

St MARY'S CHURCH
Sunday services at 9.15 a.m.

2nd April Passion Sunday All Age Worship led by Annie Harrison
9th April Palm Sunday Morning Prayer led by Shelagh Jones
16th April EASTER SUNDAY Eucharist, celebrant Rachel Wilson
23rd April Morning Prayer led by Annie Harrison
30th April 10.45 Group service at Pocklingotn

HOLY WEEK 9th-22nd April Daily services at Pocklington

Church cleaning Mrs Kettlewell and Mrs Dawson
Church Flowers 16th and 23rd April Mrs Dawson, 30th April Kay Cass

A High Wolds Heritage Group event
**“A History of the Parish and People of Kirby
Underdale : Retrospective Musings”**

An illustrated talk by Dr Ruth Beckett
Thursday 6th April 7.30pm Thixendale Village Hall

Entry £3, children free

Includes light refreshments



CONTACT AND CONTRIBUTE

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PLEASE send information BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH for the next edition, so that we can produce it promptly.

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St. Mary's Church

Internal Spring Clean

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April 6.30 pm
Jobs for everyone, all help gratefully received

The Green Gym

Churchyard grass cutting
Tuesdays from 11th April, 6.30 pm

Renovations update

The floor of the choir stalls has been repaired and the rotted pew end replaced. The panelling at the east end of the north aisle has been removed and the galvanised tank exposed to enable it to be removed. This has been possible due to fund raising by villagers and a generous annual donation for the church building from Mrs Ivy Stocks. Please visit the church to see the work as it progresses.

Pie and Pud supper

Thank you to all who supported the evening and raised generous support for Daphine and Danielle's education.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

1. VILLAGE PARKING

The issue of parking in and around the village by visitors was addressed in the last Huggate News and the possibility of creating a visitors' car park was mooted. As an interim measure, the council is preparing a suitable poetic flyer to be placed on offending vehicles in the hope that on subsequent visits the owners park more sensibly.

The resident Parish Council Poet has created a light hearted and tactful form of words which is produced below for your enjoyment:

We love you to visit our village
To explore all the beauty around
And picnic or dine in our local
Enjoying the sights and the sounds

The farmers work hard here in Huggate
To provide you with food every day
And the tractors and trailers and Lorries
Need no vehicles parked in their way

Our green and our lovely green verges
Are not really here to deface
So please be respectful of locals
And park in a sensible place.

2. BOTTOM POND CLEARANCE

As I write, a contractor is busy dredging and cleaning the lower village pond as well as improving its present drainage system. The work will be finished by 23rd March and the first and most important phase of the initiative to turn a previous eyesore into a pleasant and picturesque part of the village completed.

Benches are being made to provide extra seating near the pond and eventually tables will be provided for the use of

picnickers. Suitable pond plants are to be added, in keeping with the wild life conservation theme of the area, and, hopefully, by the time summer is here, villagers will notice a big improvement to a previously neglected area.

3. SEATING AND DISPLAY NOTICE AROUND THE VILLAGE WELL

Progress is on-going with this project to make a central feature of the village well. Work is now taking place to design a suitable notice board which will display information on the village past and present. When it is finished, the well will also have benches alongside the notice board set off with display shrubbery. The idea is that the well will complement the improvements being made to the Bottom Pond to make the whole area an enjoyable place to visit for locals and visitors alike. The Council would like to thank those villagers who have suggested suitable ideas for the notice board and any further suggestions would be most welcome.

4. JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Japanese Knotweed has been found [again] growing on the site of the old village tip on the Driffield road just outside the village. If not controlled, Japanese Knotweed can become a serious problem. *{Although the knotweed was treated intensively a few years ago, it seems that it was not entirely successfully eradicated and is taking hold again. Ed}*

Japanese Knotweed was introduced to this country in 1825 as an ornamental plant. However, its rapid annual growth and relentless spread allows it easily to overwhelm other garden plants. When established as a wayside weed, native

plants are also aggressively overrun. It does not produce seeds but sprouts rapidly from its root system.

It is not illegal to grow Japanese Knotweed in your own garden but it is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act to plant it in agricultural land. The Council is now seeking advice from the East Yorkshire Council Environmental Department to find out how this potential problem can be dealt with.

5. ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The provisional date for the Annual Village Meeting is 19th May. This will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

6. DRIFFIELD ROAD CONDITION

The Highways department of the East Yorkshire Council is to inspect the condition of the Driffield road as it enters the village from Wetwang on Tuesday 28th March. As all villagers will be aware, the road surface in this area is deteriorating rapidly and has been the cause of several minor accidents. This visit should lead to the repair of the road in the near future.

Age Uk— volunteers needed

A need for support for lonely older people has been identified by Age UK East Riding and there is a waiting list of elderly people needing volunteers to support them in this area. If you can spare some time to offer some support such as Gardening or Shopping or just be a friendly face that pops round now and again for a cuppa, please contact Alan Precious from Age UK.

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or call 01482 869 181

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