

# Burton Bulletin

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## Kirkburton Library re-opens



Kirkburton Library reopened its doors on Monday 24 July after being closed for eight weeks for refurbishment.

The improvement works included replacing the windows and doors and updating the electrics.

The library is fortunate to have a team of dedicated volunteers and is supported by the Friends of Kirkburton Library.

An official re-opening day was held on Saturday 29 July which was very well attended. The photographs show cousins Oliver and Esme exploring the library and having their faces painted by Linda representing ArtiFaces.

Please support your local library. As well as the books and other resources within the building, Kirkburton library is a gateway to access the extensive information resources of the Kirklees Library Service.

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Monday 2pm to 5pm

Tuesday 2pm to 6pm

Wednesday: 10am to 3pm

Thursday—closed\*

Friday 10am to 5pm

Saturday 10am to 12:30pm

Sunday—closed

\* In September and October the library will also be open on Thursday from 10:am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm





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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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## Your Bulletin

Welcome to issue 32 of The Burton Bulletin.

We are pleased to say that after a few hiccups with our printing arrangements we now have a reliable set up with AP Printers at Sheffield. We have even learned how to upload the pages to the automated printing press.

In this edition we welcome Graham Porter to our team of contributors as our gardening columnist. Graham will already be known to some of you from his work on BBC Radio Leeds.

Graham joins our team of expert correspondents: Martin Ward on motoring, and Sean Downey and Sheila Goodwill who both write on nature.

We were very pleased to receive a letter in response to Sean's last column on Bumble Bees.

We always welcome letters from readers.

We were also delighted to receive a second "memories" article from Mr David Stephenson. This time Mr Stephenson has written about his recollections of living next door to the Co-op at Dogley Bar in the 1940s and 1950s.

We welcome contributions for publication from all of our readers and are particularly keen to hear from younger readers.

We all enjoy Anya's baking column and trying out her recipes. Are there any other young people out there who would like to see their writing in The Bulletin?

With this edition being compiled during August we don't have any news to bring you from our three schools.

In some ways this is a relief as, even without the school material, this edition still runs to 40 pages.

We may struggle to fit everything in next time around, but that would be a good problem to have.

It seems to be a unique feature among local papers that the copies of The Bulletin are hand-delivered to households in the two villages.

We are grateful to our loyal delivery team for their continuing support.

We do have occasional vacancies in our delivery team as people step down from this role having done their stint.

If you would be able to take on one of our delivery rounds (typically 30 houses) please get in touch.

**The Bulletin Editorial Team**

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## KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE

### EXTRACT FROM PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) NEWSLETTER

Summer 2023

#### WELCOME

We welcome Health Care Assistant Kirsty, and Receptionists Claire and Jo to our team. Our new registrars will join us in August.

In this edition, we focus on the new NHS England Plan “Delivery Plan for recovering Access to Primary Care” and the changes that Kirkburton Health Centre will introduce over the coming weeks to make it easier for patients to get an appointment or advice.

#### KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE RECEIVES GOLD AWARD FOR LGBTQ+

Our Practice is very proud to have been awarded Pride in Practice Gold Award for LGBTQ+.

Pride in Practice is a quality assurance and social prescribing programme which strengthens and develops Primary Care Services’ relationships with their lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people.

Julie Lambe, Practice Business Manager, said: “The award is a wonderful testament to the to the fantastic work our team has done to build a fully inclusive patient-centred service for our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people.”



#### ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PLAN KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE



**Dr Waller outlined NHS England’s “Delivery Plan for recovering Access to Primary Care” at our July PPG meeting. She presented a proposed Access Improvement Plan for Kirkburton Health Centre which will make it easier for patients to get the help they need.**

Dr Waller said: “The Plan is an opportunity to rethink and reposition to achieve the two main aims and ensure consistency in the access that patients can expect. This will improve patient experience and staff well-being and morale.”

**The two main aims of the Plan are:**

- To tackle the 8.00am ‘rush’ for appointments
- For patients to know on the day that they contact the practice how their request will be managed.

The current pressures in primary care are the key drivers of change. These are: increased demand for primary care services, an ageing population living with more complex conditions, fewer qualified doctors working in General Practice, decreased patient satisfaction and low staff morale.

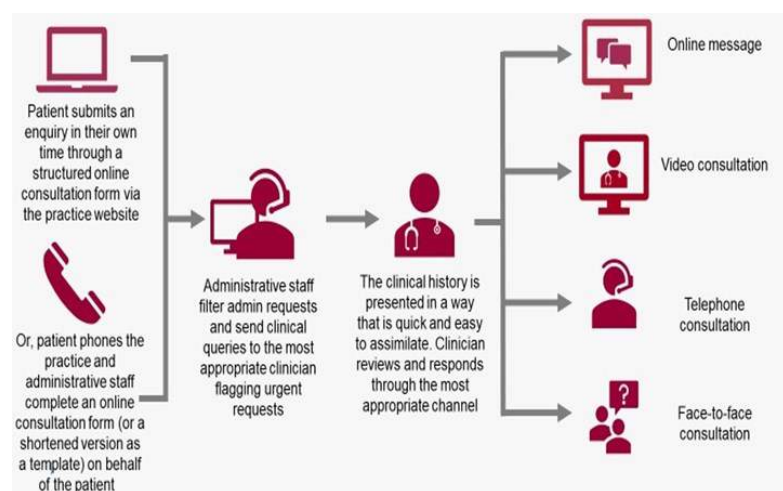
Changes to the GP contract, and redirection of £246million Investment and Impact Fund (IIF), with 70% going to Primary Care Networks to improve access, will support the Plan.

Dr Waller outlined a proposed new Digital Triage Hub model of working for Kirkburton Health Centre, to end the 8.00am ‘rush.’ The hub team will consist of clinical and administrative staff, who will work together managing incoming calls, online patient consultations, and patients who walk in.

The Practice team are assessing current workload and patient contacts against BMA guidance and considering different options for models.

This new way of working will commence at the beginning of October.

## DIGITAL TRIAGE HUB



Dr Waller said: “Patients will know on the day of contact, how their request will be managed. If their need is urgent, they will be assessed and given an appointment on the same day.

If it is not urgent, an appointment with a primary care professional will be made within two weeks. Importantly, patients will not be asked to call back the following day.”

**PPG members welcomed the changes and will support the Practice throughout the transition.**

**Actions from NHS England’s Delivery Plan for recovering Access to Primary Care which come into effect later in the year:**

**From September 2023**, people will be able to self-refer for key services, including hearing and podiatry, without seeing their GP first.

**By the end of the year**, for the first time, patients who need prescription medication will be able to get it directly from a pharmacy, without a GP appointment, for seven common conditions including earache, sore throat, or urinary tract infections, as part of Pharmacy First.

For more information, please read the full plan online. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/delivery-plan-for-recovering-access-to-primary-care/>

### **PATIENTS WHO DID NOT ATTEND APPOINTMENTS – APRIL – JUNE 2023**

Patients who fail to attend their appointments and do not inform

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|--------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>APRIL</b> | <b>2477</b>               | <b>105</b> | <b>4.2%</b> |
| <b>MAY</b>   | <b>2702</b>               | <b>181</b> | <b>6.7%</b> |
| <b>JUNE</b>  | <b>2854</b>               | <b>205</b> | <b>7.1%</b> |

us incur significant cost to the Practice and to other patients in terms of lost appointments.

If you miss three appointments in a twelve month period, we will consider removing you from our patient list. You will then have to register at another Practice in the area.

If you do not need your appointment, or simply want to change it, use the NHS App, call 01484 602040 or email [reception.kirkburtonhealthcentre@nhs.net](mailto:reception.kirkburtonhealthcentre@nhs.net).

Thank you for your co-operation.



# Kirkburton Parish Council

## Parish Council Grants for 2023-24

Community groups are reminded that they can again apply for grants from the Parish Council:

General grants are mainly awarded for specific projects or purchases. An application form can be downloaded from the Grants page on the link below together with the rules for applying.

Small Annual & Clock Grants are awarded to cover group running costs. Application forms will become available on the website in September.

Village Improvement Funding is available to enable councillors to work closely

with communities to identify and develop village improvements within their Ward. Should you wish to discuss a project, please contact one of your local councillors. Their details can be found on the website.

<http://www.kbpc.co.uk>

Groups must have a constitution and bank account. Completed forms and supporting documents must be received by the deadline dates of 27 October 2023 and 2 February 2024.

Full details of each of the grants can also be found on the website.

**Kirkburton Health Centre has ordered Flu Vaccine for all of our eligible patients.**

**Invitations will be sent out shortly.**

***Please support the Practice and have your vaccination with us.***



## Village signs update

Readers of The Bulletin may recall that in May 2021, Burton Environment Group (BEG) had an article in the Bulletin and on Facebook asking for views on whether village signs should be introduced in our two villages, where they should be sited and what form they should take. A total of 161 people completed the questionnaires with 96% in favour of the signs. The stone option, as shown, on sites on North Road near Northwood Park and the centre of Highburton was the preference.

Since that time, it has become clear that the costs have increased so that now, the two signs are likely to cost somewhere in the region of £8,000 to £10,000 and to date, BEG have been promised only about

a fifth of the funds needed. Early discussions suggest that other possible sources of the funding such as the Community Association, Parish Council or Kirklees councillor budgets are unlikely to make up the remainder given the amount involved. In addition, the world has been hit by a cost of living crisis which is making members of the group question whether this is a priority for spending when so many people are struggling.

The cost of the engraved stones delivered is about £4,200 and the plinth and foundation potentially over £5,000 depending on the final design. There is still support for the project but unless other sources of funding or help

in reducing the construction costs can be found, it will not be able to proceed.

If you have any thoughts on this matter, please contact the Chair of BEG, Peter Taylor, by email at [sueandpetertaylor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sueandpetertaylor@yahoo.co.uk).



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Sketch of the village stone for Kirkburton







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# Prickly problems and something for your piles and bruises



Immediately recognisable by their strong, viciously prickly stems arching across the ground, brambles (*rubus fruticosus*) grow in many areas of woodland, hedges, cliffs, roadside verges, waste ground and our own Community Field.

This member of the rose family provides valuable protection for nesting birds and a good habitat for a range of small animals. It also provides much needed protection to young saplings which otherwise may be eaten by deer before they have chance to become established. Its leaves are dark green on top and paler underneath with prickles on all stems and on the backs of the leaf veins.

It has pink or white flowers from late spring to early summer which then, if successfully pollinated, produce fruit known as blackberries, which ripen from green, through red to distinctive

dark purple. The flowers are a food source for honey bees, bumble bees, brimstone and speckled wood butterflies. Its leaves are eaten by certain caterpillars. The ripe fruit is eaten by foxes and badgers, song thrushes and yellowhammers and, of course, foraging humans in search of a good source of vitamin C.

UK folklore dictates that blackberries should not be picked after Old Michaelmas Day (10 October) as the devil will have sullied them because he was believed to have been cast out of heaven on that day and landed in a blackberry bush.

The berries have been widely used in traditional medicine for their healing and detoxifying properties and fibres from its stems have been used by native Americans to make string. Ancient Britons used the thorny stems as a boundary

or barrier in the way barbed wire might be used today. Sleeping beauty slept in a castle for 100 years protected by impenetrable brambles.

A small plant which can be seen creeping through short turf in lawns or grassland but can also grow to 30cm high given the right conditions, is the perennial herb, self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*). A member of the mint family, it has paired oval leaves and bluish or violet flowers that grow from a clublike, somewhat square, whirled cluster. These flowers attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators and is said to have amazing healing properties. After flowering it produces a purple tinged seed head.

The tiny flowers were thought to resemble a throat so, therefore, it should be used for treating throat problems. Folklore tells us

that it should be gathered when the Dog Star is rising. It was believed that self-heal was a holy herb sent by God to cure all kinds of diseases of man and beast. It is also said to drive away the devil.

Some Native American tribes made tea from the roots which they drank before hunting to help sharpen their observational powers. It is still used in traditional Chinese medicine. There are extensive lists of conditions which can be cured or eased by this valuable plant including conjunctivitis, cuts, bruises, sores, burns, piles and colitis, it also lowers blood pressure and is said to possess anti-bacterial properties.

Alternative names for self-heal are blue curls, woundwort, heal-all, heart-of-the-earth and carpenter's herb.

**Sheila Goodwill**



## 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: [burtonbulletin@khca.org.uk](mailto:burtonbulletin@khca.org.uk)**

### The power of trees—the very air that we breathe

What would we do without trees, which embody the balance and harmony of nature with their beautiful green summer canopy and bare branches in winter promising spring and new life? Literally the air we breathe, so much can be written about them.

We need more trees quickly and we need to protect the ones we have, so here are some basic facts and specifically what is happening in our area. Firstly, a few statistics:

At 12.8% the UK has less tree cover than Europe at 38%. The government aims to provide 30,000 hectares of new woodland by 2025 with funding allocated. The 3,128 hectares to be planted by the end of this year corresponds to around four million trees.

Our beautiful trees are a crucial part of our ecosystem. They have the ability to provide an essential of life for all living things on this planet, oxygen, and the power to remove harmful gasses like carbon dioxide. They provide food and habitats for wildlife, cool and shade the earth, provide fuel for cooking and heating and keep soil rich with nutrients, their uses are endless.

Through a process called photosynthesis, leaves pull in carbon dioxide and water and use the energy of the sun to convert this into chemical compounds such as sugars that feed the tree. As a by-product of that chemical reaction, oxy-

gen is produced and released by the tree. Trees also store carbon dioxide in their fibres, they are the ultimate carbon capture storage machines. Woods and forests absorb atmospheric carbon and lock it up for centuries. This reduces pollution and helps clean the air we breathe, and reducing the environmental impact such carbon could have.

One tree can provide oxygen for approximately ten people for a whole day. A typical mature tree can absorb 22kg of carbon dioxide per year, whilst the typical carbon footprint of an average person in the UK is around 10 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year.

It is estimated that there are between three and four trillion trees in the world but the density differs greatly. In Sweden there are almost 70,000 per sq kilometre and in the UK 12,000, but in some areas of the Sahara fewer than 20 trees per sq kilometre.

The UN environment programme requests that we plant 1.9 billion new trees quickly. That sounds good but this is not even close to what we are cutting down. Some estimates say that we cut down up to 15 billion trees every year. We need to plant a trillion by 2030 and this is not a quick fix as young trees are less beneficial than mature ones, but every little bit helps. The Woodland Trust is campaigning and challenging councils around the country to bring back nature to housing estates encouraging far more trees to be planted.

Surrey is the most wooded county at 36.1% cover, Lincolnshire is the lowest at 2.2% cover. Exeter city is the greenest city centre whilst Sheffield is the greenest city overall with 22,000 acres of green space, 250 parks and 52 sq miles of National Park and has more trees per person than any city in Europe, definitely a feather in our cap for Yorkshire.

Closer to home, the Yorkshire Dales tree cover is just 4% compared to the national average of 9% but two large projects are underway.

**The Northern Forest** is a plan to plant 50 million trees in and around the Northern cities of Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield and Hull over the next 25 years. This will require an estimated £500 million investment. More than three million saplings have already been planted since 2018.

**The White Rose Forest** for North & West Yorkshire is the largest of England's 13 community forests that will contribute to the Northern Forest working in partnership with councils, landowners, businesses and communities to increase woodland across our region.

Kirklees had an estimated 8,170 hectares of trees in 2010 amounting to 20% of the land area, but in 2022 6.72 hectares of trees were lost, mostly to fire. The council is now aiming to increase tree cover to 19% by 2050. Woodland currently covers 15.2 % of Kirklees which is 600 hectares, 10% of which is owned by the council. If you have a space why not plant a native tree? If every household which receives The Bulletin planted one that would be another 2,500 trees in our area.

References: Forestry England, Woodland Trust, CPRE, Kirklees, Parliament U.K. Forestry Commission, The Northern Forest.





# The fall and rise of the Comma



The English language often uses a word that has two or more meanings, for example, novel, season, racket, or squash. Another, often used word, is Comma, used in English grammar to signify a pause between distinct parts of a sentence. I can't profess any expertise on the use of the comma in writing, I do remember being taught the rules at school, but as that was over 50 years ago, I probably do use them incorrectly sometimes. If you read certain newspaper letters pages, you will often find letters claiming the use of the comma is in decline.

I agree, the Comma has been in decline, but it is now making a comeback.

However, the Comma I want to talk about today is the Comma butterfly and not the grammatical one.

Recently, I went for a walk around my garden and was delighted to find more than five Commas flying around my buddleia. Until this sighting, I was getting worried about the lack of Butterflies within my garden, despite my planting for pollinators which over the years have encouraged many species to visit. I can only assume the slightly unusual weather we have been experiencing has delayed the Butterfly life cycle.

It did not surprise me that it was Commas that I saw as the species that has a flexible life cycle, which allows it to capitalize on favorable weather conditions.

Alongside the ability to be flexible in the life cycle, the reason why the Comma Butterfly is so successful is probably because the scalloped edges and cryptic colouring of the wings conceal hibernating adults amongst dead leaves, while the larvae, flecked with brown and white markings, bear close resemblance to bird droppings.

So why is this Butterfly called a Comma. It gets its name from the comma-shaped white spots on the underneath of its wings. The Commas that emerge in early summer are paler in colour than the ones that appear in late summer. The paler Commas are known to have a second brood of caterpillars while the darker ones that appear in late summer will overwinter as an adult butterfly, hibernat-

ing amongst dead leaves on trees.

However, the most remarkable feature of the Comma has been its severe decline in the twentieth century and subsequent comeback in the early twenty-first century. It is now widespread in the Burton area, I hope you see some in your garden soon, especially if you have any wind fall apples on your lawn.

So, dear Burton Bulletin readers, please accept my apologies if my use of grammar is not up to the required standard. I do hope however that whilst you can forgive my grammatical errors, you might consider making a few subtle changes within your garden to encourage not only Commas but all Butterflies and Bees to ensure that the Burton area gets fully pollinated.

Sean Downey



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# All Hallows Church



The King's Men performing at All Hallows Church in July

Since our interim priest in charge, Reverend Stephanie Hunter moved onto a new role in March, Kirkburton Church has been in a period of vacancy and we have been heavily reliant on other priests and retired clergy to cover our services.

There is a shortage of priests within the Diocese of West Yorkshire and due to some unusual circumstances, there are a number of churches currently in vacancy in the Southeastern part of the Kirkburton and Almondbury Deanery.

The Bishop of Leeds and the Archdeacon of Halifax have suggested a number of parish groupings and Kirkburton has

now been grouped with Emley, Lepton and Flockton parishes. Each grouping of churches will have access to one whole time equivalent priest which means that Kirkburton will have a priest for one day a week.

Advertisements for the new roles will go out for recruitment of three full time priests and it is likely that Kirkburton may have access to a new interim priest in charge in January 2024. However, in the meantime we have lots of exciting things which are happening, come along and join in when you can.

Holy Communion takes place every Sunday at 11am followed by light refreshments

and you would be extremely welcome. For any enquiries, please email [allhal-lowskb@gmail.com](mailto:allhal-lowskb@gmail.com).

Kirkburton Church are once again taking part in the **Heritage Open Days** which is England's largest community led festival of history and culture. Church will be open on Saturday 9 September between 10am and 4pm. There will be internal tours of the Church at intervals throughout the day and light refreshments will be available.

The main Heritage Open Day will be on Saturday 16 September when Church will again be open between 10am and 4pm. Adopt-a-grave leaders will be available for signing up new members, bellringers will offer tower tours, the Green Flag award winning churchyards team members will talk about their work and sign-up new volunteers and Burton Environment Group and Kirkburton History Group will talk about their current projects. There will also be an organ recital between 2pm and 4pm and local artwork will be on display as part of a celebration of art. Light refreshments will also be available.

The King's Men from King's College, Cambridge

visited Kirkburton Church for the third time on Friday 14 July and received an enthusiastic and appreciative welcome. The programme included classics like 'Ave Maria' to contemporary and adapted pieces, including 'New York, New York' and 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight'. Their organ scholar provided two organ interludes. They punctuated their performance with amusing introductions and anecdotes. The singers stayed with local hosts before continuing their tour to Lancaster and Durham. This was an evening of enjoyable fundraising. As always, the acoustics of our beautiful church enhanced the purity and range of the Kings Men's stunning vocals.

Our next musical event is 'Last Night of the Proms' which is being held in Kirkburton Church on Saturday 23 September at 7pm and can be enjoyed by all ages. Hade Edge Band and Skelmanthorpe Male Voice Choir with guest tenor soloist, Chris Why will be performing. Tickets are £12.50 for adults and £5 for children under 12 and are available from Kirkburton Hardware, by calling 07712 767041 or can be purchased on the door on the night.



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# All Hallows Churchyard retains Green Flag status



The All Hallows Churchyard team are very pleased to announce that we have once again been awarded the Green Flag Community Award.

This award will be our 18th since 2005, when a

team took on the task to renovate the churchyards in 2000, this continues today.

The Green Flag Community Award is recognised internationally and 393 community awards this year have been given to the UK, of

which only two are from churchyards.

We must thank the dedicated work of our team who work throughout the year in all weathers to ensure we have a great churchyard open to all.

We must also thank the volunteers from Adopt-a-Grave project, ensuring that the often old and neglected graves come alive with colour. We are also supported by the uniformed groups, Burton Environment Group (BEG), Kirkburton History Group for the ongoing work with the burial ground management system, our local MP Mark Eastwood, and local councillor John Taylor.

None of this would be possible without the help and ongoing assistance of the church community and the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

We would welcome anyone who has time to spare however small would be appreciated to ensure continuity of our churchyards into the future.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The success of the All Hallows Churchyard Team in retaining the Green Flag status received prominent coverage in "Yorkshire's National Newspaper" the Yorkshire Post, on 21 July including an interview with Ian Gunson who has been a volunteer at the church since 2000.



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## HISTORY GROUP

### Children share their passion for local history

The Kirkburton History Group loves its connections with the local community and sharing our passion for our village's vibrant and eclectic past.

In June, we visited Kirkburton First School to support the Year 3's learning of our local history and its former residents. Two groups began with a guided walk from the school through to the oldest part of the village. The children were history detectives and looked for clues from the past. They were amazed that Kirkburton was once home to a cinema, swimming pool and 93,000 Royal Signallers - who were stationed here and completed training before being dispatched across the world.

The walks ended in the beautiful graveyard of All Hallows' Church, viewing the grave of William Sutcliffe, landlord of the Shoulder of Mutton. This pub stood close to the church before it was demolished and consecrated for burials. William is buried at the site of his pub's kitchen garden. Hopefully enjoying a pint in heaven.

The children took time to look at the gravestones, noting down names and dates, before stopping by the information board in the surgery car park which gives details of the old Drill Hall which used to be the surgery but was originally built as a Drill Hall for the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and was used as a WWI Auxiliary Hospital from 1915 to 1919.

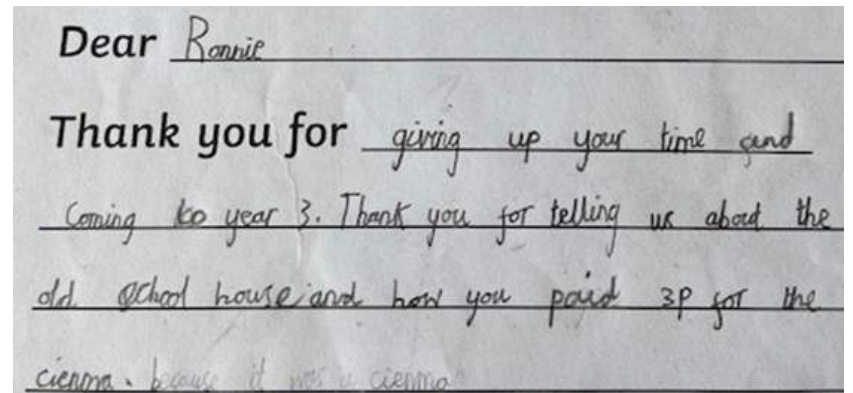
No history walk is complete without a ghost story and the children loved listening



to the story of the ghost of the vicar's wife who was accidentally killed one fateful night.

The following day the children learnt about the Burial Ground Management System which contains a digital map for all the graves allowing people from across the world to see where family members are buried. All Hallows' and Emmanuel Church in Shelley were the first two burial grounds ever to have this management system established. Andrea Tindle told them all about the many hours of work undertaken by volunteers to make this possible.

The children then used laptops to search the Burial Grounds Management System for the names of the people they had noted down the previous day. Andrea, and Ken Christie, who was also part of the original graveyard volunteers, helped them navigate the system. They also searched for other names



including Esther Hallas a young servant girl struck by lightning in Highburton in 1817.

The children left school that day feeling proud of the village they lived, or went to school, in and keen to research more. One student was heard proudly declaring "I love research".

Finally, the children welcomed 94-year-old village legend and History Group stalwart, Ronnie Cox, who had previously visited Highburton School to talk about his working life in the textile mills. Ronnie was there to talk and answer questions about his childhood growing up in Kirkburton and the children were simply spellbound.

He told them how he had learnt to swim in the pool in Kirkburton, how he had watched 'Tarzan' and 'Flash Gordon' in the cinema across from their school. And yes, he remembered the Signallers as it was always hard to get a seat in the cinema when they were around. There were gasps when he explained he started in the school they were now in when he was just four years old. Then the most surprising discovery, we discovered

that a class teacher's parents had previously lived next to Ronnie's wife, Evelyn, before they were married. What a small world.

Two weeks later, Ronnie visited Year 3 of Highburton First School to answer questions again.

We are very lucky to have two wonderful schools in Highburton and Kirkburton. The children are all amazing and we'd love to continue to strengthen our relationship with the schools and help the children to learn more about their local heritage. Thank you to the wonderful staff at both schools who have given the Kirkburton History Group lots of fabulous feedback following our visits.

If you would like to share your memories of Kirkburton; take part in one of our history walks or learn about some of the interesting graves in All Hallows' then please contact us: [KIRKHG1@outlook.com](mailto:KIRKHG1@outlook.com)

We meet every Friday in the Kirkburton Library from 10-12. New members are always very welcome.



# Memories of Dogley Bank Co-op in its heyday



Staff outside the Co-operative building at Dogley Bar in the 1920s  
(long before Mr Stephenson's time).

From the age of three (in 1945) to the age of thirteen (1955) I spent my formative years living with my parents in one of the co-op cottages. We lived in the cottage furthest from Far Dene and a family called Bennett lived in the nearer one. Both cottages have now been modernised and extended (very nicely, I might add),

So, in those days the co-op yard was wide open, before the surge of the motor car, and provided a ready-made playground as the only vehicles to use it were the CWS wagons delivering goods, some from Manchester and once a week Bob Woods' open-backed wagon, with a tarpaulin cover would arrive to make deliveries of made-up orders to local customers.

As I grew up a bit, Bob would take me with him to do the deliveries. I can remember going to villages like Thunder Bridge, Thurstonland and Farnley Tyas.

All the orders were made up in cardboard boxes: Daz, Persil and Surf boxes spring to mind. This was all before many people had a motor car and certainly before any on-line shopping arrived. Ah the joy and experience of speaking to a knowledgeable shop-keeper face to face.

In those days "Dogley Bar Co-op" had a really good reputation as, like I say, customers made their own way to the store mainly on foot or some by the public bus service (run by County and Yorkshire Traction) which was very more extensive in those days.

The main building remains very much today as it was in my early days. The basement was accessed by an external slope (still in existence). I remember the large cellars being very cool and provided ideal storage for some of the bulkier commodities like soap powder and wooden boxes holding large Ben Shaw's glass bottles of "pop" in variety. Lemonade seemed very popular. Those wooden boxes would all be returned to the supplier on the next load. Recycling was natural in those days.

Bananas came in large wooden crates, with a hinged lid, from Manchester, and these were returned similarly. Butter came in large "butter barrels" made of wood. As far as I can remember, those barrels were not returnable but empty barrels were treasured by customers. Some went as firewood whilst the circular tops and bottoms made many wheels for "lorry-carts" for children.

Tea came in plywood tea chests, to be weighed out by hand in the store. Tea chests (empty) were always in demand as rabbit and hen hutches.

The ground floor of the store was the main shopping area with large wooden serving-counters. All butter, cheese and lard was cut into portions using a very effective cheese wire. Each portion would be individually wrapped and weighed according to the customers' needs.

I remember the large white weighing scales with a large dial pointer standing on the counter and the skill of the shop keeper would be to measure to the nearest ounce.

The first floor of the building was again used for storage. I remember there being large wooden crates of loose currants and raisins.

Directly opposite our house was a first-floor double-opening door with a simple chain-winch sticking out from the building. Delivery waggons would reverse under this simple crane and goods would be winched up to the first floor. Sacks of loose flour etc would be hoisted up with ease to a waiting shopkeeper ready with a sack cart. (No safety helmets or fork-lift trucks in those days).

As for the staff in the shops, they were always smartly dressed in white starched aprons.

Mr Jessop was the manager. I think he came from Shepley, but his pride and joy was to make window displays of stacked tins of the produce arranged meticulously to form a pyramid. So, one week it would be tins of soup and then tins of baked beans the next.

His staff consisted of two men and two women. A well-known and respected chap from Kirkburton – Brian Booth worked there. He may have become the manager in later years.

The other man was Reggie Fisher who came from Skelmanthorpe. The two women employees were Nancy Proctor who lived on Primrose Lane and Kathleen Berry who was from Shelley.

I simply remember them as all being very efficient and smartly turned-out in their white smocks and aprons. They probably had to do their own laundry in those days.

So, there is a little bit of history. I hope I have jogged a few memories.

David Stephenson

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# The View from Westminster — MP's Report

## Improving road safety - a local priority

I've been conducting regular street surgeries throughout the year in Kirkburton, both with my office team and your local councillors, and people's top issue is always roads and speeding.

I'm contacted every week about places where responsible drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are put at risk by individuals who regularly go too fast.

The areas that are the speeding hotspots are well known not only to local people, but also to the police and local authority, but current legislation means that action that can be taken is limited.

Local councillors are able to provide devices that flash drivers' speeds up as a warning. These can be effective and make drivers more aware of their speeds in the short term, but they are only

temporary, and problem drivers often ignore these and speed anyway.

I know how important it is to get something done about this issue, and that's why I regularly bring up road safety in our area in Parliament. I've received a commitment from the Roads Minister to come and meet with road safety campaigners and local people so that they can put their concerns to him directly, which we can look forward to later in the year.

I've also taken things further, and before the Summer Recess I introduced a bill to Parliament which could give local people greater power over getting speed cameras installed on roads that are notorious for speeding. The current guidance rec-



Mark Eastwood speaking to local residents about traffic concerns

ommends that for a camera to be installed there should be criteria met, such as evidence that at least 20% of drivers regularly exceed the speed limit and, worryingly, that there needs to be evidence of multiple accidents with serious injuries and even deaths having occurred in the last three years.

This bar is too high and we need to give local people the power to slow down speeding traffic before casualties and fatalities happen. Our communities know where the problems are and being able to use evidence like near misses, more minor incidents and traffic surveys will give people more control over where they live.

It's not about punishing responsible drivers who make the occasional mistake.— many people who have been "flashed" a couple of mph over the limit and been sent on a speed awareness course say it made them a better driver — and nor is it about placing cameras in order to generate revenue, but we must have consequences for careless and irresponsible drivers who regularly use our local roads as a race track.

Last year, the highest number of road casualties since 2008 were recorded in Kirklees, with dozens of children amongst those injured either as a passenger in a car or as a pedestrian or cyclist. That number must come down, and we need to take serious action to achieve it.

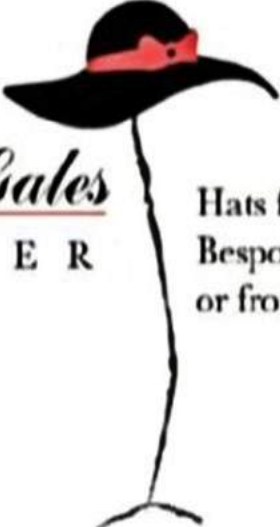
I'm pleased to be able to report though that the Government is listening on this issue, and shortly after I presented my bill I received a letter from the Roads Minister confirming that we will be getting updated guidance in the Autumn that will help local people make their roads safer.

I'm always keen to hear what people have to say on this issue, or on any other concern you have about our local area. My team and I are here to help, so please don't hesitate to get in touch by email on [mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk) or by telephone on 01924 939 007.

Thank you for reading.

**Mark Eastwood MP**

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You can check if you are eligible for 30 hours funding using the childcare choices website. All three and four year olds are eligible for 15 hours funding which can be used with us. Any additional hours you require can be paid for.

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## Community Parking Initiative



We all know how frustrating it is when we can't find a convenient parking space. Unfortunately as our villages get busier and there is more traffic on our roads, available spaces are at a premium.

The problem is aggravated by inconsiderate and sometimes illegal parking which creates hazards and congestion.

As a result of feedback from the ASK Burton initiative Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association and our Councillor John Taylor are conducting a survey over the next few months to identify problem areas and persistent infringements. The information gathered will be collated and passed on to the police. In the interim we are inviting people to use the 'Report it' facility on the West Yorkshire Police website. This is easy to access and user friendly. It allows the police and Kirklees to identify 'hot spots' which gives evidence for traffic calming and control measures as well as providing information on which they can take further action where appropriate.

The report requires the following information: 1. Your personal details, including your address, post code and

contact details (the police should respect your confidentiality)

2. Details of the vehicle causing the obstruction including make, model, registration number and colour (photographs will assist)

3. When and where the obstruction happened (and length of time vehicle was observed/in position)

4. Details of driver if possible/any personal observations about the incident which may assist.



We would advise caution with point 4 above. Avoid confrontation. Let the police assess the situation you are reporting.

While Facebook and social media may be a means of communication and expressing annoyance, the authorities need clear information to work from.

Use the tool which is available for this specific purpose. The website also provides a Live Chat system and Local Crime Tracker. In an emergency you can still use 999 and in a non emergency which needs prompt attention dial 101. Hopefully as word gets out the initiative may have a deterrent effect and contribute to reducing annoying, inconsiderate and, sometimes, illegal parking in our villages.

Georgina Dickinson





# Local Residents to campaign to safeguard Paddock Road fields, green space and wildlife habitat



A view of the land on Paddock Road which is up for sale

In the wake of the impending auction of the Paddock Road fields, members of the local community have rallied to preserve this precious green space and vital wildlife habitat.

Concerned residents have come together at the recent Kirkburton & Highburton Community Association (KHCA) meeting, seeking to safeguard the fields from potential development and maintain their cherished green belt status.

The impending auction of the fields, nestled on Paddock Road, Kirkburton, has stirred up fears of potential development that could irreversibly alter the landscape and impact the rich biodiversity thriving in the area.

The land is set to be put up for public auction in September 2023. Concerned residents fear that development of the site would jeopardize the area's rich biodiversity, which includes a pair of barn owls, various birds of prey, hares, several deer, foxes, bats, and badgers, among others.

At the KHCA meeting on July 13th, local Councillor John Taylor allayed some concerns, stating that the fields are indeed protected as Green Belt Land until 2031 under

the existing local plan. However, he announced an upcoming 5-year review of the plan, scheduled to commence later this year. This review process would entail public consultation, providing an opportunity for community members to voice their concerns and support the preservation of the fields.

Councillor Taylor stressed that altering the use of green belt land can only occur in exceptional circumstances or if the local plan undergoes modifications. The KHCA meeting laid the foundation for the community to mobilize their objections effectively.

Key factors identified to support opposition included assessing the impact on the wider community, such as schools and medical centres, potential repercussions on the environment and wildlife diversity, concerns about increased traffic on local roads due to potential development, housing density, accessibility to public transportation, and drainage and sewage implications.

Each resident may submit an objection as an individual (rather than on a household basis) which will be recorded and accounted for. This emphasizes the significance

of individual voices in shaping the decision-making process. To enhance their case, residents intend to investigate whether any trees within the fields are subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and pursue the issue with the relevant council department.

One critical revelation during the KHCA meeting was that anyone, regardless of land ownership, can apply for planning permission. However, changing green belt land status is a legal and protracted process, meaning any alterations cannot be accomplished overnight. Concerned residents took solace in knowing that their local Councillors would champion their cause, advocating for the planning application to be referred to a committee for decision-making rather than relying solely on a planning officer. The committee would also take into account significant comments from the public, diverging from the officer's recommendations.

Councillor Taylor assured the community that local Councillors would call a public meeting if the revision to the Local Plan posed any threats to the village. Communication channels were established, with Councillor Taylor pledging to keep the community informed through Facebook updates, KHCA meetings, and the Burton Bulletin, in case any submissions concerning the Paddock Road site were to arise.



An ariel view of the site

Residents were also enlightened on the misconceptions surrounding temporary structures on the land. While stables or other temporary buildings might be permitted, it does not automatically grant permission for permanent structures. The Council frequently imposes conditions, such as requiring wooden stables, to ensure the preservation of the land's natural beauty.

Armed with the knowledge gained from the meeting, the community is now better prepared to launch a coordinated effort to protect the Paddock Road fields. Residents recognize that the preservation of these green fields and their diverse wildlife is a collective responsibility. By presenting a united front and addressing the crucial factors impacting the community, they hope to ensure that future generations can continue to revel in the beauty and wonders of this irreplaceable natural treasure.

As the auction date looms, the community resolve to safeguard our beloved green space and wildlife habitat grows stronger.

Anyone interested in updates on this please see the Kirkburton & Highburton Community Group on Facebook.

**Claire Briscoe**

## EDITOR'S NOTE

This article, which we are happy to publish, represents the views of some local residents about potential building developments in our villages. It does not represent the views of The Bulletin and we appreciate that other readers may not share the views expressed here. We would be very willing to publish other articles presenting an alternative point of view, or readers' letters on this important subject.



# Letters

*We want to hear your views, comments and suggestions.*

*No personal attacks, unpaid-for product, services or party-political promotion (you can deliver your own leaflets). Where political points are made (however subtly), to ensure balance, we will ask other parties to put their view. We will even consider publishing your letters anonymously (as long as you tell us your name and address). We do, however, reserve the right to edit any letter we receive. As we do not have unlimited space, please keep it short.*

## BUMBLE BEES

Thank you for responding to my request to put me in touch with Sean Downey, who wrote the interesting article "Boys Just Hanging Around" – in the June issue of the Bulletin.

My partner and I had noticed a Bumble Bee home has been made in the wall of our property and we were keen to know more about these busy creatures. I contacted Sean who was very helpful.

I was in touch with him again recently as the bees have now gone and I wondered if it was OK to block their entrance as it was next to our front door. He replied immediately.

We love reading the Bulletin and look forward to each issue. Thank you to you and your team for all your hard work in putting it together for all of us in the Burton Community.

Kind regards

A Grateful Reader

## PLANS FOR FORMER PETROL STATION

Anyone who has been wondering what might happen with the site of the former petrol station on North Road will be interested to hear about a recent planning application for the site.

The Kirklees Council website has details of an application for "Erection of single storey retail unit with associated parking area and modification to existing site access and egress (within a Conservation Area)."

The site has been empty for many years. There have been several proposals to develop the site.

At one stage Tesco hoped to develop a Tesco Express store on the site.

An application was also made in 2015 for a combined retail and residential development.

Watch this space.

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# Kirkburton Karate Club smashes charity fitness challenge



Presentation of the cheque to the staff of the Stroke Unit at Calderdale Royal Hospital, Halifax

Members of Kirkburton Karate Club raised £6,759.00 for the stroke unit at Calderdale Royal Hospital, which helped its instructor and sensei, **Colin Hanson**, rebuild his life after two strokes.

Colin suffered a major stroke in November 2019 and subsequently found out that, unbeknown to him, he had previously had another stroke. The major stroke in November left him with some weakness down his right side and unable to

speak, read or write. He underwent rehabilitation at Calderdale Stroke Unit and is now recovering and back running the club full-time.

A fitness challenge fundraiser to thank the Unit saw over 90 of its members (from the ages of 5 to 61 years) take part.

The challenge was to complete eight different exercises, working for a minute on each one. Their exercises were counted giving each

student a grand total. Those with the highest numbers, in their age categories, won medals and everyone who took part was presented with a certificate.

A bun sale raised more money, with many parents and students contributing. Together with many volunteers on the day, it really was a team effort from everyone, which is a true reflection of what our karate club is all about.

Despite his health problems Colin was determined to keep the club together during the pandemic and his family would help him with his talking during the Zoom karate sessions. Colin said: "We have a great team of coaches and we managed to keep the club going and now I'm back and I'm doing what I can. The club is growing all the time and that is brilliant to see. The challenge was a great success with the kids really enjoying it".

Colin visited the stroke unit and presented the staff with the cheque. The team were overwhelmed and extremely grateful for the huge amount that was raised. He spent some time with the ward manager and other members of staff talking about how the money may be spent as well as talking about his recovery. It was a little emotional. And the cheque presentation wouldn't be complete without a photo with some of our fantastic students at Kirkburton Karate Club.

Colin would like to thank each and every person who donated, to all the students who took part and to those who helped out on the day. The amount we raised is phenomenal and far more than we ever thought possible.

The money will now go towards helping other people in their journey to recovery after a stroke.



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# Kirkburton Sketchers

Despite it not being the best of summers for en plein air drawing, our little band of roaming sketchers have managed to fit in a few sessions this year. It's always good to spend a summer's evening up at Thorncliffe, especially when there is the promise of rounding off with a show and tell session and welcome drink in the cosy atmosphere of the club.

We are a group of twelve sketchers these days and genuine friendships have been formed. It's great to spend time with like minded people, sitting in a field or tucked in a corner of the village, just quietly concentrating on the landscape in front of us. It's probably the equivalent of forest bathing or mindfulness training, all those every day worries just disappear when you are engrossed in your drawing.

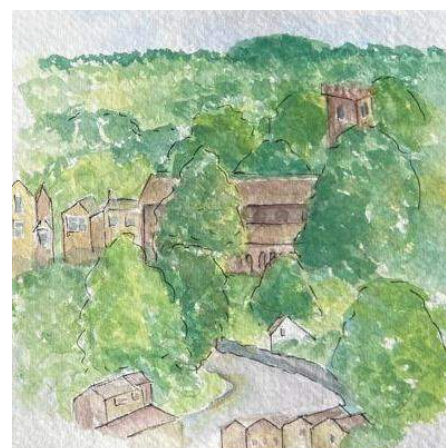
Other locations that you might recognise from these pictures include the view from the bottom of Lane Head Lane, the gate at the top of Spider Alley and the beautiful view from the field below Primrose Drive.

We have also had three sessions in the gardens of

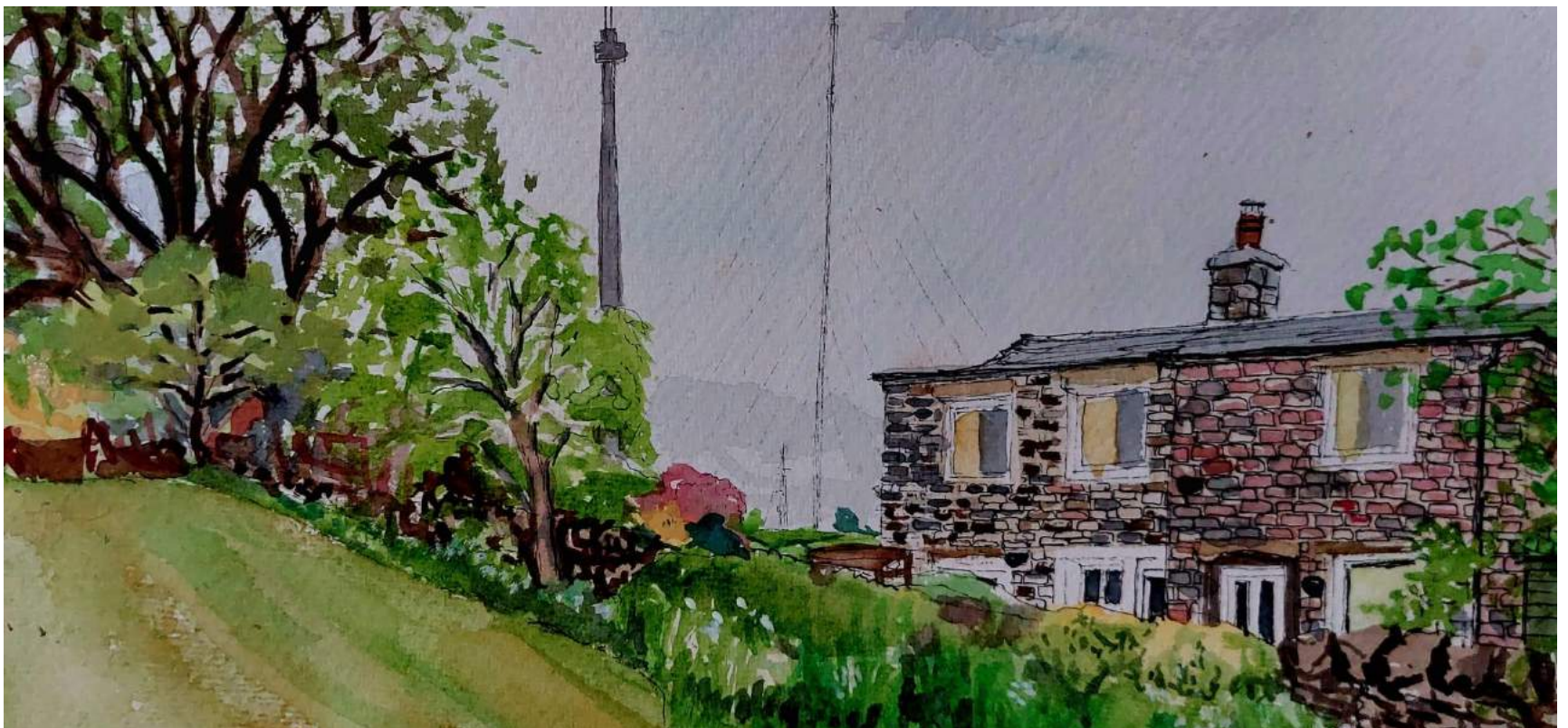
members and friends including a wonderful day spent in Gina and Chris Dean's beautiful garden with a taught session by local artist Pippa Ashworth.

Kirkburton Sketchers aim to meet twice a month throughout the year with individual members taking it in turns to organise the location. Not everyone attends each session, people just come along when they are available and because of this we are happy for new sketchers, living in Kirkburton or Highburton, to join us. With all groups of this nature there is a danger of becoming too big and therefore unmanageable but at the moment we can cope with a few more happy faces.

**Linda Downs**









# See the world with Travel Experience — Kirkburton's local travel agents

Whenever you catch up with friends and families – one topic of conversation guaranteed to come up is holidays. It doesn't matter about the time of year, invariably the subject of where you are going, where you have been or where you'd like to go becomes an interesting and varied discussion.

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Cruising is an area of travel still growing, whether it be Ocean or River. Training our team in this area has proved so essential in ensuring when a client is looking for a cruise, we get them on the right cruise line and ship. Get it wrong – and they will be put off completely. We are lucky enough to be invited to have a look round cruise ships when they dock in Liverpool. As much as we'd like to cruise on as many ships as possible – sadly it's not always achievable but this is the next best thing.

As the world creeps into its new normal – there are lots of new 'travel experiences' to be explored – from coach and rail tours to family gatherings and celebrations, beach holidays to Antarctic expedi-

tions, we have access to them all for you. Through the extensive range of both well-known and independently owned tour companies we deal with, if it's not somewhere we have any personal knowledge, we'll know of someone who does.

Continuing to explore all the exciting places and opportunities the world has to offer is an ongoing mission for us all – we always share a little blog on our website and Facebook pages on our return, as well as some of the lovely feedback our clients share with us from their travels.

For those of you who already know us – we look forward to seeing you in the office again soon, and for those of you who think they'd like to join the Travel Experience 'family' – we look forward to hearing from you very soon too.

Happy travels

Julie, Rebecca, Sharon,  
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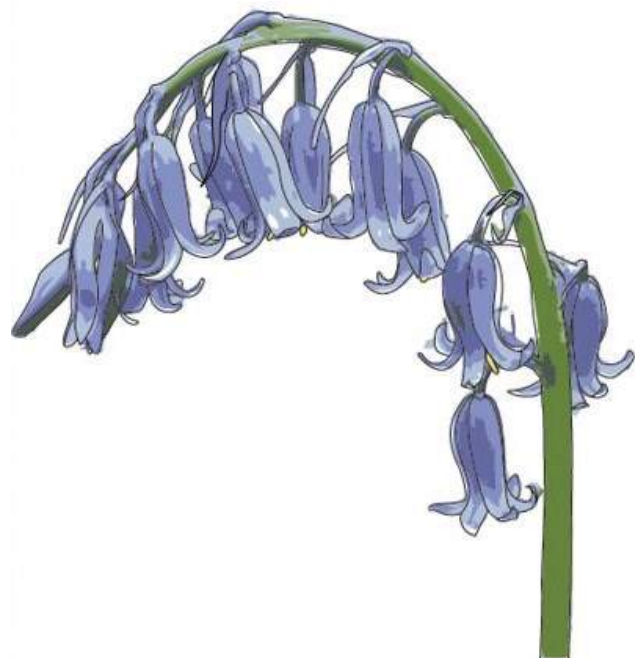
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## Bluebell Garden Club



### Bluebell Garden Club

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

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

Membership fees are £20 per annum, or £4:00 per visit to come as a guest and try us out.

There are no restrictions to membership, all are welcome whether you garden a little or a lot, or not at all.

### Speaker programme for the next few months

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| 3 October  | Cliff Booker from 'The Alpine Garden Society' with an 'Introduction to Alpines' |
| 7 November | Members' Questions 'Help, Answers & Tips'                                       |
| 5 December | Christmas Party   |
| January    | no meeting  |
| 6 February | Sean Downey 'Butterflies of Huddersfield'                                       |
| 5 March    | Neil Timm 'Basic pruning Techniques... Demonstration'                           |
| 2 April    | The Work of 'Yorkshire Wildlife Trust'  |

## Baking with Anya

A tasty treat for our furry best friends, my dog loves them!

### Peanut Butter Dog Treats

Prep time: 15 minutes

Bake time: 12 minutes

Servings: 30



#### Ingredients

300g wholemeal flour

1 tsp baking powder

250g peanut butter  
(xylitol free)

150ml water

1 egg

2 tbsp honey

A little plain flour for  
dusting

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C fan and line 2-3 baking trays with greaseproof paper.
2. In a large bowl add the wholemeal flour, baking powder, peanut butter and water and mix well with a spoon.

3. Add the egg and honey and mix again.

4. Dust a worksurface with a little plain flour and roll the dough out to about 5mm thick.

5. Use a cookie cutter to cut out shapes and place on the lined trays.

6. Collect the scraps of dough and roll out and continue to cut out shapes until all the dough is gone.

7. Bake in the oven for 12-14 minutes until golden brown.

8. Allow to cool for a few minutes on the trays before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely

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



# Music MATTERS

A round up of the progress of some of the very talented young musicians in our villages.

## TRAINEE SOUND ENGINEER

Ewan Plumb has been playing the piano and singing for quite a few years. Recently, he has shown much interest in the PA system, and has been learning to operate the complex equipment.

He has mastered the Mixing Desk, blending vocals and different instruments together.

He is such a fast learner and is well on his way to becoming a Sound Engineer.

Here he is operating and experimenting with the sound system.



Well done Ewan!

## NEW STARTERS

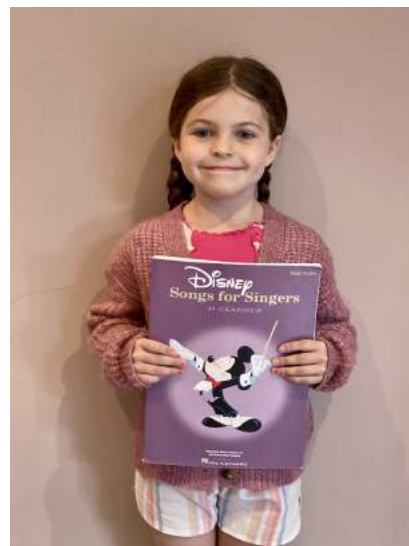
Meet Phoebe Crowther, who has just started her Piano and Singing musical journey. She is really enjoying it and gaining in confidence and skill. Well done, Phoebe!



Grace McGuire started coming for music lessons a few months ago. She is really enjoying learning her favourite pieces of pop music, and creating Soundscapes on the Piano.



Great work Grace!



Meet Effie Webster, who has just begun singing lessons during the Summer holidays. She has a lovely voice and is working on Disney songs for the Holmfirth Music Festival.

Well done to Effie!

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Jamie Barnes performed for his school in July. It takes a lot of confidence to play in front of a large audience and Jamie did this with confidence and a huge smile too.

Well done Jamie, keep up the good work!



## EXAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved exam success in the Summer Exams.

Linus Goodridge Grade 1 with Distinction



Alfie Crossley Grade 2 with Merit



Thank you for supporting the young musicians in our lovely villages.

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## Featured business

# The Secret Garden



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As a family we also ran the “Junk” pub in the village a few years back, so many of you may already know us from there.

We are hoping to give our village something that has been missing so far. Whether you are calling in for the night or as a meeting place prior to moving on, the Secret Garden is ideally placed in the centre of Kirkburton – so many of you may be able to walk here. You can

relax outside in the garden – which has both an open and a heated undercover area or inside if you prefer.

We offer grazing boards which are available to pre-order, these are either charcuterie or ploughman’s (we can also provide a vegetarian option). Boards are available in two sizes, large (four people) or small (two people). These are perfect if you are out for the evening and enjoy having something to nibble while you enjoy your visit. Keep an eye out for our afternoon tea boards which are coming soon.

We can also cater for small private gatherings running alongside our normal bar service. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have something in mind.

At the Secret Garden we also offer a variety of music. This is usually on a Sunday afternoon between 4.00pm – 6.00pm. The “Secret Sounds” are very popular and *Ruby 2* love to perform for you all.

We have more acts lined up to entertain you in the future so please keep an eye on our social media to find dates and times.

Whether you are wanting a quiet drink or a lively afternoon / evening, we are the perfect venue for you.

We love to meet customers both new and old so please come and introduce yourself and join us at The Secret Garden.

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**Facebook:** The Secret Garden wine bar

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The Secret Sound entertained again at The Secret Garden on 30 July. Thank you to these talented singers and performers: Ruby McLellan, Ruby Walker, Georgia Pinnock, Martha Showell-Nicholas and Harry Wood.





# Movie-star car and Build Your Dream, plus the



## FILM STAR FIAT 500

I've always wanted an old Classic Fiat 500, and it had to be a 500D with rear-opening 'suicide doors'. This particular model has become very rare over the past few years, so when I heard about one, I was quick to act. The previous owner named in the V5 ("the log book") is Pinewood Studios, and I knew from the person acting on behalf of the seller it had been on location in Sicily and then Pinewood. We agreed a price, and it was delivered up to Huddersfield.

When it arrived on the Transporter, it looked better than the photographs I had seen. To say it is immaculate, like brand new, is an understatement, and it drives like new too, which actually doesn't really say a lot,

as even when new, they weren't that easy, or pleasurable to drive. The film production company must have spent a fortune completely renovating it.

It had been used in a scene in the recently released Disney Film, Indiana Jones, Dial of Destiny. Driven by Harrison Ford, and accompanied by Phoebe Waller-Bridge. They 'steal' it from a wedding, and drive it down the narrow streets of Cefalu, and use it as a getaway car. The scene doesn't last long, but long enough to be recognised and make it a 'The Car's the Star'

So, my classic car collection has now doubled in size, the 1964 Fiat now joins my 1968 Mini Moke in my 'Fleet'



Mini Moke and Fiat 500 at home in Highburton

I was so lucky to find this near perfect 59-year old Fiat, but I won't be selling it any time soon, or the Moke. Some of you might have seen both cars around the villages, and I have to say, the MINI is much easier to drive, and almost seems like a modern car, compared to the Fiat.

I am now getting many requests for the 500 for weddings, marketing, advertising, TV etc.

## BYD

BYD is probably the largest vehicle manufacturer, that you haven't heard of, I certainly hadn't until very recently. BYD stands for Build Your Dreams, and is used globally, and not just in English speaking countries.

I was invited to the UK press launch of the BYD ATTO 3, the new all-electric C-Segment SUV, although many will describe it as a five-door hatch. The ATTO 3 benefits from the new, revolutionary Blade Battery for optimum safety, efficiency and reliability. During the press conference on the event in sunny Bolton, the Blade System was explained to us, but most of it went completely over my head.

There are three models in the range: Active, Comfort and Design with prices ranging from £36,490 to £38,990, so not exactly cheap, but there is an awful lot of standard equipment in all models, and you cannot order any options, as none are available.

For those who have driven an electric car, the ATTO drives very similarly to all the rest, some EVs are just a bit quicker than others, and some go a bit further than others on a full charge. But in my opinion they are all very good, efficient, quick, but drive very similarly. The ATTO 3 has a range of around 260 miles so not the best, but not the worst by a long way either.

The ATTO 3 has two unique



Inside the ATTO 3 cabin

features, and although unique, I'm not sure any other car manufacturers will follow this lead.

The first is a huge screen in the centre of the dash, much larger than an iPad, and nearly as big as our Telly at home. At the press of a button it revolves, so it can go very quickly from landscape to portrait and vice-versa. I tried it a few times and not too sure why you'd need it.

The second 'feature' and a first in a car are the 'Banjo Strings'. On all four door interior panels are three strings, all tuned so you can play a tune on them, a limited tune, but nevertheless... a tune of sorts. Can you imagine driving from Kirkburton to London with kids in the back, happily strumming away, erm.... it's a no from me.

The ATTO 3 is well put together, with a high level of quality, fit and finish throughout. It measures 4.45m in length, but has an amazing amount of interior space, big enough for five adults, with lots of legroom.



BYD's ATTO 3



# latest from Maserati: motoring with Martin Ward

BYD was founded in 1995, and is one of China's largest private enterprises. It has over 28 years of battery expertise and manufacturing. It employs over 600,000 people with its Headquarters in Shenzhen, China and European HQ in the Netherlands. They produce batteries for many other companies, and make cars, trucks, buses and trains, and have produced over five million vehicles. Virtually everything that goes into their products is made by BYD, with the exception of glass and tyres. I am still not convinced electric cars are the only answer to the road to Zero emissions, as many other fuels are becoming available globally, such as e-fuels and synthetic fuels that can be used in the good old-fashioned (and reliable) Internal Combustion Engine.

So it is indeed, BYD the largest company you've never heard of... well... until now.

## WHAT'S NEW FROM MASERATI?

Although you may not have heard of BYD, you almost certainly will have heard of Maserati. The word Maserati conjures all sorts of things in your mind. Most will still think of the ultimate Italian Supercar, with looks that are outstanding, and those Maserati badges are spectacular.

But it isn't that long ago that Maserati had to join the 'diesel-brigade' and to ensure its survival started producing diesel cars, namely the Ghibli. The Ghibli Diesel did have Maserati badges, but most felt, including me, it really wasn't a proper Italian Sporty Luxury Car, I can see why they did it, but it just didn't work.

Move on to very recent history, and Maserati are making some crackers. I recently drove a couple at a Maserati GB Press Event at the very luxurious Grantley Hall, near Ripon. First off the starting blocks was a Grecale Trofeo, a medium

sized SUV. It is powered by a 3.0-litre V6 Twin-Turbo petrol engine, and produces 530hp, all coupled to a 8-speed automatic gearbox. It goes from 0-100kph in 3.8 seconds, and a top speed (where allowed) of 285km/h.

The Grecale is a great looking SUV, with some very sharp exterior lines. The interior is up to a very high standard and so luxurious.

The second car I drove was the amazing Maserati MC20 Cielo, a two-seater Convertible, and just right for a nice sunny day in North Yorkshire.

This too has a 3-litre V6 engine fitted, that produces a whopping 630hp, goes from 0-100kph in a staggeringly quick 3-seconds and a top speed of 320kph, which I did not get anywhere near on the test drive, no, just nice and steady taking in the sunshine and the fantastic local scenery.

The mid-engine configuration is situated just behind the seats, and is rear-wheel drive. Despite it being a two-seat Supercar, it is easy to get in and out of, is comfortable, and you don't feel as though it's going to give you backache or loosen your teeth, far from it, very clever use of suspension and body stability.

It seemed very happy at very low speeds going around some narrow country roads, and at no point did it try a take over, and make you feel as though you had to go quicker, it is very docile and a dream to drive.

The exterior design is just a work of art, you could walk round it a hundred times, and you'd spot something different every time, it looks fantastic from every angle, just gorgeous.



Maserati MC20 Cielo



Maserati Grecale Trofeo

But of course gorgeousness does come at a price. A basic MC20 costs in the UK £230,000, but add on a few necessary options (Maserati call it 'Personalisation') and you can soon be up to over £300,000.

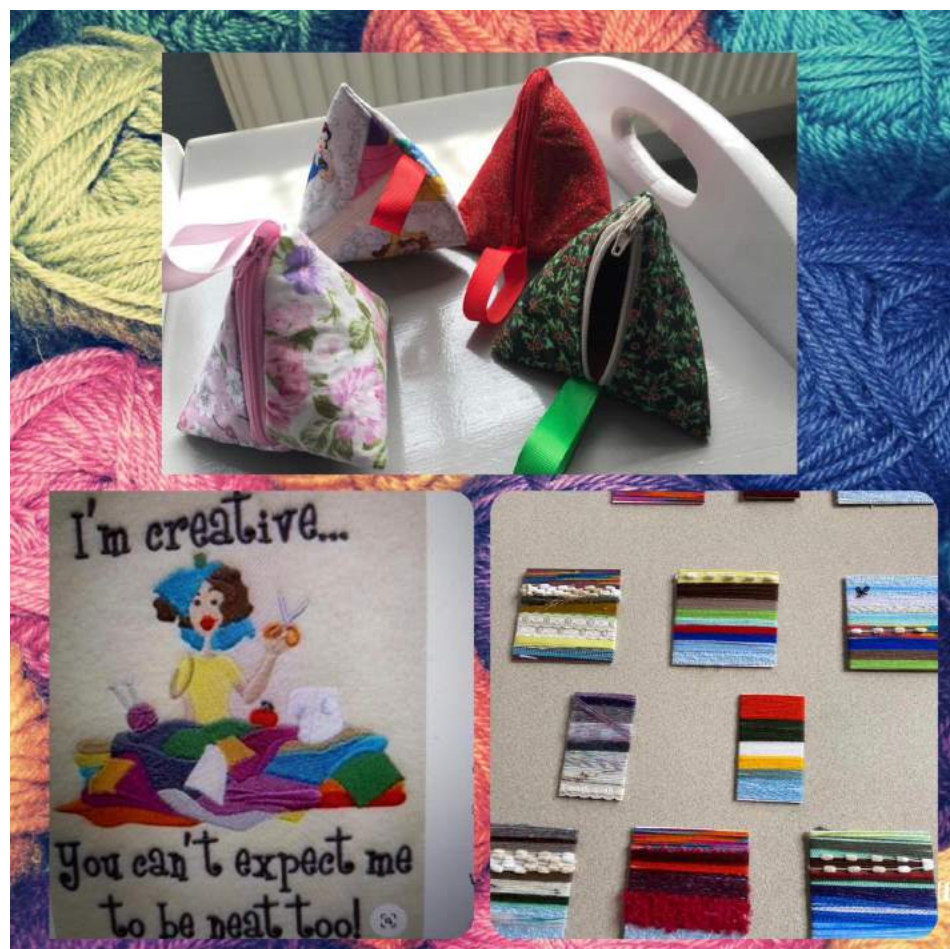
Maserati are now in a much better place than they were a few years ago, now making cars that people actually want, expensive maybe, but certainly in demand.

Grantley Hall and Maserati - where Luxury and Posh, met Luxurious and Posh.... and nice to go on a car launch where there wasn't an electric plug or cable anywhere in sight.

**Martin Ward**



# Burton Crafters



## WEAVING AND HELPING UKRAINE FOR CRAFTERS

Burton Crafters have been very busy these last few weeks. The group started with simple weaving and enjoyed an afternoon selecting yarns of different colours and textures to make an abstract collage, which could have represented a landscape, seascape, clouds, whatever the eye beheld (see photo above).

A few weeks later we started on mini-weaving, a bit more complicated than simple, but threading a thread in and out of vertical warp threads, with a needle. Recently we have made conical zipped pouched bags which everyone enjoyed (also shown in photo above).

The group have been active in continuing to send warm clothes, hats etc to Ukraine. A group member brought in hats and a blanket, which was knitted in squares by a 101-year old lady, and edged in crochet by a 96-year old blind

lady – it was brilliant! Another member of the group donated a beautifully stitched padded quilt. When these were taken in to the depot, they were put on one side as ‘specials’. These are special items to be given to children who are soon going to be able to start school again, having not been to school since the war started. People of Ukraine are refurbishing a dark, damp cellar with hanging wires, into a safe haven for children to stay and sleep if necessary. All children will be given a special item to signify their ownership of the safe area. How lovely is that!

All members continue to enjoy the social contact, activities, refreshment and laughter that we have on these Monday afternoons at Highburton village hall.

**Pat Shaw**



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# Burton Belles WI

After four years as President of the Burton Belles WI, Sarah Sharp-Allison has stepped down and handed over the baton to me. So, I now have the privilege of writing our regular article for the Burton Bulletin.

For me, the WI is a fabulous organisation. It enables women of all ages to come together to engage in a wide variety of activities and be a force for good in the community. At the Burton Belles WI, we enjoy monthly meetings, which usually include a speaker or activity. We have various groups for walking, brunch, crafts, gardening and books, as well as regular trips to the cinema, theatre and places of interest. We also support local charities and causes, such as the Welcome Centre, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Local Lifesavers.

Over the next three months, we have some varied meetings planned. On 21 September Linda Hewitt, a fabulous food demonstrator, will be showing us ways to reduce food waste by using scraps and left-overs. On 19 October Christine Hinchliffe, who is one of our members, will be engaging us in a craft activity. And on 16 November Ann Littlewood, who was a psychiatric nurse at Storthes Hall, will be telling us about her own experiences of the hospital.

If you want to find out more about what the Burton Belles is like, just come along to one of our meetings, the entry charge for non-members is £4.50.

## Kirkwood Hospice Memory Walk

In July, six members of the Burton Belles walking group completed the ten mile memory walk for Kirkwood Hospice, our charity for the year. It was a fabulous evening, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. And the sore feet were worth it as we raised a whopping £730. The Hospice does some amazing work for people with life-

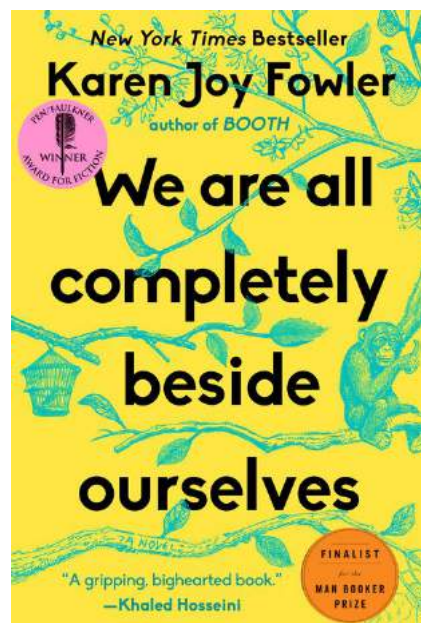
limiting illnesses, their families and loved ones, so we are pleased to be supporting them throughout the year.

## Book Recommendations

The Burton Belles Bookworms meet each month to exchange views on a book selected by a member at the previous meeting and provided by the Kirklees Library Service, free of charge! These are a couple of books that were well liked by the Bookworms:

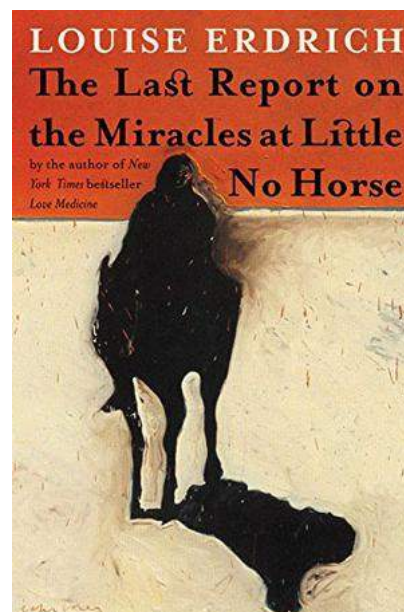
### *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler

This novel tells the story of the Cooke family: Mum and Dad, Lowell, Rosemary and her unusual sister Fern, who are a middle-class American family, ordinary in every way but one.....



### *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse* by Louise Erdrich

This novel tells the story of Father Damien Modeste, a secretly female Catholic priest, serving the Ojibwe settlement of Little No Horse in USA for eight decades.



## Great WI Bake

The WI has been associated with baking since it was formed in 1915, to encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. All our meetings include home-baked goods, and this is a savoury recipe that went down really well with members:



## Traybake Cheese & Olive Scones

### Ingredients

- 450g self-raising flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 100g unsalted butter, cold, chopped into small pieces.
- 200g strong cheddar cheese, finely grated
- 100g stuffed olives or plain green, pitted and sliced
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 eggs
- Milk
- A handful of grated Parmesan

### Method

Mix together the flour, baking powder and salt, and rub in the butter.

Stir in the grated cheddar, sliced olives and dried oregano.

Slowly add 300ml of whisked eggs and milk to form a dough.

Press the dough into a 30 x 23 x 26cm tin lined with parchment paper.

Mark out squares for cutting and brush with a little milk.

Bake on the middle shelf of an oven pre-heated to 210°C fan for 15 minutes.

Sprinkle the top with Parmesan and bake for a further 5 minutes.

Leave in the tin for 5 mins before leaving to finish cooling on a wire rack.

Angela Ellam



# Meet The Bulletin's new gardening columnist



**We welcome Graham Porter as our new Burton Bulletin Gardening Expert**

After a four year apprenticeship at Southend Parks Department (1966 – 1970), with day release classes at Writtle College and experience of nursery work, sports turf, prestigious parks maintenance and office work, I went off to Askham Bryan College near York to complete the NCH [National Certificate in Horticulture course (1970 – 1971).

My return to Southend Parks saw my first experience of leadership in charge of the cliff top gardens (1971 – 1973). This was followed by a return to Askham Bryan as a horticultural technician (1973 – 1974) and, having met my future wife, I then moved on to Brackenhurst College in Nottinghamshire where, as Head Gardener, I was in charge of the gardens, glasshouses, fruit and vegetables with the help of five staff (1974 – 1977). Whilst there, Judy and I were married and had our first child. This post also saw my introduction to the training and education of horticulturists from the teacher's side of the fence.

My family and I moved to Nottingham in 1977 and I took up a post as Technical Assistant with Broxtowe Borough Council and then in 1979 moved to Nottingham City Council as the Training Officer, responsible for the training of over 200 staff, until 1984. I moved to

Huddersfield as a full-time lecturer at the local Technical College and remained in this post until 1996 when I started my own horticultural consultancy business.

I am a retired Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture and helped to run the Chartered Institute of Horticulture's Young Horticulturist of the Year Competition from March 2000 until July 2021, amongst other paid and voluntary work. In November 2018 I was privileged to receive the President's Award from the President of the Chartered Institute of Horticulture for my work with the Young Horticulturist of the Year Competition over the previous 20 years. In June 2021 I received a letter from the RHS President, informing me that I have been awarded the RHS Harlow Carr Medal for 'significant' contributions to horticulture in the North of England.

I retired from my role as the 'gardening expert' on BBC Radio Leeds after 28 years (started November 1994), having taken over from the late Joe Maiden in 2015

Having been graced with two wonderful children, my wife and I are now proud grandparents to Adam, Libby, Thomas and Jacob and continue to live in Huddersfield.

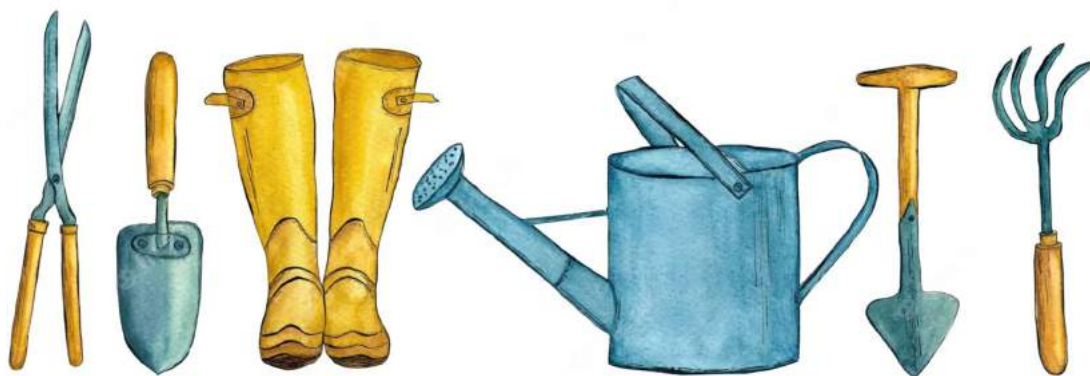
In November 2018 my first gardening book was published. It is entitled 'The Yorkshire Organic Gardener' and covers my thoughts and ideas on where our gardening world has been going over the last 7 decades and where it should be going over the next 7. A second book, entitled 'Sorry Madam but could you repeat the question?' is currently on the laptop.

**Graham Porter**  
FCIHort., Cert. Ed.





# Gardening With Graham



## Spring is just around the corner!

Yes, I know what you're thinking! This silly old man, with only 57 years as a horticulturist, has lost his marbles.

Well maybe I have, but if I have leant anything over the previous 57 years, gardeners are always thinking ahead of themselves, whether it's ordering seeds, taking cuttings or a forthcoming plant fair, or, dare I say, getting your spring bulbs ordered or purchased before stocks run out.

August and September are the months in the Garden Centre calendars when supplies of spring flowering bulbs are usually stacked high and wide, in display bags, sacks and loose trays for you to pick the best ones – that's why you need to get there early – birds and worms come to mind.

When selecting spring bulbs to add to the display in your garden, whether it's a window box, a lawn, a flower bed or a community garden, it is vital that you do the thumb test on each and every one. Squeeze the top of the bulb and press your thumb into the bottom of the bulb to check for soft rots that might have got into the stock during their summer storage at the wholesalers. Also, try to get the largest bulbs of each type to help ensure good quality flowers.

A word of warning though – you know who you are when I say this – don't go mad and buy too many – just because the signs and advertising tempt you, it's when you get home and say to yourself 'where am I going to plant all those bulbs?'. Whatever possessed me to buy so many?

## My TOP Nine bulbs for spring.

I have put them in alphabetical order for ease and given the common name in brackets for those who struggle with those unpronounceable scientific names. I have also given a hint as to the best positions in the garden.

**Allium** – from the delightful and delicate yellow flowered *A. moly* to the invasive but edible *A. ursinum* (Wild Garlic), there are some fabulous species to search out. Look out for *A. giganteum* up to a metre tall. Strangely, most prefer full sun but wild garlic and *A. triquetrum* (three-cornered leek) prefer a slightly shady spot.

**Camassia** (Quamash) – one of King Charles's favourites, planted en-masse in grassy areas in his Highgrove Garden, these tall, elegant flowers emerge from deep in the soil (10cm) in mid-spring, throwing up flower spikes up to a metre tall, dependant upon species. Look out for *C. cusickii* and *C. leichtlinii* hybrids.

**Crocus** - with no common name, the *Crocus*, in all its wonderful variations, must be one of everyone's favourite spring flowers – unlike many, the *Crocus* grows from a corm like *Gladioli* and replaces itself every spring, with a new corm growing on top of the old one. With around 80 species and thousands of cultivars to pick from, I would find it difficult to find one that stands out from the crowd but *C. vernus* (Dutch Crocus) cultivars are amongst the best for naturalising in grass.

**Erythronium** (Dog's Tooth Violet) – for those that have a shady corner in their garden, these natives from Asia, Europe and North America are one of the delights of spring, often with marked and spotted foliage and display of nodding flowers, mostly in yellows and pinks. The bulbs are strange, long and tooth-like, seeming contrary to the stunning displays of *E. dens-canis* (hence the common name), *E. 'Pagoda'* and *E. revolutum*. These will often be seen on stands at the Harrogate Spring Flower Shows.

**Fritillaria** – over 100 species make up this varied Genus and it is worth searching for some of the more unusual species. I am not a lover of the large, and to my mind, rather gaudy *F. imperialis* (Crown Imperial), with extravagant blooms perched on 1 metre high stems and its unpleasant smell. Look for *F. camschatcensis* (Black sarana) with its deep purple flowers in late spring and *F. meleagris* (Snakes-head Fritillary) has nodding flowers in a range of colours perfect for damp places and pool edges.

**Galanthus** (Snowdrops) - if you consider yourself to be a 'galanthophile' you need not read on. However, if you are just an admirer of those carpets of white that appear as the New Year begins, then I hope these few words will encourage you to search out and buy a few more. 19 species and hundreds of cultivars make up this wonderful winter flowering bulb. *G. gracilis* is one of the scented species worthy of a place in our gardens that might support one of the early wild mining bees.

*G. nivalis* (common snowdrop) is superb for naturalising in shady grass areas of the garden.

**Narcissi** (Daffodils) – with around 150 species, 13 divisions and more cultivars than you care to think of, our favourite spring bulb has produced so many wonderful flowers, from large Division 1 Trumpets that do not seem able to stand up on their own to the delicate Division 7 Jonquils with often highly scented flowers on short stems. Why not add one or two unusual cultivars to your garden for spring. Full sun suits Narcissi best, by the way.

**Puschkinia** – these delightful mid-spring flowering bulbs from the Middle East, will surprise you, once they have established themselves in a corner of your garden. They seem to appear from nowhere within a short time and flower quickly before disappearing as quickly as they emerged – *P. scilloides* is the commonest one to search for, with its bluish-white flowers with a darker blue stripe down each petal.

**Scilla** – my last selection is by no means the least significant of these top ten. *S. biflora*, with its pale blue to purple-blue flowers is an excellent species for naturalising in grass or border. Slightly later in spring or early summer is the spectacular *S. peruviana*, whose foliage appears in autumn before the large conical deep blue flowers appear in May.

Remember that spring is only a few short months away.

Graham Porter FCIHort.



# Kirkburton Junior Football Club



Kirkburton Junior Football has had over 425 players signed up for the new season, entering 28 teams across twelve age groups from U5's to U18's into the Huddersfield Junior Football league whilst continuing to grow and develop the girls' and ladies' involvement in football.

**Signing On / New Recruits** – Signing on for next season, starting in September is still open. Visit our website and contact page. From January 2024, we will be looking forward to seeing some more new faces at the club with our Youth Development Officer (Kier) starting the training sessions for U5's.

**Huddersfield Town Terriers Squad Member** – 90 players attended the guard of honour game vs Sheffield Utd and what a result it was. Furthermore, our Chairman (DJ) has worked with Town to hopefully bring

discounted tickets to future games to our registered club members.

There was also a special opportunity for one club member, Cohen, to attend a signing day with several Huddersfield Town players and it was great to see him still turning out in his Kirkburton JFC gear.

**Fundraising** - Kirkburton Junior FC's annual fundraiser involved parents forming six-a-side teams to play in a mini tournament. Alongside the football the stalls, raffles and auctions helped to raise around £3,200 for two charities: Theirworld, a premature baby charity, and the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. Both charities are close to the hearts of Kirkburton JFC committee members.

The inspiration for the event came from committee member and coach Jon Emberton and his family whose baby son Freddie was born with heart problems two years ago. Thankfully, Freddie received some amazing care and, fast forward two years, was able to attend the event along with his mum Rachel and big brothers Joshua and George.

This year's event involved an all-ladies team, which was inspired to play in memory of Sarah Jayne Thomas, who tragically passed away recently. A huge thank you to all who played, supported and attending the event.

**New Social Media channel** – We're really keen to promote all the things going on at the club right now. Feel free to join/like our new Facebook group ([www.facebook.com/KirkburtonJFC](https://www.facebook.com/KirkburtonJFC)) to learn more about the club and the exciting events we have coming up.

**Ladies' Training** - The team are looking to continue training on Sundays 2-3 pm at Kirkburton Middle School. These sessions are not just for football mums and carers, they are for women of all ages, abilities and fitness levels that might have never had the chance to play football before or who wish to get involved



with a sport they might have played years ago.

**Wildcats & Squads** – Sessions will begin in Sept on Sundays, 2-3pm at Kirkburton Middle School. The sessions are aimed at girls aged between 5 and 11 (Wildcats) and 11-14 (Squads). Run by two qualified coaches, Alex and Tania, they create a fun, friendly and encouraging environment for girls to play football. Wildcats focus on developing skills, confidence and enjoyment through fun football related activities and games in a non-competitive environment. Squads is designed for girls who either have a bit more experience from attending Wildcats sessions and are ready to progress, or girls who are already older and keen to kickstart their journey into football. All junior girls have the option to also join one of the mixed teams if they wish to increase their competitive game alongside attending additional training sessions through either Squad or Wildcats.

If you would like for find out any more information on the club please visit our website and [contacts page - www.kirkburtonjfc.co.uk](https://www.kirkburtonjfc.co.uk)



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# GREGORY FIELDS

## TENNIS CLUB · Highburton

We are a small and friendly local club at the heart of Highburton and even though the tennis season has come to a close we would still be absolutely thrilled to see you on the courts, whatever your age or ability.

By the time this article has gone to press we hopefully will have had our new court surface painted and looking good. Painting was delayed to avoid match disruption. We also have smart new LED lights.

Our membership year runs from April to 31<sup>st</sup> March next year. However, if you are thinking of joining later in the year, some membership bargains can be had. Full details about membership fees are available on our website at [clubspark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GregoryFieldsTennisClub).

So, whether you are an absolute beginner, someone returning to the game after a

break or an experienced player, please get in touch and you will be made very welcome.

If you are interested in playing competitively, we have two ladies' teams and two men's teams who train/play matches on Monday and Tuesday evenings respectively.

We also hold two annual fun tournaments – The Crabtree Cup in June and the Presidents Cup in September.

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

Courts can be booked any time by members on the website, subject to availability.



Table tennis is also available to members.

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

Andy also runs a **Cardio Tennis session** for adults on Sundays, 1pm – 2pm which is open to both members and non-members. This is a high energy workout to music, with the opportunity to hit lots of tennis balls – all abilities and fitness levels are welcome. No tennis skills are needed!

Full details of our coaching programme are available on the clubs website and you can contact Andy direct at

[andysmithtennis@icloud.com](mailto:andysmithtennis@icloud.com)

or call 07876718968.

Andy also runs a summer Sports Camp over the school holidays. Full details will be on the website.

### Update of our New Initiative

We have been successful in our application to the Kirklees Community Fund for funding to start up **Pickleball at Gregory Fields**.

Pickleball is a newish sport imported from the US. It uses a smaller court, lower net and totally different bats and balls. We plan to paint the courts with additional Pickleball lines, although until this is achieved we will run with temporary lines so the project can get up and running. All equipment has been purchased and will be available for use as soon as we launch.

Club members will obviously be able to play both sports but we are also considering a Pickleball only membership subject to interest, although initially it will launch on a 'pay and play' basis - approx £3 a session.

Pickleball is a sport for all and is great fun but it has the added advantage of potentially being a slower game so that it can be played into older age, or by less experienced players. We will update our website with progress.



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On what has been a wet summer to say the least, and with the end of the season on the horizon, the cricket club's focus turned firmly to the club's Second XI who reached the final of two cup competitions in August.

After some great performances the Second XI reached the final of the Huddersfield Drakes League "Paddock Shield". They played Hoylandswaine in the final on Sunday 20 August. Despite having defeated Hoylandswaine earlier in the season in the semi-final of the Crowther Cup, after a brilliantly-timed run chase, Kirkburton found Hoylandswaine too strong on the day and went down to defeat.

The team then faced Methley in the final of the Heavy Woolen League Crowther at Cawthorne on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August. However it was not to be Kirkburton's season and Methley ran out winners by 95 runs.

On the league front, both First and Second elevens sit comfortably in their respective leagues on what has been a disjointed weather interrupted season to say the least. Recent highlights of a grey summer have been two innings of Roscoe Thattil our Sri Lankan overseas player, in recent matches he made an undefeated century chasing down 223 at Broad Oak and an undefeated half century versus Shepley, guiding the club to victory in both matches.

Away from league cricket, two of the club's emerging stars Jack Byrne, Kirkburton's own "Whispering Death" and Aaron Moore were selected for a Huddersfield Drakes League side who recently faced an MCC side at Shepley, a high-

# Kirkburton Cricket Club

light of the afternoon being Jack's four wickets against a well decorated MCC XI.

As mentioned in previous editions, 2023 has seen the introduction of a ladies' team. Under the superb management of Sarah Huddleston, the "Kirkburton Crusaders" have enjoyed a fixture-packed season. Numbers in the ladies' section increase week by week.



Jack Byrne

The junior league fixtures are well behind us now, except for the Under 9s coached by seasoned campaigners Tom Cliffe and Tom Burkinshaw. The juniors will compete in a Champions of Champions tournament in early September.

The club would like to take the opportunity to thank all those involved with supporting the club.

Special mention goes to our Sponsors without whom the task of running the cricket club would be even more challenging. This year saw a significant number of local businesses add their support to the club via sponsorship, a big thank you to all those people.

Please keep an eye on social media for events the club may be hosting through the close season.

## The re turn of the Pub Knock-Out



## Big Ben to Burton Bring it Home

After a two-year absence, the annual pub knock-out competition returned to Riley Lane this year, on the Sunday of the August Bank Holiday Weekend.

Despite indifferent weather, the event was a well-attended, the competition keenly-fought, and the bar suitably busy. There was also live music, food stalls and face-painting.

The format of teams of eight bowling seven overs each called for bold and adventurous play. The final was between Big Ben To Burton and Kirkburton Football Club, with BB2B claiming a decisive victory.

Everyone is already looking forward to next year's event.

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## Kirkburton Football Club

Kirkburton AFC will only be running one team this coming season 2023/24, the reason being a mass exodus of players to local rivals. But under the new management team of Ben Dunne and Andrew Cyrus we have two very enthusiastic and highly motivated people, who will give it 100 percent.

Ben is an ex-player who played when Kirkburton won all three trophies in the West Riding football league: The League, League Cup and Sheffield Junior Cup.

Training as already started and we have recruited a few new players, we have also connected with our U18 section who have been getting involved with the excellent training provided by Ben and Andrew.

We had our first friendly against Deighton who provided a good test for our young team, a lot of positives can be taken from the game.

If there are any local lads that fancy a run out on a Saturday afternoon please come along to Gregory playing fields to join in the training sessions, which are held every Tuesday and

Thursday at 6pm.

The Huddersfield League is being restructured this season there will be a premier-ship league and three other leagues, with all the reserves sides included, no separate reserves leagues. Kirkburton will be in the first division.

Kirkburton AFC are always on the lookout for volunteers to help with the maintenance and up-keep of the football field and surrounding areas so if you would like to volunteer your services please contact a committee member or through our Facebook or twitter pages. Also, we are on the lookout for sponsors.

The committee would like to thank the Carlton Club in Kirkburton for allowing the team to go back after their home games, and the use of the club for our meetings and fund raising nights.

Finally, the committee would also like to send their condolences to a loyal supporter Pete Rollins and his family who lost their precious daughter suddenly. R.I.P Kelly Barnes.

**Bomber**

## KIRKBURTON PETANQUE BOULE CLUB



At Burton Dean Park - Every Summer Saturday at 10am.

WHETHER to play or WEATHER not to play - that has been the question this year.

Weekends have not treated outdoor sports favourably, although this summer some of our newcomers have enjoyed some very close and exciting matches.

Even the Mayor of Kirklees managed to win at indoor Petanque at the Bank Holiday Beaumont Park Festival.

It was good to see so many families winning medals and trophies in the club's Burton Dean Park Coronation Cup competitions – our thanks to the Parish Council for their support and funding.

We took a team of mostly new players to represent Kirkburton at the regional Heckmondike Petanque League festival. We learnt a lot about the more detailed rules of the game.

So, bring your friends and family down to the Park on a Saturday morning, enjoy coffee and refreshments in a friendly game of Petanque, BOULES provided.

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## Eating out with the Burton Diner

# Just Thai Restaurant and Wine Bar

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Not having eaten any Thai food for quite a while I decide to try the one in Denby Dale. I booked to eat at Just Thai with my usual eating out friend. The restaurant is easy to find on the main Wakefield road just before the Kitchenroyd sign at the Denby Dale end. We booked for 6:30 to try the early bird menu in this modern family run restaurant with car park.

The restaurant details say that all the dishes are homemade and freshly prepared on the premises from the very best ingredients including fresh herbs, spices and exotic vegetables sent to them every week from growers in Thailand. The menu is about choice, flavours, quality and presentation, a true taste of Thailand. The information goes on to say that some people believe Thai food is spicy and indeed sometimes it is but there are

many dishes that don't have any spice at all. I myself would describe Thai food as aromatic rather than spicy.

We were welcomed and shown to our table for two and left to peruse the menu, quite a lot of choice for an early bird menu and a very extensive main menu for dine in or take away. We ordered some Jasmine tea whilst making our menu choice and ate the complementary prawn crackers.

The restaurant was busy and a large party of around a dozen was being catered for too. The waiter explained that they were unexpectedly short staffed this evening so there were just the two of them, an older man and a much younger one doing everything. Service was a touch slow but under the circum-

stances was nothing to make a fuss about, the two guys worked really well together, were polite and friendly and kept everything running smoothly whilst waiting on the tables and managing the bar.

We made our choice from the early bird menu which was a fixed price at £15:99 with choice of a starter, main, rice or noodles and tea or coffee. There was an alternative early bird choice at £19:99 which included a glass of lager or wine.

We both decided to choose the plate of mixed starters which carried a £2:50 supplement but was well worth it, with chicken satay, a prawn toast, chicken spring roll, thai fish cake and a lovely large breaded crispy king prawn plus 3 dipping sauces.

For our main meal my friend ordered the Khao Pad Meat with chicken and chose jasmine rice, I chose Pad Preaw Whan with pork and the egg fried rice. Both dishes had an array of fresh crunchy vegetables, were fresh and tasty. We finished

our meal with another pot of jasmine tea before paying our bill and complementing the waiter for the attentive and pleasant service we received from the two who literally didn't pause the whole time we were at our table.

Altogether a pleasant and good value evening.

Prices start at £2:95 for rice and nibbles,

Starters £6:20- 9:95

Mains £10:95 - 13:95....

Mains can also be served tapas style £7:50-10:95

4 set menus each for 2 persons £21:95- 31:95

The bar offered a wide range of drinks, alcoholic, soft and hot

There was a good choice of gluten free, spice level can be adjusted by request but the restaurant do request you check with staff before ordering if you have a specific dietary requirement or allergy.

### Opening Times

Closed Monday & Tuesday  
Wednesday & Thursday 5pm -10 pm

Friday & Saturday 5-11pm

Sunday 4pm -9:30 pm

Gift Vouchers are available.





## Book Review

# The Book of Eve by Meg Clothier

Review by Marnie Johnson



Brutal yet beautiful – the Book of Eve is an enthralling historical fantasy that tells a story of female empowerment. When two women wounded and fleeing dangerous fanatical men, arrive at the gates of the convent in which this book is set, the reader is immediately plunged into a tale of hidden, arcane powers. Before taking her final breath, one of the women entrusts an occult book into the hands of the convent's introverted sister librarian, Beatrice. She promises the dying woman that she will keep it safe but soon discovers that the book contains a strange magic of its own (that of the numinous Mother). It has a wild, natural enchantment that men of the faith will do anything to destroy.

Normally strong and independent, Beatrice must find unlikely allies and accept the Mother's mystical blessings in order to protect this sacred text in a world where women are seen as the embodiment of sin.

The book teaches Beatrice that girls have rights and a voice of their own, as she and her sisters defy the oppressive males who dominate their society. Meg Clothier has a captivating style of writing; it sweeps you through the novel and leaves your heart aching and your imagination racing.

It is a relatively short, stand-alone book but it is overflowing with rich, riveting imagery.

I found it a compelling novel which explores a range of important topics: Religious contention, feminism and the beauty of the natural world are expertly blended with myths and mystery so that by the end of the book you have not only experienced a gripping adventure but have learnt and grown as a person too.

Narrated by Beatrice, the reader is introduced to an array of unique characters with different and developed natures. As Beatrice is a solitary individual to begin with, preferring the company of her library and manuscripts to that of her sisters, the relationships she establishes throughout the book are very interesting and personal.

Not only this but Beatrice's connections with her environment are also vividly portrayed, completely immersing the reader in the story. Complete with a map of the convent, Meg Clothier has created and perfectly depicted her own world within the pages of the Book of Eve.

Since Beatrice herself is an avid reader, the book contains advanced vocabulary and knowledge of archaic literature.

Although this helps to convey some of Beatrice's traits and passions, it does mean that the book could possibly be confusing for younger readers.

However, for young adults and above, this is an erudite, inspiring book that is definitely worth reading.

The Observer called it 'a wonderfully rich and absorbing tale'.

Harriet Tyce, author of Blood Orange and It Ends at Midnight, says, "What an extraordinary book – rich in historical detail and full of esoteric knowledge, yet wearing its learning lightly while tapping into a rage that's universal at men's endless attempts to control the doings and thinking of women".

## Recipe

### Courgette & Lemon Risotto



An easy vegetarian one-pot risotto - simply stir in your seasonal vegetables, simmer and enjoy.

Preparation: 10 mins

Cooking : 40 mins

Serves: 2

#### INGREDIENTS

50g [butter](#)1 [onion](#), finely chopped1 [large garlic clove](#), crushed180g [risotto rice](#)1 vegetable stock cube  
zest and juice 1 [lemon](#)2 lemon thyme sprigs  
250g [courgette](#), diced50g vegetarian Italian-style  
hard cheese2 tbsp [crème fraîche](#)

#### METHOD

##### STEP 1

Melt the butter in a deep frying pan. Add the onion and fry gently until softened for about 8 mins, then add the garlic and stir for 1 min. Stir in the rice to coat it in the buttery onions and garlic for 1-2 mins.

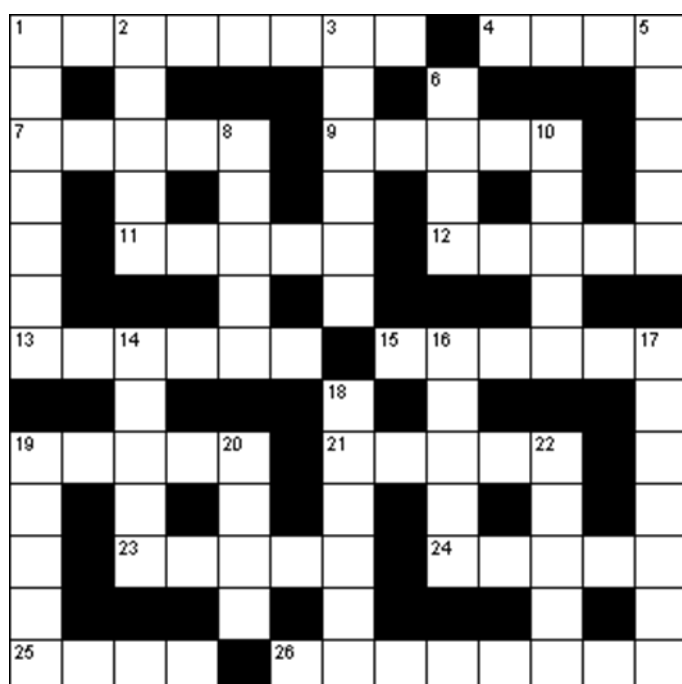
##### STEP 2

Dissolve the stock cube in 1 litre of boiling water, then add a ladle of the stock to the rice, along with the lemon juice and thyme. Bubble over a medium heat, stirring constantly. When almost all the liquid has been absorbed, add another ladle of stock and keep stirring. Tip in the courgette and keep adding the stock, stirring every now and then until the rice is just tender and creamy.

##### STEP 3

To serve, stir in some seasoning, the lemon zest, vegetarian Italian-style hard cheese and crème fraîche.



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19. That chicken appears to emerge from egg (5)
21. Some thoughts provide assumption (5)
23. Circular route? (5)
24. Visit frequently end of the month with female relative (5)
25. Find work to be done in junta skirmish (4)
26. Lace tied loosely is easily broken (8)

**Down**

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3. Objective revealed in five-star getaway (6)
5. Furnishing style in suede corner (5)
6. Matures in village setting (4)
8. Elemental skill between end of June and end of March (5)
10. Subject displayed in photo picture (5)
14. Performer features in fact or fiction (5)
16. Sounds like a tree by the sea (5)
17. Unusual rattles cause alarm (7)
18. Tamper with stringed instrument (6)
19. Attire for nun is established custom (5)
20. Sounds like time belongs to us (4)
22. Nassau naturist revealed steamy situation (5)

## BULLETAGRAM

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

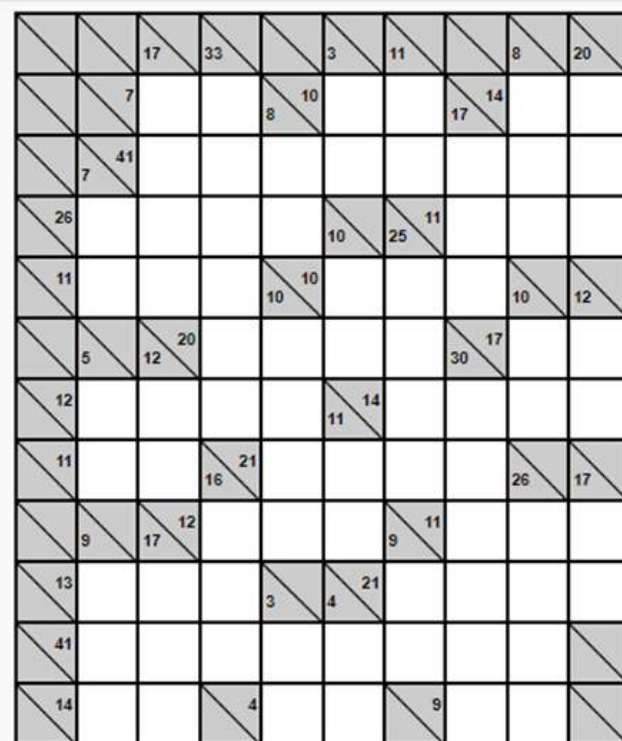
THE TARGET ..

Not Bad 23, Better 27, Pretty Good 31, Champion Quality 35

**CODEWORD**

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

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# JUST FOR FUN



I just got my doctor's test results and I'm really upset.  
Turns out, I'm not going to be one



As I get older, I remember all the people I lost along the way.  
Maybe a career as a tour guide was not the right choice.

What's the difference between death and taxes?  
Parliament doesn't meet every year to make death worse.

Fines are a tax you pay for doing something wrong.  
Taxes are a fine you pay for doing something right

Four years ago, my brother ran for Parliament. Friend:  
What does he do now?  
Nothing—he got elected!

A robber held up a well-dressed man, pointing his gun and yelling, "Give me all your money!" The man replied, "Don't you know who I am? I'm a member of parliament!" To which the villain retorted, "In that case, give me all *my* money!"

Politicians can find an excuse to get out of anything ... except office.

My dad always told me anyone could become Prime Minister. Now that I'm an adult, I believe it ... and it gives me nightmares!

I have a joke about trickle down economics. But 99 percent of you will never get it.

Diplomacy is the art of letting someone else get your way

My wife just completed a 40-week bodybuilding program this morning. It's a girl and weighs 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

I went on a once-in-a-lifetime vacation. Never again.

You will have heard of Murphy's Law? But have you heard of Cole's Law? It's thinly-sliced cabbage.

When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes apparent.

What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?  
I don't know and I don't care.

What do you call a row of rabbits hopping away? A receding hare line

Why were they called the Dark Ages? There were lots of knights

What's the most terrifying word in nuclear physics?  
"Oops!"



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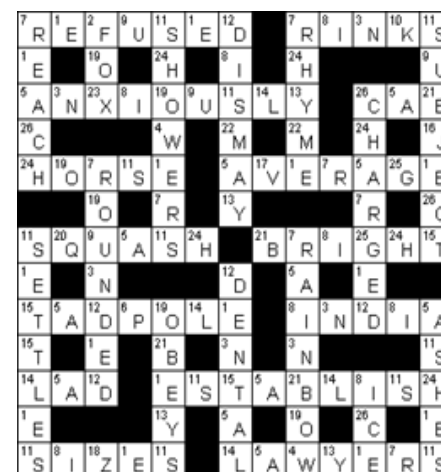
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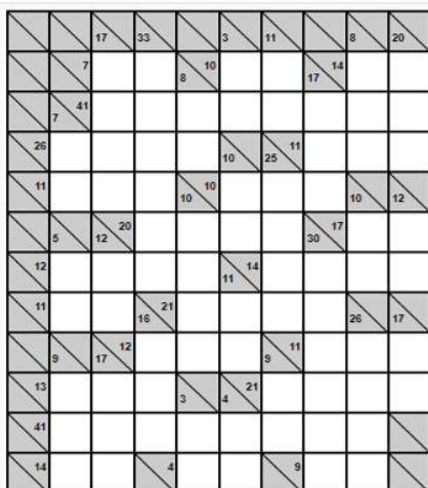
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## LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 7.00pm**

**All Hallows' Church**  
Kirkburton HD8 0SJ

**Hade Edge Band and  
Skelmanthorpe Male Voice Choir  
with guest tenor soloist Chris Why**

**£ 12.50 Adults - £5 Children under 12**

Tickets available from Kirkburton Hardware,  
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