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Our aim is to nurture and support each other in our faith and to offer pastoral help to those in need

Dust off the cobwebs and have a go at the February quiz.

1. At one time February was the last month of the year. True or false?
2. February gets its name from the word februa. What language does this word come from?
3. What is the meaning of the word "februa"?
4. Augustus Caesar took a day from February to make August the same length as July. True or false?
5. What is the birthstone for February?
6. How often does February have twenty-nine days?
7. Was 1900 a leap year? Yes or No?
8. The second of February is Groundhog Day!! It is also a special day for Roman Catholics. What is it?
9. According to the Chinese, 2018 is the year of the _____?
10. Which soap opera was first broadcast in February 1985?

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Thoughts from the Wickets

One programme on T.V. that never fails to bring tears to my eyes is DIY SOS. If you've never seen it, be warned! It's presented by a real macho man – Nick Knowles and he introduces the viewers to a family who have difficulties spelt with a capital D. Usually there is a serious health problem with at least one of the children or one of the parents, and the family live in a very unsuitable home which doesn't begin to meet their special needs. Nick Knowles and his team of specialist builders, electricians, designers etc are joined by dozens of local volunteers. The family move out of the house, the workers move in and in 9 days the place is torn apart, rebuilt and furnished to the special requirements of that particular family.



The family come back to a place that they couldn't have imagined. It has been transformed, often with things like a lift, a wet room to accommodate someone in a wheel chair, a special bed and storage for medical equipment and a kitchen where the cooker and other items are at a safe level for a disabled person to use. Those members of the family who are carers are also treated to their own new bedrooms where they can relax and have some 'me' time. The success of the whole operation is based on the response of others to the needs of a family who has experienced such great difficulties in life that are hard for most of us to begin to comprehend.

In a world where examples of genuine love, concern and unselfishness don't often make T.V. news, the programme is heart-warming and encouraging. It shows what can be achieved when people work together for a common goal.

It also shows how different people have different gifts which can all be used. In DIY SOS there are often ladies of the neighbourhood supplying all the work team with bacon butties, cupcakes or other similar essentials. Where would we be without them??

In the Benefice just now, we're in that uncertain time called a vacancy or inter-regnum. Put simply, we haven't got a Rector. We've got to keep the ship afloat without the captain at the helm! It's not quite a DIY SOS but it is a DIY situation. It means we've got to rally round and each one of us do our bit to make sure that the ship which is the church is kept afloat. This is more than making sure the weekly services are covered, the fabric of the building is maintained, and all the bills are paid. We're very grateful to those people who take on the responsibility for these things but, like the DIY SOS, there are other areas which also need attention. What could YOU offer to do? You may not be a regular church attender but you do want the church to be there and be available for those times when you need it. Let's be like those willing volunteers on the T.V. programme and get stuck in to the job. It can bring fulfilment, satisfaction in knowing that you've played a part in achieving something worthwhile. It might even be life changing for you and the whole church community – who knows? Give it a try.

God's blessing to you,

Margaret



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Archbishop Sentamu`s Prayer for Pilgrimage

God of Our Pilgrimage, Thank You for Your Friendship.

Be the Fire Leading Us. Be the Star Guiding Us.

Be the Good Shepherd Calling Us.

May the Holy Spirit, Strengthen Us For all that Lies Ahead.

May Your Holy Angels, Surrounding Us:

Watch, Defend, and Protect Us

Against All Evil. Amen.



DROP-IN EVERY WEDNESDAY IN SOUTH MILFORD

Just moved into the area?

Suffering loneliness due to bereavement?

Just need to get out and meet people?

Then 'Drop-in' is just the thing for you.

Every Wednesday morning from 10.30am

– 12noon in St Mary's Church Hall on High Street, South Milford

People meet for tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits and a chat.

Why not come along and meet new people from the local area – you will find a warm, friendly and hospitable welcome.



**The
Children's
Society**

No child
should feel
alone

There will be a Box Opening on

Thursday 8th February 2018 at 10.30am
at 84 Westfield Lane, South Milford.

There will be a raffle & refreshments to
raise money for The Children's Society.

Please bring your collecting box if you have one.

The sale of Christmas Cards raised £249.50, which has been sent to

The Children's Society. Well done everyone.

Barbara Campbell (box co-ordinator)

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

A lot has happened since the last magazine 2 months ago.

Rector John and Yvonne were sent on their way at a farewell party on 25th November in St Mary's church compered by Arthur Mone which involved food, drink, a concert and jokes!

The Christingle Service was even more special than usual with the presence of Archbishop Sentamu who also joined us for refreshment in the church hall. It was a joy to see the church so full of children and young, and not so young, parents. It was a very special atmosphere. Full marks to Sarah Lees and the children from the school. Well done!

Christmas has been and gone and it was good to see the church so full for midnight mass. Another good atmosphere for those who attended.

As editor of this magazine (after persuasion and encouragement from John) I have tried to expand its content and it is now 32 pages. Sometimes it seems as if a lot of the content is by myself and I would ask that anyone who has anything to contribute, it would be most welcome.

Join in the Good Read; have you had a good day out?; are you planning an event?; have you got a report of an event or a meeting?

It would be good to have regular articles from various groups - parish council; church council; Rotary; Guides; the Primary School; Friends of the School; the Park people; the Cricket Club and the list could go on and on. Don't wait for me to ask - just submit your copy.

The Milford Messenger's print run is 250 copies but I know that many copies get passed on to others to read. And it is nicer to have a hard copy to read and refer back to than an online version.

So, a belated wish to you all that you have a good and healthy 2018 without too many trials and tribulations - if that is possible!

The submission date for the next magazine is the 15th February 2018

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February 2018 Diary for the Benefice

(Monk Fryston Parish & South Milford Parish)

Every Monday

8.00pm Worship Group Practice – St Mary's

Every Wednesday

9.45am Holy Communion – St Mary's

10.30am Drop In – St Mary's Parish Hall for tea/coffee and biscuits

12:30pm New Life Discipleship Group – St Mary's

1.30pm Caterpillar – St Mary's for 'mums and little-ones'

7.30pm Mid-week Fellowship – 32 Sand Lane

FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH

8.00pm Beer & Banter at The Thack

February

4th February CANDLEMAS SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion - St Wilfrid's

9:30 Holy Communion - St Mary's

4.00pm Café Church - St Wilfrid's Parish Hall

5.00pm Candlemas - St Mary's

11th February LAST SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.30am Morning Prayer - St Wilfrid's

9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary's

5.00pm Sunday Supplement - St Mary's

14th February ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

9.45am St Mary's

18th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am Holy Communion – St Wilfrid's

9.30am Family Communion – St Mary's

21st February Lent Course "The experience of Wonder"

7.30pm 32 Sand Lane

25th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am Parish Communion – St Wilfrids

9.30am Morning Prayer – St Mary's

28th February Lent Course "The Enigma of Weakness"

7.30pm 32 Sand Lane

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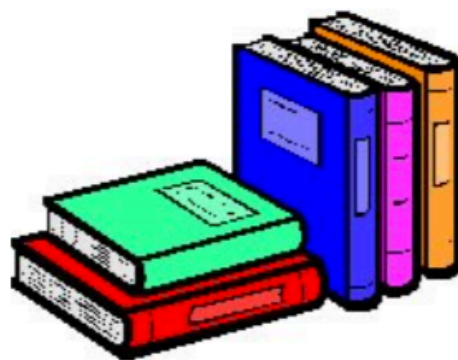
LOVE
the LIBRARY

The Friends of South Milford School have recently agreed to fund about £2,000 towards a new School Learning Initiative run by School Governor

Adrienne Burrow for the School Library.

This will include a whole host of books for the children to read as well as renewing out of date resources such as atlases etc.

Dan Leadbeater



Drop-In held its Christmas coffee morning on 13 December when twenty four children from South Milford Primary School accompanied by three members of staff entertained us with some lovely festive singing which was much enjoyed. Children from the school have joined us every year at Christmas now for several years and it is much appreciated. Crackers, mince pies and other refreshments completed the morning.

If anyone would like to join us we meet on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am until noon in the Church Hall and you would be made most welcome.

Heather Rotherham

The Mystery of Everything

This year's Lent Course is "The Mystery of Everything" based on a book by Hilary Brand which takes the multi-award-winning film about Stephen Hawking, "The Theory of Everything", as its starting point.

We will explore ways in which the mysteries of the universe and of everyday life - and the acceptance that we have more questions than answers - can reinvigorate our faith and spiritual journey. Each session will include an extract from the film, group discussion and prayer.

21st February: The experience of wonder

28th February: The enigma of weakness

7th March: The complexity of relationships

14th March: The encounter with frailty

21st March: The hope beyond brokenness



There will be different people facilitating to bring different approaches to the course.

The course is not about science and religion but mystery, faith and relationships.

We will meet every Wednesday evening in Lent at 7:30 pm at 32 Sand Lane, South Milford

Just come along, if you're interested, to a many or as few as you can make, we're looking forward to some very interesting sessions and discussions with you!

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book you can do so on Amazon: The Mystery of Everything: A Lent course based around the film The Theory of Everything (Lent Book) (available at other retailers)

Rev. David Johnson

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WHEN WE MEET

NEW LIFE

This is a group of new parents who are at home during the day. We meet at 12:30 at St Mary's Church, Westfield Lane, South Milford.

We chat about how faith can help in our daily lives as we deal with the pressures of caring for newly born and pre-schoolers.

If you a new parent or carer of a tiny tot and want some support, emotional and spiritual you are more than welcome to join us.

OPEN HOUSE

Meets Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm at the home of David and Liz Johnson.

32 Sand Lane, South Milford, LS25 5AU

Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 14 2018 at 9:45

St Mary's Church

Westfield Lane,
South Milford



PAT`S POURRI

Pat Walker arrived in our village about 18 months ago to be near to her daughter Lisa Bulmer who lives in Beech Drive. Pat soon came to be known in St. Mary`s church and I heard early on that she had a connection with the magazine of her previous parish in the Huddersfield area. In fact she still writes articles for the “Aspect” magazine and I repeat some of the April 2017 article now:

Dear Reader, one of my favourite things to do is to ride to York on the little white bus..... going through a village with Nicky Nacky Lane and passed houses called Honeysuckle, Florence`s House, Bernard`s Field, Holly Bush and Appletree. Our own village has a Molly Coddle Cottage and an inn called Queen o` t` owd Thack. I like a house with a name but it has taken some time to create a new name for my new house. I had been given a book called “A Floral Calendar” by Marie Angel and she drew inspiration from the Middle Ages and ancient Japan. She gives the source of each plant , the planting time and even the time of day when it is at its best and also its meaning.

So.....eventually I found a wild, or common, flower which blossoms in two colours, blue and white. The blue one means “Good friends” and the white one “The pleasure of happy memories”. After discussing it with my family it was agreed that it would be a good name for the house. So, now on a beautiful black shiny porcelain plaque to the left of the front door, is the number 70 surrounded by pretty coloured wild flowers and underneath in white lettering is “Periwinkle”

Home - at last!

LPW

Sadly, the `little white bus` is no longer running. Ed.



Who Would Believe It!!!

To: Jesus, Son of Joseph

From: Jordan Management Consultants

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the names of the 12 men you have picked for management in your new organisation. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; we have not only run the results through our computer but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The 2 brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Yours sincerely,

Jordan Management Consultants

Margaret Barr - Reader



Updates from South Milford Parish Council

- **Planning** – Whitecote Lane housing development with doctors surgery – this was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 21 November 2017 and the Council submitted objections to Selby District Council – currently awaiting decision.

Bus services – Arriva run the only public buses serving South Milford – 402/403 Leeds to Selby and 493 Sherburn to Pontefract. Search for these route numbers through Arriva's website (www.arrivabus.co.uk) for routes and timetables. Currently these buses only stop along Low Street, however we understand from NYCC that the 493 service will start serving Sand Lane, Wain Gap and High Street in the near future.

- **Train station** – The Council have objected to Northern Rail regarding the introduction of parking charges and the poor quality of facilities at the station. These objections have been backed up by District and County Councillors and Nigel Adams MP, however it appears the parking charges are here to stay. As expected this has resulted in some cars parking on Milford Road (which has no parking restrictions) NYCC have said they will monitor this situation carefully. We have been promised improved station facilities (lighting, CCTV and ticket machines) but no firm timescales have been provided.

- **Highways** – Double yellow lines are to be painted on Sand Lane next to the junction with Low Street (opposite BP garage) to make this junction safe and improve the flow of traffic.

- **Footpath access** – The footpath / track which runs North from Ingsthorpe Lane towards the Railway Cottages has recently been closed off by the landowner(s). Certain residents were unhappy about this and it was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 9 January 2018. Whilst this has been regularly used by residents for many years, it is not a Public Right of Way (PROW) and the landowner(s) are therefore entitled to close the access way. Please see the minutes of our 9 January meeting for further information.

- **Sherburn Aero Club** – The Parish Council continue to liaise with the Aero Club (including attendance at their formal liaison meetings) to raise concerns regarding planes regularly overflying South Milford and Lumby (which they should not do if following their agreed flight paths). A full update on this is available on our website and Facebook page. Residents are encouraged to complain to the Aero Club if the overflying planes are causing concern: www.sherburnaeroclub.com / flightdesk@sherburnaeroclub.com / 01977 682 674

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Snippets from South Milford Primary School

We have been involved in a few fundraising activities: we raised £438.46 for Children In Need and £66.85 for the British Legion by selling poppies.

We attended lots of community events including: South Milford Christmas lights switch on, Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Church,

the Christingle service:-



and sang for the elderly at Grove House and the Church Luncheon Club.

We took children to see "Goodnight Mr Tom" and "Beauty and the Beast" at the theatre.

We took part in various sporting events where our children did us proud by showing fabulous sporting ability as well as great sportsmanship. These events included a cross country event, sports hall athletics and a hockey tournament.

Our children took part in two class assemblies and Christmas productions where we saw some outstanding performances with great confidence and acting ability.

As we celebrated Christmas we had a Christmas jumper day, the whole school enjoyed a Christmas lunch served to them by all our staff, Christmas parties where Father Christmas visited all children and gave them a gift for their classroom and discos.



DATE	04 February	11 February	18 February	25 February
SUNDAY	Candlemas 5:00pm	Sunday next before Lent	Lent 1	Lent 2
FORMAT	No morning service	Parish Communion	Family Communion	Morning Prayer
PREACHER	Margaret Barr	Rev David	Rev David	Margaret Barr
READING 1		2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	1 Peter 3:18-end	Romans 4:13-end
READER		Irene Lee	Harry Issatt	Barbara Campbell
READING 2		Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-end
READER		Bill Rayner	Pat Cromack	Margaret Barr
PRAYERS		Arthur Mone	Glynis Hale	Alex Crickmar
SERVER		Glynis Hale	Alex Crickmar	
CHALICE		Jim Barr	Jim Barr	
ASSISTANTS		Glynis Hale	Alex Crickmar	
SIDESPEOPLE	Glynis Hale Heather Rotherham	Roger & Irene Lee	David & Jane Sample	David & Barbara Campbell
REFRESHMENTS		Eileen Stothert Pat Walker	Philip & Jane Wright	Glynis Hale Maggie Hardstaff

	FEBRUARY 2018	Wednesdays		
DATE	07-February	14-February	21-February	28-February
WEEK	2 before Lent	Ash Wednesday	Lent 1	Lent 2
PRESIDING	Rev David	Rev David	Rev David	Rev David
PREACHING	Rev David	Margaret Barr	Rev David	Margaret Barr
READING 1	1 Kings 10:1-10	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Jonah 3	Jeremiah 18:18-20
READER	Margaret Barr	Hilary Touimy	Jo Fleming	Eileen Stothert
READING 2	Mark 7:14-23	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21	Luke 11:29-32	Matthew 20:17-28
READER	Rev David	Margaret Barr	Rev David	Margaret Barr
PRAYERS	Margaret Barr	Rev David	Hilary Touimy	Jo Fleming
SERVER	Jim Barr	Margaret Barr	Jim Barr	Margaret Barr
CHALICE	Jim Barr	Margaret Barr	Jim Barr	Margaret Barr
ASSISTANT				

Garden Hints

The accumulation of slime is one of the less delightful aspects of the winter garden. When paving gets wet and stays that way, a layer of green algae forms, making pathways slippery and dangerous. Happily this is a fun job to rectify.

Choose a mild day and don all your water-proofs-you will get wet-then blast the paving with a pressure washer (they are widely available for day hire if you don't own one yourself, and you will get a lot done in a day}. It is deeply satisfying turning the gloomy green back to its bright, original colour but don't get carried away.. On many garden features a little algae works as a characterful weathering so make yourself stick to hazardous flooring and don't be tempted to blast your cherub statue back to factory fresh!



Paths or paving should have a gentle slope to encourage the water to drain away, but if water pools you might want to consider improving drainage. On a large expanse of paving this can be impossible to remedy without major work, but on either side of paths digging small channels and filling them with gravel will help.

Gloomy shade can also be an underlying cause of slime, so look too at whether pruning any overhanging branches might allow extra light and air to help dry the path.

While you have the pressure washer out this is also a good time to clean water butts, which get pretty slimy themselves. Let the collected water run away, disconnect the butt from the downpipe and then turn it on its side and blast out the slime. Leave the butt upside down to drain dry and then reconnect: there will be plenty of winter rains yet to refill for spring.

Editor: David Mitchell is still out of action at present. This is an article I have 'borrowed' from the Daily Telegraph!

ROTARY NEWS



Early in December we were able to hold a round of the Rotary Young Chef competition at Sherburn High School. A maximum of 6 competitors took part 2 of them boys ,one of whom Max Burdekin was the winner. Those privileged to taste the food were all in agreement that it was really appetising and tasty and reflected great credit on the skill of and imagination of all the competitors. Max now progresses to the next round of the competition at York college in the very near future and if he has been practicing his presentation could do well.

On 12th January the 25th South Milford Community Bonfire Dinner was held at Monk Fryston Hall. A really enjoyable evening was highlighted by the distribution of the proceeds to over a dozen different groups whose members had all contributed to the record breaking success. This years event saw £33000 shared amongst the groups and listening to the plans for which this money is earmarked made one realize that there are an awful lot of people in the area who are prepared to devote their time to assist these volunteer organizations.

It was also interesting to listen to the history of the bonfire so far and to its growth from a family affair into the enormous undertaking it is today. Inevitably there were some amusing tales of things that did not quite go as planned and a good deal of laughter when the shopping lists for the early events were read out.

Nigel Sugden

History Time - February 2018

“Remembrances of my village -South Milford” Part 3.

.....no doubt the Swallows will gather together on the phone wires near the Post Office (35 High St. - ed) when the time of departure arrives as they did many years ago; and the House Martins or Swifts pop in and out of the crevices on the roofs as before to feed their young.



At the Sunday School we used to sing a hymn off a sheet. The first lines were these: “The World they say is out of joint”, and tended to decay, and that day I could not understand the world waiting out of joint. But would I know it is true, the World is out of joint, among many other things as well. But I have no idea when the joint will be set again.

So now I will conclude by quoting a verse by A. Young of Moral Truths - “Think nought a trifle,

Although small it appears;
Small stands the Mountains,
Moments make the year,
And trifles Life.”

Son o`th Soil



This remembrances have been very difficult to decipher from poorly duplicated flowery handwriting. They were sent as a letter to Miss Rowley on 13th July 1943 from an address in Leeds 9 and asking her to show it to the Rector and anyone else who was interested. The postscript to Miss Rowley was signed “A. Rocket”

I hope you can make some sense of it! editor

Harry`s History Time

Many houses that were built before the first World War did not have water from indoor taps, many had communal pumps outside and folk had to get water in buckets and carry it into the house.

Also gas cookers and electric ovens were not widely available then. Sometimes there was a gas ring.

Water was boiled in pans for everything. Most houses had a large range where most of the cooking was done, it could get a little warm when mother was baking!

Bathrooms too were few and far between. Getting a bath usually meant getting in the tin bath in front of the fire once a week if you were lucky.

Regards
Harry



LENT LUNCHES

Wednesdays

12.30 - 2pm



February 21st hosted by David and Barbara Campbell
at 84 Westfield Lane

February 28th by Joyce and Stephen Batty
at "Westlands", High Street

A GOOD READ

“Edge of Darkness, Edge of Light”

by Ronald Charles Scriven

At the age of 8 Ronald Scriven contracted an ear infection after looking at the world in Sholebrook Avenue in Leeds through the letter box which left him almost stone deaf, and - later - was also to make him blind!

This is the story of the childhood and young manhood of the blind poet and drama-tist, recalled, refelt and recreated, with an immediacy, a searing painfulness, an

acceptance and eventual joy in the fact of life itself, that invites few parallels in literature.

R.C.Scriven (1907-1985) is the author of more than thirty radio plays broadcast between 1947 and 1974 and many other published works.

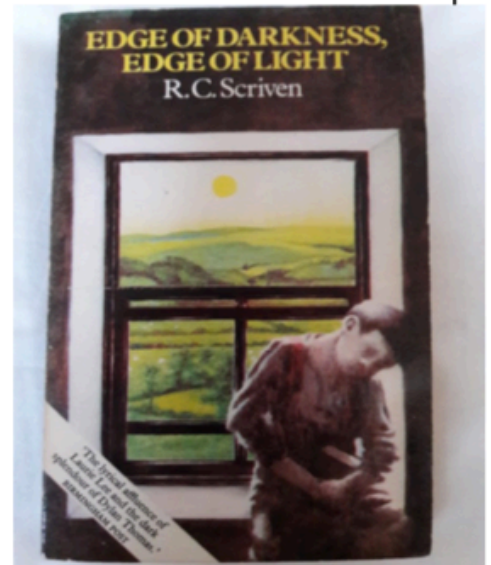
As a boy Ronald (Rat) Scriven often visited his Uncle and Aunt, doctor and Mrs Radcliffe of No.1 The Terrace here in South Milford. Dr. Harold`s house was a good place for Ronald as the doctor looked after him and Ronald was able to play in the orchard where Leonard and Sandra Elsworth now have a bungalow.. Ronald used to be met off the train at South Milford by Tom Baker who was the groom (later chauffer when the first car was bought) to the doctor and there are many references to South Milford in the book which is by way of an autobiography of Ronald`s life and is very interesting.

The book is out of print but, after borrowing Sue Mitchell`s copy, I found a copy on Amazon for 1 penny!

Souvenir Press Ltd. First published 1977
ISBN 0 86072 029 2

David Sample

No.1 The Terrace shown right



Also by R C Scriven:

The Seasons of the Blind is one of five radio plays broadcast by the BBC in the 1970`s and surveys the cycle of a year and shows how the blind must rely on memory and their remaining senses to appreciate the changing seasons.

He lived in Yorkshire where he produced verse by touch-typing, drawing on boyhood experiences which were burnt into his memory.



- **Parish Council Updates - continued from page 14**
- **Christmas lights** – The Parish Council has once again organised the village Christmas lights, including new lights designed by children at the primary school and the well attended switch on event on at the British Legion.
- **South Milford Against Flooding (SMAF)** – Volunteers from SMAF continue to work hard to try and reduce the risk of major flooding events affecting the village. The main current project is to build a 'bund' to slow the flow of water into the village, to the side of Whitecote Lane beyond Steeton Hall. The design of this 'bund' was funded by the Parish Council and hopefully it will be built during 2018.
- **Grit bins** – Following requests for additional grit bins and noting the challenges around finding volunteers to be responsible for filling the bins, and ideally gritting the pavements when necessary, the Parish Council is going to fully review this situation in advance of the 2018/19 winter. A full update on this is available on our website and Facebook page.
- **Financial support** – In recent months the Parish Council have provided financial support to various local events: South Milford bonfire, Grove Crescent residents Christmas party, Santa dash charity run and the Christmas lights switch on event.

If you would like more information about Parish Council activities, please follow them on Facebook and/or visit their website –

www.southmilfordparishcouncil.co.uk

The Walking Group

Date of walk: 24th February 2018

Leader: Tracey Maeer

Location: Snaith



We welcome you to a Riverside Ramble following field and riverside paths and tracks for the 6 1/4 mile planned route.

There is a shorter version of 4 1/4 mile available.

We will meet at 10.15 at the picnic area just over the river bridge when travelling from Carlton to Snaith ready for a 10.30 am departure.

Please bring food and drink and wear suitable clothing for the day.

Any queries please contact Paddy or Stuart on 684180 or email tracey.maeer@btinternet.com



Snaith and Snaith Bridge
(above)



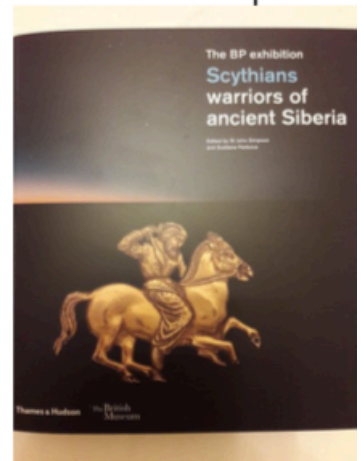
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A GRAND DAY OUT

On a Thursday before Christmas we parked our car and caught the 09.01 Hull train to Kings Cross, London arriving there a little late at 11.20 and then crossed diagonally the road in front of the station to catch a No.10 bus (using our Bus Pass card) which dropped us outside the British Museum. The Museum was the main reason for our day trip to London to see the exhibition about "The Scythians - warriors of ancient Siberia". The Scythians were an ancient nomadic people who lived in the south Russian steppe from 900 to 200BC.

They established a rich and varied culture, originating in southern Siberia and extending to northern China and as far west as the Black Sea. Mobility and mastery of local resources were central to their culture. They were the forerunners of the Samartians, the Huns, the Turks and the Mongols. They left no written records but many years of excavations in the preserving medium of the permafrost have yielded many objects of gold, silver, fur, leather and felt including clothing and bows and arrows many of which were on loan from the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg. The book of the exhibition cost £30 but was well worth it. We liked one of the acknowledgements at the back - "Jane Batty provided much good humour and support as Interpretation Officer and helped transform ideas into practice". High praise indeed for a local lass!



After that it was back onto a No.10 bus to Oxford Street to go to Liberties Store for our Christmas "Fix". The decorations and the Christmas department were spectacular and the afternoon tea was a special treat. After that it was back onto the top deck of a No. 10 to go up as far as Hyde Park corner and then back again to see all the lights and the hordes of shoppers. We continued on the bus back to King`s Cross for a meal at Prezzo`s and it was soon time for our 20.30 train back to Selby arriving on time 2 hours later.



It was a right grand day out!

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February 2018

Sunday 11th

Wednesday 14th

Thursday 15th

Saturday 24th

17:00—Sunday Supplement P26

09:45—Ash Wednesday Service

19.30—WI Meeting—WI Hall—
topic TBC

10.15—Walking group—Snaith
P24

March 2018

Sunday 11th

Thursday 15th

17:00—Sunday Supplement P26

19.30—WI Meeting—WI Hall—
topic TBC

April 2018

Sunday 8th

Sunday 8th

Thursday 19th

Rotary Car Boot Sale

17:00—Sunday Supplement P26

19.30—WI Meeting—WI Hall—
topic TBC

As you can see, we are a little light on events so please let me know of any upcoming events that are running in the local villages so that I can include them in future editions.

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