

The Plough



April 2026

To: AVERHAM, STAYTHORPE & KELHAM VILLAGERS

HAPPY EASTER



Get ready as it will soon be time for the annual Easter Egg hunt, held in the grounds of Averham Church.

This will take place on **Easter Sunday, the 5th April at 3pm.**

Full details will be posted on the village WhatsApp groups but if you would like to help out, donate some Easter eggs or just need a little bit more information, please contact Tracey on 07970 179755. Looking forward to seeing you all there and remember to bring your Easter bonnets and baskets.

WHAT'S ON AT EASTER?

Night Prayer

St. Michael and All Angels Church

1st Apr. 19:00

Good Friday Holy Communion

St Wilfrid's North Muskham

3rd Apr. 10:00

Good Friday Holy Communion

St. Michael and All Angels Church

3rd Apr. 14:00

EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion

St Wilfrid's South Muskham

5th Apr. 10:00

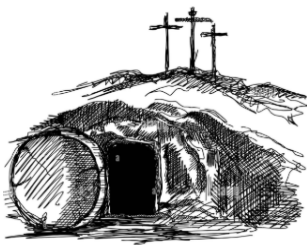
EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Michael and All Angels Church

5th Apr. 15:00



The Cross is empty



The Tomb is empty



Your heart doesn't have to be.

If you look for me with all of your heart, you will surely find me.

Love Jesus

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL?

Easter See previous page

St. David's Day 1st Apr.

W.I. Meeting (AGM) 9th Apr. 19:00
Robin Hood Theatre

Mobile Library 13th Apr. 14:10 - 14:25
Staythorpe Road, Averham

Kelham Open Church Event 18th Apr. 10:00 - 16:00
Kelham Church 19th Apr. 12:00 - 16:00

Garden Club Meeting 21st Apr. 18:30
Southwell Garden Centre

Uncle Vanya 21st - 25th Apr. 19:30
Robin Hood Theatre + Sat 14:30

St. George's Day 23rd Apr.

Parish Council Meeting 24th Apr. 19:00
Kelham Hall, Estates Office

Muskham Art Exhibition 25th Anniversary 25th Apr. 10:00 - 16:00
South Muskham Village Hall NG23 6EE

Messy Church 26th Apr. 16:00
St. Michael and All Angels Church

Hive Management Meeting 30th Apr. 19:30
Kelham Hall, Estates Office

See page 14 - 15 for All Church Services

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Having our expectations raised by NCC, the down side is that we now await a 'Marketing Exercise' to be carried out for any other interested parties.



On the plus side, we have been told that funds for the demolition of the old school have been approved, but no timeframes available as yet. New teams have been set up for Community Engagement, Fund Development and Site Development so we can hit the ground running.

Secretary askhive@outlook.com

FIRST MEETING

Today went really well with 6 attending. There is a large number of ladies on the WhatsApp group so times and days of meetings will vary. That way everyone can hopefully join in.

It really was a lovely way to spend a couple of hours and we all helped each other out, with various tips and tricks.

Knit & Natter



Thanks to Corina at The Fox for hosting us.

Date for the next meet to follow.

Tracey.

Message Tracey on 079790179755 if you would like adding to the Knit and Natter group.

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It was a gathering with a real difference for the March meeting: we had several gentleman as guests!! They had come to learn about Terry Searl's (husband of member Sheila) extraordinary family history and his own life story. He had spent several decades tracing his family origins back to the 11th century through his real family name of de Ogle! Sir Humphrey de Ogle had been Terry's great grandfather 24 times removed. Work that one through! Which actually is what he had done with an amazing account of his ancestors including royal blood, which he had to admit is now pretty thinned down. Terry himself was born in 1944 and his father Frank William Ogles was away fighting as he started out in life. It was a sad story of wartime loss and separation which ended up with Terry taken into care as a 'Council boy' as they were known in London. He lost track of his young sister in the course of this and he spent the next 12 years in the institution. Then being of working age he was 'fostered' by the Searle family' where he worked on their smallholding. He had many happy memories of this family and plenty of home grown food when food was in short supply. By a happy accident he was reunited with his sister after 50 years having followed up some chance information. She was living in the USA so they had a very special get together. It was a happy ending to the story and Terry said he had an amazing diverse life and survived the Blitz!

Our Annual Meeting followed the talk and we now have Tracey Young as the new president. So we are looking forward to next year's programme. We start off with Gin and Historic Cocktails, for our meeting on April 13th, so should be a jolly evening. If you are interested in coming along please contact Jenny Quickmire on 07890641102

Jenny Quickmire

Meeting Secretary

Kelham Church Open Weekend

With this edition of The Plough you should find a programme leaflet for the Open Weekend – 18-19 April – at Kelham Church and a list of surplus-to-requirements tools etc. for you to donate. You can donate tools anytime between 10am and 4pm on 18th, and noon and 4pm on 19th, and there will be other activities going on at various times, including the sale of tickets for a Prize Draw.

Tickets for the Draw are £1 each and can be bought at Church during the Open Weekend or in advance from

- ◆ Steve Emeny: 07889 486260;
- ◆ Hilary Snell: 07970 389182 or
- ◆ Judith Mills: 07775 781591.



The Draw will be made at 3.30pm on Sunday 19th April.

Thanks have to go to Councillor Sue Saddington for a donation from her Divisional Fund towards running costs and to the organisations and people who have donated gifts prizes for the Prize Draw including:

- ◆ Richard's Quality Meats, Newark
(<https://stmarksplace.co.uk/Store?id=3320>);
- ◆ Southwell Garden Centre
(<https://www.southwellgardencentre.co.uk/>),
- ◆ Phil Staniforth, Hilary Snell, Janet Emeny.

Proceeds will go towards renewing the heating in Kelham Church – the current system is 70 years old.

A PLEA FOR HELP - over the weekend we are going to need help with refreshments and receiving donations. If you can spare an hour on Saturday (10-4pm) or Sunday (noon-4pm), please let me know: judithmillseu@outlook.com .



I look forward to seeing you all there.

Save the Date Saturday evening, 4th July 2026

The Higgs Bo-sun musicians will be performing live in Averham Church
More details will be in the next edition of The Plough



Re: The Trial of Colonel Francis Hacker 08.05.2026

We would like to draw your members attention to the performance of a 17th century trial at St Mary Magdalene church in Newark. Francis was the custodian of the Death Warrant, signed the order to the executioner and was on the scaffold when King Charles I had his head removed from his body. On the return of the monarchy, Francis was tried and convicted for the part he played in the execution of Charles I. He paid the ultimate price and was hanged from the Tyburn gallows on Friday, 19th October 1660. But did he get a fair trial?

KING KILLER ON TRIAL

On Friday 8th May 2026 at 7:00 pm **Meet & Greet from 6:30 pm**

WHAT WILL YOU DECIDE?

Book your place on the jury at: St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Walk, Newark

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-trial-of-francis-hacker-tickets-1982872283377?aff=oddtcreator>

Places on the jury are limited so please book early to avoid

ASK Garden Club Report

Rachel Barrowcliffe's trip to Costa Rica in 2025

Rachel went on an amazing work related 13 day expedition to Costa Rica and attended the International Association of Butterfly Exhibitors and Suppliers conference.

Rachel arrived in San Jose after a ten hour flight, her intention was to visit some butterfly sanctuaries before the scheduled agenda and dropped in to see Illiana, a butterfly breeder who, after lunch, took her to meet the local mask makers. Rachel commented how welcoming everyone was and was overwhelmed by their hospitality.

She then flew to the town of Liberia just 8 km from Cañon de la Vieja. Her first afternoon was spent near a volcano in a rainforest known as a dry rainforest. After enjoying an evening meal the group ventured on a guided walk through the jungle and by using UV lights, the insects, animals and plants glowed in the dark.

Woken by the sound of Hurler monkeys at 5.30am, Rachel's day began in the classroom. She learned that unlike other parts of South America, Costa Rica is reforesting and has relocated over 40 farms to allow the forests to grow and not be fragmented.

Rachel experienced seeing Ospreys, Pelicans, an amazing sunset at Paja Rajado and 1000's of Fireflies before having an evening meal at a beach restaurant.



ASK Garden Club Report Continued

She listened to a talk from Turtle Conservation who, with the help of the local community, removes the turtle eggs from the nests to protect them from poachers. After being visited by Raccoons looking for leftovers, the group went on a night walk along the beach.

Rachel then travelled to the El Bosque Nuevo Butterfly Farm and went on a tractor ride into the jungle. By striking a balance between nature and human activities, they've reforested 400 hectares of forest so far. Their nursery grows plants for the thousands of butterflies they breed and they've planted 5000 trees in the hope that Macaws will return and thrive.



Staying at Celeste Mountain Lodge, Rachel visited the Sloth sanctuary. Sloths

rely on a consistent climate to be healthy as they cannot regulate their own temperature and have an entire ecosystem living in their fur made up of species of algae, fungi, moths, and insects.



Rachel visited Tenorio National Park where there are tree ferns, toads and snakes and a 90m waterfall in Rio Celeste and went on a 7 mile trip on water rafts and viewed several Iguanas and Crocodiles. Rachel stayed at Hotel Borenquen and had a

mud bath in the thermal pools where a huge buttress roots can be seen in the forest; however a good level of fitness is needed for the walk.

Garden Club Report Continued

The group then went back to Escazu which is a known area to have witches and where the staple diet is rice and beans. Then on her way home, Rachel stayed at Villa Del Rio in San Jose before her 10 hour flight back to Heathrow.



All throughout Rachel's presentation she expressed the importance of having a good camera, binoculars, head torch, note book and a black light torch, but most importantly a good tour guide with knowledge of the many dangers in the rainforests.

Our next meeting is on April 21st at Southwell Garden Centre 6.30pm, when we will enjoy a tour of the centre, demonstrations and a special discounted shopping opportunity.

Nigel Britton – bootiqueonline@outlook.com

Village WhatsApp Groups

Did you know that our villages have their own WhatsApp Groups?

Well, we do and they keep us in touch with what's happening around us and share community news. If you'd like to join, here are the 'Administrator' details:

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| ◇ Averham: | Tracey Carlisle | 07970 179755 |
| ◇ Kelham: | Danni Gray | 07860 458397 |
| ◇ Staythorpe: | Debs Storey | 07974 957684 |

I'll be honest – asking for help doesn't come naturally to me! But our villages' newsletter needs you, and I'm hoping some wonderful volunteers might step forward. We're looking for delivery helpers for The Plough in these areas:

Home Farm Close, Kelham
Averham Park
Ayrshire Way

It's a light commitment – just 10 issues per year (we take January and August off), with deliveries at month's end. Perfect if you enjoy a regular walk around the neighbourhood and keeping our community connected!

If you would like to help keep local news flowing to your neighbours, I'd love to hear from you. Call me or WhatsApp or email – and thank you for even considering it.

Bob: 07785532139 ploughmageditor@gmail.com



THANK YOU

Councillors Divisional Fund Gift

A very big thank you to our **County Councillor, Sue Saddington**, who has very kindly donated £250 from her Nottinghamshire County Council CDF money this year to the ASK Hive Team towards vital membership of The Plunkett Foundation that provides information, advice and governance information.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND UNITED SERVICES

Sunday 29th Mar. 10:00 pm	Palm Sunday United Service with Methodists	Start at Methodist Chapel and pro- cess to St. Wilfrid's North Muskham
Monday 30th Mar. 7:00 pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Night Prayer
Tuesday 31st Mar. 7:00 pm	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Night Prayer
Wednesday 1st Apr. 7:00 pm	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Night Prayer
Thursday 2nd Apr. 7:00 pm	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Holy Communion And Tenebrae
Friday 3rd Apr. 10:00 am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Messy Church Hot Cross Bun Service
Friday 3rd Apr. 2:00 pm	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4th Apr. 7:00 pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Easter Eve Renewal of Baptismal Vows
Sunday 5th Apr. 07:30 am	Riverside by The Ferry	Easter Holy Com- munion
Sunday 5th Apr. 10:00 am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Holy Communion

CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND UNITED SERVICES

Sunday 12th Apr. 09:30 am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th Apr. 09:30 am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th Apr. 09:30 am	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th Apr. 4:00 pm	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Messy Church

Decisions - Local and International

When you last went to the supermarket why did you buy this rather than that?

That decision in your brain doesn't really matter that much - but if you are in command of a rocket in the Middle East why did you do this rather than that matters a great deal - people can get killed as a result. Deeper still decisions made in the minds of Vladimir Putin or Donald Trump mean war or peace.

There is a lot of research into why people make decisions. I have counted 9 theories—from incentive theory to expectancy-value theory - but they all seem too simple.

Human beings are wonderfully complex creatures and no simple theory really fits.

Decisions - Local and International

Lent forces us to consider an older idea. The idea of sin and the forgiveness of sin is at the very heart of Christian understanding of our relationships with other people

and with God. It is about the way we treat the world around us and shows us the reasons behind war and violence... 'out of the heart (mind) come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.... (Matthew 15.19).

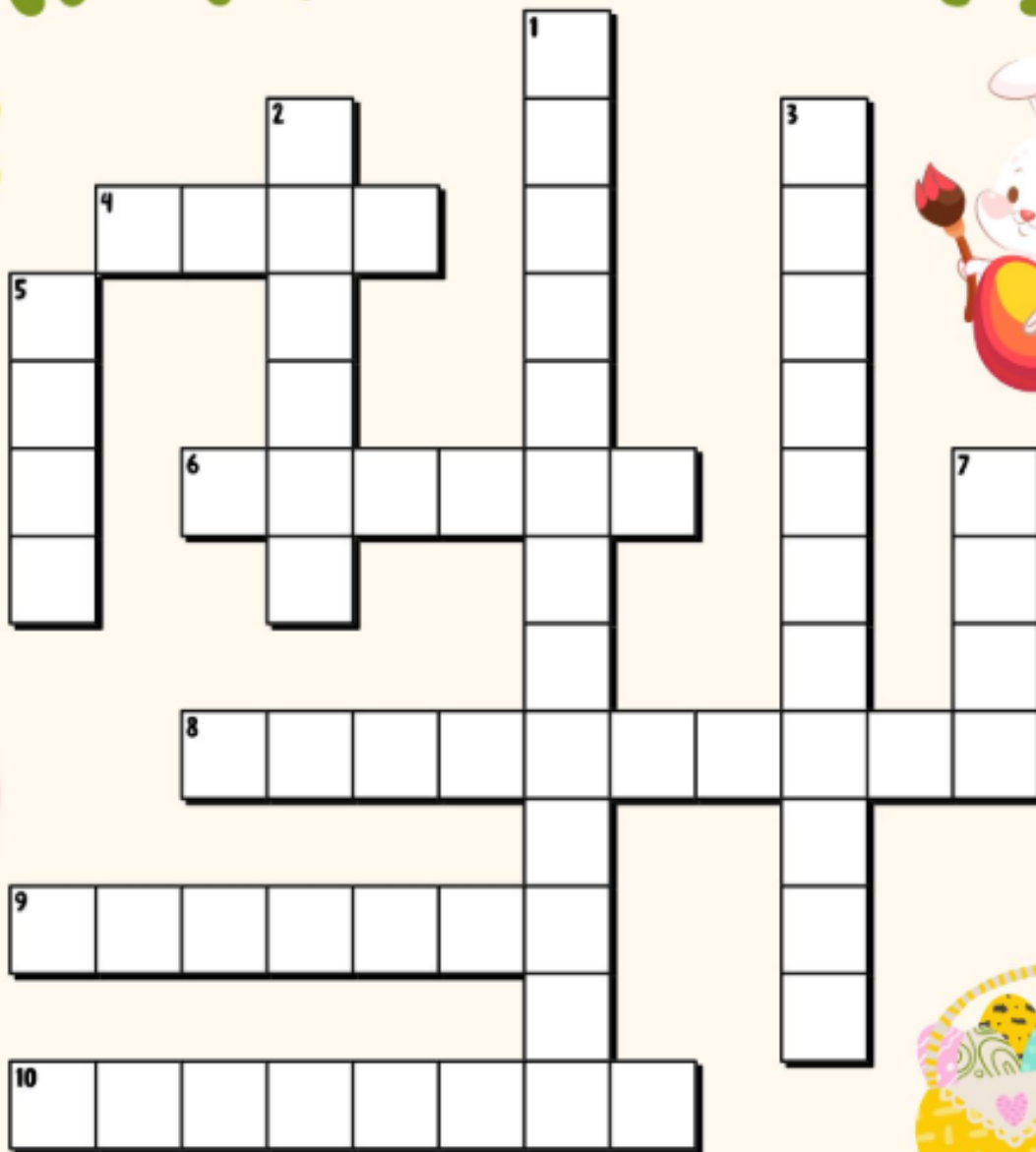
The Bible says our lives will be properly fulfilled if we do what is right and try to follow the purposes of God in our lives. That is the best way of living. Needless to say the complexity of human life means that saying 'Decide to do what is right' raises a thousand questions, but that is the central statement.

I've heard people say, 'I've never hurt anyone in my life'. I didn't believe them then and I don't believe them now. None of us has not sinned and hurt other people in the process. And in doing so we have broken the standards of God - whether we see them written in the Ten Commandments or in a commonsense view of the world around us.

Fortunately the Bible does not end with laws - it ends with forgiveness. As we walk with Jesus through Holy Week we see the awful effects of sin upon him as he draws nearer and nearer to Golgotha. And from there we walk with him to the earth-shattering quietness of the Easter garden. And each step we take with him shows how our sin can be forgiven and we can be set free from what binds our lives.

Decisions matter. Whether we talk about theories of motivation or about sin in the Bible they can decide what is in our shopping basket - or whether we go to war. And the most important is to follow Christ to cross and garden.

Happy Easter!



Across

4. How many days is Easter
6. People to share with
8. Searching for eggs
9. Fun to do
10. What buns do you eat at Easter?

Down

1. Something yummy to eat.
2. What day do you get the eggs?
3. Who gives you eggs?
5. A good friday feast
7. What to avoid on Good Friday

Word Bank

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| Four | Hot cross | Easter bunny | Sunday | Easter hunt |
| Camping | Family | Chocolate eggs | Meat | Fish |

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