

The Plough

November 2024

Northern Lights Dazzle Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe.



In a rare celestial spectacle, residents of the Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe were treated to a stunning display of the Northern Lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis. This uncommon occurrence brought vibrant streaks of green, and pink dancing across the night sky, captivating onlookers across the region. Modern cameras catch this wonderful sight much better than the human eye, to us we could see a murky red and shadow, the camera brought out the full glory of this geomagnetic storm created by the interaction between charged particles from the Sun and the Earth's magnetic field.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A very successful gathering of villagers at St Michael and All Angels Church on Saturday 5th October raised a magnificent £360 (so far).

If you wish to add to this achievement, you can do so by scanning the QR code below and donating.

A huge thank you to all who contributed in setting up, making cakes and conversation and tidying up after the event.

The sum raised will contribute to MacMillan's great efforts in provid-



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SOUTHWELL PLOUGHING MATCH 2024

Another wonderful turnout for this years Ploughing Match held on the Oxton Estate this year in spite of the 'traditional' British weather. A huge thanks to all who put in tremendous effort to put the match and show a magnificent logistical exercise. 2025 beckons

WHAT'S ON?

Parish Council Meeting

Estates Office, Kelham Hall

28th Oct 7:00pm

CLOCKS GO BACK

27th OCT

Halloween

31st Oct (Thurs)

Bon Fire Night

5th Nov (Tues)

Remembrance Service

St Michael and All Angels Church

9th Nov 10:45am

Book Club Meeting

TBA

21st Nov 7:30pm

W.I. Meeting

Robin Hood Theatre Company

11th Nov 7:00pm

Messy Church

St Michael and All Angels Church

24th Nov 4—5pm

Garden Club Meeting

Robin Hood Theatre Company

19th Nov 7:00pm

ASK Hive Committee Meeting

Estates Office, Kelham Hall

26th Nov 7:30pm

Mobile Library:

On Staythorpe Road, Averham

25th Nov 2:10 - 2:25pm

Treasure Island

Matinee

Robin Hood Theatre Company

10th—14th Dec 7:30pm

14th Dec 2:30pm



AKS WI newsletter

November 2024

We members never finish being surprised by events in and around our group of friends and events. What was perhaps conceived as a rather dull and matter of fact event on the topic of

cardiac resuscitation and use of the local defibrillators turned to be not just a very informative and helpful presentation at the hands of Amish, British Red Cross trainer for CPR, but very entertaining as well. Amish has a wonderful and amusing way of presentation which held us all enthralled for a good hour and a half. He took us through the 5 steps of resuscitation and left us with a very positive approach to managing such an event. The key message was never give cardiac massage if the patient is breathing and just concentrate on chest compressions giving 30 in a row to the rhythm of 'staying alive' and then checking for breathing again. We had 3 mannequins on which to have a go: an adult, a child and a baby. He then showed us how to summon help if alone. The key numbers are 999 or 112, giving information of the whereabouts and status of the patient and how to find the nearest defibrillator and how to use it. If anyone would like to arrange a session for the villages just go onto the British Red Cross site for further information.

We had also enjoyed a 'Ladies that Lunch' meal at the Moon at Morton, and are looking forwards to the next one at the Lord Ted Newark.

We would love to welcome newcomers to our meetings.

Meetings take place on the **second Monday of the month at 7pm** usually at the Robin Hood Theatre in Averham.

The November meeting is on the 11th.

Jenny Quickmire who will be helping members make Christmas decorations using the origami technique.

For more information please give Jenny a call on 07890641102.

Jenny Quickmire

ASK Hive Community Hub

September and most of October passed and still no word from Notts County Council on their asking price.

Our Management meeting appointed four groups to research funding from differing areas;

1. Locals from the three villages
2. Organisations
3. Grant providers
4. Scroungers!

The first three are relatively self explanatory, the Scroungers are tasked with finding people in breweries etc that may be closing pubs and we may 'scrounge' their kitchen, bar, seating and tables also perhaps some décor!



We stress these are currently in research, in order that we can move more quickly when we have negotiated a price, the business plan can then be revised accordingly and we shall see what is realistic, in terms of feasibility, before we go into full fundraising and planning mode. Hopefully, we will have an opening price and negotiations can start, although this may take a little time (again).

Momentum in the villages continues to grow with offers of help and volunteering when we have the starting gun fired, until then we continue to research and plan.

The bank account is now open with NO ongoing fees because of our status as a Community Benefit Society, this may yield other benefits as well.

For more information please contact us at askhive@icloud.com or via any of the village WhatsApp sites to:

Bob McGhee, Secretary, Ask Hive Limited

ASK Hive Community Hub

Late news just in:

Notts County Council have suggested an asking price of £500,000 for the site, this was arrived at by a valuation from a local surveyor who have another property (3 bed. Det with about 3 acres of ground on the market for £525,000) stating that if they applied for planning permission it may fetch considerably more!

Our original application (back in February) proposed a nominal long lease with an option to purchase, on the basis that the power companies may be able to provide funding when they may be up and running. The lease option has been declined as being too low, Nottinghamshire County Council say they are willing to discuss the rejection, so we shall see what they have to say and we can review the business plan now that we have a figure to work with.



There is funding out there to support local fundraising should we decide that their proposed figure is realistically achievable for our community, bearing in mind that there will still be repairs and fitting out costs as well as ongoing costs for heating, lighting etcetera.

The opportunity for our community in the long term is excellent, however serious calculations need to be made in the hard light of today's world.

"Back to the business plan and potential funding opportunities."

Bob McGhee, Secretary, Ask Hive Limited

POWER STATION BENCH

Through the efforts of Tracey Carlisle and the generosity of RWE Power Station there is a new commemorative bench added at the Staythorpe end of the power station (the former wharf) with views along the river towards Farndon marina bridge. It commemorates our friend Paul Bousfield. The commemoration is:

"Rest a while, a bench for all, seize the day and be more like Paul"

"In September I was taken to the riverside in Averham to be surprised by a gathering of my friends and former neighbours - a secret posse - who revealed a memorial bench to my wonderful and much missed husband Paul Bousfield. The Bousfield family would like to gratefully thank the Parish Council, RWE, Tracy Carlisle, Roger King and others who made it happen. He would be humbled to be so kindly remembered."



Nestled under the trees on the riverbank is a perfect place to stop on your Power Station walk. If you knew Paul, you would remember his contagious enthusiasm for everything. He appreciated the small things in life as much as the big things and he made the most of every day, taking every opportunity to be with family or friends, be it cycling, walking, travelling or sharing a drink together. There was always much laughter. Please enjoy the bench."

Lorraine Bousfield



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If you're looking for a rip-roaring, swashbuckling, family-friendly retelling of a classic story to entertain you this Christmas then look no further. X Marks the spot and that spot is the Robin Hood Theatre from Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th December with a Saturday matinee!

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Place numbers will be limited and we suggest you bring cushions for the pews!



ASK Garden Club Report November 2024

September Potato

Weigh—in & Fuddle

The September meeting at the RHTC was a 'Fuddle' with a wonderful range of deserts and savouries washed down with lashings of tea. Great attendance and participation in the two competitions being judged; potato weigh in, the longest bean and the best flower.

Potatoes were sown in a bucket yonks ago, fed, nurtured and encouraged to grow throughout spring and summer. The yields were very impressive and from a single sprouting potato tuber, the winner at 4lb 10oz was Ann Speir. Many contestants were well over the 3lb mark, I was very impressed. The longest bean competition took a little while



as the judges had to scrutinise each bean carefully. The reason for this is that one year many years ago a competitor carefully glues two beans together and Sellotaped their name on top! Who says gardeners aren't competitive? The winner was Mike Armstrong at 39".



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ASK Garden Club Report

The heaving table of food followed, enjoyed by everyone, the usable surplus went to the Women's Refuge in Newark.



The finale was the difficult job of choosing the winning flower. Each flower was selected by a member from their garden as the best they could find on the day, and there were some amazing examples. After deliberation the winner was

chosen; Ann

Speir, my apologies as editor the images of the flowers does not match their splendour in real life, exotic, stunning array of colours and shading, well done gardeners.

Finally, your editor at work, below!



The next meeting will be on the 19th November at the Robin Hood Theatre at 7:00pm. As well as regular meetings, members receive a 10% discount on most purchases at Southwell Garden Centre.

Bob McGhee

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



















WANTED: FLOOD WARDEN VOLUNTEER

Currently the PC, NSDC and Notts CC are looking for volunteers in order to increase flood resilience across the District and County, specifically in **Averham and Staythorpe**. Should you wish to volunteer you will need to register with Notts. CC. It is a simple form to complete and then attend a short training course which can be done remotely or in person.

This is open to any resident who wishes to volunteer. If you would like to have a preliminary chat please contact the Chair of the Parish Council on:

email: cllrjohnmiller@gmail.com

Alternatively contact the East Midlands Flood Resilience Team: floodresilience.eastmidlands@environment-agency.gov.uk





















Christmas Shoeboxes: Changing Lives, one box at a time....

If you need an empty shoebox please contact me:

Hilary Snell, The Poplars, Church Lane, Averham.07970 389182

Or Donate individual items -suggested items: **Toiletries - Stationery - Knitted hats and mittens - Fun items**



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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| ◇ Averham: | Tracey Carlisle | 07970 179755 |
| ◇ Kelham: | Judith Mills | 07775 781591 |
| ◇ Staythorpe: | Debs Storey | 07974 957684 |

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2024

As you all recall, a pack of sunflower seeds were delivered with The Plough back in spring. Many of you took advantage and planted them. Tracey and Hilary organised the packaging and attaching to the magazine for which we pass on our thanks.

September was the judging month for the highest , the winner was **Aaron of Averham** with a height of 79" (2m), runner up contestants were Emily from Staythorpe - 59" (1.5m) and Colin from Kelham - 55" (1.4m)

I would as an aside like to applaud our farmers and their wild flower displays in some fields, they looked amazing, also the border of sunflowers picture framing some of the local fields, it added another dimension to walking.



Remembrance service for the fallen of the two world wars

Saturday 9th November 10.45am

Averham Church

The names of those from Averham, Kelham & Staythorpe who made the ultimate sacrifice for us will be read aloud to honour them. Kelham's roll of honour includes 30 brothers from the Society of the Sacred Mission whose based was Kelham Hall.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND UNITED SERVICES

Sunday 3rd November 9:30am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 3rd November 6:00pm	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Special All Souls Service
Saturday 9th October 10:45am	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Remembrance Service
Sunday 10th November 9:30pm	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Remembrance & Holy Communion
Sunday 17th November 9:30am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th November 3:00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	
Sunday 24th November 9:30am	St Michael and All Angels Averham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 24th November 3:00pm	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	

FISHERMAN'S BENCH

A new addition to the churchyard is a commemorative bench in honour of Clive Linley who was Chairman for many years of Averham Church Water Fishing Club, it is above peg one with a lovely view of the river.

***Mick Jones - Secretary
ACWFC***



IN MEMORY OF
CLIVE ANTHONY LINLEY
1938 – 2023
CHAIRMAN OF
AVERHAM
CHURCH WATER FISHING CLUB

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all the villagers near & far who contributed to the fantastic array of produce to support Newark Women's Aid. They were touched by the boxes of gifts handmade by the messy church children for children less fortunate than themselves. The service was conducted by Bishop John Finney and reminded us all of how much we have to be grateful for.

Hilary Snell

REMEMBER, REMEMBER

November is a month of memories. The very first day is All Saints Day when we remember the heroes of our faith.



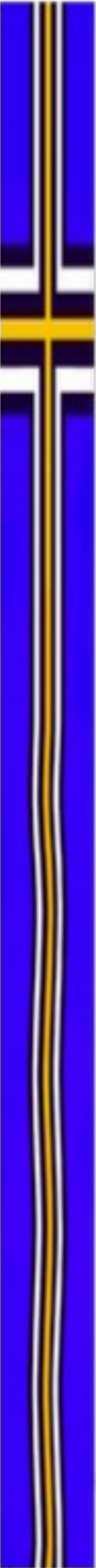
As a boy we were told to choose a saint as our particular hero, mine was St Ignatius of Loyola. Actually, All Saints Day begins the night before - Halloween and has somehow got mixed up with pumpkins and 'trick or treat'.

Immediately following All Saints comes All Souls Day when we commemorate our loved ones and candles are lit in church and names read out in their memory.

Next.....Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpower treason & plot! As a brand-new church curate at Radcliffe-on-Trent I soon discovered that the main social event in the village was Guy Fawkes night when an enormous bonfire was lit on the recreation ground. The Canadian Air Force had an estate in the village and their band would lead a procession through the village with the vicar & GP pulling a dray cart containing the guy.

But who was this fellow Guy Fawkes asked Canadian friends. We had to explain how he hid under the Houses of Parliament with barrels of gunpowder intent on blowing up

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the building with its members and the King and reversing the reform to the church and its services introduced by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury. The plot failed.

We now have general elections about which David Bartlett recently wrote, instead of gunpowder. Our new Prime Minister needs our prayers rather than quibbling about where he sits at football matches.

10/11th November is Remembrance Day, the service being on the closest Sunday to these dates. At a recent service held in Averham Church, as we gathered round the war memorial a serving soldier from the village read a message from her commanding officer and she herself spoke about how men and women are still sacrificing their lives in Afghanistan. Names of those from our villages killed in the two World Wars were read out. Kelham's list was especially poignant with so many young men killed who were training to be priests at the Society of the Sacred Mission which was then at Kelham Hall. A wreath was laid by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The congregation then moved into the main body of the church and we celebrated the greatest sacrifice of all time obeying Jesus' command 'Do this in remembrance of me' taking and blessing bread and wine, symbols of his body & blood sacrificed for us on the cross.

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The last special day is the very last – St Andrew's Day. Andrew was the first follower of Jesus when he gave up fishing fish to fish for men and women. He introduced his brother Peter to Jesus who was to become the first Bishop of Rome. Scotland chose Andrew as their patron saint and the University of St Andrew is where a young prince was able to live an ordinary life as a student and fall in love with an ordinary but very sensitive girl called Kate.

The flag of St Andrew is a X symbolising the cross on which he was put to death for his faith. It is part of the Union Jack where we trust it will long remain. Today thousands of lives are being lost and millions displaced in the middle east and must not be forgotten.

Weatherwise November may be a dull month, but it is a month rich in memories.

Canon David Keene – for Riverside benefice

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Warden:	Vacancy	
Treasurer:	Hilary Snell	01636 672 640

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Environment Agency Flood line:	0345 988 1188
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