

The Plough

Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe
Community and Parish Magazine



FEBRUARY 2023

Many Thanks

On behalf of Averham Church, I'm sending a big thank you to all the villagers and friends who donated money to pay for the recent vandalism at the church, you raised a fantastic £300. This has paid for the repair to the window and the rest will go towards the damage to the footpath lights caused by a car trying to drive along it at a recent Robin Hood Theatre event. Many, many thanks again.

Hilary Snell

Brain Teasers

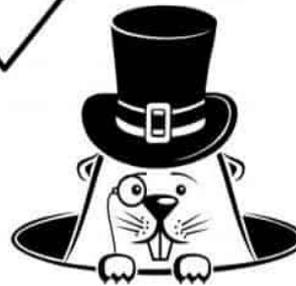
1. What has a head and a tail, but no body?
2. What is always in front of you but can't be seen?
3. What has a heart that doesn't beat?
4. What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?
5. What is full of holes but still holds water?
6. O, T, T, F, S, S, ? What's the next letter?
7. A man pushes his car to a hotel and tells the owner he's bankrupt. Why?
8. In 1990, a person is 15 years old. In 1995, that same person is 10 years old. How can this be?
9. A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?
10. What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
11. Your parents have six sons including you and each son has one sister. How many people are in the family?
12. Paul's height is six feet, he's an assistant at a butcher's shop, and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?

Village WhatsApp Groups

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

Well, we do. They're used to 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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 SWEETHEART
 VALENTINES
 WINTER

Parish Council Meeting Report

Updates from the Meeting

The tree outside the power station should have been replaced by the time this is published and the plaque installed. The new tree is smaller than the original and we hope this will mean it should survive.

Following on from the recent floods, if anyone is interested in registering with NSDC as a flood warden for their area, please send an email to the address below. The Parish Council are keeping an eye on any plans or initiatives proposed by District or County for future floods or extreme weather events.

The next meeting is Monday 18 th March at 7:00pm at Kelham Hall; deadline for items to be included on the agenda is 5pm on the Tuesday before.

Sue Jackson

Clerk

aksparishclerk@outlook.com

JOB VACANCY

By the time you read this I will have left AKS Parish Council so the post of Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer is vacant. If anyone is interested in the role, please email Chairman Andy Fereday.

cllrfereday@gmail.com

The hours are 15 per month plus 4 hours annual leave, mostly working from home but attending meetings as necessary, currently held at Kelham Hall. Training is available. Salary is £2685 per annum (This figure in effect from 1st April 2024).

There is a laptop, a printer and a 2-drawer filing cabinet to accommodate.

Meetings are every other month on the 3rd Monday plus 2 finance meetings a year.

Key Roles:

- ◆ Note taking
- ◆ Producing Agenda
- ◆ Producing and publishing minutes after approval
- ◆ Be qualified to NALC standards or willing to train.

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The Community School Acquisition Proposal

For those who are new to the area, I thought it would be a good idea to tell you about the ASK Hive Team and what's been happening, as well as updating everyone on the proposed way forward.

It seems like an age ago that the ASK Team contacted everyone to seek their views on the possibility/viability of seeing if we could take over the old Sutton Manners School building in Averham village for use as an easily accessible centre by the local community, with a majority of residents able to go to the centre on foot, and not have to use their cars.

The term name Hive was chosen for the centre as it reflects the dictionary definition:

'A place where people are busy or actively engaged'

'A place where busy bees gather'

As a consequence, a specific ASK Hive action team was formed who, since May last year, have repeatedly been in touch with Nottinghamshire County Council to discuss what options, if any, would be available. Following on from these discussions, the Hive Team has now been given the opportunity to submit a proposal to acquire the building so that they can breathe new life into the former school and turn it into a vibrant centre which will serve as a hub for various community activities.

The Hive Team envisages making the school into more than just a typical village hall. Their ambitious plan involves transforming the building into an adaptable space which caters for the various needs of the community including educational classes, workshops,

recreational activities, cultural and social events, etc, as well as letting out the hall or rooms for anyone to use for their own purposes. The aim is to create a community space which enriches the lives of all local residents. However, as you might imagine, such an ambitious undertaking requires the support and expertise of the community at large and

hence the Hive Team is reaching out to all residents who are prepared to contribute to this community driven initiative.

Bob McGhee

Always remember the words of others:

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing”

Walt Disney

“Believe you can and you’re halfway there”

Theodore Roosevelt

Volunteers are needed.

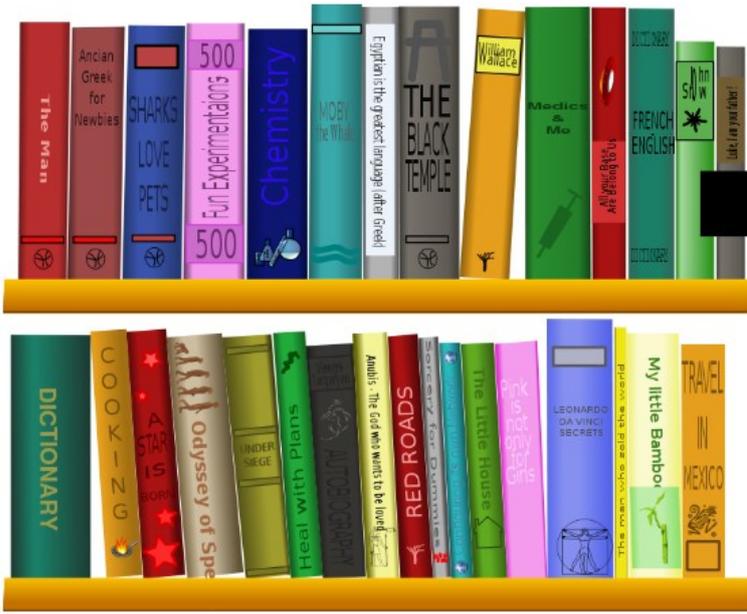
Whatever your role in life, your general skills and expertise, as well as your day to day experiences and ideas, will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the ASK Hive Community Centre.

Anyone interested in helping with this proposal can contact the Community Hub Team through their email - contact@ask-hub.com - and/or attend forthcoming meetings. In order to succeed, this proposal needs the support of residents, The next open meeting will be mid-February (date yet to be announced) and will include a display of the Hive proposals for you to comment on prior to submission. The Team are also hoping to negotiate an Open Day where residents will be able to visit the school and see its condition and what spaces are available.

As the proposed acquisition of the school gains momentum, it will stand as a testament to the power of collective action in shaping the future of our communities. By uniting residents, businesses and experts from various fields, the vision of a revitalised Sutton Manners School can become a reality, creating a welcoming and lasting impact on the lives of those in the community.

Bob McGhee

The Book Club



We had a busy reading programme for December and January as there were 2 books to get through.

The first book was a very short affair and I managed it in a couple of

evenings read. It was ‘The Christmas Guest ‘ by Peter Swanson. Very topical for the season but as with all Christmas tales it was a bit eerie and an inconclusive and spooky ending. The story is based around an American girl who

comes to university in England and finds she doesn’t really fit in; so it was a real surprise to be invited to stay with a fellow student, whom she regarded as very aloof and superior, over the Christmas period. Trying not to give too much away, our heroine falls in love with the ‘friend’s’ brother,(a little cliched I thought), but this is the pivotal part of the whole story. I will just say it was a bad choice and leave it at that.

Thankfully it was a quick read but worth reading even if the style of writing was somewhat simplistic. All in all a good plot but it was felt the style of writing was rather banal.

The second book ‘The Silent Patient’ by Alex Michaelides was based on a relationship between a psychoanalyst and his client, who had murdered her husband for no obvious reason and had refused to say one word about it. She had been committed to long term psychiatric resident care and our ‘hero’ was determined to explore and discover why she had committed this murder. It gives very detailed dialogue about psychiatric states and treatments and seemed very accurate material.

Again this had a very unexpected twist at the end and was worth reading just for that. It has to be said that the tale just confirmed my suspicions that psychiatrists etc are all a bit unhinged themselves and I will say no more!! Worth a read.

The next get together is February 22nd 7.30 at Kathrines’ house at the top end of Pinfold Lane.

Jenny Quickmire



January Report

December is always a fun time in our WI, as this meeting is always our Christmas party.

This affair was no exception as members brought in a feast, We had a lovely time and

welcomed a new guest and we hope future member.

Members were generous as always and we collected a huge pile of cleaning items to donate to the Women's Refuge in Newark.

January brought us a visit from the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) representative.

The WI has long been associated with ACWW, but some members were not aware of

what the ACWW actually does; working in 82 countries to help marginalised rural women,

often with partner agencies like the United Nations.

As a group, we felt we would like to increase our donation and do more to help.

Members also catered for a Red Cross event, hard work but fun also, and attended a lunch in Lowdham at The Railway.

We are working on a varied programme for next year, please do come join us!

March Issue of 'The Plough'

We would love to hear your story, club activities or news for The Plough's next issue.

Final cut off date for submission is 20th February 2024

To Ploughmageditor@gmail.com

Many thanks and don't forget Valentine's Day

AKS Garden Club Christmas Fuddle



Despite the coughs and colds going around those members who turned out had an enjoyable evening. The food was a sight for sore eyes, definitely the best fuddle yet! Members really pushed the boat out with their contributions.

A quiz set by Aaron made everyone have to dig deep into the depths of their grey matter! It was won by Colin who received a set of coasters as a prize made by Aaron himself.

This year's competition was to make a Christmas tree for



the table from things found in the garden. Entries consisted of trees made from plant material, an ingenious tree made from a collection of gardening sundries found in the garden shed and a beautifully crafted tree made from a floor tile which was won by Aaron who received a box of Roses chocolates as his prize.



Our next meeting is on the 20th February at the Robin Hood Theatre 7.00pm. We will be welcoming Gill Wright and Reanne Bower from The Bumblebee Conservation Trust. They will be giving us a talk/presentation on 'Gardening for Bumblebees & Bumblebees for Gardens

Heather Wolfenden

ASK Garden Club Report: November 2023

Neil Timm is known to many people as a specialist in growing ferns and owner of the Fern Nursery in Lincolnshire. In



Nursery in Lincolnshire. In fact, he gave a talk to the Gardening Club in March and a visit to the Nursery planned for the summer had to be postponed due to ill health. It was delightful, therefore, to welcoming him back at our November meeting, this time talking about his experience of exhibiting at Flower Shows.

Neil opened his talk by telling us that when preparing for his first flower show, an experienced nurseryman told him that “successful nurseries don’t do shows”, and he agreed to some extent because large, well established nurseries which sell only ‘to the trade’ don’t need to advertise or market their goods. However, Neil did not want to run that sort of nursery; his nursery sells to both the trade and the general public. Displaying at shows allowed him to engage with his customers and the general public. Flower shows also have the advantage over street markets in that the cost about the same to rent a stall but are undercover and last for 2-3 days, and there’s the potential to win some prize money!

Although you pay for a stall, these are very basic; either a rectangular table located around the edge of a marquee or hall, or an ‘island’ space in the centre, with a small table for literature and sales. Neil always chose a rectangular space. Around this he erected drapes to form a background; the colour of the drapes is dictated by the competition rules and is usually black, which is not always the best colour for showing off ferns. One year he tried using rush matting but was disqualified by the judges. At his first show, he was criticised because of his plant labels which were, he thought, arranged in a way that suited the planting. The judges thought they should all be facing forward and very visible. Displays need to be 3-D, and Neil uses planks balanced on top of upside-down plant pots to create height and depth. All his ferns are displayed in basic pots but these are hidden by the arrangement of pieces of cork bark and tree trunk and specially grown moss. Other exhibitors display their plants in ceramic or terracotta pots or surround their specimens with appropriate foliage that hides a basic pot – it’s a case of suiting the pot and the arrangement to the plant in a way that shows it off to its best.

ASK Garden Club Report: November 2023 Cont'd

Once the displays have been set up, all the exhibitors leave and the judging begins. Exhibitions are then allowed back early the following morning, to see what they have won and to water and tidy their displays. This is also a great time for catching up with friends, acquaintances and rivals.

During his talk, Neil gave some helpful hints and tips to anyone thinking of exhibiting at a show.

- Have good labelling.
- Read the rules thoroughly and make sure you follow them.
- The judges are looking at the plants not the display so do not over-complicated it and make sure the collection is shown off to its best advantage.
- Exhibiting at shows is expensive; dedicated space is needed to grow plants which are not for sale, and there are transport and other costs to factor in. But a prize-winning display covers most if not all of these costs, so that any sales are a bonus.

After the talk, Nigel announced that Janet Emeny had decided to stand down from the Committee and Chair and presented her with some flowers and a garden voucher to thank her for her many years support for the Club. Nigel will be interim Chair, supported by Aaron Lawrence as deputy Chair. Steve Emeny remains as Treasurer, Heather Wolfenden, Margaret Harvey, Rossanna Galley and Dawn Lawrence as elected committee members.

Judith Mills

Services for Kelham, Averham and Muskham Churches				
St Wilfrids		St Michael all Saints		St Wilfrids
Kelham		Averham		South Muskham
28-Jan		09:30 Holy Communion Archdeacon		
28-Jan		4:00 pm Messy Church		

Church News

St Michael and All Angels

Christmas seems like ancient history now but the memory of a very 'Merry Messy church' event lingers. It was great to see the youngsters making and learning about the Christingle and the magic on their little faces as the Christingle candles were lit. thankfully there were no untoward events in the presence of naked flames!!

After the Christingle session, things took on a more gentle and quieter turn as Anne Pirisi shared the real story of Christmas with the aid of our wonderful Nativity set. All this was followed by ample refreshments and a good old natter for the grown ups whilst the children let off some steam running around and playing in church. Great to hear young voices in there. It seems to bring the whole building back to life. 'Messy Churchers' keep an eye out for the event in February. It will be posted on WhatsApp.

Just a bit of info for anyone wanting to put flowers in the church yard: the outside tap has been turned off so you will need to bring your own water.

Hopefully it wont be for long as we are now on the downhill run to Spring and a bit warmer weather. HOPEFULLY!!

Regular services are held every month on the last Sunday of the month.

Always at 9.30 am. Would be lovely to see you there.

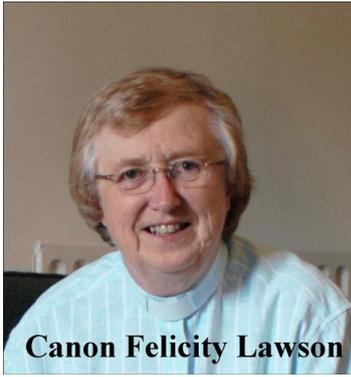
Cleaning for February. Liz Stokes.

No flowers as we will be in Lent from February 14th

Just one Sunday Liz, last one in February.

Jenny Quickmire

A DAY TO REFLECT



Following the mentioning of this in the December "The Plough", we are now inviting interested people to register for it. The day will be led by Bishop John Finney and Canon Felicity Lawson, a former Ministry colleague of his, and is entitled



“FOR YOUR AGE”

Topics will include the world's view and the Bible's view of old age; different views of ageing; some interesting facts and figures; living by faith as we grow older, and what God may have in mind for us . Together we shall explore how we can enjoy or endure old age with God.

The date is Saturday 17th February, 10.0 for a 10.30 start, until 3.30, at North Muskham Methodist Church Schoolroom (Main Street, NG23 6HQ). Cost £10 to include tea and coffee and biscuits during the day; please bring your own lunch.

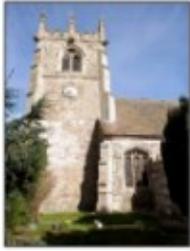
Leaflets and Registration forms are available in our Churches. If this interests you, please fill in a form and return to Jennie Bartlett, as indicated, by 10th February.

Alternatively contact her by email at jenniemary@icloud.com or by phone 01636 651582.



Revd. David Bartlett

Averham Church



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Mobile Library

In each edition of The Plough we have a book review, we also now have a book club, but did you know that the mobile library visits Averham every month?

The big bus of books has been driving to our village for years. From when my children were tiny, they would enjoy clambering up onto the bus to look through the children's books and make their choices. These days, I go by myself to get books for us to enjoy. There is a big array of books in various genres available on the mobile library, however, if there is a specific book you would like, once you have an account with the library, you can search for the book online (www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/search-reserve-and-renew/), put a hold on it and request for it to be delivered to the mobile library when the book is ready for borrowing.

To borrow books, you will need a library card. While you can get the application form from Simon on the bus, you will need to go to Southwell or Newark library to complete the application and collect your card. For information about requested titles or particular items of stock, please contact: Southwell Library 01636 812148.

Email: southwell.library@inspireculture.org.uk

With the numbers of people using the mobile library dwindling, I am keen to raise awareness, so we don't lose this handy facility. The mobile library visits Averham between 14:10 and 14:25 and parks on Staythorpe Road, outside Goodwynne. It will be there on the following dates:

19 Feb, 18 Mar, 15 Apr, 13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 5 Aug, 2 Sep, 30 Sep, 28 Oct, 25 Nov

Rachel Bradley

WHAT'S ON?

Robin Hood Theatre:

Ladies Unleashed;	30 th January to 3 rd February
Touched	13 th March to 15 th March
Sherlock Holmes (The Sign of Four)	23 rd April to 27 th April

Palace Theatre:

Last Night of the Proms	3rd February
Macbeth	7th February
One Night in Dublin	8 th February
Beyond the Barricade	14 th February
Fascinating Aida	29 th February

Mobile Library: On Staythorpe Road, Averham on:

19 th February	14:10—14:25
18 th March	14:10—14:25
15 th April	14:10—14:25

A quiet couple of months! Should you have information on upcoming events, festivals, shows etc please send details to me by email and I shall include them where possible; local events will be given priority if we have space issues.

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