



Brunby e-News

July 2020

Welcome to the July eNewsletter

We're so lucky living in the countryside. There's an astonishing variety of wildlife in our area and, the more you look the more you see. Over the last few days we've been captivated by the antics of a pair of flycatchers who have been nesting under a tile in our shed roof; they may not be the most colourful of birds, but they more than make up for that with their spectacular aerobatic insect catching sorties from a perch in a tree. I could sit idly by and watch them for ages!

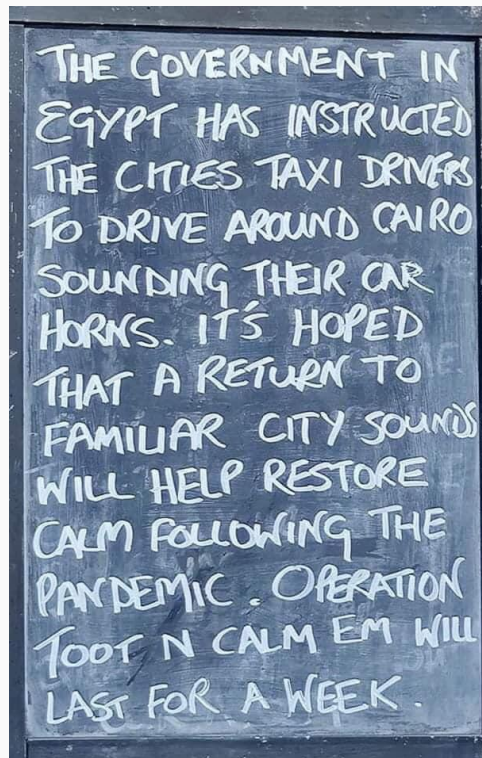
This year we've taken to wandering about with a camera to try and capture pictures of some of our fellow residents - it's good fun, and very rewarding when you get a good shot (about 1 in a 100 on a good day it seems!). I particularly like the one we managed to take of a kestrel above. If you have a little time, why not do the same and send some of your own pictures of the area in to publish, a couple of you have and you'll see them below. It could be anything - birds, insects, flowers, landscapes - whatever your preference; it all helps to make this publication richer and more interesting. Anyway, you'll see some of ours, and others', efforts dotted around this edition. I hope you enjoy them.

Thanks!

A big thanks to those of you who have taken the time to send in e-mails about the NewsLetter - they are always very welcome and make the job of putting it together feel worthwhile. Talking of photos above, did I mention that it would be really good to get some pictures..?!

Best wishes

Neil





Wilby School Update

The last few months in education have been very challenging but thankfully Wilby School has been able to remain open throughout the lockdown period.

Currently in school pupils have been organised into five 'bubble groups'. Each group has separate start, finish, break and lunch time. This means that social distancing is easier to manage. In addition to this a deep clean was carried out during the half term holidays and staff rigorously adhere to the cleaning routines described in the school Coronavirus Risk Assessment.

At present we have about 90% of our children attending school on a full or part time basis. This is wonderful in terms of teaching and learning outcomes but also, most significantly, it is so good for their mental health, providing much needed socialisation and helping to prepare them for their return in September.

Alongside the teaching that our pupils receive in school, online learning for all age groups and abilities continues to be set every day and daily communication with parents is available via a computer/mobile app called Class Dojo or via our website. We set new tasks each day and produce a weekly timetable of cross curricular afternoon activities. In addition to this staff read stories to pupils and post these online via Dojo. We also host a Zoom meeting for each class most weeks where pupils share their research into a pre-agreed topic with one another and enjoy the opportunity to see each other face to face.

Our parents and carers have done and continue to do an amazing job to provide their children with a home education. Educating your child at home when you have nothing else to do would be a challenging task but to do this against the background of looking after other children, trying to run a home and even, in many cases, trying to work from home must have been like trying to climb a mountain. We would like to congratulate them for all their hard work.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back into school in

September on a full time basis. Now we await further details from the government so that we can plan exactly how this will need to happen. But whatever the challenges ahead, we remain positive and ready to be flexible/ innovative so that the new-year is the best that it can be for everyone.



A brilliant splash of colour near Bury St Edmunds in June. Sent in by Diane & Peter Palmer

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Did you know that our village church is one of eight churches that make up the Four Rivers Benefice. Each year we are expected to raise somewhere in the region of £64,000 no small sum from a population of 3000, not all church goers. It never ceases to amaze me how each year the church is told what is expected of it and the PCCs take a collective gulp and then get on with it. I would like to thank them for their hard work, for their keenness and diligence. In some ways we should all be grateful to them because without them our church buildings would be lost to us. They would be turned into homes, workshops, ruins or demolished completely.

There is something about a church that helps define a community, gives a village an identity. We have some beautiful church buildings in our villages, all of them parish churches that have occupied their spot for hundreds if not nearly a thousand years. Perhaps this is in our minds when we go to church, remembering the countless thousands of people who have entered those doors before us and said their prayers? We look forward to a time when we can once more enter our churches and hold services. Just as we look forward to doing the ordinary things that make life enjoyable and enriched.

Hope is born from faith, faith in the future, faith that things will improve, for some it is faith that God has promised to be with us whatever befalls us. Very soon we will indeed be allowed back into our church as individuals to say private prayers. When you remember those people of the past who entered the church in faith, think of those today who would dearly love to but can't and pray in hope for the future when all will be normal again. If you cannot go to the church, don't worry, spend some quiet time at home, picture the church in your mind and use it to focus your thoughts on the future asking for faith to believe all will be well again. We know it will not be the same but the hope is it will be safe once more to hug and interact with friends and family. Look out for the notice outside the church for opening times but do remember the rules on hygiene and social distancing.

We are so blessed with the buildings that have been passed on to us. They are our responsibility, not only to keep but to use. Discover your church, use it, focus on it, use it to pray in faith for the future. Our churches are here for the crisis as they have been in the past. Gradually, as the government allows they are showing signs of opening up. Let us work to keep them open and the church will be here when we need it, whatever befalls.

David

Church Services on Zoom

Four Rivers Benefice

Below are listed the Four Rivers benefice online Zoom services for July 2020. Our churches are now open at times for private prayer and the Government has just announced that churches will soon be permitted to open for services but with restrictions on numbers and strict procedures to follow.

We will still continue with these Zoom services even when church services start to take place.

If you would like to join us, or you know of others who would, simply send email addresses to Chrissie at christinemsmart@aol.com and she will send you instructions, a link and a service sheet.

Date	Time	Service
Wed 1 st July	8pm	Celtic Prayer
Fri 3 rd July	9am	Celtic Prayer
Sun 5 th July	10am	Family Service led by The Thompson family
Wed 8 th July	8pm	Celtic Prayer
Fri 10 th July	9am	Celtic Prayer
Sun 12 th July	10am	Holy Communion led by Rev'd David Mulrenan
Wed 15 th July	8pm	Celtic Prayer
Fri 17 th July	9am	Celtic Prayer
Sun 19 th July	10am	Family Service led by Sheila Pipe plus team
Wed 22 nd July	8pm	Celtic Prayer
Fri 24 th July	9am	Celtic Prayer
Sun 26 th July	10am	Holy Communion led by Rev'd David Burrell
Wed 29 th July	8pm	Celtic Prayer
Fri 31 st July	9am	Celtic Prayer

We hope to see you online and look forward to the time that we can meet back in our churches.

Reverend David

St. Mary's Church, Wilby.

The Church is now open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays from 2.0 - 5.0 pm. Those seats which are not cordoned off may be used.

Hand-sanitiser will be available and should be used on entering and leaving the Church. People are requested to sign the Visitor's Book and leave contact details.



The splendid flycatcher looking for dinner

Wilby Village Hall News

Whilst the hall has been closed we have been busy moving forward with the upgrade project. We have had solar batteries fitted to address the ever increasing electric bill which is our main monthly outlay. We have also had new heating installed and thanks go to committee members and Tony Shearman for their assistance as well as our electrical contractor Marty Norris. We now have planning permission for the sewage treatment plant, work commences on July 13th for one week during which time the car park entrance will move to the gate opposite the School.

*** Open for Pub Night on July 17th ***

We look forward to seeing you all as life slowly returns to normal.

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A Bee Orchid in Brundish. Photo sent in by David Strauss.

Originally called the 'humble bee orchid', this species was given its name because the flowers mimic a female bee, both in scent and appearance - the male bee is tricked into landing on the flower and attempting to mate with it!

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