

THE GRAPEVINE



MARCH 2022

40p

Edition 114



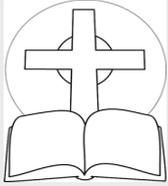
*Join us at St Nicholas Church for our **messy pancake party!***

1st March at 3.30pm

PARISH MAGAZINE

serving the Parishes of

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



Readings for March 2022

6 March: Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

13 March: Lent 2

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-end

20 March: Lent 3

Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

27 March: Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2.33-35



From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby Warthill, &
Stockton on the Forest

Baptisms

Alfie Owen Handley

30 January, Stockton

Grace Lily Tasker

6 February, Dunnington

Funerals

We commit to God's loving care:

Jean Morley

27 January, Stockton (crem)

Jane Papaglimis

2nd February, Dunnington

Alan Cussans

3 February

David Lewis

8 February, Stockton

Frank Kendall

17 February, Warthill



Mothering Sunday Services

27th March

Come and Share worship with us

8.00am St Nicholas, Dunnington

10.30am St Mary, Warthill

10.30am Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest

10.30am St Nicholas, Dunnington

6.00pm Holy Trinity Holtby

(NB British Summer Time begins today!)

A letter from Revd Dr John Schofield

While the majority of the world was fussing about St Valentine's Day, I was talking to children in a Primary School. The rest of the world was ensuring a loved one was treated as they expected, or dealing with what it was like not to have someone in that category. Of course this included whether a potential partner was approached in a way that would enhance a relationship, or trying not to succumb society's expectations to have a boyfriend, girlfriend, lover, or a significant other. And all the emotionally angst associated with that.

I was talking to Primary School children. The school's priority for the week commencing February 14th was: justice from a moral and social perspective – alluding to Democracy and the Rule of Law. Yes, primary school children!

When faced with such a topic, a dictionary can prove to be extremely helpful: justice is the principle that people receive that which they deserve. From a legal viewpoint that is about judgement and then doing things for people or against people – and is supposed to be about fairness. As for democracy, it has been said that, "In a democracy, the people end up with the government and leaders they deserve" (paraphrasing Joseph de Maistre, a French post-revolutionary philosopher and diplomat).

I ended up talking about fairness, and how sometimes we should be nice to others by not insisting on what we know we deserve. Perhaps the Valentine's Day focus on love was leaking into my thinking.

And as for democracy. It is about choice, and empowering those who we consider would do the best in positions of authority. St Valentine is a good guide here too: he was a clergyman in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians, standing against those abusing power, and so was martyred.



Bearing Up



Friends,

There are few things that excite me more than walking in unknown country, the wilder the better, with a map and compass. I realise that this possibly quashes my hell-raising reputation, but I'll take that risk.

I remember someone explaining to me many years ago the principle of 'navigating by grass'. When the weather is bad, and visibility is very poor, one sets a compass bearing, pinpoints something visible just as far as one can see on that bearing, and then you walk to it – and repeat. Often all that can be seen is a hummock or rock, and maybe a simple blade of grass. This has proven to work very well, but it is clear that being just a few degrees off course in either direction can land one far from a chosen destination, or even risk peril. Just ask the captain of the Titanic how 1° would have made all the difference.

We are entering the season of Lent on March 2nd. Traditionally people give things up (alcohol, chocolate, carousing in general), but, frankly, life is just too short for that kind of thing in my humble opinion. However, a determined change of tack may bring us into more fruitful pastures, and, in the end, make all the difference. Let me give an example. Overspend by £10 a month and I am £120 in debt by the end of the year. Underspending by the same amount and I have saved over the same period. One is profitable and the other unsustainable. One is positive, the other may bring panic, but the difference is relatively small (so long as one is not too fiscally challenged in the first place, I know).

But any kind of longer-term determined change is not easy, and when we set our course it can be tempting to take our mark from other people or the material world around us. We take our position as to where we are from where others are situated, or from their goals and achievements. But that is not how a compass has to work. In the centre of a good compass is the needle which turns toward magnetic north, and then, with a twist of the dial, one points the arrow on the base in the chosen direction of travel. The trick, as I see it, is not to be so affected by those things around us that we take someone else's course, but rather to follow our own orientation, that needle direction which is deep within each of us, and our true selves.

We may not be able to see beyond the next hummock, and the route may be clouded, but if we are always true to the guiding principle that has been gifted to each of us, our own authenticity and inner light, then we will never get completely lost. Instead of looking around ourselves to see where others are going, Lent can be a time of depth where we look at the compass within.

Nick Bird

DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

All items for the **APRIL 2022** edition of the magazine must be received by the Editor no later than **WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH**

Email grapevine.rey@gmail.com

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

Contents

Readings & Registers	2
Mothering Sunday Services	2
A letter from Revd Dr John Schofield	2
Bearing Up - a letter from Revd Nick Bird	3
Date for Contributions	3
Church News & Events	4-7
– Regular Worship & Prayer	4
– Coffee at St Nicholas	4
– Little People - Play & Praise	5
– Light a Candle Café	5
– Children's Newsletter	5
– Benefice Service	5
– A Quiet Space Update	5
– Stamford Bridge Singers	6
– Children's Society	6
– World Day of Prayer	6
– Messy Church	6
– Pancake Party	7
– Discipleship Day	7
– Deanery Quiet Half-Day	7
– Ash Wednesday	7
– Loss & Bereavement	7
Warthill	8
Stockton on the Forest	9, 16
Holtby	10-11
Community Messaging	11
Editorial Policy	12
Dunnington Info & Diary	12-17
– Library	12
– WI	12
– Sports Club	14
– Cancer Support Group	14
– WI Tuesday Afternoons	15
– AWOC/Real People Theatre	16
– Bowling Club	16
– Dunnington in Bloom	16
Mobile Library	17
Stockton Foresters Drama	17
Tuesday Cycling	17
Friends of Hagg Wood	18
Poem	18
Messy Church	19
Dunnington Parish Council	19
Contact Lists	20
Adverts	21-31
The Birds in Your Garden	32
Subscriptions & Contributions	32

The Grapevine is produced by the Church of England Benefice of Rural East York, comprising the parishes of Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest, Warthill and Holtby.

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

(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

Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom

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 30th March

9.45 to 11.15am

Community Café

10.00 to 11.30am every Saturday



BENEFICE OF RURAL EAST YORK

LITTLE PEOPLE-PLAY & PRAISE

At the Tower Rooms, St Nicholas's
Church, Dunnington

1:45 - 3:00PM

Every Tuesday

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED.**

**1.3.22
8.3.22
15.3.22
22.3.22
29.3.22
5.4.22**

**PLAY, SONG
AND A STORY**

£1 per family

For more info contact: Lisa Horton 07950 700232, horton2517@sky.com

Benefice Service Sunday 20th March

10.30am
Holy Trinity, Stockton on the Forest

This will be the only morning service in the Benefice today.

There will be a service of Choral Evensong at St Nicholas at 5.00pm.

Light A Candle Café

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

**30th
March**

A space to.....

- Talk about loss, bereavement & hope
- Remember loved ones
- Connect with others.

Free refreshments!
All welcome!

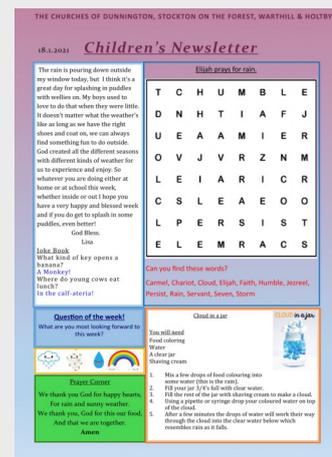


Children & Young People at St Nicholas

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/



A Quiet Space - Introduction to Meditation Course

At the time of printing this short course is half way through.

We have been very encouraged by the interest in it and will write a review for the April edition.

Carole White

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS



Stamford Bridge Singers
present
Concert for Children of All Ages

3.00pm
Sunday 20th March

Tickets available from Eve Scoreby and Joan Verrier £5.00 each, accompanied children under 16 free, or pay on the door

Tea/coffee and light refreshments for a donation

followed by
Sung Choral Evensong
5.00pm

St Nicholas Church

Children's Society House Boxes – Dunnington

Please bring boxes for opening to the Tower Room on Sunday 6th March or Sunday 13th March. Alternatively, if more convenient for you, boxes can be brought at other times to 1 Greenside Walk. If you are not able to bring your box please ring me to arrange collection. New Box Holders Always Welcome – A few spare coins each week can help fund projects to support some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the UK. If you would like to become a box holder or would like more information please contact:

Eve Scoreby, Box Co-ordinator, Dunnington, 1 Greenside Walk
(01904) 489008



World Day of Prayer
'I know the plans I have for you'
Friday 4th 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.

Messy Church: for all young people in the Benefice

12th April 10.30 to 12.00 Easter Messy Church, Reading Room, Dunnington
21st May 10.30 to 12.00, Sweaty Church
25th June 10.30 to 12.00
16th July 10.30 to 12.30
24th Sept 10.30 to 12.30
25th October 4.00 to 6.00 Light Party Tower Room

Please make a note of the dates, more details later.



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!

100 Club Winner

This month's Warhill 100 Club Winner was Vicky Kendall—well done! Thank you to all who participate.



Diary - Warthill - March 2022

			Church Services	Church / Community Events
Tuesday	1	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	2	7.00pm	No Compline (Ash Weds Service at St Nicks, <i>p. 7</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 10.30am	Holy Communion: St Mary <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <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 10.30am	Benefice Service: Stockton <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <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 10.30am	All Age Worship: St Mary <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	
Monday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Tuesday	29	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Prayer Meeting : Zoom (please email Mark for link)	
Wednesday	30	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	31	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	

STOCKTON ON THE FOREST

News from the village hall

The start of 2022 has been busy for the village hall. Most of the regular hall users are back now after the pandemic break so someone is in every day of the week. We have also welcomed some new hall users. The new online booking system is now fully up and running. You can access the hall diary to check availability and make bookings by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or tablet camera, but our bookings secretary is still available to take enquiries by phone and email if you prefer. We still have the children's party and celebration packages available as well as discounts for villagers and block bookings, but we have also introduced an hourly rate system for all rooms to make things easier for you.

The Christmas tree recycling in January proved very popular despite the horrible weather and raised £165 divided equally between York based charities The Snappy Trust and Dementia Forward. Thank you to Sharon and Bartletts Tree Experts for organising the event we hope to see them again next year.

We continue to look at ways to improve the facilities at the village hall for all its users. We have recently installed some bike racks in the front car park. We hope this will encourage local people to use their bikes rather than their cars to visit us, we can all do our bit to help the environment.

We are now looking ahead to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June. For the Diamond Jubilee in 2012 there was a 'street party' in the hall car park with games, competitions and an evening dance. We created a tree mural that everyone who attended signed (on display in the village hall) and the Toddler Group planted a Royal Oak sapling in the grounds, which is now quite a big tree. How will we celebrate as a village this year? Watch this space.

We are always looking to welcome new members to the village hall management committee. If you would be interested in getting involved with the running of the village hall and helping to organise community events then come along, meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

contd. p16

Diary - Stockton on the Forest - March 2022

		Church Services		Church / Community Events	
Wednesday	2	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> No Compline (Ash Weds Service at St Nicks, <i>p.7</i>)		
Thursday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Sunday	6	10.30am 10.30am	Morning Worship: Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Wednesday	9	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> 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 10.30am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	14	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p.4</i>		
Wednesday	16	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Thursday	17	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Sunday	20	10.30am 10.30am	Benefice Service : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	21	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p.4</i>		
Tuesday	22			2.30pm	Silver Service: Holy Trinity Church <i>p.16</i>
Wednesday	23	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Thursday	24	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Sunday	27	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Tuesday	29	7.00pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting : Zoom (please email Mark for link)		
Wednesday	30	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Thursday	31	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		

Health Walks: spring in your step

If you're tempted by the slight lengthening of daylight hours, why not mark Tuesday 10.30 in your diary for a one and a half hour Health Walk of about three and a half miles in a variety of landscapes?: The first Tuesday in the month from Holtby Church, the rest from the Cross Keys, Dunnington. You won't regret it.

And what's more.....

Contact with nature in cities and villages significantly reduces feelings of loneliness, according to research carried out by a team of experts.

Loneliness is a major health concern, and can cause more deaths than air pollution, obesity or alcohol abuse. When people are able to see trees or the sky, or hear birds, feelings of loneliness decrease.

Woodland walks are estimated to save the UK at least £185m a year in mental health costs, as well as giving more opportunity to socialise.

But we didn't need a team of experts to tell us this. Just put on your stout footwear for a Health Walk every Tuesday and you'll never feel better.



Holtby Prize Draw

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
Saturday March 5
Holtby Village Hall

- Local products
- Coffee, Tea and Scones
- Holtby Trader International Quiz

Come and spoil yourself

Diary - Holtby - March 2022

Church Services				Church / Community Events	
Wednesday	2	7.00pm	No Compline (Ash Weds Service at St Nicks, p.7)		
Thursday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Saturday	5			10.00am	Holtby Trader: Village Hall p. 10
Sunday	6	10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube p.4		
Monday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Wednesday	9	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4		
Thursday	10	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Sunday	13	9.00am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity p.4		
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube p.4		
Monday	14	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Wednesday	16	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4		
Thursday	17	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4		
Sunday	20	10.30am	Benefice Communion: Stockton p.4		
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube p.4		

DIARY CONTD./HOLTBY TRADER

Monday	21	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <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 (Mothering Sunday)	27	10.30am 6.00pm	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p.4</i> Evening Prayer : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i>
Monday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>
Tuesday	29	7.00pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting : Zoom (please email Mark for link)
Wednesday	30	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>
Thursday	31	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>

Answers to Valentine quiz of last month

Remember: your version may be better than this one!

1. If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love. Maya Angelou
2. All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. Charles M. Schulz
3. Love will find a way through paths where wolves fear to tread. Lord Byron
4. They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything. Bill Keane
5. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another. Thomas Merton
6. It wasn't into my ear you whispered, but into my heart. It was not my lips 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 another Frank Morgan
8. There is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved. George Sand
9. Life's most urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others.' Martin Luther King, Jr.
10. Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me. Carol Burnett
11. Your flaws are perfect for the heart that's meant to love you. Trent Shelton
12. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Martin Luther King, Jr.
13. Love yourself. Stay positive because beauty comes from the inside out. Jenn Proske.
14. Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. Martin Luther King, Jr
15. A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instil a love of learning. Brad Henry
16. I love the good as well as the bad. Johnny Weir
17. Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength; loving someone deeply gives you courage. Lao Tzu
18. The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love. Hubert H. Humphrey
19. The most important thing in the world is friendship and love. John Wooden
20. Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none. Shakespeare

Beware of Financial Requests for COVID-19 Booster Vaccines

Criminals are sending text messages, emails and making phone calls, pretending to be from the NHS, to steal money, financial details and personal information relating to the COVID-19 booster vaccine. The COVID-19 Booster Vaccine is **FREE**. The NHS will **NEVER** ask for payment or any financial details relating to the COVID-19 Booster Vaccine. The NHS will **NEVER** arrive unannounced at your home to administer the COVID-19 Booster Vaccine.

Do not respond to requests for money or important personal information such as bank details or passwords. Be alert to links and attachments in unexpected text messages or emails.

For information on how to book or manage a booster dose of the coronavirus vaccine, visit: nhs.uk/CovidVaccination

This is from an alert from North Yorkshire Community Messaging and the Government Counter Fraud Function—For more information, please visit: www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/

DUNNINGTON

Dunnington Library

01904 552668

explore SUPPORTED BY


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 March 14th, 10am – 12.30pm, join us for tea, coffee and delicious cakes.

Tickets for our popular Quiz Night are on sale from Monday 28th Feb at £5 per person, including a light supper. Please book early to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited. The quiz is on Saturday 19th March at 7pm, Bring Your Own Bottle or soft drinks will be available on the night. Please book as teams of between 4 – 6 people.

York Cards available

£6 for over 18's/under 18's free

Explore York Libraries

For more information see www.exploreyork.org.uk



Dunnington WI

At our February meeting 38 members and 1 guest listened to members of the committee give short talks on the 5 proposed resolutions for this year's national campaign. Each topic was discussed by the group with members adding their own personal experiences of the issues. All members then made their choice on the voting slips provided. These votes go to our federation headquarters and a final vote takes place in June at the national conference.

The results from those members present were as follows

1. Fit for purpose - fit for girls 2
2. Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders 1
3. Equality in law for the menopause 4
4. Women and girls with ASD & ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed and under-supported. 17
5. Tackling digital exclusion 9

An interesting mix, just like our members are!

Christine Fisher had prepared an inspired 4 round quiz for us all to work through with much laughter and a few moans. We had to name famous women, identify musicals and films plus work out what breed these cute puppies were from photographs. The winning team got 49 out of a possible 68. This team included Margaret Eastwood, Barbara Harrison, Janice Kay and Audrey Willits. Well done team you did loads better than the team I was in.

The competition was also won by Barbara Harrison... her New Year Resolution was a book where she recorded, " Things that gave her pleasure."

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st March at 7.15pm when the speaker Maureen Poulton will be telling us about "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People". The competition is "A Bell". All women are very welcome.

Don't forget our first full afternoon tea since lock-down is taking place on Tuesday 15th March between 2-4 pm in the Reading Rooms.

You will be served:

A selection of delicious sandwiches such as smoked salmon & creamed cheese and thickly sliced home cooked ham; A scone with jam and clotted cream; A mouth watering choice of our famous cakes; A hot drink of your choice.

ALL for only £8 per person!

I cannot wait. Come with a friend, family member or a neighbour.

Everyone is welcome.

Chris Bayne

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 - March 2022

		Church Services		Church / Community Events	
Tuesday	1			10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm 3.30pm 7.15pm	Health Walk : Meet at Holtby Church <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i> Messy Pancake Party: St Nicks <i>p. 7</i> Dunnington WI Meeting <i>p. 12</i>
Wednesday	2	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Ash Wednesday: St Nicks <i>p. 7</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
Friday	4			3.00pm	World Day of Prayer: St Nicks <i>p.6</i>
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				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>
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> Haiku from the Heart: zoom <i>p.16</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	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. 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 10.00am 7.00pm	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i> Discipleship Day: St Nicks <i>p. 7</i> Dunnington Library Quiz Night <i>p. 12</i>
Sunday	20	10.30am 10.30am	Benefice Communion: Stockton <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>	3.00pm 5.00pm	Stamford Bridge Singers: St Nicks <i>p.6</i> Choral Evensong: St Nicks <i>p.6</i>
Monday	21	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Tuesday	22			10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm	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>
Wednesday	23	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>

DIARY CONTD./DUNNINGTON SPORTS CLUB/ SHOP

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 (Mothering Sunday)	27	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	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Tuesday	29	7.00pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting : Zoom (please email Mark for link)	10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm	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>
Wednesday	30			9.45am	Light a Candle Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 5</i>
Thursday	31	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop

Dunnington Playing Fields & Sports Club

We continue to look for **volunteers** who can help in any way – admin or maintenance. Contact Josette on dunningtonplayingfields@yahoo.co.uk or Linda on 481697

Live music: Band night – Last Wednesday of every month.

The **Shadows tribute** – Last Sunday in every month – why not book lunch and listen to music.

Live Music on **St Patricks Day** 17th March from 8pm– book a table if you would like food as well.

The New Derwent dining – New menu now available: Saturday 6-9pm, Sunday Lunch 12-4pm – prebooking required by Saturday – Nick as below or Gemma on 07772038484.

Diamond Club Lunch – 1st Wednesday of each month, please book your place The **quiz** every Thursday evening with a 9pm start.

Lots of **live sport** taking place on the big screen – Football, Rugby Union, Rugby League and Cricket. OR come along and support Dunnington teams – Football and Squash matches have re-started

Bar Staff needed: 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.

Would you like to play **Table Tennis?** Tuesday evenings from 7.30 – come along and try it out or just enjoy if you have played before.

Dunnington Cancer Support Group: Supporting York Against Cancer

As you will probably be aware, shoppers in England will no longer be required to wear a face mask in any shop in the country.

Health guidance however will remain for people to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

Safety remains a high priority in the charity shop, therefore we are requesting all customers and staff to continue to wear face covering whilst in our shop, to protect both our customers and staff. We will continue to have hand gel sanitising available, and ask that it is used before entering the shop.

Thank you for your continued support and helping us to all keep safe.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ruth, who raised a fantastic amount knitting her hats, of which she donated £918.60 to three charities. This amount exceeded even Ruth's expectations, so well done Ruth, and thank you to everyone who bought the hats.

Thanks also go to Joan Williamson who renovates greetings cards, and re sells them, she donated £95.00. to our charity and we are very grateful to her. Any greetings cards (not Christmas cards) that are unwanted, the charity shop will take them in and pass them onto Joan.

Can I please give a gentle reminder about leaving bags outside the shop when we are closed. This is classed as fly tipping and fines are imposed for this.

Shop Takings for January 2022

Monday. £50.66
 Tuesday. £152.50
 Thursday. £174.00
 Saturday £144.60
 Jumble sale £202.47
 Boxing Day walk £915.00
 Donations from Ruth £918.60

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

Total income for January: £2557.83



**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS WITH
DUNNINGTON W.I.**

- March 15th Full Afternoon Tea**
- April 19th Tea & Cake + Easter activities for children**
- May 17th Tea & Cake + Board Games**
- June 21st Strawberries & Cream Full Afternoon Tea**
- July 19th Tea & Cake**
- September 20th Autumn Full Afternoon Tea**
- October 18th Tea & Cake + Harvest Produce stall**
- November 15th Tea & Cake + Christmas Gifts craft stall**

At Dunnington Reading Rooms from 2 – 4pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



AWOC/STOCKTON CONTD./DUNNINGTON CONTD.

Aging without Children (AWOC) York

If you are (or know of) any older people ageing without any children or family, or the support of nearby children or family, please get in contact with Sue Lister (01904 488870). For more information, you can also visit www.awocyork.org.uk

Haiku from the Heart

(or any short 3-line expression of feeling!)

Sat. 12 March 22, 2-4pm on Zoom

Real People Theatre at

York International Women's Week, for the 23rd consecutive year

A workshop exploration through the 4 elements of air (happiness), water (sadness), fire (anger) and earth (practical). We'll create and share short, pithy, pungent poems, peaceful and passionate – a way to express how we feel about these uncertain times. These word snapshots can be recorded for YouTube – your choice.

All women welcome to give it a whirl! Contact Sue Lister for the Zoom link: 01904 488870.

Here's a start from Sue:

AIR:

An owl calls and I hoot back...
a tenuous link is formed
and the moon smiles.

Events in Stockton-on-the-Forest

COFFEE MORNING

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



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

Children's Games with Lisa

100 CLUB DRAW

Cakes, Raffle, Books
Everyone very welcome!

YOU are invited to our
SILVER SERVICE

An afternoon of tea/ coffee,
scones, cakes and games.



At Holy Trinity Church, Stockton
Come and natter with friends

From 2.30pm till 4pm

On Tuesday 22nd March

Tuesday 19th April

Tuesday 24th May

Lifts available from Bobby 400188

Dunnington Bowling Club

The Half Yearly General Meeting will be held on Friday 18th March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Malcolm Johnson Suite, Sports Club.

The meeting is held to give the members the opportunity to hear the plans for the coming season.

The Club Treasurer, Carol Instone will be in attendance to receive subscriptions.

The 2022 subscriptions is Full Member £85, including PFA affiliation fee.

It is hoped for a good attendance from the members. Anyone interesting in joining the Bowls Club please contact me on the number below or email at:

jasrobertson@talktalk.net

Jim Robertson

Secretary DBC

01904 489201

Dunnington in Bloom

This is a good time for appreciating the plants that have already managed to raise their heads regardless of the wet and cold of winter. Bulbs planted by Bloomers over a number of years are again beginning to show through and we look forward to seeing many more of them in the near future.

It's also a good time for looking ahead, especially when the future is distinctly more appealing than the restricted life that has been necessary for so long. Bloom is thinking about our long-planned – and then postponed - coffee morning. We are very hopeful that this time all will go ahead as planned. SATURDAY 7th MAY is booked in the Reading Room and we look forward to welcoming you all there for the regular mixture of excellent home made cakes and hot drinks in one room and games and goodies to browse and to buy in the large hall.

Please keep the date and be ready to join us there.

Barbara Windle, Bloom committee

MOBILE LIBRARY/STOCKTON FORESTERS/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

Website: www.exploreymork.org.uk



The Stockton Foresters Drama Group



The village drama group has been going since the 1930s, surviving both a world war and a global pandemic. Why not think about joining us – you'll be in great company!

We meet every Tuesday evening in the village hall from 7.30pm and, depending on what stage we're at with our production, we'll be reading-through, rehearsing, set-building, props-sourcing, tea-drinking and generally having a lot of fun! We welcome new members not only from the village but also from surrounding areas. You don't need to have any experience, just a willingness to join in. You might be interested in backstage, acting, prompt, costumes, front of house, publicity or tech. Whatever your interest, you'll be assured of a warm welcome.

From 12-14th May we're going to be performing "A Bunch of Amateurs", a hilarious comedy written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman. The rehearsal process is now well underway, but please don't let that put you off coming along to see for yourself what it's all about. Although the acting parts have been cast, there is still plenty of time to get involved in all other aspects of the show.

We are a very sociable "bunch of amateurs" and often finish off a Tuesday evening with a drink in The Fox, the village pub. We also support other local drama groups and organise nights out to see other productions. The fact that we came out of successive lockdowns with an intact group is in no small part due to weekly Zoom get-togethers and a determination to get back on stage.

Have a look here <http://www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk/index.php/groups/groups-foresters> to see some photos from previous productions. We often favour light-hearted comedies, but we also love a good murder mystery. We are also on Facebook to keep everyone updated on our shenanigans! If you'd like to have an informal chat about the group, please feel free to call Moira (400583) or Karen (400122), or simply pop along to the village hall one Tuesday evening. We look forward to seeing you.

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 8th February 6 of us rode to The Strawberry Cafe on the A19 at Crockey Hill, a round trip of approximately 19 miles not too cold just a bit drizzly but a very enjoyable ride.

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.

'Electric bike rides' if you have an e bike and would like a ride with other e-cyclists please contact us on either of the numbers below. It doesn't have to be on a Tuesday we can arrange it another day of the week.

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



Lunch stop at Strawberry Café on 8th January

FRIENDS OF HAGG WOOD/POEM

Friends of Hagg Wood



Although Spring may not have actually sprung yet there is plenty of activity in Hagg Wood to encourage us that Spring is just around the corner. Lesser Celandine are already flowering, there is frogspawn in the ponds and ditches, and throughout February blue tits have been exploring possible nest sites. Perhaps the highlight of a Hagg Wood Spring is the bluebell area. Since the formation of FOHW the preservation and expansion of this area has been one of our top priorities and our considerable physical and financial efforts have in the past kept the brambles there under control. By April, the flowers emerge to give our woodland the unmistakable carpet of blue, and well worth a visit. For news on how and when to do so, please see our website www.fohw.org.uk for this and other news. The UK is home to almost half of the global bluebell population. Today bluebells are commonly used as an indicator species for identifying ancient woodland – areas which have been continuously wooded since at least 1600 A.D. In fact, there is some evidence to suggest that bluebells are even older still, as archaeological research has shown that bluebell roots were crushed and used as a glue for sticking feathers to arrows during the Bronze Age.

Considering our long cultural association with bluebells, you might not be surprised to discover that they are protected from being uprooted in the wild by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This protection is vital as the bluebell is currently facing a number of threats. Cross-breeding with Spanish bluebells, a non-native species which is paler and more upright than our native bluebell, continues to be a primary concern.

This common garden plant frequently escapes cultivation and can cross-breed with wild bluebells to form hybrid bluebells. As a result, our native populations are at risk of being diluted throughout the country. Climate change poses another threat. Long-term studies looking at the first date of bluebells flowering annually at Kew Gardens have found that, on average, the first flowering day has shifted to occur up to two weeks earlier over the past 30 years. Such earlier emergence can lead to greater competition for light, with earlier shading from trees when bluebells are trying to grow. Our local natural environment is indeed very precious, and well-worth looking after.

Spring - by June Rickell

Spring is on the way. The snowdrops are growing,
 Their little white heads in the breeze are all blowing.
 The crocus is next, purple, orange and white
 And the leaves of the daffodils already in sight
 I do love the springtime on a bright sunny day
 Just take a deep breath, blow the cobwebs away.
 New leaves will be forming on hedges and trees.
 The birds will be singing, their mates for to please
 So smile in the sunshine, don't stress in the rain
 For everything's coming up roses again!

Volunteers needed!

**We are holding a Messy Church on Tuesday 12th April
at the Reading Rooms in Dunnington, from 10:30am until 12:30pm
(volunteers would need to be there from 9:45am)
and we really need your help.**

**If you are able to help out on the day please could you contact me on
07950700232 or horton2517@sky.com.**

Planning meetings will be held prior to the event.

Thanks very much.

Lisa.

Children & Families worker

Dunnington Parish Council

With the sad demise of Dunnington Community Events is there anyone out there that would be willing to take on the organising of the Village Show?

Whilst the Village Show has not been able to be held due to Covid it would be something if the tradition of holding a show for villagers to take part and enjoy if it could be resurrected. There are so many people in the village who remember winning the best runner beans or best baked scones.

If you are interested in organising or helping out please contact the Parish Clerk by using the contact form on the Parish Council website. <https://dunningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/contact>

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who were involved with Dunnington Community Events for their hard work in putting on a variety of events over the years.

Are you thinking of celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee?

There will be many events and activities celebrating the Jubilee across the United Kingdom, Commonwealth and beyond in the months leading up to the special extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022.

If you are planning on marking the Queen's 70 years of service or would be interested in planning something to mark the occasion the Parish Council would love to hear from you.

Please contact the Parish Clerk by using the contact form on the Parish Council website above.

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

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

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

Dunnington Organisations Contact List

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

Stockton on the Forest Organisations Contact List

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

Warthill Organisations Contact List

Parish Council	Mike Jobling (Clerk) mjobling-warthillpc@outlook.com
Warthill Primary School	Beverley Pawson (Head) 489296

Holtby Organisations Contact List

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



THE BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN

Garden Bird Health



More than ever, the health of our wildlife is coming under scrutiny, and not before time. To help understand what is happening in our environment lots of accurate information is needed, and reporting any sick animals you might come across is a good way to help this data-gathering.

A collaborative project to monitor the health of British wildlife, the Garden Wildlife Health (GWH), has been running for several years, being organised by the Zoological Society of London, the BTO, Froglife and the RSPB.

It focuses on garden birds, amphibians, reptiles and hedgehogs, and relies on us reporting sick or dead wildlife. Every report submitted contributes to a national database, and all are archived into one of the world's largest wildlife databanks.

It started in 1989 when wildlife volunteers were asked to report the deaths of newly released Red Kites and was then expanded to include other species being reintroduced. Perhaps its most important early discovery was that the decline of red squirrels is mainly due to a deadly squirrelpox virus carried benignly by the introduced grey squirrel.

I'm often asked what should be done about wildlife in distress, but there is rarely a good answer. It's not the happiest of subjects and doesn't get as much publicity as it should.

If you see any obviously sick wildlife in your garden, you can contact the GWH who can offer advice, but not treatment. More usefully, the British Wildlife Rehabilitation Council and the UK Animal Rescuers websites have links to rescue organisations and advice pages.

If you find a sick or injured wild animal which is reasonably safe from threats by domestic animals or human beings, it may be best to leave it alone. If it is incapable of fending for itself, you could contact an animal rescue organisation or possibly your local vet. However, remember that most wildlife have unique requirements for survival, and are intolerant of prolonged captivity, even for veterinary care.

There are many diseases that can affect garden birds, but the two most commonly seen are Trichomonosis and 'scaly leg' or 'tassel foot', both usually found in finches.

Trichomonosis is caused by a single-celled protozoan parasite. It is endemic in pigeons and doves and is thought to have been transferred to finches at shared garden feeding sites. Greenfinches have been the most affected, with their numbers falling by two thirds over the last ten years, though other finches have also been affected. Transmission frequently occurs when sick birds regurgitate food which is consumed by others.



Trichomonas typically causes lesions in the throat and gullet, so the bird cannot feed properly. It takes several days to kill, with infected birds becoming emaciated, with matted plumage around the head. Should you spot more than just the odd poorly finch, stop putting out food and leave your birdbath empty for 3 or 4 weeks. The parasite is vulnerable to desiccation and cannot survive for long periods outside the host. If on restarting feeding you see more sick birds, stop immediately.

Leg Lesions can be caused a virus or by a mite which is also found in pet budgerigars. White lesions develop, usually around the foot, but sometimes higher up the leg. With mite infestations, excess white or grey-coloured skin growths can develop, again involving just the foot or the entire leg. Chaffinches with leg lesions are usually bright and active and appear relatively unaffected by the disease.

Feeder cleanliness is paramount, feeders, birdbaths, and the area around them need regular cleaning and occasional disinfecting, even if you don't see sick birds. It is also a good idea to move them around from time to time too.

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 near York which would like a talk on garden birds contact me via gbwmike@gmail.com.

Contributions to THE GRAPEVINE are very welcome.

Please e-mail your news to Lou at grapevine.rey@gmail.com or place, together with your name and contact details, in the tray in the Tower Room at St Nicholas Church, Dunnington.

The **deadline date for contributions is on page 3**. Please refer to the **editorial policy on Page 12**

For all other enquiries, please call 01904 489817 (leave a message if I'm out) or e-mail as above.

Subscriptions to THE GRAPEVINE

To receive a copy of the Grapevine delivered to your door every month, contact Barry Hewitt 01904 488331. At £4.00 for the year this is not only more convenient, but also cheaper than buying individual copies.

Alternatively, you can buy a copy in any of the four parish churches, Dean's Garden Centre, Dunnington Newsagents or Stockton Village Stores.

