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## Ruth's Letter

Dear Friends,

It would be wonderful if when you receive this letter is it as out of date as the last one was, and that Covid 19 is a thing of the past and that life is beginning to return to normal, but I doubt that this will be the case.

As I write we are three weeks into a lockdown which may run into months and I suspect that when you read this we will still be in difficult times. Each of us faces our own challenges as we live through this crisis.

I am finding myself frustrated that at a time when people are anxious, where some are bereaved and where many feel the need to pray, I am not able to be out and about among you, visiting the sick, leading public worship and providing a listening ear. The church community has done its best. We have moved online and, truth be told, more people are worshipping and praying than before the lockdown. You can find the services on the St John's facebook page. We are able to help and if you need anything, contact me and I will be able to find someone to do your shopping or pick up your prescription or alleviate your loneliness by talking on the phone.

Although it has not been easy, we have changed and learned as a result of this crisis. We have been forced to evaluate what we consider to be important. We have had time to reflect. We have come to appreciate the attention of others. We have noticed that the jobs that are really 'key' aren't the glamorous, highly paid celebrity ones, but the ones which involve serving others. We have seen what we can live without. We have realised that our neighbours matter and rediscovered the comfort of nature. I have been proud of the way we have approached this as a nation and as a community.

When this is over, I hope that the good things that we have learned will take root and flourish; that we will start to value happiness, friendship and health over and above money and success; that the community spirit that we have tried to cultivate in the crisis will carry on into the future; that we will understand how interdependent we all are, and that a society is only as strong as the weakest among it.

In the midst of all this, Easter still happened,. I live streamed from the garden, people decorated eggs and sang songs and I understand there was ample chocolate, We were determined to see Christ's resurrection celebrated and we celebrated it. At the same time it feels as if we are still in Lent, depriving ourselves of the things most precious to us - other people, their presence and their touch. Yet the Easter message needs to be proclaimed in the midst of this crisis, for it tells us that there is always hope and that however dreadful a situation may be good can come out of it. It also reminds us that God is not a far distant entity but someone who understands what it is like to face up to the most difficult of times, truly a friend in need.

Throughout all of this we have continued to pray. The Church community is praying online at 7pm Monday-Saturday. We have found that this is a helpful fixed point in uncertain times and a little oasis of peace and calm. Please feel free to join in.

Kindest regards Ruth

# 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

May brings flocks of pretty lambs, Skipping by their fleecy dams.

'The Months' by Sara Coleridge

or maybe:

Farmers fear unkindly May,
Frost by night and hail by day.
'A Song of the Weather' by Flanders & Swann

## Refurbished St John's Church

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To make arrangements for Baptisms please speak to one of the clergy after Sunday morning service.

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# Just now, it is a very difficult time for everyone in Our World.

It is hard to feel completely secure. Indeed, we learn every day of the 'virus' tragedy reaching greater proportions. It easily causes us to reflect on our situation of complete helplessness.

This morning, Sunday 29th March, I listened to a 'wireless' broadcast from a lady Methodist Minister who had chosen to speak about Archbishop Romero who was murdered 40 years ago for speaking out against injustices in his country of

El Salvador. The overwhelming theme of the broadcast service was one of HOPE. It is certainly a blessing for many, many people. Some folks will have seen the four flickering candles on a short video available on the YouTube (Tiktok) platform, it concludes that hope is always necessary to keep love in our lives. I agree with our daughter Susanne who described the video as 'profound'.

Similarly, many of you will know the story of the village of Eyam in Derbyshire. About 350 years ago when bales of cloth were delivered from London to a tailor in the village, fleas carrying a deadly plague were spread to Eyam. Sadly, within a few days the tailor's assistant had become the first victim of a plague that would claim the lives of about one third of the population of the village. What makes the story of Eyam so special and so pertinent for today is that, with the persuasion of the Vicar and the former Vicar the whole village went into quarantine! The consequence was that the plague did not spread out beyond the village. Tragically over two hundred of the villagers were killed by the plague and some families were virtually eliminated. However, the quarantine worked. It is also comforting to remember that the Church played a significant role. They held services in the open air to reduce risk of spreading infection. We need to remember that among the villagers there would be a very strong belief in Heavenly Life after death which must have been very comforting in those difficult times. (It is well worth a visit to walk around the village in the 21st century, but for now, we can make our visit on the internet).

In our personal lives today, we can still derive comfort from our belief. Today it is Sunday and it is very easy to hear wise words on the radio and television. Whatever day it might be we can all turn to God for support. The image of 'the footsteps in the sand' is extremely vivid for me at this time. I really do feel as though I am being carried through this patch in my life. Norma exudes hope every time I speak to her on the telephone. During the many weeks when I was able to visit daily, she always bore a smile. We are truly blessed with many supportive family and friends.

So, I say to you all......KEEP HOPE IN YOUR LIVES.

Sincerely, Howard Fox

From an old school friend of John's, Howard Fox, a member of Bramhall URC, and we have found it to be reflective and supportive. The situation will have changed one way or another, but we still think that it will be relevant. Howard's wife, Norma has been immobilised and in hospital from a fall she had before Christmas.

John and Margaret Bushell.

#### Lockdown Communication

With the churches closed and people either in isolation or social distancing, the advantages of the telephone and more so of videoconferencing are huge. St John's and Sharow Village Hall held a successful virtual coffee morning two Saturdays ago. St John's has been streaming services live on Facebook (St John's, Sharow) and on Zoom and a combination of the two. From the reactions, it seems that people have really welcomed the connection, especially the quiet and short live streamed Compline each evening.

For those who either do not have Facebook or have difficulty with it, A Zoom 'meeting' can be used to broadcast what is going out live on Facebook. People can even tune into the 'meeting' on an ordinary landline telephone.

To use Zoom you have to download at least the free version. It takes only seconds. After that it's a question of getting used to it. Once you have it you can use it to meet up with people you can't meet during the lockdown.

For those who want to tune into the services put out by St John's, we try to keep the website <u>stjohnssharow.org.uk</u> updated with the necessary links and with information on what is happening in the parish. For people who do not have an electronic device (computer, tablet or smart phone), and who want to tune into a service, please ring me, Simon, on 01765 605771 or 07403 213733 and I can give them the necessary number to ring.

Until the end of May you access the regular services with the following links: Sunday: Facebook St John's, Sharow Zoom and Facebook combined - <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84767891088">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84767891088</a> meeting ID 847-6789-1088

Wednesday midweek communion:

Zoom - <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82080989590">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82080989590</a> meeting ID 820-8098-9590

All are most welcome to engage!

Why not have a Copt Hewick or Marton-le-Moor coffee morning?

Whilst I'm on the subject of the internet, as of this month, April, Roundabout can be viewed on the stjohnssharow.org.uk website.

Simon Grenfell

#### Times Change — For Better or for Worse?

I am sure many people feel somewhat deprived by the restrictions of these strange days through which we are living. But we do still have our televisions and a multitude of other "screens" via which we are entertained or communicate.

In the early 1950s I was nursing on Ward 10 Children's Surgical at Leeds General Infirmary. Many homes did not even have a basic TV and of course all of todays IT gadgetry barely the stuff of dreams.

Hospital visiting was very limited and strictly applied. Keeping children entertained and happy whilst they fought their various illnesses within the confines of a hospital ward was a challenge.

Then, thanks to the generosity of a kind donor, our ward learned that we were to receive a television. What excitement. Although some of those children would not have known what a TV looked like before it arrived.

Oh! No 56 inch screen nor colour pictures. But the small screen and black and white pictures were indeed magical for all those dearly loved youngsters.

On the day we all gathered round Sister's desk and waited anxiously for the said TV to arrive. After it was installed myself and several of our less poorly children gathered to see what delights were to be seen. The likes of Muffin the Mule, Wooden Tops and Bill & Ben gave these much loved children some comfort from their varying illnesses.

They were very happy days and sometimes sad times but is was a privilege to have worked there. I wonder where these children in the photo are today.

Joyce



Thanks to 'Molly, Cosmo, Oliver & India' for kindly sponsoring Roundabout

#### i am a little church

i am a little church (no great cathedral)
far from the splendor and squalor of hurrying cities
-i do not worry if briefer days grow briefest,
i am not sorry when sun and rain make april

my life is the life of the reaper and the sower; my prayers are prayers of earth's own clumsily striving (finding and losing and laughing and crying) children whose any sadness or joy is my grief or my gladness

around me surges a miracle of unceasing birth and glory and death and resurrection: over my sleeping self float flaming symbols of hope, and i wake to a perfect patience of mountains

i am a little church (far from the frantic world with its rapture and anguish) at peace with nature -i do not worry if longer nights grow longest; i am not sorry when silence becomes singing

winter by spring, i lift my diminutive spire to merciful Him Whose only now is forever: standing erect in the deathless truth of His presence (welcoming humbly His light and proudly His darkness)

E.E. Cummings

Our churches, St John's and Holy Innocents' wait quietly for us and do not worry.

### **Jennyruth News**

As things stand we are not planning anything for May. We are still operating during the lockdown, but remotely and can still take customer orders, depending on what is requested.



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# News from St John's Bell Tower



Sorry nothing to report on the bells, but here are two poems about bells. The first very modern, the second from an unknown writer, much older and longer.

Wishing all Roundabout readers the best of health in these difficult time.

Best wishes
Bridget
respondent

Bridget Taylor-Connor Tower Correspondent b.connor7621@btinternet.com

#### **Beckoning by Line Gauthier**

The church bells
Rang and rang
In joyful peal
Throughout the land
Divinely spirited
In utmost grandiose of ways
Exuberant and mirthful
Crystal echoes resonate
Thru brisk morning air
Stirring hearts aglow
With beckoning appeal

#### The Creeds Of The Bells Anonymous

How sweet the chime of the Sabbath bells!

Each one its creed in music tells
In tones that float upon the air
As soft as song, as sweet as prayer,
And I will put in simple rhyme
The language of the golden chime.
My happy heart with rapture swells
Responsive to the bells, sweet bells.

'Ye purifying waters swell!'

In mellow tones rang out a bell; 'Though faith alone in Christ can save, Man must be plunged beneath the wave, To show the world unfaltering faith In what the Sacred Scripture saith: Oh, well! ye rising water, swell! Pealed out the clear-toned Baptist bell. 'O, heed the ancient landmarks well!' In solemn tones exclaimed a bell. 'No progress made by mortal man Can change the just, eternal plan; With God there can be nothing new; Ignore the false, embrace the true, While all is well! is well! is well! Pealed out the good old Dutch church bell. 'In deeds of love excel! excel!' Chimed out from ivied towers a bell. 'This is the church not built on sands, Emblem of one not built with hands: Its forms and sacred rites revere -Come worship here! come worship here! Its rituals and faith excel! Chimed out the Episcopalian bell. 'No faith alone, but works as well, Must test the soul!' said a soft bell. 'Come here and cast aside your load! And work your way along the road With faith in God and faith in man. And hope in Christ, where hope began. Do well! do well! do well! do well! Rang out the Unitarian bell. 'To all the truth we tell, we tell!' Shouted in ecstacies, a bell. 'Come all ye weary wanders, see! Our Lord has made salvation free! Repent, believe, have faith, and then Be saved! and praise the Lord! Amen! Salvation's free! we tell! we tell! Shouted the Methodistic bell. 'Farewell! farewell! base world, farewell!' In touching tones exclaimed a bell. Life is a boon to mortals given, To fit the soul for bliss in heaven. Do not invoke the avenging rod. Come here and learn the way to God. Say to the world, 'farewell!'

Pealed forth the Presbyterian bell. 'In after life there is no hell!' In raptures rang a cheerful bell. Look up to heaven this holy day, When angels wait to lead the way. There are no fires, no fiends to blight The future life; be just and right. No hell! No hell! No hell! No hell! Rang out the Universalist bell. 'The Pilarim Fathers heeded well My cheerful voice!' pealed forth a bell. 'No fetters here to cloa the soul. No arbitrary creed control The free heart and progressive mind That leave the dusty paths behind. Speed well! speed well! speed well! speed well! Pealed forth the Independent bell. 'No pope, no pope, to doom to hell The Protestant!' rang out a bell. 'Great Luther left his fiery zeal Within the hearts that truly feel What loyalty to God's will be The faulty that makes men free, No images where incense fell!' Rana out old Martin Luther's bell. 'Find rest! find rest! find rest! find rest! Upon our Holy Mother's breast, From wearying strifes that never cease, The mother church gives rest and pace. Come, penitents, your sins confess Where white-robed priests the faithful bless, Where sacred Masses peal and swell!' Deep tolled d the Roman Catholic bell. Neatly attired, in manner plain, A pilgrim see - no spot, no satin -Slowly, with soft and measured tread, In Quaker garb - no white, no red -To passing friend I hear him say. 'Here worship thou, this is the way; No churchly form, it is not well; No bell - no bell - no bell - no bell.

#### New Chicane Dishforth Road

Further to your article on the above, I detail below my own comments for your consideration for inclusion in the next Roundabout magazine.

In the April Roundabout magazine the Sharow Parish Council made it very clear that they do not like the new chicane, in any shape or form.

Regarding its position, in my opinion, if we must have a chicane (which I personally wouldn't have done anyway) its position is the best available from a westerly (Ripon) approach - perhaps 60 metres further down in an easterly direction would have been a possibility. However given that I assume it needs to be away from various cul-de-sacs and driveways to private properties, I do not believe there would be any other appropriate places to put it without blocking entrances. I considered the Ripon side of the Nursing Home entrance, but this is too far out - speeding cars and delivery vans in a hurry would soon be back to 40 mph.

The layout is open to debate, it is not perhaps as envisaged, but assuming the contractors have installed it to North Yorkshire County Council specification and it is not bespoke for Sharow, then we have to assume it complies with Highway requirements in terms of safety and signage.

Sharow P.C initiated the idea of a chicane in mid 2018 and there must have been correspondence between the two parties for Highways to agree to it. It is a surprise that there was no site meeting between Sharow P.C and Highways prior to its installation, especially as Sharow P.C requested one.

The problem now is, the cost has been incurred and it did not come on sale or return.

Yours Colin Chapman



Some of you may already have heard this poem, but it may be new to others. It was written by Matt Kelly and when I heard it it struck a chord with me, and will do for anyone else, who has a loved one on the front line.

Denise

I'll tell vou a tale that's been recently written Of a powerful army, so great it saved Britain. They didn't have bombs. they didn't have planes; They fought with their hearts, and they fought with their brains. They didn't have bullets. Armed just with a mask We sent them to war with one simple task: To show us the way, to lead and inspire us, To protect us from harm and fight off the virus. It couldn't be stopped by our bullet-proof vests. An invisible army invaded our chests. So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in blue: All doctors, all nurses, your country needs you. We clapped on our streets – hearts bursting with pride As they went off to war and we stayed inside. They struggled at first as they searched for supplies But they stared down the virus in the white of its eyes; They leapt from the trenches and didn't think twice. Some didn't come back – the ultimate price. So tired, so weary, and yet they fought on As the virus was beaten and the battle was won.

For many of us owe so much to so few.

The brave and the bold – our heroes in blue.

So let's line the streets and remember the debt.

We love you our heroes – LEST WE FORGET.

## I think we should fill our Roundabout with thanks.

I would like to thank so many people but don't know where to begin. I am not going to name them as I might miss someone and cause hurt. I have angels who bring me chocolate cake, sponge with a ginger filling and iced buns, I certainly won't starve. I have an angel who took my washing, dried and ironed it and did some shopping for me. Other angels have posted mail, done shopping, taken prescriptions and collected library books. What a wonderful caring community I live in. My son Stuart has been a rock and grandson Alexander has also done shopping. A special thanks must go to Vicar Ruth and her team who have taken care of our spiritual needs in such a magnificent way, daily we have been given comfort. Well done Simon and Ruth Grenfell and Carol-Anne we are very grateful. Of course we all thank our Doctors, Nurses, Medical Staff and millions of others; we do that every day and couldn't get by without them, but I just wanted also to thank all the ordinary people, our neighbours our community.

Marina.

#### THREE THOUGHTS

#### **Going One Better**

Some long time ago my wife and I decided to walk the Coast to Coast path, not all in one period of time but, in parts, over different times. Having made this decision we realised that we needn't do it in any order, that is ,we didn't have to start at St Abbs Head and work our way persistently. So, we chose as our first essay at the task that we would choose a section running near Sedburgh and move to the east. Not long into our journey we came across a diversion sign, inviting us, because of erosion on the footpath, to follow a different route. We followed the new route. Eventually this led into a very boggy area interlaced with streamlets, where we needed to take care. Coming to a broadish stream, my wife found a place to jump and landed safely on the other side. Seeing, what I took to be a better, I jumped and didn't come to a rest until I had sunk to a level above my waist and under my armpits. I felt grateful for the firm footing I seemed to have found – perhaps the head of he who had essayed the same suitable place before me. My wife looked round for some suitable way of helping to pull me out. She could not get close to me and so scoured around for a piece of timber - in rather short supply up there. Fortunately she came up with a long enough piece of old branch sturdy enough to enable her to pull me out. I did emerge, a rather rank companion with a distinct line marked on my jacket, front and back. The jacket bore the equivalent to the plimsoll line, the mark of my immersion, despite frequent washings, until it was no longer to be worn.

We continued the walk, there was nothing else we could do. We made it down to where the car was parked and motored home with all the windows open.

#### Bull

An enthusiastic young junior NCO on the approach of the Brigadier's Inspection, noticed in the communicating corridor between two spiders (the name given to rooms where the men slept) three fire buckets painted a bright red. They were three-quarters full of sand but the insides were dull. He decided that to smarten them up he would have the insides of the buckets painted white instead of that dull metallic colour. Three men were then scheduled to empty the sand, in a retrievable way and then having cleaned the inside of the bucket they were required to paint them white. They carried out their instructions to perfection. When the paint was quite dry the sand was replaced. The Brigadier's Inspection took place and as far as we know the fire buckets escaped notice. Two months later a full Lieutenant took over temporary charge of the squads in these spiders and, on a tour of inspection, accompanied by our afore-mentioned NCO noticed the fire buckets and asked if they had been painted inside. "Yes sir" replied the NCO. "Hm

That's bull you know. Get that white paint removed will you?" "Yes, sir." The NCO was thankful that his face was saved, there were two new squads in the spiders. Three men were ordered off to remove the paint. Whilst they were so engaged the Lieutenant came along and seeing that the buckets were mostly scratched of paint, explained to the men that that was bull and why it had no place in this man's army. He told them to leave the buckets as they were and to tell their NCO that he had so instructed them.

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## Out & About In Copt Hewick

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

In these troubled times I sincerely hope you and all your family are well. We live in a small community here in Copt Hewick and amidst all the upheaval it is great to see such a community spirit in place with offers of help and assistance coming from everywhere.

All events of course at the hall are currently postponed but we will look forward to brighter times when the hall is again the hub of the village social scene for both villagers and hirers of the hall.

Looking to the future we are always on the lookout for help with the monthly catering at the pub nights, please contact Nicky on 01765 604617 or email on <a href="mailto:copthewickvh@gmail.com">copthewickvh@gmail.com</a> if you can help out in any way on future dates.

Hopefully the yearly apple picking will happen this year but whatever happens you can still help out the hall by purchasing the remaining stock of the 2019 apple juice harvest. If you'd like to purchase any juice please contact David Thelwall (01765 602514). Juice is priced at £10 per box of six and orders are preferably to be collected from David's driveway at Prospect House (Back Lane of the village)

# **EVENT REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY** All events are at the Village Hall **PUB NIGHTS/OTHER EVENTS HOSTED AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Pub Nights TBA 1st Saturday of the month

Bar Nights TBA The Friday following on two weeks after the pub night

Saturday 28th November Christmas Fair 11am - 3:30pm

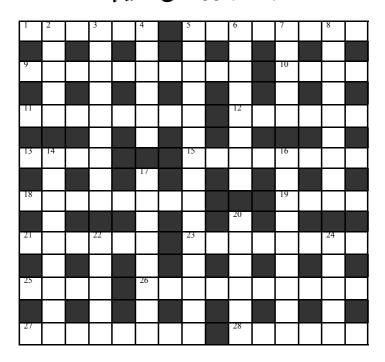
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## The Crossword



#### Across

- 1. Odds & Ends (6)
- 5. Became part of a whole (8)
- 9. This month's flower (3,7)
- 10. Mischievous little children (4)
- 11. Having much light (8)
- 12. Perhaps best not eaten this month (6)
- 13. Greek muse of history (4)
- 15. Absolutely unnecessary (8)
- 18. Clear soup (8)
- 19. Birds will have built this by now (4)
- 21. Having the least colour (6)
- 23. Fragrant herb (8)
- 25. Friend of the witch in the wardrobe (4)
- 26. Have a breather (4,1,5)
- 27. Could be a gentle nudge! (8)
- 28. To unearth (6)

#### Down

- 2. I arch myself here for comfort (5)
- 3. Having a double meaning (9)
- 4. Having no lumps (6)
- 5. An agent providing cover for unseen possibility (9,6)
- 6. Liszt was one (8)
- 7. Single components (5)
- 8. Puts into words (9)
- 14. Resembling another (4,5)
- 16. Withdrawal of Chinese Communists
- from S.E. China 1934-5 (4,5)
- 17. Made a copy (8)
- 20. To make a break for freedom (6)
- 22. Boredom (5)
- 24. The extent of ones domain (5)

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# A QUIZ ABOUT SPRING -OR SPRINGS ANSWERS

- 1. 1st March
- 2. The Mikado
- 3. Spring Break
- 4. Flora
- 5. 2011
- 6. After a new to full moon
- 7. Lincoln Handicap and the Grand National
- 8. Spring Onions
- 9. Groundhog
- 10. The Producers

- 11. Hookes' Law
- 12. Vernal Equinox
- 13. Botticelli
- 14. Spring Roll
- 15. A Frog
- 16. Alice Springs
- 17. South Pacific
- 18. Love Labour's Lost
- 19. Stravinsky
- 20. Persephone

#### THREE THOUGHTS cont.

Another year, another Brigadier's Inspection, a new Lieutenant and a new junior NCO. The officer notices the scruffy state of the inside of the buckets. "Could something be done about that?" "I'll see to it, sir." Three men were ordered off to see to it. One of them, quick off the mark, shows the others how to do it and when all three buckets are paint free, he shows the other two men, how to burnish the insides. A passing Sergeant notices what they are doing and says gently in passing. "You shouldn't be doing that, that's bull." But the job was done. Nobody raised the question of unburnishing the buckets. The sand went back in the buckets. Nobody noticed sufficiently to comment when the Brigadier's Inspection took place.

When I visited recently I wondered about those fire buckets, but the camp itself had gone. The further adventures of the three fire buckets remains to be discovered.

#### Take a pencil and a Ruler

If you draw two lines of similar length but not intersecting and not parallel and then on each of them mark, randomly three dots and starting from the left side with each of them, label on the upper line the three dots A, B, C. On the lower line label them a, b, c. Draw a line to connect A with b. Draw another to connect a with B. Join B an c, C and a, c and A. If you join the three points of intersection you will have a straight line, according to Pascal.

Brian Howard

# The following offers a flavour of earlier meetings through extracts from the Minutes of Sharow Parish Council

**20th March 1940** The Chairman and Clerk only turned up and after waiting half an hour abandoned the effort.

**24th March 1943** The RDC asked to give consideration of the use of utilisation of the Consols held by us to the War effort.

**30th March 1949** This Parish Meeting invites the attention of Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District Council to the unhygienic earth closets still in use at the School and the majority of cottages in Sharow Village

20th March 1950 Village Post Office closed.

**25th March 1953** £40.14s.0d has been sent from Sharow to the East Coast Relief Fund.

**9th December 1958** We place on record the great score of 100 years celebrated by Mrs. England.

**26th March 1964** It was voiced that a special meeting might be called to try to push forward the problem of housing shortage.

**21st March 1967** A complaint made to RDC re neglected surround of Sharow Cross. **26th March 1976** Extraction from River Ure. The North Bridge extraction should be opposed, used by children bathing and paddling during the Summer.

**29th March 1982** Action to be taken by owner of the river bank following fatal accident.

Sandra



Rainbows would never be rainbows
if sunshine had never met rain,
No-one would ever need comfort
if there was no sadness and pain,
But life holds both sunshine and showers,
The days aren't all bright and fair,
So look through the showers for the rainbow,
You'll always find hope shining there.

'Rainbows' by Michael O. Adesanya

### A little joke in a Church Magazine sent to me from the Midlands:

One day the Zoo keeper noticed that the monkey was reading the Bible and Darwin's 'The Origins of the Species'.

In surprise he asked the ape "Why are you reading both those books?" "Well" said the monkey, "I just wanted to know if I was my brother's keeper or my keeper's brother".

Denise

#### To You All

May's Roundabout will be with you as usual, thanks to the team of distributors who are willing to continue to deliver as part of their daily exercise. Routine. However there is the possibility, if restrictions continue or become more severe, that the June magazine may have to be confined to an online version published on St John's website. I know that this is by no means ideal as many of you do not have access to this facility and anyway much prefer a printed copy. I apologise for the inconvenience to many of you and hope that this does not happen.

Grateful thanks to so many of you who have helped to make the May issue a bumper copy. I have had to expand the magazine because of all the contributions I received and I have already copy for next month, which I just couldn't include. I have so enjoyed reading the articles I have been sent and thank you so much for taking the time to compose and send them. I look forward to more of your contributions.

My good wishes to you all and keep safe and well.

Annie the Ed.



# June Roundabout <u>Final</u> Copy Date <u>5pm Tuesday 12th May</u>

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#### **SONNET FOR MARGARET** (Wherever she may be)

We loved each other more than fifty years
And shared our joys and sometimes shed our tears
Our way through life's long journey we did wend
And cried that it should come at last to end.

She lay with tube, machine and drip and drain But something knowing, not the damaged brain The essential I still knew that we were there And bade us let her go without a care.

As beautiful as ever was in life She slowly passed away with little strife She travelled on so far beyond recall Freely and effortlessly merging with the All.

Her journey started with an infant breath And ended in belief that there is more than death.

Charles Tease

There are all sorts of things coming on line, for when you need some relaxation.

These are a few, I am sure there are many more

- National Theatre You Tube
- Nunkie Theatre Robert Lloyd Parry, a story teller.
- Rural Arts Thirsk then go to 'radish'
- Workshops for children and adults.

Judith

#### **Knitting and Natter Corner by Denise**

I realise that by the time the May issue of the Roundabout comes out the following knitting pattern for an egg holding chicken with be too late for Easter; and the pattern for an angel will be too early for Christmas. However, if we are incarcerated indefinitely in our homes, you may be only too pleased to start knitting for next Christmas and Easter!

(That said, the pattern for the angel was passed on to me by a friend from my old church in the Midlands. Folks there are busy knitting (as she puts it) a Heavenly Host with which to decorate the church once they can all get back to worshipping together).

#### Easter egg bearing chicken

Materials needed: preferably yellow double knitting wool a pair of size 9 needles small quantity of stuffing (for the head) small piece of orange felt black wool or embroidery thread (for the eyes) darning needle

Cast on 40 stitches Knit 4 rows Increase at each end of the next row Knit a row

Repeat the last 2 rows until 58 stitches are on the needle Cast off 21 stitches; knit across16 stitches; cast off 21 stitches

Working on the 16 remaining stitches:

Row 1 - knit

Row 2 – knit

Row 3 - knit

Row 4 – knit

Row 5 - Knit 1, knit 2 tog, knit to the last 3 stitches, knit 2 tog, knit 1

Rows 6-8 the same as row5

Rows 9 & 10 Knit

This will leave you with 8 stitches. Cut the yarn leaving enough to thread through the 8 stitches, pull them tight and sew up the back of the head.

Use the stuffing to lightly fill the head. With a needle threaded with yarn do a running stitch around the neck and pull to define, fasten off securely.

With a needle threaded with yarn sew together the bottom and end, up to the tail; leaving the top open for housing the egg.

The eyes are french knots made with black yarn or embroidery silk. The beak is made from orange felt cut to shape and sewn on.

I used to make these for my children, when they were young, filled with a Cadbury's chocolate egg.

#### A Christmas Angel

Materials needed:

Preferably white double knitting wool

Size 9 knitting needles

Small amount of stuffing (for the head)

darning needle

Optional – decorations eg, halo, embroidery silks for eyes, mouth, etc.

The body:

Cast on 48 stitches

knit row

purl row

k2tog, k10, repeat to the end of the row.

Purl row

knit row

P2tog, P9, repeat to the end of the row

Knit row purl row

k2tog, k8, repeat to the end of the row

purl row knit row

P2tog, P7, repeat to the end of the row

knit row purl row

k2tog, k6, repeat to the end of the row purl row

knit row

P2tog, P5, repeat to the end of the row

knit row purl row

k2tog, k4, repeat to the end of the row

purl row

to 34. Continue with knit a row, purl a row, finishing on a purl row on row 34.

k2tog – repeat to the end of the row

purl row

knit row

P2tog – repeat to the end of the row

Break off yarn and using a darning needle thread the yarn through the stitches, and tighten to form the crown of the head.

Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body.

Put a small amount of stuffing in the head. Thread the darning needle with yarn and do running stitch around where the neck should be. Draw up to define the neck area and finish off securely.

The wings:

Cast on 27 stitches

Knit 2 rows

Decrease at each end of the next row (Knit)

Knit the next row

Knit 12 more rows decreasing at each end of every row.

Cast off.





#### LITTLETHORPE NEWS



#### **VE Day 75 & VE Day 60**

Disappointingly, the musical celebration to mark VE Day 75 in Littlethorpe on Bank Holiday Friday  $8^{th}$  May has been cancelled, due to the Coronavirus Emergency and consequent Government guidance. How we will miss the musical offering and those promised comedy moments!

But we can remind you of the 60<sup>th</sup> VE Day Celebrations in Littlethorpe on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2005 as written up for Roundabout by Christine Winterburn and with some pictures which you may not have seen!

What a cracking night you made of our VE Celebrations on 16th July at the Village Hall. The weather was perfect and we were able to sit outside. The `Brylcreem Boys` were out in force; Douglas Bader complete with stick and pipe was there. We also had evacuees, land army girls, Gls, a Spiv, a demobbed RAF chap, several elegant ladies with seamed stockings and some not so elegant ladies in cross-over pinnies! Lots of RAF chappies and smartly turned out representatives of the ATS and Wrens. The ARP Warden and Matron kept everyone in order. We listened to Winston Churchill on the wireless and sang `The Sun has got his Hat on` before being allowed into the air raid shelter for supper. Dr Bs catered –the usual sort of thing – dripping or powdered boiled egg sandwiches, potato skins with ½ lb butter stretching to 50 people. Martin Winterburn and Pip O`Connell won the Fancy Dress competition and Matron Liz Tite took a break from dispensing syrup of figs to collect first prize in the raffle. Simon & Nigel entertained us with some wonderful music for listening and dancing to. The evening was rounded off with some emotional community singing and the National Anthem.

The Bomb Squad came out the next day at 9am to disarm and remove the UXB and since the war has been declared officially over, the air raid shelter has been dismantled

Funds raised on the night were for Yorkshire Air Ambulance; and VH electricity & fencing projects

ED: The post war hamper contained corned beef, home-made biscuits, savoury flan, fruit cake, jars of lemon curd and marmalade, ½ dozen eggs, ½ lb butter, loose tea, oats in a blue paper bag, bottle `Spitfire` beer and a tin of Carnation milk.

PS: and it's all come in very useful during the recent 'lockdown' in 2020

Líz





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#### May Nature Notes by Richard Tite

It is Good Friday and I have just come in from the garden. There I heard my favourite sound of spring. A Willow Warbler slowly moved through the crab apples looking for greenfly in bursting buds and all the time gave its soft sweet descending cadence. In normal times I would have been in woodland or by the goat willows at the rivers and I would hear the call often a month after its closely related Phylloscopus cousin the Chiffchaff. For those of us fortunate enough to have large gardens much has been happening in these last few weeks. One day in early April I pondered how many bird species that I would see in or over the garden and also hear in a 24 hr period. 30 perhaps, with very noisy Tawny Owl to finish the count at 9.30pm. Never had I expected 47. Notable absentees were Long-tailed Tit and Sparrowhawk but bonuses were a calling Ringed Plover overhead at dusk, an early Swallow, Green Woodpecker feeding on garden chafers in the lawn, Curlew, Lapwing, Coot and Oystercatcher calling from Nicholson's Lagoons. One Blackbird pair fed young in a Euonymus, Great and Blue Tit have finished nest building and are sitting, and a Robin has a nest with young somewhere in the junk behind the garage. Being confined to barracks, horticultural attention to our acre has greatly increased and so have observations of everything within our curtilage. Four species of bee and fascinating bee-flies Bombylius major with furry brown bodies and alarming proboscis, looking threatening but quite harmless. In the recent warm dry weather the first hoverflies and gueen wasps investigating nooks and crannies. Both nectar on a spurge Euphorbia characias next to our afternoon tea seat, so close examination is possible along with the intriguing flowers. Lush green juicy caterpillars of an unknown spp of moth munch the lower leaves of Primula. To date the 'mothers' have been relatively quiet but with warm nights forecast over Easter, things should perk up. Whilst on insects I have not found any harlequin ladybirds indoors this winter [unlike 2018/19] but 2 indigenous spp are in the garden. Three butterflies peacock, small tortoiseshell and the occasional brimstone and a garden in Hutton Conyers had small white at the beginning of Easter week. Where are the orange tips; the garlic mustard or jack-by-the-hedge Allariapetiolate has been flowering since the 1st and is one of it's food plants and an early holly blue should be here any time.

I did enjoy the series on BBC4 – plants associated with Holy Week starting with the germander speedwell *Veronica chamaedrys* and those that know the Easter story will appreciate the significance of 'Veronica'. It finished with wood sorrel *Oxalis* acetosella always out on Easter Day and touch-me-not balsam *Impatiens noli-tangere* very local in the UK and not like its introduced cousin the Indian balsam the scourge of river banks and water courses.

A cock **Pheasant** and his harem strut around the flower beds and in the dry soil dust bathe; and far too many **Wood Pigeon** are plundering Viola and Aquilegia just as in 2019. When it rains plant growth will take off and the birds won't keep up hopefully.

#### Nature Notes cont.

Easter week there was a passage of Pink-footed Goose and a few more Whooper Swan both of which overnighted' on Givendale Lake across the Ure from Ripon City Wetlands...at the moment closed. Our daily walks have been round Ripon Canal and often down to Ox Close Lock. The flooded fields have rapidly evaporated but not before 20 Pied Wagtail fed around their margins. Early month over 30 Oystercatcher probed for invertebrates and 4 hares scampered on the bare patches. Quite a surprise to see a White-fronted Goose with Canada Goose on the racecourse lake and a single Egyptian Goose is still with Greylag. The pool by Deanswood now known locally as 'Trump Pond 'has 5 pairs of Mallard this year and on the 8th April the first 12 ducklings. I wonder how long the brood will remain at 12? Before the `lockdown` [`orrible word] we were at High Batts and on the Hide pond 3 Mandarin Duck displayed [see page 36]. There was a battle royal between the 2 drakes for the attention of the duck. The Wharfe from Bolton Abbey to Hebden has been a Yorkshire stronghold for the feral population established in the 20 century. In autumn 2019, 14 were on the Ure near Newby Hall and up to 6 have been 'put up' during local wild fowl shoots, often with **Teal**. They might have been escapees from collections but what a spectacular species. Where are the Blackcap with their false nightingale song - any day now and I still await my first Skylark song in the parish to lift the spirits.

#### **Stop Press:**

the last 2 years!

Easter Sunday morning -3 new butterflies in the garden, holly blue nectaring on Choisya `Aztec`, orange tip on honesty, and green-veined white just fluttering about. A **White-tailed Eagle** reported flying SW over Thirsk, possibly a wandering juvenile. Inevitably it will pass to the S of us over Knaresborough as birds have done just that in

Now on Easter Monday it is 6C, so I hope that the butterflies are holed up somewhere waiting for the warmth and sunshine to return later this week.

### **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

*Ríchard Títe* 01765-690996

#### Compo's Gardening Notes by Richard Tite

These ceased in 2014, but I have been dug out from the compost heap as a `one off` in `lockdown`.

Never have I seen gardens looking better and having such regular attention. It is rumoured that some of our local patches are being dusted every morning! I don't quite believe that, but weed seedlings, as soon as they raise their cotyledon leaves above the ground are yanked out. Is there a market for sycamore and hawthorn young plants? Many of the locals have joined me in having a bonfire but do check local by-laws first. Don't you miss going to local nurseries and garden centres? Perhaps by the time you read this, regulations may have been relaxed, but many will deliver plants and plugs [seed companies included] and some local enterprises like Tates will deliver orders. We are expecting young plants of chrysanths and dahlias from Halls of Heddon west of Newcastle.

Little did I and other gardeners on freely draining soil think that we would need a few dumpings of warm spring rain — but we do. Lawn feeds and dressings with *lawn sand* will be far more effective when lawns are growing rapidly. Broad-leaved weedkillers too will control dandelion daisy and chickweed.

Vegetable plants like runner and French beans and courgettes can be sown in pots prior to planting out later this month when there is no more risk of frost.

Garden chafers *Phylloperthahorticola* have been very active eating grass roots in lawns—especially on light soils. Starlings and green woodpecker like the larvae but chemically only commercial lawn care companies can use insecticides that are approved.

We are on lily beetle [vivid orange/red beastie] patrol and have been all April. Many of our perennial plants in pots like Heuchera, Bergenia and Echeveria have been re-potted and [some have died] as these genera are so susceptible to Vine weevil grubs destroying the roots. They are enjoyed by our robin and his brood.

Many of our semi-hardy pot plants have come through the mild winter. Fuchsia and Diascia are plants that we have cut back to green shoots and re-potted in containers and hanging baskets in fresh compost having removed some of the old root first. We have given them a feed and they are growing furiously in the spring warmth.

It is not too late to plant summer flowering bulbs like Gladiolus. We divided our Agapanthus in late March.

Good in the garden at the moment are the acid greens of Euphorbia characias, E robbiae, E polychroma and golden feverfew. Also Dicentra `Luxuriant`, D exima, D Formosa, Geranium pyrenaicum `Bill Wallis`, Corydalis cheilanthifolia, C solida, Brunneramacrophylla `Jack Frost` and all the Crown Imperials [look out for Lily Beetle on these]

Ipheion `Alberto Castillo` has hundreds of white flowers and looks cracking in a pot. The Great White Cherry Prunus `Taihaku` [it barely lasts a week] is a tremendous sight and loved by bees and is under planted with lemon yellow Narcissus St Patrick`s Day.

A good find for the greenhouse in March was Narcissus `Arctic Bells` a bulbacodium type with lemon yellow hooped flowers.

Now Compo is back off to his heap as we gardeners are lucky being outdoors with some physical activity. Whoever needs a gym?

#### **Bedding and Hanging Basket Plants**

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Some local churches may also set up a Just Giving page.

Thank you

Ripon and District Christian Aid Committee



Miriam Skelton walking back home from Ripon after picking up essential supplies

Drs Joy and Charlie Fletcher birding in Green Lane

# Littlethorpe in Lockdown





Nikki Gregory with Ava [7], Oscar [4] and boxer Luna exercise as a `household`



Nicholas Dale drilling spring barley in the `grass` field between the racecourse and canal towpath on 9 April



President Trump sends greetings from across the pond - formerly the Parks Field



# Caring for Each Other During the Coronavirus Pandemic

It's wonderful to see "Community Spirit" in action here in Littlethorpe. So many people in the village are helping each other through this period of self-isolation or illness. This takes many forms — collecting and delivering medication, shopping or simply being a friendly face at the gate or on the phone. Please continue.

The Parish Council has contributed too by making villagers aware (via leaflets through your letterbox) of several companies who are providing home delivery of various essential items as well as who to contact for emergency help.

Two new schemes that have started are:

"HELP RIPON" together with Blands, Ripon, have organised a £30 food box scheme for older and vulnerable people. Blands, a local food wholesaler, has been inundated with orders for food deliveries from the general public but are particularly keen to help older and vulnerable people. Putting boxes together which include standard items are easier to manage and is less time consuming than picking individual orders. The boxes will be collected and then delivered to people by volunteers. We would be really grateful if you would let anyone, whom you feel would benefit, know about this new scheme. Place orders through HELP Ripon and Rural on 01765 645902.

Many people may know about Morrison's boxes, but if not then here's how it works. There are 5 choices of contents in the ready packed boxes, one of which is vegetarian. You order on a different website from the usual Morison's on line shopping. You may not always be able to get through to place an order, but keep trying, as when you do the box you order is likely to be delivered next working day. Not by Morrison's own vehicles, but with a carrier, perhaps DPD. You don't need to be in Morrison's normal delivery area to receive a box. Hope this helps. Here is the website. https://www.morrisons.com/food-boxes/boxes You just need to register your details pay and hey presto.

These are limited, weekday services. People with more urgent need should contact the North Yorkshire County Council Customer Service Centre on 01609 780780 every day 8 am - 5.30 pm

Be aware that doorstep sellers are in the local villages, some posing as Coronavirus helpers.

Do not communicate with them despite 'badges' being displayed.

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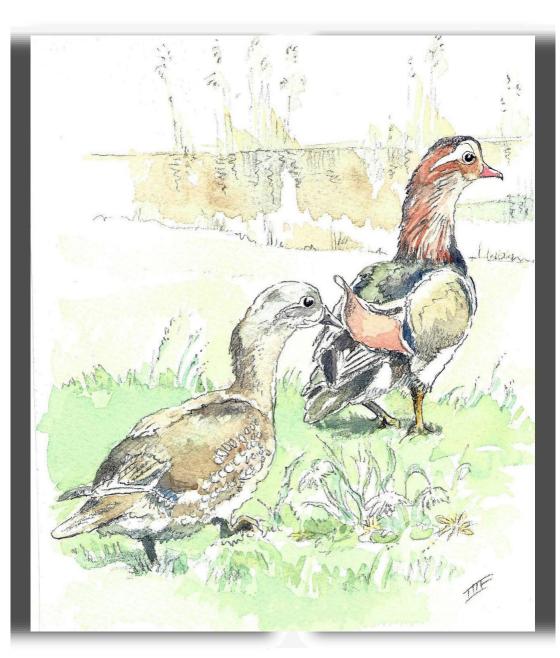
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