



The Plough

March 2014

Gala Opening Night After Seven Years of Closure



The Robin Hood Theatre is re-opening after a seven year fight. Closed down without notice in November 2007 by County Council officials, the Robin Hood Theatre is ready to re-open its doors.

We have spent two years on restoration works. The unique custom built buildings are now over 100 years old, and we have updated wiring, heating, lighting, access and public facilities to meet current standards and regulations. The company has raised over £50,000 from its production profits, donations and grants to fund the works. Together with the £30,000 paid by the County Council for restitution of the damage caused by the copper burglars we have spent over £80,000 and received contributions in kind from members, supporters and local businesses taking the value much higher.

To celebrate this milestone Members and supporters of the theatre will be invited to a Gala Opening on 8th April for a special production of the hit play, *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*. Public performances will follow from 9th to 12th April (tickets available from the web site now www.rhtc.co.uk).

During the dark days of closure we kept the theatre group going by touring in village halls and schools in the Newark area for seven years, finishing with a sell-out production of 'Allo 'Allo at Farndon Memorial Hall in January. We have been so pleased that our audiences have followed us around the County. We hope we have collected new audiences on the way who will be excited to see the theatre for the first time. Many of our current actors and technical crew have not had the joy of working in the theatre and are looking forward to it.

Touring has needed extra effort in every production as we had to move everything including scenery, costumes, props, chairs, curtains to adapt the building for our production, as well as having to find and pay for places to rehearse and hold meetings. We are very excited and relieved to see an end to this and be back in our beloved theatre again.

We will not give up the touring experience as we have developed new skills and found creative ideas that we would not have thought of in the theatre. Also many of the venues we visited were so welcoming and keen to see us that we will be back with some smaller scale productions as part of the season.

Although opening in April, the whole building won't be finished for some time. Fund raising continues to complete the full theatre facilities, not only for our own activities, but also to offer facilities for local schools, other touring companies, exhibitions and venue hire for local residents and societies.

Having a permanent home also means that we can start to plan for the re-establishment of the Robin Hood Youth Theatre. More on that once we are really back in and started.

For now we look forward to welcoming you all back to our enhanced theatre in April. **Jackie Rogers**

Averham Bell Education & Restoration Project Update

After a couple of months of frantic activity February has been a lot more relaxed and the CCTV is finally working properly so the bells can be viewed at ground floor level.

A big thank you to David Keene for kindly cleaning and polishing the memorial tablet to Captain Cherrington, which is unrecognisable!

This war memorial was previously situated on the left side of the tower arch, behind the font, and unfortunately the plaster surrounding it had crumbled so it was taken down on safety grounds. It will shortly be relocated to the right side of the chancel arch with the other war memorials.

A date in late June is under discussion for the rededication of the bells and an open day is planned to follow shortly after. This will be confirmed in shortly. We are planning a display of 'before and after' photos but we do not appear to have any of the ground floor of the tower before work commenced. If anyone could help out with this it would be very much appreciated.

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ASK Garden & Social Club

18th March 7.30pm The Fox Inn Kelham

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Church Services & Schedules

Kelham Church

- March 02 11:00 Holy Communion
- March 05 19:00 Ash Wednesday
- March 16 11:00 Holy Communion

Averham Church

- March 09 11:00 Holy Communion
- March 30 14:30 HC Mothers Day

North Muskham Church

- March 23 10:00 Holy Communion
- March 16 10:00 Holy Communion
- March 30 10:45 HC Mothers Day

South Muskham Church

- March 30 09:30 Holy Communion

Averham Church Cleaning & Flowers

March - Cleaning Only (Lent) John & Di Gelsthorpe

Kelham Church Cleaning

March - Mrs. A. Miller

Kelham Church Flowers

March - Mrs. J. Wright (Before Lent)

Parish Council Meetings

Kelham Hall on the following dates

- April 15 19:00hrs

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate

Bell Ringing Practices Monday's

Every Monday North Muskham Church 19:30 - 21:00

Anyone who would like to try bell ringing, or simply see what is involved is welcome to come along.

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The Village Bake House

Dear Editor

I feel that I need to reply to the article published in the Plough last month.

I was born in Pinfold Lane and have lived here all my life. Our home is opposite the Village Bake House, which is the name it's been called all of my lifetime. I have never known it as The Sunday Oven. The Bread Oven is a name that it has been referred to recently.

During the war, when the village had evacuees. The then head teacher Mrs Spurs and some of the other villagers decided to form a pig club. Mrs Spurs who lived in Little Hollies as it is now called, owned all the land down to the end of the Pinfold path, it was a field then. They decided to build some pigsties and the village bake house was used to turn left over food into swill for the pigs.



The Pinfold went from the main A617 to the end of the footpath where the new semi detached houses are built. From there to the end of the lane was known as Blacksmith Lane with the forge on the corner. It was renamed Pinfold Lane in 1960.

The picture shows me standing in the lane with the Village Bake House in the background (1946/47). Anyone for tennis?

Sally Quince - Averham

RCAN's county-wide bulk oil-buying scheme

This is how it will work:-

The membership continues to grow but many people are asking how the scheme works. There is an annual membership fee of £20 paid to RCAN (Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire)

Once a month, your local co-ordinator will e-mail you to ask you if you want to order any fuel and will tell you the date by which you need to order it. Our deadline for receipt of all oil orders is by noon on the Tuesday before the buying date. Please note: Next deadlines for ordering from co-ordinator are Monday 17th March, Friday 11th April..

Deliveries are usually made 5-7 days after ordering. Those not on email fill in a form and send it back to your local co-ordinator John Wolfenden Telephone: 01636 672 990 or email thewolfos@hotmail.com

Your co-ordinator will let RCAN know who, from your village, wants to order oil and how much you all want.

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Then it's over to you. Only if you have indicated on your membership form that you need to be present for delivery, will the oil supplier get in touch with you directly to confirm the delivery date and time. Otherwise oil will be delivered to you in the usual way. In the unlikely event that there

is a problem with your delivery, please make sure the co-ordinator knows as soon as possible. You pay the oil supplier in the normal way.

The member's price for January was 51.75 pence per litre which was a lot cheaper than the internet price at the time.

John Wolfenden

Revd. Colin Wall Appointed as Riverside Benefice Vicar

It was with great joy on Sunday 26th January that we were able to announce that the churches of the Riverside Benefice have been assigned a new parish priest. For much of the past ten years we have been blessed to receive ministry from our local retired clergy and reader. They have performed above and beyond the call of duty and ensured that services have continued in Averham, Kelham, North Muskham and South Muskham. This has not just been the regular, fortnightly services but also baptisms, blessings, weddings and funerals. For this and their pastoral guidance we thank you all.

The lack of a parish priest has meant that all of the congregations and the wider village communities have lacked a spiritual focal point of reference. At times I know that we all have found it difficult to be inspired and motivated without this leadership.

Well, soon after Christmas, it seemed that our prayers may well have been answered. An application had been received for the vacancy in the Riverside Parishes. With utmost speed, an informal look around the four churches was organised. This went well and the following week a formal interview took place in the Diocesan offices. This was led by Archdeacon David Picken, with all of the four churches being represented. This also went very well, the Riverside Benefice wanted Colin and he wanted to come and work with us. I will not include details here of Colin's background as he will tell us his own story in the April edition of the Plough magazine.

The position is "house for duty" and this means that Colin will be working three days a week for the Benefice. This will be Sunday and two other days, the details will be worked out nearer the time. Due to Colin having to hand over his responsibilities in Tuxford, it appears that the likely "Licensing Service" will happen at the end of August in Kelham church.

So, for the coming months the retired clergy will continue to lead our services, but planning meetings for later in the year will include Colin. There will still be times when the retired clergy will take services, but it is hoped that they will shortly be able to enjoy a reduction in commitments and be able to spend more time with family and friends.

This appointment will mean a large change for our Benefice. It is with hope and optimism, after many years, we can look forward to working with Colin in our communities, to lead us and guide us in ways that we have prayed for. *George Binks*



New Zealand: Landscape and Gardens



New Zealand is one of those holiday destinations of a lifetime – its mountains, rivers, fjords, and scenery are quite literally breath-taking.

And with a population of only a few million, there are miles of traffic-free roads, wide open spaces, and a series of ever-changing landscapes to entrance you.



The must-see sights on North Island include the Bay of Islands, where there are opportunities to cruise the warm Pacific waters to view dolphins and whales, and to visit the Waitangi Treaty House, site of the original treaty signing in 1840 between Maori chiefs and the English Crown. South of Auckland, Rotorua is the main centre of Maori culture and a fascinating area of thermal activity, featuring the Pohutu Geyser.

In Napier, you can visit the Marine Parade Gardens, and take a tour of the original Art Deco-designed gardens in the suburb of Marewa.

Wellington, the capital, has a vibrant downtown waterfront, and a funicular ride to the top of Victoria Peak provides wonderful harbour views. Walk through the Botanical Gardens to the exceptional rose garden and tea room.

Scenic highlights of the South Island include the magnificent Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers; Mount Cook with its renowned wild foxgloves, and Queenstown, where you can tour three stunning private gardens and learn the secrets behind their design and planting on an exclusive, expert-led garden experience.

Christchurch is still rebuilding following the devastating earthquake of February 2011. However, Hagley Park, the majestic Botanical Gardens and Canterbury Museum, remain open to the public. In nearby Kaikoura take a trip to view sperm whales, or travel to the West Coast on the Trans Alpine scenic train.

Quite simply the biggest problem with planning your New Zealand holiday, is what to leave out!

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There will be series of gatherings on Sunday evenings to discover what Lent means to us and how we are affected.

Lent Courses - Based on Journey of Faith

March 9th 6:00pm North Muskham Chapel Room, led by Revd. Mark Roberts

March 23rd 6:00pm North Muskham Chapel Room, led by Canon David Keene

April 6th 5:30pm North Muskham Chapel Room, led by Revd. David Bartlett

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Church News Averham

Following on from a rather hectic month in January and the exciting news of Rev Colin Hall’s appointment as priest in charge of our Benefice, things seem to have settled down during February. Odds and sods of work continue with the bell project and our regular services have continued to be well attended in spite of the awful weather.



Please note that there is a change of service routine for March. We will have the usual service of Holy Communion on March 9th but there will be no service at Averham on March 23rd. Instead there will be a Joint Benefice Service at North Muskham at 10am and then we will have a Mothering Sunday Service at Averham on March 30th at 2.30pm. *Jenny Quickmire*

Church News Kelham

Women’s World Day of Prayer

Friday March 7th 2:00pm South Muskham Church. This is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear voices of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. This year we will gather to celebrate using a programme of worship offered by the women in Egypt. The theme is ‘Streams in the Desert’ for those who experience spiritual ‘drought’ and we believe this will have universal appeal.

Egypt is one of the oldest civilisations in the world and has long been the home of Coptic Christians. Since the 2011 uprising there has been conflict between religious groups. Political change affects individual lives and on this day we pray for the women of Egypt. It is envisaged that over 170 countries worldwide will take part in this day. All are welcome, men as well as women of all ages. See you there.

Ash Wednesday – March 5th

At 7:00pm in Kelham Church we gather at the start of Lent at a service where ‘Ashing’ takes place. Come and see what this is all about.

There was delight and much relief at the announcement on January 26th that the Revd. Colin Wall had accepted the post of ‘House of Duty’ and become our priest-in-charge in September. At present Revd. Colin is priest-in-charge at Tuxford and will be licensed to the Riverside Group on August 31st in Kelham Church at 10:00am. Revd. Colin will be resident at the Vicarage at North Muskham for three days each week (Sunday and two days) but will be available at all times on the telephone, number to be supplied after licensing. We look forward to his leadership, and would like to record our indebtedness to the retired clergy, Bishop John Finney, Canon David Keene and Revd David Bartlett, during the interregnum! We hope you will sit back and enjoy your retirement and become one of us in the congregation. We know you will be a great support to Revd. Colin and we will all be the richer for it too.



Spring is on its way- the snowdrops around the church and in the surrounding area are as good as ever. We have been very fortunate that the River Trent stayed within its banks this year and so far we have escaped the devastation of the storms along the coasts of Dorset, Devon and Cornwall and the resulting floods of the Somerset levels and Thames and Severn Valleys. It could have been us if the wind had been in the opposite direction! Our heartfelt sympathy to all those whose homes and businesses have been wrecked. *Anne Miller*

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Southwell Flood Fund is Launched The Future is Dry!



Southwell Flood Forum has gathered enormous momentum in its first six months, bringing the Flood Risk Authorities to task and working with them to achieve solutions to the multiple sources and routes of flood waters. This will culminate in a comprehensive report and recommendations.

The Forum has now set up the Southwell Flood Fund, under the umbrella of the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation who will manage money raised on behalf of the Forum. This will enable donors to make use of gift-aid and enable access to the wider philanthropic community. The main purpose of the Fund is to be able to help the Forum match-fund, as and when required, authorised flood mitigation measures.



Flooding is now a serious national issue and flood mitigation measures are costly and will not be met wholly by Government. Public funds across the country are reducing as demand for spending on flood mitigation is at its highest. Some of the funding will, therefore, have to be found from within communities and the Southwell Flood Fund will be used to contribute to the cost of approved flood defences and mitigation measures.



Local businesses and organisations are already offering support with donations, events and support in kind and at the February meeting of Southwell Town Council it was agreed to set aside £40,000, the maximum allowed, to support flood mitigation measures.

To donate to the campaign please go to www.nottscf.org.uk/donate/southwell-flood-fund or text FLUD14 and the amount £ you would like to donate to 70070

For further information on the Southwell Flood Forum or to register your interest in joining / helping the forum please visit the website www.southwellfloodforum.org.uk.

The Southwell Flood Fund is just one of over twenty funds Nottinghamshire Community Foundation (NCF) administers on behalf of charities, companies, families and communities. NCF has given over £25 million away in small grants for crucial community work since 2007, benefitting hundreds of local community projects on behalf of their donors.

If you are looking for funds for your group or wish to set up a local trust or legacy please go to www.nottscf.org.uk.

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Katy Todd - Southwell Flood Forum
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“No One is an Island”



I am writing this in the middle of February in the middle of terrible high winds and pouring rain, February Fill Dyke has more than lived up to its reputation this year.

Our hearts go out to those poor people who have been suffering since before Christmas with the effects of the very wet and windy weather we have suffered this year. Those marooned on the Somerset levels, unable to leave their villages without the assistance of a boat watch in despair as their properties have slowly filled with water, their livestock have had to be rescued and taken to higher ground miles away, their stores of winter forage ruined by the water and their crops destroyed. Meanwhile communities in the Thames valley have watched in despair as not only the riverside properties were inundated but houses found water coming up through the floorboards as the water table rose, the ground unable to soak up any more rain. Some of the most expensive and desirable properties in the

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So far we have got off very lightly in this area, the river has kept to its course, not through any virtue on our part though, It could so easily have been us as we know communities round about have been flooded in the recent past, in fact some people in Southwell and Lowdham are still not able to return to their homes after last Summer's deluge. Yes, we can do all that is humanly possible to build flood defences, clear river's and tributaries of silt and debris, make sure there is adequate drainage, especially when new buildings are proposed, and do our best to make our houses safe and watertight but when Mother nature really acts up we puny mortals can do little more than stand and stare at the power of it all.

I have been interested in different peoples reactions to the floods. Lots of people are hell bent on finding someone to blame. Is it the Environmental Agency, the Government, the planners??? Do we blame God? The insurance agencies would probably like to as in the case of an "Act of God" they don't usually pay out! However I have been much more impressed with the people who have set to try and mitigate the effects, flood wardens, people with boats bringing food to those stuck at home and rescuing folk from their flooded houses. Those who have manned the Community Centres, Church Halls and the like providing a warm dry place to go, warm food and drinks, and beds for those who had to be evacuated. Those who have helped to move frightened farm animals to safer places and have volunteered pasture on higher lands. It is remarkable how many stories we hear of the kindness of people in times of trouble especially from volunteers.

The poet John Donne reminds us that "No one is an island". We live in communities and when trouble comes we need to all pull together, the strongest helping the weakest. If we try and rely on our own strength then we are likely to fail.

Soon it will be Lent a time when we are encouraged in the Church to reflect on our lives. Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to reflect on what God wanted him to do in his ministry. Maybe it is time we human being stopped and considered what it is that God would want us to do. Give something up? Yes if it is something that will help the world be a better place, for example go by bus instead of always using the car, and thus trying to prevent the local bus services being cut and stranding those who have no car and also use less of the precious resource of petrol. Take something up? Maybe making a point of visiting someone we know who is maybe older and on their own. Whatever, if we want the world, or even just our own villages to be better places then it is up to us all to contribute to it in some way, and its no good just sitting back and moaning! One thing you may like to take up is joining our Lent Course this year. This we are running jointly with our Methodist friends, thus reviving something that always used to happen in days gone by. Dates for your Diary, Sunday March 9th at 6.00pm, Sunday March 23rd at 6.00pm and Sunday April 6th at 5.30pm all at the Methodist Chapel, North Muskham. This Lent group is for all who are interested in finding out more about our Christian beliefs and is interdenominational.

And now some really GOOD NEWS! Some of you may have already heard but for those who haven't the Riverside Parishes are getting a Vicar!! His name is Colin Wall and we hope that he will be licensed at the end of August. He is at present the Vicar of Tuxford and surrounding villages. He will be part-time, self supporting and he and his wife will be living in the Vicarage part of the week when on duty. He will head up the ministry team in this benefice which also benefits from the ministry of our wonderful retired clergy, and he will be assisted by the Church Wardens and PCC's of each Parish. That means he is a "volunteer" as are we all who keep the churches alive in this benefice. Remember it is your church too so we could do with your help, expertise, support, and input. Hope to see you soon! *Jenny Hamilton*

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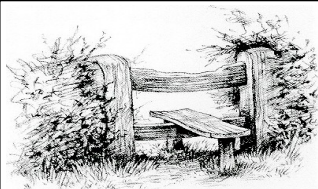
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AKS Walkers Planning Meeting

Thursday 3rd April 2014

Just a note for your diaries that the next AKS walkers planning meeting will be on Thursday 3rd April 2014, 7:00pm at The Fox. (This is a week earlier than we had planned as the room is already booked for the 10th)

We have Saturday walks planned up to and including June this year so we will be meeting to plan the next six months, which will include those mid week early evening walks that make the most of the longer summer days.

If you are keen to organise a walk for the group then everyone is welcome to attend – walkers old and new.

See you there. **Debs - 07974 957 684**

Southwell Walk Report



Our walk was around the south side of Southwell starting in Farthingate close. We climbed the steep hill towards Crink



Lane stopping to admire the splendid view of the Minster in the bright sunshine. Walking along Crink Lane we passed a number of footpaths on the Brackenhurst Estate

which are well signed with an information board telling you where you are on the estate and what flora and fauna to look out for on your walk. We then passed through the campus of Brackenhurst College which was set up in 1949 for students to study courses in agriculture, engineering, horses and food technology.

Crossing the A612 we walked up another lane called Stubbins Lane before turning right down a well defined footpath towards Westhorpe, where we stopped for the usual Group photo outside Westhorpe House. I told everyone that it was my house, they didn't believe me but at least it made them smile for the photo. We all walked back through the town ready to drive to the Southwell Garden Centre for our lunch. Saturday special is all day breakfast, which went down very well after our long walk, it's also a good time to catch up with everyone over a cup of coffee which I think is just as important part of the morning as the walk.

Thank you all for coming, especially the three friends of Barbara and Trevor, Julie, Liz and Bernard who joined us today. We hope to see you all again soon. **Terry and Sheila**

School News

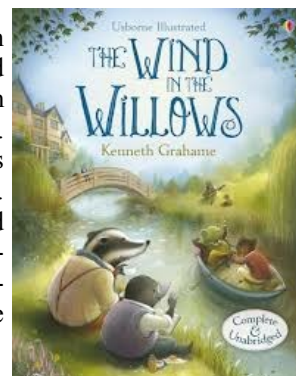


The Christingle service in St Andrew's Church, Caunton with our 3KANDO colleagues and peers was a lovely and spiritual event, enjoyed by all.

We are joining forces with 3KANDO again for a dance workshop and performance by Allegro Dance and we will be competing in the football tournament. Both of these events are at Kneesall.

The joint residential visit has been brought forward this year to March, when we will be going to another new area for us, this time in Shropshire. As usual this promises to be an exciting, as well as educational trip.

Our play this year is "The Wind in the Willows", and we are excited about performing it in Kelham Hall on Wednesday 12th March. There will be two performances one at 2pm and the other at 7pm. As the venue is bigger we would like to invite anyone from the villages to attend; tickets can be purchased through the school office (Tel: 01636 704 408).



Our older pupils are competing in a Maths Challenge organised by the Magnus School; a teacher from there is working each week on different challenges and then our best team will compete against other Newark schools later in the term.

Finally to round the month off, KS2 are going Time Travelling in Southwell Minster. This is always a wonderful experience and it is a while since Manners Sutton has been so everyone is looking forward to it. **John Dodd**

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AKS WI News

Meeting 10th February

It was another lively and well attended meeting for us at South Muskham Village Hall. We have one final meeting at The Fox in March which will be our AGM and then move over to SMVH for future regular meetings. The space is really needed for our expanding membership and last night we welcomed two new members to the fold.

The speaker needed no introduction as it was our former Madam President - Jayne Owens. Jayne topped up our 'bling' quota with her talk on The Queens Diamonds. Focusing on the personal jewellery of our monarch, her presentation showed us how the diamonds, some dating back to George 4th have been used. Some larger items are designed to dismantle and re-assemble into different pieces. Necklace dropper's pop into earrings, tiara pieces turn into brooches or are completely re cut. It was all very clever.



A collective gasp escaped when Jayne showed us the size of the uncut Cullinan diamond at over 3000 carats. After cutting into 9 separate diamonds, the largest is still over 530 carats and now appears in the Imperial State Crown. We saw how favourite pieces reappear worn at events over the lifetime of previous royalty and that of the Queen and Queen Mum. We recognised many of the pieces now being worn by Camilla and Kate. It is nice to know that even royalty re-use and recycle just like us.



Both the darts team and the whist ladies have had good results winning both their games. County House are looking for volunteers to help man the teapots at the County Show in May and we are looking for inspiration for our competition entry which will again test our skills.

Next meeting at The Fox Kelham 7.15 on 10th March. See you there. *Lorraine Bousfield*

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It's Good to Get Back in the Garden

One day of sunshine does not a spring make? But still it was really good to get some time in the garden with Finn, with less rain & some breezy days the soil is drying out, the path across my lawn is less of a muddy stream, more of a soft dry brown river bed...

Finn & I have started on the vegetable / salad plot, a raised bed which hasn't been at its best over the last couple of years, lacking body & nourishment, on having a good dig we find it's pretty full of tree roots. We have some lovely but massive poplars along the edge of the garden, they are good for wild life, give great shelter but the roots are a pain.

The recovery plan is to dig all of the good soil out, put a membrane down to allow water through but no roots, then re-fill with the soil, some farmyard manure & fertilizer. Sounds good? But It could take a while! Well we enjoyed a good dig, made a good start, discussed the ins & outs of Minecraft at length & then got distracted by the Rugby!

Well, we have until mid March before we can start sowing & planting, no point in starting too soon or things just get cold & stop growing. We have some spuds set up to chit & these Finn will plant in tubs, so they come out all nice & clean, we just do a few early Suttons Foremost & maybe the salad potato Charlotte.

Looking around there is plenty to tackle even if you ignore the fallen tree (one of those massive poplars which fortunately just missed the bedroom!) which I will leave for Paul, the chain-saw expert. The lawn is almost ready for a Hoover, to take off the last of the leaves & just top the most vigorous of weeds, and then I really must do something to slow the advancing moss this year. Also I started a good trim down of the shrubs close to the house in the autumn & that now needs finishing & maybe a few fresh plants popping in. The rest of the borders are ready for a good tickle & top-dress with fertilizer & the greenhouse is missing some of its roof & last years tomatoes are still inside, which is not good for disease control, so I will give it a good wash with some Jeyes fluid.

And then the old jeep thing is calling for some repair work, & plants are coming out of my ears at work, looks like the weekends need to be a bit longer.....? Enjoy your spring

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Don't be worried about wasting Police time! It is good practice that local people are calling regarding any suspicious activities. The majority are innocent but there's a chance that it could lead to criminal activity so PLEASE KEEP CALLING

If you think a crime is happening at that moment please report it to Nottinghamshire Police on 999 and provide as much information as you can whilst keeping yourself safe!

At the same time please make sure that you review your security arrangements and ensure that your property and vehicles are secure. Crime prevention guides can be found on our website <http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/crime-prevention-guides> or we can arrange for one of our Pre-Crime team to arrange to visit at your convenience to discuss any security issues you might have.

These areas are generally very safe and comfortable to live in but residents must remain vigilant at all times and report anything suspicious to the Police.

Please also sign up to Nottinghamshire Alert to receive information with regards to the local area and the type of incidents that are happening in your area - you can sign up to Nottinghamshire Alert free of charge. Nottinghamshire Alert provides the members of the public a way of receiving information and feedback from Nottinghamshire Police.

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We plan to leave The Tea Room's car park at Bleasby at 10 30am. The walk takes us through the villages & back from Fiskerton up the River Trent to the Hazelford Ferry. Finally through the village of Bleasby back to the Tea Rooms where a light lunch or beverages will be available should you wish to participate?



If you are a regular walker or have not participated before & just fancy a good chat & a stroll.

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'Guess the Twig' & 'What's in the Bag'

It was another guess the twig quiz, last time there were leaves attached to the twigs, this time being winter there were none. So without clues this was for most of us near on impossible. As you can guess it brought about plenty of laughter as the members had stab in the dark guesses and gave their reasons for why that particular twig belongs to their chosen speculated tree. Some of us went on the fact the stem was fleshy or other due to the type of depth of the colour, or if a bud was forming. Nigel had worked very hard to keep everyone amused with the winter twig quiz. All of the twigs were picked from our garden that very morning and I found out belonged to some of the following trees. Ginkgo Biloba, a deciduous conifer, Salix, (willow), Robinia pseudoacacia frisia, (false acacia) Betula pendula, (silver birch) and one of Nigel's favourites Prunus nigra (purple leaf plum). His all time favourite tree which he announced to the group is Quercus robur or more commonly known as the English oak. Nigel told the group the very oak twig which he had passed round the room, was grown by him from an acorn he had picked from the Major Oak some thirty years previous.

The second part of the quiz was devised by Maureen and Ron. This was a lot more achievable being small items placed inside cloth bags, of which we had to differentiate what the item was in the bag by touch. Ten bags were passed about the room; back and forth till everyone was suitably satisfied they had established answers they had gleaned from their finger tips. The only clue we were given was the items were all associated with the garden of course. When the answers were read out some of were a hose connector, string, secateurs, tape measure and a bed label. Maureen had gone to a lot of trouble to hand make the bags for the quiz, so if anyone would like any sewing doing, I can recommend a certain lady with most excellent skills in needlecraft.

Both Nigel and Maureen did a splendid job; I would like to see another of those quizzes again sometime in the following year.

The members as per the name of the theme of the evening, based around guessing objects were invited to bring forth their own items to pass around the room for amusement and to establish what they were intended for.

Ian Justice had a very old tree saw, which was folded into a small leather pouch. The pouch, was no bigger than that which would hold a portable CD player or a very small ladies handbag. The saw was like a bicycle chain, folded back on itself, several times with teeth more akin to that of a shark. Nobody guessed the actual usage and Ian had to wear a pair of protective gloves to assemble the item for demonstration.

Jan White offered her rather usual object which was silver in colour, with a hammered pattern on the sides of which looked slightly like an oil can with two pipes comes from the base. After several answers, the most popular being a smoker for bees, we were put out of our misery and informed this was an old Chinese Opium pipe.

The pipe had been brought back to the UK after the surrender of the Japanese in Hong Kong where her husband had served in the Royal Navy. The Opium pipe along with many items of value had been buried for the duration of the Japanese occupation to safeguard them from plunder. Thank you Jan for such an interesting tale and insight into history. Maureen Lawrence had a wine bottle stand which she demonstrated for the group. There were several kitchen items and a peculiar medical instrument from Heather Wolfenden which baffled the group along with Heather herself on how it would have been used. The item was a very precision piece of stainless engineered equipment, heavily weighted at one end with a flat polished gripping spoon shaped hook at the other end which fanned out to obviously grip something. Everyone longed for Heather to find out what this was for and report back at the next meeting, we'll see what she comes back with next time.

As our evening drew to a close the usual club business was announced including the notice Maureen Lawrence will be standing down from the committee along with Janet Emeny who is our membership secretary and treasurer. Please join our friendly club and maybe take a hand in steering the group as we have a couple of committee vacancies to be filled.

Our next meeting is at the Fox Inn Kelham and our AGM. The evening starts with formalities which do not take very long. Our guest speaker for the evening is from Brakenhurst College and lecturer with a worth of horticultural knowledge and experiences which is sure to be a very interesting evening. See you there 7.30pm on March the 18th. **Lee Whetton**

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