

# **Beyond**

*The Pews*

March 2017

## **Military Wives Choirs Dishforth**

### **Concert**

**Coronation Hall**

**Saturday 25th March 2017**

**7.00pm**

**Adults £10, Students £5, under 16s free**

*in aid of All Saints Church Kirby Hill toilet fund  
light refreshments included*

*Tickets available from church  
or call 01423 325405. 326284. 323390*



**Coronation Hall**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
April 2017**

*Over 20 real ales and ciders,  
food stand, raffle and live music*

**Supporting Kirby Hill Church  
and The Fire Fighters Charity**

*The Parish Magazine of Kirby Hill, Skelton cum Newby & Cundall with Norton le Clay*

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## What's in a word?

Words can be fascinating: how they have acquired their meaning, how their meaning has changed over the years, what are the 'in' expressions now. They can be robust and they can be fragile, hard to tie down or able to be twisted. We talk sometimes of 'weasel words'.

With our present technology, words can shoot thoughts across continents in seconds. Email, social media, blogging, all make for instant communication and in many ways bring interest and colour to life. Sound-bites, slogans and strap-lines, catchy phrases that stay in the mind, are increasingly ways of passing information. There is much that is good and to be welcomed but it can be a mixed blessing. Emails all too often prompt an immediate response, sometimes made without considering the wider implications. People copied in join in the discussion too and sometimes there can be a 'ding-dong' battle. I have known several church congregations almost torn apart by the irresponsible - indeed malicious – use of email. Confidentiality can be another victim. Years ago, I was taught that if you have a difficult letter to answer, wait twenty-four hours before doing so.

The Bishop who ordained me deacon composed this prayer which he used from time to time before an important meeting. It can well be used privately too.

Grant to us Lord the spirit of fairness in thought, word and deed;  
help us to have a sense of proportion;  
whenever we think strongly, help us to think deeply;  
whenever we think deeply, help us to think kindly;  
and in speaking, help us to remember that the spoken word is irrevocable,  
and goes forth to break down or build up the Kingdom of love and beauty  
and truth.

Give us grace to be honest with ourselves, striving always to see ourselves  
as others see us and to put ourselves in the place of others.

Save us from all false words, from the perils of prejudices and platitudes,  
O Lord God of truth, through him who is the way of truth and life,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Perhaps as part of the discipline of Lent we might reflect on how we use words, and pray that prayer each week.

+Clive

## What's On

### **Community Lunch**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
12.00 -2.00**

**The Fox and Hounds  
Langthorpe**

**£7.95 for 2 courses  
£9.95 for 3 courses  
(slight increase in cost)**

**Just let Alison (326284)  
or the pub (325239)  
know you are coming**

**PTFA Jumble Sale  
in aid of Skelton Newby Hall CE  
Primary School**

**Saturday 1st April  
9.30am-11.30am  
The Reading Room  
Skelton-on-Ure**

**Tea and cakes available**

**Donations of for jumble or cakes  
to sell please bring along to the  
Reading Rooms on the Friday  
evening before between 6-7pm.**

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## Lent

We begin our observance of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.00 with a service of Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes in Kirby Hill church. Some of the children from Kirby hill school will be joining us.

**This lent we will be supporting three projects all related to education:** one in Malawi providing simple water filter systems and basics like satchels so girls can go to school rather than having to collect water; one in Sudan providing benches and desks for children who currently sit on the floor at school and the other providing nursery education for children from poor families in Peru. We are hoping to raise a good sum of money for each of these projects – further details in All Saints' church. We would welcome any contributions to our Lent appeal.

**On Monday evenings at 7.30 there will be an informal study / discussion group** at the vicarage, and on Tuesdays we will be holding the beautiful short service of **Compline** at 7.00 in church.

**Lent Lunches:** we will again be having simple soup and sandwich lunches at the vicarage 12.00 -2.00 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April with donations going to the Lent Appeal.

**On Easter morning we are delighted that Bishop James will be joining us at Kirby Hill,** shortly before he retires and leaves our diocese. Do come along for what will be an uplifting morning.

Do please come and join us at any of these services or events, you will be most welcome. Full details of Holy Week and Easter services and events next month.



The Guides have had another busy and successful year. We retained the Division Swimming Shield which we won in the annual Gala in March. Boroughbridge District hosted the Division Thinking Day this year and we took the theme of the Regions of WAGGGS.

Each unit provided two activities from their chosen Region for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to try ably helped by members of the Senior Section. It was an enjoyable evening.

Our camp this year became Carnival, based loosely on Brazil because of the Olympics. The various activities all led to a Carnival celebration with fancy headdresses, music and dancing followed by a BBQ. For once it was a warm camp and the usual jumpers, wellies and cagoules were discarded for t shirts and shorts.

Sophie went to Switzerland as part of a County group and this is what she wrote.

"Switzerland is one of the best trips I've ever been on! I made new friends and had opportunities that I would never normally have been given. My favourite thing about the trip was when we went to the Jungfrau. We had to be up by 4 a.m. to have a two and a half hour journey to the train stop. The train went up the Jungfrau for about an hour then we stayed up at the top where there was a Lindt shop!"

The Baden Powell award is the highest award a Guide can achieve. Sophie and Abbey are about to be awarded with theirs shortly. As part of the challenge the girls have to take part in an adventure with others also doing the award. The two girls went to Windermere and this is what they wrote.

" Our favourite thing about the Baden Powell adventure was the canoeing and the leap of faith. We liked the canoeing because the lake was huge and so we could go anywhere we wanted! Also, the leap of faith was something new and was one of the biggest challenges."

Part of the Guide programme is to carry out a service. We have decided to take part in the "Pants to Poverty " campaign. This is to provide underwear for girls particularly in some African countries where a lack of underwear means that the girls are unable to go to school especially as they get older. Wearing underwear also makes them safer too. We are collecting packs of new knickers and lightly worn or new bras. If anyone would like to help with this, we would be very grateful.

Like all large organisations, it is useful to know what our 'customers' think! We asked the Guides to write down in a few words what Guides means to them. Top of the list was friendship. We have girls who go to many different schools and they really appreciate making friends out of school. Having fun came a close second. Other comments included being able to talk about issues in a way that they feel safe and not laughed at, gaining confidence, trying new things, being challenged and most of all being able to be yourself and yet being part of a community.

Guiding in Kirby Hill and Boroughbridge continues to flourish but we still require help either with a full commitment or an offer of a skill that you can share.

## Thoughts from a traveller.....

In Alison's article in the Dec. / Jan. 'Beyond the Pews' and her comments about tourists abroad, she said, tourists "Don't engage with local people" – which to a large extent can be true. But she also said, "By and large they don't ... contribute to the local economy." I wonder if readers of BTP would be interested in some of my own experiences.

In so many countries which I have visited, many industries, e.g. sugar, cotton, rubber, have declined dramatically. Tourism can be a very important part of the economy. On one such island, St. Thomas, in the Caribbean, our local guide told us. "We desperately need tourists. *Cruise ships have been our salvation.* You must keep coming." Cruising the coast of West Africa, we stopped in Freetown, capital of Sierra Leone, the first cruise ship ever to visit this civil war-torn country. Our welcome was unprecedented. I will never forget the exact words of our local guide after we had boarded a bus to tour the city. "You are so welcome here. This is a great day for us. *I think now our country will survive.*" (It had a long way to go, being in the bottom three, then, of the 177 U.N. countries listed in order of wealth/poverty).

And one thousand miles up the Amazon, I found that tourism is now an important part of the economy of the remote city of Manaus, which grew during the rubber boom; an industry which declined as rapidly as it grew. There are others which I have written about in a book on my travels published this last year, including Pitcairn. Glynn Christian, descendant of the famous Fletcher Christian, talked of the lack of shipping which had so put the island in peril. "Calling cruise ships," he believed, "Would save it."

Sylvia Foxton

## Thornton Bridge road safety issue

The recent repairs to the bridge structure have increased the height of the crest to such an extent that there is, for smaller or medium sized cars, a blind summit. The traffic lights that controlled flow over the bridge have now been removed in favour of red and white priority arrow signs. These signs are of limited use if a driver cannot see the vehicle coming from the opposite side of the bridge. There have been several incidents, since the removal of the lights, of near collisions and awkward moments verging on 'road rage'! Local parish councils are discussing the issue at their coming meetings and working with Cllr Peter Sowray of NYCC to find a solution to the problem. NYCC considers, following a two-week camera survey, that a re-introduction of the lights is not warranted. If you have an opinion on this issue (especially if you have had a 'close shave' or a confrontation) please contact Cllr Peter Sowray (details on NYCC website) in the first instance and copy your email or letter to the Kirby Hill and District parish council at martin\_rae@lineone.net.

Boroughbridge Mothers' Union usually meet  
on the third Thursday of the month at 2.00pm in St James Church

Everyone is welcome to any of our meetings or events.

**We are delighted that Bishop Clive and Jane Handford**

**are giving us a talk:**

**'Travelling light with a stole'**

**Thursday 16th<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm**

**Please come along.**

For more information contact

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## **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**(INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL)**

**Friday 3rd March 2.00pm**

**All Saints Church, Kirby Hill**

**Followed by refreshments**

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women from a different part of the world to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.

This year the service which takes the theme 'Am I being unfair to You' has been written by the Christian women of the Philippines and has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects.

Each year the Boroughbridge committee of the WWDP, which is represented by Anglicans, Methodists and Roman Catholics presents these services, rotating around the area to different churches and this year it will be held at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill. The Day of Prayer is not just for women so why not find out more about the theme, the Philippines and the service? Everyone is most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

WWDP website: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk).

**Kirby Hill Church would like to invite you to...**

**...come for a cuppa...**

**...in church after school drop off every Monday morning**



**STARTING AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAY**

## Diary Dates

Mar	1	10.00	Ash Wednesday Communion at Kirby Hill
	3	2.00	Women's Word Day of Prayer – see p6 attended by some of the children from Kirby Hill School
	7	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	8	12.00	Community Lunch – see p3
	14	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
	16	2.00	Mother's Union at St James, Boroughbridge
	25	7.00	Military Wives Choir Concert – see front page
	28	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage

## Advance notice

**May 14 – 20**

Christian Aid Week: We believe in life before death. We will again be doing our bit for this national campaign by holding a door to door collection, shaking buckets in Morrisons and holding a sponsored walk on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May. If you could help us, please let Alison know.

## Mothering Sunday 26th March

9.30 Family Service at Skelton

11.00 Family Communion at Kirby Hill

*(flowers at both services)*



## From the Registers

### Christian Funeral

Jan 25 Peter Harker

at St Helen's Skelton

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*Your generosity is much appreciated*

# SERVICES

Date Sunday	5 Mar Lent 1	12 Mar Lent 2	19 Mar Lent 3	26 Mar Mothering Sunday	2 Apr Lent 5
<b>CUNDALL</b>		11.00 CW 2		9.30 MP	
<b>KIRBY HILL</b>	11.00 CW 1 6.00 SS	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8 6.00 EP	11.00 AAW	11.00 Family Communion	11.00 CW 1 6.00 SS
<b>SKELTON</b>	9.30 CW 1		9.30 CW1	9.30 FS	9.30 CW 1

## WEEKDAY SERVICES AT KIRBY HILL

**Tuesday**

**9.00am MP (said)**

**Wednesday (except – see below)**

**10.00am CW2 (said)**

**Third Wednesday of the month**

**10.45am at St James, Boroughbridge**

**CW 1** Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 1, Modern language

**CW 2** Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 2, Traditional language

**AAW** All Age Worship, **FS** Family Service, **MP** Morning Prayer; **ES** Evensong,

**EP** Evening Prayer; **SS** Sacred Space informal all age worship,

**IC** Informal Communion, **Activ8** for children of all ages, parents welcome.

On the 1st & 4th Sundays at Kirby Hill, Sparklers Crèche is available in church during the service.

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