

# **BLEASBY NEWS**



**BLEASBY AIRCREWS MEMORIAL STEAM TRAIN TRIP**

**SUMMER 2016**



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## **FOOTBALL SUCCESS FOR BLEASBY GIRLS**

Bleasby School Girls Football Team won the Southwell City FC Inter Schools Junior Girls football tournament despite having no special kit available and with only six players for a seven-a-side tournament. Bleasby School was runner up last year so it was good to win for the first time! The team was Hope Barnes, Molly Harrison, Frankie Scurfield, Ellie-May Alvey and Freya and Alice Andersen.

Stephen Andersen

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## **WELCOME TO BLEASBY SUMMER NEWS!**

We know many of you enjoyed the colourful June edition of Bleasby News – we hope to continue to include as much colour as possible – but it does put the costs up!

So far a somewhat mixed summer – upsides include the wonderful display of wildflowers on Goverton Hill and the lushness of our gardens – downsides include disruption to gardening plans, grass growing like no-one's business, never being sure what to wear; sandals or wellington boots, jumpers or tee-shirts! And we've also had mixed blessings as far as sport is concerned – don't mention the football, but do mention Andy's win!

Congratulations to the organisers and the children for a most successful Bleasby School Fair – an immense sum raised for the benefit of the pupils and their education. What a great school we have! The sun shone on the sports day too.

There's been an encouraging response so far to the Church Appeal – if you haven't already done so, please consider a regular covenant so that there's always enough to cover maintenance and developments – it's a special part of the village!

We always look forward to receiving your articles, views, ideas, poems etc. so please send plenty for the autumn edition of Bleasby News to:- Rachael Andrew, Sutton House, [pran@suttonhs.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:pran@suttonhs.fsworld.co.uk) or Barbara Cast, Little Dower House, [barbaracast@btinternet.com](mailto:barbaracast@btinternet.com) by 19<sup>th</sup> September.

*Your Editors, Rachael and Barbara*

## **BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - CELEBRATING LIFE IN BLEASBY**

I think that most people would agree that we are all very fortunate to live in Bleasby.

There are some drawbacks – a risk of flooding, a less than adequate sewerage system, we've lost our post office stores, there's limited public transport and a few other minor niggles BUT in most other respects we are truly blessed.

We have a great community spirit, limited crime, beautiful countryside, an outstanding school, an outward looking and compassionate church, a vibrant and socially-centred pub, a well-maintained and attractive village hall where all kinds of events are held and a kind, caring and responsible community around us.

It is a time of great change and Bleasby will surely be affected but it should always be a refuge from life's storms – a haven in turmoil!

The Parish Council is adamant that those things that most affect the quality of life here shall be its priority with its determining mantra "What would be best for the parish?" constantly in mind when planning and developing a course for the future. To

this end the monthly agenda has been reorganised to ensure that local issues will always come to the fore. The Council also intends that residents be actively encouraged to contribute to, and participate in, matters of local importance or concern. To this end the Council is inviting you to not only attend its meetings but is encouraging you to help focus its attention on matters of importance to you.

A major platform for providing a voice for all individuals and groups in the parish is the Council instigated - but community driven – Parish Plan, and many of you will have had opportunity to complete a “first response sheet” providing a broad base of impressions which are helping to focus an enthusiastic group of villagers (the Steering Group) to provide as many means and occasions to draw on all residents’ hopes and aspirations for the parish. Please look out for the Steering Group’s first article in this edition of Bleasby News and do make contact with them if you wish to support them in their aim to actively engage with everyone and every group in the parish – for the long term benefit of all. They are a most determined and approachable group who will welcome your ideas and views.

There is yet another door opening for any individual who would like to join the Parish Council as it is with regret that I have to inform you that Rachel Horsley is standing down from her position as a parish councillor. She was a very active member during James Bright’s period of office and did much to drive and support the Council’s initiatives at that time. She has been a force for change, improvement and “modernising” of the Council – especially championing the case for younger people and families and ensured a focus on social opportunities for residents. Thank you Rachel.

The bureaucratic wheels are already in turning and you will need to think carefully about the parish’s next course of action – if ten of you would wish there to be an election to fill the vacancy you will need to inform Newark and Sherwood DC by 1<sup>st</sup> August – otherwise the Parish Council will seek to co-opt someone from the parish to fill the vacancy. Would YOU like to join the Council and help steer a desirable future for the parish? We cannot provide the “better weather” not the “sea” as were sought by two of the Parish Plan Response sheet respondents – but we can all pull together to make for an even better Bleasby for every one of us!

*Peter Cast on behalf of the Parish Council*

## **HAVE YOUR CHILDREN RECEIVED THEIR QUEEN’S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY MEDALS**

All the children whose parents registered them for a birthday medal have now received one. However, there are still some children who have not received theirs – if your child is one of those who hasn’t received one please contact Peter Cast on 830284 or [peterdcast@btinternet.com](mailto:peterdcast@btinternet.com) Do so please even if you didn’t get round to giving their names in originally – we would like all children from birth to 16 to have one!

BLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL

CASUAL VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that one vacancy exists for the office of Parish Councillor for Bleasby Parish Council.

The vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Cllr Horsley whose term of office would have ordinarily expired in May 2019.

An election to fill the vacancy will be held **if, within 14 days\*** from the date below, TEN electors who are included on the Register of Electors at an address in Bleasby Parish, give notice in writing claiming such election to: -

The Returning Officer  
Kelham Hall  
Kelham  
Newark  
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
NG23 5QX

If no such notice is given, the Returning Officer will notify the Parish Council, which may then fill the vacancy by co-option.

Signed:



Clerk to Bleasby Parish Council. Dated: 12 July 2016

\*Not counting Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays.

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Bleasby Parish Council is keen to fill the current vacancy at the earliest opportunity. If no election is called, the Council will try to fill the vacancy by co-option. A notice will then be placed on the website and notice boards inviting expressions of interest from qualified electors. In order to qualify you have to be

- A British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country? **and**
- Over 18 years of age

More detail will be published on the notice boards and website at the time. Any expressions of interest should be made in writing to the Clerk to Bleasby Parish Council, 3 Jackson Court, Farndon, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 3TS



Isabella Harris of Gibsmere showed the way!

## FROM THE REVD PHIL

### TO SPEAK OR NOT TO SPEAK – THAT IS THE QUESTION

*“Why not be controversial in the next newsletter”* someone suggested recently.

Plenty of topics to choose from then! I supported ‘Remain’ ‘stronger together’ (as many of you may have concluded) and I was praying for the best result. And should I speak out in support of minorities like the LGBT community (should a vicar be barred from ‘marrying’ them?), or in support of migrants (don’t they do as good a job as many ethnic British workers?). And what about doubling our spending on overseas aid. And more social/mixed housing in our area? And – this is controversial or is it tongue in cheek - good for Jose Mourinho spending £69m on one player to ensure Manchester United stay at the top!

And, and....is being public about your faith controversial - who was it said?

*“I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through good times and bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God...I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.”* She’s a well-known 90 year old still working a 40 to 50 hour week. Not that I’m a monarchist particularly....

The Revd Phil

***Controversial:*** *“a lot of disagreement or argument about something, usually because it affects or is important to many people”!*

### SCHOOL PARKING

In order to reduce the number of cars parked on the road at school drop-off and pick-up times, several residents have offered spaces on their drives as a short-stay parking place during these times. These places are not offered on a free-for-all basis but as sole use for designated parents. This has worked well for years and is of particular help to parents from beyond the village and not on the bus route.

Can you help in this way? You can, of course, specify rules and conditions to suit you. Please contact school on 830203 or [office@bleasby.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@bleasby.notts.sch.uk) if you would like to help.

If only just a few households offer a space, this will reduce the number of cars parked on the roads and the inconvenience to other road users and neighbouring households.

## **RACHEL HELEN MORLEY of GYPSY LANE**

A daughter's account of her mother's life

My mother was born in Nottingham on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1923, the youngest of three children born to Harry and Frances Holloway. She was very fond of her older sister Daphne and was especially close to her brother Richard who carried a photograph of her all the time during WW2, even when in a prisoner of war camp.

She attended the PNEU School in Nottingham and then went on to Overstone School near Northampton as a boarder. The broad education she received suited her, in particular the study of nature - wildflowers, birds and animals - which remained a passion all her life. She was one of the founder members of the Notts Wildlife Trust and regularly staffed their caravan at shows, selling goods as well as promoting the trust.

She was still at school in 1939 when the Second World War broke out, and she wanted to leave so she could join the WRENS. Initially her father said no but he later agreed to let her go to the recruiting office in Nottingham where she was told there was no opening for her. So she spent some time working with the WRVS at Victoria Station in Nottingham giving refreshments to the troops. Eventually she persuaded her father to take her to London to the naval recruiting office and, after some persuasion, they offered her a place in a new 'venture' about to be started. So she found herself at Bletchley Park where she did an initial training course before being sent to Gayhurst, another country house in Bedfordshire taken over for the war effort. For the next two years she worked on the Enigma machines which we all know more about these days, and she was well aware that the work being done there was greatly helping us win the war. She always kept her promise of secrecy and her family never knew exactly what she had done in the war until after the thirty year rule ended. She was very proud to recently receive a certificate and lovely brooch to acknowledge the work done by the WRENS in the war. In 1944 she married our father, Peter Morley, who was in the Royal Navy. Secrecy was paramount and neither of them told the other the nature of their work.

I was born in 1946 and my sister Caroline in 1950. We lived in Mapperley Park in the early 50s but in 1955 we moved to Normanton Prebend in Southwell, and Mum soon began to get involved locally. She remained on the League of Pity committee, the junior branch of the NSPCC - we remember the papier mâché savings boxes we had - they looked like blue eggs! Rachel volunteered with the WRVS Meals on Wheels service in Southwell and at Harlow Wood Hospital. But she enjoyed playing bridge, singing with the Southwell Choral Society, taking part in amateur dramatics at the Robin Hood Theatre, gardening and becoming knowledgeable about antiques. She loved having a dog and her two favourites were the dalmatian Cindy and her last dog Sally who was a "rescue dog".

She had been a Girl Guide as a teenager and this movement was always of great importance to her: she was surprised to be asked to become a District Commissioner in Southwell and in 1971 she was invited to become the County Commissioner for

Nottinghamshire, a role she threw herself into heart and soul. Many people remember that time, especially when she was in uniform looking so smart, and insisting that everyone else should look their best too. In 1969 she was invited to become a magistrate - something which doesn't happen these days! She joined the Southwell Bench, having to wear a hat when in court! She remained a faithful JP until the age of 70 when she had to retire.

Rachel's move to Bleasby in 2007 made life easier for her, especially as we lived nearby, but, after such a busy and very interesting life, she felt frustrated at being reliant on others. She had many visitors who enjoyed her company and she looked forward to visits from her grandchildren, Daniel, Katie, Charlotte and Robert, and from her great-grandchildren, Lucy, Harry and Violet.

Unfortunately osteoporosis made life very difficult for her latterly, having several accidents over the years. However, she was still able to get to the Village Hall to enjoy WI, Local History and her weekly game of Rummikub. Mum was almost obsessional about wildlife and she couldn't bear to see any animal, bird or insect suffer. This proved a little difficult when we found signs of mice in her garage, which had easy access to all the bird food. We had to take secret measures to get rid of them before they took over the house! Sadly her cat Sootica died aged 21 in 2014, which of course benefited the mice! She supported wildlife and animal charities for many years and enjoyed watching the birds from her windows and taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch.

In October last year Mum suffered two further collapsed vertebrae which meant a five week stay in hospital where it became clear that she wouldn't be able to go home. We were so fortunate to find The Firs Residential Care Home in Lowdham where Karen and her staff looked after Mum with wonderful care and attention for which all the family is sincerely grateful.

Alison Salter

*(Thank you Alison for this wonderful description of a life lived to the full! - Eds)*



## A LOVE OF NATURE – A TRIBUTE TO RHM

My turn to say a few more words  
Of Rachel's loyal love of "birds".  
She used to call them "hers" and say  
She had to feed them every day;  
Or any time their seeds ran out,  
In all those feeders roundabout.  
(Of course I didn't dare to tell  
That those birds came to us as well).

And when those birds reduced her stocks,  
She'd phone to get another box  
Of seeds and nuts, and suet goo.  
Sometimes with brand-new feeders too:  
Which seemed in some way better made.  
The old ones ... languished in the shade  
On rusty nails. ...She never liked to throw away,  
What she might want another day.

It wasn't just the birds of course!  
For mice foregathered soon .... in force,  
Some route into her house they found,  
Creating conduits underground,  
And where the ventilator drove  
Its exit from above the stove.  
We had to block their holes with foam  
Depriving them of house and home.

Although those foods might well suffice  
For all those birds and all those mice -  
And this, of course, I always knew -  
Some meat was on their menu too.  
For hedgehog, rural fox, and cats,  
And even enterprising rats.  
I knew all this, ....alas, alas!  
For when I went to cut the grass,  
A plastic dish would catch my eye ....  
Containing scraps of shepherd's pie.

And there at Brett'sfield still I strive  
To trim the grass, to sweep the drive;  
And dig and weed the flower-bed  
That hides behind the garden shed.  
But now .... the old bird table's bare,  
Just empty feeders hanging there.

Edmund Salter

## **CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFE LINE**

Last summer we hosted an eight year old girl called Dasha who was visiting England through the local branch of the Chernobyl Children's Life Line charity. She was from a small and very poor rural village called Molotkovichi in Belarus still affected today by the fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear power station disaster in 1986. The charity arranges for young children to have a three week respite visit to the UK to allow their immune systems to recover away from the contamination. In combination with this and the improved diet they will have whilst they are here, their visit is likely to add a year to their life expectancy. It is likely the visit will be their only trip out of their country during their lifetime and for most it will be the one and only time they see the sea.

In addition the poorest of the children are supported financially by the charity with Dasha's family being one of those. It was extremely heart-warming to see a short film of Dasha and the impact the support given to her family has had. Dasha could be seen wearing some of the clothes donated during her visit to the UK and her mother has commented that, now she can wear the same clothes as some of the better off children, she looks forward to going to school. She has become enthusiastic about learning and is starting to flourish. She looked happy and healthy and seemed very pleased with the photo-book we put together for her to remind her of her visit.

This year we are hosting another girl called Nastya from the same village, who will celebrate her ninth birthday whilst she is with us. Her brother came as part of a visit two years ago so she will no doubt have been briefed on what to expect. You may well see her around the village during the first three weeks of the school holidays, so please make her welcome. The charity has lots of activities planned for her and her friends at local attractions but they will have some free days where we hope to show her some of the delights of the area where we all live.

As with last year I would like to make an appeal to those of you that might have any used children's clothes and shoes or old cases and bags that you no longer need. The response when I appealed last year was overwhelming. Nearly every day I returned home to find a bag of clothes and shoes or an old suitcase on my doorstep. None of these children can afford new clothes so have to rely on buying second-hand clothes from a local market or those donated to the charity. We try to pack each child off with two cases, each full of clothes for them and their family. This poses another problem as suitcases and holdalls are very expensive in Belarus and, again, most families can only afford second-hand ones from the market, but these are also still expensive. If you have an old case or holdall you no longer need, it would be gratefully received. Ideally bags with wheels would be best as four of us have to shepherd fifteen children through Manchester airport when they leave, each with two cases, so the more mobile their luggage the better.

Nastya seems to be average size for a nine year old girl, and she has a twelve year old brother as well as three and two year old sisters. Having said that, all children's clothing no matter what the size would be gratefully received. The other children visiting this year are all ages and sizes and most have siblings, so anything you donate will find a home. You can either drop your donation off at my house at 7 Hawthorn Close or contact me at [janineandchris@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janineandchris@tiscali.co.uk) or 07870928233 and I will happily collect any items you might have from you.

Thank you in anticipation, Chris Barnes



Dasha with the Barnes sisters

## **PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP**

June 2016 saw the inaugural meeting of Bleasby Village's 'Parish Plan Steering Group'. The Group is a community-led organisation, initiated by the Parish Council, formed with the intention of developing Bleasby Village's Parish Plan. The Parish Plan aims to gather information to ascertain the needs and wishes of residents in order to move Bleasby Parish forward and to meet the changing aspirations of the residents.

The Steering Group got off to a great start! We took full advantage of Bleasby School's spectacular Summer Fair to run a stall featuring a washing line full of 'Tops' and 'Pants' on pegs. We encouraged children and adults alike to fully and frankly write down and peg up what they like and dislike about Bleasby Village. The results were

extremely helpful and informative. Interesting comments on the 'Tops' included: 'Good Community Spirit' 'Brilliant School' 'Sense of community with many village events' Interesting comments on the 'Pants' included: 'Speeding cars' 'No park'.

Our first step towards our goal will be to develop and circulate a comprehensive questionnaire where everyone in the community will be invited to put forward their views and opinions. We are in the process of developing this, and we are hoping to distribute the questionnaire to everyone in Bleasby by early 2017.

If you have any further comments to add, please do talk to one of our Group Members: Charlotte Gent, Peter Cast, Sarah Hill, Alison Collins, Jordanna Morris, Diana Temperley, Helen Davis, Sarah Roscoe, Phil White, Steve Andersen, Michael Coombs, Rebecca Anstee

Please do not hesitate to contact us at: [bleasbysteeringgroup@gmail.com](mailto:bleasbysteeringgroup@gmail.com)

Jordanna Morris



## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Giving**

You will have noticed from the June edition of Bleasby News, village website alerts, social media and follow up letters that we have embarked on a funding programme. The purpose of this is to secure the place of the church in the village for future generations. Our approach has generally received a positive response but if you are one of many with good intentions but have put the information to one side, now is the time to retrieve it and act. We are particularly keen to involve those of working age as currently almost all the regular giving falls on the retired and ageing. It is inevitable that this will come to an end in the next 20 years or so unless replaced. However small your gift, if it is regular giving, and enough people join in, the problem will be solved. If it matters to you that there is a well-maintained church at the centre of the village, open to all whenever needed, please act now.

### **Holidays**

Rev Phil will be away during August. Services will continue much as usual with the help of retired clergy and readers, to whom we are grateful. Church wardens will be available during the period while Rev Phil is away.

### Hoveringham

On the fifth Sunday in May, a benefice service was held in the open air at the annual Hoveringham Vintage Vehicle Rally. It was an innovation in 2015 which proved to be very successful.

### Carers' Sunday

The first Sunday in June has been designated by the diocese as Carers' Sunday. This is in response to the growing number of older people caring for the frail elderly in their own homes, for those caring for family members with disabilities and for young carers. Funding cuts to the social care budget and increasing costs of residential and nursing care have exacerbated the existing problems of an ageing population. As a church we continue to consider how we can offer practical support to those who are affected in our own community. Companionship, visiting, lifts, sitting-in and trips out, are some of the ways we can help. We also hold information about resources available through the Nottinghamshire Carer's Hub, GP services and voluntary schemes.

### Ordination

James Pacey, who was seconded to the West Trent Group for a time as part of his theological training at Westcott House Cambridge, was ordained priest on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at a service in Southwell Minster led by Bishop Paul. James will continue his curacy with the Hucknall Team Ministry for a further two years.

### Michael Wood

At the Benefice Holy Communion Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at Halloughton we presented Michael Wood with a picture of St James Church to mark his 30 and more years of dedicated service as churchwarden. Michael has now retired. Professor Margaret McCaskill has been appointed in his place.

### School End of Term Service

The school gathered in church on the last day of term, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, to say goodbye to Year 6 leavers and teacher Mr Allington, to celebrate achievements during the year and to commit themselves to the next stage of their school careers. The West Trent Group, through Rev Phil, presented each of the leavers with a book "It's Your Move" published by the Scripture Union to help youngsters make a smooth transition between primary and secondary school, through practical advice, real-life stories and opportunities to explore and express feelings about change. We wish all the children and their families happy holidays and good start to their secondary education.

### Lay Ministry Training

A training course is underway to enable churchwardens and other interested members of congregations across the West Trent Group to take an active role in services and to lead when necessary. The four week course, approximately 10 hours in total, is led by Rev Phil, ably assisted by our readers. Although a largely serious

undertaking, the first session included a certain amount of humour in responses to the question “what have you found most distracting during a service?” Bats, butterflies and bees are among fairly minor distractions apparently, whereas those provided by human idiosyncrasies are much more entertaining! Just think of all the television and film portrayals of vicars and their congregations and you will get the picture.

### Remodelling

An application has been made to the diocese to remodel the front of the nave to provide a platform for performances. This is a logical next step in the process of making the church more suitable for community events. We plan to have two front pews removed on either side of the main aisle and a wooden insert provided to bridge the gap between existing raised areas. The most likely immediate benefit will be for school celebrations and services, making it possible for the children to perform from the front and to be seen more easily.

Rachael Andrew and Diana Temperley, Churchwardens

### **BLEASBY CHURCHYARD – A WILDLIFE HAVEN**

Eleven years ago I rather foolishly volunteered to try and keep Bleasby Churchyard’s grass cut, not through any personal commitment to the church as I am an atheist, but because it had become pretty overgrown and I felt it should look better for the benefit of the village’s appearance. It was then pretty choked with cow parsley and nettles and many of the gravestones had completely disappeared under foliage. Initially I rather charged at it like a bull in a china shop with my strimmer and heavy duty mower. The grass became manageable after a while although it took a lot of effort to keep it under control.

After a few years doing this, and with the addition of the new area for graves ‘over the wall’, it became apparent that it probably required a different approach that followed a more wildlife friendly regime but still maintained access around the churchyard. Wildflowers had been planted - annually the show of ‘fox and cubs’ became more and more widespread. To accommodate these I started leaving areas of the churchyard uncut for the flowers. This was appreciated by the churchwardens and I was helped in this task by Alison Sutherland who has been keeping the paths trim whilst tackling the overall maintenance and management of the churchyard.

This year a combination of wet weather and my non-availability meant that the grass certainly grew apace and I have only recently been able to attack the resultant jungle; this however is not necessarily a bad thing. In line with the ‘joined up’ thinking of creating wildlife corridors through the village that link the Jubilee Ponds, the Glebe Field and the churchyard, the wild space created has become a haven for all things natural. I have still a lot to do, but on Monday I created a few mown wildflower paths that show off the beautiful display of ‘fox and cubs’ and give access to the wilder

areas. Today, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, I returned to the churchyard with camera in hand to record, in about an hour, the beautiful wildlife haven that it has become.

Apart from the wildflowers, to which I must add the one Early Purple Orchid found near the lychgate a couple of weeks ago, I noted the Red Campion and Rosebay Willowherb flowering near the back Glebe Field gate. There was a profusion of insects enjoying the flowers and leaves. I found Common Blue and Blue-tailed Damselflies and a spectacular Brown Hawker dragonfly that had just emerged and sat drying its golden wings near the dyke. On the butterfly front, I saw three brown species: Meadow Brown, Ringlet and Speckled Wood, whilst there were plenty of small day-flying moths, plus bees and other winged insects.

The birds were singing loudly with Song Thrush repeating his strident call whilst Chiffchaff, Robin, Blackbird and Wren all added their distinctive sounds to the cacophony. To the back of the churchyard I was lucky enough to see a Whitethroat taking food to a newly fledged chick that peeked out expectantly from the safety of a hawthorn bush.

I have illustrated this article with some of the photos I took that morning. If you can spend some time in the next few weeks to visit and enjoy the churchyard please do and don't be too critical of the longer areas of grass; they are helping maintain a home for nature.

Roger Bennett

*(see more pics at the end of the BN – whitethroat, whitethroat chick, rosebay willowherb and hawker dragonfly, Eds)*



Wildflower path through churchyard

## **BLEASBY PLAYGROUP NEWS**

Bleasby Play Group had a very special visitor in July - Harvey the pony! With a bit of kiddie creativity we managed to turn Harvey into a sparkly-hooved, multi-coloured unicorn! Huge thanks goes to Ruth Hall for bringing Harvey along, and for providing Bleasby Play Group with such a fantastic and fun opportunity.

Bleasby Play Group is a very friendly, relaxed and informal play group which runs every Monday morning (during school term-times) at Bleasby Village Hall, from 9.15am until 11.15am - £2 per family per session.

We will also hold some Summer Sessions throughout August this year, where siblings are very welcome to come along too. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jordanna and Alison



## **WI NEWS**

What would spring to mind if you were asked to think about the WI - jam and Jerusalem, making cakes and serving tea? The National Magazine does little to dispel this cosy image, and advertisers seem think our main interests are domestic and our needs primarily stair lifts and walk-in baths. But dig a little deeper and you will discover a hot debate about the resolutions below which were put to the annual national conference in June.

1. We call upon HM Government to provide facilities to enable carers of people with Alzheimer's and dementia to stay with them when they have been admitted to hospital.

2. Avoid Food Waste and address food poverty. The WI calls on all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thereby passing surplus food to charities and thus helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the UK.

Real progress has been made over the years on important environmental and social issues following pressure from National Conference. This is an aspect of WI Life not often given much attention by those on the outside.

At our June meeting we heard how the county newsletter, The Hornblower, had changed over the many years of its production, from black and white type-written, duplicated sheets to the full colour e.version with photographs that it is today. Contributions, editing and distribution are all done by volunteers. Printing is done professionally and the current editor is grateful to the expertise and guidance she has had over the years from Roy Allen Printing.

There has been much to enjoy at county, group and village level during the last two months, including walking, clay-pigeon shooting, kurling, skittles, croquet and cricket for those with sporting interests, jazz, art and sewing workshops for those who prefer more gentle pursuits. Regular visits and monthly lunches have also been enjoyed.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 in the village hall if you are interested in joining us.

Rachael Andrew

### **TERENCE (TERRY) CADMAN**

Terry was born in Monmouthshire in 1934 but moved to Nottingham aged five. He left school at fourteen to work for what was then British Rail, delivering mail and telegrams from Southwell Station, before moving on to be a porter at Victoria Station in Nottingham. At seventeen, he joined the army as an ambulance driver attached to 33 General Hospital in Hong Kong where he served in the aftermath of the Korean War from 1952 to 1955. He recalled seeing the Queen's Coronation before embarking for the Far East.

Shortly after returning home to Nottingham, after leaving the army, he met his future wife Valerie and they were married in 1959. They began married life in a cottage in Thurgarton before moving to the Station House in Bleasby with their two young children, Susan and Martin, in 1968. Terry returned to work for the railways as a plate layer for six years on the Nottingham-Lincoln line before becoming crossing keeper here for 12 months before the installation of automatic barriers. Leaving the railways, Terry went to work at Staythorpe Power Station where he remained for 22 years. As

the power station was being decommissioned he was made redundant at the age of sixty.

It was not to be a quiet retirement. Terry could well be described as a devoted family man. As well as their own two children, and later grandchildren, Val and Terry had been foster parents for Nottinghamshire County Council for some time. They were registered for babies needing emergency placements and this was to continue after Terry's retirement. Over 22 years they were to foster 138 children in need of place of safety, some of whom have remained in touch with them. Terry's was an active involvement as children often arrived during the night and more than one at a time. It was not unusual for Terry to be up in the night getting ready to receive babies before leaving for the power station at 5.30 a.m. The last of their foster children remained with them for fifteen years.

Terry died in Queen's Medical Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> May after many months of ill health.

### **BLEASBY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

A large number of members and friends (including some new members) had gathered on June 28<sup>th</sup> to hear from the Librarian of the Bromley House Library in Nottingham about the 200 year old history of this unique establishment but, unfortunately, she was unable to attend due to illness.

Fortunately Ken Ogilvie stepped into the breach and the gathered audience was not disappointed as he spoke about his recent research into two former Minster Grammar School pupils who had become fighter pilots in the Second World War.

The annual visit this year was to Hebb's Farmhouse in Stoke Bardolph where we were welcomed by the owner, Stuart Dixon. Stuart is a retired horticultural lecturer and the owner of this lovingly restored 18<sup>th</sup> century garden. The garden was well worth the visit (as was the cream tea!) and, having already experienced Stuart's special knowledge of gardens and plants in an illustrated lecture he gave previously, we weren't disappointed on seeing the great variety of vintage varieties, especially roses, in his own garden.

Many of us are looking forward to the Aircraft Memorial Fund Steam Train Journey on 20<sup>th</sup> August – full steam ahead! in a full train! And on September 27<sup>th</sup> we have a most interesting talk to be given by Stephen Jackson who has devoted years of his time rescuing and restoring Moor Ponds Wood which he describes as “a thread in the web of time”.

All are welcome to our talks and visits – we meet at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Non-members £2 – members free!

## Bleasby Diary of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Service of Holy Communion	St Mary's
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July		Bleasby School summer holidays start	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am	Benefice Service of Holy Communion with lunch	St Denis's Morton
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby WI with Stephen Jon on the Fundamentals of Puppetry	Village Hall
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Set off at 11am	Aircrews Memorial Steam Train Trip	Start from Waggon & Horses
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August		Southwell Music Festival - the third of this acclaimed festival	Southwell Minster & other local venues
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September		Bleasby School closed for INSET day	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September		Term starts for Bleasby School	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September		Ride and Stride visits Bleasby	St Mary's
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby Parish Council	Village Hall
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September		Railway crossing due to close for works	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Jubilee Ponds Working Party	JPs
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September		Deadline for October's Bleasby News	

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm	Meeting of Bleasby WI with Julie Payne on Neal's Yard Remedies	Village Hall
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September		Southwell Ploughing Match	Farnsfield
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm	Meeting of BLHS with Stephen Jackson on Moor Ponds Wood	Village Hall
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Evening	Cheese and Wine Evening assisted by Waitrose	Village Hall
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Morning	Harvest Festival	St Mary's
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October		Railway crossing due to reopen	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October		Parish focus/Celebration/Open day	Glebe Field, Jubilee Ponds etc
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Events starting with Christmas Tree light-up	Glebe Field etc

## **GILLIAN ROSS KELSEY'S ART EXHIBITION TO CELEBRATE A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY**

How fortunate we are to have such a talented and well respected artist here in Bleasby.

On a recent visit to Wales we took time to visit Gillian's exhibition at Oriel Plas Glyn-y-Weddw, a Grade II listed dower house, built in 1856/57 for Lady Elizabeth Jones-Parry of Madryn Estate. It is a prime example of a Victoria Gothic mansion, situated on the southern coast of the Llyn Peninsula. Plas Glyn y Weddw has a long association with art as it was purpose built to house the widow's own art collection. With its magnificent Jacobean staircase, hammer beam roof and ten airy gallery spaces, this proved to be an amazing venue for the exhibition which was displayed so beautifully. This retrospective exhibition is a celebration of various stages of Gillian's journey as an artist and is displayed to show how it has evolved.

Her journey began with an offer of a place at Ruskin School of Art whilst still at school but, after pressure from her father, Gillian took up a career in nursing. But she remained undeterred and, whilst nursing, Gillian continued to develop her artistic skills. After marriage, two children and divorce, she spent a time at Grimsby School of Art, and she was then accepted at Camberwell School of Art. Here Gillian's work attracted the attention of an art gallery in London who were keen to find buyers for a number of her paintings: this was a huge boost to Gillian's confidence at this stage of

her journey. In the 70s and 80s Gillian lectured in various mediums at Grimsby School of Art. She then moved to Nottingham where she remarried and successfully completed a three year MA course at Nottingham Trent University. Spending holidays as a child in Wales, and latterly buying a house in Harlech, influenced Gillian to introduce a Celtic, historical and mythical phase to her work. Harlech and the surrounding landscape have been a constant source of inspiration to her.



Thank you Gillian and Jim - we really enjoyed the exhibition.

Christine and John Sharpe

### **EDDIE EDMONDS OF MANOR CLOSE**

Eddie Edmonds died suddenly on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, leaving his wife Dorothy, his three children, Andrew, Jilly and Tess, and five grandchildren, Zac, Joe, Max, Emily and Will. Eddie Edmonds had lived in Bleasby for over 50 years.

By trade Eddie was a mechanical engineer but he spent his final few working years as a laboratory technician at Trent Polytechnic, a job he really loved. Eddie was a gentle and kind man who always had time to stop and chat with friends and neighbours. He had several passions in life including fishing, cricket, steam trains and Ken Dodd! Family was incredibly important to Eddie - he had warmth and patience and would do anything for his grandchildren.

Eddie will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was a true gentleman. He was deeply loved.

Tess Cumberlidge

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## **SAFARI SUPPER – A GREAT SUCCESS**

Thank you to everyone who came to, or hosted a course for, the Safari Supper. We had a great evening searching for unknown houses, meeting new people and eating lots of delicious food! We sent £330 to Beaumont House Hospice in Newark, for which they are very grateful.

*(Congratulations to the organisers of this very enjoyable event, Ali, Karen and Heather – when it comes round again do join in and get to know people and places in Bleasby which you may never have come across before! Eds)*

## **GARDEN THOUGHTS**

A flash of colour caught my eye, and I paused on my way to the washing line, and then sat down to watch 'our' woodpecker eating the nuts in the birdfeeder. As I sat, I became aware of so much more activity across the garden. A family of great tits were enjoying the fatballs a few feet away, flitting from tree to food, and happily sharing with a blue tit who seemed to enjoy the company of his larger relations. But my concentration was on the woodpecker – his eccentric colouring seems so exotic in the context of all the smaller, more anonymous birds that are always with us. I watched as a robin hopped around below the woodpecker, gratefully picking up the crumbs that fell his way. A fat pigeon waddled up, closely followed by another, and they too enjoyed the largesse scattered by the exotic feeder. Suddenly the peace was shattered by a group of jackdaws, squawking and jostling, reminding me of a group of noisy boisterous schoolboys. The tits all fled before this onslaught, and the greedy big birds rapidly reduced the fatballs to broken bits.

They left, and then peace – the woodpecker had quietly removed himself from the noisy playground – but I stayed where I was, and watched the frantic work going on in the flowerbed outside the window. What should be an elegant rosebed, with sweet smelling lavender to supplement the scent of carefully chosen roses, is actually a wild mass of colour, with tall foxgloves, aquilegia, bluebells (now reduced to straggly stalks), poppies, and low growing yellow flowers. Foxgloves have always fascinated me – as a child I would put the bell shaped florets on my fingers - why I never met a bee inside one I don't know – and I love the fact that they grow wherever they wish to make an appearance, the lordly ones, wafting proudly above the heads of lesser plants. So I watched the bees busily going in and out of the flowers, and I wondered – is there room to turn round when they want to come out, or not? To my delight, they all seemed to fall out backwards, and then start to fly again immediately. And then I saw the woodpecker again. He must be a young one, as he was practising hammering on wood – on a very slim twig. Or perhaps he had found a feast of fat juicy insects on the surface.

I sat and thought. The ten minutes I had sat with the wet washing in my lap had not been wasted – I had been given the opportunity to observe and learn so much – to wonder at the order of things, the miracle of creation, and what goes on around us all the time, mostly unobserved. We should keep our eyes and hearts open, and

recognise the mysterious power of the Creator of the world. Thinking beyond my garden, and marvelling at the awesome and unchanging force of nature on so many different levels, I thought again about how we as humans are only a small part of the universe, and of how important we all are to each other for our joint survival. We should be working together for a better world for our children and grandchildren, by respecting diversity and acknowledging differences, and leaving behind us the personal agendas and prejudices that threaten our society today.

A movement at ground level – a black and white cat caught sight of the woodpecker, and paused. The bird also paused, and then flew off to safety. And I went and hung out the washing.

Diana Temperley

## **ON THE JUBILEE PONDS - DEAD WOOD, FIRE WOOD OR LIFE BLOOD?**

The Jubilee Ponds are a source of great delight and a joy in many people's lives.

The spring brought new growth and new life with colour, song, vitality and vibrancy to assail the senses and inspire the spirit: but this is but a small component of nature's cycle and the quieter, discreet and subtle changes that follow in the summer, autumn and winter are just as fascinating and critical to the continuation of life.

The sexton and burial beetles are two cases in point - both can be found doing their duty as their names suggest, recycling the corpses of birds and mammals of the Ponds and providing for the next generation of 'insect undertakers'.

The glorious and weird fungi of many a shape, texture and hue are "all consuming" – for the greater part of the year hidden beneath the ground, breaking down the wastes and structures of other plants and animals to restore the fertility and humus necessary for succeeding plant life and all that depends on new vegetation.

Even our sturdy trees eventually succumb to old age and decay: they may well survive with completely hollowed interiors, with their vitality continuing as long as the outer sapwood remains, creating a whole new world - a microclimate and microhabitat where some of the most unusual, rare and special forms of life can survive and thrive. Be they bat or beetle – we are the better for their presence!

The management of the Ponds – and even your own garden, trees or land – is therefore critical to the survival and richness of our wildlife.

The Jubilee Ponds Group and their working parties are absolutely invaluable in delivering and maintaining the richness, diversity and, consequently, beauty of this village treasure. I am sure that we are all grateful for their time and effort, and complex deliberations on the management of both the living and dead components of the Jubilee Ponds' ecosystem.

In the early autumn the Group hopes to hold a kind of Open Day to help people better understand the management of the Ponds, which seeks to balance the needs of quiet recreation, nature conservation and close cooperation with the Bleasby Carp Syndicate, the organisation which has done much to support and cooperate with them over many years. The JP Group hopes to foster a greater appreciation as well as understanding of the Jubilee Ponds. The hope too is that we all will see that “cutting out the dead wood” can be a life-destroying remedy!

Jubilee Ponds Group

## **DOWN THE HATCH!**

Hopefully by the time you are reading this article you have already found, read, been entertained by ..... and put into action the sound advice given in the Severn Trent Water “Grate” insert!! If not, perhaps it has already been recycled in the ‘green’ silver bin rather than flushed down the toilet!

We would all do well to heed all the advice contained – as inconvenient as it might be – and thereby ease and lessen the risk to us all of the unpleasant consequences of the sewage blockages which occurred on Station Road near the level crossing and which closed the school on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, causing much inconvenience and workplace trauma to parents, an inability to use facilities in several homes and some sewage flooded gardens in that area to boot.

The Parish Council is currently working very closely with Severn Trent Water in order to find some longer term solution for what is becoming an increasing problem throughout Bleasby. The Council has asked Severn Trent to completely review the somewhat complex sewerage system connecting all our properties with those of the feeder villages of Hoveringham, Gonalston and Thurgarton. The Council has also been pursuing the repair of the burst water pipe near Manor Close. This has proved to be problematic because of the works to upgrade the railway barrier and crossing, the impact on the school’s water supply and the need to completely close the road whilst work is ongoing. Unfortunately this escaping surface water will inevitably be added to our sewerage system, along with the recent heavy downpours, adding to the overall risk.

The Flood Action Group is hoping to be available on the Village Open Focus Day planned for Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, to discuss or hear of any concerns and explain the Emergency Planning and Flood Groups’ operating systems. In the meantime just remember the 3 Ps!!!

Flood Action Group



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## BLEASBY SCHOOL FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

### NEW WISH LIST!

Janene Scurfield and Nicola Bennett attended the School Council Presentation alongside Mrs Town on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. Both Janene and Nicola were incredibly "impressed with the quality of the presentations" made by the children on the School Council and in the "work and fact finding" that had clearly gone in to them. With the support of Mr Allington, the School Council prepared a wish list for future school projects and improvements which they hope the BSFA along with all of our supporters and fundraisers can help with. We have received quotes for hand dryers, soap dispensers and microphones which have all been approved and the microphones have been purchased. We have also purchased, thanks to your generosity, a box of Oxford Dictionaries. We will continue to work through the list and will keep you updated with our progress.

### BOUNCE-A-THON!

The children took part in a sponsored Bounce-a-thon on 24<sup>th</sup> June to mark the end of Sports Week. It was a hugely popular event! We're still receiving sponsorship forms but up to now, we're delighted to announce that they have raised over £600 for their school. A huge well done to all of them!

### SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Despite a very wet run up, the sun came out for the Bleasby School Summer Fair and a fantastic time was had by all. With so much to choose from food wise, stalls-

a-plenty including those run by pupils of the school and their teachers, entertainment for and by the children, games, a fantastic raffle and a bar, our wonderful visitors and supporters were hard pushed to fit it all in! Once again, the help we received was incredible both in front of and behind the scenes. We'd like to say an enormous thank you to all of the families and the greater Bleasby community for all of your invaluable ongoing support during this event and indeed throughout the year. The fair raised a massive £5274.75, an incredible amount. Thank you all very, very much.



Bleasby Hockey Team in their new kit!

To come:-

**Teddy Bears Picnic for New Joins**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Bleasby School

**BSFA AGM and Macmillan Fundraiser**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at Bleasby School

**Volunteers like YOU make the BSFA events the success that they are. We really can't do it without you so thank you once again and please continue to help us wherever you can**

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<b>Stopping place</b>	<b>Arrives</b>	<b>Leaves</b>
Bleasby Station	11am	11.15am
Orchard Close	11.20am	11.40am
Elmore's Meadow	11.45am	12.00noon
Gibsmere	12.05pm	12.20pm
Hazelford	12.25pm	12.40pm



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## August Church Services in the West Trent Group

(HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer EP = Evening Prayer)

	Bleasby	Halloughton	Hoveringham	Morton	Rolleston	Thurgarton	Upton
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 MP		6pm EP	9.00 MP	11am MP	10.30 All age	10.30 MP
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>							10am HC
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 MP	6.00 EP	9.00 MP	10.30 All age	10.30 All age	10.30 HC	10.30 MP
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>							4pm Zip Bam Boo
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>			10.30 Benefice HC				
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 HC		10.30 All age	10.30 All age	10.30 All age	10.30 with Methodists	10.30 MP

## September Church Services in the West Trent Group

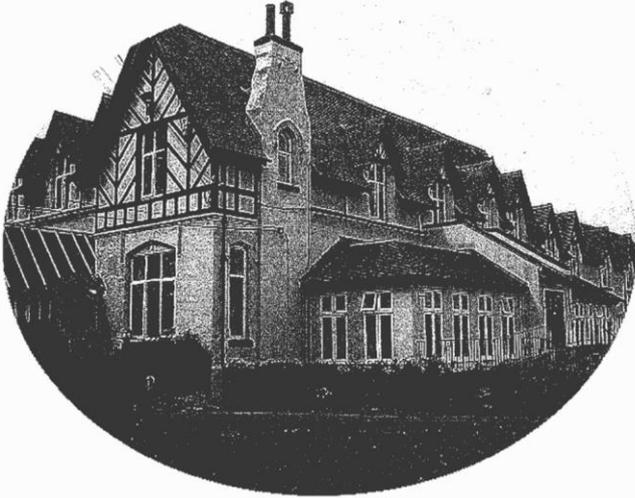
	Bleasby	Halloughton	Hoveringham	Morton	Rolleston	Thurgarton	Upton
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 MP		6 pm EP	9.00 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 HC	10.30 HC
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.0 HC & Baptism	6.00 EP	10.30 MP	10.30 MP	9.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 MP
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>							10.00 HC
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>							4pm Zip Bam Boo
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>				10.30 Benefice HC			
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 HC – 12 Baptism		10.30 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 Harvest	10.30 Methodist Harvest	10.30 Harvest

## **BLEASBY VILLAGE HALL - CHEESE AND WINE TASTING**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016**

Bleasby Village Hall committee are planning a wine and cheese tasting evening along a harvest theme. Waitrose Newark will be providing all the wines and cheese for you to taste and there will also be a harvest themed pudding to finish with! This is a great way for the village to get together and also for you to see our newly decorated village hall. Please see the notice boards in the village and email messages for more details later. In the meantime put it in your diaries!

Christine Sharpe on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee



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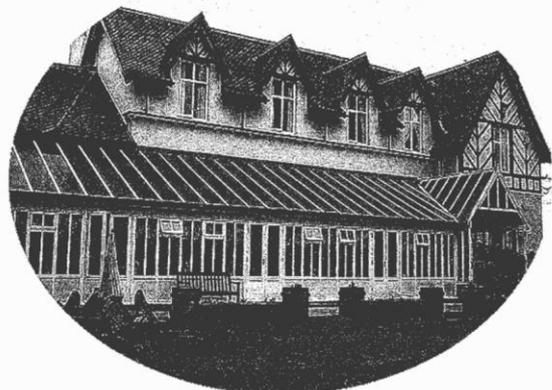
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## **RAILWAY CROSSING CLOSURE NOTIFICATION**

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*02.00 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September until 08.00 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October*

*Morton and Rolleston crossings will be closed from:-*

*02.00 on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October until 08.00 on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October*

*Fiskerton Crossing will be closed from:-*

*02.00 on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October until 01.00 on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October*

*Staythorpe Crossing will be closed from:-*

*02.00 on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October until 08.00 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November*

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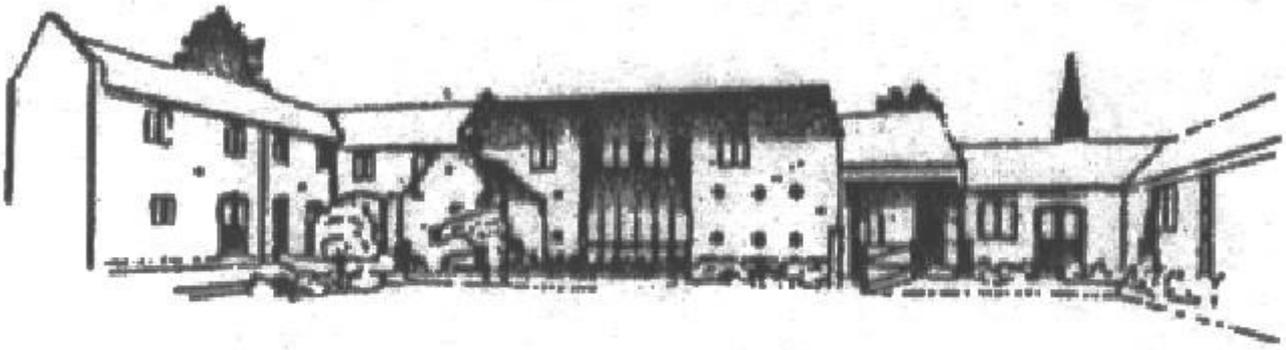
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**"We have used four different decorators over the last few years and every time, there has been a problem and the job has not been carried out to a satisfactory result. Ben was recommended to us and the job he did was fantastic and as we wanted. He is very professional in both his work and his personality. He offers very competitive rates and I would definitely use again and highly recommend."**

*Nicola & Nigel Bennett, Goverton*

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*Janine and Chris Ford, Southwell*



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