

ASKHAM BRYAN

Village Newsletter



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News from Around the Village

A somewhat slimmed down version of our quarterly Village Newsletter this time. If lockdown restrictions end before September we shall issue an extra edition to keep in touch.

A new bench by the pond

Bar Saville writes...

A seat has been placed by the pond in the village in memory of Frank and Athol Marshall by their family which had many members. Frank and Athol lived at 114 Main Street from 1971 - Frank just making the millennium year and Athol soldiering on until 2018. They were frequent visitors to the Nags Head and much loved by many.

Askham Bryan WI

Monica Long writes...

Our WI members may not be able to meet at the moment but we are keeping touch with a new regular WI Newsletter called KIT (Keeping in Touch). It includes stories from members about what they are up to during the lockdown, useful recipes to try when some ingredients are unobtainable, things to make us smile and a quiz to occupy an hour or so. Of course it is not the same as meeting up but it is good to keep in touch.



Children's Society Box Collection *Jennifer Smith and Ann Watson write...*



Thank you to everyone who contributed via the yearly box collection. The total this year was £547.22 - a great result. Apologies if you have not yet had your box back and hope you will be able to collect in a jar until the restrictions are over!



DAILY HOPE

**a free phone line set up by Archbishop Justin Welby
0800 8048044**

Several options when you dial in including daily prayers, morning and evening prayer, a weekly C of E service, Mothers Union prayers, favourite hymns, and short talks based on how some of our many well known hymns came to be written.

If you do not have access to the internet this option may be for you

Dial-a-Sermon

listen to a recorded sermon for our churches from 9am on Sundays
01904 501199

A Word from Our Vicar

Dear Friends,

How life has changed since our last Village Newsletter was published in late February. Almost everything that was advertised has simply not happened (at least in the way it was planned). Many of our church activities have gone online and the details to connect with those can be found in this 'lockdown' special edition.

A recurring thought for me has been that being 'lockdown' is an experience that many go through in life. It may be that you have been incapacitated through an illness and then you rely heavily on others, just as we are doing at the moment. The group that was formed in the village has been amazing in reaching out to those who have been unable to get out. My thanks go to all who are involved in that. Many of our local businesses have changed the way that they do things to continue offering people what they are used to and some have done new things. It is all a visible demonstration to me of what it means to be a true community where everyone is 'mucking in' to support and help those who need that extra help.

Even the church is being and doing in a new way. The phrase that has gone through my mind frequently is 'It's Church, Jim, but not as we know it'. It has also reminded in me that the church is not contained in four walls – it never has been. The church is Jesus living in His people. We can still know him, even if we are unable to go to a church building. We can do all the things that the church is here for ... even if we need to think creatively (and that is only needed because we have been so used to being church in the same way for so long).

Of course, not everyone has access to modern technology (and some have had to quickly get used to it). If you would like to have a chat, please just give me a ring on 01904 707716 or even send me a letter! I am still available to everyone as always. I pray for a swift and good end to this difficult period and that God would remove all fear from our hearts and minds as we live in this new way.

Keep safe, Geoff

Details of how to access our worship is here:

- Sunday@9am : Traditional Worship with Sermon and hymns
<https://youtu.be/6NKuY9JVpDk> (available from 9am)
- Open Door Encounter: Contemporary Worship with special children's video.
Log in from 10am for a 10:15 video and all together from 10:30.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/121611692?pwd=YnFYUEJFMkptaDZlYi9GM1hnQ2l1UT09>. Meeting ID: 121 611 692 Password: ABC
Or dial in (national rate call) 0131 460 1196

