

**St MARY'S CHURCH**  
Sunday services at 9.15

6th March	MOTHERING SUNDAY Service led by David Rumbelow
13th March	Morning Prayer led by Shelagh Jones
20th March	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer led by Paul Taylor
HOLY WEEK	Services at Pocklington
27th March	EASTER DAY Eucharist celebrant Rodney Nicholson

**CHURCH NEWS**

The **Pancake Supper** raised £85 for church funds. Thanks to all who attended.

**Confirmation classes** starting next week, probably in Pocklington. Confirmation service taken by the Archbishop of York in Pocklington on Sunday, 10th April at 4pm. Please let Ruth Braithwaite or Sue Dale know if you are interested.

Volunteers needed for **Open Gardens Day** please. Help with teas, history exhibition, stalls, taking gate money and lots of other things. Even if you can only help for an hour it would be much appreciated. Many hands make light work! Please contact Sue Dale 288233 or dale@atlas.co.uk.  
Thank you.

**Marie Curie March**  
**DAFFODIL APPEAL**

Why not join us for just two hours to collect donations and give out daffodil pins at a supermarket near you? Every £20 pays for an hour of nursing care – giving peace of mind to people living with a terminal illness and a chance for their family to rest. To sign up to become a collector for this year's appeal and for more information on collections near you go to <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/daffodil-appeal>.

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# HUGGATE NEWS

March 2016

## HUGGATE VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL

After WW1, due to the unprecedented loss of life over an enormous area, there was no possibility of repatriation of bodies, nor of relatives being able to visit overseas graves. This created a nationwide desire amongst the general public for designated local places where they could pay their respects to those who had given their lives and where they could grieve for family members and friends. There was a movement to erect local war memorials of various kinds. It was not a military or government initiative and there was no public funding. All monuments were built and financed at a local level.

Towns and villages set up committees to raise funds, to choose the format and site of the memorial and to help collect and determine which names should be inscribed on the memorial. Huggate Parish was fortunate enough to lose only a few of its residents. It would seem that those living in the village at the time decided to nominate lost men of personal significance to themselves or with some connection with the village to be commemorated on the memorial.

The Huggate War Memorial was erected and paid for by the villagers thereby becoming the property of the village with the Parish Council being responsible for its maintenance.

(Information provided by the Parish Council from research by Janet Boulter)



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## 1. VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL

Last month it was reported that the Parish Council had applied to the national War Memorial Trust for funds to pay for the professional cleaning and restoration of our village war memorial. This application was supported by photographic evidence which showed the current poor state of the Obelisk (to give it its correct name) in Saint Mary's churchyard. As a matter of interest, the Obelisk is made of Portland stone and when it was erected in 1921 it was pure white with black lettering for the roll of honour.

As a result of the Council's application, the War Memorial Trust agreed to fund the cleaning but required further close up pictures of the peeling black paint on the roll of honour. These pictures have been taken and the trust has now agreed to include the repainting of the letters with the cleaning. A councillor is currently seeking a suitable specialist company to carry out the necessary work.

## 2. BOTTOM POND CLEARANCE

It was confirmed by comments in the recent Parish Questionnaire that the council's efforts to improve the bottom pond area are in line with the general opinion within the village. To this end a company (Wold Ecology) has been identified as the most suitable and cost effective for this type of work. They have submitted a quotation to carry out a site survey and assessment at the end of March. The survey will include a habitat survey of vegetation as well as shrub and tree cover, a consultation for protected species, guidance on how to maintain and protect the area for future generations to enjoy and a nature conservation improvement plan.

## 3. PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

The findings from the recent Parish Questionnaire have revealed that there are quite a few issues which concern residents. These concerns were discussed during the Parish Council meeting this month. Items included for discussion were as follows:

- a. Having the Road Sweeper clear leaves off paths.
- b. Reminding dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.
- c. Providing parking outside the village for visitors, preferably on the Driffield Road Pit site (when the Japanese Knotweed has been eradicated).
- d. Make the village more welcoming by planting the areas beneath the three village signs.
- e. Continue efforts to prevent speeding throughout the village.
- f. Investigate ways to set off the famous village well e.g. adjacent seating and Information notice board.

All these matters will continue to be under consideration and will be dealt with in due course.

It is disappointing that **many questionnaires have not yet been returned**. The council wishes to act in the best interests of every villager. To do this it needs to know the concerns and wishes of all residents if it is to act in a truly representative manner.

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**The Annual Village Meeting will be held on  
Friday 20th May at 7pm in St Mary's Church.**

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## GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH

Now that you have all been lazing around for a couple of months over Christmas and the New Year (which is what I have been doing!), it's time once more to think of warmer days and how your garden will spark into life very soon. Although it is probably still too cold and wet to do much real gardening, there are still a few things you could think about over the next couple of weeks.

Appraise the garden for form and structure, make a note of anything that has outgrown its space and needs pruning, or perhaps moving to a better site. Although uprooting shrubs is better done in Autumn when the plant is going to sleep for a short while, they can still be moved in the early spring as long as the soil has warmed a little and you keep watering, a feed will also help. My thinking is if you want to move it, do so, and it will probably survive!

You could plant window boxes and containers for seasonal colour, even now. Very young shrubs are excellent for this purpose and will reward you with form and colour to brighten dull days. Variegated foliage lightens the scheme and is suggestive of warmer days, and it's still not too late to plant late flowering tulips to prolong the period of interest. Of course they will outgrow their space quite quickly but trimming will help, and you will have given them a really good start before planting in the garden. Feeding will keep them in good condition.

Towards the very end of this period start pruning fully hardy shrubs that bloomed in the late summer of the previous year such as Buddleja davidii, Hypericum, and Spiraea douglasii. Leave other less hardy shrubs such as ceanothus, fuchsia, and hydrangea until any danger of severe frosts is past.

Apply winter wash and sprays to fruit trees.; check stakes and ties; tidy and organize shed/greenhouse.

Above all, enjoy it!!

Lesley Whelan