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"Do not be afraid"

Over the past couple of years, I have started making things out of wood again, slowly building up my skills and equipment, and when I can



collecting old wood that I can turn into something new. Over the time I have discovered a few things about myself and the best way to develop new skills. For all the articles I read, and YouTube videos I have watched, I learn best by doing it. And I do it best when I work it out from scratch, and that I don't do it perfectly the first time, which I have had to learn to live with.

I suspect I'm not the only one who gets anxious about not doing it "right," of making a mistake, and in my case damaging a lovely piece of wood. For a long time I let that anxiety stop me from even trying. When the risen Jesus appears to his followers his first words are "don't be afraid" he recognises all the different fears and anxieties they are facing and reminds them he is there with them and invites them to let his peace come to them. It doesn't change the external situations, but it changes them. He doesn't answer all their questions but leaves them knowing that sometimes not having answers is alright.

One of the great joys is taking an old piece of wood and re-using it to make something new and useful again. Jesus

takes great care and time with his friends helping them to see afresh what can be, heals their disappointments and uses their mistakes and messes to send them onwards to do it better.

I have also learnt that having the right tool for the right job makes it so much simpler.

The bodge and botch approach doesn't usually get you very far and often ends up with a spoilt bit of wood and a broken tool. But even if you have the right tool for the job, you still need to learn how to use it well. What I probably need most is a good teacher, who can show me and then let me have a go. Someone to gently and patiently, guide, show and encourage, someone willing to share their wisdom with me, but still letting me do it. Jesus' last words to his followers were, "I will be with you. Always!" It's his presence to help, guide, teach, encourage and equip,

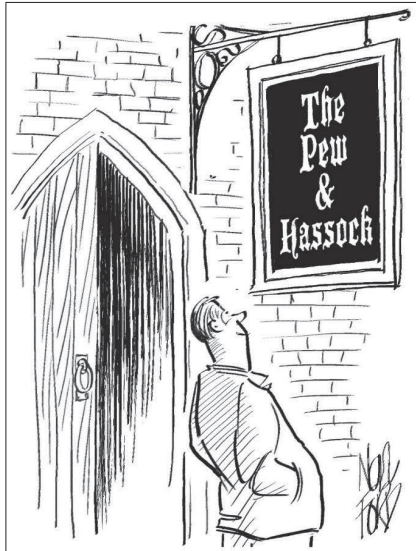


that helps us as we seek to follow him and learn how to live the life, he calls us too.

Blessings David

From The Registers

funerals		
6 April	Glenda Millman	All Saints' followed by cremation at Darlington
12 April	Mary Young	Cremation at Maple Park



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

Bible Study

The May meeting dates are on Thursday 4th and 18th. 10.15am for refreshments, and 10.30am to start. Held in All Saints Annexe. All are welcome.



All Saints' Church is open every day between 9am – 4.30pm, for anyone who would like to visit.

Christian Fellowship at Great Smeaton

Meets fortnightly, on Mondays. May 15th & 29th at 2.00pm, venues to be decided. Contact Mary Elliott 01609 881411 for more information.

Glenda Millman 1929 – 2023

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Glenda took place in All Saints' Church on Thursday 6th April 2023, led by Ven Simon Golding and assisted by Canon Rachel Stowe. The Church was full as so many came to pay their respects.

Glenda was well known in East Cowton, having moved to Wycliffe Road in 1972. She was a remarkable woman, working hard for All Saints' and overseeing the running of the Annexe for many years. An ardent card player, she was a member of St George's Bridge Centre, Darlington, for some time and even organised Sara to play her cards at the Cowtons U3A Bridge Group just a few weeks before she died. An enthusiastic skier, Glenda helped her husband, Harold, to run the Catterick Ski Centre, organising several skiing holidays; many of those friends came to the Celebration.

Glenda: a bright lively mind; a good neighbour; a friend to many; proud of her family; and now at Peace.

We send our love and prayers to JM, Peta, Sara, and their families.



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How an argument over tea led to the founding of America

Some 250 years ago, on 10th May 1773, Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies. This led to the Boston Tea Party in December, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA. The idea of the Tea Act was to help the struggling British East India Company to dispose of its vast holdings of tea profitably in the American colonies, where much of the (inferior) tea came from Dutch sources and was smuggled in. But the colonists reacted strongly against the attempt to manipulate their tea-buying, and against British taxes generally, which they regarded as taxation without representation.

Later the same year this led to what has become known as the Boston Tea Party, where a large group of citizens, calling themselves the Sons of Liberty and dressed as Mohawk Indians, boarded the British tea ships and threw 92,000 pounds of tea into the harbour. This was not a violent insurrection. No-one was injured, and it was reported that the Sons of Liberty swept the decks of the ships afterwards. But British politicians of all sides were appalled, not least because many of them had substantial holdings in the British East India Company.

Added to the ill-feeling resulting from the Boston Massacre in 1770, in which five people died after British troops had been taunted (the comparison with Ulster is obvious), this led in two short years to the American War of Independence, which changed everything.

The pothole crisis deepens

If you drive, you already know this:
The potholes are getting worse.

Some experts have warned that one in five of our roads will be undrivable in the next five years, unless we get to grips with the crisis.

In its recent annual survey on the state of the country's roads, the Asphalt Industry Alliance (AIA) has found that about 37,000 miles of road, or 18 per cent, are in very poor condition. Without intervention, these roads have less than five years of 'life' left in them.

But intervention costs billions of pounds. This latest 'Alarm' report estimates that now more than £14 billion is needed to fix all of England and Wales' potholes, and generally get the country's roads back up to standard.

Looking further ahead, the AIA predicts that while just over half of all local roads are in good structural condition, the remaining 100,000 miles of roads may need to be rebuilt in the next 15 years, unless adequate maintenance is speedily introduced.

It is not as if the government is ignoring the problem. Jeremy Hunt has provided an additional £200 million one-off payment to fix

The Annual Meeting of The Parish.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of East Cowton will take place on **Monday 15th May at 7.00pm** in East Cowton Village Hall and is an opportunity for individual residents, groups and local organisations to come together to share news and developments about our parish.

All are welcome to report on the past years' activities, either by attending the meeting and speaking in person or by submitting a written report, in advance, that will be read out on the night.

Any questions or queries please direct to Elaine Simpson (Chair) on ECParishCouncil@outlook.com

potholes on our roads. That is in addition to the Government's annual £500 million pothole fund. This means that in 2023/4, the Government is going to pour an eye-watering £700 million into holes in our roads.

Meanwhile, research by the RAC Foundation has found that one in 24 road bridges across the country are substandard, and therefore unable to carry heavy vehicles.

Steve Gooding, director of the RAC Foundation, said: "Whether it is potholes or bridges, there is only so long that councils can continue to patch things up before bigger cracks literally start to appear in the road network."



Mouse Makes

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

READ Acts 1 4-17 _____ to be Jesus' witnesses. Acts 1:8

What hid Jesus from the Apostles?
a _____ Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____ Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?
_____ of God. Acts 1:12 Mark 16:19

Who appeared to the Apostles? Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____ Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated? At the _____

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NORTH COWTON VILLAGE HALL events

Regular North Cowton Village Hall events

Yoga - Mondays - 6.30pm

Keep fit with Kath - Tuesdays - 10am to 11am

'Simply Singers' – Tuesdays - 7:30pm

WI - meeting on 1st Wednesday of the month - 7pm

Indoor mat bowling -Thursday evenings - 7pm to 9pm

Metabolic effect exercise Fridays - 6:30pm to 7pm

Nitwits! – Meet at 2pm on 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the month.



Into the world of social media!

North and South Cowton Village Hall now has a Facebook page.

This currently has various posts about village hall events and is being gradually developed.



Looking ahead:

North Cowton Sports Day 2023 will be held on Saturday 17th June. Mark it in your diaries now.



The North Cowton Scarecrow Trail – with a Royal Theme

Friday 5th May- Sunday 7th May 2023

To register please contact Julie on 07583729708

Please display your Scarecrow from Friday 5th May.

(all money raised is going towards the village hall and the primary school)

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (voted for by the public). Trail maps and forms will be available from Friday 5th May at The Herdsman, The Garage or in the phone box (with an honesty box) at £2.00, please vote for your 3 favourites.

Sunday 7th May

- Party on the Green - Bring your own food/drink and a gazebo in case of rain! Scones with strawberries and cream will be available to buy.
- Raffle- with some lovely prizes.
- Best crown competition for the children.
- Games- Tug of war and Welly wanging.
- Live music from The Bluesics and anyone else who would like to sing.
- DJ Ian will be playing a selection of Vinyls.
- All school age children will receive a commemorative gift.

Monday 8th May

- Rounders 2pm-4pm at the playing field
- Hot food (Burgers/Hotdogs) available from the pub 4pm-6pm
- Quiz at The Herdsman, 6pm. Coronation theme.



The Friends of East Cowton Primary School

Are celebrating the King's Coronation weekend with some fantastic competitions for all East Cowton villagers, young and old.

We have the "Best Dressed" Window and the "Best Blooming" Garden competitions back by popular demand following the Jubilee celebrations. Both competition entries are £5 per entry and proceeds will head to the School. For entry forms reach out to Tracey Cramond on 07970 035131 or Tracey.cramond@hotmail.co.uk

We also have a great competition for the kids too. **An Enchanted Miniature Garden on a Tray.** Entry is free and children should bring their entries to The Beeswing Inn on **Sunday 7th May** for the Family Fun Day. Their entries will be judged and a prize for the best entry will be awarded on the day.

Family Fun Day at The Beeswing will have lots of things for the children, **Bouncy Castle, Face Painting** and more.... Do come along and enjoy a weekend of celebrations with us.

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All in the month of MAY It was:

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- 100 years ago, on 26th-27th May 1923 that the first Le Mans 24 hours endurance motor race was held.
- 90 years ago, on 2nd May 1933 that the first modern sighting of Scotland's Loch Ness monster was reported in the Inverness Chronicle.
- 80 years ago, on 16th-17th May 1943 that the RAF launched Operation Chastise, which became famous as the 'Dambusters' Raid'. Bouncing bombs were used to bypass anti-torpedo nets and breach dams, which caused catastrophic flooding in Germany's Ruhr Valley.
- 70 years ago, on 29th May 1953 that New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- 60 years ago, on 27th May 1963 that the folk/blues album 'The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan' was released. It included the hit song 'Blowin' in the Wind'.
- 50 years ago, on 17th May 1973 that the Watergate hearings began in the US Senate and were televised nationally.
- 40 years ago, on 20th May 1983 that the journal Science reported the discovery of the HIV virus that causes AIDS.
- 25 years ago, on 23rd May 1998 that in a referendum, the people of Northern Ireland voted to accept the Good Friday Agreement. 75% were in favour of a Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 15 years ago, on 12th May 2008 that the Sichuan earthquake took place in China. More than 69,000 people were killed, over 370,000 injured, and nearly five million made homeless

EAST COWTON VILLAGE HALL



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Music in May from **MADDIE MORRIS**, Radio 2 Young Folk Award Winner 2021. On the Village Hall Stage **SUNDAY MAY 28th at 7:30pm.**

TICKETS £12 from Committee Members and via the Shop
Maddie is noted as being bold, insightful and refreshingly unique. She takes traditional song in new directions to shine a light on contemporary issues.

Date For Your Diary:

1st JULY 2023, East Cowton High/Strawberry Tea.

A fun-filled afternoon to help bring our community together. An open air, joint event from the Village Hall Association & All Saints Church. Includes a High tea, Delicious cakes, Bar, Games etc - AND the added attraction of super music from the *Hurworth Concert Band*. More details soon.....

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Food Bank

Items still welcome - Place in the box in the village hall during Friday afternoons. Tinned meat pies, hotdogs, corned beef etc particularly welcome, also ready to use custard. The bank has ample supplies of soup, baked beans and tinned tomato. For an up-to-date list of most needed items, go to



www.hambletonfoodshare.org.uk

North Cowton WI

Our next meeting is on
Wednesday 3th May, 7pm in the Village Hall at North Cowton

Our speaker is Catherine Dyson, who will talk to us about her wedding favours and fudge making.

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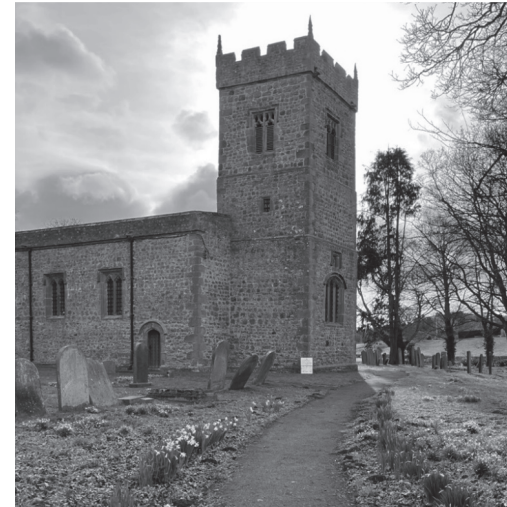
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Easter Egg Hunt



The Churches Conservation Trust would like to issue a huge thank you to all of those who attended the Easter Egg Hunt at St Mary's on Easter Sunday. The event was a massive success with at least 50 people attending over the course of the afternoon. We only just managed to have enough easter eggs to go around.

The main aim of this first event of the summer was to demonstrate to local people that St Mary's is open for

business. As part of a wider strategy from the Churches Conservation Trust we want local people to understand that events, performances and services are something that can take place at St Mary's and that we'd love local people to get involved.

The Friends of St Mary's are a small group of local people supported by the CCT and Rev'd Bartlett who have been set up to care for the church, but to do that we need the help and support of local people. This year we have a great programme of events planned right up to Christmas with choir, storytelling, Harvest Festival and a Christmas performance of A Christmas Carol all confirmed. What we need from the community is for kids and adults to show up to these events but also for people to join the Friends and create a stronger and bigger group who can replicate this approach over the coming years.

If you'd like more details on how to join the Friends or just a chat about the wider aims of the group please contact Mark Sproat, Interim Head of Region-North at the Churches Conservation Trust at msproat@thecct.org.uk or look out in Cowton News and other local press for information on the specific events as they come around.

Next up is Carmel Page, Storyteller, in June.

The Church Urban Fund (CUF) reports that many churches have responded with "love and compassion" to the various needs of 9,000 Afghan refugees who have been living in temporary 'bridging hotels' for the past 18 months. As the government now takes steps to move the Afghans into settled accommodation, CUF wants the government to "ensure that Afghan refugees are given sufficient time and support ... and that they are not forced to move without appropriate consideration and support." Last year CUF, in partnership with the Benefact Trust, awarded £126,000 to 37 church projects, which together helped 2,621 Ukrainian and Afghan refugees last year. Many churches did more than provide the emergency basics; they also showed real friendship and helped families to begin to integrate into their local communities. As one vicar explained: "The wonderful thing about faith-based social action is that it is there for the longer term."

75 years since the independence of Israel

Just 75 years ago, on 14th- 15th May 1948, Israel was declared an independent state as the British mandate in Palestine came to an end, and the Arab-Israeli War began with the invasion of Israel by Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq.

The war had been preceded by considerable unrest, with Zionist gangs committing atrocities and Arabs retaliating in kind; this fomented a totally different atmosphere from what had been normal many years before, with Jews and Arabs living peacefully side by side.

Six months before the declaration of independence, the United Nations had voted to partition Israel between Jews and Arabs: this was accepted, albeit reluctantly, by most Jews but largely rejected by Arab leaders, and led to a civil war. Neighbouring Arab states had warned that they would intervene "to restore law and order".

That 'intervention' finally ended in July 1949, with the signing of an armistice agreement with Syria. As a result, Israel retained its independence and increased its land area by more than 50%, compared to the UN partition plan. Militant Palestinians reacted by infiltrating Israel, using suicide attacks and other bombings.

Since 1948 the State of Israel has fought eight recognised wars with neighbouring Arab States, as well as two major uprisings by Palestinians (the First and Second Intifada), as well as many other minor armed engagements. Although many lives have been lost, there has been no change to the borders of Israel.

The West Bank area is now regarded as Palestine, and there have been various proposals to settle the status of disputed areas, with no resolution yet in sight.

WISKE BENEFICE SERVICE ROTA MAY 2023

	APPLETON WISKE	BIRKBY	DANBY WISKE	EAST COWTON	GREAT SMEATON	Readings
7 th May Easter 5 <i>Coronation weekend</i>	10.30am <i>Hymns & Pimms</i>		11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>		9.30am <i>Morning Worship</i>	Acts 7.55-60 Psalm 31; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14
14 th May Easter 6	9.30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer (BCP)</i>		11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>		Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-18 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21
21 st May Easter 7			11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>		11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10; 1 Peter 4.12-5.11; John 17.1-11
28 th May Pencost	11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	9.30am <i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i>		11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>		Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-37; 1 Cor 12.1-13; John 20.19-23
4 th June Trinity Sunday	1.00pm <i>Baptism</i>		11.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>		9.30am <i>Morning Worship</i>	Isaiah 40.12-31; Psalm 8; 2 Cor 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 1st July
A village afternoon tea party is planned as a joint venture with All Saints' Church and East Cowton Village Hall. This will include a Bar, and 'High Tea' style refreshments. We have also booked the **Hurworth Concert Band**, which was so enjoyed by everyone last year. *Look for more details in June edition of the 'Cowtons News'*

Plans have been made for church- run events for 2023.

On the Morning of Saturday

17th June, we will hold a plant stall outside the Parish Garden.

A quiz night with pie and peas supper is planned for the Autumn

The Christmas Market will be held on Saturday 18th November, in the Annexe

We may hold further film nights during the year.

Look out for details in the coming months.

Mid-week Communion services are held on Wednesday 10th May & 31st May at 9.30am. in Great Smeaton Church. All Welcome

Ascension Day is Thursday, 18th May and we will have a short open-air service at 7.00pm in East Cowton cemetery (about 1/2 mile on the right hand side on the North Cowton Road)

A PRAYER FOR THE KING AND THE ROYAL FAMILY

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, Camilla the Queen, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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1	7	8	7	9	6	2	9
6	1	3	2	8	9	6	4
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The Friends of St Peter's Church, Birkby,
welcome you to a concert.



Spring's End



An evening of informal and varied choral music

Performed by community choir



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7pm Saturday 13th May 2023



St Peter's Church, Birkby



Tickets £7.50 - please contact:

Mike Roberts 01609 881121 or Ginny McCloy 01609 881881



Our theme for the coming year is from Romans 15:13.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"

The Wiske Benefice of Churches
Prayer for 2023

Graceful God, help me to pray
When life is chaotic,
and time seems to vanish.

Loving God, help me to look for hope
in every situation where I am.

Caring God, help me to pray
When all seems hopeless
and I have no solution.

Merciful God, help me to embody
Your hope in every place where I am.

In the name of the Father, Son and
Holy Spirit. Amen

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