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# What has happened to our villages' infrastructure funds?

**Long-time Highburton resident Geoff Barnard asks why are we still waiting for Section 106 funding from developer**

When planning approval was given for the Redrow Housing Development in Highburton, a formal agreement called Section 106 was made between Redrow and Kirklees MC on 12 June 2017, that money would be transferred to the Council for certain local infrastructure improvements. In particular £233,000 for Education provision at Highburton First School and Kirkburton Middle School.

Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association (KHCA) organised a public meeting via the Burton Bulletin with our three local Ward Councillors on 12 September 2019 to discuss the situation. There was a good turnout at the meeting and the overwhelming view was that this time the 106 money should be spent locally at these two schools. Following the meeting, a letter from Councillor Richard Smith appeared in the Bulletin stating "an investigation by my fellow Councillors and myself have received confirmation that the money will be spent on Highburton First School and Kirkburton Middle

School."

Since that time, KHCA members on behalf of the Schools and Community have kept asking/checking if anything has been done, but their efforts to obtain clarity have been frustrated or ignored with no help from our elected representatives. Our Councillors have not been in contact again with the local Community or the intended recipients to keep them informed on any progress. The Agreement sets out a timescale for payment with a time limit within which the money should be used or it is returned to the Developer. The limit on this is June 2022, and to date, there is no evidence that any of the Education provision has been activated.

A letter was sent to our MP and senior Kirklees MC officials pointing out that previously this happened in 2007 with the Savile Park housing development in Highburton, when the village had to fight tooth and nail to extract some 106 Money from the Council for local Open Spaces work. The

question is, WHY does the community have to chase up the distribution of this finance in accordance with the original legal agreement? WHY are our elected representatives not being more proactive with the Council in ensuring that the 106 money is being spent in the local areas as it was designated?

Kirkburton Middle School would use their portion of the money to seed fund a new Sports Hall as the present facilities are too small for the number of children on roll, the school was built for 350 but now has over 500 pupils attending. The Sports Hall would be available for Community use outside school hours. Highburton First School would use their portion to build extra 'break-out' space which would be used for Special Needs pupils and also as an indoor play area for the younger children relieving the pressure on the existing area.

What is the point in making these agreements and then just sitting on the money or returning it to

the Developer? We would like to encourage all our Bulletin readers to support us, and lobby our local Councillors and MP to obtain some answers on if, how and WHEN is the 106 Education money is going to be spent in the Kirkburton/Highburton area and not used elsewhere in Kirklees.

**Geoff Barnard**

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# The View from the Bulletin

Spring is coming and it is great to see further evidence of the return to normal life in our villages.

The process of getting back to normal started before Christmas with the Remembrance Sunday service in the Memorial Garden, the Autumn Fair in Burton Village Hall and the Christmas services at All Hallows, and not forgetting the hugely successful Santa's Sleigh.

There is much to look forward to in the coming weeks and months, particularly the four-day celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June. See page 17 for information about national celebrations to mark the occasion and page 16 for information about a special cele-

bration being organised by the Uniformed Groups here in Kirkburton.

We hope to publish the June edition of the Burton Bulletin around the time of the Jubilee celebrations.

We would like to ask readers for information about memories of royal celebrations whether that is the Coronation in 1953, the Jubilees of 1977, 2002 and 2012 or the various Royal Weddings along the way.

The article from All Hallows Church on page 4 features the programme for the Silver Jubilee in 1977. Why not share your memories of these events?

The Bulletin Team share in the sadness over the death

of village historian and great Burton character Robert Carter. We hope that it will be possible to preserve Robert's great archive of documents about the history of the village as proposed by the History Group (see page 22).

We are also sorry to be reporting once more about instances of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the defacing of stone walls near the Memorial Garden with graffiti and the break in at Joy's Café (see page 4).

However, we remain assured that there are more examples of good behaviour than bad in our villages, as shown in the articles about schools, music and

sports clubs, and the work of BEG and other groups.

We are pleased that our letters page (page 21) includes appreciation of creation of the WWII Memorial Board (and also The Bulletin) as well as the excellent work of Marcus Dyer.

Life in Burton remains good.

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PS: see page 27 for news of our prize competition to attract new young writers for The Bulletin.



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500g Mince £6.50

# BURTON LAMB



All items are subject to availability and weights are approx. We do try to keep a stock of frozen meat at all times. All meat is vacuum packed (except pies, sausages and burgers) and fresh frozen.



## Stone walls defaced with graffiti



Graffiti on the wall beside the Memorial Garden

The Burton Bulletin tries to be positive in the articles it writes, but occasionally, a not-so-nice story needs to be reported.

Sometime between Armistice Day and the New Year, graffiti appeared on the wall against the top the memorial garden at the top of Low Gate.

There were three symbols of the Ban the Bomb, or Peace in two shades of red paint. There were also examples of graffiti on walls in in School Lane and Turnshaws Road

It, of course, will never be

known what the motives of the perpetrators were, but it is unsightly, anti-social and particularly unpleasant as the Memorial Garden was richly decorated with poppies to commemorate the lives lost in the World Wars.

On a more positive note, Anna and John Boden, stalwarts of the village, and teenager Ben Shaw, spent some time in early January cleaning the wall so that no signs of the graffiti remain.

Thank you, so much, to them.

## Joy's Cafe - a dreadful birthday present

On the night of Saturday 5 February, between 3 and 4am a large stone was thrown through the window of Joy's Café on the main street of Kirkburton. This happened close to the first anniversary of opening the shop, and was certainly not what they were expecting for a birthday present.

The stone, almost too heavy to be picked up by one man, was a coping stone, an approximate cube, with sides around 18".

It gouged a big hole in the tiled floor and the safety glass in the window shattered into tiny pieces which went everywhere.

The photo below shows the boulder once it had been removed from the premises.

£400 was taken from a reserve of cash for non-café sales. The bowl containing tips was not touched, though it was in clear view. Ryan, the owner, and Kelsey, the manager, were at pains to point out that no café money is ever left on the premises overnight.

The shop had to be closed on Sunday 6 February whilst staff cleared away the debris which was everywhere. Monday saw the café open as usual with the same cheerful smiles, and of course a boarded-up window. Apparently, there will be an eight week wait for glass due to a national shortage.

The following night the same car, which had been picked up on CCTV the previous night, parked a little



further along the road and two men were seen on camera trying to lift a flagstone from the top of a wall. However, a patrolling police car passed and this made the men run to their car and drive off. Several other similar incidents have been reported in Skelmanthorpe.

Chatting with the staff, it became clear that, although the damage and the clearing up was very upsetting, it was the violation of intruders in their premises, and the mindset of the perpetrators that stays with them longer than the physical damage.

Who could do this? Why? It appears not to be for financial gain as they did not go looking for money.

Is it just for kicks? Were they under the influence of something? To answer these questions, you have to understand how these criminals' minds work, which is not something the normal law-abiding citizen can do.

If anyone knows anything about this, please contact The Bulletin and we will pass it on to the café owners and to the police.



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# Robert Alistair Carter 1947–2021

In December village historian, journalist, photographer and general Burton character Robert Carter died after a long illness.

Here we reproduce the tribute given at Robert's funeral in All Hallows church by Robert's friend and colleague Betty Cross and a personal tribute from his friend Anna Boden.



## Funeral tribute by Betty Cross

I have known Robert almost all my life, but it wasn't until the end of the 1990's that we started to become friends. His mum, Margaret, used to attend Sunday evensong at All Hallows, and so did I, we sat next to each other and after the service if Robert hadn't come for his mum, I used to drop her off at her home as would happen after Mothers' Union meetings

Robert was a freelance, reporter and a lot of his work came from magazines and local papers, such as "The Examiner," "The Chronicle," and "The Weekly News".

Other people would hire Robert to trace their ancestry and family tree. Cataloguing and researching local history became his life's work.

But more than all his work, Robert was a devoted carer, first to his father who he nursed at home up to his death, then to his mum; she was a diabetic and her health was deteriorating. He would cook delicious dinners and soups and bake nutritious cakes/buns all the recipes designed to be diabetic friendly.

Robert was involved in several different groups. One in particular was "The Yorkshire Studies Group".

He would arrange speakers but well capable of 'filling in' if a speaker dropped out at the last moment. He was a very interesting speaker and a natural teacher.

Margaret was the verger, she and I used to do the church brasses. As her health became worse Robert completely took over his mum's tasks at church, he always took time to clean and shine the eagle for his mum.

Eventually, Margaret needed fulltime nursing care. Robert and Christopher found the right place for their mum, not far from her old home. She disliked the food the home provided so, every day, Robert cooked fresh tasty morsels of food and made sure she ate what she could, he would stay until she settled down to sleep wrapped in her favourite blanket.

Christopher, said of his brother "If I had to choose words to describe my greatly missed brother I would say: scholar, author, historian, carer, gentleman, proud uncle, Yorkshireman and Burtoner."

I couldn't have put it better myself, except I would have added "a good friend to many people"

Betty Cross

## "My History Guru" by Anna Boden

Robert's knowledge of Kirkburton had been drawn from his interest in the area and local history. He could trace his family's ancestry in Kirkburton back hundreds of years. He was widely respected for his knowledge of local history and this area. It will be a shame if his extensive archive of books and pictures and notes is not kept for posterity *\*see elsewhere in the Bulletin for more information*

At the local Kirkwood charity shop he was a regular visitor and bought anything relating to Kirkburton. He liked bric-a-brac, providing it had the name KIRKBURTON on it, but more often than not he spent his money on books and pamphlets. He bought many books, even multiple copies of the same book, to add to his vast collection.

Robert checked planning applications to make sure listed buildings kept their integrity. He was a brilliant contact when you were looking for advice on footpaths and rights of way. I can still hear him saying in a higher voice than normal, "How on earth did that hideous carbuncle get passed? What on earth were the Parish Council doing to let that one get passed in a conservation

area." I had to remind Robert that the Parish Council did object and that Kirklees Council had the last say"

BEG wanted to put up an information board at the bottom of Town Quarry on North Road. Some of the facts were "hearsay" so before the board went into production, we asked Robert to check it. In the original script we stated that some of the stone from Town Quarry was transported to be used in Regent Street, London. He said this was ridiculous. (He also queried some of the other facts but I will skip over those)

*"I've just received a copy of the wording for the poster. I told you it was a mistake to send it to me. Sorry to be such a pain but if you are creating something permanent which provides information, it needs to be right."* Robert

With this input in mind, BEG decided that in future all historical information boards would be referred to Robert .... we won't be able to do that anymore.

For our creation of the WWI commemorative board (see page 15) Robert had photos of fifteen of the 67 men who lost their lives in this conflict but was too ill to do further research and ended up in hospital. Every week I visited Robert in Calderdale and presented my findings from our research and wait for his corrections. I would joke "Robert, I do not want you departing this life with all the information in your head instead of in my notebook. I am even prepared to pay to keep you going."

I, and many others, will miss Robert; he was a Burtoner through and through. He represented values of honesty, integrity and fairness coupled with an academic's insistence in accurately presenting the facts.

Farewell, Robert



# Parking in Kirkburton — a possible way forward in Burton Dean Park



The car park off North Road heading towards Burton Dean Park

## The PROBLEM

Local businesses/residents/customers/community/visitors are becoming increasingly thwarted with the huge increase in traffic pollution and lack of parking in the Kirkburton village. Shops and the community can no longer enjoy the advantages of village life.

The whole length of North Road is now a daytime car park, often on both sides of the road.

## A possible SOLUTION

Originally the first track off

North Road down to the lower car park, Burton Dean Park, the Petanque area and through to the Community Fields was used extensively by local car users relieving pressure on North Road and allowing customers to park and trade in the village. In recent years the track deteriorated and became unsafe.

Recently a temporary, part-repair to the track by a local contractor, saw empty parking spaces appear on North Road as pressure on parking was relieved. After discussions with adjacent

business owners and residents, it would appear that, together with the Petanque Club, there is a willingness to look at a part-funded approach, with other grants, to create a multi-parking facility on this Kirklees Council-owned site.

With this in mind, we are in process of arranging an on-site meeting with the new Head of Kirklees Parks and Community Unit and our designated area co-ordinator to move forward

on this long-standing saga.

As a bonus, if the current “sold” notice on the North Road garage site actually means that a sale goes forward, we may be able to make use of a goodwill gesture from the contractors to do the repair.

If you are interested in having feedback on this track proposal please email me (without commitment) on [nether@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nether@tiscali.co.uk)

**Tim Scott**



The track from the car park up to North Road showing considerable signs of disrepair

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She is “passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of people in the community by improving diet and lifestyle and has an interest in Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) and the Low-FODMAP diet, which involves avoiding foods that are not easily broken down by the gut.”

She can help improve diets for patients with an underlying medical condition, such as cancer or diabetes as this may involve nutrition support or weight management.”

Currently, referrals to Clara are through our doctors and nurses.

Face-to-face, video or telephone appointments will be offered as follows:

**Skelmanthorpe** Tuesday and Thursday (am)

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**Kirkburton** Wednesday

**Lepton** – Friday (am)

#### OTHER NEW APPOINTMENTS

Receptionists Nicola and Lauren have recently joined our Practice.

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| SEPTEMBER | 1941                      | 117     | 6.0   |
| OCTOBER   | 4461                      | 289     | 6.4   |
| NOVEMBER  | 2442                      | 107     | 4.4   |

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## SENIORS' JUBILEE TEA

A small team of volunteers have made plans to reinstate the tea which ran for many years until it was cancelled because of the pandemic, and also to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.

It will be held on Saturday 21 May, close to the celebratory Jubilee weekend.

The venue will once more be Kirkburton Middle School. Guests are asked to arrive between 2pm and 2.30pm.

Same time, same place and still free, but what will be different is the food.

After a welcome drink, guests will be served a delightful afternoon tea, a selection of sandwiches, cakes and scones served with jam and fresh cream! There will also be the usual raffles and a Jubilee Quiz.

There will be entertainment, organised by pupils and staff at the school. Posters will be displayed in shops, the library etc. with booking details, but if you would like to book your place early, please ring Karen on 07939517901 after 5 April and before 14 May.



# Burton Environment Group

## - Kirkburton plays its part in the UK's climate change strategy



Burton Environment Group (BEG) has been very busy over recent months. As well as the regular work parties which keep the village looking so good, the Biodiversity Group has been working at Burton Community Field.

Before Christmas, the group started planting saplings to form a native hedge along the fence at the bottom of the field. The hedge will be allowed to grow for five to seven years and then be layered in the traditional style, forming a brilliant habitat for insects, nesting birds, and small mammals. More trees are on order to carry on

the work before the Spring.

Then in February, the group started work on the trees planted by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust about 10 years ago which now need to be thinned out. Kirklees Council's Volunteer Coordinator, Andy Wickham, carried out a training session for the BEG volunteers then supervised the group as it started work. The technique adopted is called coppicing which consists of cutting down the tree near its base which then throws up several shoots from the stump.

This has a number of benefits: it allows more light to get through to the ground so that woodland



flowers can develop; the new growth creates a habitat which is good for insects and nesting birds; more carbon is captured than if the tree hadn't been cut back, and finally the cut trees and branches are piled to make shelters for hedgehogs and amphibians. The aim is to eventually remove one in five trees starting with any that look weak, have split trunks or are too close together. As a result, work is likely to continue through February and March and then resume next Autumn when the trees are dormant again. Planting the hedge and coppicing the trees are two ways in which the village can help reduce the impact of climate change and improve biodiversity.

So, if you go for a walk in the Community Field and see the group volunteers working in the area, don't despair, we're doing it for good reasons.

Once or twice recently, people have asked where the field is, even some who've lived in the villages

for years. To get there, either use the field gate about 150 metres up the hill from Try Cycling on North Road on the other side of the road, or take the rough track off North Road opposite Joy's Coffee House and follow it through Dean Bottom park until you come to an open field with allotments on your right. If you carry on, you'll find a circular track, good for an easy walk or jog, and three exercise stations. You may even find some BEG volunteers at work.



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# Kitten's Tails, Aslan's return and mistaken enemies in the Community Field



One sure sign of spring is catkins hanging from trees and **Hazel Catkins** are abundant on the trees at the edge of the Community Field. They begin to appear in February and contain the male flowers, each catkin containing over 200 tiny flowers. Close inspection will reveal female flowers on the same tree, which look like small green buds with red tendrils emerging from them.

As most insect pollinators are still dormant as this time of year, the hazel relies on the wind to pollinate these female flowers. Once

the pollen from a different tree settles on the female flowers it will trigger the development of the hazelnut. The name catkin comes from the Dutch word "katteken", which means "kitten" as the flowers resemble fluffy kitten tails.

If you spot any shiny, yellow star-like flowers growing close to the ground amongst glossy, heart-shaped green leaves at this time of year, you will probably be looking at the **Lesser Celandine**.



As one of the first flowers to appear after winter, they provide an important nectar source for queen bumblebees and other pollinators emerging from hibernation. They are so striking when seen en masse that the poet Wordsworth wrote three poems about them and in his book "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" the author C S Lewis mentioned that when the lion Aslan returned, the woodland turned from winter to spring and the ground was covered in all directions with yellow celandine flowers.

It was once believed that you could use lesser celandine to predict the weather as they close their petals before rain falls.

Writer and naturalist Richard Mabey reports children mishearing the name of our next plant as "wooden enemies", which should help those

who struggle to pronounce **Wood Anemones**.

Although its name suggests it is to be found in woodland, the wood anemone will not thrive in deep woods as it needs direct, bright sunlight to encourage its flowers to bloom, so it can be found on shaded banks and beside hedges. In the Yorkshire Dales it grows freely on the limestone pavements. It is a member of the buttercup family and is sometimes called "windflower" because of the way its delicate flowers shake and move in the breeze. Its flowers are white with a central cluster of golden stamens and the petals often have a purple flush. It is named after the Greek god Anemos who sent the flowers ahead of him in spring.



# Help to make ours an Environmentally-Friendly Community — ‘Make a Difference’



**We are striving to make our community and the world a better place to live in and enjoy, to protect our environment and help it flourish, to look after our homes and gardens and to care for our health and each other. We welcome your letters, tips and queries so please contact us at: [janmoscovitch@icloud.com](mailto:janmoscovitch@icloud.com)**

## *“Make Do and Mend”*



During the harsh times of World War II, clothes rationing was introduced in 1941 with clothing coupons issued to every household. These were needed to purchase any item so making and mending at home meant coupons could be saved for the very necessary items. The British Ministry of Information issued a pamphlet called ‘Make do and Mend’ that was full of thrifty ideas for reusing old clothing, turning one garment into another, covering holes on worn garments with pretty patches and unpicking knitwear to re-knit something new with the wool. This was all intended to avoid waste and encourage reuse.

Look at things now though, fashion is one of the world’s most wasteful and polluting

industries after oil and gas, and the most exploitative. Eighty years later, we don’t have coupons anymore but are living in difficult times with many households struggling financially, but spare time is more likely to be spent shopping rather than sewing. A country of sewing at home has been lost to a global fashion industry, mass producing high volumes of clothing selling at low prices, and most of this is manufactured overseas. The quantity of garments sold has increased but their lifespan has decreased. The culture now is a disposable one, with one in six adults throwing their unwanted clothes away rather than finding a sustainable alternative and 31% are more likely to replace a damaged garment than mend it. Approximately 350,000 tonnes of clothing ends up in landfill every year in the UK. This is now being challenged by the sustainable movement which encourages us to question the materials used, the ethics of the manufacturing and to encourage re-wearing and repairing to avoid waste.

Programmes like ‘The Sewing Bee’ have helped to create a new young generation of home sewers over

the past few years and sewing machine sales are up, especially during the lockdown. Sewing classes are available in most towns, as are online classes, demonstrations and YouTube tutorials. The past couple of years have given us time to pause and evaluate our overflowing wardrobes and rethink our consumerist urges, has the pandemic shifted our priorities, could we now leave fast fashion alone for a much fairer way of clothes shopping?

Stores like COS now offer a resell scheme and at H&M’s flagship store in Stockholm they offer rental, and recycling with staff on hand for repairs. This idea is being rolled out to their other stores with a ‘Take Care’ programme offering tips for repair, alterations and many other ideas.

Now in 2022 with some harsh economic constraints affecting us all there never has been a better time to practice a bit of ‘make do and mend’. If you haven’t already done it during lockdown maybe it’s time to evaluate what is in your wardrobes and ask ourselves some questions, how many times did I wear that garment? A study found that 33% of women consider clothes old if they have

been worn three times. One consultancy coined the ‘30 wears’ slogan, and we could ask will I wear this garment 30 times? If the answer is ‘no’ don’t buy it. It’s been said that ‘the most sustainable garment is the one already in your wardrobe’ and by wearing a garment for a further 9 months it can reduce its carbon, water and waste footprint by as much as 30%. According to a recent survey most people wear only 20% of their wardrobe for 80% of the time.

There will be things in your wardrobe that you have forgotten about, give them a new lease of life or pass them on via one of the online selling sites or to a resale or charity shop. If there are things you like but they need a bit of attention, maybe try a bit of mending or alter a garment by shortening the hem or sleeves, change buttons or even the colour with a washing machine dye - all can offer a real sense of pride, and satisfaction.

References are from various U.K. websites, on throwaway culture, upcycling, and fashion and The Guardian newspaper.



# The Story of a Nuthatch Nest Box



Two years ago we installed a nest box on the side of our house. In the first year some Nuthatches took up residence and five chicks fledged. Nuthatches are woodland birds so it's not the most common bird to nest on the side of a house.

It was exciting watching the two adult birds going back and forth feeding their babies and hearing little chirps coming from inside the box. I happened to be looking out of the window and saw two little chicks on the fence and then the great privilege to see the other three come out of the box to explore the big wide world.

The next year we installed a small camera in the box, so NestCam Watch began. With my two year-old I checked the camera a few times each day. The NestCam almost felt like another room in the house.

A pair of Nuthatches appeared in March, they emptied the box of debris and refilled it with their preferred nesting material (bark chippings).

On 3 April we saw that she had laid six eggs. The female spent the rest of April sitting on her eggs. We got a glimpse of at least eight eggs when she left the box.

Two chicks had hatched by 30 April and by 4 May there were seven featherless chicks. The male was dutiful-



ly tending to the female and chicks during the hatching period. Sadly, on 5 May he had disappeared – perhaps killed? The female worked hard to feed her brood and keep them warm but by 8 May four had died.

May was a very wet month, which would have made it particularly difficult for one adult to get food for all the brood and on 11 May another chick died, so just two left.

But they were growing well and getting feathers and within a few days were almost as big as mother

The next few days they reached big milestones – jumping up to the nest box hole and practising flapping their wings.

On 26 May, exactly a year after I saw the first brood, these two 'fled the nest'

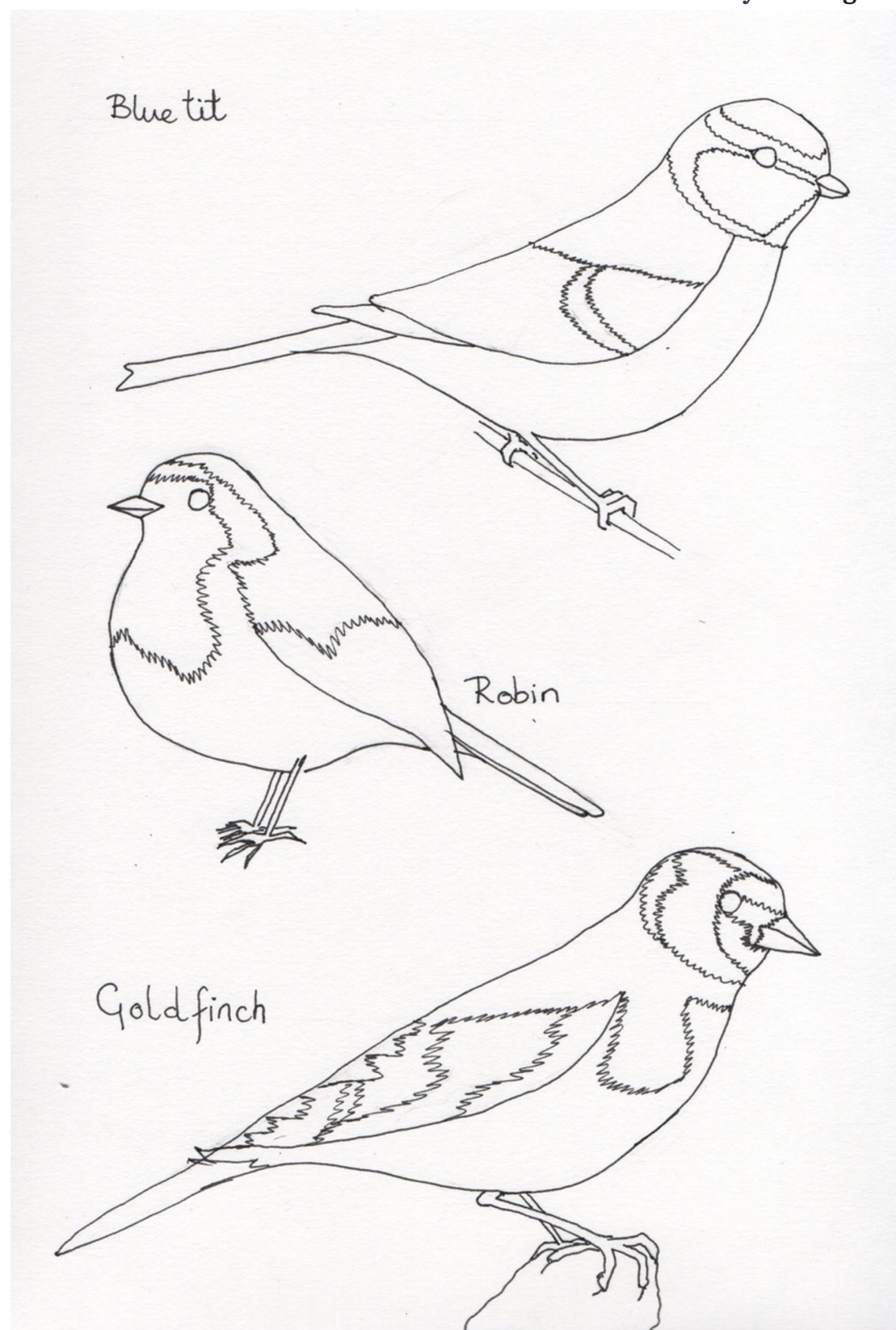
I highly recommend getting a nest box in your



garden. They are inexpensive (you can make your own) and provide valuable habitats for our garden birds. You don't need a camera to enjoy the birds but it does add to the excitement. And you can share pictures with children ... an invaluable educational resource.

Now is the perfect time to install a box just before nesting season. Different garden birds require different boxes. RSPB website '[Nature on your Doorstep](#)' will help you determine which type of box to use.

Melody McLoughlin





# We are Kirkburton Library

Kirkburton Library has welcomed back customers and volunteers with open arms. Groups and activities have restarted, and we have an array of new books to choose from including a Reading Well selection for adults and children needing a little support with their health and wellbeing.

We also have the fantastic addition of a large interactive screen which is being used for school visits, presentations, on-line shows and by the Local History group to ensure members can still attend their meetings via Zoom (it helps when you live in Malta).

## REGULAR EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

**Book Club** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday monthly 6.00pm

**Local History Group** Fridays 10am - 12.00

**Knit & Natter** Fridays 2.00pm

## ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AT THE LIBRARY.

**Rhymetime** sessions for children and their carers have returned and are running every Wednesday morning from 10.30-11 a.m. These sessions are most suitable for children up to two years of age, and refreshments are provided.

**Storytime** will recommence on Wednesday afternoons in March from 2-2.30 pm and will be most suitable for children between two and five years.

Visit the library or keep an eye on our social media channels and website for activities coming over Easter and the Local History Month of May.

Interested in starting a group at the library? Please email:

[June.Lawson@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:June.Lawson@kirklees.gov.uk)

## Volunteering

We couldn't provide the services we do without the support of our team of wonderful volunteers, if you have a couple of spare hours a week and would like to have a positive effect on your community then please join us. More information can be found on the volunteering section of our website or just call in.

## Library Adventures Live! 2022

LAL!! is a weekly series aimed at encouraging more children to enjoy books, with read-ins, draw-alongs and an amazing variety of inspiring and creative activities to take part in. The programme is perfect for children aged between four and eleven years and their families or for teachers to use with children in school.

We've got some great Library Adventures Live! sessions coming up.

**We are: Open!**

**Kirkburton Library is open:**

|                  |                   |
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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>2.00-5.00</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>2.00-6.00</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10.00-3.00</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>2.00-5.00</b>  |

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You can find more info on LAL! at .... [LAL! Frontpage](#) | [Kirklees Libraries](#) and also have a scroll through our list of previous guests, they are all available to watch again at the click of a button.

## On-line Resources

Kirklees Libraries have a vast array of FREE on-line resources that can currently be accessed at home, this includes over 30,000 eBooks hosted on **Libby\*** and hundreds of current newspapers and maga-

zines available through Pressreader. Resources can be found at: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/libraries)

We also have a YouTube channel where you can view Library Adventures Live!, videos from Christina Longden our Writer In Residence, and New Local Heritage Walks and 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.



## \* LIBBY

Libby is an 'app' that can be obtained through Kirklees Library Service. You need to be a library member and obtain from them a code which enables you to download the system on to your computer. It is absolutely free. It gives you access to thousands of books which you can download and read for up to three weeks. It is brilliant.

You also have access to 'Pressreader' which gives access to many, many regional, national and international newspapers and magazines, and to an ancestry website. If you are a Kirklees library member, it really is a valuable resource.



## Featured business

# Eco Hub - Emley



Charlie and Loobie first met across the school yard aged 11. They instantly became best friends. Years later and after a lot of adventures together, they are now embarking on one they have been planning for years.

In 2020, during the uncertain times of Covid19 and first lockdown, they started Eco Hub.

Eco Hub was born from the desire to live more sustainably and to make a positive impact on the Earth by supporting responsible consumption and reducing waste in people's daily lives.

Following this ideology, each product they offer is eco-friendly, ethically sourced and of the highest quality.

Eco Hub promotes sustainable living through multiple routes including our 'Eco Workshops', 'Treasure / Recycling Room', 'Eco Shop' and a completed fitted-out Refill Room, which has a great section of household cleaning and body care products, which are environmentally and vegan friendly.

The shop holds a selection of their own hand made products and wholesale items that share the love of recycling and sustainability. Additionally, they offer a platform for like-minded makers, artists and individuals to showcase and sell their products. They also wanted the Hub to support the community,

local schools and groups by offering them workshops and learning opportunities. Likewise, they would like the Eco Hub to become a place where local business, families, schools and communities can approach for advice as well as donating waste or items that would normally find themselves thrown away or in a landfill.

Re-education is a major part of the plan. If Eco Hub can help people make the little changes then this in turn will have a better impact on the environment overall. The future of our planet starts with us but it is also the younger generations that follow us that will have the biggest impact on the reverse. Rather than demanding change, they endeavour to gently encourage change, so that these people in turn may encourage others. The generations to come will have confidence in their capabilities to give back to the world in which we live. We strive to encourage evolution rather than a revolution.

Louise has worked in education for 20 plus years and, having taken a step back from teaching three years ago, she strongly believes it is her time to share her skills to a new audience.



Charlotte, coming from a textile industrial background, has an excellent set of transferable skills with purchasing, design and business planning.

They are both passionate about their Art/Textiles skills and how these can be used towards reducing waste to landfill. The future is in our hands - make up-cycling a new way of life, not just a hobby.

Are you looking to be more sustainable and reduce your impact on the environment? Or to choose some sustainable gifts this year? Then why not give Eco Hub a go, they also have an extensive online store and you can also follow their progress on social media @ecohub.emley.

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Charlie and Loobie who have set up ECO Hub







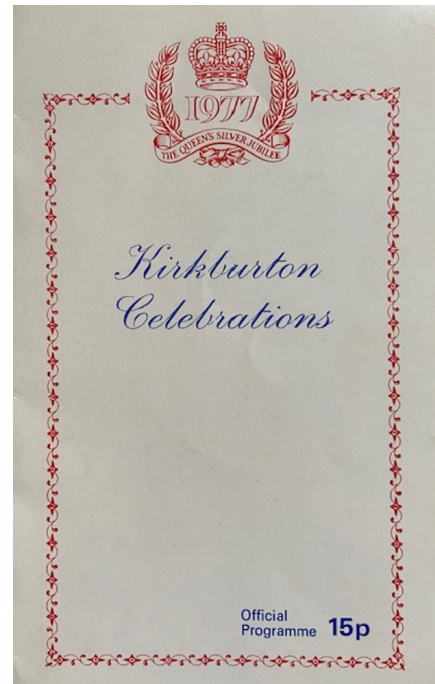
## News from All Hallows Church - “Dieu et mon droit”

### *Dieu et mon droit*

(God and my right)

On the morning of Sunday 6 February, at the end of *Church for All* service the congregation of All Hallows sang the National Anthem to acknowledge the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth - a remarkable achievement. This is the first time a Monarch of our Nation, this Realm and Commonwealth has served our country for so long with such devotion and dedication to the welfare of her people. An amazing woman who deserves our praise and respect.

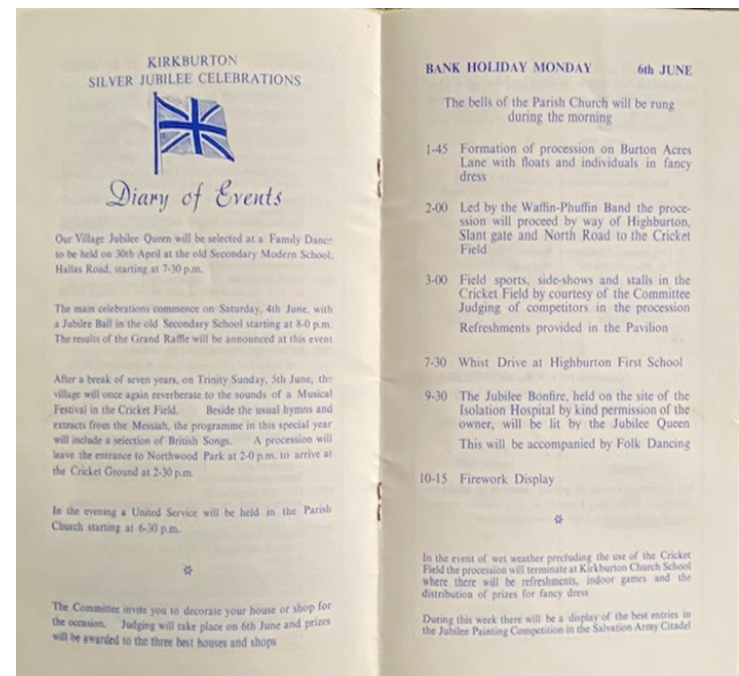
As the year progresses, I am sure there will be many opportunities to celebrate. On Saturday 4 June the villages are holding a Beer Festival linked to other events to bring our villages and visitors together. In the church archive I came across the pamphlet for the Queen's



Silver Jubilee - how times have changed, but not the spirit behind it.

As is usual for me, my thoughts wandered to the heritage of our church and the things it has witnessed over the years.

Although, to my knowledge, it has not been visited by a reigning monarch in its 800 years of recorded history, it has recognised 38 Kings and Queens.



Starting from 1135 they are Stephen, Henry II, Richard I, John, Henry III, Edward I, II and III, Richard II, Henry IV, V and VI, Edward IV and V, Richard III, Henry VII and VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, Elizabeth I, James I, Charles I, (the Commonwealth), Charles II, James II, William III and Mary II, Anne, George I, II, III and IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII, George VI and Elizabeth II.

The Monarchy has had to move and change with the times and so has the Church and they must continue to do so. I started with the motto on the Royal Coat of Arms and will finish with the Queens personal motto - *Salientia et Doctrina Stabilitas*, 'Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times' (Isaiah XXXIII).

Worth thinking about?

**Georgina Dickinson**

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# Unveiling of WWII Memorial Board on Remembrance Sunday — a message of thanks to those who supported this community event



The dedication of our WWII Memorial Board seems such a long time ago now, but it was truly an emotional and wonderfully moving event. The communities of Kirkburton and Highburton, along with our Parish councillors, and the relatives and representatives of the men named on our cenotaph, came together to remember and reflect. Their lost ones lived and worked in our community. They had parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, wives, sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, neighbours and friends who mourned their loss. The war may have robbed them of their future but even in a pandemic, many “Burtoners” came to pay their respects and support the relatives with a warm, friendly welcome.

The unveiling of the memorial meant a lot to the families. Many were moved to tears. The names of men who died during WW11 were not put on the cenotaph until 2009 so the relatives have had a long wait to see their family member receive the recognition they truly deserve.

The relatives had travelled near and far to be with us. Some had never been to Kirkburton before. (Apologies but not all the relatives were on our group photo above.)

Brian Hill and his sister, Thelma, laid a wreath in memory of their father Frank Hill. Eight Hill family members attended this service travelling from Bournemouth and Wareham in Dorset, Formby near Liverpool, Mexborough and Lepton.

Relatives of Richard Lister, Fred Tunnacliffe, Thomas Cross, Clarence Hill, Frank Lockwood, Alfred France and Albert Brook also came to honour and remember their family member. Others who although not related had connections came to pay their respects to Frank Stocks, Arthur Hey and Stanley Fitton. They came from Leeds, Cowersley, Birkby, Emley, Shelley, Quarmby, Lindley, Highburton and Kirkburton.

On a sad note, we were sorry to hear that Margaret, the daughter of Ernest Taylor, passed away soon after giving us a photo of her father for the Memorial Board.

On 1 December we received notification that the nephew of Arthur Hey, Peter Wallis from Kendal, had also died. He kindly provided the photo of Arthur.

## Our thanks to:

- BEG and Duke of Edinburgh volunteers for all their hard work in making the gardens look at their best.

- Burton Crafters, Kirkburton Uniform Groups, Highburton First, Kirkburton First and Kirkburton Middle Schools and BEG volunteers for your lovely poppy tributes that adorned the garden.
- Tony Eaton for playing “The Last Post”
- All Hallows Church bell ringers.
- Joanne Smith and the All Hallows Church team for sorting out the refreshments.
- Kirkburton History Group for their help in tracking down the relatives.
- Kirkburton Parish Council for their financial support.
- All those that supported this project and turned up on the day.
- Mindlabs Media for designing and installing our new Memorial Board.
- All Hallows Church, Rev. Stephanie Hunter for officiating and dedicating the Memorial Board.
- Fiona Wakley for reading the Rolls of Honour for WWI and WWII.
- The Chair of Kirkburton Parish Council, Derek Hardcastle, for unveiling the Memorial Board
- Kirkburton Uniform Group (KUG) for being an important part of the Remembrance Day Service.

If I have missed anyone off, please forgive me.

**Anna Boden**





# Kirkburton Uniformed Groups (KUG)

## Beer Festival



From small beginnings

On Friday 3, and Saturday 4 June 2022 we will be holding our annual beer festival and summer fayre.

Friday – Mainly centred on the scout hut (and marquee) as the “pub night” with some catering, music and pub quizzes.

Saturday – a village fayre, with catering and entertainment alongside the beer festival.

We hope to have 18 pumps and over 30 real ales plus cider, wine and prosecco on both days.

But in order to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee we are asking if individuals or local groups would like to join with us in making the event even better for the village.

Local groups and charities might wish to run a stall or activity at the village fayre, to fundraise or publicise their activities.

We would also welcome additional volunteers to join the small team of organisers, especially to help run aspects of the event in the setting up and breaking down of the event as well as during the event itself. No previous experience needed.

In either case groups or individuals can contact us at the links below. Email: [kirkburtonfest@gmail.com](mailto:kirkburtonfest@gmail.com)

or telephone: 01484 810232 (leave a message).

### History of the event

2007 After three years of discussing a beer festival as a fundraiser I got the go ahead to have two barrels in the back room and limited publicity. It worked.

2008 Agreement was given to an event in the main hall of the scout hut – again with limited scope but to test the model further. This involved three barrels and a homemade bar/cooling system. Again, a success.

2009 We launched our first full beer festival – with sponsorship, and our first official logo, and our first personalised glasses. The event was mainly focussed on the scout hut. We made a healthy surplus and were able to make a donation to the Forget-me-not Trust.

2010 and 2011 We continued with the formula – now a two day event.

Friday – focus on a “pub night” with food, quiz and music,

Saturday, we utilised the ground outside to expand both the fundraising opportunities as well as opening up the event to a wider range of people.

2012 This was the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee which we wanted to celebrate.

We continued the basic format – Friday “pub night” with quiz and pie and peas.

*This time we “pushed the boat out” 16 pumps and 18 barrels and on Saturday held the first Village Fayre with attractions and live music*

Village fayre had 16 stalls from various groups, charities and individuals (most fundraising for good causes) plus several bands/performers and our hot food stand.

This time we increased the number of pumps and barrels plus cider and wine.

Attendance increased beyond our expectations and we ran out of beer before closing time.

We still made a surplus though and were able to donate to charities once again. 2013 to 2019 We repeated the, now successful, formula. Each year we were able to support local good causes and/or charities from the surplus made, despite the vagaries of the weather, thanks to the continued

support from those attending.

2020 Well we know what happened here COVID stopped all our plans.

Last year - 2021 – Still under the restrictions resulting from the pandemic we were determined to keep going so a plan was devised and we delivered the “beer festival at home” with a unique beer and souvenir glass (all COVID friendly).

So, there you have it. How we got here and why we do it. The event supports not only the activities of the Scout and Guides sections of the village but has supported over a dozen charities over the years as well as providing opportunities for others to raise funds.

Just as important it is an event for the community, an opportunity to come together in a shared experience.

So, if you’ve not tried it before, why not give it a go this year ? Get in touch: email: [kirkburtonfest@gmail.com](mailto:kirkburtonfest@gmail.com) or telephone: 01484 810232 (leave a message).

**Martin Smith**  
for Kirkburtonfest



Now a major event



# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Buckingham Palace has announced the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Plans

On 6 February 2022, the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking a 70-year reign. A recent study showed that for 85% of the population she is the only monarch they have known. The first week in June has been chosen for the celebratory weekend, with summer offering a better chance of good weather than February.

To celebrate the four-day weekend, the late May Spring Bank Holiday will be moved to 2 June with an additional one-off bank holiday on 3 June.

A dedicated website for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 can be found by following this link [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022](https://www.royal.gov.uk/platinum-jubilee)

## Trooping the Colour

This event will be held in full for the first time since the pandemic. More than 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will be taking part.

## Calling all Choirs

Choirs throughout the country will have the opportunity to sing a song for the Commonwealth 'A Life Lived with Grace' as beacons are lit at 9.45pm throughout the UK and Commonwealth on the evening of 2 June 2022. Look for the link (see below) to listen to a recording of 'A Life Lived with Grace'

[A Song for the Commonwealth | Commonwealth Resounds](#)

## Friday 3 June

A service of thanksgiving for the Queen's reign will be held at St Paul's Cathedral.

## Saturday 4 June

Her Majesty The Queen will be joined by members of the Royal Family at the Derby, held at Epsom Downs.

There will also be a Platinum Jubilee Party at Buckingham Palace, with members of the public invited to apply to attend a live concert.

Performers have yet to be named, but it is billed as bringing together some of the world's biggest stars to celebrate the most significant moments from the Queen's seven-decade reign.

The ballot for UK residents to secure tickets was launched in February.

## The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)

Local councils and community groups are encouraged to get involved in Planting a Tree for the Platinum Jubilee in celebration of The Queen's 70 years of Service to the Nation.



## Sunday 5 June

### The Big Jubilee Lunch

People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A [Big Jubilee Lunch](#) can be big or small - street party or picnic, tea and cake or a garden barbecue. The Big Lunch provides tips and ideas for hosting an event. Over 1400 people have registered to host Big Jubilee Lunches so far, with events being planned across the length and breadth of the country.

The Woodland Trust is a partner of the QGC and their 'Free trees for schools and communities' scheme is a great way to get involved with tree planting. Across 2021 and 2022 they have over three million saplings in tree packs, available on a first come first served basis. Go to [Plant a Tree for the Jubilee - Woodland Trust](#) for more information.





# Kirkburton Middle School



The Kirkburton Middle School Building in Turnshaws Avenue

Welcome to the latest update from Kirkburton Middle School, as ever there is much we have to tell you about.

In November the school received a full inspection by Ofsted. After a very busy, but extremely productive, two days, the school was awarded an overall grading of Good, with the inspectors grading the school outstanding in two of the four areas judged.

We think this may be the first time the school has been awarded some outstanding judgements and we believe the report firmly reflects the positive direction in which our school is moving. A result like this doesn't happen by accident and we are very lucky to have such a hard-working and dedicated staff body in school; people who are firmly committed to ensuring all pupils receive the very best possible all-round education during their three years at KMS.

School improvement is never easy but against the backdrop of a pandemic, this success is quite remarkable. The really exciting prospect is what we will go on to achieve once we are no longer dealing with a global pandemic. The sky is the limit. To view a copy of the OFSTED report please visit the 'Our School' section of the school website.

We were delighted to see the return of our traditional Christmas programme at KMS. It was wonderful to see the parish church so full for our annual carol service – for many the highlight of the school year and most definitely the official start to Christmas for all those in attendance.

It's a great privilege to join with the local community in order to celebrate this very special time of year and witness what talented young people we have at KMS. As always, they demonstrated confidence, musical talent and general maturity well beyond their years. We also had our first school performance from the newly reformed KMS drama academy in December. Set in the heart of Yorkshire, 'The Nativity... Interrupted' took place on the set of an ambitious Director's Christmas film. The production well and truly lived up to its billing as 'a heart-warming tale of this wonderful season.'

Other festive celebrations included cinema trips, a trip to the pantomime for Year 6, a Christmas Jumper day, pupils performing at the Shelley Pyramid dance festival, a collection for the Welcome Centre foodbank and Christmas variety shows for all.

We were also delighted that the Reverend Stephanie Hunter was able to join us to help deliver our Christmas assemblies.

As the year progresses, it is already clear to see that it is shaping up to be another extremely busy year. We were delighted to host the BAE Systems Schools STEM Roadshow at the start of term. Supported by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, the roadshow covered the theory and uses of magnets and electromagnets. As always, our visitors were extremely complimentary about the behaviour and engagement of our pupils.

KMS pupils have attended the inaugural meeting of the Mast Academy Trust Pupil Parliament at Birdsedge First School. Topics discussed by the MPPs (members of pupil parliament) included sustainability and how we can reduce the carbon footprint of our schools.

Work was also started on the development of a pupil charter, which will set out what pupils are entitled to during their time at our schools. This will include a section on health and well-being, school experiences and the curriculum.

Tying in nicely with our pupil parliament, we were very pleased Mark Eastwood MP was able to take time out of his busy schedule to visit the school recently. Mark was able to congratulate pupils and staff on the positive Ofsted outcome. He also met with members of our school council and toured the grounds to view our plans for phase two of our fencing project.

We have continued our long tradition of sporting success with a number of notable victories and achievements both at district and country level. Pupils have excelled in cross country, football,



sports hall athletics, netball and futsal. Further details can be found by visiting our social media pages. Well done to all involved.

Finally, Ms Clark and I were delighted to meet members of the Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association at their January meeting. It was great to have the opportunity to speak to such an enthusiastic group of people who are committed to ensuring our community remains such a wonderful place to live and work.

Thank you to everybody for their continued support of the school as we continue - *'Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together.'*

**Mr Taylor, Headteacher**

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Kirkburton Middle School

**Editor's note:**

The Bulletin understands that Kirkburton Middle School has kindly volunteered to host the Seniors' Tea, which is starting again after a break due to the pandemic.

See page 7 of the paper for details of this event.





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# MP's Report — Mark Eastwood MP



I would like to start this article by wishing everyone a Happy New Year, although this may seem a little late by the time you read this. I hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and were able to meet up with family and friends.

I am pleased that the limited restrictions introduced to combat Covid in December, referred to as Plan B, which I supported, do seem to have had the desired effect. It was good that the Government did not need to introduce further restrictions after Christmas as some commentators had anticipated.

The pandemic is still here but it does seem like the latest variant, Omicron, may well have peaked across the

country and will hopefully be less prevalent by the time you read this.

The Christmas season is always a great time to get out and about and see what is going on in communities. I enjoyed the opportunity again this year to come and support Martin Ward & the team with Santa as he toured Highburton & Kirkburton villages. This is turning into one of my highlights of the Christmas period, it is wonderful to see all the children and the joy in their faces as Santa appears. It is certainly great to see after the last two years and the difficulties we have all faced.

I know that people will have seen that there were chang-

es announced to the Rail plans for the North before Christmas, when the Integrated Rail Plan was finally announced. It is fair to say that the local media was not that supportive and focussed on what was not being built rather than what was included. This plan will bring significant benefits to Huddersfield including electrification and faster links between the town and Leeds and Manchester. I am also meeting the Rail Minister and Strategic Director for Regeneration at Kirklees Council later this month to discuss the Penistone Line improvements and have also agreed with Andrew Stephenson, the Minister of State for Transport that he will come to my constituency to look at local Rail plans. Improving our connectivity by train is a key priority for me.

The proposals which this plan replaced would have seen priority given to developing a new line (HS3) between Leeds and Manchester which missed out Huddersfield and Dewsbury and was routed through Bradford instead. This revised proposal sees not only the priority given to our stations but also see improvements delivered much sooner.



Amongst my other activities in the constituency I was recently invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Stocks Moor Village Association and enjoyed the opportunity to speak to people from the village about my role as an MP and hold a question and answers session with them. I also did the same things very recently in Emley, speaking at a breakfast meeting held in the church. It is great to meet and talk with people who are so knowledgeable and interested in their local communities. I would be more than happy to attend a question and answer session in Kirkburton/Highburton as well if you would like me to come along.

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## WWII MEMORIAL

Thank you to everyone for making my first visit to Kirkburton Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenotaph, followed by the unveiling of the WWII Memorial Board a special and memorable day. The Memorial Garden had a lovely immaculate setting and was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Thank you also for finding Frank Hill's son, following an unexpected phone call on 26 January 2021. Without it, this would not have happened. We have come a long way together in a short time. I feel privileged that my Father's story and our recent tour of my Parents' roots in Kirkburton Parish were featured in the November edition of the Burton Bulletin.

All of our family and friends enjoyed reading your interesting Burton Bulletin newspaper. They also enjoyed the photos and comments on BEG Facebook pages. I am impressed with the content and quality of your BB and it is commendable that this is published by volunteers. It is good to see the community spirit in Kirkburton is alive.

It is good to know my father is remembered at Kirkburton. I visit Conisbrough Cemetery for my mother. I now have two personal places to visit each time I am in Yorkshire. I visit Mexborough, near Conisbrough, (pandemic excepted) to attend annual re-unions held in July which I arrange on behalf of the Technical College leaving year of 1955

and the Old Boys football team of 1956- 1963. So, who knows you may see me in the summer too.

**Brian Hill, Bournemouth**

## IS THIS WHAT BREXIT MEANS?

Part of our family (son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren) live in Paris

For years, we have bought presents and goodies for all and made up a large box and sent it off to be received in Paris just before Christmas.

This year after warnings of customs delays and problems we did the same, but early, the box was collected for despatch on 3 December. We were surprised at the documentation which is now needed. I admit I was a little slapdash with the paperwork, but we did what was required ... listing every item (about 14) its cost, its weight, its country of origin. We had to print out 4 copies of this list which had to be attached to the box... we did state clearly, on the documentation and on the outside of the box "CHRISTMAS PRESENTS".

The box was returned to us, paperwork untouched, having never left the UK, on 28 December.

We tried again with a different courier. This time, after examining the relevant web sites we a lot more careful with the documentation (we even identified the specific global product identifier code of each item). Again four copies of the documentation were required to be stuck to outside of the box. Again we made clear it was Christ-

mas Presents. It was collected by courier on 8 January.

The box got through UK customs, but was rejected by French customs ... "because we didn't have an electronic tag for our parcel" ?????!!!!???

The box was returned to us on 15 February.

Does anybody know how to send a box of presents to France?

**Dave Hilton**

## MARCUS DYER

This young gentleman has been doing a super job around the village. It is not often that I have rung Kirklees to thank them for settling on a super worker. From the comments made on Facebook (Burton Environment Group- BEG and Kirkburton and Highburton Community

Group) I am not the only one who is appreciating his efforts. I am a big believer in praise where praise is due. Marcus is making a **BIG** difference to our area.

Marcus can be seen beaver-ing away Monday to Friday on our streets. He is out in all kinds of weather and is always happy, smiling and very polite. Lots of positive comments have been made about his work and helpful attitude and I know his mum is very proud of her son.

BEG have definitely appreciated his efforts. We have been **trying** to keep our pavements and streets clean. Marcus is thankfully making us **all** redundant. It is great seeing our footpaths and steps free of litter and debris. Thank you, Marcus and well done!

**Anna Boden**



Marcus at work on the steps between School Hill and George Street



# KIRKBURTON

## HISTORY GROUP

### Robert Carter

1947-2021

The History Group was extremely sorry to learn of the death of one of its members, Robert Carter, on 1 December 2021. Robert joined the Group shortly after it was formed in 2011, and he was one of the key researchers into the history of the four hundred men from Kirkburton who served in the Great War. This research allowed the Group to erect and dedicate the First World War Memorial Board which is located in Kirkburton Library.

Many people will remember Robert not only as the village historian, but also as the correspondent for The Huddersfield Chronicle newspaper and he reported upon, and photographed, many village events. He amassed a vast collection of photographs of the area during his lifetime which were used in both The Chronicle and the Huddersfield Examiner. As

well as photographs, his local history collection also included many documents and artefacts donated and/or loaned to him by local residents. Over the years, he became a well-respected Local History speaker at venues across the wider area.

Robert always had a love for the village and spent much of his time researching the history of Kirkburton, as well as other areas in the West Riding of Yorkshire. He wrote many articles and produced booklets based on his research, and one of his special interests was the history of All Hallows' Church. It was very fitting that his funeral was held there on 21 December 2021 so family, friends and acquaintances could pay their last respects in a place where he had spent many happy hours.



Robert held a vast collection of historical documents, photographs and artefacts which the family are keen to keep together in the village as the Robert Carter Collection.

The History Group have been in dialogue with the family and have offered to help them with the clearance of his home and storage of his collection, so that it can be sorted and catalogued. We know that this will take a considerable amount of time.

The Kirkburton History Group are aware that there are other people and organisations in the village who also want Robert's collection to be kept as a local history resource, and we invite them to contact us so that we can take this work forward together. Please leave a message for us at Kirkburton Library, email us at [Kirk1@outlook.com](mailto:Kirk1@outlook.com), call in at one of meetings at the Library between 10am and 12 noon each Friday, or ring Roger Armitage on 07837412070 to make us aware of your interest.



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The club was formed in 1995 and is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, meetings include: speakers and demonstrators, plant sales, garden visits, a raffle, refreshments and a monthly newsletter.

Current membership fees are £15 per annum, or £2:50 per visit to come as a guest and try us out. There are no restrictions to membership all are welcome whether you Garden a little or a lot, or not at all.

### Speaker programme for the next few months

1 March **David Allison** 'Vegetable Growing for Beginners'

5 April **Roger Parkinson** from The Woodland Trust 'Protecting Our Woodlands and Hedgerows'

3 May **John Cullen** 'A Healthy Obsession with Achilleas'

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# My First Year As A Middle-Aged Pianist

by David McGuinness

Learning to play the piano is something that I'd planned to do when retired. However, after a friend of a similar age developed arthritis, this shocked me into taking action. Not knowing what awaits around the corner for any of us prompted me to buy a piano straight away and I looked at adjusting my available time in the day to enable me to practise to achieve my goal to be the next Rachmaninoff.

My partner Jane was surprisingly keen to join in with my quest of researching the right piano to buy. However, her research was directed towards headphones. She persuaded me that for her sanity and our continued domestic bliss, it would be a good idea for me to play using them – or **play in the garden shed.**

I had to wait to start piano lessons due to Covid restrictions but I was determined not to let this derail my plans, so I started learning using an online 'app'.

I began lessons with Sally Byrne a few months later.

During my initial assessment Sally said that I reminded her of Les Dawson. We went back to basics and started worked on a building a solid foundation. Sally has the patience of a saint.

From the outset I had been keen not to limit myself only to learning music that I was familiar with, such as rock and pop but to play classical and contemporary pieces. I wanted to understand the theory underpinning the quality, tone and texture beneath the melody. Sally suggested that the best way to achieve this was to consider taking practical exams, which I was keen to do. If children at ten years old can pass a Grade 1 piano exam it can't be that difficult, right?

How wrong I was. Recognising the strange looking musical notes, understanding rhythm, pitch, time values, key signatures, Tonic Triads (I'd previously thought that these were just cocktails), scales, arpeggios, left and right-hand coordination and using the pedals. Wow! so much to learn. It



David with his ABRSM Certificate for Grade1 Piano

didn't help that the keys on Sally's piano are in different locations compared to the keys on my own piano, she tells me that this is not the case, but I'm not convinced.

Over time via Sally's excellent tuition and my commitment to weekly homework tasks, my technique slowly improved and seeing the progression of my chosen examination pieces coming together, was incredibly rewarding.

I played about an hour per day at home using some of the time that I'd previously used for exercise. Colleagues noticed my increasing rotund look due to cycling time being given over to playing.

Prior to my exam Sally encouraged me to put additional pressure on myself by playing in front of others. I eventually plucked up the courage to play a couple of my examination pieces on the piano in the 'White Swan'.

At the end I got a small round of applause (although I think this was mainly from friends that I'd plied with beer beforehand).

I took my Grade 1 exam in November last year, which was just under a year since I'd taken delivery of my own piano. I was older than most of the parents that were there chaperoning their children. The exam lasted less than 15 minutes. Two weeks later Sally presented me with my certificate. I'd passed with merit, I was delighted and celebrated with a few 'Tonic Triads' that evening.

I thoroughly enjoy my playing, finding it very rewarding and satisfying. Playing after a stressful day at work really helps me to relax. Jane now lets me play without my headphones (occasionally) and has a wish list of songs she would like me to learn.

I'm currently working towards my Grade 2 exam.

David McGuinness

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# Music MATTERS

## ABRSM MUSIC EXAM SUCCESSES

Congratulations to these students for their excellent results achieved in the Nov session:

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Emily Medley - Grade 1 Piano Distinction

Martha Showell Nicholas — Grade 3 Musical Theatre Singing Distinction

Emma O'Donnell — Grade 5 Merit

Charlotte Reddiough— Grade 7

## BURTON RURAL MARKET 21 November

What a super event this was. We were invited to provide some entertainment for shoppers and get them in the Christmas spirit.

Flora Bradley and Martha Showell Nicholas performed solos and duets with confidence and it was such a lovely environment to showcase musical talent. We will definitely be back next year.

## CHRISTMAS KARAOKE WEEK

Great fun was had the week before Christmas in music lessons; singers and pianists recorded Christmas music to send to relatives, a virtual gift. Singers also enjoyed Christmas Karaoke, adding costumes and props - even some of the parents made solo appearances.

Thank you for supporting the talented young musicians in the village. There are two concerts planned for this year which will be held in local venues, details to follow soon.

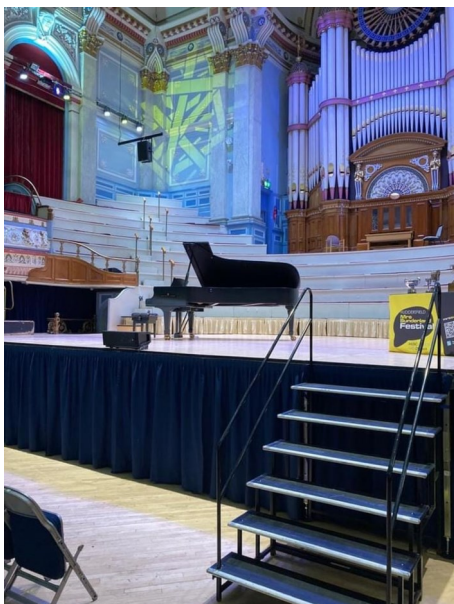
Sally Byrne



Clockwise from top left Flora Bradley and Sally, Alfie Barton, Bethan Elson, singers at Burton rural market, Emma O'Donnell, Charlotte Atkinson, Emma O'Donnell and Eleanor Wood

*(Photos edited by Ben Shaw)*

## Success at The Mrs Sunderland Music Festival



The Grand Piano on the stage at Huddersfield Town Hall

What a daunting prospect: playing the grand piano on the Town Hall Stage. Striding up those steps takes immense courage and bravery, particularly after no public performances for the past two years.

Imagine sitting at the piano, composing yourself and then performing in front of a large audience, or standing on the stage and singing with confidence and expression. Sounds scary, doesn't it?

This is exactly what our young performers were faced with in February and they were simply incredible.

The Town Hall is the ven-

ue for the Mrs Sunderland Music Festival, one of the most prestigious in the North of England which attracts performers from far and wide.

The festival is named after Mrs Susannah Sunderland who first sang in public in 1833 at a local concert. Before long she was in constant demand throughout West Yorkshire and beyond. She became known as the 'Queen of Song' following a visit to London to sing for Queen Victoria. The first festival was held in April 1889 with 37 competitors and Mrs Sunderland herself presented the prizes.

Young performers from our village took to the stage with bravery and

positivity, developing their confidence skills and self-belief. I was so proud and impressed with their courage and dedication. It was an amazing achievement.

Here are our Mrs Sunderland Stars.

**Pianists:** Ewan Plumb, Nellie Bradley, Alfie Barton, Emma O'Donnell and Evelyn McAv-  
enue.

**Singers:** Flora Bradley and Felicity Russell.

**Speech and Drama:** Martha Showell Nicholas

Well done, everyone.

It's well worth a visit next year to spectate and support the young musicians in our lovely villages.

Sally Byrne



# What's in a name badge? by Martin Ward



We all have names, we give names to our pets, we live in towns and villages with names. We live on streets and roads with names, and even our cars have pet names, the official ones, and the one the owner gives them.

But where do the car names come from? The manufacturer is easy, and is usually consistent throughout history. BMW is Bavarian Motor Works. JEEP is from the original General Purpose, or GP. Ford is after Henry Ford, and Fiat is Fabbrica Italiana Automobile Torino.

But the model name is a bit more complicated. Back in the 1940s & 50s it was popular to give British cars, good British names, such as Ford Anglia, Austin Cambridge, Morris Oxford, unfortunately there never was a Austin Huddersfield - would it have sold many? Ford then used some brilliant names: Zephyr, Zodiac, Consul, Capri



and Escort. I wish they would revive some of these model names.

SEAT generally use Spanish place names, Ibiza, Marbella, Leon, Alhambra. The Nissan Qashqai: Qashqai is a nomadic Iranian Tribe, with Qashqai meaning 'horse with white forehead'. When I first heard this ridiculous name, and it's even more ridiculous meaning, I thought, it's never gonna sell. I was so wrong. It's sold in bucket loads globally.

Over the years I have been involved in the naming of many cars and vans, sitting for hours round a table at the manufacturers HQ listening to endless suggestions for car names.

The first suggestion of mine which was adopted goes back to 2000, when I worked with BMW on the new version of the MINI. The first model in the range was simply going to be called Mini, so as the manu-



facturer was MINI, and the model name was Mini, it would be called a MINI Mini. I told the good people at BMW it couldn't work on data systems, at the DVLA etc.

They asked for a better idea, I said why not call the first one in the range ONE (a simple idea, from a simple Huddersfield bloke). They certainly didn't like it. But a few days later, I got a letter from BMW HQ in Munich saying they would use my idea, on a short temporary basis, and thanked me. Over twenty years later it's still being used.

Another one is from Peugeot, we went to see the 308 Coupe being built at a factory in Graz, Austria. We looked at it, and I said it's just not a 308 Coupe, it deserves a better name than that. No, they said, that's what it's going to be called. Later that night, stood at a bar in the hotel in Graz, the subject came up again. The

308 Coupe had an internal Code Name of RCZ, I said that is far better than 308 Coupe. After calls back to Paris until the early hours, they finally agreed to change its name, with reluctance. The Peugeot RCZ was born, in a bar in Graz at 2am.

In my garage I do have a Mini One and a RCZ Badge, every time I look at them, I do smile.



There are many more stories like this, too many to mention, but I do find car names interesting and the reason they got them.

**Martin Ward**


*Ed: Congrats on your involvement in car names, Martin do you get royalties? BUT, disappointed in you What about that most iconic of brands: DB 2,3,4,5,6 etc named after a Crosland Moor lad?*

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**Anna Boden**



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# Burton Belles WI

## The Year Ahead

This February the Burton Belles celebrated its third birthday. The past couple of years have been very odd and at times challenging, but as a WI we strived to keep going and provide fantastic meetings for our members, and this next year is no exception! We have a fantastic line up of speakers, so if you fancy getting out and meeting new people with a cup of tea and cake or even a sneaky glass of wine, then read on.

We will be welcoming back the wonderful Andrew Lloyd of Island Truffles this February. Andrew gave a truffle making demonstration in our first year and was highly entertaining. He gave us all a lot of laughs to the extent our faces hurt from all the smiling. He is a fantastic speaker and truffle maker, and I can't think of a better way to spend the Burton Belles third birthday.

Some of you may be aware that 13 to 19 March this year is sign language week. It's mad to think that it was only officially recognised as a language in 2003, especially after a quick Google search informed me that in 1760 the Thomas Braidwood's Academy opened and was the first British school to include sign language in education. So, in order to recognise this spe-

cial date, our March meeting will be all about sign language. We will be taught some basics so we can try and communicate with the best of them.

As well as these two meetings, we will also be hosting speakers from The Woodland Trust and the Chatsworth housekeeper this year. Both of these tie in nicely with this year's big event, which is the Queen's platinum jubilee. As a way to mark this occasion The Queen's Green Canopy has been created as a unique tree planting initiative which will create a green legacy of its own and bring benefits for not only people but for wildlife and the environment. A little fact for you now, Queen Elizabeth II has been a member of the San-

dringham WI since 1943, I wonder if anyone else can boast of a 79-year membership? Anyway, we will most definitely be celebrating her platinum jubilee so watch this space as we're sure to plan something fun to mark this occasion.

So, if you would like to join us and try your hand at a 79 year membership then please do come along, we meet every third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at Burton Village Hall. We really are a friendly and welcoming bunch so if you want to see what we're all about then pop along, or feel free to contact us for more information. I am so excited for this year and what we have in the pipeline, as well as hopefully welcoming many, many more new members.

**Sarah Sharp-Allison**

**President of the Burton Belles WI**

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### Variety is the spice of life

Since our safe return in January we have really had a varied programme of craft projects to tackle. Usually led by one of the members, we have tackled cards, doorstops, a smarf – a cross between a mask and a scarf which was a brilliant idea, and Sashiko, a type of Japanese embroidery, which was relatively easy and very effective, whilst being very calming.

Most weeks everyone comes away with a feeling of camaraderie and fulfilment after spending a couple of hours chatting, and exercising the brains and fingers.

Recently, we have had a few new members, which could be due to crafting projects started during lockdown, or maybe people found a half finished, hardly remembered piece of patchwork started years ago and consigned to the back of the cupboard?

It would be good to see anyone who cares to join us on a Monday afternoon at Highburton Village Hall, at 1.30pm for a couple of hours. Why not try it?

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## The return of HD8 Voices Choir



On Thursday 3 February, our ladies' community choir, HD8 Voices met for the first time in 2022. We had last sung together before Christmas and decided that January was looking too uncertain in terms of Covid. But here we are, in February, together again, old friends and new, singing under the inspiring leadership of Liz Priest and Sally Byrne.

And what a lovely selection of songs. "You've Got a Friend" seemed particularly apt, with beautiful new harmonies from Sally. We sang songs from the musicals *Swingtime*, *Showboat*, *West Side Story* and *The Sound of Music*, and also Abba's *Dancing Queen*.

Liz and Sally are thinking ahead to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June, giving us a goal to work towards. I think Liz must have had tea with the Queen sometime, as she seems to know all her favourite songs.

Such a lot to pack into an hour. We discovered that we hadn't forgotten how to sing, in fact we didn't sound bad at all, after some enthusiastic coaching. We all had fun, and left feeling uplifted, humming away with a skip in our steps. Why don't you come and join us?

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# Santa's Sleigh



Hello, it's Santa here. I had such a good time when I visited you on 16, 17, 18 and 19 December last year, and of course on Christmas Eve when I brought gifts and presents to all your lovely homes in Highburton and Kirkburton. Oh, it seems such a long time ago now.

It was so good to see so many people come out into the streets to say hello to me as I went around your villages in my sleigh. Unfortunately, my reindeer were having to rest before the BIG night, but the Isuzu Santa-Mobile was a great substitution for my sleigh. I want to thank so many people for helping me over four nights:

Richard, Kerry, John and Karen for the design, construction and decoration of my sleigh, oh what a fantastic job they did. Dave, Dan, Martin and Linton, Louise and Glenn from the very nice hardware shop in your village. Roger and Angela, John, Anna and Tamzin, Fran, Charlotte, Rufus and Andrea, Alex, Claire and Janet. Derek Hardcastle (Chair of Kirkburton Parish Council) Mark Eastwood MP, Helen and Kirsty the money counters, Sam, Sally, Sandra, Peter and Vanda, Russ the Village Butcher, Isuzu UK PR.

Special thanks to the wonderful staff at Joys and Beyond the Mill on North Road who stayed open late to serve food and drinks, with live music on Thursday evening.

There was such a splendid atmosphere, I know lots of people really enjoyed their evening.

Many of your children also were brilliant little helpers, including: Freya, Gracie, Jacob, Henry, Milo and Ted, and Harry who were very enthusiastic with their collection buckets. And a special thanks to everyone who were my helpers, too many to mention, but your help was invaluable, thank you.

The money donated by you kind people of Kirkburton and Highburton was £1,205, which was equally divided between Kirkburton Pre-school, Kirkburton First School, Highburton Playgroup and Highburton First School.

I'm having a nice rest, and a holiday now at my home in the North Pole. But I will return again to your lovely villages on 15,16,17 and 18 December this year.

I understand that the schools have contacted Martin to thank them for your generous donations – they will be used wisely, one school telling him that they will be buying outdoor play equipment

Love to all – Santa

*Editor's note: None of this would have happened without careful planning and organisation by local man Martin Ward. It was due to him that there was an article about Santa's visit in the Yorkshire Post on New Year's Day and an article in ISUZU press, which goes worldwide, as follows: -'*

*"To ensure his reindeer and sleigh are in optimum condition for the big day, this year Santa opted for the Award-Winning Isuzu D-Max to help with his local duties in the Highburton and Kirkburton areas of South Huddersfield."*

## Baking with Anya

Hi, my name is Anya. I am 9 years old, and I go to Highburton First School.

I love baking and would like to share some of my favourite recipes with you.

### Chocolate Orange Traybake

Prep time: 20 minutes Chill time: 2 hours Servings 12-16



#### Ingredients

- 125g Butter
- 300g Milk chocolate for the bake and 100g Milk chocolate for the topping
- 2 tbsp Golden Syrup
- 250g Rich Tea or Digestive biscuits (crushed into chunks)
- 1 box of Orange Matchmakers (keep a third to decorate the top)
- 125g Terry's Mini Chocolate Orange bag or one Terry's Chocolate orange (keep a few pieces to decorate the top)

#### Instructions

1. Grease and line a 22 x 22 cm tin.
2. Place the 300g of chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a large pan and melt over a low heat, stirring occasionally.
3. When the mixture had melted, remove from the heat and pour in the crushed biscuits, orange matchmakers and chocolate orange pieces, (remember to save some for the top).
4. Stir together, then quickly tip out into the lined tin, smoothing it out with a spatula.
5. Place in the fridge while you make the topping.
6. Melt the 100g of chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water.
7. Pour the melted chocolate over the top of the traybake, use a spatula to make sure you get it into the corners and get an even covering.
8. Top with the remaining matchmakers and chocolate orange segments.
9. Place in the fridge to set for two hours before cutting into pieces.

#### Notes

You can make them caramel-flavoured by using Salted Caramel Matchmakers and Rolos, or try mint-flavoured using Mint Matchmakers and Mint Aero.

You can see more of my baking on Instagram @baking.anya



# Sports reports



Spring has arrived.

So, if you are looking for ways to keep fit and have fun, now's the time to grab your racquet and head out onto the courts.

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

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

If you are interested in playing competitively, we have two ladies' teams and two men's teams who train on Monday and Tuesday evenings respectively and compete in the Huddersfield and District Tennis Leagues.

If you prefer to play socially, we hold club sessions on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm and on Friday mornings from 10am. These sessions are a great opportunity

for members to come along, meet other players, mix in – and generally have a fun time! So, whether you are an absolute beginner, someone returning to the game after a break or an experienced player – GET IN TOUCH NOW.

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

Full details of our membership packages and coaching programme are available on our website at [club-spark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub](http://club-spark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub).

Our Membership Secretary, Paul Dowse, can be reached via our email address at [gregoryfieldstc@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryfieldstc@gmail.com)

It is also possible to use the courts on a Pay & Play basis – full details on the website.



## Kirkburton Football Club



Both senior teams are having a decent season so far, the first team are currently 6<sup>th</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division of the Huddersfield and District association league, with three games in hand on all the teams above them apart from Britannia sports. They are also through to the semi-final of the challenge cup, beating Skelmanthorpe in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, then Netherton in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, then Berrry Brow (*from the top of the first division*) in the quarter final. They will play either Heywood Irish or Lepton's 1<sup>st</sup> team or Scholes. On a sadder note, they got knocked out in the first round of the Barlow cup and of the Sheffield Cup.

Jack Goring is the man getting all the goals this season 20 so far, then Troy Toulcher with six, and James Coleman with four.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team are currently in third place in Reserves Division Two. They have fought through to the

quarter final of the Richardson Cup, unfortunately losing to Cumberworth.


Jay Calcutt, the son of the former first team manager Dean, is currently top scorer with 12, closely followed by Joe Lockwood on nine, also the son of a former player Michael Lockwood, then Jack Woods on eight.

The committee of Kirkburton AFC would like to thank everybody who contributed to the new crowd barrier appeal, a special mention to a local lady who contributed a large amount (she wants to remain anonymous) also to Kirklees Council and Kirkburton Parish council. The new barrier should be erected shortly.

If there is anybody wanting to help out with the running of Kirkburton AFC such as committee member, ground maintenance or contributions? Please contact a committee member or email [kirkburtonafc@btconnect.com](mailto:kirkburtonafc@btconnect.com)

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# Kirkburton Cricket Club

It has been a very busy winter at Kirkburton Cricket Club both on and off the field and one that we hope will set us up for a great season.

After a 4<sup>th</sup> placed finish in the Drakes Premiership we are delighted to announce a number of new signings to support **Jonny Butterfield**, who has agreed to captain the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for a second season.

The first new signing and, arguably, most important needs no introduction, **Roscoe Thattill** has agreed to return as club professional. This will be Roscoe's third year at the club and anyone who has watched him will realise what a talent he is as demonstrated by the fact he won the leagues overseas player of the year in 2021 (over 1,200 runs and 25 wickets).

Roscoe will be joined by **Aaron Joby**, a British qualified Australian batter who plays for South Brisbane District in Queensland as well as the



Roscoe Thattill

States U19 side. **Sam Wigglesworth** is relatively local having moved across from Wrenthorpe to further strengthen the batting. Sam scored over 500 runs in the Bradford League last season so we expect him to be an important player for the club this year.

Our final signing and one known to the club and local area is **Craig Fletcher**. His experience in the Drakes league, Bradford League and England U-15s, 16s & 17s (he tells me)

will improve the side adding an 'old head' to the middle order. The new signings will offer strength in depth and real competition for places.

Off the field the club has again made positive steps in the right direction. Anyone who has walked past the ground recently will have noticed the new nets that have been erected behind the scoreboard. The old nets were not used too much due to the bounce and needed replacing. This has been a significant investment by the club but one we hope will benefit all our playing members for years to come. Although the building work was carried out by professional contractor's, club members were responsible for pulling up the old flooring in awful conditions prior to their arrival. Thank you, everyone.

The junior section will again be strong and alongside that we have **All Stars** which offers the chance for



5-8 years olds to start the sport. The club will have at least one side in every age group of the Huddersfield competition which we are proud of and thank the coaches and volunteers for their support. Without a thriving junior section, we would not be the cricket club we have become.

Due to the exciting plans the club has we are always looking for support from the local community - we thank our current sponsors for their ongoing support.

Throughout 2022 we will be running events to help fund the new nets. Alongside that the club will be running a 100 club and would ask members to support that. All proceeds will be going towards the fund and balance we need to pay off.

If anyone can support the club and would like more details, please feel free to contact Tom Cliffe on 07866581620 or Marcus Kelly on 07582684212.

We look forward to seeing you all in the summer for what we hope will be a great season.

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Kirkburton Cricket Club

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## Eating Out with The Burton Diner

# Beyond The Mill Deli

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New to Kirkburton in September 2021, 'Beyond the Mill Deli' has been a very welcome new place to eat in the village. I have eaten here previously but this time took a friend for lunch who doesn't live locally as she was keen to try somewhere different on this gloomy wet and cold day. The restaurant/cafe is not large but just the right size for a cosy lunch with nice modern welcoming decor, very lovely friendly staff and spotlessly clean.

Not being too busy, as we had arrived early, we chose a nice table by a window and were duly welcomed by one of the waitresses and offered the menus. After a bit of perusing and consulting the daily specials board, quiche was on offer today but we decided to try one of the sharing boards "The Carnivore" (for two) from the main menu.

The wooden board arrived looking very inviting with a selection of English cheeses

and continental meats, toast, crackers, herbed butter, pickles, chutney, olives, grapes, nuts and dried fruits, delicious and just perfect for the two of us. As it was such a cold day, we plumped for pots of tea to accompany our lunch.

The menu has a breakfast/brunch selection which is served from opening at 10:00 until 12:00 with prices ranging from £3:95 - £7:95 and offers a choice varying from toast with jams and marmalade, yoghurt & granola, egg dishes and shakshuka, which is the only item available all day.

The lunch menu is served from 12:00 until 15:00 and offers sharing boards 'The Herbivore' and 'The Carnivore' each for 2 persons at £17:95 and £19:95 and for one person, a ploughman's platter at £9:95. There is also hummus with crudité, chicken Caesar salad boats and a choice of four cold and four hot sandwiches with very tasty sounding



fillings, these range from £6:95 - £9:95.

The menu does change from time to time with new tasty treats being added and there are plans to host themed days and evenings, and suggestions for these are always welcome.

The restaurant is licensed with a range of wine and locally produced ales as well as soft drinks, teas and coffee, and very nice coffee it is too.

Besides the daily specials board, take out sandwiches are available and platters can be ordered as well. A whole range of deli products are on sale to complement the ethos of the restaurant/deli and gift vouchers are available

for that perfect present. The restaurant space is available to be booked for special events, demonstrations, workshops, meetings and social gatherings.

Special dietary needs can be catered for and there is something for children too.

If you haven't already visited "Beyond the Mill Deli", it's most definitely worth a visit and such an asset to our villages.

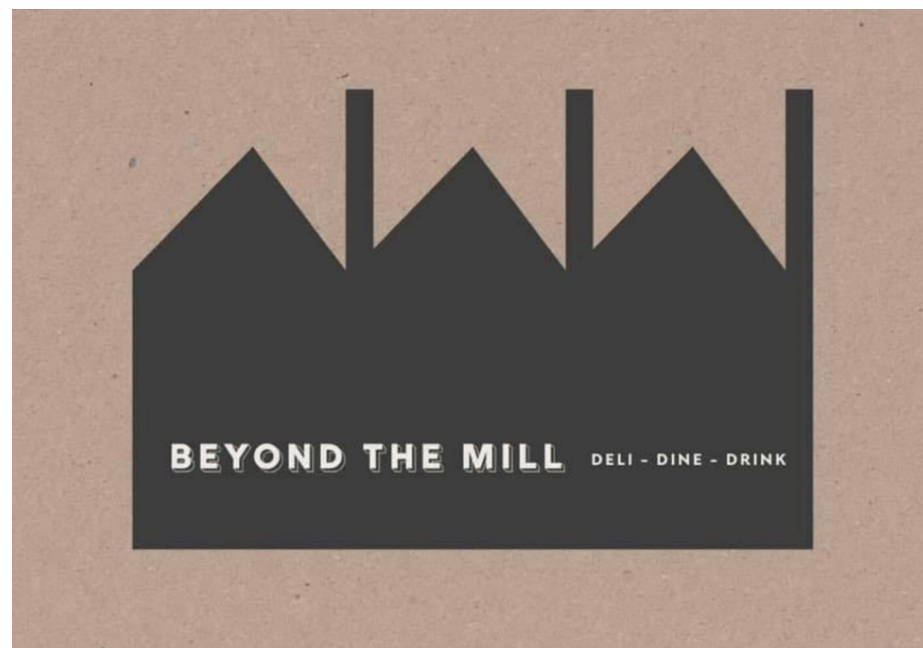
### Opening hours:

Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 - 16:00

Friday 10:00 - 21:00

Tables can only be reserved for 4-7 persons

Visit "Beyond the Mill Deli" Facebook page for all up to date information.





## BB Book Review

# Mrs Benton's Beetle by Rachel Joyce

Rachel Joyce's first novel published in 2012, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, was about a man who walked 600 miles to see an old friend and found comfort and wisdom on the way. In 2020 *Miss Benson's Beetle* arrived in the bookshops. This is also a pilgrimage of sorts, this time made by Margery Benson. In 1950 she is one of a stifled generation of "leftover women" who are marking time in the aftermath of the Second World War.

Fortysomething Miss Benson is a disappointed domestic science teacher, showing girls "how to iron men's shirts, and boil vegetables", and feeling as though even blue sky is rationed. A final straw of humiliation inspires her to set off to the other side of the world to New Caledonia on an expedition to find an undiscovered species of golden beetle. It's an excellent premise, and one that pans out almost as heart-warmingly as you'd expect, but with some powerful, moving and sometimes violent surprises en route.

Margery advertises for an assistant to accompany her and acquires an unlikely partner in Enid Pretty. They met at Fenchurch Street Station where Enid tottered across the station concourse in a bright pink travel suit. On her feet were tiny sandals adorned with a pompon; a far cry from Margery's pith hat and sensible hiking boots. This unlikely combination set off and together they survive comic adventures on boats and through customs and at the British consul's garden party, finding new reserves of "gumption" as they do. Each has a sad past, and neither discusses it, but in a series of tender moments they realise that each makes the other braver and better than she thought she could be.

Many characters carry with them the damage of conflict – from Margery, who lost her four handsome, strapping brothers in the First World War, her father consumed with grief took his own life, to her bizarre stalker Mr Mun-



dic, a traumatised former Prisoner of War, to the delightfully mean character Mrs Pope, the consul's wife, who resents our two heroines because "they had found a way to be themselves".

While the journey of self-discovery may be predictable, *Miss Benson's Beetle* is a joy of a novel, with real insight into the lives of women, the value of friendship and the lasting effects of war. There was always darkness realises Margery and in this darkness was unspeakable suffering, and yet there were also the simple daily trials – there was even the unremitting search for the 'Golden Beetle of New Caledonia' – and while they could not cancel the appalling horror, these trials were as real and important.

It was described by the Guardian as 'a joy of a novel' and other reviews enthused, "a wild, funny and breathlessly exciting adventure story". Joyce writes "with such wisdom and humour, weaving an irresistible tale of frailty and strength, curiosity and courage, grief and hope."

We could all well do with taking a leaf out of Margery and Enid's story and reach out to forge friendships which take us out of our comfort zone. Reaching outside our normal boundaries can bring great rewards. How many of us have a Margery inside waiting to take a step out? Perhaps this book shows us how.

**The Burton Bookworm**

## Recipe for March



## Roast vegetable buckwheat traybake with halloumi and kale

**Serves 4**

### Ingredients

2 red onions, peeled and cut into wedges  
2 red peppers, deseeded and wedged  
4 large mushrooms  
2 tbsp olive oil,  
(plus extra for frying)  
700 ml hot vegetable stock  
1 tsp English mustard powder  
2 tbsp tomato puree  
3 cloves garlic, crushed  
1 tsp fresh thyme  
280g buckwheat  
1 pouch or can of cooked lentils  
225g halloumi cut into 2cm chunks  
100g kale, washed and shredded  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Method

- 1 Heat oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas mark 4
- 2 Place the prepared red onions, red peppers and mushrooms in an oven tray. Drizzle with oil and roast for 15 minutes.
- 3 In a large jug, add the hot vegetable stock, mustard powder, tomato puree, garlic, buckwheat and the lentils.
- 4 once the vegetables are roasted, pour the stock and buckwheat mix over the vegetables, then cover with a lid or tin foil and bake for 30 minutes or until the buckwheat is tender.
- 5 While the tray bake is cooking, heat one tablespoon of oil in a frying pan and fry the halloumi for five minutes, or until golden. Remove from the pan and reserve.
- 6 Next, add the kale to the pan and stir fry until tender, seasoning with salt and pepper.
- 7 When it's ready, remove the buckwheat bake from the oven, top with the stir fried kale, halloumi, parsley, and season with salt and pepper to taste.





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This term the children have been really enjoying learning about shapes and colours.





# ICE VALLEY

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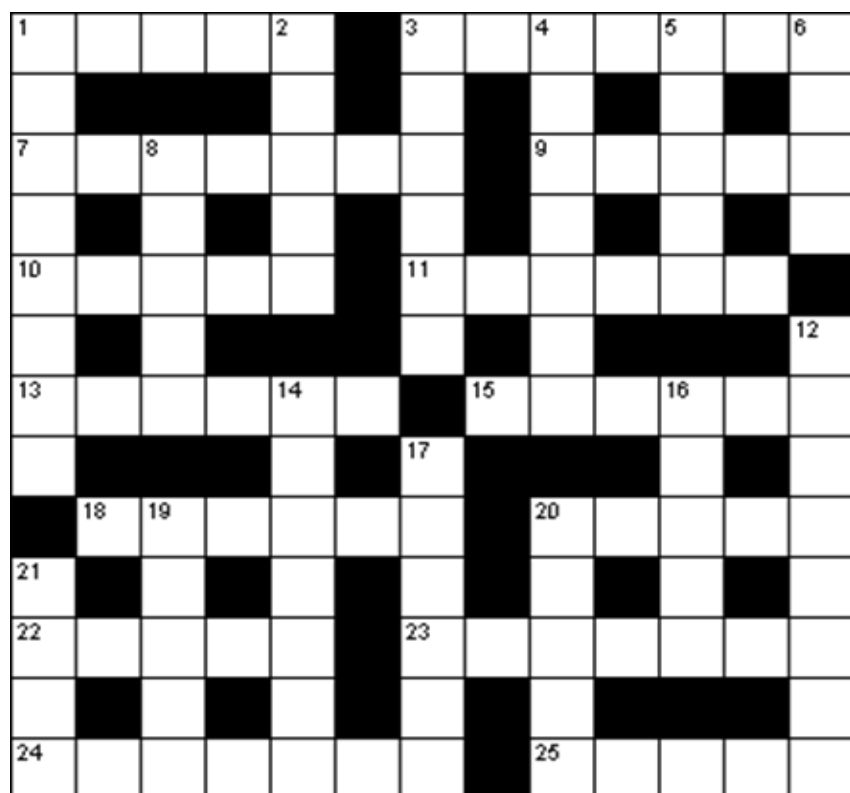


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# PUZZLE PAGE



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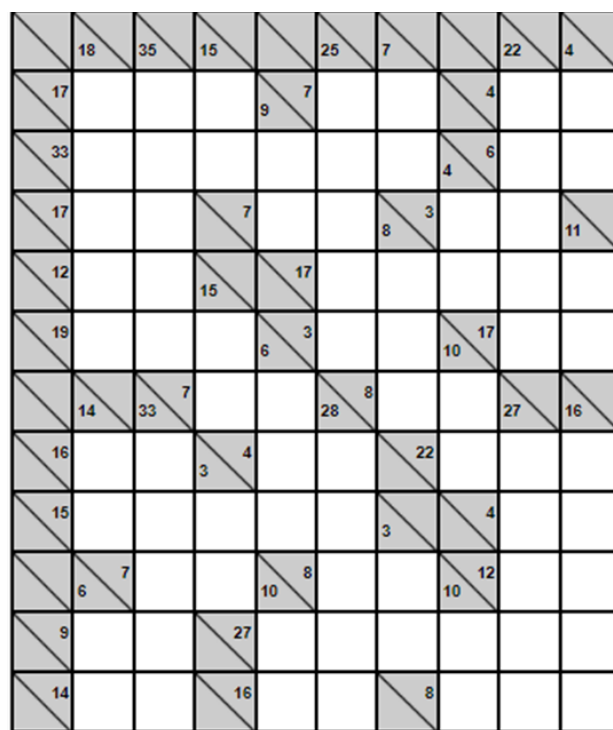
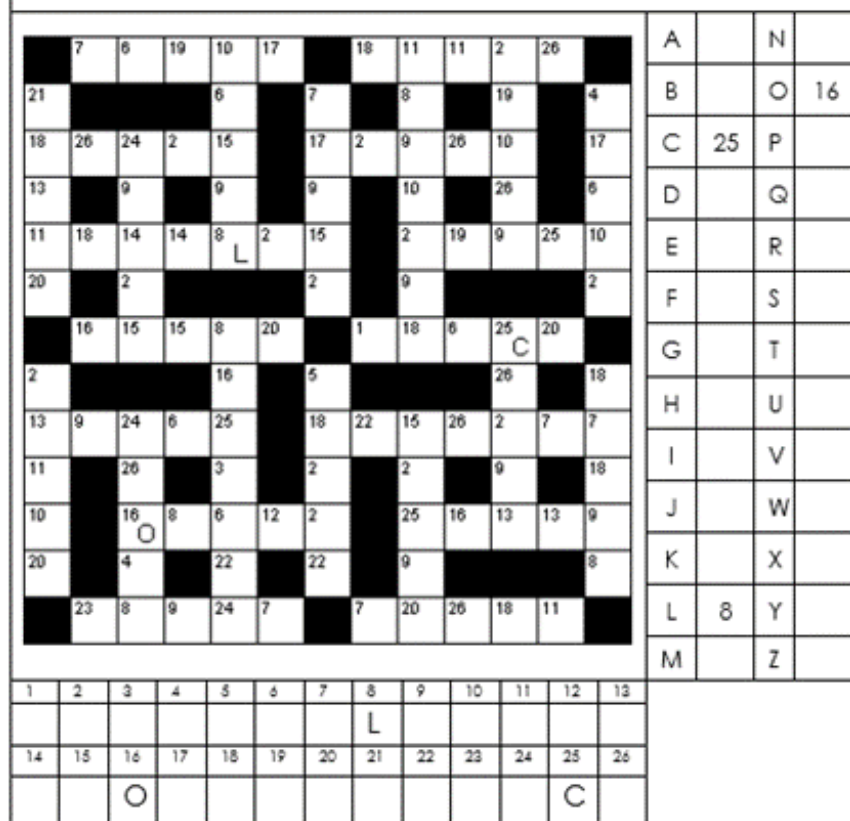
1. Large oval fruit (5)
3. Units of time (7)
7. Fished commercially (7)
9. Several music tracks issued together (5)
10. Irritated (5)
11. Birds of prey (6)
13. A business that serves other businesses (6)
15. Published (6)
18. Save from loss or danger (6)
20. Having three dimensions (5)
22. The relative magnitudes of two quantities (5)
23. Passage selected from a larger work (7)
24. School for special training (7)
25. Flowed back (5)

## Down

1. Based on traditional stories (8)
2. Lubricated (5)
3. Happening without warning (6)
4. Alterations (7)
5. Stately (5)
6. Japanese form of wrestling (4)
8. Leg joint (5)
12. Enlightened (8)
14. Violent windstorm (7)
16. An earth pigment (5)
17. Cure (6)
19. Additional (5)
20. Periodic repeated series of events (5)
21. Elaborate song for solo voice

## 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.



## KAKURO

Sometimes called the numerical equivalent of a crossword.

Fill in the squares using numbers 1-9 without repeating any of the numbers in a vertical or horizontal line.

**IT WORD SEARCH** -Find the hidden words listed below. They may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, forwards or backwards.

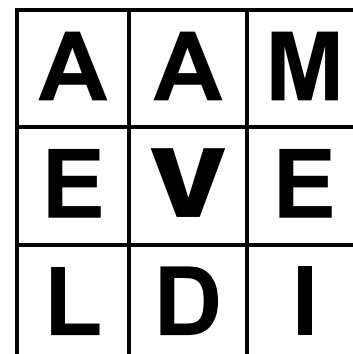


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## BULLETAGRAM

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 20,  
Better 24, Pretty Good 28,  
Champion Quality 32





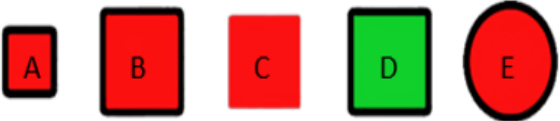
# JUST FOR FUN

Can you answer these 10 picture questions ... and find a connection between the answers?

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| 1. Familiar Name?<br> | 2. Physicist?<br>                                    | 3. Name?<br>                 | 4. Roman Governor?<br>                     | 5. Type of Bike?<br>  |
| 6. Brand?<br>        | 7 What are they doing?<br><i>Cryptic answer</i><br> | 8 Footwork/stroke name?<br> | 9 Baby Bird ...<br>altered<br><br><br>b t | 10 What is this?<br> |

Answers: 1. **Green Goddess**, 2 **Max Planck**, 3 **Clifton Suspension Bridge**, 4 **Pilates**, 5. **Sit Up** and **Beg**, 6 **Weights** 7. **Dead Lift** 8. **Lunge**, 9 **Squab** t 10. **Push Up**  
CONNECTION: **Fitness**

## BRAIN BASHERS

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| 1. Which of these objects is the odd one out?<br>   | 2. Correct this statement by adding one line (and it's not the "not equals" line)<br>$10 \ 10 \ 10 = 9.50$   | 3. Calling all you Code Breakers<br>MONDAY = 617      TUESDAY = 729<br>WEDNESDAY = 9312      THURSDAY = 8412<br>FRIDAY = 6511      SATURDAY = 8614<br><br>What would SUNDAY be equal to? |
| 4. Which answer is the correct one?<br><br>1. All of the below<br>2. None of the below<br>3. All of the above<br>4. One of the above<br>5. None of the above<br>6. None of the above | 5. Can you do this?<br>You are given a standard pack of cards, 13 of the 52 cards are face up, the rest are face down. The face up cards are distributed randomly throughout the pack.<br><br>Your task is to split the cards into 2 piles so that each pile has the same number of face up cards. Your eyes are covered so that you cannot see the cards as you create the two piles. | 6. Logical Paradox<br><br>There are are four things wrong with this sentence, can you find all the mistakes  |

### BRAIN BASHERS ANSWERS

- The second square is the odd one – each of the others has some unique feature (shape, boundary, colour, size)
- $10 \ 10 \ 10 = 9.50$
- First digit identifies number of letters, second is number of the day of week, the rest is the sum of the first 2 digits. Thus, SUNDAY is 6713
- Option 5 is the correct answer.
- Put the first 13 cards into one pile AND FLIP THEM OVER, the rest into the other pile.
- Are is repeated, sentence is misspelled and there is no **question mark**. That's only 3! The fourth is that the statement is therefore incorrect. BUT if that is the case then the statement is correct and there are only 3 errors .... Hence the paradox.



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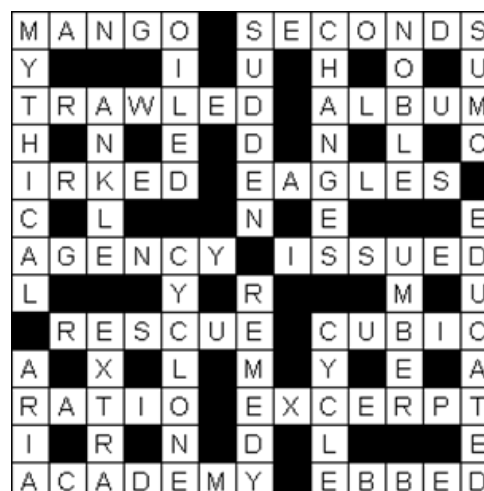
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## Solutions

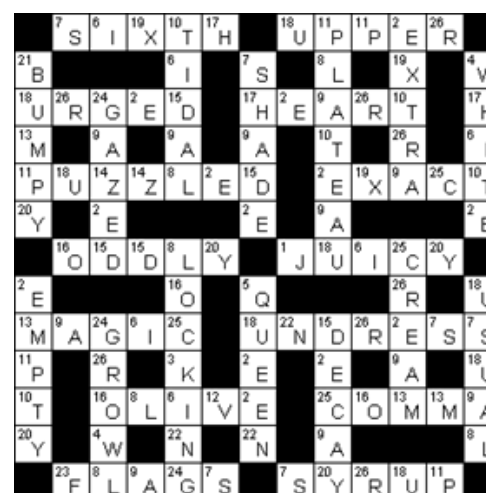
### CROSSWORD



### KAKURO



### CODEWORD



### BULLETAGRAM

WE GOT : mediaeval medieval availed leaved levied vailed vealed  
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