

Parish Newsletter



Festive Greetings

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and myself may I wish all residents and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2020 has been an unprecedented year. Let's hope the approved Covid-19 vaccine allows us all to enjoy normality in 2021.

David Whitehouse Chairman Maltby -le -Marsh Parish Council.

Remembrance Day

A very quiet but a sunny day for the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Village Hall this year, wreaths were laid by Mr Stuart Bird MBE assisted by his wife Karen RTD., WRAC and County Councillor Graham Cullen.



County Councillor Graham Cullen lays a wreath on behalf of the County Council.

Thanks to Pearl White for obtaining our village wreath.

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Lamp post No20 which was situated on the sharp bend at the junction with Causeway Bank Lane, just past the old filling station, was knocked down by a vehicle a few weeks ago. This is not the first occasion the lamp has been knocked over by a vehicle and the council have requested a meeting with the official from ELDC who oversees the lights with the intention of the lamp being relocated to the opposite side of the road. If there are any other lamp post that are faulty or out, give Phil Baildon a call tel:01507 451479 and it will be reported.

Anne Bolles Educational Foundation

No applications were received by the Parish Council this year for the grant to help with educational expenses for school aged children.

Thank You

Many thanks to Janet and Tom Pratt, Phil Baildon and Wendy and Steve Hill-Andrews for delivering and also many thanks to all contributors who help to produce the newsletter.

If you have any comments, views, reports etc., they would be very welcome, contact me on my email address

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A very Merry Christmas to all

Village Hall News

Despite the village hall not being in a position to open due to Covid-19 virus regulations, the committee decided to still add a bit of Christmas cheer to our community by continuing our erection of a Christmas tree. Many thanks to Peter and Julie Jenkins and Susan Baildon who assisted me to obtain, erect and illuminate the tree.

In the near future there will be an old clothing collection bin situated in the car park at the village hall. Bring your clothes down and help fund the up-keep of the hall.

The committee would like to wish all the village residents a Merry Christmas and a better New Year

Shop and Post Office

Don't forget that the Outreach Post Office comes into the village twice a week at Oham Lakes. Opening times are every Monday 1pm.-3pm. and Thursday 10am.-1pm. The Post Office is a great asset for the village. It's not just letters or parcels you need to post but you can also pay bills, car tax, make deposits and withdrawals to your own bank and also many other services. If it's not used much it could be withdrawn. "Use it or lose it"

Also don't forget to get all your essentials from the shop as well. The shop is open 8am-4pm Monday to Friday and 8am-12 noon at the weekends. Closed Christmas Day.

**Remember to Santa-tise
this Christmas.**



Notes from the Farm

During these times of lockdown & tiers etc., it would be easy to think that life on the farm is more difficult. Well slightly, but everything has to keep going, feeding animals, planting & harvesting crops and all the jobs in between.

Food production cannot stop or even be reduced with such a large population to feed but there are many challenges facing us, not least of all the politicians who are trying to appease many pressure groups surrounding the food industry. What they don't see is putting more restrictions on food producers could lead to a huge problem with a shortage of food! Having seen panic buying in supermarkets during the pandemic when there actually was plenty for everyone can you imagine the chaos if the shelves were empty because farmers had stopped producing? The squabbling between vegan, vegetarian, pescatarian, meat eaters and others would rapidly disappear if there was little choice or the quantity of food diminished, as Confucius said "Man with full belly have many problems, man with empty belly have one!"

Another and more worrying problem for food production is climate change. In hotter parts of the world, shortage of water and the rise in temperatures is destroying crops and reducing yields. Even here we are suffering due to the change in weather patterns and rainfall. Two years in a row we have been unable to drill all our winter crops, our yields have been reduced by over 30%. I hope this change in the weather is just a blip and we can have some good years weather wise ahead but it does look like climate change is very real and we need to do our bit to combat global warming.

Another challenge to food producers is the uncertainty of Brexit. It seems even at this late hour politicians cannot come to an agreement on trade. I get the feeling the E.U. want to punish Britain for daring to want to leave the union but whatever the outcome and whatever your political view we in the UK need to pull together to get this country back on its feet, after what has been one of the most devastating peacetime disasters this country has seen! On a lighter note, we have recently been blessed with another grandchild, Oliver, a very real sign that proves life goes on and the future of our family farm will be in good hands for another couple of generations. It is these younger generations who have the passion for the environment and will continue to look after the land.

In the meantime, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, as near normal as it can be! 2021 has to be a better year and hopefully memorable for all the right reasons!

Anthony White

100 Club Winners

October

No. 48 Julie Jenkins (Rosemary) £41. No. 58 Dianna Watts £21
Village Hall £21

November

No. 37..Val Wright £41. No.2 Brenda Williams £21
Village Hall..£21

December

No.16 Susan Baildon £41. No. 24 Susan Baildon £21
Village Hall £21

Next year's 100 Club draw will be suspended until the Saturday coffee mornings return to the village hall. I will keep all contact numbers for members and will phone when ready to start again



What a Year

What a year, who good of imagined, after the social gatherings at the coffee mornings at the beginning of the year, we would be cast into a nightmare vision of TV's The Prisoner with Boris as 'number one'. The Village Hall committee, just managed to sneak in a social event days before 'Armageddon' was thrust upon as all. Since then, it seems that the sun has been out more than the inhabitants of the village.

Most of us have clapped the NHS on warm summer evenings, been for walks, talked with friends as 'unsocial' distant, (it was never envisaged that 'I wouldn't touch you with a six-foot pole' would become national policy!), worn face coverings to hide all our disdain and tried at midnight to get a food delivery, only to find that all the loo rolls have been sold for 'unconventional' use. Of course, you could have started using lettuce leaves because this was just the tip of the iceberg; although this *romaines* to be seen. However extraordinary this year may seem I never imagined I would ever go into a bank legally wearing a mask!

Friends and family keep in touch the best way they can, with ZOOM at a lightening pace. Like the traffic that whoosh through the village under the cloak of COVID.

Staying in became stressful for many, eating and drinking and for some, stress-eating developed into a problem to such a degree that it has been remarked that shirt buttons would become strained and start socially distancing from each other. Indeed, the anxiety of not being able to see friends and family is still distressing. However, there is some hope, with the 'chilling' prospect of a vaccine, the panacea to cure this virulent epidemic is starting soon; everyone will need two shots, like a Double Espresso, when we are allowed to go to a café and buy one or two.

Of course, there is always a plus side and all this has given us the time to reflect on what is important to us and had brought our community together helping others.

Just a final thought. If after staying in there is a baby boom in nine months' time, in 2033, what will they call the children?

Quaranteens!

At this point I would tell you a coronavirus joke but 'you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you have got it'.

Happy Christmas and hopefully a better 2021

Steve Hill-Andrews

How did Mary and Joseph know Jesus' weight when he was born? They had a weigh in a manger!

How will Christmas dinner be different after Brexit? No Brussels!

New Committee Member for Council

Having received the appropriate authority from the election's office to co-opt, the vacancy for a parish councillor was advertised locally and 4 requests for application forms were received. Only 2 had been returned, so these two candidates were considered for the position. After a unanimous vote it was resolved to co-opt Mrs Jane Gray onto the Parish Council. The Parish Council now needs to find a new Internal Auditor as this position has to be independent of the Council.

Your Parish Councillors

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