

The Plough

Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe Community and Parish Magazine

November 2023

Remembering Villagers who lost their lives in two World Wars Kelham and Averham Churches



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

There will be a short **Act of Remembrance** on
Saturday 11th November at 10.45am at Averham Church where the
names of the fallen from the two villages will be read out.

All are welcome to come and give thanks for those who made the
ultimate sacrifice during the two world wars.

A **Service of Remembrance** will be held on Sunday 12th November at 10.45,
at Muskham Rural Community Centre

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From the Editors

November is definitely my last Edition of The Plough. Thank you to all the contributors and distributors who support the Plough—it would not exist without you. I've enjoyed reconnecting with the magazine over the last few months, and am also extremely happy to hand over to the New Editor, Bob McGhee who I know will do an excellent job.

But I'll let him introduce himself.

Judith

NEW EDITOR from December issue.



Before I ramble on I'd like to thank Judith for editing our magazine over the years and her help and assistance in setting me off on this new journey. So ...

Hi I'm Bob McGhee, the new editor of this long lived magazine. I'm a 'plastic' Scot, having lived south of the border for almost sixty years! Started work life in engineering for the first twenty or so years. Then onto Post Offices first in Banbury, then down to Dorset and the Swanage PO and finally Newark, where our team won Retailer of the Year in 2019.

I enjoy walking and earlier this year, with fellow villagers, walked the West Highland Way in memory of belated friend Paul Bousfield who many of you will remember with a smile. My longest walk was the Camino Frances from France across the top of Spain to Santiago de Compostela just above Portugal and 800 Km in length. Now retired and happily married to Jill and proud of our two children and their achievements. Photo was taken on the Spanish walk by Ju Ju from California, one of the many nationalities I met.

Bob

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES ETC. FOR DECEMBER 2023 EDITION IS
20 November 2023**

**THERE IS NO EDITION IN JANUARY SO ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
JANUARY 2024 WILL GO INTO DECEMBER'S EDITION**

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Rather fittingly our October speakers were John Parker and Claire Ward from the Nottinghamshire Bat Group. They gave us a fascinating talk about bats in Nottinghamshire, their habits and how to identify

them. Bats make up to 25% of mammal species in the UK, with 18 species having been identified, and 17 of those breed in the UK. Bats do an excellent job of keeping down the insect population, so we should all try to support them and provide habitat, like mature trees and ponds.

Our next meeting is a mysterious craft evening prepared by Jenny Quickmire, who refuses to tell us what we will be doing. No doubt something Christmassy! That meeting will be 7.15 pm on 14th November at the Robin Hood Theatre. Please do come along if you fancy having a go! Guests always welcome.

Nicola Walker. nicolawalker7@gmail.com, 07930 344558

Reading Circle Report for November 2023



Hopefully my monthly book review will not be seen as competition to the new book club organized by Jane McLaughlin! I have actually downloaded the first recommended book *The Figurine* by Victoria Hislop but am only half way through that one so it will be great to compare different opinions on books

via the Plough and of course try something a bit new.

Just for the Richard Osman fans, I have just finished his latest (4th) Thursday Murder Club romp around the old folks home, *The Last Devil to Die*. I found it quite different from the previous books even though all the usual 'suspects' are included. It is very reflective and tackles the ethics of euthanasia so not the jolly jaunt of previous reads. Nevertheless I found Mr Osman tackled the topic very sensitively and gave one ethical food for thought I feel. If you are a Murder club fan it is a must read, but I think it would be a hard book to read/understand without the previous books.

Jenny Quickmire



ASK Gardening and Social Club

On 26th September – just too late to make October's Plough – eighteen Gardening Club members and four guests met at Southwell Garden Centre for the Annual Dahlia, Bean and Potatoes competition.

For those who don't know the rules, earlier in the year members chose a seed potato from a single batch and, if needed, a bucket to grow the potatoes in, three bean seeds also from a single batch, and a dahlia tuber. Prizes are awarded for the heaviest weight of potatoes in the bucket, the longest bean and the prettiest dahlia.



There were 20 entries for the potato in a bucket competition and the weigh-in was overseen by Nigel Britton and John Clegg. The winner was Ann Speir with a crop weighing 4lbs 3oz, slightly less than her winning entry last year which came in at 4lbs 10oz – she retains possession of the Ian Justice trophy for the heaviest crop of potatoes. Judith Mills (me!) came a close second with 3lbs 14oz and Janina

Sulek was third with 2lbs 11oz.

The Maureen Justice Trophy for the longest bean at 37cm was won by Heather Wolfenden. As Heather was on holiday Janina received the trophy on her behalf but also claimed some of the credit as she had picked the bean on Heather's behalf.

The final prize – the Maureen Lawrence trophy for the prettiest dahlia – was won by Barbara Armstrong.



After the measuring and weighing, everyone tucked into a lovely buffet, and there was also the opportunity to buy winter bedding and other gardening items at a discounted price.

Thanks have to go to Nigel for organising the venue and the weigh-in, and to everyone who took part in this fun, friendly but hard-fought competition.

The AGM was held on 24th October, and this will be reported in the next edition of the Plough. The November meeting is on 23rd November (**note:** this is a Thursday), when Neil Timms from the Fern Nursery at Binbrook Lincolnshire will talk about his experiences exhibiting at Flower Shows. Neil gave an excellent talk in March about growing and caring for ferns. Date and place for the Christmas Meeting will be announced shortly.

The programme for January to April 2024 is published below, for you to cut-out-and-keep. The programme from May to the end of the year is 'in planning' and will be published when all the details have been confirmed. **Judith Mills**



Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe Gardening and Social Club

Cut-out-and Keep Programme for Jan—April 2024

16th January: Nigel Britton: *Nigel kick starts the Gardening Year*

20th February: Gill Wright, Bumblebee Conservation Trust: *Bumblebees for gardens*

Two talks by Rachel Barrowcliffe, Gardener and Adviser at Hodsock Priory and the Tropical Butterfly House in Sheffield

19th March: *Container Gardening and Growing Veg in Pots*

16th April: *Future Proof your Garden*

All meetings, unless otherwise announced, are at the Robin Hood Theatre, Averham and start at 7pm. The Members' Raffle costs £2 and Guests are always welcome for a £3 entry fee which includes a raffle ticket.

Membership is £10 per year (November to September).





Southwell Ploughing Match & Show

This year the annual Southwell Ploughing Match & Show came to our area on the 30th September, being jointly hosted by the Miller and Staniforth farms.

The two families have been neighbours since the Staniforths moved to Grange Farm, South Muskham in 1942. The Millers moved to Manor Farm, Kelham in 1939.

The Society was formed in 1855 and was known as the Upton Farming & Gardening Society. The first event took place on Mr Esam's farm at Averham Park in 1856.



John and Vicki Miller

The show has developed into a big attraction covering about 200 acres for the show field, ploughing fields and car parking. Free draining soils are a prerequisite for being hosts which was imperative this year as our inclement weather tried its best to disrupt things.



The occasion brings the local farming and wider rural community together to celebrate agriculture past and present. From the teams of horses ploughing with a single furrow which would usually cover 1-1.5 acres/day. As the industrial revolution influenced agriculture, we have the wonderful traction engines that pulled a 4 furrow plough up and down the field and a team of three men could cover 20 acres/day. These two traction engines on show started their working life in

East Leake in 1874 and finished in 1950 at T Hammond & Sons of Redhill, Nottingham.



Tractors really took off after the Second World War with many examples of vintage tractors working in the ploughing fields up to the modern monster machines guided by satellites that we see today.



Of course, the show is more than just ploughing with sheep and cattle classes. The Produce tent displays an array of classes from grain, roots exhibits and from the kitchen jams and cakes.

The Horse section and Dog Show have recently become very popular as the show expands its range of events. The Main Ring attraction of Paul Hannan Stunt Show

wooded show goes as he leapt over a collection of 4x4 vehicles.

A thoroughly good day was had by all; a big thank you to the large team of volunteers who put an unbelievable amount of work into organising the Show. Roll on to 2024 when the show moves to the Oxton Estate on 28th September.

John Miller

For more pictures of this year's Show see <https://www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk/previous-shows>

What's On In Our Area in November and December

See p. 11 for details of church and other services

14 November: 7.15pm. WI Meeting—Mystery Craft Meeting

23 November: 7pm. Gardening Club—Neil Timms' Flower Show experiences

20 November to 4 December—**FOOD BANK COLLECTION.**

See p.10 for more details.

Around and about—FREE events

- 3-4 November: Newark's Sound and Light Installation, St Mary Magdalene Church
- 26 November: Newark Christmas Lights Switch On.
- 9 December: Newark Christmas Market
- 10 December: Newark Christmas Market and Steampunk Torchlit Procession.

ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE TOY RUN IN SUPPORT OF THE SALVATION ARMY : 3rd December

Up to 200 motorcyclists, dressed as Santa, will pass through our villages on their way to deliver toys to Newark Salvation Army. They will set off from Bleasby at 11am, passing through Fiskerton, Rolleston and Staythorpe, to join the A617 via the traffic lights at Averham, before arriving in Newark and riding down London Road towards the Salvation Army church in Balderton.

NOVEMBER FIREWORKS: ADVANCE NOTICE

There will be firework displays on the following dates in November and December. All displays will begin between 7.30 and 8.30 pm.

- At Kelham House: 3, 4, 11, 18 November and 31 December
- At Kelham Hall: 5 November

Why not cut this piece out and stick it on your fridge as a reminder.

Christmas Collection for Newark Food Bank

Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe villagers have always been generous supporters of the Food Bank. This year's Christmas Collection will run between

20 November—4 December 2023

Collection Points:

Tracey Carlisle, 5 Ayrshire Way, Averham

Judith Mills, 18 Home Farm Close, Kelham

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

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TINNED SPAGHETTI

TINNED POTATOES

INSTANT MASHED POTATO

TINNED TOMATOES

TINNED PEAS

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<https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

St Wifrid's Kelham and St Michael and All Angels, Averham with North and South Muskham

Services for November 2023

All Services start at 9.30 unless otherwise stated

2 November	Kelham	7pm Service for All Souls Day
5 November	North Muskham	Holy Communion for All Saints Service
11 November	Averham	10.45 Act of Remembrance
12 November	South Muskham	Morning Prayer and Act of Remembrance
	Muskham Rural Community Centre	10.45 Act of Remembrance
19 November	Kelham	Holy Communion for Safeguarding Sunday
26 November	Averham	Morning Prayer

12 November 3pm North Muskham

26 November 4pm Averham (see also p. 15)



Evening Prayer 6pm

Every Thursday evening at 6pm

Half an hour of readings and prayers via **Microsoft Teams**

Contact Phil Staniforth, 01636 703289

*Averham Church is open for private prayer and visitors
on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
between 10am and 4pm*

Our Village Churches

Averham and Kelham with North and South Muskham are part of a group—or Benefice—known as the Riverside Parishes which is appropriate as all four are next to the Trent.

For the last few years, we have shared our 'Priest in Charge' with six churches in the Beck and Trent Benefice which comprises Cauntton, Cromwell, Norwell, Ossington, Sutton on Trent and Carlton on Trent. Rev. Georgie—who we always called our 'vicar' was officially Associate Priest for Riverside.

Sadly we have not had a Priest in Charge for a little while and of course Rev. Georgie has just retired so both benefices are without a priest. The churchwardens and the Parochial Church Councils of both Riverside and Beck and Trent are working closely to not only recruit a new vicar for us but also to assist each other in as many ways as possible.

We are being supported in this by Rev. James Halstead who was recently appointed as Area Dean and he has written this month's church message.

We are also publishing the services dates and times for the Beck and Trent churches and hope to find other ways of helping each other.

In the meantime,

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What family do you belong to?

James Halstead, Area Dean

On the face of it, that's such a simple question – but in a world where so many move house, job or community so often (however enthusiastically or reluctantly), where we find 'home' or 'family' is an increasingly complicated thing to ask. Strangely, November is a special month in which to ponder these things.

Of course, many will gather in our villages and churches for Remembrance again this year. The opportunity to remind ourselves of women and men, some perhaps known to us personally, others from our wider communities, who gave their lives for our ongoing peace – or who continue to offer themselves for service, both at home and abroad.

But in the Church's calendar, the season of remembering begins slightly earlier than this. In fact, All Saints Day (1st November) is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves of all those – throughout time, across the world – in whose lives the Church has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. Sometimes that has been in extraordinary circumstances, sometimes in the very ordinary of everyday. Perhaps you have known such 'saints' in your own experience. And many of our churches may be marking special 'Memorial Services' as opportunities for us to remember those who have especially borne something of God's kindness to us in our lives in the past.

But put together, all these 'rememberings' remind us of a truth the Christian tradition has long taught us: that, through faith in Jesus Christ, we become members of a company of believers – a 'family,' we might call it – who belong to one another, even through death.

Of course, remembering can bring us sadness. But it can also offer hope, as we think on those who've given themselves to the Lord's work in life, or for our freedom in death. It can remind us there is much beyond the world we can merely see, a life beyond death. And this, I think, points us beyond this

month of remembrance: because what we celebrate *next* month – the coming of God into this world he made – is the true reminder of the hope we're offered. Forgiveness for past wrongs, hope for a better future, and (in the meantime) a welcome into the greatest family of all. The Bible tells us that Christian people are 'adopted' as God's own children – and that's where we find our true home.

'Remembering' Services

Picking up on James's themes, the Riverside Benefice is holding some remembering services in November.

All Souls Day, 2nd November, to remember family and friends we have lost.

All Saints Service, 5th November, to remember and celebrate the church saints.

Remembrance services (11th & 12 November), to remember villagers who lost their lives in two World Wars.

See page 11 for more details.

Village WhatsApp Groups

Did you know that our Villages have their own WhatsApp Groups?
NO?

Well we do. They're used to keep us in touch with what's happening around us and to 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



Averham Church News

Our church life continues on its usual regular basis but is dependent on the good offices of our community and retired clergy. However each of the four churches within the Riverside Benefice manage to hold one service each every month. It is usually Averham's turn on the 4th Sunday, though we have a bit of an exception in November as we will be holding a short *Act of Remembrance* at St. Michael's and All Angels on November 11th at 10.45 am. As well as our monthly service on November 26th at 9.30.

Messy Church continues to grow, but keep an eye on WhatsApp and see the notice below for more details. The Christmas arrangements are still being finalized but any updates will also be posted on WhatsApp and in the next edition of The Plough.

What would we do without this modern feature in our lives? It is such a dynamic way of keeping in touch.

Cleaning and Flowers

November Mrs Hazel Pennelegion.

December it is hoped to have a group effort to trim the church for Christmas along with a mince pie as a reward. Date to be arranged.

Jenny Quickmire

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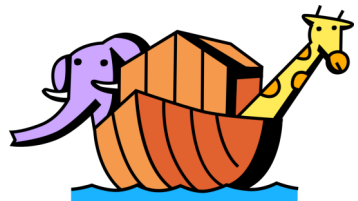
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MESSY CHURCH

Sunday 26 November, 4pm

St Michael and All Angels Church, Averham

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November Services for Beck and Trent Benefice

	St Andrew's Cauntton	St Giles' Cromwell	St Laurence's Norwell	Holy Rood Ossington	All Saints' Sutton	St Mary's Carlton
5 November	9.00am Holy Communion				10.30am Joint service at Methodist Chapel	3.00pm Evensong
12 November	10.15am Remembrance Service		10.45am Remembrance Service Joint with Holy Rood, Ossington	10.45am Remembrance Service at St Laurence, Norwell	9.00am Breakfast church at Methodist Hall	6.30pm Remembrance Service
19 November				10.30am Holy Communion		3.00pm Evensong
26 November		10.30am Christingle Service			10.30am Holy Communion	3.00pm Evensong

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