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All the news and views from our three villages

IN MY OPINION

Would you like to contribute something that you feel strongly about and want to tell our readers? If so, please email it or let your village representative have your copy (around 350 words) in good time for next month.

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Editor Notes

Deadline: 16th of each month
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Good News Number 1:

We have a new Editor - George Hopkin, who has extensive publishing experience and promises to bring new ideas to the magazine. Just in time we have been rescued. George will start next month.

Good News Number 2:

At the AGM on April 16th it was decided we could continue with the trial of producing the magazine in full colour, at least for the time being. The colour version has had many compliments, so we hope to continue with it for as long as possible.

We do continue to welcome contributions to your community's magazine. The deadline for articles is 16th of each month. We would love to hear from you.

Bill

GOOD THINGS

BY LIZ LOCHHEAD



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Christian Perspective



We were given an amaryllis bulb for Christmas. It was just a bulb in a box, nothing else with it, no compost, no pot. It looked brown and dead. I did nothing with it for a week or two, and then decided I had better find a pot to put it in and some compost for it to grow in. So I obeyed the instructions without much hope of seeing it grow. I gave it water, warmth and light, and waited quite some time, but nothing seemed to happen. Eventually a tiny green shoot started come up. But there was little more. After a while of it sitting there, I had a bright idea: plant food gives life.

So I went hunting among my gardening things and found some ‘Multi-purpose controlled release plant food’. I pushed some granules into the compost and watered it again and left it some more. Eventually a stem began to grow. It grew taller and taller every day, until I wondered if it would fit within the window space. This stem had a flower bud on top

Then as it drew life from the plant food and the sunlight, six flowers open slowly one by one. They were glorious flowers, delicate pink and white. Then as the first ones began to fade and drop a second stem came out of the bulb and began to climb in its turn. This finally produced four more flowers. I had never had such a fruitful amaryllis plant.

I noticed that when it was left unattended, neglected and unfed it appeared to be just a dry bulb, apparently dead! It reminded me about our faith, that

for it to grow we need to feed it daily. We need it to be nurtured more deeply with the food of the word of God. It’s easy to neglect what we believe, what we once entered into, maybe when we were young and to forget it needs to be regularly fed. The writer to the Hebrews says: *how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?* Hebrews 2:3-4

We need to be ready to hear God speaking to us and for him to be working out his purposes through us. Paul writes, in his letter to the Colossians: *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.* Col 3:1-4



What wonderful promises come with a lively and growing faith. God bless you as you continue in his ways.

Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for May

Sudoku is a number placement puzzle. The aim of Sudoku is to complete the grid by entering numbers from 1 to 9 in each empty cell of the 9x9 grid which comprises 9 sub-grids each with 9 cells in a 3x3 pattern. Each row, column and sub-grid must contain only one instance of each number.

The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

	9			3	5		8	
		2	4					
4				8				
1			3		2	8		7
6						5	1	
	2				6			
		6	7		8	1		
			5	2	1	6	3	
			6		3		7	5

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2. What is the letter G worth in Scrabble?
3. How many legs does a spider have?
4. New York comprises how many boroughs?
5. In the imperial measurement system how many pounds are in a stone?
6. A Nebuchadnezzar champagne/wine bottle equates to how many normal bottles?
7. How many humps does a Dromedary camel have?
8. In the pirate's song 'Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum' how many men were on a dead man's chest?
9. In English law what is the smallest number of people that can constitute a riot?
10. How many rows of stars are there on the American flag?
11. Which number Apollo mission was the spaceflight that landed the first men on the moon?
12. On a standard dartboard, what number lies opposite 4?
13. In the Bible, how many plagues of Egypt were there?
14. What is a perfect score on a gymnastics exercise?
15. How many yards are there in a mile?
16. What is an ogdoad?
17. The EU flag consists of a circle of how many golden stars?
18. What do the sum of all the numbers on a roulette wheel add up to?
19. How many different topics are there in a game of Trivial Pursuit?
20. What was the average age of a combat soldier in the Vietnam war?



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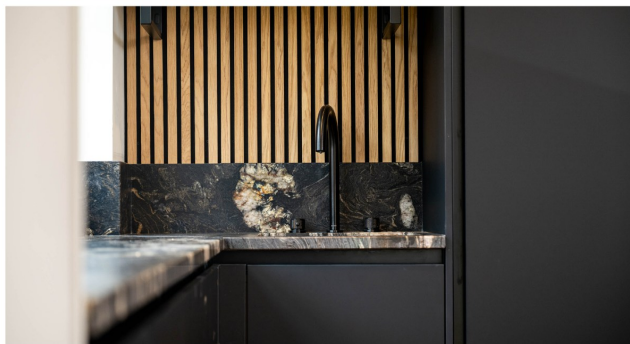
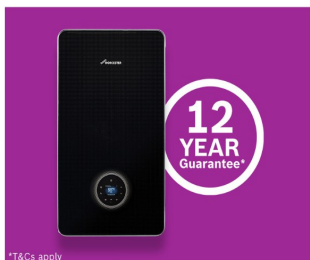
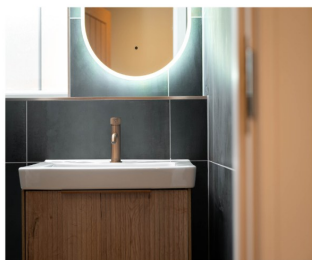
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A LOST CAUSE?

My get up and go is long gone,
I guess it just withered and went.
Now I'm left here to face
My dwindling pace —
Yes, my portion is long ago spent.

Yes, my get up and go have both went.
It's those bits in between that give trouble.

I'm fine till I bend
And my arms I extend
And there I remain, bending double.

I know I'm down there for a purpose,
I'm seeking for something I've dropped.

??? Oh! that's not what I seek,
I lost that last week!

And I've searched till I floundered and flopped!.

Yes, my get-up-and-go is a has-been.
The space where they were is now hollow.

On my pillow I sink
And lay there and think,
Inspiration must surely soon follow?

I long for that burst of vitality
When I functioned from breakfast to supper.

Oh, a knock at the door
And I rise from the floor - - -
- - - Excuse me! It's time for a cuppa.

Joy T

(with apologies to the anonymous original)

Saint Barnabas Church
Ranskill

MILE OF PENNIES

April 5th and our total is now

£2,628 = 3 miles 705 yards

Still a way to go to that tantalizing next
half mile—175 yards and counting!

Keep collecting, they all add up

Love Joy T

Must tell you ...

Man overheard greeting his retirement —
"It's weird being part of the old people!"

NUMBERS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 12 2. 2 3. 8 4. 5 5. 14 6. 20 7. 1
8. 15 9. 3 10. 9 11. 11 12. 16 13. 10
14. 10 15. 1760 16. a group of 8 17. 12
18. 666 19. 6 20. 19

QUOTE for the MONTH

Seen in a charity shop ...

"It's the friends we meet along the
way that help us to appreciate the
journey"

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4	6	5	1	8	7	2	9	3
1	4	9	3	5	2	8	6	7
6	8	3	9	7	4	5	1	2
5	2	7	8	1	6	3	4	9
3	5	6	7	9	8	1	2	4
9	7	4	5	2	1	6	3	8
2	1	8	6	4	3	9	7	5

A VILLAGE SMALLHOLDING by P F PARKIN

Many years ago throughout the village were several small farms and small holdings. One I remember was on the North Road on the north side of a house called 'The Beeches' (where the district nurse lived). Built within a few centimetres of The Beeches was a tall barn at right angles to the road. At the end of that was another low barn parallel to the road and built right up to the pavement. Then came the main entrance through a five barred gate which led straight through to the paddock and which ran down to Mattersey Road. The house was built fairly close to the road behind two flower beds separated by a path to the front door. The beds were edged by neatly clipped box hedging and most of the house was covered by a green creeper. Towards the end of the house was a yew tree which is still there today.

This was the home of brother and sister Frances and Maggie Foster. Maggie was a

small plump jovial lady with a high pitched squeaky voice. She wore skirts that flared out from the waist and reached to the floor. When she came down the village to the shops, there were six shops at that time, she had a basket in one hand, a walking stick in the other, and wore a pixie type bonnet tied under her chin. Frances always wore boots and highly polished leather spats from his ankles to his knees, breeches, waistcoat and a shirt without a collar. He had a large moustache and always wore a flat cap. Frances was a man of few words.

Through the side door and down a step was a 'room' that did not belong to either the house or the farm. On one side was a large water butt, a good 2 metres high and 1½ metres in diameter. On the other side was a copper and a mangle with wooden rollers. The floor was a kind of red brick worn smooth by the passage of many feet and washing. It

was not very well lit and there was only one small window. I think it was a place where you left your boots before going into the house.

The large garden was laid out in beds, divided by paths just wide enough for a wheelbarrow. Each path was bordered by box hedging nearly trimmed to about 30cms high. In most of the beds was a mature fruit tree, nicely shaped having been expertly pruned for years. I cannot recall seeing any weeds.

The whole place had an atmosphere that seemed to suggest there had been no major changes for many years, probably since the late 19th century.

One day Frances must have been feeling a bit fed up and dived into the water butt, and that was the end of him.

Eventually the place was sold and a row of bungalows was built alongside the Great North Road and the paddock became Whitton Close.



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colours of a
streak of petrol in
a puddle and
thought he had
found a dead
rainbow.

Joy Tudberry

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Sunday 4th

Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 11th

Blyth– 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 18th

Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 25th

Ranskill – 9.30 CW HC

Key:

CW – Common Worship

HC – Holy Communion

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

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If you care for someone with dementia or you have a diagnosis yourself, or if you want to know more and you think the Wednesday Group might be helpful, do get in touch. Contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com for the latest on what we are doing and current availability. Unfortunately, we have a short waiting list at present but it's worth contacting the group; you never know when a vacancy might arise. It's £10 per session which includes lunch, and, your first visit is free!



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Butterflies

It often feels that everywhere you look, new houses are being built in quantity and still, it seems, we need more. The government is promising to build like never before. Good news for some but will there be any space left for nature? The traditional hay meadows, bursting with wildflowers, like the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's Ashtons Meadow near Treswell are rarities and the loss of these important habitats will, inevitably, have a detrimental effect on the insects that would normally live and feed there and that, in their turn, become food for birds and other animals. Vital work these insects are doing but that's not all; they are responsible for pollinating the flowering plants as they go about their daily foraging. Hopefully the summer will give us the opportunity to learn a little more about the insects that are such a vital part of our life support system on earth and perhaps to be a little more tolerant of them when they buzz around our picnic lunches. Keep an eye open for opportunities to visit places that are rewilding and see if we can learn anything from what they are doing to help us in our efforts to encourage nature back into our own gardens.

The North Nottinghamshire Local Group is still finalising its summer programme but guided walks, visits to places of interest and perhaps some pond dipping are likely and a visit to any place specialising in native wild flowers is a distinct possibility for a visit so watch this space or better still, sign up for my regular emails and make sure you don't miss anything. For more information, phone Jan 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com to receive email updates of Local Group activities.



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