

The Plough



May 2025

To: AVERHAM, STAYTHORPE & KELHAM VILLAGERS



Firstly, my apologies for the incorrect date in the last edition for our VE Day Celebrations at Kelham House. These take place on **Sunday 11th May**. A great get together with friends and neighbours with tea and cake provided by our wonderful WI team. Tickets are only £2 pp or £5 for two adults and children, see inside (page 6) for details on



WHAT'S ON?

- Theatre Presentation** (The memory of Water) 29th Apr – 3rd May
Robin Hood Theatre Company
- V.E. Day Celebrations** 11th May 2-4:30 pm
Kelham House Hotel
- Mobile Library** 12th May 14:10—14:25
Staythorpe Road, Averham
- W.I. Meeting** 12th May 7:15pm
Robin Hood Theatre Company
- ASK Hive Committee Meeting** 13th May 7:30pm
Estate Office, Kelham Hall
- Messy Church** 18th May 4—5 pm
St Michael and All Angels Church
- Community Meeting with Parish Council** 19th May 6:30-7:30pm
Kelham Hall
- Garden Club** 20th May 7:15pm
Robin Hood Theatre Company
- Messy Church** 22nd June 4—5 pm
St Michael and All Angels Church
- 500 Mile Walk begins** 26th April start
JustGiving page: ASK Hive

See page 13 for Church Services

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ASK About have booked Kelham House Hotel on **Sunday 11th May** from 14:00 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of V.E. Day. We hope you, your friends and family can join us for an afternoon to socialise with neighbours and friends, meet new people and remember the sacrifices of the Second World War.



The local Women's Institute are putting on wonderful home made refreshments with tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits.

If the weather permits and you wish to bring sandwiches or a picnic for the garden if it is fine and Kelham House are opening the bar.

Fancy Dress is optional, there will be games and quizzes to enjoy!!!

There will be a tiny ticket price, to cover costs, of £2 per person or £5 for a family of 2 adults and children which includes drinks and cakes from our wonderful Women's Institute ladies, **tickets are available from:**

Averham: Tracey at Ayrshire Way **07970 179755**

Staythorpe: Debs at Behay Gardens **07974 957684**

Kelham: Janet at Broadgate Lane **07751 117820**

Pioneer Share Offer



Dear Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe Neighbours,

COMMUNITY HUB

Picture this: a bustling community hub filled with laughter, connection, and opportunity, sitting proudly on the historic grounds of Sutton Manners School. A place where memories are made, lives are enriched, and every age group feels welcome. That dream is closer than you think, and together we can bring it to life.

ASK Hive Limited is launching its Pioneer Share Offer—an invitation to become a founding hero in our quest to acquire land and lay the groundwork for an exceptional community centre. And when we say “exceptional,” we mean it! Imagine a Hall alive with events, a Meeting Room for brainstorming ideas, a Kitchen where recipes are swapped and shared, a charming Bistro complete with an outdoor patio (because who doesn’t love sunny moments and great food?), a Creche for tiny adventurers, and a Community Garden where everyone can dig, plant, and grow—complete with raised beds, a Sensory Plant area, and even a shed and greenhouse. Oh, and did we mention the grassy area with a convenient path for strolls? It’s everything we dream of, and then some!

The Bistro will have a little extra sparkle—it will be designed to be a commercial gem, with any surpluses rolled right back into the heart of the project. This ensures we can cover running and maintenance costs, not just for now but future generations, while also funding the incredible social, educational, and activity programs we plan to host at the centre. A win-win for all!

But we can’t do it alone.

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Pioneer Share Offer Continued

HELP The Hive and let's get buzzing!

The VITAL aspect is showing the main grant providers that this amazing project has the support of the community as they are the ones who will provide the bulk of the funding for the BIG build. If we can't show support the project fails at the first hurdle, and the loss will be felt across all generations now and into the future.

Irrespective of how much you entrust us with, each shareholder will get one vote to have a say in what and how things are done and vote for a Management Committee to carry out the wishes of the Community.

Don't forget that friends and family members over the age of fourteen can become share-holding members as can clubs and businesses, which all boosts the support we will need.

The closing date for this Pioneer Share Offer is June 30th, and your support is essential to kickstart the process of acquiring the land, designing the centre, and covering those pesky "hidden" costs that come before the big build. Every share you purchase is a vote for community spirit and togetherness—and a pledge to future generations that we care. Mel Adrain the treasurer will be delighted to take any monies to help this support. (Mel: 07752 252180).

So, are you ready to write your name into the story of OUR future? Join us today as a Pioneer Shareholder, and let's take the first step toward a community centre that's not just bricks and mortar, but a beating heart for all who call Averham, Staythorpe and Kelham home.

With gratitude, hope, and excitement,

The ASK Hive Limited Team

Bob McGhee ASK Hive Secretary: askhive@icloud.com

April 2025

This month's get together had an unexpected outcome: our booked speaker pulled out at the last moment. Great wringing of hands and gnashing of teeth etc, until one of our members

Jayne Owen stepped into the breach by offering to do a talk about the Cartier Jewellery exhibition currently running at the V&A. However disaster struck again as it proved impossible to link her lap top to our new projector. Not to be defeated, Jayne gave an unaided but very informative talk about the Red Cross/Red Crescent. (A bit like a busman's holiday for Jayne as she is the British Red Cross regional fundraiser for the Midlands). Nevertheless we all learnt so much about this organisation that we all take so much for granted. The Red Cross/Crescent is always a part of worldwide disaster scenes delivering the basic tenets of the organisation in attempting to ensure the essentials of life. I.e. water, food, medical assistance and family contact and reunion under the flag of neutrality, giving those with the greatest needs being met first. It was an excellent evening all round and we all had bunches of daffodils given to us by Tracey Young. Just a very nice friendly place to be. We are hoping to have a great Cartier talk later from Jayne. Our next meeting is on May 12th 7.15pm at the RHT. May is always the Resolution. This year's resolution promotes the sharing of CPR skills amongst WI members and amongst other groups. All good stuff but won't take long to vote on, so we have included a cheese tasting quiz to add a bit of interest.

May will be a busy month for us as we are providing tea and cake for the 80th Anniversary V.E. Day celebrations at Kelham House. Be lovely to meet up there also! Please contact Jenny Quickmire 07890641102 if you would like a bit more info.

Jenny Quickmire Meeting Secretary.

500 MILE WALK UPDATE

Breaking news! The legendary trio of Bob, Tim, and Steve—known for their grand plans and questionable navigational skills—are hitting the road on their epic journey. It was almost postponed as one of the silly old so 'n so's was diagnosed with cancer late on in the project! Fear not, it's been treated and unlikely to threaten life, but it's certainly managed to throw their plans into a bit of a spin!

As a result, the trio will press on regardless. Apparently, there's no better time for middle-aged adventurers to complete their challenge and enjoy being soaked and shivering together.



In the meantime, these three (somewhat-wise) men would still love your support to help build The Hive community hub. They're always keen to chat with 'interesting' people, even if it's just to ask for directions, using sign language and shouting louder!

Stay tuned to their escapade, and let's cheer them on as they put "thrill-seeking" into middle-aged reality! You can follow them on an app called PolarSteps a journal with photos etc., as they go from day to day.

TO FOLLOW: www.polarsteps.com/BobMcGhee

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500 Miles continued

The trio continue to encourage the purchase of share sales as this helps boost the support for The Hive. Additionally, there are no fees which are taken when donating via JustGiving on their page: ASK Hive.

For Membership of The Hive please contact Mel Adrain on 07752252180. As stated on page 5, the ownership of shares gives membership and a vote in what goes on and the election of the Management Committee who are charged with getting and keeping it all going.

The team will be back in time for the first Hive AGM on Tuesday 1st July at Kelham Hall 7:30 to get a newly elected Management committee elected, and up and running. Should you just wish to donate they have a JustGiving Page: ASK HIVE

Bob McGhee

Parish Community Meeting

- ⇒ The parish is changing and looking for input from residents, clubs, groups and businesses to say what is going on and what their plans are.
- ⇒ The meeting will be at Kelham Hall on May 19th at 6:30—7:30 so please prepare a brief and tell the community what you are up to!
 - ⇒ Suggestions:
 - ⇒ Garden and Book Clubs
 - ⇒ ASK About and The Hive
 - ⇒ RHTC
 - ⇒ Dance, Yoga, Karate Classes etc
 - ⇒ Women's Institute (Lions, Rotary, Round Table etc)
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NOTICE of AGM MEETING FOR ASK HIVE LIMITED

Notice is hereby given for the first formal AGM of ASK Hive Limited (The Hive) on Tuesday 1st July at Kelham Hall in the Library starting at 19:30. Members only will be allowed to vote. The general public are welcome to view and discuss the plans and proposals after formalities.

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Village WhatsApp Groups

Did you know that our villages have their own WhatsApp Groups?

Well, we do and they keep us in touch with what's happening around us and share community news. If you'd like to join, here are the 'Administrator' details:

- ◇ **Averham:** Tracey Carlisle **07970 179755**
- ◇ **Kelham:** Judith Mills **07775 781591**
- ◇ **Staythorpe:** Debs Storey **07974 957684**

ASK Garden Club Report

April 2025



We welcomed Andrew Young back to our group in March. Andrew had previously presented to us on his visits to many beautiful gardens throughout Japan. At this meeting

he gave us an account on the History of the **National Garden Scheme**, how it all began and how it works today.

It all started with a wealthy merchant, William Rathbone from Liverpool, who employed a nurse, Mary Robinson to care for his dying wife. After she died he kept Mary on to look after the sick and poor in his neighbourhood. In 1860 he approached Florence Nightingale for advice on how to build a training facility as he wished to provide a nurse in every district of Liverpool. With Florence's help The District Nursing Service was born.

District nursing grew rapidly and spread across the country. By 1887 it became the Queen's Institute of Nursing with Queen Victoria as patron. Queen Alexandra succeeded Queen Victoria and on her death the QNI set up a fund in her memory, and this appeal then became the **National Garden Scheme**.



ASK Garden Club Report Continued



Andrew front row right.

In 1927 £8,191 was raised from 609 open gardens, with an admission of just one shilling (5p) a head. In 1939 gardens were opened as part of the war effort and in 1948 the NHS and local authorities took over the home nursing service. The 1949 garden guide book turned into the now familiar yellow

symbolising a mood of national regeneration. King Charles III became patron in 2002 and in 2016 Mary Berry was made president of the NGS. The National Garden Scheme in 2025 now has over 3,300 gardens open throughout the year including over 860 new and returning gardens, 46 allotment groups, 56 community and 12 hospice gardens. Dogs are welcome in 1,641 gardens and 1,830 offer plants for sale.

Our visits make a difference with £3.5 million donated in 2024 supporting nursing and health charities, community gardens and gardeners. ASK Garden Club will be arranging group visits to local participating NGS gardens in May, June and July. If you are interested in joining us, and for further details please contact me at:

bootiqueonline@outlook.com or 07929 367 461

Nigel Britton – Club Secretary

CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND UNITED SERVICES

Sunday 4th May 9:15am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Worship Service
Sunday 11th May 9:30 am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th May 9:30 am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th May 3:00 pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Messy Church
Sunday 18th May 4:00pm	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Messy Church
Sunday 25th May 9:30am	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Holy Communion
Sunday 1st June 9:30am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th June 3:00pm	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th June 9:30 am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd June 9:30 am	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Safeguarding Service
Sunday 22nd June 4:00pm	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Messy Church
Sunday 29th June 9:30 am	St Michael and All Angels, Averham	Holy Communion Benefice Service

Introduction

It is good to be able to introduce myself as your area dean for Newark and Southwell. I arrived in Southwell 6 years ago, having moved from New Zealand.

Area deans look after our local clergy and the churches that are in vacancy supporting our brilliant church wardens. Alongside those responsibilities I also look after wellbeing and learning and development for the diocese.



Fairly recently I hung out the washing and ten minutes later it poured down with rain soaking the lot. Annoyed I left the whole lot on the line, and when the wind picked up and the sun came out it was dry again.

What looked like a terrible decision actually worked out just fine, all it took was time. Sometimes when things don't look like they are working out it is simply because we haven't given them enough time, and we haven't given God space to work. Now I'm not holding God responsible for my washing. However, what I want to say is that God is always working whether we see Him or not, whether we acknowledge Him or not.

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Introduction continued

The bible in Romans 8 tells us:

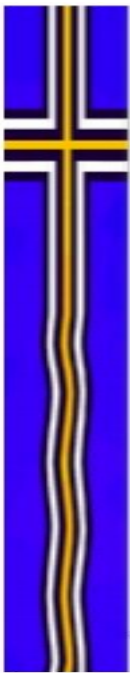
‘we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.’

What does this tell us? Well that in ALL things, which means in everything, God is working for our good. Life may have dealt us a tough hand right now, but God is still good and He really cares about what happens to us. When we love God we are part of His family. Can you imagine someone in your family going through a tough time and not caring about it? For God it would be unthinkable not to care about us. He created us, He listens to our prayers, and He has plans for our lives.

There may be times when it feels like He isn't answering prayer or He is a long way off, yet our feelings are not as reliable as God who is constantly working on our behalf.

Our outlook might be like washing in a shower, but when the sun comes out it is as if the shower never happened. We didn't see the sun behind the cloud because we were focussed on the rain. When we focus on God rather than our current troubles, we see He is always working for our good. It's a reason to be hopeful!

Sarah Patten



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NOTICE

As the editor will be walking 500 miles there will be no issue for June, but there will be an August edition to compensate.

GRAVITY

Myself, I have a weight,
That keeps me down to floor,
Stones I throw come back to
earth,
As if to say " once more".

If one leg I lift a bit,
It has to touch the ground and
sit,
To let my other leg benefit,
It's purpose so it seems.

David Quickmire

To soar, to fly, to float on high,
Show me how to reach my sky,
Without the knowhow,
I don't think I can make it.

To free the weight that
bars my soul;
To flee this earthly body,
Perhaps will be, I'll wait
and see,
In time, in space, that's jolly

Cherveral Wood Walk 4.8 miles 1.75 hrs.

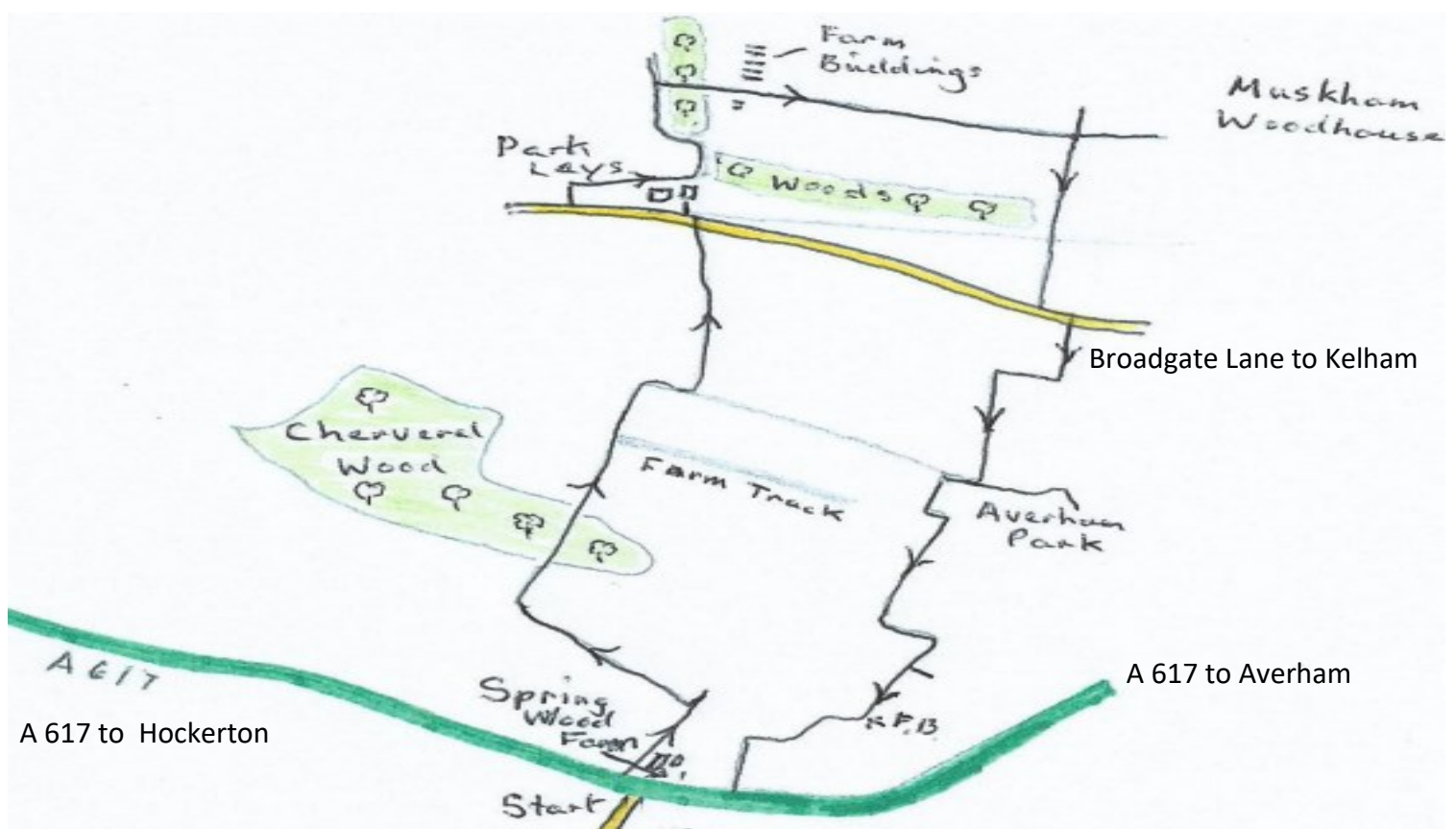
This walk starts by parking the car on the wide grass verge on the lane opposite to Spring Wood Farm. (farm house now demolished and a new property built). Take the bridleway on this well signed path. As you leave Cherveral Wood there are fine views over the Trent Valley. The path drops down towards Park Leys. Turn left when you meet the road. Turn right on the marked path and follow this back towards the farm. Round the edge of the farm on clearly marked paths. At the way marker turn right through a narrow wood. Continue straight ahead, farm buildings on your left. The path continues across the fields and turn right below Muskham Woodhouse farm. A well marked paths lead to Averham Park.

A shorter walk can be made using this footpath and missing out Park Leys and Muskham Woodhouse. This walk is 2.75 miles

Turn right when you reach the houses and then left down the path to the kissing gate. Right through the next kissing gate. Left and follow the field boundary. Follow the path straight on where the other path turns left. In the bottom of the field is a footbridge over a ditch. Follow the way markers back to the main A617. Turn right over the stile and up the road to the start. Can be muddy through Cherveral Wood and from Park Leys to Muskham Woodhouse.

A lovely walk well worth the effort.

J. Wolfenden



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