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A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND MARTIN

Dear All

It seems that finally we are firmly fixed on a plan to get the country out of lockdown firstly and then into a society with no legal restrictions. I am sure that many, for a time being at least, will have their own restrictions and ways of doing things or not doing things, maybe dependant upon whether they have had their vaccine, or the second jab, maybe dependant on how long they have been away from the norms of society. For many others they are warming up for the starters gun on the 21st June when all restrictions are to be lifted, hopefully, and they will be in the shops, pubs, restaurants and going on holiday all as quickly as they can fit it all in.

There is going to be a complete mix of emotions surrounding us as we go about our daily lives, fear mixed with joy, calm and peace, a weariness and tiredness, levels of uncertainty and expectation, emanating from those we work with, live with, shop alongside and so on. Other people's feelings probably will cause us to stop and think, to alter our own thought processes and feelings, and this is all a good thing, because if nothing else has come from the past year it is that we have become more thoughtful to the needs of others. We perhaps have talked with our neighbours for the first time, done some voluntary work for the first time; we have all hopefully become more community focused, understanding where we fit in to enable our community to work smoothly and lovingly.

We are a strange mix of people, diverse in so many different ways, yet when we have needed to we became a cohesive and loving community, showing and sharing all that is good in life.

As we travel through these next couple of months we should take a moment to try and understand the walk Jesus made into Jerusalem that week before before his death. We know that there were similar emotions surrounding him. The fear of the temple leaders and priests that this man was going to take away their authority and position, their livelihood; the calm and the peace of those who felt that at last somebody had come along to save them from the Roman rule (little did they know that he would but not in the way they expected), the weariness and expectation of his disciples as they perhaps feel that all their work over the last three years was coming to an end, Jesus in their eyes was riding in triumphantly and they would now be important people themselves, if only they knew how the next week would pan out.

And if only we were to know how the next few months would pan out, we could make preparations to see people, go on holiday, come out of the house, go to the pictures and theatre and so forth. Jesus' three years of ministry and teaching, and especially that last week and the three days which followed, made the disciples the loving and caring people that they turned out to be, made them into the the first ministers in our Christian faith, forming communities of like minded people wherever they went, all in the name of their friend and teacher, Jesus Christ. Hopefully this past year and the next months will enable you to follow suit, to continue to form happy like minded communities around you, whether at home, work or in your hobby or sport, and that you can come to understand that the true peace and joy that comes into your life emanates from the same Jesus Christ, a true friend of and to all of us.

Martin



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Alternatively, please push through the letterbox at 32 Kendal Gardens or email tockwithchurch@btinternet.com and I'll send you details to pay by bank transfer.

Please send all items for the May 2021 magazine to the editor no later than **Friday 16th April**.

THE PARISH OF MARSTON MOOR

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY TOCKWITH

Showing God's Love in the Community



I hope that you feel the vibes that as we enter the Spring Equinox and experiencing more sunshine and the knowing that the 'feel good' factor is creeping back into our lives. The daylight hours are getting longer and we can begin to enjoy the great things that spring and summer can bring. It is many months since we have been able to enjoy one to one contact with any of our family

members. It will be a little while longer before the shackles are taken completely away. The message remains abundantly clear that we all need to comply with advice to prevent the spread of Covid-19. From 1st April all those that were required to shield had that restriction removed.

This has been an incredibly testing time for the whole world. But we have also seen remarkable signs of hope. The rapid development and distribution of vaccines has been a phenomenal achievement and the way in which people have reached out to others has been inspirational.

"So many people right across the country are anxious about employment, anxious about food, isolated from loved ones and feel that the future looks dark." These are words from the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon on Easter Day 2020. Who would have thought that we are experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope overcoming darkness and despair. The women arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus' body. *'But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.'* (Mark 16:4). They were confused, as they tried to make sense of Jesus' death. Their hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In the current pandemic, we too are left asking: *Where is God in all this?*

The young man at the tomb reminds them that God is still in control: *"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."* (Mark 16:6).

The women had forgotten Jesus' promise to the disciples that He would die and rise from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is also the sure foundation of hope for us in the present crisis. He turns our confusion and fear into joy and wonder! We can trust Jesus' plan for the future of our world and lives, despite the fact that things can't return to the way they were: *"There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old,*

but is different and more beautiful. We must dream it, build it, make it, grasp it, because it is the gift of God and the call of God.” (Justin Welby).

With regards to our Praise service at the end of the month – Neil and Angela are both minimising public contact as much as possible so are unable to lead our praise service for the foreseeable future. Joanna Worth will be running our April service. Moving forward we will ensure that we have cover for this service and it is great that people have stepped up and helped us. Many thanks to Mark, Dawn and Joanna.

Also, the Messy team will not be returning until October this year. As interaction is paramount with the children, parents and volunteers and also with different groups / schools being unable to interact it would not be wise to restart Messy until the Autumn. This also relates to our Youth club.

We will be reaching out to our Messy parents to tell them of the services that we offer – especially with Mothering Sunday and Easter on the horizon. Please keep the Messy team and our families that attend Messy Church in your prayers.



Streamed services are continuing to be broadcast on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as Sundays still at 11.00am and using the same codes. To access them you will need to down load an App on your computer/phone/ tablet called **Zoom**.

When instructed put in your email address and make up a password (remember to write it down as well to remember it!!), you will get a screen which in the top right hand corner will give you the option to ‘join a meeting’. After pressing this you will be asked for an ID code and then a password. The following numbers stay the same for ALL of the services / meetings being held at 11.00am and they are:
ID 8340 787 4445 and Password 036 829.

It would be advisable to register before you want to use the APP, and perhaps try the ID and password to get used to doing it, it will only say “waiting for the host to start the meeting” so no damage will be done. There is no cost to any of this. Having joined the meeting on the bottom left of the screen (you might need to click on the main screen) you will see what looks like a microphone and a video camera, if you ensure that both of these are on then you will be seen and heard by everyone else.



When the church re-opens to ensure the safety of all visitors to the church, anyone visiting our churches must:

- comply with the current social distancing guidelines, so please keep two metres from anyone else in the church
- use the hand sanitiser in the porch on entering and leaving the building
- take note of the directions on notices as to which parts of the building are open and which pews to use for prayer

Generous Giving

With services stopped, we are asking those of you who are used to giving on the 'plate' to consider changing your giving to online. You can make individual payments, or you can set up a regular standing order to the bank details below:

Askham Richard VCC, 09-01-51, 42355305

Bilbrough Parochial Church Council, 40-41-01, 1091476

Long Marston Parish Church Council, 20-99-39, 50582239

All Saints Church Rufforth, 09-01-55, 16862081

Tockwith Parochial Church Council, 40-46-21, 71165933

If you would like to chat through a way to give, want to give across the parish or to understand the finances of the Parish or Diocese more then please give Rev Martin a call.

The editing of the magazine has changed very much over the years - from typing, cutting and pasting to up-to-the minute website editions we are developing today! One thing has not changed, however, and that is our need to hear from you and to receive your contributions and articles. Our wish, has always been to make the magazine an interesting read for our whole Village and we can only do this with your help. Could you write for us on a subject that would be of interest to our readers or do you belong to a Society or Club and would like to publicise its events? Please let us have your news and views. Not only will you receive village coverage through the magazine but now worldwide coverage from the church website! We look forward to hearing from you. If you are reading this from abroad, we would love to hear from you too!

The last year has been difficult for those of us who write and submit items for the magazine. As you can imagine with many of the organisations within the village having to suspend their activities we are desperately in need of news stories to make this magazine worth reading.

The magazine goes to many homes where sermons do not, so it is hoped that as well as being informative and entertaining it will always show something of God's love and compassion, forever constant in this rapidly changing community and indeed world.

For items for inclusion in the magazine email the Editor Norman Waller at nr.waller@btinternet.com, or telephone 01423 358588.

If you are a business and would like to place an advert in the magazine then please contact Susan Mckernan on 01423 358831.



Tockwith Church is committed to safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults.

Our safeguarding policy can be found on the website

<http://www.tockwithchurch.co.uk/safeguarding/>

or by contacting the Parish Safeguarding Representative:

Janet Marriner - 01423 358162 / 07833103148

or Church wardens:

Sarah McBride - 01423 359152 / Deryck Wilson - 01423 358364

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact any one of the above persons.

In praise of the afternoon nap

A short nap in the afternoon improves your memory and keeps your brain more agile. People who nap tend to speak more fluently, have greater mental agility, and remember things better than those who do not break up their day with sleep.

Even a five-minute nap can offer your brain a chance to down-time and replenish itself, so that it is 'good to go' again.

If you want longer than five minutes, try to stop at 40 minutes, before you enter the deepest stage of sleep. If you do carry on, sleep for two hours, which is a full sleep-cycle.

Happy Easter from all at Craft Club

I never cease to be amazed at the amazing articles that my friends in craft club create. Judy has been knitting more toy characters to add to her collection.

There's Candy Bear, Dainty Pig and a very sweet Emily in her Easter Bonnet. Don't you just want to hug them?



And in the spirit of Easter, Judy has also knitted this lovely wreath, including butterflies and the sun-set on a sky-blue background and bunnies, easter eggs and flowers on a grass-green background and a rainbow. It's 15 inches across and took 2 weeks to make, on and off. Judy is so pleased with the end result that she is already on with something similar.

And there is still no stopping our Margaret. Another 3 pairs of socks have rolled off her knitting needles. Believe me, they are amazingly comfortable. I know because 2 of the pairs she gave to me. Margaret is now planning some stunning colour combinations, using up left-over yarn from previous projects.





Diane is multi-talented. Included in her achievements in the last month are new cushions for her conservatory, a summer top for herself and the beginnings of a crochet blanket. Very nice.



Didn't the PTA do a splendid job organising the village Scarecrow Festival to celebrate World Book Day? I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the diverse selection of characters. Well done to the maker of the winner - the dragon.

Just thought you might like to see the one I made – Matilda's mum. She took 2 days to make, using up scraps of left-over fabric which, as a crafter, I tend to get lots of. The problem now is I can't bring myself to put her in the bin so I have to find somewhere to keep her.

Perhaps she can sit in the front passenger seat of my car and keep me company when I'm out driving by myself. Roll on the end of social distancing!



Sara knitted a Worry Cat, for a charity called **Knit For Nowt**, based in Hull. It is a charity that provides worry puppets for children in therapy. Such a great cause. If you could do the same please look them up on the internet.

Can you knit or crochet? If so the NHS would appreciate your help!

Knitted and crocheted items can be of use when someone living with dementia is distressed or anxious and so the NHS would like to have these single patient-use items available to give to patients if this will help ease their journey experience. Knitted octopus, similar to twiddle-muffs which have been used before, were originally designed for premature babies but are also helpful to keep dementia patients' hands busy as well as providing them with tactile and sensory stimulation.

We are hoping that volunteers who are able to knit or crochet will put their skills to use by creating more octopuses for NHS patients.

Anyone interested in getting involved, please go to Octopus for a Premie UK on Facebook. If you can't access the relevant Facebook page to register your interest please contact me on 01423 358 808 and I will forward your details on for you.

Your April make-at-home craft – children's Easter headbands.

I thought this month you might like to make something for the children – Easter Bunny and Easter Chicken headbands. They are really easy to make – you can easily make both in a couple of hours. Why not let your children help? It will be fun. The dimensions shown are just a guide and are what I used to make mine. You can adjust them as you see fit.

What you will need:

Ruler, pencil, stapler, sellotape, scissors, Pritt stick or PVA glue and a black pen. Brown or grey thin card for the bunny, yellow thin card for the chicken. Pink paper for nose and ears, red paper for beak and legs, white paper for eyes.

How to make the chicken:

- Measure the circumference of the child's head and add 5 cm to the length. Cut a strip of thin card to this length and about 5 cm wide. Fit the band to the head and sellotape the ends together. Put the band to one side.
- Cut a circle of yellow card about 10 cm across for the body and another about 6.5 cm across for the head. Glue them together as the photo.



- From red paper cut out a triangle for the beak about 3cm long and two legs also about cm long. Glue them onto the circles.
- For the eyes cut out two small circles of white paper and stick onto the head adding black pupils using biro.
- Stick the body to the headband.

How to make the bunny:

- Make the headband as for the chicken.
- For the bunny's face cut a circle of the card about 10cm diameter. Trim the top half of the circle to make the face pear-shaped. (See photo). The top edge should be at least 6 cm wide. Cut out a pink nose and stick to the middle of the circle. Add two small white circles for the eyes. In black pen draw on the mouth, whiskers and pupils. Put to one side.
- For the outer ears cut two pieces of card 15cm long and 5cm at one end increasing to 7cm at the other. For the inner ears cut two pieces of pink paper 14cm long and 4cm at one end increasing to 6cm at the other. Glue each inner ear to each outer ear. Now fold in each side of each ear at the wide end and secure with a staple.
- Staple the ears to the middle of the headband. Then glue the face onto the headband, hiding the staples. Leave to dry for a little while.

Now try being adventurous by making more headbands to your own animal designs.

Happy Crafting.



**The Church is open daily for private prayer, please
drop your foodbank donations in the church porch.
Thank you**

Tockwith Residents Association

Evans Property Group have agreed the way forward with North Yorkshire County Council to secure a public right of way in relation to their development. (The County, not Harrogate District, are responsible for public rights of way.) They will provide a link over the open space, which forms part of their plan, to the footpaths on the site plan.

Evans have commenced the site fencing and will then remove all of the surplus vegetation and spoil heaps in order to carry out a survey for any ordnance left over from the site's use as a bomber base in World War 2. During this period and until it is safe to do so they will be closing off the site.

Evans are still looking at the possibility of establishing a bridleway linking to Southfield Lane but it may well create problems for access to and maintenance of the surface water storage basin. This will be near the bus depot end of the Airfield Track and is already marked out. They will review this once the basin is constructed to see if it is physically possible to have a safe bridleway.

The wooded areas especially "the Spinney" are in a very poor state having lacked management and rejuvenation for a long time. New paths are being worn and a bed of bluebells, an indicator of ancient woodland, is being trampled. Evans have been asked to encourage access onto one path to give new saplings and bluebells etc a chance to thrive for everyone's future enjoyment. Evans have promised to look at the ecology/woodland management plans & try to get as much restorative work done early on in the development.

This is the plan for the Tockwith's next building project:





Tockwith Festivals has always been about community and supporting our local groups. Our home for several years was the sports field and we are proud to support this fantastic space through the Tockwith Sportfield Trust.

The Trust manages the grounds and clubhouse on behalf of Tockwith & Wilstrop Parish Council and is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission, no. 505845. Tockwith Festivals have awarded grants over the years since our conception of approximately £6000 to the Trust, to assist with their fundraising activities. The Trust through its own fundraising is able to maintain the grounds & clubhouse and provide this valuable space for the various groups which use this facility. Fundraising efforts have allowed access ramps and a refurbishment to the clubhouse as well as allowing improvements to ensure the grounds & pitches are the envy of other villages. Tockwith Festivals contribution is a small proportion of what is required to operate this tremendous community asset.

This award to the Sportsfield Trust means that the festival charity reaches approximately 200 young people each week plus the parents, guardians and carers. In addition to this, the coaching staff, who all have taken FA coaching qualifications, ensure training and matches go ahead utilising the immaculate pitches. As well as our younger teams there are two senior teams playing in York leagues which involves around 40 people a week, not including the supporters. Football isn't the only activity, there are bowls & tennis clubs which provide valuable activities for the community. The clubhouse is available to other groups as well as providing valuable facilities to the clubs and groups based at the sports field. For more information on the Tockwith Sportsfield Trust visit the website <https://tockwithsportsfield.weebly.com/>

For more details about the festival charity or to apply for a funding grant visit our website or drop us a line at info@tockwithfestivals.co.uk We hope to see you all again soon but until then Stay Safe.



Chatterbox in Bickerton update March 2021.

Once again our community spirit in the village has been so evident.

We celebrated Valentine's weekend with a Nature's Hearts Display. People were challenged to make a heart and we saw hearts carved from the cedar tree which has been felled at St Helens as well as ones made from wool, Ivy and even in the snow. Julie made hearts which were put on sale and raised £157 for St Helens new floor.

https://youtu.be/Qhrd_cnN5PI

The clip shows examples of the creativity in Bickerton. We also enjoyed a Heart Trail competition around the village with entry by a donation to the Foodbank box- the Volvo was crammed full of bags. We had lots of entries for the trail and in the end 7 winners were drawn out who worked out that it was River Wharfe and 6 bees. The winners were: The Grants, The Freers, The Parkers, The Jacksons, The Clarkes, Pippa Wright and William and Olivia Brown.



Sam and Elsie cycled 52 miles, raising £729 for the RSPCA and were on the front page of the Wetherby News. They are grateful for all your encouragement over the weekend and for your generous donations. A huge well done to them both and to mum and dad who did a lot of walking that weekend!

Jax organised the collection for the Clothing Bank and it was such a privilege to drive our two cars filled to the gunnels, with about 60 bags of clothes as well as 10 bags of nappies and toiletries down to Brotherton. We learnt just how much the donations are needed and saw the bundle that a little 5-year-old girl would be receiving - Warm coats, boots, plus 7 pairs trousers and tops as well as underwear and toiletries. A huge thank you to all who donated so generously and well done Jax.





Diane has made over 40 Easter garland kits so that we can all decorate our homes in readiness for Easter. Thank you again to Diane.

Our future Chatterbox plans include activities for Easter and An All Our Yesterday's weekend with early photographs of Bickerton on display, complimented by a Knitted scene which portrays village life at the time".

It's all go in Bickerton!!

GAUNTLET EXPLORER SCOUTS



The explorers have had a busy few weeks of online meetings. As a unit we've been cooking, first making Swedish Cinnamon Rolls and then Brazilian sweets called Brigadieros and learning about the culture of these countries.

Several of our young people have taken an online course and are now Wellbeing Champions. The Scout Association is hoping to create 10,000 wellbeing champions, adults and young people who have committed to help tear down the taboo around mental health and do what they can to boost

people's wellbeing. We've also been joined by two guest speakers, the first from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, who provided us with lots of information on the work they do to save lives in our region. The second speaker was a member of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. This talk was about pollution, specifically the effects on our seas and our marine wildlife. We discovered actions we can take and later in the year the explorers that attended this meeting will be helping the entire unit to take action.

In other news we have been given permission to meet face to face again! Scouts and explorers can meet outdoors from the 29th March and indoors or outdoors from the 12th April. We are allowed up to 15 young people and 5 leaders in a group, socially distanced of course. We're having a short break from zoom calls while the leaders plan for the unit getting back together. We're even planning a camp in the Lake District for the summer.



Get in touch

You can contact the team via email at harrogate.outer@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk or to speak to an Neighbourhood team member about an on-going case ring 101, select option 2 and dial in the team members collar number, shown before their name on our website. For all other enquires please ring 101 and selection option 1 and always report crime through either 101 or in emergencies through 999.

For more information, including our police station opening times, please visit northyorkshire.police.uk/harrogateouter

Police crime figures are no longer supplied directly to Parish Councils but the crime trend for every area can be viewed by visiting www.police.com

Due to the vigilance of our rural communities, x2 people were arrested last month on suspicion of attempt theft.

This is following a crackdown on recent trends of dog thefts across the country. We want to send a clear message to these people that we are aware and that we are on the lookout and those responsible will be dealt with robustly.

We would like to remind residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles. Perpetrators are tending to use vehicles that are made to look like legitimate business vehicles before going door to door where they would look to distract the occupant while the other(s) look to remove the dog from the property.

Please be aware of this kind of distraction technique.

Guidance for Town, Community & Parish Councils, Local Authorities, Protected Areas

The Slow Ways initiative is keen to collaborate with Councils, local government and Protected Areas to help make Slow Ways a success. Inspired by Ledbury Town Council, the first local administration to pass a formal motion in support of Slow Ways, we are hoping that many other councils and governing authorities will follow in their footsteps.

Local government bodies of all levels have extraordinary local knowledge, expertise, understanding and influence, and could support Slow Ways by doing one or all of the following:

1. Passing a formal motion (or declaration, concordat etc.) to support Slow Ways



2. Promoting Slow Ways for local residents to walk, review and use routes
3. Including Slow Ways within their planning, policies and initiatives
4. Considering where new paths might strengthen the Slow Ways network
5. Encouraging their representatives to sign-up personally to walk and review a Slow Way

The following model report can be adapted to consider, explore and demonstrate support by councillors, officials and community representatives.

Slow Ways Initiative & Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council

Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to provide information about the Slow Ways initiative, which is mapping and promoting walking routes nationally and in the local area, and to invite support.

Detailed information

Slow Ways is an ambitious initiative to create a comprehensive network of walking routes that connect all of Great Britain's cities and towns as well as thousands of villages.

700 volunteers completed a first draft mapping of the Slow Ways network during the Spring 2020 lockdown. The organisers are now looking for 10,000 volunteers to help walk, review, record and improve the Slow Ways routes.

Each Slow Way route connects two neighbouring settlements; routes can be combined for longer journeys. As far as possible routes are direct, off-road, safe, accessible, easily navigable and pass through settlements with services and public transport hubs. The Slow Ways network – through its unique approach to plotting, mapping and recording routes – aims to make it easier for people to see, plan, enjoy and share walks between places.

Slow Ways will be used for both recreational and functional purposes, aiming to offer reasonably direct walking options backed by trusted route information. This will include walking to visit friends and family, travelling to meetings, going to shops, pilgrimages, charity fundraisers, or travelling to school or work.

The average Slow Way route in England and Wales is 12km while in Scotland it is closer to 20km. Hundreds of routes in urban areas are under 5km.

Benefits

A large number of potential co-benefits have been identified by volunteers, partners and backers in developing the Slow Ways initiative.

These include, but are not limited to:

Health benefits

- improving health and wellbeing by encouraging physical activity for short trips and longer journeys
- helping to mitigate the causes and effects of Covid-19, being part of recovery plans, and offering public transport alternatives
- creating opportunities for people to connect with friends, family and colleagues

Environmental benefits

- reducing pollution and emissions through active travel options as an alternative to carbon-based transport
- contributing to the decarbonisation of local and national transport systems and helping to address the climate emergency
- connecting people to 'nearby nature', heritage, places and communities

Transport benefits

- encouraging modal shift – supporting more people to walk more of the time, for more purposes
- providing safe, direct and enjoyable routes between neighbouring towns and cities
- linking active travel to public transport hubs
- promoting greater use of existing paths, trails, networks, and the connections between them

Economic benefits

- saving people money by encouraging an inexpensive form of travels
- spreading economic activity by inspiring visits to, and stays in, more places

Community benefits

- sharing a positive, empowering, rewarding and inclusive project at a time of national crisis and recovery
- offering a source of community engagement, focus, identity and pride
- boosting the equity of use of path networks
- increasing the use of currently under-used paths – thereby keeping them open and valued

Following the early success of the initiative, Slow Ways CIC has been established to formalise its status. It is currently being supported by Paths for All, the Pilgrim Trust, Sport England, Urban Good and the Kestrelman Trust. The initiative is working in collaboration with Ordnance Survey and ESRI.

Slow Ways routes and associated information will be made freely available through the Slow Ways website. Versions of the network's data will be published for other organisations to use, and will also be released through the OS Maps platform.

References

– Ledbury Town Council was the first to [officially support](#) Slow Ways. 20 July 2020 [Report](#), with Recommendation "that Ledbury Town Council promote the Slow Ways Project within Ledbury in the hope that groups and individuals will get involved with the project".

– [The Clerk](#) magazine 'for Local Council professionals': 'Creating a new national walking network', November 2020, page 61.

– [BBC News](#), 16 Oct 2020 – Slow Ways "seeks to elevate the position of walking in our national conversation, to be seen not just as a worthy, healthy hobby but part of our national transport infrastructure" – and [ITV News](#), 16 Oct 2020.

Further Information

Web – slowways.uk
FAQ – [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
Newsletter – slowways.uk
Twitter – [@SlowWays](#), [#SlowWays](#)
Contact – hello@slowways.uk

Recommendation

That Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council supports the Slow Ways initiative by:

Delete or adapt as appropriate

- Passing a formal motion to support Slow Ways
- Promoting Slow Ways for local residents to walk, review and use routes
- Including Slow Ways within future planning, policies and initiatives
- Considering where new paths would strengthen the Slow Ways network
- Encouraging their representatives to sign-up personally to walk and review a Slow Way.

VILLAGE WELCOME PACK

The Parish Council have developed a village welcome pack so that new residents are assisted in settling in the village. Besides a welcome letter from the Parish Council the pack will contain a copy of the Village and Parish News, a list of useful telephone numbers, information regarding the Village Hall, Doctors Surgery and Church. Other organisations that wish to produce an A5 information leaflet for inclusion in the welcome pack are encouraged to email it to Norman Waller at nr.waller@btinternet.com.

Due to the restrictions regarding Covid-19 most if not all organisations that contribute to the welcome pack have cancelled their activity, so the delivery of Welcome packs have been temporally suspended. Hopefully in a few months they can be resumed again with updated information

MARSTON MOOR PROBUS CLUB



The Club normally meets on the morning of the last Tuesday of the month in Long Marston Village Hall. **New members and guests** are welcome, contact the Secretary, Mr Richard Myers on 01904 738 507. *Speaker-finders positions are still vacant.*
Currently suspended.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



*Give me a sense of humour, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke.
To get some humour out of life, and pass it on to other folk.*

Lot's wife

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.'

His son looked up, concerned. 'What happened to the flea?'

Tongue – tied

I stayed at a B & B in Malham. My host asked me if I wanted some tongue for tea. I said I don't want anything that's been in an animals mouth! Give me a boiled egg instead.

Frog in your throat

A young Yorkshire lad says to his granddad "can you make a sound just like frog?"

"Nay" said the granddad, "But why on earth have you asked me that?"

"Well," says the lad, "my dad says, 'When you croak, we're all going on holiday to Florida!'"

How long should I preach.

A visiting clergyman asked the church warden how long he should preach for. 'As long as you like,' said the church warden. 'Or as brief as we like.'

Adverts outside Church

There have been some good adverts outside churches recently This is one of the best:
"Go to church this Sunday avoid the Christmas rush"

Think of this

The world is a very dangerous place you never get out of it alive.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It's easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

Marston Moor Walkers

From the 12th April the 'rule of six' applies outdoors according to the government's Covid roadmap. This allows us to meet for a walk. An informal rendezvous is therefore suggested for Monday 12th April.

If more than 6 turn up it will be easy to split into different groups; (we don't walk in a gang anyway).

Meet up at Great Ouseburn Village Hall at 13:30 (12.04.21)

The core of the walk is barely two miles but an exploration of Upper Dunsforth Nature Reserve will take some time (bring your binoculars) and there are some permissive paths which could be explored. The terrain is undemanding but boots are advised in case of mud.



If you need any further information:
Pete Pozman Tel/Text: **07854 313112**





Sandhole Wood, Tockwith

If you wish to become a member of ACS then please contact Dr Barry Wright. 130 Prince Rupert Drive, Tockwith.

Email: barry.wright@me.com.

Tel: 07817 564954 or 01423 358791

Bird and Bat Boxes

Spring is the beginning of the nesting season with birds becoming increasingly active in the commencement of breeding and nest building. For some birds, mating early in the season allows them to take advantage of early resources, however there is evidence from the British Trust for Ornithology, that some species are now breeding up to 30+ days earlier than in the 1960's, with the result that the young can suffer hunger with an inadequate supply of resources. There is an argument that climate change is driving this earlier breeding cycle, with chicks hatching prior to the emergence of the insects they would normally eat.

Last winter we removed, cleaned and repaired the bird and bat boxes that were sited in Sandhole Wood, and in the last month we have started replacing them, with the bird boxes being sited first. All boxes were left empty - it is not recommended to put anything into a bird box, as birds can be quite particular as to what material they use for nesting materials and are adept at sourcing their own materials.

Positioning of bird boxes is generally recommended as being between North and East, the reason being that prolonged sunshine from the South will overheat the box. There should also be some protection from heavy rain and strong winds and this can reduce the need for a more specific orientation.

The picture shows Deryck Wilson fixing a bird nest box in position.

Bats mate later than many birds, and have a gestation period of between 40 days and 6 months depending upon the species. Some bats may start to emerge in March, but it is generally April before most come out of hibernation and May before the females start to form maternity colonies ready for a June birth. It is for this reason that we have erected the bird boxes prior to those of the bats.

Bat boxes are ideally located at least 4m above ground level, with some shelter from direct sun and strong winds and it is not unusual for bats to return to the same nesting site year after year.



Ground Cover

Snowdrops

The flowering of the snowdrops is now virtually over as can be seen in the photograph. You can see that they have grown into quite large clumps and multiply by offsets - new bulbs that grow whilst attached to the parent bulb.

To avoid dense clumps, division and replanting is the ideal way to increase ground coverage. We have now divided a number of these clumps and replanted them in other areas of the wood, which should hopefully increase their ground cover.



The Cuckoo- pint (Lords and Ladies, Arum Lily)

This plant has been mentioned previously, but it is worth observing that the glossy leaves are now clearly appearing as shown in the image below.

Please note that many parts of this plant can produce an allergic reaction if touched, whilst its bright red and orange berries are poisonous.

Primroses

The pale yellow flowers of the perennial primrose, as in the photograph below, signal the arrival of spring. Each flower is on a solitary stalk with broad yellow petals that can provide an important nectar source for butterflies. Quite distinctive are the oblong, toothed leaves in basal rosettes. The flowers and leaves are edible with a flavour that can range between mild lettuce and bitter salad greens. They can be found at the back of Sandhole Wood.

Primroses have traditionally represented eternal love, whilst in Irish folklore siting them in a doorway was thought to protect the home from fairies.



Trees and Bursting Buds

With the current move to milder weather, we are now seeing the emergence of buds on trees, but what makes this happen?

Over winter, the tree is in a dormant state, as are its buds. Most buds are covered with scales whose role is to provide protection for the bud over the winter. As the days get longer and levels of sunlight increase, cells inside the bud that are sensitive to sunlight, detect the levels of light and warmth to the point where leaf growth commences in conditions where its survival is fairly well assured.

On your visit, take time to observe how the entire wood is changing in line with the longer and warmer days, and how rapidly this can happen.

Just a reminder, the wood is on common land and open to all, so enjoy and respect this peaceful area of Tockwith.



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Alternately please push through the letterbox at 32 Kendal Gardens or email tockwithchurch@btinternet.com and I'll send you details to pay by bank transfer.

LOCAL WEATHER STATION IN TOCKWITH

Please see below the local link to a weather station at Tockwith which a local resident mentioned at the last Parish Council meeting. It makes fascinating reading and it is easy to compare what the weather is like all around the world.

<https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=ITOCKWIT3>



TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

www.tockwith.gov.uk



Parish Council meetings are, as a rule, held on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings are not normally held in August or December. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings and they start at 7.30pm and are generally held in Tockwith Church unless advised otherwise. The minutes of previous Parish Council meetings can be found on its own web site at www.tockwith.gov.uk.

PLEASE NOTE that next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 21st April 2021 via Zoom.

The Clerk to the Council Joy Richardson can be contacted via parish.clerk@tockwith.gov.uk

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Cllr Norman Waller – 07985 737009

norman.waller@harrogate.gov.uk

North Yorkshire County Council – Ainsty Division Councillor

Andrew Paraskos is the elected County Councillor for the Ainsty Division. His contact telephone number is 0780 880 3667. cllr.andy.paraskos@northyorks.gov.uk

EMERGENCY INFORMATION – DEFIBRILLATORS

The following Automatic Emergency Defibrillators (AEDs) are available in and around Tockwith. No prior training is required as instructions and audio guidance is provided:

Doctors Surgery Marston Road Tockwith

Oak Road Cowthorpe (near Yorkshire Water Pumping Station)

Church Street Bilton in Ainsty (wall of Forge House)

Main Street Bickerton (Near Jesmond Dene)



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Newsletter



SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday 20th April 2021

We are delighted to say we are reopening on Tuesday 20th April 2021!

We can't wait to welcome you back and have some fun together.

What you need to know...

- **Follow our facebook page to keep up to date;**
- **Limited spaces available to comply with covid-19 restrictions;**
- **Reserve your space from the Saturday before;**
- **Book your space on facebook by commenting on our booking post;**
- **Cash accepted as payment on the day - exact money preferred;**
- **Masks to be worn.**

Finally, a BIG thank you ...

...to The Church of the Epiphany, Tockwith for the generous donation of £250. In such difficult times for us all we are so very grateful for this and intend to use it towards a much needed new shed!

YOUR FIRST VISIT IS FREE....

Come and join in the fun!

Who's Who!

Trustees: Laura Kay, Rachel Sharp and Claire Gould

Chair: Laura Kay

Treasurer: Claire Gould

Secretary: Rachel Sharp

Fund Raisers and committee members:
Fiona Bulmer & Anna Datta

Playgroup Leaders:
Laura Kay, Claire Gould

Contact:

Rachel Sharp:
07515385956
tockwithunder5s@outlook.com

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PRICES

Babies: Birth -1 yr £2
Toddlers: 1-5 £3.50
(Price covers families / cars / multiple children)

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EVERY TUESDAY

20, 27 April
4, 11, 18, 25 May

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LOCATION

Tockwith Village Hall
9.30am - 11.30am



I can hardly wait to get back to the village hall on Tuesday evenings to sing with my friends. And we are always pleased to welcome new members. So, if you think you might enjoy singing in our choir please contact me (Fiona) on 07535 154 951 to leave your details. I will then ensure you are notified when messages are sent out about the resumption of our singing sessions.

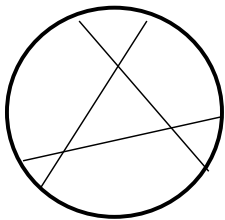
As I write this article, one of our members called Christa is organising a zoom chat coffee morning which we hope all of our singers will be able to participate in. We have lots to catch up on and future programmes to plan so we are really looking forward to our chat.

In the meantime, here are the answers to last month's brain teasers;

Triangular Tangle – There are 96 triangles in the square.

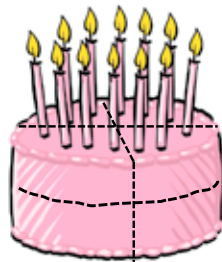
A Weighty Problem – Divide the nine coins into 3 piles of 3. Weigh 2 piles. If they balance the fake is in the third pile. Take the pile with the fake and weigh just 2 coins, one in each pan. If the scales tip you have found the fake coin. If they don't, the fake coin is the one you haven't weighed.

All cut up -



Cut the cake -

Cut twice vertically into quarters then once horizontally through middle.

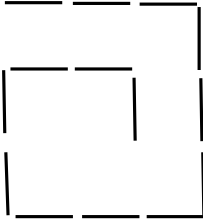


April Brain Teasers

Here are a few brain teasers for you. Answers in the May issue. Enjoy!

Two Squares.

Move 2 matches to make 2 squares.



Next Number

What is the next number in the sequence?

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ??

Class Treat

Mrs Smith has brought a tin of sweets along to class. There are 24 children in her class and 24 sweets in the tin. The children all want a sweet, but they also want Mrs Smith to leave at least one sweet in the tin.

How does she keep her class happy?

Sunbathing Otters.

Some otters are lying in the sun on 2 rocks in the river. The otters on the larger rock shout over to the otters on the smaller rock: "If one of you comes over here there will be twice as many otters in our group as in yours." The otters on the smaller rock reply: "Well, if one of you comes over here our numbers will be equal." How many otters are there on each rock?

Rising Tide

A boat floats in the harbour at low tide.

A ladder is fixed to the side of the boat, and five rungs of the ladder are showing above the waterline. If the rungs are 20cm apart and the sea level rises at a rate of 35 cm per hour, how many rungs will be showing above the waterline after two and a half hours?



Tockwith Art Group



Tockwith Art Group is still currently closed & the members are unfortunately not attending meetings.

However we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy & very healthy New Year.

Janet 01423 358253

Jo 01423 359986

TOCKWITH AND DISTRICT SHOW SOCIETY

www.tockwithshow.org.uk

Registered Charity 1105149



The organisers of the annual Tockwith Show have deferred for a month a final decision on whether the show – one of the largest to be held in the region - can be held in August.

Last week the Chair of the Show Committee warned that a lack of volunteer helpers could put the future of the show in doubt but following that appeal twenty people have offered their help. However the Committee have decided that more information is required about what lies ahead.

Show President Michelle Lee said although they had to be realistic about the impact of Covid, there was now room for a bit more optimism, either for this year or certainly for next year.

"I am so heartened to know that so many people in our community clearly care about the show and appreciate how important it is to the heritage of this region," she said.

"We are all hoping that by August things will be getting back to some sort of normality", but we need to recognise that many people – even after having both their vaccinations – may feel cautious about attending an event with thousands of other people, and it's important that we build into the planning of the show that element of security.

"That's why we need more information and guidance before making any final decision about this year, and of course that decision could well be overtaken by what happens with the Covid Pandemic during the next few months."

Last year's show – which would have been the 75th show to be held - was cancelled because of the outbreak of Covid, only the second time the show has not taken place since the original event in 1945.

For further information contact: Michelle Lee, President, Tockwith Show (07889 584206)
Allan Robinson, Chairman, Tockwith and District Agricultural Society (07970 956940)



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Ainsty Greens News

Arnold Warneken reports on local community actions



Web: slowways.uk

Slow Ways project gets Tockwith Parish Council support!

At the March PC meeting Alex presented a proposal to Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council. She asked them to pledge support for this fledgling national walking project, which aims to link towns & villages with a network of footpaths. There is further information elsewhere in this issue of the Parish Mag.

Shortly volunteers will be welcomed to test out the routes identified, as well as suggesting new paths. Let us know if you would be interested in helping out!

Cowthorpe Community Allotment

Spring is in the air, and we have dozens of seedlings snuggled up on the hot bench. The biggest problem at the moment is keeping the cats from squashing the young plants!

A couple of allotment-holders have moved on, so there are vacancies for anyone who would like to grow some fruit, veg or flowers in good company. Contact Arnold if you're feeling green-fingered!.



What, dainty little me flatten your seedlings?



Ainsty Division of North
Yorkshire County Council

North Yorkshire Devolution

The Government is proposing that certain county councils are restructured to form unitary authorities where a single council carries out all functions. The two options under consideration are firstly one huge authority covering all of North Yorkshire with the exception of York, or secondly two smaller authorities roughly divided along a west-east split.

If this 'devolution' is to genuinely devolve democratic power down to local people, then **parish councils** should be given the opportunity to take over more local decision-making. Saving money should not be the main consideration.

As a result of this planned reorganisation, the elections for County Councillors that were due to be held this May, have been cancelled, and voters have lost their 4-yearly chance to express their satisfaction (or not) with their current councillor.

NYCC is currently seeking public views on the proposed reorganisation until 19 April:

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/governance-reform-and-democracy/northyorkshire/>



Before you light a spring bonfire..

... consider some reasons not to:

Air Pollution – burning waste especially if it's damp, produces smoke including particulates & dioxins. Burning plastic or painted materials creates very noxious fumes.

Health Effects – people with existing health problems are especially vulnerable including asthma, bronchitis or heart conditions, plus children & the elderly.

Annoyance – smoke prevents other people enjoying being outside, opening windows or hanging washing out.

Safety – fire can easily spread, and exploding bottles & cans can be a risk. Piles of garden waste can also be a refuge by animals such as hibernating wildlife or sleeping pets.

So what are the alternatives?

Recycling – lots of materials are accepted by the council including wood & green waste.

Composting – a compost bin in your garden can produce valuable mulch & soil improver for your plants.

Shredding – Goosemoor Nature Reserve regularly needs chippings for pathways, and occasionally hires a shredder for this purpose.

Habitat piles – wildlife needs undisturbed hideaways, and by putting brash in quiet corners you can provide safe places for the likes of hedgehogs, which are in serious decline.

If you must have a bonfire, please follow these guidelines:

- Only burn **dry** material.
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres or anything containing **plastic, foam or paint**.
- Avoid lighting a fire in **unsuitable weather** conditions – smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days. If it is too windy, smoke blows into neighbours' gardens and windows and across roads.
- Avoid burning when air **pollution levels in your area are high** or very high. You can check air quality on 0800 556677 or at <http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk>.
- Keep your fire away from **trees**, fences and buildings.
- Never use **oil, petrol or methylated spirits** to light a fire –you could damage yourself as well as the environment. •
- Never leave a fire **unattended** or leave it to smoulder –put it out.

With thanks to Environmental Protection UK

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Community First Responders

New volunteers needed now

Yorkshire Ambulance Service operates a Community First Responder (CFR) scheme (<http://www.communityresponders.yas.nhs.uk/>) where volunteers are trained to use life-saving skills in their local area. Tockwith's CFR group started in April 2015 and covers an area with a 3 mile radius around Tockwith. At peak the group were 9 strong. Unfortunately this has reduced to just 2 people and we urgently need to recruit more volunteers.

CFR volunteers are trained in patient assessment, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), defibrillation and oxygen therapy. They are equipped with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), oxygen and a first aid kit. When a 999 call is received by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, an ambulance is dispatched. If required, a CFR volunteer is alerted and asked to assist at the incident to ensure trained assistance reaches the patient as quickly as possible. All the volunteers are based within the community so could be only be a few minutes away from a medical emergency.

Often their role is to simply provide reassurance to patients and their families until the ambulance clinicians arrive. However, in more serious cases where the first few minutes can be critical, they can provide basic life support and oxygen therapy.

CFR volunteers come from all different walks of life and volunteer for different reasons. No previous medical experience or training is necessary although you will need a caring attitude and be able to cope with potentially distressing situations.

To volunteer you need to:

- Be aged 18 or older
- Hold a valid, full UK driving licence for at least 12 months with no more than three penalty points
- Have access to a car
- Be prepared to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check
- Be prepared to undertake occupational health screening
- Be prepared to attend the Yorkshire Ambulance Service CFR course

If you are interested in training as a CFR volunteer or would like more information, please apply via the website <http://www.communityfirstresponders.yas.nhs.uk/> Alternatively send an email to yas.responders@nhs.net or to the Tockwith CFR Coordinator, Fiona Steed at steed951@steed951.plus.com

Tockwith Players Entertainment Society



So here is the Players new project. A lot of you will remember the hobbit hutch from Tockwith Festivals gone by – often taking centre stage and being used as a ticket booth, merchandising centre and publicity gimmick. Well the Tockwith Players have now acquired the hutch and have big plans for its renovation and re branding. So watch this space!

Alongside this we have started zoom rehearsals for Ladies Day and are hoping to get back into our beloved second home – the Village Hall – for face to face rehearsals in May. Practically those rehearsals will probably start out as mask to mask but it's a step in the right direction!

We are also planning our Live@ event which we are hoping to stage outdoors and are confident that the weather will be kind to us in the summer. Along these lines we will be searching out people in our community who love to entertain – singers, dancers, comedians, magicians, knife throwers, sword swallowers – and asking them to join us.

If you have always wanted to come and join us or are new to the village and would like to have a go at treading the boards or helping us backstage, now is the time. Our meetings are on zoom at the moment but hopefully as Spring approaches we will be let out!

Look out for info on facebook or our website
tockwithplayers.co.uk

NEWS FROM THE SPORTSFIELD TRUST

Roadmap to normal

In line with the government advice on easing lockdown, grassroots sports will be back again from 29th March 2021. This includes Tockwith football. Players, parents and carers should check with their coaches and managers for details of when their group may be starting training and matches as arrangements will vary from league to league. Bowls and tennis are able to open too, but again check with the organisers for details.

Previous Covid precautions will apply once again, including distancing, hygiene, clubhouse procedures and staggered starts/finishes. Please help by observing the rules. The clubhouse will be open for toilet facilities when user groups are present, but the upstairs room and kitchen remains closed until there is a general release from restrictions.

Continue to Stay Safe





FEEL GOOD MOVIES

Stephen Brown reflects on some

Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start, with *The Sound of Music*. Its story of rebirth twangs many heartstrings. The film proclaims love, justice, freedom, triumph over evil. We're given insight into how life is meant to be. Cinema often brings the Kingdom of God very near. As the Book of Genesis says, in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and saw that it was *good*. We're reminded **there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in many a philosophy**. It frequently takes us somewhere over the rainbow. In Disney's 1992 version of *Aladdin* he conveys the princess on a magic carpet ride to "a whole new world" where we're "lost in wonder, love and praise". Cinema dares us dream dreams, even nightmares like Frank Capra's *"It's A Wonderful Life"* (1946). The Angel Clarence shows how dreadful life would have been if George had never been born. The film's a heavenly reminder of human goodness. *Pretty Woman*, an archetypal rags to riches story, reinforces our need to feel loved even when oppressed and bewildered. Not a far cry from the biblical notion that we are indeed special because we've been made in the image of God. Picked off the streets by Edward (Richard Gere), it is Vivian (Julia Roberts) who does the real rescuing. A prime example of love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. This emotionally impoverished man discovers under her tutelage his heart. *Babette's Feast* presents a staid, austere set of Danish Christians transfigured by a meal prepared for them by Babette. She spends her all on gifting it to them. This most life-affirming film celebrates laughter, reconciliation and love after disappointments, painful disclosures and an inhospitable creed has clouded any vision of glory. Feel good isn't restricted to comedies like *Eurovision* or *Modern Family*. *To Kill a Mockingbird* and television series like *The Bay* reassure us that God's righteousness will prevail. And sometimes the very gentleness of films (e.g. *The Dig*) soothes our troubled breasts. Whatever the genre, films tend to conclude with everyone living happily ever after. The Gospels themselves do something similar. In fact, we could only perceive their accounts as good news if the outcome of pain and suffering is resurrection.

GOT YOUR NUMBER

If there is an error in the list or you think other numbers should be included in it, please contact the Editor and changes will be made for next month.

Ainsty Conservation	358791
Bilton Cricket Club	0759 980 1209
Costcutter and Post Office	359549
Harrogate District Hospital	885959
Missing Persons – alias	
Spotted Ox	358387
Boot and Shoe	358232
Tickled Trout (Bilton)	359006
Sportsfield	359078
Tick Tock	359188
Tockwith and District Show (general enqs)	07702 058430
Friends (Members) Secretary	358588
Tockwith and Green Hammerton Surgery	330030
Tockwith Art Group	358253
Tockwith Bowls Club	358939
Tockwith Community Hub	358939
Tockwith Junior Football	358508
Tockwith Ladies Drop in Group	358808
Tockwith Players	07805 447885
Tockwith Primary School	358375
Tockwith Residents Association	07854 313112
Tockwith Singers	358808
Tockwith Tennis Club	358761
Tockwith Under Fives	075153 85956
Tockwith Village Hall	358808
Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council	07929 372 352

Useful Emergency Numbers

Police	101	In an Emergency call 999
Fire & Rescue	01609 780150	In an Emergency call 999
Gas	0800 111 999	Emergency contact
Electricity	105	Emergency contact
Water	0845 124 2429	Emergency contact
Harrogate Borough Council	556300 0845 0891990	Emergency out of hours
North Yorkshire County Council	01609 534527 0845 872737374	Out of hours social care Incident reporting
Environment Agency	0345 9881188 0800 807 060	Flood line report an incident

The Village Diary

Are you planning an event? Difficult I know during these Covid times. Why not use this page to give advance notice of it. All that is required is the name of the organisation, date and time and type of event and contact number for more information.

Please forward your information to the editor by email nr.waller@btinternet.com, telephone 01423 358588 or write to him at Holmsdale, 3 Kendal Gardens, Tockwith, York.

Don't forget you can also supply more details of your event nearer to the time.

	Location	Contact
April 2021		
Sat 17th	Badapple Theatre Company Elephant Rock 7.30pm Tockwith Village Hall	Cancelled new date to be rescheduled
May2021		
Thurs 6 th	Polling Tockwith Village Hall for Police Fire and Crime Commissioner	
JULY 2021		
Saturday 31 ST	Tockwith Show Unaffiliated Dressage	cancelled
AUGUST 2021		
Sunday 1st	Tockwith and District Annual Show Decision regarding having a Show to be made 7 th April 2021	01423 358588
OCTOBER 2021		
Friday 22 nd	An evening with Ian McMillan – the acclaimed Bard of Barnsley. Tockwith Church – proceeds for church funds 7.30pm	Norman Waller 01423 358588

A reminder if you are planning events please notify me as soon as possible so that it can be included in the Village Diary this will hopefully prevent duplication of events which benefits no one ...Ed

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Baptism is the start of an amazing journey of faith for yourself or your child and a special day not only for your friends and family but also for the church community, it is wonderful to think that others want to join the faith that means so much to us. There is no difference between a christening and a baptism service, just different words describing the same thing, like couples are 'married' during a 'wedding' service.

You can have your child baptized regardless of whether or not you, the parents, are baptized, you may even consider being baptized with them if you are not already. It is only the godparents who are required to be baptized, (so the only time a parent would have to be baptized is if they were also acting as a godparent). For more information on being baptized please contact Rev'd Martin Otter (07842 106044, martin@theottersholt.plus.com)

READINGS and PSALMS for April 2021 – Year B

4 Easter Day (Gold or White)	1 st Reading: Acts 10:34-43 2nd Reading: 1 Colossians 15:1-11 Gospel: Mark 16:1-8
11 Second Sunday of Easter (White)	1 st Reading: Acts 4:32-35 2nd Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2 Gospel: John 20:19-end
18 Third Sunday of Easter (White)	1 st Reading: Acts 3:12-19 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-7 Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48
25 Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)	1 st Reading: Acts 4:5-12 2 nd Reading: 1 John 3:16-end Gospel: John 10:11-18

Those of you who used to follow Rev. Roy's blog on the Tockwith and Rufforth church websites might care to follow a new set of blogswritten by our ex-vicar. Under the title 'Stumbling into heaven' they can be found each Sunday at <https://revroysstumblingintoheaven.blogspot.co.uk>

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The Marston Moor Parish Prayer....

God our Father help us to

- **Live for you**
- **Love each other**
- **Light the way ahead**



**so that all our villages and the world at large
may know you in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

ALL the services for our group of churches are listed on the inside back cover



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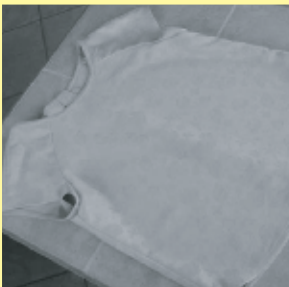
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The Editor welcomes any ideas or themes you may have for future editions.

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	Askham Richard	Bilbrough	Long Marston	Rufforth	Tockwith
1st Maundy Thursday					*7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper
2nd Good Friday		*10.00am Children's Good Friday Experience *12.00pm Stations of the Cross			
4th Easter Day		9.00am Holy Communion	8.45am Breakfast Praise	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Refresh Service
11th Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Parish Praise	5.00pm Informal Service	11.00am Morning Praise	11.00am Holy Communion
18th Third Sunday of Easter		9.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Morning Service	6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)
25th Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Family Praise	11.00am Informal Family Praise	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Parish Praise

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