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North Road 44 years on: Then and Now



I started at Wm Hepworth (Kirkburton) in 1974 as a very young salesman working alongside our mechanics: Malcolm Roys, Martin Holbrook and Michael Cartledge, and ably assisted in service reception by Betty, who virtually ran the place, well she thought she did. Sadly, Betty died earlier this year.

Back in 1974 we sold iconic British cars ... MINI, MG & Morris, including the MGB, MGB GT, and who could forget the Marina, well most of us in fact. Selling British Leyland cars kept the mechanics busy, a full-time job for Malcolm, Martin and Michael.

Then in 1976 I heard about a new Japanese company bringing cars into Britain, this company was Honda. After very little negotiation, **Wm Hepworth** went from selling traditional, but unreliable, British cars, to Japanese. The day duly arrived and our first cars and trucks arrived, Civics and Acty vans and Pick-Ups, and that is when the trouble started.

The locals could not believe the events that were unfolding. The fact that a small village garage

that had always sold British goods, had turned traitor and gone with "Foreigners" and not just Foreigners but Japanese. It didn't take long to get the protests out, as some of you may remember, I certainly do... I didn't see that one coming.

1st August 1976 was a big day, deliveries of the new "R" registration sales were good, and the protesters beginning to accept Honda in the village, we had quite a few cars, mainly Civics going out to customers.

Someone thought it would be a good idea to take a photo of me with three new cars, outside the showroom. It resurfaced recently after being lost for years. We thought it would be good to recreate the photo, so with the help of Philip Newsome, Simon Blythe's staff, and Stephen Brighton, owner of Hepworth Honda (he brought three new cars up to Kirkburton).

We tried to position them in exactly the same place, and angle as 44 years ago, and took the photos. It all worked rather well, and we were delighted with the result, it showed what a difference 44 years make. The cars have changed, but I haven't.



There is something slightly reminiscent in the styling of the original Civic, and Honda's latest electric car, the "e". Unfortunately, I don't have the fab jacket I wore in 1976, and my hairstyle was very "with-it" at the time. Believe it or not, Linton cut it back then, and still does, but the price he charges have gone up a bit, and my current hair style is reminiscent of how it was back then, maybe Linton only knows one type of hair style?

Martin, Malcolm and Michael were there, so it was a great reunion, with Stephen organising the positioning of the cars, stopping the traffic and generally sorting the photo-shoot.

I left Hepworths in 1979, for pastures new, but still selling cars, and still a young man. We enjoyed taking the photo so much after 44 years, we may do it again in another 44 years. Oh, the nostalgia.

Martin Ward



L to r: Martin Holbrook, Malcolm Roys, Martin Ward, Michael Cartledge

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Letter from Councillor Richard Smith, Kirkburton Ward

I am writing following a tragic incident on Huddersfield Road, between Shelley and Kirkburton where a local man lost his life in a Road Traffic Collision. I gave some thought as to whether I should write to the paper about this, given that there is a family still in shock, grieving and along with friends of the man involved, wanting answers as to how this happened.

I have spoken at length with my Ward colleagues, Bill Armer and John Taylor and we decided that it was appropriate to comment publicly about this. We are elected to represent the residents of Kirkburton Ward. Your concerns and the things that happen within the Ward, the good and the bad, shape how we represent you.

Obviously, we were not present at the time and the Police are still investigating the circumstances in which this happened, so we are unable to comment on any likely cause. I have summarised below our feelings, which I will also share with the residents of Shelley.

As Ward Councillors, we were extremely saddened to learn of the tragedy that occurred in Kirkburton, where a local man lost his life on the roads. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the gentleman who lost his life and we hope that we can work with the Police and Local Authority to stop something like this happening to another family in the future.

We have, for some time been raising safety concerns about this section of Huddersfield Road and have managed to get the speed limit lowered,

which hopefully did slow some of the traffic. Obviously, a speed limit is only effective if it is observed and if the current limit is not observed then we need to consider what further action would be beneficial.

The Police have responded by taking enforcement action in this area recently, with some drivers prosecuted for speeding in the same week as this occurred. However, it is obvious that the Police are not able to be in the location all the time and we also realise that nothing done now will change what happened. We owe it to the family of the gentleman who tragically lost his life to try and prevent there being any further incidents here.

It does seem to be the case that a Speed Camera in this location would slow down cars driving from Shelley to Kirkburton. Whilst the exact causes of this accident are still under investigation, it appears speed may have contributed and there may well have had a different outcome had a camera been in place.

We are currently in discussion with Kirklees about this and whilst we are unable to guarantee what the outcome will be, we are committed to ensuring that Road safety throughout our area is taken seriously and we will continue to push for change at this and other accident hotspots.

Best Wishes,

**Richard Smith,
Councillor,
Kirkburton Ward**



Our thoughts are with the family and friends, of Simon Hinchcliffe, who sadly lost his life at the scene of the crash on Huddersfield Road recently, which will no doubt have left many residents, shocked and concerned. A male was arrested at the scene, and this matter is still under investigation.

The Neighbourhood Police teams have been carrying out speed enforcement in various areas of HD8, and will address resident's concerns, as and where we can.

The current situation with Covid-19 has certainly impacted on the issues around parking, with more people working from home, thus increasing parking problems. We ask that residents park with consideration for other road users, and do not cause obstructions.

We have recently seen a reduction in calls relating to anti-social behaviour, albeit calls are still coming in. The Neighbourhood Policing Team have had meetings

with local schools, and continue to work well together, identifying young people who may be causing issue, and working with them.

We carry out both daytime and evening patrols, and ask the community to ring all matters in, (or alternatively report via the West Yorkshire Police website), rather than taking to social media, which has happened on occasion.

All reports taken from residents, will be looked into, and investigated.

If we are unable to attend immediately, the calls are brought to our attention, and provide information as regards the areas we should concentrate on.

Young people found engaging in anti-social behaviour will be dealt with, and whilst we do not wish to criminalise young people, each incident will be dealt with accordingly, and in a timely fashion.

Take care and stay safe

PC4963

Caroline Newsome



Floral tributes left at the site on Huddersfield Road where Kirkburton man Simon Hinchcliffe was killed in a road accident on 9 October.



KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

EXTRACTS FROM AUTUMN 2020

We have now resumed some of our Long Term Condition reviews, NHS Health Checks and Minor Surgery. We will follow NHS guidance when resuming additional services. As we resume face-to-face consultations, we will continue to offer online and telephone consultations to patients who prefer them. Face-to-face appointments are available to all our patients, however patients may be asked to discuss their condition over the phone or online first, to assess what is most appropriate for them.

If you are asked to attend the Practice, please: wear a face covering; use the intercom on arrival; sanitise your hands; have your temperature checked.

PRIMARY CARE NETWORK UPDATE

The MAST Primary Care Network has appointed a Physiotherapist, who will work across our practices (Shepley, Skelmanthorpe, Dearne Valley, Lepton and Kirkheaton.) During the COVID-19 pandemic, initial assessments will be by telephone.

YOUR FLU VACCINATION WITH US

Because of COVID-19 extra measures have been taken to ensure the safety of patients and staff, while at the same time dealing with increased numbers. We have ordered vaccine for all our eligible patients. We are running our clinics in priority order, vaccinating our shielded patients, over 65s and high risk patients first.

Our first clinics for shielded patients were held on 10 and 11 September, in our Gazebo

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who is eligible?

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Shielded patients and their households

Appointments can be booked online, or by telephone.

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Dr Waller and Andrew Whiteham in the flu vaccination gazebo

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Carole Hepworth has decided to step down as Chair of the Patient Participation Group (PPG).

Carole will continue to support the Group as Vice Chair. Carol Hirst has been nominated as Chair.

The view from The Bulletin

The strange times in which we are living show no sign of ending soon.

In the May edition of *The Bulletin* we reported on the response of people in our villages to the lockdown to control the coronavirus. Shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants had closed, clubs and societies had suspended their activities and we were all following the advice to Stay Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives.

The lockdown had significant effect on village life. School and church activities were significantly curtailed. Coronavirus devastated the fixture lists of our football and cricket teams and disrupted the activities of other groups. Also, events such as the Kirkburton Beer Festival, concerts by HD8 Voices, the Burton Open Gardens event, the Race Night at the Liberal Club and many other events had to be cancelled.

Our August edition covered local businesses and organising emerging from the lockdown moving back towards normality, with shops and pubs reopening with restrictions.

As our November edition goes to press we are facing a potential return to lockdown. Autumn events such as Christmas Fair at Burton Village Hall clearly cannot go ahead, although at present we hope that Santa's Sleigh will go ahead. Santa is, after all, clearly a key worker.

We have been very proud that we have been able to continue to compile and distribute *The Bulletin* over this period. We are grateful to our contributors, advertisers and to our dedicated delivery agents.

The Editorial Team would like to thank Kirklees Council and Kirkburton Parish Council for recent grants of financial support.

The three ward councillors for Kirkburton agreed funding for *The Bulletin* under a scheme to support local organisations affected by coronavirus.

The Bulletin also received one of the awards from Kirkburton Parish Council to local organisations affected by the virus.

These funds will help secure the future of *The Bulletin* by replacing revenue lost during the coronavirus emergency.

We are also very pleased that this edition of *The Bulletin* is once again being printed by Adrian Sanger of print2020, formerly of Yorkshire Web.

As usual, we extend an invitation to readers who might be interested in getting involved with the editorial side of *The Bulletin*, team. We are particularly appealing to young people, perhaps students, to get involved.

We are also appealing in this edition for new recruits to our distribution team.

Unlike many other local papers which are left in piles in shops and other public places,

The Bulletin is hand-delivered to 2,500 households in our two villages.

Some of the most loyal and long-serving members of our distribution team have had to stand down from the role. Some have been shielding from coronavirus, while others are just ready to retire feeling that they have done their share.

We would particularly like to thank Kath Armitage, Geoff Barnard, Kay Booth, Joy Elson, Hilary Higson, Elizabeth Robinson, Diane Webster and Peter Welborne for many years' loyal service delivering *The Bulletin*. Apologies to anyone we may have omitted from these thanks.

If you think you might be able to take on one of our delivery routes of 30 to 50 copies, please get in touch.

We are a little disappointed that this is the first edition we can remember where we have no readers' letters to print. If you like *The Bulletin*, or even if you don't, please get in touch.

Whatever happens, we hope to be back with our February edition. Until then, have the best Christmas you can, stay safe and look out for each other.

The Bulletin Editorial Team

CALLING ALL MEDIA STUDIES OR SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS

If you study either of the above subjects at school or college, would you like to write articles for the Burton Bulletin?

You could write about anything ... Music, health, fashion, sexuality or something dear to you. Input from you would really be relevant and appreciated if you, or parents, or teachers reading this would like to know more, please contact the Bulletin at the email address on page 2 of this paper.

The Bulletin Editorial Team



Kirkburton
Parish Council

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HIGHBURTON**
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HM Government



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keep on protecting
each other.**



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Coronavirus & Lock Down at 'Russ the Butchers'

(This article was mistakenly omitted from the last edition of the bulletin, though the photo appeared – apologies to Russ)

I wasn't aware we were going to have two Christmas' in 2020 but it feels like we may have had. Where did all those customers come from..... ?

I am used to being extremely busy at Christmas and normally have around a month to prepare - but not this time, with Covid-19 and the lock-down. In the space of a couple of days everyone was staying at home not wanting to venture out to the supermarket so they headed down into the village for all of their needs. Never has there been such demand for chicken breasts and eggs. My current suppliers could not meet my demands but I was able to find an alternative supplier - Andy at Huddersfield Food Service in Lockwood - he had lost a lot of his customers due to the Coronavirus and had been forced to close; he was only too happy to provide everything I asked for. In the space of a couple of weeks trade had increased threefold and a massive increase in workload, fortunately I have a great lad called Myles who helps me out in the shop at teatime. He stepped up to the mark during lockdown working additional hours. It would not have been possible to have got through the past 14 weeks without Myles, not only for his help preparing meat for sale but also his sense of humour and fun that helped me keep going. After twelve hours working in the shop and the discomfort being on my feet all day, Myles made those last few hours a bit more bearable and kept me going.

Not only a huge demand for meat in the village but also things such as rice, pasta, milk vegetables and tinned tomatoes. Andy had a good stock so I was able to get these items to meet demand. My biggest coup was when one customer asked if I could get any flour as she was unable to find it anywhere; I asked Andy if he had any flour to which he replied, "as much as you want". Bingo! I was selling approximately 60 bags of flour a week and was

the most popular man for miles around, we were even buying 16kg bags of bread flour and re-bagging it into smaller bags (well Myles was) - I can never understand how a 16-year-old could manage to spread it around the shop and cover himself in such a short space of time.

Myles and I have also been kept amused by the variety of masks and gloves that customers and passers-by have been wearing in the recent weeks. We have seen masks which resemble items of ladies underwear, wartime gas masks and old DIY face masks that have probably been used for the last 20 years and most likely to have more harmful stuff collected in the fabric over the years that will do you more harm than the virus.

Another service was our Jigsaw Exchange. One customer said how much pleasure she was getting doing jigsaws during lock down but was finding it increasingly difficult to find different ones as she usually got them in the hospice shop which was closed. I put an appeal out on Radio Leeds 'Make a Difference' slot asking for unwanted puzzles, this got the ball rolling and we managed to get it going a few days later. You could exchange a jigsaw or buy one for £2 with the proceeds to Kirkwood Hospice.



Myles and Russell outside the hospice shop

I am pleased to say we were able to give the hospice a cheque for £500. So, a big thank you to everyone who have paid for their puzzles and helped to support this cause.

On the whole, everyone has been patient and light hearted through this very difficult time, even the lady who was fifteenth in the queue for my shop one day who said she wasn't bothered "as there were 18 in the queue for the Co-op".

Queuing in nice weather did make a difference though and I would like to thank all my customers who waited until it was their turn. Let us all hope that the situation improves through the Autumn and Winter months and that in 2021 we can celebrate and do all the things we missed out on this year and do it bigger and better.

Thanks, Russ

Ed: Well done Russell, we couldn't have done it without you.

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Burton Crafters

Unfortunately, our local craft group have not yet been able to get back to regular Monday afternoon meeting, and it still seems a long way off. However, this does not mean that they have been idle crafters, just the opposite.

Between them, here is an approximate list of the support given to the local community, and much, much further afield.

Currently the number of masks made is over 600. This includes making some for free for friends and relatives, local businesses, and around 300 being sold to support Cancer charities. This alone has raised around £1,000, much-needed when other funding streams have had to be put on hold. Some masks have even been sent to relatives in Australia.

Birmingham hospitals, Pinderfields and our local hospitals have benefited from group members making around 40 sets of scrubs with wash bags, so that NHS workers could put their uniform in a bag and pop them straight in to the washer. One craft member has made six scrub tops for her daughter who works at the Kirkburton surgery, and is currently searching for suitable Christmas material to cheer people up when see her.

At the start of the pandemic, we lost count of the number of matching pairs of hearts that we made, to give one to the nearest



relative and to leave one with their relative who died: we were told that this was very well received by everyone.

Meeting our crafters around the village, and when receiving their emails, what is striking is how they all say that keeping busy and productive has been their lifeline during lockdown, reminiscent of stories told me by my mum during the war.

Another lady, not in the craft group, contacted me to say that she has knitted around 100 beanie hats, which she would like to sell for £2 each for the Hospice.

Contact The Bulletin if you would like to buy any – a snip with winter coming.

Pat Shaw

Just a taste

With this strange new normal upon us we have all had to adapt in many different ways. Our WI, the Burton Belles, have continued to offer monthly meetings to our members as well as coffee and chat catch ups, quizzes and bingo. Although it has all been via Zoom, which again has been a learning curve, it has offered a way of communicating and engaging with others when at times you can feel very isolated.

The past few months we have had some wonderful speakers and have even more lined up for the rest of the year. Better yet we are now able to offer a taster membership and guest admission to our Zoom meetings. So, if you are wanting a little taster then now's your chance.



unusual places that we wouldn't ordinarily visit in a quirky car. It was very enjoyable and even if it was a virtual break at least it was some form of mini holiday.

In November we are hosting an online security talk given by Lee Daisy, a member of Nat-west. And in December we will be welcoming Sarah Slater who is a tour guide at Hampton Court Palace. She will be telling all about the goings on of a royal court especially those salacious secrets between 1660 to 1830, it's bound to be very interesting.

We're so glad that we have been able to adapt and contin-



Our August meeting was with Karen Piotr who gave a fascinating and informative talk on organ donation, it definitely opened my eyes to the whole process as well as learning about the British Transplant Games which Leeds will be hosting in 2021.

September was the Great British September clean which is part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. We had hoped to team up with Burton Environmental Group and host a litter pick of our local area. But unfortunately with the new government guidelines coming into force we had to cancel. We did however manage to host a meeting on veganism and sustainability which was an interesting talk on different and alternative products that we can use to help reduce our impact on the environment.

For October's meeting, we went on a road trip, virtually of course. But we were joined by Peta Allingham who took us to

ue to offer support, as well as a range of different meetings to members.

Although it's a tricky time, it is nice to have other people out there that you can chat and interact with as well as learn something new through an online talk. There is a whole bunch of us that are offering different meetings, from online exercise classes, craft sessions and various talks. So, if you are wanting something to look forward to or take part in, especially as the nights draw in, then why not get in touch with us about the taster membership, go on take a bite, we're a friendly bunch and hopefully one day we'll meet in person.

Sarah Sharp-Allison President of Burton Belles WI

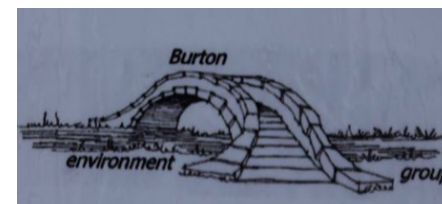
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Burton Environment Group celebrates the end of an era



Burton Dean Park
(with Petanque Area)

After five years four major local projects that have taken up most of the time, energy and work of BEG members will be basically finished.

The tens of thousands of grant monies donated by the Parish Council, Cobbett Trust and Yorkshire Water have been invested into improving the environmental health and wellbeing of the village.

As BEG chair for the last 16 years, I have always believed that grant monies are worthless unless they are changed into positive outcomes, that can both be seen and be part of community cohesion.

The group thanks its sponsors for having the confidence to invest in the BEG work programmes.



Kirkburton Memorial Garden

Minor works will continue within the Covid restrictions. The Petanque/Boule programmes will hopefully re-start in the Spring and the Exercise Stations **will** open once the inspection approvals have been completed.

As well as the Memorial Garden maintenance ready for November there are now many individual members doing works of improvement. In a time of face masks we are conscious of both safety and security issues, so BEG has decided to issue identity cards to its members.

The priorities of BEG are now changing with members looking more towards maintenance programmes, the use of sub-groups and wider Biodiversity issues.

Thanks go to the many villagers who are supporting the latest four major projects by making use of the community areas, especially during the Covid challenges.

Tim Scott - BEG Chair



Burton Community Fields with Trim Trail (work in progress)



Town Quarry

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Dog training in lockdown

Getting a new puppy during lockdown has proved to be challenging, especially as the usual puppy classes that are normally running on a regular basis have not been available. So, neighbours who both got puppies at the same time, joined together to have one-to-one puppy training from an experienced dog trainer.

Phoebe, a black Cavapoo, is six days older than Betsy, who is a white Spoodle. As you would expect puppies to be, both were extremely lively and in need of discipline. So, as soon as their vaccinations allowed, they started puppy training.

The first session involved a great deal of excitement as the puppies were introduced. They then got down to work, which included learning to respond to their names, look on command, leave it and go to bed. All of which are useful foundations to build on.

Both puppies did really well and managed to learn their new skills, with the help of bags of treats.

The second session focused on walking nicely on a lead with the distractions of traffic, people, other dogs and leaves.

It is not clear who faced the biggest challenge – the owners or the dogs. But all four managed to get back safely.

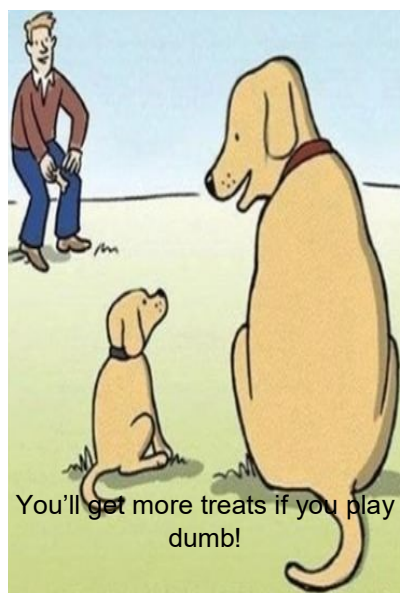
The final class was a bumper session which included the



Angela Elam and Linda Pearce

commands of sit, down, come and stay. Rather a lot for small puppies, so by the end, they didn't know whether they were coming or going.

Overall, the training was successful. Phoebe and Betsy are now best friends. And their owners have new skills in dog training. Albeit a work in progress.



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Writer in Residence

Kirklees Libraries have launched an exciting online programme of activities to coach people to become writers. The programme called 'Writer in Residence', is spearheaded by local author Christina Longden. She is running monthly online chats, workshops and masterclasses which aim to encourage writers at all points on their writing journey, including those who haven't written anything since they were at school. There is an opportunity to ask questions during each session which is streamed live on the Kirklees Libraries Facebook page and available to watch later on YouTube.

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encouraging more children to read for pleasure which will help with their long-term literacy skills. The weekly series has authors reading from their work; illustrators running draw-alongs and sketching suggestions, and an amazing variety of inspiring and creative activities to take part in. The programme is streamed live on Facebook and available afterwards on YouTube.

The online programme of events is for children aged 4 – 11 years old. Children can watch and join in with their families at home and teachers can use the sessions with children in school. Parents can also use the sessions to support home-schooling.

On-line Resources

Kirklees Libraries have a vast array of FREE on-line resources which can be accessed at home, this includes Ancestry and over 30,000 eBooks hosted on 'Libby'. Resources can be found at: www.kirklees.gov.uk/libraries And a YouTube channel where you can view Library Adventures Live! videos from Christina Longden, and New Local Heritage Walks & Talks.

Library membership is free, new members can join in branch or on-line to make immediate use of our resources. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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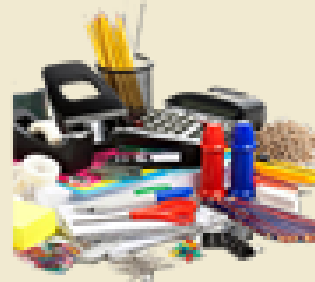
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All Hallows Church

The last few months have been pretty rough, haven't they? I wonder how many times since March, you've wondered just exactly what day it is, or perhaps felt a sense of despair at yet more bad news. I know I have, and it is exhausting.

We are all living with a new way of working, trying to find some sense of normality in the midst of unprecedented restrictions, and we are no different here in All Hallows' – just muddling through, trying to do our best.

In All Hallows' we are trying a variety of things to continue our work and worship: making use of Zoom for Morning Prayer, Youth Group, business meetings, pastoral visits, small group fellowship and bible study; we are sharing weekly Podcast worship with local churches in Cumberworth, Denby, Denby Dale and Shepley – available at www.soundcloud.com/revstephhunter or by calling 01484 799996; we are opening the building for private prayer and reflection on Wednesday afternoons, and for services on Sunday mornings; and we have held a handful of services outside in our beautiful Green Flag winning churchyard. (Ed: *The Green Flag Scheme recognises and rewards well-managed green spaces.*)

The coming months bring new challenges as we seek to



remember and commemorate those who have died serving our country, and in our families and communities. We then move into Advent and Christmas, wanting to hold true to our traditions but abiding by restrictions and keeping one another safe.

One of the good things about this pandemic is that it has encouraged us all to consider what is important and what can be changed to work better and keep people safe.

This year we will do as much as possible outside or livestreamed to our Facebook page.

Some of our Advent and Christmas events are still very much in the planning stages, but we have set our diary for our key services.

6 December – Christingle Service, 11am in church, and livestreamed

13 December – Nativity Service, 4pm in the churchyard

20 December – Carols around the Tree, 6pm

24 December – Midnight Mass

25 December – Christmas Morning Family Communion

We will continue to share worship via Soundcloud and telephone each week, to which you are very welcome to share. We also invite you to place the image of an angel in your window or garden through December to share some joy through the festive season.

Despite the challenges, we are still here for you. We will still remember with you, and will celebrate with you, even if it looks a little different this year. In all things, know that we are praying for you, and that you are always invited.

**God bless,
Reverend Steph Hunter**

P.S. If there are any particularly technologically minded individuals in the community who may be able to support us through this season to celebrate, please get in touch.

Shelley Village Hall

Shelley Village Hall is open as a Covid-secure venue, adhering to all Government guidance for your safety and with Track and Trace QR codes for peace of mind.



At present the following groups are operating: Pilates, Exercising in Line, Movement and Exercise, Dog Training School and some Over 60's activities including Art, Exercise, Bingo and carpet bowls.

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THE BURIAL GROUND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (BGMS) PROJECT



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The project is a Local, National and International Community Ancestry, Heritage Preservation and Research Project, funded by a National Heritage Lottery Fund grant

The project started in March 2018 when Atlantic Geomatics digitally mapped both churchyards onto their BGMS software. The image to the left shows specialist cameras and GPS technologies being used during the mapping process of the 6,000+ memorials.

Also scanned were six burial registers for Kirkburton be-



tween 1813 and 2018 and two registers for Shelley between 1868 and 2018, which were loaded into the BGMS software.

In December 2018 fourteen local volunteers were trained to transcribe the burial registers into the BGMS software, this work was completed by Feb 2019. Four volunteers from the Kirkburton History Group were then enlisted to photograph the memorials at the two churches.

Roger Armitage and Ken Christie worked at Emmanuel Church, and Linda Musgrave and Andrea Tindle worked at All Hallows.

The volunteers at Kirkburton



are very grateful to the late John Wakley and his family for allowing the use of his excellent graveyard plans and lists of names on the memorials, which speeded up the photography process immensely. Burial details on all memorials before 1813 at Kirkburton had to be entered manually from the headstones and by the end of 2019, all the memorials at both churches had been photographed and image matched to the burial registers. The BGMS software image to the left shows the graves in the Fox and Jepson areas at the lower end of All Hallows Old Graveyard.

Graves at both All Hallows and Emmanuel to commemorate the men of both villages who fought for their country in the World Wars.

The National launch of the BGMS Project took place at All Hallows on 26 Feb 2020 and at Emmanuel on 27 Feb 2020. This is the first project of its kind in the UK to go live and genealogists, historians and other interested parties will benefit greatly from easy online access to search for information.

The image to the left, from the Kirkburton launch, shows the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire David Pearson, All Hallows' Churchwardens Kate Tordoff and Paul Howatson, Tim Viney of Atlantic Geomatics and Sylvia Johnson, the BGMS Project Lead.

At All Hallows, the launch was opened by the Venerable Dr Anne Dawtry, and speakers included Dr Joe Elders of the Church Building Council, Sylvia Johnson, Tim Viney, project volunteer, Linda Musgrave and Andrew Hancox, Deputy Head at Kirkburton

First School. Also in attendance was the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, David Pearson, as well as children from Kirkburton First School, representatives from other churches in West Yorkshire and people from the village.

The launch at Emmanuel Church Shelley, took place the following day and both launches were reported in local and national newspapers, including The Times.

By May 2020, all unmarked graves in both the new and old graveyards at All Hallows had been plotted into the BGMS software using the old church-



yard plans, and work is still ongoing at Shelley to identify the unmarked plots. The Burial Ground Project is regularly updated with new burials and interments of ashes.

As well as local interest, it is hoped that the public anywhere in the world will use the BGMS software to help with genealogy research by visiting the following website links and searching for names:

For All Hallows Church, Kirkburton: <https://kirkburton.burialgrounds.co.uk>

For Emmanuel Church, Shelley: <https://shelley.burialgrounds.co.uk>

If anyone needs assistance to search for relatives that may be buried at either church please contact Linda Musgrave, the Kirkburton BGMS Site Administrator, at linda-musgrave109@outlook.com



The unmarked graves, plotted from the old church plans, are indicated by dotted lines. There are a number of distinctive white Commonwealth War



Burton Beef at Meadow View Farmhouse

Our very own beef farm here on Moor Lane was originally set up in the 1940's by Ernest Rangeley initially farming pigs and a small dairy herd, these gave way to beef cattle and a farm shop in the 1970's when Ernest's son Melvin decided to change the direction of the farm. The farm shop was run by Melvin's wife Christine and proved to be a great success at the time, selling home grown and local produce to the local community, but times change and with the rise of the supermarkets this didn't prove to be viable and so the hard decision was taken to close the shop.

The farm shop premises is now the home of Melvin's son, James, wife Suzanne and son Jack who run the farm today, specialising in first class beef cattle and lamb.

Son Jack who has recently gained his Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Agriculture at Askham Bryan College in York will hopefully in the future be the 4th

generation of Rangeleys to run the farm.

With the ever changing economic climate there was a need to look into ways of diversifying on the farm and with Suzanne's birthday approaching earlier this year James decided to take her away to North Yorkshire for a little holiday, little did she know that there was an ulterior motive to this treat as James had arranged not just one, but two farm visits to see a new breed of cattle. The cattle they went to see were Dexters which are a native and the smallest breed of cattle in the British Isles, they originate from Ireland and are renowned for their superior marbled meat quality. After buying some of the Dexter meat and sampling it the family were hooked as it was so succulent and just melted in the mouth. The decision was made and soon six Dexter cows with their calves and some older calves too were heading for the Highburton farm and so the idea of Burton Beef was born.

Apart from the Dexters, the Rangeley's run a mixed herd of



Two of the new Dexters. The mother cow is called Linsey and the calf is Liquorice.

cattle and had decided that they would like to pursue the idea of 'Burton Beef' before the Dexter cattle were ready. The market was tested with their home grown, grass fed prime cattle, after being given the go ahead by Kirklees Food Standards with a five-star hygiene rating, and the response has been fantastic.

High welfare standards are kept throughout the life of the cattle that are born and raised in the fields around Highburton and Kirkburton, they graze on the grass in the fields that could not be used for any other purpose which makes them highly sustainable with a low carbon footprint. To keep the stress and food miles low, a local abattoir and butcher are used which in turn helps the local economy. James and Suzanne know the full story of these cattle from birth onwards, they are well

cared for and want for nothing, this in turn produces a product that is superior in taste and quality and one they are proud to share with the community. Within two weeks of this new enterprise starting up their freezer was completely empty and the enthusiasm for this wonderful local product of such excellent quality and taste was phenomenal, James and Suzanne can't thank the local community enough for their support and we wish them every success for the future, we are so lucky to have this enterprise on our doorstep.

Orders are now being taken for Christmas so join James, Suzanne and Jack in a 'Burton Beef Christmas'

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Melvin with his son James as a baby

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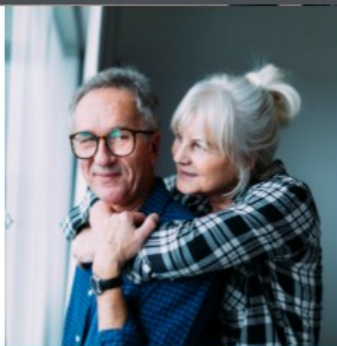
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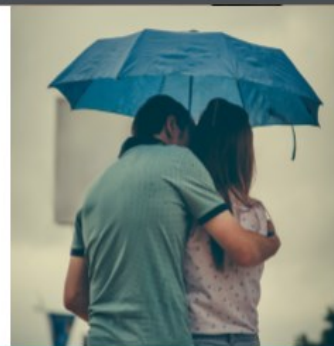


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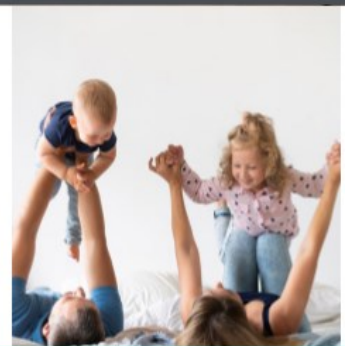
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News from Kirkburton CE (VA) First School

First and foremost, after all the weeks of lockdown and working with small groups, it has been wonderful to welcome our new starters into Reception. Like everywhere else we have had to adapt how school operates to keep the children in their own class bubbles, but they have adapted to the new routines magnificently and school feels like the happy and productive place that it always has been.

The children have been getting thoroughly involved in their learning covering topics such as the Victorians, World War Two and the Human Body. It has been particularly exciting to see our Reception and Year One children really make use of our improved outdoor provision given that this was completed just before the lockdown.

We have managed to host some special events. Our Year 3 children were able to spend a day at Cannon Hall working as Victorian servants. They all came dressed in costumes and got thoroughly involved in the activities for the day which really brought learning alive.

We also had some good news when 5 of our Y5 children won prizes in a national poetry competition, including one achieving 2nd place making us all very proud. The children also raised nearly £400 for Macmillan Cancer research by joining Mr West as he completed a virtual Great North Run round the school grounds. Each class joined in for a mile or more each and really pushed themselves to go further than they thought they could. The children's perseverance and families' generosity made this a day to remember.

We have held our harvest festival via the internet where each class created a short film, whilst collecting donations for the Welcome Centre; thank you to all the families who made such generous donations. We have also raised funds for school by holding a "break the rules" day which was lots of fun for all involved.

So overall, a wonderful start to the year for the children of Kirkburton.



Kirkburton Middle School

[https://
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uk/](https://www.kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk/)

It has been great to see the school come to life once again with the full return of pupils this term. It has been lovely to welcome back our Years 7 and 8 pupils, some of whom have been out of the school for nearly six months, and hear all about their time away from school. We have been delighted to welcome our new Year 6 cohort to our school community. Despite having missed out on the traditional transition week, they have settled in extremely well. Mr Parker, Head of Year 6, has been extremely impressed by the way they have adapted to their new surroundings and he assures me if ever there is a competition for washing 170 pairs of hands, it will definitely be another victory for Team KMS.

We have made a number of alterations to the school site and to the school day in order to make it Covid secure. This has included the installation of 41 hand sanitiser dispensers across the school and 30 outside sinks and whilst you couldn't describe things as 'business as usual', we're cautiously getting there. One thing is for sure, everybody is delighted to be back and the atmosphere around school has been excellent. We recognise some of our initial changes caused some disruption to surrounding roads and we thank residents for their patience whilst we got this sorted. We are continuing to encourage parents to drop their children off away from school in order to keep traffic levels around the school site to a minimum. It has been really pleasing to see a large increase in the number of pupils both walking and cycling to school.

I'm bitterly disappointed we have had to cancel our showcase open evening event as it provides us with the opportunity to show the outside world what a fantastic school we have. This year we will be holding a **virtual open evening** we hope it will give people a flavour of what we offer. Please visit our new school website for further information.

The extensive drainage works

to our fields, paid for by a football foundation grant, should mean many more matches will be possible this winter. Another project which we hope will commence shortly is the erection of a perimeter fence around the entire school site, paid for by a DfE grant. This is a decision we have not taken lightly, however we feel it is necessary in order to ensure all our pupils are properly safeguarded whilst they are in the care of the school. But it should not be seen as an attempt by the school to shut the community out. As Headteacher, I firmly believe schools should sit at the centre of the communities they serve. We will continue to work closely with the local football club and other community organisations in order to ensure our grounds can be used at evenings and weekends in a controlled and safe manner.

One of my favourite events of the year is the **annual carol service** at All Hallows Church. This may we be something else we can't do in the traditional manner this year, however I'm hoping we can find other ways to spread a little KMS festive cheer.

At the start of the year very few people had heard of coronaviruses, bubbles were things blown at children's parties and remote learning meant going to school on the Isle of Skye. What little did we know! Despite all the challenges that life has thrown at us over the past few weeks and months, it has been great to see 'Team KMS' continue to do what it does best – 'Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together'.

For more information about our school, please visit our social media feeds and sites.

Chris Taylor, Headteacher



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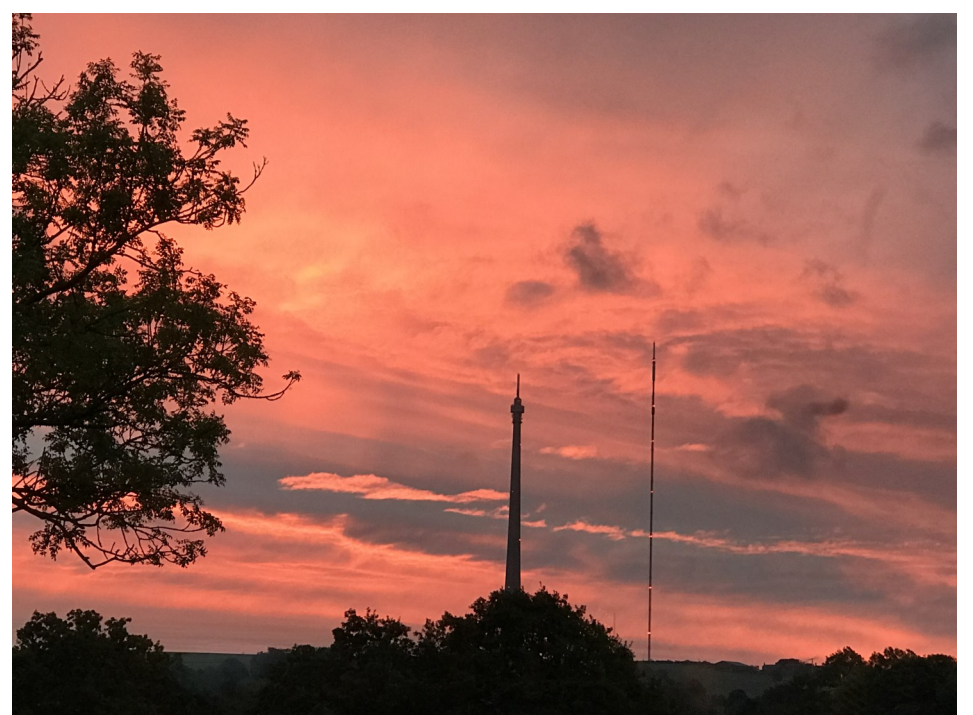
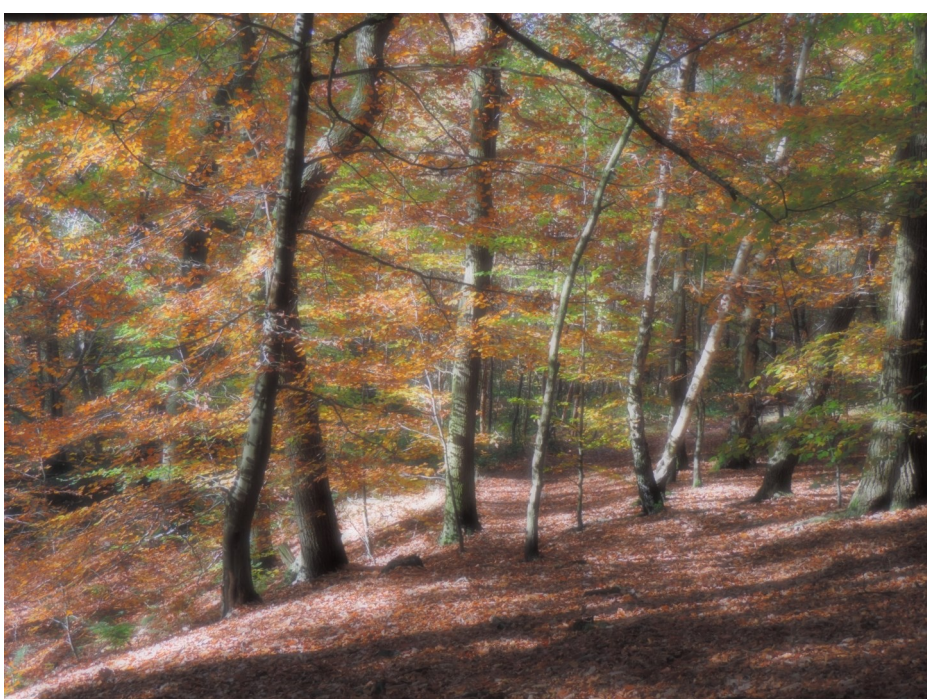
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Lest we forget



After an appeal for photos of our WWII casualties on Burton Environment Group (BEG) Facebook page in February 2019, I was contacted by Andrew Wells, a relative of Harry Wood asking whether I had managed to find a photo of him. Andrew lives in Bristol and his grandmother was Harry's sister. All I had was a local newspaper clipping announcing his death given to me by our local historian, Robert Carter. I sent Andrew a copy of this clipping as well as photographs of his name on our monument in the Memorial Garden and his name on the Roll of Honour 1939-45 inside All Hallows Church.

Harry had a wife called Winifred and they had three daughters. The clipping said the Wood family lived in Plymouth, where they had been bombed out when their home sustained a direct hit. Although Harry and his family lived in Plymouth because of his naval career, his mother lived on Turnshaws Avenue, Kirkburton. In May, just after celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day, Andrew Wells contacted BEG again sending us this fantastic family photo of Harry with his mother, sister (both on the left) and Winifred his wife. The arrival of this photo could not have come at a better time and certainly lifted my spirits.

On 17 September completely unexpectedly, Andrew Wells sent these lovely sketches of the captain, some of his officers



and ship's company of HMS Repulse. He found them on eBay. He was hoping that there would be a sketch of his great uncle amongst them. Sadly, there wasn't. The names were hard to read but these images



would have been familiar to Harry. The artist had a sense of humour and gave the officers the nicknames which the crew members would have known. The sketches were drawn in the July - August period of 1941 just a few months before the ship sank on 10 December 1941. Sadly, some of the men featured in the sketches died that day.

If any of you have been watching the fictional TV drama "The Singapore Grip", then this is the area where this naval disaster took place.

I had never heard of the awful event on 10 December 1941, when HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse were sunk near Kuantan on the east coast of Malaya, by Japanese torpedoes and bombs. These two battleships were sent out into the open sea with no worthwhile defensive support. Both of them were relatively fast ships. Furthermore, HMS Prince of Wales was a new battleship with passive and active anti-aircraft defences against contemporary aircraft, being equipped with the advanced High Angle Control System (HACS), although it was largely inoperable during the battle.

While today it seems obvious to us that a fleet should not venture into a combat zone without aerial support, at the time the idea of aircraft as offensive weapons was fairly new to naval combat. Prior to

the sinking of HMS Repulse and HMS Prince of Wales, no capital ship of the line had ever been sunk by aircraft, and it was thought that their heavy armouring made this impossible. Air-dropped torpedoes at the time were also generally unreliable and prone to problems. However, unknown to the West, the Japanese had made major improvements to their aerial torpedo design which turned it into a serious weapon.

After receiving Andrew's sketches, I felt I needed to know what happened to Harry and his friends on that fateful day.

Planes from the Kanoya Air Group attacked HMS Repulse from both starboard and port. Repulse, which had dodged at least 14 torpedoes, was caught in an anvil attack and was hit on the port side by a torpedo. Within minutes, further attacks resulted in at least three or four more torpedoes striking Repulse. She had been hit seriously and Captain William Tennant knew that the ship would soon sink. He ordered the crew overboard. HMS Repulse listed heavily to port over a period of about six minutes and finally rolled over, settled by the head, and sank at 12:33 with heavy casualties. After the action, destroyers HMS Electra and HMS Vampire moved in to rescue survivors of the Repulse. After they were rescued, some survivors of HMS Re-

pulse manned action stations to free HMS Electra sailors to rescue more survivors. In particular, Repulse gunners manned 'X' and 'Y' 4.7-inch (120 mm) mounts, and HMS Repulse's dentist assisted Electra's medical teams with the wounded. In total nearly 1,000 survivors of Repulse were rescued, 571 by HMS Electra. HMS Vampire picked up nine officers, 213 ratings, and one civilian war correspondent from HMS Repulse, and two sailors from HMS Prince of Wales."

According to the London Gazette report by Flt Lt Vigors:

"It was obvious that the destroyers were going to take hours to pick up those hundreds of men clinging to bits of wreckage and swimming around in the filthy, oily water. Above all this, the threat of another bombing and machine-gun attack was imminent. Every one of those men must have realised that. Yet as I flew around, every man waved and put up his thumb as I flew over him. After an hour, lack of fuel forced me to leave, but during that hour I had seen many men in dire danger waving, cheering and joking, as if they were holiday-makers at Brighton waving at a low-flying aircraft. It shook me, for here was something above human nature."

Reading the three survivors account, which I have included in this article, was a very upsetting experience. The true horror of that day made me thankful that I was not there and that none of my relatives were onboard. I can appreciate why Andrew Wells is trying to find out about his great uncle.

Survivor 1- Able Seaman Bert Wynn had been in the depths of a 15-inch shell handling room. He recalls his dramatic escape:

"We had no forewarning of this final phase of the action, as Repulse still appeared to be steaming at high speed. Suddenly, there were three successive explosions. In seconds she took on a massive list to port. I knew to stay in this room one second longer would mean

Anna Boden tell the story of Harry Hector Wood, Chief Engine Room Artificer who died on HMS Repulse on 10 December 1941



certain death but the only other lads who seemed keen to get up top were Taffy Johns and Geordie Jeans, and the only possible escape route would be to climb up the shaft, connecting our room to "Y" turret. Geordie led the way. I was last in line. As he entered the shaft I remember him shouting to the lads still waiting for orders from above, "Come on lads it's over. Get out now!", but no one moved.

"On entering the shaft, the thought struck me we could be trapped, for if the hatch at the base of the turret hadn't been unclipped we'd never escape. Thankfully, I breathed a sigh of relief as it was clear, though elations were short lived as water was pouring down from inside the turret. This could only mean Repulse was partially submerged.

"I remember shouting down one last time to the lads below, "Are you coming up? You've got to, otherwise it'll be too late" I looked for signs of life, but everywhere was in pitch darkness. Mind you, they couldn't have been following, as not one man left in the shell room survived the battle.

"The only way out of the turret was through the upper hatch, located in its roof. I found the ladder leading up to it, but Taffy started to panic as he didn't have a life belt on. We told him to go first and stay put till we got out, we'd then help him off the ship. So up he went clipping the hatch open.

"By this time Repulse had a list

that must have been approaching 45 degrees, as Geordie and myself got up top we looked in desperation for signs of Taffy but he'd disappeared. We never saw him again. After diving into the sea and spending what seemed an eternity in the oily water, we were rescued by the destroyer Electra. Though the saddest part of all was within a short period of reaching safety. Geordie passed away on the destroyer's deck, a victim of oil contamination".

Survivor 2- Reg Woods tells of his lucky escape:

"As our gun crew made its way from the pom-pom, the port side was only a few feet clear of the water, which looked a very tempting escape route, but we were being warned away from there by some Petty Officers, as the rapidly submerging superstructure could easily drag you down with the ship.

"I'd estimate the speed of Repulse at the time to be in the region of 20 knots, and also remember the Captain of my gun, Reg Slatter, saying "Come on, we'll go over this way", meaning starboard. I replied, "No, I'm taking the shortest route", which meant port, reason being I'd seen the P/O's stopping lads from going over one part of the starboard side because of a torpedo hole, as some lads were diving in only to be swept back inside the ship.

"This, along with the terrifying sight of the propellers looming out of the water, left me in no doubt that I was taking my

chances elsewhere. With this I left my mates and ventured down the almost vertical deck and into the water from the port side. I never saw Slats again, he didn't survive.

"I'm convinced all of us have at least one everlasting memory of Repulse from that day. Mine is, once clear of the ship, the sight of huge plumes of water rising some 100 feet or so in the air, caused by the partially submerged propellers. The horrifying consequence of this was men who hadn't got clear of the turbulence were being catapulted in the air. A lot landed near to me, and all of them were dead. Thankfully my ordeal ended about 40 minutes later when I was rescued by the destroyer Vampire".

Survivor 3- Ted Matthew's horrific recollection of his escape from the ship:

"I made my way off our action station and onto the almost horizontal deck, passing the rear entrance of the Captain's quarters. In the recess of the doorway I saw the ship's Padre kneeling down tending to an injured man. The lad caught sight of me and shouted my name. I realised I knew him very well, but won't offer his identity as he suffered terribly, and if he's any family alive, it's best they're settled with the fact that he's one of the many lost during the action.

"As I approached them the ship was moving further to port. It was obvious we'd have no time for a lengthy rescue, but it wasn't until I was literally on top of him, till I seen the severity of his injuries. He had terrible bullet wounds across the whole of his stomach.

"The Padre told me to give him a hand to try getting him over the starboard side. But on moving him he let out the most horrific scream. We let him fall back and tried again, with the same result. By now I must have been showing signs of worry for my own safety, as the next thing the Padre said was "Go on son you can't do anymore for him".

I don't care who you are, when faced with that kind of situation, the strongest instinct is for your own survival, and I certainly didn't need to be told twice. The Padre's bravery was beyond belief, and thankfully, he survived. However, my mate didn't and the look in his face that day has never left me.

"After this terrible incident I made my way over the starboard side and still remember sitting on the bilge keel, taking off my anti-flash gear then my shoes and socks, and diving out as far as I could. It was quite a way down, as the height of the keel must have been in the region of 40 feet or so out of the water. I swam clear and after a few minutes managed to latch onto a heavy crate that'd come from the ship. At that moment for the first time in quite a while, I felt safe. I imagine I must have been in the oily water amongst dead sharks and sea snakes for the best part of an hour till the destroyer Electra came to my rescue."

I was able to send Andrew Wells a photograph taken by Robert Carter of the Memorial dedicated to Harry Hector Woods which is on his parent's grave in "All Hallows Churchyard", Kirkburton." Andrew had no idea of its existence and was pleased to know that he must have been a much-loved son. Please take the time to walk round our churchyard this November. The war graves are easy to locate as a member of the churchyard team will have put a poppy on each of them so that we do not forget.

Anna Boden





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Sew for Cancer — thank you sew much



A face covering project started by Dianne Stewart, a member of Burton Crafters, has raised more than £1300 for Yorkshire Cancer Research. Carol Hirst, Secretary of the Huddersfield Voluntary Committee, Yorkshire Cancer Research said: "Yorkshire Cancer Research would like to thank Dianne Stewart, Pauline Dolan and Judith Norris for their wonderful sewing skills and Cow and Giraffe Online Fabric

boutique for donating a fabulous range cotton fabric. Our very special thanks also to Claire at Lydgate Styles, the staff at Kirkburton Post Office and Linton's Hair and Beauty for their fantastic sales support. "The money raised will help to save lives by improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in Yorkshire." A fabulous festive range of face coverings is now on sale.

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Kirkburton Pre-School

We do hope that this finds you all well. We have had a busy start to our new term with lots of new children to welcome. Things are still a little bit different in our setting due to Covid, but that has not stopped us having fun.

We were privileged to have a visit from a very special dog – Shumba, a who is a therapy dog. A Leonberger dog weighing in at a mere 14 stones, Shumba is a big softy who lay on the floor and allowed the children to pet and stroke him, even those who were a little nervous to start with were soon sat happily by Shumba's side.



One of things we value most about being a village-based pre-school is the amount of support we receive from our community, and we have been especially grateful at the present time as our fundraising efforts are very limited at the moment. We really do appreciate the support and help we receive from our local community.

We were thrilled to be nominated as Kirkburton Post Office's charity for the year.

Thank you so much to Helen and Steve Froggatt, our new Post Masters for their support.

We are very grateful to Shepley Spring Water who kept us supplied with donations of bottled water when we re-opened in the summer. This has been hugely appreciated.

We also wish to say a huge thank you to Sunita and the Thorncliffe Working Men's Club who held a fundraising curry night for our pre-school. Over £280 was raised, it was a huge surprise and we are very grateful to Sunita and everyone at the club for thinking of us.

Our thoughts will be turning to Christmas when we return after half term and whilst we will not be able to hold our usual Christmas Concert, we will be learning Christmas songs and activities, with lots of card and decoration making to enjoy. On behalf of everyone at Kirkburton Pre-School we hope you all enjoy a lovely Christmas.

We take children from age two - in or out of nappies. Places available including funded places for up to 30 hours.

Should you wish to enquire about a place at our Pre-School please contact us with your details and we will send a Welcome Pack as soon as possible.

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Who's in the picture?



We have found this photograph in our archives. Sadly, there were no details attached and we would love to know what it was all about? Was there a special visitor to the village or was it a protest about the speed some cars are driven on North Road? If anyone recognises themselves on the photograph or knows what it was all about then please get in touch as we would love to know.

Kirkwood Hospice shop

Our article for the Burton Bulletin had just been written when disaster struck. On the evening of Friday 9 October a fountain of water was gushing up through a drain cover in the road between the butchers shop and ourselves. We were told a pipe had burst. What we did not know was the water had made its way into the shop itself, through the front door, ruining the carpet and all the stock sitting in baskets on the floor. It had also covered the loading bay area in a couple of inches of water. This flood consequently damaged our take offs, which go on the van to the other Kirkwood shops, as well as wetting our rag collection of books and clothing. The shop was forced to close between 10 and 14 October. The shop is now open again - thanks to tremendous efforts from staff and volunteers.

Apologies if we can't accept your donations straight away.

We have been overwhelmed by your donations but we are compelled to quarantine every item for 48 hours. This involves storing the donations in holding pens, therefore we do not have the storage capacity we previously had. The Kirkburton shop accepts donations every day until its capacity is full, a good idea is to ring the shop on 609312 and ask whether donations are being accepted. We do not want you to trail down with heavy bags if we are full. Alternatively our Waterloo shop accepts donations on Tuesday and Friday.

Light up a life

At a time when we could all do with a little more love, we invite you to join with us for this year's **Light up a Life** event. We have opened our **Light up a Life** online dedication page, where you can choose to remember your loved one by creating a personal dedication. A long and lasting way to remember someone you love and your precious memories, you can share a special message and a photo, invite family and friends to view your tribute too – wherever they are.

We are unable to invite you to join us in the garden this year, our team will be running a live streamed event on Sunday 6th December at 4pm, where our picturesque gardens will become a haven of light and a beacon of hope, shining bright in memory of those you love.

Created to help you celebrate at home, everyone who makes a

dedication will receive a bespoke pack containing a personalised tribute card, a beautiful **Light up a Life** decoration, a candle to light in memory of your loved one and a book of reflection which will contain readings and poems. You will also receive an invite with details on how to view the live event. For more information or to make a dedication, visit: www.thekirkwood.org.uk/lightupalife

Christmas Superdraw

Kirkwood will be holding their annual Christmas Superdraw with a first prize of £3,000. All income raised will go towards helping anyone affected by a life limiting illness whether at the Hospice or in their own home. Tickets can be bought from our Kirkburton shop. You have to be in it to win it. Good Luck.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and hopefully a better New Year. Stay safe.

From all the staff and volunteers of the Kirkburton shop Kirkwood Rebranding



Back in 2019, before Covid raised its ugly head, Kirkwood wanted to raise awareness and understanding of what they do within our local communities.

It was felt that more people needed to be reached - many people do not ask for help and support as they are not aware of the ways Kirkwood might help. Most people think that Kirkwood only cares for people at the very end of life. With this in mind Kirkwood has developed a 10 year strategy to double the number of people needing care by offering free support early enough to make a positive impact on quality of life and focusing on what is important for the families relying on it. Kirkwood now has a new brand identity, a new logo, and a modern bright look. The charity needs your help more than ever so please spread the word and support in whatever way you can.

Be aware of this fixed penalty notice scam

Fraud Co-ordination Team have been made aware of the fraudulent email, which tells people they must pay a £25 fine for failing to pay the fee for using their vehicle on a certain road. The email, which claims to be from HM Courts and Tribunals Service, makes threats that the amount payable will increase to £50 if the fine is not paid within 14 days. It then asks you to click on a link to pay the fine.

These messages may look authentic but they are malicious. Once clicked, you may be sent to pay money directly into the fraudsters' bank account, you might have nasty viruses downloaded onto your computer, or your passwords may be stolen.

Spotting scam emails is becoming increasingly difficult as they look so professional. If you're not sure whether the email you have received is genuine, contact the place it claims to be from via their official website or using a known phone number - **NOT via any links within the email.**

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On a lighter note, in September, the KLC received an acknowledgement from Prostate Cancer UK for raising the fantastic sum of £901.80 from the postponed **charity race night**. We still have no idea when this event can go ahead but rest assured as soon as we can ... IT WILL.

On Saturday 17 October from 10am to 3pm a group of small local businesses staged their first ever **pop up shopping event** in the club. There were eight stalls Lavender and Pearl, Be You Boutique, Petit

Boutique, Joseph Alexander jewellery, Miriam's Cookery Delights, The Magic Toyshop, Pure Luxury Melts and The Kirkwood. The event was closely monitored to make sure everyone adhered to the latest Covid regulations and, given the circumstances, it was a huge success. The stalls offered a wide range of products and a steady flow of customers came through the door. They had come to support the local businesses and try out a new Kirkburton shopping experience.

Margaret Thomas, Gemma Dolley and Liz Dickson, the driving forces behind this event, and want to stage another event at the end of November which will be publicised on Facebook. For these events the bar will be open at the earlier time of 5pm.

Normal opening times: Monday and Tuesday closed, Wednesday to Sunday 7pm-10pm

A MESSAGE FROM SANTA

Hi there, children of the village, this is Santa here, just having a tea-break from working ever so hard in Santa-land, with Mrs Claus and my trusty team of elves, getting ready for Christmas.

*I have a new chief elf this year in Kirkburton and Highburton who is helping me plan my visit to you, he has told me that he is mustering his helpers together, and because of the pandemic that you are suffering, he is not yet able to give exact details of the routes and times of my visits. What is definite, though is that I will be with you from **Thursday 17 December to Sunday 20 December**.*

*When we have more exact details, we will put posters up in village shops, notice boards and the library and we will post details on social media. So, keep an eye out for further details, you don't want to miss me. **Santa***



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Top Gear comes to Kirkburton

CAR REVIEW McLaren 720S

On the press launch, we were each allocated a car, mine was bright blue, you press the unlock button on the key-fob, walk up to the unlocked car, and with a swagger in your walk go to open the door.

After a very embarrassing two minutes looking for the door handle, you have to walk back to the office and ask a member of the McLaren staff how to get in it. They walk back with you, with not quite the swagger you had five minutes ago. They show you the button, quite obvious when you know where it is.

You climb in, pull the door down, and go to hit the start button. After five minutes looking for it, you can't. Back to the office to ask, but you need to get out... how do you get out; where's the door release. A good thing we have mobile phones. "Hello, it's Martin, I'm in the Blue 720S, and can't find the start button, oh, and while I'm on.... I can't find the door release handle or button"

So, off to a good start. After being shown both the start button, and how to get out, the button was pushed (it was in the most obvious place!) the 4.0-litre V8 engine roared into action and roar it did.

The press launch was in a rural part of Southern England with plenty of speed humps and cameras, so doing anything daft was well out of the question. McLaren set up the route we had to take on the sat-nav, very accurate - down to the nearest two metres, and we have all learnt over the

past few weeks what two metres is.

The 720 has lots of carbon fibre called "Monocage 11" which makes it very light and very rigid with hardly any body movement when accelerating. Despite sitting so low, there is brilliant all-round vision, it is virtually an all-glass cockpit, almost like a fighter jet.

And talking of a fighter jet, it's nearly as quick, in fact probably quicker from 0-62mph. It does this in a staggering 2.9 seconds, and if that wasn't impressive enough- it goes from 0-300kph (186mph) in 21.8 seconds.

On the test route, there was no way we could test any of these facts and figures. If you did, the road humps would get you into orbit at these outrageous speeds.

The route was only an hour long, so every second in the car was precious, the slower you went, the longer you were in it, that

was my theory, and I was sticking to it. Other journalists on the launch drove as quick as they could, when they could, so were back at base in 45 minutes. Not me, Mr Cautious, if it was 30mph, I did 28, if it was 60mph I tootled along at 58mph, much to the annoyance of other road users, particularly White Van man, or woman. I can't lip read but I could see some of the words coming from their mouths, and it wasn't pleasant. What's a silly old fool driving a car like that at 58 in a 60 when I want to do 75mph, or words to that effect

This is certainly a great car, probably the most accomplished supercar I have ever driven. Fantastic steering, so stable, brilliant brakes, yet it is so comfortable and despite its massive amount of power from that V8 engine that produces a whopping 710bhp, it is so docile, and very drivable in all driving conditions.

Going through some small villages, and down country roads it was just so easy, and it never felt as though it wanted to race away, there were no surprises and no hidden quirky technical issues, it was a real pleasure to drive.

Going slowly is more of a test of the car, than driving it quickly and a car you could live with on a day to day basis. However, it does make quite a roar when you fire it up, that's ok if you live in a large country mansion (say, in the Cotswolds), with a long and winding drive. But I up here in Highburton that lovely engine sound at 6am when you leave for work (if I did leave at 6am for work, which I don't, and have a 720S, which I don't...) would really upset fellow villagers...!.. it would probably wake people up down in Kirkburton too.

The cost of this high-powered, well equipped and great looking two-seater is around £208,000, but you can easily spend another £20,000 on some essential options.

So after one-hour and five minutes driving very leisurely it was time to take it back and park it in the car park and get out... now... where is the off button... oh... and how do you get out of it again...good job I had my phone... "Hello... it's Martin...again!"

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Extracts from a lockdown allotment diary

JUNE

By the end of May the grower in me was hoping for rain. Perhaps just overnight? Sadly, when it rained at the beginning of the month it basically kept it up for a couple of weeks and the temperature plummeted from mid 20's to mid teen's with night time temperatures into single figures. The courgettes, beans, squash and sweet corn I'd planted were not at all happy - sort of hunkered down waiting for better times. I used the time to lay weed membrane along all the paths.

Towards the end of the month there was a dry enough spell to harvest garlic, shallots and onions. I always plant these alliums in the Autumn to grow over winter. It's a bit of a gamble because, if the winter is too wet, they don't thrive but most years, like this one, the gamble pays off. I took them home to dry thoroughly under shelter before storing them away

JULY

I harvested the potatoes, then hoed the bed level and spread garden compost and fertiliser so the bed is ready for allium sets come autumn. The potatoes are stowed away in paper sacks in the garage. Why is all this storing away of produce so satisfying I wonder? Sun is in short supply but I managed a sunny day to pick the redcurrants for a batch of jelly later in the day. Next day I picked blackcurrants and made jam, jelly,



compote and a batch of Cassis.

Lots of choice of vegetables this month: broad beans, peas, cauliflower, broccoli and beetroot.

It's always good to watch the wildlife that shares this space with me but one special delight this month was this magnificent Elephant Hawk moth that a plot holder found on his patch. The book says they lay their eggs on willow herb or fuchsia.

AUGUST

Runner beans and French beans have finally caught up after the slow start in June and the courgette plants are in full production. They are handsome plants in their own right and worth a spot in any garden. By the end of the month the peas and beans were over. Quick hoe, garden compost, fertiliser and garden lime and that area is ready for a range of brassicas to grow from next month for next spring.

The season got off to a slow start with the cool wet June conditions so what I hope for now is a warm, sunny autumn so that there is a chance for the butternut squash, the sweet corn and the grape vine to ripen. Fingers crossed.

From Plot 17

Ed: When we lifted our potatoes we found every tuber had been eaten through by long thin worms ... advice on how to rid us of these, please.

Poem

My Dog

Is a grin on four legs, the embodiment
Of an untold joke which he shares alone
With his panting laugh and thrashing tail.

"Fetch"! The stick goes twirling through the air.
He bounds to arrive before it lands,
Anticipating its flight, gauging the pressure of grip,
To retrieve and return to his masters hand.

He is a naïve brain and pneumatic heart,
Like his pressurised rubber ball,
Which will bounce and bounce and bounce,
Threatening an age to come to rest.
No matter what distance it consumes
It has never achieved the fourth rise
Before his jaw again equal his personal best.

I dread the day when death will emulate his perpetual re-
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On each walk you will find a guidestop (modelled on a historic one at the junction of Thurstonland Road and Greenside Road) depicting some feature of the local area.

Each walk features a local historical character that leads the walker around the trail. The walks have been particularly popular over the summer as COVID restrictions have led to more people exploring the countryside and built heritage close to home.

The walks can be followed using the ten leaflets available to download free at the Kirkburton Parish Walks website <http://www.kirkburtonparishwalks.co.uk/>

Kirkburton Parish Council developed the walks and is keen to get feedback about how easy they are to follow and walk, now, some years on. Are new waymarkers needed? Or could new routes be developed?

To provide your feedback visit the new Friends of Kirkburton Parish Walks page on Facebook. Happy walking.

David Knight Kirkburton Parish Councillor



Pruning the community fruit trees

Between 2011 and 2015, Kirkburton Parish Council funded a project to plant 1,000 Fruit Trees on community sites around the parish.

Councillors and volunteers from many of our villages joined in to do the planting which has added colour and interest to our surroundings while providing food for bees and other insects.

In Kirkburton village, 25 trees were planted in the Communi-

ty Field off North Road in 2014.

The trees are now quite mature and in need of care, especially pruning, to keep them healthy.

The Parish Council has organised a session to train volunteers to carry out the pruning and other techniques such as mulching. If you would like to attend, please see the poster below.

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Sports reports



The days are getting shorter and the nights are drawing in. But, here at Gregory Fields, we are still playing tennis. Why not come along and join us.

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

The club has three all-weather tarmac courts with floodlights, making it possible to play all year round. If you want to play socially, then we hold club sessions on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm onwards and on Friday mornings 10am -1pm. These sessions provide a great opportunity to come along, meet others.

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

And this winter, we are running a mixed doubles league and both men's and ladies' ladders.

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

Our Membership Secretary is Paul Dowse and he can be reached at gregoryfieldstc@gmail.com. Or full details are available on our website at clubspark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub



Kirkburton Football Club

The Huddersfield and District Football League decided that if all Covid health and safety procedures were put in place the league could start on the 3 October 2020.

Kirkburton AFC have been recruiting and training hard for the forthcoming season and have played quite a number of friendlies with mixed results.

The season has got off to a good start with the first team undefeated, winning their first game 5-3 against a good Deighton side, and drawing the next game at Laund Hill (who will be fighting for promotion this season).

The 2nd team also got off to a great start, also undefeated, drawing both opening games, 3-3 against Scholes and 1-1 against Skelmanthorpe.

Kirkburton AFC would like to

send their condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Aspinall for their tragic loss of their young son Joe. Both Brendan and Joe played for Kirkburton football club.

The club are always looking for volunteers to help out with the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, also people to help out on match days. Anybody interested please contact a committee member.

Also, in these hard-unprecedented times the club are always looking for financial help, to help finance the club. If you can help please contact a committee member or email kirkburton-nafc@btconnect.com

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Kirkburton Cricket Club— youngsters shine in 2020



Roscoe Thattil (Kirkburton Professional in 2019 who will be returning in 2021)

The 2020 season wasn't what we expected but it turned out to be a successful shortened season for the club with two second place finishes. With the revised 30 over competition largely excluding any overseas players, it gave the clubs' juniors the chance to shine.

In the first XI, Jonny Butterfield captained a largely young side. Sam Carroll signed originally to play in the clubs' second eleven showed what a promising all rounder he is. Ben Carington who made his first XI debut in 2019 scored runs before he broke a bone in his foot, missing the second half of the reduced season. Jack Byrne and Aaron Moore both opened the bowling during the season offering a lot of promise and much hope for 2021.

In the second XI captained by James Newsome there was a similar theme with juniors taking the lead. Finishing joint top, only losing the league on run rate, playing one fewer game than the eventual winners Edgerton & Dalton 1st, the season was a great success.

Looking ahead to next season we have some great news to share that Roscoe Thattil is returning having resigned as professional. Roscoe was unable to make it over from Sri

Lanka for 2020 because of Covid-19 but we really look forward to seeing him in April. Roscoe led the Premiership run scoring chart in 2020 with 1,200, also taking 29 wickets having missed 8 games due to late arrival and rained off games.

Captaining the side again will be Jonny Butterfield who will be looking to the juniors who performed so well this season alongside the veterans of the side, Andy Smith & Tom Burkinshaw to support Roscoe in what we hope will be a successful season of Premiership cricket.

Everyone at the club would like to thank those who have supported us through what has been a difficult season. With reduced bar takings and less games due to legislation and government guidance that the club has had to follow this year, we are extremely grateful to our sponsors who have helped us through. Anyone who would like to get involved in either becoming a member of the club or sponsoring us in anyway are asked to contact the club committee. We look forward to seeing you in 2021 for what we hope will be a return to cricket as we know?

On behalf of everyone at Kirkburton Cricket Club we wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Autumn Gardening Tips

from Lisa Halifax at
Totties



As the days get shorter and winter draws in. It is important to prepare your garden for all that the season has to throw at it. There are many jobs to be done but here are few for you to tackle over the coming months.

Prune fruit trees between now and February. Free standing apple and pear trees are best pruned every winter to ensure a good cycle of fruiting wood. The aim is to create an open goblet shape with a framework of four to five main branches.

Hopefully by now you will have given your lawn a specialist Autumn feed giving it the nutrients to help develop strong roots. If you haven't then it's not too late but do it before winter sets in.

If you are planning a new garden bed for next year in an area where grass or weeds are currently growing, start your project now - place a layer of cardboard over the area, then pile on alternate layers of compost, untreated grass clippings, leaves and straw. In the spring, all the past growth underneath will be dead, and your new bed will be ready to plant.

Add a new burst of colour to your garden with shrubs such as Cotoneasters giving beautiful displays of red berries and herringbone pattern of its stems you can train across the

ground or on a wall, Japonica Rubella, an evergreen dense shrub with bright green foliage, deep red flower and then dense clusters of small white flowers in spring. Amelanchier lamarckii is beautiful, a small tree that is attractive in all seasons. In March the branches have star-shaped flowers, just as the coppery pink young leaves unfold. In July the tree is studded with dark red berries. In autumn, the yellowish green leaves turn scarlet and crimson.

Plant of the moment Callicarpa bodinieri Profusion also known as the beauty berry, produces large clusters of stunning and unusual purple berries in mid-autumn, followed by masses of mauve flowers June/July. This shrub is a must for all gardens. Height 2m, Spread 2m.

Remember winter can be a tough time for wildlife, remember our feathered friends in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well stocked. Putting out bird food, nuts, seeds and fat balls, will encourage winter birds into the garden. Keeping an area of your garden untidy, with a pile of logs and fallen leaves, makes a perfect hedgehog house. Instead of cutting back all of your perennials, leave a selection as a winter habitat for insects and ladybirds.



Plant of the moment Callicarpa bodinieri Profusion

Football History Quiz

This quiz has a strong Huddersfield Town flavour and is for a maximum of 44 points. Many questions are from fairly distant history, so it will be easier for veteran fans.

Rules- No looking up reference books, Google etc, or peeping at the answers. Maximum time: 1 hour



1. On 3 May 1924, Town won the first of three consecutive 1st Division titles, edging past Cardiff City in equally fraught and exciting style. On this, the season's last day, if Cardiff were held to 0-0 draw in their away game v Birmingham City, Town could overtake them and win the title by beating visitors Nottingham Forest. But the margin needed to be 3 -0 (at 2-0 Cardiff would be champions). After Cardiff missed a vital penalty kick their match duly ended goal-less; whilst at Leeds Rd our game entered the last few minutes with Town leading 2-0 (and therefore a goal short). Who scored our crucial third goal (Clue: he's also Town's top scorer of all time)? **2 pts**

And for a third point why was it that, if the present-day Football League rules had applied, Cardiff City and not Town would have been crowned as the champions?

2. 1997/8 came to be known as the season of 'The Great Escape'. Town had scrambled just five points by the time of our 15th match and our first

victory. Yet six months later we'd climbed eight places to comfortably avoid 'the drop'. Peter Jackson was the manager who masterminded this marvellous recovery. But who did Jacko replace? **1 pt**

And for **five points** name the players who had major roles: two Welsh internationals, both signed on free transfers.... The goalie signed on loan.... And Town's two top scorers for the season.

And for **two extra points** name two of the three clubs that failed to avoid relegation. **Total 8 pts.**

3. There are currently 12 clubs that have played over 1,000 matches in English Football's 1st Division, now the Premier League, but have yet to win their first top-flight title. For each correct answer you score one point for a maximum of **12 pts.**

4. 15 April 1961 was one of the young Denis Law's worst ever days. He was inside right in the Scotland team hammered 9-3 by England at Wembley. It was Jimmy Greaves, with a hat-trick, who'd given Frank

Haffney (goalkeeper) the most pain. But who were the two team-mates (also players from London clubs) who went close to emulating Jimmy with two goals each? **2 pts.**

One of them was England's inside left and 1961 was also the year when he made front page news. Name his club and what was it that put him on the nation's front pages? And last, England's other goal-scorer was a burly Yorkshire born centre forward. Who did this man play for? **3 pts, total 5 pts.**

5. The Football League end of season play-offs were launched in 1987. Name the first club promoted into top-flight football by this means. And who were the defeated finalists? **2 pts.**

6. In the Leeds Road years Town qualified for (but lost) our one and only play-off campaign in 1992. Name the opponents? **1 pt** What were the two teams' respective end of season league placings? **(2 pts)** What was the score in the 2nd (home) leg? **1 pt.** And, who scored for Town? **1pt, total 5 pts.**

7. Name the goalie, nicknamed 'Budgie', who played for 29 different clubs between 1970 and '97 and was transferred from Blackpool to Aston Villa for £75,000 in '75, and became Premium League's oldest ever 'keeper-for Man City in '95? **1 pt.**

8. Name the three Town players who, in the '90's, scored 20 or more league goals in a season. **3 pts.**

9. Ian Greaves' playing career was ended prematurely by injury, and after joining Town's coaching staff, he was appointed manager (in a caretaker role) in '64. Six years later Ian was the permanent manager who led Town to 2nd Division championship success. Name the three important recruits who'd followed Ian from his former club, Manchester United. **3 pts.**

10. Two Post-War First Division title-winning managers were born in the same North Eastern village of Hetton-le-Hole. Who were they? **2 pts.**

1. George ('Bomber') Brown got the late goal without which Town would only ever have been 'twice' champions.... Michael Thomas scored Arsenal's vital goal. And the rule change was that, till 1976, if two clubs were level on points the goal *average* system was applied (so that the club with the better *defensive* record won out). In 1923/4 Town scored 60/ conceded 33; whereas for Cardiff it was 61/34

2 Brian Horton. (And the players?) Barry Horne, Dave Phillips, Steve Harper, Marcus Stewart (15 goals) and Paul Dalton (13). Manchester City, Stoke City and Reading all dropped into the 3rd tier.

3 Birmingham City, Blackpool, Bolton Wanderers, Charlton Athletic, Coventry City, Fulham, Middlesbrough, Norwich City, Notts County, Southampton, Stoke City, and West Ham.

4 Johnny Haynes and Bobby Smith both scored twice. Fulham's Haynes was the first ever player in the Football League to be paid £100 a week (following the scrapping of the previous £20 maximum). Smith played for Spurs. 'Hapless Haffney' was Celtic's 'keeper.

5 Charlton Athletic (beat Leeds United

6 Peterborough United. Town had finished 3rd, Posh were 6th. Town 1, Peterborough 2. Phil Starbuck

7 John Burridge

8 Iwan Roberts (24 goals in 1991/2). Andy Booth (26 in '94/5) and Marcus Stewart (22 in '98/9) (Ronnie Jepson didn't quite do it in '94/5; Only 19 of 'Rocket Ron's' total of 23 were 'league goals').

9 Jimmy Nicholson (right-half and captain). Terry Poole (goalie), Henry Cockburn (1st team coach).

10 Harry Potts at Burnley (in 1960). And Bob Paisley at Liverpool (several times).

FOOTBALL'S CHANGING TIMES TERRIERS' RECOLLECTIONS (Not all good ones)

I have often pondered on how on earth I could have afforded to attend First Division matches watching Town when I was a school-boy. I remember receiving pocket money of three shillings and sixpence (17.5 p) per week and then by mid-teens, four shillings and sixpence (22.5p) per week.

Throughout, I could well afford to go to home matches as well as dancing classes on a Saturday morning which included the luxury of a bottle of pop at the interval. But at that time, it was not uncommon to go to the match early on the trolley bus and find ourselves in the company of members of the Town team doing likewise. At that time, in the era of Stanley Mathews and Nat Lofthouse, the top salary for football players was £15 per week, with a bonus of £1 for a draw and £2 for a win. The summer retaining fee was £12 per week. Crowds in those days were often huge.

When Blackpool visited, the very thought that Stanley Mathews might play brought in crowds of 50,000. Home cup-ties attracted similar crowds. The new John Smiths Stadium holds less than half this amount.

Today, the highest paid Premier League footballer is paid £600,000 per week. Contrast this with the salary of the Prime Minister, £150,000 per year. This means that a Prime Minister would have to be in office for four years to earn what the top salaried footballer earns in just one week.

Town's highest goal scorer last season scored 19 goals but although he is apparently fit at the time of writing, he has not been selected to play so far this season. Strange times.



As a result, goals have been hard to come by. During the first five matches, only one goal was scored by a Town player. This tally, however, was doubled in the game against Rotherham, when, in the 96th and final minute of the game, Angus MacDonald (no relation) of Rotherham put through his own goal.

It wasn't always like this. On my 16th birthday, I accompanied my dad to Bramhall Lane, to see Town play Sheffield United and saw Town score six goals. Three years later, I went to see Town play Charlton Athletic at The Valley. Town seemed to be winning comfortably, 2-0 at half time with Charlton reduced to 10 men, but in the second half there was a deluge of 11 goals which again saw Town score six goals. In the match but this time they finished up the losing side.

Malcolm MacDonald



Gentle Exercise and Well-Being— any movement is good movement



I don't know about you, but I slowed down physically and mentally during the first lockdown. As a dance teacher I was used to moving all the time and having to slow down was actually a welcome break. However, as the weeks went on, I stiffened up and felt sluggish. I was missing people, missing that social interaction and the joy that comes with dance and exercise. I was so happy when the Shelley Village Association opened the Village Hall as a Covid-secure venue and we could once again meet to hold our Gentle Exercise & Well-Being class on a Monday morning. We meet at 10.30am and enjoy some stretching exercises, gently raise our heart rate with some cardio movement and build our strength and balance.

It's proven that music, dance, and exercise have positive physical outcomes and just as importantly can lift your mental and emotional wellbeing too.

So often the nurses and doctors (quite rightly) encourage us to exercise more, however it's not easy for some to join a mainstream gym or class. Our class aims to bridge the gap between the mainstream gyms and taking part in no activity or movement at all.

All exercises can be carried out standing or sitting on the chair and if you feel you've reached your limit you are welcome to simply sit and enjoy the music. If you are feeling particularly energetic one Monday morning, we can give you a challenge to push your fitness too!

All levels of fitness and age are welcome. You may find yourself with restricted movement due to an illness such as MS, Parkinson's, or arthritis, amongst others. Maybe you would like to improve your fitness after a Stroke or Heart attack. We can incorporate your Physio exercises to get you moving again after surgery. Or perhaps you haven't exercised for a while and would like to gently ease yourself back into it.

So, ease off the sofa, move yourself healthy and dance yourself happy. Come and smile with us, enjoy the music and the friendly group to start your week off on a positive note.

Check out some of our videos here and feel free to drop Lucy a line for further information.

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Food —since it is still not possible to bring you a restaurant review for this edition because of Coronavirus, the Burton Diner presents—The Yorkshire Christmas Pie



This wondrous pie has a long history, its first serious mention was around 1740 in the reign of George the second when the cook Hannah Glasse published her book 'The Art of Cookery' with a recipe for 'The Yorkshire Christmas Pie' this was a truly extravagant affair and would have been really expensive to produce as it was huge, basically a large game pie with an elaborately decorated pastry crust, the whole affair was a feat of engineering.

It's uncertain how the Yorkshire connection came about but it's thought that as Yorkshire had a reputation for prodigious pie making and in particular goose pies in the 18th century that it was only a matter of time before the pie to beat all pies was attempted, this is not to be confused with the Denby Dale pie which

came later and for a localised different reason.

A magazine in 1843 described one Christmas pie as being 84in [213cm] in circumference, 30in [76cm] long, 21in [53cm] wide and 9in [23cm] deep, this one was filled with 2 partridges, 2 geese, 2 rabbits, 10 chickens, 6 ducks, 2 tongues, 1 turkey and 6 lb [2.7kg] of ham... just a bit more than the average supermarket shop.

As the years went by these pies got more and more elaborate and contained so many birds that one reference I was reading quoted 16 wild birds in the recipe that would make the RSPB shudder 'as these early pies didn't just use domesticated fowl but included plover, lapwing, thrush, lark, bunting and garden warblers,

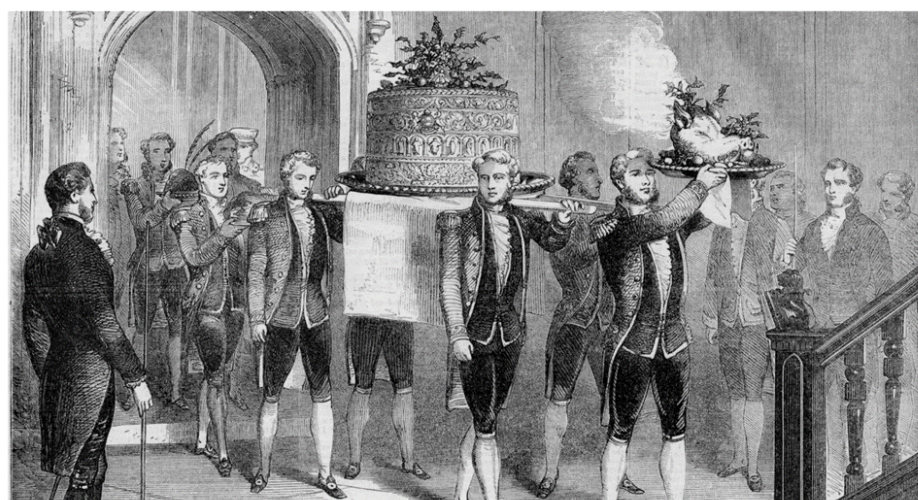
a bit like the nursery rhyme 'Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie' not for the faint hearted or any vegetarians.

This pie was out of the reach of most ordinary people and was cooked in grand kitchens like Harewood House where it was made in embossed copper moulds that still stand in the kitchen there to this day, the Harewood recipe contained a chicken within a goose that was filled with all manner of other game meats and a zesty filling of things like pepper, salt, mace, nutmeg and cloves between the layers of meat and all in a pastry case. These Yorkshire pies gained such a reputation that one was even served at Windsor Castle in 1858 during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Used to demonstrate wealth and status, Yorkshire Pies were often sent as gifts by wealthy landowners, transported by horse and coach to Lon-

don, around the country and even to the continent in a box, and all this before refrigeration so one does wonder how many of the recipients were ill with food poisoning. Strong pie walls were required for this transportation and helped to preserve the meat too, a bit like a Cornish Pasty the crust was really just a carrying case rather than something to eat with the lid cut off to serve then resealed so the interior could be eaten on another day. One recipe I found required 56lb [25kg] of flour and 12lb [5kg] of butter and suet for making the pastry.... I have a copy of the original recipe if any of you fancy giving it a try.

These pies are still available today but on a much smaller scale and without the crust, so not really a pie anymore, all over Yorkshire and other parts of the country butchers still offer 3, 4, 5 and sometimes 6 bird roasts at Christmas time, it's good to know that this treat had its origins in Yorkshire.



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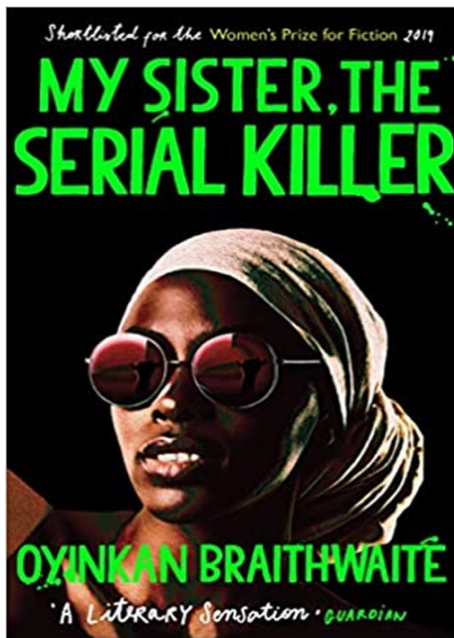
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BB Book Review**My Sister, the Serial Killer
Oyinkan Braithwaite**

'Ayoola summons me with these words – Korede, I killed him. I had hoped never to hear those words again.'

The story begins when Korede is called by her sister who has committed yet another murder.

I really enjoyed reading this book. It is set in Lagos and is about the relationship between two sisters. Ayoola has the unfortunate habit of murdering her boyfriends, and Korede, the narrator, is called upon to, literally, clean up after her.

The two sisters couldn't be more different. Korede is a nurse. She is hardworking, dependable, and rather plain. She is also secretly in love with Tade - a kind and caring doctor, and her colleague at the hospital where she works. Ayoola is her younger sister, a beautiful fashion designer and blogger, and irresistible to men. She doesn't seem to be troubled by her crimes and quickly moves on from one (dead) boyfriend to another. She is now officially a serial killer Korede realises, as she has just murdered her third.

Poor Korede has no-one to confide in, apart from a comatose patient at the hospital who is not expected to recover. Then life becomes even more difficult for her when Tade meets Ayoola and the inevitable happens, and the patient shows signs of recovery.

The book is much more than a murder story. It is the story about the relationship between the two very different sisters, their love for each other and how they have been affected by their upbringing. Korede is the narrator but we gain insight into the character of both of the sisters by the way other characters react to them. It is also about beauty, how it affects those who possess it, and about how other people respond to it.

I thought the book was well written. It is fast paced and darkly funny. The relationship between the sisters was well described and very moving at times. I found the description of Lagos life and culture very interesting and found myself looking up facts about Yoruba culture and language to learn more. Apparently this is Oyinkan Braithwaite's first novel, although she has written a book of short stories which I have been unable to track down so far. I can't wait for her next one.

I downloaded the book from Kirklees library during the lockdown, but it is also available in print. I don't know whether there is a copy at Kirkburton but it can be ordered for collection now that the library is open.

So please use your local library if you can.

The Burton Bookworm

Recipe for November**Spinach Dhal****Ingredients**

220 grams red lentils
1 litre water
¼ teaspoon turmeric
1 teaspoon finely grated root ginger
100 grams baby spinach leaves or 3 to 4 chunks frozen spinach
A handful fresh coriander - chopped
2 teaspoons olive oil
5 garlic cloves, sliced
2 teaspoons cumin seeds
2 teaspoons mustard seeds
1 tablespoons ground cumin
1 teaspoons ground coriander
1 red chilli – minus seeds and finely chopped (or to taste)
Salt

Method

Place the lentils in a pan with the water, turmeric and ginger.

Bring to the boil, skim, and cook for 20 minutes.

Add spinach and coriander and cook for 8-10 minutes

Meanwhile stir fry garlic, cumin seeds, and mustard seeds until the seeds start to pop, but be careful not to let them burn.

Add the ground cumin and ground coriander and the chilli and stir fry 2-3 minutes.

When the lentils are cooked, tip in the spices and add salt to taste.

Serve the Dhal with rice or naan bread.

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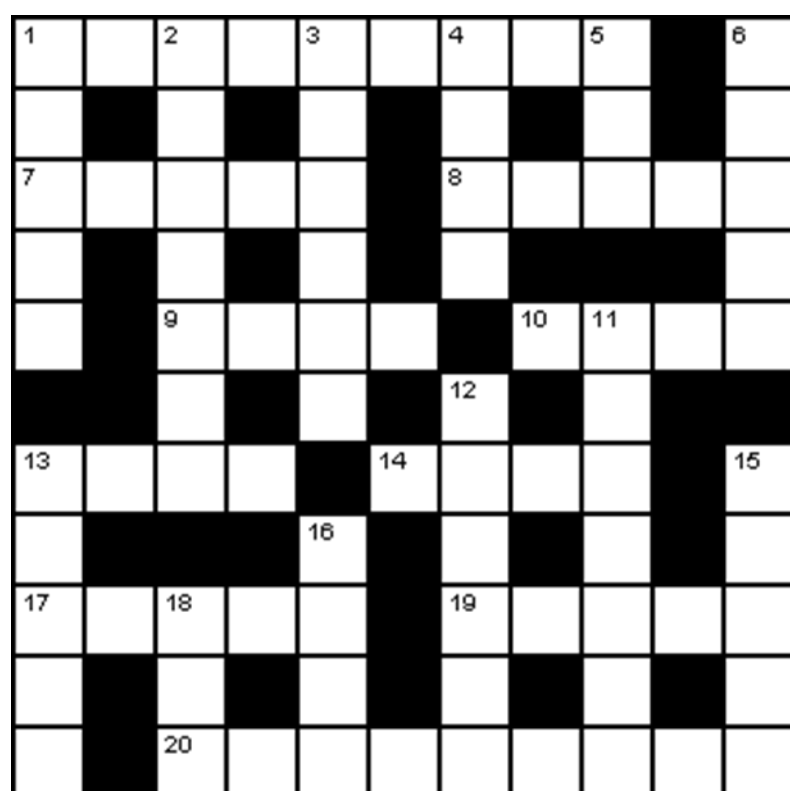
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PUZZLE PAGE

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Across

1. Friend (9)
7. Stringed instrument (5)
8. Part of a jacket (5)
9. Notion (4)
10. Prejudice (4)
13. Sand hill (4)
14. Vegetable (4)
17. Weak (5)
19. Freight (5)
20. Ended (9)

Down

1. Stateroom (5)
2. Large house (7)
3. Worshipped (6)
4. Not working (4)
5. Short sleep (3)
6. Book of maps (5)
11. Disregarded (7)
12. Writing implement (6)
13. Postpone (5)
15. Stay clear from (5)
16. Tribe (4)
18. Part of a circle (3)

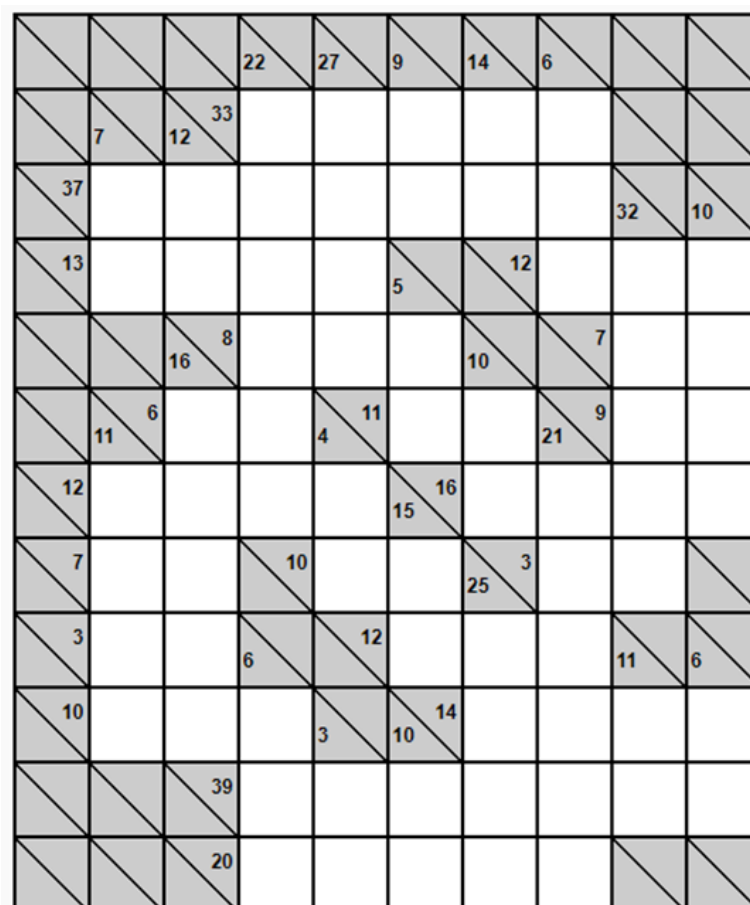
BULLETAGRAM

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P	A	I

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

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

KARUKO



CODEWORD

CODEWORD

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

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JUST FOR FUN

WORDSEARCH

Can you find the hidden words?
They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.



ANCESTOR, AUNT, BABY, BROTHER, BROTHER-IN-LAW, CHILD, CLAN, COUSIN, DESCENDANT, DESCENT, FAMILY, FAMILY TREE, FATHER, GENERATION, GRANDFATHER, GRANDMOTHER, HEIR, HEIRESS, HOUSEHOLD, INLAWS, ISSUE, KINFOLK, LINEAGE, MATRIARCH, MOTHER, NIECE, OFFSPRING, ORIGIN, PARENT, PATRIARCH, PROGENITOR, PROGENY, RELATION, RELATIVE, SISTER, SISTER-IN-LAW, TRIBE, UNCLE.



Due to the recent financial situation, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off



I'm ready for some blessings that aren't in disguise

Some Silly stuff

How does Moses make his coffee ...he brews it!

How do you think the unthinkable? ... with an ithberg!

What do you do with a Wombat? Play Wom with it!

If you boil a funny bone do you get a laughing stock?

This is my step ladder ... I never knew my real ladder.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana

? BULLETIN interesting questions?

1. When George VI died on 6 Feb 1952, Elizabeth (his daughter) was not proclaimed Queen for 24 hours, why?
2. Which country has largest number of tigers?
3. The current Mozambique flag contains a picture of what?
4. The Great Pyramid of Giza was the tallest man-made structure in the world for 3871 years until 1311. What superseded it?
5. Shuttlecocks are never made from a combination of feathers from the left and right wings of a bird, True or False?
6. On 1 March 2020 of the 50 oldest people in the world how many were men?
7. Rhubarb Triangle (Leeds/Bradford/Wakefield): what percentage of the WORLD's winter rhubarb does this area produce?
8. How many countries drive on the left-hand side of the road?
9. What Italian word for "Scratched Drawing" can be found on walls all over the world?
10. What is the largest city in England by area?



I'm stumped ... we'll have to wait for the autopsy



Someone stole my antidepressants. Whoever they are, I hope they're happy"

Interesting answers

1. The Queen Mother had to show that she was not pregnant
2. The USA has more in captivity than live in the rest of the world
3. An AK47
4. Lincoln Cathedral
5. True, if wing feathers are mixed the trajectory of the shuttlecock would be affected.
6. None
7. 90%
8. 76
9. Graffiti
10. Carlisle

