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WHEN SHOULD CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS BE PUT AWAY?

I do not know if you caught a little discussion on Radio 4 recently about when to take down Christmas decorations. It was Twelfth Night (5th January) versus Candlemas (2nd February). Candlemas is one of the oldest Holy Days in the Christian calendar commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:22–40).

While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), those in other Christian countries historically remove them after Candlemas.



On Candlemas, many Christians also bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; and these blessed candles serve as a symbol of

Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. We have celebrated in this way in our group of churches in previous years.

In France, Belgium, and Swiss Romande, crêpes or pancakes are a traditional food on Candlemas, which is their Pancake Day. Tradition also says Nativity sets should not be put away until Candlemas, which is the last feast of the Christmas cycle. The pancakes, with their round shape and golden colour, are reminiscent of the solar disc, and refer to the return of Spring after the dark and cold of Winter.



Elaine Stubbings

SANTA KICKS COVID INTO TOUCH

Set up in December 2019 and based at Pocklington Rugby Club, 'Pocklington Rugby in the Community' is a new charity.



Their status as a charity was received just two weeks before Christmas 2019 with a grant to provide Christmas dinners for the lonely, isolated and vulnerable. In the two weeks available, the charity managed to organise at the rugby club a small sit-down Christmas dinner for just under 20 people. Whilst pleased with their efforts, they envisioned a much bigger and better event for 2020.

Sadly, the official launch of the new charity, at the annual Rugby 7s, was cancelled due to Covid. Undeterred, the plans began for Christmas 2020. Being unable to host the dinner at PRUFC, a 'meals on wheels' style delivery was organised with an anticipated 50 diners. The number grew beyond all expectations.

Clare Friend, the rugby club Catering Manager, agreed she could cope with 80. Preparing all the food on site, under strict social distancing rules, proved to be logistically challenging. Thanks to an amazing team of over 70 volunteers from Pocklington Rugby, Tennis and Hockey Clubs, Pocklington Runners, and others, 210 dinners were delivered, over two days, to vulnerable residents of Pocklington and surrounding villages, including several in Barmby Moor. A military style operation saw our community really coming together, thanks to the support of many local businesses, farmers, butchers and supermarkets who provided all the food for free.

The PRITC Charity would like to expand working with local charities and villages by providing facilities at the club for community groups who may need a home. It is investing money from grants to convert space at the club for this very purpose. You can contact the charity via their email pocklington@gmail.com, or Val French, Barmby Moor, PRITC Trustee at valfrench_ssco@hotmail.com Mobile: 07703134034

IT'S NOT EASY BEING A BIRD

This is the hardest time for birds, now the autumn crop of berries and seeds is running out, the ground and water are freezing, and insects are buried or are hibernating. Here are some ways we can help:



Water - Many people put out food for birds, but fewer provide water. Birds need fresh water for drinking and keep their plumage clean. If you do not live near water, such as streams, you can help birds by ensuring the water in bird baths or ponds is not frozen. Even a plant pot saucer will do. Never add salt to water to stop it freezing; as it is harmful to birds.



Buying food - Insect eaters such as robins and blackbirds love mealworms. Goldfinches will be attracted to nyjer seed. You need a special nyjer seed feeder for this as the seed is so small it falls out of normal seed feeders.

Bird seed mix containing wheat tends to attract wood pigeons: seed mixes without wheat are available, although more expensive.

Sharing your dinner with the birds - You do not have to spend money on special bird food, many kitchen scraps and leftovers make ideal snacks for birds visiting your garden. Here are some suggestions:

Fat from cuts of meat (as long as it comes only from unsalted varieties) can be put out in large pieces and anchored to stop large birds flying away with a whole piece. Cold cut roast potatoes are also good. Fruit, any excess or bruised apples pears and other fruit, but please cut them up first. Pastry cooked or uncooked is excellent, as are dried fruit, leftover fruit cake and broken biscuits.

Golden rules for feeding birds – Do not put out salty foods; birds cannot digest them, and it will damage their nervous system. Only leave enough that can be eaten in one day otherwise you may attract rats. Wash your hands after filling feeders, wash feeders frequently, and move them around the garden to avoid build-up of disease. Try not to offer bread in large quantities, as bread, especially the white variety, has a low nutritional value and it may attract unwelcome visitors.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Firstly, several updates on Humberside Police.

There has been an increase in the number of police officers – from 1420 in 2014 to 2036 in November 2020. Pocklington has re-introduced 12 Response Officers with 4 more coming soon. These officers respond to emergency and urgent calls.



Neighbourhood Policing is growing in the East Riding. Humberside Police are introducing a new Rural Task Force – it has one Sergeant and four PCs based in Driffield and will concentrate on crime in rural areas. These are in addition to a Wildlife and Heritage crime officer. Recently a Roads Crime Team has been introduced, to focus on those using the road networks to commit crime. CID Officers have been reinstated in Goole and Beverley, and a dedicated Domestic Abuse Team is being introduced early in 2021.

Operation Galaxy continues to work to catch organised criminals. They have successfully seized drugs, money, counterfeit goods, made arrests, and forced property closures. Officers have continued the force-wide community engagement programme and have knocked on more than 27,000 doors to ask residents what their concerns are.

Chief Officers are active members of the Local Resilience Forum which brings agencies together in response to Covid-19.

Good news is that crime rates in Humberside are down. Calls and contacts about crime and criminals to Crimestoppers have increased. One important message is that it is people who stop crime. So, the police can only work well when local residents support the police officers by keeping their eyes and ears open for anything unusual and certainly never reacting by saying “it’s probably nothing important”.

For those of you who have dogs (working, showing or companions) please be alert, as all dogs can be targets for unscrupulous criminals to steal. Dog

stealing has increased by 27%. Be particularly alert when your dog is running free as they might be distracted by strangers using whistles or duck decoy-type noises and drugged. As with so many criminal activities it takes only a few seconds to grab a dog and bundle it into a van, never to be seen again.

Covid-19 scams continue, the latest is a text saying you are eligible for a vaccine jab – do not click on the link. Other messages include fake GOV.UK URL links, suggestion of a lockdown fine, health supplements and offers of financial support from your bank.

Remember with Covid-19 cases still rising, you can do your bit.

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- ☐ You have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the council

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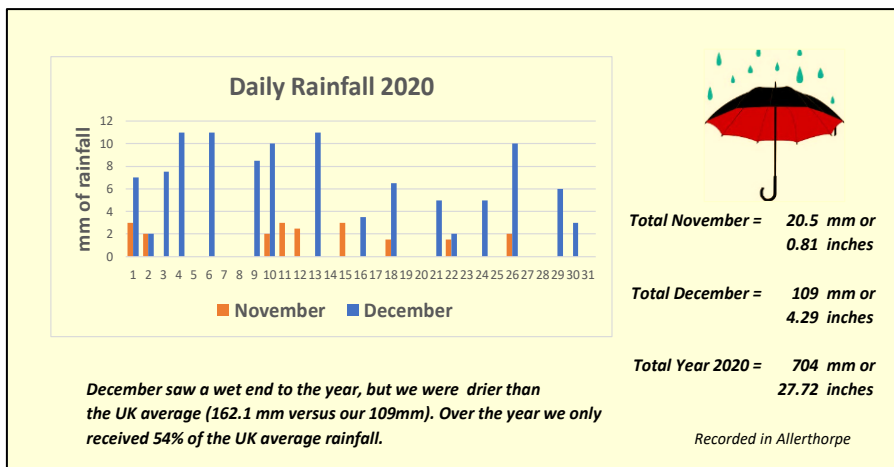
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Keep safe and well.

Gail Turner



FARMING NEWS

The frosty weather at the beginning of the year has helped the vernalisation process of autumn sown wheat, which is the physiological development arising from prolonged cold exposure that provides the ability of plants, such as wheat, to flower. It delays maturity before reproduction can occur which enhances yield.

Activity in the fields is low just now, with the frosts enabling some hedge trimming to occur as the tractors tread lightly on the hard ground and do not compact the soil underneath. There are more crops in the ground than at this time last year, and by mid-February some farmers will be thinking about the first application of fertilizer.

Oilseed rape growing has gone out of favour in some quarters now. The problems of growing it are well documented, but the recent price rise in palm oil and its associated products may tempt some back into oil production, with lupins making a comeback. It is a true



break crop with valuable soil-improving benefits. The seed is a high-quality protein that could replace some of the imported soya used in livestock rations, being a sustainable UK-grown alternative. It is not a new crop however and has been grown in a limited way since 1996. Weed control and lack of a quantifiable market has limited its growth and success.


Eggs are a subject I rarely touch on, but apparently white feathered laying hens offer a higher output than brown feathered birds. The white breeds live longer, and their overall egg output is higher. White bird flocks lay for 95 weeks while brown flocks can only manage 74 weeks. This difference is tempered somewhat by the buying public preferring brown eggs, and yes,

white birds can lay brown eggs, but it is usually their brown feathered cousins that do.

My father advised me that for a complicated negotiation between two parties to be sustainably successful both sides should feel somewhat aggrieved at the outcome. With the above in mind the recent conclusion to "Brexit" may bode well for the future. No doubt there will be some problems and the deals fall short with fishing and frictionless trade, particularly in Ireland. Covid-19, of course, is not helping at the borders and in this third lockdown we are told that farmers, their staff, and vets remain on the list of key workers which means school can remain open for the children of these groups.

JCB Loadalls are popular machines on farms (other makes are available) but unfortunately their reverse alarms are a considerable source of noise pollution. The piercing beep-beep sound can carry a long way. There is an option at extra cost to have a less obtrusive "white noise" alarm fitted and there is pressure for them to be fitted as standard. White noise is random noise that has a flat spectral density – so now you know!

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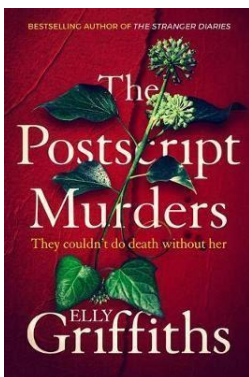
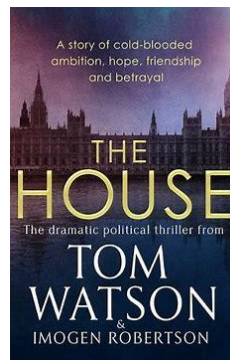
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The House by Tom Watson

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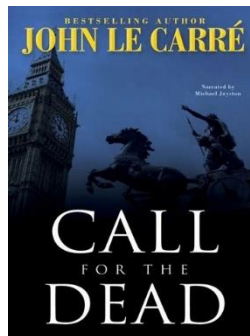
The Postscript Murders by Ellie Griffiths

A literary mystery for fans of Anthony Horowitz, Agatha Christie, and anyone who's ever wondered just how authors think up such realistic crimes.

It ranges from the sleepy seaside town of Shoreham to the granite streets of Aberdeen. The detective Kaur is a fine intuitive detective: she is gay, still lives at home with her parents and is never afraid to follow her gut instinct.

Call for the Dead by John le Carré

The death of John le Carré this year might prompt you to read (or re-read) some of his novels. Call for the Dead is his first novel, which introduces George Smiley, the most famous of his characters. A foreign office civil servant, Samuel Fennan, apparently committed suicide after a routine security check by George Smiley: because of this the head of service sets Smiley up to be blamed for Fenton's death – and Smiley begins his own investigation.



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EBOR VALE GROUP RDA - LOCKED DOWN

The Group takes a breather between the end of November and Easter. In March last year when the first lockdown came, we were just beginning to bring the Riders Disabled Association (RDA) horses and helpers back into work. All plans for the 2020 season of riding and carriage-driving were set aside, and the trustees' only thought was on survival; no fees from riding, no chances to fund-raise at country fetes, and no organised sponsored events. And yet the bills continued: vets, the farrier, insurance, etc., etc. Fortunately, prudent housekeeping over previous years meant we were not as immediately threatened as many charities.

The whole group exists through the voluntary efforts of its members – so at least there was no wage-bill to worry about. But, despite the generosity of members and friends, an initial grant from Sport England, and donations from, amongst others, Pocklington Rotary Club, we have inevitably seen our bank-balance reducing as the months drag on.



Like everyone else, we thought life might open up in the summer or autumn. For some people, it did to an extent in July/August, but we had to act ultra-cautiously. Many of our dedicated volunteers are getting on 'a bit', and our lovely riders and drivers would for the most part be classed as vulnerable, and RDA sessions involve unavoidable, close contact. As a consequence, the horses are now in their fifteenth month of inactivity - apart from steadily chomping through our winter-feed supplies. For a time, outside lockdowns, they were being ridden out in Allerthorpe Woods by helpers, but this too was stopped. Horse-riding, even in the woods and with our dependable troop of ponies, is a risky undertaking. Should someone suffer a fall, they would be at risk of the virus if taken to hospital, and it would be one more burden on the NHS.

As a result, I'm sure the horses miss the company. During morning field-cleaning duties, some of them follow you round the paddocks like a bunch of very large dogs!

We desperately want to be on the go again soon, not least because the Group will mark its 40th anniversary in 2021. From humble beginnings in 1981 with a borrowed pony and £9 in the bank, Ebor Vale has prospered. A programme of events under the banner 'Focus on 40' is being worked up. Let's hope that the vaccination rollout will enable us to have a real celebration and to resume bringing happiness and new skills to our riders and drivers.

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FRAGRANT SHRUBS FOR YOUR WINTER GARDEN

Garden Centres should be well stocked with plants by February and some of those will be fragrant shrubs. These can be positively spirit-boosting in the lull between winter and spring.



The sarcococcas are among the finest scented winter shrubs and their common name, sweet box, sums them up well for this compact Asian evergreen has box-like foliage. The most elegant form of all, *Sarcococca confusa*, has small green leaves and ivory flowers which pack a powerful lily-like scent that travels over a wide area.



Sarcococca hookeriana has pink stamens and often the foliage looks olive-green and less pristine, but again it is heavily scented. Place one or more close to your door, either as single specimens or among ivies and small bulbs. A sarcococca could stay in a container for a year or two but after that find a suitable spot to plant it out in your garden.



Chimonanthus praecox, also known as wintersweet, is the perfect name for a shrub with deliciously scented winter flowers. The small, pale yellow, waxy blooms appear on bare stems and might appear insignificant, but their fragrance is wonderful. Wintersweet is a relatively slow-growing shrub, good for a medium-sized garden as it reaches a maximum height of 4m, and spreads to around 2.5m. It works well in winter floral arrangements.



Of all the shrubs renowned for scent the daphnes are the most sought after and cherished. *Daphne odora* 'Aureomarginata' is the evergreen favourite with shiny pointed leaves with narrow gold margins. The clusters of purple pink flowers start to open in late winter and continue for several weeks in spring. The perfume is rich, sweet and delicious. It does not grow well in a pot but will grow well in well drained soils in sun or semi-shade.



One of the best shrubs for winter scent is the winter flowering honeysuckle, *Lonicera fragrantissima*. It is not a climber like many other honeysuckles, but a semi-evergreen bushy shrub with highly fragrant creamy-white, tubular flowers in winter and early spring. These are sometimes followed by dull-red berries. The purple-flushed green leaves appear in spring. The flowers are a magnet for winter-active bumblebees.

To encourage maximum scent, place winter-fragrant plants where they can enjoy the warmth of any early afternoon sunshine. Looking forward, now is a good time to think about planting bulbs for delicious summer fragrance. Lilies are famed for their scent - good ones to try are *Lilium regale*, *Lilium* 'Casa Blanca' and *Lilium* 'Muscadet'.



Penny Simmons



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HELP ME IF YOU CAN I'M FEELING DOWN

Do you recognise these words and the song they are from? It is of course, 'Help by the Beatles'.

I am too young to remember the Beatles in their early days, this song comes from 1965 when I was just six. I do however have a friend who was seventeen and saw them perform at Doncaster Swimming Baths the day before their first number one - that's the only bragging rights I have! I like this song as it has a catchy tune, and the words are very profound. It describes people at different stages in their life, young and self-assured, more mature with an understanding that it is OK to ask questions, and to ask for help if you need it.

As we begin a third Lockdown in the middle of winter, it is much more challenging. We do not have the nice weather to be out in our gardens or the novelty of doing our own thing, working and educating our children at home. These are now all realities and some not easy to manage. On a personal level as someone who lives alone and likes my own company, I have found life more challenging during each lockdown. It is difficult not being able to meet with friends and family, some people like myself are denied access to a parent who lives in a Care Home. I last saw my mother in September for six weeks and prior to that it was March when I last saw her.

Many people had plans for Christmas which had to be changed and although we all understood why, it was hard for many of us. Some people are living in difficult relationships and being at home is difficult and sometimes not safe.

You will read in this magazine that worship has been suspended at all our churches. We feel that this new strain of virus is so virulent, being 50-70% more transmissible, that it would not be a safe or wise decision to keep services going, and for the sake of our communities and the NHS we must take care to ensure the virus is not passed on.

If you are struggling with mental health issues or your well-being and you just do not feel your usual self, please seek help. It is the wise thing to do, the considered thing to do, and most of all it is the accepting thing to do. Sometimes we just need some help - maybe for a short time, maybe for a bit longer. There is nothing wrong asking for help - we are no less a human being, we are in fact incredibly wise, considered, and self-accepting. To quote the third verse of the song:

'And now my life has changed in oh so many ways, my independence seems to vanish in the haze. But every now and then I feel so insecure, I know that I just need you like I've never done before. Help me if you can I'm feeling down and I do appreciate you being round, help me get my feet back on the ground, won't you please, please help me.'

If you feel you need some support, help, encouragement, maybe just a chat, we have people in our churches who will listen to you and support you by telephone. I can support you by telephone, letter, Skype or Zoom. I can also signpost you to specialist agencies who are able to give more expert help and have been given increased grants recognizing that lockdown is hard, and many people will need some support.

For some people it is about not only singing the words of this song but owning the words, allowing them to be our words and allowing ourselves to say that simple but sometimes challenging word, help.

Part of what I do in my role as your vicar is to pray for our communities each morning and evening. I always remember those who are struggling, myself included, so you are not alone, you are remembered and held in the palm of God's hand.

Revd. Jan Hardy

'I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: " Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way".'

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

During this third Lockdown all services in our churches are suspended, whether on Sundays or Wednesdays.

If the lockdown finishes before the end of March you can find out what is happening with our services by looking at the Benefice website www.barmbymoorgroup.co.uk or by contacting Revd. Jan Hardy email: rev.j.hardy@btinternet.com, or the churchwardens of your parish. Revd. Jan's and the churchwardens' telephone numbers are on page 39 of the magazine. The Benefice website also has readings for the week and links to online prayers and services.

Our churches are still open for Private Prayer as follows:

- Allerthorpe – every day 10am - 3pm
- Barmby Moor – Wednesdays and Sundays 9am – 4pm
- Fangfoss – Thursdays and Sundays 9am - 3pm
- Thornton – Sundays 10am - 3pm
- Yapham - Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays 9am - 4pm

Please follow the instructions in each church as to where to sit for prayer and remember to wear a face covering and sanitise your hands.

Our churchyards are also open. You might like to walk to the churchyard, in each one there is a bench for you to sit and reflect. Churchyards are wonderful, peaceful places where you can see nature at its best and improve your mental health and well-being.

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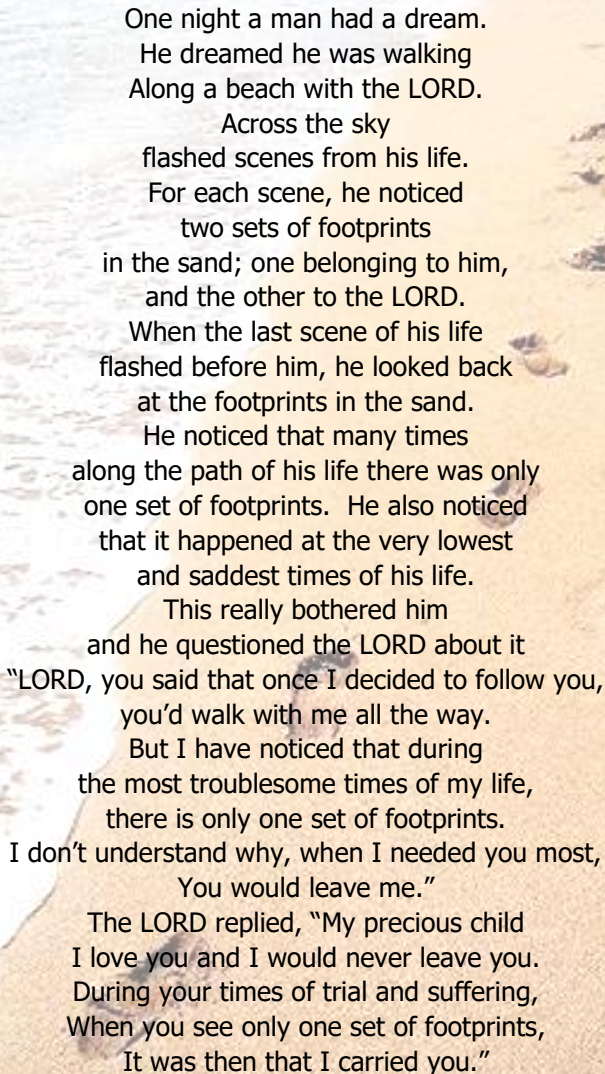
There were no baptisms or marriages in December and January.

We say a sad farewell and offer condolences to the families of:

Susan Parsons, funeral on 24th November at Fangfoss

Vicky Crinnion, cremation on 15th December

FOOTPRINTS



One night a man had a dream.
He dreamed he was walking
Along a beach with the LORD.
Across the sky
flashed scenes from his life.
For each scene, he noticed
two sets of footprints
in the sand; one belonging to him,
and the other to the LORD.
When the last scene of his life
flashed before him, he looked back
at the footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times
along the path of his life there was only
one set of footprints. He also noticed
that it happened at the very lowest
and saddest times of his life.
This really bothered him
and he questioned the LORD about it
"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you,
you'd walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during
the most troublesome times of my life,
there is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed you most,
You would leave me."
The LORD replied, "My precious child
I love you and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering,
When you see only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

*I have made you and I will carry you,
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*

Isaiah 46:4

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25g toasted flaked almonds or pine nuts
large handful coriander leaves, chopped



For the fish

2 tsp olive oil
½ lemon, zested
1tsp ras el hanout rub or other Moroccan spice mix*
½tsp honey
1 x 240g pack salmon fillets

1. To make the couscous, heat the oil in a pan. Add the onion and cook over a low heat until tender. Stir in the garlic and cook for a minute. Add the couscous, pour over the stock and stir.
2. Cover with a lid. Remove from the heat and leave for 5-7 minutes until all the liquid has been absorbed and the couscous has fluffed up. Grate the zest of the lemon peel and divide the zest into two parts and then juice the grated lemon.
3. Stir half the lemon zest, juice, nuts and coriander through the couscous with a fork, gently breaking apart any clumps of couscous. Replace lid and keep warm.
4. Meanwhile, prepare the fish. Mix the olive oil, the remaining lemon zest, Moroccan spice mix and honey, then spread over the salmon. Season well and place in an oiled frying pan. Cook on medium heat for 3 minutes each side or until just cooked through. Serve with the couscous. Garnish with lemon wedges and salad leaves.

*Ras el hanout spice is useful for rubbing into lamb chops or steaks before grilling to add a bit of zing.

Elaine Stubbings

NEWS FROM ALLERTHORPE

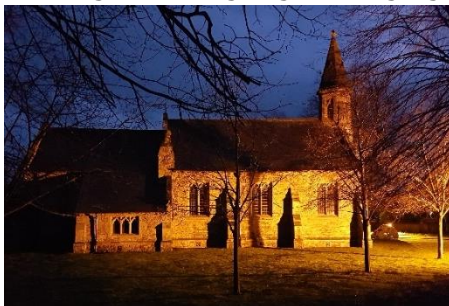
Christmas Carol Concert



Thank you to Elinda and Martin who decorated our church so beautifully - the stone sills all festooned with evergreen foliage, candles and even crib figures, not forgetting the advent wreath, crib and Christmas tree which

helped to make everything look so festive. We could view some of this by joining the online service, still available at www.tinyurl.com/allerthorpechurch. It was lovely to see children doing most of the readings. Thank you to Reverend Jan, Maximillian Elliott, Timothy Home and the choir of All Saints Pavement, York. The music and the singing of the carols were really superb. We are so very lucky to have James Ratcliffe who filmed the service, using interesting angles to highlight the young readers in the lovely interior of our church.

A big thank you too to John Atkinson for lighting the church exterior at this special time.



Christmas Fair

Sadly, the Allerthorpe Village Hall Committee was not able to hold its usual Christmas Fair. However, Christmas trees and wreaths were still ordered and collected from the Village Hall car park and many generous donations made. This resulted in a grand total of £1593.58, which will be shared between this year's charities - Kidney Research and the Village Hall Extension Fund.

Takeaways from the Plough

If you fancy a night off cooking don't forget the Plough is still doing takeaway meals.

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Hull Food Bank

Thank you all for your generous donations. Hull Food Bank provides help for people in crisis. It is part of a nationwide network of food banks supported by the Trussell Trust working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. A sign is displayed outside The Gables in the village to say when the food donations are due for collection. Right now the following items are needed urgently: tinned rice pudding; biscuits; longlife milk; tinned fish, tomatoes and fruit.





Allerthorpe Homemade Jams and Preserves

Here is the one you have been waiting for in 2021! New season Seville orange marmalade available now - small batches - so first come first served! Seville oranges are only available for a short time (January and early February) and this is why it's a special product. Ginger treacle thick cut marmalade is also available.

Still in stock are jams: apricot, strawberry and damson; also chutneys: plum, mango, courgette and tomato. No additives - all preserves, jams and marmalade priced at £2 a jar. Contact Angela - 01759 303136 or angela3batty@gmail.com All orders on front porch at Old Vicarage (no contact). Please leave money.



Volunteers wanted

We really need at least two more church cleaners / flower arrangers to join the rota and help keep our village church looking lovely. Volunteers work in pairs and at the moment your turn only comes round five or six times a year, so not a lot and it doesn't take too long. If you think you can help, please contact Deborah 306146.

Wanted - your unwanted flowerpots!

Allerthorpe Village Plant Sale start date is hopefully Saturday May 8th. The plant growers are raring to get started and will be needing those flowerpots to transfer seedlings into, also pots for larger plants - so if you are tidying out your garden shed / greenhouse and find any unwanted flowerpots please contact Penny Simmons 303832 who will be glad to hear from you.



Gillian Geekie

On hearing of her death, many will be reminiscing about the personal and public memories of times spent in Gill's company and how much she meant to us. For 35 years Gill was so much a part of Allerthorpe village life, ever since she and David brought their young family to live at the Old Vicarage.



How vividly we recall the annual Strawberry Fairs Gill organised and directed in their garden, and her sound presence on the PCC where she presided over the Churchyard care and maintenance, instigating the well-earned and popular Grasscutters' suppers.

The welcome generous hospitality and refreshments after the annual Carol Service were also an important part of village life. In addition, many convivial evenings were spent with the local Wine Tasting group. How proud she was of the fruit and vegetables she produced after spending hours tending her garden.

Gill also found time to run her Cook Shop in Pocklington where we called in for a quick chat but always left with some gadget that we were persuaded we couldn't live without.

Lately Gill struggled bravely with ill-health and was troubled with her failing eyesight, all of which drove David and herself to the heart-breaking decision to look for a smaller house and to leave Allerthorpe, a painful but necessary move.

All these memories, and more, we recall and share as we grieve her loss. We send our sympathy and condolences to David, Charles and Geeta, Jo, Sara and Rob, Catherine and James and all David and Gill's grandchildren, for above all, Gill was the devoted centre of her family.

100 Club

December Winners

£125 – Elinda Ratcliffe (89)

£25 – John Timms (144), Trevor Howard-Smith (45), Thomas Seaborn (160), Howard Proctor (208)

January Winners

£25 – Graham Gilbert (310), Fiona Brooks (282), Rebecca Brammall (74), Harry Cowley (97)

Our intention is to continue with the 100 Club in 2021, however collecting subscriptions may take longer due to pandemic restrictions. If you require further information, please let Deborah know - deborah@garthhouse.plus.com



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NEWS FROM BARMBY MOOR

St Catherine's Church Christmas Sale

St Catherine's was blessed with glorious sunshine for its Christmas Door Hangers and Table Decoration sale on Saturday, 19th December 2020. The sale had been scheduled later in the month as we were hoping for a reduction in the Tier table, however we managed to keep to the social distancing rules and

hold the sale outside in the fresh air. It was delightful to see so many people turn out in a steady flow throughout the morning to support the



Church, and we are extremely grateful to everyone for their generosity as we raised a total of £250.



We would especially like to thank the teams who helped to make this event happen - the ladies of the Church flower rota who provided the decorations for sale, Sylvia for her kind donation of knitted goods, the

fabulous set up and clear away team and the PCC members who kept us company throughout the morning.

In these uncertain times it was so good to have that feeling of 'normality', no matter how brief. Whilst we miss our Church being full for worship, the chatter and business of our coffee mornings and our great festival events, we pray that our community stays safe and well and look forward to the day we can all be together again.

St Catherine's PCC

Barmby Moor Calley Trust

Occasionally families or individuals may need a little extra help when perhaps, sickness, disability or unemployment make it difficult to manage. It maybe that your child has an educational need, such as buying extra equipment or school uniform that is difficult to budget for.

The Calley Trust may be able to help with a grant. The Trust also welcomes applications from organisations for educational or welfare purposes. Applications from residents or organisations within Barmby Moor are considered by the trustees in strict confidence and should be made to the clerk: Barry Malin - Phone: (01759) 303189
Email: lodgebarmbymoortrust@gmail.com

Facing Homelessness in York



Thank you to those who supported our regular Christmas Appeal (this year with vouchers) for festive groceries. Our special thanks to the village's Facebook page. Through your kindness the Salvation Army EIP (Early Intervention & Prevention) Team were able to give 20 people, some with children, special treats, and groceries at Christmas.

The EIP Team know everybody in York who is facing homelessness. They have a drop-in facility and work with all York's support services. They help people far from home to return and, in the early hours, their Street Walks check on rough sleepers to find and support newly homeless people.

If you would like to send further grocery vouchers through these difficult times, directly to people facing homelessness in York, through the Salvation Army EIP Team, you could use www.morrisons.cashstar.com or, if you don't mind the extra cost of postage, send paper Aldi orange/vouchers from: www.vouchers.aldi.co.uk/products/orange-voucher

Their contact details are Salvation Army EIP Team, 63 Lawrence St, York, YO10 3BU. Email: sarah.pirie@salvationarmy.org

Thank you again for your kindness. Barmby Moor Methodist Chapel

St. Catherine's Church 100 Club

The winners are as follows:

October Draw: £20 - Carol Kraut (134), £15 - Chris Gardham (82), £10 - Margaret Abel (63)

November Draw: £20 - Susan Muskar (137), £15 - Ruby and Riley Anderson (93), £10 - Wren Adams (37)

December Draw: £20 - Bronya Emerson (108), £15 - Moira Wilkinson-Mudd (216), £10 - Emma Wilson-Barnes (213)

Christmas prize draw: £250 - Noel Whincup (210), £125 - Emma Wilson-Barnes (214).

All draws were undertaken by a member of the public with records kept. Payments should be received before the end of January.

Thank you once again to existing members for your continued support during what has certainly been a difficult and challenging year. You continue to raise over £1000 pounds for St Catherine's Church, and this year, of all years, it is very much appreciated.

If anyone is interested in joining St Catherine's 100 Club, the cost is £10, please do contact: Gareth and Caryl Shephard on 01759 301939 or shephardgareth@yahoo.co.uk.

News from the Boot and Slipper

The Boot & Slipper would like to say a Happy New Year to everyone! We missed being able to celebrate with you all but at least we're all safe. We would also just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us during 2020. It wasn't an easy year by far and we couldn't have made it without the great support of our loyal customers. Let's hope 2021 will be better.

A big thank you to the Calley Trust for providing a grant which enabled us to deliver 97 Christmas lunches to our over 60s, free of charge. A huge thank you to our small army of 12 volunteers who helped with service and delivery.

We tried to support everyone in the community in any way possible in 2020 and we will continue to do so. If you need any help with shopping, a friendly call, etc. please get in touch with Lauren (07860 584 860).

We will be continuing our weekly takeaways for the foreseeable future and we hope you will support us.
Tuesday 5pm -7pm - Homemade pie night

Friday 5pm - 7pm - Fish & chip night

Sunday 12noon - 2.30pm - Carvery

Full menus can be found on our Facebook page.

All our takeaways are proving very popular and we ask you to order and book a collection time slot. This way we can avoid gathering and ensure everyone gets their takeaway safely.

Remember if you need anything call us on 01759 303328.

Andy, John, Lauren, Dan & Sue

Getting Ultrafast Fibre Broadband in Barmby Moor

Your Community Needs You! The quality and speed of your broadband is all important. An ultrafast, reliable connection is essential for services including TV on demand, music streaming, voice and video telephony, online backup (treasured family photographs), and online learning. With rapidly increasing demand, our local broadband is regularly too slow and sometimes non-existent. But it does not have to be this way!

Teresa Bovingdon has set up a Community Partnership with Openreach to provide residents of 367 properties in Barmby Moor with Ultrafast Fibre Broadband (fibre to the premises) capability with an estimated cost of £327,240.



Boot & Slipper Takeaway's

Homemade Pie Night Tuesday 5-7.30pm

Steak, Chicken & Mushroom or Pork & Herb £4.50
Chips £2
Home soaked Mushy Peas £1
All pies are single servings and served with a Gravy tub.

Fish & Chip Friday 5-7.30pm

Freshly battered cod £4.50 Portion of chips £2.10
Small portion of sausages 90p Portion on scampi £3.80
Large portion of sausages £1.80 Curry sauce/
Small portion of nuggets £1.30 Mushy peas/
Large portion of nuggets £2.50 Gravy £1

Takeaway Sunday Carvery 12-3pm

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The Government is offering funding support via the GIGABIT Voucher Scheme to cover the cost of providing the infrastructure. Currently each property can apply for a voucher to a value of £1500 (topped up from East Riding Council by an equal amount) as a resident, or as a small business/sole trader a voucher of up to £3500 (again topped up from ERYC by an equal amount). However, a property cannot claim both residential and business - only one or the other.

Once Openreach have finalised the commercial offer and received approval from DCMS (Department of Culture, Media and Sport), they will provide a portal where you can pledge your vouchers. You do not need to apply for a voucher personally - only pledge your voucher via the portal.

Each property pledges their voucher to the Community Partnership project with the understanding that if the project goes ahead, they will purchase an Ultrafast Broadband package from an ISP (Internet Service Provider) as per the terms of the voucher.

If we receive enough pledges, Openreach will deliver the infrastructure within the following 9-12 months. If we do not receive enough pledges, the project will not proceed and it would be a case of waiting to see if our community is included within future commercial rollout, but this could take many years!

If you have any queries about the community partnership, please contact Teresa by email at teresa.bovingdon@hotmail.co.uk. There is also information on the Barmby Moor Facebook page. Both readers of Facebook and the Parish News will be updated when there is news.

Barmby Moor Playing Field 100 Club

November Draw: £75.00 - Neil and Clare Sissons (28), £50.00 - Richard Tinson (92), £25.00 - Kev Shirley (75).

December Draw: £75.00 - Kim Brown (33), £50.00 Maggie Appleton (77), £25.00 - Bethany Shepherdson (35)

Special Christmas Prizes - £200.00 Steve Collier (88) and £120.00 Adam Bimpson (82).

The November draw was held on 30th November and shown on Facebook. The Christmas draw was held on 16th December and also shown on Facebook.

NEWS FROM FANGFOSS, BOLTON AND SPITTAL

Modification of Church Facilities

Previously there have been several proposals to improve the Church facilities at St Martin's. These have included modifying the west end of the Nave so that it can be used more effectively by the public for non-church going events, e.g. meetings, toddlers' group, etc. Although permission from the Diocese (known as a Faculty) has been granted in the past, it has now lapsed and impetus for the work was lost.

In March of last year, the PCC re-applied to the Diocese. The proposal being:

1. To remove one pew from the east end of the Nave, level the floor, lay stone paving and into the space created relocate the font from the west end of the Nave;
2. Remove five pews and the raised wooden floor from the west end of the Nave and lay stone paving to match that of the aisle and entrance;
3. Introduce folding chairs and a storage cupboard for the same to replace lost seating capacity when needed;
4. Upgrade and reposition the central heating radiators and pipework, and install under-floor heating at the west end of the Nave and under-pew heaters;
5. Install a disabled accessible WC cubicle and kitchen facilities with new water supply and drainage provision;
6. Replace the existing Victorian dark wood entrance/lobby with a glass and timber unit with push pad for automatic door opening; and
7. Construct a ramped access with wrought iron handrails at the main entrance.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee on the 8th of December recommended the proposal for approval and as a result we have permission now to proceed to public consultation. The only problem is of course that we are in

Lockdown. However, as soon as we are able, we will hold a meeting in the church to invite you to review the proposals and give your input into the use of the space created.

Once the Faculty is fully granted, we will be going out to tender and looking for some funding to cover the balance of the successful quote. We do have a major part of the funding set aside.

Church Opening During the Lockdown

Although the Government has not changed its policy on church opening, it is felt by the PCC and with approval of the Vicar that, until the situation improves, services at the church will be suspended until the lockdown ceases and the situation improves.

The church will be open on Thursdays and Sundays for individual Worship (see sign at the main entrance and obey the instructions posted). These days were chosen to allow a 72-hour isolation period between openings to minimise the risk of the virus transmission.

Help for St Martins School

The Headteacher has been seeking help to purchase additional laptops so that the school can respond to requests from parents with children who are now at home due to the Lockdown and needing help with home schooling.

St Martin's School does not qualify for any appropriate government funding scheme and so it has requested funding for ten Chromebooks (at a cost of approximately £260 each) for those families asking for help and for their most vulnerable students.

St Martin's PCC held an extraordinary meeting and voted to provide five Chromebooks using funding from a specific educational fund and also from the 100 Club. Local donations have then very generously provided funding for the remainder.

Of course, if you wish to donate so that more purchases can be made to help others, please contact the Headteacher, Juliet Robinson on 01759 368446. All donations will be most gratefully received.

100 Club Winners

November Draw £25 - Paul Cromack (184), John Greenwood (154)

December Draw £40 - Maggie Hurst (174)

£60 - Wendy Martin (181)

£100 - Andrew Craven (10)

Thanking all for your support in 2020 and hoping for some return to 'Normal' through vaccinations etc. this year!

The Carpenter's Arms

Sally and John would like to thank everyone who has supported them over the last very difficult year. Takeaway meals are still available on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 5-8pm. Please phone on 01759 369745 between 12-2pm on the day (or in advance) to place your order and arrange a collection time. The weekly menu and further information are available on the village website: www.fangfoss.net

JUBILEE PARK

Jubilee Park is remaining open, but it is hoped that everyone will conform to the current government guidelines. For up to the date information, please refer to the Jubilee Park Facebook page.

The Park was able to secure a grant from the Woodland Trust to enable them to purchase some trees to replace several diseased ones and to add to existing copses. Some of the committee braved the rain on a Sunday morning last month and planted 105 of them.



It has been a difficult year for fund raising, but we were able to go ahead with the potato contest, the photography competition, and the sale of calendars. We will start our fundraising off this year with the potato

competition. The rules are quite simple - you buy a seed potato from the committee, grow it anywhere and anyhow and the potato that produces the heaviest crop will win £50. Prizes are awarded later in the year. Potatoes will go on sale from the end of February. Good luck as the winner last year managed a weight of 10.9kg!

NEWS FROM THORNTON AND MELBOURNE

Wishing all a Happy New Year. It is not the start we wanted with Covid-19 cases rising, however if everyone plays their part then hopefully things will improve by the summer. Always refer to the Government Advice for current information.

Carol Service Sunday 20th December

It was a very different Carol Service this year, not only because of Covid-19 restrictions, but also because it was held on a Sunday morning, whereas for the last 20 plus years it has always been held on a Friday evening. The Christmas story is still an important one at any time and sends a message of hope to us all.

Crib Service Thursday 24th December

Hazel MacDonald led a lovely service, despite only finding out at the eleventh hour she was taking it. Our little church was as full as we were allowed, and it was lovely to see the children there too.

Holy Communion Service Sunday 3rd January

Our thanks to Rev Maggy Ellison who led the service and gave a wonderful sermon. It was just right to start off the New Year!

Unfortunately, this has been our one and only service. Following the new lockdown there has been consultation and it has been decided that church services should be suspended with immediate effect. However, St. Michael's will open on Sundays from 10 - 3pm for quiet prayer. Please follow the instructions on the table and remember to wear a face mask covering nose and mouth and to sanitise your hands on entering the church. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

WhatsApp

The Village WhatsApp group is still going. If you wish to be added to this group, please let Claire Triffitt know. If you know of anyone needing help or assistance, or you are able to offer help, then either let Claire Triffitt know on 318955 or Ruth Steels has set up Melbourne SOS Facebook page.

Highways

There are several issues that Thornton Parish Council are involved with.

Car Parking on Common Lane

Mainly from the corner of Thornton House Equestrian to Sutton Lane. This is becoming a problem as there are increasing numbers of cars which are being parked on both verges with no consideration for other road users. A lorry recently ended up coming off the verge and into the dyke to avoid hitting parked cars. Thornton PC is working very closely with Allerthorpe PC in trying to get this problem resolved.

If you have any photos that you are happy to be used as evidence of the problem, then please email to highways.customer.care@eastriding.gov.uk or alternatively you can email them to claire.triffitt@btinternet.com. Hopefully liaising with ERYC and the Forestry Commission will help to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion for all.

Church Lane

Church lane has been closed whilst Hagg Bridge is being repaired to stop it being used as a shortcut. Some members of the public in Melbourne are now calling for it to be permanently closed to vehicles other than for access. Please let your Parish Councillors know your thoughts on this matter.

Road Condition

We are aware that the condition of the roads in Thornton has deteriorated since the increase in volume of traffic last year and we will be asking ERYC to fill the potholes and repair verges when COVID allows and when Hagg Bridge is reopened. If you have any other matters regarding Highways, then please let us know.

Rural Crime

This is on the increase, please look out for your neighbours and report anything suspicious to the Police.

100 Club

It is not too late to join the 100 Club, which raises funds for St Michael's Church. Please contact Janet Hayton 01759 318287 for further details.

December Draw £25 - David Whitwell (23) and Christina Groves (13)
£10 - Jane Pearson 55

NEWS FROM YAPHAM-CUM-MELTONBY

Happy New Year despite the lockdown and restricted use of our church. The church will be open for private prayer on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays from 9.00am to 4.00pm approximately. On other days of the week other churches in the group will be open.

As you may well know there will be no services for the time being. For some it will be a disappointment but for some a relief as many of us are of a certain age. When we can resume services, they will be appreciated all the more. Perhaps the vaccination programme will give a little light at the end of the tunnel.

100 Club

It has proved difficult to organise this year until there is an end to lockdown and times become more normal.



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