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WELCOME

Welcome to the Spring 2023 edition of Shincliffe Community Association Newsletter.

Don't forget to mention SCAN if you contact our advertisers.

Organisers/members should please check the **Useful Information** section and let us know of any updates/changes.

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Short articles and/or **photos** are always welcome, although space limitations may mean that they will not always be published. We are also inviting people to suggest helpful **hints and tips** which may be of interest to members of the community and can fill in awkward gaps in the magazine.

Please use shincliffenews@gmail.com for any queries regarding adverts and/or contributions.

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Shincliffe Show – Saturday 9th September 2023

This year's show will be held a week earlier to encourage bumper entries of fruit and vegetables, including our new wonky veg category! We look forward to another successful show so get crafting, growing and photographing. Suggestions for new categories are always welcome, please get in touch to share your ideas.

The Coronation is an historic event that will feature large in our lives this year, so recording and remembering it for the future are important and will be the focus for our Shincliffe Show photography classes.

As part of the celebrations, there will be a special extra category for children - a painting or drawing of 'My Coronation Memories'. The class groups will be Key Stage (KS)1, KS2, KS3, KS4, KS5 & KS6. The winning entries will be included in a sealed time capsule which will be displayed in the Church Hall. All other entries will be recorded in conjunction with Shincliffe Local History Society.

Knit'n'Natter

Our group of crafters continue to meet every Friday and support many local charities. New members are always welcome, as are occasional visitors. Our November coffee morning raised £600 for the Royal Osteoporosis Society, many thanks to those who supported us.

Our March coffee morning is in support of the Hearts & Minds appeal to create a research centre for the North East at James Cook Hospital.

Exercise Classes

The Tuesday Keep Fit class at the Church Hall (Tuesday 12pm – 1pm) continues to thrive. It is run at a gentle pace and ends with seated stretches and relaxation. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Chris Stevens on 386 3158.

AGM

We will hold our AGM on 26th April at the Avenue Inn at 7.00pm, and invite you to join us. We are a small group and would like to hold more events, and start new groups but need your support and ideas.

Why not contact us or come along and meet us.

SCAN Distribution

We are in need of a volunteer to distribute SCAN to farms in the parish please

Christmas Lunch

We enjoyed good food and good company at our Christmas Lunch, and even challenged our knowledge with a festive quiz! Many thanks to The Avenue for hosting us.

Coronation of King Charles III

A number of events are being planned to celebrate the coronation and to allow members of our community to participate in a number of ways including attending Coronation Big Lunch events, which will be held at St Mary's Church; The Green accessed via Ancroft Garth; Hill Meadows and Langton Lea, all of which you are welcome to attend.

A wide range of events are being planned and further details will be circulated to all households when they are finalised.

There will be lots of bunting to hang around the parish, so offers of assistance would be welcome! Opportunities to volunteer your time in other ways to help our community will also be included.

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We need your membership/financial support to help us continue! It is so easy to join, costing £2 for adults - you can make a payment directly to our bank account: sort code 09-01-56, account number 23324601. If you wish to join this way could you also notify us by emailing scatreasurer22@gmail.com with your names(s) and address please. We have also included a membership form, completed ones can be dropped off at/sent to 27, Telford Close, High Shincliffe.

You are also most welcome to make a donation, if you prefer.

SHINCLIFFE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Membership Application for 2023

Name.....

Address

.....Section.....

E-mail

(For us to send community messages only. Your address will not be divulged or shared.)

Please tick box for age range ☐ under 18 ☐ 18+

I agree to abide by the rules of the Association

Signature

Fees: Under 18s free, otherwise £2



Knit'n'Natter

Avenue Inn

Fridays 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Only £3.50 per week & includes tea, coffee, cake and chatter!

Why not come and join our group of friendly crafters to learn a new skill or enjoy an existing one in like-minded company.

We offer the opportunity to share & learn new skills including knitting, crochet & cross stitch.

You are welcome to bring along your current projects or join us in charitable knitting as we continue to donate hats, cardigans, blankets and many other items to a wide variety of local causes.

We always welcome donations of wool and needles.

Please feel free to contact **Del Faye on 07503 167131 or 386 0369** or call in to see us if you have any questions.

LOCAL NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Broadband for High Shincliffe

May I say a big thank you to Kit Erlebach for organising the opportunity to enjoy superfast broadband, it has already proved so beneficial to many households.

A Big Thank You!

I wanted to say a huge 'Thank You' to all who have passed my fruit and vegetable 'stall' on Whitwell Acres – the one which had the blue and yellow bucket attached! Over the course of the summer, extremely generous neighbours have contributed a massive £342, which you can see has been donated to the Ukraine Disasters Emergency Commission. I hope that this money can make some difference to the lives of some people in Ukraine.

I very much appreciate your generosity and thank you from the bottom of my allotment!

John Blindell

SHINCLIFFE W.I.

WI members? Stereotypical image? Cake and jam makers? Superb craftswomen? Singers of Jerusalem? Some of us are all of those – many of us do only some of those things - and some only sing Jerusalem! The WI began in Canada in 1897 and reached North Wales in 1915. Originally, it was intended to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in the production of food during the First World War. It has grown to be the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. It is non-sectarian and non-party political. Tony Blair found this to his cost when given a slow hand clap at the NFWI Annual General Meeting in the year 2000, for trying to use it as a platform to reposition Labour as a party of traditional values in a changing world.

It aims to increase members' awareness at a local, national and global level and is a powerful campaigning lobby. Each year, any member can frame a Resolution and submit it for consideration. A selection panel considers them all and creates a shortlist. All members vote on this list and the focus for the current campaign is chosen. Past campaigns have covered a range of issues, such as equal pay, mental health, domestic abuse and climate change. We are currently voting on this year's Resolution. The WI is a force to be reckoned with. Come and join us!

Our current programme offers a range of topics and events. We are looking forward to celebrating the King's Coronation in May and to speakers and entertainments throughout the year.

- Wednesday April 5th : AGM Election of new Committee
- Wednesday May 3rd: Coronation Afternoon Tea, catered by Seventeen of Coxhoe. N.B. this meeting will take place at 2.00 p.m, - not in the evening as usual.
- Thursday May 18th: Birthday Dinner: Bistro 1819 A Celebration of King Charles
- Monday 22nd May: Group Meeting hosted by Sedgefield WI
- Wednesday June 7th: Speaker: David Wilson from the charity Daft as a Brush
- Wednesday June 14th: Outing to South Shields
- Wednesday July 5th: Speaker: Elaine Johnson: From Fleece to Yarn
- Wednesday August 2nd: Speaker: Ian Anderson: The History of the National Garden Scheme
- Wednesday 6th September: Speaker: Sandra Gould-Wood; Canary Girls – Forgotten Heroines

Monthly meetings are held in the WI Hut and begin at 7.30 p.m. New members will be made most welcome.

Sue Sandham (Shincliffe WI)

Elvet Methodist Church

Please visit our website for information about events and services: www.elvet-church.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF HEART AND MINDS APPEAL

Friday 24th March – 9.30am – 11.30am

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Feeding Families offers hope and security to those experiencing food poverty. Working with other organisations and agencies, **Feeding Families** ensures that thousands of families in desperate need in our area, have access to food essentials.

Collections will continue to be the first Saturday of each month throughout the year. Please leave donations, in the box, at the back of 2 Whitwell Acres before 1pm.

Part baked bread	Rice	Tinned tomatoes/fruit/tuna/meat
UHT milk	Soup	Gravy
Cooking sauce	Soap	Jam/marmalade/chocolate spread
Tea/coffee	Biscuits/crackers	Nuts
Baked beans	Tinned potatoes	Savoury snacks
Cereal	Tinned veg	Toiletries
Pasta	Sweets	

Thanks for your support,
Jan Karnacz

Thank You from Feeding Families

In November last year we leafleted most of High Shincliffe asking for food donations for Feeding Families (feedingfamilies.org.uk). We left a box outside our house for a week and the response was absolutely amazing. The box filled up all day, every day. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and the feedback.

We took two full car loads to Feeding Families Blaydon packing centre where it was sorted ready for use on the busy packing lines. Your donations contributed to the 11,300 Christmas food boxes that have been delivered to families across the north east.

We received such positive feedback that we'll probably do a one off collection again for Christmas this year. Next time we'll get enough leaflets to do all of Shincliffe and leave out a bigger box!

On behalf of Feeding Families, a huge thank you for the support. You made a difference to so many families.

Jayne & Nia
(Volunteers at Feeding Families)



SHINCLIFFE C.O.F.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Report

It has been a productive and exciting term so far in school. Our Year 6 pupils greatly enjoyed their residential visit to the Robinwood Activity Centre near Alston and were able to participate in various adventurous and team building activities. Our Year 1 children explored the local area and the different types of houses they could see. Children in school have had the chance to take part in various sporting enrichment days which have included; Archery, New Age Kurling, Basketball and Tag Rugby.

Our Year 6 children have been working with some Chinese students to help celebrate the Lunar New Year. They undertook various activities to explore Chinese culture including the opportunity to participate in Chinese arts and crafts led by staff.

We marked Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February to reinforce messages around staying safe online. World Book Day was also enjoyed on Thursday 2nd March.

Mr. Philip Rumbles – Head Teacher



Friends of Shincliffe School

Friends of Shincliffe School (FOSS) are a charity made up of volunteers from the school community. We continue to support Shincliffe Primary School by organising fun-filled events for the children, their families and our local community, with the emphasis on raising money for the school for more fun, activities and learning.

We ran a number of events in the Autumn / Winter term including the Christmas Fair (raising over £1300), second-hand book sales, second-hand uniform sales and an infant and junior disco. The bulk of funds raised this year are contributing towards school trips, but FOSS have also supported the Christmas parties and each child received a book as a Christmas gift.

We are planning a number of fundraising activities for the remainder of the academic year. These include:

- **Easter Fair - Thursday 30th March 2023** - join us for egg decorating, Easter bonnets and tea and cake
- **Summer Disco (for pupils) - Friday 19th May 2023**
- **Summer Fair - Saturday 1st July** - enjoy games, stalls, refreshment and if we're lucky some sunshine

A warm and welcoming group of volunteer parents and carers run FOSS and we would love to have some new faces join the team. Please don't feel you need to be available to help with all of the events, there's lots of support needed with the planning and it'd be great to have some new ideas brought forward too. If you would like to find out a little more please call Clare on 07704968946 or email Foss.shincliffe@gmail.com. We can also be contacted via our facebook page.

Lastly, thank you so much for all of the support from the community since our last update. From coming along to the events, to donating raffle prizes, to supporting Father Christmas' grotto, we couldn't do it without you and we and the school are incredibly grateful.

Committee Members -

Chair - Eleanor Routledge

Secretary – Susan Peart & Claire Beresford

Treasurer - Clare Harper

Friday Friends (FF@10)

Part of the gift of friendship is of course enjoying time spent together, sharing the company of others through the thick and thin of life. That's what friends are for. There is a song that says:

*'I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joys and sorrows
till we've seen this journey through.'*

Friday Friends has certainly shared both joys and sorrows since we last reported to SCAN.

Just three months after all the joyful celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee in June, the sad news came, though not a surprise perhaps, of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth's death on 8th September. Friday Friends gathered a fortnight later to share our impressions, stories and memories of her long reign – such good memories amidst the sadness of the moment. Joys and sorrows.

We have had the joy of birthdays and two Golden Weddings to celebrate but also the sadness of Malcolm Heron's death in January following a fall some weeks earlier, as he and Anne were on their way to Friday Friends. It is very good to have Anne back among us again. Joys and sorrows.



Last November, Remembrance Day fell on a Friday so we held the Silence together at 11am after listening to some moving entries in the diary of a soldier who fought in the trenches in the First World War.

In contrast we had a 'lighter' mood at Christmas. Felix (guitar) returned this time with Bryony (flute) to give us a wonderful recital of Christmas music and to halve the average age of our gathering!

More recently we celebrated Valentine's Day with romantic tales, songs, photographs and coincidences! We have enjoyed some rowdy 'board games' mornings, fascinating talks and marvelling at skills e.g. hand bell ringing, all offered by Friday Friends themselves.

Every week we have an 'On This Day,' poetry readings, a free raffle and some singing – and of course good coffee and delicious refreshments. Contributions to our programme are always welcome and we love to see new faces. Just turn up at the Shincliffe Parish Hall at 10 am (until 12 midday) any Friday morning (with the exception of Good Friday).

We are grateful to our faithful team of 'helpers' who provide delicious refreshments, set up and clear up after our meetings and donate a range of the Friday newspapers each week. Thank you one and all.

Thanks too go to St Mary's Church, Shincliffe Community Association and Parish Council for their support, including a generous donation from the Council to help with expenses. FF@10 is a non-profit making group and free for anyone who would like to come along. It would be great to see you there.

Di Johnson for the FF@10 team

Penny Cutter

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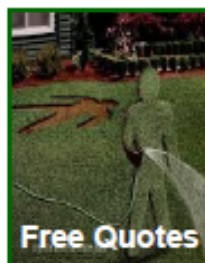
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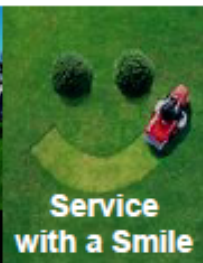
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Plant a tree in '23?

The forthcoming coronation of King Charles the Third serves as a reminder to us that planting a tree on the occasion of the monarch's enthronement (or indeed celebrating a jubilee to mark silver or golden anniversaries, for example) appears to be a time-honoured Shincliffe custom. There are numerous examples around both parts of the village where this has happened over the years. One issue for us has been determining the precise location of them where plaques have ceased to exist. We know that one was planted in Jubilee Place in Shincliffe to mark the silver jubilee of King George V. It is the large tree on the far left as you look at the houses. There is another plaque on the right of the green, courtesy of Beth Driver, the former owner of the garage next to The Rose Tree, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth the Second in 2002.

We thought we would delve into the archives to highlight two examples of villagers celebrating these historic events. The first shows our old friend, Harry Appleton, commemorating the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth. The picture, therefore, was taken in 1953 and would have been in May, judging by the leaves on the trees. This ceremony would have taken place before the official festivities began on June 2nd of that year. Harry was the Headmaster of the village school and would have relished this event. To his right is Alice Chapelow who later succeeded him as Headmistress of the school. On his left is Lottie Dazley, his school friend and colleague of many years. Both would retire on the same day just two years later.



The children of Shincliffe School celebrate the impending coronation of Queen Elizabeth the Second in 1953 with a tree-planting ceremony held outside the second school to be built in Bank Foot.

We at SLHS would be very honoured to continue this tradition and discussions are taking place to try to ensure that this happens. We'll provide more information in the next SCAN.



Woodside Cottage in 1935, decked out to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935.

We made reference in the last edition of the SCAN to the celebrations surrounding the Silver Jubilee of George V. We are grateful to the current occupants of Woodside Cottage for this picture of the house from 1935. The occupant was William Jopling who was clearly enjoying the festivities and wished to proclaim his affection for the king. William was a stonemason at Durham Cathedral and it is reputed that he carved the Sir Walter Scott inscription (see below) that stands on Prebends Bridge in the grounds of the cottage.



Don't forget that we meet on the third Monday of the month in the Church Hall. We are always happy to welcome new members or those who wish to pay us a one-off visit.

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|------------------------|--|
| 20 th March | - Gavin Wakefield – The Reverend Alexander Boddy |
| 17 th April | - George Nairn - The River Wear from source to Sunderland |
| 15 th May | - Andy Dowson – The refurbishment of Redhills |

Garry Stout, Chair, Shincliffe Local History Society www.slhs.uk

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Shincliffe St Mary's Newsletter

The Rector Writes...

The Sunday congregation at Church has increased in numbers steadily since the devastation of the pandemic, and just recently has included more than thirty people again, something like what it was before the lockdowns. We are looking to resume some times of more lively celebration at Church after what has been something of a tough period calling for endurance. I would like to draw your attention to the special festivals

coming up under the heading St. Mary's celebrates, such as Mothering Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Day, which we hope will see all ages worshipping together again at the Parish Eucharist.

I am mindful of how heavily the responsibility of looking after the fabric of the Church, and indeed the Churchyard and the Church Hall, falls on the shoulders of the Churchwardens and officers of the Church Council, and am very thankful to them for all that they do for us all. They are responsible for a Church which we all in various ways benefit from. In considering whether to continue using the Church over the winter, we recognised that St. Mary's is important not only for those who attend the Sunday service, or even for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and school visits, but even as a foundational part of the identity of Shincliffe itself. In addition to facing up to the financial costs of keeping St. Mary's in good repair, the officers of the Church carry what can feel at times like a lonely task. It has become clear to me that some wider support for this work from our parish should be established; it would be good to have something like *a Friends of Shincliffe Church*. This would provide some regular financial assistance with fabric work and repairs, and would also give the Church Council the encouragement of knowing that they do not do this alone. Please support the appeal for the funding of the new electricity system for heating the Church. St. Mary's is far from closure, that is not in sight here. It would be much better though if we established some means of support for it beyond the regular congregation. Please let me know if you have any ideas about how this support could be effectively made.

With Best Wishes and prayers, Peter

From the Registers

Funerals

31st Jan James Morrow of High Shincliffe

2nd Feb Malcolm Heron of High Shincliffe

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team of St. Mary's Shincliffe offers care and support to the community and parish. They visit the housebound and those who are ill. If anyone would like to see a friendly face and have a chat please contact Peter Kashouris 3741681



Baptisms

9th Oct Holly Susan Smith of High Shincliffe

To find out more about St. Mary's the Virgin Shincliffe and support the work done in the local community visit: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13481/>

St Mary's celebrates...

Sunday 19th March 9.30am Mothering Sunday Parish Eucharist

Thursday 6th April 7.00pm Maundy Thursday

Friday 7th April 10.00am Good Friday

Sunday 9th April 9.30am Easter Sunday

Sunday 28th May 9.30am Pentecost

Sunday 11th June 9.30am St Barnabas Day and picnic

Children and young people are welcome at all our services but these occasions are particularly inclusive. All are very welcome.



For further information, please contact the parish priest, the Rev'd Peter Kashouris.

pzkashouris@gmail.com 0191 374 1681

St Mary's Church Garden Party will be held on Sunday 9th July. The Grand Raffle will be in support of the **If U Care Share Foundation** Charity Number: 1142001

We are here to save lives, support communities and prevent suicide

We provide a range of services fundamental to our three main aims of prevention, intervention and supporting those bereaved by suicide.

Raffle Tickets will be available for sale from the 1st June and at the Garden Party.

We need help and prizes to support this local charity.

Offers of Donations and Prizes please to Bill Clatworthy:- clatworthy.b@btinternet.com

CHURCH APPEAL -THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY SHINCLIFFE

Dear Shincliffe village and High Shincliffe Parishioner

St Mary's church and churchyard are an attraction and an amenity which serves not only the regular congregation but the wider community. It enhances the village and its beauty and in that respect the value of the houses in the village. The church yard provides a quiet space in the hustle and bustle of the world. The church is also available for those who wish to have a marriage service or a funeral service or have ashes buried in the church yard.



Where does St Mary's get the money to keep the church and church yard looking attractive?

The church is 150 years old and is a grade 2 listed building which means there are restrictions in how it can be repaired, although it does mean that VAT can be reclaimed on repair work.

- So does the government help? The short answer is NO.
- So does the Church of England help? The short answer is NO.
- But surely St Mary's gets funds from the diocese. Again the short answer is NO. On the contrary each year the congregation has to send money to the diocese, and this is known as the Parish Share, which this year is about £30,000.
- So who does pay for the upkeep of the church and church yard? The answer is the regular congregation of the church.

The church was built in a time when coal was cheap and there were no concerns about heating such a high vaulted church. The current energy crisis means that to heat the church once a week to a balmy (or barny) 10°C and stop it from freezing will cost about £7,000 (last year about £1,400). The only way out of these spiralling energy costs is to electrify the heating through radiant panels etc, which means the heating is instant and tailored to the size of the congregation. The electrification of the church would also mean we could come closer to universally desired "net zero carbon emissions". The first step to this goal is to increase the capacity of the incoming electrical cable at a cost of nearly £15,000.

We do have reserves for the maintenance and could part fund the electrification of the church but the roof is leaking and other repairs are required to keep the church looking attractive.

This massive hike in energy costs together with Parish Share and many other costs means that the regular attendees at the church are facing the daunting task of maintaining a large Listed Building alone. The Maintenance of the church has always been the concern of its congregation. The congregation is now looking to the neighbourhood for help with this.

We are looking to raise £15,000 for the electrification of the Church

If you wish to donate, please make cheques payable to **St Mary's Shincliffe PCC** and post it to Peter Hagger at 7 Meldon Way High Shincliffe DH1 2PZ or by bank transfer

Wild Church and Church and Family Dates

We met in February for INTERNATIONAL WHALE DAY and had a very big turnout when we made ocean food webs, enacted Jonah and heard Whale Music. We had braved the cold for the Epiphany, not unlike the three Kings! Refreshments and the fire pit are always at hand; we always gather for a short service and enjoy live music together. Everyone is welcome – it is all-age and ecumenical. The dates from March are:-

Sat 18th March Celebrating St. Patrick: 4.00 pm. Meet in the Hall for a Green Feast Party refreshments, parade of limericks and story-telling, then outside for a bean bag game, prayer station, shamrock decoration, fire pit and mallows, and find the four-leaf clover. Short service with live music.

Sat 1st April. Palm Sunday Eve 4.00 pm

Sat 13th May: Christian Aid Week: An African themed celebration and service – bring a donation if you can.

Sat 17th June 4.00 pm : 30 Days Wild (with The Wildlife Trusts) - Building a big bug hotel.

Sun 9th July 4.00 pm: Wild Church at the Garden Party: be sure to meet the Whale!

Belfry News

The last Belfry News was about ringing connected with the death of our late Queen. Now we look forward to ringing for the Coronation of King Charles in May. There is a national effort to enlist as many new or lapsed ringers as possible for this – and ‘Ring for the King’ is hoped to help with this. The central organisation for the ringers in this country, and abroad, is the CCCBR (Central Council of Church Bellringers) and it is under their auspices that ‘Ring for the King’ is being coordinated and encouraged. Whether or not you feel you would like to ring, or come back to ringing after a time away, there are some excellent videos of ringing, about bells and about learning to ring, if you go to the link below.

<https://ringforthe king.org>

In Shincliffe we spend much time teaching new learners, anyone who’d like to ring, any age from about 8 years, with no upper limit. As the videos make plain, it’s not an instant skill, but we are very happy to teach. Our bells are small and easy to ring in comparison to many, so a very good place to learn.

As I’ve mentioned before, we have close links with our University ringers – members of DUSCR (Durham University Society of Change Ringers). Some of us go along to help them with their very thriving band of experienced and learner ringers at Brancepeth; and several of them come along to Shincliffe to help or to learn themselves.

What the videos don’t show though, is the very sociable aspect of ringing. After every practice most of us go along to the pub, where we have a small amount of alcohol, but a great deal of chat and sociability with our fellow ringers of all ages. It’s like belonging to a ringing ‘family’.

If you would like to join us and learn to ring yourself, or to return to ringing after a break, please feel free to come along on any Tuesday evening to St Mary’s Church at 7.30 p.m. and you will be made very welcome.

Jean Woodward 384 9957

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Shincliffe Parish Council News

Dear Neighbours and Friends,

I am writing this on a cold and dark-ish morning at the end of January but by the time you read this article spring will have sprung! And that reminds me that last year the parish won two awards in the Beautiful Durham Competition. Shincliffe Village won Best Small Village, whilst High Shincliffe was “highly commended” in the Best Village Category!

First to update you on the public meeting we held on 1st November about the A177 (see previous SCAN Issue 71), which was attended by Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen, together with representatives from Durham County Council (DCC), Durham Constabulary and MP Mary Foy’s Office. It was well attended by over 50 residents and a number of action points came out of it. DCC committed to a repeat data survey on A177 and to clean or replace signage and road markings.

Shincliffe Parish Council committed to developing a Traffic Strategy, including allocating funding to purchase equipment which records road speed data over a longer period of time than the DCC snapshot, and also to purchase signage to highlight 30mph. The PCC has committed £30,000 for safer roads which we will bid for. All parties agreed to work to develop a problem solving approach to identify evidence based solutions to A177 issues and ensure there are no unintended consequences, such as diverting traffic through the village! It has become clear that DCC do not wish to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph, despite their own data showing that over 25% of drivers exceeded the speed limit on the A177 running past Shincliffe Village. So, the campaign continues! As does a ‘20’s plenty’ campaign for speed limits to the perimeter road of High Shincliffe and the Village. We are also enquiring about the regulations about the size of HGV’s accessing our residential roads. Shincliffe Parish Council’s consultation in December on parking restrictions within the Village had attracted over 20 responses. At the time of writing we are liaising with DCC about the final decisions prior to implementation.

The Autumn Litter Pick took place on 29th October and, despite the cold weather, was very successful and participants were rewarded with a hot cuppa, courtesy of The Avenue Pub! Thank you to those volunteers who attended. Your efforts have helped to clean up our beautiful Parish!

Councillors were invited to East Durham and Houghall College in November to learn about their expansion plans and the possibility of building executive homes in Houghall to attract further funding. This will be subject to planning permission.

Shincliffe Parish Council has increased its inspection and maintenance of Shincliffe Play Park, which as well as monthly and annual inspections carried out by DCC and RoSPA respectively, now includes an independent quarterly inspection which involves the dismantling of key components of the equipment. All of this is to ensure the safety of users. A big ‘Thank You’ to County Cllr David Stoker for committing £4000 to assist Shincliffe Parish Council with Park maintenance and inspection!

Research is underway to assess the possibility of siting Electric Vehicle (E.V.) charging points at a couple of locations in High Shincliffe and the Village. We are liaising with Durham County Council and there will be consultation on this matter.

We are to establish a Parish Resilience Forum and develop a Community Emergency Plan, so that Shincliffe Parish Council can assist the emergency services whenever such an incident occurs, for example Storm Arwen, which caused power outage at Sherburn House. We have been liaising with the Civil Contingencies Unit about setting up a Parish Resilience Forum and one of their officers has agreed to join us at a Public Meeting about this matter, which will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at the Church Hall in Shincliffe Village. If you're interested, please come along.

By the time you're reading this, plans will be well under way for celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. Community meetings were held in February, March and April to plan and coordinate events between 6th -8th May. We will be publicising the programme of events shortly, so do join in the celebrations!

Elsewhere in SCAN you will see updates from our Chairs of Horticulture Committee and Climate Action Committee. There are opportunities for residents to get involved in both of these committees, so please let us know if you are interested.

Shincliffe Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of each month (except August recess) at 6pm in St. Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village. It is open to the public and you would be most welcome to attend. We also welcome views about how we can improve our community for Parish residents. You can do this by attending a council meeting to raise an issue in the 'public participation' section of the agenda, or by writing to our Clerk, or responding to the Annual Parish Survey.

Your Parish Councillors are:

- Stephen Ashfield
- Michael Banks
- Ann Callaghan
- Bill Clatworthy
- Brian Fairlamb.

Our Parish Clerk, Richard Ormerod, can be contacted at:

clerk@shincliffeparishcouncil.org.uk

If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please get in touch for an informal chat. No obligation. No Press Gang! You can find more information on our website:

www.shincliffeparishcouncil.org.uk

Have a fabulous Springtime!

Best...

Michael Banks (Chairman, Shincliffe Parish Council)

Shincliffe Parish Council Horticultural News

Autumn and Winter are noticeable for the sometimes stunning changes in colours as trees lose their leaves, conkers and acorns drop and squirrels busy themselves gathering food.

It is a quiet time for our gardener as the ground has been hard after the warm, dry summer and frosty winter. Now Spring beckons and Marc will be digging over the beds and planting our Spring bedding mix.

Tree Surveys

SPC decided after the recent storms last year to survey the trees on Parish owned land starting with the Village. We have 72 trees that Oliver's Tree Surgeons have finished pruning and cutting back where necessary.

Old Miners Wood.

This was purchased by SPC in December 1983 as a Nature Reserve' for the Community for a princely sum of £3,100. It comprises an area of 3.74 acres of mixed woodland and the aim is to preserve and conserve the ecology of the area as a 'Nature Reserve'.

To this end we engaged with Durham Wildlife Trust for advice on future maintenance and management. Oliver's will be carrying out a survey and work to deal with areas of immediate concern; such as fallen trees and overhanging branches; highlighted by DWT. The woods require some management to encourage natural regeneration and promote biodiversity. Any trees felled will be used to create natural wildlife habitats and even bug and bee hotels.

There was apparently a natural pond which became a swampy area fed by irrigation from a neighbouring field. That has now almost dried out as the source of irrigation has been diverted. We are contacting the owners of the adjoining field to see if some remediation can take place to reinstate the pond.

Coronation

Moving on we have a New Monarch, a King who will be Crowned on Saturday May 6th.

As part of the Coronation Celebrations we are hoping that a joint 'Eco project' between SPC, DWT and Shincliffe School will establish bird nest boxes and bat boxes and possibly bird feeding stations within the woods.

We are hoping to purchase some suitable 'Coronation Planters' to be situated in all three areas of our Parish.

Drought resistant planting

We have already purchased our Spring and Summer bedding plants and we are working towards increasing biodiversity in our seasonal planting program using perennials where possible. Unfortunately many of the 'flower beds' are very shallow having been created on old roads or are

based on rubble. This compromises root growth. We will trial some of these beds with some drought resistant varieties.

Bill Clatworthy (Chair Horticulture Committee)

DOWN THE LANE: Hunkering down in Shincliffe for the winter.

Didn't we have two cold snaps! Ten days before Christmas, in came the snow and then the cold snap of January 1923. It took a good week for the frost to break the second time. I had thought hedgehogs just hibernate. Well, with Masie arriving, courtesy of 'Paws for Thought', our rescue partner with Wild Church, I now know hibernation is partial. – in the snowy spell the hedgehog house was occupied, but when it warmed up, the hedgehog food was being taken again and the scrabbling marks were pretty clear. We think it's Masie in there, not Gary; male hedgehogs tend to scarper as soon as they are released. He may be in the garden in a wood pile somewhere. Now I know that Masie gets up from time to time, to stretch and feed when it's warm, it makes me wonder about the other animals.

Everything seems so dead in December and January - I was thinking, 'Well do the wood mice hibernate? We have delightful wood mice with big flappy ears in the garden. If we are quiet in the summer we have seen them climb up nearly a two-metre stem for seeds to eat, to stay alive. In the winter woods they can eat acorns, ash and sycamore seeds and they will nibble fruit and green plants too. So, when we feed the birds, we also are helping out the wood mice. But they do not hibernate but apparently, gather in mixed-sex winter nests, burrowed-out just underground. They stay around, waiting for buds to nibble in early spring. The mixed-sex nests mean they can even have young in the winter and being like squirrels and jays; they make a larder, a food cache to eat later. Hence they can support their young.

The buds will be swelling into leaf by the time you read this; it is all part of the cycle of life. I heard from an old Countryman magazine that in the States, the native Americans believe the seasons form a great circle so December and January are as much beginnings as the ends of the year. Nothing says this so much to me as butterflies; last week one that has been hibernating in my dining room decided it had warmed up enough to fly around a bit – such a delight in mid-winter. It realised it was on a cold window and promptly went back to bed! He is hibernating again waiting for a warm spring day when we can let it out to mate, lay eggs and off the cycle goes again.

I have been delighted that here on 1st Feb there are still holly berries on the trees and the thrushes and Wood Pigeon have had plenty to eat. It has been such a lovely winter for berries and it is great that our neighbours let us take a wee bit. In the woods, holly was deliberately clumped and managed in pre-Victorian times and it is still done in parts of the Lakes – you call these holly clumps in a wood, the 'Holly Hags'. These get pollarded or coppiced so that the top leaves (without prickles) are more like the rest. The coppicing brings on twigs that are not too big to be inedible. It can be given to cows and sheep for iron-rich fodder in the winter. When our children

were young, the holly walk to collect some for the Christmas pudding was such a lovely afternoon.

We do not realise how hungry our forebears became in the winter. I know young rooks were tied into nests to feed up and were then taken for rook pie in Spring, but the Holly twigs and bark also had a role. They were boiled up, left to ferment and the resulting gubbins was very, very sticky. The rich folk may have had doves to farm themselves some pigeon meat, but the poor painted this sticky gunge (bird lime) onto nearby trees, to catch wee birds for the pot.

Fortunately, the last week of January and first of February brought some bright days, if not windy. Just like the musical “Grease” we could say, “ ... and oh those *winter* nights!” There were glorious sunsets. It makes you want to get out and walk and see the up and coming hellebores, snowdrops and aconites on the village street. I do believe it’s their cycle – and off we go again

Julie Goodhart

Sam Read

Sam's Home and Garden Maintenance
Member of the Registered Traders Scheme







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AVENUE
HIGH SHINCLIFFE

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY

WEEKLY QUIZ STARTS AT 8.15PM
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TUESDAY

GAMES NIGHT FROM 6PM
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THURSDAY

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Sunday Services: 9:30am Parish Eucharist.

6:00pm Evening Service via Zoom

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Secretary:

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St Mary's Pastoral Team:

Team Leader: Peter Kashouris: 383 0830

Sunday Services:

9:30am Parish Eucharist.

6:00pm Evening Service via Zoom

Additional services and changes to the above are posted on the notice boards at the church door and outside the Church Hall.

Confirmation Classes:

Details from the Parish Priest

Baptisms & Weddings:

By arrangement with the Parish Priest; contact via Parish Office

Ecumenical House Groups:

Details from Julie Goodhart

1 The Corner House, High Street North,
Shincliffe Village 3869047

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Keith Hayton: 386 6585

Jean Woodward (Secretary): 384 9957

Practice night: Tues., 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Church Flowers:

Yvonne Willis - 2, HillCrest 386 2124

Church Cleaning: 2nd Tuesday in the month-more volunteers welcome. Contact:

Margaret Charters:

Email: mscharters@hotmail.com

St. Mary's Church Hall can be booked for:

private functions, children's parties, group meetings, coffee mornings, commercial uses etc.

For availability and booking please contact:

Susan Banks: Mob: 07796668946 Tel: 384 0183

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Social Activities: A variety of social activities over the year. Details in SCAN delivered to every house in the parish

BOWBURN & ELVET METHODIST CHURCHES

Ministers:

The Revd. Andy Longe 354 5955

The Revd. John Squares 340 9701

Sunday Worship:

Bowburn: 10.30am

Elvet Methodist church: 10.45am & 6.00pm

Tuesday Kids Club at Bowburn: 5.30pm (term time)

'Messy Church' at Bowburn: 5.30pm (1st Tuesday in month)

Wednesday Women's Fellowship: 2.00pm (1st and 2nd of the month at Bowburn)

During university term times we have a Lunch Stop at 12 noon at Elvet

ST CUTHBERT'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Priest: 384 3442

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Weekday Masses:

Monday 9.15am

Tuesday 12.15pm

Wednesday 7.00pm

Thursday 12.15pm

Friday 12.15pm

Saturday 9.15am

Confessions:

Saturday 9.45am –

10.15am

Holy Days – Obligation Masses:

12.15pm & 7.00pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals by arrangement

There is a notice board on the Church gate with details of services.

OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS

DETAILS can be found in the Clayport Library, Millennium Place, Claypath, Durham: 386 4003

SHINCLIFFE DIARY

Shincliffe Local History Society meets every third Monday 7.30-9.30pm (see their website for details)

Parish Council is every third Thursday (except August recess) from 6pm till 8pm

Summer Church Garden Party Sunday 9th July

St. Mary's Church Hall Calendar of Weekly Events

Mon: **Pilates** 9.30-10.30am
Tues: **Baby & Toddler Group** 9.30-11.30am
Keep Fit (Gentle) 12.00-1.00pm
Thurs: **Baby & Toddler** 9.30-11.30am
Fri: **Friday Friends @10** 10am-12noon
Sat: **Little Movers** 10.00-11.00am

For private bookings please contact Susan Banks on 3840183
Mob: 07796668946
Email: broc.banks66@gmail.com

Weekly Events in WI Hut

Mon **Little Ballers** 9.30-11.30am
Little Ballers 4.00-4.45pm
Dance your socks off 6.30-7.30pm
Tues **Elvet Striders Yoga** 6.00-7.00pm
Wed **WI Meeting** (first week of each month)
7.30-9.30pm
Thurs **Little Ballers** 4.00-4.45pm
Keep Fit 7.00-8.00pm
Fri **Dance your socks off** 9.00-10.00am
Sat **Little Ballers** 9.00-11.45am

Please contact Yvonne Willis on 3862124 for bookings
Contact for Little Ballers is: jfdavie1@hotmail.com
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