

The Plough



March 2025

To: AVERHAM, STAYTHORPE & KELHAM VILLAGERS



Photo courtesy of Ashley Booker

Left to Right: Steve Emeny, Cllr. Sam Smith, Roger King, Cllr. Sue Saddington, Bob McGhee, Cllr. Keith Girling

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT for former school

For two or three years now the residents of Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe have endured application after application regarding power storage and solar farms to be sited within your community . It is time you received some good news which I am now able to convey. Manners Sutton School closed and NCC were to decide what to do with the property and land surrounding it.

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WHAT'S ON?

Messy Church

St Michael and All Angels Church

9th Mar 4—5pm

W.I. Meeting

Robin Hood Theatre Company

10th Mar 7:30pm

ASK Hive Committee Meeting

Estate Office, Kelham Hall

1th Mar 7:30pm

Garden Club

Robin Hood Theatre Company

18th Mar 7:00pm

'Cake' Greenaway Day

Rolleston Village Hall

29th Mar 3—5:00pm

Clocks Forward

Perhaps the start of Spring?

30th Mar

Paediatric First Aid Course

Rolleston Village Hall

1st April TBA

AKS Parish Council Meeting

Estate Office, Kelham Hall

17th April 7:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt (Save the Date)

Estate Office, Kelham Hall

20th April 3:30pm

See page 12 for Church Services

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MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT for former school

I came up with an idea that part of the land could be used for housing and the part which at present sites an existing school building could be used by the Community.

I floated the idea with our new Leader, Cllr. Sam Smith , and he gave me his full support .

Three residents , Bob McGhee , Roger King and Steve Emeny have been a part of the proposal and have been making plans for the future for the benefit of all residents.

We met with the Leader Cllr Sam Smith on site on Wednesday February 19th. It was agreed the building will be demolished and the villages will have a cleared site to work as they wish.

The villages now have something to look forward to fund-raising , Planning and above all you will have a meeting place for the future. I have some funding left in my Councillors Divisional Fund for this year and have requested payment to HIVE for £500 to help the fund raising.

My thanks to Cllr Sam Smith, our Leader and Cllr Keith Girling who have supported my request and brought it to fruition.

I will look forward to joining you at your first event.

Cllr. Sue Saddington

Fire Testing at Power Station to Change

Staythorpe Power Station will be changing the time of the weekly Fire and Evacuation Alarm Testing from 15:00 on Monday to

10:30 on Thursday. This change will take effect from Thursday 20th February 2025.

500 MILES! Update



Steve, Bob and Tim in training, complete with walking sticks and zimmer frames, continues in earnest! The only disappointment has been the soggy ground limiting where the three intrepid seniors can walk, but as winter ends and March winds pick up they hope this will change.

The lads have set up a JustGiving page:

[JustGiving page and search for ASK Hive](#)

ALL funds raised, less fees from JustGiving, will go towards setting up our Community Hub, groundworks, designs, legals and build!

They are also setting up a journal/photo app called PolarSteps where, should insomnia strike, you can follow their progress, see where they've been and comments for the day. Z Z Z z z z .

[PolarSteps and search for Bob McGhee](#)

The Adventure begins on April 25th at 23:15 from Northgate Station arriving Gatwick 03:30 ready for the flight to Biarritz in France at 06:00 and from there to the start of the epic adventure at St. Jean Pied de Port at the base of the French Pyrenees. The grand plan will be to complete day one by climbing about half way up the Pyrenees (8km and 3,000 ft) and taking a well earned rest, meeting other mad souls embarking on the journey of a lifetime.

Bob McGhee

Members were enthralled with the story of the Hive project (so far) when Bob McGhee and Roger King joined the monthly meeting to share with us the highs and lows over the last two years of the Hive committee's endeavours in firstly acquiring the old school site and grounds and then formulating the development proposals for the benefit of not just the 3 villages but for a wider community. Bob explained very clearly and succinctly the many steps of getting the Notts CC on board with the proposals to even sell the property. It is hoped that by the end of March their deliberations will conclude and there will be a clear path ahead. The next main task will of course be fund raising. Rest assured members felt that the whole project was in safe hands with Bob and Roger! They seem to have a medley of ideas for tapping into various charity pots, but villagers themselves will need to do their bit too. We all felt, having seen the proposed plans for a new build, what a terrific asset the Hive centre will be. It is proposed to have a little cafe and a creche as part of the development as well as providing community outdoor space. Great plans afoot. In the meantime we can all help by purchasing the minimum £25 worth of Pioneer Shares which gives a lifetime membership whilst shares are held, and a say in what goes on!

One feels it will totally enhance our village lives, offering so many social opportunities for us all. Jenny Quickmire thanked Bob and Roger for their talk. Ladies that Lunch continues to be very popular with the group, who are local experts now on the surrounding eateries. The next one at the end of March will be Reg Taylors garden centre.

A small group are having regular monthly Rummikub afternoons, you are more than welcome to join us. Give Jenny Quickmire a ring 07890641102.

Hopefully by the time this newsletter is read nine members will have had a visit to the upgraded Planetarium at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Full report next-time.

The next meeting is on March 10th at 7.15 Robin Hood Theatre. .

If you would like any more information please contact Jenny Quickmire on 07890641102.

Jenny Quickmire Meeting Secretary.



Parish Councillors Required

Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe require the next generation of Parish Councillors to represent our community. It is an important role and the commitment is six 'open' meetings a year plus two finance meetings. The role of the Parish Council is to represent our community, which may become more

important if the government wishes to merge District Councils!

Contact: Cllr. John Miller (*Chairman*) on 07966 519793 to discuss further.

Parish Clerk Required

We are looking for a Parish Clerk for the Parish Council

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Saturday 29 March 2025

3.00pm - 5.00pm

Rolleston Church

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ASK Garden Club AGM Report February 2025

Marc Richmond's Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

Southwell Garden Centre was transformed into a hub of horticultural wisdom and

community camaraderie on the evening of January 21st 2025. The air was abuzz with anticipation as members of the ASK Garden Club gathered for a special visit by Marc Richmond, the renowned Fruit Tree Specialist.

Marc started his presentation with a brief history of the apple. He followed with a detailed explanation of the principles of tree pruning, emphasising the importance of timing, technique, and understanding

the natural growth patterns of the trees. He shared practical tips and tricks on propagation, dispelling common myths and encouraging questions from the audience, followed by a short fun quiz.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the live demonstration. Marc skilfully pruned a selection of apple trees, illustrating each step



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ASK Garden Club Report

with patience and precision. As he worked, he narrated his actions, explaining the rationale behind each cut and the expected outcome for the tree's health and

productivity.

Marc's passion for fruit trees was palpable. His enthusiasm was infectious, inspiring many in the audience to view tree pruning as not just a necessary task but an art form. The informal Q&A session while we enjoyed our refreshments, allowed members to seek personalised advice, making the evening even more valuable.

As the evening drew to a close, the raffle was drawn and members made the most of the discounted shopping opportunity at the garden centre. The event was a resounding success, a fantastic night that will be fondly remembered by all who attended.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 18th 7.00pm at The Robin Hood Theatre, when Andrew Young returns to give us a presentation of the 'History of the National Garden Scheme'. Guests welcome, £3 admission or join our club for £15pp and benefit our club discounts and privileges.

Nigel Britton

For further details contact Nigel: bootiqueonline@outlook.com or 07929 367461

Village WhatsApp Groups

Did you know that our villages have their own WhatsApp Groups?

Well, we do and they keep us in touch with what's happening around us and share community news. If you'd like to join, here are the 'Administrator' details:

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND UNITED SERVICES

Sunday 2nd March 9:30am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Worship Service
Wednesday 5th March 7:00pm	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 9th March 9:30am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th March 4:00pm	St Michael and All Angels Averham	Messy Church
Sunday 16th March 9:30am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th March 3:00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Messy Church
Sunday 23rd March 9:30am	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th March 9:30am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Holy Communion
Start of Holy Week		
Monday 14th April 7:00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Night Prayer
Tuesday 15th April 7:00pm	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Night Prayer
Wednesday 16th April 7:00pm	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Night Prayer
Thursdayday 17th April 7:00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Night Prayer

Church News for Christmas.

By the time you guys read this, Christmas will be a distant but hopefully a happy memory; however we had such a happy time with our church events we felt it would be nice to share the joy. It all started off with a mammoth decorating event and many thanks to all who hung the baubles and glitter. This was all in preparation for the Jazz Carol evening which went very well in spite of the awful weather. Many thanks to all who arranged and supported this event. Hopefully for repetition this year.

We then moved forward enjoying the usual messy church with children making their Christingles and helping set up the crib. Unfortunately Anne Pirisi was unable to join the usual team and we really missed her but we managed to sing a round of 'Away in a Manger' without too many mishaps!

Then the big day itself Christmas morning when again we welcomed a number of families for our Christmas Day Service. They gave it a real Family Christmas feel, and some of them helped to make sure that the figure of Jesus was safely installed in the Crib at the front of the church before blessing the Crib

Many thanks to everyone involved in the putting away of Christmas i.e. the decorations. So we are now in Epiphany which leads us onward like the 3 kings, into our new church year. With a bit of luck and a lot of prayers we may be welcoming a new shared vicar.

Fingers firmly crossed.!

Jenny Quickmire

‘Unclutter’ or ‘declutter’?

Is there a difference? Dictionaries tell us that Decluttering is ‘the removing of clutter’ while uncluttering is just ‘tidying up’. So uncluttering is just tidying the papers on my desk into neat piles – while decluttering means getting rid of the piles altogether by throwing them in the waste paper basket.

Ash Wednesday this year is March 5th which means that the pancakes of Shrove Tuesday are the day before. Shrove Tuesday used to be the day for decluttering your house and getting rid of the unused flour and milk that had been hanging round too long – in modern times getting rid of things that have been in the freezer for longer than you can remember.

Uncluttering is superficial – moving things from one place to another – while decluttering is more thorough: getting rid of the stuff.

Lent is a time for looking in the mirror and seeing what needs changing. Not just superficial but deep down. It is not just a matter of eating less chocolate it’s a time for decluttering.

We can begin with possessions.

Have we any clothes which someone else would be glad of? As we look around our house is there anything that can be given to a charity like the Beaumont House shops in Southwell or near Asda in Newark?

I seem to have accumulated lots of bits and pieces I never even glance at. Forgotten presents ... little things we liked at the time ... old hobbies I’m no longer interested in. Better to get rid of them so that other people can enjoy them.

And so on and so on ... and then start on the garage!

But there are other, deeper uncluttering to do. Old habits best discarded, old bitterness repented of, former prejudices repented of.

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'Unclutter' or 'declutter'?

And then the deepest level of all – our relationship with our Maker and our Saviour. That often needs decluttering of all the things which have come to stand between us and our God. I find it does not get better as I get older. It used to be the sheer busyness of life which meant I was not as close to God as I used to be. But now with age when I have more time, I find that mere laziness makes God more distant – what used to be called 'Sloth'. Each of us have our own heap of stuff which needs to be cleared – ask God what it is – and then obey!

I hope you enjoy your Shrove Tuesday pancakes. Then we can use the 40 days of Lent for decluttering!

God bless

John Finney.

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