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Santa's Sleigh is Coming to Our Villages

The latest news received by The Burton Bulletin from the Chief Elf is that Santa Claus has once again been able to find time in his busy schedule in the run-up to Christmas to visit the villages of Kirkburton and Highburton.

Santa and his team will be visiting Highburton and Kirkburton on four evenings from 15 to 18 Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 December.

This year's route a bit differently from last year, as Santa will be visiting Croftlands residential home. The schedule is set out below.

Santa's little helpers and Elves will have collection buckets for

any donations. The proceeds will be equally divided between: Highburton Playgroup, Kirkburton Pre-School, Kirkburton First School, Highburton First School. All donations will be gratefully received.

Or, please take any donations into: Kirkwood Shop, Kirkburton Joys, Beyond the Mill or Linton's

Thank You.

If anyone wants to volunteer to help Santa, please call 07740 157580



Thursday 15 December

Start from Doctors car park 5:30

Shelley Lane
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Turnshaws
North Road
Joys Coffee House
Beyond The Mill Deli
Junction of North Road/Slant Gate
Back along North Road
Low Town
Riley Park
Riley Lane
Finish at the Coop

Friday 16 December

Leaving Junction of Hall Lane / Highfield Road at 5:30

Far Dene to Primrose Lane
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Burton Acres Lane
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Grenoside View
Burton Acres Way
Burton Acres Mews
Moor Lane
Cotswold Mews
Woodland Meadows.

Saturday 17 December

Leaving Highfield Road at 5:30

Burton Acres Lane
Southfield Court
Oakland Court
Elm Court
Ashford Court
Foxglove Drive
Primrose Drive
Dene Park

Sunday 18 Dec

Leave All Hallows Church Kirkburton at 6pm

School Hill
Turnshaws
Junction Pub
The Crescent
Royds Mount
Turnshaws
Turnshaws Avenue
Burton Acres Lane
Hallas
Gregory Drive
Orchard Close

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JOIN OUR TEAM

If you enjoy reading the Bulletin, why not get involved in producing future editions?

We are looking for someone to take on the role of commissioning articles from groups in the villages and preparing these for publication.

The task involves a few hours' work four times a year and is very rewarding.

Ask yourself: if the Bulletin ceased to exist, would you miss it? If your answer is yes, then please consider getting in touch.

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The View From The Bulletin

In this Christmas edition of The Bulletin we say a grateful thank you and goodbye to a key member of our editorial team, Pat Shaw.

Pat was one of the group who stepped in to revive the Bulletin in 2014. Now over eight years and twenty-nine editions later Pat is taking her well-earned retirement.

Pat had a central role in the production of The Bulletin over those years. She took responsibility for commissioning contributions from the various groups and organisations in the villages, politely but firmly chasing up articles and then patiently editing what was submitted. She carried out several interviews of contributors who had stories to tell, but who were hesitant about writing them down.

As an eagle-eyed former science teacher Pat also had a

vital role in proof-reading the text before it was submitted to the printer. It is not for nothing that Pat was known as “The Queen of the Apostrophe”.

Although she is stepping down from the Bulletin, she continues to take part in a wide range of activities in the village: Burton Crafters, the book club, HD8 Voices and many others.

We wish Pat and her family all the best for the future.

Our appeal for people to join our team produced an encouraging response and we are hopeful that we can replace Pat. But we are always interested in hearing from others who would like to take part in producing and extending The Bulletin. It really is a lot of fun.

Just ask Pat.

The Kirkburton Christmas Crib



The Kirkburton Christmas crib has reached the end of its useful life.

The much-loved crib has been a focal point for Christmas celebrations in the village for decades.

However, the years have taken their toll on the wooden structure which is now rotting and literally falling to pieces.

The crib is also very heavy and has required a substantial team of volunteers to collect it from storage and manoeuvre it into place each December each year and then carrying out the process in reverse in January.

The village needs to decide as a community whether they value the crib sufficiently to want to replace it with a lighter more-weather proof alternative.

If there is a desire for a new Kirkburton Christmas crib, then we need to decide what a new crib should look like and how it should be paid for.

There are several potential funding stream for a new crib but first we need some ideas for the design and then some quotations from local joiners and crafts peo-

ple so that we have an idea of how much a new crib will cost.

It seems likely that we would want the new crib to be of a comparable size to the present one, so that it can be seen when passing the Memorial Garden in a car or on the bus.

However, it needs to be more resistant to the weather and lighter so that it can be moved more easily.

The present crib will be in the Memorial Garden from now until January for interested parties to take measurements etc with the aim to give price indications.

We hope someone will be able to come forward and help us replace this important Christmas attraction which means so much to the community in celebrating Christmas and all it means.

Please send any suggestions to The Bulletin. We will forward ideas a to the Parish Council and Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association (KHCA) and other possible sources of funding.



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Announcing two inaugural meetings to ask veterans in the area for their ideas about what we should offer at the new **Veterans Hubs** in our local area.

We need to know what support you need, be it peer support, benefits advice, activities, socials, sports activities, hobbies, help with form filling or just a social club.

Please help us shape the help and support our valued veterans need.

Links have already been made with Kirklees, Denby Dale Centre Anchor, Help for Homeless Heroes and the local GPs who are all keen to support the Rural Veterans Hub. Tea, coffee and cakes are available for all.

Wednesday 14 December 2-4pm,
at Shelley Village Hall, Huddersfield Road, Shelley, HD8 8HE

Tuesday 20 December 2022, 2-4pm,
Nortonthorpe Sports Ground, Springfield Ave, Clayton West, HD8 9HJ

Further information is available on 01484 860077 and at www.ddc.org.uk/RuralVeteranHub

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WINTER 2022

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Dr Zaid Sabe Eileish, salaried GP, to our team. Dr Sabe will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We also extend a warm welcome to our new GP Registrars, Dr Grewal, Dr Masood, Dr Anwar and Dr Abdelhady.

ENHANCED ACCESS

This is a national change. It is the provision of appointments outside a GP Practice's core hours of 8.00am-6.30pm. The MAST Health Partnership PCN together with The Valleys PCN (Meltham Group Practice, Slaithwaite Health Centre, Oaklands Health Centre, Elmwood Family Doctors, Colne Valley Group Practice and Honley Surgery) - launched its Enhanced Access Service on **1 October**.

Pre-bookable appointments are available up to two weeks in advance on Friday 6.30pm-8.00pm at Denby Dale Branch Practice and on Saturday 9.00am-5.00pm at Oaklands Health Centre, Holmfirth.

How do I book an appointment?

Please contact your registered GP Practice.

Who will my appointment be with?

The service will be delivered by PCN GPs, Nurses, Health Care Assistants, Clinical Pharmacists, First Contact Practitioner (Physiotherapist) and Phlebotomists.

Will the health professional I see have access to my medical record?

With your consent, any doctor or nurse you see will have access to your medical record.

VACCINATIONS

Our **Flu Clinics** started on 1 October. We have ordered flu vaccine for all our eligible patients. Please support the Practice and have your vaccination with us. Please let us know if you cannot attend your appointment.

COVID-19 – Autumn Boosters

As a Primary Care Network (PCN) the Practice has been asked to vaccinate immunosuppressed, housebound, 75 and over patients and patients who would have difficulty travelling to a vaccination hub. Patients who are not in the above groups will be invited by the NHS Vaccinations Team to attend a hub.

MILITARY VETERANS' HEALTH CHECK

The Practice is working closely with our patients to identify any military veterans who are registered with us. If you are a veteran please let our Receptionist know, and the appropriate information will be added to your record.

One of the services we are currently offering is a Military Veterans' Health Check which help you to:

- Manage and take charge of your own health.
- Take action to stay well.
- Address health concerns early.
- Develop a relationship with your GP surgery.
- Signpost you to other like-minded veterans to create a local support network.

Speak to our Reception team who can refer you through to our Social Prescribers.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

	Total No. of Appointments	No. DN A	% DN A	Patients who fail to attend their appointments and do not inform us, incur significant cost and inconvenience to others. If you do not need your appointment, or simply want to change it, call 01484 602040 or email reception.kirkburtonhealthcentre@nhs.net
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Kirkburton Library



Kirkburton Library in Turnshaws Road

Mention of the library often conjures up memories of hushed whispers, being shushed by stern-faced librarians or trying to find inventive ways of jimmying overdue books back onto the shelves unnoticed. Thankfully, much has changed and Kirklees Library Service strives to create warm, inclusive spaces at the heart of local communities.

How is this achieved? In part, through the work of the service itself and its staff. However, our army of volunteers are really what give spaces, such as the library in Kirkburton, relevance and ensure that they continue to thrive at the centre of life in the local community.

Members of the team range in age and life-experience. Some are still at school, working to build valuable work-experience, others are stepping back into workplace after a break or are looking to give of their time having reached retirement.

There is real alchemy in this mix. New friendships are forged; ideas explored; self-confidence restored, and a sense of purpose found. Existing skills are shared or developed, and new ones acquired.

But, to the point. We are always looking to add to our gang. Whatever your age or experience, we would love to hear from you. The best advocates

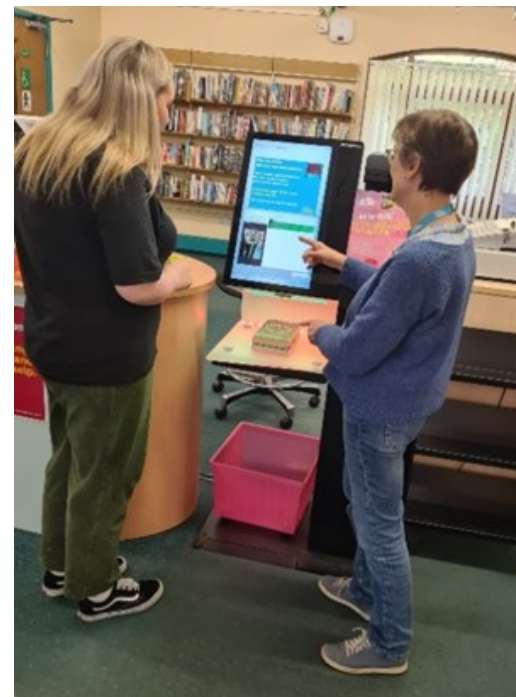
are the volunteers themselves, so why not pop in for a chat and find out why they value the opportunity? Some have been volunteering for quite some time and others are very much fresh-faced. All, however, will give you an honest take on what it means to volunteer here at Kirkburton Library.

If you go to <https://tslkirklees.org.uk>, there is an excellent overview of the various types of roles

on offer as well as the opportunity to apply. However, do feel free to phone (01484 414 868), email kirkburton.lic@kirklees.gov.uk

or message via the Friends of Kirkburton page on Facebook.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.



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Remembrance Sunday—13 November



Kirkburton Memorial Garden on Remembrance Sunday

Compared to other Remembrance Sundays it was dry and unusually mild, but quite misty. This was also the first time that King Charles III led the nation in remembering the sacrifice of all those that defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. The act of remembrance unites faiths, cultures and backgrounds and it is certainly a time to reflect on the past, think about conflicts that are happening now, as well as praying for future peace.

BEG volunteers and our latest Duke of Edinburgh's volunteers, Arden and Charlie worked hard in the run up to Remembrance

Sunday clearing the leaves that continued to fall like snow in the Memorial Gardens, as well as placing the poppy tributes made last year by the local schools, Kirkburton Uniform Groups and the different community groups. The churchyard team were presented with an even bigger task clearing the paths and steps around All Hallows Church as well as the pavement from the church down to the Memorial Gardens. Leaves can be very slippery at this time of the year and we did not want any mishaps when the procession left the church for the War Memorial.

The outside service was well attended. The Rev Maureen Browell led the brief act of Remembrance at our cenotaph. The wreath bearers, led by Mark Ridgeway OBE, His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire, placed their wreaths around the memorial cross (designed by William Douglas Caroe a leading architect in the Arts and Crafts Movement). Fiona Wakley read the names of the fallen from WWI and WWII and Tony Eaton played the Last Post prior to the two minute silence.

Only birdsong could be heard until Tony played the Reveille. The Kirkburton Uniform Group lowered and raised the coloured flags at the appropriate times and led the procession back to the church for the remainder of the service.

After the church service there was an opportunity to mingle whilst accepting the piping hot tomato or mushroom soup and bread roll provided by the Kirkburton Uniform Groups.

Brian Hill drove up from Bournemouth again for this year's service. Brian and his sister Thelma placed a wreath next to their father's name Frank Hill. They had grown up without their father in their lives and what a huge loss this must be.

Brian and Thelma were introduced to Mark Ridgeway. Mark was very interested and moved by their sad story and as he said "to lose a father during wartime is difficult enough but to be so young that memories have yet to be formed must be very hard. Recognition of their father's wartime efforts will mean so much to them."

Mark also chatted to our Duke of Edinburgh participants who were BEG's official photographers for the

day. Not only did they take our photos but the lads were tasked with fetching soup and rolls. Their photo of Mark talking to Brian and Thelma (see below) has been forwarded to Mark who wrote back, "It was also good to see the service so well attended, and nearly £400 raised for The Royal British Legion. There is an amazing community spirit in Kirkburton and it is at events such as Remembrance Sunday that this really shines through."

It was great to see the young people from the D of E Award scheme actively involved with the church – I can see they are getting good guidance!"

We are so lucky that our different community groups can work together and that we do care. We must feel very proud of all the youngsters who took part in this year's Remembrance Day Service. **Lest we forget.**

Anna Boden



Mark Ridgeway OBE, Deputy Lord-Lieutenant for West Yorkshire with Brian and Thelma in All Hallows Church



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Christmas

The question is what can we do to make our Christmas's more environmentally friendly, just as much fun, a true family event and save us expense as well.

Christmas after the Second World War and for a good number of years after, was so much more a frugal affair compared with today. Good food was cooked, but without overelaboration and every scrap that wasn't eaten over the holiday time was used to make something else. The concept of waste just didn't happen. Decorations were homemade, the tree didn't go up until a week before Christmas Day and often not until Christmas Eve. Presents were just that, a surprise on Christmas Day. As a child you hoped you would get that one thing you'd been hoping for, for months, and if you were lucky, you might just get a couple of other small things too. Shops closed and the country was quiet, no corner shops open or sales on Boxing Day it was truly a time for rest, family, and thanksgiving too.

As the decades have passed consumerism has taken over and all the annual festivals have become big money generating businesses, Halloween was practically unheard of 50 years ago but is very much big business now. Long gone are the days when the costumes for a

school nativity were all handmade by mum, gran, or other family members, all put together with a few tea towels and old curtains. Now, it's readymade costumes made in China and sold online or in the supermarkets with handmade being sadly frowned on.

Maybe it's time now with the economic climate, the state of the world and struggles a lot of our population are having financially to rethink Christmas. I don't mean to be a party-pooper. Families can have fun without spending the earth on food and presents. Just under half of U.K. adults say they have received gifts they don't want and will never use. On average about 70 million unwanted Christmas presents are bought each year. Buying fewer, better-quality gifts reduces the chances of gifts going to waste and is better for your purse too, or how about gifting your time to a friend or relative, e.g., my present to you is help in the garden for a day... babysit for several evenings...cook some meals etc. Make homemade gifts and get the children to help, jars of jam or chutney, sweets, or sloe gin. Other zero waste ideas include, gifting an experience like a cooking or baking course, adopting an animal, gifting charity membership, or giving tickets to an event. One large family I know has an arrangement

1950s: A normal family Christmas



where an amount of money is agreed between them, family names are put in a hat and each spends no more than the chosen amount on the person whose name they have drawn, that way everyone gets one good present of the same value.

To help with the environment try to find gifts made of sustainable materials nearby so supporting local shops and businesses, avoiding single-use plastic if you can. Consider buying second-hand items. It could be a fun family project one year only to buy all Christmas items except the food from charity shops.

There are so many little things we can all do to help by buying cards and wrapping paper made from recycled paper or by making our own, avoid foil papers and plastic ribbon or tape which are not recyclable, be inventive with parcel wrapping. I saw in a magazine

where someone bought a lot of headscarves from a charity shop and used them to wrap presents and so eliminating wrapping paper completely. We use approximately 227,000 miles of wrapping paper each year in this country, if rolled out this would go around the world nearly ten times.

For meals at Christmas, plan ahead, prepare and use your freezer, leftover food may be unavoidable, but it can be used the next day or frozen for future use. Eating seasonally and buying locally all helps the planet. Save by not buying Christmas crackers just give everyone a little homemade favour instead, and if time allows the family could come together to make the tree and house decorations. Any saved money could be put to one side for a family need or treat for later. Whatever you plans for this year do have a 'Very Happy Christmas'.

References: WWF, Soil Association, The Independent

The Burton area needs more hotels

Now that I have your attention, I will explain the above comment before you start panicking or thinking I have lost the plot. I am talking about a Bug Hotel.

With the Christmas season fast approaching, one resolution that you could make for 2023 is to encourage more insects into your garden. A Bug Hotel can help you achieve this.

I regularly visit gardens and am always impressed and think the most successful gardens are ones that allow nature to thrive. If you can invite and keep beneficial insects in your garden, you can help control and reduce the populations of pest insects. The extra advantage is that some of the beneficial insects are responsible for the pollination of your garden flowers and fruit and vegetables.

A bug hotel in your garden can help insects thrive and increase in numbers. This could mean in future years that your garden will be full of pollinators ready to increase your fruit yield. Your



Typical shop bought bug hotel

hotel guests might even book room service and eat the pests in your garden, saving you from having to use pesticides.

You can buy Bug Hotels in any garden centre, but the best ones are home made. Below is a simple home-made one suitable for solitary bees.

You will need:

- A plank of untreated wood or ply at least 10cm wide
- Hollow stems such as reeds, bamboo canes or old flower stems
- Wood saw
- Drill
- Screws
- Secateurs
- A mirror fixing for hanging the hotel

Step 1

Cut the plank into four pieces to make a rectangular frame for the bee hotel. Drill guide holes for the screws and assemble the frame as if making a box. Paint the wood if you would like to and allow to dry.

Step 2

Use secateurs or a saw to cut your stems to the same depth as the box. A saw is preferable to secateurs for thicker stems as the stems are less likely to split. Sand away any rough edges.

Step 3

Carefully pack the frame of the bee hotel with the stems – only as you add the final few does the whole lattice lock solid. Hang your bee hotel on a sunny wall, sheltered from the rain, and wait for the mason bees to investigate.

Footnote

Leafcutter bees typically use rose, beech and wisteria leaves to seal the individual brood cells in the hollow stems. Why not give them a helping hand by growing these plants in your garden? You'll quickly see when your hotel is in use as you'll spot bees carrying pieces of leaf to seal their brood cells.

Sean Downey



A friendly bug hotel

Of pub signs, magic wands and possessive thrushes



A brisk walk around the Community Field will reveal both of these seasonal favourites.

Holly trees can grow up to fifteen metres and live for three hundred years. The bark is smooth and thin with lots of small, brown warts. The leaves are glossy, dark green and have spiky edges in younger plants but much smoother edges in older trees. Female and male flowers appear on different trees and bloom anytime between early spring and the very beginning of summer. The flowers are white with four petals and once pollinated by insects the female flowers develop into scarlet berries which remain on the tree throughout the winter.

It provides dense cover and good nesting opportunities for birds, while its deep, dry leaf litter may be used by hedgehogs and small mammals for hibernation. The flowers are a vital source of nectar and pollen for bees and other insects. The leaves are eaten by caterpillars of various moths – a tell tale triangular cut in a leaf indicates where a blue tit has removed embedded moth larvae to feed its young. In winter the scarlet berries are a source of food for birds and small mammals. The mistle thrush is known for vigorously guarding the holly tree in winter to prevent other birds such as redwings and

fieldfares from eating its berries.

Holly wood is the palest of all woods and is heavy, hard and fine-grained. It can be stained and polished and is used to make furniture and walking sticks. It was also the wood used in Harry Potter's own wand. The tree was seen as a fertility symbol and a charm against witches, goblins and the devil. It was thought to be unlucky to cut down a holly tree. Since medieval times the plant has been associated with Christian symbolism as expressed in the traditional Christmas carol "The Holly and the Ivy" in which the holly represents Jesus and the ivy represents Mary. The sharp spikes of the holly leaves are linked to the crown of thorns worn by Jesus and the red berries are a reminder of the drops of his blood. The druids held that leaves of holly offered protection against evil spirits and wore holly in their hair.

The evergreen, woody climber, ivy regularly features in many Christmas card designs and seasonal decorations. Like many other evergreen plants which persist through the winter, ivy has traditionally been imbued with a spiritual significance, and was brought into homes to drive out evil spirits. It can be found in a variety of habitats including woodland, scrub, wasteland, on isolated trees and can be found growing in our

own Community Field and on many walls around the villages. It is tolerant of shade and survives in all but the most dry, waterlogged or acidic soils. It has long been accused of strangling trees but it doesn't harm the tree at all and can support at least fifty species of wildlife. It is not a parasitic plant and has a separate root system in the soil, so absorbs its own nutrients and water as needed.

The nectar, pollen and berries of ivy are an essential food source for insects and birds during autumn and winter. It also provides shelter for insects, birds, bats and other mammals. The high fat content of the berries is a nutritious food resource and so the berries are popular with thrushes, blackcaps, fieldfares, redwings, woodpigeons and blackbirds. Ivy is particularly important to many insect species such as bees, wasps and hoverflies which forage on the nectar and pollen before they go into hibernation. It is also a vital food plant for some butterfly and moth larvae.

The leaves are dark green and glossy with pale veins. Young plants have three to five lobed leaves whereas

the older, mature plants have oval or heart-shaped leaves without lobes. Only the mature plants produce flowers which are yellowish green and appear in small dome shaped clusters known as umbels. These develop into black, berry-like fruits.

Wearing a wreath of ivy around the head was said to prevent one from getting drunk and the Roman god Bacchus was often depicted wearing a wreath of ivy and grapevines. Ivy was also a symbol of intellectual achievement in ancient Rome and wreaths were used to crown winners of poetry contests. The clinging nature of ivy makes it a symbol of love and friendship and fidelity, so priests would present a wreath of ivy to newly married couples. Today it is still the custom for bridal bouquets to contain a sprig of ivy. As it clings to dead trees and still remains green it was also viewed as a symbol of eternal life of the soul after death in medieval Christian symbolism. Ivy bushes or ivy wrapped poles have traditionally been used to advertise taverns in Britain and many pubs today are still called The Ivy.

Ref: The Woodland Trust and The Wildlife Trust





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The journey of a family bible: from Kirkburton to the battlefields and back

No one really knows the bond between Ben Swift and Edith. What we do know is that 28-year-old Gunner Ben Swift- Reg no. 240767 of the 130th Battery, 40th brigade of the Royal Field Artillery was killed in action on 2 November 1918, just nine days before the end of the war.

Edith was the daughter of the manager of the Kirkburton Co-op in Low Town, the same place Ben worked just before he enlisted for the Great War (WWI). When Ben died a small pocket bible was found on his body. Ben wanted Edith to have the bible should he not return from the war, even

though he could have bequeathed it to any of his seven siblings. Years later, Edith married and handed it to her grandson, David Hey, when he was just seven years old.

David took Ben Swift's bible with him when he moved to New Brunswick, Canada. After the bible had spent over a century with the Hey family, David and his brother Michael decided they would like to return the bible to one of Ben Swift's living descendants.

After extensive research by Roger Armitage and Anna Boden, the Swift family were finally traced. On Sunday 30 October in the Kirkburton Memorial Gardens,



Handing over Ben Swift's Bible in the Memorial Garden, from left to right: Michael Hey, Joah Swift, Ann Swift and David Hey

fifteen-year-old Joah Swift received the bible from the Hey family. And so, Ben's bible, treasured for all these years by the Hey family, finally came back to the Swifts.

Ben Swift's name is honoured on the World War I memorial board in the Kirkburton Memorial Gardens and on the Memorial Board in Kirkburton Library.

The search continues for an image of Ben Swift to place alongside his name. Ben was born 15 September 1890 and baptised on 8 October 1893 at All Hallows', Kirkburton. His parents Harriet and Charles lived on Church Green. Ben was buried at Poix-du-Nord, France.

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When elephants dipped in the dike

The History Group are compiling a bank of oral histories by recording peoples' memories of growing up and living in Kirkburton and Highburton. We started out by hoping to build up a list of shops and businesses, but while doing this, we have learnt so much more.

A highlight of the year was **Kirkburton Sing** which took place on Trinity Sunday. Also, on the Wednesday of the same week, the children took part in a Sunday school walk which ended up at Netherfield, where there were races, a band and refreshments. At the same time the 'fair' or 'feast' came to Kirkburton and stayed for a fortnight. As well as the rides and sideshows there was a circus which included an elephant. One year there were two elephants. Children enjoyed the spectacle of seeing the elephants being washed in the dike. A shed half way up School Hill was used to keep the elephants overnight and is still known as the 'elephant oil' (see photo below)..



There were hard times too, when it was so cold that room doors were used for firewood to fuel the house fire. Outside toilets were the norm. These were earth closets which might only be emptied once a fortnight. There was no electricity. Streets were illuminated by gas lights and houses that were lucky enough to have a gas supply would also have gas lamps and a gas ring for cooking.

Any leisure time could be spent swimming at the public baths in Low Town (see photo right), or at the Picture House at the top of School Hill, where three different films were shown each week, costing four old pence on weekdays, and five pence on Saturdays. However, when soldiers were in the village in the war, the cinema was so packed that children had to sit on the soldiers' knees.

The Church School was an important venue for social activities with whist drives, sales of work, an annual flower and vegetable show, a New Year's Eve Farmers' and Butchers' dance and a pantomime.

So what about the shops? They sold a vast range of goods and services, from bedding to bikes, biscuits and boots. Gents could get their hair cut by Willie Jenkinson as long as they were happy with a short back and sides, and were prepared to wait for him to have his lunch at 12 o'clock each day. Children could get their treats from one of the many sweet shops, or from Herbert Hey who brought ice cream around the village with his horse and trap.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be involved in making these recordings and we are hoping to be able to share extracts from them by creating a Telephone Memory Bank which anybody will be able to access. Most importantly, we want the people who share their memories with us to have these memories saved for themselves, their families and future generations. To this end we are presenting a memory stick with a video recording of their interview to each participant.

We hope this is just the start. If you, or someone you know would like to share memories of growing up and living in Kirkburton or Highburton, then please contact us at kirkhg1@outlook.com, or ring Julie on 07890513286.

Last but not least, a massive thanks to those people who have already given their time to share their memories with us.

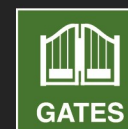


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In 1975, fresh from five years as an army Doctor, Bob turned up in his scruffy shorts at the Old Drill Hall Surgery in Kirkbuton to ask Dr Joan Stephens if she knew of any jobs going in the area. Joan's reply was "why don't you join John (Standring) and I?" With that he was marched down the corridor to John Standring's room, for John to be told that Bob was joining them as a partner. Bob remained as a partner in the Practice for 28 years until he retired in 2003.

Bob went into medicine the hard way leaving Skelmanthorpe secondary school at 15, with no qualifications and working as a labourer until he started his National Service at the age of 17 and qualified as a motor mechanic. He then became a nurse at Storthes Hall Hospital during which time he studied for "O" and then "A" levels so he could apply to medical school as a mature student. He gained entry to Leeds Medical School and graduated with honours in 1969. As a student he was married and had started a family; to fund this, he re-joined the army as a student. After house jobs in Huddersfield and Pontefract he spent five years in the army, during which time he did three of tours of Northern Ireland and a tour of Germany. He enjoyed his time in the army as it allowed him to do a lot of running which he loved, and gave him a wealth of stories to entertain us with over a cup of tea.

With his broad local accent and dialect, he wasn't your average GP. He was a character! "Sit yer sen down. What's up with thee?" was a typical greeting to patients.



Dr Robert (Bob) Sinclair Higson

21 December 1937—26 September 2022

He was a DIY enthusiast and patients might find him fixing the plumbing in his consulting room when they went in. On one occasion a regular patient said to him, "Your supposed to be listening to me, not mending your plug." "Nay lass I've heard it all before" was his reply. On another occasion a local aristocrat came to see him and Bob greeted him by saying "George, me old mate, sit yer sen down." A couple of hours later the lord's butler arrived at the front desk to ask the receptionist to tell Dr Higson that Lord S ... liked to be addressed as "Lord S..." and not "George, me old mate."

His surgeries always ran to time and so patients weren't kept waiting. He also believed that if a patient rang for an appointment they would be seen that day and if they asked for a visit they would be visited. Work was not put off even to the next day let alone next week.

Although he worked at a rapid pace, his clinical acumen was good and displayed his common-sense approach to medicine. Instead of lengthy counselling sessions he'd often recommend a patient have a cup of tea, or even a spot of dry-stone walling – which he said was particularly good for 'idleitis.'

If anything odd or amusing happened with patients, it was usually with Bob. Some of his tales were unbelievable, but because it was Bob they would have happened.

He didn't suffer fools gladly and was impatient and short tempered at times, but after "blowing a fuse" he quickly calmed down and all was forgotten.

An example of his impatience was when he was having lunch at the Three Acres in the early 1980s. He'd told the waitress he needed to leave at 1.30 pm to go back to work. The service was

particularly slow; he went into their kitchen to help himself to some apple crumble and custard, getting the practice barred from the pub for a few years.

Outside the practice he worked as a clinical assistant at Storthes Hall Hospital until its closure in 1990, for the Blood Transfusion Service and as a works doctor at Holset Engineering.

Spare time was spent gardening, building and farming. Up until late middle age he'd been a keen runner and cyclist.

Three weeks before he died he popped round to see me. I was in the garden and he declined my invitation to go inside. Instead, he sat on a wet garden chair which I had offered to dry for him, saying "nay it'll be alreet." He then went up the road to see a neighbour who had worked as Practice Manager for us. She invited him in, to be told "I won't come in luv because my arse is all wet, because John Priestman made me sit on a wet chair."

Bob was a one-off and will be missed by his family, friends, former patients and his ex-colleagues.

He is survived by his son Mark, who is a hospital consultant in Hull and his daughter, Louise, who is an accountant in Halifax.

Article by Dr John Priestman

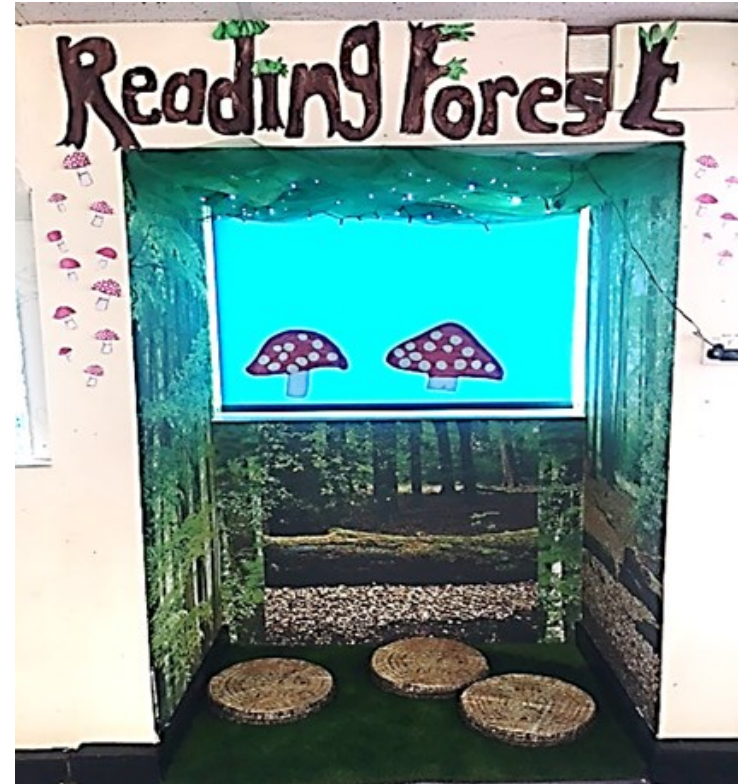
Ed: We ran a memoir of Bob's in our Nov 2018 edition ...do you remember 'The Black Tablet'? Donations in memory of Bob can be made to Huddersfield Royal Infirmary - Haematology Unit

Mindfulness line drawing

Why not cut out this drawing and stick it onto a card to make a decoration after colour or collage has been added.



Kirkburton Pre-School



We are very pleased to share with you our latest term news.

Our themes for the final part of 2022 are Festivals and Winter Wonderland. We have explored Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

Which the children are very engaged with and enjoy making pictures models around our themes.

Our book for the month is "One Snowy Night".

Presently the children and staff are enjoying nature walks every Tuesday at Burton Dene, and they also

participate in story time with a visit to Kirkburton Library on Wednesday afternoons.

We have updated one of our reading areas and we think it looks very inviting

Our Christmas Fundraiser concert is on Wednesday 14 December - Raffle tickets are available from the Pre-School

We have had a very full and busy year. If you wish to enquire about places at the Pre-School please telephone 01484 606976 or email preschool-kirburton@gmail.com.

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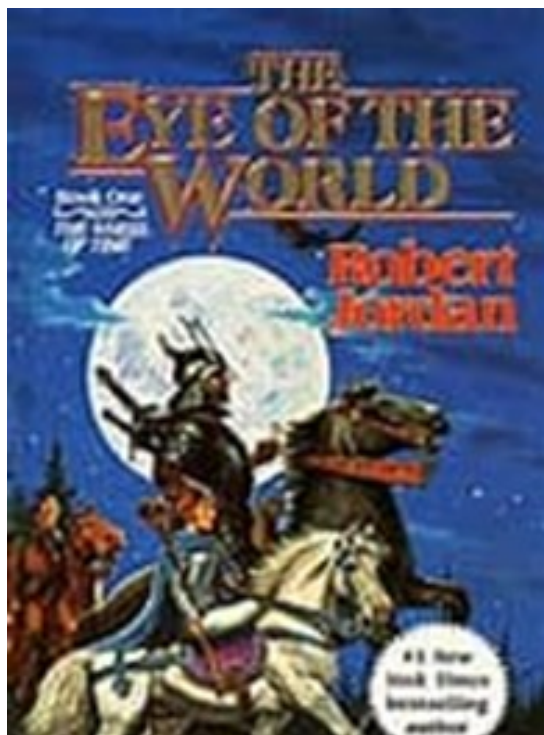
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Book Review

The Eye of the World by Robert Jordan



The Eye of the World by Robert Jordan is a riveting action-packed novel which has enthralled millions of readers worldwide. The book grips you in the very first chapters as it tells the story of how Rand al Thor, along with his three friends Mat, Perrin and Egwene, are forced to flee their village after it is attacked by the marauding servants of the awakening Dark Lord. Aided by the enigmatic Aes Sedai, Moiraine, one of the few gifted women who can channel

the One Power, they plunge into a world of ancient legends and danger.

Ideal for fans of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Eye of the World* is the first of the *Wheel of Time* series which consists of fourteen thrilling books. This international best-seller draws you into a mythical land threatened by the rallying armies of the Dark Lord who has been imprisoned in his

mountain fortress for centuries. Prophecies foretell of a Dragon Reborn, a man who possesses the impossible ability to channel the One Power. It is said that the Dragon will rise and vanquish the Dark One for good but hybrid Trollocs and sinister Myrddraal, followers of the Dark Lord are ravaging the land and no Dragon has been found to oppose them.

Rand and his friends quickly become entangled in this battle against the Dark Lord when Moiraine, their mystical guide reveals to them that this depraved adversary is searching for one of their number. Running from the Dark One's servants who are doggedly pursuing them, the company head towards the only place they will be safe, the city of the Aes Sedai.

A beautifully detailed map delineates the world in which the book is set and allows you to follow Rand and his companions on their journey. Throughout the book you

are introduced to a range of diverse cultures, locations and religions which are all cleverly created to transport you into the story. From the regal high court of Caemlyn to the wild tribal life on the Aiel Waste, each country and its customs are vividly explored as the book progresses.

The Eye of the World is perfect for readers who enjoy fantasy; as well as the medieval battles and daring quests that are characteristic of the genre. Robert Jordan captures the reader's imagination with his unique and exciting creatures and magic. Due to its length (seven hundred and seventy one pages), complex plot and advanced vocabulary, *The Eye of the World* is best suited to readers in their teens and would see many of them engrossed in it throughout the Christmas holiday and beyond.

Review by Marnie Johnson aged 14



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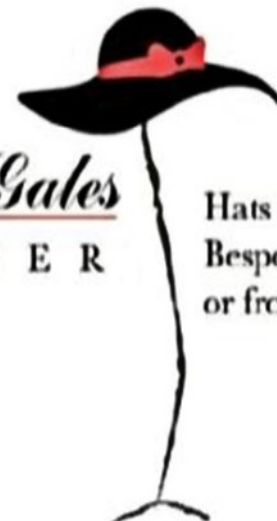
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Butterfly

I read the butterfly article in September's bulletin and thought this might be of interest to use to follow up the beautiful butterfly finds of Kirkburton. It might be good to add to a page of readers sending in their snaps of the area highlighting local heritage wildlife and landscapes.

I hope it is of use.

Thank you

Janine Milner

Ed: What a good idea! Do any other readers have pictures which we could include in the next edition?



Janine's photograph of a butterfly on the information board at the geology site in Town Quarry

Memories of Queen Elizabeth II

My earliest recollection of seeing our then future Queen was on 26 July 1949, when she was Princess Elizabeth. She was accompanied by her husband, Prince Phillip, on a three-day tour of the West Riding of Yorkshire. Their first port of call was Huddersfield. At the end of my first year at Huddersfield College, I was one of a crowd of 8,000 school children who formed a tableau on the pitch of the old Huddersfield Town ground on Leeds Road. The now King Charles III was only a few months old at the time. Students from three schools formed the

letters E, P, and C in their different coloured school uniforms, and the tableau was enclosed in an oval shape formed by students from other schools. The periphery was made up of lads from our school and our task was to prevent other students from breaking ranks, in their excitement to get a better view.

So, when the royal car did its tour of the pitch, being on the front line looking outwards, it was easy to believe that the royal waves were just for us personally.

Malcolm MacDonald

Movember Men's Choir



When the call went out for 'any male with a vocal chord and sense of humour' to take part in the Movember pop-up choir, the menfolk of HD8 did not disappoint.

Forty men took up the challenge to help raise funds for Movember 2022 - supporting men's health charities. With only three hour-long rehearsals during November, the plucky singers raised the roof at The Foxglove Inn in front of a packed and extremely supportive audience.

Their powerful renditions of "Don't you want me

Baby?" and "Can't take my eyes off you" had to be heard to be believed!

It was a fabulous display of community values and not only brought much joy on a cold November evening but also raised £710 for Movember UK. If you missed it, check out the videos at

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Highburton CE (VC) First School



The first term of the year is always a busy one and this one has been no different.

Back in September children across the school chose to take part in the Shelley pyramid schools cross country event. We had a great turn out and some brilliant results, meaning some of our students went onto the next round with schools across Huddersfield, and more recently a Kirklees wide event. Some of our pupils have now progressed to the West Yorkshire event which will be usually held in the Spring at Temple Newsam, Leeds.

In October we held our first Harvest Festival service at the church in 3 years. This is a wonderful event with each class performing songs for

parents, grandparents and friends of the school.

Our children also collected donations of much needed items for the Welcome Centre.

We are very lucky to have a wonderful forest school in our grounds, which is well loved by the children. We have a number of apple trees and this year we had a bumper harvest which our older children used to make lots of yummy treats for a bake sale. They made 250 items which sold out within 20 minutes. They were sold to raise money for one of our students who is undergoing treatment for a brain tumour.

You can read about Grace's story and donate to the fund at <https://gofund.me/3e8a6b8f>

On the 18 November children at the school gave up their lunch hour to take part in 'Run Pudsey' and run a mile for Children in Need. The weather was kind to us, and the children all were fantastic.

The sponsorship money is still coming in but so far, we have raised over £3,000 as a school for this very deserving charity.

Christmas is just around the corner and we have lots in store for the festive period. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students are busily preparing for the much-anticipated yearly Nativity performance in December and our older children will be performing a Christmas carol concert at the church.

We are also planning some Christmas extravaganza afternoons for the children which will include crafts, an after-school party, and hopefully a visit from Santa.



VANDALISM AT Highburton First School

We are sad to be writing that we have been the victim of vandalism at Highburton First School. We are very lucky to have a school with picturesque surroundings. We are fortunate to have an area that we call our Forest School, which was funded and planted by children, parents, grandparents and staff several years ago. In the Forest School, the children have been looking after bees for a number of years.

Over the past half term, we have had some uninvited guests who use the Forest School to socialise with their friends. Unfortunately, these people are causing damage to our property and leaving rubbish and drugs packet in our lovely area. Sadly, these uninvited vandals have also killed some of the bees and damaged their hive. Because of this, we do not think that the bee colony will survive this winter, as there are now too few, to keep them warm throughout the cold months. The bee club, made up of our Key Stage two children, found this damage and were really upset. The rest of the children in school and staff are very upset by what is happening and wanted to make the local community aware.

The police have been contacted but if you or your children know anything about what is happening in our Forest School please contact the school office on 01484 506526 or 101 to notify the police. If your older children are those who are using the school grounds to meet up, please discourage them as it is trespassing and especially if they are with those causing such willful damage.

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Kirkburton Middle School



Kirkburton Middle School in Turnshaws Avenue

Welcome to the latest update from Kirkburton Middle School (KMS). At the time of writing, it is hard to believe that we are so far through the autumn term already, the dark mornings and even darker evenings are serving as a timely reminder, however. The school year has started very well indeed. Our new pupils have settled tremendously well and it is great to see them taking full advantage of all the opportunities available to them. Our senior pupils continue to act as very positive role models.

Our pupils continue to amaze us with their talents both within and outside of the classroom.



This term we have introduced regular celebration assemblies which give us the opportunity to recognise and reward pupil achievements – they are great events.

We were very pleased to see a number of KMS pupils take part in the recent Holmfirth Music Festival with some excellent levels of success. Music has always been a great strength of the school and there are lots of extra-curricular opportunities available to all pupils from beginners to experts. The African Drumming Club is proving extremely popular this term. We have also had continued success in the world of sport. Our PE staff have managed to offer a wealth of extracurricular activities including football (boys and girls), rugby, netball, basketball and dance, and pupils have competed in a variety of fixtures and tournaments in each of these sports. We have also attended a whole host of cross-country events with a number of pupils achieving success at local, district and regional level. Our rugby teams also had the opportunity to watch international sport as they attended the rugby league world cup quarter-final at the John Smith's Stadium.

It was fantastic to see so many people attend our recent open evening. This annual showcase of all things KMS is always a really positive event and gives staff and pupils the opportunity to show off their great work. If you missed our open evening or you would like to come for a tour of the school during the school day, please contact the school office. As I said on the evening, parents have a very difficult decision because we are very fortunate to have such good schools locally. At KMS we feel we have lots of reasons to be towards or at the top of the list.

The whole school community came together for our annual act of remembrance on Armistice Day. Pupils, staff and governors assembled on the playground to listen to readings and observe (impeccably) two minutes' silence, complete with the church bells in the background. Pupils then laid wreaths which they had made in craft club at the 'Unknown Tommie' silhouette at the front of school. A very moving event.

We are now busy planning for our traditional end of term events and celebrations.

Our drama academy is hosting our first grandpar-



ents' coffee morning in December. Our pastoral team are busy planning end of term festive assemblies, and pantomime and cinema trips. Finally, colleagues in the music and English department have been busy helping pupils prepare for our annual Christmas Carol Concert which is scheduled for Wednesday 7 December at All Hallows Church.. For all at KMS this definitely marks the official start to Christmas.

I would like to end if I may with a plea. At KMS we are committed to providing the very best education possible for our pupils however this comes at a cost. We are looking for people to support with specific fundraising events in school. Please contact the office if you are able to help. We would also be interested to hear from anybody who can support us with accessing grants or other lines of funding.

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

Mr Chris Taylor
Headteacher

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Featured Business

50 Years in Hairdressing for Our Linton

Linton has been celebrating his 50 years in hairdressing. What an achievement and most of it spent in Kirkburton. Starting at the age of fifteen and working in a Huddersfield shop whilst studying day release at Bradford College, he worked for his brother, a barber and then moved on to Dewsbury for two years to become more proficient in men's styling.

Still specialising in men's hair Linton decided it was time to branch out on his own and on 1 November 1972 he took on a barber's shop that had closed down here in the village. That shop is now Elizabeth Gale's hat shop. These were fashionable times and Linton was well prepared for the excitement of running his own business, but in those days Kirkburton was very quiet and trade was extremely slow. On his first day in his new shop, Linton was outside proudly sweeping his frontage when a man arrived and, thinking it was his first customer he took him inside only to find out that he wasn't a customer, he'd come to read the electric meter. Realising what had happened, he let Linton cut his hair, so he actually was the very first customer. After the very slow start the business suddenly began to take off and he never looked back - finding he was working all hours completely on his own.

These busy times involved just avoiding a brush with the police. Linton tells the tale of when he was running the shop on his own one Saturday morning before appointments were necessary and there was usually a queue outside, he was really late so drove extremely fast. Later that morning two police officers arrived and said that the police superintendent at the time had seen him drive past at 75mph on Shelley Lane. Thankfully, he got off with a caution.

Moving on 20 years later to the premises he is in now at 75, North Road. Linton moved more into ladies' hair after he had been asked by numerous young women for him to give them the fashionable cuts, he was giving their boy-friends. Staff were taken on and his young daughter Louise decided on a career in hairdressing too and came to join her father after training at Vidal Sassoon in Leeds.

Linton didn't look for inspiration from any one particular stylist. Over the years he picked up ideas as he went along with the changing fashions like Mullets, Page boy cuts for girls, Purdey cuts and perming in the 80's.

When asked what the worst hair idea anyone had ever asked him to do and how



Linton with his daughter Louise and stylist Holly

about any well-known or famous clients, he told the story of how one Christmas Eve a new customer arrived and asked him to completely shave off all his hair, every bit of it. He paid and was never seen again.

As for celebrities, Linton has for many years cut the hair of Keith Hellowell, the past chief constable and later the Government Drug Czar. Linton went to school with Adrian Whitaker and still cuts his hair, Adrian is well known for being the father of Jodie of Doctor Who fame. Being in hairdress-

ing for so long, Linton has a very regular customer base with some traveling long distances for their regular trim.

Thinking of a career in hairdressing? Linton advises that it's a very rewarding career, good people skills are a must as you will be beholden to customers' needs across all age groups, tact and diplomacy and being a good listener apart from being able to cut hair well of course. He described it as a steady job, there is always a need for hairdressers, if you have a flair for it, go for it.

Linton has no plans to retire yet, but plans to just reduce his days over time and it will then be up to Louise if she wants to take the business forward.

We wish Linton every success for the future.



Linton's is famous for its Christmas reindeer display, so we had to include a photo

Bluebell Garden Club



The Bluebell Garden Club is a friendly group of plantaholics and garden enthusiasts who meet on the first Tuesday of each month at: St John's Church Hall, Green Balk Lane, Lepton HD8 0EW from 7:30pm, enquiries@bluebellgardenclub.co.uk.

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.

Membership fees are £18 per annum, or £3:00 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

January	no meeting
7 February	Steve Lovell 'Every Garden Should Have Some', Water as a Garden Feature.
7 March	Geoff Hodge 'Happy House Plants' - The Indoor Jungle
4 April	Janette Merilion 'Unexpected Tales of Plants and Gardens' - history, money, royalty, intrigue, even a little sex
2 May	Jeff Bates 'Lawns, Hedges & Topiary'
6 June	Sean Downey & Mel Pegg 'Growing Kids', Lepton Primary School'
4 July	Summer Social, in a member's garden.



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Baking with Anya

I love baking Christmas treats, here are some delicious chocolate brownies shaped like Christmas trees - perfect for the festive season.

Christmas Tree brownies

Prep time: 20 minutes

Bake time: 25-30 minutes

Servings: 8



Ingredients

For the Brownies – an easy recipe made with cocoa powder

175g unsalted butter, diced

100g cocoa powder

125g soft light brown sugar

125g caster sugar

85g plain flour

3 medium eggs

1 tsp vanilla extract

For the Decorations

8 candy canes

75g unsalted butter

150g icing sugar

Green food colouring

Sprinkles and M&M's

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 170C/150C fan and line a 9 inch circular baking tray with grease-proof paper.

2. Put the butter and cocoa powder into a bowl and microwave for 30 seconds, stir and repeat until the butter has melted. Stir until smooth and leave to cool to room temperature.

3. Meanwhile, whisk the eggs, both sugars and vanilla for about two minutes until pale and about double the original size. To check if it is done, lift the whisk out of the mixture

and it should leave a trail for a couple of seconds.

4. Add the cocoa and butter mixture and gently fold together with a spatula to combine.

5. Sift the flour over the mixture and gently fold until mixed thoroughly.

6. Pour into the prepared tin, spread level and bake for 25-30 minutes. It should still wobble slightly as it will continue to bake in the tin and will give them a lovely fudgy texture. Leave to cool completely in the tin.

7. Once cooled cut into 8 slices to give you tree shaped brownies. Carefully insert the candy canes into the base.

8. Cream together the butter and icing sugar to create buttercream. Add some green food colouring.

9. Transfer to a piping bag or use a freezer bag and cut a small hole in the corner. Pipe some zigzag lines on to the brownies.

10. Add some bauble sprinkles to decorate your trees and I used a yellow M&M for a star at the top. Enjoy!

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



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Music MATTERS

We start this issue with a fantastic Grade 5 Theory result. Emma O'Donnell, who is in Year 8 at Kirkburton Middle School, has passed her Grade 5 Theory with a Merit. This an amazing achievement as she is still so young and it is an equivalent level to GCSE Music.

Emma has been tutored by one of my older students and music mentor, Charlotte Reddiough, so congratulations to both of them on this fantastic result.

The Holmfirth Music Festival took place for the first time since covid on 13 October. Students taking part

demonstrated confidence and bravery taking to the stage after a two-year break.

Well done to the following performers: Alfie Barton Phillips, Nellie Bradley, Eleanor Wood, Charlotte Atkinson, Emma O'Donnell, Evelyn McAvinue, Felicity Russell, Martha Showell Nicholas, Flora Bradley, and Jessica Elson (see photos).

We wish everyone success in the ABRSM November exams and look forward to learning our yearly Christmas tunes to entertain our families over the festive season.



From top left Emma O'Donnell with her grade 5 Theory certificate, Flora Bradley with her prize certificate for musical theatre at Holmfirth Festival with teacher Sally Byrne
Nellie Bradley and Alfie Barton at Holmfirth Music Festival



We ran our second event of BEYOND THE SOUND on 24 September at Beyond the Mill in Kirkburton. It was another sell-out evening, with eight young singers taking part.

Those performing for the second time really gained in confidence and expression. I was incredibly proud of all of them.

Well done to our superstars Martha Showell Nicholas, Jessica Elson, Ruby McLellan, Emily Medley and Harry Wood (see photo left).

Talking of festivities, HD8 Ladies Choir are performing at Beyond The Mill on Thursday 15 December at 7pm. Have a walk down for some mulled wine and some fabulous carol singing. See you there.

Thank you for supporting all the musicians in our lovely villages and I look forward to updating you again in the new year.

Happy Christmas

Sally Byrne





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say, we play'... Friday
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taken

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candlelight supper
12 - 7pm Bookings
now being taken

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Friday 23 Dec - normal
Christmas Eve 12 - 7pm
Christmas Day - no food

Thurs 29 Dec - normal
Friday 30 Dec - normal
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CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Section A : TRADITIONS

We know that you may disagree with some of our answers to these traditions ... let us know what you understand of the source of the traditions

1. Which country first started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
2. Where did the tradition of Christmas stockings come from?
3. Why do holly and berries form a feature of Christmas ?
4. Where does the name "Boxing Day" come from?
5. Where does the tradition to hang gifts in the Christmas tree come from?
6. What is wassailing?
7. Who invented the Christmas cracker and why?
8. Why are Sprays of mistletoe hung over the doorway, what happens when you pass under it and what should you do next?
9. What is the history behind Advent?
10. Does the Yule Log come from the Yule tree ...if not what is it?

Section B : CHRISTMAS FILMS

11. In *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, what do the Dursleys give Harry for Christmas
12. In which children's classic is it 'always winter but never Christmas'?
13. *The Father Christmas Letters* is written and illustrated by which famous novelist?
14. In the classic Christmas tale *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs, where do the Snowman and the boy go on their evening adventure?
15. In which classic play does a man dressed as a woman fall in love with a woman dressed as a man at Christmas?
16. What actor played six different roles in *The Polar Express*?
17. Dr Seuss's *The Grinch* attempts to steal Christmas from which unsuspecting town?
18. Which TV family has a pet dog called Santa's Little Helper?
19. Who played Scrooge in 'The Muppet Christmas Carol'?
20. Donald Trump makes a cameo appearance in which film?

Section C: TRIVIA

21. Astronauts broadcast which Christmas song from space in 1965?
22. What Christmas decorations were originally made from strands of silver?
23. In which modern day country was St Nicholas born?
24. What does Noel mean in Latin?
25. Which song has been top of the Christmas Singles Chart twice ?
26. In 2020 Boris Johnson described Christmas as the season to be Jolly and?
27. What kind of pudding is referred to in the carol "We wish you a Merry Christmas", and what is it ?
28. Shakespeare wrote what play for Elizabeth I as a Christmas present ?
29. In which country did King Wenceslas "Look out on the feast of Stephen" ? And who was Stephen ?
30. What did Scottish students take from Westminster Abbey on 25 Dec 1950 ?
31. Where did Mary, Joseph and Jesus travel to after leaving Bethlehem?
32. What does X in Xmas stand for ?
33. What are the 2 most popular words on Christmas cards?
34. Which famous scientist was born on Christmas Day 1642 ?
35. What were mince pies made with in Victorian times ?

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CHRISTMAS DINGBATS

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Yo! Summer
G'day Autumn
Howdy Winter

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CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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ANGEL

Motoring review — Martin Ward

I recently had a Genesis G80 full-electric EV on test for a week from the Genesis Press department. A what? I hear many of you say, a Genesis.

Genesis is part of the Hyundai/KIA family and built in South Korea. It is the posh member of the family and the interior is absolutely exquisite, such high quality, the materials and fit and finish is superb.

I can remember standing on Immingham docks about eighteen years ago, looking at the KIA models that had just arrived into the UK.

They weren't brilliant, but were cheap and cheerful, oh, how things have changed over the years, they are no longer cheap, good value perhaps, and the quality has gone up massively.

The Genesis has taken this high level even further. The G80, like other Genesis models has a very high level of standard specification, and the on-board technology is fantastic. During the time I had the G80, I didn't get chance to use all the features it offered. But, like every other EV I've had, charging them, has, to say the least, been a bit of a problem. But this time it was even worse, and way more expensive.

I took many notes and photos of my time with electric cars.

Ideally you do need a home wall-box that is around 7kw, but so many homes don't have the luxury of 'off-road' parking. I plugged it into my 3.4kw



Electric car early 19th century made by Columbia

box in my garage, and it was going to take 69hrs 20mins to charge from 18% to 100%. I did leave it on charge for over 7 hrs, and got in 22 miles, and looking at my Smart meter, this cost £7:20. I tried to find a 'quick' 50kW public charger down in town - but found none working. I contacted the suppliers, only to be told, that they were waiting for parts to fix them, and were working hard to do so. I went to Penistone where one was working. The 50kW charger put in 132 miles in 1hr, 1min, but at a cost of £30, and bear in mind it's 20 mins there, 20 mins back, and an 18-mile return journey. So, definitely not cheap, or a good use of time.

And another thing, a recent survey asked EV drivers if they felt safe while using public charge points, 62% said they did not feel safe. These chargers can be in dark car parks, and you can feel very vulnerable sitting in your car for over an hour. Alternatively the best thing is to leave the car, and find a safer place, such as shops or a cafe, near-by. There is now a campaign to try and make charging places safer with more lighting, and CCTV, but I doubt this will happen anytime soon. There are many well-lit, dedicat-

ed charge points, but these are very few and far between in these parts.

Remember that electric vehicles are nothing new, the first successful electric car made its debut around 1890, thanks to William Morrison from Iowa US, it carried six people and a top speed of 14mph. By 1900 around 30% of all vehicles on the road were electric. In the early 1900's around 60 electric taxis were being used in New York alone.

Many manufacturers are currently working on new technology fuels, such as synthetic that are more 'green' than current petrol and diesel, and I think the development of these will make a huge difference to our perceptions of traditional 'engines' and will be more environmentally friendly. So are electric vehicles the thing of the future, a thing of the past, or just a passing whim, as we have seen so many times before?

Martin Ward

Ed: I recently spent a weekend in Anglesey with family. My daughter has an electric car. She used much of the charge in getting there. We spent an hour trying to find an available charger (Tesco's) some 20 miles away. We collected her, then had to kill three hours so that she had sufficient charge to get to a fast charger on the M56 in order to have sufficient charge to get home. Our infrastructure isn't up to the growth in use of e-cars.



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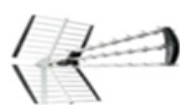
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A Busy Year for Kirkburton Karate Club



This year has seen a return to 'normality' after Covid-19, which has meant that Kirkburton Karate Club has had a very busy year.

In July we took over 30 students to our BIKO Closed Championships in Northampton. The club filled a coach with students and parents and had a fantastic day at the competition, which for many of our students was their first experience of competing. All our students performed well, with lots of personal bests and a haul of 34 medals.

In September, we had students compete at the Commonwealth Club Championships in Birmingham. The standard of competitors was high, and the competition was a valuable experience for our students.

On 20 November, we hosted the BIKO National Course at our dojo at Barncliffe Mills, Shelley. The day consisted of two different courses, one for our lower grades and one for our higher grades. Both sessions were well attended with 60 students training.

After the courses, five of our students took their 1st Dan (black belt) examinations, and one took her 2nd Dan examination, in front of the BIKO National panel. They were all put through a rigorous grading which ended in a fantastic result: a 100% pass rate.

Congratulations to Grace Jolly (2nd Dan), Rosie Bennett, Sam Carleton, Honori Akama, Ben Denton and Myles Denton. Furthermore, there were upgrades presented during the course. Two of our 3rd Dan Instructors were awarded their 4th Dan, Kirstie Hanson, and Andrew Kiddell. This is in recognition of the training and teaching that they have put back into karate. Whilst Fay Hanson was awarded her 6th Dan and our Chief Instructor, Colin Hanson was awarded his 7th Dan. All in all, we had ten new Dan grades awarded in one day, which we think is a record. And, an amazing achievement for the club.

Our students are now in their final preparations for their last competition of the year.

On 27 November, nearly 40 students will travel to Lincoln to compete in the East Midlands Open Karate Championships. We wish them the best of luck.

In March next year we will be competing in an international competition in Belgium. Prior to Covid this was a regular annual event which the club and members funded.

However, in the light of current fiscal difficulties we may be unable to completely cover the costs. We will be applying for support from sporting and local government agencies, however if anyone would like to assist with funds please contact Colin Hanson on 07947 582746.

Or call in to one of our sessions either Saturdays 1pm at Burton Village Hall or the Dojo at Barncliffe Mills, Near Bank, Shelley.



Burton Belles WI



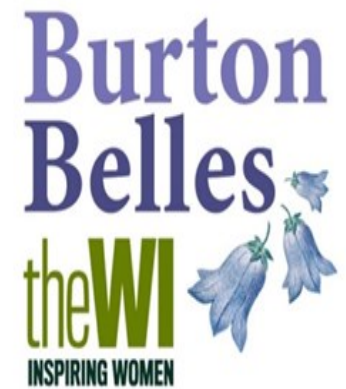
We have had quite a busy few months at the Burton Belles WI. We have finally planted our jubilee tree, after following instructions from Roger Parkinson who is part of the Woodland Trust. And, let's be fair, it wouldn't be a tree planting without a little celebration, so we followed it with a very tasty brunch at Joy's Coffee Shop, and who can blame us. Our members' walks are continuing, however, our evening walks have stopped now that it's dark on a night. For the past few years we have placed a wreath on the cenotaph in remembrance of all those who gave their lives for us, and this year was no different. We feel it is important not only as individuals to remember and thank those but as a group as well. It's also a good time to reflect on everybody's efforts throughout those years as well as more recent times.

As a WI we have also had some fantastic speakers, including the wonderful Linda Hewitt who gave us hints and tips as well as demonstrating

how we can upcycle our wardrobes and reduce the amount of fast fashion that ends up in landfill. In November we welcomed Davis Bell who gave a very interesting talk on the plague doctor. Not only have we offered various wonderful speakers and activities in our member subgroups, but we also put on a fundraiser, this is our first fundraiser since the pandemic and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out and supported us in making it such a fantastic event. We are especially grateful to our committee member Ruth who should definitely take up event planning after taking on the majority of the organising. We managed to raise an amazing £155 for the Lepton Wildcats girls' football club, which we think is a wonderful amount. So, thank you again to everyone who came along. We are hoping to offer a few more fundraisers in the future so watch out for details on the next ones.

With Christmas fast approaching, where has this year gone. We are able to offer our members some fantastic trips and meetings. We have the very amusing Andrew Lloyd joining us for a Christmas meal as well as treating us to entertainment as well. There's a trip to York to enjoy the Christmas markets with breakfast and dinner at the Keys in Huddersfield beforehand, and I mean who can resist a Christmas market with food thrown in as well.

We are very much open to ideas and thrive on being able to offer our members a variety of subgroups and activities. We already have some trips out planned for the New Year, and some marvellous speakers lined up.



So, if you're interested in meeting new people and wanting some fun then come along to the Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month. We look forward to welcoming you.

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Sarah Sharp-Allison

President of the Burton Belles WI



Burton Crafters



Every Monday afternoon (between 1:30 and 3:30) will see the small hall at Burton Village Hall being used for various crafting activities. Often to the well-remembered tunes being sung by the playgroup next door, we can be seen, happily crafting away. Yesterday we used card to make superb Christmas cards, which involved gluing, cutting and colouring (see photo above).

Recently we made tote bags, really good sturdy ones which will really be a 'bag for life' in comparison to the claims of supermarkets (see photo below).

All of these activities help to keep our fingers supple and anyone starting to suffer from stiff joints should consider taking up a craft.

They also keep our minds active as we have to follow verbal and written instructions. Having said that, it never appears difficult as we all help one another in a very friendly atmosphere.

Sometimes we have UFO afternoons, when we do Un-Finished Objects, when people bring along anything which may have been pushed to the back of a cupboard, or to finish projects started in previous meetings, or we may just come to chat.

The other important benefit of these Monday afternoons is that it is a social get-together, we chat, we laugh and we all consider all members of the group to be good friends.



Petanque/Boules Club



This year has seen the club become fully established within the village community.

Matches have been played and competition enjoyed on each Saturday morning from April to November, except on three occasions when play was cancelled due to member holidays or weather conditions. The Saturday morning sessions were blessed with continuous dry and usually very sunny playing conditions.

The six petanque -playing terrains were well maintained by members, although after the initial construction, they are now in need of minor resurfacing before we start the 2023 Summer season in April.

We have a good competitive core of members with Alec, Sandra, Georgina, Len, Tim and Cynthia with other villagers joining us on many occasions.

The first corporate social evening was a great success

with some ten ladies from a Phoenix club enjoying a competitive petanque evening before dining locally.

We are still looking to expanding our membership next Summer so we can take some teams to the new venues being created in our local villages.

We now have a sound financial footing thanks to the support of Kirklees staff, the Parish Council, Mindlabs Media, BEG, and the Burton Bulletin team.

The Boule pitches are still open and used by local families and if anyone wants a game after our official Winter closure in November, please contact me on the telephone number below or join us on Saturday mornings at 10pm in April 2023.

As Chairperson I would like to thank all members for a very social and enjoyable Boule Summer.

Tim Scott

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With the season well under way, the club has had its best start to a season with over 350 players signing on for the club which has entered 26 teams across eleven age groups from U6's to U17's into the Huddersfield Junior Football league. The club continues to run and grow with a staggering 40+ volunteer coaches who are all fully qualified with the FA and who give up their time to bring the opportunity and enjoyment of playing football to our community.

One Identity/Rebrand - Over the summer the club rebranded its badge which had served for 24 years since the formation of the club in 1998, to a new more modern sleek looking design. With this came the first season of launching a one club identity kit, partnering with O'Neill's sports (via our local sales representative Dave Larder). A big thanks goes to all businesses (many local) who have supported in the sponsorship of the new kits for our age groups.

New Recruits - From January, we will be looking forward to seeing some more new faces at the club with our Youth Development Officer (Kier) starting the training sessions on a Thursday evening at Kirkburton Middle School for U5's (see flyer/picture insert for further information). As always, our club is an all-inclusive club for any ability or gender.

Wildcats - is a great way to introduce girls aged 5-11 to the beautiful game of football. We meet every Sunday

on the all-weather pitch at Kirkburton Middle School from 2pm-3pm. Absolutely no experience is necessary, all that is needed is some curiosity, willingness to have some fun and get stuck in with games and activities that are designed to build confidence and skills around a football.

The sessions are run by two enthusiastic coaches, Tania and Alex, who both hold FA Coaching and Safeguarding qualifications and a shared love of getting more girls into football.

Did you know that the female game used to be just as popular with players and spectators as the men's game until in 1921 the FA decided that football wasn't for girls? Thankfully, they saw sense 50 years ago and "allowed" females to play again. Fast forward to the summer of 2022 where the incredible UEFA Women's Euros tournament showcased just what the female game is all about; fun, determina-



Tania, one of our qualified coaches, who joined the ceremonials team for the Women's Euros



tion, unity, tenacity, talent and above all the pure joy of football.

To support the occasion, Tania volunteered on the "ceremonies team" at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, and attended all four games hosted there including the England V Sweden semi-final. This involved taking those huge flags onto the pitch at the start of every match and waving them around to help build the atmosphere. What an incredible experience to be involved with and watch the games pitch side with world class talent from all teams involved.

The tournament has inspired positive change to further develop the future of women's and girls' football, so if you have been inspired then get in touch. We are always keen to welcome new girls who either have dreams of becoming future Lionesses, coaches, managers, officials etc or who just enjoy kicking a football around.

Volunteers are also welcome, so if you know of any girls who want to become more involved with the coaching or refereeing side to maybe develop their skills for GCSEs, A Levels and/or DofE, then get in touch, we look forward to meeting you. wildcatskjfc@gmail.com

Fundraising - We are currently working with the Jordan Sinnott Trust foundation on an exciting kit exchange initiative which we hope to launch in the early part of 2023! The project is aimed at recycling our old playing kits and donating these to kids from disadvantaged backgrounds both within the UK and abroad. The club has had an amazing response to this campaign and we have collected over 120 kits which will all form part of the kit exchange! We are in the process of organising a date to hand over the kits to the charity and this will hopefully involve Huddersfield town players Danny Ward and Duane Holmes who are both patrons of the charity. Wouldn't it be amazing to see a Kirkburton Junior football kit being worn by disadvantaged kids over in Africa or some other part of the world.

Diary dates for 2023:
January - Under 5s training
April - Easter Camps
July - Parents' Camps
August - Summer Camps

If you would like to find out any more information on the club please visit our website - www.kirkburtonjfc.co.uk

Thanks

Kirkburton JFC Committee

Friday Friendship Club



It is now a year since we reopened the cafe after the 'Covid' lockdowns. In those twelve months we have welcomed many new faces.

We have had a visit from our local MP.

We have celebrated Bonfire Night, Christmas, and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a fabulous outside party.

We had a great afternoon on the Whistlestop Valley Light Railway with a sumptuous afternoon tea.

We completed several quizzes.

All of us have made new friends whilst eating delightful cakes baked by our volunteers.

HERE'S TO THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS

The café is open on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month from 2pm until 4pm in Shelley Village Hall

We welcome guests who are bereaved, are lonely, and those who have memory loss, and their carers.

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Contact Jill 07804 417271 or Alison 07969 579230

POEM

A Love Message

Step aboard my life,
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And true. I pray
The voyage will want you to look at our next day
Together, and the next, and the next and the next
And that you will not look back to where we
were,
Maybe only to reminisce in fondness.
This is a journey of love
And you are the only passenger.
All my love.
You will not need a passport for this voyage,
Just your beautiful smile and perfect, Pretty, precious you.

Trevor Flannery

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Gregory Fields Tennis Club has some exciting news to share with the Burton Community. We are having our courts resurfaced and some new LED lighting installed.

Our courts were built 22 years ago and have served us well. However, over time they have developed 'bumps' and we now have an erratic playing surface. So, to ensure that good quality tennis can be enjoyed at the club, we have decided to re-lay the surface.

Our contractors started on 14 November and the work will take about four weeks. They will be improving the drainage system, laying a new sub base, adding a new layer of tarmac and straightening 'wonky' lighting columns and fence posts.

At the same time, we are having our existing floodlights replaced with LED's. These will be much more efficient and will keep 'light spill' outside the court to a minimum.

Initially, the courts will be left as plain tarmac with temporary lines painted on.

Then, in the spring, the con-

tractors will come back to apply the final acrylic coating. This coating can only be sprayed on when the weather is warm, dry and calm. Fingers crossed for some marvellous spring-time weather.

So, now is a great time to come along and join us on our new courts.

Visit our website at club-spark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub.

There's lots of information there about membership, competitive tennis, social tennis sessions, coaching for juniors and adults, Kids Sports Camps and our Pay and Play option.

And, in more news: congratulations to our Men's A and Men's B teams. Both had an amazing season finishing top of their divisions in the Huddersfield and District Tennis League, securing promotion next season. The men were presented with their trophies at the End of Year Presentation Awards held at Crosland Heath Golf Club.



At a time when we are facing a cost-of-living crisis, with worries over raising energy bills and food prices we just wanted to share a positive story reminding us that we live in a lovely community and if we work together, we can make things happen.

Back in June, we asked you some questions about what life in Kirkburton and Highburton was like. This was your opportunity to share your experiences of Burton and share your ideas for the future.

One Friday evening I popped along to Kirkburton Cricket Club during junior training to have a chat with some mums and dads, hoping to get some conversations going and to encourage people to take part in the **Ask Burton** initiative.

It was during a group chat that one of our village youngsters said that he wished he knew some first aid. He had been out with friends when one of them had an accident, he didn't know what to do, but another friend, who had previously had first aid awareness training calmly stepped in and knew what to do to help.

This conversation stuck in my mind and knowing that KHCA had just launched a grant scheme to help fund local initiatives, I approached the group with the idea of providing first aid awareness to a group of young-

sters. First thoughts where to make contact with the local representatives from football and cricket thinking we might have interest from around 30 youngsters. It soon became apparent that we could have more interest and the logistics of getting sessions at a suitable time was harder than first thought.

Fast forward a few months, conversations with various training providers and our three village schools, we are pleased to say that we have secured training for over 550 pupils. In January 2023, Year 5's at both Kirkburton First School and Highburton First School, along with Years 6, 7 and 8's at Kirkburton Middle School will all be given the chance to attend first aid awareness sessions within school. Workshops will be carried out by Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Skills4Life Education & Training Service with funding provided by KHCA and our local Councillor John Taylor.

A message to the youngster, Sam, who planted that seed back in June, who, in his words said, 'kids are often asked for their ideas, but nothing ever comes of them'. Share your ideas, you never know who is listening, and whilst many times these promises of 'we can do that' may be too good to be true, on some occasions we can do it.

Watch this space in the next edition to find out more ...



Kirkburton Cricket Club

The curtain fell on the 2022 cricket season in mid-September. Since then, the preparations for the 2023 season have been gathering pace. At what many will think is a quiet time for a cricket club is quite the opposite. Putting plans in place for next season, along with strengthening our two senior squads and most importantly planning for our junior section, are but a few things that are constantly been worked on.

Our junior section is the lifeblood of the club. Starting with Allstars 5-8-year-olds, under 9s, Winball, Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s and Under 17s. All are red ball teams. Kirkburton CC are constantly on the lookout and welcome anyone wishing to get involved in playing the game.

Training sessions take place on a Friday evening from mid-April until August.

Anyone wanting to speak to somebody regarding bringing their child to the cricket club should contact Tom Cliffe on 07866 581620.

The 2023 season will see the exciting arrival of Women's Softball Cricket to Riley Lane. Sarah Huddleston who has two sons within the junior section has taken the "if you can't beat 'em join 'em" approach and is fronting up our ladies' team.

A recent training session saw eighteen ladies partake in a session involving various cricketing activities.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the ladies' team should contact

Sarah Huddleston on 07834 783265.

The cricket club committee has been bolstered by the addition of three well known Riley Lane men. Matt Garrety, Craig Fletcher and Tom Birkenshaw, all superb cricketers, each of them will add valuable contributions to the running of the Cricket Club. Keep a look out on social media for the promoting of our social events.

The clubhouse is available to hire for all sorts of functions, please contact Craig Fletcher on 07807 145504.

Away from cricket matters the club recently held a defibrillator training session within the clubhouse. Attended by 25 people it was good to see some new faces who had taken up our offer to attend the session along with club members. A very informative and eye-

opening evening saw all those who attended receive a comprehensive tuition on how to use a defibrillator should the need arise. As mentioned in a previous edition the Defibrillator (kindly donated by the Newsome family) at the cricket club is located on the gable end of the clubhouse at the top of the drive. It is worth mentioning that to access the Defib all that is needed is to twist the outer case sharply anti clockwise, no code is required.

As always, the cricket club is always on the lookout for Business Partners and Sponsors, we have varying options available ranging from Match Ball sponsorship, Player Sponsorship and Ground sponsorship. Anybody interested in the sponsorship packages should contact Marcus Kelly on 07582 684212.

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As 2022 draws to close, Kirkburton CC would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



Bomber and Richard Wimpeny handed over the reins in 2017/18 to Matthew Sykes and Mikey Vickerman and the two of them are still involved with the two teams we have now, also Jack Wimpeny, Richard's son: they recruited a young team back then and most of them are still signed on. The management have done very well since they took over, the first team are currently mid table in the 2nd division of the Huddersfield and District Association Football league, the second team are also currently mid table in the 1st division of reserves divisions. So, within five seasons they have both climbed up the leagues. The committee are very grateful for their time and efforts they put in trying to turn out two teams every week.

The league is struggling to supply referees to fulfil all the six leagues every week, in fact there are only 20 referees, so if there are any young or retired players that fancy earning £30 to £40 for an hour and a half on a Saturday afternoon, please get in touch with the Huddersfield FA. Kirkburton AFC would like to thank ex-players Rob Barnes, Peter Armitage and Dean Calcutt for refereeing our home games when we are not allocated one from the league.

The first team got knocked out of the Barlow Cup by Deighton, going down 3-1, with Jack Goring scoring our

Kirkburton Football Club

only goal, but they are through to the 2nd round in the Challenge Cup after beating Mount 6-1. And they are through to the 2nd round of the Sheffield Cup.

The reserves team are through to the 2nd round of the Richardson Cup after beating Netherton 6-3 with Lewis Haigh getting a hat-trick for Kirkburton.

Kirkburton AFC are recruiting, for players, vol-

unteers, possibly new management for next season, so if anybody is interested in any of these roles, please contact a member of the management or committee member, or through our twitter page or Facebook page.

We will be holding a fund-raising night in the Carlton Club in February and are looking for sponsorship and donations for prizes, so if you are able

to help, please get in touch, through our twitter page or Facebook page or email kirkburtonafc@btconnect.com

The committee and players would like to thank the Carlton club for their hospitality after the games and for allowing us to hold our committee meetings there.

They would also like to wish the community a very happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bomber

KIRKBURTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

WANTED - NEW PLAYERS (GIRLS AND BOYS) FOR OUR UNDER 5 / RECEPTION AGE GROUP STARTING IN JANUARY 2023

WHEN: THURSDAY EVENING: 5.15PM

WHERE: KIRKBURTON MIDDLE SCHOOL HD80TJ

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KIER MAPPLEBECK

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Eating out with the Burton Diner

Kin Restaurant

Barncliffe Mills. Near Bank, Shelley
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hello@kinyorkshire.co.uk

Kin is a fairly new local restaurant taking over the premises of The Bionic Chef at Barncliffe Mills. The restaurant describes itself as contemporary British serving breakfast, all day brunch, Sunday lunch and some evenings complemented by their signature cocktails and freshly ground locally supplied coffee. Kin's ethos is to use best quality ingredients inventively to create a dining experience that's informal and inclusive to be enjoyed by all.

For a change I booked for breakfast and took my eldest grandson, who is an early riser, along with me for a treat, we were the first there, chose our table and perused the menu. My grandson chose the pancakes with maple syrup and

bacon along with one of Kin's signature fruit smoothies which he said was delicious. The half a dozen pancakes were light and fluffy, sprinkled with icing sugar and topped with three rashers of bacon with the maple syrup on the side. I chose the regular sized traditional English breakfast without baked beans and a cappuccino to accompany it. Both breakfasts arrived at the same time, served quickly, nicely presented and hot, my breakfast was very tasty, bacon, sausage, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, fried potatoes and scrambled egg [fried or poached were alternatives] all cooked to perfection.

There is a good selection on the **All Day Brunch** menu from regular breakfast choices through to steak, shakshuka, avocado toast, a choice of egg



dishes and selection of sides. Prices were mostly around the £8:50 mark with the steak at £14:50, breakfast rolls at £5, eggs anyway at £6:50 and sides at £1-£4. The **Lunch** menu is served from 11:30am with a smaller selection than the brunch one but compliments it, prices are from £8 - £11:50 with some fish, chicken, salad, soup and sandwiches. There are a selection of desserts on the counter and children are catered for with four menu options ranging in price from £2:50 - £5

Sunday Lunch is available on the last Sunday of each month [1:00pm - 4:30pm] with starters at £6-£8, mains £15-£19, sides all £4 and desserts £5-£7

Little Kin is the takeaway option. Available Friday to Sunday, the menu is on Kin's website and is mostly hot and cold sandwiches, breakfast/ brunch boxes, and salad.

Orders can be placed by phone or you can pop in to order directly

Restaurant Opening Times

Wednesday to Sunday
8:30am - 2:30pm.

On the last Sunday of each month the brunch menu stops at 11am and the Sunday lunch menu starts at 1pm

Evenings from 6pm

On the first Friday of every month, menu options will appear on Kin's website and social media. Prices range between £9 and £12.

Both vegan and vegetarian options are available on all menus and dishes can be adapted where possible.

This restaurant is dog friendly and wheelchair accessible, just make it aware when booking so a suitable table is allocated.

Kin can cater for special events and celebrations, they are fully licensed and can offer various options from BBQ's and buffets to 3/5 course dinners.



Recipe for Winter — Mulled Wine

Mmmmm...mulled wine. ♥

Also known as glühwein, vino caliente, glögg, vin brulé, *bisschopswijn*, vin chaud, candola, vinho quente...or literally a hundred other names, depending on where in the world life may find you. Needless to say, it seems like just about everyone in the world loves some hot wine.

Homemade mulled wine is just about the easiest recipe ever for winter and holiday entertaining. It literally just takes about 5 minutes to prepare and can be made either on the stovetop or in a slow cooker. It's easy to scale anywhere from a "date night" for two...up to big holiday parties with dozens. It's totally flexible with your favourite spices and liqueurs. And it's guaranteed to make your home smell absolutely *amazing* and warm everyone up on a chilly winter night.

So, grab a bottle of wine and let's get mulling

INGREDIENTS

To begin, gather your ingredients. For this mulled wine recipe, you will need:

Wine: No need to splurge on a pricey bottle — a mid-range bottle of dry red or white wine will do. (Or if you're making a big batch, this is a great recipe to break out a nicer boxed wine too) The best wine for mulled wine will be fruity and full-bodied, so that it can withstand the heat and not have its flavour completely drowned out by the aromatics. I recommend looking for a bottle of Zinfandel, Merlot, Grenache.

Brandy: Similar to sangria, it's also traditional to spike your mulled wine with an

extra bit of liqueur. Brandy is the traditional choice, but Cointreau (or another orange liqueur) or tawny port are also delicious alternatives.

Fresh oranges: One of which we will slice and mull in the wine, one of which you can slice and use as a garnish if you'd like. (To minimise bitterness, feel free to peel the orange before simmering it in the wine.)

Cinnamon: I love making mulled wine with cinnamon sticks, but you could whisk in some ground cinnamon if that's what you have on hand.

Mulling spices: These vary in mulled wine from country to country, but whole cloves and star anise are my favourites, plus perhaps a few cardamom pods.

Sweetener: Feel free to add your favourite sweetener to taste. Sugar is

classic, but I prefer to naturally sweeten mine with either maple syrup or honey.

METHOD

To make mulled wine, simply...

Combine ingredients. Combine all ingredients in a saucepan and give them a quick stir.

Simmer. Heat until the wine *almost* reaches a simmer over medium-high heat. (Avoid letting it bubble in any way. Alcohol begins to vaporize at 172°F, so take care to ensure that the wine does not evaporate.) Reduce heat to low, cover completely, and let the wine simmer for at least 15 minutes or up to 3 hours.

Strain and season. Using a fine mesh strainer remove and discard the or-

ange slices, cloves, cinnamon sticks, star anise and ginger. Give the mulled wine a taste, and stir in your desired amount of extra sweetener if needed.

Serve. Serve warm in heat-proof mugs, topped with your favourite garnishes.

VARIATIONS

Want to customize this mulled wine a bit? Feel free to...

Use white wine: This recipe is also delicious when made with a dry white wine.

Use a chai tea bag: In place of the cloves and star anise, feel free to steep 1 or 2 chai tea bags in the mulled wine (preferably caffeine-free, if you are serving this to a group in the evening).

Add different aromatics: Feel free to add in whatever aromatics sound fun! Fresh ginger slices, cardamom pods, nutmeg, allspice or lemon zest are some other great aromatics to try.

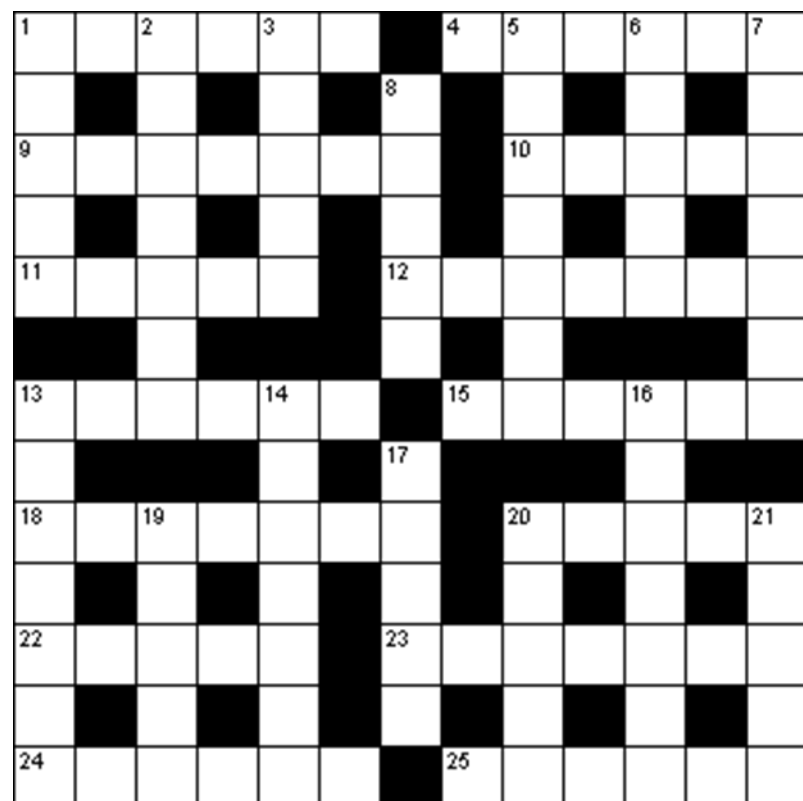
Add garnishes: For a festive touch, feel free to sprinkle some fresh cranberries in the pot a few minutes before serving.

Make Crock Pot mulled wine: You are also welcome to try making mulled wine in the slow cooker with the setting on low. I just want to clearly caution that slow cookers can run the *gamut* when it comes to what they consider a "low" temperature.

So, if you use a slow cooker, be sure to keep a very close eye on it to ensure that the wine is not accidentally overheated and simmering.



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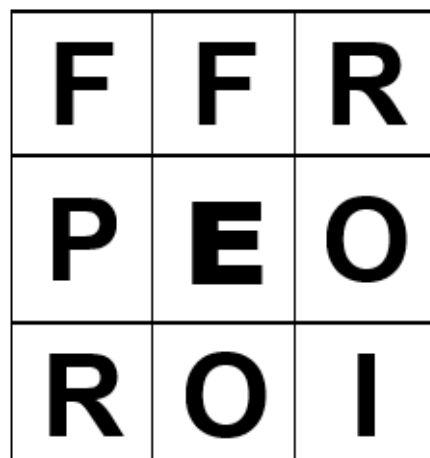
Across

1. Plaid (6)
4. Inveigle (6)
9. Plane figure with straight sides (7)
10. Publish (5)
11. Creep (5)
12. Plant with prickly-edged leaves (7)
13. Schedule (6)
15. Despot (6)
18. Producing a sensation of touch (7)
20. Investigation (5)
22. Performed (5)
23. Gathered together in large numbers (7)
24. Objective (6)
25. Formal proposal to buy (6)

Down

1. Subject (5)
2. Let go (7)
3. Investor in theatrical production (5)
5. Nimbleness (7)
6. Beginning or early stages (5)
7. Best environment for a plant or animal (7)
8. Become one (5)
13. Draw in (7)
14. Diminish (7)
16. Kept away from (7)
17. Impart skills or knowledge (5)
19. Supply food ready to eat (5)
20. Provide evidence for (5)
21. Type of duck (5)

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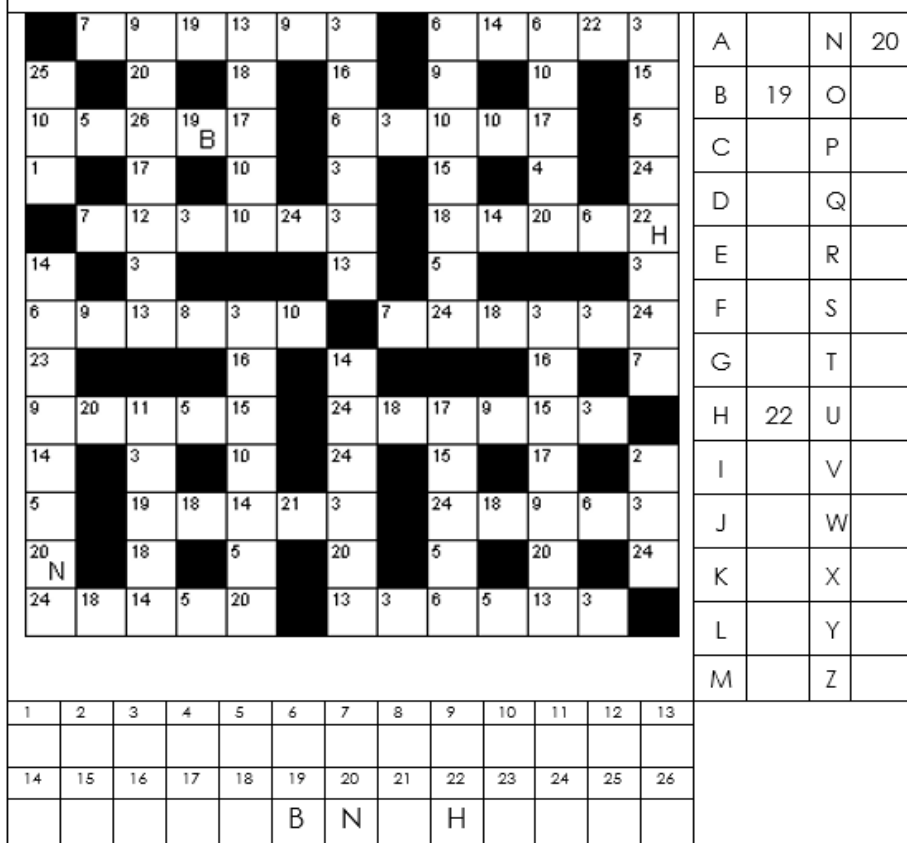


The Bulletagram is an anagram of a nine-letter word. The challenge is to solve the anagram and find as many words of four letters or more which contain the central letter

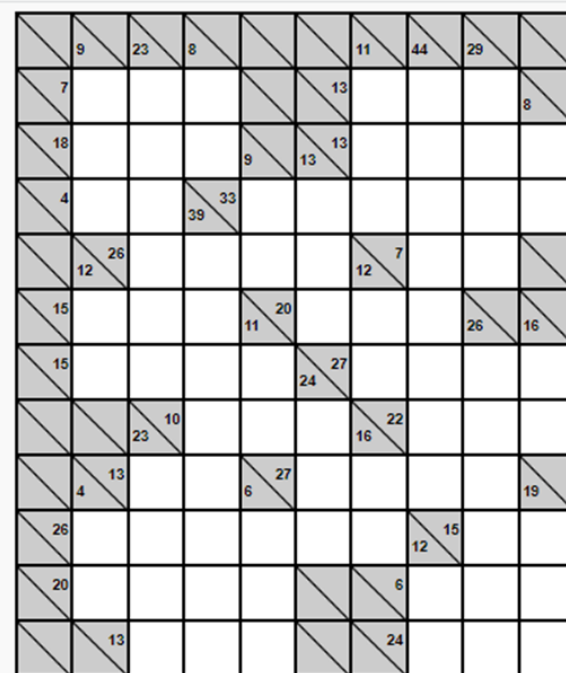
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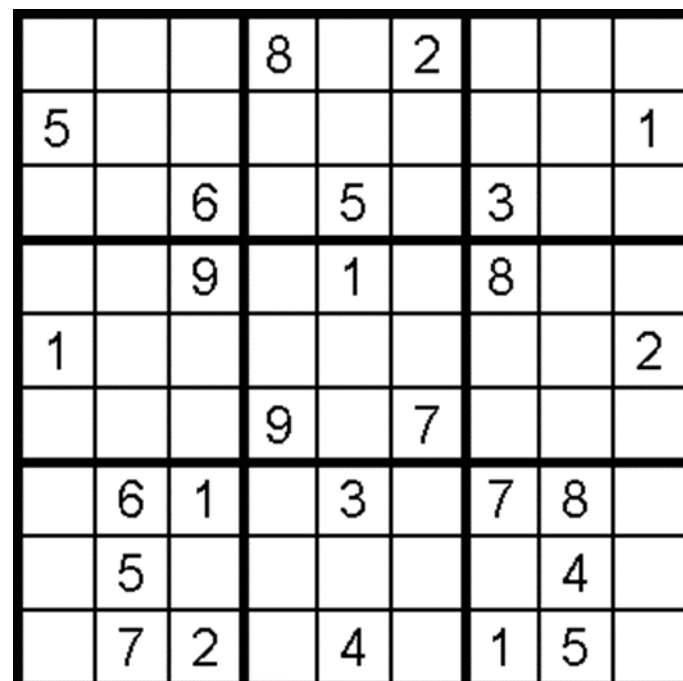
Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26. Can you crack the code and solve the crossword? Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. 3 letters are already in place to get you started.



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CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS


1. Germany
2. St Nicholas put gold in the stockings of three poor sisters
3. In Christianity holly was adopted as a symbol of Christ's crown of thorns: the crimson berries o symbol of his blood and the evergreen a metaphor for death
4. Boxing Day was a traditional day-off for servants on which thy received a Christmas Box from their master. They would also go home on Boxing Day to give presents to their families.
5. The Druids
6. The tradition of wishing neighbours a long life.
7. Tom Smith, nineteenth-century London sweet shop owner. He created the crackers as a development of his bon-bon sweets, which he sold in a twist of paper. As sales of bon-bons slumped, Smith came up with this new promotional idea
8. Druids believe that mistletoe over the doorframe ensured that only happiness could enter the home. It was common knowledge that a young lady caught under the door could not refuse a kiss. But then a single berry should be removed—the ladies didn't have to kiss once there were no berries left.
9. The four-week period known as Advent began as a time for converts to Christianity to prepare for baptism.
10. Yule comes from the Norse word "hweol meaning wheel. It was believed that the Sun was a wheel of fire rolling closer to, then away from Earth. To mark the return of the Sun "rolling" towards Earth at the Winter Solstice, the ancient Norse gathered and burned a large log in celebration.
11. A 50P piece
12. The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe
13. J R R Tolkien
14. Walking in the air
15. Twelfth Night
16. Tom Hanks
17. Whoville
18. The Simpsons
19. Michael Caine
20. Home Alone 2
21. Jingle Bells
22. Tinsel
23. Turkey
24. Birth
25. Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen
26. "Jolly Careful"
27. Figgy Pudding. "Figuee" was originally a dish of fish and curds.
28. The Merry Wives of Windsor
29. Bohemia (Czech Republic).
30. The Stone of Scone
31. Egypt
32. Xristos—the Greek word for Christ.
33. To and from
34. Sir Isaac Newton
35. Beef and spices

CHRISTMAS DINGBATS ANSWERS

Tinsel
Seasons' greetings
Festive season
Peace on Earth
Frankincense
Turkey Left overs
Wrapping paper
Mince pies
Presents under tree
Jingle bells rock
Silent Night
White Christmas

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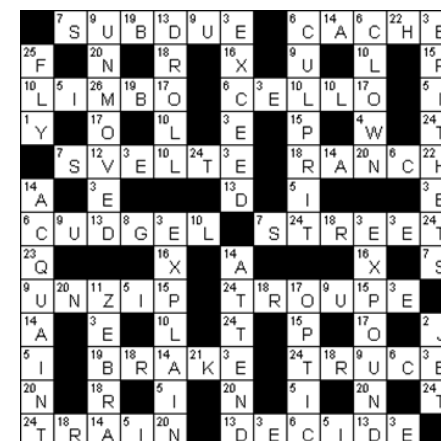
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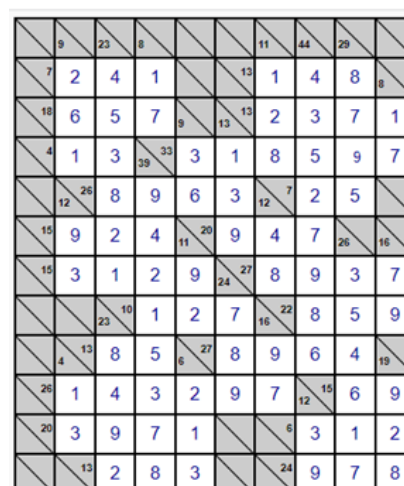
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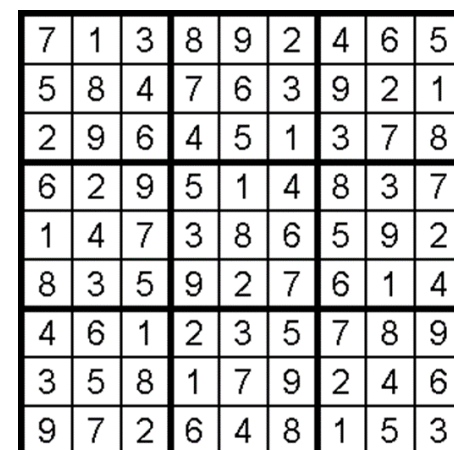
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BULLETAGRAM - WE GOT fireproof offeror proffer proofer reproof poorer reeroof
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