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Message from Rev. Sian

“The time has come to talk of many things”, so spoke the Walrus in Lewis Carroll’s poem the Walrus and the Carpenter and that feels very apt for this edition of the Yoredale News.

The Yoredale News has been a constant in the lives of those who live in and around Masham for a while but as is the way, the time has come for it to stop, with rising prices and an ever-changing world, the Yoredale News has now become financially unviable. Add to this that our loyal Editor, Christine Greensit, has decided that the time has now come for her to retire and I am sad to say that this edition will be the last one. Of course, there is nothing to say that in the future a new version of the magazine may evolve but for now, this is it. I personally would like to thank Christine for all her hard work and effort that she has put into editing the magazine as well as in recent years sorting out all the advertising. Christine, I know that everyone sends their thanks to you for doing such a magnificent job for the past 10 years or so.

The other thing to mention is that by now most people will know that I am off on Placement from Jan to April 2023. This is a normal part of a Curate’s training experience, and nothing has gone wrong. The idea is that as a curate you are to experience different types of ministry in different contexts which will enable you to grow and flourish as a Priest. I will be back God willing in May and carry on in the Group of Masham Churches until it’s time for me to find my own Churches to be in Charge of later on.

All these things lead me to ponder on the words from Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verses 1-8

“For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.”

Whilst for many of us things may not happen at the time we would wish them to, we grow and we learn from all our experiences and they all become part of our own life story, but for Christians, no matter what the time or the season God is always with us, walking on the journey of life, not sheltering us, but giving us an arm to lean on as and when we need it. See you all in May. Rev'd Siân

From the Editor

As some of you will have heard, I am retiring from being Editor of the Parish Magazine at the end of December. The magazine has come a long way since I first took over its Editorship in 2012. This included the merger with the Village News which was a separate publication in North Stainley, West Tanfield and Well with Snape. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed by sending items which have been a big part of the success that the magazine has enjoyed. Finally, I would like to say a sincere 'thank you' to all the volunteers, past and present, who delivered the magazine in all weathers for without you, it would not have been a success. *Christine Greensit*

NEWS FROM MASHAM

What's happening in at St. Mary's Church, Masham?

Refreshments will be served after the 10.45 am Sunday services (except 29th January) and 10.00 am service on Wednesday at 10.30 am.

Plough service – supporting and praying for our farming community. Sunday 22nd January at 10.45 am following the service the social committee will be serving wine, beer and sausages. Vegetarian sausages will be available. The bar will also be open. Come along and catch up with 'old' friends?

Pop-in Coffee morning – Tuesday 10th January meet at 11.00 am at 77 The Oaks.

Singing for Fun - Spend an hour in the church, singing songs from the shows, musicals and popular music, men or women, any age. No need to read music, just enjoy. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.00 pm until 2.45 pm and then have a tea or coffee. The next dates 10th January & 14th February - £2 per person.

Singing for Tots follows Singing for Fun – after the singing, now a story will be told and then fun and laughter with the bubbles. Finishes in time for school pick up.

Songs, story and activity and a hot meal for mums, dads, babies and toddlers, grandparents, Pay as you can **Tuesday 24th January** from 11 am. Choose a name???

Burns supper – Friday 27th January, 6.30 pm, an evening of Traditional Scottish food, and Burns' songs & poems in church. For further information speak to Lesley 689828

Shrove Tuesday 21st February – **Pancakes** will be served from 11 am in church.

Ring Lesley - Social Committee chair 01765 689828 for further information on the above.

Help for this Winter

St Mary's Church, Masham PCC has discussed an idea for helping people in our parish who are struggling with rising energy and food bills. We want to raise funds specifically for this purpose as part of our Community mission. Some of us will shortly receive enhanced Winter Fuel support from the Government and this provides an opportunity for those who can afford to do so to share this benefit with those less fortunate in our community. Please pray about this and consider whether you can make a donation for this specific purpose.

If you can make a donation then if you can use Gift Aid then this will increase the value of your donation by 25%. Any donations should be made using the yellow envelopes and please mark them 'Winter' so we can allocate them for this cause. Completed envelopes can be put in the Wall Safe at the back of St Mary's Church or on the collection place. Thank you.

Communication Update

For contacts please see the numbers as published on the inside cover of the Yoredale News. Out of hours contact for anyone needing the services of a priest, in the meantime, contact Jim Hunter 01765 689828. Information update: Vacancy news for a new vicar. The post has been re-advertised and the closing date is 4th January and the interviews will take place on 2nd February. In the New Year we will be looking at options for a new communications medium. With best wishes for Christmas and New Year.

Jim Hunter

Masham Methodist Church

Services are held in the Chapel at 10.30am each Sunday. On the fourth Sunday of each month (except August) at 6.30pm we have Kings Praise which takes place in the Chapel Café (formerly Schoolroom).

You are very welcome to join us for any of our services. Look for more information on @mashammethodists on Facebook.

Contacts

Our minister, Rev Gareth Baron, can be contacted on revgbaron@gmail.com or on 01677 989169

Our local pastor, Catherine Clowes, can be contacted on 07377 614581 or at riponcircuitenabler@gmail.com .

For room bookings, phone Rosemary Bell on 689484.

MASHAM FOODSHARE

Masham Food Share is available in the Methodist Chapel Café (aka Schoolroom) **four** times a week, as follows:

Saturday 10.30am to 12.00noon (during Morning Coffee
- why not stay and have one?)

Sunday 11.30am to 12.30pm (after morning service)

Tuesday 2.00-3.30pm (during Knitting Club)

Wednesday 2.00-3.15pm (during Wednesday Welcome)

The Co-op donates a wide range of food, from bread and cakes, to meat and vegetables, desserts and ready meals. What we are given is entirely random.

If money is tight at the moment, or you simply don't like to see good food going to waste, come and see what is available. **There is no charge**, although small donations to help with running costs are gratefully received. We are really grateful to the Co-op for their collaboration.

Saturday Morning Coffee. The Chapel Café is open every Saturday, from 10.30am – 12noon. Why not pop in for a hot drink and a chat? – especially as a break from the Saturday morning shop!

Coffee Plus. On the **first Saturday morning of each month**, our regular coffee morning becomes **Coffee +**. There is a variety of stalls – produce, knitted goods, greetings cards and bric-a-brac. If you would like to hire a stall yourself, please contact Pauline on 01765 689175. A good place to meet up with friends for a cup of coffee and a chat!

Wednesday Welcome Centre. Wednesday Welcome is for anyone who feels the need for a bit of company. It is held every Wednesday at Masham Methodist Church in Park Street, from 12.30 – 3.30pm, starting with a soup and cake lunch, and moving on to a variety of activities, from crafts to dominoes, from singing to Rummikub. If you would like something more active, we have bowling, boccia, even putting practice for the golfers. Most weeks we offer some very gentle exercise, and once a month we have a “special” of some kind. You can stay for the full three hours or just pop in

for twenty minutes for a cup of tea and a chat. There is always someone to talk to and plenty of laughter. Members describe it as a “happy place”.

We have come a long way since the centre was initially set up to support people living with dementia and their carers. We are a lively bunch and like to feel we can provide something for everyone!

If you would like to discuss whether the group would suit either yourself or someone you are caring for (especially if they are living with dementia), please contact Joy Rayden on 01765 689310, or just turn up on a Wednesday.

Carers Drop-In. This is run by Isobel Holmes, the Carers’ Resource Locality Worker, on the third Wednesday of each month from 2.00-3.00pm at the front of the Methodist Church, and is run in collaboration with Wednesday Welcome Centre. Talking things over with other carers can be very helpful, and Isobel is a mine of relevant information. She can help you navigate your way through the confusing world of support, benefits and useful organisations. You can contact Isobel on 01423 500555 (you can leave your contact details and she will phone you back), or you can just turn up on the day.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group is a good place to be on a Tuesday afternoon from 2.00-4.00pm. Knitters from beginners to old hands, gather to pursue their craft over tea and a chat. We work on our own projects or on garments, toys, blankets – all manner of imaginative items – which go to all manner of good causes at home and abroad. Even if you are not a knitter, you are welcome to come along just for the chat. We meet in the Methodist Chapel Cafe. If you want to know more, please contact Linda Watts on (01765) 688543.

Hope Community Garden

The Hope Community Garden is located in the heart of the Masham Allotments and is a joint enterprise of Masham Allotment Association and HOPE Community Support.

As is well documented, gardening is good for both physical and mental health, but not all of us have the capacity to maintain a full allotment. Hope Community Garden fulfils a number of purposes. It provides a large area in which you can “dabble” in a bit of gardening – weeding, digging and suchlike. It provides some small plots on which you can grow your own produce – good for introducing children to the art, or good for you if your time is limited, or a whole allotment would be too much to manage. There is even a raised bed which gives the opportunity to wheelchair users or others with mobility problems to have the satisfaction of growing your own. There is a large lawned area and a couple of benches where you can meet up with your friends, hold an outdoor gathering, or simply sit and think!

Masham Art Class

Would you like to join our art class on a Tuesday morning (9.45am – 12 noon) in Masham Town Hall? There are two remaining spaces currently available for the Spring term which starts on January 10th and runs for ten weeks until just before Easter. The class is tutored by Wendi May New and concentrates on watercolour techniques. The cost is £120. For more details please contact Howard on 01765 689390 or email mashamartclass@btinternet.com

Mashamshire Community Office is your local charity. We've been supporting Masham and surrounding villages for **20 years** thanks to our small team of staff and army of volunteers. We ensure our community is a lively, active, vibrant and supportive place to live, work and visit. We support more than 80 community groups, 100 businesses, respond to over 10,000 visitor enquiries and 1000 resident enquiries each year.

Save Our Building! We need to buy our building to continue supporting our rural community. We're on our way to raising the £215,000 needed thanks to our fantastic network of volunteers, dedicated trustees and staff...but WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Make a financial contribution: whether it's a one-off donation or you'd like to commit to regular giving, we welcome all donations big and small. We accept donations in person over the counter, on the phone or online via www.justgiving.com/mashamshire-communityoffice
- Fundraise for us: why not set yourself a personal challenge and ask for sponsorship? Climb a mountain, organise a cake sale or organise a karaoke party with friends – whatever it is, have fun doing it!
- Volunteer: many hands make light work so if you're keen to get involved, please get in touch
- Support us for free: Select "Mashamshire Community Office" as your charity to support on the following sites;
Amazon Smile: www.smile.amazon.co.uk - Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to us.
Easyfundraising: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/ - go to easyfundraising when you want to shop online at your favourite stores. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to us!
Track our progress and visit the Community Office to see our jigsaw on the front of the building which displays how much we've raised to date. Call us on 01765 680200 to find out more.

NEWS FROM WEST TANFIELD

West Tanfield Methodist Church Service

1st January	Rev Gareth Baron
8th Januar	Own arrangement
15th Jan.	Mr L Baynes
22nd Jan.	Mr J Pope
29th Jan.	Rev Gareth Baron Covenant Service + Communion
5th Feb.	Mr T Smith
12th Feb.	Own Arrangement
19th Feb	Rev Ian Pruden
26th Feb.	Mrs Lynda Blackburn

All services are at 10.30am and everyone is welcome.

West Tanfield War Services Memorial Hall

The annual Village lunch will take place on Sunday 29th January 2023 at 12.30pm for 1.00pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are only on sale from 2nd January 2023 from the West Tanfield Store & Post Office (Ann & Chris) at a cost of £17.50 per head or £20.00 for 1 adult and 1 child of 12 or under. The event is usually sold out, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Any special dietary requirements to Anthony Cumming at Anthony.cumming@btinternet.com or on 01677 470272.

West Tanfield War Services Memorial Hall was built in the early 1960's and was, I am told, opened by Lady Isobel Barnett of What's My Line fame. The Hall has 3 letting rooms, being the Main Hall, the Games Room and the Committee room, as well as a fully operational kitchen. Each if its rooms is available for hire, singly or en bloc.

We are currently in the process of creating a website which should be online shortly. Until then, bookings can be made via the booking administrators, Brenda Raw or Elaine Smith.

Their contact details are as follows:

Brenda Raw: Email: brendaraw@icloud.com Tel: 01677 470557

Elaine Smith: Email: wtmemorialhall@outlook.com Tel: 01677 470559

The Hall is suitable for all kinds of events from wedding receptions to celebration parties, sales fairs and many others and has repeat bookings from 2 Art Classes, Flower Club, 2 Badminton Clubs, Boogie Bounce and Tanfield Parish Council. Wi-fi is available to anyone hiring the Hall.

Anthony Cumming

Flower Club.

We re-open on February 16th after our break and go through till May. We have a good mixed programme arranged with something I think for every one to enjoy.

If anyone would like details about our Flower Club, which was formed in 2001, please contact me, Brenda on 01677470557

This is a good time to say "thank you " to Christine for her help in printing all our news, we are going to miss her. Brenda Raw.

Pétanque Club.

We are now up and running on our new site, we have had a very good response, every one seems to enjoy playing and membership is growing very well, any one is most welcome to come and have try, we make every one very welcome. More details from Judith Parkinson 01677 470 735

NEWS FROM WELL www.wellvillage.org.uk

On behalf of Well Village, we would like to thank Christine Greensit for her hard work coordinating the Parish Magazine over the many years that she has been Editor.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th January 2023, 7.00 pm at The Institute on Church Street. The Parish Council members are: Janet Bates – Chair, Harry Sampson – Vice-Chair, David Webster, Avril Lane, Stephen Horner.

Anyone with any items to raise with the Parish Council please submit them to Julia Hamby, the Clerk on clerk@wellvillage.org.uk or by phone 470426. Minutes of the meetings are posted on the village website, see link below.

Coffee Group – Wednesday 11th January, Janet Bates, Fern Cottage, Church Street, Wednesday 8th February, Sue Bravender, Pear Tree Cottage, Church Street, Wednesday 8th March, Jessica Stephens, The Old School, Church Street. All 10.30 am.

The walking group - The group normally walks on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in the month. Anyone interested contact Kath Greaves on 01677 470305 for details and to be added to the email and WhatsApp list. Shorter walks starting up when the weather gets a bit better for anyone interested.

Well Oiled Fuel Club – Anyone wishing to be included and attract savings on oil prices contact Joan Wilson, Stonebrook, Church Street, Well. Email:welloiledfuel@gmail.com. Mobile: 07967754603

Village Email Contact List - Anyone new to the village who would like to be included in the village email list, where items of interest are circulated to villagers, please contact the Clerk on clerk@wellvillage.org.uk _ Please note that any information relevant to the village to is circulated by email, and important items will also be displayed on the Noticeboard at the crossroads.

All planning applications for the village can be viewed on the planning section on the Hambleton District Council website.

Lighting issues can be reported via the Hambleton Website – www.hambleton.gov.uk. Road issues can be reported via the NYCC website.

Well Village Facebook Page, search - [Well Village, North Yorkshire](#). Anyone can post items relating to the village.

Code for the defibrillator (outside the Milbank Arms) is on the Noticeboard next to the bus shelter. In the event of the defibrillator being used, please notify the clerk so that new pads etc can be purchased – clerk@wellvillage.org.uk

Village website – www.wellvillage.org.uk – the new site is now up and running, do have a look at it if you haven't already done so.

NEWS FROM SNAPE

Methodist Church Services

1st January	Deacon David Smith, United service.
8th January	Rev Gareth Baron, Covenant Service.
15th January	Jane Cook.
22nd January	Catherine Clowes
29th January	Lister Baynes
5th February	Rev Gareth Baron
12th February	Local Arrangement
19th February	Richard Clark.
26th February	Kathy Lowrie.

All services start at 10.30 am. They are all followed by a coffee too.

Mini Church. This is held for children during each morning service.

Sing to the King Do you enjoy singing? Why not join us on the first evening in every month from 6.30pm for an hour. We sing old and new songs, and have a lovely happy, relaxed time together.

Craft and chat This is held fortnightly on a Tuesday from 2-4 pm. People take their own selection of crafts along to do whilst having a nice relaxed chat and cuppa. They occasionally learn new crafts together. They will be held on Jan 10th, 24th, Feb 7th, & 21st.

Under 5's Held each Wednesday morning, from 10-11.30am in school term time. This small friendly playgroup for all pre-school children and babies, their parents, grandparents etc. We'd love for you to join us and spread the word.

Sunshine Corner This after school club is held fortnightly on a Friday, from 3.30- 5pm. It is for all primary school aged children. Each fun time includes a drink, a game, a craft etc etc all based around a biblical story. All children need a registration form. Please don't hesitate to contact us for more info. Next years dates are Jan 13th & 27th, and Feb 10th.

Monthly coffee morning Held from 10-12 noon on the last Saturday of each month for a free friendly coffee and chat. The next dates are Jan 28th, and Feb 25th. We look forward to seeing you.

Over 60's Party The Annual Over 60's New Year Social Buffet will be held on Saturday 28th January at 12.30. Invites will shortly be with you for this happy lunch time and afternoon. If you are new into the Village, are over the magic age, and have accidentally been missed off the list, please contact a committee member and they'd be delighted to add you to the list. They look forward to seeing you.

And Finally.....

The villagers of Snape would like to thank all those involved in editing the Parish News for so long, especially, Christine. The Parish News has been appreciated by us all. Thank you.

Snape Local History Group

Meetings are held on Fridays at 7.30pm in Snape Institute. Admission is £3 for non-members, who are welcome at all speaker and discussion evenings. The admission fee includes light refreshments.

20 January. WOODLAND INDUSTRIES - the early use of renewable resources. Illustrated talk by Tony Keats

3 February TRADITIONS OF DEATH & BURIAL. Illustrated talk by Dr. Helen Frisby

More details can be found on the website:

<https://www.snapewiththorp.co.uk/localhistory-introduction>

Snape Climate and Conservation Group

Great news for tree lovers! As part of the Queen's Green Canopy campaign, marking the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II, SCCG have just successfully secured 105 mixed saplings from the Woodland Trust. In association with Thorp Perrow Arboretum and Snape/Thornton Watlass schools, the planting will be undertaken by the children in a series of educational workshops during January. Considering that 1 tonne of CO² could be removed from our air by one tree over its lifetime, these little saplings have an important job ahead of them!

If you would like to know more about the workshops or the group please contact Kath Greaves (kathmgreaves@gmail.com or 07583 665278).

NEWS FROM NORTH STAINLEY www.northstainley.org.uk

Happy New Year to everyone! Thank you to all who supported the events for the festive occasions in December!

A huge thank you to Christine Greensit and her team for producing the Parish Magazine for so long and also to her merry band of "postmen" delivering it all over our extended area (in all weathers). It has entailed a vast amount of work but has served us well to keep us in touch with our wider communities. We mourn its passing and maybe, in time, new initiatives will spring up to fill the need.

Please keep an eye out for notices of events which will be posted on the various noticeboards in our village. The North Stainley village website has recently been revamped and so please check on there for upcoming events and general information about the village (northstainley.org.uk).

News and events are also posted on our village church Facebook page, on the website for the Masham group of churches and on the Methodist circuit

website.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/northstainleychurch/> , mashamparishes.org
and <https://www.riponlowerdalesmethodists.org.uk/>

North Stainley School, the parish council, the Staveley Arms and the cricket club all have their own websites and some have Facebook pages as well.

Since covid, Jane Mansell has been sending out occasional emails with news of events etc in the village. This is done in a personal, “unofficial” capacity to those for whom she has email address. If you would be interested in receiving these, please contact Jane directly on janemansell21@gmail.com. If you do not have computer access and would like to receive a printed copy, please contact Jane on 01765 634682.

Thanks.

The Masham Community Office sends out a weekly email containing local news and events. Please contact them if you would like to be sent this useful resource.

Meanwhile.... What is coming up in North Stainley in the next few weeks?

Soupy Saturday – 14th January, 12-2pm, in the Village Hall

Following on from the Village Trust’s successful coffee morning last November, St Mary’s would like to offer another possibility for the community to come together in the Village Hall on a Saturday this time for "**Soupy Saturday!**". Come and enjoy a bowl of home-made soup (there will be a choice available) and a roll followed by tea, coffee and cake. Donations will go towards the upkeep, ministry and work of our village church. Further details from Sally (sallygabriel50@hotmail.co.uk)

St Mary’s remains **open** every day (slightly shorter hours in the shorter winter days) – do drop in for a moment of stillness and peace. **Regular services** are held on the **first and third Sundays** of the month at **9.15am** – see the noticeboard for details – plus special services at festival times. Informal "**Bacon Church**" is on the 3rd Thursday morning of each month from 8.45 until about 9.30 – next one January 19th – come along for breakfast followed by brief prayers for our community and world!

Our **JAM afterschool club** for primary school children continues once a half term, both at North Stainley and West Tanfield schools – did you see the banners outside the schools in early December? Please contact Jane (janemansell21@gmail.com) for further details.

Recycling Printer cartridges for church funds: please continue to pop your old printer cartridges in the recycling box in church or hand to Rev Sian or any member of St Mary’s North Stainley. Thank you SO much to everyone who has contributed to this initiative – we have raised over £100

between April and the beginning of December – and saved many, many cartridges from going to landfill!

North Stainley Thursday Supper Club

In November the Club enjoyed a social evening and fish and chips supper at the Staveley

Arms. Looking ahead to December, the Club's Christmas extravaganza, featuring the Dishforth Military Wives' Choir, will be on Thursday the 8th of December.

Looking ahead to next year, the Club's meetings for the first six months are planned as follows:

January – An extraordinary cruise of North America in a small sailing yacht: a pictorial presentation by Paul Read.

February – Travelling to the stars: an illustrated presentation by Martin Whipp FRAS from the Limetree Observatory.

March – An informal evening with a Beetle Drive

April – Going back to Roman Times – what Aldborough used to look like: an illustrated talk by Julie Prescott MA, the English Heritage manager of the Aldborough Roman site.

May – Getting in the Swing with Motown Music: an evening of entertainment by the Cherry Tones.

June – A social evening at The Staveley Arms.

Why not drop us an email at nsthursdaysupperclub@gmail.com and we'll happily fill in some details. Alternatively, call Paul Read on 01765 635027 or Claire Reid on 01765 635499.

NEWS FROM FEARBY AND HEALEY

Thank you.

Sandy and Ginny Henderson would belatedly like to thank all those who set up, worked at the Barbeque at Holly Tree Farm and cleared up afterwards so that we would not have known it had happened. *Sandy Henderson, Fearby*

St Paul's and Healey Parish would like to thank the Magazine and its editors for all their support over the years.

Any questions about church events involving St Paul's Healey should be directed to the Churchwardens, Anne Ramsay (01765 689278) and Delia Richmond (01765 658765).

The following poem was written by Brian Gregg of Fearby who died suddenly this year so this is a tribute to him.

The Road to Sunday

One evening I met a man who wasn't there
He never showed but he was near
They say when ghosts appear
You know they're real

He spoke though no word was drawn
The truth was clear, the verse was warm
They say those who are silent
Say the most.

And then I knew my new friend
Died two thousand years ago
Maybe one Sunday I'll go
And say I am here.

Brian Gregg 2022