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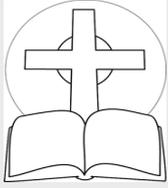


*Join us for family worship at 4pm on Sunday 6th Feb to learn more about the Lost Sheep!*

## **PARISH MAGAZINE**

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**Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest  
Warthill & Holtby**



## Readings for February 2022

### 6 February: 4th Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11;  
Luke 5.1-11

### 13 February: 3rd Sunday before Lent

Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20;  
Luke 6.17-26

### 20 February: 2nd Sunday before Lent

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end; Revelation 4;  
Luke 8.22-25

### 27 February: Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34.29-end; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2;  
Luke 9.28-36



## From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby Warthill, &  
Stockton on the Forest

### Funerals

*We commit to God's loving care:*

#### **Peter Oxtoby**

14th December, Dunnington

#### **Simon Raven**

15th December, Dunnington

#### **Peter Rees Jones**

21 December, Dunnington

#### **June Hutchinson**

31 December, Holtby

#### **Peter Goldsworthy**

10 January, Warthill

#### **Mary Hammond**

12 January (crem)

## A Little Boy's Smile - A poem by June Rickell

I went to our Crib Service the other night  
And sang Christmas Carols with all my might  
As children paraded down the aisles  
Their parents watching with pride and smiles  
As items were carried down to the altar  
The children carrying them did not falter  
Some animals first, then a Mum and a Dad  
Followed soon after by our sweet little Lad  
Then came the Shepherds with sheep and lambs too  
Now all that was left were the three Kings to do  
I watched them all as they passed me by  
Then a little lad stopped, turned and caught my eye  
He gave me a smile then went on his way  
I was so delighted. He had made my day  
The gift that he'd given, wasn't wrapped and was free  
But I felt that it was the best Christmas present for me.  
God bless our dear children who bring us such joy  
As an impish smile from a dear little boy.

### A letter from Revd Mark Poole

If you have ever visited the former Viewforth Church in Edinburgh, you may have marvelled at the exquisite carvings. Between the evenly spaced, decorative pillars a series of ornately carved flower heads can be found. At first glance each carving appears to be identical with five petals equal in size and form and lovingly crafted so that the petals turn outwards from the centre of the bloom as if searching out the life-giving light of the sun. A closer inspection reveals an apparent mistake. One of the flowers has only four petals and what is more, the petals turn inwards rather than outwards from the centre. How very intriguing!



I wonder if this spoils the symmetry or enhances the beauty of the carvings? I ponder how it might have happened. Is it the work of a sculptor who chose not to follow instructions? Is it a quality control oversight? Is it a hurried mistake of an over-worked apprentice? Or was it a deliberate flaw in workmanship that is rich in theological meaning? Being a clergyman, it may be excusable that I rather fancy it was intended and that this 'mistake' both conceals and reveals a profound truth. That no human enterprise is perfect.

We all make mistakes. However hard we might try to be so, none of us are perfect. Yet how we deal with this can make all the difference. If we have made the mistake, then beating ourselves up, no matter how hard, just doesn't make anything better. If others have made the mistake, before we leap forth in pronouncing judgement and damnation, it might serve us well to remember Jesus's words to the teachers of the law and the Pharisees as they brought to him a woman caught in the act of adultery. They tested Jesus by asking him whether they should obey the Law of Moses and stone her for her mistake. Jesus replied, 'Let any of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.'

None of us are perfect. If we can forgive ourselves, we can move on with life. And if we can forgive one another, how much more positive might our future together be!

'To err is human; to forgive is divine,' Shakespeare wrote. If we can forgive ourselves and learn to forgive others, then we will have the glimpse of the divine we all need.

Revd Mark Poole

## Words are just words, but a choice is a decision to be made



Friends,

It is hard to believe that Westboro Baptist Church (of 'God hates fags' and picketing-of-military-funerals fame in the USA), the Roman Catholic Church, Church of England, and the Ethiopian Orthodox Church share a common sacred text. For the same reason it might seem equally strange that ISIS, Sufism, and the expansive, learned Moorish culture of 15th century Spain do likewise with the Quran.

Let us be honest; a text of such length, and, especially the bible, being a library of books written over a period of about 1,500 years, is going to open the possibility of being made to say almost anything. Can I use it to support slavery? Yes! Bigotry, homophobia, patriarchy, war, exploitation? Yes to all. But then it has been used by many to support liberation, tolerance, equality, justice and inclusion. All this would suggest that it is not primarily what is 'in' the text, but what happens 'in front of the text', as it were, in the mind of the reader, which makes the difference.

There has to be some matter of choice, a decision, as to where the text will take someone, rather than pretending that the text predetermines behaviour and ideas. Unity/division, love/hate, compassion/suspicion are all discoverable, but let's not pretend that the text dictates such a conclusion. And this is not the way of sacred texts alone.

I may experience a tragic loss which I hold responsible for making me bitter; a theft that makes me suspicious; a rebuff which makes me withhold. But, equally, a loss may be the start of a journey to compassion for another; a theft to which I respond with generosity and understanding; or a rebuff which causes me to reflect, change and grow. Somewhere between affect and effect I have a choice, and I have the ability to make these choices ahead of time.

If I read sacred scriptures (any of them) looking for intolerance, I will surely find it. If I'm searching for mercy and kindness, I will find that too. The choice is made in my head, not on the page. It is the same for those without faith. We can wait and see where life will take us, or we can decide the direction and response from the outset. There will always be variation and even contradiction, but when the time comes to pick, which direction will you choose?

Nick Bird

Your Rector

### DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

All items for the **MARCH 2022** edition of the magazine must be received by the Editor no later than **MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY**

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The Editor is Louise Dover

# CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

## Regular Worship

### ... in the church buildings

#### Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

**Sunday** 10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

**Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion

#### St Nicholas Dunnington

**Sunday** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

**Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Holy Communion.

#### St Mary Warthill

**Sundays (3rd)** 9.00am Holy Communion

**Sundays (2nd and 4th)** 10:30am All Age/Morning Worship

**Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer

#### Holy Trinity Holtby

**2nd Sunday of the month** 9am Holy Communion

**4th Sunday of the month** 4pm Evening Prayer



### ... online

A simple service of worship is posted on our YouTube channel each Sunday and remains available thereafter.

[tinyurl.com/reyyoutube](https://tinyurl.com/reyyoutube)

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



## Weekday Worship via Zoom

### Morning Prayer

Mondays & Thursdays at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom

[tinyurl.com/reymorningprayer](https://tinyurl.com/reymorningprayer)

### Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom

[tinyurl.com/reyclompline](https://tinyurl.com/reyclompline)

Both Morning Prayer and Compline are short services (c. 15 minutes). You are welcome to leave as soon as the service is over or stay for a chat.



## Coffee @ St Nicholas

Come and meet others over Coffee, or tea

### Wednesday Coffee Time

9.45 to 11.00am every Wednesday

### Bereavement Café

Wednesday 23rd February

9.45 to 11.15am

### Community Café

10.00 to 11.30am every Saturday



# CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

## Family Worship 2022, St Nicholas's Church, Dunnington

4pm



Feb 6th - Parable of the Lost Sheep

March 6th - Parable of the Pearl of Great Price

April 3rd - The Good Samaritan

May 1st - Pet Service

June 5th - Pentecost

July 3rd - Parable of the Talents

Sept 4th - Communion

Oct 2nd - Harvest

Nov 6th - The Marriage Feast

Dec 4th - Christingle

### 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 & hope
- Remember loved ones
- Connect with others.

Free refreshments!

All welcome!

23rd February

## Children & Young People at St Nicholas

### Little People, Play and Praise

Tuesday afternoons during term time

1.45pm to 3.00pm

Tower Room, St Nicholas Church

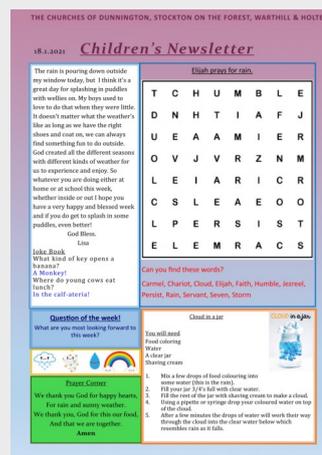
We look forward to seeing pre-schoolers and their carers



### Children's Newsletter

Did you know you can access the children's newsletter online? It contains fun news and activities, and you can find it here:

[stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/](http://stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/)



## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### Benefice Prayer Meeting

You are warmly welcomed to join us at our monthly benefice prayer meeting on zoom - there is no pressure to pray aloud, the sessions are just for you to be present in the presence of prayer in your own home. The meetings are at **7pm** on the following dates:

Tuesday 18th Jan

Thursday 17th Feb

Tuesday 29th March

Wednesday 20th April (after compline)

Tuesday 24th May

Thursday 23rd June

Monday 25th July

If you would like to join, please find the zoom link on the weekly newsletter, or email newsletter, or email Revd Mark Poole at [revmarkpoole20@gmail.com](mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com).



### Family Worship

6<sup>th</sup> February

4.00pm

The Lost Sheep

An interactive service for all ages followed by a Bring and Share Tea



### Parish Lunch

We invite you to add your name to the list in the Tower Room for Lunch at 1.00pm

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February

There will be a Communion Service at 12.30

### World Day of Prayer 'I know the plans I have for you'

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

3.00pm

St Nicholas Church

followed by afternoon tea

Everyone very welcome to this service which this year has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.



## **Pancake Party**

Tuesday 1st March  
From 3.30 until about 5.30  
Tower Room

Come and enjoy a pancake, or two, with others  
Everyone very welcome



# THANK YOU

Thank you.

Caryl and Colin Raven would like to thank everyone for their support and kind wishes on the sudden death of their son, Simon, on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

## **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  
**23rd February**

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.

Rev Canon Nick Bird (Rector) 489349

Rev Mark Poole (Curate) 426522

Judith Hewitt (Reader) 488331



# WARTHILL

## Services in St Mary Church

Do join us at St Mary as we worship together.

On the **2nd Sunday of the month** there is an All Age Worship Service at 10.30am.

On the **3rd Sunday of the month** there is a 9.00am service of Holy Communion.

On the **4th Sunday of the month** there is Morning Worship at 10.30am

**Every Tuesday** there is a 9.00am service of Morning Prayer

All welcome!

## Thank you

Just to say a big thank you from Warthill PCC to all the volunteers who cut the grass in the churchyard, and help in any way to keep it always looking so neat and tidy, and to those who clean and put flowers in church. Also to everyone who buys a ticket for the 100 club as it is currently our only fund raiser.



## Diary - Warthill - February 2022

			Church Services	Church / Community Events
Tuesday	1	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	2	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	6	10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Monday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Tuesday	8	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	9	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	10	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	13	10.30am	All Age Worship : St Mary <i>p.4</i>	
Monday	14	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Tuesday	15	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	16	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	17	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	20	10.30am	Holy Communion : St Mary <i>p.4</i>	
Monday	21	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Tuesday	22	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	23	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	24	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	27	10.30am	Benefice Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington <i>p.4</i>	
Monday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	

# STOCKTON ON THE FOREST

## Stockton on the Forest Brownies

After a very challenging couple of years 1st Stockton on the Forest brownies are planning to resume regular face to face meetings soon. The pack continued to meet regularly on Zoom throughout most of 2020 and the first half of 2021. We had lots of fun virtual meetings doing craft, cooking and working towards badges. We even celebrated our 50th anniversary online and gained two new brownie friends but it just wasn't the same as being together. We did manage some socially distanced outdoor meetings on the school field last summer but since then we have been taking a break to give leaders time to plan our safe return to regular meetings.

At the moment pack numbers are restricted but if you have a daughter between 7 and 10 who is interested in joining us please register their interest here <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>. A waiting list is currently in operation but we hope to be able to offer additional places soon. We also really need some new adult leader support. If you are interested in helping out at our friendly unit please register here <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>. No experience is necessary but you will be required to comply with all Girlguiding's safeguarding procedures.

Liz Bates

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## Diary - Stockton on the Forest - February 2022

		Church Services	Church / Community Events
Wednesday	2	10.00am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> 7.00pm Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	3	9.00am Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	6	10.30am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> 10.30am Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Monday	7	9.00am Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	9	10.00am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> 7.00pm Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	10	9.00am Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Saturday	12		10.00am Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning <i>p. 16</i>
Sunday	13	10.30am Morning Worship : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> 10.30am Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Monday	14	9.00am Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p.4</i>	
Wednesday	16	10.00am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> 7.00pm Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	27	9.00am Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	20	10.30am Morning Worship : : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> 10.30am Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Monday	21	9.00am Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p.4</i>	
Wednesday	23	10.00am Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> 7.00pm Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	24	9.00am Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	27	10.30am Benefice Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> 10.30am Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Monday	28	9.00am Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	

## Health walks - A pagan walk?

The Tuesday Health Walk before Christmas took on a festive note, one going back to the pre-Christian era, when the Druids – the priests of the Celtic races – venerated trees. They were especially dedicated to the oak (the name Druid means lover of the oak), but also to the holly and the yew, whose evergreen leaves and berries gave promise of returning light, warmth and growth after the winter solstice.

So we set out to spot and admire some of the many splendid oaks in and around Dunnington: the magnificent specimen at the junction of Kerver Lane and Intake Lane, and the two oaks along the approach to Lime Kiln Farm on the Scoreby estate.

In the process we noticed how many other impressive trees could be seen if you looked for them on roadsides and in hedges – some of the latter having been sadly neglected. Not just oaks, but impressive chestnuts, cherries, hawthorns, beech, rowan and hawthorn.

So keep your eyes skinned as you walk along concrete pavements.



## Holtby Prize Draw

The winner in January was David Hughes – No.56

Thank you to everyone who regularly takes part in the draw by paying their yearly subscription.

If anyone would like to join then please contact Rosalie Butler-Adams at the Old Rectory behind the church.

### HOLTBY TRADER Valentine Special



Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 12noon

All about sweetness:

pastries

sweets

chocolates



and

sweet thoughts on cards

Show them you care

## Diary - Holtby - February 2022

Church Services			Church / Community Events
Wednesday	2	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>
Thursday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>
Saturday	5		10.00am Holtby Trader Valentine Special <i>p. 10</i>
Sunday	6	10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p.4</i>
Monday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>
Wednesday	9	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>
Thursday	10	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	13	9.00am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i>
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p.4</i>
Monday	14	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>

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Wednesday	16	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4
Thursday	17	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4
Sunday	20	4.00pm	Benefice Worsship : YouTube p.4
Monday	21	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4
Wednesday	23	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4
Thursday	24	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4
Sunday	27	10.30am	Benefice Communion: St Nicholas, Dunnington p.4 Evening Prayer : Holy Trinity p.4
Monday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4

### Holtby Trader Valentine Special

*Not really a quiz, more a reminder of the romantic side of life. Fill the gap with something which is accurate or creative. Credit will be given for both. Answers will be given in the next Grapevine*

1. If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you ..... **Maya Angelou**
2. All you need is love. But a little ..... now and then doesn't hurt. **Charles M. Schulz**
3. Love will find a way through paths where wolves fear to ..... **Lord Byron**
4. They invented hugs to let people know you love them without ..... anything. **Bill Keane**
5. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with ..... **Thomas Merton**
6. It wasn't into my ear you whispered, but into my heart. It was not my .... you kissed, but my soul. **Judy Garland**
7. A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by ..... **Frank Morgan**
8. There is only one happiness in this life, to love and .. ..... **George Sand**
9. Life's most urgent question is, 'What are you doing for .....?' **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
10. Only I can change my ..... No one can do it for me. **Carol Burnett**
11. Your ..... are perfect for the heart that's meant to love you. **Trent Shelton**
12. Hate cannot ..... .. hate; only love can do that. **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
13. Love yourself. Stay positive because beauty comes from the ..... **Jenn Proske.**
14. Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a ..... **Martin Luther King, Jr**
15. A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instil a .... of learning. **Brad Henry**
16. I love the good as well as the .... **Johnny Weir**
17. Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength; ..... someone deeply gives you courage. **Lao Tzu**
18. The greatest healing therapy is ..... and love. **Hubert H. Humphrey**

### Phone Calls from Bogus Police Officers

North Yorkshire Police have received a large number of reports from local residents where they have been called by a male claiming to be a police officer. This 'police officer' goes on to claim they have arrested a person related to the victim who has attempted to buy a television or other high value item using the victim's bank card. The scammer will often give the victim a bogus reference number. The victim is instructed to attend their bank to withdraw money which will then be collected for safekeeping in order to protect them. The victim is further told that they must lie to the bank if they are challenged and say the money is to purchase a car or for building work or some other plausible excuse. This is of course false. Remember, the police or your bank will never contact you and ask you to move or transfer money. If you receive a call of this nature, hang up immediately, do not engage with the caller. make sure the telephone line is clear (i.e. the scammer is no longer on the line) and call 101.

Andy Fox (Police, Financial Abuse safeguarding Officer, North Yorkshire)

*This is from an alert from North Yorkshire Community Messaging —For more information, please visit:*  
[www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/](http://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/)

# DUNNINGTON

## Dunnington Library

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### OPENING TIMES

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

This month's coffee morning is on Monday February 14th, 10am – 12.30pm, join us for tea, coffee and delicious cakes.

Save the date – our popular Quiz Night is back! Join us on Saturday 19th March at 7pm, tickets on sale soon from the library.

### York Cards available

£6 for over 18's/under 18's free

### Explore York Libraries

For more information see [www.exploreYork.org.uk](http://www.exploreYork.org.uk)



## Dunnington WI

At our January monthly meeting 35 members, which included two new ones, were fascinated to learn from our speaker, Graham Watson, more about bees in less than an hour than most of us have ever known before.



Such as they have 6 legs, 5 eyes and 4 wings, they flap their wings more than 11,000 times a minute and have a flying range of 7 miles, their antennae are used as speed indicators and their sense of smell is so much better than dogs that they are now trained to discover explosives!

The final slide of Graham's talk left us speechless. Bees can:

- navigate without instruments;
- tell the time without a watch;
- use trigonometry without a calculator;
- choose the sex of their offspring;
- maintain a first-class incubator without a thermometer or electricity;
- run an advanced social structure run by females.



Maybe we could all learn something from the honey bee. Graham certainly gave us food for thought as well as some honey to buy.

Our competition was for anything "bee related" and Joan Williamson won with her collection of knitted bees.

Our next meeting is on February 1st at 7.15pm when we will discuss and vote on this year's WI national resolutions. The topics will be presented by five members from the committee before we all vote.

The evening will finish with a quiz and the competition is "Your New Year's Resolutions".

Don't forget about coming along to our monthly afternoon tea sessions on the third Tuesday of most months, for a chat, cuppa and a cake or two.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Chris Bayne



### TUESDAY AFTERNOONS WITH DUNNINGTON W.I.

February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tea & Cake + 'Made By Our Members' craft stall
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Full Afternoon Tea
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tea & Cake + Easter activities for children
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tea & Cake
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Strawberries & Cream Afternoon Tea

At Dunnington Reading Rooms from 2 – 4pm

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



## Parish Magazine Editorial Policy

We warmly invite contributions to The Grapevine. However, owing to limitations of space, we cannot publish everything received. Our priorities are to represent the four villages and publicise news and activities of local interest. Contributions must follow these guidelines:

- Articles are a **maximum of 350 words**.
- Articles are received as **unformatted text** in a Word document
- Text is in sentence case, **not all CAPITALS**
- Articles are received in **black and white**
- Articles are of relevance and interest to local people.
- Pre-formatted posters can sometimes be accommodated **by arrangement with the editor**. The text **must** be clearly legible when the poster is reduced to A7 size.
- Articles are, where possible, accompanied by a photo or other image. These should be submitted as **separate files** to the text.

**NOTE:** All articles are subject to acceptance by the Editorial Committee and may be edited as necessary before publication.

# Diary - Dunnington - February 2022

		Church Services		Church / Community Events	
Tuesday	1			10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i> Dunnington WI Meeting <i>p. 12</i> A Quiet Space : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 15</i>
Wednesday	2	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am 12.30pm	Coffee Time : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i> Dunnington Sports Club Diamond Club <i>p. 14</i>
Thursday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	5			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	6	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i> Family Worship: St Nicks <i>p.4</i>		
Monday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Tuesday	8			10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm 7.30pm	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i> A Quiet Space : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 15</i>
Wednesday	9	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Coffee Time : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Thursday	10	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	12			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	13	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	14	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various 10.00am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Dunnington Library Coffee Morning <i>p. 12</i>
Tuesday	15			10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm 2.00pm 7.30pm	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop <i>p. 12</i> Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i> Dunnington WI Tea & Cake : Dunnington Reading Rooms <i>p. 12</i> A Quiet Space : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 15</i>
Wednesday	16	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Coffee Time : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p.4</i>
Thursday	17	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Prayer Meeting : Zoom <i>p. 6</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	19			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	20	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		

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Monday	21	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various 10.00am 7.30pm	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Library Coffee Morning <i>p.12</i> Dunnington Community Events Open Meeting : Cross Keys <i>p.18</i>
Tuesday	22			10.30am various	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Wednesday	23	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Light a Candle Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 5</i>
Thursday	24	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	26			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	27	10.30am 10.30am	Benefice Service : St Nicks <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop

## Dunnington Playing Fields & Sports Club

We do need more helpers with admin and maintenance. If you have any spare time please contact Linda on 481697.

**The New Derwent dining** – new menu – come and try it out.

For January there will be food on:-  
Saturday 6-9pm

Sunday Lunch 12-4pm – prebooking required – Nick as below or Gemma on 07425937843

**Friday evening dining** will resume in February.

**Diamond Club** – Wednesday 2nd February 12 for 12.30. Ring Nick to book. 2 course meal for £9.

**Band Night** – Wednesday 23rd February.

**Live music** – Steelers – Friday 18th February – food available.

The **Thursday quiz** is postponed until February.

Lots of live sport taking place on the big screen – Football, Rugby Union, Rugby League and Cricket. OR come along and support Dunnington teams.

**Table Tennis** – Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 – all welcome.

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.

## Used Postage Stamps

**June Rickell** is starting to collect used postage stamps and foreign coins for Sight Research UK.

Please try to cut out stamps with a finger's width/1cm of paper all the way round (less than this could be unusable, so take care how you slit the envelope open if the stamp is close to an edge.)

Foreign stamps need to be kept separate (Channel Isles and the Isle of Man are counted as foreign.)

These can either be put through her door at 6 Greenside Walk, or brought to church for her to collect on Sundays.

## Dunnington Cancer Support Group: Supporting York Against Cancer

We hope all our customers had a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

We had a very successful Boxing Day walk, the proceeds going to our charity. Despite the terrible weather we had a lot of stoic walkers visiting us at the half way house and onwards at the sports club. The amazing amount we raised totalled £900. Which exceeded all our expectations. So thank you to all who braved the inclement weather, and gave so generously.

Many Thanks also go to Sandy and Bobby Frankland, who allowed us to use their barn and provided all the refreshments and drink. Thank you Sandy and Bobby, you made it a very enjoyable "stop off".

Please note we are unable to accept any Christmas trees or decorations in the shop, but welcome good quality clothing.

We have also started our regular monthly jumble sales commencing on the second Wednesday of each month.

### Total taking for the month of December 2021

Monday.	£74.60
Tuesday.	£52.20
Thursday.	£63.00
Saturday.	£196.50
Rummage Sale.	£119.52
Miscellaneous.	£95.75
Donations.	£115.00
Total sales.	£716.57

### Shop opening times:

Monday.	9-30am - 12 noon
Tuesday.	9-30am - 12 noon. 1.30pm - 4pm
Thursday.	9.30am. - 12 noon
Saturday.	9.30am. - 12noon

## Dunnington Sports Club - Boxing Day Walk

We would like to say a big thank you to all those who ventured out on Boxing Day and/or visited the Club afterwards and contributed so generously. A massive £900 was raised for the Dunnington Cancer Support Group which taking into account Covid and the weather was brilliant. Thank you to Sandy and Bob Frankland who supplied the refreshments at the half way house and raised £457 which considering the weather was amazing. Those who came back to the club were so generous with donations and raffle tickets.

Thank you again and here's to next year.....

Josette

Chair PFA

## A Quiet Space

There has been quite a bit of interest in this forthcoming short course in learning techniques of meditation and relaxation. So, by the time this article is published there may not be any places left. However, if you are interested, please get in touch with me as we may consider running this introductory course again in the future.

Our intention is to offer a **secular non-religious** course as an introduction to the acknowledged beneficial practice of meditation and relaxation. The course will be led by Revd Peter Moorhouse, a retired prison chaplain who ran similar courses for prisoners working with the Prison Phoenix Trust (<https://www.theppt.org.uk>) and by Carole White a retired Occupational Therapist who used to teach relaxation techniques as part of her work with patients.

This course is free. We hope that attendees will commit themselves to attend all three sessions, unless of course they decide it is not for them after the first evening!

**Carole White** tel 07508 834565

St Nicholas Church Dunnington

A Quiet Space  
**Learn to Meditate**

A short course in meditation and  
relaxation

This course is non religious and is open  
to those of any faith or none

Tuesday 1, 8, and 15 February, 7.30 pm

The Tower Room, St Nicholas Church

There are a maximum of ten  
places on the course, first  
come, first served

To book a place please  
contact Carole White on  
07508 834565



# CHILDREN & FAMILIES/STOCKTON ON THE FOREST CONTD.

**Silver Service Afternoon Tea:** is on Tuesday 22nd February for an afternoon of friendship, tea and cakes plus one of Anthony's Quizzes to sharpen up the old grey cells.

**The Stockton Fox Petanque Club:** meets behind the village hall on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7pm (weather permitting). We cater for all age groups, our youngest is 16 and we have quite a few who are over 80. Tuition is given and boules can be borrowed. Please just turn up, you will be given a warm welcome.

**WI:** in 1941 several women joined together to form the Stockton on the Forest WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. Until Covid came along, they met on the second Wednesday of the month. Thankfully we are back meeting again in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have interesting speakers and a cuppa and a natter. Come and join us, we would be very happy to meet you.

## Meet our Children & Family Worker!

Hello

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Lisa Horton and I have been the Children & Family worker here in the Benefice of Rural East York for the last 2 years.

My role is to build relationships with the families in our parishes and arrange events and activities that families will enjoy coming to. Please come and say hello if you see me and I will be more than happy to have a chat and if you would like to be part of our Facebook group, where all our activities are advertised, please contact me at [hor-ton2517@sky.com](mailto:hor-ton2517@sky.com) and I will add you onto it.

God bless,  
Lisa.



## Go on—be a devil TAKE THE PLUNGE !



**Join the 100 Club**  
You can win £25  
For just £1  
( if you're lucky )

Our first 100 Club Draw winner of 2022 was No. 64 VAL SWANN. Have you signed up yet? For a subscription of £1 per month there is a prize of £25 every month, two at Christmas.

**Welcome to our  
Next Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 12th February**  
Holy Trinity Church  
Stockton-on-the-Forest  
10 am to 12 noon



**Come along and have a natter,  
a cuppa and a scone**

**CAKES RAFFLE BOOKS**

**Children's Games with Lisa**

**100 CLUB DRAW**

**Have you signed up yet ?**

## Dunnington in Bloom

Bloom's village Christmas trees have successfully completed their annual task of making Dunnington look very special all through December. Visitors (though fewer than usual thanks to covid) do notice and appreciate the beauty of their simplicity and we appreciate the co-operation of the householders who give them a home every year.

So far 2022 has been relatively quiet for Dunnington in Bloom. Those years when members have been out very early to clear snow and ice on freezing January mornings are beginning to seem a distant past. But maybe by the time you are reading this in February we shall yet find ourselves grateful once more for the icebreakers' energy and their community spirit.

We hope it may be possible to resume some of our other community activities at some point in 2022. Once we are able to hold a coffee morning that includes our regular features, you may be sure we shall want to go ahead. But a socially-distanced village social event just seems too much of a contradiction in terms. We'll keep you up to date with plans as and when they can take shape.

Meanwhile we hope you will enjoy the spring bulbs as they cheer us all.

Barbara Windle *ctee member*

# MOBILE LIBRARY/DERWENT LIONS/TUESDAY CYCLING

## 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

For more information

Tel: (01904) 552655

Email: [mobile@exploreymork.org.uk](mailto:mobile@exploreymork.org.uk)

Website: [www.exploreymork.org.uk](http://www.exploreymork.org.uk)



## Derwent Lions have a busy Christmas.

Derwent Lions have had a busy Christmas, starting at the end of November with a senior citizens Christmas event in Stamford Bridge Village Hall. Our guests, including those from some local care homes, were served a light buffet and entertained with seasonal songs by the singing group "Middle 8".

On the 2nd of December we were out with our Christmas Sleigh "Rocking Rudolph" continuing for 18 nights and visited 13 Villages, bringing the wonder of Christmas to young and old alike. Due to your generosity, we collected nearly £10,000. The residents of Dunnington contributing a magnificent £1840 We are so grateful to you all and everyone who helped us collect this amazing amount of money. This money will be of great benefit to the various good causes we support.

To complete our Christmas projects, we have been recycling Christmas Trees in some of our villages, collecting over 350 trees to raise money for St Leonards Hospice, some of the shredded trees will be used by Primrose Bank Nursery at Kexby to make paths around their snow drop displays they open for charity. Again, many thanks to everyone who donated and a special thankyou to Toby Johnson Tree surgeon for helping us shred the trees.

Our club only has 14 members, with more people we could do much more. Please have a look at our website

<https://derwent.lionsclub.co/>

## Tuesday Cycle Rides

The small group of cyclists go out on the 2nd Tuesday of the month leaving the Cross Keys at 10-30am for a ride of approximately 10 to 20 miles sometimes on rough tracks, however there is usually an alternative road route.

On Tuesday 11th January 9 of us rode to Deans Nurseries where we were able to sit outside to plan the rest of the year.

Tuesday 8th February - Strawberry Cafe on the A19 at Crockey Hill. Round trip of approximately 19 miles

Tuesday 8th March - Naburn Lock. Round trip of approximately 15 miles

All rides are 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, ride at your own risk. Do come & join us.

Any queries to Margaret Eastwood 07791 599661 or Tony Hudson 07979 793066



*Cycle ride planning at Dean's*

# FRIENDS OF HAGG WOOD/DUNNINGTON COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Friends of Hagg Wood



The Friends of Hagg Wood committee wish all our members and readers a very happy 2022 as we look forward to a brighter future. Winter can seem a bleak time of year but Nature is slowly preparing for new life in the Spring, and robins and many other bird species are still active. Snowdrops and lesser celandine make an early seasonal appearance towards the end of January and into February. Squirrels spend more of their time in their drays but they do not actually hibernate and can be observed foraging. It is always interesting to observe species re-emerging in the Wood in the run up to Spring.

Remaining physically active and maintaining contact with our natural environment, particularly when the pandemic has kept us more house-bound, can be important also for our own physical and mental well-being. This conclusion is reinforced by the findings of a recent Research Report from the official government body Forest Research, which concludes that: "Access to woodlands is very important for individuals to support their mental health and well-being" with "a reduced prevalence of common mental illnesses, combined with societal costs of depression and anxiety, including lost working days and NHS costs". The report makes interesting reading and can be read at [www.forestresearch.gov.uk/publications](http://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/publications).

A walk within Hagg Wood can raise our spirits at any time of the year and the Wood can provide an important local natural environment which hopefully everyone can enjoy. Some of the paths can get muddier in the winter months so good wellies are well worth having. Access issues will be discussed at the forthcoming Public Inquiry in June. Our website [www.fohw.org.uk](http://www.fohw.org.uk) provides further information of local interest, including on our own activities.

About this time of year, the RSPB promotes its national bird watch surveys, which can prove good fun and interesting for both children and adults. The big Garden Birdwatch this year is from 28th to 30th January. Observing birds for an hour in the Wood would make a useful contribution to this survey and can be entered online at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch).



## OPEN MEETING

We started Dunnington Community Events in 2004 and during that time we have had an amazing amount of support from - committee members, volunteers and the community.

After advertising for a few months for new committee members to no avail we are sad to announce that we have decided to end Dunnington Community Events.

Over the years we have managed to obtain equipment etc. which we will be selling in the coming weeks.

We have decided that monies in the account will be donated to local charities/organisations.

We will be holding an OPEN meeting (all welcome) in The Cross Keys Dunnington on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm. If you are a Dunnington resident and would like to put forward a charity/organisation to be considered for a donation, please come along on the night.

If you have any questions before the night please email – [info@dunningtoncommunityevents.org.uk](mailto:info@dunningtoncommunityevents.org.uk)

We would like to thank everyone for their support over the years, be it through being a committee member, volunteer or attending the events.

## Move Mates - The Wonders of Walking

Many of us are lucky enough to be able to walk and to do so without thinking about it. However, for some of us walking can be more of a challenge. At Move the Masses we believe that all of us should be able to enjoy walking and the many advantages it can bring to our physical, mental and social wellbeing.

What are the benefits of putting one foot in front of another and why should we endeavor to make it a regular part of our lives?

### Physical Benefits of Walking

- Improves heart health
- Strengthens bones and muscles (this improves mobility - reducing risk of falls)
- Improves endurance
- Helps manage weight
- Prevents or helps to manage various health conditions

### Mental Benefits of Walking

- Improves overall mood
- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Improves sleep
- Increases body confidence
- Is an opportunity to practice mindfulness

### Social Benefits of Walking

- Reduces isolation and loneliness
- An opportunity to communicate
- Feeling connected to your community
- Shared achievements
- Improves motivation



Could you give one to two hours a week to walk and talk with someone who would struggle to get out on their own? By becoming a volunteer Move Mate you could enjoy all walking has to offer whilst further enriching your weekly life by helping somebody else to do the same. Please visit [movethemasses.org.uk](http://movethemasses.org.uk) or call us on 01904 373017 to find out more.

**Could you make 2022 a better year for somebody in your community?**

**All it takes is one to two hours a week to walk and talk with someone who would struggle to get out on their own.**

**We're looking for volunteers to join us as Move Mates, it's such a simple way to make a big difference.**



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

<b>Rector</b>	Revd Canon Nick Bird	The Rectory, 30 Church Street <a href="mailto:revnickbird@gmail.com">revnickbird@gmail.com</a>	489349	<i>Usual day off: Friday</i>
<b>Curate</b>	Revd Mark Poole	The Rectory, Sandy Lane, Stockton <a href="mailto:revmarkpoole20@gmail.com">revmarkpoole20@gmail.com</a>	400910	<i>Usual day off: Friday</i>
<b>Reader</b>	Judith Hewitt	7 Water Lane <a href="mailto:judithmewitt@btinternet.com">judithmewitt@btinternet.com</a>	488331	
<b>Methodist Minister</b>	Revd Dr John Schofield	<a href="mailto:rev.dr.john.schofield@gmail.com">rev.dr.john.schofield@gmail.com</a>	861477	<i>Usual Day Off: Friday</i>

<b>St Nicholas Church, Dunnington</b>		<b>Churchwarden</b> Chris Gladstone, Brownhills, Holtby Ln	488167
<b>Churchwardens</b> Peter Helm	481376	<b>Holy Trinity Church, Stockton on the Forest</b>	
Carole White	07508 834565	<b>Churchwarden</b> Ennis Tweddle, 4 Gay Meadows	400364
<b>Tower Room Bookings</b> <a href="mailto:tower-room@stnicholasdunnington.org.uk">tower-room@stnicholasdunnington.org.uk</a>		<b>St Mary's Church, Warthill</b>	
<b>Holy Trinity Church, Holtby</b>		<b>Churchwarden</b> Ann Proctor, 8 Church Rise, Holtby	489386

### Dunnington Organisations Contact List

<b>Art for Pleasure</b>	Keith Rowling 489315	<b>Guides</b>	10thyorkosbaldwickguides@gmail.com
<b>Blank Canvas Art Club (Kids &amp; Adults classes)</b>	Suzi Malik 07773 819 603	<b>Over the Rainbow Preschool &amp; Out of School Clubs</b>	Lucy/Millie 489053
<b>Bridge Club</b>	Janice Kay 488357	<b>Pilates</b>	Janet Rudd 07940548513
<b>Brushstrokes Art Group</b>	Alisia Ross 01759 388231	<b>Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>	Karen Prince 489364
<b>Conservative Association</b>	Jenny Brooks 489587	<b>Reading Room</b>	07858 582933
<b>Derwent Lions Club</b>	Ken Sutcliffe 481265	<b>Under 5s activities and information</b>	Facebook Dunnington POPPEY
<b>Dunnington Cancer Support Group</b>	Anne Robinson 488341	<b>Dunnington Playing Fields Association</b>	Josette Farmer 488322
<b>Dunnington Conservation Group: Volunteers' rep</b>	Steve Ashby 489593	Sports Club	Nick Roberts 481039
<b>Hassacarr Nature Reserve: Warden</b>	Terry Weston 489830	Bowls	John Taylor 399160
<b>Dunnington Community Choir</b>	Liz Welham 488705	Cricket	Ken Sutcliffe 481265
<b>Dunnington Community Events</b>	07762 067005	Football	Karl Hetherington 07731 318925
<b>Dunnington In Bloom</b>	Douglas Holliday 488733	Squash	Claire Pethullis 449179
<b>Dunnington PTA</b>	Rachel Robinson & Laura Richardson <a href="mailto:dunningtonprimarypta@gmail.com">dunningtonprimarypta@gmail.com</a>	Tennis	Charlotte Mitchell 07871 586262
<b>Dunnington Parish Council &amp; Cemetery</b>	Jessica Bedford 07562 333508	Racketball	Chris Martin 07802 963069
<b>Dunnington Players</b>	Jeanette Parkinson 488224	Table tennis	Nick Roberts 481039
<b>Dunnington Through The Ages Group</b>	Marilyn Jones 488433	B Fit Gym	Nick Roberts 481039
<b>Dunnington Women's Institute</b>	Christine Fisher 07456 224778	Bootcamp	Paula North 07821 379991
<b>Ebor Ruggers</b>	Angela Gray 758510	Cardio-Conditioning	Linda Perry 07764 405145
<b>Friends Of Hagg Wood</b>	David Mayston 488674	Pilates	Janet Rudd 07940 548513

### Stockton on the Forest Organisations Contact List

<b>Green Fingers Gardening Club</b>	Nigel Collinson 423206	<b>Stockton Scout Group</b>	Kath Shapcott 07736 940402
<b>Stockton Foresters Drama Group</b>	Moiria Tait 400583	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Stockton Brownies</b>	Liz Bates 400408
<b>Stockton Parent &amp; Toddlers Group</b>	Julie 07742 026446	<b>Stockton on the Forest Village Hall</b>	Claire Craven 401730/07717756431
<b>Local History Society</b>	Joy 400309	<b>Stockton on the Forest School</b>	Lorraine Atkinson (Head) 400366
<b>York Electronic Organ Society</b>	Keith Jackson 01751 431522	<b>Stockton Fundraising</b>	Arnie Tweddle 400364
<b>Stockton &amp; Hopgrove Cricket Club</b>	Rich Kerrison 400541	<b>Stockton on the Forest Parish Council</b>	Fiona Hill (Parish Clerk) 468773
<b>Stockton &amp; Hopgrove Luncheon Club</b>	Pam Brighton 400445	<b>York Pole Dancing Academy</b>	Lianne 07854 999103
<b>Stockton Fox Petanque Club</b>	Barbara Hardisty 400018	<b>Yoga</b>	Nestor Portnoy 07503 157356

### Warthill Organisations Contact List

<b>Parish Council</b> Mike Jobling (Clerk)	<a href="mailto:mjobling-warthillpc@outlook.com">mjobling-warthillpc@outlook.com</a>
<b>Warthill Primary School</b>	Beverley Pawson (Head) 489296

### Holtby Organisations Contact List

<b>Holtby Parish Council</b>	Jonathan Kay (Clerk)	<a href="mailto:jonathankay@sky.com">jonathankay@sky.com</a>
<b>Holtby Village Hall (bookings)</b>		Mrs C Utley 488552



## THE BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN



The British Trust for Ornithology has recently published various articles describing their work with Blackcaps, specifically those which are increasingly choosing to winter in the UK. Then, for Christmas I was given a copy of Mike Toms' excellent book "A Garden Bird Year" in which he writes about the same topic. And what happened next? The first appearance this year of Blackcaps in my garden – initially two females or juveniles with their brown caps, and then a male with his jet black cap. He's still around – and is likely to go pop soon, having spent hours each day hammering away at the suet balls.



The Blackcap is a somewhat stocky warbler slightly smaller than a Chaffinch, with a brownish grey back, males being dusky-grey below, with females and immatures a warmer buff-grey. Then there is the brown or black crown that gives them their name.

They have long been summer visitors and breeders, departing to the Mediterranean for the winter, but over the last decade or so they have been recorded more and more wintering here.

Tagging such small birds is difficult as they must be recaptured to allow the tags to be read, but ringing has shown that all bar a handful of the birds which winter in the UK are from central Europe: birds which have also traditionally headed south for the winter.

Why you might ask, would they change their habits? After all, migration patterns are genetically inscribed, and a change would need a significant impetus. It seems likely to be a combination of climate change – warmer winters in the UK - and our enthusiasm for bird feeding. Why fly a thousand plus miles when you can travel half that distance and be handsomely fed to boot?

BTO Garden Bird Watch observations from nearly 4,000 gardens were used in a study which showed that wintering Blackcaps are only regularly seen in gardens where supplementary food is put out, especially when it is high in fat, such as suet balls and sunflower hearts. Give it a go! You never know your luck.

Measurements on birds caught for ringing have shown that Blackcaps wintering in Britain have relatively narrower and longer beaks than those wintering in Spain, suggesting that they have adapted to a more generalist diet. Research has also shown that this new migration strategy has become genetically encoded by reproductive isolation – that is, birds wintering in Britain get back more quickly and mate with other birds that do the same. Being

fitter after the shorter journey, they also fledge more chicks.

What of the future? Over time, changing environmental conditions may threaten the viability of traditional wintering areas in southern Spain, as well as making the migratory passage to the south more difficult. Any new opportunities further north will thus become even more important. Winters are also warming in their usual breeding areas in and around Germany: all that might be needed to keep them "at home" could be increased supplementary feeding in Germany, where at the moment, bird feeding is far less common.

Could our summer breeding Blackcaps decide to stay here? Migration is a perilous process. Only time will tell, but almost all our migratory birds are under pressures of some sort due to climate change so we must expect to see more of this type of behavioural shift.



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 contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://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: [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com).

### Contributions to THE GRAPEVINE are very welcome.

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