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## Proposed New Local Youth Club - a Positive Response to Recent Incidents

In the light of some recent concerns raised regarding incidents involving local youths, Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association (KHCA) has taken proactive steps to work with Kirklees Council and local community groups to help address the underlying issues. Plans for the revitalisation of the local youth club, which closed some years ago, have been discussed and are gathering momentum.

The vision for the youth club is to provide an alternative avenue for young people, redirecting their energy toward more positive outlets, and to create a welcoming and inclusive space, whilst also providing mentoring, guidance and support.

Recent surveys undertaken by Kirklees' Community teams have shown that our young people really want a place to socialise, to take part in group activities and events, and to generate a sense of belonging to something that is uniquely theirs.

Demands were surprisingly modest – pizza and movie nights, and just a place to hang out with their friends and peers.

One of the key goals for the KHCA is to alleviate boredom and restlessness, which can sometimes lead to unwanted incidents. Central to the project is the goal of attracting and as-

sisting young people who may have felt isolated or lacked opportunities.

With the club planning to offer free attendance to engaging weekly evening sessions, the organizers hope to provide a constructive focus for our young adults. This can help reduce negative activities and equip them with new skills and interests.

The mentoring and signposting services, offered by a trained and qualified team, have already proven effective in other areas.

Additionally, the proposed sessions intend to foster a sense of community. The youth club will offer a safe and welcoming space where teens can connect with peers, build friendships, have fun

and develop a strong support network. This sense of belonging is invaluable and can greatly influence the choices and behaviour of our young people.

The venue proposed for the youth club is the Savoy Youth and Community Centre in Skelmanthorpe. It is purpose-built for youth club activities in a redesigned building with a sports hall, stage, café, fully working kitchen, and activity rooms.

Skelmanthorpe is accessible from most surrounding villages by bus, but the team are also exploring options to fund the use of minibuses from a local organisation, which would ensure that transportation is not a barrier to participation.

We are also delighted to have an experienced team on board who have agreed to manage and run the youth club, who already work extensively in the region with both young people and adults across schools and communities to deliver accredited training and education packages, sports and activities, as well as one-to-one mentoring and support.

They are also experienced in securing funding, and are already progressing with the youth club applications.

While these plans are in the early stages, and the funding is yet to be fully secured, the goal is clear: to provide a free lifeline for our youth and create opportunities for personal growth and community unity.

The dedication of those involved is commendable, and the project has received fantastic support from both Kirklees Council and the Community Bridge team.

We are excited to support this initiative through the KHCA and really look forward to welcoming the first local teens to the group.

Please keep an eye out for updates on Facebook in the local community groups, which will be shared in due course.



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## JOIN OUR TEAM

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

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

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

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

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## A seasonal message and update on our future plans

Welcome to the final edition of the Bulletin for 2023.

As always, the pages are packed with information about all that is great about the area we live in and so many thanks to the numerous contributors once again.

Flick through the pages and you will find all you need to know about the route for Santa's Sleigh, an introduction to Reverend Julie Anderson, who has been selected as Priest in Charge of All Hallows' Kirkburton, St John's Lepton, St Michael's Church Emley and St James the Great Church, Flockton, memories of Kirkburton in the 1920's,

updates on cricket, football, new businesses and much, much more.

We also have all our usual popular features of course, including the 'Just for Fun' pages and it's true to say that your Bulletin team has been having fun and games bringing this issue to you

For the third time in as many years, we have had to find an alternative printer and that has led to an increase in costs, partly due to delivery charges as our new printer is now based in Lincolnshire and it is no longer practical to collect the copies.

Since the paper was revived over nine years ago The Bur-

ton Bulletin has grown to 40 pages with the costs being covered by our much-appreciated advertisers.

To meet the higher costs of producing the paper we are keen to attract additional advertisers and so if you know of any businesses that would like to get themselves into 2,500 homes, please let us know. Our advertising rates are very attractive, and we are keen to keep them as low as possible going forward to help our local businesses thrive.

We will also be considering approaching the Parish Council and Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association (KHCA) and other organ-

isations for financial support to cover the increased printing and delivery costs as we believe that The Burton Bulletin is greatly valued by the community in both Kirkburton and Highburton.

If you have any ideas or thoughts that would help us to plan the long-term future of the paper or to generate new revenue sources, then please let us know by getting in touch.


Finally, can we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year?

Burton Bulletin Editorial Team



## ALL HALLOWS' Parish Church, Kirkburton

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with Hade Edge Band



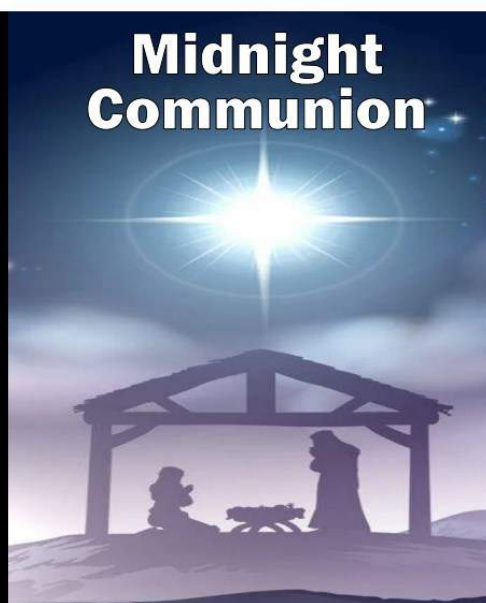
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**Christingle**



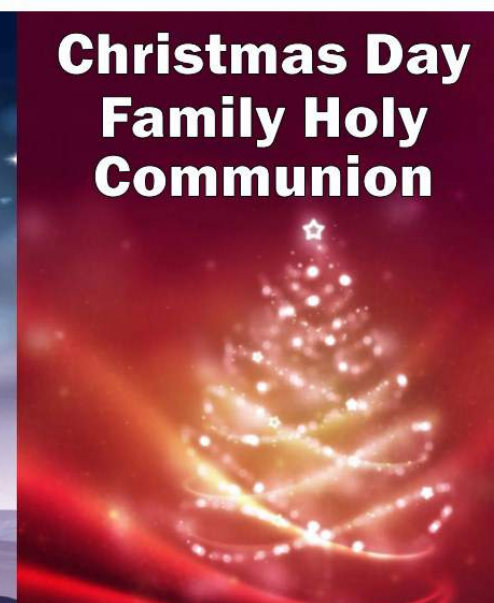
**24<sup>th</sup> December  
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**Midnight  
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**24<sup>th</sup> December  
at 11.30pm**

**Christmas Day  
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Communion**



**25<sup>th</sup> December  
at 10.00am**



Improving Access to Primary Care at Kirkburton Health Centre

We are introducing our new Digital Triage model of working on Monday, 20th November.

For the past six months, our team has worked hard assessing workload, patient contacts and clinical systems, to develop the model. We have involved our PPG members in discussions and value their input, recommendations and support.

The new model will help us to achieve the aims of NHS England’s “Delivery Plan for recovering access to Primary Care”:

To tackle the 8.00 am rush for appointments.

For patients to know on the day they contact the practice how their request will be managed.

Under the new model, patients complete an online eConsultation form, providing the essential information for a GP to read and assess the patient needs. Patients who are unable to access eConsults at home may attend the surgery to complete the form in person in our reception using one of our iPads. Reception staff will also be able to assist completion of the eConsultation form over the phone for patients who are unable to access this themselves at home, or in person at reception.

We will contact you to let you know how your request will be managed on the same day.

Patients with urgent needs will be given an appointment the same day.

Patients with non-urgent needs will be referred to the most appropriate member of the primary care team.

Dr Waller said: “Our new appointment system will make the very best use of our highly

skilled healthcare team, and free up GPs for patients in specific need of their expertise. This will improve access for all our patients and continuity of care.”

From Monday, 20 November, to request an appointment:

Complete an eConsult online request. Available from 6.00am until 5.00pm from Monday to Friday.

We understand that not all patients are able to use eConsult. Support will be available at the Surgery for those who need our help. We have created cubicles equipped with iPads, in our waiting area. Available from 8.00am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

If you are unable to use the online form or you do not have access, ring the surgery on 01484 602040 and our reception team will complete the form with you. Available from 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

For more information, please visit: [www.kirkburtonhealthcentre.nhs.uk](http://www.kirkburtonhealthcentre.nhs.uk)

FOCUS ON – Ahmed Patel, Community Pharmacist, Denby Pharmacy and Pharmacy Lead for The Mast Primary Care Network

Ahmed is a Director of Denby Pharmacy, an independent NHS Community Pharmacy in Denby Dale, and Pharmacy Lead for The Mast Primary Care Network.

He qualified as a Pharmacist at the University of Sunderland in 1996 and has a wealth of experience from many different settings, including locum, GP Practice and large multiple chains.

In a typical day, he will dispense prescriptions, give advice on treating minor ailments and conditions, sell

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over the counter medicines, provide NHS Advanced Services including New Medicine Service, NHS111 Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) and GP CPCS. As Pharmacy Lead for The Mast CN, Ahmed works closely with the PCN management team, GPs and practice staff and supports our pharmacy colleagues

through sharing best practice, knowledge and teamwork.

Ahmed said: “Our Community Pharmacies are in a great position to help reduce the pressure on GPs, benefitting patients, GP Practices and our expert Pharmacists.”

PATIENTS WHO DID NOT ATTEND APPOINTMENTS – JULY—SEPTEMBER 2023

	TOTAL NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS	NUMBER DNA	% DNA
JULY	2648	165	6.23%
AUGUST	2449	167	6.82%
SEPTEMBER	3303	204	6.18%

If you do not need your appointment, or simply want to change it, call 01484 602040 or email [reception.kirkburtonhealthcentre@nhs.net](mailto:reception.kirkburtonhealthcentre@nhs.net). Thank you for your co-operation.

Our Flu and COVID vaccination clinics are under way. We have ordered vaccine for all our eligible patients.

Contact the practice to book your vaccinations.

Please support the Practice and have your vaccination with us.

# SANTA IS COMING TO KIRKBURTON & HIGHBURTON- ROUTE FOR SANTA'S SLEIGH

Santa has confirmed that he will be visiting Kirkburton and Highburton again this year, and is really looking forward to seeing you all again.

On Thursday 14 December he will be outside the many businesses on North Road that will be open. Please ask the individual businesses what time he will be there.

Santa's little helpers and Elves will have collection buckets for any donations which will be equally divided between:

Highburton Playgroup,  
Kirkburton Pre-School,  
Kirkburton First School,  
Highburton First School.

All donations will be gratefully received.

Thank You.

## Thursday 14 December

Start from the car park at the Doctors' surgery at 5:15

The route will be:

Shelley Lane  
Fairfield Rise  
Queensway

Past The Church

North Road

Dare Boutique (time - TBC)

Joy's Coffee House (time TBC)

Linton's (time TBC)

Junction of North Road/  
Slant Gate

Back along North Road

The Secret Garden (time TBC)

Low Town

Riley Park

Riley Lane

Finish at the Coop

## Friday 15 December

Start at The White Swan at 5:30

The route will be:

Far Dene / Primrose Lane  
Junction

Back up Far Dene to The  
Smiths

Burton Acres Lane

Birkhead Close

Grenoside View

Burton Acres Way

Burton Acres Mews

Moor Lane

Cotswold Mews

Woodland Meadows.

## Saturday 16 December

Start at Highfield Road at 5:30

The route will be:

Eastfield

Burton Acres Lane

Southfield Court

Oakland Court

Elm Court

Ashford Court

Foxglove Drive

Primrose Drive

Dene Park

## Sunday 17 December

Start at Kirkburton Post  
office at 5:15

The route will be:

Turnshaws Road

The Junction Pub

The Crescent

Royds Mount

Back down Turnshaws  
Road

Turnshaws Avenue

Burton Acres Lane

Hallas

Gregory Drive

Orchard Close

And Santa finishes in Kirkburton and Highburton at Thorncliffe before he has to get back to his workshop to get ready to start preparing for Christmas Eve and all the presents and gifts he has to deliver.



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# Itchy Hips followed by ...



Rose Hip (rosa rugosa) and Dog rose (rosa canina)

There are a total of fourteen different species of rose native to Britain. These include the field rose, the dog rose and the white rose of Scotland which has nearly black fruit. They grow in hedgerows, woodland edges and scrubland.

The dog rose has strongly hooked thorns to gain purchase as it weaves in between other shrubs and uses them to support its growth as it can grow up to 3m tall when supported.

Burton Environment Group (BEG) ensured this species was included in our recent hedge planting sessions in the Community Field. One of the notable features of the wild rose is its beautiful flowers.

They bloom in late spring to early summer, showcasing a variety of colours, including white, pink and shades of vibrant red which attract a variety of important pollina-

tors. The flowers have a distinctive fragrance that can only be described as sweet and delicate.

The wild rose is a great plant for wildlife, offering nectar for insects and bees in the summer, a protective habitat and food supply for birds and small mammals in the winter plus it's a food-plant for several moths and butterflies. The berries are enthusiastically eaten by thrush, fieldfare, redwing and waxwing.

Following flowering, all pollinated roses produce an edible berry known as a rose hip, beginning as green but then ripening to usually red-orange in colour, high in vitamin C.

They are used in various culinary preparations such as jams, jellies, herbal teas and syrups. During the second world

war, due to its high level of vitamin C, the public were actively encouraged to pick and eat rose hips because the naval blockades prevented other high vitamin C fruits from reaching our shores. Rose hip extracts boost the immune system, improve digestion and provide anti-inflammatory benefits. Their shapes vary from extremely long and thin to short, fat and spherical.

The dog rose has an elongated oval shape whereas that of the rosa rugosa is an eye catching round, fat hip with elongated, curling sepals. Originating in east Asia, this rose is not strictly a native but can often be found in hedgerows or thriving separately as an escapee from parks or gardens.

The rose hip encloses a collection of seeds which are covered in tiny, prickly bristles that have been used by generations of children as a very effective

itching powder.

Wild roses have an unusual feature which is highlighted in this folk rhyme:

"On a summer's day in sultry weather, five brethren were born together. Two had beards and two had none and the other had but half a one". This refers to the five sepals (the green leaf shaped parts that surround the buds), two of which are whiskered on both sides, two smooth and the last one whiskered only on one side. An interesting feature to check out next spring.

The common hawthorn can be found growing in hedgerows, woodland, scrub areas and in our very own Community Field. It will grow in most soils but flowers and fruits best in full sun. Mature trees can reach a height of 15m. With branches covered in thorns and glossy leaves it is considered a really valuable wild plant due to the number of species it can support, including a great variety of moths and butterflies. Its



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# ... Haws at the Queen's Breakfast

abundant flowers are a significant source of nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinating insects. It is estimated that 149 species of invertebrates eat one or more parts of it.

The deep red fruit, known as haws, contain one large (poisonous to humans) seed, are rich in antioxidants and are eaten by migrating birds such as redwing, fieldfares and thrushes as well as small mammals. The dense, thorny foliage makes fantastic nesting shelter for many bird species. The berries are also high in pectin and are therefore useful in making jams, jellies and chutneys. The flesh has been used in traditional herbal medicine as a treatment for cardiac and circulatory ailments amongst others.

Hawthorn is a pagan symbol of fertility and has ancient associations with the pre-Christian spring festival of Beltane which coincided with May Day. It was the ancestor of the May Pole and its leaves and flowers the source of May Day garlands as

well as appearing in the wreath of the Green Man. Its blossoming has traditionally marked the point at which spring turns into summer, and the old saying "Cast ne'er a clout ere May is out" almost certainly refers to the opening of hawthorn flowers rather than the end of the month.

There is evidence of hawthorn being used in hedges since the iron age to keep stock in and thieves out due to its thorny nature. Hawthorn is also known as May tree, May thorn or white thorn.

Its scientific name *crataegus monogyna* comes from the Greek words – *kratos*, meaning strength and *akis* meaning sharp, whilst *monogyna* means one pistil - which is the female part of the flower.

Medieval folk asserted that the smell of hawthorn blossom was just like the smell of the Great Plague in London. Botanists explain that the chemical trimethylamine present in hawthorn blossom is also formed in decaying animal tissue.



Common Hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*

When corpses were in the home for several days before disposal, people would have become very familiar with the smell of death so it is hardly surprising that hawthorn blossom was so unwelcome in the house.

Britain's most famous hawthorn is the Holy Thorn of Glastonbury. Legend tells of how Joseph of Arimathea, uncle of the Virgin Mary, arrived at a hill overlooking Glastonbury Tor. With him were a few disciples and two sacred vessels containing the blood and sweat of Christ.

Where he thrust his staff into the ground it sprouted and grew into a thorn tree. Though the original is obviously not there anymore, one of its supposed descendants does still stand on the hill.

Other offspring grown from cuttings can be found around Glastonbury and further afield. This particular hawthorn blooms twice per year, once in May and once at Christmas.

A sprig of one of these Glastonbury thorns from outside St John's church was traditionally sent to the late Queen Elizabeth II who is said to have decorated her breakfast table with it on Christmas morning.

**Sheila Goodwill**

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# 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.**

## Volunteering to help the environment

Our natural environment covers everything in the landscape around us: the land we live on and the plants and animals that share our world. It underpins our economy, our society and our very existence. Our forests, seas, rivers and soils provide us with the food we eat, and the air we breathe.

Nature is free and we mustn't take it for granted. We need to care for it and cherish it. If we look after our environment it will look after us.

So what is environmental volunteering and what can it involve? It is good for the health of our planet and keeping it safe for future generations as much as helping our health too. How can any of us be part of it?

There are the outside options with some gentle and others more energetic and practical, a bit like going to the gym but outside. Tackling physical jobs in the outdoors while improving your strength and stamina benefits your local community and gives the environment a much-needed hand.

Every year millions of people in the UK spend some of their free time volunteering. If you like being outside then this type of volunteering is for you. There are many projects to get involved in whether nationally or local, Wildlife Trusts, gardens and land owned by the National Trust, forestry groups, local community projects, gardens

and allotments and projects nearer to home in your own villages or district where these groups are often the glue that holds a community together, allowing you to connect with your communities to make them better places. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals and organisations in need.

There are so many areas to get involved with whether it's picking up litter, tree-planting, trimming and tidying verges and hedgerows, mowing grass, planting to enhance wildlife and endless others, every community needs its band of volunteers to make theirs a place of beauty and a place the community is proud of.

There are also less energetic volunteering projects where you don't have to be outdoors but where you can use your

organisational skills. There are various office type voluntary opportunities, many of which can be done from home. These background jobs are equally valuable, whether it's delivering flyers, entering information onto spreadsheets, recording information on birds or insects in your locality or just taking photos. There is a job for everyone.

The benefits of volunteering to you as an individual are immeasurable, giving a sense of purpose, an opportunity to meet new friends and increase your social skills. It can get you out of your comfort zone and help you to be happier too, giving you a real sense of connection to your community. Age is no barrier.

While volunteer numbers on environmental projects were in decline, there was a surge during lockdown which is now levelling off.

So why not get involved in a project? There are many around the Huddersfield area which can be found on this website [Naturalkirklees.org](http://Naturalkirklees.org).

Closer to home we have our own Burton Environment Group (BEG) who do a wonderful job around our two villages, caring for our Memorial Garden, Town Quarry, Burton Dean and Community Field and keeping our footpaths and communal areas trimmed, weed and litter free.

The Community Field adjacent to Burton Dene is a valuable area for our community and a keen group of volunteers, a sub-group of BEG are busy developing the biodiversity of this area, introducing native plants and trees which in turn will increase the variety of wildlife.

Another group of volunteers in the village is the Adopt a Grave Scheme who take care of All Hallows graveyard.

Why not join one of these groups and help to keep our beautiful villages great places to live in, providing us all with a green, clean and healthy environment?

Burton Environment Group (BEG) contact Peter Taylor [sueandpetertaylor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sueandpetertaylor@yahoo.co.uk)  
Adopt a Grave Scheme, contact [fionawakley@btinternet.com](mailto:fionawakley@btinternet.com)

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# The Holly and the Ivy



Ivy (*Heera helix*)

As I write this article, a storm is raging outside and everywhere looks very autumnal, even my Holly bushes have red berries ripening on them. Seeing the Holly bushes has created an ear worm in my head, the Christmas carol *"The Holly and the ivy"*:

*The holly and the ivy,*

*When they are both full grown,*

*Of all the trees that are in the wood,*

*The holly bears the crown.*

I fully understand the ear worm, because I wanted to write in favour of Ivy and seeing the Holly, my brain has created the tune in my head.

The carol goes on to explain why the Holly bears the crown. Though I fully understand why the Carol was written this way, I feel that Ivy doesn't always get the good publicity that Holly gets in the carol.

Holly does support wildlife. It supports one of my favourite Butterflies: the Holly Blue which lays its eggs in the Spring on Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*). The caterpillars will eat the Holly flower buds and the leaves at the end of a branch. However, the Holly Blue is incorrectly named in my opinion, as it has a second brood during the summer when the eggs are laid on Ivy (*Hedera helix*) and the Ivy is where the Holly Blue over winters as a Chrysalis. So, it should surely be called the Holly and Ivy Blue.

Not only does Ivy (*Heera helix*) support my favourite Butterfly but it also does so much

more. Being evergreen it provides a home or protection for lots of wildlife. I have often seen a Wren disappear into some Ivy around a tree, reappearing much further round the tree, I'm sure full of hibernating spiders, which are its favourite meal. Ivy doesn't just provide a home for hibernating insects and animals; it also provides a food source for pollinators and birds. The Ivy starts flowering in late summer, usually the plant starts to flower first on the south facing part of the plant. These first flowers are visited by Butterflies, Honeybees, Bumble Bees, some solitary Bees, Wasps and hoverflies.

As Autumn turns to winter, the Ivy starts to flower on its East, West and Northern sides. These flowers are visited mainly by Honeybees or Bumble Bees when the weather is milder, so they as a lifeline source of nectar and pollen when not a lot of plants are flowering.

Obviously, once the Ivy flower is pollinated, berries are then produced, which during winter become a favourite food source for birds. Within each berry are about five seeds, which explains why

Ivy is easily dispersed by birds.

Though Ivy and its berries are toxic to humans, it appears that some extracts may be used in some cough medicines. However, I am not recommending foraging, I would leave it to medically qualified pharmacists.

Ivy usually gets a bad press for choking out trees or damaging buildings. However, the Woodland Trust states that Ivy is not a parasitic plant and has a separate root system in the soil and so absorbs its own nutrients and water as needed. Ivy does not damage trees and its presence doesn't indicate that a tree is unhealthy. English Heritage recent research shows that Ivy can help preserve stonework on old buildings.

So, if you have any Ivy (*Hedera helix*) growing near you, perhaps view it with different eyes this winter. It is probably supporting up to 50 different species of wildlife, acting as a sanctuary providing shelter and food until the better weather returns in Spring 2024.

Sean Downey



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# All Hallows Church



Rev Julie Anderson—the new vicar at All Hallows

We are delighted to announce that Reverend Julie Anderson has been selected for the job of Priest in Charge of All Hallows' Kirkburton, St John's Lepton, St Michael's Church Emley and St James the Great Church, Flockton. Julie will take up her post at the beginning of January following her licensing on 16 January by the new Bishop of Huddersfield, Bishop Smitha.

Reverend Julie has kindly offered the following, lovely introduction, telling us about herself, her background and her approach to faith.

"So, who are you, I hear you say. Well, I am a north-eastern lass - born just outside of Durham City - where mum and dad still live. I am over 60 - that's about as far as I'm prepared to go with that and I am a daughter, a sister, a mother, a mother-in-law, a grandmother, an auntie and a friend and I am a widow.

"I was married to Pete for nearly 17 years but have been a widow now for nearly 17 years. My late husband was in the RAF and so we moved around quite a bit and I have had many jobs including air traffic controller, running a pub, practice manager in a doctors' surgery, a hydrology assistant at the National Rivers Authority and a till operator in a supermarket. We eventually settled in Cambridgeshire where I built (single-handedly) the now not so new A1(M) between Peterborough and Huntingdon.

"After Pete died, I changed my job and worked at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge as a PA to two gynaecologists where I helped to run the uro-gynaecology department. I have been a churchwarden and a Reader before I was called to ordination and I trained at St John's College Nottingham.

"I was ordained in 2011 and served my curacy at Christ Church, Norris Green in Liverpool. I then served for three years as Team Rector in five villages in Cambridgeshire. I am leaving the Emmanuel Team in Newsome, Armitage Bridge and South Crosland to come and join you.

"I love to go on cruises and I would love to learn how to ballroom dance. I hate gardening and sand with a passion but love spending time getting to know people.

"The other thing you should know is that I am passionate about telling folk about Jesus. I just want everyone to know the love he has for them and I will do my best to get that message across any way I can. What I don't do however is preach the bible at people willy nilly. I just try to love others and show them by my actions that Jesus loves them too. "Please pray for me as I prepare to

leave these lovely people here in the Emmanuel Team and move up to meet all you lovely people in my new parishes."

**Our Christmas services this year are as follows:**

**Community Carol Service with Hade Edge Band - Sunday 17 December 6pm**

**Christingle Service - Sunday 24 December 5.30pm with all proceeds going to The Children's Society**

**Midnight Communion - Sunday 24 December 11.30pm**

**Christmas Day Family Holy Communion - Monday 25 December 10am**

Once again, please look out for the Christmas travellers coming to our village during Advent.

'Posada' (a Spanish word for 'inn') is a Christmas activity, where small versions of Mary and Joseph travel around different households in the community and stay there for one night.

These beautiful, handcrafted figures of the Nativity were made two years ago, for our villages by Jean Sutcliffe.

They will be travelling around our villages once again during Advent.



The Posada will be looking for places to stay, during their Burton journeying and will end its journey at our beautiful church, on Christmas Day. We hope that the 'Posada' will be welcomed by many folks during their journey. We would love to hear from Posada hosts about the details of the visit, via our All Hallows' Facebook page, including photos if possible. We hope that our Posada will offer a great way to get involved with a fun Christmas activity, and ensure that Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus are given a warm welcome in our community.

If you can offer hospitality to the Posada during December, please contact :

[selbie.jean@gmail.com](mailto:selbie.jean@gmail.com)



The Posada figures which will be making their way around the villages in the run up to Christmas



# Support your villages and enjoy our open spaces

All Hallows' Church in partnership with Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association and Kirkburton History Group are creating a Garden of Contemplation in the New Graveyard to replace the old memorial wall.

The vision of the project is to create a sensory garden to be enjoyed by the villages and its visitors. National Horticultural Society trained Jan Moscovitch has designed the new area and work is in progress.

To raise funds for the initiative our talented local artists came together to create 18 original multi media pieces of artwork which are now for sale as limited edition prints.

They are the perfect present for Christmas, any other celebration, or just for you to enjoy on your walls.



Art works on display at the Heritage Day in September

Payments should be made to All Hallows' Church reference Garden of Contemplation - details below.

The artwork will be on display at the Christmas Fair at All Hallows' Church on Saturday 9 December between 10am and 2pm.

Our dedicated Graveyard and Adopt a Grave volunteers work the year round to ensure our Heritage Church and its environs can be enjoyed by all.

If you are interested in being involved please contact [fionawakley@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:fionawakley@btinternet.co.uk).

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# KIRKBURTON

## HISTORY GROUP

### In Remembrance of Benjamin Green 1898-1924

On 15 September 1924 Benjamin Green, a 25-year-old Cloth Finisher, from Broom Bank, Penistone Road in Kirkburton, died. His death occurred at the Ministry of Pensions Military Hospital, Beckett Park, Leeds. The cause of death was recorded on his death certificate as post-operative shock, following an operation to amputate the thigh to treat tuberculosis of the hip joint. However, the original injury was from a wound, received in action in 1917, at the height of the First World War. Ben Green, as he was known, was buried in the family grave in All Hallows churchyard Kirkburton, on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 1924.

Benjamin had been born on 10 October 1898 in Kirkburton to William and Clara Green. He had an older sister, Elizabeth who was 12 years old when he was born. His father's occupation as reported in the 1911 Census was Wheelwright Joiner. At the start of the First World War Benjamin would have been 15 years old.

It is not possible to ascertain when Benjamin joined the army as it appears that his service record was one of many that was destroyed by the German bombing of London during the Second World War. However, we know he joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who were based, until 1918, in Salonika in Macedonia, fighting the Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian armies.

We know Benjamin returned to Kirkburton after the war, but his physical condition is unknown. He was awarded the British War and Victory medals.

Following the end of the war in November 1918 the village looked for ways to commemorate the sacrifice of the men from Kirkburton who had died for their country.

On Saturday 18 June 1921 the Kirkburton Memorial Garden was formally dedicated to the memory of these 66 men who at that time were known to have died in the Great War. A public appeal had raised £400 and a former vicar of All Hallows the Reverend Richard Phipps, had donated a piece of land, Church Croft, that he had bought to remember his time in Kirkburton. On the day members of the organising committee, the Urban District Council, veterans of the war and families of those who had fought, marched from Hallas Road to the church led by the Kirkburton Victoria Brass Band. Three years later, following his death, Benjamin Green's name was added both to the war memorial and to the roll of honour recorded in All Hallows church. But unfortunately, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, who had previously donated headstones to honour the men who lost their lives in the war, had stopped the practice in 1922. So sadly, Ben was buried in his family's small plot with no recognition to show that he had laid down his life for his country.

Three key events brought this situation to light. Firstly, around the time of the anniversary of the start of the First World War, members of the Kirkburton History Group undertook a project to record the history of all the men and women from the village who had served in the war. This resulted in the memorial boards that are displayed on the walls of Kirkburton Library. Secondly the Church Council, with the support of members of the History Group, agreed to allow All Hallows and Emmanuel, Shelley churchyards to be test sites for a new computer system. This system, the Burial Ground Management System, developed by a

software company, Atlantic Geomatics, gave on-line access to a map of graves within the churchyard with links to burial records and photographs of the grave site. These two projects had brought Benjamin Green's situation to the attention of the History Group.

The third and final event was the introduction by All Hallows church of the excellent 'Adopt A Grave' scheme. The History Group decided that Ben Green's grave would be an ideal one for us to adopt and maintain. The grave was cleaned and tidied by group members and with a generous grant from Kirkburton Parish Council, a local stonemason was commissioned to produce a memorial plaque to be placed on the grave. All this work has now been carried out and the renovated grave has been re-dedicated at a short ceremony carried out by the Reverend Sue Clarke.



The grave of Benjamin Green in All Hallows Churchyard with new commemorative tablet

The History Group would like to dedicate this work to the memory of Roger Armitage, one of our founding members, who led this project but who sadly died in September of this year.



Dedication Ceremony on 10 November 2023 carried out by Rev Sue Clarke



# Memories of a different age



Colin Carter was born on 30 May 1923 and lived in Kirkburton all his life. He was the third of four children – Ernest, Vera, Colin and Betty.

A joiner who worked with several local firms, including Standard Fireworks, Colin found himself in Normandy just seven days after his 21st birthday. At 8am on the morning of June 6, 1944, Cpl Carter landed on Juno beach, signalling the start of the D-Day operation.

Towards the end of his life, Colin sat down with a digital recorder and created lots of vivid memories for his family. Here are some of his accounts of life in a different age.

I lived the first five and a half years of my life at 14 Tenterhall Terrace with Mother, Father, my elder brother Earnest, Vera who was fifteen months older than me and Betty, who was born there in 1928.

My early life was very exciting as there were loads of people around and lots of children. Families living in the street all had several children and so there was plenty of choice of who to play with.

The Newsome family was one of the residents. The father was a miner but was lame and used a stick. His daughter told me that he never went to bed and always

slept in a chair.

In number 16 lived the Burkes family. Amos Burkes was the proprietor of the Kirkburton Picture House and the boot and shoe repairer. Donald Burkes was two or three years older than me, but we tended to go around together and play football in the little yard at the front. He had to take the shoes and boots that his father had repaired around to different houses, and he used to take me with him when I was about four years old.

His father had the boot and shoe repair shop in the triangular plot of land off Penistone Road, by Storthes Hall Lane. It was a wooden hut. We used to go there over the railway bridge and that was quite exciting as the trains were always shunting backwards and forwards and we used to stand on the bridge and watch them.

One time the driver decided to have a bit of fun and so he stopped under the bridge and a load of soot came up. We were all black and, oh, did I get into trouble when I got home! My mother had to take my clothes off to wash them and I had to stay in all day as I only had one set of clothes.

The gentleman who lived in number 18, Mr Maller, owned the first wireless in Highburton and one Satur-

day he put it on the wall and everyone around came to take a look at it. It didn't impress me, but I was told to keep quiet as everyone was listening to it.

Mr Carrington lived in number 20. He was the Headmaster of Highburton school. He had two sons, Jack and Bob and Jack was a County tennis player at the time and Bob was a good cricketer.

I went to school quite young, just before I was three and Miss Buckley was the teacher. We all used to have a nap in the afternoon. There was a small brown rocking horse in the school, and I was allowed to play on that and if I'd written well on my slate, Miss Buckley would lift me onto the larger white rocking horse. On the way to school we used to look over the wall of the Smithy and watch the Blacksmith working.

There were no buses running at this time and very few cars about and I remember my mother taking me to Kirkburton station and going to Huddersfield. One time, when we got home, she realised she had lost her purse and so we had to rush back down to the station. As it happens, the carriage was still there, and the purse was still on the seat. She was very happy about that because it was the time of the

Depression and money was very scarce.

None of the children had toys. We just talked and played little games like hide and seek. You only had one set of clothes to wear and many of these had been passed down. Nobody seemed to mind at all.

Some evenings Mr Johnson from Kirkburton came shouting 'hot peas' and we all used to go out with the pint pots to get mushy peas off him. During the summer he also sold ice cream.

The lamplighter used to come round with a pole and lit the gas lamps. He was also the 'Knocker Up' and he used to rap on the windows until people showed in the morning. People also relied on the Mill buzzers going as very few people had clocks and even fewer had gas in the houses.

I remember when Tenterall Terrace had been renovated and we had a gas lamp in the middle, but most people had oil lamps and they were very proud of them, arguing as to who had the brightest or the cleanest.

We'll be featuring more memories from Colin in the next issue of the Bulletin. If you have memories of living in the area in times gone by, why not get in touch and we can feature them in a future issue.



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Wreath making	9th December 12-3
Calamity Jane	10th December 4pm
Bauble painting	13th December 6-10
Santa visit/choir singing	14th December 6-11
Christmas Secret Sound	15th December 6pm

Laura	17th December 4pm
Scarlett Dickinson	21st December 6.30pm
Genevieve	22nd December 6pm
Georgia	Xmas eve 4pm
Ruby	New Year's Eve 4pm

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# The arrival of our Italian friends — Stockmoor & Villages Twinning Association



On the starting line at the Monza motor racing circuit

After so long with the inevitable “Covid break” we are able to announce that our Italian friends visited us in early June of this year. We are delighted that we were at last able to resume our mutual visits. During the “break” we have kept up communications amongst ourselves and with our Italian friends – the wonders of the internet. We are always welcoming to new members.

Indeed we had a successful visit in June enhanced by the fact they chose the one week with incredibly good weather.

The Association is a lively group comprising many people

with different talents but there is always a need for fresh ideas and input into any group so that it can continue to evolve. We cannot over-emphasise the social and cultural benefits from these exchanges and we would encourage anyone to find out more and become involved.

Both the Italian and the British communities feel they have benefited enormously from the experience which fosters international understanding as well as personal friendships between people who otherwise would never have met.

We should also explain that it is not necessary to speak Italian very well, or even at all. Our group has always had a wide variety of levels of Italian and the Italians likewise with their English. What is important is “getting by” and we certainly do manage very well.

Our members meet regularly and we have occasional social/fund-raising events as, although we are recognized by Kirklees, we are an independent organization.

Just a little history is maybe needed to put everything into context. The Association was formed in 1997 and has gone from strength to strength over the years. There are exchanges every year. We go to Italy in alternate years with the Italians coming here in alternate years.

Our twin town is called Olgiate Molgora and is situated on the main railway line between Milan and Lecco in an area called Brianza. This is mainly an agricultural area with beautiful parks and old villas and churches with Lake Como being a short journey to the north. It is a stunningly beautiful area. The Italian town’s community is vibrant and welcoming. The overwhelming impression from all those who have taken part

over the years is of a warm, friendly population who go out of their way to make us feel at home. Many permanent friendships have been formed since the initial tentative steps and we have certainly learnt a lot about the Italian way of life. Visits have included Milan, Venice, Como and Bergamo.

Of course we try to make the Italians feel just as welcome here. We have also organized many visits to places such as Pickering, Whitby, Howarth, Manchester, Sheffield, Saltaire, Lincoln and even the Lake District – not all at once, of course!! They also spend time with their host families learning about our way of life.

If anybody is interested in finding out more details then you can visit the Kirklees’ website: KINFO (Kirklees Information) [www.kirklees.gov.uk/localorganisations](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/localorganisations)

Or get in touch by phone on 01484 605755.

You would be very welcome to join us and find out more.

Please contact me for the meeting dates in 2024.

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Hospitality Italian style—at the home of one of the hosts in Italy



# Giving a camel a bath - just part of Kirkburton's Christmas make-over



One of the earliest Christmas traditions is the crib.

It is believed that Saint Francis of Assisi created the first one in Greccio in 1223. Later in the 16th century, miniature nativity scenes appeared in churches.

The crib that has for many years been pride of place in the remembrance garden in Kirkburton isn't quite that old but was very definitely showing its age and so a team of volunteers have been working hard to produce a brand new centre-piece that will hopefully be around for many years to come.

With the aid of a parish grant, the team set about the task by replacing the old crib with something as light-weight but robust as possible.

Dave Askham explained: "We used the existing Perspex front which would have been very expensive to replace.

The walls are constructed in plastic cladding, the floor tongued and grooved boarding and the roof lightweight metal sheeting."

For easier transportation Dave says that an eyebolt

was placed at each corner to allow poles to be inserted: "Two people can now lift the crib rather than a rugby team".

The large nativity figures had seen better days too. Jan Moscovitch took on the challenge of giving them a 'refresh'. "They were very grubby, scuffed and very much in need of a make-over" she told us. "The first job was to give them a good scrub which I had to do in the bath as they were too large for the sink".

Some figures needed more treatment than others. "The camel needed numerous bits repainting and Baby Jesus's face was so scratched I repainted his whole face. The shepherd, Mary and Joseph had their garments touching up and Joseph was looking rather bald and in need of hair. I painted as much as I could to keep them looking natural."

The only moment of concern for Jan came during one night. "I'd left the camel to soak overnight and when I got up in the night had a fright when I thought someone was sitting in my bath!"

After receiving the restored figures, Steve Shaw checked

the electrics doing repairs where necessary so that the figures light up inside their bodies and lit up the sheep, which had not been illuminated previously.

The crib will be installed in the remembrance garden where it will be permanently lit until January.

## Did you know....

The oldest nativity in the world is preserved in Bologna in the Basilica di San Stefano. It dates back to the 13th century.

The Holy Cross Shrine Church in Kerala, India made the

largest Christmas Crib spread across an area of 5,261 sq m (1.3 acre) within the church campus during the 2017 Christmas season.

If you are feeling flush, then a hand sculpted nativity scene, painted in gold and covered with Swarovski crystals will set you back around £3000.

A 60-foot-high nativity scene that was installed in Alicante's Plaza del Ayuntamiento is the world's tallest.

In Liguria, Mario Andreoli created a nativity scene composed of figures made of scrap and recycled material. At dusk, a system of solar panels illuminates the display.



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We were sorry not to receive any letters from readers for this edition of The Bulletin.

We do enjoy receiving letters from readers and value the feedback they contain.

We hope readers will send in letters for future editions.

The Bulletin mailbox is [burtonbulletin@khca.org.uk](mailto:burtonbulletin@khca.org.uk)

Or you can leave written letters in the post-box at Burton Village Hall.

**The Bulletin Editorial Team**

## Local Events and Key Dates 2024

### Local Events 2024

29th - 31 March Emley Beer Festival  
 31st March British Summertime begins  
 31st March Easter Sunday  
 2nd May Local elections  
 24th-25th May Kirkburton Beer Festival  
 29th June Honley Show  
 30th June Burton Open Gardens  
 3rd August Emley Show  
 25th August Cricket Competition  
 6th - 15 September Heritage Open Days  
 14th September Penistone show  
 27th October British Summertime ends  
 7th November AGM of KHCA (provisional)  
 10th November Remembrance Sunday  
 27th November Movember concert (provisional)  
 12th -15th December Santa's Sleigh (provisional)  
 25th December Christmas Day

### School Term Dates 2024

8th January Start of school term  
 12th-16th February half term  
 22nd March End of school term  
 8th April Start of school term  
 27th-31st May half term  
 19th July End of school term  
 2nd September Start of school term  
 28th October - 1 November half term  
 20th December End of school term

### Burton Bulletin Copy Deadlines 2024

16th February deadline for March edition of The Bulletin  
 17th May Deadline for June edition of The Bulletin  
 16th August Deadline for September edition of The Bulletin  
 15th November Deadline for December edition of The Bulletin

It has been suggested that the Burton Bulletin has a local events listing, we have put together a few events and key dates for 2024 to start with, if you know of any community events that are taking place locally please let us know and we will include them in future editions.

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# Kirkburton Middle School



The Kirkburton Middle School Building at Turnshaws Avenue

Welcome to the latest update from Kirkburton Middle School (KMS). Another school year has started very positively indeed with our new Year 6 pupils quickly settling in to middle school life.

The start of term saw the launch of our new house structure. You may remember we reached out to the community in the summer for ideas of names for our new houses. With the help of members of the Kirkburton History Group, our new houses are Booth, Carter and Moxon. Those familiar with the area will recognise these are the names of key families from our local community.

We were very grateful to Andrea Tindle who came in to school to talk to each house about their house patron. All houses have a new Head of House and a pupil leadership team. We now have an action-packed year of house events and competitions ahead including; an art competition to design a house shield, a range of inter-house sports competitions, a house poetry competition, a spelling bee plus much, much more.

Each house has also nominated a house charity for the year and they will be raising money across the year as well as hosting their own house charity day. We all look forward to seeing who will be crowned our

first ever house champions at the end of the school year.

Away from the house structure, we have also had a change in staff leadership structure. Mr Taylor now works across both Kirkburton and Scissett Middle Schools; Mrs Kerr has stepped up to the role of Head of School and is now the day-to-day lead at Kirkburton.

Pupils continue to take full advantage of the range of extra-curricular and enrichment events that take place within school. It was particularly pleasing to see nearly the whole of year 7 attend a recent residential visit to a North Yorkshire activity centre. On Friday 10 November the school marked armistice day with a full school act of remembrance on the playground. Following readings from pupils and playing of The Last Post, a two minute silence was impeccably observed by all.

'Working Lunch Club' – As part of our careers work in school, we are looking for people to come in and speak with our pupils about their careers or former careers. Our club runs from 12-30 – 1.00 and you can attend either in person or virtually. Our pupils are very keen to find out more about the world of work and the career paths available to them in the future; they

would love to hear your story. Please contact the school office if you are able to help or you know somebody who can.

We now look forward to preparations for the end of term. We'd love you to join us for our annual Carol Concert on Wednesday 13 December in All Hallows' Parish Church, starting at 7pm.

You will be amazed at the talents of our pupils performing in what we see as the official start to Christmas in Kirkburton. We will also once again be holding our Grandparents' Christmas coffee morning in school during that week.

Our final weeks of term will see pupils attending their end of term rewards trips to Sheffield Lyceum and the Penistone Paramount. We will also have live performances in school from the Kirklees Musica Orchestra and Rock Band.

That's everything for now. We hope you and your families have a lovely Christmas and thank you as always to the whole community for their continued support of the school as we continue '*Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together.*'

**Mr Chris Taylor, Executive Headteacher.**





# Burton Open Gardens 2024

Burton Open Gardens will be back next year.

In the midst of winter's gloom, here's something positive to look forward to. Remember sunny Sundays visiting our wonderful local gardens and listening to our great local musicians. Next year, you can do it again as our unique Burton Open Gardens will be happening on Sunday 30 June.

We already have a number of gardeners who've offered to open their gardens but we're always on the lookout for more. Remember, your garden doesn't have to be fit for The Chelsea Flower Show or Gardeners' World or large (or even in my case, finished). As long as it's interesting in some way. We've had all sorts in the past and the feedback has always been positive.

And, if you don't or can't open your garden, but you'd like to get involved, there are a number of jobs both on the day and in advance which would really help make the day a success. These include publicity, social media, traffic management, obtaining sponsors or putting out poster boards.

If you'd like to put your garden in or help in any way, or have any questions, please contact me, Peter Taylor, on [sueandpetertaylor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sueandpetertaylor@yahoo.co.uk)

Or come to a short meeting at Burton Village Hall on Monday 22 January at 7pm. Last of all, put the date for the event in your 2024 diary. You wouldn't want to miss it.



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## Highburton CE (VC) First School

We have now converted to an Academy and are part of Enhance Multi Academy Trust [www.enhanceacad.org.uk](http://www.enhanceacad.org.uk)

This is a new chapter for Highburton First School and look forward to what the future brings.

We have some spaces in certain year groups here at Highburton first School.

If you are looking for a new school, please contact our school office and we would love to show you around our lovely school.

On Tuesday 14 November, 20 of our Year 4 and 5 children took part in the Shelley Pyramid Sports Hall Athletics Competition.

We knew it would be a tough competition when we found out there was just Highburton, Shelley and Shepley taking part after school. (the Scissett schools had taken part in the afternoon).

With so many different activities taking place including javelin, relay, chest push and long jump, it was very hard to know how we were doing during the competition. So, we were really

excited when Mr Morris announced that we had actually won overall but it was a close competition with 2<sup>nd</sup> place only six points behind us.

We were extremely proud of the way that all our children behaved and encouraged each other throughout the competition. Quite a few of our children also knew participants from the other schools through sports or clubs they

do out of school. It was lovely to see them encouraging each other too.

None of the Shelley Pyramid events would be able to take place without the Sports Leaders from Shelley College who give up their own time to ensure our children are able to take part in Shelley Pyramid Sporting events like this one. A huge thank you goes to every one of them.



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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

January 2024....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

9 April- Mosaic workshop, email for info

7 May—Geoff Hodge 'Bugs & Garden Plagues, Pest, and Disease Control'

4 June—Howard Drury 'Howard's Musical Gardening Quiz'

## Baking with Anya

An easy gingerbread cookie recipe, you can have lots of fun with the decorating

### Christmas Gingerbread Cookies

Prep time: 30 minutes Bake time: 15 minutes Servings: 16



#### Ingredients

#### For the Gingerbread dough

120g unsalted butter (cold and cubed)  
175g soft light brown sugar  
375g plain flour  
1 medium egg  
3 tbsp ground ginger  
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
5 tbsp golden syrup

#### For the Decoration

Ready to roll fondant icing  
Decorating icing tubes  
Glitter & Sprinkles

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan and line 3-4 trays with greaseproof paper.
2. Add the plain flour, ground ginger, soft light brown sugar, unsalted butter and bicarb to a large bowl.

Rub the ingredients together until you have a breadcrumb texture.

4. Add the egg and golden syrup and mix together until the dough comes together.

5. Knead slightly in the bowl to make the dough nice and smooth.

6. Dust a surface with plain flour and roll the dough to 0.5cm thickness.

7. Cut your dough using different shaped cookie cutters. Place onto the baking trays.

8. Bake the cookies in the oven for 12 minutes.

9. Once baked leave to cool on the trays.

10. To decorate, roll the fondant icing and cut this with the cutters used for the cookies, using a little water to stick the icing to the biscuits. Use the decorating icing tubes, sprinkles and edible glitter to design your own fun Christmas cookies.

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



# Music MATTERS



Alfie Barton Phillips

Young musicians have been busy this autumn term, working towards exams and preparing for the Holmfirth Music Festival.

The Holmfirth Festival was held in October and it was wonderful to see so many young performers taking part in the Piano and Singing classes.

Congratulations to Alfie Barton Phillips, Linus Goodridge and

Flora Bradley for performing so well. All showed an increase in their confidence and performance skills, but most importantly, enjoyed themselves.

## In The Spotlight with Jessica Elson

Jessica is a talented local singer who has gone from strength to strength over the past twelve months. She began performing in bars and restaurants and has gained so much more confidence and maturity in her performances

I am particularly impressed with her organisation of her choice of material and self motivation.

She has recently designed a card to raise her vocal profile. Here is a little introduction from Jessica:

*Hi, my name is Jessica Elson. I'm 15 years old and I've been singing for four years and singing for an audience for 18 months. I'm available for private functions, venues and events.*

Please support her, book her for an event and enjoy her performance - you won't be disappointed.

Good Luck.



Jessica Elson

Wishing the following students all the best with their Piano exams in December

Emily Medley Daisy Skiplorne, Linus Goodridge



Linus Goodridge

## Spooky Piano Playing

On Halloween night, one of my students Nellie Bradley dressed up and played spooky music.

Very scary.



Nellie Bradley

## Future events

There are lots of musical events to look forward to :

HD8 Voices Carol Sing-along at the Secret Garden on 14 December at 7pm.

Secret Sound, young singers entertaining with Christmas music at the Secret Garden at 7pm on Friday 15 December

Future date for your diary - Young Singers concert at All Hallows Church Friday 15 March.

Have a lovely Christmas and thank you for supporting the young musicians in our villages.

Sally Byrne



The Holmfirth Music Festival



## The View From Westminster

# Mark Eastwood MP



Mark Eastwood MP with Cllr John Taylor at Shepley Station

I have recently been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to put questions to the Prime Minister at his weekly Question Time, and I'm pleased that it has sparked debate locally! I asked Rishi Sunak if he agreed with me – and many of the people whose doors I knock on in my street surgeries – that Kirklees Council was no longer fit for purpose.

You may have seen that this question even made it to the nightly news, but I believe that raising the problems that an underperforming council causes to local people is the right thing to do.

As we're heading to the Christmas period, we're all looking for unusual and thoughtful presents for our loved ones, or to push to boat out with some treats for the Christmas table, and our small businesses are a great place to find just the thing that the high street chains and supermarkets can't manage.

Every year I kick off my Christmas shopping on Small Business Saturday at the beginning of December – as your Member of Parliament I'm keen to promote this fantastic initiative and shine a light on our wonderful local shops. That's why imposing parking charges on our rural villages is the last straw for me, especially at this time of year. When our high streets are finding it harder than ever to attract business away from the online discounters with next day delivery, why make it even harder for them?

As your MP I feel it's my duty to make a case for our area, and that's why I have been pushing for more investment in our local services. Whether it's supporting Scissett Baths' bid for cash to upgrade their energy efficiency, or a change to the law on speed cameras to stop our rural roads being used as a race track, I want

to bring the changes that local people tell me are important to them.

And one thing I've been pushing for more than others is funding for the Penistone Line. I know that a rural station is a precious commodity, and Shepley's lack of access and need for more frequent services means that local people can't use it as much as they would like to.

That's why I'm over the moon that we've been awarded nearly £48 million in the third round of the Government's Levelling Up funding. I've been working with my fellow Yorkshire MPs Jason McCartney and Miriam Cates and we've been pushing the Ministers hard on this issue.

As far as early Christmas presents for a Member of Parliament go, it couldn't really be better if the Levelling Up Minister had wrapped it in a big blue bow! And I'm thrilled that it means that our villages will be better connected and sustainable for years to come.

I'm always keen to hear your views on this or any other issue in our local area. If you'd like to contact me or need my help, my team and I are here to assist.

Contact me by email at [mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk) or by telephone on 01924 939 007

Thank you for reading, and I hope that you and your family have a peaceful and joyful festive season.

**Mark Eastwood MP**



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# The new Mazda MX-30 R-EV

## motoring with Martin Ward

The New Mazda MX-30 R-EV is an addition to the MX-30 already available in the market. But it has a bit of a difference. The original car is pure electric, whereas the R-EV is a plug-in electric, but has the huge advantage of having its own on-board power supply.

We started off on our test drive from the splendid Titanic Hotel in Liverpool, which is a converted Rum Warehouse. The hotel is opposite the new Everton FC complex, which is still under construction and expected to open in 2024.

We headed out of Liverpool and into North Wales, taking in some magnificent scenery including Snowdonia, a very pleasant drive.

The R-EV has a 830cc Rotary Engine, powered by regular petrol, and has a 50-Litre fuel tank. Mazda have been making these clever Rotary engines for over 50-years, and have now made over two million, so they should know what they are doing by now.

They chose this power plant due to its unique ability to produce the required output from a small, light and easily packaged unit.

There is no connection between the engine and the wheels, as the engine acts as a Generator producing electricity, and charging the 17.8kWh battery. You can also charge it from home or a public charge-point, and you can get a range of 53 miles so you can do local journeys without the Rotary engine firing up.

To put it simply, and I'm sure Mazda won't like this way of describing it, but imagine an old electric milk-float, commonly seen in the early mornings in the UK, but not for many years.

Put a Honda petrol generator on the back of the milk-float, and the generator charges the batteries, well that is basically how the R-EV works, with a load more technology added, and I mean a lot more.

The car will automatically charge the batteries as and when needed, or you can push a switch and set the engine going, and you can see on a display the battery 'percentage' going up, and it does charge fairly quickly.

The MX-30, has normal opening front doors, but the rear doors open 'backwards' and used to be called 'suicide' doors. So quite a quirky thing to have these days.

The interior also has some unique features including the use of cork in the centre console and other places, to save in the use of plastic, though I'm not sure cork is as easy to clean as plastic.

Although there are three seatbelts in the rear, I'm not sure I'd want to travel far on the back seat, legroom is very limited, even with the front seats fairly well forward. But the cabin generally is up to a very high standard in quality and fit and finish.

Prices in the UK range from £31,250 to £36,000

Mazda have certainly got this car right, except maybe for interior space, it is economical, low emissions, high quality, clever technologies, priced right, and the systems and technology work beautifully.

**Martin Ward**





# Mini-van Adventure



Reading Martin's pages in the last edition of The Bulletin reminds me of seeing lots of lookalike-Fiat 500s – Zastava – buzzing around the streets of Zagreb more than fifty years ago. I'm sure Martin will tell me his original 500 is significantly different from the Yugoslavian Zastava.

In the early '70s, with a former college friend, we decided upon a Summer venture to the continent, in my little Mini van. Our ultimate destination was Yugoslavia, through Belgium, Germany, Austria and over the Alps.

After the introduction of the 850cc Mini van, BMC (or was it BL by then?) added the 1000cc version. Were they aware of the missile they'd unleashed? In its pared-down lightness and design (sliding windows, cable-strap door openers, no door panels or rear seats, longer chassis and close proximity to the ground) the manufacturer had created a road-legal go-cart, in my view.

But credit must be given to the Mini *car*: the Cooper was an extraordinary rally car, winning the Monte Carlo a number of times. On one occasion, following their hat-trick win, the team was disqualified for an inexplicable

headlight infringement, and the winning car declared was a Citroen DS. In my opinion, a soft-riding luxury car unsuitable for throwing into bends. (Relevant due to my unexpected and unwelcome *Monte Carlo* moment.)

On the Continent, it can be tricky attempting to overtake in a right-hand drive vehicle, but on the tight hairpins of the Alps there's a distinct advantage driving on the right, almost skimming crash barriers and jutting rocks.

A memory from the journey was a Citroen DS combatting us on the mountain passes, which I certainly hadn't intended to aggravate. Clearly the driver had an emotional problem being outmanoeuvred by a little Mini van, and fiercely waved his fist. I remember pushing forward to increase the space between us, in the hope that we wouldn't meet-up again at the Yugoslav border. However, a new dilemma emerged which dissipated my fear.

At the border queue a young lady backpacker, frizzy hair and headband, approached our open van window and asked if she could *hide* under the tent canvas in the rear of the van, to be taken through border control. Why? I recall observing lots of backpackers easily pass-

ing through passport control. I also noticed steel-helmeted guards carrying Kalashnikovs (I've no knowledge of rifle types but Kalashnikov sounds impressive). My friend and I furiously disagreed about taking a passenger because he really liked the girl. I also liked her, but not enough to be thrown in a communist jail. We didn't speak again for miles – both fuming.

On our return from the lovely island of Cres, we travelled along the Adriatic coast through Trieste, Venice, then north to Bolzano and into the Dolomites. Through the tight bends we eventually reached the last filling station in Italy – an important stop because I obtained cash from unused Italian petrol vouchers. The filling station attendant, a German-speaking Italian in an immaculate cream jacket, told us he'd observed our impressive progress up the zig-zag route. Scratching his

head and kicking the tyres, he asked: "Is it a Cooper or an Innocenti?" I know Italians love fast cars, but he wasn't at all sure about my fast van.

Dropping down the other side of the Dolomites into Austria, no-one was to be found at the camping field listed in the AA book, and we decided to risk pitching-up – a free night perhaps? Next morning, a cowbell jangled outside the tent and I hesitantly opened the flap, hoping the bovine was female. However, there was a *leder hosen*-clad farmer standing outside the tent with a milk churn in a wheelbarrow. He only charged a few schillings for the night's stay, and it was the creamiest milk I've ever tasted.

**Trevor Thristan  
Highburton**

*Ed: I had a friend who had an Aston Martin which was passed by a 2CV on those mountain roads.*



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## New restaurant venture in Kirkburton

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friends on a Saturday night for a catch up over some great food and a few cocktails.

We are opening from Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 10pm and food served from 12 noon to 8pm, with an offering of small plates with influences from across the world.

Our dishes range from a lamb kofta scotch egg with mango chutney to crispy pomme anna served with whipped feta and honey.

We have had such an overwhelmingly friendly welcome from everyone we have met so far, and we can't wait to get going and meet more of the locals.



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# Burton Crafters



Our article for this edition focusses on our choice of activities for Christmas. One lady has a book of felt made models to represent the twelve days of Christmas, and most of the group were very enthusiastic about them. We sailed through making the partridge and the pear tree, and a few more birds, then we got to the maids a milking – I hasten to add that we only make one of each kind otherwise we would be making hundreds.

For the pear there were four pieces of felt to sew together but as the gifts from her true love became more ambitious, so the patterns did – there were over 20 pieces for the maid. Although all from the same templates, the lavish freestyle embroidery on them all makes them all very individual too.

One person has the idea of fastening all twelve of them on a wide piece of ribbon to drape around a door frame or mantle piece, and another lady has the idea of using them to decorate around a Christmas wreath.

Whatever we do with them they have certainly been a labour of love.

We have a WhatsApp group and someone usually posts a message to describe how the Monday afternoon session went, for the benefit of the absentees. A message sent yesterday typifies the group 'a good session today – really enjoyed eating a slice of Christmas cake brought in for everyone, it was gorgeous. As usual, great conversation, and a good chin-wag with great company! We also enjoyed a productive crafting session.'

We do hope all readers have a good Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

If anyone makes a New Year's resolution to take up, or carry on crafting, please call at Burton village hall on Mondays at 1.30pm – you'll find us a friendly bunch

**Pat Shaw**

(photos contributed by all crafters, photomontage by Ben Shaw)

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# Burton Belles WI



As we fast approach 2024, we are currently planning our programme of activities for the forthcoming year. This will include an event that will be open to the whole community on Sunday 28 April at 2.00pm in Burton Village Hall. The zany chocolate demonstration, with afternoon tea, will be extremely entertaining, so please save the date and look out for more details.

## A Family Story

We have had some fabulous speakers and activities over the last few months. One of my favourites, was a fascinating talk by Roger Beaumont on his family history. It started with his Great-Great Grandfather, who was born in Leeds in 1832. From very humble roots, he accumulated numerous businesses and significant wealth, settling in Castleford, Manchester and then Texas. At that time it was a very dangerous place to live, but he planned to move there with his whole family. The last to go was Roger's Great Grandfather, who stayed on in the UK until all their assets were liquidated. But just before he was due to emigrate, with his wife and baby son

(Roger's Grandfather), he died from a diabetic coma. Shortly after his death, Roger's Great-Great Grandfather died intestate, resulting in his wealth remaining in Texas and Roger's Grandfather remaining in the UK.

Roger went on to explain how his grandparents met during the First World War and his parents during the Second World War. His story was full of endeavour, determination and intrigue, especially in relation to his Great-Great Grandfather, who started out with nothing, working in the accounts department in a Railway Company, and then became very wealthy, but no-one knows how.

## Autumn Walk

We had some pretty awful weather over autumn, so we were very fortunate to have a sunny day for our woodland walk in October. The five mile route took us through Woodsome Leas, Storthe's Hall, across to Farnley Tyas, where we had a fabulous lunch at Field, and back through Woodsome Leas to Kirkburton.

Our walks give us an opportuni-

ty to get together outside our regular meeting, as do our other monthly activities. Each month, our brunch club meets at a local café on either a Saturday or a Sunday; our two book clubs meet on either an afternoon or an evening, and our craft club meets on a Wednesday in the village hall.

## Barbie v The Great Escaper

We enjoy regular trips to the Penistone Paramount, which is a fabulous little cinema. And over the last few months we have seen two very different movies, this year's Hollywood blockbuster, Barbie, and the quintessentially British movie, The Great Escaper.

The Barbie film is a fantasy comedy, which follows Barbie's ventures to the human world in order to understand herself. It was a fun movie, with lots of laugh out loud moments, but give me the heart-warming, real life story of a war veteran who broke out of his nursing home to attend the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary D-Day commemorations in France any day.



## Easy Bird Seed Cakes

If you like to feed the birds over the winter months, these seed cakes are easy to make and much cheaper than the shop bought ones. Squidge lard (100g) and wild bird seed (200g) into a sticky ball. Press the mixture into cookie cutter shapes. Push a length of straw in the middle to make a hole. Put the cakes in the fridge for 2 hours. Push them out of the cutters. Remove the straw and thread with twine. Hang them from a tree or keep them in the freezer until you need them.

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. Please email [ange-la.ellam@me.com](mailto:ange-la.ellam@me.com) or call 07976404497 for more details.

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The children have been very busy since we returned in September, picking apples and pears from our very own trees and baking delicious crumble, as well as creating pictures using natural autumn objects, leaves, twigs etc.

## Kirkburton First School



Here at Kirkburton CE First School, our new vision is nurturing children to Love, Learn and Shine. As part of the living out of our vision, we take our Year 5 children to Robinwood every November. The reasons for this decision are three-fold. Firstly, we passionately believe in the importance of outdoor learning, hence our integral Forest School programme. Secondly, we believe it is crucial that children learn to work together and build those relationships which will support them into their middle school years and beyond, learning to love all their neighbours as themselves. Thirdly, we want to give all our children the opportunity to shine, and see the value in exploring external partners.

The Robinwood Activity Centre, located in Todmorden, gives the children a unique opportunity to partake in activities and challenges they simply cannot access on a school site. Right from the waving off of the coach, an air of excitement was building as the children knew they were about to experience something special. The centre focuses on the skills of collaboration and teamwork, as well as encouraging children out of their comfort zone, whilst never making them feel pushed. Activities divide into three categories: big physical activities such as climbing, the giant swing (which is literally what it sounds like) and the zip wire; team activi-

ties including the nightline, canoeing and nightly team challenges; and problem solving activities such as the dungeon of doom, the knight's quest and (who can forget) the infamous piranha pool. And yes, for the sceptics, the piranhas are real.

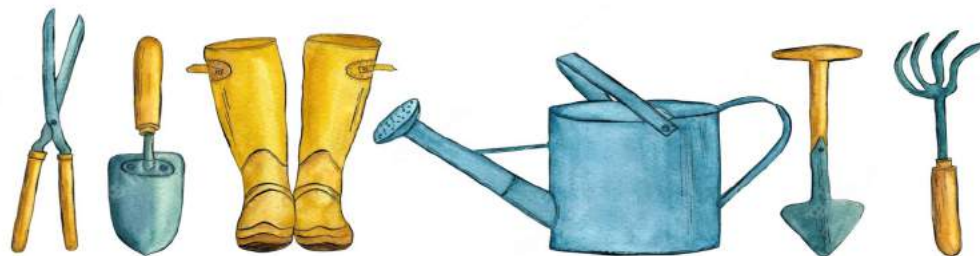
The children worked in two groups (alongside teachers and expert instructors) and whilst we had to regularly brave the elements, nothing seemed to dampen the children's spirits. What was most pleasing was the children's willingness to give everything a go, and I think every single child across the three days achieved things they never would have thought possible before they went, whether that was leaping from the top of the trapeze tower, or hitting the bullseye on the archery range. The children's behaviour throughout the trip was exemplary and they were a real credit to not only our school, but the wider school community, too.

I'd like to publicly thank all the staff at Robinwood for their dedication and hard work, and a particular thanks to Miss Branigan and Mrs Brennan for accompanying the children over the three days, giving up time away from their own families. All being well, we will be headed back to Robinwood again next year, giving our next cohort of Year 5s the opportunities to Love, Learn and Shine.

**Will Adams, Headteacher**



# Gardening With Graham



## Winter Warmers – Graham Porter with all you ever wanted to know about plants for the winter garden



Just when you thought that the garden had shut itself down for the winter and you could spend the remainder of the autumn and early winter planning next summer's garden, along comes some smarty pants gardener to ask you, where are all the winter performing plants missing from your garden.

Winter gardens are strange places, full of the dead foliage and flowers of herbaceous perennials, bare trees and a sad looking lawn. But, take a trip to the winter garden at the National Trust property at Dunham Massey or the RHS Gardens Harlow Carr and you will see vibrant bark colours from birches, willows and dogwoods, flowering spectacles from the *Viburnums*, *Loniceras*, *Mahonias*, Witch Hazels, Sweet box, Winter sweets and many more besides. Many of these wonderful winter flowering shrubs are highly scented; a strange phenomenon at a time of year when few insects are around.

Actually, Queen bumble bees will emerge from their winter resting places underground or in a hole on a tree, on a warmer winter afternoon to gather a drop or two of nectar for energy (a sugar fix) and some protein laden pollen for egg production – I have seen this on the tiny off-white flowers of *Lonicera* 'Winter Beauty' on a number of occasions and also I've seen

bluetits sucking up the nectar from these highly scented flowers. This pollination of the flowers produces small, heart-shaped fruits in mid to late spring that smell revolting, but the blackbirds love them. The bees and blue tits both enjoy the flowers of *Mahonias* as well. If you are lucky enough to have an acidic soil, the various forms of winter-flowering heathers might be a consideration and the Queen bumble bees will thank you too. Look out for hybrids of *Erica carnea* (Winter heath) and *Erica x darleyensis* (Darley Dale heath) – there are dozens of them.

One of the stranger autumn flowering plants in my garden, given to me years ago by one of my adult students at Huddersfield Technical College, is a bush ivy, propagated from the arborescent (flowering) growth of common *Hedera helix*. This bush flowers for weeks in autumn, is pollinated by late flying bees, wasps, moths, butterflies and flies, and their hard work produces ivy berries in late winter that are loved by blackbirds. I also have a *Fatsia japonica* (False Castor Oil plant) with its wonderful architectural foliage - it produces spectacular umbels of white flowers in late autumn – and May produce black fruits similar to the ivy.

If you have a north or west facing wall that needs plant cover, look no further than the winter jasmine, *Jasminum nudiflorum* that flowers from September to March – trained on horizontal wires, it will give you buttercup yellow flowers and just needs a little bit of pruning once the last flowers have faded in March. Another wall shrub, that will give you and the early bees a lift, is the ornamental quince, *Chaenomeles japonica*. With flowers from mid-February onwards, this semi-evergreen shrub will cover a good two

metres square of any wall, provide you with displays of pink or red flowers for several weeks, and, if you are lucky, will provide you with some scented quince fruits at the end of the year. A winter-flowering *Clematis*, not seen very often, but ideal for a south-facing wall, is *Clematis cirrhosa* with cream flowers, marked with red flecks. There is a hybrid called *C. 'Freckles'* with almost opaque petals with red flecks inside. *Clematis armandii* is another one to look out for with its clusters of scented, white flowers but beware as this one is amongst the most vigorous of all *Clematis* and may try to take your garden over – you have been warned.

On top of these shrubby spectacles, there are the male catkins on birch, hazel and alder to enjoy. Lower down more surprises are awaiting your enjoyment. A display of winter *Hellebores* in a wide variety of colours and maybe a few early snowdrops to make you realise that the winter garden is far from dead. These days, with modern breeding, you might also be treated to displays of winter flowering pansies and wallflowers alongside a few *Polyanthus* brightening up flower beds and containers.

Berrying plants are, highly decorative in our gardens, including *Cotoneasters*, *Euonymus* (Spindle trees), *Crataegus* (Hawthorn), *Hippophae* (Sea Buckthorn), *Ilex* (Holly), *Malus* (Crab apples), *Pyracanthas* (Firethorn), wild Roses, *Sorbus* (Rowan) and *Viburnum opulus* (Guelder Rose) - apart from us enjoying their winter display, we then get further pleasure from the winter visiting birds such as Mistle Thrushes, Redwings, Fieldfares and Waxwings, many of whom have flown hundreds, or thousands of miles from Northern Europe to feast on this bounty. Remember that the crab apple fruits can make wonderful crab apple jelly. So you see, the winter garden is not all doom and gloom and, when you add in the winter vegetables, with the silver-green of the leeks, the young green shoots of autumn sown broad beans, overwintering onions and garlic, a few 'January King' cabbages heartening up and the tall spikes of sprouts and purple sprouting, it makes you want to put on an extra layer of clothing and go out and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of a winter garden.

Graham Porter FCIHort.





## Featured business

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feel every day. Mostly we are unaware of just how much this can impact our quality of life.

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## Former Parish Councillor Geof Hickey



We are all saddened to hear of the death of Geof Hickey, who was a Parish Councillor for twelve years in total, and Chairman twice.

He represented the villages of Flockton and Kirkburton and served on most of the committees. Geof was particularly interested in the environment.

He designed the distinctive logo for the Environment Committee, which was based on a view of Lepton Great Wood. He also played a major part in creating the Parish Walks series.

Geof was an art teacher by profession and used his skills

for the benefit of the Council and the community. His paintings command a high price, but he was always willing to donate one as a raffle prize at community events.

Geof was a popular member of the Council and continued to keep in touch after he left, always supporting the Chairman at the annual Civic Sunday service.

The Council sends its condolences to his wife Christine and son David. Geof will be missed by family and friends alike.

**Kirkburton Parish Council**

## Kirkburton Petanque Season Highlights 2023



This year we managed to meet up nearly every Saturday at Burton Dean Park, with the weather being particularly cooperative up until October, even then, a hardened few still turned out to play under their umbrellas.

8 May we took part in the Beaumont Park Bank holiday festival. We set up a mini pitch in a marquee and even challenged the mayor of Kirklees to a game which he willingly played and won, a good day was had by all.

At the Kirkburton beer festival on 27 May we had a mini pétanque pitch for people to try out and learn the game.

On Tuesday 13 June six of our players attended the Heckmondwike pétanque open league, including three new members recruited from our open day the previous weekend, it was a great learning experience.

Like a lot of other sports, in the Coronation year, we held the Burton Dean Coronation Cup which had a great turnout and was a lovely family day with winners getting trophies and medals.

The club would like to thank Kirkburton Parish Council for the grants received towards our coronation cup competition and annual maintenance.

The whole club is wishing two of our players, Sandra & Georgina, speedy recoveries and we hope they are back in full form for next season.

We will recommence play in the summer but if you want any further information, please contact Tim Scott: 07757332119



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# Kirkburton Ladies and Girls Taking Cricket by Storm



In August 2022, I saw an article about ladies cricket in Huddersfield, twelve months later our newly formed ladies and girls' team in Kirkburton had won the Huddersfield North cricket league and become a close-knit cricket family. It has been an incredible journey for the many people involved, many of whom had no prior experience of cricket, so this is how it happened.

## Growing the Squad

After plucking up the courage to ask the committee at Kirkburton Cricket Club about setting up a ladies cricket team, and receiving a resounding yes, I obtained a Level 1 cricket coaching certificate. All I needed then was a squad. In October, I put out some tentative feelers for a taster session at Lepton

School and was delighted when about ten people turned up to give it a go. In January, we started indoor training at Shelley School, gaining new members along the way. And by the time we were ready for outdoor training in March, we were already approaching 20 members. By the close of the season, we had 27 members, ranging from aged 13 to 65. This was a truly diverse squad, with four sets of mums and daughters, as well as three generations of one family.

## Winning the League

When I set up the team, my main aim was for enough members to field a team, which is eight in ladies softball cricket. By our first league match on 14 May, we had achieved that, so our thoughts turned to winning.

We started the league in style, beating Lascelles Hall, Mirfield and Lepton Highlanders. But our winning streak ended when we lost to Kirkheaton! We quickly bounced back, beating Birkby Rose and then Skelmanthorpe. When we played our last match against Denby Dale, Kirkheaton had played all their games and were ahead in the league. It was possible for us to overtake them, but we needed to win and get bonus points, which were awarded for batting. It was a tense match for our players.

We were put into bat first and set a good target for Denby Dale to reach. By the time they had got to their last batting pair, it was clear we had won, but we needed the bonus points to win the league, and for that we needed to wait for confirmation from the cricket league. After waiting a few long hours, it was confirmed, in our inaugural year, we had won the league. It was an incredible achievement and we were all immensely proud.

## Building the Cricket Family

Throughout summer, playing

cricket took over our lives. As well as our league games, we played eight friendly matches, three tournaments, one charity match and an in-house friendly. But probably the most enjoyable was a mixed tournament with the juniors at Kirkburton. It was fabulous to have mixed teams and done in a fun but competitive spirit. It was very special for me because I was playing sport with my two boys, which I never imagined I would be, and even though I was bowled out by one of them, it was great fun.

This has been a very special season. In twelve months, our enthusiasm and love for cricket has grown enormously, as well as our skills. We won the league, but we created something far more important, a cricket family, where we all learnt and enjoyed cricket together, as well as created new friendships. And we could not bear the thought of it ending there, so we entered our team in the indoor league, just to keep us all going until next season.

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# Kirkburton Association Football Club

Kirkburton AFC are running only one team this season in the Huddersfield District League because of a mass exodus of players last season.

The club have recruited an ex-player to try and build a new team that will hopefully include up and coming talent from the junior section, Ben Dunne is being assisted by an ex semi-professional player Andrew Cyrus, and the pair between them are starting to get some good knowledge and organisation into the up and coming youngsters of the club.

Up to 11 November the club had played ten games winning three, drawing two and losing five, scoring twenty one goals and conceding thirty three, they are currently 9<sup>th</sup> in the table out of a league of twelve.

The club played Allerton FC in the first round of the District cup on 18 November at Hallas Road, winning 5-1.

The team currently train once a week and if there are any youngsters sixteen or above or any experienced players that fancy a change from their current clubs, or they are not playing anywhere at the moment please get in touch through our social media sites.

The club are always on the lookout for volunteers to help with ground maintenance and committee duties, so if you can spare a few hours a week please get in touch with a committee member or our social media sites, Facebook or twitter (now X)

The committee would like to say a big thank you to the couple of residents who empty the club's bins.

The committee would also like to say, could the parents of the children who play on the field and keep climbing



on to our storage container, please ask them to keep off, because of the dangers of causing injury to themselves.

Finally, the club would like to pay tribute to Jack Taylor a long standing member of the committee who died 5 years ago. R.I.P Jack.

**Bomber**

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I know it's a bit of a distance but it really is worth the journey to eat such excellent pizza and Slaithwaite is fast becoming a destination village with several other good places to eat too. The Homemade Bakery is a not for profit community supported artisan bakery making wonderful bread and patisserie within a cafe space. Rumpus is a fairly new restaurant specialising in artisan burgers, really grown up ones, and these places to eat are just three of what Slaithwaite has to offer. Why not visit one of these and enjoy a walk along the Huddersfield Narrow Canal or spend time exploring the village?

**Anello** described as "our Pennine Pizzeria" is the second pizza project from Kate and Jim Morgan, creators of the award winning Rudy's pizza in Manchester and now working together with new partner Rick McCollom.

Reading the restaurant's philosophy on their website it tells how this restaurant brings together their passion for Neapolitan pizza and for it to be eaten in a friendly and relaxed space. The trio enthusiastically champion the seasons using their own self grown produce as well as that of local growers.

British milled flours are used for making the pizza dough which is made in the true Napoli tradition. All the dough is made on site daily using a mixer designed to replicate the hand making process then proved for 24 hours to help the crust to be soft and easy to digest.

Organic tomatoes and fior di latte mozzarella are bought in from Campania in Italy, the owners consider the climate and methods of production there still go unrivalled, everything else is sourced as near to the restaurant as possible.

The pizza oven was specially hand built for the restaurant in Naples by the Acunto family which has a 125 year history of making pizza ovens. Once the oven is fired up to 450 degrees centigrade, and ready to go, the pizza takes just 60 seconds to cook. The owners are proud to tell us how this intensity and speed of cooking creates a wonderful freshness to the pizza with enticing aromas, flavorful charring and a tenderness to the dough unusual with other types of pizza.

I've been to Anello's on several occasions, and it's exactly as the owners say, a restaurant with a relaxed atmosphere and friendly helpful staff. The kitchen is open plan with the large wood oven on view so you are surrounded by the smell and sight of all the appetising ingredients. I've never been disappointed by their delicious super thin 14inch pizzas.

A selection of tasty nibbles is available, lovely olives, small plates and starters. The desserts are hand prepared jointly by Kate Morgan, one of the owners, and our own Miriam Leece from Highburton. Miriam used to own and run the excellent 'Miriam's Kitchen Table' cafe on North road in Kirkburton. In addition to making the desserts she runs some baking courses using Anello's premises when it's closed to customers, scrumptious in house made vanilla ice cream is always available plus a flavour of the day.

The menus change regularly as pizza toppings are all seasonal:  
Small plates & starters £3 - 5  
Pizzas at £8:95 - £12:95  
Desserts are all £5:50  
Additional dips & toppings 60p - £2:50

Various Italian wines and local beers are sold by the glass or bottle, plus a variety of soft drinks.

Take away is available, but do consult the website for information.

For the home cook 00 flour can be purchased for £2:50 a kg along with Strianese San Marzano tomatoes, also at £2:50.

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### Opening Times

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Saturday 12:00- 9:30 pm  
Sunday 1:00- 8:30 pm

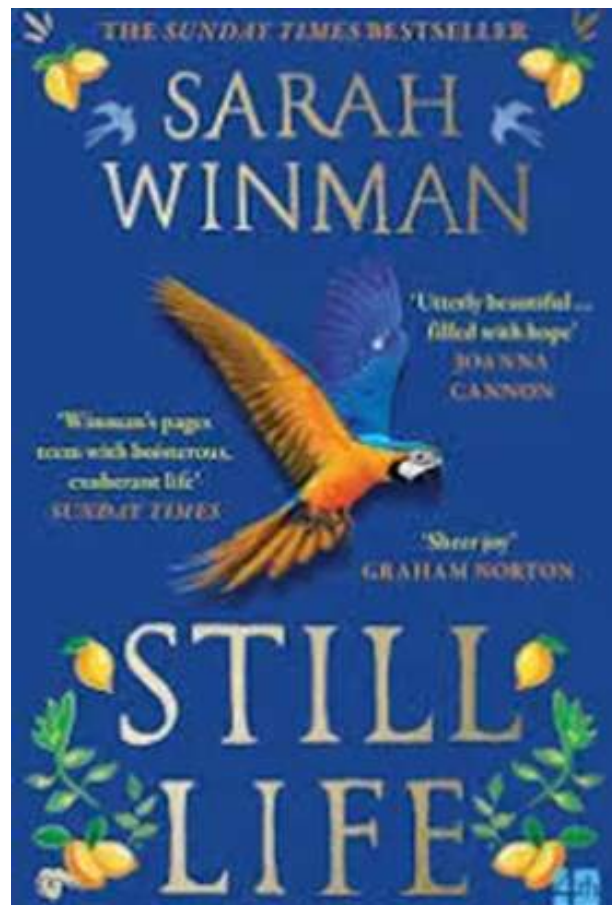




## Book review

## Still Life

by Sarah Winman



### About the author

Sarah Winman (born 1964) is a British actress and author. In 2011 her debut novel *When God Was a Rabbit* became an international best-seller and won Winman several awards including New Writer of the Year in the Galaxy National Book Awards.

### About the book

Tuscany, 1944: As Allied troops advance and bombs fall around deserted villages, a young English soldier, Ulysses Temper, finds himself in the wine cellar of a deserted villa. There, he has a chance encounter with Evelyn Skinner, a middle-aged art historian who has come to Italy to salvage paintings from the ruins and recall long-forgotten memories of her own youth.

In each other, Ulysses and Evelyn find a kindred spirit amongst the rubble of war-

torn Italy, and set off on a course of events that will shape Ulysses' life for the next four decades.

As Ulysses returns home to London, re-immersing himself in his crew at The Stoat and Parrot -- a motley mix of pub crawlers and eccentrics -- he carries his time in Italy with him. And when an unexpected inheritance brings him back to where it all began, Ulysses knows better than to tempt fate, and returns to the Tuscan hills.

With beautiful prose, extraordinary tenderness, and bursts of humour and light, *Still Life* is a sweeping portrait of unforgettable individuals who come together to make a family, and a richly drawn celebration of beauty and love in all its forms.

The Burton Bookworm

## Recipe Christmas Pavlova



Transform your usual Christmas Pavlova with the addition of clementines, pistachios, mint and dark chocolate, plus a mincemeat and rum-infused cream filling.

**Preparation:** 35 mins, **Cook:** 3 hrs and 30 mins, plus 2 hours cooling. Serves 6 - 8. Vegetarian

### Ingredients

4 satsumas or clementines, peeled, pith removed and cut into thin rounds crosswise  
25g shelled pistachios, chopped  
25g [dark chocolate](#), grated  
[small handful of mint leaves](#)  
1 [orange](#), zested  
For the meringue  
4 [egg whites](#)  
275g [caster sugar](#)  
1 tsp [vanilla extract](#)  
2 tsp cornflour  
1 tsp white wine vinegar  
For the cream  
400ml [double cream](#)  
2 tbsp [icing sugar](#), plus extra to serve  
2 tbsp [rum](#) or brandy  
6 tbsp [vegetarian mincemeat](#)

### Method

**STEP 1** — Heat the oven to 140C/120C fan/gas 1. For the meringue, [whisk](#) the egg whites to stiff peaks in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment. With the motor running at a medium-high speed, add the sugar, 1

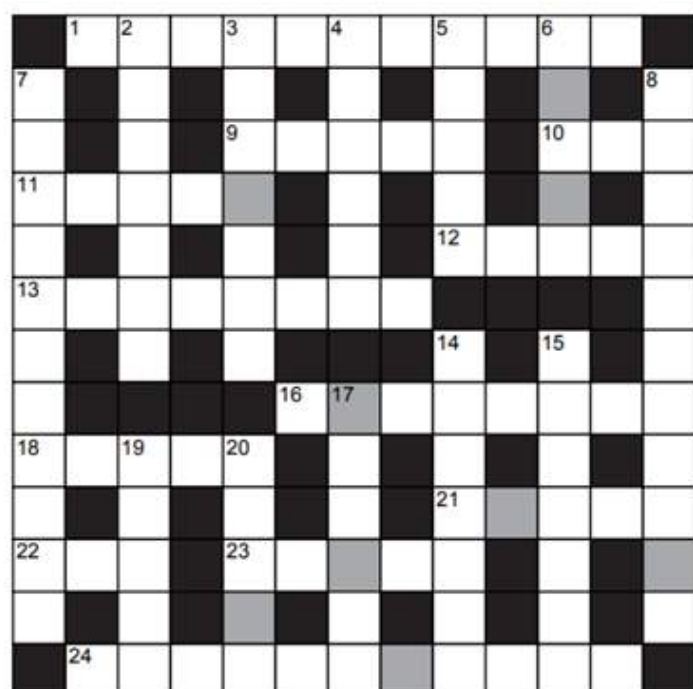
tbsp at a time, making sure it's well combined and stiff again before adding more. Continue whisking until all the sugar has been incorporated and the meringue looks stiff, glossy and holds tall peaks when the beaters are lifted. Briefly whisk in the vanilla, cornflour and vinegar.

**STEP 2** - Spoon the meringue onto a baking sheet lined with baking parchment, and smooth out into a roughly 21cm circle that's about 4-5cm deep. Bake for 1 hr 30 mins, then turn off the oven and leave the meringue inside with the oven door closed to dry out and cool completely, about 2 hrs.

**STEP 3** — For the cream, whip the cream, sugar and rum or brandy together until just starting to thicken. Fold in the mincemeat gently to create a marble effect, and then spoon the cream over the cooled meringue. Top with the satsuma slices, chopped pistachios, grated chocolate, mint leaves and orange zest. Dust with a little icing sugar to finish.

*Merry Christmas*



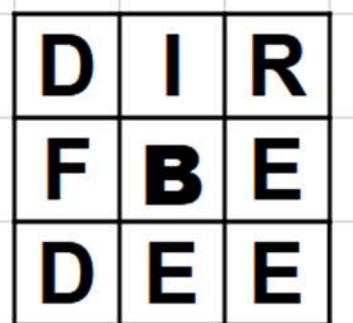


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24. Group of Islands (11)

2. Midpoint (7)
3. In a relaxed manner (7)
4. Marsh plants (6)
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6. Electronic message (5)
7. Gathering information (4-7)
8. Not yet finished (11)
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15. Frightening (7)
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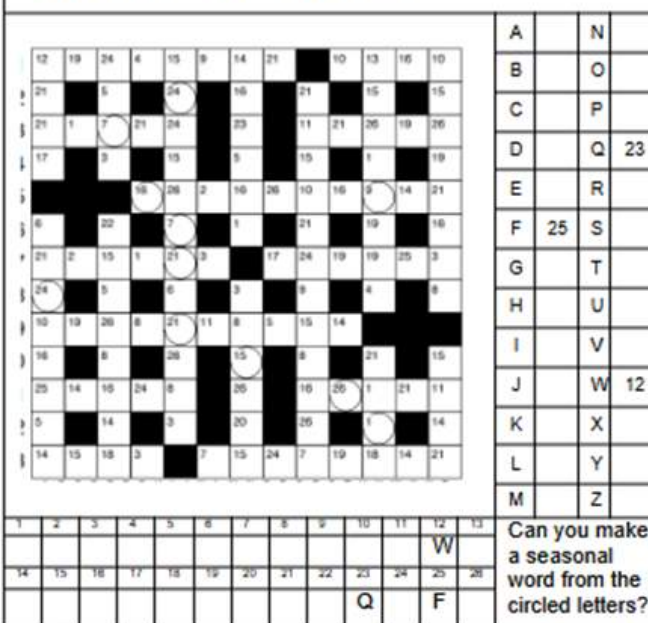
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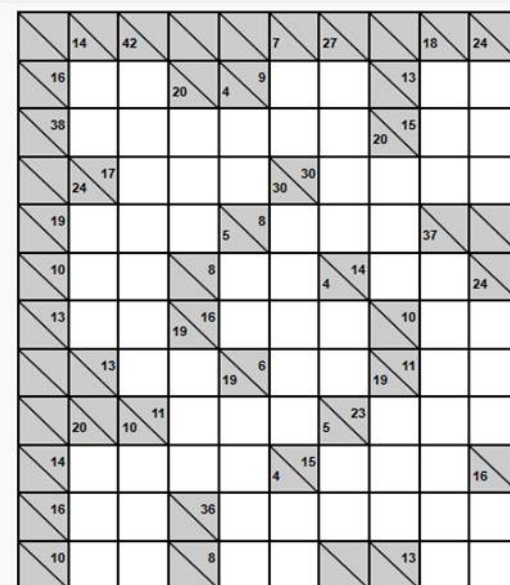
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Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26. Can you crack the code and solve the crossword? Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. 3 letters are already in place to get you started.



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## CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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# JUST FOR FUN

## NUMBERS QUIZ

How many presents were gifted in the “12 days of Christmas”

In the next questions the answers are the numbers 1 to 12, some you will know, others you could work out by a process of elimination ... Try it and see, *(Some numbers appear more than once)*

- A. How many astronauts have walked on the moon?
- B. What is the decimal equivalent of binary 10 ?
- C. The Rhubarb Triangle (Leeds/Bradford/Wakefield) is how many square miles ?
- D. What is the age of horses running in the Epsom Derby ?
- E. How many litres of water can an African Elephant's Trunk hold?
- F. How many paintings did Vincent Van Gogh sell in his lifetime?
- G. How many queens has England had? *(We mean ruling queens in their own right, rather than the spouses of kings)*
- H. What day in May is known as Star Wars Day?
- I. Currency ... How much is a “Big Ben” ?
- J. How many people on Mainland USA were killed by enemy action during World War II?
- K. How many horcruxes did Harry Potter have to destroy?
- L. English Cricket ... How many balls in an over during WWII?
- M. What percentage of people are left handed ?
- N. Where, in Downing Street, is the official residence of the Chief Whip ?

NUMBER QUIZ ANSWERS  
364 presents  
A 12, B 2, C 9, D 3, E 5, F 1, G 8, H 4 (May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you), I £10, J 6, K 7, L 8, M 11, N 12

## The Lighter Side of Christmas



- What do you call an obnoxious reindeer? RUDEolph
- Why shouldn't you mess with Santa? Because he has a black belt.
- How does Santa get his reindeer to fly? He uses Red Bull ... it gives you wings!
- How did Darth Vader know what Luke got him for Christmas? He felt his presents.
- What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic.
- Why wouldn't Santa ride his sleigh? For elf and safety concerns
- What should you give your parents at Christmas? A list of what you want.
- What would you call an elf who won the lottery ? Welfry .
- How did Mary and Joseph know Jesus' weight when he was born? They had a weigh in a manger!
- Why don't penguins fly? Because they're not tall enough to be pilots!
- How do you know the heating bill for December is too high? Dad won't let you open the windows on your advent calendar.
- What's another name for an artificial Christmas tree? Faux fir.
- Did you hear about the angry snowman? It had a meltdown.
- Why does Santa use GPS? He doesn't want to be a lost Claus.
- Why has Santa been banned from sooty chimneys? Carbon footprints
- Why will Keir Starmer be sad on Christmas morning? He'll still have no presence.
- What type of peas ruin Christmas Dinner? MPs
- How will King Charles III sign his Christmas cards? The Artist Formerly Known As Prince
- Why are the Government having problems with their version of the Christmas Nativity? They can't find three wise men



## How do I get in touch with ..?

### TRANSPORT

National Rail Enquiries	<b>08457 484950</b>
Metro Bus/Metro Train	<b>01132 457676</b>
Manchester Airport	0161 4893000
Leeds Bradford Airport	<b>0113 2509696</b>

### SCHOOLS

Highburton First School	<b>01484 222730</b>
Kirkburton First	01484 609190
Kirkburton Middle	01484 222737 or <b>604618</b>
Shelley College	01484 868777

### KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Main Switchboard	<b>01484 221000</b>
web site	<b><a href="http://www.kirklees.gov.uk">www.kirklees.gov.uk</a></b>

### KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Burton Village Hall	01484 604391
Email	<b><a href="mailto:clerk@kbpc.co.uk">clerk@kbpc.co.uk</a></b>
Website	<b><a href="http://www.kbpc.co.uk">http://www.kbpc.co.uk</a></b>
Parish Council Office	
Opening Hours:	Mon & Thurs 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

### POLICE

<i>In an emergency always dial</i>	<b>999</b>
For non-emergencies	<b>101</b>
Email	<b><a href="mailto:rural@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk">rural@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk</a></b>

### HEALTH

<b>Suspect Coronavirus</b>	<b>ring NHS 111</b>
Kirkburton Health Centre	<b>01484 602040</b>
NHS Non-Emergency	<b>111</b>
Hudds Royal Infirmary	01484 342000
Holme Valley Hospital	<b>01484 690342</b>
Calderdale Hospital	<b>01422 357171</b>
Barnsley General Hosp	01226 730000
Kirkburton Dentist	01484 605812
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### ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

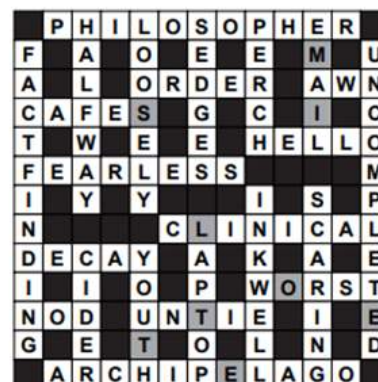
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<b>Kirklees Councillors</b>	
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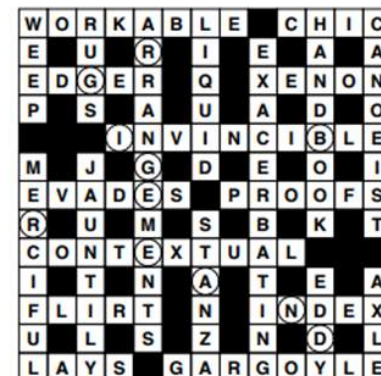
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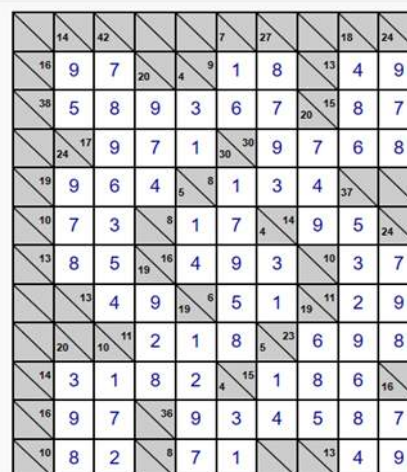
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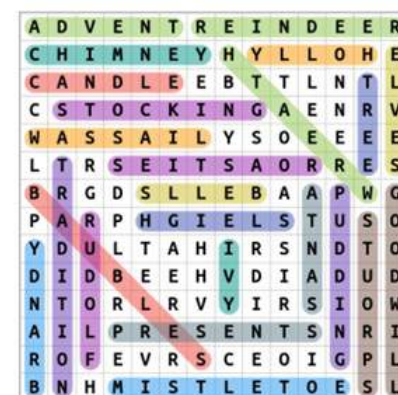


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