

The Plough

Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe Community and Parish Magazine

September 2021



Some July and
August highlights in
Kelham, Averham
and Staythorpe.

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**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES ETC. FOR SEPTEMBER EDITION IS
20 September 2021**

What's on in September—quick look-up

- 5 Sept: deadline for Sunflower competition (p.4)
- 8 Sept: Tea and Cake at Averham Church—all welcome (p.19)
- 11 Sept: Daffodil planting at Averham Church (p.8)
- 12 Sept: Dogwalkers' Service, Kelham Hall grounds and church (p.18)
- 13 Sept: Womens' Institute AGM (p.12)
- 21-25 Sept: *Relatively Speaking*, Robin Hood Theatre (p.28)
- 25 Sept: Southwell Ploughing Match (p.16)
- 27 Sept: Parish Council meeting (p.15)
- 28 Sept: Garden Club AGM and Talk (p.8)
- 30 Sept: Harvest Festival, Averham Church (p.20)

DONATIONS PRODUCE CAN BE MADE AT CHURCH ON 25,
28 & 30 SEPT between 10am and 4pm.

- 11 Oct: W.I. meeting and talk (p.12)

Keep in Touch with village life through WhatsApp

More and more of us are using WhatsApp to keep in touch with what's happening around our villages. This month alone there have been two sets of lost keys, lost dogs and a lost bracelet safely all reunited with owners. There were also reminders about—and photographs of—village events; updates on traffic problems and church closures, not to mention bags full of power-ranger toys and gardening magazines looking for a good home.

If you'd like to join us please contact

- ◀ (Averham) Tracey Carlisle: 07970179755
- ◀ (Kelham) Janet Emeny : 07751 117820
- ◀ (Staythorpe) Debs Storey; 07974 957 684

If you don't want to sign-up to WhatsApp, there's always the Plough email list. It doesn't carry as much information as WhatsApp, but most notices are there and you get a colour version of the magazine emailed to you.

Email me—editor.plough@hotmail.com to join.



Tallest Sunflower Competition

Earlier this year, everyone in Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe was given FIVE sunflower seeds. We know some people were very successful because of the pictures on WhatsApp.

Now is the time to enter your sunflowers into the Tallest Sunflower Competition. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, so if you'd like to enter please:

1. Email a photograph of your sunflower(s) to me (editor.plough@hotmail.com).

The photograph should show the full plant and include a measuring tape next to your sunflower.

Measure from the top of the soil to the top of the plant (don't measure the pot).

2. In your covering email please include your name, address, age (if under 18) and the height of your sunflower in centimetres. (In case of a draw, adjudicators may check your measurements.)
3. All entries to be received no later than **Sunday 5th September 2021**.

The winners will be announced in October's issue of The Plough which will include all the submitted photographs. These will also be uploaded to Picture Gallery on the Plough website. If you do not want your photo published, please say this in your covering email.

PLEASE only send photos of sunflowers grown from the five seeds you were given and PLEASE DO NOT send photo & entry information via WhatsApp (so that you don't give out private information over a public network).

I look forward to getting lots of lovely pictures.



“ASK ABOUT”



WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

‘ASK About’ is a Community Group formed following the completion of the 2006 Parish Plan for Averham, Staythorpe and Kelham. The responses from the plan identified that residents would like more community activities and gatherings, but without a village hall as a hub this was difficult to do. Like today we had new and active residents and families who all needed to be included if we were to keep our villages alive and vital.

Having seen how our community responds to social events, a number of people who helped with the Parish Plan along with other interested volunteers formed “ASK About” to help keep the community spirit alive. Working on a not-for-profit-basis, they put on various community events for instance, friendly quiz and supper nights, cream tea afternoons, skittle evenings and summer fetes which proved popular and were well supported.



They promoted and supported the Christmas Carol singing, producing song booklets and providing mulled wine and mince pies. The history of the outdoor Christmas Carol singing is given by David Keene in an article in this edition of The Plough—see p.25. This event has been held in the Manners

Sutton School for many years but due to the school closure, a new venue is being considered and this will probably be the first event ASK About will be involved in this year.

During the Pandemic ASK About was unable to be active in arranging events but is now ready to begin planning for the future.

There have already been a number of non-ASK About community events, for instance the wonderful Teddy Bears Picnic and various open church afternoons and under ‘normal’ circumstances there would be a New Year’s Eve party held at the Robin Hood Theatre. The organiser of the New Year’s Eve Party, Tracey Carlisle, has now joined the ASK About team. However, due to the

unpredictability of how well we may come out of the Pandemic now that restrictions have been eased, we feel that such an event would be too soon to consider . We, therefore, after the Christmas Eve Carol singing, only plan to resume ASK About events in the Summer of 2022.

We recently lost two of the main group participants, Lorraine and Paul Bousfield, who have moved away from the area, so we would like ***to invite anyone interested in joining our group of village event organisers to please contact any of our members listed below for more information.***

We are an informal group that only wishes for our villages to flourish and to extend friendship and social inclusion.

Minutes are kept of all meetings and there is a structure to the group to ensure propriety and accountability.

We hope this article explains our purpose and that we see you at future events.

Janet Emeny on behalf ASK About Team

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2019 New Year's Eve Party— a night at the movies

A Message from Lorraine and Paul

Paul and I would like to express our thanks to our incredible friends and neighbours in the parish for their kind good wishes as we move on to pastures new in Lincolnshire. It is over the border but no quarantine is currently required. The piece in the last Plough issue was a big surprise and very humbling as anything we have done for the community has been great fun for us too and has repaid us many fold. We are heartened that so many new residents are eager to get involved with all the community activities and things can only continue to get stronger from here.

Best wishes to you all and of course, we will be back to visit.

Lorraine and Paul Bousfield



ASK Garden Club Visit to Farndon Thursday 19th August 2021

We arrived at 6:30 pm at the Coach House, Farndon, which is along the Fosse Road, at the far end of Farndon.

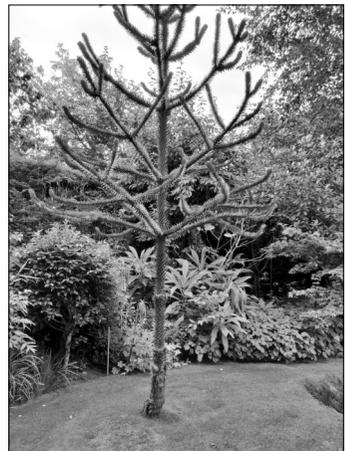
We were welcomed by Sir Graeme and Lady Svava Davies. Sir Graeme talked to our group about the history of the building (early 19th century red brick coach house with hipped pantile roof, with an in-character extension added in the 1990s), and the gardens which were created by the late Lady Florence Davies, starting in 2009. The development and upkeep was, and is still, done by the gardener and horticulturist Glenn Knight, who I understand currently spends a couple of days per week maintaining the plants.

It has two major garden areas, front and back, set in around 0.9 acres. The layout is based on the 'rooms' concept of Gertrude Jekyll. Both have several distinct sections and the planting is designed to give colour and interest through the seasons.

The front garden sections are notable for a wide selection of acers and dwarf acers, trilliums, and fuchsias, plus potted saskatoon, ginkgo biloba, and blueberries. Many of the plants are well labelled, which is very useful to visitors.

Going through a store room with nesting swallows leads to the back gardens, the first section being some impressive raised timber vegetable beds, two and three sleepers high.

The next section (rear east) has several unusual trees: most notably a tetrapanax and a monkey puzzle (photo). There is also a south garden with a New Zealand plants section and a fernery; a west garden with a beautiful reflecting pool; and a rear courtyard garden. Sculptural elements including cylindrical topiary, metal wildlife and spherical metal balls add extra visual interest.





The owners were very generous providing background information and answering questions throughout the evening.

After the tour there was a raffle and the winning ticket for a bottle of fizz was picked by Lady Svava and won by Brian.

Some club announcements were made by Nigel and Janet, a vote of thanks given to

the owners plus a round of applause, and we said our goodbyes.

If you would like to visit the Gardens, it is part of the National Gardens Scheme ([ngs.org.uk](https://www.ngs.org.uk)), however Lady Svava said ours was the last organised visit of 2021.

Our next Garden Club meeting is at the Robin Hood Theatre at 7pm on Tuesday 28th September. This will be our AGM (which should not take very long), then Nigel will be giving a talk and demonstration entitled "*Planting baskets and containers for winter interest*".

John Clegg, ASK Garden Club Secretary

There are many more photos of this wonderful garden—in full colour—on The Plough Website/village photo gallery. www.aksplough.co.uk

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Daffodil Planting at Averham

Following on from the successful resurfacing of the Church path we thought it would be lovely idea to replenish the daffodils along the way.

We're looking at organising a daffodil-planting-working-party on Saturday the 11th September, 10.30am to 12.30pm.



Daffodil bulbs kindly donated by Mrs Mary Snell.

Full details to follow via WhatsApp or for further info contact

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Hilary Snell: 01636 672640



THE PLOUGH READING CIRCLE

Book Reviews for September

Two reviews by Janet Emeny (who describes herself as very amateur book reviewer)

Ann Cleeves – The Long Call

I have read quite a few books recently and have done a lot of speed reading in some cases. As I have said before I prefer novels that grab my interest right from the beginning. However I do try to continue reading to the end if that doesn't happen. This was the case with a murder mystery novel by Ann Cleeves, the author of the famed TV series Vera and over 30 critically acclaimed novels.

The Long Call is the first of her two-part **Two Rivers** series set in North Devon and is the debut for her latest crime fighter, Detective Inspector Matthew Venn, who has to revisit his past in the course of the investigation into a murder and two abductions.

This novel is, in my opinion, very similar to the Vera Stanhope series in that it has a gentle but intriguing story line. The story begins with the discovery of a body on a beach. I speed-read the first few chapters because they were in the main based around the leading character's family history. Whilst I understand the need for setting the scenes and characters, I am always impatient to get to the "nitty gritty". I suppose this is more my problem than the authors!

Once I got past the first three or four chapters, I became intrigued to know more and even got to a stage where I could not put the book down.

Well worth the slow start!

Jeffrey Archer – A Prisoner of Birth

I am not a fan of Jeffrey Archer and had to be persuaded by my 'better half' to try this one.

Leaving personal opinions of his political past aside I have to say I really enjoyed this novel. The flow of the story goes at a fast pace and I was engaged

in the plot right from the start. If you want to get yourself emerged in an enjoyable thriller this is one to read. The summary on Amazon sets the scene:

“Danny Cartwright and Spencer Craig were born on different sides of the track. Danny, an East End Cockney, leaves Clement Attlee Comprehensive School at the age of 15 to take up a job at a local garage. He falls in love with Beth, the boss's daughter, and asks her to marry him. Spencer Craig resides in the West End. A graduate of an English public school and Cambridge University. After leaving university he becomes a criminal barrister and is soon tipped to be the youngest Queen's Counsel of his generation.

Danny and Beth travel up to the West End to celebrate their engagement. They end the evening in a wine bar where Spencer Craig is also celebrating - his 30th birthday, along with a select group of university chums. Murder, wrongful imprisonment and subsequently a revengeful plot follows.”

Hope you enjoy.

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And one from Jenny Quickmire

Clare Pooley—*The Authenticity Project*

I perhaps haven't done as much reading as usual having lots of Summer distractions but one book I have really enjoyed reading was *The Authenticity Project*. It was published in 2020 by Penguin and it is a book with a real difference.

It has very short chapters; often just one or two pages, so it is a nice dip-in-and-out format and easy to read. It tells the story of a little community in a suburb of London. The story starts as Julian, a retired and forgotten artist and one time art celebrity, reflects on his life. He becomes aware that a lot of it had been false and without true meaning. He writes his feelings down in a little exercise book and leaves it in his local café for someone to pick up and read. This little book is like a stone dropped into a pond with waves of consequences and life changing experiences as it travels to Thailand and back again, and in its wake changes so many sad lives. An amusing and lighthearted read but with a very deep message.

**REVIEWS ARE WELCOME FROM ANYONE
IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU**

Village Community Events in July and August

July and August saw two major village social events—a Teddy Bears’ Picnic—hosted by Liz and Adrian at Rectory Farm and attended by about 100 people in total. Seventy-four adults and twelve children enjoyed the post-COVID BBQ party at the Robin Hood Theatre. Despite the poor forecasts (which resulted in Liz and Adrian turning their picnic into a two-day event), the weather was reasonably kind on both occasions.

For the Teddy Bears’ Picnic, thanks have to go to Liz and Adrian for their organisation, their friends who flew in with a few planes for the weekend, the WI for refreshments and the Parish Council for providing prizes for the smallest bear, the largest bear and the furthest travelled bear.

And thanks have also to go to everyone involved in organising the BBQ especially Keith Nickson who was supported by Tracey Carlisle and Janet Emeny. Jane and Christina Phillips-Kelly donated the cost of the venue; Nathan Morrell (and Tesco, Ollerton) donated drinks, Adrian provided the ice-cream bike and Latham farms allowed the use of land for the bouncy castle. The event was supported by Cllr Sue Saddington and the AKS Parish Council.

Judging by the messages and photos on WhatsApp, both were great successes, enjoyed by everyone who was able to get there.

There are a couple of photos below and over the page, and lots more—in colour—on the Plough website/Village Photo Gallery. www.aksplough.co.uk





WI News for September 2021

Life seems to be getting back to normal again in many ways, but always with a difference it seems. Not least for our WI. We had a get together in July by the riverside and enjoyed each others' company for real again, and cooked up quite a few exciting plans for the autumn. We managed to get a group pass for the special tour of Welbeck Abbey, which should have happened last year. Really looking forwards to that on September 2nd.

Also looking forward to meeting again at the Robin Hood Theatre as we hold our Annual Meeting on September 13th (which is a necessity) and we are really looking forwards to our October meeting on the 11th when Jayne Owens will be telling us the story of **Liz Taylor's Jewels**. This will be a real treat as Jayne is a super presenter.



We would like to offer the opportunity for non-members to join in with this as it will be an evening of sparkle to say the least!! It is entirely free to pop along so why not take the chance to join in with your community again. The meeting starts at 7pm at Robin Hood Theatre, and usually lasts till 9.30pm Looking forward to meeting everyone again.

If you would like more info about your WI please contact Jenny Quickmire on 07890641102 or headbearsenior@gmail.com.

Jenny Quickmire, Meeting Secretary

Letter to the Editor: Bench next to Fisherman's Hut, Averham

Hi Everyone,

My name is Claire Quibell née Fehrs. I grew up at Lochindorb, The Close, Averham with my family, Ann, Charlie, sister Jill and various dogs.

Sometime in the early 1990s my Mum and Dad commissioned Bruce Jordan (next door but one) to build the bench by the river in front of the fisherman's hut. This was my Mum's idea, to provide a place to rest for some of the residents who were finding the "church and back" walk too difficult.

Once built, my Dad cared for and maintained the bench until his death in 2010. Neither of my parents wanted or looked for recognition or gratitude concerning the bench.

That said, I am writing this piece now to give the bench a history and hopefully make it more than just a seat. It was built for and belongs to the village. A while ago I contacted the Parish council because I had noticed how damaged and weathered the wood had become.

I would like to say a massive thank you to the person who has taken it upon themselves to dismantle and bring the bench back to its former glory.

Since its conception, the bench has been a special place for myself and my family in times of pain, grief, solace and joy. My dog still "takes" me to it each time we visit my Mum and Dad in the church yard. I do hope this beautiful space is as important to other people.

My sister and I live away from the Averham, I do not possess the skills to maintain the metal or wood adequately. I am hoping this piece will help the village to take an ongoing ownership of the bench and it continues to be a place to enjoy sitting for generations to come.

Many thanks.

Claire

Editor's Note: As of this morning (26 August) the bench is dismantled for repair. I'll publish a photograph of it, as soon as repairs are completed.

Parish Council Update from Meeting held on Tuesday 17th August 2020

Community Event: Post-COVID Saturday 21st August By the time you read this it is hoped that the event will have been successful in bringing individual village residents and communities back together. The event was supported by a grant provided by Nottinghamshire County Council, though County Councillor Mrs, Sue Saddington, donations from Councillor Keith Nickson, from former councillor Jane Phillips Kelly, and by a donation of beer and lager facilitated by Cllr Nathan Morrell from Tesco at Ollerton where he is the Manager. Councillor Keith Nickson, Mrs Tracey Carlisle and Mrs Janet Emney are thanked for their work in support of this event.

SEE pp.11-12 and Plough website for pictures. [www.plough.org.uk /village picture gallery](http://www.plough.org.uk/village-picture-gallery)

The Big Notts Survey: In the autumn Nottinghamshire County Council will be launching a new Council Plan which will set out a long term vision for the County and detailed priorities for the next four years. The Council is seeking views of residents about the vision and priorities via **The Big Notts Survey** which is available on line until 19th September at nottinghamshire.gov.uk/bignottssurvey Residents are encouraged to make their views known by completing the survey.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/01678/S36ELE Staythorpe Power Station The Parish Council considered an application for work to increase electrical capacity and agreed that further information should be sought about the environmental impact associated with proposed increased electrical capacity prior to commenting on the application.

Planning Decision 21/01065 Peachcroft, Broadgate Lane, Kelham - NSDC has granted permission for the removal of a lean-to boot room and its replacement with a newly constructed flat roofed room, double garage, integral workshop and w.c.

FULL MEETING MINUTES are published on the Parish Council's Website <http://www.akspc.org.uk/community/averham-kelham-and-staythorpe-parish-council>

2021-22 MEETING CALENDAR

Next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 27th September at 7pm at the Robin Hood Theatre. Anyone wishing to attend is very welcome however it would be preferable if you could please inform the Clerk in advance if you are intending to attend: 07563 639379 or aksparishclerk@outlook.com

2021 Dates: 19th October, 30th November

2022 Dates: 4th January, 15th February, 29th March, 10th May.

Annual Parish Meeting 2022 Diary Date - The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on *Tuesday 29th March 2022*.

Parish Council Vacancies

Averham Vacancy for a Parish Councillor- If you live in Averham, have an interest in local matters, e.g. planning, village development, secondary school catchment area, road safety, please consider becoming a Parish Councillor. If you are a little unsure of what is entailed please come along to the next meeting on **Monday 27th September at the Robin Hood Theatre** and see us in action!

Vacancy for the Parish Clerk This is an exciting opportunity for a highly motivated and forward-thinking individual. The successful applicant will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, a positive 'can-do' attitude, combined with strong financial management.

The Clerk is the Proper Officer to the Parish Council. Main duties include:

- ◆ Preparation of meeting agendas and taking of accurate minutes of Parish Council meetings which are held approximately every six weeks.
- ◆ Attendance at Finance committee meetings.
- ◆ Acting on decisions and resolutions taken at council meeting.
- ◆ Keeping accurate financial records, liaising with auditors, preparing end of year accounts.
- ◆ Dealing with correspondence from Councillors, members of the public and external organisations.
- ◆ Maintenance of and updating the Council's website.

Informal enquiries about both roles are welcomed by Andy Fereday, Parish Council Chair on 01636 707729 and Jenny Cawkwell, Parish Clerk, 07563 639379

Southwell Ploughing Match

Saturday 25th September 2021

The Southwell Plough Match for 2021 is going to be held at Farnsfield on 25th September. It is the largest agricultural one-day show in Nottinghamshire, established in 1855 and run by a committee comprising local business people and rural enthusiasts. Several of our farming and farming-related neighbours are or have been committee members and of course Ian Justice was a prize winner for his giant veg. and Maureen won a prize for her flower arrangements in 2019.

A major feature this year will be a *Scarecrow Gathering* as well as the usual tractor ploughing, heavy horses, livestock shows, produce marquee, craft marquee, trade stands, horse and pony competitions, dog shows and many more entertainments.

The Main Ring attraction will be



DANCING DIGGERS by J C Balls

<https://www.jcballs.co.uk/digger-dance>

You can download a full list of events from the Ploughing Match website <https://www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk/>

You can buy e-tickets from the website and from a number of other outlets listed on the site. Locally, tickets can be bought from

- Hilary Snell: 01636 672640
- Adrian Hatton: 07885 460270
- John Miller: 01636 704670

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN



There's going to be a
Scarecrow Gathering

at the Southwell Ploughing Match & Show, Farnsfield NG22 8HB
Saturday 25 September 2021

Design and make a scarecrow and help us to build a community of scarecrows. There will be a prize of £25 awarded to the best scarecrow in each class.

Find out how to enter at www.southwellploughingmatch.co.uk or on our Facebook page

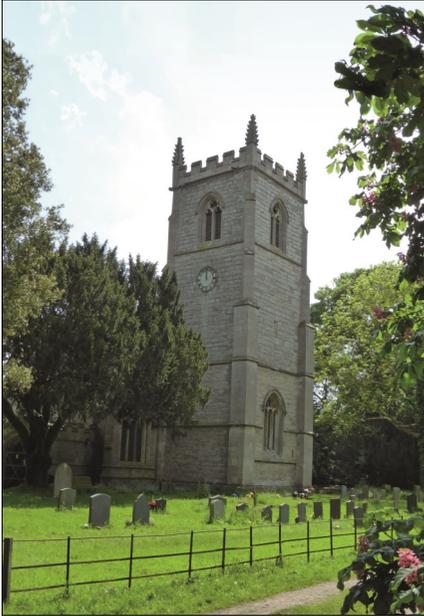
Class 1: Childrens Class (11-16 years of age):
A scarecrow of your favourite *Ray Walker*

Class 2: Family/Group Class: A scarecrow of your choosing

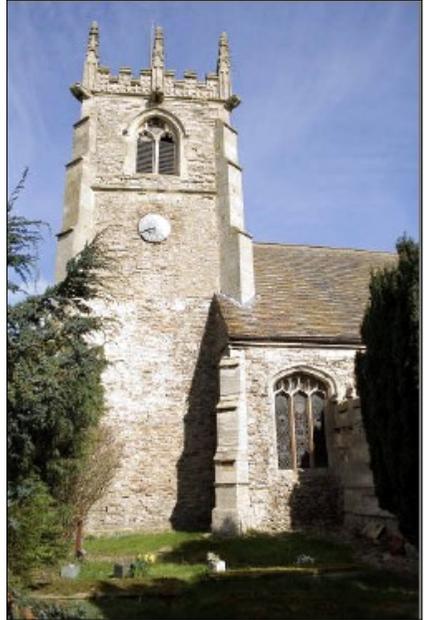
Class 3: Business Class: A scarecrow to promote your business

Presented by
Hilary Snell

**News from St Michael and All Angels, Averham
And
St Wilfrid's Church, Kelham**



Kelham



Averham



Kelham, Averham and Staythorpe are part of the Riverside Benefice which also includes North and South Muskham.

Although all the churches are open for services, for the foreseeable future, these will also be 'live-Zoomed'.

If you'd like to join by Zoom, please contact Rev'd Georgie on

georgie.hadley@yahoo.co.uk; 07811 393 920

Kelham and Averham Church News

On 14th July, Averham Church welcomed some 25 village residents for a cup of tea, cakes (thanks Jenny Q & Carole B) and a natter. The weather was kind so we were able to sit outside and enjoy the sun and the peace and calm of our riverside location. This was the first of our monthly get togethers; the next one was at Kelham on 11 August, when another—and mainly different—group of 25 residents enjoyed tea and cake thanks to Jenny Q and Janet Emeny. It was lovely to see so many people and welcome new faces into the churches . The next tea and cakes is on 8 September, and we hope to have a get-together at Kelham in October (date to be confirmed).



Left: tea at Averham;

Below: tea at Kelham



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Tea and Cake

2pm—4pm

8 September at Averham Church

Free for everyone who wants to join us.

Come along for a natter with your friends and neighbours.

HARVEST

Joint Averham and Kelham Harvest Festival & Thanksgiving Service 7pm, Thursday September 30th St Michael & All Angels, Averham

Village life revolves around the seasons; harvest is the gathering in of the crops in the fields and our own home-grown vegetables. It's a time when we give thanks for all our personal harvests, and also a time when we take the opportunity to share our harvest with other, local organisations. Donated food, especially fresh produce, is given to the Women's Refuge in Newark and money collected during the Festival service is given to Framework, which support the homeless in Nottingham.

Please drop in any food donations at church on either Saturday 25th, Tuesday 28th or Thursday 30th September between 10am and 4pm when the church will be open—please only bring FRESH produce on 30th to ensure it remains fresh.

After the service, circumstances permitting, we hope to offer tea and cakes in the church.

Come and give thanks for all our blessings in Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe.

Please support Kelham and Averham Churches

Averham Church

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Kelham Church

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***Rev'd Georgie's Message
to all in
Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe
New Routines***

As I write harvest has started, but has been slow. Crops in some fields have germinated at different times making combining difficult. Hopefully by September most of the field crops will be done. It will be a time of new beginnings as the ground is prepared for new seed. The farming routine continues.

Schools, Colleges and Universities all begin their terms. Over the last year or so they have all got used to new ways of doing things. What, I wonder, will be different this school year? I seem to still think in terms of the routines of school and the farming calendars, and I also pick up the routine of the church year.

I've been meandering along through the summer taking things as they come. Getting used to still wearing a mask or not wearing a mask. Realising people are dealing with things in their own way. Not worrying too much about routine. I have no idea what routine September and the rest of the year will bring. Making plans is always with the caveat of "if everything is ok".

I realise, however, that there is a loose routine. In those hot days, earlier this year, I went very Mediterranean getting up early to do all the jobs especially the garden. As a Benefice we have met to discuss the next few months. The routine begins as we think of Harvest, Remembrance, and yes, Christmas. Even if things are still different, there is comfort in the routine.

I am reminded of those living in monasteries and nunneries and the routines they follow in prayer: Vigils, Lauds, Eucharist, Vespers and Compline. In the Church of England there is morning prayer, evening prayer and compline. These routines of prayer help ground your day and yourself in the knowledge and feeling of God or the other, something beyond yourself.

It may not always be possible to follow such a pattern in such depth but taking small amounts of time to stop and meditate on something can ease you through the other routines of your day. You could start and finish your day with the routine of placing your day in God's hands and ending it by thinking of three things you can be thankful for. If you have time you could pause for a

thought in the middle of the day.

You could pick a verse from the Bible and recall it and think about it during the day.

The following website gives some help.

Prayer During the Day | The Church of England

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer>

There's a daily prayer app or podcast as well, downloadable from the same website.

One prayer we can build into our routine of the day is the Lord's Prayer. This is known by many of us. You can say the words quietly to yourself or, if possible, saying it out loud it gives a different type of emphasis.

As routines are picked up and re-established, perhaps changed and new, taking time for prayer and reflection can help us settle into a place of acceptance and help us cope as we pick up the threads of the routines of our lives.

Rev.d Georgie Hadley

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From the Riverside Benefice Register

Funerals

Barrie Talbot
Richard Best
Gerald Birkett
Nora Lowe
Malcom Peat
Lynda Promoffo
Derek Sellars

Weddings

Melissa Bousfield and Luke Jones
Diane Johnson and Paul Whetton
Kim wheeler and Thomas Atkinson

Baptisms

Freddie Hinchley
Teddy Lam
Lincoln Marriott Kettle
Ryan Marriott
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A Village Wedding

On 17 July, Averham celebrated the wedding of Melissa Bousfield to Luke Jones. Meliisa's mother, Lorraine, has shared her memories of the day

Having a truly local village wedding was so important to Melissa as she loves her friends and neighbours here. They are now sporting the 'Bousfield-Jones' name which is a mouthful in itself. I hope that these pictures give you a flavour of the day. Needless to say, we had a wonderful day.

The flowers and bouquets were beautifully created by bridesmaid Annie Johnson who grew up in Staythorpe and formerly owed Belles Florists in Newark. The delicious lemon sponge wedding cake was delicately crafted by Alison Allen—Melissa used to babysit her children. The playful balloons were inflated and created by our neighbour Bob McGhee. Anne Barbary styled the bride's and maids' hair. The bellringers, which included many friends, rang with gusto announcing the occasion across the parish.



Melissa arrived at church in her beloved VW camper van, bedecked in ribbons and bows. She had originally brought the van as a wreck at age 19 and fixed it up from scrap over the next 12 years, mainly in our garage. I think this was the farthest it had travelled without breaking down.

The church glowed in the sunlight and everywhere was clipped and spick and span. Adrien Hatton and Liz Stoakes made their farm a beautiful marquee setting, the weather was beyond perfect for the entire day, making the riverside walk to the field very special with handmade signs along the path. Melissa's friends played music for their arrival at the venue. David Keene delivered a cheery and personal marriage service. He had been

encouraging Melissa and Luke to marry for many, many years and I think he was rather pleased they had finally made it to the altar. It was a very lovely, joyous day made more special by the love of all the local folk who contributed in so many ways and who waved their good wishes to the happy couple. Lots of happiness and certainly, a day to remember and keep in our hearts.



I'm sure everyone in Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe wish Melissa and Luke a long and happy life together.



Christmas Eve

It was late autumn when we moved to Averham. Imagine our delight as Christmas approached to hear carol singers wending their way through the village. Who could they be? There were, in fact, our own W.I. And they allowed me, David, to join in the singing. But they have not sung again.

Muriel conceived the idea of having an **open-air carol service** and enlisted the help of three of our church family 'mums' on Pinfold and the Close (Dawn Taylor, Alison Allen and Rebecca Flood). All agreed to make mulled wine and mince pies. The village was invited to gather on the Close armed with torches and lanterns. Would anybody come?

We were overwhelmed by the response, so much so we soon ran out of mince pies and those meant for the family went to the carol singers.

Somewhere else to meet would be needed in future. The School allowed us the use of their grounds and for us to plant a Christmas tree. Steve Emeny provided sound reinforcement and Lorraine Bousfield asked Muriel if she would like 'ASK ABOUT' to join in and help. Muriel readily agreed and after that there was never a shortage of wine or mince pies. Thank you ASK ABOUT!

One memorable Christmas Eve, Anne and John Redhead kindly invited Father Christmas to rest awhile on their balcony overlooking the school field, while the reindeer grazed at Kelham Hall. Never heard so many "Yo Ho Hoes" as we did then. Another happy feature has been the meeting up of our young people with friends home for the holidays, as well as family visitors.



So, year-by-year, we have met on Christmas eve to hear again about those shepherds on the hillside receiving a message from the angel to hurry to Bethlehem and greet the new born child. We too have greeted Him with our carols and our prayers for the world and to receive a Christmas-blessing. Some have said that our Christmas Eve service made their Christmas.

Then we fell silent! Locked down! But it looks as if once again we shall be able to have our carol service along with ASK About at a venue yet to be decided due to the school closure. Averham, Staythorpe and Kelham villages have

developed a great sense of community and we are sure we shan't be short of mince pies or mulled wine.

We look forward to seeing you there once again and will let you know the venue in due course.

Muriel and David Keene.

September sees the commemoration of a number of saints including St Michael and All angels, to whom Averham Church is dedicated.

29th September: St Michael and All Angels

St Michael is an archangel whose name means 'who is like unto God?'. He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.



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From early times, St Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire), Clive (Gloucestershire) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, St Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.

In art, St Michael is often depicted as slaying a dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglican Psalters or Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. In medieval art he weighs souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk.

St Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a

Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with St Michael.



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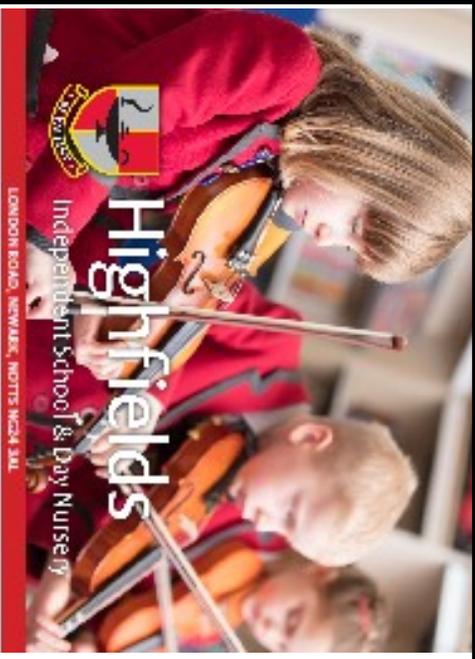
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