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April 2020

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Hollinhey Primary School

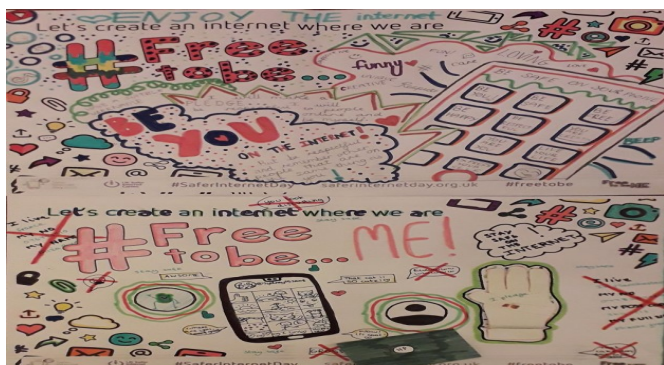
Aspire Maths Challenge 2020

We were very excited to announce that our Year 5 maths team won this year's Aspire Maths Challenge. They competed against 10 other schools in our trust over four rounds. At the half way point Hollinhey were in joint first and only secured the win after the final round. The children worked fantastically well as a team and couldn't have represented Hollinhey any better.



Internet Safety Day

On National Safer Internet Day the children of Hollinhey spent time looking at how to stay safe on-line and what steps they should take if they saw something they didn't like. The children discussed 'Identity' and carried out age-appropriate activities including safe passwords, privacy settings, age restrictions and what their on-line identity could say about them now and in the future- even to future employers! The theme of SID 20 was #freetobe so all pupils created a #freetobe poster for a school competition.



St Johns Ambulance

Anne from St John's Ambulance came to visit Y5 as part of their 'Survivors: Have you the skills to sur-vive?' theme. Covering basic First Aid, this workshop taught the pupils about making a Primary Survey (DRsABC), using the Emergency Service Numbers 999 & 112 (LIONEL), putting a breathing but unconscious casualty in the recovery position and also how to apply a plaster in a sterile way to a minor bleed. It was a great session and the pupils listened well and carried out the practical elements very sensibly.



You can keep up to date with news from Hollinhey by either visiting our website at Hollinhey..... or liking our Hollinhey Primary School Facebook page.

Sarah Clough – Headteacher

Dear Friends

ALL OF US are having to make significant long-term changes to the way we live our lives as a result of the Coronavirus epidemic. Those showing symptoms of a high temperature and/or a persistent cough are being instructed to self-isolate for a minimum of seven days, and if living in close contact with others, then all are to self-isolate for fourteen days. We are to take great care in washing hands and ensure we do all we can to limit the spread of the virus. The steps are easy to understand but vitally important to follow in order to protect the most vulnerable and save lives.

Those over seventy or with pre-existing health conditions that make them particularly vulnerable to the virus are to self-isolate for twelve weeks. In our Benefice this means many of our friends and neighbours will need to self-isolate for a considerable period of time.

We need to do all we can to ensure they are kept safe and that they do not feel they are forgotten. Loneliness and the anxiety that frequently accompanies isolation can seriously affect physical and mental wellbeing.

To mitigate this the church, parish councils and concerned community members are all joining forces to set up networks whereby everyone who needs support can receive it, whether it be food deliveries, prescriptions or regular phone calls to ensure they are ok. I want to thank all those who have volunteered their help and are providing that much needed assurance during these uncertain times.

As we move forward and adapt to a very different way of living and being community, I ask that we may be quick to listen, slow to take offence and always watchful. People will be anxious and fearful; they may speak or act out of character; and there may be some who seek to take advantage of the situation.

Nevertheless I write this letter full of hope, because of the strength of our communities and the care we all have for each other. I pray that this may be the time when we prove the depth of our love for one another, forgetting our differences and uniting in serving our communities.

May God bless you and keep you all safe and well.

John

Coronavirus – Sutton Parish mobilises

The government advice that emerged over the weekend in mid-March, that our over 70s and others with significant health problems should consider self-imposed isolation as protection from catching Covid 19, brought home the terrible implications of this pandemic .

A couple of Langley residents called out for anyone interested in figuring out how we can come together to support each other to meet, and that night in the Dunstan's the idea of a local mutual help scheme was born. In the space of 48 hours, over 70 people from across the three villages (Sutton, Langley and Lyme Green) volunteered to do what they can to support others locally and more offer their services each day. Vicar John from Sutton St James and Tim Whiskard and colleagues from the Parish council are all on board.

A leaflet has gone to as many homes as we can find across the Parish explaining that the scheme is setting up and to invite anyone who thinks they may need practical help from others – shopping, errands, and collecting prescriptions to contact our central phone number.

If we did not reach you –we simply don't know where all of our more rural neighbours are – please make contact with us on the number below – we would be delighted to hear from you. When we have worked out where everyone is we will allocate our volunteers – “buddies” - and you will hear from us again.

Self-isolation could be a very lonely experience. Many people are afraid for themselves and others. Our aim is for no one in our community to feel alone, it's good to talk, so we hope that volunteers will make time to chat and check in by phone.

We are looking carefully at how we advise volunteers to promote the safeguarding of people who call on the scheme for help and we will keep abreast with NHS and local council guidance on how to help as safely as possible. Volunteers will not come into your home - they don't want to bring any virus in. They will keep a 'safe' distance and clean hands. They will only ask for money to pay for anything they have purchased for you.

Please do call our central number on 07783313982 to say Hi and let us know where you are. If there's an answerphone leave your number and someone will get back to you.

A Nature Lover's Ramblings

The weather is still very changeable, one day sunshine, next day rain and in the evenings and early mornings a little frost when the odd puddle, edged with crystal clear ice takes on the appearance of a mirror framed in glass reflecting the clouds and sky above in the early sunshine.

Graham has been getting the barn ready for lambing, pens set out and strewn with straw, and closed circuit television set up to keep a watch in case of problems.

When I arrived to pick up Fly this morning Graham couldn't wait to show me the first arrivals – newly born, the first lambs a set of triplets in the 'Bermuda triangles'.

These are metal sheets with an opening at ground level which are fitted across the corner

of the stall against the back wall, looking a little like a fire place; an infrared lamp is fitted at the top behind the metal sheets which will shine down creating a warm and snug place for any lambs which are perhaps small or in need of extra protection. They literally bask in artificial sunlight while mother is in the stall close at hand – thus Graham always says these lambs are 'in Bermuda!'. Fly is always very protective of her sheep and seemed reluctant to leave them until Graham told her she could go with me.

Walking along the stream and through the fields there is a feeling almost like electricity in the air, it stirs the soul and lifts your spirits, all around are signs of new life. The birds are singing with fresh new vigour, robins, blackbirds and thrushes filling the air with a beautiful sound as they practise and develop their own individual repertoire. The blackbirds especially add more notes to their song each year so that if you have a pair nest in your garden for years as we have had in the past, you will find the 'tune' gets longer and lovelier as time goes on. Behind the songsters the background calls of the blue tits rapid little trill and the persistent cry of the great tits calling for the tee-cher, tee-cher, tee-cher who never comes. The choir was completed by the base notes of the crows punctuated at intervals by the trumpet call of the Canada geese and the laughing chatter of the ducks on the pond at Moss Lea farm.

I was pleased to see as many ducks as in recent years they have been grossly outnumbered by the geese; even some of the brightly coloured mandarins were there too



The buds are swollen on the trees and hedges giving a pinkish bloom when seen from a distance and here and there the tiny leaves that are bursting out are the beautiful fresh bright green that you only see in the spring. Long hazel catkins are

swinging from the bare branches, but still none of the tiny red flowers for them to pollinate.

The snowdrops are almost over but everywhere there are brilliant yellow daffodils, standing straight and tall especially along the hedgerows round the farm where Graham planted hundreds of

them last autumn.

When I arrived back home all the crocus white, yellow, purple and striped and primrose flowers in the garden were wide open and looking stunning in the sunshine; and so many daffodils you can hardly put a finger between them.

I hope my ramblings bring the outside indoors to those of you, like Geoff and I, who are self isolating at the moment (no crowds, only space, fresh air and animals in our countryside).

I came upon this little poem the other day:
I hope it helps

*There's never a singing river without solace in its song
And never a winding way that travels uphill all along.
There's never a night so dreary, that dawn forgets to break,
Nor time when someone does not smile for someone else's sake.*

Keep safe, keep well, keep up your spirits,

Joan Bradbury

Regrettably, due to the Coronavirus

Most of the activities at St. James have been curtailed until further notice. Included are:

All Church Services, Family Table, Knit and Natter, Hobnob, Golden Memories, Messy Church, Reading Group

Good Friday Activities with Messy Church,
Good Friday Passiontide Devotion and Easter Celebrations

We hope to see you all again later—keep in touch by the website www.peakparishes.org.uk or by phoning a friend!



News from Sutton

As we prepare this magazine, everyday we become aware of the challenges for ourselves, our families our friends and our church life from the coronavirus

Despite the logistical problems of health, work, shopping, it is an excellent time to enjoy the countryside and gardens in Spring—taking time to stop and stare, to be still and to be mindful that life goes on in all its beauty despite the uncertainties around us.

As the pressures of everyday existence are removed from our control, perhaps we will have more time for others, to learn how to listen and really communicate and serve each other's needs

At St. James we would like to stay in contact and support each other as we feel able.

Therefore, I am endeavouring to phone people as they come to mind, just to indicate that someone is thinking of them, aware of them and can spare time for them.

Also I can still go out and pass the time of day with anyone I meet—from a distance!

We can of course get together outside as long as we keep 2 metres apart. Join a Walking Group and perhaps we can organise some short walks and together times—see page 22 for contact details.

Perhaps we can arrange an Easter Celebration outside, a picnic, or meet up at a Sunrise Service on Teggs Nose?

Look out for details on the church website www.peakparishes.org.uk or on Facebook page Peak Parishes

Keep Safe -Keep in touch—You can phone or email me with ideas and suggestions and ask to be put in touch with others so that we can build up a network of support and contact for those who feel isolated.

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"Lockdown" by Richard Hendrick

Yes, there is fear.
Yes, there is isolation.
Yes, there is panic buying.
Yes, there is sickness.
Yes, there is even death.
But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of the family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers
with her number through the neighbourhood.
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples are
preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the
sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and
reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours
in a new way

All over the world, people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes, there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes, there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes, there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes, there is sickness.
But there does not have to be the disease of the soul
Yes, there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able to touch across the
empty square,
Sing.

Sutton Parish Council

Extracts from the March Meeting

Report from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

PCSO Jim Newns reported that holding police surgeries at the Ex-Servicemen's club is going well and he has been visiting Hollinhey School on regular basis regarding parking.

PLAYING FIELDS - Robin Lane

ANSA resumed work in January and early February making good progress but, are currently off site due to the extremely wet weather, consequently the drainage for the park and the landscaping work for the sensory garden have yet to be completed. The pathways have been laid with hardcore ready for the compressed surface to be laid when the weather permits.

The outdoor gym equipment is in position ready for the surrounding surface to be laid. A local artist has been working with children from Hollinhey School on the meaning of friendship to incorporate into designs for the friendship benches. Funding for the play area equipment is being sought from Charitable Trust Funds and through sponsorship by a number of local businesses.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members agreed comments for return to the relevant authority for these applications:

No objection to applications

20/0627M (Broad Oak Farm, Leek Old Road, Sutton. Proposed single and two storey rear extensions and front porch extension. Modifications to the window and door openings to the existing elevations) and 20/0456M (Rossenhey, Judy Lane, Sutton. Extend existing loft at 1st floor, extend ground floor rear, and construct new detached garage).

Members raised no objection in principle for application 20/0012M (2 Selwyn Drive, Sutton. Single storey rear and side elevation extension) however, Members raised an objection to the erection of fencing on the property.

Details of planning applications can be found using the following link: http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/view_a_planning_application.aspx

If you have any enquiries, please contact the Clerk - suttonparish@aol.com

Website - <http://suttonparish.co.uk/>

Sarah Giller – Clerk to Sutton Parish Council

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Regular updates, information and actions for the public on the outbreak of Covid-19, can be found by visiting the following site:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>



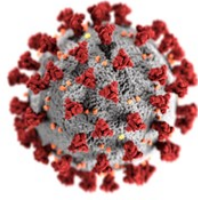
ALLOTMENTS LYME GREEN

Sutton Parish Council now manages allotments in Lyme Green.

The site is currently full but, we are operating a waiting list for those interested in taking on an allotment. Plots will be allocated according to the date applicants joined the waiting list but, priority will be given to applicants living in the Sutton Parish area.

If you would like to be added to the waiting list please, contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council is a member of the National Allotment Society.



Open Gardens 2020: Cancellation

The Government's advice on avoiding social gatherings has changed rapidly, but now includes 'social distancing' and restrictions on large gatherings. Regrettably, the organisers of the 3 Villages Open Gardens planned for July 11 and 12 have decided that we should cancel the event for this year.

We plan to be back in the summer of 2021, hoping by then to be virus-free and bounding with enthusiasm

Martin Brown

The Reading Group

The Reading Group is cancelled until further notice however we suggest that you can catch up on your reading while we are staying at home.

And at the next meeting -to be arranged -the group will discuss

'The Western Wind',

by Samantha Harvey.

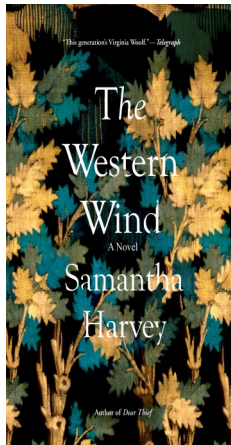
You may also like to read

'The Accidental Further Adventures of the 100 year old Man',

by Jonas Jonassen.

You may wish to keep in touch

Rachel Davies 07810 726 060/ 01260 253671



CHOIR

By any standards we have had a strange few weeks.

We were all working hard on the Good Friday music, ably abetted by our organists who were putting the organ through its paces once the repairs were done. Now disaster has well and truly struck with everything shut down.

I was reading a comment by Vera Lynn who turned 103 on March 20th. She urged us all to keep up the Dunkirk spirit that helped those of us who remember the war, to keep going. And so we will.

All practices, services and our Choir party are cancelled- or more specifically- postponed.

Let me put your minds at rest— we will meet again.

Sutton St. James Registers

Baptism - We welcome into the church

16:2 2020 Lauren Louise Hudson

We pray for those who mourn

6:2:2020 Bryan Charles Ingham

7:2 2020 John Goodwin

12:2;2020 Ronald Moxon

24:2;2020 Queenie Baird

Donations to Sutton St. James in Memory of.....

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from Rita Barton, Prof A.H. Barton, Mrs C Dorney, Mr & Mrs A. K. Barton

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The Durrant Family

from Cynthia & Hedley Holmes.

Sutton WI

Living in Styal - Building Hope, Changing Lives

Eddy Tarry was our speaker at the March meeting. Eddy is the Community Engagement Officer at Styal Prison I was particularly interest in meeting Eddy again as I also worked at Styal for 22 years in the Education section while Eddy was there and was keen to hear how it has progressed. He gave us a very interesting insight into the workings of a prison.

Styal is unusual in that it is neither an Open nor Closed Prison as there is a high perimeter fence, but the inmates can walk within the grounds, generally unescorted. In 1999 remand cells were built to house female prisoners from Risley which had closed. This was named Waite Wing after Terry Waite who visited regularly as he lived in Styal village. I often visited this Wing during the course of my work which was quite daunting compared to the houses, as it was very noisy having steel doors, a metal stairwell and very high echoing ceiling, just as you would imagine a prison to be, i.e. Porridge.

There is also an Open Condition Prison built in 2015 outside the fence for women on Temporary Licence who work in the community and return, hopefully, in the evening. This was built next to 'The Clink' Restaurant. Our WI Cookery Group once had an excellent lunch there.

In order to reduce reoffending, there are Regime activities and Education supplied by Manchester College which include Functional Skills and Education where they are offered Hairdressing and Beauty, IT (no internet) and Radio courses run by the BBC with an inter prison Radio Station. As there are always Prisoners from other countries, ESOL is offered to foreign nationals who speak little or no English. Basic Literacy and Numeracy are also offered as well as support with Open University Courses. There are two other jobs offered, one is recycling old tv sets and the other is making silk ties, offered Ron Smart from Bollington

Styal Garden workshop has entered the RHS Tatton Flower Show, first in 2012 where over the following years they gained a Silver Guilt (next to a Gold) 5 Silvers and one Bronze. It costs them £850 to enter, Eddy was putting his speakers fee toward the overall cost and so far, he has collected over £2000. You can see why Eddy was given the Butler Trust Award. Those Stylish Ladies are very lucky to have an officer like Eddy.

Cheshire Federation of WI Centenary Concert at Chester Cathedral

We arrived in sunny Chester and joined the snaking queue of 1500 WI members waiting to enter the Cathedral. Once inside we found excellent seats near the front. On the seat was the Programme with a small box containing a piece of fruit cake, presented to each member attending. While waiting for the concert to begin, our Chairman Jean Harding came over the microphone and announced that some members had taken more than one box of cake and if they would kindly replace them on the empty seats nothing more would be said. Oh dear, naughty ladies, but very soon all was put to rights and the errant cakes replaced.

As in "The Calendar Girls", these cakes we hear, came from Marks and Spencer!

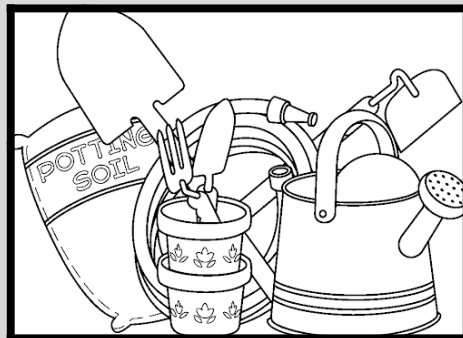
The WI Weaver Valley choir looked resplendent on the stage (altar) in pink, blue and lime green Pashminas draped casually round their necks over their uniforms, which was a wonderfully practical (as it was very chilly in the Cathedral) as well as a striking image

There were five readings from WI members with their own versions of the given topic, 'What the WI means to Me'. There was a running theme throughout all these interesting readings being a sense of belonging, togetherness, friendship and support which we can all associate with.

The hour was jam packed with entertainment, polished to perfection and we ended with the usual Jerusalem, sounding magnificent as the strong sound bounced round the Cathedral.

Viv Warrington

Views from the garden



I own a book called 'The Cottage Gardener'. Printed in 1850, it resembles a large family bible, in size, appearance and in its eye-wateringly small type. The foreword sets out its aims and target readership. The content was designed to encourage and educate the humble cottage dweller to be more self-sufficient and was published as one volume compiled annually from the weekly 'twopenny pages' of the preceding year. The clergy were also encouraged to subscribe. I'm not sure if Victorian clergymen were expected to promote nourishment of the body as well as the soul, or whether they had a lot of gardening time before parish amalgamation became the norm.

The advice is comprehensive but just a little patronising in tone. *'How much more comfortable it must be for those who go from home each day early in the morning, to follow their different callings, to have a nice hot mess of fried vegetables for breakfast instead of merely bread and butter.'* *'Onions are most wholesome and very sustaining. The poor should always be encouraged to plant them in their gardens.'*

The large onion roasted in front of the fire, or fried in slices is very good.' I can't imagine that culinary advice in the Waitrose magazine but I have to admit that a well-seasoned and buttered boiled onion served with bread and butter, was a regular family tea during my childhood.

Every subject is covered from bee-keeping to breeding pigeons, growing cabbages to hothouse flowers, jobs for the week and answers to correspondents. One reader was having problems breeding from his pair of guinea fowl. The advice had a tinge of sarcasm. *'It is only the hen that has the power of uttering their peculiar cry, so if both yours do this, no wonder you had no fertile eggs.'* A weekly calendar records 'weather near London' and random nature facts. *'April 5th, fieldfare last seen, April 6th, turnip fly appears.'*

A final cutting is as relevant today as it was 170 years ago. After agonising over the correct way to prepare a beetroot, the author wrote; *'Let us remember when inclined to be worried, that circumstances which now appear all momentous will ere long appear as 'nothing,' in fact will excite our surprise and regret that we ever allowed our thoughts to dwell on such trifles.'*

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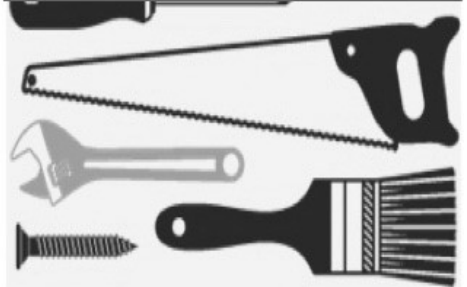
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News from Bosley

The Coronavirus is obviously of concern. The Church of England has advised against holding services in church for the time being. However, the church will remain open for anyone who wishes to come in and sit for a while. The Methodist Chapel is also not holding services. For anyone who has decided to isolate themselves at home and have any concerns and are feeling very isolated we are here to help and can do shopping etc. Please phone 01260 226389 to let us know what we can do. There are volunteers who are happy to help.

On a lighter note – a prize for the best limerick or short poem on coronavirus or covid19! Send it to alisonmtottle@gmail.com and it will be in next month's magazine.

Other Community News

Our next planned event is a **Community Lunch on Sunday 17th May**, to be held at Pye Ash Farm, on Leek Road, by kind permission of the Gilman family - details and tickets available soon.

Bosley Crafts and Laugh members are now meeting at the Harrington Arms instead of the school. 7pm – 9pm every Wednesday night and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We are very happy to help anyone to learn a craft if we can, be it knitting, crochet, embroidery or sewing. Please contact Dorothy Gilman on 01260 223293 or just come along. If you would like to paint or draw, Dorothy will be happy to advise.

The Bosley Lent Lunch at Dorothy and Joe's was very popular, good to see so many friends there, and it made £185 for Christian Aid.

Ron Jenkinson has been in hospital with pneumonia and should be back home by the time the magazine is out. We hope he continues to make good progress. Good wishes to Sheila Wagstaff as we hope her treatment goes well. Our condolences to Sam and all the Alston family on the death of Janet.

UPDATE on our Church Community Building

Through lots of hard work and perseverance we have received (or been pledged) several funding grants, which together with local donations and fund-raising over the past couple of years, means Bosley Parochial Church Council are now able to set a provisional date for starting work on the extension to our Parish church of St. Mary's. This new extension to the south-east corner will provide accessible toilets and kitchen facilities and will bring much-needed modern facilities to the building. It is envisaged that the local contractors will start in April.

This is the first phase of the re-generation of St. Mary's Church, to make the building accessible and usable for the whole community to use as a meeting space. The 1st phase involves demolition of the old boiler house/ outside toilet and building of a new extension to house a kitchen, storage and two toilets with disabled access and baby-changing facilities. Importantly we shall also be installing a new efficient boiler to provide better heating for the building and a new oil storage tank.

Most of the building work will be external and not interfere with current planned activities and church services until the new door opening into the rear of the church is made. At this time the Railway Memorial on the back wall will be relocated to the opposite side of the church doors, near the vestry door.

The re-organisation of the internal elements of the church will then take place; the font repositioned and some of the Victorian pews sold-off – if you would like to make a donation to buy one of the pews and make it into benches for your home or garden, please get in touch with me.

The flexible space created by this reorganization will enable the community to utilise the building for many more activities and social events. If you have an idea for a new group/activity that would benefit from this community space, please get in touch.

As ever, the church remains open every day for locals and visitors and we'd like the community of Bosley to take advantage of the building for community events and activities.

Fund-raising will continue for both the general upkeep of the building and Phases 2 & 3 of the improvement program.

Youth Club

6 th April	No Youth Club – Easter break
20 th April	Make your own pizza
27 th April	Rounders Lakeside
4 th May	VE 75 th Celebration night.

Bosley WI News

For our February meeting we had a visit from a unique and talented speaker, Nikki Parmeter. Nikki came loaded with many large bags which looked fascinating as she was due to talk on "Experimental Textiles". When she displayed some of her work, we discovered she had a very individual style of design which is completely self-taught. She obtained a Fine Arts Degree later in life and holds personal exhibitions. The room was overtaken by her large, tapestry type, all hand sewn, designs averaging 6 x 3 feet in size. The huge wall coverings were of a mosaic style mostly with an underwater theme. Shells, fishes, nymphs, sea monsters, flotilla etc plus many baubles and gems, mostly in sea green and blue mixes. She also excelled with animal designs especially a large elephant with magnificent tusks, and the most beautiful cockerel. There was so much more and definitely worth a visit to one of her exhibitions. The vote of thanks for a memorable talk was given by Isobel Worthington.



Photo shows Nikki Parmeter showing her work to Sue Davis(left) and Pat Heath (centre).

For the W.I. meeting we had a quick resumee from our ladies who entered the quiz at Smallwood. Always a high standard occasion and Bosley came well into the top half of the scores. Well done.

The competition for "I made it" was won by Liz Tomlinson with Pat Heath second.

Delicious refreshments were made and served by Dorothy Gilman and Susan Burgess.

The future dates which are planned could well be in some doubt owing to the latest Coronavirus news updates. We all need to take great care and hope it doesn't last too long.

We meet on the last Thursday of each month at Bosley Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm.

For any further and future information, please phone 01260-222933.

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Bosley remembers Janet Spiers-Alston

Janet died suddenly in March and will be greatly missed by Sam, Charlotte and Abi and all her many friends. She was a very loyal person and a great mother.

Janet was someone who grasped life, was a life force, and lived every moment to the full, she committed herself completely to whatever she was involved in and seemed to excel, but she still had time for family and friends and included them. She hated conflict and suffering and was generous to a fault giving particularly to children's charities.

To list all her talents and achievements would take too long, but a few include her enjoyment of all sports particularly on the water where she was a good canoeist winning the waterside series in 1994; a raft racer, both as an individual and with a team winning the 100 mile raft race on the River Wye and twice won the British Championships. She was a good cyclist always cycling to work and avoiding the traffic jams, and won many time trials, both club and open, and cycled the length of New Zealand in 1994. She loved smart cars and was an excellent driver and a fast one but only had five cars in 40 years, all in good condition when sold. She also enjoyed dancing.

She loved travel, spoke many languages and was fluent in Spanish and loved the big blue open skies of the plains in Spain and the mountains in Scotland and the Isles, swimming with dolphins and seals, and the many other places around the world visited. This year there was a skiing trip and an action packed weekend in Rome and there were plans to cycle the Camino de Santiago and a trip to the Isle of Man. She hated the grey, dull, dreary days and would always get out for a bit whatever the weather.

She worked for one company throughout her working life, first as a student with ICI and then through its many name changes, Zeneca and Astra Zeneca, very organised with systems and spreadsheets and at home with a place for everything.

Some of the tributes in the cards Sam received include, honest, loyal, fun, enthusiastic, loving, caring, humorous, joke teller, fell racer organiser par excellence, true team player, kind, welcoming, bright and beautiful spirit. People like her don't come often.

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News from Wincle

Wincle WI March Meeting

Lucy and Carol in Uganda

The evening started with the usual reports of recent events. Seven of us enjoyed a day out in March, attending the Cheshire Federation Centenary Concert at Chester Cathedral. This was followed by a lovely relaxing lunch at a nearby restaurant and a brief stroll around the shops. We have a few events coming up this year to celebrate the CFWI Centenary, with a possible visit to Adlington Hall in the summer. We also congratulated Judith Bayley on the safe arrival of her grandson, Brody Ellis, born on March 29th – a Leap Year baby!

Our speakers this evening were our very own Carol Seddon and her daughter, Lucy Jobbins. Lucy teaches reception at St Johns school in Bollington and was inspired to visit the school in Kamutuuza (Uganda) through the charity 'Just Care' which was set up in 1997 by Peter Partington and his late wife Evelyn. Carol, with her nursing and NHS experience, was keen to join her and they set off in October 2019, armed with underwear and other clothes, kindly donated by Wincle WI, to distribute among the children.

After a 14 hour flight they arrived in Rwanda and stocked up with provisions ready for their 10 day stay, before arriving in Kamutuuza, where their accommodation was clean and simple within the School grounds (with the luxury of a flushing toilet). Alan and Doreen, a dedicated couple who have been going over for over 20 years, joined them and they were shown the orphanage, dining hall, nursery, primary and secondary schools-along with the medical centre.

Education comes at a cost in Uganda, £60 per year, a luxury which many families cannot afford; therefore, donations and sponsorships from the charity benefit the children tremendously. Lucy enjoyed teaching the enthusiastic pupils and found that a great deal of the learning involved repetition and chanting. The pupils have to walk miles to get to school and their days are very long, typically 8am to 5pm for Primary school and even longer for Secondary school (with preparation and revision times added to their days). Failure to pass the final exam means that the pupils have to go back to the beginning and repeat their education from

reception upwards, thus creating mixed age-groups in the classes. Food is very basic in the open sided dining hall and pupils are given thin white porridge for breakfast, followed by maize for lunch and plantain for tea. Classrooms are cleaned and maintained by the children and they are also responsible for collecting water.

The Medical Centre accommodates 12-day beds, mainly for patients with Malaria, and an urgent care unit (nurse lead) for children and villagers. There is also a Physiotherapy department which treats about 30 children each day. Carol discovered that there is little or no pre-natal care in the area and therefore many children are born with cerebral palsy, encephalitis and hydrocephalus. She found this quite distressing and admired the physio team for their resilience in their attempts to make life a little easier for them. Carol and Lucy were particularly impressed by the work of a lady called Noleen who looked after 58 children from an off-site orphanage with disabilities. She lost the use of her legs when she was young, through Polio and manages to move around on a wheelchair which has been made for her. Plaxida runs the on-site orphanage and she helps the children to make jewellery, dolls, bags etc which they can sell to raise funds. A few of these bags were sold at the end of the talk, a lovely example of local craft work.

Lucy and Carol found their experience heart-warming, educational and inspirational and they were impressed by the fact that all of the money raised through the charity goes directly to the School. Judging by their enthusiasm, I think that this will not be their last visit to Kamutuuza!!



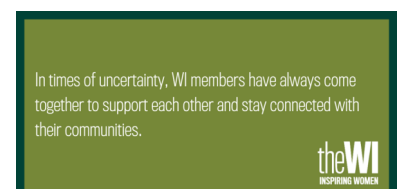
A delicious supper was provided by Gill Dinnis and Jean Massey, flowers from Pauline Porter and the magazine report from Angie Page – thanks to all these ladies.

Our next meeting on April 7th has unfortunately been cancelled due to the Corona Virus restrictions, but we plan to re-book the speaker at a later date. We will continue to keep in touch with all our members, even if it will not be with a cup of tea—Stay safe.

For more information contact either Suzanne Henshall (01260 227209) or Judith Bayley (01260 253129)



Wincle WI Cheshire Centenary Service



Ian Burns

Wincle Fete planning meeting was the setting for a celebration of retiring Chairman Ian Burns. An engraved decanter was presented to Ian by his successor, Shirley Goodwin in recognition not only of his long service to the Fete but also organisations including Wincle School, the Parish Church and the numerous causes he has championed and individuals he has helped in the village and surrounding area. A master of diplomacy, Ian can be relied upon to get things done effectively. With characteristic modesty seemed genuinely perplexed by the award.

Ian spent his childhood in Congleton and attended Kings School in Macclesfield from the age of 8. As part of the last cohort conscripted for National Service he reluctantly joined the army. However it turned out to be a great travel experience, with postings to Kenya, the Persian Gulf and the Caribbean. On demobilisation he was destined for a career in civil engineering and worked for short time on the reconstruction of Piccadilly station and electrification of NW railway line. In the early 1960's his father was working very hard at the garage, started by Ian's grandfather in the early days of popular motoring. Ian joined the family business initially as an apprentice in the body & paint department. In 1962 the firm opened the showroom and workshop in Canal Street Congleton, which Ian principally ran whilst his father continued in the old garage in Park Street. The firm prospered and Ian took on the Ford Main Dealership in 1984. Today operations are in the hands of Ian's son, Robert who is usually polite when dad goes into the office one day per week to offer advice!

Marriage to Angela in 1964, Wincle and the Ship Inn were regular haunts of the couple and their friends from Congleton. So the opportunity to move to familiar territory came in 1984 when they bought Mellor Knowl Farm at auction from John and Chris Egerton who moved their busy dairy enterprise to a larger farm in Gawsworth. As newcomers, Ian and Angela felt warmly welcomed into the Wincle community and they embraced the village life. Their youngest daughter went to Wincle School and within a short time Ian had become a governor of the School when the late James Heald was the chairman. Ian succeeded James but later stood down when Rev David Moir took over as it was traditionally a role taken by the vicar. 7 years later Ian had the chairmanship back, retiring from the job last year after serving the School for over 30 years. Ian is a supporter of the Parish Church, in recent years taking over the treasurer's job from Bernard Brunt.

After moving into Mellor Knowl Farm, they were told that 'incidentally the church fete is held here' and virtually without preparation, villagers turned up on the day to set up a few tables on the field. The fell run was populated by a dozen locals as a sports day event. One year due to rain, the proceedings migrated into the farm's shed and over successive years the fete has grown massively evolving into a major event. Marquees were introduced and all the logistic challenges of dealing with large numbers of visitors ensued. With the increasing work load of the annual fete, Ed and Tania Stubbs took a turn hosting at Tolls Farm and later Francis and



Shirley Goodwin at Burnt House Farm joined the rota. The fell run also gathered momentum and with prizes provided by the late Doug Chadwick the event was promoted as the 'Trout Run'. Taken in hand with technological input by Alan Weeks and later Rob Gittings from Macclesfield Harriers, today it has become an important official fixture in the sport's calendar attracting competitors from the all parts of the region. Ian has been a key figure in the Fete for the last 36 years as host, organiser, worker and motivator.

On the 40 acres of the farm Ian has always kept a flock of sheep. In the early years was the excitement of lambing bolted onto the day job and he also had pigs. These days Ian buys ewe lambs, selling them on before tuppings, and enjoys the process and atmosphere of the stock auctions of N. Yorkshire. 4 years ago Angela and Ian converted the shippoon to an up-market holiday cottage which has proved very successful and popular with their guests.

Ambitions for his 90th decade, Ian has no plans to downsize even though the estate take a fair bit of management; neither are there any plans to retire. He enjoys cricket with Robert's two children, travelling on holiday with daughter Viv, visiting daughter Sarah who lives abroad, currently teaching in a school in Myanmar and daughter Lizzy in Macclesfield. As ever Ian take a supportive interest in everything locally, shooting, choir, community centre, cricket, pub and rural affairs.

Outwardly unimpeded by the ravages of age, Ian continues to hold several offices of responsibility and work tirelessly for the community; a model for us all for many more years. Whilst he reckons everything he has done happened by default, as an opportunist Ian has certainly managed his own good luck and they say fortune favours the righteous. An ethic of hard work, an empathetic personality and a Peter Pan constitution must help.

Brian K W Lightowler

Wincles Fete

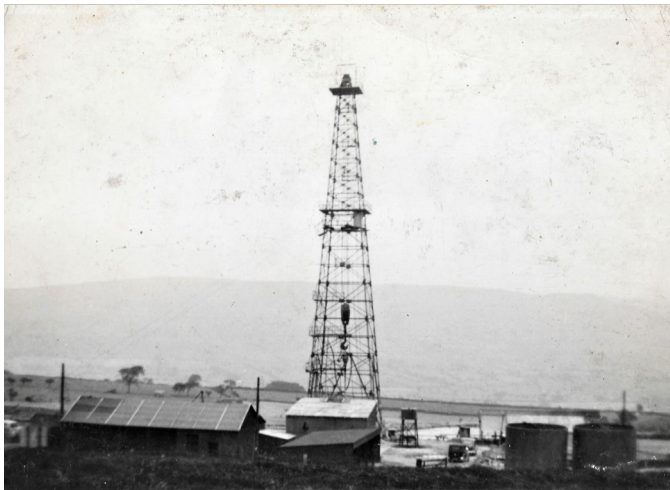
It was a lively meeting at the Ship on March 5th with New Chair Shirley Goodwin keeping order and directing proceedings and at the end of the meeting Brian Lightowler thanked Ian Burns for his many years as chair of the village Fete, in addition to organising, helping and supporting many other village events and initiatives. He was presented with an engraved crystal decanter by Shirley Goodwin.

Viv Burns



Wincle Lent Lunch

The 2nd Lent Lunch took place at the home of Suzanne and John Henshall in Wincle. 20 people joined them to enjoy a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese, raising £79 in the process for Christian Aid. Thanks to everyone for supporting this event.



Drilling for Oil on Gun Moor

During WW1 it was realised that Britain was vulnerable to petroleum shortages and the search for internal oil fields began. Although a few fields were found early on, it took until 1934, when the Petroleum Act was passed, before exploration began in earnest. The act vested ownership of any oil in the Crown and regulated relations with landowners. The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (later to become BP), through its subsidiary D'Arcy Exploration Company, launched a major campaign soon after.

A borehole to investigate the geology had been drilled on Gun as far back as 1866 so when the company turned its attention to the Peak District, they knew Gun was a prime location for further investigation.

In January 1938 D'Arcy began a survey and by the end of the month they had decided to drill an experimental hole. Sir Philip wasn't particularly happy about this, not so much because of the disruption to his estate and game shooting, but because he wouldn't be sharing in any profits. Drillers were brought in from as far away as New Zealand and Quebec to help with the work, whilst some 20-30 local men were also employed.

The site chosen was some 300 yards from the track up to New Zealand Farm, below the trig point on the Roaches side of the hill. An engine house, other buildings and a 136-foot derrick were erected, and water was taken from the nearby disused quarry. Drilling commenced in late April and by the end of June they had got down some 1000 feet below the surface, at an estimated cost of £5/foot. They continued throughout the rest of the year and by January 1939 they were below 4000' but still without success. Finally, in February they called a halt to further exploration. The equipment was taken away and the site restored. The £20,000 they had spent had only yielded some interesting fossils – and had significantly increased the number of visitors to the beauty spot.

I think, though, most of us are pretty glad nothing was found on Gun. Where else would local people do their dog walking?

News from the Clough

Irene Belfield sent the following tribute to former resident Joan Swindells, who passed away on February 22nd. Born Joan Proudlove, she lived with her parents, sister Ann and brother Michael until her marriage to Philip, our local postman. They went to live in Edinboro Cottages before moving to Sutton. She was an active member of our community, taking part in village concerts and was a member of our church choir. She also helped with the Rose Queen fete and did the altar flowers for many years, for which we are most grateful. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

Many thanks to Janet Dean for a £50 donation to the churchyard fund in remembrance of her parents' birthdays, Florrie and James Hooley, 9th December and 28th February respectively.

Caroline Waller, Chair of the Macclesfield Forest and Wildboarclough Parish Meeting, hopes all will understand in the current situation that the AGM she was planning for just after lambing, will have to be postponed. It will take place as soon as possible

The Clough Capers' epic 2020 production was greeted enthusiastically by packed audiences pre-disposed to participate and sometimes heckle, (oh yes we were!) and desperate for feel-good entertainment before we have to retreat to our bunkers. As always, the cast did not disappoint, and we were treated to the usual energetic and professional performance with top-class lighting, costumes and special effects. It seems unfair to pick out individuals in the cast for special mention when all were superb. Melissa Alford relished her role as evil Queen Malevolent, Francesca Curtis was perfect as the eponymous heroine and Willow Kidd an able if lisping Prince Rupert. The comedy duo of Nursie Know it All and Handy Andy, played by Mark Morris and Jane Gilman, acted with great comic timing, skill and gusto. Owen McCullough's hilarious facial expressions as the huntsman would have put the late Les Dawson to shame and won him first prize in the National Gurning Championships. It was great to see so many youngsters enjoying their parts as servants and some dwarves. (Eight as it turned out). The cast was huge as was the hard-working back-stage team, producing, directing, selling tickets, wrangling props, serving drinks and helping with make-up. Andrew Belfield combined his sterling work as 'Shorty', the six foot dwarf, with his 'day-job' of completing the brilliantly refurbished toilet block in time for opening night. The three performances were the result of many months of hard work and those of us who passed a truly enjoyable and happy evening in the company of the Clough Capers crew, are very grateful.

Macc Forest & Wildboarclough WI

Our meeting on 11th March was well attended with members looking forward to hearing our speakers Alan and Judy Weeks. Members who had attended Chester Cathedral for the centenary concert had all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Our quiz team, Leslie, Wilma, Maggie and Justine were congratulated on their recent excellent performance. We were also delighted to see our photograph in the Cheshire News, planting our tree at Forest Chapel.

We then enjoyed a fascinating talk from Alan and Judy entitled, 'Lapland, Summer and Winter'. Having lived in Sweden during the 1980's, Alan and Judy had never visited Lapland. So when they were looking to celebrate their 70th birthdays somewhere special they knew that was the place to go. Their first trip, celebrating Judy's birthday, was during the summer months. They toured the huge country by car, coach and boat. They showed

us wonderful slides of fishing for King crabs close to the Russian border, the midnight sun, reindeer, the Sami people and the spectacular fjords. They experienced the midsummer ritual of raising the maypole then dancing round it. Their trip ended with an inland railway trip across the Arctic Circle. When Alan was 70, they went back to Lapland to experience the country in the wintertime.

We saw fascinating videos of their trip on an icebreaker, reindeer races and a husky tour. We heard all about their experience seeing the northern lights and saw photos of Alan wearing seven layers of clothing to keep warm! The holiday ended with a chilly but enjoyable stay at the ice hotel. Alan and Judy really did celebrate their birthdays in style and we all really enjoyed listening to them sharing their experiences with us.

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Sutton, Parish Council

Chair: Mr Andrew Waller- 01260 253284
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Clerk: Mrs Sarah Giller - 01625 850532
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Sutton, St. James Pre-School (term time)

On Hollinhey School grounds, open Monday to Friday (various sessions available)
Children from the age of 2 with intake each term. If you would like to come for a look round and meet the team or put your child's name down please contact the Manager:
Lucy Riley on 07889745466 or email
manager@suttonstjamespreschool.co.uk.
Our sessions are very busy so it's never too early to put your child's name down.
For more information please check out our website-www.suttonstjamespreschool.co.uk

Sutton, Toddler Group (term time)

Tuesday 10:00-11:30.
Scout and Guide HQ
Gayle Parks: 07833367689

Sutton, Walking Group - Wednesday

First Wednesday of the month 10:00
Barbara Finan: 01260 252458

Sutton, Walking Group - Saturday

Second Saturday of the month.
Christine Smith: 01260 252594

Sutton WI

Second Wednesday of the month.
Sutton Church Hall, 19:30-21:30
Maria Rowson 01260 253341

Sutton, YOGA

Tuesday 17:45-19:00
Friday 9:30-10:45
Karin Müller: 01260 252633

Sutton, Young Church

Activities for children in church at the 10:30 service every Sunday.
Family Table at 8.45 on the first Sunday of each month
Family worship - third Sunday of each month
Gill Barber 01260 252188

Wincle, Danebridge Choir

Wednesday 20.00 –21.30 at Danebridge Chapel. If you cannot commit long term to singing with us, join this friendly choir for just a session!
Judy Weeks: 01260 227683

Wincle, Pilates

Monday: 16.00 –17.00, 17.15 –18.15 and 18.30 –19.30. Pre-booking required
Danebridge Chapel Room, Wincle
Kate Wilcox: 07746202179,
pilateswithkate@hotmail.co.uk or visit
www.pilateswithkate.co.uk

Twincle Pre School (Term Time)

Monday—Friday 8.45am - 3.15pm
www.wincleschool.org 01260387387
All welcome

Wincle School

The pupils of Wincle School thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day coming to school as the World's Worst Children and the World's Worst Teachers. The theme originates from the series of books written by David Walliams. It was wonderful to see that the pupils had used their reading skills to read the books before the day and decide on their characters. The costumes were very creative, and both the children and teachers enjoyed acting out their new roles. Pupils in key stage two spent the day following the theme and created their own World's Worst Child for a Wincle edition of the book. The use of adjectives and other techniques were used to definitely create the World's Worst Children! They also identified themes that run throughout the books written by David Walliams and then used these themes to create their own new story ideas. The pupils in key stage one enjoyed reading other books by David Walliams and focused on The Creature Choir. They designed their own book character selves and actually became a creature choir in the



What an exciting few weeks we have had in Twinkle. The duck eggs are in the incubator, last week we candled them, we could see inside the eggs and we thought it looked like there were spiders inside; there are 41 eggs so we may have a lot of ducks to look after soon.

We have been making the most of our new covered area to be able to be outside whatever the weather. When it snowed, we took the sledges down to the field and had great fun.

Over the next few weeks, we will begin planting seeds, we hope to grow food that we can eat for snack and to share with school so watch this space.

Forest school is starting again so please keep checking the school face book page for updates.

The register for September is starting to look very full, if you or anyone you know are considering Twinkle for the next academic year please contact Mrs Meakin asap.

Bosley School

Forest School Day

What a fantastic day we had. First we drew maps of the forest area then built dens. After lunch we used the winning map to complete an orienteering activity before making animals homes. We were very muddy but had a great day! We can't wait to go back and complete boat races in the Summer!



World Book Week

We had such a wonderful week listening to librarians, sharing stories, dressing up, having our themed lunch, becoming a buddy reader and sharing reading experiences with parents and grandparents. Thank you to Miss Devlin for organising all of the activities and thank you for supporting us to make it such a success.

Class 1 have been learning about people who help us and were visited by a nurse

Class 2

Class 2 have made canopic jars in their art and design lessons as they continue to study the Ancient Egyptians. They even mummified tomatoes!

Sport Relief

On Friday 13th March children came into school dressed in sport clothes. On the day, Year 6 children organised different activities for the school to take part in. Children focussed on mental resilience; it is just as important as physical power. The day ended in a celebration assembly and sharing of awards certificates.





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