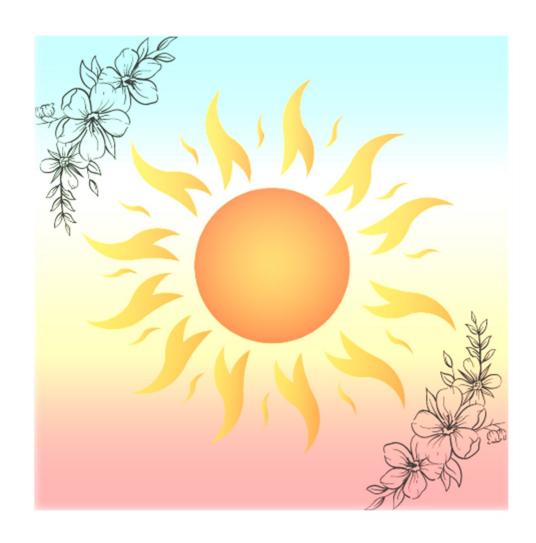
# THE GRAPEVINE



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# PARISH MAGAZINE

serving the Parishes of

Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest

Warthill & Holtby

#### A letter from your LLM (Reader)



#### Readings for July 2023

**2<sup>nd</sup> July: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** Jeremiah 28.5-9: Romans 6.12-23: Matthew 10.40-42

9<sup>th</sup> July: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Zechariah 9.9-12: Romans 7.15-25a: Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

16<sup>th</sup> July: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Isaiah 55.10-13: Romans 8.1-11: Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

**23**<sup>rd</sup> July: **7**<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Wisdom of Solomon 12.13,16-19 *or* Isaiah 44.6-8: Romans 8.12-25: Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

**30**<sup>th</sup> July: **8**<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 1 Kings 3.5-12: Romans 8.26-39: Matthew 13.31-33,44-52



# From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby, Warthill, & Stockton on the Forest

#### **Baptism**

We welcome to God's family: Finlay Richard Massey 20<sup>th</sup> May at Holy Trinity, Holtby

#### Wedding

We celebrate the marriage of:
Peter Adam Bainbridge and Emily Rose
Lynn

27<sup>th</sup> May at St Nicholas, Dunnington

#### **Funerals**

We commit to God's loving care: Mary Blanchard 18<sup>th</sup> May York Crematorium

Joan Ilene Hall 30<sup>th</sup> May at Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest

#### **Celebration of Life**

Terry Smith 30<sup>th</sup> May, Dunnington Dear Friends,

We are probably spending more time in our gardens at this time of the year. Looking around your garden, what plants have you got? I wonder why some of them are there, and I don't mean those weeds that are waiting to be pulled up! Do some of them have special memories attached to them?

I can see the bright red of my poppies, grown from seeds from my Aunt's garden in Bolton. The Whit half term, for that's what it was called, was often spent with her when her poppies were brightening up her garden.

We are also enjoying rhubarb, growing from a 'starter' given to me from my parent's garden in Canterbury. I also have winter flowering jasmine just outside my kitchen window, and flowering through from October to March.

As a family, in June, we would visit my great aunt and uncle who lived on the edge of Piltdown Common, by the gate were foxgloves. I was delighted when we discovered foxgloves in our garden over forty years ago, and they still come up, in different places, year after year.

Lots of memories in a relatively small space. Our memories are important and more so as we get older and look back on the happy, and also sad times spent with family. In some ways our memories make us who we are.

Our gardens also need a good foundation to build on and the parable of the Wise Man and the Foolish man came to mind. Although we need memories, we also need our faith to build on, to keep us firm and strong despite all that is happening around us.

Enjoy your garden, and the memories within it.

Judith



#### Introducing our new Rector, Rev. Katharine McBride

I'm so pleased to have been appointed as your new Rector and I'm looking forward to getting to know the communities in Dunnington, Stockton, Warthill and Holtby and sharing together in the good news of Jesus.

I was born and grew up near Wakefield, in West Yorkshire, but have lived in York since 2001. I'm married to Phil, who works for the Diocese of York as their Generous Giving Officer, though both of us are former secondary school teachers - I used to teach English at Fulford School, and Phil taught Maths at Archbishop Holgate's. We have two teenage sons, Ben and Sam, who are students at Archbishops, and we're all excited to be joining you soon.

Fortunately, the move isn't very far! I've been curate in Strensall for the last four years, learning about ministry and the role of a vicar, and I've enjoyed getting involved in the community through the Carnival and visiting schools, as well as being involved in the worship and activities at church.

I believe that churches (buildings and their congregations) should be at the heart of the community, serving and receiving from local people, and I want everybody, no matter who they are, to feel welcome to worship and learn alongside us, and to feel the love of Jesus through the churches of Rural East York Benefice.

I really do want to get to know people in the benefice, so please do come and introduce yourself if you see me about - and I'm unlikely to refuse a cup of tea (white, no sugar) and a chat!



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#### **Regular Worship**

#### ... in the church buildings

#### Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays: 10:30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

Wednesday: 10:00am Holy Communion

#### St Mary, Warthill

Sundays: 9:00am or 10.30am Holy Communion or All-Age Worship

(Please check the diary on page 13) Tuesday: 9:00am Morning Prayer

#### **Holy Trinity, Holtby**

2nd Sunday: 9:00am Holy Communion, BCP

4th Sunday: 6:00pm (BST) 4:00pm (GMT) Evensong

#### St Nicholas, Dunnington

1st and 3rd Sundays: 8:00am Holy Communion, BCP

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays: 10:30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

2nd and 3rd Sundays: Sunday @7:00pm Wednesday: 9:00am Holy Communion

#### **Weekday Worship**

...via Zoom

#### **Compline (Night Prayer)**

Wednesdays at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom

tinyurl.com/reycompline

A short reflective service for the end of the day. After the service you are welcome to stay for a chat.

#### Coffee @ St Nicholas

Come and meet others over coffee or a cup of tea

#### **Wednesday Coffee Time**

9.45 to 11.00am every Wednesday following the 9:00am Communion Service

#### **Bereavement Café**

9.45 to 11.15am

Wednesday 28th June & Wednesday 26th July

#### **Community Café**

10.00 to 11.30am every Saturday







#### **Online Services**

A simple service of worship is posted on our YouTube channel every Sunday and remains available thereafter. <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/reyyoutube">tinyurl.com/reyyoutube</a>

(or search YouTube for 'St Nicholas Church, Dunnington').

Every week, the Diocese of York offers a new reflection and prayer resource on video, which can be found here: <a href="dioceseofyork.org.uk/running-your-church/communications/sunday-reflections/">dioceseofyork.org.uk/running-your-church/communications/sunday-reflections/</a>

There will be no YouTube service on 30th July or during August.



## Light a Candle Café

Last Wednesday of the month 9:45-11:15am Tower Room, St Nicholas Church



A space to...
Talk about loss, bereavement and hope
Remember loved ones
Connect with others

Free refreshments, all welcome!

#### **Loss and Bereavement**

The 'Light A Candle Café' at St Nicholas Church is a place of support and friendship for those who have been bereaved.

This month the café is on 28th June and 26th July.

If you are unable to attend the 'Light A Candle Café' for whatever reason, such as you work or have prior commitments, but feel you would benefit from talking to someone about loss and bereavement, then please get in touch with one of the ministry team and we would only too pleased to spend time with you.

Judith Hewitt (Reader) 488331

#### **Christian Meditation Group**

The Christian Meditation Group usually meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at St Nicholas church at 7.30pm. This month they will be meeting on 26th July. Please contact Peter for details.

The group is aimed at helping members explore silent, Christian, contemplative prayer. Contemplative prayer has been part of Christianity from earliest times and has been described as listening for God; opening ourselves to God and waiting silently upon God.

If this way of praying is of interest to you please contact the Revd Peter Moorhouse, 01904 481055, for more information. Newcomers are welcome!

Please check the calendar for the date of the next meeting as there may be occasional changes.

#### **Little People**

Play and Praise

Tuesday afternoons-term time only

1:45pm-3:00pm

Tower Room, St Nicholas Church We look forward to seeing preschoolers and their carers.



#### **Benefice Services in June**

Sunday 25th June, 10:30am at Warthill Evensong at Holy Trinity, Holtby at 6.00pm

#### **Benefice Services in July**

23<sup>rd</sup> July 10.30am at St Nicholas, Dunnington (This will be Rev Kath's first Benefice Service with us as our new Rector)

30<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am at Holy Trinity, Holtby

#### **Benefice Prayer Meetings**

Forthcoming dates for Benefice Prayer Meeting are;
Thursday 15th June
Friday 14th July
Friday 18th August
All Meetings at 7pm at Fair View, Warthill York YO19 5XW
Everyone very welcome.

#### **Family Picnic**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 3.00 to 5.00pm Tower Room

An afternoon for all ages!
Crafts and activities. Bring your own picnic, drinks provided.

#### **Sea Sunday**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July Morning Worship at St Nicholas 10.30am

Come and hear about the support given to seafarers and to pray for those who risk their lives every day

Don't forget to keep knitting hats and scarves for the seafarers!



#### **Parish Lunch**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Please sign the list, in the Tower Room, if you would like to join us.

Communion Service at 12.30pmand lunch at 1.00pm

#### **Leavers Services**

We will be holding a service for Warthill School on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00am at Warthill. Church Dunnington School will be at St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July Please pray for the year 6 children as they leave their primary school for the next stage in their education.

#### **Christian Aid**

The collection in Dunnington raised £1,532.26 (with a little more to add to that) and in Warthill £298.70.

Many of the donations had completed gift aid forms with them.

I am sure the Christian Aid projects that receive your donations will be very pleased.

#### **Messy Summer**

As there is no Summer Holiday Club this year, we are planning to have two Messy Summer events in August.

10:00am-12:00pm Thursday 3rd August Tuesday 15th August





#### **CALLING ALL GOD'S PEOPLE**

8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September Benefice Weekend at Wydale Hall led by Julia Robertson

(Start of Lay Ministry Advisor the Diocese)

A weekend, suitable for all ages, to share, pray and have fun together.

We have booked a weekend at Wydale Hall, the York Diocesan Retreat House near

Scarborough

On Saturday we welcome Julia Robertson to lead our day
There are still places for the weekend or to join us on Saturday.
Wydale is the York Diocesan Retreat House, set in beautiful grounds, near
Scarborough.

All the rooms are en-suite and the food is good! Rev Kath will be joining us.

The weekend offers the opportunity to share time together.

More information and booking forms in all the Benefice Churches or ring Judith

Places are filling up fast so if you intend to come for the weekend, please complete a booking form as soon as possible.

#### Save the Dates!

23<sup>rd</sup> September Philharmonic Male Voice Choir Concert

13th October Ladies Cheese & Wine Evening

25<sup>th</sup> November St Nicholas Church Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning

#### STOCKTON ON THE FOREST

SILVER SERVICE

An afternoon of tea/ coffee, scones & cakes & fun.

At Holy Trinity Church, Stockton Come and natter with old friends and new.

On Tuesday 18th July from 2.30pm till 4pm

Lifts available from Arnie 400364

And Bobby 400188



## **Diary - Stockton on the Forest - July 2023**

Date	Time	Church services	Date	Time	Events
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 am	Morning Worship: Holy Trinity Online Worship	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3:00 pm 7:30 pm	Family Picnic: Tower Room Stockton Greenfingers Club
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Coffee Morning
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Online Worship	1:00 pm	Parish Lunch	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm 7:00 pm	W.I. Summer Garden Party Benefice Prayer Meeting, Warthill
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Worship: Holy Trinity Online Worship	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm	Silver Service Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom			
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am	Benefice Holy Communion: St Nicholas Dunnington			
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom			
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Holtby Online Worship			

#### STOCKTON ON THE FOREST

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN STOCKTON

The **Stockton on the Forest W.I.** is holding its **SUMMER GARDEN PARTY** on Wednesday 12th July at Brooklands, the home of Barbara Hardisty at 7.30pm

**Holy Trinity PCC** is trying to form a Fund Raising committee. If you have any ideas or would just like to help contact Pat Jennings on 400327.

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** on Saturday 8 th July. Do come along and enjoy the company over a scone and a cuppa. There is an excellent selection of books, cakes to take home and a raffle for a bit of excitement.

There is an ever-growing number enjoying our **SILVER SERVICE AFTERNOON TEA** held in the Church, 2.30 till 4 on the 18 th July . Lifts are available if needed, just phone Arnie on 400364 or Bobby on 400188, we drop you at the door!

**Stockton Greenfingers Club**. 3rd July at Evelyn Pennington 's Garden, 29 Curlew Glebe, Dunnington YO19 5PQ from 6.30pm onwards, refreshments.

# VILLAGE HALL

The VILLAGE HALL is a large multi-purpose hall with a stage and three smaller side rooms on one level throughout.

- There is full disabled access
- A large well-equipped kitchen
- Licensed for 205 people,
- Seats 150 with tables comfortably in the Main Hall and a further 50 in the Long Room.

It is the ideal venue for celebration events, wedding receptions, children's parties, seminars, exhibitions and training courses with an on-site screen and projector.

Visit the website for booking details: http://www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk/index.php/ groups/groups-t-z/village-hall/



#### **Health Walks**

Meet at Holtby Church on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30, and at Dunnington Cross Keys at the same time every other Tuesday.

The walks are of about 3.5 miles, and take about one and a half hours. All are welcome.

#### Holtby Village Hall - Events in July

Saturday 1st July, 10 am to 12 noon - Holtby Trader.

Friday 14th July at 7.30pm. Quiz Night! £2 per person, maximum 6 per team. Snacks and drinks provided, all are welcome!

## Diary - Holtby - July 2023

Date	Time	Church services	Date	Time	Events
			Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	Holtby Trader
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 am	Online Worship	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm 10:30 am	Family Picnic: Tower Room Health Walk
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom			
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Online Worship	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm 10:30 am	Parish Lunch: St Nicholas Health Walk
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting, Warthill Quiz Night
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Online Worship			
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom			
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am 6:00 pm	Benefice Holy Communion: St Nicholas Dunnington Evensong	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Health Walk
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom			
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Holtby Online Worship			

#### **HOLTBY**

#### More about the Tuesday walks:

Every Tuesday morning a group of enthusiastic walkers set forth from the Cross Keys in Dunnington or, on the first Tuesday in the month, from Holtby Church.

Their aim is to spend an hour and a half touring and (re-) discovering the local countryside, keeping themselves in good condition, and chatting with friends new and lifelong.

These walks started off some 15 years ago, under the aegis of City of York Council. Initially called Health Walks, they are now known as Wellbeing Walks, as part of a national scheme backed by the Ramblers.

There are few formalities; anybody can take part, and the number of participants is usually around 20. Some walkers turn up most weeks, some just occasionally.

There is always a walk leader who chooses the route and usually has no difficulty keeping control. Give it a try – you'll be most welcome.



In fair weather or foul



# HOLTBY TRADER Village Hall

Saturday 1st July 10-12

The usual range of edibles and legibles and delectables
Plus refreshments to go with the guiz



# Yorquiz

## Holtby Trader LOCAL quiz

#### YORK: a few facts.

#### If you don't know 'em, guess 'em

- 1 What names were given to York by a) the Romans and b) the Vikings?
- 2 Which Roman emperor was crowned in York?
- 3 How long did it take to build the Minster?
- 4 Which river joins the Ouse at York?
- 5 How tall is the Minster?
- 6 Which craft workers lived in Coppergate?
- 7 Who lived in Kings Manor before the 16th century??
- 8 Where does the Lord Mayor live?
- 9 How many Wall Bars have the word '-gate' in their name?
- 10 Which famous criminal was hanged in York?
- 11 Where was he hanged?
- 12 Which saint was crushed to death on Ouse Bridge?
- 13 Which is York's most famous horse race?
- 13 What was the name of the big forest north of York which was full of wolves and robbers?
- 14 Which church had a lantern to guide travellers into the city?
- 15 What is or was Queen's Staith?
- 16 Where were the Mystery Plays first performed?
- 17 What was the original purpose of the building now called the Grand Hotel?
- 18 Which was the first bridge in medieval York?
- 19 Which Victorian entrepreneur brought the railway to York?
- 20 Where was the original Rowntree family grocer's shop?





#### WARTHILL

#### **Services in St Mary Church**

Do join us at St Mary as we worship together.

Details of services can be found in the diary below

All welcome!

#### **100 Club**

Warthill 100 Club, May's winner was Jean Marriner, No. 69.



Warthill's collection for Christian Aid raised £298.70. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection

#### Diary - Warthill—July 2023

Date	Time	Church services	Date	Time	Events
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 am	Holy Communion: St Mary Online Worship	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00 pm	Family Picnic: Tower Room
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Morning Prayer			
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom			
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	All Age Service Online Worship	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm	Parish Lunch: St Nicholas
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Morning Prayer			
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting, Warthill
Sunday 16 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 am	Online Worship			
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Morning Prayer			
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom			
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am	Benefice Holy Communion: St Nicholas Dunnington Online Worship			
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Morning Prayer			
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom			
Sunday 30th	10:30 pm	Benefice Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Holtby Online Worship			

It is difficult to believe that we are into July and saying farewell to another groups of wonderful Year 6 pupils, ready to fly the nest. We know that will find their feet quickly in their new schools and continue to be great ambassadors for us at Warthill and their own communities. We are always proud of our young people.

So, June was a busy time with a Federation Sports' Day held on the field at Warthill. What a super opportunity to host a 'together' event. We were able to show off our shiny new school grounds, supported as we are by our generous parent volunteers and topped off by the painting that was undertaken over half term.

July, despite not being at school for the whole of it, promises to be busy too. It begins on the school field again, with a fair. This is being hosted by FOWS. We are hoping for lovely weather. Later in the month we will be holding a second 'together' event, held at Sand Hutton this time. We are holding our very own 'festival' with various musical acts and art and circus skills. So that the grown ups don't feel too left out, we have booked an outdoor disco for after school and we are looking forward to welcoming an ice cream van for refreshments.

Warthill Leavers' Service will be in church at 9am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. We hope that many families will join us in saying bonne chance to our Year 6 Leavers. All that will remain then is for us to prepare to welcome our new starter for September and start the whole cycle all over again! Have a lovely summer break everyone. See you in September! Everyone at Warthill C of E Primary

# ST NICHOLAS CHURCH PASTORAL VISITING TEAM &

#### COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND TEAM

At St Nicholas we have two teams who contribute to the pastoral work of the church. These two teams - the Pastoral Visiting Team and the Communion for the Housebound Team, consist of ladies and gentlemen who act on behalf of, and as representatives of St Nicholas Church

#### We offer:

- A friendly face to talk to
- A confidential listening ear
- Home Communion to those who can not attend Communion services at church.
  - Support and prayer in times of need

If you would like, or you know of someone who may like, a visit from a Team member or

Communion at home, please contact:

Judith Peeke-Vout

Pastoral Team Coordinator (Tel: 01904 481478)



## DUNNINGTON WI



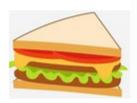
Come and join us for

# **Full Afternoon Tea**

(sandwiches, scones with jam/cream, cake & tea/coffee)

18<sup>th</sup> July 2 – 4pm

In the Reading Rooms, Church St, Dunnington









#### **DUNNINGTON WI**



The speaker at our June meeting was Professor Amanda Smith, a lecturer at York St John University and a long-time campaigner for better provision for deaf people.

With the aid of her interpreter Natalie Jackson, Amanda gave us a fascinating presentation on living as a deaf person in the UK and the many difficulties they face.

Amanda went on to talk about BSL (British Sign Language), its history, its structure and protocols, and how it differs from spoken English. She then demonstrated the BSL alphabet and some common phrases, with all our members having a go at signing (not very well) and lip reading (even less successfully).



Following a Q&A session, the vote of thanks was given by Joan Williamson in BSL, for which Amanda gave a thumbs up.

The competition for 'a pin, badge or brooch' was won Karen Kenyon with a brooch she had made herself, inspired by graffiti she had seen on a dividing wall in Jerusalem.



The inscription reads 'I do not want to feel hate'.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 4th July at 7:15pm in the Reading Rooms, when staff from Malton Museum will be running a hands-on quiz entitled 'What's in a Name?'

Visitors and new members are most welcome!

Christine Fisher

Secretary, Dunnington WI Email: chris.dunningtonwi@gmail.com

#### **Diary - Dunnington - July 2023**

Date Time		Church services	Date	Time	Events
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Holy Communion: St Nicholas Holy Communion: St Nicholas Online Worship	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm 1:45 pm 7:15 pm	Family Picnic: Tower Room Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room WI meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion: St Nicholas Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 am 10:00 am	Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room Community Café: St Nicho- las Tower Room
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am 12:30 am 7:00 pm	Morning Worship: St Nicholas Online Worship Holy Communion: St Nicholas Sunday @ 7: St Nicholas	Worship Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Parish Lunch Library coffee morning 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Cycle Rides Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion: St Nicholas Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 am 10:00 am	Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room Community Café: St Nicho- las Tower Room
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion: St Nicholas Holy Communion: St Nicholas Sunday @ 7: St Nicholas	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:45 pm 2:00 pm	Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room WI Tea and Cake
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion: St Nicholas Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:45 am 10:00 am All day	Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room Community Café: St Nicho- las Tower Room Library Open Day
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am	Benefice Holy Communion: St Nicholas Online Worship	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1:45 pm	Little People: St Nicholas Tower Room
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion: St Nicholas Compline (Night Prayer): Zoom	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 am 7:30 pm	Coffee: St Nicholas Tower Room Light a Candle Café Christian Meditation Group
Sunday 30th	10:30 pm	Benefice Holy Communion: Holy Trinity Holtby Online Worship		'	







#### **Empty**

tablet pop-out/blister packs
can now be recycled.
Please put them in the marked box in
St Nicholas Church Tower Room.

Any questions on this, please e-mail DunningtonGIG@gmail.com .

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#### **Blister Pack Recycling**

Juliet Pearce

**Dunnington Green Initiatives Group** 

#### **SHOP/BUS TIMETABLE**

#### **DUNNINGTON CANCER SUPPORT GROUP. SUPPORTING YORK AGAINST CANCER**

Our cheese and wine evening was a great success, and the feedback we have had was very positive. There was a good atmosphere and it really was a fun evening. We made the amazing amount of £489.30. Thank you to all who supported us.

A note for your diary is our fashion show on Saturday the 23rd September in the Reading room at 2pm. tickets will be available nearer the date.

#### **Shop Takings for May 2023**

Monday £38.60

Tuesday £181.80

Thursday £81.20

Saturday £116.29

Total shop sales £417.89

#### Jumble sale 197.94

Village in bloom coffee morning £43.00

Book sales £88.98

Cheese and wine evening £489.30

**TOTAL INCOME FOR MAY £1237.11** 

#### **SHOP OPENING TIMES**

Monday 9-30am - 12 noon

Tuesday 9-30am - 12 noon. 1.30pm - 4pm

Thursday 9.30am-12 noon

Saturday 9.30am - 12 noon

Book sales are alternate Saturdays, 9.30am—12 noon,

weather permitting.

Jumble sale 2nd Wednesday of the month 10-11am Please do **NOT** leave bags outside the shop when it is closed. Thank you.

#### **Number 10 Bus Timetable**

#### Buses between Dunnington & York - From 22 January 2023

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#### **CYCLE RIDES/FOHW**

#### **2nd Tuesday Cycle Rides**

A small group of cyclists go out on the 2nd Tuesday of the month leaving The Cross Keys at 10.30am for a ride of between 15 & 30 miles, sometimes on rough tracks but there is usually an alternative road route.

All rides subject to change on the day depending on weather conditions. Helmets and bright clothing are recommended, please bring a spare inner tube in case of puncture, e bikes riders welcome. Any queries to Margaret Eastwood 07791 599661 or Tony Hudson 07979 793066

#### **Friends of Hagg Wood**

With July approaching we will have already passed the summer solstice, but the evenings are still full of light and there is still plenty to enjoy over the summer period. Indeed there is plenty to enjoy from walking in Hagg Wood. Soon children will be breaking for the long holiday from school and a trip to the green spaces and fresh air of a wood can help to improve the wellbeing of all members the family. Part of this enjoyment locally is taking the time to listen to Hagg Wood's extensive surrounding birdsong, though we still await reports of the song, and any sightings, of the elusive Dunnington Cuckoo.

We recently enjoyed a well-attended and very interesting illustrated talk by Alistair Crosby, the Regional Director of the Woodland Trust for the North of England, on the subject of Woodland Creation in the Yorkshire Dales. The focus of the talk was the development of the Woodland Trust's impressive project in the Snaizeholme area of the Yorkshire Dales, near Hawes. Restoring tree cover in the Yorkshire Dales, that has been reduced over many years by extensive sheep farming, is one of the main objectives, in order to help achieve significant tree planting targets to mitigate climate change. This will be achieved by planting over time 291 hectares covered by the project with deciduous and native conifer saplings to create one of the largest native woodlands in England. Another linked objective is habitat restoration and nature recovery, with the encouragement of an existing population of native red squirrels part of this goal. The underlying rock strata is partly sandstone and partly limestone in this area of the Dales, that includes high hillsides and gushing streams alongside delicate ancient habitats, such as limestone pavements and peatlands. Planning the project to take into account the many complexities involved has been time consuming, but promises multiple environmental benefits now that it has shifted to the implementation phase.

For further details of our activities, including conservation working parties, and of accessibility to the wood, please visit our website <a href="www.fohw.org.uk">www.fohw.org.uk</a> or get in touch via <a href="https://haggwood.wordpress.com/contact/">https://haggwood.wordpress.com/contact/</a>

#### **DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

All items for the JULY 2023 edition of the magazine must be received by the Editor no later than

#### **WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY**

Email grapevine.rey@gmail.com

For all other enquiries, please call the Editor on 01904 489817 or e-mail as above.

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#### **DUNNINGTON IN BLOOM/DIAL A RIDE**

#### **Dunnington in Bloom**

It was a joy when we were finally able to welcome so many Dunningtonians to our Coffee Morning in May. You all contributed in one way or another and, judging from the comments we heard, you enjoyed yourselves too. So we are very grateful to all of you for your support, in whatever way it was shown.

We'd also like to thank the Dunnington enterprises that sponsored us by providing a wonderfully diverse array of vouchers and other raffle prizes: we were supported (in alphabetical order) by the Balloon Tree, Bistro 66, Costcutter, PureDental York, Dunnington Newsagents, Fiona Hogg, Pattacakes Bakery, Day Lewis Pharmacy, Roots Hair, Simply Beauty, The Scrap Box and Top2Toe. It would be impossible to list all the many individuals who have been generous to our cause, either by responding to our leaflet appeal or by some other spontaneous gesture, but they are not forgotten – they are deeply appreciated. Thanks to this combined generosity, the coffee morning raised the grand sum of £700.

Being keen volunteers is what gets Bloomers out in all weathers working on benches, clearing, cleaning and painting, re-imagining Julia's Garden, refreshing the wicker sculptures, removing litter, keeping grass in good shape, sprucing up street signs, weeding and watering the tubs, and undertaking many other tasks that make all the difference to our village environment.

What keeps the Bloomers going first and foremost is simple pride in our lovely village and a desire to keep it that way. But it certainly is a boost when - as now - the visible support of our community makes that effort clearly worthwhile Thank you to everyone who is part of that.

Barbara Windle [secretary to the real workers]

#### **Mobile Library**

#### **Every fortnight on Wednesday**

09.55-10.05 Hopgrove Lane South

10.10-10.30 Stockton Ln, Beansway

10.40-12.00 Stoneriggs

12.05-12.15 The Village Hall

12.20-12.35 Westfield House

13.30-14.20 Holtby - Church Rise

Website: www.exploreyork.org.uk

For more information Tel: (01904) 552655

Email:

mobile@exploreyork.org.uk







#### **DUNNINGTON SPORTS CLUB/DUNNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

#### <u>Dunnington Playing Fields and Sports</u> Club

#### **Volunteers Needed**

We continue to look for volunteers who can help in any way – admin or maintenance. Contact Josette on 488322, Linda on 481697 or dunningtonplayingfields@yahoo.co.uk Check our Facebook page to keep up to date with live music events

#### **Quiz Night**

Every Thursday at 9pm

#### **Diamond Club Lunch**

Wednesday 5th July

#### The Steve Cassidy Band

Friday 7th July—We are serving bar meals from 6-9pm. If you would like to eat please book by text or email

#### The Shadows tribute

Sunday 2nd July 1–4pm (moved from the last Sunday in June) ) & Sunday 30th July 1-4pm

**Band Night** – This is a free event. Our regular bands play on the last Wednesday of the month. Join us on Wednesday 26th July from 8pm onwards

Lots of **live sport** taking place on the big screen – we have Sky and BT Sports showing all major sporting events

OR come along and support

Dunnington teams – Cricket & Bowls seasons underway.

# Would you like to play Table Tennis?

**Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm** – come along and try it out or just enjoy if you have played before

Contact **Nick** on 01904 481039 or 07905677559

nick@dunningtonsportsclub.co.uk - for more information on any of the above and up to date information on the website and Facebook.

# **Dunnington Parish Council**

Now that the dust has settled following the local council elections, we have already been in contact with the new incoming Labour City of York Council. We will be carrying on with pushing for improvements to the A1079 speed limit so that all sections from Grimston Bar to Kexby are 40mph, pushing for a cycle path on York Road, pushing for the closure of Eastfield Lane single track at the junction with the A166 with access for farm machinery and cyclists only, pushing for a 20mph speed limit in York Street, pushing for Church Lane at the junction with York Street to be made one way. To this end we invited Head of Highways and Transport Dave Atkinson to our Parish Council meeting on the 12th June to receive an update on highways and transport matters.

We also invited Councillor Michael Pavlovic Executive Member for Housing, Community Safety and Community Cohesion to our Parish Council Meeting on the 12th June to bring him up to speed regarding the illegal encampment on the A166. Have you been to the Playpark recently and seen the new surface underneath the bird's nest? Thanks goes to Councillor John Maggs for progressing this and to the Ward Councillors for obtaining some Ward funding to help pay for it.

On the subject of Ward funding it is not known whether there will be any funding available this year. Should there not be any Ward funding it maybe that we will have to look at getting grants or raising the funds in order for projects to go ahead. So its a case of watch this space. The Neighbourhood Plan for Dunnington was submitted to the City of York Council (prior to the elections) for their observations. Hopefully it won't be too long before residents will be able to view the plan and have their say.

Regarding Eastfield Meadows (H31) we will continue to monitor documents submitted to the City of York's Planning Department and to keep you informed of any concerns. Plots in Phase 2 of our cemetery on Eastfield Lane will become available shortly. If you would like to secure a plot please contact Jessica, Parish Clerk.

If you want to find out more about the working's of your Parish Council why not come along to a Parish Council meeting as a member of the public. The dates of the meetings are published on our website <a href="https://www.dunningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk">www.dunningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>

Finally, have you seen the kneeling wicker lady gardening? Why not go and take a look. She is with the wicker man on the corner of Eastfield Lane and Church Balk. Our thanks go to Mr Boorman for commissioning her and for allowing us all to share in his vision. *Gill Shaw, Chairman, Dunnington Parish Council* 

#### **DUNNINGTON LIBRARY/STAMFORD BRIDGE NETBALL**



#### **Dunnington Library**

01904 552668

#### **OPENING TIMES**

Mon 10.00 - 1.30 Tue 2.00 - 5.30 Thur 2.00 - 5.00 Sat 9.00 - 12.30

#### York Cards available

£6 for over 18's/under 18's free

#### **Explore York Libraries**

For more information see www.exploreyork.org.uk

#### This month...

This month's **coffee morning is on Monday 10th July** – join us from 10am for tea, coffee, cake and a chat!

Our 2023 children's **Summer Reading Challenge launches on Saturday 8th July**, this year's theme is 'Ready, Set, Read!' – sign up at the library to collect stickers and prizes throughout the summer. We have lots of events planned this year so look out for more information on those!

Join us on **Saturday 22nd July for our Library Open Day** – we'll have games, refreshments and a booksale. You'll also be able to find out more about what services the library has to offer!

Our last **Under 5s Storytime** before we break for the summer holidays will be a special Teddy Bears' Picnic – it's on Monday 24th July at 10.30am, please contact the library to book your place.

From 28 February, borrowers from Explore's 15 libraries in York will no longer need to pay a charge when returning a book late. Historic charges will be cancelled too, meaning long overdue books can be returned with nothing to pay. Explore staff are excited to welcome the missing books home and find out which has been away for the longest time.



#### A friendly Netball Club based in the heart of Stamford Bridge village.

Always recruiting new players; to join our existing junior and senior teams who participate in weekly league matches.

All ages and abilities welcome to come along and meet likeminded people, get fit, have fun, and get involved.

Whether you have played Netball recently, not touched a ball since school or just fancy trying something new; then come down to training and give it a go.

Find us on Facebook "Stamford Bridge Netball Club" for regular updates or contact:

Juniors – Kay 07727135974 / Paula 07834221458 Seniors – Michelle 07753565461

All training takes place at Stamford Bridge Sports & Social Club, Low Catton Road, Y041 1DZ.

Juniors – Tuesday 6-7pm (years 7-9) or 7-8.30pm (years 10-11) Seniors – Wednesday 7.45pm-9pm.





#### **HOLTBY TRADER QUIZ ANSWERS/HASSACARR**

- 1 Eboracum, Yorvik
- 2 Constantine
- 3 About 400 years
- 4 Foss
- 5 71m
- 6 Coopers/barrelmakers
- 7 The Abbot of St Mary's
- 8 The Mansion House
- 9 Two
- 10 Dick Turpin
- 11 The Knavesmire
- 12 Margaret Clitheroe
- 13 The Ebor
- 13 Galtres
- 14 All Saints Pavement
- 15 A wharf
- 16 On carts in the streets
- 17 LNER HQ
- 18 Ousebridge
- 19 George Hudson
- 20 Pavement



#### **Hassacarr Local Nature Reserve**

Welcome to this update on your local nature reserve, by the time you read this many of the birds will have finished breeding, and most of the spring and early summer plants will be past their best. Yet the late summer flowers such as scabious, knapweed, betony, tubular water dropwort one of our rarer plants, and water mint will be attracting a host of butterflies, bees, and hoverflies, frogs newts and voles will be taking shelter in the long grasses while dragonflies patrol the edge of the ponds. Birds that have bred are moorhen, jackdaw, stock dove, song thrush, blackbird, blackcap, chiffchaff, greenfinch, tree sparrow, great tit, blue tit, long tailed tit, robin, dunnock and wren plus grey wagtail and oystercatcher nearby in the industrial estate, other birds using the reserve include little egret, grey heron, common buzzard, kestrel, hobby and sparrowhawk. Species recorded over the years are 109 birds, 72 water beetles, 155 two winged insects, 51 moths, 24 butterflies, 24 mammals, 4 amphibians, 22 dragonflies and over 200 plants which include early marsh, common spotted, pyramidal and bee orchids.

Our group will this autumn celebrate thirty years caring for the reserve in which we have planted a new woodland, turned a disused sewage works into a wildlife refuge, placed seating in strategic places, erected interpretation boards, created three new ponds, two wild flower meadows, and welcomed over five thousand children to explore our wonderful wildlife, if you would like to join our conservation group to keep the excellent work continuing please be in touch.

August the third is our annual Children's Activity/Open Day and we would like to see as many of you as possible-also if anyone can help on this busy day it would be most appreciated.

A final note I am now 82 years old and while I am willing to continue looking after the Hassacarr Local Nature Reserve it is important that we take on more members to maintain the reserve for future generations. More than one eminent figure has described our reserve as enchanting a little gem an area that's worth preserving-let's not lose it we need this valuable amenity for the benefit of wildlife and local people for the future. **Terry Weston, Voluntary Warden** 

## **Snappy Fundraising Team**

Do you enjoy meeting new people, having fun, gaining new experiences and being involved in activities that make a real difference within our local community?

The Snappy Trust are looking for volunteers to help with fundraising events.

We currently have a committed team of volunteers and staff who work with the children and young people who attend our schemes each week, and often also give up their free time to help out with fundraising events.

We are now wanting to develop a dedicated team of Volunteers purely to help raise much needed funds to support our schemes – attending fundraising events: summer fairs, coffee mornings, festivals, shows, sponsored events etc. - could this be you?

The scope of the role will vary over the calendar year but could involve attending events to help run stalls and bucket collections, selling raffle tickets, collecting prizes and donations, accompanying Snappy Croc mascot on visits, distributing posters and flyers etc.

Our volunteers come from many different sectors of the local community and from a wide range of backgrounds.

If you have regular time to spare, and you'd like to be involved, please get in touch to find out more:

Email: fundingteam@thesnappytrust.org Tel: 07710 282269

Registered Charity Number: 702190

The Snappy Trust is a voluntary organization established in 1985 and a registered charity. We currently support and work with over 320 young people with special needs, and their associated families and carers, in the York area. We are dedicated to maximising the personal development of children and young people with wide ranging disabilities. Our programmes include a variety of activities and events and aim to empower our children and young people by developing confidence, independence and social skills but mostly, we give our children and young people the opportunity to enjoy new experiences, have fun and make friends. We are very proud of our reputation across the York area and of the work our incredible team do to ensure that every child or young person that comes to The Snappy Trust, feels safe, valued and happy.

Visit our website to learn more: www.thesnappytrust.org

#### St Nicholas Church Dunnington - Grasscutters needed

Now with Peter's correct phone number -apologies for the error in the March issue



If you are willing to help in mowing the church grass please contact Peter Helm 01904 481376 Additional volunteers are needed to join our rota to maintain the church ground in conjunction with York Council and the Community Payback Team . If you can spare the time to help once or twice during the cutting season that will be very much appreciated . The church provides the serviced mowers and fuel. Regular cutting helps us keep this important community space tidy and easy to cut.





Dunnington Tennis Club is a village based tennis club with four premium US Open coloured hard courts. Two of these are floodlit encouraging all year round play and coaching. Our coaching is led by Mark Hamilton, a very experienced LTA level four qualified coach. We host social tennis and have men's, ladies' and mixed teams in the York leagues for those looking to play competitive tennis. Dunnington is a very successful club who have excellent facilities in the Dunnington Sports Club complex which plays host to a range of sports as well as bar facilities.

Membership is £3.16 a month for u8's, £4 for juniors and students, and £12.08 for adults.

Website: <a href="https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/dunningtontennisclub">https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/dunningtontennisclub</a>
@DunningtonTC Facebook

@DunningtonTC Twitter

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# Parishes Of Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest, Holtby & Warthill and Dunnington Local Ecumenical Partnership

RectorRev Kath McBrideThe Rectory, Dunnington489349LLM (Reader)Judith Hewitt7 Water Lane, Dunnington488331

St Nicholas Church, Dunnington

Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest

Churchwardens Peter Helm 481376

Church contact Ennis Tweddle 400364

**Carole White** 07508 834565

St Mary's Church, Warthill

 $\textbf{Tower Room Bookings} \ \ tower-room@stnicholasdunnington.org.uk$ 

Churchwarden Ann Proctor 489386

Holy Trinity, Holtby

Churchwarden Chris Gladstone 488167

#### **Dunnington Organisations Contact List**

Blank Canvas Art Club (Kids & Adults classes) Suzi Malik 07773 819 603 Janice Kay 488357 Bridge Club Alisia Ross 01759 388231 Brushstrokes Art Group Conservative Association Jenny Brooks 489587 Derwent Lions Club Ken Sutcliffe 481265 Dunnington Cancer Support Group Anne Robinson 488341 Dunnington Conservation Group: Volunteers' rep Steve Ashby 489593 Hassacarr Nature Reserve: Warden Terry Weston 489830 Dunnington Community Choir Liz Welham 488705 Dunnington Community Events 07762 067005 DunningtonGIG@gmail.com **Dunnington Green Initiatives Group** https://www.facebook.com/DunningtonGIG Dunnington In Bloom Douglas Holliday 488733 Dunnington NSPCC Kathryn Newlove 608524 Dunnington PTA

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#### Stockton on the Forest Organisations Contact List

Yoga

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Ebor Ruggers

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Stockton on the Forest Parish Council Fiona Hill (Parish Clerk) 468773
York Pole Dancing Academy Lianne 07854 999103

#### Warthill Organisations Contact List

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#### **Holtby Organisations Contact List**

Nestor Portnoy 07503 157356

Holtby Parish Council Jonathan Kay (Clerk) jonathankay@sky.com Holtby Village Hall (bookings) Mrs C utley 488552





Hassacarr Nature Reserve Activity and Open Day



Mini Beast Safari

Pond Dipping

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Arts and Crafts

Become a scientist dissecting owl pellets to see what they have eaten

#### Thursday 3rd August

10.00 am - 12.00 noon 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

The event is organised by Dunnington Conservation Group and Natural England

Hassacarr Nature Reserve, Hassacarr Lane Dunnington, York

#### STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please write to the parish council and include a few details of why you would like to become a councillor.

If you need any information about qualification for being a councillor or just want more information about the role, please contact the Parish Clerk on stocktonpc@outlook.com



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#### **Skylarks**

It's not a garden bird, but having just done a survey for the BTO I'm conscious how few Skylarks there are around these days.

The Skylark is a truly agricultural bird - before farming started it was probably quite scarce, and its fortunes ever since have followed farming practice. It has long been an integral part of the British landscape, and its song has inspired poets from Chaucer to Blake.

They are most common in arable farmland, making use of the nesting cover and bare ground for feeding that the crops provide. Males are territorial, using long song flights at altitude to broadcast to rivals and potential mates. The stamina required to sustain these song flights is likely used by females as an indication of male quality. This strategy allows them to advertise themselves without having bright plumage: their cryptic, streaked brown colouration camouflaging them against predators when on the ground.

The British Trust for Ornithology's Breeding Birds Survey shows a continuous decline in Skylark numbers since the late 1970s, and they have been on the UK red list as a bird of conservation concern for some years. Research suggested that a reduction in over-winter seed availability from the loss of crop stubbles, plus autumn sowing of cereals and rape, were the prime causes. The use of more efficient herbicides means that fewer weed seeds are available, too. The other problem with autumn-sown crops is

that in the breeding season, they are too tall and dense to allow Skylarks to nest or feed, which means that they are unable to raise enough chicks to maintain stable populations. Their choice of nesting site is influenced by the height and density of surrounding vegetation - the ideal height being 20-50 cm.

In their other favoured environment, modified grassland, frequent cutting of grass for silage has disrupted nesting, and ever higher density of stocking have increased the chances of nests being trampled.

Skylarks make 2-3 nesting attempts in the same area each breeding season, and these need to be successful to

maintain a healthy population.

Conservation concern over the Skylark's decline led to the introduction of subsidised farming programmes designed to help their recovery. Agri-environment schemes such as leaving stubble unsprayed over winter, so enhancing weed seed availability, providing weedy, fallow land in spring for nesting, and creating bare patches in crops to allow access for breeding birds have all been funded, but without much success. Where they do use autumn sown crops, their nesting attempts are on or close to tramlines (tractor tracks that are used to apply the many sprays to the crop), which makes them vulnerable to ground predators.

So why have numbers not picked up? The picture is complex with increases in some areas and declines in others. Many farmers do not like agrienvironment management schemes that interfere with crop production, so most tend to be along field edges — places that Skylarks avoid as they are

more visible to predators. The Skylark's heritage as a steppe species is apparent in its avoidance of vertical structures, which restricts their use of farmland with hedgerows. Other options have not had the intended effects, for example, concentrating birds and making them more obvious to predators.

What does the future hold for the Skylark? Knowledge of Skylark ecology is much better in the breeding season than in winter, because they are seldom ringed and rarely recaptured, whereas nests are quite easy to find. More research into why the decline continues is vital, perhaps using some form of tagging. Without this, fewer and fewer people will see and hear this icon of the British countryside in the future.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via gbwmike@gmail.com.



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