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2025 is an important year for Ken and me. We celebrate our 40th Wedding Anniversary at the end of May. We have just booked to stay in a little cottage, similar to the one we stayed in on our honeymoon on the west coast of Donegal all those years ago. We have added this trip down memory lane to a larger family holiday in June at Portstewart because the extended Family Twemlow is going to Northern Ireland to celebrate my sister's 80th birthday. As a child I remember her saying to me she was 'a peace gift' because she was born at the end of the Second World War. So of course this year we will celebrate or should that be commemorate, the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on 8th May and Victory in Japan Day on 2nd September.

These milestones set me wondering about other milestones this year. Our son will be 35 this April. At one time this would be considered middle aged, but as life expectancy has increased I think 40 might be more accurate. It is our grandson's first birthday in April so this will be an excuse for an even larger gathering of family and friends to mark this occasion. Ken's brother and his wife both celebrate their 60th birthdays this year.

Is this a year that your family marks important milestones?. Have a think you might surprise yourself.

Later in this magazine you will read that our local Methodist Chapel and School was built in 1905. Rev Hibberts writes a thought provoking article about celebrating the purpose for which the building was originally built 120 years ago. He challenges us to consider if there is a new and more important purpose now needed to be fulfilled in our village.

Other anniversaries are perhaps less palatable. This September marks the 50th Anniversary of the tragic accident at the Cromwell Lock when 10 soldiers from 300 Troop, 131 Independent Parachute Squadron RE(V) perished whilst on Exercise Trent Chase.

This year is the 25th Anniversary of my Father's death.

I still get caught out with a sudden memory of something we did together or something he said. The pain I used to feel on such occasions is less and a smile is more likely to follow rather than tears. Definitely a case of 'loved but no longer seen. Gone but not forgotten.'

Volunteer request

North Muskham Parish Council is currently preparing an emergency plan for the village. This will of course hopefully never be initiated but it is best practice to have one in place and a number of parishes have one already.

This could cover anything from flooding to utilities outages or even another pandemic. A successful buddy system was organised in the village during Covid for instance.

We are lucky to live in a village where many people help others and their community in general and this is really an extension of that ethos.

We are compiling a list of volunteers to put their names down in relation to any of the following areas:-

Specialist skills - doctors, nurses etc

Access to specialist equipment – 4x4, digger, tractor etc

Physical work - moving sandbags etc

Light work - including refreshment provision etc.

Any other ideas welcome?

There is already a core of volunteers to become flood wardens, but if anyone else wishes to volunteer they would be more than welcome. This would however require training which would be organised with Nottinghamshire County Council via the Parish Council. A number of us hope to complete this over the coming months.

The main responses will of course come from the regular emergency services and authorities but there will be areas that we can assist with or cover.

If you are interested in any of the above then please email and provide a mobile number to gary.hobbs4@btinternet.com

Thank you for your consideration

Bathley Parish Council

The next parish council meeting is on the **5th March 8pm The Crown**. There will be a meeting in February for residents to discuss **A Joint Neighbourhood Plan**. Date to be decided.

ASSISTED DYING

In a short article I can't hope to do justice to such a topic, but here are my thoughts following the recent debate in Parliament. As a Christian Minister I cannot readily support the idea, since it goes against a major principle of our Faith. And I note that virtually all the Faith leaders (not just the Christian ones) have spoken against it.

One can well appreciate the desire to spare people a painful and lingering death if their condition has been diagnosed as terminal. One Christian writer, suffering with terminal Multiple Sclerosis, complains that those who oppose Assisted Dying “ . . . do not want a sick person to avoid, at their own request, an unpleasant death.”

I have read about a retired Doctor, in favour of it, and who would himself choose to go to Dignitas; however when he was terminally ill with Multiple Sclerosis or Motor-Neurone Disease, he received good end-of-life care and he and his family found his final days a time of peace and fellowship as his body shut down. Being with, sitting with a dying person has been said by many to be therapeutic and precious, for both parties. A former Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, said that when their infant daughter was dying, those last days which he and Sarah spent with her were among the most precious in their lives. “She died in our arms.”

A former Palliative Care Social Worker, now a Priest in Canada, not long after they adopted the legalisation of assisted dying, tells of being contacted by one lady who was due to be dying the next day because of pressure from her family. He tells of another lady whose husband had recently made use of the facility - the day after they had had a blazing row which had not been resolved. She was distraught, after years of happy marriage. On another occasion he was visiting a parishioner in hospital, who had suffered from cancer for many years and whose health had suddenly deteriorated severely, who had been handed the MAiD brochure by hospital staff, unasked and without prior discussion with him or his wife. “Hello Father” he said, to the priest, “they want me to kill myself.” He died naturally some weeks later, at home, surrounded by his family.

Then there is also the question regarding the qualified people deciding whether someone is eligible for Assisted Dying - will they be taken from other health-connected jobs, with doctors in short supply anyway?
And where would the necessary funding come from?

I don't envy our legislators. Let us pray for them.

Every Blessing

Rev David Bartlett



Muskham Messenger 2025

The Muskham Messenger is simply an email newsgroup for members to communicate within the group. It is a closed group, so you have to join to send or receive. There are currently some 272 members; all from North Muskham and its surrounds, and a few friends of Muskham who have moved away but like to keep tabs on us all. With the huge solar farm coming with its impact on the environment, council re-organisation, new neighbourhood planning, it is best to be informed.

Why?

The Messenger was established in 2006 to help get news around the village about what was going on. As well as informing about events, it could also inform about items for sale or exchange, break-ins, lost and found.

Rules!

Simple rules: Be polite and remember that all members would get all emails, so mind what you say. We also do not allow commercial advertising. Selling your car, fine, running a car selling business - use commercial advertising. You'll get the hang of it!

Get the Message?

To send and receive on muskhammessenger@googlegroups.com you need to join the group. Send your name, address, and a contact number, along with your email to :jim.wishart@hotmail.co.uk. We will check your locality and then invite you to join or added to the group straight away. Join the Messenger to be in touch!

From the Register

St Wilfrid's North Muskham

Funerals

2nd January 2025

Brian Roy Morris

Baptisms

5th January 2025

Isla, Jude and Sebastian Davies



Community together.

This year North Muskham Methodist Church celebrates 120 years of connection with community in the village. We've recently been looking through some of the documents from the original building of the chapel in 1905.



Actually, most of the receipts that we still have, 120 years later, document it as 'North Muskham Methodist Church *and School*.' We've found it fascinating to imagine what the fellowship were trying to do in 1905 when they built the current chapel.

As far as I can see the Methodist Society built the chapel with an adjacent school room in 1905 (replacing the 1814 chapel), because they felt the need of the community was Sunday-schooling. [Free and universal education would have been gathering pace by then (following the Elementary Education act of 1870) and in North Muskham a Board School was built in 1880 serving as the village school until the present school building was opened 1965.] Up until the 1870 Act much schooling for poor families was provided by Churches (Anglican and Methodist) and it's certainly in the DNA of Methodism to connect with community and demonstrate God's love through practical action.

If North Muskham Methodist Church were built in 2025, it wouldn't need to build a school room. The thriving school in North Muskham caters not only for the needs of the village but surrounding villages too.

Post-Covid, the Methodist Church in North Muskham has been reflecting on new ways of connecting with God and new ways of connecting with our community. We've stopped meeting in the pews and now meet in the school room which has been converted into a cafe (comfy chairs, coffee tables and church done much more informally and intimately). Our worshipping group has significantly increased in this time and we now meet for fortnightly cafe church alongside our other acts of worship. In this time we've discovered the benefits of exploring faith together, in discussion over a cuppa! We still sing and pray together (that's also in our Methodist DNA) but we listen for God's voice together and find our own voices in the process. I've personally found it exciting and liberating, and I'm not alone in that. So what next?

Well, we currently still meet in a building built early in the last century, for the purposes of worship and schooling. It's an old building which is not used for a huge amount time each week; and we felt it was time to re-examine our DNA, re-examine where God might be leading us to partner with community.

The next chapter for us is, I think, even more exciting. Whilst we were turning our school room in to a cafe, some of the members of the community were simultaneously wondering if a community cafe hub would be a good way to bring the community closer together. (I believe God can lead us into connections like this.)

Perhaps if the Chapel were built in 2025 the records would say 'Methodist Chapel and Cafe'. Perhaps with the sale of the Chapel Building (*the Church is the people not the bricks*) and investment alongside the community in a community cafe we can together create a place where we can worship as we have discovered, and at the same time, create a 7 day a week space for anyone and everyone to meet, connect, battle isolation, and strengthen community.

Together (Parish Council, Muskham Rural Community Centre and Chapel), in the next few weeks, we'll be distributing a survey and consultation asking our community what you think of this. (You may have already seen it by now.) so I look forward to hearing everyone's thoughts - let's see where this might take us!

Happy New Year folks - and if you want to share your thoughts directly, do get in touch!

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Summary of North Muskham Parish Council Meeting- Jan 13th 2025:

1. The precept was agreed for 2025/26 with a reduction for the additional "North Marsh" loan element added for 24/25 but with a 2.6% inflation increase.
- 2 A response of 'No objection.' to the planning application for the Cromwell Gravel Quarry extension was made but it emphasised that the PC would not support any further extraction south of Lodge Farm in the future.
3. The currently circulating housing needs survey was accepted as being very useful to the PC and village to identify future housing need and residents are encouraged to complete and submit it.
4. The Neighbourhood Plan progress and improved Emergency Planning arrangements was noted and applauded and a consultation meeting with Bathley PC had been successful and a commitment made by North Muskham PC to support them with issues of mutual concern
5. New playground safety surfacing work has been ordered and will be done when better weather arrives and the PC thanked those involved in fundraising to facilitate this.
6. Much work to ensure an effective response to the GNR solar proposal application was noted and the first meeting with the planning consultant is Feb 6th.
7. The PC is to write to NCC Highways again seeking mitigation to the road safety risks apparent when the A1 is blocked as per recently with vehicles cutting through the village at speed.
- 8 The PC supported the issue of the village survey which will seek the views of villagers regarding the proposed community hub and cafe.

Ian Harrison Chair

Make Time for Tea



the eve appeal

Linda and Stephen will be holding their 15th

Make Time for Tea event

during Ovarian Cancer Awareness month.

Date : Friday 7th March 2025

Time : 2 - 5pm

Address : Emanon Cottage, Main Street, North Muskham.

Everyone is invited to come along and join us for tea, coffee and lots of homemade cakes and enjoy a good chat while catching up with old and new friends.

Donations of Tombola and Raffle prizes would be much appreciated please.

Many thanks for your continued support in raising funds for this very worthwhile charity. Linda and Stephen Guy



Minutes of Bathley Parish Council Meeting 30th October 2024

8pm at The Crown Inn Bathley

Present: Brian Cross (BC), Bruce Laughton (BL), Dominic Heneghan (DH), Adam Bradley (AB), Jim Hawkins (JH), Madeleine Reed (MR), Hilary Heneghan (HH) acting clerk.

Members of Public: Alan Smith (Internal Auditor), David Gatiss, Christine Johnson, Julie Minchella, Mick Moody.

Apologies: Sally Grogan, Sue Saddington

Declaration of interest: None

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 4th September 2024 were approved. Proposed MR, seconded DH.

Matters arising: Roads (already on the agenda). Cllr BL said he will get Louise Poole Richardson out to look again; she has already been out once with her opinion being that the stretch pointed out was unrepairable. BL sending an email to Louise to progress this.

The footpath at the back of the houses on Main Street where garden waste was being fly tipped on to the farmers land. This was investigated by DH who reported that it was mainly greenery that had been put over the fence, but it was not obstructing the footpath. Letters were sent out to all of those involved, to refrain from doing so and make use of brown bins. It was not disclosed as to which houses were involved, and was raised this evening due to one of the residents having spoken to JH about it. It was mentioned that it is better to keep the farmer happy if he needed to be approached in the future re help with drainage.

Planning: No applications had been received.

Great North Road Solar Park: BC and DH had been unable to attend the last meeting but an email had been circulated suggesting that the Parish Councils interested in having legal representation should pay towards costs for this and that this contribution had been worked out by the number of voters in the Parish. Another parish pointed out that some of the parishes having fewer voters than others, were, in effect, subsidising the larger precept parishes which was not fair and the cost should reflect the size of the precept. Bathley agreed that it would prefer to pay the lower payment, as we have one of the lowest precepts and don't feel in a position to subsidise others. BL reported that he had sent out 6,000 leaflets over the area to let everyone know what was happening and that Elements Green have bought the planning permission for the battery storage site at Staythorpe/Averham and they have also extended their line of credit with General Electric to \$200m. Currently the Great North Road Solar Park is No 17 on the list of applications which will probably come up by Spring 2025.

The next JPAG is 31 Oct 2024 at 7pm at South Muskham village hall.

Roads: See matters arising. BL was asked if there was any difference in meaning between the use of white paint and yellow paint around potholes – he wasn't aware of any and thought it was just the colour that came to hand. Christine Johnson said that she had been in touch with the council about pot holes outside her drive and they had been painted white which meant that they were an emergency whereas yellow was for 'as and when' mending. Both BL and BC reiterated the importance of reporting potholes via phone or app to keep the area highlighted.

Gateway Signs and application: Quotes have been received; BL has written a letter in support and sent it directly to the Local Communities grant fund. The Local Communities Fund application form is due to be returned on 7th Nov electronically by DH and HH and BL's letter has been uploaded to the application. DH raised about how to fill the form in (which dates to use etc) and about the matching of funding by 50%, BL said that we should put down that we can't match to fund and carry on with the application and see what comes back.

Flooding: SG has received an application form from the Flood Resilience Grant Scheme – a named lead person for the Parish and two flood wardens have to be appointed. This would mainly serve the houses along the west side of Main Street at the north end of the village and Chapel Lane area. There had been a meeting of the people whose residences are affected at Jane Southey's property with Ross Marshall to discuss the problem with excess waters draining off the hills and into dykes which had resilted, or reinstating a dyke that had been filled in.

Mick Moody – asked about not supplying sand bags as whilst they protect some properties, others can be damaged by the diversion of the water. He has been looking at the local dykes in the village and believes that there is a problem with them not being able to drain away toward the Trent, due to too many choke points and hedge trimmings or fallen willow trees obstructing them and siltage from the fields and roads. It was pointed out that the Newark IDB does come and clear the main Dykes out but some are riparian, and others come under highways. There was much discussion about wider dyke issues, (Cogley Lane etc).

The flood committee should be formed and then try and get Ross out again and possibly the Hydrologist so that an assessment of all the dykes can be made. Basically, what has been started must be moved on by the flood committee and then re-assessment can take place and preventative/alleviating measures put in place.

Financial Matters: BC said he had not given any money to the Air Ambulance since Covid and wished to raise a cheque in order to donate £1000 proposed DH, seconded HH.

Clerk's invoice 15 May 24 – 27 Oct 24 : 45 hours @£12/hr = £540 proposed JH seconded DH.

Dog bin emptying 01.04.24 – 29.09.24 = £287.04 proposed MR seconded AB.

Paint for the war memorial = £28.26 proposed MR seconded AB

General correspondence: this had been emailed out to the councillors – no matters arising.

AOB: The Parish Council has been asked to make a contribution to the Christmas tree for the Village Green (as well as pay for the electric). After discussion it was decided that a contribution of up to £35 max, could be available, but are willing to split the cost of the tree if that amount is not needed. The council did not want to buy the tree. Proposed JH, seconded AB.

JH reported a problem with the defibrillator. JH is dealing with this. The unit needs to be kept above freezing and this must be seen to by an electrician – it was decided that this must be done. JH getting in touch with Greenberry and will keep the council posted. The unit has had a recall for a soft ware update and whilst this is being done, we have a temporary unit on loan. Also, the battery life of the unit is coming to its end and will cost in the region of £250 to replace.

Date of next meeting: 8th January 2025 The meeting closed at 8.48pm.

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**10.00am until 12 noon on
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Future date

15th March



St Wilfrid's Church, North and South Muskham are collection points for Newark Food Bank. If you have any contributions please leave them in church.

The items urgently needed: -

Long Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat, Instant Mashed Potato, Rice Pudding

Other Items: - Toilet Rolls,

A regular update of specific items needed can be found on the website:

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If you would like items collected, please contact Ann.

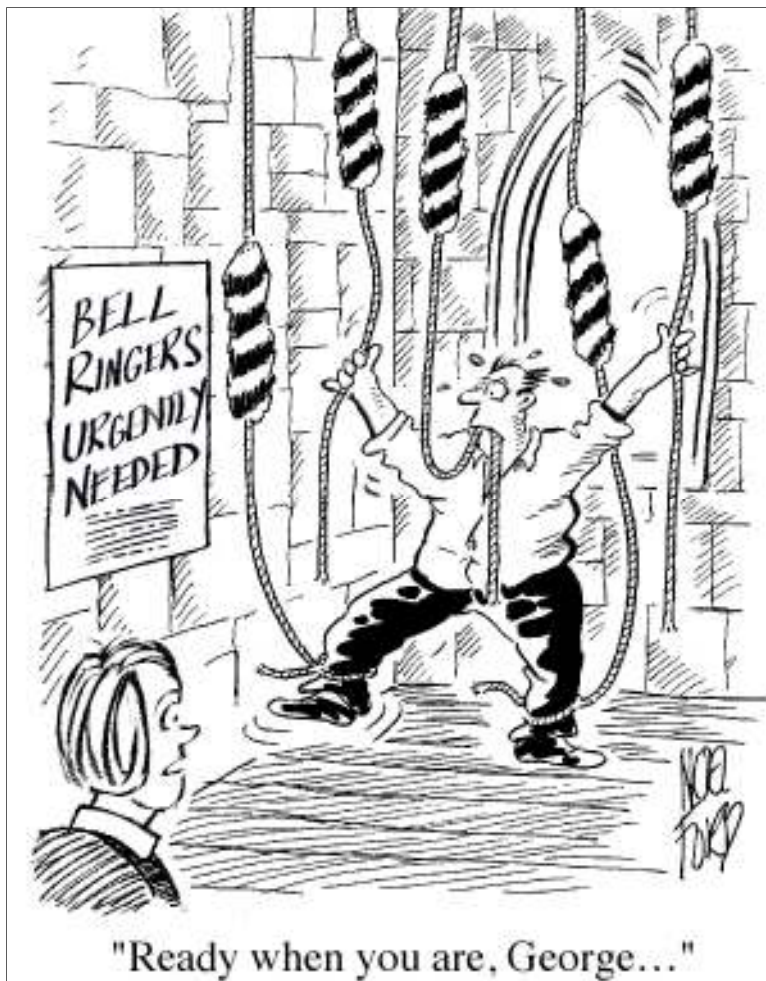
Many thanks - Ann Willey, 01636 605477

Nurture Courses

Nurture courses are a great way to ask the big questions of life and find out more about the Christian faith in a relaxed environment. Perhaps you're interested in exploring faith, or you're looking to find fellowship in your local community, through your local church – you'd be so welcome at any of the courses running in churches across the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham over the next few months.

To find out more use the information below to search for a course near you.

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Wedding dress

When my sister Andrea got married, she asked to wear my mother's wedding dress. The day she tried it on, Mother's eyes welled with tears. "You're not losing a daughter," I reminded her in time-honoured fashion. "You're gaining a son." "Oh, forget about that!" she said with a sob. "I used to fit in to that dress!"

North Muskham Neighbourhood Plan

A Steering Group from within the village currently consisting of 16 people has now been set up by the Parish Council to work on a Neighbourhood Plan for North Muskham. The Steering group meets monthly on a Thursday evening.

What is it - A neighbourhood plan is a set of policies that communities create to guide the development of their area.

What it does - A neighbourhood plan can help communities decide where new homes, shops, and businesses should be built, and what they should look like. It can also help protect green spaces and determine what infrastructure is needed.

How it works - A neighbourhood plan becomes part of the statutory Development Plan if it passes examination and a referendum.

How it is created - The process of creating a neighbourhood plan involves several stages, including forming a steering group, gathering community input, and preparing a draft plan.

What are the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan

Have a say in how our neighbourhood is developed.

Highlight areas for protection and those more suitable for development.

Greater share of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that Newark & Sherwood District Council receives when certain types of new development take place. Currently 15% for the parish which moves to 25%. (This can be used for local infrastructure projects within the parish).

Parish Council and Newark & Sherwood District Council can refer to plan when making planning decisions and should adhere to it

A neighbourhood plan should be developed to help guide development, rather than to prevent it. Policies should cover local issues rather than strategic issues

What to expect in 2025

Requests for your views in the form of surveys, questionnaires and other correspondence.

Events promoting and explaining the process and opportunities to answer your questions

Once the plan has been produced it will be available for you to review and comment further.

Finally, a census run by Newark & Sherwood District Council takes place across the village to decide whether to adopt. Likely mid 2026.

There are still four places on the Steering Group itself if anyone wishes to still join – Contact Gary Hobbs on 07557 022237 or gary.hobbs4@btinternet.com

Significant updates can be found by accessing the 'Neighbourhood Plan' tab on the Parish Council website www.northmuskham-pc.gov.uk. Announcements and developments will also be posted in the Muskham Magazine.

Gary Hobbs – Chair North Muskham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Wordsearch for February 2025

February opens with Candlemas – the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between men and women: Valentine cards and wedding fayres abound. ‘Love’ as in social compassion is also remembered: Fair Trade fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, Education Sunday and National Nest Box Week.... Love is truly needed by everyone!



Naming Christ Candlemas Simeon Anna temple love Valentine romance
Matthias Fairtrade Fortnight coffee bananas Chocolate justice Poverty
nest box Marriage Wedding Holocaust leprosy education Sunday

Church of England Services

Sunday 2nd February 9:30am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th February 9.30 am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 9th February 4.00pm	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	
Sunday 16th February 9.30 am	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th February 3.00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	
Sunday 23rd February 9.30am	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 2nd March 9.30	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 5th March	TBA	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 9th March 9.30am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	HoLy Communion
Sunday 9th March 4.00pm	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	
Sunday 16th March 9.30	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th March 3.00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	



The Methodist Church

Methodist Church Services

Sunday 2nd February	Café Church Rev P Hibberts	2.00pm
Sunday 9th February	Rev Bates	10.30am
Sunday 16th December	Café Church Rev P Hibberts	2.00pm
Sunday 23rd February	Mrs M Ward	10.30am

TOY SERVICE – We had an enjoyable Café Church Toy Service at the beginning of December. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated toys for the Salvation Army Toy appeal.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – It was great to see so many people on Christmas Eve for our Christingle service. The collection for Action for Children amounted to £120.00. Thank you to all who gave so generously. Our grateful thanks to the **Muskham Pantry** who donated the oranges.

CAFÉ CHURCH – In February we continue our conversations exploring what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Join us for the journey of a lifetime, A Methodist way of life. You'll find a warm welcome, an engaging experience and tea and cake in our café room. Everyone welcome.



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**Thursday Evening Prayer
6pm**

via Microsoft Teams

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

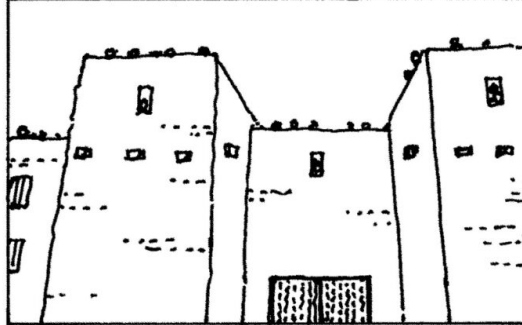
It can be read in the Bible in
Joshua chapter 6 verses 1-27

Joshua led the Israelites across the river Jordan. They camped near the town of Jericho and prepared to fight.

The people in Jericho locked the town gates.



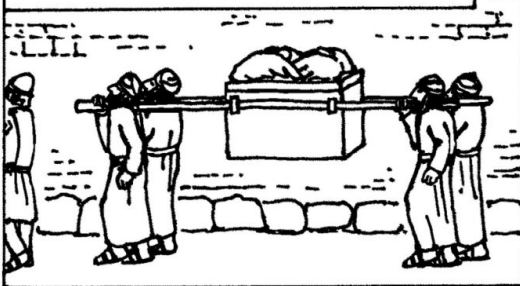
They thought they were safe.



God told Joshua what to do.



On the first day, the priests carried the sacred chest,



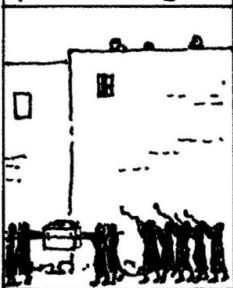
they blew trumpets, and walked round Jericho once.



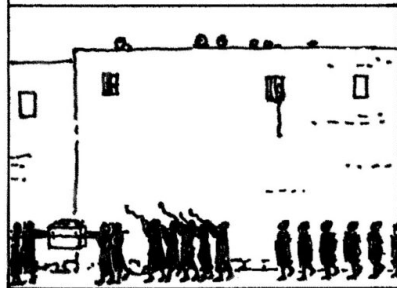
The army followed not saying a word.



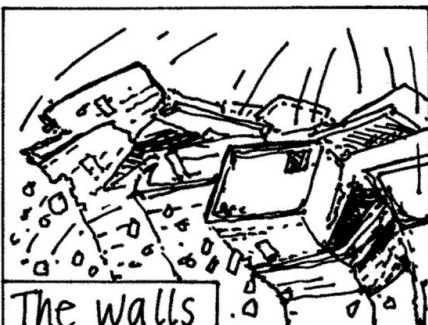
They did this for 6 days.



On the 7th day they walked round 7 times.



The army gave a victory shout!



The walls of Jericho collapsed.

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Thurs	10:00 - 12:00 Art Group <i>Jim Wishart - 07831 183523</i>	7:00-8:00pm – Zumba <i>Claire: 07891 820606</i>
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Thank You Pina!

On behalf of Muskham Lunch Club, I would like to express our thanks to Pina, who very kindly treated all our members to Christmas Lunch. Following her recent Christmas charity event, Pina announced that she would love to help local community groups. We were very lucky to be one of those groups. Also, many thanks to all those who generously supported Pina with her event.

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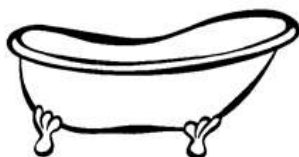
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