

Village Link

The Newsletter of Hotham, Everthorpe and North Cave
February - March 2024



Steve Skipsey 18.08.1944 - 27.12.2023



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KIND LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Just to say how splendid the latest copy of the Village Link looks in colour!

I would also like to commend the ladies of the WI for the wonderful poppy display at the War Memorial at the Armistice period. It was terrific. I had the privilege of being called out of retirement to undertake the Lieutenantcy duty that Remembrance Sunday and thus

represent His Majesty King Charles in laying the wreath. I had not done so in North Cave before – just many times at Howden. It was an honour for me to be in my old village.

Kind regards

Jacky Davies (*formerly Carver*)

EDITORIAL COMMENT & VILLAGE LINK - TRIBUTE TO STEVE SKIPSEY

We hope that you and yours have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We all had a bit of a near miss recently with the heavy rain and flood-related issues in of parts of the village. Sewage backing up was an unpleasant issue in Blanshards Lane and at the green. Spare a thought for some of the poor residents of Newbald have experienced some very unpleasant sewage-related issues - despite Yorkshire Water's costly lining of the sewers in the village!

As you will note, a portion of this issue has been dedicated to a wonderful supporter of Village Link from its very start. Back at the beginning of 2000, we took over from the retiring Rev. Hayward's 'Towers of Strength', to create a community magazine - covering more than just the church news. Steve was involved in the the early planning meetings and took on the role of Distribution Manager. He was a stalwart supporter of Village Link and managed the recruitment of, and distribution to, all the deliverers for many

years with able assistance from John Hewson and Peter Cox (who covered Hotham and is, sadly, no longer with us).

Following his retirement, he kept a keen eye on us and was always ready with support and advice on how things needed to be organised. Personally, I will miss my chats with him, which would start out with the issue that he felt needed to be raised but would then include some wonderful discussions putting the world, or the village, to rights!

On behalf of the whole Village Link team, we send our condolences to Ann, his wonderful wife and supporter, and all their family at this sad time. The loss of Steve, as such an enthusiastic and supportive person with a great sense of humour and something to say about most things, will be keenly felt.

Kind regards

Elizabeth and Bill



TRIBUTES TO STEVE:

North Cave Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to extend their condolences to the family of Steve Skipsey who sadly passed away on the 27th December 2023.

Steve served as a Parish Councillor for several years and was the Chairman for much of this time, he was very proactive in many projects around the village especially during the floods of 2007 and worked extremely hard to make North Cave a safer and nicer place to live.

RIP Steve.

North Cave in Bloom

North Cave in Bloom members were saddened to hear the news of the death of Steve Skipsey. Steve was one of three founder members who formed the group in 2007 and became our Chairman. The aim was to brighten up the village with flowers, plants and bulbs and Steve would play a big part in fundraising events in the early days. He instigated the construction of the 4 stone planters at the entrances to North Cave, he would use his trailer to collect bedding plants twice a year, source suitable wood to make planters, hold meetings, as well as recruiting

more volunteers, including his wife, Ann. Last year Steve thought he should resign due to his mobility restrictions but we voted unanimously for him to continue as he was the mainstay of North Cave in Bloom and so he chaired our last meeting in his garden on a lovely sunny day in September and then joined us at the Bingo fundraising night in October. Steve's dedication to keep the village of North Cave blooming will have a lasting effect always and we hope to install a seat in the village to commemorate his life. Our thoughts are with Ann and family, he will be sadly missed.



Marie Curie

Steve joined our local Marie Curie Volunteer Fundraising Group in 2007 and threw himself into full on fundraising including: store collections, daffodil collections, Hook a Duck, fetes, galas, a sponsored slim. But best of all, dressing up as a yellow Santa in 2012 in the



supermarket, charming the ladies into parting with their money, he would have had them sitting on his knee too if I



hadn't stepped in! Steve also roped his family into fundraising and he celebrated with us when we passed our £250,000 total in 2015. Although the reason



we were all raising money was very poignant, Steve could always make it such good fun too! The team send their heartfelt condolences to Ann and family.

North Cave Yorkshire Ambulance First Responder Group

Steve was a founder member of the North Cave Yorkshire Ambulance First Responder Group. He was present at the very first meeting in the village hall on a cold late October meeting in 2002 when Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS), were holding a meeting to ascertain if there was any interest in the village for such a service and if any volunteers would be willing to set up the group. Steve was immediately interested, asked loads of questions and was in it from the long haul. Some of Steve's questions were quite out there and a bit of a challenge to me as I was very new to teaching first aid. He definitely kept me on my toes and would frequently have the room dissolve into fits of laughter. He diligently attended every training session with Anne his wife and passed all the exams and continual assessments to qualify as a first responder and was a key member until his retirement from the scheme in 2012 due to ill health.

Steve took his role extremely seriously, it was quite an ask of volunteers to attend a medical

emergency with oxygen and an automated defibrillator and no formal medical background. Albeit the training was very thorough it is quite an ask to attend a person in medical difficulties on your own with no back up until an ambulance arrived. Steve attended a number of emergencies in his time with professionalism, kindness and a lovely sense of humour, keeping people calm and reassured until the emergency services arrived. Steve not only offered his support to first responding but volunteered on a number of occasions as a first aider at the North Cave Village Gala. I remember very well the year it was an extremely hot July day and we had a record number of casualties – from memory due to the heat, the tug of war, the bucking broncho, the junior football and the fun fair – we were so busy but Steve set to – helped as many people as he could not leaving the field until the funfair had left the park. Steve was a fabulous volunteer and support to all his first responder colleagues and will be very missed.

Tribute to "Skippy" from Dave Warren Steve Skipsey – a True Character - Rest in Peace

My fond memories of Steve are mainly centred around our joint passion for clay target shooting, our friendship developing soon after I moved into the village some 20 years ago. It didn't take long to realise I was in the company of a bit of a local celebrity when I discovered he was not only the village Father Christmas, and a Parish Councillor, but also a very jovial individual renowned for his local knowledge and regular banter in the street with one and all.

We shot together over the years through 'thick and thin' frost and sunshine, and I will never forget the support Steve gave me when I lost my driving licence for a year, on medical grounds. He made sure I could continue my hobby by giving me a lift every Thursday to and from our Club near Cherry Burton.



Steve was a larger than life character both out on the shooting ground, and in the Clubhouse canteen, where everyone thought a lot about him. He loved his Thursday outings and pub lunches, and it is ironic that this sad demise began, just as he was about to set off in his car to join us.

He will be greatly missed by myself and many others from the shooting community. Despite being wheelchair bound, Steve regularly put in impressive scores, and was respected not only for his ability, but for the highly experienced advice he was able to pass on to others. Next time I go into the Clubhouse canteen it will be very strange when our friend isn't there ordering his two eggs on toast with beans, and folks taking the Micky out of him about moths coming out of his wallet! Rest in peace 'Skippy'.

Mission Christmas

Mission Christmas is an annual initiative organised by Cash for Kids (www.cashforkids.org.uk), which aims to ensure every child wakes up to a gift on Christmas morning. Members of our community have made a magnificent effort in support of this charity as you can see below:

Today (3rd December) we collected for Mission Christmas. It was another Huge Success!

Our village have been so supportive of this Amazing charity that makes sure every child opens a gift on Christmas Morning.

Lots of mulled wine and mince pies was enjoyed by everyone 👍

A BIG THANK YOU FROM



Nicky, Margaret, Barbara and Jackie

To donate to Cash for Kids please visit www.cashforkids.org.uk.

Ocean's Hair

A young member of our North Cave community has written to tell us about her very generous donation:



Ocean's hair before...

....and after!

Hello,

My name is Ocean I am 10 years old. I have recently had 12" cut off my hair.

I decided to do this when my friend at school became ill with leukaemia and her hair began to fall out.

I gave my hair to the Little Princess's Trust to help children have hair again using wigs.

I am liking my new short hair and I know it will grow again. 😊

For more information and to make a donation:

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

How amazing and brave is that!

North Cave Parish Council News

Flooding problems

Due to the recent threat of flooding it is advisable to sign up for flood alerts via <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>. In case emergency help is needed, the Village Hall will be opened and you can contact our flood warden, Steve Thackeray on 07967165337 or our Chair, Linda Bayram on 07956310720 for assistance. ERYC do not issue sand bags so if you feel you may need some in the future, it would be advisable to obtain asap. Our clerk is in the process of updating the Emergency Plan so we will keep you updated.

Traffic problems

We are constantly trying to alleviate the many traffic problems in North Cave and we will continue to campaign for a safer village for all. NCPCC are supporting the latest Blanshards Traffic Calming Scheme because the safety of the residents, vehicle users and pedestrians is the reason why a scheme was agreed by ERYC many years ago and we await the results of the residents' consultation.

War Memorial

There is algae on the pavers and some of the pavers are loose so maintenance work is required. We are getting advice re the pruning of the trees in this area.

Millennium Walk

By the time you read this, volunteers will have planted Hazel & Buckthorn trees purchased from Mires Beck. There is still some coppicing to complete and wild flowers to plant in spring. Please treat this area with the respect it deserves and dog owners, please bag it and bin it in the bin provided by the Parish Council.

Website

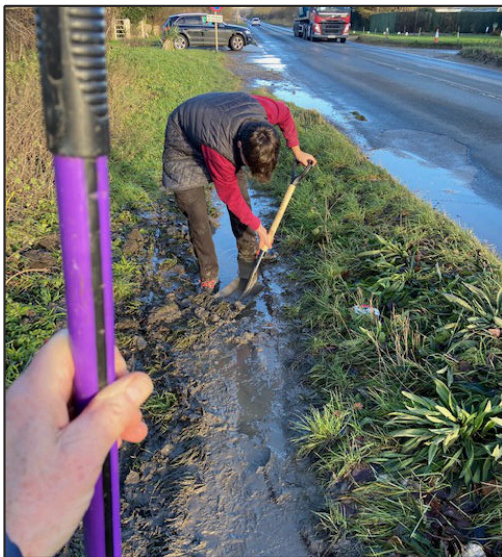
A reminder, if there are any community groups who would like a page/ blog on our new website please email your interest to Naomi. If you need to contact or find information re ERYC there are useful links on our website for ease of use.

Newport Road footpaths

NCPCC and many residents have reported the very poor state of disrepair of the footpaths but



we are still waiting for action from ERYC. In the meantime, one of our Parish Councillors, John Godfrey, along with his grandson, spent many hours clearing the impassible sections



North Cave Coal Exporters Cricket Club

Following a request from the newly formed cricket club, NCPC agreed to make a donation towards the acquisition of a new scoreboard.

Goole GoFar Community Transport

NCPC gave a donation towards the running cost of this vital door to door bus service which include shopping trips, transport to hospital and days out.

Parish Council

North Cave Parish Councillors are all volunteers who want to try to improve the community we live in, spending many hours of their time trying to achieve this, as well as attending monthly public meetings.

We hold our meetings in the Village Hall, Westgate, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month commencing at 7pm, there is an opportunity for you to have your say during the public forum prior to the full council meeting.

The minutes of our meetings will be displayed in the notice board on Westgate and our website once they have been approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

Next Parish Council meeting is on
Tuesday 20th February.

Contact details:

Our clerk, Naomi, works

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons 1.30pm - 5.30pm,

Her contact details are:

Tel: 01430 425374, Email: clerk@northcave-pc.gov.uk or visit our website www.northcave-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the **DEFIBRILLATOR**, which is sited on the front of the **Village Hall**.

If you are unfortunate enough to need to use the machine: **ring 999 and wait for instructions. Keep doing CPR whilst you wait for the defib and/or ambulance to arrive.**

After use: it is vital you inform NCPC on 01430 425374 so the pads can be replaced.

The Parish of All Saints North Cave: with St. John's North Cliffe and St. Oswald Hotham

Revd. Barry Worsdale - Tel: 01430 470716
email: bworsdale@hotmail.co.uk



REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES

All Saints Church North Cave:
11.00am each Sunday

St. John's Cliffe:

9.15am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

St. Oswald, Hotham:

9.00am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays

Men's Curry and Quiz Night

Last Friday
of every month
in

ZOOM Café, South Cave
at 7.30pm

All men are welcome.

Come and enjoy the fellowship and a bit of competition in a quiz. We usually make up teams of 3, 4 or 5 depending on numbers.

Further details, please give me a call:

Revd. Barry Worsdale

01430 470716 or 07443 334391

North Cave Bell Ringers

After a hectic Christmas and New Year, we are now back to our normal Sunday Service ringing and Tuesday evening practice sessions, which start at 7.30pm should anyone wish to come along and join us.

Between Christmas and New Year, we again held our traditional Christmas Ramble, we like to keep these local, so this time we rang at Goxhill, Thornton Curtis, Barton on Humber and Kirkella, finishing the day with tea back in the White Hart, and as is always the case Sharron made us very welcome, just what we needed having been stood in four cold churches all afternoon.

I have to say, that in all my fifty years of ringing I have never rung a bell like the second at Thorton Curtis, it had a mind all its own, I was not the only one who had trouble with it either, a bell not for the faint hearted. As a full peal of six bells, they did sound very nice though. When you go and ring at a lot of other churches like we do, experiences like this make you realise how fortunate we are in having such wonderful bells and a marvellous, modern and comfortable ringing chamber.

Following some light liquid refreshments, again in the White Hart, six of us rang in the New Year at midnight, fancy dress and all, and for the second year we were also joined by some non-ringing spectators within the ringing chamber, which is always a joy for us.



The Midnight Bell crew in fancy dress!

We have a couple of ringing trips planned for 2024, in April we have a North Yorkshire tour where we shall be based in Whitby and then in

October, we shall be touring Guernsey, picking up a ring at Loughborough on our way to East Midlands airport.

Our augmentation to eight bells will pick up a pace within the first three months of the year. In February we have John Taylor bell founders coming to survey the work. Taylors are our company of choice to cast the two new bells. Our original six bells are all Taylors, cast by them back in 1919 and we feel it is important to keep new bells with the same profile as our existing ones, along with their head stocks, plus it is widely thought in ringing circles that Taylors do cast and tune the best bells in the world.



A bell being cast at John Taylors Bell Foundry - just out of interest this is one of the three new ones for St Mary's Beverley back in 2019

Following our success in 2022 when we won the Joan Castle Memorial Trophy (awarded to the church/band who rings the most quarter peals within a year), we decided to take it easy last year - so we only rang fifteen quarters. It is our aim to win this back this year, especially as our bells will be out of action for a few weeks in 2025 to allow the augmentation work to take place.

On behalf of the All Saints Bell Ringers, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy 2024.

Thank you for your continued support.

Simon Plows
Ringing Master

Let's make 2024 a year filled with shared joy, learning, and delightful community events!

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northcavepreschool@hotmail.co.uk

07968 239303



Happy New Year to our wonderful village community

The young minds at Preschool are buzzing with excitement as they delve into the fascinating worlds of farms, favourite foods, and mini beasts this term, and our literary journey continues with "The Smartest Giant in Town" by Julia Donaldson.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming quiz night on 2nd February at the Village Hall – a night of fun and friendly competition. Also, stay tuned for bingo night in April and an Easter number board on our Facebook page.

Humberside Police

Non emergencies use 101

Your neighbourhood Policing Team are available to offer advice on crime prevention and to listen and gather information on problems that you may be having in your area. If residents are unable to ring we are also able to visit your home for help and advice.

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SCHOOL LINK



School Sport

It continues to be a busy time for school sport with teams representing the school in events such as indoor athletics, football and benchball. The children have shown so much enthusiasm for these events and it has been brilliant to provide these opportunities for so many children.

At the end of last term, we invested in a brand new kit for sports events with matching training tops. The children love wearing these and are proud to represent our school.



Pupil Voice

Within our school, we value the thoughts and ideas of our children and provide a number of opportunities for them to share these. Our School Council meets regularly and has suggested ideas for additional clubs, a focus charity for the year and also changes to the school dinner menu.

We also have a Worship Squad who support our collective worship by leading parts of this and providing ideas and feedback.



Within Class 3 and Class 4, the children have access to learning logs which can be used to suggest ideas as to how we can make our school even better. It is from talking to the children that we recently decided to install a greenhouse on our rear playground. We are grateful to the Friends of the School for funding this.

All Saints Church

In December, we were pleased to once again hold our Christmas service at All Saints Church. This service was led by the children, with each class also performing a song. Our services are an important part of our calendar and it is good to see so many members of our school community joining us to support the children and celebrate these festivals.

School Visits

We are extremely proud of our provision and welcome the opportunity to share this with others. If you are interested in a school place for your child, please contact the school office and we would be delighted to show you around and answer any questions that you may have.

For more information about our school please visit

www.northcave-school.co.uk

01430 422551

@NorthCavePS





North Cave Sports and Social Club

The Club and Bar is open as follows:

Saturday from 2pm and Sunday from 8pm for Bingo

New members welcome: £10/year

Bookings and Membership:

J Smith Tel: 01430 423541 / Mb 07840 165114

HISTORY AND PLANS FOR THE PATIO AND PLAY AREA

History and Development

Some people will be aware that the Carver family were the original owners of the land. When Juliet Carver (Peter's mother/Christian's grandmother) died in 1969, her Executors were directed to sell (at agricultural rates) 2.63 acres of land to the Trustees of the North Cave Playing Fields Committee for the 'sole purpose of creating a playing field and recreation ground for the inhabitants of North Cave and District'. On 20th January 1970 the conveyance was signed and the Sports Field was created at a cost of £900.

It took a few years for the playing fields to be constructed and the Cricket Club were able to move to the field in 1974 and the clubhouse was constructed in the early 1980s.

Since then, the Carver family have facilitated the extension of the field by agreeing to a peppercorn rent for the section of the field to the south of the poplar trees, on the west (village) side of the field. This enabled the creation of the second football field.

The development at Fountains Way has resulted in the addition of more land to the west of the field. This was required as part of the planning permission for the new development. A section of the land was required as a buffer strip to ensure the continuation of cricket and the remaining section was required public open space. This land is in the process of being transferred into the care of the Playing Fields.

The clubhouse has undergone considerable renovation and improvement in recent years and, if you have visited, we hope you will agree that it has a welcoming atmosphere. If you are interested in maps, you can explore the much-enlarged 1910 version of the OS Map of the area on the rear wall!

The Committee have ambitions to be able to accommodate more changing rooms and to continue with the development and improvement of the facilities. The first of these developments will be the creation of the new patio.

PATIO

Following receipt of the planning permission and the appeal for donations to assist with the development of the patio, we are pleased to report that we have received some generous donations from the WI, the Carver family and other residents. So, we are off the starting blocks with the fund-raising for the work!

All financial donations will be gratefully received - no matter how big or small, it all adds up.

Contributions in Kind

Villawood Homes, the developer of the extension to Fountains Way, has agreed to provide a digger and foundation stone to start the construction work off and a retired local builder has offered to assist by giving his time to oversee and undertake the construction work. He will, of course, require some assistance so there is the opportunity for any willing volunteers to get involved with the labouring and construction work - do you have any skills to offer?

The plan is to start work at the beginning of March so that the patio is ready for the start of the Cricket Season. No pressure then!

Whichever way you can help, please contact

northcaveplayingfields@gmail.com

If you would like to make a donation please email your name, address, tel. no. and then make your payment to

Account Name: North Cave Playing Fields Sports and Social Club

Account Number: 54895068

Sort Code: 30 91 91

Reference: Patio and your surname

In due course, we will be only too happy to acknowledge any contributions on a plaque, so please let us know if you would like to be included on this.

PLAY AREA:

Thank you to those who attended the session in the clubhouse and to North Cave School for allowing us to come in to talk to the children and ask for their thoughts on how they would like to see the play area develop. We were given lots of lovely feedback and are in the process of collating and analysing it all. Once we have completed this stage, we will incorporate the ideas into the master plan for the play area. We will, of course, also need to include necessary repair/replacement work. The next stage will be to obtain prices for the supply of the equipment and then, separately, the installation and any additional work. At this point we will know how much can be covered by the committed sums that we know about and how much more will need to be applied for from other funders. We can then plan how to progress. East Riding have offered to assist with any necessary funding applications.

MAINTENANCE

As has been reported in a previous issue, we are grateful to the support the grounds maintenance volunteers who look after the upkeep of the fields - including the cutting of the grass and marking the pitches in advance of matches, and the COGs - a wonderful team of volunteers who meet up once a week on a Tuesday and undertake a wide range of maintenance jobs as well as enjoying some good banter. If you would like to join them, you would be very welcome - many hands make light work.

We are also grateful to various members of the community, including a number of local businesses, who have made financial donations or have donated supplies such as, recently, the line-marking paint.

FUND RAISING - EASTER WALK

As you will have gathered by now, there is an ever-increasing need for the Committee to continue to raise funds to cover the upkeep of the grounds and the play area.

In recent years there has been a fundraising walk between Christmas and New Year. Somehow this year this was missed.

Instead, there are plans to organise a sponsored Easter Walk on Sunday 31st March and possibly an Easter Egg Hunt around the village, for younger members of the community. All these activities will start and finish at the clubhouse where refreshments will be available. At the time of writing, these ideas are still being worked out and will be publicised at the Club and in social media as details are firmed up.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – COMEDY NIGHTS

23rd March

6th July

23rd November

Further Information

If you would like any more information please feel free to call into the Clubhouse when it is open. To renew, or start up your membership, make contact with Joyce by phone 01430 423541 / Mb 07840 165114

For, more general queries, email Hon. Sec. John Backhouse. e-mail northcavesportsandsocial@gmail.com



NCCE gear up for 2024

North Cave Coal Exporters (NCCE) are excited to be bringing cricket back to North Cave in 2024, and the Coalies team have been

hard at work at the Playing Fields getting ready for the new season. Here's a round up of the latest progress, on and off the field...

Putting in the groundwork

With no cricket having been played at Church Street for the past four years, our team have been putting in lots of work to get the square ready. Before Christmas, our grounds team scarified, seeded and fed the square, before 'putting it to bed' for the winter, and braved freezing temperatures to reassemble our pitch covers and sightscreens.

If you've been down at the Playing Fields in recent weeks you'll have seen that the square has got a nice covering of grass, which is really encouraging. The next steps will be to aerate the square by 'spiking' the ground, giving it another feed and then over-seeding it, to allow our team to begin cutting and rolling from mid February onwards. Please do help us



out by avoiding walking on the roped off square area when you visit the Playing Fields, thank you!

Practice makes perfect

As we move into the new year it's time for our batters and bowlers to get back in the swing of things - winter nets begin on 23rd January 2024, and will run every Tuesday, 7.30-9.30pm, for 10 weeks at Haltemprice Leisure Centre.

We will have a net for junior players from 7.30-8.30, and players of all ages and experience are very welcome to come down to practise, with all equipment provided. Please get in touch via the contact information below for more details. **Want to get involved?**



We have exciting plans for 2024, with two Saturday cricket teams playing in the Yorkshire Premier League North League, a team in the Howdenshire Midweek league, a junior team, coaching and lots more!

If you're interested in playing for our teams please get in touch, and we are always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to give something back and get involved behind the scenes, let us know.

Become a Coalies sponsor

We hope to enhance practice facilities by installing a new artificial turf net at the Playing Fields, have plans to buy a new scoreboard and hope to erect netting to ensure we provide a safe match-day experience for the whole community. If you would like to support those and other initiatives while promoting your business we have a range of sponsorship opportunities available. Want to find out more? Contact us for more details.

How to keep in touch with the Coalies

Drop is an email and join our mailing list -

Email: NorthCaveCoalies@gmail.com

Get in touch and follow us on Facebook, X/Twitter & Instagram [@NCaveCoalies](#)

Cricket's Coming Home

The start of the 2024 cricket season is 13 weeks away - a 1st Division East tie on Saturday 20 April between NCCE 1st XI and Scarborough at Marine Road, Scarborough, one of Yorkshire CC's home grounds!

The first fixture at Church Street is on the following Saturday, 27 April, NCCE 1st XI v Kirkella CC 1st XI.

The NCCE 2nd XI play Kirkella CC 2nd XI in their opening game at Kirkella on 27 April, and are in action at Church Street for the first time on 4 May v Dalton Holme.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 'new' cricket experience and your **support!**

Cricket Launch

During the weekend 13/14 April (date to be finalised nearer the time), North Cave Coal Exporters CC is planning to stage an intra-club inaugural game, probably 20 overs per side, to mark officially the start of a new cricket 'era.'

Jack Russell, MBE, former England international wicket-keeper and renowned artist will capture the event on canvas, be on hand for autographs and photographs and officially open the new cricket club (more details later)!! A date for the diary!!

For further information contact :

Andy Swallow (NCCE Chair)

Mob: 07717538158

andyswallow17@gmail.com



Winter flooding

You may be aware that there were a number of flooding events and close calls in the area in early January. Properties at the bottom of Blanshards Lane were badly affected by the beck running so high that the sewer system could not cope, leading to it backing up. They had similar problems in Newbald and Ellerker. Whilst all flooding is bad, there is simply nothing worse than waste water flooding. Once it touches property or belongings, everything has to be stripped out.

We are not sure what Yorkshire Water plan to do about this, but it is interesting to note that when the same issue happened in Newbald in 2020, YW's response was to line the sewers, at a cost of £ half a million 'to prevent ingress of ground water in the waste water system'. As far as the good people of Newbald are concerned this winter, that has proven to be a waste of money. There is simply too much water getting into the the sewer system for it to cope. But let's be clear - that is not because



Newbald - flooding January 2024

people are flushing their loos too much! The problem is surface water, whether it is getting into sewer systems directly or through groundwater, or, as in North Cave, the becks and drains are too high to allow the the system to operate properly.

So what can they do? They could 'get the water away' more quickly by building more and bigger drains, clearing the ditches etc - but guess where that water would end up? North Cave - struggling to get under the bridges and through the culverts, backing up, making things worse. Just as water from North Cave has the potential to affect Ellerker, and water

from Everthorpe can and does affect South Cave West End.

That is why we believe that Slowing the Flow is a big part of the answer, and whilst it is not always popular, it is accepted by most governments, flood risk agencies, and many others around the world, as the only practical response to flooding from climate change. If a storm typically lasts for a couple of hours and you can detain the water, close to where it falls, for a day, before slowly releasing it, you are dealing with the worst effects of the storm peak. If you want to know what that might look like, and the other benefits it brings, have a look at our 'Introduction to Natural Flood Management', on the home page of the West Wolds website, link above.

Data capture progress

We mentioned, in the August edition, that cameras are being installed as part of our Our Data Capture project. As well as flow rate/level cameras previously installed downstream of Newbald and North Cave, and the weather station at North Cave Primary, we have now installed:

- A weather station at South Cave Primary School
- Flow/level cameras upstream of North Cave, on North Cave and Drewton Becks (particular thanks go to Christian Carver for hosting these cameras).
- A flow/level camera upstream of Ellerker

Other sensors are to be installed upstream of Newbald, funded by the Sober Hill Windfarm Fund, which is run by Newbald Parish Council.

We wish all of this was happening faster - every storm, if data is captured, is an opportunity to better understand the effect of the amount and length of rainfall upon the height that the becks and watercourses. Onward!

Looking into our becks

There are still places for the river quality survey training that we mentioned in the last issue (online at villagelink.info, if you don't still have a paper copy). Get in touch if you would like to learn more about our marvellous chalk streams and help to monitor their quality. A fun family/couple activity!



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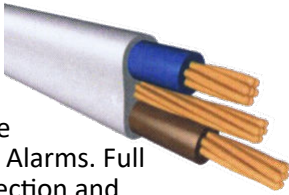
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North Cave WI have had a busy few months and also have a lot planned for this year.

We got very crafty in the lead up to Christmas, presenting a bauble to the Federation for their 40th Anniversary to be displayed at the Beverley Christmas Tree Festival.

We also sponsored a Christmas tree at Northcliffe church and were grateful to have such wonderful hand knitted decorations



We were delighted to have a delicious Christmas meal at the Bay Horse in Market Weighton. The walking netball group enjoyed lunch at South Cave golf club.



Finally, we rounded off the year from our contacts with the North Pole to have Santa visit. This takes great organising and we're so grateful for the team and our driver Ben, Santa, elves and support vehicles.

I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

As a reminder: North Cave WI will be celebrating its 95th anniversary in June and are calling on all members past and present to get involved if they can. Get in touch to let us know if you would like more details.

Tel: Barbara Young 01430 423608 or email northcavewi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk

Countryside Concerns

At last, its goodbye to a rotten old year and 'Hello' to a better New Year, where from the start it stopped raining; the roads dried up and the sun came out. The fields unfortunately will take much longer to dry up before our farmers can get onto them, but at least the signs of Spring are making their appearance and the Newport Striders got their walking shoes on and set off on their first foray of the year, admittedly only a gentle 4-mile ramble but at least it got us 'broken in' and gave us a chance to take stock of the nature around us.

The moles are very active at the moment, so make sure you get stocked up with 'mole soil' to mix with your peat-free compost, ready for seed sowing indoors.

The first week of January and already the Aconites are in bloom and the Snowdrops are showing colour too. Back in the day, ground up snowdrop bulbs were the go-to cure for chilblains but who could bear to dig up a lovely clump of them and bash them to a pulp to spread over their feet?! Not me, that's for sure.

With the onset of Spring comes the annual migration of many of the small birds that make their way to our shores. In Cyprus the mist nets and the sticky lime-sticks will be set up to capture Blackcaps in particular (the preferred bird of the poachers) not only that but they erect MP3 players in the trees to broadcast bird calls from dawn to dusk to entice them in. Cyprus isn't the only country awaiting the arrival of these birds but Malta and Eastern Europe are also players in this barbaric practice too, no wonder the number of Blackcaps coming to us is decreasing every year and they are becoming something of a rarity.

Asian giant hornets are again in the news and last year 73 confirmed reports of them, from Kent onwards up to the midlands, were tracked down and their nests destroyed. They can be identified by their yellow legs and orange faces. The sting can prove fatal in some cases, by causing Anaphylactic reactions in some people who are allergic to wasp stings. Not fussy about their diet, they will target any flying insects but have a preference for our honey bees, causing much concern for the pollination of our crops. Any sighting must be reported to

the Bee Keepers Association at once.



Steve Skipsey

As my closing comment, I would like to pay homage to one of North Cave's shining stars, whose light was extinguished in late December. Steve Skipsey was well known to the majority of the readers of this magazine, not only for his Parish Council works and for the hundreds of local people who passed their driving test with him. He was instrumental to me, in particular, in urging me to start writing my articles - that was 12 years ago. A lovely person who became a good friend to me and always had time for you and would go the extra mile to help if he could. Greatly missed already but my guess is that he has teamed up with his old chum Norman Johnson and will be cracking jokes as well as getting a bit of shooting practice in. R.I.P Steve.

Cheerio

Wendy

January 2024

Editor's Note: There is a lot of information online regarding the Asian hornet, however, following is a link to an information leaflet, which will help identification and gives information on how to report:

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NEWS FROM MIRES BECK NURSERY



TWO DEPARTURES

Firstly, after 5 years at the helm of Mires Beck, our CEO Karen Hall is moving on to pastures new. Many improvements to the nursery have been made under her leadership, and she steered us successfully through the dark times of the Covid-19 crisis. She leaves with our grateful thanks and good wishes for the future.



The second departure is our trusty old sales hut, which has finally succumbed to the rigours of the East Yorkshire weather!!! But help is at hand, with a new sales centre being generously donated by **Timberland Sheds** of Alfred Street, Hull. We look forward to a new look for the new season when we re-open in March.

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