THE PLOUGH

Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe
Community and Parish Magazine
SEPTEMBER 2024

END of an ERA

Welcome back after the summer break. As the lease on the printer expires shortly this will be the last edition of The Plough that we print ourselves. For the foreseeable future we will be using a professional printer which means that the October issue will be in colour and hopefully a more consistent print quality.

A very big thank you goes to Hilary Snell for many years of help in printing waiting so patiently for all of the pages to be printed, collated, folded and stapled. Her input has been invaluable.

Submissions for October issue onwards will be the 17th of the month.

We trust there are no hiccups, but we shall try to mitigate any that arise, apologies in advance if this is the case.

I would also like to thank all the wonderful people who, come rain or shine, give up their time to bring The Plough to your door, all volunteers, and the proof readers who convert this to English!

Well done Tracey, Phil, Margot, Jenny, Lynne, Denise, Nigel, Judith, Jill, Diana, and Val .

Notts Ride and Stride Event

Take care on or about Church Lane, Averham on September 14th as the Notts Historic Churches Trust event will see cyclists heading to and from St Michael and All Angels Church! For more details:

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On Staythorpe Road, Averham 30th Sept 2:10 - 2:25pm

Book Club Meeting 12th Sept 7pm

The Beeches, Staythorpe Road NG23 5RA

W.I. Meeting RHTC 9th Sept 7:15pm

Notts Ride and Stride 14th Sept 10am - 4pm

Church Lane and St Michael & All Angels Church

Sunflower Measuring Day 15th Sept Final Judging Day

Garden Club Meeting 17th Sept 7:00pm

Broadgate Lane, Kelham

ASK Hive Committee Meeting TBA 17th Sept 7:00pm

Messy Church 22nd Sept 4—5pm

St Michael and All Angels Church

Southwell Ploughing Match & Show 28th Sept All Day

Oxton NG25 0TD

Southwell Minster *The Longest Yarn* 9th—27th Sept

Harvest Festival 29th Sept 9:30 am

St Michael and All Angels Church

Macmillan Coffee Morning 5th Oct 2pm - 4pm

St Michael and All Angels Church

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Sunflower Growing Competition

It seems an age ago that sunflower seeds were given out with The Plough in the May edition to grow sunflowers, as well as adding some summer colour to our villages.

The Kelham and Averham Churches sunflower growing competition judging will be underway by the 15th Sept. Contact Tracey by DM on 07970179755 to enter c/w height of plant(s). Prizes to be won for the tallest specimens and there may even be a consolation prize for the shortest! Good luck.

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

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:

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

ASK Hive Community Hub

At the open meeting held at Averham church a management committee was formed. This was after voting on the legal format a Community Benefit Society and the 'Model Rules' it will be governed by.

The level of interest and commitment is growing at a good rate, especially considering the time and uncertainty involved in acquiring the Manners Sutton School in Averham as we still await a proposed selling price from Nottinghamshire County Council (due August 2024).

From those attending and apologies received along with their nominations, a management committee of **eleven directors** were appointed. These directors will be the driving force in acquiring the property and funding to set this wonderful Community Hub opportunity on its way.

Once the company has been established "ASK HIVE LIMITED" will have seven months to hold the official Member Annual Meeting where officers will be formally voted on for a term of three years, although in this Member Annual Meeting, the first third of officers with most votes will serve the full three year term, and the others a two and one year term (as per the Model Rules) so that the whole committee isn't up for re-election together in three years time. The Rules also allow the committee to appoint people from outside for their experience or expertise if this is appropriate.

Details of the minutes will be published here after the next management committee meeting agrees and signs off the previous minutes. Finally we would like you to join us and help in whatever way possible. This may be adding to the great ideas on how the Community Hub candidate be used, it may be that you are willing to express an interest in being either a pioneer shareholder or becoming a member shareholder.

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ASK Hive Community Hub continued . . .

You may feel that you have skills or knowledge that will help this ambitious idea grow roots and grow into something that we can take pride in.
If so please let me know at:
askhive@icloud.com or via any of the village WhatsApp sites to

Bob McGhee
Secretary
Ask Hive (Limited) *I'll try my best to acknowledge as soon as possible.*

BREAKING NEWS

ASK Hive is now registered as a Community Benefit Society officially as of 21st August 2024. The first BIG step on our way to acquiring the former Manners Sutton School in Averham.

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

ASK Garden Club Report September 2024

Garden Club visit to the Sherwood Forest Railway

A short trip to the other side of Edwinstowe we find, buried off a sidetrack, the Sherwood Forest Railway recently awarded accolades for Nottinghamshire's most popular visitor attraction. Ample parking, and a short stroll up the incline to the entrance where there is an under fives play area, adventure play area, picnic areas, bouncy castle and shop. These ample facilities to keep children amused also include a zip wire slide. After a short wait for everyone to assemble, Nigel acquired the 'traditional' railway tickets for our journey on the 15" 1/6th narrow gauge railway. The attraction was so popular that an additional carriage had to be added to fit everyone on board. Chief volunteer driver, with over ten years experience, Steve, a Kelham resident fired up the small steam engine called 'Pet' and took us along the short journey from 'Loxley' station to the terminus, 'Weldale', where the Garden Club members disembarked for a lovely picnic and Steve and Pet returned to the station with the remaining passengers.

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ASK Garden Club Report

Everyone brought their own sandwiches, cakes and equipment along with flasks of tea, coffees and cold drinks, some even brought wine!

During the picnic there was the raffle, with prizes for all age groups. A light shower threatened the day's festivities, and Steve phoned to ask if he should bring the train down early! That's something that BR hasn't tried as far as I'm aware unless you're a Royal! The weather abated and we survived the tiny shower. The train returned, on time, and we set off back to Loxley station where we disposed of our rubbish, thanked our hosts and said our goodbyes. To finish the day off a smaller group went on to the Carpenters Arms Italian Kitchen at Walesby to complete the day. An excellent day out and huge thanks to Nigel for organising it, to Steve our driver and The Sherwood Forest Railway for providing a wonderful day.

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ASK Garden Club Report *continued*

The next meeting is being hosted by Aaron and Dawn in August, and then the 'biggy' . . . judging the potatoes! This will be held on 17th September in Kelham and hosted by Colin and Nicki at Broadgate Lane. More details of these in next month's issue.

Bob McGhee

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

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If you need an empty shoebox please contact me:

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

Or Donate individual items -suggested items

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Collection dates weekend of 26th/27th October

St Michael and All Angels Church, Averham

Saturday, 5th October 2024

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See you there.

Any produce given will be donated to Newark Women's Refuge

The Longest Yarn
9-27* September,
Southwell Minster

The Longest Yarn is coming to Southwell Minster in September in a UK-first as part of commemorations marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Southwell Minster

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND UNITED SERVICES		
Sunday 1st September 9:30am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th September 9:30am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th September 9:30am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd September 9.30am	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22th September 4pm	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Messy Church
Sunday 29th September 9.30am	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Holy Communion Harvest Festival
Sunday 29th September 3.00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Messy Church

CHURCH NEWS

What a glorious summer we have had, hope you've all enjoyed it.

Next service at Averham will be Sunday 22nd September which will be morning prayer 9.30am, followed by a Benefice service with our 3 family churches of Kelham, North and South Muskham on September 29th 9.30am which will celebrate Harvest, the saint day of St Michael, who our church is named after.

Please bring any surplus produce, tinned food or toiletries to the church on 28th 10am to 3pm. This will be given on to the Newark Women's refuge.

AKS PCC would like to thank Jenny Quickmire for her many years of writing the church news for Averham. She has decided to take a step back from church duties and has seen St Michael's through many difficult times. It's not an exaggeration to say that without Jenny Q our church could have closed. We shall continue to see her at services and fund raisers, and she has our eternal thanks. God bless you Jenny.

Also thanks to Marian Ellis who is taking a similar 'retirement' from helping at Averham in particular, assisting our clergy with preparation for the communion. God bless you too Marian.

Church cleaning and flowers for September: Anne Prisi

KELHAM CHURCH

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AVERHAM CHURCH

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Church and State

So, we have a new Government, and many new MPs in all the Parties. What a challenging situation they face on many issues. Here I reflect on the centuries-old influence of Christian beliefs and practice on our Parliamentary system and national life, from a very dominant monarch and ruling elite, to today's democratic process, with the Monarch as a stable figure-head as Head of State, and a House of Lords based solely on birth, a distant memory.

The process took centuries. Significant developments would include the Magna Carta (the protection of the Law for all people): the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660: the Abolition of Slavery: the development of the Labour Movement owing more to Methodism than to Marxism: Universal Suffrage: the development of The Welfare State. A lengthy process, it may be far from perfect, but it has been based on the Christian belief in mutual responsibility for people's welfare ("Love your neighbour as yourself").

We need to hope and pray that this progress will be maintained in our increasingly secularised and multi-cultural society, with fewer people acknowledging a Christian belief. (I fully appreciate that you don't have to be religious to have high moral standards, but a Christian Faith certainly guides and sustains them.) Interestingly, in this Parliament more MPs than previously chose to make a secular affirmation rather than swear allegiance on the Bible or other Holy Book.

As society becomes more secular in its beliefs, knowledge of Christian teaching and its application declines. Some would maintain that the downplaying of the desirability of a stable marriage and family life as the basis for children's

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upbringing is contributing to problems for “fatherless” boys. Our outgoing Prime Minister, a practising Hindu, described Christian communities as part of the national fabric, and praised the Christian values of tolerance, compassion and charity. Here is a prayer, by a former Archbishop of York, which I use regularly and which you may find helpful.

David Bartlett.

“God of eternal love and power, save our Parliamentary Democracy; protect our High Court of Parliament and all its members from partiality and prejudice; that they may walk the path of kindness, justice and mercy.

Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good. Since the weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own strength, send them help from your Holy Place, and be their tower of strength.”

Amen.

The Southwell Ploughing Match is one of the largest agricultural shows in the area. Boasting deep roots in our local history, the show was first established in 1855 and has been run by local farmers, rural businesses and countryside enthusiasts ever since. This annual show is hosted by local farmers at different venues and has become a key social event in Nottinghamshire's countryside calendar.

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Treasurer:	**Hilary Snell**	**01636 672 640**

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staythorpe@rwe.com

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Environment Agency Flood line:	**0345 988 1188**

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