

ASKHAM BRYAN

Village Newsletter



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Askham Bryan website:- www.askhambryan.org.uk

News from Around the Village

Parish Council News

- **Contacts**

The Parish Council missed only one monthly meeting at the very start of lockdown (April). Since then we have held our usual monthly meeting which anyone is able to join on 'Zoom'. Just contact the clerk to the council Keith Langley askhambryanpc@gmail.com or postal address 33 Flats Lane, Barwick in Elmet, Leeds LS15 4LJ for details of how to join.

The village website is also in the process of being updated with all relevant information with regard to the village Askhambryan.org.uk and also there is an official Parish Council Facebook page [@AskhamBryanPCofficial](https://www.facebook.com/AskhamBryanPCofficial). Particularly in these very strange times when we are not able to meet up regularly it is a good way of keeping up to date with village happenings.

- **Virtual Pub Quiz**

In January 2020, the parish council launched a fortnightly pub quiz at the Nags Head to raise funds for the redevelopment of the recreation area. When lockdown commenced in March, the council used an alternative online "virtual" pub quiz platform which was a huge success. Highlights included a VE Day fancy dress themed quiz; a Yorkshire themed finale; and the very many guest hosts. The quiz has raised £682 in total. As pubs reopened from 4th July this online quiz has now ceased and will be seeking to reopen at the Nags Head once social distancing allows. Thanks to all residents who attended, hosted and donated to the fundraising efforts.

- **Summer Treasure Hunt**

Denise Walker approached the Parish Council with an idea for a summer treasure hunt to raise funds for the redevelopment of the Recreation Area. To ensure this was socially distanced it could be completed at any time during August. At the time of writing the treasure hunt is ongoing so we are unaware how much was raised or who won, but this information will be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard in early September. The aim is to make this an annual event concluding in a summer BBQ so if you missed it this year there'll be other opportunities to be involved. The Parish Council wishes to thank all those who have supported this event and for the Nags Head for donating the winning prize of a £50 voucher.

Operation Christmas Child

Margaret North writes...

This year has been a difficult one for everyone. Unfortunately the children who we try to provide with a small gift at Christmas are still there - many in very difficult situations. Please help if you can, by filling a shoebox for these children. Leaflets are available which will help you to decide on suitable things to include in your box - things like soap, flannel, toothbrush, crayons, notebook, chalks, a toy etc. I will be collecting the boxes until the end of October. On behalf of the children.....thank you.



Village Hall News

The village hall has been much missed during this time of lockdown and we are looking forward to re-opening in line with government guidelines. We plan to re-open in mid-September with a comprehensive risk assessment and additional health and safety measures in place. A great deal of hard work has gone into preparing the village hall for re-opening - particular thanks go to Peter Christopherson, Emma and Simon Peers and the committee for their efforts.



Please do contact Dorothy Deighton on 01904 704129 if you would like to make a booking or find out more about how to use the hall safely during your booking.

The Village Hall AGM will be on **Thursday 8th October at 7:30pm**. Although we would like to hold this in the village hall, Covid-19 social distancing requirements will only allow 4 members of the public to attend in addition to the current committee, so it is likely that we will hold it using 'Zoom'.

We ask that if you are interested in attending, you contact Vicky Peart (vic_reed9@hotmail.com) by 30th September. A Zoom meeting link can then be sent to you in good time and the host will look out for your name in the Zoom waiting room.

If you would like to email Vicky with any issues you wish to be raised at the meeting please do feel free to do so.

One important task of the AGM is to elect the new committee. Four members are elected at the AGM. The committee also consists of representatives appointed by each of the Parish Council, the PCC, the WI and 1st Askham Bryan Brownies. In addition, there can be a small number of co-opted members but this decision is made by the serving committee.

We would love enthusiastic new members who would be willing to pitch in with the general maintenance, running and development of the hall as we look to the future.

If you would like to stand for one of the four elected positions or are willing to be co-opted, please submit your name to Vicky by the 30th September.

We hope that we will soon see the village hall full of activity again and we look forward to welcoming you all back.

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Askham Bryan WI

Monica Long writes...

Our monthly meetings are sorely missed by our members and, although government guidelines now allows meetings of up to 30 people, our WI are of the feeling that it is far too early for us to recommence.

However, we keep in contact with all our members by a newsletter to which every member is encouraged to contribute.

We have even acquired a new member during lockdown and we look forward to meeting Jane as soon as we can meet up again.



Marlene Broughton shares Good News!

At a hundred and one, down
Main Street
Is born a baby boy.
I saw him but a moment
He filled my day with joy.
Andreas is his Daddy,
Lorretta is his Mum.



Both of them are very proud
To have Leonidas as their son.
Leonidas was a Spartan King
So history imparts.
It really doesn't matter
We'll just keep him in our hearts.

Askham Bryan Walking Group

We're Back!! We are walking again...

We have recommenced our walking albeit with a few safety changes. We travel in our own cars (no sharing) and, when possible we take a picnic rather than taking lunch in a pub. We started with a walk from Wetwang and concluded with fish and chips at their famous chippy! We took a picnic on our second and our latest walk was local so returned home for lunch. It is easy to socially distance whilst walking so please feel free to join us on any of the following:

Dates of forthcoming walks

Thurs 10 th Sept	Sutton on Derwent	5 ¹ / ₂ miles
Wed 7 th Oct	Gilling East	5 ³ / ₄ miles
Wed 18 th Nov	Yearsley/Oulston	5 ¹ / ₂ miles



To find out where to meet and when, contact Monica on

Friends we have lost during lockdown

Mary Black

Revd Geoff Mumford writes...

Mary died on 5th May at the age of 90. One of 4 children born in Caunton, Nottingham she came to Yorkshire in the Land Army, met Ken and settled in Askham Bryan. Ken died in 2014. She leaves a daughter, Susan, son-in-Law Lawrie and grandson Tom. Her funeral took place at York Crematorium on 5th May with only a few mourners.

Allan Carbert

Susan Dales writes...

Allan passed away on 11th April having lived in Askham Bryan for most of his 90 years. He was married to Mary for 60 years and they have two children, Colin and Jaqueline. He did his national service in the air force as RAF fire crew and when he was demobbed he joined the fire service at Tadcaster. On retiring he took up painting and decorating in and around the village and also he was the village chimney sweep.

Allan was on the parish council for over 30 years, 15 of them as chairman. Any job, large or small, in the village hall Allan was your man. He cut the church grass and helped keep the pond and grass area tidy. The annual horticultural society show was something he enjoyed arranging as well as competing in. As he got older and slowed down anyone was welcome in his home for a natter and to put the world to rights. He is sadly missed by his family and friends.

Veronica Russon

Shirley Smith writes...

Veronica died on 28th February this year. She had lived in Askham Bryan at the college for 35 years. Her husband, Jeff (whose does so much to look after our village and churchyard), worked in the horticulture section of the college and Veronica worked in the college library until retirement. She was a lovely lady and neighbour who loved reading and doing jigsaws.

Gwen Townend

Ann Watson writes...

Sadly, following a long illness, Gwen recently passed away peacefully at home. Gwen and Alan had been married for over 50 years and lived at the Old School House in Askham Bryan for most of that time. Prior to her illness Gwen would be seen at village events with her variety of homemade jams and chutneys for sale.

Nancy Wilson

Revd Geoff Mumford writes...

Nancy died on 7th July 2020 aged 92. She was Mother of Marilyn, who works at Askham Bryan College, Kevin who married at St Nicholas a few years ago and Wendy. She lived most of her life in Fulford but she loved the village. She also worked for many years for Brittan's Dairies delivering milk. Her husband, Tug whom she married in 1946, died a few years back. Her funeral took place with restricted mourners on 27th July in St Nicholas' Church.

Our Worship in Askham Bryan

Revd Geoff Mumford writes: As you will be aware planning anything at the moment is difficult. We are planning to hold some services in church in September and onwards, but rather than list here some potential physical 'in building' services, I would just ask you to keep your eye on the church noticeboards, Website: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18849 or Facebook page and for the latest information. It is likely that numbers will be limited due to social distancing requirements. We will also continue to offer Open Door Encounter for the moment.

OPEN DOOR ENCOUNTER

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

This includes an interview with 'A man of faith' on the first Sunday of September.

DAILY HOPE

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Mobile Library back in town!

The Mobile Library is back on the road **by appointment only** in Askham Bryan on the following Thursdays:

3rd September, 17th September, 1st October, 15th October,
29th October, 12th November, 26th November

You can request specific books through your account or you can fill out a lucky dip form online through the link here:

<https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/were-back/#clickcollect>

For all additional enquiries email: Dean.Audsley@exploreyork.org.uk



A Word from Our Vicar

Dear Friends,

I hope that by the time you are reading this life will be becoming the 'new' normal. We all know that it will be a long time until life returns to what we once knew, if ever. However, as the summer passes, as all children return to school and most shops and businesses resume some sort of existence, we may begin to find life becoming more what we have been used to. I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the NHS and all those who have kept our communities 'running', especially the many volunteers from our village who helped those who were unable to go out. I also offer a prayer for those whose lives have been turned upside down as a result of the pandemic.

Right at the start of lockdown our next door neighbour's dog, gave birth to a litter of puppies – Yorkiepoos. My daughter gazed longingly at these little babies over the fence, and we ended up taking one in (we have had dogs before). So the Vicarage once again has the patter of tiny feet!

But I mention this as I have been reflecting on how much the relationship between a dog and its human carer resembles that of the relationship I believe God wants with each of his creation. Maisie, which is the name chosen for the puppy by our daughter, always wants to be with us. Maisie will always want to sit by us, cosy up to us and just be. When we sit down she wants to be on our knee. I believe God loves it when we have that kind of relationship with him.

Dogs offer their owners unconditional love – just like God offers us, and continues to do so, even when we turn away from him. They soon forget when we scold them, as God does not hold on to the things we do to him either. They are obedient when we call their name, and God always responds when we call on his. They gaze at us in anticipation of what we might do next. I believe God longingly and patiently waits on us.

Dogs realise that we are more than enough for them. But do we recognise that God is really more than enough for us. God wants nothing more than our attention. When Maisie has our attention she is satisfied. We can fulfil God's desires simply by spending time with Him. Whenever I come back in to the Vicarage, Maisie is desperate to greet me. God desperately wants to greet us when we come back to him.

Dogs truly can't get enough of us. God can't get enough of us either. He wants to know you today.

And by the way God is dog spelt backward. But you probably knew that anyway.

Why not enjoy being in his presence today?

With every blessing,

Geoff