such growing conditions exists is Pontefract, it was too cold in Yorkshire for the plants to flower but that didn't matter because it was the root that was prized, taking five to seven years of growth before the first harvest.

The sap was extracted and used medicinally by the monks for all manner of complaints from headaches, colds and coughs, to aiding digestion, for which they received a Royal Decree protecting



their rights on liquorice root production.

By 1614 the extract, rather than just being used as a drink, was being formed into small lozenges, these were stamped with an image of Pontefract Castle and were the early form of what would become the famous 'Pontefract Around 1760 Cakes'. George Dunhill, a Pontefract apothecary, added sugar to the recipe transforming liquorice from medicinal use into confectionery. He began to produce what he called Pomfret Cakes' commercially, Pomfret being the original Norman name for Pontefract. They were also known as Yorkshire pennies.

Within a few years Dunhill's became one of the most well-known early 20th century English manufacturers of liquorice, Pontefract had thirteen factories making this sweet and exported it all over the world, it was a major employer in the region, particularly for women.

Up until the 1960's all Pontefract Cakes were stamped by hand by workers known as 'Thumpers', each would kneed the liquorice then pinch off a small piece stamp it and the pressure applied by the thumper formed characteristic little ridge around the edge of each piece, it is estimated that a good thumper could stamp 20,000 Pontefract cakes a day. In 1955 payment was four old pence [in today's money 2p] a tray with each tray holding 280 of the little black cakes.

With so many factories starting in business this put a serious strain on the supply of the raw material grown locally, the demand outstripped



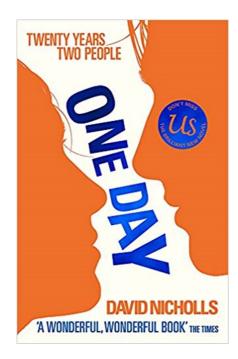
the capacity of the growers to supply so by the late 19th century the firms relied mainly on extract imported largely from Turkey, the taste for liquorice was in steady decline too and the last Pontefract harvest was in 1966.

After World War Two chocolate was fast becoming the nation's favorite sweet after being introduced to England by American GI's, and the industry practically disappeared, today there are only 2 factories in the area making_liquorice confectionery. There is still an annual liquorice festival in Pontefract and plans to open a museum too as liquorice has played such an important part in the areas history. In 2012 a local farmer Robert Copley started growing liquorice again with the ambition of bringing it back to the area, the products are available in their farm shop.



BB Book Review

One Day by David Nicholls



On St Swithin's day, 15 July, 1988, Emma and Dexter had just graduated from Edinburgh University. They met each other for the first time late at night at the post graduation party and ended up back at Emma's tiny shared student flat. They shared their hopes for the future. Em wanted to make a difference, not exactly to change the world but to change her bit of it while remaining true to her socialist ideals. She expected to do this through writing; novels?, poetry?, plays? And she's very excited at the prospect. Dexter wants to stay pretty much what he is already but perhaps make his mother proud, be rich and famous and have lots of beautiful, interesting women. He had made no plans about how this might be achieved. They both felt a strong physical attraction but neither of them admitted it. Anyway, the timing was all wrong.

The next day they would go their separate ways. They each made a prediction about how the other would turn out in twenty years time when they would be forty. They agreed to stay in touch, and check in with each other on St Swithin's Day every year.

That agreement provides the structure for the novel as it tracks their lives through their twenties then thirties to when they reach forty.

Their two narratives are cleverly interwoven against the backdrop of a very recognisable London in the post -Thatcher era. The characters are very true to that period, its politics and its culture, so while not always likeable they are always believable as they come to terms, as we all do, with the fact that real life doesn't always live up to expectations, that sometimes pursuing ones dreams isn't compatible with being true to oneself. Sometimes, watching them go through this process is infuriating, sometimes unbearably sad.

Through it all they remain firm friends. As their lives follow different rhythms they are sometimes able to meet more, sometimes less but they are always faithful to their agreement to catch up on St. Swithin's Day. The dynamics of this friendship are beautifully portrayed. The banter between them is often laugh-out-loud funny and often bitter sweet at the real feelings that are hidden beneath it. The physical attraction remains strong but undeclared and the timing is always wrong. Until of course one day it isn't.

Thought provoking quotations from a range of authors at the beginning of each section set the scene for understanding that there's much more to this book than a simple love story. It would make a good summer read.

Recipe for May

Healthy Aubergine Parmigiana

An absolute classic, made that little bit healthier by using a few clever tricks. It's high in protein, low in salt and calories, and delicious to boot.



Ingredients

- aubergines 2, sliced into 1/2cm-thick slices lengthways
- spray oil
- olive oil 2 tsp
- onion 1, finely chopped
- garlic 3 cloves, thinly sliced
- chopped tomatoes 2 x 400q tins
- mozzarella 2 x 125g balls, thinly sliced
- basil a large bunch
- parmesan (or veggie alternative) or other Italian hard cheese 75g, finely grated

salad to serve

Method

Heat the oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Put the aubergine slices onto baking paper lined trays and spray with a little oil. Roast in the oven for 30 minutes, flipping halfway until softened and crisping at the edges.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large pan and cook the onion and garlic for 10 minutes until soft, then add the chopped tomatoes, season, and simmer for 20 minutes.

In a roughly 20cm x 30cm baking dish, layer up the aubergine and sauce, and roughly half-way, a layer of half of the mozzarella, basil, and parmesan. Layer up the remaining aubergine and sauce, and finish with a final layer of mozzarella, basil and parmesan.

Put into the oven for 30 minutes or until golden and bubbling. Serve with a salad.



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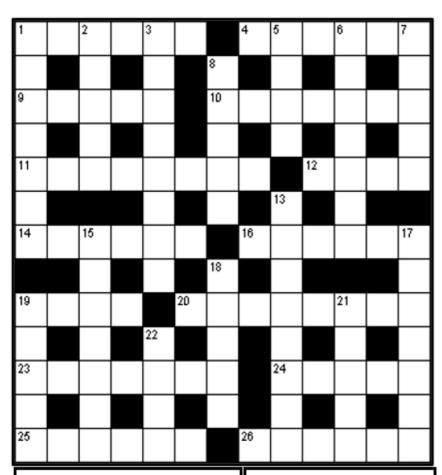
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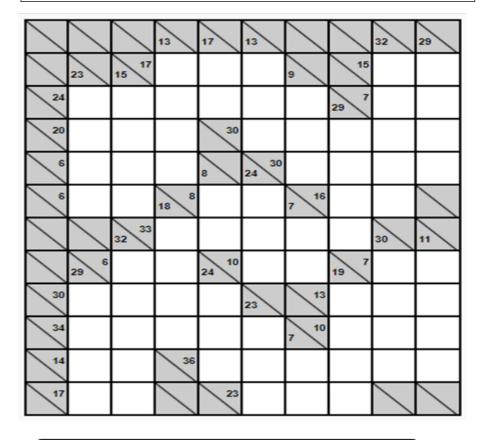
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- 4. Written musical compositions 2. Stud (5) (6)
- 9. Film (5)
- 10. Refrain from voting (7)
- 11. Listlessness (8)
- 12. Meat or vegetables cooked slowly (4)
- 14. Shrink (6)
- 16. Evaded (6)
- 19. Part of the neck (4)
- 20. Resident (8)
- 23. Inactivity (7)
- 24. Play (5)
- 25. Excused (6)
- 26. Deferred payment (6)

Down

- 1. Risk taker (7)
- 3. Panache (8)
- 5. Monetary value (4)
- Responded (7)
- Tendon (5)
- 8. Freight (5)
- 13. Flatfish (8)
- 15. Use up (7)
- 17. Take away (7) 18. Large expanse of
- water (5)
- 19. Dissonance (5)
- 21. Accolade (5)
- 22. Pace (4)

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.



BULLETAGRAM

The Bulletagram is an anagram of a 9letter 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

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JUST FOR FUN

WORDSEARCH

Find the Harry Potter characters hidden in the box. They may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, forwards or backwards



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CODEWORD

Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26. Can you crack the code and solve the crossword? Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. 3 letters are already in place to get you started.

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TRIVIA

CONNECTIONS

- 1. Who wrote the book 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame?
- 2. What do you get if you mix lampblack and water?
- 3. What was the ninth month of the calendar of Romulus?
- 4. Who was given a curse, leaving her to fade away leaving only her voice?
- 5. For what car company did Enzo Ferrari and Pablo Nuvolari drive in the 1930's?
- 6. Arcuate, cuspate and bird's foot are the main types of what geological formation?
- 7. Who did Friar Laurence marry in Verona?
- 8. Who was the President of Haiti from 1957 to 1971?
- 9. Who lost their Goodwill in March this year?
- 10. What is the connection between the previous nine answers?

NUMBERS

(for these eight questions the answers are 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)

- 1. In 592 episodes of UK "Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?" hosted by Chris Tarrant. How many have actually won the million (do not include the 'cheating' case)?
- 2. On average how many potatoes go into each 34.5g bag of crisps?
- 3. How many people on Mainland USA were killed by enemy action during WWII?
- 4. How many countries make up Great Britain?
- 5. How many sailors in the Navy of landlocked Mongolia?
- 6. In 1896 Walter Arnold was the first motorist to be convicted of speeding. What was the speed limit? And how fast was he going?
- 7. The number of main lines on a palm, according to palmistry?
- 8. How many 'Crusades' were there in the 11th 13th century?

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