

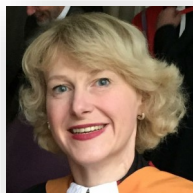
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## *An Extraordinary Letter*

Dear Friends,

This is an extraordinary letter to write as we find ourselves living in strange and anxious times and bearing in mind the fast-changing nature of the situation anything I say may well be out of date by the time you read it. Please keep yourselves updated about the Church's response on social media and our website. It will be particularly important to find us on Facebook, as if we are able to live-stream services it will be via this platform.

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Our present crisis is without precedence in our lifetime. For the first time since the Thirteenth Century the churches are closed for public worship. They are not however, closed for prayer, and I suspect that many of you may find comfort in spending time peacefully and alone in a holy and familiar building, where prayer has taken place for centuries. Since even those who are self-isolating are encouraged to walk for exercise (while keeping a distance from others) you might enjoy a walk round the beautiful churchyard where signs of spring are everywhere.

The unknown is frightening and the best we can hope for is inconvenience, some will become ill, lose loved ones or be affected financially. It can be overwhelming. Anyone wanting a confidential and listening ear at this uncertain time can feel free to ring Ruth Grenfell on 01765 605771.

For some time now we have had a village pantry at St John's. This is a take what you need foodbank. If you are struggling financially please take what you need -no-one will ever know. If you are not in financial need but need a meal or so to tide you over until you can get to the shops also feel free to use it and put a donation in an envelope marked "Village Pantry" in the wall safe. We will need people to keep topping it up, this is also easy to do. just drop off supplies at Church. There is an Ecover refill station of hand soap and washing up liquid. Again, pay using the wall safe. The parish council suggests that we avail ourselves of the traditional milkman whilst self-isolating.

Please follow all guidance about self-isolation and social distancing whilst at the same time keeping an eye on each other. We need to take care of ourselves and of other people. If anyone in Sharow, Copt Hewick, Marton le Moor and surrounding district needs some help or wishes to offer help please message Carol-ann Howe ( [robcheese\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:robcheese_uk@yahoo.co.uk) ) or call Rosemary Triffitt 01765 605576.

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*Everyone is Welcome  
to join us for  
Worship, Praise & Prayer*

*Please see centre pages for details of services.*

St John's Church is usually open daily from 10am to 4pm.  
You are invited to visit, enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this  
House of God which has been the spiritual home for  
countless numbers over the last 190 years.



*Front Cover*

This is the way we wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands,  
This is the way we wash our hands  
With lots of soap and water.

*Sing to the tune of 'Here we go round the mulberry bush'*

It's in your hands to make the world a better place.

*Nelson Mandela*

*Refurbished St John's Church*

If you wish to book St John's Church for any event please contact  
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We must try to find the opportunities amid the crisis, this might be a time to catch up with some old friends or distant family by phone. We may well have the most wonderful gardens this year as people are spending more time at home. It might be time to read the epic book you haven't got round to, or write your autobiography. We might find space to hear from God, or to rail at him if it all gets too much.

I can scarcely imagine celebrating Easter without meeting together, but make no mistake about it we will celebrate, whether that is online, or by phoning each other and declaring "He is risen" or by decorating our homes with flowers and lighting our own paschal candles. We can still read our Bibles, and remember the story of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice and glorious resurrection. A large supply of Bibles are available in Church to borrow (or keep) if you need them. Make paschal eggs, bake simnel cakes and hot cross buns (flour supplies permitting).

Indeed it is at such a time as this, that the Easter message of the costly love of Jesus, hope amid despair, and defiance in the face of death, really comes into its own. Don't ignore it just because we aren't meeting for services. It might be our most precious resource as we face up to this great challenge.

Happy Easter, if possible keep calm and eat chocolate.

Much love

*Ruth*

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### **Notes from the Holy Land at Easter**

We are all living through difficult times, but I would beg you to spare a thought and a prayer for Palestinians in the Holy Land this Easter. All Palestinians living in the occupied territories (i.e. the whole of Palestine) were already living permanently in very restricted circumstance, including uncertain and variable water and electricity supplies and uncertain access to medical facilities. On-going developments are bulldozing homes, separating farmers from their crops, preventing Palestinian use of usual roads and railways and separating Palestinian villages by endless construction of settlements. The major industry left to Palestinians is the tourist industry and ironically, it is believed that it was a group of Greek visitors to the Holy Places who introduced Coronavirus. The city is now on total lock down. Tourism accounts for approximately 65% of Bethlehem's economy with around 2 million visitors last year. Most of the 5,000 hotel rooms in Bethlehem are now empty, leading to devastating unemployment and isolation. 76% of families assessed as living below the poverty line before this crisis, are now pushed beyond their margins of reserves by sudden unemployment. Employment conditions for most in the city are fragile, hand to mouth, with no safety net of family or social support. Friends of the Holy Land has launched an appeal to help those families in desperate need who have no income as the bread winner is now unemployed. Please consider helping them, people who can trace their ancestry back to those who witnessed Jesus' death and resurrection.

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*Rosemary*

*Paulinus Singers*  
*Nelson Mass in St John's Church Sharow*  
*Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020*

An appreciative audience gathered in this lovely Church to listen to a most interesting programme of Choral Music with organ interludes.

Beginning with the Haec Dies and the Laudibus in Sanctis by William Byrd the singers demonstrated their understanding of the choral music of this period singing with confidence and a pleasing balance across the voices.

This was followed by two pieces for organ played by Tim Harper ( Assistant Director of Music at Ripon Cathedral) the first which carried on the theme of Wiliam Byrd with a set of variations –Will yow walke the woods so wylde. The variations were followed by a very apposite piece by Philip Wilby – The Angel Choir and the Fallen Angel which was inspired by the fallen Angel in the Choir of Ripon Cathedral. Tim brought to both pieces his unerring sense of musicianship and sensitivity,

The Nelson Mass was performed without the Credo on this occasion and it was interesting to see the solo parts sung with confidence by a number of members of the choir indicating the quality of voices within this ensemble. The choir took advantage of the resonant acoustic in the Church and there was some vibrant and powerful singing in many of the choruses.

In the second half of the programme the choir celebrated choral music from the 16<sup>th</sup> century onwards. In each of these anthems the Paulinus Singers appeared to be stylistically confident from the first anthem by Monteverdi Cantate Domino which was sung with plenty of energy and crisp articulation to the final anthem by Samuel Wesley Blessed be the God and Father. This Wesley Anthem is a "tour de force" and the singers rose to the challenge with confidence almost always.

It was good to have Tim Harper's organ interlude in the second half and to hear the acknowledgement of March First – St David's Day - in the Dance for St David by Ron Perrin former Director of Music at Ripon Cathedral and the Vaughan Williams Prelude on the Welsh Hymn tune Rhosymedre.

This was a varied and quite challenging programme sung by a dedicated group of singers and conducted with conviction and understanding by Sam Gardner . I look forward to the next concert by the Paulinus Singers.

*Marilynnne Davies*

## *News from Sharow Village Hall*

We had a full house for the Fish 'n' Chip & Quiz night held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. Thank-you to all who came; to Kim for delivering the quiz; and to South Gate Fish and Chip shop for their superb fish and chips.

Not quite the same story can be said about the first meeting of the Youth Club held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Notices had been put around the village; as well as flyers through letter boxes in Sharow and Copt-Hewick; informing folks of a youth club for 11-16 year olds (something that we had been asked to provide). We only had one young person turn up, which was a great pity; and because of the developing situation unfortunately it will be many months before we can try again.

It has been decided to cancel all future events at the Village Hall in response to Government advice. We will open the doors when we have been given the all clear. Until then we hope you all stay safe.

Thank -you for your past support, we sincerely hope that we will be seeing you at events in the not too distant future.

Any queries please speak to the chairman:

**Steve Roberts on 01765 608978**

*Denise*

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## **SHAROW FINE DINING SOCIETY**

Mike and Anne Willett hosted a wonderful outing in February. They spoiled us with delicious canapes and drinks before a lovely meal at the Golden Lion in Osmotherly.

The Society meets every few months to enjoy good food and friendly company. The next outing will be in May. A function based locally in Sharow is also being planned for Autumn.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact

**Steve Sharma: [stevedocsharma@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stevedocsharma@yahoo.co.uk)**



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## W I NEWS

On Tuesday evening we had a most fascinating and enlightening talk by Mrs. Sue Dodds on Bach original flower remedies and quoting from one of the leaflets we learned that the remedies can help us to “manage our emotions and fulfil our potential”. The remedies are made in the UK at the home of Dr. Bach in Oxfordshire. Born in the Midlands in 1886, from an early age Dr. Bach had a keen interest in nature and flowers. Following University he achieved his childhood dream of becoming a doctor, working in London Hospitals, and having his own practice in Harley Street. His main hospital work was in pathology bacteriology and immunology. He did, however, return to his original love of natural answers for health problems, realising through his extensive research, the natural power of flowers. His 38 remedies use parts of flowers and trees, and as his research revealed, had no side effects, could not be used in over-dosage and are compatible for use with all other methods of treatment. Dr. Bach chose 7 different groups under which he categorised the 38 flower remedies, these groups relating to possible emotions, symptoms and suggested remedy for review. Emotions of fear, panic, anxiety/shock could, for example, be helped by the use of “Rescue Remedy” - a composite remedy. For many people Rescue Remedy is their introduction to the Bach Flower System, a remedy frequently used by people about to take a driving test, an exam or a visit to the dentist...! Recognising how you feel is the first step towards working with the remedy. Taking the remedy is very easy. Add 2 drops of the selected remedy to a glass of water. Sip this at least four times a day for longer term issues. We were so inspired by this talk and Sue emphasized that these natural remedies are easy to use. Members related to some of the symptoms and asked Sue for a consultation. The VOT was given by Mrs. Price.

Business of the evening. The President asked if members would be interested in attending the Resolutions Meeting as she was unable to go, being on holiday. Yes, W.I. Presidents do go away occasionally. It was one of those moments of eyes down and don't look up! However we did get a volunteer to help at the meetings as the Committee is very depleted and everyone was willing to be a hostess and bring raffle prizes.

Future meetings have been cancelled in response to government guidelines and I will be in touch when normal service is able to be resumed. In the meantime keep safe and well.

*Sandra*



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## *News from St John's Bell Tower*



Great news. The tower is now pigeon proof, but sadly not yet cleared of their guano. Ginge Roberts, who heroically completed the work to keep the pigeons out, certainly lived up to his moto "For all those DIY jobs you'd rather not be doing yourself". I am very grateful for his hard work and perseverance in such difficult conditions. However, before we start work on the maintenance of the bells and the bell frames, I need to get the area cleaned. For that purpose I have managed to get 3 quotes. The first was a staggering £12,585 plus VAT. The next £7,800 plus VAT and finally £4,200 plus VAT. To enable us to start the clearance work, we now need to raise the necessary funds and to make sure the work is carried out with adequate supervision. Not only is it important for the people doing the work to be safe, but also to ensure the bells and the frames on which they hang are treated correctly. Hopefully, by next month, I will be able to report that progress has been made. Following a very helpful meeting with Charles Tease, I have a list of charitable trusts and companies, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, who funded the work on Phases 1 and 2 at St John's. Unfortunately I have not yet had any luck finding anyone who would like to fund the guano clearance. They are all much more interested in maintenance of the bells. A real chicken and egg situation, as I can't get anyone in to assess then bells until the guano has been removed. I know people in the village love to hear the bells ringing and I am grateful for all the support I'm getting to get the work done, so we can all again have the sound of the bells ringing out.

On a very positive note, Dan, my young friend who started ringing in the new year, has now progressed to ringing at the cathedral on a Sunday morning. I am immensely proud of his commitment to learn how to ring bells and the progress he has made.

If you'd like to know more about the bells or bell ringing please get in touch.

Best wishes  
*Bridget*

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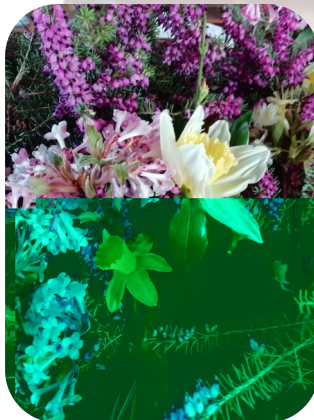


## Celebration of Spring

The first Sunday in Lent, falling on the first of March, proved the opportunity for a combined service celebrating the arrival of spring and St. David's Day. Remembering also that the focus for Lent this year is to "Care for God's creation".

The village gardens, despite such a wet bleak winter, were able to provide us with the bunches of flowers. The children gave one out to each member of the congregation. A welcome and pleasing sight.

*Judith*



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## THREE THOUGHTS

### Opinion

"It's my opinion that....." "Well, I'm entitled to my opinion!" Often enough heard usage of the concept "opinion" is indicated in these two examples. But, what is the force and value of an opinion? Does the fact that something is my opinion give it any credence at all? It certainly indicates that I am the possessor of that opinion, if I'm telling the truth, but does it add anything at all to an argument that might call forth such an opinion? The notion of "entitlement to an opinion" is often offered in a discussion, but what is its force? What hangs on that entitlement? If I claim, via my entitled opinion, "that thieves should have their hands chopped off", what significance has that got in terms of my entitlement? Am I entitled to act upon it. Well, that might allow of me placarding the idea and approaching parliament but it doesn't entitle me to act upon the opinion in terms of carrying it out. The "carrying out" bit would require that I had good reasons for having that opinion and for encouraging its adoption. An opinion cannot be of any value unless it is supported by good reasons. To plead an entitlement in the absence of good reasons would seem pointless. Without good reasons you might end up with the title to a load of rubbish.

### A Trojan Horse

Most of us will be familiar with the story of the Trojan Horse. It was a Greek horse which became a Trojan one because it was assumed to be a gift, although the "rule" "finders keepers" might very well have applied instead. It was carefully made for its hidden purpose and looked inviting and seemed to offer interest and on these latter two counts it was taken into Troy. What happened to Troy then? Is Brexit a Trojan Horse? Look who climbed out of it.

### Truth Telling

A clergyman was walking down the street when he came upon a group of young boys who were crowded around a dog. Concerned that the boys might be mistreating the dog, he went over and asked them what they were doing.

One of the boys replied: "the dog is an old neighbourhood stray. We take him home with us sometimes but since only one of us can take him, we're having a contest: whichever one of us tells the biggest lie can take him home today."

The clergyman was horrified. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest about telling lies. Don't you know it's a sin to lie?" He then launched into a ten minute sermon against lying concluding with the words: "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

Stunned into silence, the boys lowered their heads. Just as the clergyman thought he had got through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and handed him the leash: "Alright Reverend", he said. "You win. You can take him home tonight"

*Brian Howard*

## NEWS FROM SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

### New Chicane in Dishforth Road.

As a consequence of much campaigning for speed restrictions in Dishforth Road, Sharow, North Yorkshire Highways finally agreed to implement the establishment of a chicane at the western end of the village.

Unfortunately, in spite of a request for consultation with the Highways Department, it is the unanimous view of the council (supported by comments from the public) that the construction of the chicane in its current location is seriously flawed. Indeed, the current traffic layout may be dangerous and there have already been a number of road traffic incidents. It is also our opinion that the signage is inadequate and misleading.

The council view is that:

- The Chicane is poorly located.
- The chicane is on the wrong side of the road to achieve its objective,
- The signage is inadequate and needs to give drivers better warning in advance of the new traffic calming system.

*Views from readers of Roundabout are very welcome. Please contact the editor.*



## FURTHER NEWS FROM SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

The Sharow Parish Council met this week to discuss a number of important issues.

### **Corona Virus and the consequences of self- isolation of elderly and vulnerable residents.**

The consequence of the current situation is that a number of residents may be left unattended and lonely. Village support groups are already being instigated. Young fit residents are requested to volunteer and make contact with elderly neighbours who are isolated. Contact should be physical (doorstep or garden fence) but at a safe distance. Alternatively, communication may be by telephone or other electronic communication method. It is hoped that offers of shopping, resupply and local errands will be forthcoming.

There are a number of national support initiatives, Covid co-operation and Corona Heroes but one that has caught my eye is "Viral Kindness" who have produced a pro forma for making contact between volunteers and isolated residents.

A copy of the pro forma is herewith:

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**HELLO!** If you are self-isolating, I can help.

**My name is**

.....

**I live locally at**

.....

**My phone number is**

.....

**If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:**

☐ Picking up shopping

☐ Posting mail

☐ A friendly phone call

☐ Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

**Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.**

**#ViralKindness**

	<b>Milk</b>	
	Pint glass	62p
	1 Litre plastic carton	£1.20
	2 Litre plastic carton	£1.90
	<b>Orange Juice</b>	
	Pint glass	90p
	<b>Eggs</b>	
	6 Extra large farm eggs	£1.20
	<b>Cream</b>	
Single	10 Oz	90p
	5 Oz	60p
Double	10 Oz	£1.20
	5 Oz	75p
Whipping	10 Oz	£1
	5 Oz	70p



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**Mr Phil Kellett has offered to  
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**Any residents requiring this  
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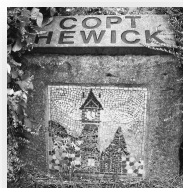


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## *Out & About In Copt Hewick*

### **Hello to ALL from Copt Hewick Village Hall.**

The Village Pub Night for March took place on Saturday 7th. Mike & Karlee Stacy kindly volunteered to be the guest chefs and provided a delicious home cooked two course menu of Lasagne and Lemon Cheesecake. The evening was a particularly well attended affair. We opened up early so that guests could watch the England v Wales rugby on the big screen, this is the first time we've done this and it worked well so we will look to repeat the early opening for other such sporting events as and when the opportunity arises.

We are always on the lookout for help with the monthly catering, please contact Nicky on 01765 604617 or email on [copthewickvh@gmail.com](mailto:copthewickvh@gmail.com) if you can help out in any way on future dates.

The Pilates classes at the hall run by Rebecca Maguire continue to run on a Thursday evening 7pm-8pm and are a great addition to the hall's offering. ALL are welcome, to discuss your requirements Rebecca would love to hear from you (0778 644 8750 / [pilatesfitnorthyorks@gmail.com](mailto:pilatesfitnorthyorks@gmail.com))

The next food/bar night is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April and the plan is to open up a little bit earlier than our usual 5pm. The five nations rugby match between England and Wales is on the TV (with kick off at 4:45pm) so why not come along from 4:30pm and enjoy a tea time pint whilst watching the game on the big screen? Food will be served from 7pm.

Casting an eye over the remaining stocks of the 2019 Apple juice harvest we now only have limited amounts left, that will be it until we have more apples to pick in autumn 2020. If you'd like to purchase any juice please contact Paul Venner (01765 609842) or David Thelwall (01765 602514). Prices are the same as last year with a box of six standard apple juice 75cl bottles a most reasonable £10. Give it a try.....you won't be disappointed. Note – We also have a small amount of Pear and single variety Russet Apple juice left at the time of writing, these are priced at £12 for six 75cl bottles.

### **PUB NIGHTS/OTHER EVENTS HOSTED AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Saturday 4th April Village Pub Night Details TBC  
(Bar open from 5pm, food served from 7pm) CHILDREN VERY WELCOME

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April Friday night gathering with bar open at the Village Hall (from 5pm) CHILDREN AND WELL BEHAVED ADULTS VERY WELCOME

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Fair 11am – 3:30pm

### **Contact details:**

Our Facebook page & email address

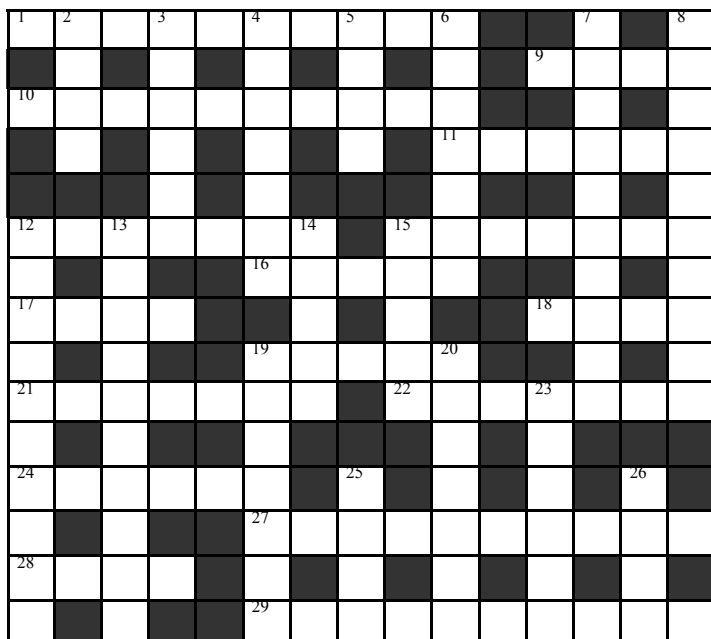
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**NB All events dependent on government advice**

*Mark*

# The Crossword



## Across

1. An important decision made here (10)
9. Indonesian Island (4)
10. Determined to upset the meeting (10)
11. King Arthur's resting place (6)
12. Can't remember a thing (7)
15. Grassy hay fields (7)
16. The track or scent of an animal (5)
17. To pull with a jerk (4)
18. No laughing matter for the cattle (2,2)
19. Nothing in the way (5)
21. In name only (7)
- 22., Decide on a course (7)
24. Part of 18thC. Lady's costume (6)
27. German physicist 1681-1736 (10)
28. To affirm (4)
29. Summer game with bat and ball (4,6)

## Down

2. Atmospheric moisture (4)
3. Season from March to May (5)
4. Given accounts of an incident (7)
5. Very dry ground (4)
6. Lake District pleasure craft (7)
7. Covering the whole room (4,2,4)
8. This is the biggest part (5,5)
12. A vessel with wings! (6,4)
13. He's in charge of the show (10)
14. Twisted paper for ignition (5)
15. Grinding tooth (5)
19. Paying attention to detail (7)
20. Show due deference to (7)
23. One devoid of parents (6)
25. May be dramatic or musical (4)
26. Nocturnal bird of New Zealand (4)

**Solutions on page 28**



### *A Plea from the Editor*

May's Roundabout looks as if it will be a rather thin issue as there will be no events in the community on which to report, so dear readers I need your help.

Would you please consider contributing some small piece to your community magazine to fill up the empty pages.

It doesn't have to be long, it doesn't have to be on any particular subject; perhaps a favourite poem, a hobby, 'A Grand Day Out', a recipe, a funny story, photographs.

I don't want Roundabout to cease publication for the duration, but with no content that could happen.

You've lots of things to share I'm absolutely sure—please think about doing so, at least until normality is resumed.

Thank you so much; I look forward to your contributions and most importantly keep safe and well.

Annie the Ed.

Take  
Note

**May Roundabout  
Final Copy Date  
5pm Tuesday 14th April**

**To get Roundabout  
printed and out on time  
we do have to abide by deadlines.  
The copy date is fixed as late as possible  
to meet these.**

**As a result items received after  
the 5 pm deadline cannot be  
included**

Take  
Note

### **Silver Diners**

**Sadly I have to inform you all that the monthly meetings of Silver Diners are cancelled until further notice.**

**I will be in touch with dates when they are able to be resumed.  
In the meantime keep safe and well.**

**Sandra**

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## CHURCH OPENING ROTA FOR APRIL

**SUNDAY 5TH PALM SUNDAY**  
Ruth & Simon Grenfell

**SUNDAY 12TH EASTER DAY**  
Denise & Steve Roberts

**SUNDAY 19TH EASTER 1**  
Andrew Briggs

**SUNDAY 26TH EASTER 2**  
Margaret Smith

*Easter Day*  
*The Lord is risen indeed*



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## A QUIZ ABOUT SPRING - OR SPRINGS

Answers in May Roundabout

1. According to the UK Met Office, on what day does Spring commence?
2. The song entitled "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring" comes from which Gilbert and Sullivan work?
3. Which US University holiday takes place during March or April each year?
4. Who is the Roman Goddess of Spring?
5. In which year did the so-called "Arab Spring" take place?
6. When does a Spring Tide occur?
7. In British horse racing which two races make up the Spring Double?
8. What do we in the UK call the vegetables known as scallions in the US?
9. The appearance of which animal's shadow in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania is supposed to indicate the beginning of spring?
10. The spoof musical "Springtime for Hitler" features in which 1967 movie?
11. Whose law of physics states that "the extension or compression of a spring is directly proportional to the force applied"?
12. What name is given to the first day of spring when night and day are the same length?
13. Who painted the large tempera painting known as "Primavera" (Spring)?
14. Popular in SE Asia, what do we call the filled pastry appetiser of meat or vegetables?
15. What type of animal is the Spring Peeper (*Pseudacris Crucifer*)?
16. Which town in central Australia takes its name from the wife of an ex-Postmaster General of South Australia?
17. The song "Younger Than Springtime" features in which Rodgers and Hammerstein musical?
18. In which of Shakespeare's plays is the poem "Spring" performed in the closing scene?
19. Who wrote the music for the ballet "The Rite of Spring"?
20. Who is the Greek Goddess of Springtime, Flowers and Vegetation?

## EASTER BISCUITS

100g butter (softened)  
75g caster sugar  
1 egg (separated)  
20g plain flour  
½ tsp mixed spice  
50g currants  
25g mixed candied peel, chopped  
1-2 tbs milk  
caster sugar for sprinkling

Pre-heat oven to 200° C/400° F/Gas 6. Lightly grease baking trays. Measure the butter and sugar into a bowl and cream together until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg yolk. Sift in the flour and spices and mix well. Add the currants and mixed peel and enough milk to give a fairly soft dough. Knead the mixture lightly on a floured surface and roll out to a thickness of 5 mm. Cut into rounds using a 6 cm fluted cutter. Place on the prepared baking trays. Bake in the pre-heated oven for about 8-10 mins. Remove from the oven, brush the biscuits with the lightly beaten egg white, sprinkle with a little sugar and return to the oven for another 4-5 minutes or until pale golden brown. Lift onto a wire rack to cool. Store in an airtight container. Makes about 24 biscuits.

I always make these for Easter. Very moreish!

*Annie*

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**Does anyone have any information about  
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## *April Nature Notes by Richard Tite*

You know how it is in the morning, you pull the curtains and the sun is shining. Downstairs to get a cup of tea and pop outside to measure the recent deluge in the rain gauge. And then you hear them, not cyclists shouting at one another as they roar past, but a musical bugling slowly getting louder. Out of the south 41 **Whooper Swan** come over the Manor and skim our chimney pots, amongst the herd are 4 juveniles –not a bad count. Where had they ‘overnighted’, Duffield Carrs perhaps en route from their wintering quarters at the Ouse Washes or north Norfolk. For those of us who like wild places it is a sound to stir the heart and sets one up for the day. Back in doors a phone call from a birder friend in Bishop Monkton, “100+ Whoopers heading your way”. They are using the Ure as a navigational aid and 103 over the house this time with 13 juveniles. An hour later another 40 go over, I ring birders in Sharow and we all saw the magnificent moving spectacle. The 7<sup>th</sup> March was a spectacular day; just imagine being on the Yorkshire coast as a herd of over 1000 moved north along the coastline. Why the 7<sup>th</sup>, a lull in the incessant gales, the urge to get on their breeding grounds in the far north? Another ‘up-lifter’ this week [9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March] has been David Attenborough reading extracts from *The Peregrine* by J A Baker published 53 years ago. I have not read a ‘better’ nature book, it is the diary of a real character cycling the countryside east of Chelmsford from the orchards of Danbury to Maldon and the coastal marshes of the Blackwater estuary. I know that countryside so well and as it was when the book was written, small fields, diverse agriculture, far fewer pesticides and what would be described now as scruffy farms. The book was recently republished. We walked the Harland Way and saw just 35 bird species and the only flowers dog’s mercury and herb robert, that could be Yorkshire’s floral emblem as it can be found every month of the year. Back amongst the houses there was shepherd’s purse, annual meadow grass, dandelion, groundsel, red-deadnettle and in a field of sodden poorly germinated winter wheat a sea of blue germander speedwell. Crops of potato and fodder beet were under water, 100s acres lost to the wet weather. On the bright side the Magnesian limestone countryside with its big skies is beautiful in the early spring sunshine. Large raptors **Red Kite**, **Buzzard** and **Kestrel** are in the skies with their aerial displays, but we heard no **Skylark** put down to no spring cultivations in the wet wet winter. Another raptor, **Merlin** set our pulses racing by Nosterfield village on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The same day we saw our first **Avocet** and **Ringed Plover** by the inland sea that is currently Nosterfield Nature Reserve. The female **Smew** and **Lesser Yellowlegs** are still there and if we had gone on the 11<sup>th</sup> **Sand Martin** too. At Ripon City Wetlands the first migrant **Chiffchaff** called by the Canal Reed bed on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Two Barn Owl boxes on telegraph poles have been erected and the 2 Sand Martin ‘chambers’ are reinstated after the storms and raging Ure swept them away. **Barn Owl** are frequently seen so has survived the wet Feb, and was quartering our field for the first time in 29 years. Now that the tow path is open make your way to the reed bed hide to spend an hour just watching. The reeds have reappeared and with them **Kingfisher**; **Shelduck** cavort and call, not all **Curlew**, **Lapwing** and **Oystercatcher** have moved on. Above the Newby woodlands **Red Kite** and **Buzzard** tumble and display. Last week I got lucky – a large female **Peregrine** stooped on **Wood Pigeon** and **Black-headed Gull**. In the warm sunny weather the first small tortoiseshell on the 8<sup>th</sup>.



**A Barn Owl Box has been put up near the viewing screen at Ripon City Wetlands. There have been recent sightings of a Barn Owl in the immediate area so we await occupation with interest**

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### **Ripon City Wetlands Guided Walks**

Richard Tite still hopes to put on 2 hour Guided Walks around Ripon City Wetlands April /May time to talk about the history and development of the site and to look at spring migrants and other bird life. Please phone him if you are interested in joining the group and he can update you on developments

*Richard Tite*  
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## ANOTHER PIECE IN THE JIGSAW: PARISH COUNCIL'S MINUTE BOOK 1938-1974

This Minute Book covers a period of 36 years. All entries are in long-hand and, given the different writing styles of Parish Clerks, are not always easy to de-cypher.

**Venue of Parish Council Meetings:** From the beginning of this period most meetings took place in the Memorial Institute, the original Village Hall, situated to the right side of the public footpath opposite Broom House. There were some exceptions – in July, 1940 for example, two meetings were held in Ripon Market Place to discuss bus services for schoolchildren. From November, 1944 meetings began to take place at the Parish Clerk's house as the Memorial Institute had been "*gutted by fire*". Despite the requirement that meetings be held in a place accessible to the public, the next few years saw regular meetings take place regularly at the Clerk's house and the Annual Parish Meeting take place at Mr Richardson's granary; the granary at Stud Farm; at Thorpe Lodge Farm and once at Littlethorpe Crossing. This continued until March, 1954 when the new Village Hall became available and meetings subsequently then all took place there.

**Regularity of Meetings:** This was highly variable. In some years the only meetings that seemed to take place were the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and the AGM and occasionally one or two others, typically in January and August/September. It was not until the 1970s that a pattern of meetings resembling the current timetable began to take shape. Despite advice that the APM and AGM should be held on different dates, from 1956 to 1960 they were always held on the same evening

**Public Involvement:** At the 1939 APM there were no members at all of the public in attendance and the Parish Council expressed their "*disapproval*" of the lack of interest shown. This apathy has continued over the years, with the only years in which attendance was in evidence being 1946 (8 people), 1953 (21 people), 1965 (4 people), 1968 (2 people) and 1972 (1 person). Given the strictly formal nature of the meetings, it is hardly surprising that the format was not designed to enthuse local people. Many of the Councillors had served for many years and continued to undertake the role, with no-one else willing to do so. However, it probably looked from the outside like a self-perpetuating institution. The attitude of the Councillors probably did not help either. In 1972, as the Clerk was not living in the parish, she asked where the annual accounts should be displayed and the Parish Council did not think it necessary for them to be shown anywhere, as no-one had ever asked to see them.

**Reactive or Pro-Active?:** When faced with requests from outside the parish or with difficult choices, the regular decision of the Parish Council was that they should be "*left on the table*" – in other words, no action.

**Mankin Lane:** This has been a perennial issue. In 1943 the Clerk was asked to write to West Riding County Council (WRCC) asking if the Lane could be “taken over” by them as this busy bye-road was being much used by the military. In 1948 it was reported as being in a poor state of repair due to usage by WRCC contract motors and the Parish Council reiterated its desire for WRCC to “take over” the Lane. In 1949 it was reported that WRCC had not repaired Mankin Lane as agreed and in 1951, as an alternative, action was sought from the owners of land abutting the Lane, who eventually agreed to repair “their” section of the Lane. In 1972 it was reported that the “triangle” had been churned-up by heavy lorries where the WI had planted bulbs.

**Relations with other Councils:** These were typically fraught, especially with Ripon & Pateley Bridge Rural District Council (RDC). In 1945 the attention of the RDC was drawn to the unsafe condition of the old village well (or pump) near the entrance to Littlethorpe Hall. In 1948 the RDC failed to provide refuse collection for Littlethorpe. In 1955 there was extreme irritation over the treatment of Littlethorpe by the RDC on the matters of a sewage extension proposal and the clearing of drains. From 1955 there was also a dispute over the cleaning out of St Helen’s Gutter and this continued, with the RDC in 1959 stating that it could not be regarded as a nuisance or threat to public health – and hence no action was necessary. This was reiterated by the RDC in 1961 when it was described as a “water-course and not a nuisance” and a land drainage responsibility falling on the relevant landowners. The RDC would not carry out works “at the expense of ratepayers”. In 1967 there was dissatisfaction expressed over the RDC’s provision of streetlights in Littlethorpe and this was exacerbated in 1968 when the RDC insisted that they would decide on the positioning of streetlights and would not take the Parish Council’s views into account. Accordingly, in 1971 it was reported that the RDC had installed such streetlights and had not informed the Parish Council.

**Village Hall:** In 1947 the Parish Council agreed in principle to become the trustees of the new Village Hall replacing the burned-down Memorial Institute and in 1954 agreed to accept on trust the Village Hall deeds. In 1960 the Parish Council received from Hutchison & Buchanan a draft conveyance of trusteeship of additional land adjacent to the Village Hall entrance from Mrs Hield. In 1963 it was decided to register the Village Hall as a charity and this was achieved that year.

**Recreation:** In 1941 the Parish Council considered the need for allotments in the parish, but decided that the matter should be “left on the table”. In 1950 it was decided by the Parish Council that there would be no Festival of Britain celebrations in Littlethorpe. In May, 1962 the Parish Council expressed a view that there was no need for recreational facilities in the parish. However, the issue came up again in 1971 when a sub-committee of Parish Councillors and others was formed and Mr Hield was approached regarding whether the field behind Railway Cottages

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could be bought or rented for such a purpose. The motivation on this appears to have come from Littlethorpe Young Wives but in 1972 it was reported that the owners of suitable land had been approached but none wished to sell or rent.

**Coronation:** In 1953 a sub-committee of the Parish Council was created, involving all councillors plus 8 members of the public (13 in all), with the Village Hall Committee asked to organise the programme. Each child in the village (there were 80) was to be provided with a Coronation mug. The event took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Village Seat:** In 1940 the Parish Council sought someone to clean and paint (with linseed oil) the Coronation Seat. In 1947 the Parish Council agreed to call in the police due to the disappearance of the Coronation Seat, and eventually parts of this were recovered. In 1965 the WI proposed placing a seat at Railway Crossing and this was installed on a concrete base. The WI paid for the seat and the Parish Council undertook to be responsible for maintenance. In 1973 it was suggested that the Parish Council apply for a seat at the Crossing, so presumably the seat erected in 1965 had either fallen into disrepair or had been removed.

**Public Footpaths:** This was an issue which the Parish Council took very seriously, especially in the post-war period, mapping-out and walking such paths. A key issue was the blocking of such paths by landowners, typically by the use of barbed wire. This took place in 1948 (Pinfold to Oxclose Lane) and in 1964 when Major Ingham of Bellwood fenced off the path to Harrogate Road, but this obstacle was removed. In 1973 the Mankin Lane to Harrogate Road footpath was ploughed up but the Parish Council opposed this and insisted that signs would be erected showing the route of the footpath.

**Village Shop:** There was apparently a village shop on West View in 1958, because the RDC was asked to supply a litter bin to be placed outside the same –which they refused to supply. The shop was still in operation in 1963 when it applied to be a sub-Post Office, but this was refused by the Head Postmaster, Ripon in 1964 and again in 1967, citing the lack of new housing in Littlethorpe as the rationale. As a result, the shop owners decided to forego the possibility of such status.

**Signage:** In 1962 there was a need expressed for “Littlethorpe” signs to be erected on entries to the village, just like other local villages. The sites were to be Pottery Lane, Littlethorpe Lane and Littlethorpe Road. WRCC would not provide such signage because the “erection was not sufficiently justified”.

**Street Lighting:** Apart from being a perennial issue with the RDC, the Parish Council insisted in 1964 that such lights be fitted to existing telephone poles. They were against concrete lamp standards because they “spoiled the rural atmosphere” (and were costly!).

**A Final Thought:** What was the Parish Council doing in 1946 and 1952 paying someone’s election expenses out of public funds?

*John Edmonstone*





**The canal towpath  
has recovered and was  
re-opened between  
Nicholson's Bridge and  
Renton's Bridge on  
12th March after being  
closed for 56 days**

**Elizabeth Thompson  
celebrated her 87th [sshh!]  
birthday with friends at  
St Michael's on 15th March  
and received a lovely basket  
of white hyacinths**





## **Closure of St, Michael's Church**

Dear All

No doubt you will have seen the news regarding church services. After consultation with the Cathedral, we can now say that there will be no Services at St. Michael's for quite a while, or indeed at any church.

We will try to keep you updated.

The cathedral are hoping to live stream services onto the internet, but as yet it has to be finalised.

**\*\*Update;** see Cathedral website.

We would like to keep in contact with our congregation and friends during this difficult time, so if anyone could offer to keep in touch with them by telephone please do let me know. Offers of shopping, collecting medication etc. would be welcome.

It is not going to be easy for many of us, and phone calls from friends should go a little way to easing the isolation.

Please do keep an eye on older neighbours and people who live on their own.

The Church Annual General Meeting has also been postponed.

*Iris*

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### **Littlethorpe Village Hall**

Owing to the Coronavirus, Littlethorpe Village Hall is now closed for classes, events and meetings until further notice in line with government recommendation.

In order to keep everyone safe, we have cancelled the Quiz, that was due to be held on 18th April, and the VE Day Celebrations on 8th May.

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