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Can you help too?



It was a very cold, wet and windy Sunday afternoon. I was out walking Mostyn, our black labrador, along Vicarage Lane. In the distance I saw another figure walking, also holding on to the hood of their waterproof. I assumed they too were walking a dog. As I watched I noticed the person was crossing from one side of the road to the other. I was intrigued. I couldn't think of anything that could be foraged at his time of year and certainly not along this stretch of road. As I drew closer I realised the person was picking up litter. On catching up with the figure, I saw that it was a young person. I wanted to thank them. When the young person had removed their ear phones and we talked briefly, the young person explained they were doing their bronze level Duke of Edinburgh Award. I repeated my thanks and we each continued on our way. Why do people discard their rubbish in such unthoughtful ways? As I walk around the roads of our villages it saddens me to see so much litter around our level crossings and the parking bays. North Muskham Parish Council invites us to join a collective litter pick on 5th April.

Can you help?

You will also read in this edition about the work of the Nottinghamshire ARG. (Amphibian and Reptile Group). Volunteers are on toad and frog patrol along Crow Lane. I had no idea we had volunteers chaperoning these creatures to their breeding ponds. Helping them to cross the road safely. As is often the way a small group of dedicated individuals are giving their time to protect these creatures that do play an important, if unrecognised, role in our eco system.

Can you help?

If crawling (toads) and hopping (frogs) creatures are not your thing, did you know our local school is looking for volunteers to listen to the children read?

Obviously volunteers need to complete the necessary Safeguarding checks before they can work with the children. It is a wonderful privilege to see children develop this vital skill. It is also a wonderful privilege to get to know the children. I still find it strange to be called Mrs Twemlow (I want to look round to find my Mother in Law). Have you a couple of hours a week spare?

Can you help? Give it some thought! Susan Twemlow

NORTH MUSKHAM CAFE HUB PROJECT

Firstly, my sincere thanks to Nigel Pimlott for organising the survey and indeed to the 200 plus people who submitted a response. The survey has indicated that there is substantial outline support for the project and we are now looking to form a steering group to further investigate its viability and plan for its delivery.

To join the partner representatives from the MRCC, the Methodists and the Parish Council on the steering group, we are looking for volunteers from the North Muskham community who may have relevant skills and/or enthusiasm to help us on our journey.

Skills may include previous experience or work with social and/ or community enterprises, accountancy, secretarial, retail management, promotion and marketing etc. People with other relevant skills would be welcomed albeit we are looking for a group no larger than perhaps 12.

Meetings would be possibly monthly with sub groups meeting as necessary in between.

It is an opportunity to help nurture an initiative that we feel has enormous potential to enrich the lives of all in the village and help to prevent or at least mitigate the impacts of loneliness, isolation and encourage new friendships and social activity.

It is likely the steering group will be operational for a number of months before, (and if) formal acceptance of partners is given, and a management board is then elected.

Please let me know if you think you can assist. If you have any questions please email me direct or phone me on 07891 057812.

Thankyou

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Happy Easter

We come now to the most meaningful time of the Christian year, for me personally as a boy and even more so when responsible for organising services. Palm Sunday 13th April is the start of Holy Week made special with beginning in the open air, receiving our palm crosses and processing to church behind a donkey. We begin by claiming Christ as King and then find ourselves failing him as the week progresses, leading up to Maundy Thursday when we find Jesus washing his disciples' feet and commanding us to follow his example.

Christ's example of humility has been followed by our kings and queens down the centuries. It was a great day when Queen Elizabeth came to Southwell Minster and instead of washing their feet gave deserving pensioners purses of money. There were still sweet-smelling posies and courtiers bearing towels. As the royal couple entered the minster Prince Philip asked me "Where's the lectern?". He was reading a lesson. I noticed an equerry was holding a bible behind his back, I realised the care and preparation the Queen and Prince Philip took before public occasions. Those receiving the purses remarked on the way in which they were made to feel so special.

The royal Maundy Service was a special, but the Maundy service shared with our Methodist friends at North and South Muskham had an even greater significance for me when the Methodist minister and I washed each other's feet. Way back again in the presence of the Queen in 2003, Anglicans and Methodists signed a covenant to heal the divisions between our churches and become one again. So as churches we got engaged but still not married! Sharing in that 'feet washing' was a precious acknowledgement of each other's ministry. How our Lord must long for us to be united.

Maundy Thursday is also the day on which Jesus took bread and wine, blessed them and said "This is my body, This is my blood" representing the sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross, which command we obey week by week in our churches.

Before his arrest Jesus went away to keep watch and pray with his disciples. They kept falling asleep. It is a tradition to keep watch and pray through the night of Maundy Thursday. As a boy scout at my boyhood Church, we had a rota to keep the watch unbroken through the night, I used to feel so grown up.

Good Friday again was so special, at one time in London. Shops were closed. The main service then and now throughout the country has been a three-hour service from 12 noon to 3pm, sharing with Jesus his last hours on the cross. The service consists of meditations, hymns and quiet reflection. Those not able to come for all the time enter and leave during the hymns.

In the Riverside Parishes we have had Messy Church hot cross bun services and Averham Good Friday specials with young people making Easter cards and Easter garlands, wooden crosses and cakes.

On Easter Eve we take breath and prepare for Easter Day. I should like to share with you one particular Easter Day when we lived at Southwell Minster. As a family we set out for the dawn Easter service. Our boys were not too keen on cathedral services, but they liked a challenge. Getting up at dawn was one of these. Silently we gathered at the Minster porch, a fire was burning, the door opened, and we were greeted by the Bishop "Christ is risen" "He is indeed" we replied. A large candle was lit and our hand-held candles as we processed into the Minster.

Readings from the bible followed telling of God's dealing with us from Adam and Eve on to the coming of his Son, his death and resurrection. Next, we turned to the font, one of the men in the Minster's confirmation class was to be baptised. To the question "Do you turn to Christ?". He movingly replied "I turn to Christ". Water was poured as a symbol that he was born again. We were all splashed with water reminding us of our own baptisms. The service concluded with Holy Communion and the Bishop's blessing after which he and his wife invited us to the Bishop's Manor for hot drinks and bacon butties. Back home after lunch I began to take out my tobacco pouch and pipe having given up smoking for Lent. My 14-year-old son declared "Dad's now going to celebrate the resurrection by killing himself". A memorable Easter Day as I have never smoked since.

Lent is upon us, what are you giving up or taking on? I pray that Easter may be a special time for you. Who knows you may even find an Easter egg on Easter day! May God bless you and keep you.

David Keene



Wilderness

We're just coming to the end of lent, a period that marks Jesus' time in the wilderness. What do you think of when you hear the word wilderness?

Wilderness can be seen as a beautiful and absolutely necessary part of the earth's life. Did you know that unless a large proportion of the earth's surface is left as wilderness, a high percentage of species would be driven into extinction, and the climate would no longer sustain life. We cannot live without wilderness. If we see wilderness as a metaphor, this is still true. We all need breathing space, time to just be, peace and quiet, and the opportunity to retreat, regroup, and get a better perspective on life. Wilderness is **necessary**. Similarly, *fallow* is a farming technique in which arable land is left without sowing for one or more vegetative cycles. The goal of fallowing is to allow the land to recover and store organic matter while retaining moisture and disrupting pest life cycles and soil borne pathogens by temporarily removing their hosts. I wonder if, we sometimes need to find time to lie fallow, to rest, to breathe, to find space. It can be difficult in a world that measures productivity, but wilderness space is necessary for us too.

Wilderness can also be seen as a situation of austerity – a desert place, offering no luxury. Intimidating, disheartening, and downright dangerous; time in the wilderness is daunting and not something to look forward to. It's a place where survival skills are called for. Metaphorically, it could be reflected in loneliness or depression, maybe bereavement; adversity - tough times. We all go through wilderness times; wilderness is **inevitable**. When have you felt yourself in a time of wilderness? When have you felt lonely, depressed, bereaved. What I notice about the time that Jesus was in the wilderness is that though it seems like he was alone, he never was. Firstly, he was led there by the spirit. Secondly, he was attended by angels! You may feel like you're in a time of wilderness but know that you too are never alone. I'm reminded of the story of the young braves' rite of passage. At 13 they would spend a night, alone in the woods. A wilderness experience. One particular brave was petrified in the darkness but as the sun rose, the light illuminated a figure not too far away. The figure turned out to be his father, bow and arrow poised to protect him. It turned out that he had never been alone. Like the young brave's father, God is always with us, even when we don't notice!

Finally, wilderness can be a place of formation. For Jesus it was a time to be tested and formed, in that time of self-denial, for what he came to do. Some of the world's great religions emerged from desert cultures; perhaps in the desert there is time and space to think and pray, whereas in wetter climates the mind naturally focuses on organising stout houses, umbrellas, and gumboots. Wilderness is **formational**. Maybe you need to see the wilderness as an opportunity. The spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness. There's a purpose. Not only that but it's at the time that Jesus is ready to begin his ministry; he's put to the test, he's formed by the challenges, and, at the end, the angels tend to him, leaving the wilderness ready to face what is ahead.

Which aspect of wilderness do you most associate with?

What does God want to teach you through the wilderness? Who can you reach out to in the wilderness? What might God be preparing you for? What distractions must you throw off to embrace the wilderness space that will allow you to be changed, formed... trans-formed in the wilderness?

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From the Register

Marriages

14th March 2025

St Michael's and All Angels Averham

William Palmer Mitchell and Georgia Rose Whittaker



Funerals

12th February 2025

St Wilfrid's South Muskham

Georgina Mary Hewitt

7th March 2025

St Wilfrid's North Muskham

John Alfred Blanchard

10th March 2025

St Wilfrid's Kelham

Jennifer Ann Garrett





What is Messy Church?

Messy Church is an informal way of families coming together in church. Each session involves a welcome, a story, songs and prayers followed by a creative activity and enjoying refreshments together.

Its values are that it is for all ages, Christ-centred, provides hospitality, creativity and celebration. The sessions have a focus on the Christian year, including Christmas, Easter and Harvest and on biblical stories.

The sessions reinforce the idea that we matter to others and to God. They help us to connect to one another in the community and know we are not alone. The sessions also reinforce social interaction through creative activities and sharing refreshments.

In March we focused on the importance of families. We decorated pots and planted them with violas. We enjoyed some songs including singing Happy Birthday to one member of our group. Together we enjoyed some delicious cakes and fruit.

A warm welcome awaits.

Our next Messy Church is on Good Friday !8th April at 10am when we will be celebrating Easter. (with hot cross buns!!)



Bathley Parish Council

Brief notes from Bathley Parish Council Meeting

8th January 2025

Representatives of North Muskham Parish Council gave a presentation about the Joint Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that BPC would discuss the matter further and advise North Muskham when a decision has been made as to whether to join or not. Thanks were given to Gary Hobbs and members of North Muskham PC for their input and the invitation for Bathley to join.

Flooding concerns were raised along Chapel Lane where drains/toilets have been blocked. It was agreed to contact Severn Trent to organise an inspection. Roads/pot holes are an ongoing problem. It was agreed that BPC would continue to highlight problems and follow up timescales from Notts County Council regarding road improvements. We continue to request specific dates for road and culvert improvements and are advised that we will be notified in the spring.

The GNR Solar Park issues were discussed and it was approved that BPC would contribute their share towards the planning consultant as agreed. Thanks were given to all who have contributed to the ongoing consultations.'

Bathley PC's AGM will be held on 14th May – 7.30pm for the AGM and 8pm for the general meeting held at The Crown in Bathley.

Plants for sale

I will be selling a variety of

Tomato Plants (Tumbling Toms, Gardeners' Delight, Money Maker, Outdoor Girl, Red Cherry and Ailsa Craig)

French Dwarf Beans, (Ferrari)

Runner Beans (Scarlet Emperor)

Cucumbers (Socrates)

Courgettes (Romanesco)

Peppers

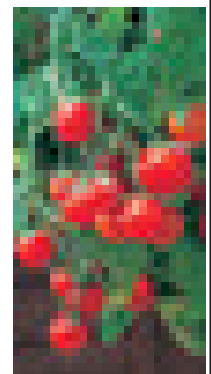
All proceeds will be shared between Newark's **Children's Bereavement Centre and Beaumont House Hospice.**

Pre ordering recommended

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Plants ready from end of May/beginning of June



Summary of North Muskham Parish Council Meeting 10th March 2025

1. The Council supported, (by a majority decision), the objection of the District Council's Conservation Officer regarding the planning application at The Shades, Main Street.
2. The Council supported (unanimously) the revised planning application for a dog walking facility at Burrridge Farm.
3. It was noted that there were several vacant plots at the allotment and as such the Council would seek a contractor to grass seed the 2 plots for easier maintenance but with the allotment holders to further promote the availability of plots and carryout other improvements to the allotments.
4. A response submission to the statutory consultation stage of the GNR Solar project had been sent by the planning consultant commissioned by Joint Parish Council Group (JPAG) and one also by the Parish Council.
5. A village litter pick will take place on **Saturday April 5th** and volunteers are invited to attend the Village Hall at 10 am to collect litter pickers and sacks. Refreshments will be provided and all are welcome to help give the village a spring clean. At the same time there will be an emergency planning session and test of the new generator
6. The Council has noted and welcomed the commitment of the new land owner of " North Marsh" and stated their commitment to work with him for the betterment and maintenance of that area and bridleway.
7. VE 80 celebrations and commemorations will take place at The Ferry Pub on the evening of May 8th and will include a VE day period quiz and a Beacon. The Beacon will be lit in line with the national beacon initiative at 9.30pm. All are very welcome.
8. The Council confirmed it's agreement to provide for additional seating and a picnic table at the village playground from funds from the proceeds of the community lottery -this being additional to furniture being supplied by the MRCC from kind donations. The new safety surfacing at the toddler swings was noted. The generous donations from villagers would be used to complete the works and ringfenced for further improvements at the playing area. The Clerk will again chase the outcome of the grant application to support the maintenance and improvement fund and to add to monies kindly donated. A cut off date was agreed being the next meeting when regardless of the grant, the remaining safety surfacing work will be carried out.
9. The results of the Cafehub Survey were noted and a steering group will now be formed to further explore viability and move the project forward. Any persons with relevant skills and experience with community/social projects, accountancy, secretarial, retail management, marketing etc should please contact myself on 07891 057812.
10. The defibrillator, previously housed at Pina's Hair Business, will be re-sited in due course at a property east of Main Street near the bus shelter across from the entrance to The Grange. Information will be shared once it is in place. In the meantime all should note that another defibrillator continues to be sited at the MRCC and Alison Luke has kindly offered to provide further training sessions on its use.
11. The meeting welcomed County Councillor Saddington and a further prospective County Council election candidate.

Ian Harrison Chairman of North Muskham Parish Council

Muskham Rural Community Centre – MRCC Village Hall

The MRCC Committee would like to invite North Muskham pensioners to come and join them for a complimentary Sunday Roast Lunch on Sunday 27 April 2025 at the MRCC.

Numbers will be limited so please register your interest as soon as possible to reserve your place

If you have an elderly neighbour who you feel would like to come and join us please do let us know and we will contact them with an invitation.

Contact us to reserve your place. Phone 01636 343010 and press 1 or text or call: 07542 701041 or 07789 702183

Or email: bookings@muskhamruralcc.co.uk



Muskham Rural Community Centre, Nelson Lane, North Muskham

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Tuesday Social Evening Event Highlights for April.

(Hall and bar open from 7pm)

Tuesday 15th AprilOpen Mic Night Free Entry Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 22nd AprilDefibrillator training and basic first aid.

Coffee Morning

You are warmly invited to
come
and enjoy coffee and cake at

St. Wilfrid's Church,

North Muskham

10.00am until 12 noon on

Saturday 19th April

Future date

17th May



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, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Peas, Tinned Corned Beef
Rice, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Fruit, Tea Bags (boxes of 40)

Other Items

Nappies Size 4 or larger

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

<https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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Many thanks - Ann Willey, 01636 605477



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The Easter Bunny will once again be running around North Muskham on Easter Day offering Cadbury's eggs out for a donation. All proceeds will go to **Teenage Cancer Trust**.

If anyone wants to book an egg they can message me on email I will also advertise on Facebook nearer the time If you need more info please contact me Dave Brumpton.

Dave.brumpton@sky.com

The Eve Appeal - Make Time for tea

HUGE thank you to everyone who supported us for our 15th Event by making cakes, donating raffle and tombola prizes and by giving so generously of their cash, as well as joining us at the event.

Together we raised an amazing
£1070 !!!

We couldn't do this without all our very kind and generous supporters.

THANK YOU

Linda and Stephen Guy



Muskham History Group

April is the month for the start of our 2025/26 season which means the collection of our annual subscription which is still very excellent value at £10 p/p for the full year and the publication of our new programme. Guests can attend any meeting for a nominal £2.50 per person to cover refreshments .

Muskham History Group Programme 2025/26 Season		
Date	Topic	Speaker
Apr-21	Vikings on the Trent plus Group Status	Paul Mann
May-19	The women pilots of WWII	John Whitfield
Jun-16	A Palace by a River	Mike Ogden
Jul-21	TBD	outing to be arranged
Aug-18	TBD	outing to be arranged
Sep-15	A Good Laugh	Pat Hall
Oct-20	The story of Two Crosses	Tim Coltman
Nov-17	Elizabethan Wall Paintings at the Saracen's Head Southwell	David Johnson
Dec-15	Master of Myrth (the sequel)	Mike Storr
Jan-19	The River Trent in History and in Life	Keith Small
Feb-16	Fools and horses, A Victorian Circus	Dr Ann Featherstone
Mar-16	Rufford Abbey and its 19th Century Savile custodians	Karen Winyard

Happy **St George's Day** to all our English readers for 23 April.

It is also William Shakespeare's birth date and the alleged date of his death.

Wordsearch

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life. But because He does live, we have a sure and certain hope for our future.

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Passover bread wine body blood betrayal Jerusalem Pilate Judas
Gethsemane trial crucifixion soldiers cross nails vinegar temple
curtain tomb angel stone risen gardener Mary

Church of England Services

Holy Week and Easter Only

Monday 14th April 7pm	Night Prayer	St Wilfrid's North Muskham
Tuesday 15th April 7pm	Night Prayer	St Wilfrid's Kelham
Wednesday 16th April 7pm	Night Prayer	St Michael's and All Angels Averham
Thursday 17th April 7pm	Holy Communion Tenebrae	St Wilfrid's South Muskham
Friday 18th April 10,00am	Messy Church Hot Cross Bun	St Wilfrid's North Muskham
Friday 18th April 2.00pm	Stations of the Cross	St Michael's and All Angels Averham
Saturday 19th April 7.00pm	Service of Light	St Wilfrid's South Muskham
Sunday 20th April	Riverbank Service	7.30am by The Muskham Ferry
Sunday 20th April 9.30am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	St Wilfrid's Kelham

Church of England Services April 2025

Sunday 6th April 9.30am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday 10.00am	United Service	Procession from Methodist Chapel to St Wilfrid's North Muskham
Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday 4.00pm	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	
Friday 18th April Messy Church 10.00am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	
Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday 7.30am	Riverbank by The Ferry	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th April	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th April 9.30am	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	Morning Prayer



Thursday Evening Prayer 6pm

via Microsoft Teams

Please contact

**Philip Staniforth for the Teams
Link**

philip@stanca.co.uk

The Methodist Church



Methodist Church Services

Sunday 6th April	Café Church Rev P Hibberts	2.00pm
Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday United Service beginning at Methodist Church and processing to St. Wilfrid's	10.00am
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday Riverside Communion by The Ferry	7.30am
Sunday 27th April	Café Church Rev. P. Hibberts	2.00pm



Informal, relaxed and friendly worship with music, discussion and prayer. You'll find a warm welcome, an engaging experience and tea and cake in our café room.
All welcome.

Toad and Frog Patrol is Here!!

It's that time of year again when amphibians including common toad *Bufo bufo*, common frog *Rana temporaria* and smooth newt *Lissotriton vulgaris* are acting out their own Love Island, but first they have to reach the island...or in this case a pond !

Amphibians spend most of their time feeding on invertebrates in woodland, hedgerows, marshes and tussocky grassland. They hibernate underground, often among tree roots, in hedge bottoms, underground soil voids or in old walls.

We probably all have childhood memories of dabbling for tadpoles in ponds or even watching some grow in an aquarium in the kitchen. Amphibians lay their eggs in water where their young hatch out into tadpoles or newtlets. Toad eggs appear as long strings of black eggs and frog eggs appear as large jelly mass. Newt eggs are laid individually on a leaf by the female and then they are carefully wrapped up and sealed using their hind legs and a secretion.

Frogspawn has always been one of the earliest and most eagerly anticipated signs of spring, but with a trend for milder winters it can be seen earlier than ever. Late January and early February records are certainly not uncommon.

"Usually, spawning begins in the south-west, then advances across the country in a north-westerly direction, moving around frost pockets," says John Buckley of the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust. "Day length and air temperature fire the starting gun. Keep an eye on your thermometer for when it hits 5°C." Frogs can breed in colder conditions than toads, which mate from March onwards when the temperature reaches 7°C. Unlike toads, frogs typically hibernate in or near their breeding ponds, so there is no need to migrate there first. There are obvious advantages to starting the breeding season early, but frogs can only spawn once each year – any spawn lost to freezing weather is not replaced.

We are now in the local, breeding migration period for amphibians and some animals will have a very short distance to reach a breeding pond, while others, typically toads, will travel further.

Many ponds have been infilled over the years and so this can put pressure on remaining ponds and mean that amphibians have no choice but to use the remaining ponds. A range of factors including weather, disease, predation and pollution can affect breeding success and one of them which is an important factor is crossing a road. Road traffic fatalities can have a significant effect on amphibian populations.

Crow Lane between South Muskham and Little Carlton is one the Nottinghamshire Reptile and Amphibian Group (Notts ARG) toad patrol roads where volunteers are needed to help patrol the lane during the amphibian breeding season and make sure animals safely make it to their breeding ponds. We all wear high vis clothing and use torches to help our search and help to keep us safe on the roadside.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been out toad patrolling on milder evenings just after dark finding common toads, common frogs and smooth newts which we have collected and moved to the edge of the large breeding pond, their own "love island" on the southern edge of the lane.

If you would like to get involved with toad patrols in Nottinghamshire please contact Toad Patrol Coordinator Kay at nottsargtoadpatrols@hotmail.com

Please come and make a difference !! Your toads need you.



Common Toad

Jane Southey
Ecologist

ST.WILFRID'S CHURCH, SOUTH MUSKHAM

Tea/coffee/ cakes will continue in Church on the **fourth Friday** of the month from 2.30 to 4pm.

Our next get together will be 25th April Everyone is welcome including well-behaved dogs. Do come along and join us. It is a very informal get together. If you have not been before, be brave and give us a go!

**Our next service is in Holy Week at 7pm
on Maundy Thursday 17th April**



Churchwardens Jenn Pell 701978 and David Watson 07989 959339



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Weds	10:00-12:00 – Muskham Craft Group <i>Marian: 07796 935002</i> <i>jmarion89@yahoo.co.uk</i>	
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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Week days	<i>Muskham Out of School Club</i> <i>& Muskham Preschool as above</i>	5:00-7:30pm - Cougars Football <i>Cougars train & play at our Playing Fields</i> <i>and have Junior Football Teams for U7, U9,</i>
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Muskham Out of School – Holiday Club <i>Manager: Helen Waterfield 07944 467076</i>	4 – 14 years olds	Monday to Friday (Holidays) 8:00-5:30pm

Southwell Music Festival returns for four days of brilliant music.

Southwell Music Festival returns this August, filling the Nottinghamshire town with musical delights for all to enjoy from **Friday 22 – Monday 25 August**.

Now in its eleventh year, the Festival welcomes professional musicians and performers from across the UK and shines a spotlight on the best of Nottinghamshire's home-grown talent.

The Festival team is excited to share a preview of some of the many highlights you can enjoy this year. Watch out for the full programme announcement in May.

Blending jazz with spiritual themes and featuring the sublime Festival Voices and Southwell Music Festival's very first Big Band act, The Cottontail Orchestra, this Friday evening concert brings selections from **Duke Ellington's Sacred Concerts** to the Southwell stage. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience this groundbreaking work from one of the leading jazz pioneers in the atmospheric setting of Southwell Minster.

Folk music takes centre stage on Saturday night. Acclaimed folk artist Kathryn Tickell returns to Southwell Music Festival after a sell-out performance in 2023, this time alongside her band **The Darkening**. Composer, performer and the foremost exponent of the Northumbrian pipes, Kathryn's music is deeply rooted in the landscape and people of Northumbria, with her twice winning the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Musician of the Year.

On Sunday evening, the Festival Voices and Baroque Sinfonia join forces to fill the Minster Nave with glorious sound with a performance of Bach's majestic **B Minor Mass**, conducted by Artistic Director Marcus Farnsworth. Skilfully balancing choral, solo and orchestral parts, allowing for intricate counterpoint and harmony, this is one of Bach's greatest ever works.

The Bach theme continues into Monday, with singers of all abilities invited to participate in the Festival's annual **Come and Sing**. A morning rehearsal is followed by a performance, with singers performing alongside professional soloists, accompanied by the Festival Baroque Sinfonia. The accompanying **Singing Day** workshop will be held on Saturday 16 August in Southwell Minster's State Chamber

The full four-day Festival line-up will be revealed at a free Launch Concert on **Friday 16 May** at Southwell Minster. The concert is open to everyone. Reserve your free tickets online at **southwellmusicfestival.com**.

Tickets for Southwell Music Festival go on sale on **Monday 9 June**. Festival Friends enjoy Priority Booking for all concerts and events. For more information about joining the Festival Friends, visit southwellmusicfestival.com/friends.

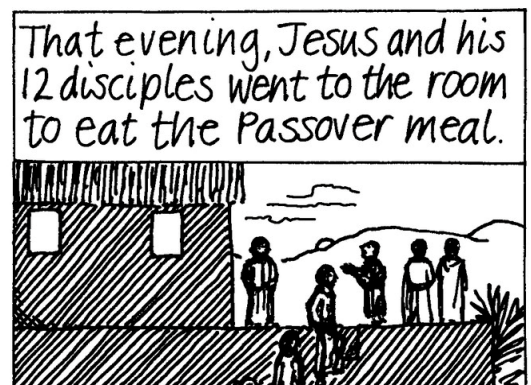
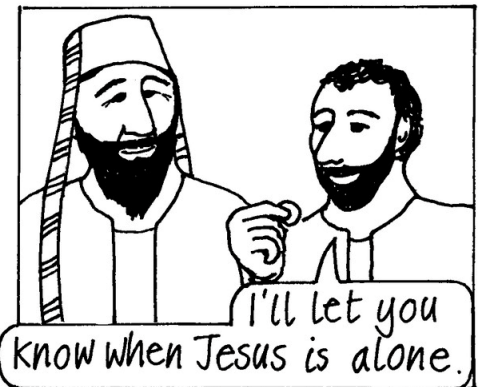
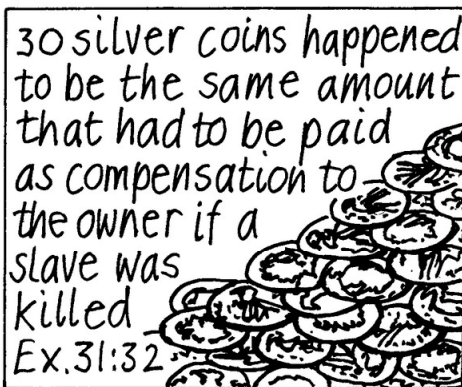
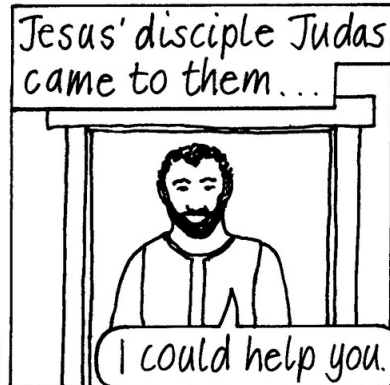
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