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## Ask Burton — developing the action plan

The results of the Ask Burton exercise were published at the end of last year and these have been used to create an action plan for our villages.

The Ask Burton exercise which was developed by Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association (KHCA) and Councillor John Taylor involved volunteers from KHCA, supported by local ward councillors and Kirklees Council staff, having conversations with local residents, businesses and community groups. They asked people who live in, work in or visit Burton about what life was like in the area now, how things might change in the future and what mattered most to them. The interviewers used a tool called the “Place Standard” which encourages conversations about local places, by using some simple questions.

The interviewers had conversations with people at Kirkburton Beer Festival, on the street, in local businesses, at Burton Village Hall, at Kirkburton Library and at Kirkburton Cricket Club. School children took



part during their PHSE class. 80 people took part online. A total of 182 people took part and 146 Place Standard assessments were completed.

The highest scoring themes were the natural environment, identity and belonging and feeling safe.

In their responses people expressed concerns about the need for safer cycling and walking routes, better public transport, parking, litter and a range of other issues.

You can read a summary and examine the actual data at the following website:

<https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/2022/11/29/ask-burton-results/>

Your Kirkburton ward councillors and Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association volunteers are now using what they learned to help create an action plan for the area, working with people in Kirkburton and Highburton.

Local residents should by now have received a letter from Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association and Councillor John Taylor about the development of an action plan for Kirkburton and

Highburton which reflects local people's priorities.

One of the things people said in the Ask Burton exercise was that they would like to be kept more informed about what is happening in the villages. The letter asked for feedback, particularly on the following:

- Whether the actions reflected what you said in the Ask Burton exercise
- How to get involved in your village
- To see what actions are being progressed. For instance there has been some first aid training for young people and speed indicators which some people had requested have been introduced.

You can read about the first aid training on page 7 of this edition of The Bulletin.

If you'd like to find out more about Ask Burton and the follow up or get involved, or if you have any questions, please phone 01484 221000 (Kirklees Council) and ask for Julie McDowell, or email: [julie.mcdowell@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:julie.mcdowell@kirklees.gov.uk)

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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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# Christmas Drama at The Bulletin

Loyal readers of The Bulletin may have noticed that the December edition was a little delayed, with copies only making it to some houses a day or two before the first night of Santa's Sleigh which was featured on the front page.

It could have been a lot worse - the Christmas edition almost did not get printed at all.

It seems that the print manager we were using decided to close his business, but didn't tell anyone. So, after having the content for the magazine ready in good time, we were left scrambling around to get the issue produced.

That caused the two weeks' delay to publication.

We have now changed our production method so that we upload the text of The Bulletin to our printer's automated presses. It does mean additional work for The Bulletin team and, if there are any readers who are expert in Microsoft Publisher and converting multipage pdfs to single page documents, we would love to hear from you.

This mini drama with the last edition suggested to us that readers might like to know more about what goes into the production of the paper.

The heart of the Bulletin are the updates from the various groups and organisations in the villages which are re-



The Bulletin editorial team: Gerard Hetherington, Dave Hilton, Jan Moscovitch, Lesley Rattigan and David Russell.

quested by email to the schools, sports groups and other organisations before each edition. Pat Shaw carried out this role for a number of years (covering 29 editions of the paper) before stepping down at the end of last year. Gerard Hetherington is attempting to step into Pat's shoes in this very important role.

We also keep an eye out for any interesting stories or anniversaries or other stories about people in the villages. Recent editions covered the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of The Village Bakery and Linton the hairdresser.

Regular features include the recipe, book review, and restaurant review, as well as features on gardening and making ours an environmentally friendly village. These are looked after by Lesley Rattigan and Jan Moscovitch.

We also invite the local MP to provide an update, and of course we welcome your letters.

The Bulletin is entirely financed through the support of local businesses who pay for advertising in the paper. If you would like to know more about advertising, then please let us know.

Dave Hilton is our advertising manager and he also puts together the puzzles and the Just For Fun pages.

We have been joined for this edition by new volunteer David Russell and are keen to hear from others who may be interested in being involved.

After our contributions are checked and lightly edited by Gerard and Dave, a full draft is circulated within the team to spot any errors as the final version of the paper emerges.

The Microsoft Publisher file is then converted to a pdf for printing, which we have done ourselves for the first time for this edition. The file is then uploaded to the printer's automated site.

We collect copies from our printer in Sheffield. With 25 bundles of a hundred copies of the paper in a small hatchback car there is barely enough room for the driver.

Finally, bundles of papers are distributed to our 40 or so delivery agents - coordinated by John and Anna Boden - who hand-deliver the copies to every household in Kirkburton and Highburton.

And then the process starts all over again.

If you are interested in being part of the team, then we'd love to hear from you.

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**Who says we don't get the big stories at The Bulletin?**  
a story from a local newspaper in the nineteenth century as picked up by the Huddersfield Exposed twitter feed.

## KIRKBURTON.

**LARGE MUSHROOM.**—The other day a large mushroom was gathered in a field near to the Stocks Moor Station. It measured ten inches across, and was healthy in appearance.



# Saving lives in Kirkburton and Highburton



Defibrillator outside Kirkburton Football Club

There are an estimated 100,000 defibrillators across the UK, with the majority being used in a hospital setting. Kirkburton and Highburton has four, thanks to the generous support of the

Rotary Club of Denby Dale & District, Kirkburton Parish Council, local residents, the Newsome family and Premier League Football.

Defibrillators give a high energy shock to the heart of

someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest to restore the heart's normal rhythm.

Our local Defibrillators are Community Public Access Defibrillators (cPAD) and are available to members of the public, 24 hours a day, to use in an emergency (after calling 999 for instructions).

Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association (KHCA) has agreed to fund the cost of replacement pads and battery packs, also known as consumables, when required.

Peter White, Treasurer of KHCA, said: "I am very pleased that KHCA has decided to fund replacement consumables. Defibrillators are life saving devices, and it is important that they remain emergency ready."

Each defibrillator has a nominated guardian, who completes weekly checks and registers the device with Yorkshire Ambulance Service and the National Defibrillator Network, The Circuit.

The Burton Bulletin would like to encourage everyone to familiarise themselves with the location of the defibrillators:

- Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association, Burton Village Hall, Northfield Lane
- Kirkburton Football Club, Gregory Fields Tennis Club, Burton Acres Lane
- Kirkburton Cricket Club, Riley Lane, Kirkburton
- Kirkburton Health Centre, Shelley Lane, Kirkburton

There is a map online [www.defibfinder.uk](http://www.defibfinder.uk) which provides up to date information on defibrillator locations across the UK, using data from The Circuit. This is not intended for use in an emergency.

## What to do in an emergency

In the event of an emergency, please do not call 111. Always call 999 in an emergency. The Call Operator will direct you to the nearest defibrillator and provide a code to unlock the cabinet if necessary. Stay on the line for further guidance.

## Fancy that!

Cardiologist Professor Frank Pantridge invented the world's first portable defibrillator. He studied medicine at Queen's University, Belfast, qualifying in 1939. In 1950, he was appointed as a physician at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast.

In 1965, with the help of John Geddes, a senior house officer, and technician Alfred Mawhinney, Professor Pantridge produced the first portable defibrillator, using car batteries for the current. He installed it in an ambulance and the device was first used in January 1966. That first model weighed 70 kilos, the modern devices weigh just 3kg.

*[News just in: A new defibrillator has recently appeared outside the gates of Kirkburton First School on School Hill funded by The Rotary Club of Denby Dale and District and The Friends of Kirkburton First School—Ed]*

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## WORKING TOGETHER TO EASE WINTER PRES-SURES

Winter is typically one of the most challenging times of the year for health and care services. This year, high levels of 'flu, respiratory infections, COVID-19, and an increase in the number of Group A Strep-tococcus (GAS) infections, have placed unprecedented demands on General Practices, community, mental health, hospital services and A&E Departments.

The public are reminded to use services appropriately and responsibly, and check in on vulnerable family, friends and neighbours.

We are working hard to prioritise urgent and same day care and we have reserved a number of urgent appointments for children who are unwell. If your appointment is non urgent, you may have to wait longer, and we thank you for your patience and understanding.

Working together with The Mast Primary Care Network Partnership (PCN) colleagues, we have launched a winter access service which will run until March, offering GP and Nurse appointments to our PCN patients. Appointments are being held at Denby Dale Surgery (Tuesday morning) and Kirkburton Health Centre (Thursday morning).

Dr Gethin Lane, GP Partner, said: "I would like to thank all colleagues for their incredible hard work

in managing the increase in demand, and our patients for their patience and understanding."

**It is very important that people who need medical care come forward, especially when someone has a life-threatening illness or injury.**

## PATIENTS WHO DID NOT ATTEND APPOINTMENTS – OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2022

Patients who fail to attend their appointments and do not inform us, incur significant cost to the Practice and to other patients in terms of lost appointments. **If you do not need your appointment, or simply want to change it, call 01484 602040 or email [reception.kirkburtonhealthcentre@nhs.net](mailto:reception.kirkburtonhealthcentre@nhs.net).** Thank you for your co-operation.

## GP PATIENT SURVEY 2023

The GP Patient Survey is an independent survey run by Ipsos Mori on behalf of NHS England. The survey is sent out each year, in January, to more than two million people, randomly selected from the NHS list of patients registered with a GP.

The survey is carried out securely and information does not identify individuals.

Emily Town, Assistant Practice Manager, said: "We encourage patients who receive an invitation, to complete the questionnaire. It is an opportunity for patients

## KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE

## EXTRACT FROM PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) NEWSLETTER



GP appointment?  
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	Total No. of Appointments	No. DNA	% DNA
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>4949</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>3599</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>2864</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

to share their experience of our Practice. The findings help to show what is working and what needs to improve."

The survey will be live for three months, with field-work closing in early April. The results will be published online at [www.gp-patient.co.uk](http://www.gp-patient.co.uk) in July 2023.

## GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS (GAS) – STREP A

Strep A is a common bacteria which causes a range of infections, including scarlet fever. These infections are usually mild. It can also cause a rare, more serious infection called Invasive group A strep (iGAS). For more information on Strep A, please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a/>

## SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING

**Kirklees Council has approved more than £500,000 of funding to support residents in the cost of living crisis.**

Funding will be awarded to groups who are able to provide a warm space for residents this winter, food parcels and fuel vouchers and those who can help provide information and guidance on topics such as mental health support, debt advice and assistance into employment.

For more information, please visit [www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living)





# LETTER FROM SANTA

Hello, it's Santa here, and I'm having a nice rest at my home up at the North Pole, it's still very cold here, but it's nice and relaxing after a very busy December.

It was so nice to see so many of you in and around Highburton and Kirkburton.

You so very kindly donated a lot of money, which has been given to four local schools: Kirkburton Pre-School, Highburton Playgroup, Highburton First and Kirkburton First School, each got a fantastic £395, a great result thanks to all your kind donations.

But the money could not have been collected without the help of all my

very kind volunteers, so many, but here's a few: Karen & John, Kerry & Richard, Linton, Dan, Dave, Trevor, John, Roger, Anna, Sally, and Sally, Louise our DIY hero, Peter and Vanda, Isuzu UK, Mark Eastwood MP, Derek, Fran, Charlotte & Rufus, Kelly, Cathy, Chloe, Ryan & Kelsey at Joys, the staff at Beyond The Mill, The Smiths Pub, Kirsty & Helen, and the little helpers: Ruby, Freddie, Henry, Ted & Oliver who were wonderful and so enthusiastic and so many, many more who made the four nights such a success.

Many thanks to all of you, for a brilliant effort.



Santa in his sleigh outside Joys

I will be back in your villages again this year 14, 15, 16, 17 December, (put a note in your diary) and I've been told it's going to be bigger and even better this year, I can't wait.. see you in December.

Have a nice Summer... and remember, kids, be good, be kind.

I'm going to go outside now, and feed the reindeer.

Ho Ho Ho... Love Santa xxx



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# Ask Burton follow up — First Aid



As a direct result of conversations with local residents, schools, and community groups, when we asked you some questions about what life in Kirkburton and Highburton was like, we are delighted to say that over 550 of our local children recently took part in first aid awareness training. With a further 620 pupils at Scissett Middle School taking part in May 2023.

One Friday back in June, 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.

Fast forward a few months, conversations with various training providers and our three village schools, we secured funding and training for over 550 pupils. In Jan-

uary 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 were all given the chance to attend first aid awareness sessions within school. Workshops were carried out by Simeon and Jenny from Skills4Life Education & Training Service, commissioned by KHCA, and funded by Kirkburton ward councillors' budget.

I was lucky enough to attend one of the sessions to experience the training first-hand.

Simeon began by asking the pupils what numbers they could ring in an emergency, how to use What3Words, and the importance of having ICE (In Case of Emergencies) contacts in your phone.

He stressed the importance of assessing the situation and always keeping yourself safe as being number one priority.

We were shown how to deal with bleeds, with direct and indirect pressure and how to place a casualty into recovery position.

The pupils were fully engaged and keen to answer questions. We were advised

when it is necessary to place someone in the recovery position and how to do this correctly. The pupils had hands on experience putting each other into the recovery position and told the importance of respecting the patient's dignity, protecting the patient, and keeping them warm.

The main topic was CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), a lifesaving technique useful in many emergencies.

Again, Simeon explained the importance of making sure it is safe for you to help, firstly checking for any signs of danger or feeling that something doesn't feel right. Never do anything that will put yourself in danger.

Assess the patient from a distance at first, shout to see if they react, shout from closer, can you see them breathing, can you feel their breath? Shout for help if you are alone, try to alert a passer-by to contact emergency services.

After being shown how to carry out CPR compressions the pupils worked in groups carrying out hands on CPR on the 'manikin patients' it was great to see so many of them getting in some practice and really helped them to understand the correct CPR process.

The mum of the young girl in school who received life-saving CPR said 'it's really important that the children learn this in school, because it can and does happen'

'The pupils really enjoyed the session and definitely want it to happen again' 'Mrs T Clark – Kirkburton Middle School

'It taught us how to save someone's life which is really important' Grace

'It was educational and fun' Elisabeth

'I was nervous at first, but I am glad we did in the end' Amelia

'I felt safer when I had finished because I now know how to help a friend if needed' Daniel

'The first aid training this afternoon with the year 5's was brilliant. The children were fully engaged and found it informative and interesting. Everyone learnt something new - including the adults in the room. It would be great to use the same company again next year.' Mrs H Campbell – Kirkburton CE First School

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.

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.

Remember you can also comment on our future plans for the villages by looking at the action plan here <https://howgoodisourplace.org.uk/ask-burton/> or by responding to the recent letter that was sent out by Kirklees on behalf of KHCA and Councillor John Taylor. Here you can add any comments on the plans and indicate if you wish to get involved.

For people not online they will be asked to go to Kirkburton Library where library staff will show them how to respond online.

If you would like to find out more about first aid training for yourself and family, you can find more information here <http://www.skills4lifefirstaidtraining.co.uk/>

Nicola Eastwood



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



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

## Upcycling

So what is the difference between upcycling and recycling? These two do have similarities but there are key differences, upcycling uses old things to make new things, repurposing them to stay in circulation rather than discarding them so creating something of a higher value. Recycling involves destroying items via an industrial process and transforming them into new materials which are then used to make the same product again such as drinks cans or other products.

Upcycling is more sustainable than recycling which generally requires a lot of additional energy to break down the product before it can be repurposed. The advantage of upcycling is that it reduces landfill waste, we have become so used to things being mass produced and made at speed that we purchase things as quickly as we throw them away, it can save you money too and provide a sense of purpose and reward whilst encouraging creativity.

The personal, social and environmental benefits of upcycling include:

- Saving materials from landfill.
- Minimal use of natural resources.
- Doing your bit for Mother Nature.

- Repairing an item and giving it a new life, the item you alter becomes unique to you.

- Supporting local and rural industry.

- Reduced manufacturing costs.

- Supporting artisanal work and traditional craftsmanship.

Sustainability and reuse continue to be at the forefront of our minds in 2023, we are all more aware than ever of our carbon footprint and the impact our shopping choices have on the planet. Many of us are looking for more budget friendly ways of styling our homes and filling our wardrobes so upcycling has become a real trend amongst consumers who want to draw attention to the problems of overproduction and overconsumption.

Upcycling second-hand items is a good way to add an individual touch to your home and the internet is awash with inspirational and creative ideas to help you. Charity shops are a great place to pick up affordable good quality items that you can upcycle to suit your taste. There's a revolution happening in the world of interiors, the movement is one of upcycled furniture ideas to reduce waste and create a more sustainable future, whether you call it, revamping, repurposing, reclaiming, reimagining or salvaging it doesn't matter, it's all upcycling, the process of giving old things a new lease of life.

There are so many exciting projects, something for every member of the family, here are a few suggestions:

Using old jeans and denim items to make a rug.

Use old metal spoons to make hooks.

Pallets have a variety of uses both in the house and garden.

Buying old furniture and painting it creatively to make an original piece.

Corks to make coasters or mats for hot dishes.

Old kitchen colanders as hanging baskets.

The list is endless, research on the internet or treat yourself to one of the many books available for adults and children such as: [These are Amazon prices as a guide]

Upcycling outdoors...Max McMurdo £8:34

Wear, repair, repurpose... Lily Fulop £12:89

Pallet Craft ...Emma Basden £11:76

Amazing recycling project book...Sarah Stanford £7:66

You can upcycle and craft.. Collins £6:05

References: live kindly.com, future-learn.com, goodhousekeeping.com.insightdiy.co.uk





# Smelly Bumble bees?



One of my joys on a bright and sunny winter's day is seeing a bumble bee flying past.

I have sometimes seen this happen when snow is still on the ground, something that feels very counter-intuitive. However, the Bumble bee evolved from the Himalayas so is more used to a cooler climate than we expect.

It's probably why we have over 25 different UK species here as the good old British climate is perfect for them.

Some facts about Bumble bees:

- Bumble bees live together in family groups
- Each nest is ruled by a

Queen who is helped by her daughters

- There are about 400 bees in a single Bumble bee nest
- Bumble bees can beat their wings up to 11,400 times a minute. They have smelly feet (I will explain this below)
- They travel up to a mile from their nest to forage
- A full honey stomach has enough energy for 40 minutes of flight
- They can dislocate their wings—they do this to create a draft that frees pollen on plants such as the tomato

So the Bumble bee I enjoy seeing in the winter is the Buff-tailed Bumble bee. It will always be the Queen that is seen in the winter, usually in January and February. The Queen can be up to two centimetres long, it really depends on how many eggs she is carrying.

The reason she is flying at this time of year is that she is looking for a nest site, usually old mouse holes within compost heaps. She will lay her eggs and initial-

ly female workers are born. These will be smaller than workers born later in the year, when food is less scarce.

At the time of writing this article I am a bit worried that I haven't seen any Buff-tailed Bumble bees. It could be that the conditions are not just right for them at the moment, but the other concern is that last year's extreme heatwave may have reduced the number of Bumble bee Queens that have been able to overwinter. I guess time will eventually tell.

A few Buff-tailed Bumble bee facts:

- It is one of the UK's largest Bumble bees
- The bees are known as nectar robbers, if a flower is too difficult to climb into, this Bumble bee may dig a hole through the petals to get to the flower's nectar.
- Their Latin name is *Bombus terrestris*

In the Bumble bee facts above, I mentioned that

Bumble bees may have smelly feet. I haven't been going around capturing Bumble bees and then sniffing their feet. This interesting fact was discovered by Bristol University who managed to prove that when Bumble bees land on flowers their feet leave an odour. This odour allows a Bumble bee to work out if the flower has been visited by that particular bee before or by a family member of the nest or by other bees. This stops them wasting time on a flower which has nothing more to give.

During the summer it's easy to see this by watching a Bumble bee visiting flowers. It might land on one and then immediately fly away. It's all down to foot odour. I guess it's similar to how we leave finger prints on anything we touch, thankfully we don't leave any odour.

So, keep an eye out for any Buff-tailed Bumble bees flying around at this time. It means that warmer times are coming.

Sean Downey

## HELP NEEDED — KIRKBURTON

Kind and capable person needed to help look after an older lady with osteoporosis and chronic fatigue.

She needs meals cooking from fresh ingredients and basic domestic tasks like bed-making and washing. Experience of running a home and looking after Granny much more important than official qualifications.

10.30 am to 2.30pm Saturday and Sunday

6.30pm to 8pm, Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

If it would fit, these hours could be covered by one, two or three people.

References required and DBS certificate or willingness to get one. £12 per hour. Training can be given, if needed.

Contact 01484 604292





# Violet catapults and fun in the meadows



Our most familiar wild violet, the common dog-violet, can be found in a range of habitats from woodland to grassland, hedgerows to pastures. Its pansy-like flowers appear from March to June and can vary in colour from bluish-violet through to white and have a pale, notched spur behind. Individual flowers are small but can grow in such numbers that the plant can be conspicuous from some distance. It has heart shaped, glossy leaves and, importantly, unlike most other types of violet, has no scent.

It is one of the violet species which is a crucial larval food for some of Britain's most threatened and declining fritillary butterflies and is also an indicator of ancient woodland with mass germination occurring when a wood is coppiced.

'Dog' refers to its lack of scent, as opposed to 'sweet' violet which has a distinct perfume. 'Dog', like 'horse', is a common English prefix for distinguishing an inferior species from its superior relatives.

Fertilised flowers produce seeds in capsules which can be hurled out by their own explosive mechanism. As there is little wind on the woodland floor this helps to give the plants a better

chance to spread themselves. They are also attractive to ants, which can help in seed dispersal.

Violets were used by the Ancient Greeks in herbal medicine and were said to help cure skin diseases. They also thought of them as symbols of fertility and romance.

In the Victorian language of flowers, a purple violet indicated that the sender's thoughts were "occupied with love" for the recipient.

It is the county flower of Lincolnshire and other local names include 'blue mice', 'cuckoo's shoe', 'shoes and stockings', 'pig violet', 'horse violet', and 'snake violet'.

The cuckooflower blooms from April to June. It has a rosette of leaves at its base and an upright stem that bears delicate, small pale pink or mauve flowers with four petals. It grows in damp meadows, ditches and on riverbanks. The flowers are usually veined with darker violet but in some areas pure white forms can be found. It is an important food plant for the caterpillars of the orange tip and green veined white butterflies. The orange tip will lay a single orange egg on a flower stem as witnessed on one occasion by a member of Burton Environment Group

on a flower in the Community Field.

Author Richard Mabey has shown convincing evidence that the blooming of the first cuckooflowers coincides with the first sounds of the cuckoo's call, heralding the arrival of spring.

The name appears to be very old because the 16<sup>th</sup> century herbalist, John Gerard, explained that its name came from this link with the cuckoo although another 16<sup>th</sup> century reason for the name is that the plant's foliage is often covered with 'cuckoo spit' – which has nothing to do with cuckoos. It is the white foam produced to conceal the nymphs (young) of the frog hopper.

Alternative names for this plant are lady's smock or milkmaids which arose from the cupped shape of the flowers resembling a billowing smock that milkmaids in particular wore. When Christianity came to Britain the feminine association was transferred to the Virgin Mary which led

to a host of other names such as my lady's smock or lady's glove. It has also been suggested that 'smock' was once a slang term for a woman and the name may have alluded to certain springtime activities in the meadows.

It is the county flower of Cheshire and has edible leaves and flowers said to taste like hot mustard or wasabi.

Superstitions surround this flower and it was thought that if anyone picked it, a thunder storm would break out. It was also thought to generate lightning and for this reason was never taken indoors. In parts of England it was believed to attract Britain's only poisonous snake, the adder, with a notion that anyone picking it would be bitten before the year was out. It features in Shakespeare's "Loves Labours Lost" as "lady smocks all silver white". Confusingly, various other wild flowers are known as 'milkmaids' in different parts of the country, including white campion, oxlip and greater stitchwort.





# Woven 23 — Sew and Grow

The Woven Project was launched earlier this year across Kirklees. Kirkburton is working in partnership with the woven team, local artists and designers, groups and individuals to encourage and support community involvement in the scheme. All Hallows' Church have allocated an area in the new graveyard to create a public garden designed by Jan Moscovitch of Burton Environment Group who is Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) -qualified. The focus this year will be to grow natural dye producing plants which can be used to create artistic pieces to celebrate the work involved. There will be workshops

and project days around the villages over the next few months and everyone is encouraged to get involved. The project will culminate in a Showcase Day on 18 June (hopefully in Kirkburton Church) and linking into a month long Festival celebrating the Woven project throughout June into July across Kirklees. Look out for details and check out the Woven website. The artists who are going to be working with Kirkburton and Highburton are Nicola Perrin and Seiko Kinoshita. At All Hallows' we are encouraging our volunteers to start growing from seed but anyone is welcome to join us

and work together on what will be a rewarding and interesting project. There is all the planting guidance you need on the woven website for you to start your own dye garden at home or join the team and be part of the

whole process. Working together for all the community. Contact the Woven team at [woven@hatchprojects.org.uk](mailto:woven@hatchprojects.org.uk) and they can link you up with local organisers.

**Georgina Dickinson**



  
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Add the event to your calendar today and join the fun between 12pm – 5pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. See you at The Venue!

\*The feeding of lambs will depend on the age of lambs at the time of the event, and therefore, it is not guaranteed.



# KIRKBURTON

## HISTORY GROUP

### Project Blue Board : The Development of Kirkburton's Information Boards



As some of you might have noticed, blue Information Boards have been steadily cropping up across our village. These information boards have been installed in order to showcase the rich local heritage we have here in Kirkburton.

In late 2021, we decided to commemorate the Village's old disused stocks and its railway. We set our sights first towards the stocks. This proved to be a little bit tricky as, not only are they too small to fit an Information board on, the only wall behind where they were situated was unfortunately privately owned.

After further research, it was decided to move the stocks and locate the information board on Smithy Hill. From studying an old enclosure map dated 1816, we discovered that the road had once been named Stocks Hill Road. A perfect location! However, as this hill is in fact a conservation area, planning permission was required. With the help of local councilor, John Taylor, and after several emails, we successfully obtained the relevant permission. Project

Blue Board was officially in business.

The design of the information board was a mixture of inputs between Linda Musgrave, Neil Burnett and myself. Fact checking and verifying the information was essential to the project. Once completed we then submitted the design to the local business, Mindlabs Media, for manufacture.

A site meeting was then arranged with the Head of Highways, Mindlabs and Cllr John Taylor during which we agreed the new location of the stocks and the information board. On the 27th July 2022 the stocks were installed at their new address.

From there we turned our attention to the railway information board, and quickly identified a location. But, even with the help of Cllr John Taylor, we soon discovered that this was going to be a much more difficult location to deal with.

After many emails between Kirklees and myself, we finally arranged a site meet-

ing, and then received the relevant planning permission to go ahead. In the meantime, Linda Musgrave had been working on the wording and design which we once again delivered to Mindlabs Media for manufacture.

On the 22nd December, the Kirkburton History Group successfully installed this brand new information board. 2022 had therefore finished on a really positive note. It's important to acknowledge and thank the Parish Council and the Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association for their help and support with the funding for these board.

Throughout December work also began on a third information board, to be placed at the carpark entrance to the Kirkburton Health Centre. With Linda hard at work on the design, I set to work trying to discover who owned the land.

After several enquiries, I learnt this land was owned by a property corporation who built the Health Centre and then leased them out.

In early January, I contacted the company to explain what we intended to do, and with no objection, held a site meeting with the Deputy Manager of the Health Centre. With the help of Mindlabs and a few of our members, we then secured an agreed site slightly away from the carpark entrance and it should shortly be installed.

#### The Future

We are hoping in the future to erect further boards including one that will display some of the rich history of All Hallows' Church. Linda Musgrave has already completed extensive research and from this we know there has been a church building on the site of All Hallows' since the thirteenth century.

However, an Anglian Cross, discovered in the grounds of the church, dates back to the ninth century. This cross is a preaching cross which would possibly have been set up in the open air to mark the place where itinerant priests, sent out from the mother church in Dewsbury, preached the gospel and celebrated the mass in the village.

The cross has been restored and is now on display within All Hallows'. We are really excited to display the information and share our research for all to see. If you know anything about the history of All Hallows Church please do not hesitate to get in touch as soon as you can. As always, we would love to talk to you about our research and we welcome any potential contributions.

**Roger Armitage**  
Kirkburton History Group  
February 2023

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# Services for Easter at All Hallows Church



2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday 11am Holy Communion Rev Maureen Browell

6<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday 7pm Celtic Communion Rev Maureen Browell

7<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday 7pm Time at the Cross Janet Roberts

9<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday 11am Holy Communion Rev Maureen Browell

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# Hugely positive reaction to Forest School initiative

By Will Adams, Headteacher, Kirkburton CE First School

“Children are so excited about their forest school sessions as it gives them a genuine opportunity to explore and stretch themselves”

Children have had precious little time outside in the last three years. Covid disrupted the natural harmony of all our lives and had such a profound impact on education that, I fear, we are only just starting to see the full impact. The ability to play, explore, take risks and generally just enjoy being outdoors has been completely fractured, and it is our collective job to try and mend this.

Since I became Headteacher

at Kirkburton CE First School, together with all the staff here I have been determined to do what we can to, in the words of Joel 2:25 – repay the years that the locust has eaten.

We are blessed with a relatively small school in stunning, large grounds. As a school, we decided to invest a massive (for us) sum of money to make the most of this space by installing a 30-seater outdoor classroom complete with whiteboard.

Our offer is that every child will get (an average of) half an afternoon of Forest School and Outdoor Learning every week. We have two members of staff who are



The outdoor classroom from outside



Inside the outdoor classroom

currently undertaking the Level 2 Forest School Accreditation and this outdoor classroom now gives them a high-quality base for lessons to take place. It also gives staff and children some protection from the elements, which when you live in Huddersfield is too-often much-needed.

Since we started the Forest School initiative in September, the children have taken part in a huge range of activities, from tree surveys to shelter building, from making bird feeders to exploring the different micro-habitats the woodland has to offer.

The reaction from children and parents has been hugely positive. Children are so excited about their forest school sessions as it gives them a

genuine opportunity to explore and stretch themselves, both as individuals and as groups of children, in a safe environment. We are really looking forward to moving on to higher-level activities such as using fire-pits, building dens and creating natural art as we head into the spring. We are also taking part in the community project, organised by WOVEN where we will be working with different artists to grow flowers for colour, dye wools and create textile designs.

We firmly believe that children need to be outside, need to be working together and need to be learning to take risks like never before. Forest Schools is really helping them to achieve this.



# Benidorm Bangers Charity Rally 'Run To The Sun' to support two good causes

On 1 May Kirkburtoners Christian Rooney, Wayne Burnett, Andy Caine, Jonathan Caine, John Boden together with Paul Asquith from Emley and three friends of Christian's from Sheffield will be setting off in three old bangers to join others from around the country for the "Run to the Sun" charity car rally also known as the Benidorm Bangers. The Kirkburton team are also hoping to raise £5,000 to help Gloria Stewart, who is known as Mrs Christmas, to support her "Home Alone" charity in Sheffield.

The event is a not-for-profit charity rally offering navigational challenges from the UK to Benidorm with daily challenges along the way. It is not a race and the organisers of this event give their time for free, as well as supporting a children's charity in Benidorm called Busy Bees.

All teams have been given their first challenge which is to support the Busy Bees Charity.

The Benidorm Bangers Rally will once again be supporting the Busy

Bees Children's Charity in Benidorm. This charity looks after 120 children aged from 8 years and it struggles to provide many of the items that the children really need.

We would like all team members, and if possible, friends and family to put together backpacks containing items that the children can use at school such as pens, pencils, colouring books, calculators, rulers etc. The backpacks can also contain toiletries and 'new' clothes for boys and girls.

The items that the teams take down really do make a massive difference to the children.

The rally starts on Tuesday 2 May in Dover and the cars will arrive in Benidorm on Saturday 6 May.

The Kirkburton team have already bought the three bangers, which all have MOT's. All expenses like car entry fees, insurance, fuel, food and accommodation will be met by the members of the teams.



## Why 'Home Alone'?

Christian has been a supporter of Gloria Stewart, who has been organising Christmas meals for those facing loneliness in Sheffield since 2007 (apart from during Covid). Most attending the lunch are elderly, but the event is open to all ages. Gloria has appeared on the BBC, ITV, local radio stations as well as in the local and national press.

The Kirkburton team are looking for sponsors to help them make a difference to the lives of those facing loneliness and isolation. Following the pandemic and with rising energy costs Gloria struggled last Christmas to put this event on, but somehow she did.

The team have until the beginning of May to make preparations to meet their two goals. So, they are looking for:

Donations of school stationery, clothes, toiletries, for Busy Bees items are being collected by Anna Boden.

On-line donations to 'Home Alone' via the 'Just Giving' Page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nadine-rooney-1>, or through their sponsor forms from members of the team.

If you can help with either of these charities then please contact Anna Boden via email [anna-boden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anna-boden@hotmail.co.uk) or via messenger on Facebook. I know times are very hard, so any help no matter how small will be welcomed.



The Kirkburton team for the Benidorm Bangers "Run to the Sun" rally



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This will apply to:

- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

You can find out more about accepted forms of photo ID, how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate, and what to expect on polling

day on the Electoral Commission website. [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

### Register to Vote

To register to vote you need just five minutes and your National Insurance number.

If you can't register online, you can download a form from the Electoral Commission website.

You don't need to register to vote before every election.

### Photo ID

The accepted forms of photo ID include passport, driving licence, Blue Badge, older person's or disabled bus pass (the full list in on the Electoral Commission website).

[www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

### Deadline for May 2023 local elections

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the local elections in England on 4 May 2023 is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.

You need to be registered to vote before you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. When you register to vote, you'll be asked whether you have photo ID or if you want to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

### How to apply

Apply for a Voter Authority Certificate on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk).

You can also apply by filling out a paper application form and sending this to your local council.

You can request the instructions in large print, braille or easy read.

You may also be able to apply in person at your local council.

If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact your local council. You can also call the Electoral Commission helpline on 0800 328 0280 if you have any questions.

You don't need photo ID to vote by post, so you don't need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate if you choose to vote in this way.

### Information required

When applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, you will need to provide your:

- name
- address
- date of birth
- National Insurance number (this should be on your payslip or official letters about tax or pensions)

You should apply using the same name that you used to register to vote.

You will need to submit a photo with your application. The requirements for the photo are similar to the requirements for a passport photo.

You should receive your Voter Authority Certificate in the post within a few days.

Further information is available on the Electoral Commission website.

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## THANK YOU

When I read in the last edition of The Bulletin, that I had been part of the editorial team of paper for around seven years, I was amazed. That means that I must have helped to put together 28 editions; it seems far fewer. This is because of the team I worked for and the people of the two villages the paper represents. I have found new, good friends in the team, enjoying their company, hospitality and laughter. Thank you, team.

However, a paper is only as good as the material sent in by you. It maybe that you represent an organisation who sent in regular updates about your activities or maybe someone with a special memory or an occasion to publicise. All of the people I have spoken to have been friendly and very willing to give of their time to reminisce over a cup of tea, allowing me into their memories so that I could put together an article.

The success of The Bulletin also depends on the army of people who deliver it to your door each quarter, and of course the advertisers who enable you to enjoy the paper free of charge.

Kirkburton and Highburton are great places to live, this is because of the history, the amenities, the organisations but most importantly the people themselves. A walk through the village takes a lot longer than you would expect as so many people stop to ask how you are and to have a general chat. Long may it continue.

I wish The Bulletin every success in the future – long may that continue too.

**Pat Shaw**

**Kirkburton**

## MEMORIES

Having just read the latest issue of The Burton Bulletin with great interest it has prompted some memories of my own.

Firstly, the origin of the name of Dogley Bar. This was the site of a toll bar across the highway from Huddersfield to Sheffield and beyond in the days of horse-drawn carriages in the 1800s and before.

There was a tiny toll cottage with two rooms, all stone-built with quite a tall chimney. I remember that this cottage stood on the corner of Far Dene and Penistone Road, opposite the White Swan pub.

I also remember the stable block on the site of the car park at the side of the White Swan. Running the length of the stables was a long stone horse-trough.

So, in times gone by, Dogley Bar would be quite a staging spot for the horse-drawn traffic with ale and a bed for travellers, shelter, fodder and no doubt stream water for their horses. A far cry from the hustle and bustle of today's traffic.

The toll cottage was demolished around 1953 as it was in rather a poor condition by then.

Secondly, how many readers remember "Burton Dick"? No, not a highwayman, but this was the nickname of the steam-hauled goods train which ploughed its way once a day from Huddersfield to Kirkburton station, prior to Dr Beeching wielding his axe on the rail network.

Kirkburton station is now a housing estate, but there are still a few relics left. Take

the overgrown steps and footpath leading up from North Road, useful when there was once some passenger traffic.

Just a few notes I have written which you may like to include in The Bulletin.

**David Stephenson**

**Highburton**

*(Editor's note: Thank you for this letter, David. We received the letter in November but were not able to include it in the December edition.*

*We are always pleased to receive letters from readers. Do other readers have memories they would like to share in The Bulletin?)*

## ASK BURTON

As your Councillor I do like to get involved in activities in the community and I have always made sure that I am available and ready to listen to local residents about their concerns.

It was my desire to know what people think that led me to propose the "Ask Burton" initiative last Summer, to find out what people thought about the place where they live. We've already had a couple of successes, the First Aid training which I funded (from my budget as a councillor), which Nicola Eastwood has written about, and an additional speed activated device (SID) which will be based in either Kirkburton or Highburton but will be moved around the villages periodically.

I've also supported the History Group with the re-siting of the village stocks and the

installing the information boards and secured funding for the Burton Environment Group to purchase a storage container for the equipment the Group uses to keep our villages looking so wonderful.

Currently we have two artists who are working with us and community groups across the Kirkburton ward on the Growing Colour Together initiative. This is part of the Woven Festival a bi-annual event. I have been a huge enthusiast for this and secured the funding for the artists to be based here.

As I say there is much to do, high on my priorities at the moment are:

- Tackling speeding and inappropriate parking in the villages.
- Finishing the improvements to the North Rd junction (once Yorkshire Water have finished there).
- Promote provision of electric charging points at Burton Village Hall
- Continue support for the Woven Festival, working with local groups
- Ensure funding from housing developments is released into communities
- Improve roads and tackle potholes.

Do these reflect your priorities?

Why not let me know by emailing me at [johnj.taylor@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:johnj.taylor@kirklees.gov.uk) or by phone on 07831 810096.

**Councillor John Taylor**  
**Kirkburton Ward**





# Highburton CE (VC) First School

## Welcoming the year of the rabbit, first aid training and a visit to the Sikh temple — all in a term's work



The Year of the Rabbit

In January our Reception class celebrated Chinese New Year and the Year of the Rabbit. They took part in several different activities including making fans, dragon art, painting Chinese symbols, dragon dancing and tasting Chinese food.

In January we also had a visit from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service who came to teach Year 5 how to do CPR, how to put someone in the recovery position and how an automated external defibrillator works. It was a 'hands on' session which all the children really enjoyed.

The training was funded through Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association and the 'Ask Burton' Project. This was made possible after Mrs Robinson's son, Sam, was at an 'Ask Burton' event at Kirkburton Cricket Club last Summer.

You can read more about this in the separate article on page 7 of this edition of The Bulletin.



A Chinese rabbit in the playground

This half term Year 4 and 5 have visited a Gurdwara – the Sikh temple in Huddersfield. Henry from Year 4 describes the trip in his own words...

*"At the temple, we met Jas and we learnt that Sikhs believe in the five Ks: The kirpan (a small knife), a kara (a steel bracelet), kesh (long or uncut hair), kachera (shorts that are worn as underpants) and the kanga (a wooden comb worn in their hair).*

*"Sikhs believe in equality, so any religion can come in and eat the food that is prepared and cook in their*

*kitchen. We were lucky enough to try some. It was delicious."*

And finally, an update on our plans to convert to an Academy. For the past two years the School's Governing Body has been considering joining a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Following careful research and investigation into the range of options that may be available to us, the decision has been made to join one of our local Church of England MATs, Enhance Academy Trust.

Enhance Academy Trust currently consists of ten primary schools in the



Visiting the Sikh temple in Huddersfield

Kirklees and Wakefield areas, and also CAPA College, a Post-16 Performing Arts College in the centre of Wakefield.

This decision to join an Academy Trust has been made with the aim of protecting and developing the school's standing for the future. We consulted with our parents in the autumn and the academy conversion is now well underway. We expect it to complete later this year.



Children practising their first aid skills



# Westminster update — Mark Eastwood MP

The start of the year has been a busy as Parliament returned after Christmas and I have been working hard both, in Westminster as well as here in the constituency. This year I have launched a new initiative to enable people to raise issues with me and the office team. This is through street surgeries, an initiative I would love to claim the credit for but is used by a number of MPs from different parties to make sure they are accessible to constituents.

These surgeries enable me to bring my office to you, recognising that people from this side of the constituency are unlikely to want to travel across to Dewsbury to talk to me or the office team. With street surgeries, I contact an area a week in advance and to let you know that the team and I will be calling on local residents. I have already been out twice in Kirkbuton and Highburton, calling on residents in the vicinity of Burton Acres Lane in Highburton and also on Shelley Lane estate in Kirkburton.

The team and I are trying to get out into the villages as often as possible, we've also been to Thurstonland, Shepley and Farnley Tyas so far as

well but will be back in Highburton and Kirkburton soon.

I also recently wrote to a good number of people from across the constituency, including both Highburton and Kirkburton, to ask for their thoughts on Crime and Policing and as you can see from this photo we have been getting a good number of responses.

It is fair to say that the most frequency mentioned comments are in relation to speeding and parking and there is also a lot of support for more visible police on patrol. Obviously in survey responses there are always a lot of issues raised and my team and I are working through these. Did you receive a survey? It is not too late to return it and if you did not receive one and would like to share your thoughts, please contact my office and we will send you a link to enable you to complete the survey online.

The responses to this are invaluable as an evidence base when I talk with the Police, Kirklees Council and the West Yorkshire Mayor and it builds on the



Mark Eastwood (second from left) and Councillor John Taylor (furthest right) with Ryan and Lisa at Woodsome Valley Self Storage

campaign I have been running to get the issue of speeding and road safety taken more seriously as a priority by the authorities and the conversations I have been having do seem to be being listened to.

February also saw Apprenticeship Week (6 -12 February) and I was pleased to be able to attend a number of apprenticeship events both in Parliament and in the constituency as a result including a meeting with the Secretary of State for Education Gillian Keegan where we talked about some of the successful schemes we have locally. Apprenticeships are a key priority for me, as not everyone wants to go on to university. I, like many people, left school and started work and did not go on to university.

I used Apprenticeship Week to find out more about the opportunities available for young people across the constituency and to highlight these. I talked about how getting the right further education for yourself and how this gives young people the skills and the start in life that will lead to a promising future for them. I have seen in

many businesses across the constituency the fantastic opportunities they have for young people and am pleased to support these.

I was also enjoyed recently visiting a new business which has opened locally which is Woodsome Valley Self Storage which is based on Penistone Road. It was great to get there and meet the team with Cllr John Taylor and hear about their plans for the site. I am always happy to visit and support local businesses and especially new start ups.

Whether I am meeting with businesses or schools, or out on street surgeries or working in the office in Dewsbury or down in Westminster I am always looking for ways to serve my constituents and help solve their problems. If you need my help, if you want to tell me more about your business or community group and want to find out more about what I am up to in Westminster, please take a look at my social media pages or contact my office on 01924 939007 or email me on [mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk), I would love to hear from more of you.



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The children always enjoy doing arts and crafts and have especially enjoyed all the activities for Chinese New Year- The Year of the Rabbit. They made Rabbit masks and enjoyed tasting Chinese food.

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## Bluebell Garden Club



The Bluebell Garden Club is a friendly group of plantaholics and garden enthusiasts.

The club was formed in 1995 and is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at St John's Church Hall, Green Balk Lane, Lepton, HD8 0EW from 7:30pm email:

enquiries@bluebellgardenclub.co.uk

for information

Meetings include: speakers and demonstrators, plant sales, garden visits, a raffle, refreshments and a monthly newsletter.

Membership fees are £18 per annum, or £3 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

4 April - Janette Merilion "Unexpected Tales of Plants and Gardens"...History, Money, Royalty, Intrigue, (and even a little sex)

2 May - Jeff Bates "Lawns, Hedges and Topiary"

6 June - Sean Downey and Mel Pegg "Growing Kids... Lepton Primary School"

4 July - Summer Social in a member's garden

August - Don Whitton "Vibrant Summer Perennials"

September – AGM and plant auction

## Baking with Anya

Mini eggs are my favourite chocolates, I love using them to decorate my Easter bakes.

### Mini Egg Loaf Cake

Prep time: 30 mins Bake time: 50-55 mins Servings: 10



#### Ingredients for the cake

200g Self Raising Flour

50g Cocoa Powder

200g Soft Light Brown Sugar

150ml Vegetable Oil

150ml Whole Milk

three Medium Eggs

#### For the Decoration

125g Unsalted Butter (room temperature)

250g Icing Sugar

one tsp Vanilla Extract

Purple and Pink Food Colouring

200g mini eggs & sprinkles

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan and line a 2lb loaf tin with grease-proof paper.

2. Add the flour, cocoa powder and sugar to a large bowl and stir together.

3. Then add the eggs, vegetable oil and milk to the bowl and whisk until combined.

4. Pour the mixture into the lined tin and bake for 50-55 minutes.

5. Leave to cool fully in the tin once baked.

6. Meanwhile, make the buttercream. Beat the butter on its own for a few minutes until smooth. Then add the icing sugar and beat again.

7. Add the vanilla extract and beat again.

8. Split the buttercream into three bowls. Colour one purple, one pink and leave the rest.

9. To prepare the buttercream to pipe the three colours together, add the buttercreams to some cling film in lines next to each other. Then roll up into a sausage, cut one end and then add it to your piping bag.

10. Pipe onto your cake in rows.

11. Add mini eggs and sprinkles for decoration.

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



# Music MATTERS

A bit of a bumper update this time, as there are so many musical items to report.

In early December, HD8 Voices braved the elements and entertained the villagers with Christmas songs outside the popular venue, Beyond The Mill. It was a very cold, crisp evening but the ladies were troopers and sang with enthusiasm and plenty of Christmas spirit.

They certainly created a very WARM sound, and finished the evening off with a Mulled Wine, which was most welcome.

It's never too late to learn to play the piano.

I have a number of adult students who have taken up the instrument in recent times and really enjoyed their new hobby. Indeed the new TV series The Piano is testament to the appeal of the instrument.

At Christmas, my adult students gathered together for a Christmas tippie and everyone played a short piece in a very supportive environment.

Christmas Eve saw the return to Beyond The Mill to

entertain the Christmas diners. Niamh Rattigan provided the vocal entertainment of many favourite Christmas songs.



Niamh Rattigan with Sally

All students produced a 'virtual' Christmas gift in their lessons to send to their families and friends. They dressed up in Christmas accessories, it was great fun and a super memory to look back on.



Ewan Plumb who produced a Christmas video

## Success at The Mrs Sunderland Festival

February saw the return of the annual music festival held at the town hall.

The Mrs Sunderland Festival is a prestigious music festival which showcases Yorkshire talent.

For me as a teacher, it's about the process rather than the product - working towards a performance goal, learning new material, developing confidence and performing at the town hall. Valuable life skills at a very young age indeed.

I was so proud of each and every student who took part. They all performed incredibly well and came away with certificates, some even trophies, but most of experience of performing.

I always say if you can perform a solo on the town hall stage, you can do anything.

Congratulations to Hetty Bradley, Nellie Bradley, Flora Bradley, Alfie Barton Phillips, Evelyn McAvinue, Martha Showell Nicholas, Ted Edmonds, Kitty Edmonds and Jessica Elson.

Congratulations also to Alex Haigh on gaining a merit in his Grade 3 exam and to David McGuinness on passing his Grade 3 exam.



Alex Haigh above and David McGuinness below — both were successful at Grade 3



## UP and COMING events

27 April 80's Concert HD8 Voices at Scissett Working Men's Club

27 May Kirkburton Beer Festival - HD8 Voices and a special appearance from the Men's Movember Choir too

Good luck to Emma O'Donnell who is taking Grade 6 Piano and Jessica Elson who is taking Grade 5 Rock School Vocal Exam.

Thank you once again for supporting the young musicians and all the music events which take place in our lovely villages.

**Sally Byrne**



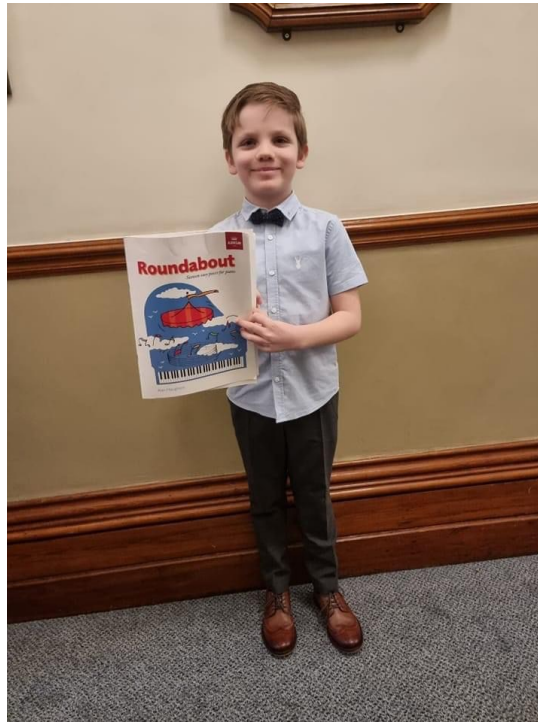
HD8 Ladies Choir outside Beyond The Mill



Sally's adult Students at their Christmas get-together



# Mrs Sunderland Competition Prize-winners



Clockwise from top left:  
Nellie Bradley, Alfie Barton  
Phillips, Hetty Bradley,  
Jessica Elson, Ted and Kit-  
ty Edmonds, Evelyn  
McAvinue and Holly  
Armitage, Martha Sowell  
Nicholas (with Sally Byrne),  
Nellie, Flora and Het-  
ty Bradley (with Sally)  
and Flora Bradley





# You're Never Too Late to Learn a Lesson



Daniel Metcalf with Sally Byrne

Being a piano teacher is a continuous learning experience. I have found that over the years I have refined my teaching techniques and approaches, learning all time from my students.

This is certainly true of one of my students, Daniel Metcalf.

I have been teaching Daniel since the age of eight and he is now travelling round south East Asia independently as part of a gap year.

As he embarks on his exciting journey, I reflected on the musical 'journey' Daniel and I have travelled together.

A quick learner, very musical and creative, Daniel excelled in all areas. I began to introduce structured learning and exams. It's fair to say we had a couple of testing years where he was resistant and even left the lesson and ran home on one occasion.

I thought carefully about trying a different approach. Together we decided to shift our focus away from exams, concentrating instead on film music, Einaudi and the classical greats.

Daniel flourished.

In lockdown, Daniel mastered Debussy's Clair De Lune (Grade 8 standard). Having never sat a piano exam, he now plays at Diploma standard. He plays every day and will continue to do so into his adult life.

You are never too young to teach and you are never too old to learn. Daniel has taught me to be flexible in my approach, look at things from different perspectives and look for new ways to inspire and create different pathways to learn.

We have become firm friends and I have certainly learnt many a lesson from his honesty and truth to pursue his own path.

Just like his travelling trip - you can walk your own musical path and decide where it takes you.

All the best to Daniel for his travels, university and beyond.

Sally Byrne



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# Attention all boules players, it's the Coronation Petanque Tournament

Kirkburton Petanque/Boule Club will be holding a special Petanque Competition to mark the Coronation of King Charles III at Burton Dean Park North Road in May.

King-sized prizes will be awarded to the Winning Teams of two or three players in a range of different age groups and mixed categories.

The format will involve five games played to a winning score of seven points following simple Petanque rules. Equipment will be available.

For details of the date and how to enter contact Tim Scott on 07757332119 and notify your team name.



## KIRKBURTON PETANQUE/BOULE CLUB

**So what's Petanque?** Its a popular family game where you challenge friends, family and club members to throw their metal boule towards the Jack. You win by getting your boule the closest. The rules are pretty simple and everyone can play.

These are **Kirkburton's Petanque terrains**. They're open for use by anyone. You can use your own equipment or join our Petanque club for friendly games on a Summer Sat 10 am.



**Fancy a game?**

There are 5 Petanque terrains here on the 2 sites. Usually, you'll have up to 6 players on each terrain, split into 2 teams. Enjoy the game!



The Petanque Club will be restarting its regular Saturday morning sessions in April beginning at 10am.

Why not come along and join in a friendly but competitive game on one of our five purpose-built terrains?

It would be great to see some new beginners or even holiday experts.

Contact Tim for information on 07757332119.

The club is also contacting the seven local village Petanque/Boule Groups to arrange a June competition to celebrate the start of the new reign. Club championships will be arranged, with the winners' prizes from the community funding programme.



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# Motoring review — Martin Ward



You don't have to drive for long, wherever you live in the UK to see a vehicle, usually a car with 'mis-spaced' number plates. These plates try and make a name or part of a name, and some do look good, and clever, but the reality of them is, they are illegal, and can carry quite a hefty fine of up to £1,000. The law for number plates clearly states that they must conform to British Standards and you cannot rearrange or misrepresent the numbers and letters to form names or words so that they are hard to read.

The car will fail its MOT if the number plate has been 'tampered' with, and you could lose the Number too, with no refund from DVLA. But it is worse than that now, when you fill in your vehicle insurance application or renewal, and it asks 'has the ve-

hicle been modified' and you generally put 'No'. Well, some insurance companies, and a growing amount of them, are regarding number plate tampering as being a modification to the vehicle, so it may well be that vehicles with 'dodgy' number plates may well not be insured.

I see so many vehicles with mis-spaced number plates, so many each day, and if I can see them, why can't the Police, but I do believe this will change in the near future, and more drivers will be asked to buy new plates, and if they don't within a certain amount of time, then they will be fined, and possibly lose the number too. Also to remember is ANPR cameras are set up to 'Read' proper number plates, and struggle to

identify illegal ones, and again, insurance claims can be at risk, if the cameras cannot Track your car if it is stolen. My simple advice is, if you do happen to drive a vehicle with these illegal plates, maybe time to get a fresh set of legal ones.

I know I have spoken many times about Electric Vehicles and my love of them, the cars I like, charging them.. I don't, they have proved to be a real pain for me in recent months, due mainly to the lack of public chargers, and finding one that actually works. To give an example, in the City of London there are 466 public chargers per 100,000 population: in Brighton & Hove, 119 per 100,000, in Kirklees, there are 16.5 per 100,000, so is it another example of the North / South divide?

Much has been said and written about only Electric Vehicles will be sold from 2030, that's the year, not half-past-eight, this is a general misconception, and the law says that "Between 2030 and 2035 new cars and vans can be sold if they have the capability to drive a significant distance with zero-emissions (for example, plug-in Hybrids or Full Hybrids). I have spoken to many people in the know about the word 'significant' but nobody actually knows yet what significant is, and is still out there for consultation. I'm not sure when we'll get an answer, but I would guess for every gallon of

petrol or diesel put in the tank, then between 15-25% of this would need to be on some sort of electric power, so if a car does 50mpg, then up to twelve miles must be zero-emissions, but policing this is going to be difficult. But car manufacturers need to know pretty quickly so they can plan their model and technology strategy. But bear in mind, it's only really the UK who are putting these measures and laws in place, the rest of the world will carry on as normal.

Value of used EV's have dropped dramatically in the past few months, they were falling anyway, but when Tesla reduced the price of new vehicles overnight by up to £8,000, this caused the EV market to go into free fall. Good news if you want to buy a used one, but really bad news if you want to sell one. I can see this decline in used values continuing for some time.

I am thinking of trying to sort out a local classic vehicle, sports car, super car event, somewhere locally on a Sunday afternoon in June. For local owners of 'different' vehicles to bring them along, and for interested visitors to pop along, with a picnic, table and chairs etc, and look at some nice cars, vans, and motorcycles. If anyone is interested in helping me to arrange this, or you have a vehicle to display, then email me: martinward.automotive@gmail.com Oh... and don't bring any with dodgy plates.

**Martin Ward**



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## Book Review

# Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers

The novel is set in 1957, south-east suburbs of London. Jean Swinney is a journalist on the local newspaper, caring for her ungrateful mother and, unmarried in her mid-30s, considered a spinster of her parish. This limited existence of tedious chores and small pleasures is suddenly cracked open when a reporting assignment takes Jean into the intimate lives of the Tilburys: Gretchen Tilbury has made the sensational claim that her daughter Margaret is the product of a virgin birth and Jean is determined to uncover the truth. But as the initial medical tests seem to confirm Gretchen's version of events, Jean is surprised to find her life has become strangely, and not unpleasantly, intertwined with that of the Tilburys: Gretchen is now a friend, and her quirky and charming daughter Margaret a sort of surrogate child. But it is Gretchen's husband, Howard, who exerts the greatest pull on Jean: she doesn't mean to fall in love with him, but Howard surprises her with his dry wit, his intelligence and his kind-

ness - and when she does fall, she falls hard. But he is married, and to her friend - who is also the subject of the story she is researching for the newspaper, a story that in-

creasingly seems to be casting dark shadows across all their lives. But Jean cannot bring herself to give up the chance of finally having a taste of happiness... But there will be a price to pay, and it will be unbearable.

Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers is a beautifully written fictional story of ordinary people, who lead ordinary lives until unusual circumstances change their lives forever. The writing is so beautiful and simplistic, and I was drawn into the story and into the characters' lives from the very beginning.

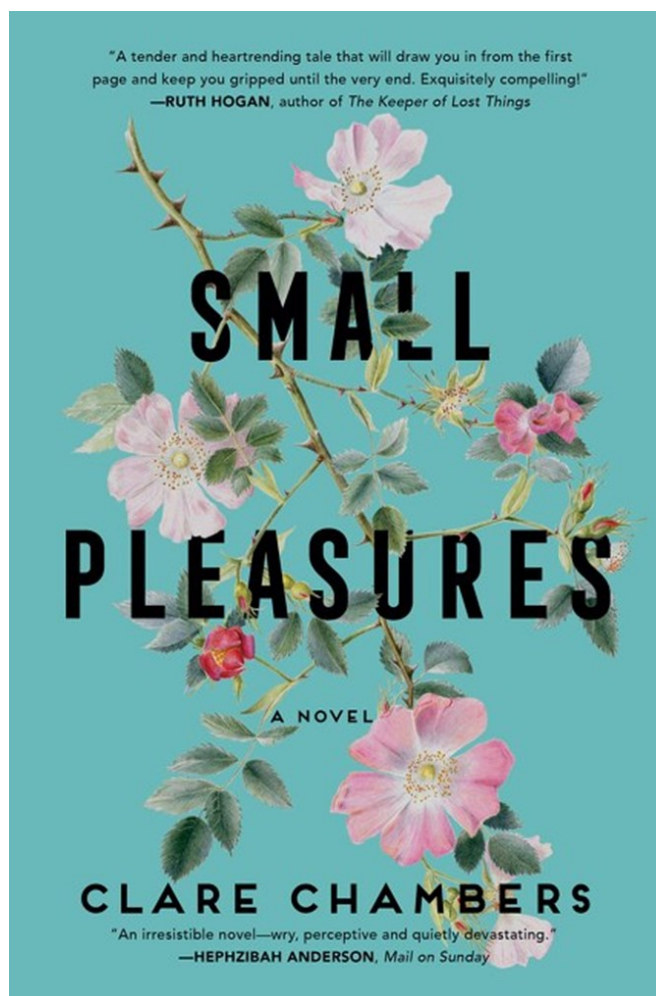
The main story focuses on Jean, a very ordinary small-town journalist who discovers a woman, Gretchen, who claims to have given a virgin birth to her now 10-year-old daughter, Margaret. The

book revolves around Jean, doing the research to try and find the truth to her claim. In doing the research, Jean becomes very involved with Gretchen and her family. Gretchen's husband, Howard knows about the circumstances surrounding Margaret's birth and he believes his wife's claim. Jean also takes a liking to the daughter, Margaret, the outcome of the virgin birth, and she eventually feels very protective of her.

This story, in my opinion, gives a realistic view of a time in the past. So many books romanticise a time period, making it sound heroic and give a nostalgic look at the time period. The author here gives the reader a very realistic glimpse at life in Kent in 1957 for an average person. The book is full of normal and mundane details of the time, giving the reader a real sense of what life was like and how people managed their daily life and chores in that time period.

Jean's research into Gretchen's claim gives the book a bit of mystery as we wonder if Gretchen's claims are true and if so, how did Margaret's conception occur? The details of the medical tests and Jean's search for the women who lived in the convalescent home where Gretchen was a patient during the time she became pregnant with Margaret are interesting and give some insight into care for the very ill during this time period.

Small Pleasures is a book that you're going to love, or possibly dislike, as it's not glamorous, or filled with exciting scenes, but it's so ordinary and simplistic that it's beautiful.



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# Burton Belles WI



It is so nice to have these slightly lighter evenings, as well as seeing the spring flowers coming through. It really makes me feel more energised and motivated to get out into the garden or out in the great outdoors. As a WI we have worked hard to provide different sub-groups that our members can enjoy, as well as the monthly meeting.

These groups are nice to get to know each other better, as well as have fun doing something new. Now that the weather is starting to pick up a little I'm sure our gardening group will be eager to get stuck into their own gardens as well as sharing tips at their meetings.

The evening walks will also be starting again soon, especially now that evenings are becoming lighter, it is such a nice time of year and I for one love it.

Speaking of getting out and about, we have a fabulous trip planned to Chatsworth house and, since our talk from their house keeper last year, I am definitely eager to see all the little details that you might miss without the inside knowledge.

We started off the new year with our resolution meeting.

This is where WIs from all over vote on which resolution they want to put forward, unfortunately the Burton Belles submission wasn't picked up; but we'll try again next year. This meeting was accompanied with a talk from the owners of Grow in Skelmanthorpe. They came and spoke to us about vegan food and how to live more sustainably. The food they brought for us to try was delicious. I for one will definitely be popping in for lunch.

In February we had a rather different meeting and one that involved being more active, members were invited to join in a Zumba session for the meeting. Members seemed to enjoy it and definitely worked up an appetite for cake afterwards.

In the upcoming months we have some more wonderful speakers, we are welcoming Jane Middleton from Art Starz who's going to come and speak to us and hopefully teach us some skills to create a masterpiece. You never know, we might have some undiscovered artists amongst us.

In April we are welcoming David Sibald. David will be talking to our members about the Brontë sisters and delving into their history.

I absolutely love Haworth and I am really looking forward to learning more about the area as well as the famous sisters.

We are a very hardworking WI and love to welcome new members. We try to keep meetings exciting and enjoyable, as well as introducing our members to new things.

If you would like to see what we're like, please do come along, and if there's anything you would like to see then let us know. We meet every third Thursday at 7.30pm at Burton Village Hall.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Sarah Sharp-Allison**

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## Burton Crafters



Flowers, pots and cats, all made or decorated by Burton Crafters.

Burton Crafters have been hard at work again – the photo-collage shows a bouquet of flowers, a miaou of cats and a plethora of plant pots.

The flowers are made of squares of thin card, and with a touch of origami, hey presto, folded into petals and glued on to a stick.

Several of them look lovely placed in a thin-necked vase, and the vase could contain a perfumed liquid so that the flower stems act as diffusers.

It is also possible to drip the liquid on to the flowers and so making a room smell of the diffuser liquid.

The cats have caused a lot of fun. Although all are

made from the same template, there were cats with angry faces, poorly legs, big cats and kittens and tails that curved in a very uncat-like way.

One member suggested that one Monday we should decorate plant-pots. This was a challenge indeed, very unlike crafting with needles, stitching and paper etc, all of which are mainly in two dimensions. Even so, everyone made a brilliant attempt at their painting, and all were very different in results as you can see.

We continue to craft every Monday afternoon, from 1.30 to 3.30pm at Burton Village Hall.

Pat Shaw

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## Get ready for the KUG Kirkburton Beer Festival

On Friday 26 and Saturday 27 May 2023 Kirkburton Uniformed Groups (KUG) will be holding our annual beer festival and summer fayre. We intend to follow the same format as in previous years, that is:

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

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

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

We are asking if individuals or local groups would like to join with us in making the event even better for the village.

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

We would also welcome additional volunteers to join the small team of or-



ganisers, especially to help run aspects of the event in the setting up and breaking down of the event as well as during the event itself (no previous experience needed).

In either case, groups or individuals who would like more information or who would like to get involved can contact us at the links below.

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Our Kirkburton shop had a very busy Christmas from the donation and sales point of view. Thanks to your continued support, our shop in Kirkburton sold a record amount of clothes, accessories, bric-a-brac, electrical items, books, toys, gift sets as well as new goods.

In these very difficult times it was great to see our sales rise as more people used our shop to buy Christmas presents and replenish their wardrobes.

For those that love charity shop trawling then can I suggest you visit our latest brand new shop and donation centre which officially opened on

Valentine's Day, 14 February with a special guest appearance from Tik Tok Influencer [Monica Marriott-Mills](#). The shop is located on Bradford Road, Huddersfield, HD2 2QZ (Previously used by the "Pass it On" charity.)

The donation centre has a fantastic range of retail and furniture items all under one roof for you to browse. The new shop has a Facebook page so you will be able to know when new goods arrive: [The Kirkwood Shop & Donation Centre - Bradford Road](#)

And now a few dates for your diary:

Mothering Sunday is coming up. Have you organised your gift for 19 March? If not, do not panic. We have something to suit your mum and your pocket. Our Mothering Sunday window is always popular and we have lots of donated new gift sets on offer.

We are also saving items to put in our Easter Window (Easter Sunday is on 9 April). If you have any unwanted lambs, Easter hats,

Easter cards, Easter bunnies etc then we would love you to drop them off at our shop.

Saturday 4 June is the famous annual KUG Beerfest. Volunteers from our Kirkwood shop will be there and it is hoped that other businesses will have stalls to sell or promote products and services to create a bigger and better village fayre.

The Kirkburton team look forward to seeing you all very soon.  
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# Wildcats and Squads — Girls' Football in Kirkburton and Highburton



Kirkburton JFC are delighted to offer two pathways to introduce and develop girls interested in football; Wildcats and Squad. Both sessions are held on the all-weather pitch at Kirkburton Middle School every Sunday from 2-3pm. Our two FA qualified coaches, Tania and Alex, share the same idea of creating fun, enjoyable sessions where girls from age 5-14 can learn, develop and grow their football skills.

## Wildcats

Wildcats is a great way to introduce girls aged 5-11 to football. We focus on developing skills, confidence and enjoyment through fun football related activities and games in a non-competitive environment. No experience is necessary to join our Wildcats team, just some cu-

riosity and willingness to get stuck in and have fun with games and activities that are designed to build confidence and skills around a football. But developing the love of football is not the only benefit. A recent FA survey revealed that 81% of parents said their girls had grown in confidence since attending Wildcats sessions and 71% of parents agreed that their daughters had made new friends from attending Wildcats sessions.

## Squad

Our new Squad sessions are designed for girls who either have a bit more experience from attending Wildcats sessions and require more development, or girls who already play and older girls keen to kickstart their journey into football.

Whether you're completely new to the sport, are looking to transition from Wildcats, or simply want to give it a go, Squad Girls' Football is designed to help develop skills and build confidence, whilst encouraging girls to play their way.

To celebrate our girls and their love of football we also host occasional girls football festivals to help raise funds for the club & local causes and get together with other girls from neighbouring centres to play football in a fun, relaxed, informal way.

If you have been inspired by the recent successes of women's football then do get in touch and try out a session for free. We are always keen to welcome new girls who aspire to be future lionesses, coaches, managers, referees, officials etc or who just enjoy kicking a football around.

So, if you want to support the young girls/s in your life with boosting confidence, meeting new friends, getting active and developing positive mental and physical health benefits then please get in touch for both Wildcats or Squad at [wildcatskjfc@gmail.com](mailto:wildcatskjfc@gmail.com)







The newly-resurfaced courts at Gregory Fields

“The three tarmac courts; all newly re-laid, are in a fabulous condition”

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

Gregory Fields is a small and friendly tennis club at the heart of Highburton and Kirkburton perfect for anyone, whatever your age or ability.

The club has three tarmac courts; all newly re-laid, so they're in a fabulous condition.

There are new LED floodlights and a purpose-built

clubhouse with kitchen facilities and changing rooms.

Club sessions are held on Thursday evenings from 6pm and on Friday mornings from 10am, offering members a great opportunity to meet other players, mix in and generally have a fun time.

Friday morning sessions are open to non-members. So, if you fancy giving tennis a go, without any commitment, just pop down. Visitors' fees are just £5. The courts are also available to hire for £10 a court under our Pay and Play option.

The club holds two annual

tournaments, the Crabtree Cup in July and the Presidents Cup in September – and there is a season-long Kiwi Mixed Doubles Competition.

If you are interested in playing competitively, there are two ladies' teams and two men's teams which play on Monday and Tuesday evenings over the summer and compete against local teams in the Huddersfield and District Tennis League. In the winter, there is indoor tennis in the Mixed Doubles League.

Andy Smith, the club's Level 4 LTA qualified coach, runs an extensive pro-

gramme on Sundays, which caters for children aged 4 – 16 and for adults (beginners, improvers and team players).

The 2023 courses start in May.

So, whether you are an absolute beginner, someone returning to the game after a break or an experienced player, why not get in touch.

The website, with lots more information is at [club-spark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub](http://club-spark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub).

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# Kirkburton Cricket Club

At the time of writing the upcoming cricket season is eight weekends away.

The fine weather we have been experiencing for the time of year has meant that the first grass cut of the season took place on Valentine's Day. Fingers crossed this is a good omen for the upcoming season. The weather been so good last year not a single senior fixture was lost to the weather.

Our indoor practice nets began on Thursday 23 February 7.30 pm at Stumps Indoor Cricket Centre, Wakefield. All players are welcome to join the two senior squads for an eight-week block of indoor training.

Johnny Butterfield will once again lead the First Eleven and is happy to see Sri Lankan Roscoe Thatill return to Kirkburton CC to ply his trade as a flamboyant top order batsman, mystery spinner, and outstanding fielder (chance a run against his arm at your peril).

Much hard work has gone on behind the scenes by the

club to ensure the signings of two more top order batsmen, Saif Bhojani and Jack Kelly have joined the ranks to complete a squad that has a superb mix of youth and experience. The opening bowling attack once again spearheaded by Aaron Moore and Jack Byrne, both products of the club's junior system.

Both First and Second elevens commence their league campaigns on Saturday 15 April, the First Eleven hosting Almondbury Wesleyans at home, whilst the Second Eleven travel to Flockton.

Craig Fletcher is using the first Saturday of the season to host his first social event of the season, an i-Pod shuffle evening. Members and non-members are welcome for what is always an entertaining evening with a substantial cash prize for the eventual winner. Timings for the evening will be posted on social media.

The winter months have seen the completion of our outside practice nets, the full length run ups have now been completed, much hard work has gone into the project. Special mention must go to Josh Smith the thirteen-year old son of first team wicket keeper Jonny Smith who's desire

for wanting to be a groundsman when he leaves school has shone through in the countless hours he has put in aiding the completion of the project which started in February 2022.

As mentioned in a previous edition of the Bulletin, 2023 will see Kirkburton Ladies take to the field to compete in fixtures against other local ladies' teams. Anybody interested in getting involved with the ladies' team should contact Sarah Huddleston 07834 783265. Early signs are very promising with good numbers attending indoor practice sessions.

Junior cricket training will commence on Friday evenings as per usual, the exact starting date for this is to be confirmed, Friday 21 April has been pencilled into the diary. Anyone interested in bringing their child to Kirkburton to play cricket can contact Tom Cliffe 07866 581620. He will be able to advise on the relevant training times for individual age groups. We host age groups

ranging from 5 -17 years old.

The Clubhouse is constantly been used for a variety of functions, parties, christenings, anybody interested in hiring the building should contact Craig Fletcher 07807 145504

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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# Kirkburton Football Club

Kirkburton AFC are currently mid-table in the Huddersfield District Division 2, and are holding their own, having played 13, winning 6, losing 7 and no draws. Their most recent win was against local rivals Cumberworth who they beat 3-2 at Crown Fields, and Kirkburton going down to ten men. The goal-scorers were Jimmy Burke from the penalty spot, Jack Goring (who was the man sent off), and old boy Jordan Tindle.

Kirkburton got knocked out of the Sheffield Cup at the quarter final stage losing 4-

3 on penalties after the full-time result was 2-2.

The club beat Shepley in the Huddersfield Challenge Cup at the beginning of February and won on penalties, after beating Mount 6-1 in the first round. Kirkburton will play Heywood Sports in the quarter final on 18 March.

The reserves are currently struggling in the 1<sup>st</sup> division of the Huddersfield District League due to lack of players, and quite a lot of players exiting the club. They are currently 9<sup>th</sup> in the

league having played 13 games, winning just 4, drawing 2, and losing 7. They lost 5-1 to Dalton Dynamos in the challenge cup.

The club are after recruiting new personnel to take the club into next season 2023/24, so if anybody is interested, please get in touch through our Facebook page or our Twitter page or any member of the committee.

The committee would like to thank all the local businesses for supporting our fundraising race night which we

held at the Carlton Club. And a big thank you also to the bar staff. Thanks also for the great effort by all the players who sold their horses and turned up on the night.

The event was a great success with our current manager Mikey Vickerman being the big winner on the night.

**Bomber**



Mickey Vickerman — the Big Winner at the club's Race Night

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT DIVISION 2 AS AT 25 FEBRUARY

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
Deighton	18	15	2	1	48	47
Netherton	13	12	0	1	24	36
Kirkheaton	15	10	3	2	25	33
Moorside	15	8	1	6	17	25
Holme Valley	13	7	4	2	11	25
Kirkburton	13	6	0	7	-3	18
Almondbury	17	5	2	10	-15	17

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# Eating Out — Café Culture



Coffee bars began their revival in the 1950's, young people wanted independence and their space away from the restrictions of a parental eye. Starbucks opened in the US in 1971, standardised the Italian in origin espresso bar format and exported it around the world, arriving in the U.K. in 1998. They were an instant success and soon local rivals like Costa coffee and Caffè Nero sprang up. At the start of 2000 there were approximately 6,000 coffee bars across the U.K. by 2018 their number had grown to over 20,000. It wasn't just the big multi-nationals getting in on the action, small, artisan owner occupier coffee bars sprang up, often run by coffee enthusiasts.

The coffee bar has become a social hub, a place to treat yourself, meet friends, chat, have a mini- break and forget your day to day worries and more female and family friendly than pubs. The coffee bar is firmly back on the U.K. map, sales are showing no signs of slowing. So nice to meet up for a cup of tea or coffee and there are several places in or near our villages .... right here on our doorstep in the village we have 'Joys', 'Burton Sweet Emporium and Tea Room' and 'The Bakery'.... these you will

all know but have you tried any others nearby?

Here are five cafes all with a good selection of hot and cold drinks but for the purposes of this article I've just compared the prices of three popular drinks all regular size: Cappuccino, Americano and tea. I went with a couple of friends as we worked our way around all five. Our first port of call was 'Brew' in Skelmanthorpe situated within Elliot's carpet shop. Lovely and bright with a play area for mums bringing small children, very nice Dark Woods coffee from our own Huddersfield coffee roasting company in Marsden. Prices were £3 for a cappuccino, £2:60 Americano and £2:30 for a pot of tea for one, cakes and snacks are available too.

Next to try was Matilda's in Lepton, a busy and popular cafe which serves snacks, breakfast, lunches, and afternoon teas with a selection of reduced price lunches plus a drink for the older customer. My friend and I had some cheese on toast and our hot drinks, a regular Americano and cappuccino, both were £2:80, a pot of tea £2:20,

tea for two £3:80. There is a pretty extensive menu with a wide choice of both food and drinks plus a specials board. On a rather cool and windy day the next on our list to try was Dearne Lea Tea Room and ice cream parlour at the working dairy farm in Shelley. Here you can also visit the viewing gallery to watch the cows being milked. This tea room has been established a long time and has a much more traditional farmhouse ambience, food is home cooked and there is a good selection of hot and cold snacks, meals and cakes.

My friend and I both had a snack as it was lunch time along with our hot drinks. Service was quick and friendly and prices very reasonable, a cappuccino at £2:65, Americano £2:55 and a pot of tea for one at £2:20.

Next stop was Thorncliffe Farm Shop's Tasting Room next to the farm shop where my friend and I shared a vanilla slice and each had coffee. Light lunches and afternoon teas are available and most produce is from the shop or family farm. Cappuccino

and Americano are priced at £2:95 and a pot of tea for one £2:45, and for 2, £3.45. The coffee was good. Lastly The Seed Room at the Horticulture is a perfect place to meet with the garden centre around you and the excellent bistro and coffee shop which offers a selection of breakfast, lovely lunches, snacks, and afternoon teas with a great selection of cakes for that meet with a friend for a chat. A cappuccino is £2:95, Americano £2:50 and tea £2:49.

**Brew Coffee Shop at Elliott's,**  
61 Commercial Rd,  
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862135 9:00-4:00 daily,  
closed Sunday and Monday.

**Matilda's Kitchen and Tea-house,** 291 Wakefield Rd Lepton. 01484 607259 9:00-14:00 daily, Sunday 10:00-15:00, closed Wednesday.

**Dearne Lea Tea Room,** Huddersfield Rd, Shelley. 01484 602555 10:00-17:00 daily.

**Thorncliffe Farm Shop Tasting Room,** 1 Westfield Lane Emley 01924 848171. 8:30-16:00 daily, Sun 10:00-16:00.

**Seed Room Bistro and Coffee Shop at the Horticulture,** New Rd, Overton 01924 283066 9:00-16:30 daily, Sun 10:00-16:00.





# Recipe for Spring

## Rhubarb and custard pie with butter crumble



Make the most of seasonal foods in April with a recipe which celebrates the Yorkshire delicacy which is rhubarb.

### Ingredients

350g rhubarb  
 100g golden caster sugar  
 350g sweet shortcrust pastry  
 1 large egg and 1 egg yolk  
 1 tsp vanilla extract  
 1 tbsp plain flour  
 284ml carton single cream  
 For the topping  
 50g butter, melted  
 50g demerara sugar  
 50g porridge oats  
 ½ tsp ground ginger

### Method

#### STEP 1

Cut the rhubarb into bite-size pieces, and then put them in a frying pan with half the sugar and warm through just until the sugar dissolves. Immediately tip the rhubarb into a bowl with the juices and leave to cool. Preheat the oven to 180C/gas 4/fan 160C.

#### STEP 2

Roll out the pastry quite thinly and use to line a deep, loose-based 24cm fluted flan tin. Line with greaseproof paper and baking beans and bake for about 20 minutes until the pastry is pale golden and no longer raw.

#### STEP 3

Beat together the egg and egg yolk, vanilla extract, remaining caster sugar and the flour. Gradually whisk in the cream with any juice from the rhubarb (you should have a tablespoonful or two). Now spoon the rhubarb into the prepared pastry case and pour the cream mixture over.

#### STEP 4

Turn the oven temperature up to 200C/gas 6/ fan 180C and bake

for about 20 minutes, or until the custard is very lightly set and there is a thin skin on the top.

#### STEP 5

Mix together all the topping ingredients and spoon evenly over the pie. Return it to the oven for a further 15 minutes or until the crumble is golden and the custard set with just a little wobble. The top of the pie may have risen and cracked when you take it from the oven but don't worry as it will settle back again on cooling. Serve warm.

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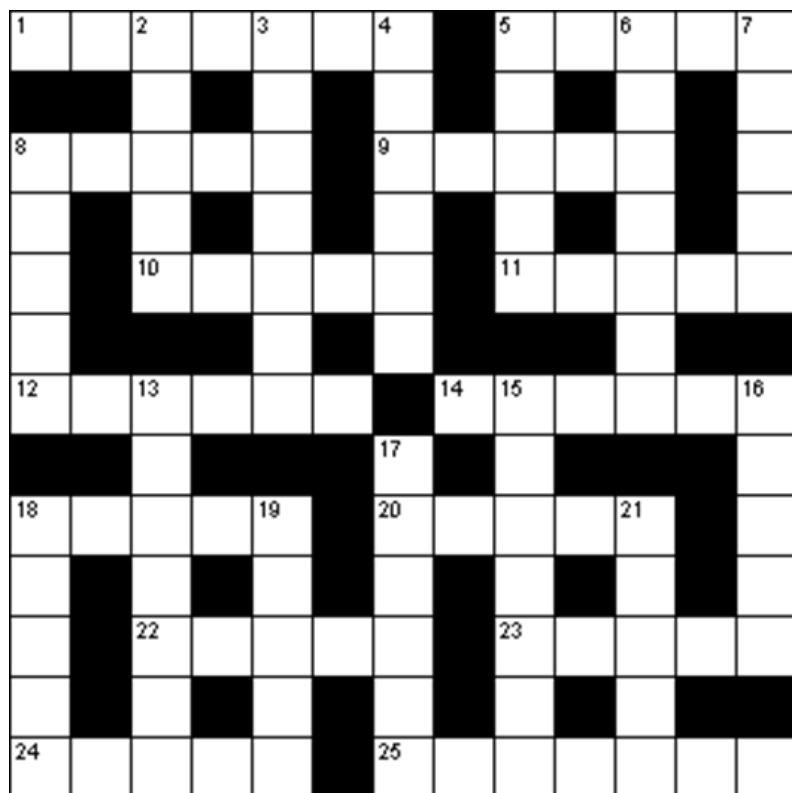
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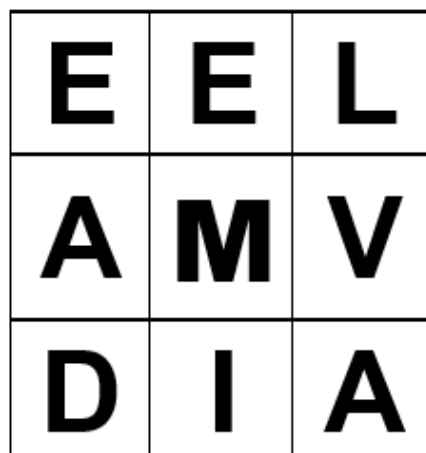
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1. Sent iced tea as a lure, essentially (7)
5. Loose ends (5)
8. Exercises authority over regulations (5)
9. Hang on a minute, sounds like animal feet (5)
10. Found in any long fabric (5)
11. Flown in the wind like hawks (5)
12. Time out corner (6)
14. Keep bees in Western Samoa, endless cereal grass (6)
18. Take a chance first off, its' a stroll (5)
20. Sounds like a way in to worship (5)
22. Quick rhyming music, who's who in short (5)
23. Musical passage contains main trombone (5)
24. All involved in veto talk (5)
25. Provokes with sharp points (7)

## Down

2. Essential to claw back capital only (5)
3. Keeps making chess move (7)
4. Audibly rely on part of a swimming pool (6)
5. Elephant part makes a strong case (5)
6. Inactivity in finer tiara (7)
7. Delivers vessels (5)
8. Jolly pirate emblem (5)
13. Show some America bar ethics (7)
15. Distorted cross section of peril (7)
16. Online search for brute in Gulliver's Travels (5)
17. Official battle hideaway (6)
18. Part of a leg currently in progress (5)
19. Throw out complex pelicans, essentially (5)
21. Find praise in next oldest (5)

## BULLETAGRAM

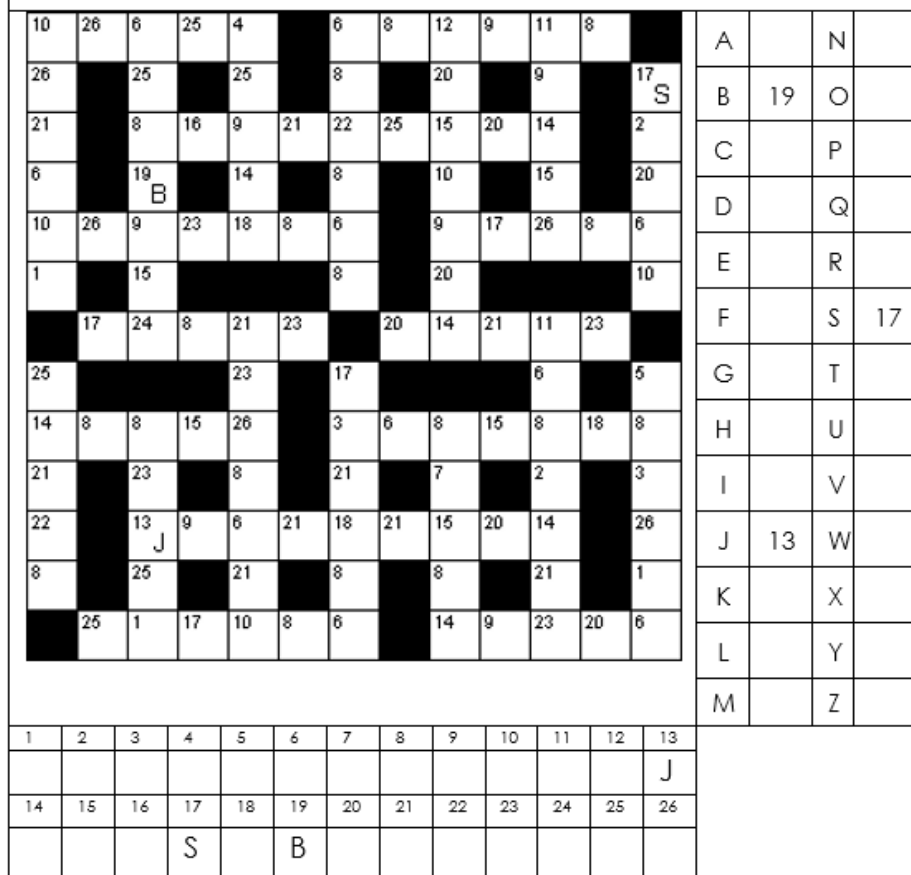


The Bulletagram is an anagram of a nine-letter word. The challenge is to solve the anagram and find as many words of four letters or more which contain the central letter.

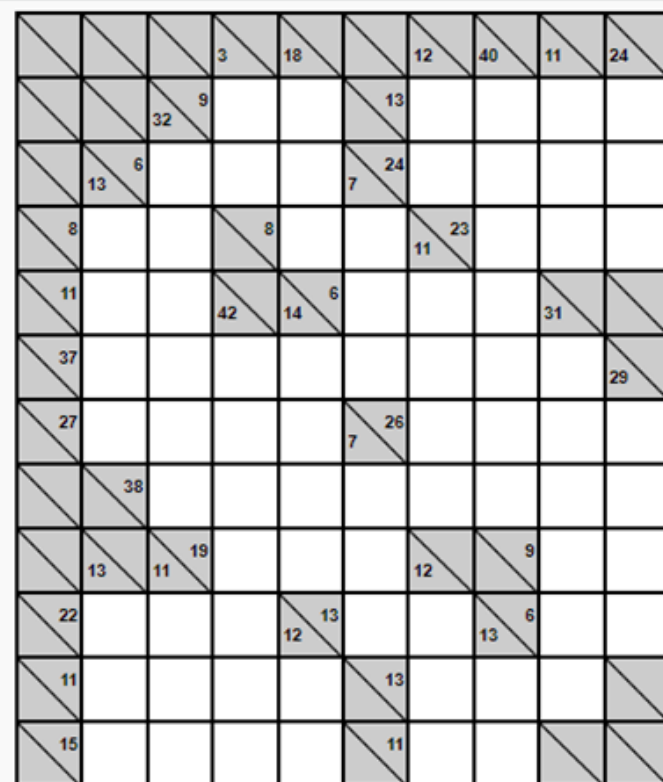
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Better 19, Pretty Good 23,  
Champion Quality 27

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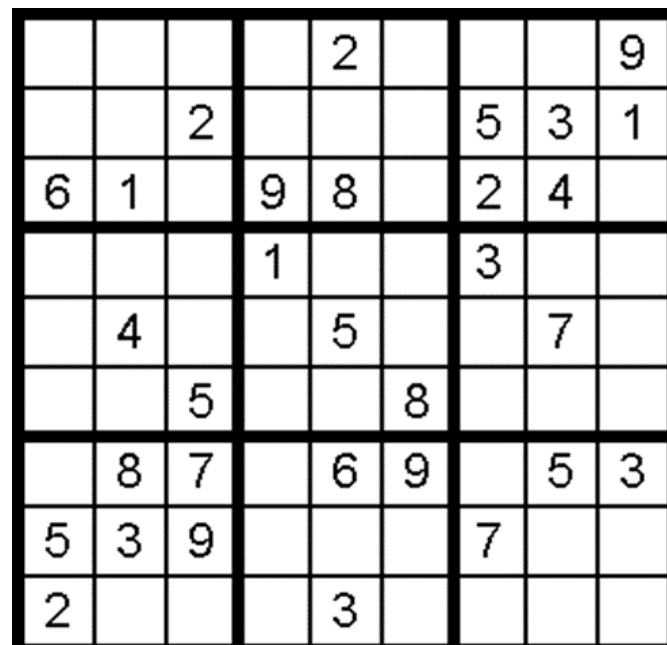
Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26. Can you crack the code and solve the crossword? Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. 3 letters are already in place to get you started.



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# JUST FOR FUN

As it is Spring, coming up to Easter, thoughts turn to holidays. We hope to take some of the stress off choosing where to go by providing a selection of genuine reviews about places you may wish to avoid ....

**Going to the seaside ...** "No-one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children were startled." "The beach was just too .... sandy."

**The lakes** "As somebody who is not fond of lakes (too wet) I was expecting there to be some lakes but not this many! By God, there are lakes everywhere! My advice is to steer clear if you find lakes unpleasant as they can't really be avoided."  
"I was surprised to find the lake in total darkness. We requested a room with a lake view we might as well have been looking into a black void. I would have thought a lake as prominent as Windermere would have been illuminated and floodlights during the winter months .... I would suggest that the hotel is moved closer to the lake."

**Ben Nevis** "This was almost a FULL day's climbing and my girlfriend was crying at one point. When we did get to the top there was nothing there (Mount Snowdon has a pub, restaurant and toilets at its top). The climb basically went on for far too long and the last part was particularly steep and difficult. It was also cloudy at the top so the view was non-existent. The long walk back down was boring and again took too long."

**Helvellyn.** "Too hilly, spoiled a nice walk, and lacking in facilities such as a coffee shop. "

**Skiddaw** "Ascending to the summit of Skiddaw is an exhausting experience on the basis that the only means to get up there is to walk. It is just too high and too steep for most people. Be warned that ... THERE ARE NO FACILITIES AT THE SUMMIT. If you actually make it to the summit and then need the toilet then that is just too bad."  
"Be aware of the very aggressive Ram at the summit."

**Yorkshire Sculpture Park** "Too many sheep droppings, not a square foot clear, hot day terrible smell, awful for children, a waste of time walking around the lake, no sculptures on the other side, didn't see a quarter of the sculptures advertised"

**Stonehenge ...** "I was disgusted to find this was just a few rocks to look at and nothing to do. They should knock it down and build an arcade or funfair. Don't waste your time what a silly place."

**The National Gallery ....** "Just a collection of pictures."

**Abbey Road ...** "I was told to check out the Zebras at Abbey Road but see any. There were lots of people there looking for them but didn't see a single one. I'd recommend London Zoo".

**Perhaps abroad?**

**Budapest** "During my week I was hospitalised with covid and mugged at gunpoint. But eating the food was definitely the low point."

**Paris...** "Too many French people"

**The Eiffel Tower ...** "the colour was not so good; I prefer white or red". "I've seen better Eiffel towers ...the one in Las Vegas is particularly nice."

**The Grand Canyon ...** "Just an overgrown sandy ditch"

**San Francisco Golden Gate ...** "It's a bridge. It's covered in fog. It's pointless"

## WORDSEARCH—EATING OUT

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



AL FRESCO, BANQUET, BARBECUE, BARS, BISTRO, BRASSE-  
RIE, BREAKFAST, BUFFET, CAFE, CAMPFIRE, CANTEEN,  
CLUB, COFFEE HOUSE, COLLATION, DINER, DINNER,  
DRINK, EATING HOUSE, FEAST, FOOD, GRILL, HOTEL, LUNCH,  
MEAL, MOTEL, PICNIC, PUBS, REPAST, RESTAURANT, ROTIS-  
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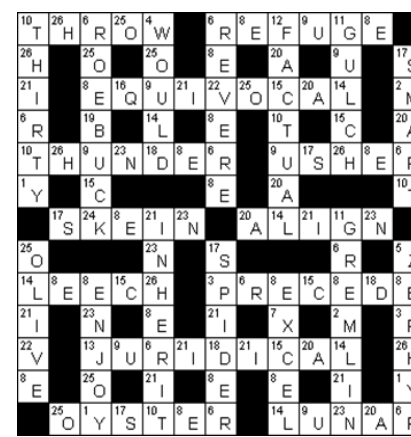
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