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## **WELCOME** to the August /

September 2020 edition of the Parish News. We trust that all our readers remain well. We have insights from one of our readers on lockdown and a reminder of the life of William Wilberforce, at a time when our society needs to continue to act to stop racism. The coronavirus is still with us so take care and stay alert.



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## **HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE**

As many of you may already know Hearing Dogs for Deaf People have a training centre in Bielby, however, their base is in Buckinghamshire. Bielby is their only other site, so it is great that we have a high calibre national charity on our doorstep.



We have been volunteers for several years and the most rewarding aspect has been discovering the massive difference having a hearing dog makes to someone's life. The charity highlights that people who are deaf can feel disconnected from friends and family and their communities and often suffer from isolation, stress, and loneliness. After being confined to our homes this year with the coronavirus pandemic, many more of us will be able to relate to the reality of living in a disconnected way.

Like all charities Hearing Dogs are struggling at the moment. Many of their



staff have been furloughed and much of what they do has had to stop - face to face meetings, group meetings, puppy training classes, weekly talks and tours as well as a whole range of fundraising events. Many dogs are now being trained in the homes of volunteer puppy trainers and work continues remotely to support existing hearing dog partnerships.

Please take a moment to look at their website ([www.hearingdogs.org.uk](http://www.hearingdogs.org.uk)) and spread the word about this life changing charity.

Susi Final / Ruth Sheppard



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## **FARMING NEWS**

Harvest is now well underway in Yorkshire with the autumn sown crops of barley and oilseed rape being the first to be combined. The month of May had very little rainfall this year, but the heavens opened in the middle of June with copious amounts of rain saving many crops from droughting off.



Potatoes and other root crops benefit from excesses of summer rain and when this does not happen the irrigators or irrigators come out. The water supply is from either lined large dug out areas which are filled during the winter, water table lakes or bore-holes. It is an expensive and labour-intensive operation with the water pipes sometimes being laid over a mile or so with crops having to be rotated around the farm and not near the source of the water.

The straw length of many cereal and rape crops is much shorter this year partly because the plant breeders strive to retain the quality of the grains by keeping the stalks upright in inclement weather and also to make combining easier. The livestock farmers however are wondering if they will have access to enough straw to keep them going over the winter months.

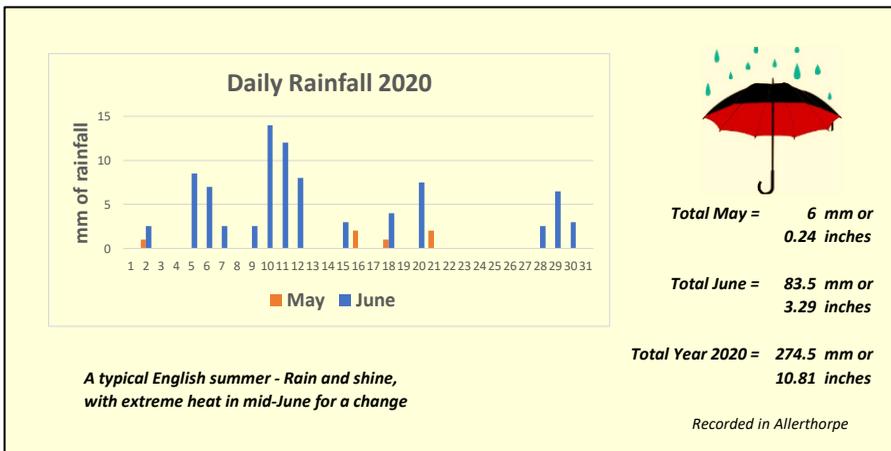
We farmers have been told by accountants and others over the years not to put all our eggs in one basket and to diversify. Many of us have done exactly that and have developed farm shops, theme parks, bed and breakfast accommodation, holiday lodges and pick your own etc. As Brexit was looking uncertain, non-farm income seemed an obvious, pragmatic and forward-thinking approach. Then along came coronavirus. Arable farming has largely been unaffected by the disease but all the diversification enterprises deal directly with the public. The lesson is do not neglect the core business of farming, as unfortunately diversification has backfired in these troubled times. Let us hope the financial losses can be recovered over time.

The follow-up to the no longer manufactured Land Rover Defender has finally been unveiled by Ineos Automotive. It is named the Grenadier 4 X 4 and will appeal to those farmers that favour function over fashion with hose-down foot-wells! Production will start in 2021 in a new facility at Bridgend in Wales.

All the summer agricultural shows and in-field demonstration events have had to be cancelled, the local one at Bishop Wilton being no exception. Many have gone virtual and if you sign up you can still claim farming industry points for your CV as if you were actually there at the event. Not quite the same though as smelling the grass and tasting the coffee.

Workplace deaths in farming have fallen to their lowest level on record. However, there were still 20 compared to the previous year of 27. The harvest period is particularly dangerous as there is a rush to beat the weather and long hours are worked with the tiredness factor coming into play. Power lines can sag over time and with combines and loaders getting larger there is a risk of electrocution. With so few people working on farms and some by themselves it is essential that someone knows where you are so that the alarm can be raised if you do not return. The annual electricity safety campaign is as relevant as ever “lookout-lookup”.

### G.O. Farmer



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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

As I write this, we are still under the shadow of Covid-19 and the number of UK deaths so far exceeds 45,500, leaving millions of people in mourning and distress right across the world. And yet there are still criminals who are trying to attack vulnerable folk for their own greedy ends.



We start with motorcycles: Humberside Police regard these as a growing nuisance as they are part of criminal networks. The Police need to know details of the bikes, what properties the riders go to, how they are dressed and any names. With this information the law enforcers can issue warnings and seize and destroy vehicles.

Humberside Police have been active in Operation Galaxy recently. In less than 4 weeks, 489 people have been detained and Police have seized drugs, cash and weapons. This ongoing work prevents criminals from taking advantage of the public while we are involved in trying to cope with life during the pandemic.

This now brings us to the wide variety of scams which, sadly, are aimed at ensnaring the innocent and vulnerable in our area. Action Fraud have received reports from nearly 2,400 people of Coronavirus-related scams by mid-June, with total losses of over £7million - and these are the ones that are reported.

Experts warn that email, text and online scams are the most successful ways criminals obtain personal information, particularly using text-based scams. Also, criminals are becoming increasingly clever in using technology. Ways to avoid being scammed are: not clicking on links sent by text; not following instructions by text, e.g. being told to follow instructions from a bank by text - something no financial institution would do; not recognising the sender of a text, email or online or receive a message about a purchase supposedly from a company you haven't been doing business with. I have to say that my policy is if something doesn't fit at once to switch off however rude I may seem. If the contact is genuine,

he or she will try to reach you later.

TSB conducted an experiment with their researchers showing 2,000 adults 20 emails and texts from third parties such as banks and mobile phone providers. Ten were genuine and ten imitating companies. Just 18% of those taking part could correctly identify the bogus messages. Furthermore, adults aged 18 to 24 are more at risk of falling for a scam. NEVER give your personal details to anyone unless you are certain of the 'person' at the other end.

Finally – with the better weather now upon us do pay heed to security in your home, garden and outbuildings. Don't leave doors open unless you can keep an eye on anyone trying to sneak in. Put valuable equipment safely away, out of sight preferably. And, of course, don't let casual callers beguile you into doing jobs or purchasing anything on the doorstep. Deal with local people and businesses you know.

Keep safe and well.

Gail Turner



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## **DO YOU REMEMBER BAILEY'S BUSES?**

John Bennett of The Bus Archive is looking for help with his research about the Bailey's Bus Company that was located behind the Carpenter's Arms in Fangfoss on what is now 'The Orchard'. Luckily, he approached Jane Allen a long-term resident of Fangfoss who was able to provide some background details about photographs he sent for identification.



This photo shows one of Bailey's buses parked in Bolton. The house just behind the bus is still there but the barn and far house have since been developed.

One of the drivers, Tate Kendra, parked here when he used to interrupt the ride from Pocklington for a spot of tea at his home in Bolton before carrying on to Fangfoss.



Left: Tate Kendra driving with, we think, his neighbour George Howden.

But where is the picture taken? Do let us have your thoughts.

Below: Parked in Pocklington outside what is now "Jack's" restaurant.

Please see The Bus Archive at [www.busarchive.org.uk](http://www.busarchive.org.uk) for more information on the history of road passenger transport.

If anyone has any more details or anecdotes about this company, please send them to Jane ([janeallen145@gmail.com](mailto:janeallen145@gmail.com)).



## **THE FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLE BEE**

There is an old wives' tale that says, "bumblebees should not be able to fly", this is clearly wrong. In fact, they have wings that act more like the blades on a helicopter. By rotating their wings around hundreds of times per second, the bees create vortices, like mini-hurricanes, to give them the lift they need to stay aloft.

Bumblebees are very social creatures, living in colonies of between 50 and 500 individuals. A dominant female, the queen, rules the colony. The other bees serve her, gather food or care for her developing larvae. In late



autumn, the entire colony dies, except for the queen. She hibernates underground over winter and starts a new colony in the spring. Those large bumble bees you see in early spring are all queens looking for nest sites.

All bees are important pollinators, but Bumbles are particularly good at it. Their wings beat 130 times or more per second, and the beating combined with their large bodies vibrates flowers until they release pollen, which is called buzz pollination.

There are 24 species of bumblebee in the UK, but with queens looking different to males (and sometimes to workers), as well as different colour forms for most species, there can be a bewildering array of different-looking bees. All bumblebee species are in decline. The Wildlife Group is doing something about it, the idea is to create a "bee corridor" through Barmby Moor, which will give them safe nectar and, importantly for bumbles, pollen to feed the young of the colony. Safe nectar and pollen can be defined as bumble food that has not been contaminated with insecticides.

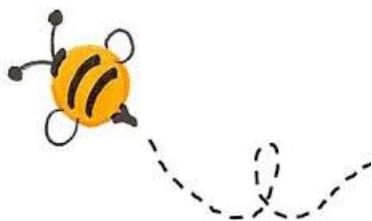
The Beckside wildlife area shows many more flower species than when it was first started, lasting over the whole of the pollinator season. As I write we have orchids, buttercups, yellow rattle and viper's bugloss in flower, amongst others, with more to come in the second half of summer.

From there our Bumblebee can fly to the churchyard, where planting has supplemented the careful mowing regime. Red campion and oxeye daisy currently dominate along with the lime trees, which often buzz with activity whilst in flower. Purple vetch and yellow toadflax will be coming later. The next stop for our furry friend would be Flat Lane, where many pollinator friendly plants are growing. Bee friendly plants don't have to be wildflowers. The echium pininana growing there are originally from the Canary Islands, not that the Bumble cares! They have been making the most of the free food, and will be using the hollyhocks, aster and echinacea later.

Currently our corridor ends at the back of the Old School. Last year volunteers created a massive show of annual wildflowers and this year there are many perennial wildflowers.

Our bee corridor needs to extend and branch out. There is a small patch developing in between Manor Garth and Back Lane, that I have donated spare perennials to. Growing perennials is not difficult, think about the land near you that could become part of the Bumble's territory. You would be helping the environment and making Barmby a lovely place, a true garden village, if we all join in. In spring plants can be split, or can be grown from seed. Take seed from any plants down Flat Lane if you wish.

Feel free to ask for advice or help. Help Bumble and his mates, the Hover Flies and Butterflies, join in with the flight of the Bumblebee.



Will Boulby  
Barmby Moor Wildlife Group

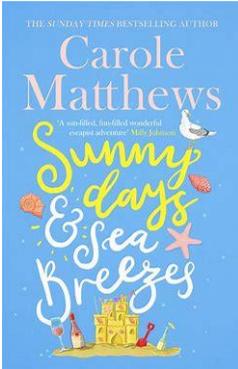
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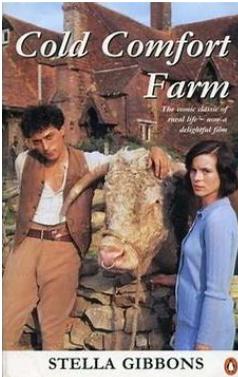
## **BOOK REVIEWS**

A few ideas for your summer reading.



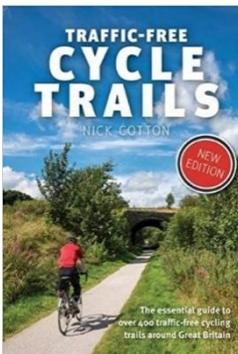
### **Sunny days and sea breezes , by Carole Matthews**

A wonderfully warm, bright book to escape into and enjoy. Jodie Jackson leaves everything she knows for a houseboat in the Isle of Wight. She soon finds herself falling for the island and its inhabitants, but London is calling and won't take no for an answer. With quirky characters, love interest and revenge, a good heartfelt story, with real-life dilemmas that we can connect with.



### **Cold Comfort Farm, by Stella Gibbons**

A classic comic novel, a hilarious and ruthless parody of rural melodrama and purple prose. One of the BBC's '100 novels that shaped our world'. A resourceful young heroine finds herself in the gloomy overwrought world of a Hardy or Brontë novel and proceeds to organise everyone out of their romantic tragedies into the pleasures of normal life.



### **Traffic free cycle trails by Nick Cotton**

First published in 2004 and regularly updated ever since, the 2020 edition contains over 400 cycle routes in Great Britain. It includes a variety of routes on former railway paths, canal towpaths and forest trails. With more of us planning UK holidays this year and as more of us have been taking to our bicycles, this is a useful guide for any cyclist, from novice rider looking to escape traffic, Sunday afternoon riders or parents planning family rides with children.

Felicity Beaumont

## **INDIA 2020!**

Well, who knew when I started fundraising in late 2018 for the Outlook Expeditions to Southern India, that it would not take place because of a pandemic! I am Alexa Morley, a student at Woldgate Sixth Form, and I am currently studying for my A-levels. To go on the trip to explore the area and volunteer in a community action project, students were encouraged to raise the funds themselves.



I created some quizzes and sold them around the village, baked cakes to sell at school, did a sponsored walk (which was fun, we even rolled down some hills!), sold squares on an India map and saved money from my part time jobs. I was lucky to receive support from Sally and John at the Carpenters Arms, who hosted an India night for myself and my friend Lotty, and also from Pamela and Janet who hosted a Coffee Morning.

The trip itself was going to take us to Kerala in Southern India. We had planned several activities, including a 3-day trek in the Munnar, Tamil Nadu in the Western Ghats. We would have camped out, hiked 39km and observed the local flora and fauna. We would also have spent a couple of days on a traditional houseboat travelling along the backwaters of Kerala.



We were also planning to visit the ARMDS Community Project in Villupuram, Tamil Nadu. This is a residential centre with a school for children with disabilities, school dropouts and community-based programmes to support marginalised groups. This is where we will still donate our fundraising. I am so glad I can still help them, even if I cannot be there myself.

As I write this, I should have been flying out. It is upsetting that I will miss the experience, but at least the money I raised can go to a worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who has supported my fundraising, it means so much to me.

## **LOCAL HERO - WILLIAM WILBERFORCE**

Described as "The Greatest Yorkshireman" Wilberforce was born in 1759 in Kingston upon Hull. At 10 years old, after his father's untimely death, he went to live with his uncle and aunt in Wimbledon, where for two years he lived under their strong Methodist influence. However, as his letters home became increasingly full of religious fervour, his grandfather and widowed mother decided to remove him from their care.

Swiftly packed off aged 12 years to Pocklington School as a boarder, William was unhappy, understandably, at the sudden move. However, he soon settled and became popular with his classmates and schoolmasters. He spent five years at the school where he lived with Kingsman Baskett, the Headmaster on West Green. He gained praise for his singing and writings. One thing that makes him seem very human was a tendency to leave his schoolwork until the last minute! Aged 14 years in a letter to the press, he made his first public attack on the evils of the Slave Trade. He was acutely aware of the ships that trafficked human cargo from Hull to the Caribbean and USA.



He left Pocklington School to go to Cambridge in 1775 and became MP for Hull at the tender age of 21 years. In 1807 he went on to represent Yorkshire. Although he is remembered for his 46 years championing the abolition of slavery, he was actively involved in spearheading several other social reforms. Among these were free medical help for the poor, education for deaf children, and prison reform. He died just three days after the Slavery Abolition Act was passed in 1833.

Margaret Murray

## **ABIDE WITH ME**

The hymn, 'Abide with me' is a favourite of many people and always sung at the FA cup final. It has those immortal lines,

"Change and decay in all around I see, O, thou who changest not, abide with me."

These are words often quoted by people who have an inherent dislike of change; however, the hymn freely acknowledges that change is a part of life, but that it is God who does not change. It is a hymn of hope and the ultimate hope of eternal life - God's promise to us.

At the age of 60, I cannot think of a time when I have experienced so much change and uncertainty in my personal life and in my working life. As I look back there is one word that comes to mind, phew!

On so many levels as human beings the changes we have experienced have been phenomenal. New ways of doing things, restrictions on what we can and cannot do, and although we may in our heads understand these restrictions, see the need for them and support them, it still doesn't mean that we have found them easy to cope with. We have all had emotional challenges, there has been the challenges for those who live alone and challenges for family groups too. Not seeing families and not being able to visit those in hospital, along with not being able to be with our loved ones at their time of death, has brought a very deep level of pain and grief to many people.

At the beginning of lockdown, I decided that it would be helpful to reflect on how Coronavirus was affecting me. I have done this and continue to do this under the following four headings:

- New things I have discovered
- Things I have rediscovered
- Acts of kindnesses I have received
- Things I have found difficult

Under the first heading of new things, I now use Skype, Zoom and WhatsApp, along with making bread and growing tomatoes. Things I have

rediscovered have been my vacuum flask which had almost got lost at the back of a kitchen cupboard along with a lunch box. I am no longer purchasing coffees and snacks; I estimate this will mean a saving of £250 in a year's time. I will use the money to have a short break in Northumberland.

Acts of kindnesses have included lovely flowers and cards sent by so many people. The thing I have found most difficult has been not seeing my mum who is in a Care Home in Doncaster and all the worry about what if Coronavirus gets into her home.

I watched 'Songs of Praise' yesterday, it was about the nation's favourite hymns. I am not surprised that 'Abide with me' was in the top ten favourite hymns. It is a hymn I have been singing and reminding myself of. Particularly, that in all the change around me, I can be sure that the God who never changes is supporting me and enabling me to support others.

Revd. Jan

### **Sunday worship**

All our Churches are open again for worship on Sundays. However, there are currently restrictions in place, as is socially distancing, wearing a face covering if possible and not being able to sing hymns. Despite this we have made a start and people have enjoyed being together again.

Numbers are restricted at our services, so if you would like to attend one of them the details of which are to be found in this magazine, it would help if you telephoned and booked a place with Revd. Jan Hardy tel: 01759 307490, or emailed: [rev.j.hardy@btinternet.com](mailto:rev.j.hardy@btinternet.com)

### **Private Prayer**

Most of our churches are open for Private Prayer as follows:

- Fangfoss 9am – 4pm daily
- Yapham 9am – 4pm daily
- Barmby Moor 9am – 4pm Wednesdays and Sundays
- Thornton Sundays 10am – 3pm

However, where a Church service takes place in a building on a Sunday the Church will be closed for private prayer for 3 days before the service and for 3 days afterwards.

### **A Prayer for all those affected by Coronavirus**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
Be with those who care for the sick,  
And lift up all who are brought low,  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

With thanks to Peter Clark, chaplain to York Hospital and to the Horse-racing community in Ryedale

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## **AUGUST CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE**

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
2 <sup>nd</sup> August Trinity 8	Yapham	9.15 am	Morning Worship
	Allerthorpe	5.00pm	Evensong
9 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 9	Barmby Moor	9.15 am	Morning Worship
16 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10	Thornton	10.45 am	Morning Worship
23 <sup>rd</sup> August Trinity 11	Fangfoss	9.15am	Morning Worship
30 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 12	Allerthorpe	10.00 am	Benefice Worship

## **PARISH REGISTERS**

There were no baptisms or weddings in June or July.

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

Kathryn East, funeral on 1st June at Fangfoss  
Jenny Bradford, funeral on 8th June at Barmby Moor  
David Williamson, funeral on 17th June at Thornton  
Margaret Woodliffe, funeral on 29th June at Yapham

## **SEPTEMBER SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE**

Date	Parish	Time	Service or Event
6 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 13	Yapham	9.15 am	Morning Worship
	Allerthorpe	5.00 pm	Evensong
13 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 14	Barmby Moor	10.45 am	Morning Worship
20 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15	Thornton	10.45 am	Morning Worship
27 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 16	Fangfoss	9.15 am	Morning Worship

### **Wednesday Church**

Wednesday Church meets on a fortnightly basis at St. Catherine's Church Barmby Moor at 10am on the following Wednesdays:

- 12th August and 26th August
- 9th and 23rd September

Weather permitting, we will meet outside, but if it is raining, we will move indoors. Our hope is that those who feel anxious about being inside might find an outdoor service more helpful.

## **LOCKDOWN OR LOCKUP?**

Dick Ockelton has been sharing his thoughts over the lockdown period.

### **Week 1**

So, here I am in lockdown, it really takes the biscuit.  
I'm not allowed to go outside, it isn't safe to risk it.  
I'm sleeping in a different room, my wife is at a distance.  
It was a disappointment that she put up no resistance.  
I got the strong impression that in helping me move bed,  
She would have been quite happy if I'd moved into the shed.

For years she's tried improving me, with limited success.  
I thought she'd take the lockdown as a chance to just address  
A few outstanding issues on the road to my perfection,  
But instead she's set off running in the opposite direction.  
With the current limitations on both restaurants and retail,  
I thought she'd use it as a chance to finalise my detail,

But it seems the lifelong object of my helpless admiration  
Is strangely keen on helping me with social isolation.  
She says the rules must be obeyed because she really cares,  
And I guess it isn't all that bad, down here, beneath the stairs.  
And there's an unexpected benefit of mass incarceration....  
Brexit's simply disappeared from daily conversation!

### **Week 4**

Another week in lockdown; it's becoming slightly hairy.  
Communication overload is getting pretty scary.  
Our phone just keeps on ringing, demanding our attention.  
What's the point in paying for "unwanted call prevention"?  
We feel obliged to answer it, because we can't go far,  
We can't pretend we're not at home; folks know just where we are.

I've stopped the garden shouting thing, my wife thought it absurd.  
She had a point; the police came round to "have a little word".  
I know my rights, I stood my ground, my manner mild but mocking,

But threatening to Taser me, I thought, was, frankly, shocking!  
Amazing how it clears the mind, the thought of sudden pain.  
Although I "won the argument", I won't try that again.

So now I'm banished to my den, with nothing much to lose.  
I'm freeing up a bit more space by drinking all the booze.  
A little word of caution, when swigging from a bottle,  
At first a little bit'll come then suddenly a lot'll.  
My wife's out in the garden, dead-heading flowering plants.  
Sometimes I think she'd dead-head me given half a chance.

## **Week 12**

Another week in Lockdown and a dose of Deja vu,  
With another case of "stick to what I say, not what I do".  
Whilst crowded pubs and "track and trace" prove difficult to police,  
The PM's Dad just dodges through the back door into Greece.  
Across the Pond the leader of a Covid-riddled nation  
Is unmasked, a sad Narcissus with a craving for ovation.

So I'm happy here beneath the stairs, away from all the fuss.  
My wife says looser lockdown rules will not apply to us.  
She thinks I will be "shielding" for at least another year  
And says I'm just imagining the voices that I hear  
When, from somewhere in the garden, there's a sound of distant jollity.  
She takes such care maintaining my environmental quality.

I really mustn't grumble, I've a toilet close at hand.  
Supplies of food and drugs and wine, meticulously planned.  
Repeats of ancient TV shows to keep me entertained.  
There's little point in coming out, there's nothing to be gained.  
So I think I'll simply hunker down and hope for better times.  
At least that bloke's stopped sending those annoying Lockdown  
rhymes.....!

Our thanks to Dick, let us know if you would like to see more of his rhymes.

## **IRISH TEA LOAF**

We all have our favourite go to cake or loaf and this is mine and it is in old measures.

6 oz.	sultanas	6 oz.	dark Muscovado sugar
½ pt.	cold tea	1 large	egg, beaten
8 oz.	Self-raising flour		

Soak the sultanas and sugar with the tea overnight in a bowl or use hot tea and allow to cool if pressed for time.  
Preheat the fan oven to 160°C, 170°C conventional oven or Mk 4.  
Add the egg, then fold in the flour.

Pour mixture into a greased, lined loaf tin (18 x 9 x 5cm) and bake for 45 minutes or until nicely browned. Check with a skewer.



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## **GARDEN JOBS FOR AUGUST**

August is usually one of the hottest months, though maybe this year after one or two hot, dry spells already it will be different. After the colour and abundance of June and July there is work to do to maintain a flourishing and inviting garden.



Many plants such as lupins, peonies and irises have probably completed their flowering cycle now and deadheading will keep them looking tidier and for lupins could encourage a second flush of blooms. Hardy geraniums may be looking straggly and will soon look all the better if they are cut to the ground and watered – new foliage will grow back. Other perennials such as campanulas, penstemons, phlox, heleniums and dahlias are hopefully flowering away happily and filling your garden with colour.  
(pictured Campanula Single Blue)

Annuals including pelargoniums, sweet peas, marigolds, zinnias and verbenas will benefit from regular picking and deadheading – all of which will encourage more flowers to form. However, you may wish to leave some sweet pea pods to ripen allowing you to collect seeds for sowing next year.



After the first wonderful flush of roses during late May and June do take time to survey your roses – rambling, climbing, shrub or bush. Many roses will flower again during the summer but may need some attention. If there are signs of black spot (pictured) do remove the affected leaves but don't compost them. Deadhead plants regularly unless one of the attractions of your roses is the formation of colourful rosehips and feed your roses if you are expecting a continuation of flowering.



Watering any plants in containers is likely to be a daily or even twice daily operation and is best carried out early morning or early evening to reduce water loss through evaporation. A weekly feed could be beneficial. To keep your plants happy and healthy do enlist the help of neighbours if you are planning to be away.

Beautiful scented English lavenders (angustifolia Hidcote and Munstead) will have been attracting bees all summer but when flowering dies down,



towards the end of August, cut it back by about two thirds but don't cut into bare wood on older plants. This will keep your plants looking compact.

There is still time in early August to take plant cuttings if you wish to increase your plant stock for next year. Why not try to propagate honeysuckle, lavender or clematis in this way. The RHS website offers a wealth of advice on propagating different plants. Go to [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)

Growers of strawberries and summer fruiting raspberries will hopefully have enjoyed bumper crops this year and will now be finding their plants require some attention. After strawberry cropping has finished, cut off old leaves to allow fresh leaves to develop. Also remove any straw mulch to prevent a build-up



of pests and diseases and take off netting so birds can feed on any pests. For raspberries cut back fruited canes to ground level and select about 6 of the strongest canes from each plant to tie in 4 to 6 inches apart on wire supports to produce next year's fruit.

Enjoy the rest of summer and come September it will be time to choose spring bulbs again!

Penny Simmons

## **NEWS FROM ALLERTHORPE**

### **The Plough Reopens**

Dan and Harriet were delighted to re-open the doors of the Plough on Saturday July 4th after our long lockdown. Hopefully, we will have some fine weather to enjoy the extra outdoor seating and new cosy indoor decor. The Wednesday quiz is on hold at the moment, but it will be nice to see everyone again. Take-away meals are still available too.



### **St Botolph's Day**

St Botolph's feast day was celebrated on the lovely summer's evening of June 17th. As the church is closed at present James Ratcliffe did a wonderful job presenting Evensong virtually. The church building looked really special in the evening sunlight. Inside the vivid colours of the stained glass window behind the altar were a fitting focal point. Some powerful readings from Reverend Jan, Mark Stageman and Martin Ratcliffe with very appropriate, relatable bidding prayers read by James. Special thanks must go to organist Maximilian Elliott for some wonderful pieces of music.

### **Online Village Plant and Cake Sale**

This has been an enormous success. The final grand total exceeded all expectations and amounted to £5,816 – it was a big task. Huge congratulations to everyone involved, especially Penny Simmons, Angela Batty, Deborah Bird and Elinda Ratcliffe who grew all the plants and thanks to Wendy Seaborn for all the delicious cakes baked during lockdown.

## Village Planters

The village planters are looking very colourful thanks to Penny and Bill Simmons for replanting with summer flowering plants. Many thanks to Gill Loftus, Jan Chambers, Mark and Julie Thomson and Sarah for keeping the plants watered especially during the very hot dry weather we had during lockdown.



## The Clock on the Wall



The Clock on the Wall is a small exclusive Hair Salon that has been opened by Amanda Hawley on July 4th. It is situated at Fir Tree Cottage on Waplington Lane, Allertorpe. Amanda is specialising in cutting and colouring hair. It will be a very welcome service after lockdown, when some of us have had the experience of home haircuts! Wishing Amanda the best of luck with this new venture!

Strict health and safety measures will be adhered to according to government directives. One client only in the salon at all times. Please text or call: Amanda – 07807272373

## Seating Area

The seating area next to the Village Hall has had a much-needed makeover. New posts and chains have been installed. These have been generously organised and donated by villagers Paul and Sue Mercer. The posts keep the area clear for passersby to enjoy a rest on the benches whilst taking in the attractive planters and perhaps a treat or two from The Plough.

## 100 Club

April Draw: £25 – Pat Stageman (21), Steve Whitaker (160), Fred Barratt (Mercer) (322), Lindsey Robshaw (326)

May Draw: £25 – John Brooks (143), Looby Cowley (308), Eliza (Melville) (69), Tim O'Gram (93)

June Draw: £125 – Stanley Stuart (232), £25 – Toby Simmons (106), Luca Roberts (307), Jan Chambers (158), Daniel Morgan (17)

July Draw: £25 – Keith Smith (96), John Atkinson (186), Chris Mills (315), Fiona Lambert (281)

## **NEWS FROM BARMBY MOOR**

### **Manor Garth to Back Lane Snicket**

On a bright Friday evening, Ryan, Dandy and I went for a local dog walk. On our return along Flat Lane toward the church we came around the last corner to admire Will's creation along the strip of land alongside the road. Every day we pass by there is something new emerging and it is always a hive of activity with the insects. It brightens up our day. After chatting to Will about the avenue of colourful blooms, he informed us that the planting was deliberately to attract pollinators and create a corridor through the village. His enthusiasm and knowledge were inspiring, a snicket-seed was sown and the vision began.

The snicket joining Manor Garth to Back Lane is often sprayed with weed-killer and what is left is a plain, boring and lifeless strip of dirt. Our neighbour at Manor Garth end has had trouble with his hedge and believes it is due to the weed-killer. The discarded cigarette packets and other litter often found only added insult to injury.



We wondered if we could create something that looked beautiful, served our pollinators and was something our neighbourhood could be proud of.

After putting some feelers out, our only objections were some concerns that the council would

spray or dig up the plants, so I have made some signs to let them know

not to spray. Ryan and I have started to plant some hardy perennials, the first of which were from our own garden and some donated poppies from a kind lady in the village. Will has also generously donated a wealth of plants, a few of which we have planted and some we are going to plant on Friday afternoon after a visit to his allotment. We currently have a mix of achillea, antirrhinums, chamomile, nasturtiums, marigolds, echiums, foxgloves, stachys and verbena.



Our hope is that the bees and insects will love it as much as you all will as you pass by. If anyone would like to get involved, then please donate some plants, or maybe a few bug hotels. We will be putting some bulbs in later in the year ready for spring and hope to get some donations of daffodils, snowdrops and other spring flowering bulbs. The only request is that they are hardy and the insects can benefit! I hope you all enjoy watching it progress and come into bloom in lots of years to come.

Jess Hobson Taylor

### **Community Speed Watch**

Many of you will have seen members of our team in the village wearing hi-vis jackets and brandishing a clipboard and speed gun. So, I'd like to tell you a little bit about what we're doing, and why.

We're a small group of volunteers who have been trained by a Humberside Police Community Speed Watch co-ordinator. We operate at three locations chosen by the police – two on Main Street and one on Sutton Lane. We're always in a team of three and we're free to choose when and how often we conduct the speed watch. The first person checks the speed of the vehicle using the calibrated speed gun. The second person records the information - the speed, registration number, make/model, colour, and the time. The third person has a clicker to count the total number of vehicles that pass us during the hour-long survey. We only record those vehicles doing over 35mph in the main village and over 46mph on Sutton Lane. The information is then sent to Humberside Police who send the registered keeper an advisory letter for a first offence, a more strongly worded letter

for a second offence, and do a home visit for a third offence. No prosecutions will take place as a result of speed watch, but the police may target persistent offenders.

The aim of the scheme is really to improve road safety, improve driver behaviour, and reduce speeding, injuries, and deaths on our roads. It's hoped that when drivers become aware that there is an active speed watch team in the area they will automatically drive with more care and attention. I'm sure you'll agree that this can only be a good thing for our lovely village. We'd love a few more people to join us, so if you'd like to get involved you can contact a member of the team for more information on 07711 137680. Or please feel free to stop and chat if you see us out and about – we're a very friendly bunch!

Keep safe everyone.

Janet Britton

### **St. Catherine's Church Opening**

We are delighted to be able to open St Catherine's Church once more, albeit on a very limited basis. The Church will be open for private prayer 9.00 am to 4.00pm on Wednesdays and Sundays with the following guidelines in place.

- Only one person (or family group) at a time please. Check before entering or call out.
- The outer and inner doors should always remain open to reduce contamination by touch.
- Private prayer at the rear of Church.
- The nave is locked and access to the toilets has been closed. This is to reduce contamination by touch.
- Please keep a distance of 2 metres at all times
- Please wear a face mask at all times in church if possible.
- Please use the hand gel sanitizer provided on the table.
- Please use the chairs or stand as appropriate taking the time you need in prayer or reflection.

If there are any changes to the guidelines these will be displayed on the church door or alternatively, please contact Gordon on 380362.

Gordon Fallowfield (Church Warden)

## **Jenny Bradford – Lived a full and long life**

Jenny was born in London in 1941. She did not see her father, who was away in the war until she was 5 years old. She was educated at Godolphin and Latymer School and read French at Reading University. As part of the course she spent a year in Lyon, in France.

Jenny met Malcolm at Reading where he was reading German. They both loved languages and travel. Their first date was to see West Side Story. She loved the theatre and live performances all her life.

In 1980 Jenny and Malcolm and Lewis and Fiona came to live in Barmby Moor and were soon involved in the church. People were welcoming and friendly. When they moved to Wilberfoss, Jenny continued to support the church as Treasurer and went on walking holidays with church groups.

She worked as a departmental secretary at university for over 20 years and enjoyed U3A groups, theatre trips, etc. Jenny and Malcolm travelled to Russia in the '70s and in retirement went to Canada, Australia. Jenny always organised their trips down to the finest detail.

Jenny was an inspirational Granny to Joe and George and she and Malcolm were involved in taking the boys on trips abroad, and to museums, theatre productions, etc.

Jenny will be remembered as a vibrant person with a smile on her face, whose colourful clothes reflected her personality. She was supportive of family and friends and will be missed by many people.

## **Barmby Moor Playing Field 100 Club**

May Draw: First prize £70.50 Robert Tinson (97), Second prize £47.00 Jo Bimpson (83), Third prize £23.50 Olly Brown (96) .

June Draw: First prize £69.75 Jackie Cooper (73), Second prize £46.50 Bethany Shepherdson (35), Third prize £23.25 Neil and Clare Sissons (28).

The draws were conducted and videoed by Sally and Sam Appleton and shown on Facebook.

## **NEWS FROM FANGFOSS, BOLTON AND SPITTAL**

### **St Martin's Church**

Just recently as the churchwarden, I found myself using my past safety skills in ensuring that we had risk assessments in place both for individual prayer and conducting services in our church, in a safe manner.

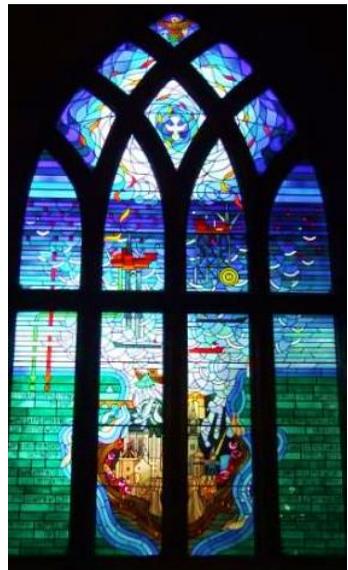
Most people are now conversant with the risk assessment safety tool, as well as permit to work systems and all other manner of safety information that is usually issued as 'Guidance' by the Health & Safety Executive.

As I worked, my thoughts went back to the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1988 when I was working on a drilling rig in the North Sea and the news came that the Piper Alpha tragedy was occurring, with broadcasters beginning to show the horrific film of the fire and the stories of what the casualties were enduring.

Today a simple wreck buoy sits a couple of hundred metres off the corner of Piper Bravo and is all that remains of the installation. It floats silently as a memorial to the 167 men who died that night, many of whose bodies still lie entombed in the tangled wreckage beneath the North Sea.

Most major disasters do not result from a single 'big' thing, they escalate along a chain of small ones - any of which has the possibility to change or stop the outcome altogether. But that non-critical pump trip just before 10:00 PM on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1988 set in motion a truly awful set of events where every single thing conspired to create a situation which can only be described as Hell on Earth.

Although no criminal charges were ever brought, in the aftermath of the disaster the UK offshore industry accepted every one of



the 106 recommendations put forward by the Cullen Inquiry. Their recommendations completely reshaped the industry and changed it into a model widely copied around the world.

In Aberdeen, St Nicholas Church, on Union Street dedicated a window to the oil workers as a reminder to all of this industry.

Thus, as the Covid-19 pandemic continues we are reminded by this, that all of us should 'risk assess' all that we are doing, especially on an individual basis as by not applying simple recommended advice we could be aiding to escalate the situation quite unintentionally.

Stay safe and alert.

John Greenwood

### **Farewell to the Shop.**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, Costcutter decommissioned their 'pop-up shop' in the Carpenters Arms carpark and it was un-ceremonially placed on a flatbed and taken away. For many this gesture, to put the shop in the village through the worst days of the pandemic, was a lifeline, as it took away the apprehension of having to join queues at the main supermarkets and thus allowed people in the area to get newspapers and basic goods. We all thank them and their staff for providing this much appreciated service.

### **Fangfest is cancelled**

For the first time in over 20 years, Fangfest our village festival held in September, will not be taking place. It is very much a participation event and the organisers cannot ensure safe distancing, and sanitising. There would be problems with toilets, carparking and the fact that we would be introducing visitors from all over the country. It is with a huge regret that we are having to do this as we appreciate that many crafters, charities and organisations in the village and beyond rely on this for funding.

### **Buy local**

Lyn Grant is an owner of a small pottery and is appealing to readers to try and support local businesses, whether they be tradespeople, shops, pubs and restaurants or craftworkers now that restrictions have been eased. It has been a difficult time for them and they need your help more than ever!

## 100 Club Winners

June Draw        £25 - Keri Jones (61), Nicky Waudby (92)

July Draw        £25 - Margaret Ward (50), Yvonne Craven (11)



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We hope to make a return to as 'near normal' as soon as possible.

Here's hoping for a return of the sunshine so that we'll be able to make the most of our lovely big beer garden and enjoy at least one Bank Holiday together this summer!

We look forward to being able to welcome you back, safely, in the very near future.

## Jubilee Park is open again

After over 100 days of lockdown, Jubilee Park was able to re-open the play equipment and outdoor gym on July 4th. During that time, maintenance work has been continuing in the Park to repair the roof of the shelters, to patch and reseed the bonfire area, to restore the willow structures and encourage the growth of flowering plants. The grass has been cut and the park is looking particularly attractive.



Unfortunately, like all other charities and organisations, our fundraising events have been cancelled - the safari supper, the vintage car rally, St Crux's and Fangfest - but we do hope to continue with the bonfire in

November and the potato awards. In the meantime, if you are visiting the Park, it would help tremendously if you could put any monetary contributions in the collection box at the entrance near the notice board.

We are about to install another piece of equipment at the Park and look forward to this being in place soon. Do come back and enjoy our facilities - but be safe.

## **NEWS FROM THORNTON AND MELBOURNE**

### **Covid-19 Support**

Thank you from the residents who have been shielding to those who have helped / assisted them with all manner of things whether it be shopping, collecting prescriptions, or just phoning so they do not feel isolated. There seems to be a real feel-good factor about the village, long may it continue.

### **David Williamson**

David Williamson died on 7th June aged 91 in York Hospital. David and Margarita had lived all their married lives in London and at retirement made the best decision of their lives, they moved to Yorkshire.

Moving to just outside Evingham, they settled down for the next 26 years. Then it was time to move again and luck and good fortune was still with them, they found a house in Thornton. David spent the last 6 years of his life enjoying his garden and home. Unfortunately, he suffered a stroke while in hospital, contracted Covid-19 and died 6 weeks later.

We would like to thank all our neighbours in Thornton for their many kind calls, cards, and flowers over the past few weeks and especially Revd Jan Hardy for conducting the funeral service in these difficult times and Clare Triffitt for opening the church for us.

### **Traffic**

This continues to be a problem with increased traffic and also speeding traffic. The Parish Council is monitoring the situation and is liaising with the ERYC to see how the problem can be resolved.

## **St. Michael's Church**

Is open on Sundays between 10 - 3 for quiet prayer, please adhere to the advice / instructions to help keep everyone safe.

## **Pocklington Canal**

Please can people look out for the youngsters who may not see danger jumping in the Canal on a hot day when the water is cold. Please report all concerns to the Police, it may just help save a life.

## **NEWS FROM YAPHAM-CUM-MELTONBY**

### **Not Quite Normal Service is Resumed**

What a joy it was on 5th July to return to church to pray together under one roof! Rev Jan had prepared a service of Morning Prayer and had worked out where we could sit. She had prepared individual packs containing hymn book and orders of service, which we will keep until things get back to normal. Yes, there was no communion. Yes, there was no singing. Yes, we read the words of the hymns rather than sang them. Yes, Helen Drewery played the harmonium. Even though we kept social distancing, we celebrated with joyful hearts and were so pleased to see each other to catch up a little on how our lives are at the moment. Where teas and coffees are normally served there were hand cleaning preparations, face masks and latex gloves. A different way of sharing.

### **Margaret Woodliffe 1927-2020**

It was with great sadness that we heard that Margaret had died. Her funeral was on 28th June in St Martin's Church, Yapham, which she had served for so many years. She will be missed by all.



Margaret was born in Bugthorpe, the third of four sisters. Soon after the family moved to Hales Hill Farm, Acaster, Selby. She attended Appleton Roebuck School, walking each day the two miles there and back along the banks of the Ouse. Then, after the School of Commerce in York, she worked for Newbald Kay and Sons, Solicitors, York.

Margaret met her future husband, Ernest, at Scarborough Spa. They loved dancing, especially to the bands of Joe Loss and Glenn Miller. They were married on the 11th September 1948, living with Margaret's parents in Full Sutton until they found their own farm, Mill Farm, Yapham, in 1950. Their son, Trevor, came first and then a daughter, Angela, two years later.

Much of Margaret's time was spent in voluntary work. She was a churchwarden at St Martin's for 32 years, a member of the Deanery Synod, secretary for the Feoffee Trust (Yapham Village Hall), a governor of Fangfoss School and a member of Action for the Crippled Child for over 32 years.



Margaret and Ernest were a great team and helped their children in any way they could. All the family have happy memories of Sunday school, nativities, carol concerts, functions in the Village Hall, fundraising, village bonfires shared with the people of Yapham.

  
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