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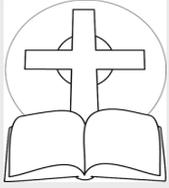
Join us as we celebrate Easter

Details of services and activities on p.6

PARISH MAGAZINE

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**Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest
Warthill & Holtby**



Readings for April 2022

3 April: Lent 5

Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.4b-14;
John 12.1-8

10 April: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Luke 22.14-end of 23

17 April: Easter Sunday

Acts 10.34-43; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26;
John 20.1-18

24 April: Easter 2

Acts 5.27-32; Revelation 1.4-8; John
20.19-end



From the Registers

Dunnington, Holtby Warthill, &
Stockton on the Forest

Funerals

We commit to God's loving care:

John Fitton

1 March (crem)

Maurice Parkin

2 March, Dunnington (crem)



**Please see pages 6 for full details on all of our
Holy Week and Easter services and activities.**

All are welcome!

A letter from Judith Hewitt, Reader

We are all looking forward, and I am one of them. The last two years so many things have been cancelled or 'moved on', and now we are looking forward to them happening again. We maybe looking forward to a holiday, spending more time with the family, to a wedding, the list is endless, because for two years we have been waiting and daring not to look forward.

We may not want to look back, but there are times when we need to. We need to reflect on the past to enable us to move forward, maybe to change what we did, maybe to bring closure to something that happened.

One of the effects of looking forward is that we are missing what is happening today. What is happening in the world around us, to our family, in our gardens, in fact what is happening wherever you are right now.

We could be missing that important conversation, that visit to someone we keep putting off, that walk out into the garden to see what is happening.

Many of us go to Church on Palm Sunday, leaving with Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Palm Sunday is the beginning of the last week of Jesus' life here on earth. We shouldn't then be 'looking forward' to Easter Sunday, but walking each day of Holy Week with Jesus, through the events of the Last Supper and Good Friday, we will then really be able to celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We look forward to celebrating Easter with you.

Judith



Easter



Friends,

In a couple of weeks we shall be celebrating the great feast of Easter. For some this will be in churches, others at dawn in a field, and for many it will be chicks, bunnies and chocolate. But with all that is happening in Ukraine at the moment (it is mid-March as I write, so things may be better, but probably not), it feels awkward to be celebrating anything at all. When small things go badly we are now used to the phrase, 'First World problems' – minor inconveniences compared to the scale of difficulties faced by many. But Ukraine *is* a First World problem, a near European neighbour, a doorstep catastrophe.

Feasting in the face of fighting seems unseemly, as we take Easter holidays and share Easter gifts, eating Easter food with Easter friends. Darkness creeps into Europe once again, thanks to the ego and corruption of one man. But there is a journey to take first before we celebrate, and Easter is not a festival in denial of all that is wrong, but a banquet in the midst of all that is wrong. To arrive at the resurrection, that death-defying feat by Jesus, we first pass through the devastation of that death, and the silence of the grave and God.

This is not to preach, but I want to recognise that this is the cycle which we all encounter in life. Life is arrived at through death, not despite it. The seed falls into the ground and dies before bearing new life. The sun must set before it can be reborn the next morning. Our egos must first learn to die a little before we can truly love. The cycle is universal, but retold to the universe through one man. In the midst of violence and death and fear there is one great act of defiance, which is to choose life, light and love. This is the meaning of Easter, that, in the end, Love Wins, truth endures, light overcomes darkness, and we get to choose.

Whatever stage of war we are at in mid-April, whatever the news or the effect on our personal circumstances, I invite you to celebrate Easter to the full. Not necessarily because you believe in someone from 2000 years ago, but because you believe in all humanity and the need to live in the light of love and peace, rather than the darkness of hatred and oppression. Easter is a response which subverts the tyrant by answering with hope. Though it may feel like Good Friday, we can still expect the dawn to come and the sun to rise, because there are those who choose to believe that, in the end, all shall be well.

Nick Bird,

Your Rector

DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

All items for the **MAY 2022** edition of the magazine must be received by the Editor no later than **WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL**

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The Editor is Louise Dover

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Regular Worship

... in the church buildings

Holy Trinity Stockton on the Forest

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion

St Nicholas Dunnington

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

Wednesday 9.00am Morning Holy Communion.

St Mary Warthill

Sundays (3rd) 9.00am Holy Communion

Sundays (2nd and 4th) 10:30am All Age/Morning Worship

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer

Holy Trinity Holtby

2nd Sunday of the month 9am Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month 4pm Evening Prayer



... online

A simple service of worship is posted on our YouTube channel each Sunday and remains available thereafter.

tinyurl.com/reyyoutube

(or search YouTube for 'St Nicholas Church, Dunnington').



Weekday Worship via Zoom

Morning Prayer

Mondays & Thursdays at 9.00am

LIVE worship via Zoom

tinyurl.com/reymorningprayer

Compline (Night Prayer)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm

LIVE via Zoom

tinyurl.com/reyclompline

Both Morning Prayer and Compline are short services (c. 15 minutes). You are welcome to leave as soon as the service is over or stay for a chat.



Coffee @ St Nicholas

Come and meet others over Coffee, or tea

Wednesday Coffee Time

9.45 to 11.00am every Wednesday

Bereavement Café

Wednesday 27th April

9.45 to 11.15am

Community Café

10.00 to 11.30am every Saturday



CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

THE CHURCHES OF DUNNINGTON, STOCKTON ON THE FOREST, WARTHILL & HOLTBY

Come and join us for

Messy Church

EASTER

Crafts Story Activities Food

Where: The Reading Rooms, Dunnington
When: Tuesday 12th April 2022
10:30am—12:30pm (to include lunch)

This is a family event so all children should be accompanied by an adult.

Future Dates & Events
May 21st 2022—Stockton on the Forest Village Hall.
June 25th—Reading Rooms, Dunnington
July 16th—Stockton on the Forest Village Hall
September 24th—Messy Harvest Stockton on the Forest Village Hall
October 25th—Messy Light Party, Tower Rooms, Dunnington

Any further information please contact Lisa Horton, Children & Family Worker—horton2517@sky.com



Family Worship - Sunday 2nd April

4.00pm at St Nicholas Church

‘The Good Samaritan’
A short interactive Service for all ages
Followed by a Bring and Share tea

Save the Date!

Beer ‘n’ Hymns ‘n’ Pimms

Friday 8th July 2022 in the Tower Room, St Nicholas Church, Dunnington

More details to follow. Tickets on sale from 1st June.



Light A Candle Café

Last Wednesday of the month
9:45-11:15am
Tower Room St Nicholas Church

27th April

A space to.....

- Talk about loss, bereavement & hope
- Remember loved ones
- Connect with others.

Free refreshments!
All welcome!



Children & Young People at St Nicholas Children’s Newsletter

Did you know you can access the children’s newsletter online? It contains fun news and activities, and you can find it here: stnicholasdunnington.org.uk/news/childrens-newsletter/



Voluntary Churchyard Organiser wanted!

Are you interested in managing village greenspace for people and nature? St Nicholas Church, Dunnington needs you! As part of the Church's plans to become an EcoChurch, we are seeking a new organiser to coordinate a team of volunteers and help develop the churchyard to increase the shared use of the land by both people and nature. We have a vision for a vibrant, living churchyard that encourages all members of the village community to spend time remembering their loved ones and enjoy God's creation in the heart of the village. The natural value of traditional churchyards is only now being recognised, and at St Nick's nature needs a sensitive hand to create a shared space for reflection and creation. If you would like to help shape and implement this vision that honours and enables the values of all users of the churchyard, we'd like to hear from you! Please contact Rev Mark Poole for further details: revmarkpoole20@gmail.com.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday - 10th April

10.30am at St Nicholas, Dunnington
Reflections and Hymns as we begin Holy Week



Holy Week Reflections

Each day during Holy Week there will be a reflection available on YouTube



Maundy Thursday - 14th April

7.00pm at St Nicholas Church
Come and remember the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples

Good Friday - 15th April

10.30am Eastingle at Holy Trinity, Stockton
11.00am Eastingle at St Nicholas, Dunnington
Not sure what an Eastingle is? Come and find out!



The Walk of Witness will leave St Nicholas at 12.00pm.

We will pray for the Village as we walk towards the Doctor's surgery on Petercroft Lane



Come and spend the 'Last Hour' of Christ's life

2.00pm to 3.00pm
Holy Trinity, Stockton
St Nicholas, Dunnington

Holy Saturday - 16th April

3.00pm Communion Service and afternoon tea at St Nicholas, Dunnington
For those who may find it difficult to be in Church on Easter Sunday, (contact Judith, 488331 for a lift)

Easter Vigil

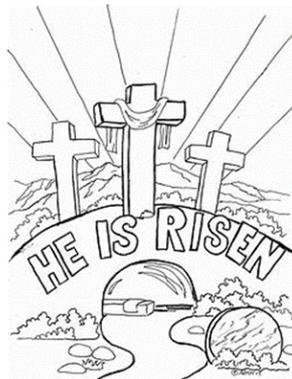
8.00pm at St Nicholas, Dunnington



Easter Sunday - 17th April

Come and begin the Easter Celebrations with the Dawn Service

6.00am at Holtby Wood, (on A166 towards Stamford Bridge)
8.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Dunnington
9.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Holtby
9.00am Holy Communion St Mary, Warthill
10.30am Holy Communion, followed by an Easter egg hunt, at St Nicholas, Dunnington
10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Stockton



Low Sunday

24th April

10.30am Benefice Service at St Mary,
Warthill

Lent Course

7th April

Thursdays at 7.00pm, via Zoom



Christian Aid Week

15th to 21st May

We will again be asking for volunteers to deliver a Christian Aid envelope to every house in Dunnington. If you are able to do this, there will be a list in the Tower Room for you to sign.

We are not asking for the envelopes to be collected.

Deanery Quiet Half-Day

Saturday 2nd April

Aughton Church

10.00am to 1.00pm

Bring your packed lunch to share fellowship with others



Messy Church: for all young people in the Benefice

12th April 10.30 to 12.00 Easter Messy Church, Reading Room, Dunnington

21st May 10.30 to 12.00, Sweaty Church

25th June 10.30 to 12.00

16th July 10.30 to 12.30

24th Sept 10.30 to 12.30

25th October 4.00 to 6.00 Light Party Tower Room

Please make a note of the dates, more details later.

Loss and Bereavement

The 'Light A Candle Café' at St Nicholas Church is a place of support and friendship for those who have been bereaved.

This month the café is on
27th April

If you are unable to attend the 'Light A Candle Café' for whatever reason, such as you work or have prior commitments, but feel you would benefit from talking to someone about loss and bereavement, then please get in touch with one of the ministry team and we would only too pleased to spend time with you.

Rev Canon Nick Bird (Rector) 489349

Rev Mark Poole (Curate) 426522

Judith Hewitt (Reader) 488331



WARTHILL

Services in St Mary Church

Do join us at St Mary as we worship together.

Details of services can be found in the diary below

All welcome!

100 Club winner

February's **100 Club winner** was John Nicholls - thank you to all who participate!

Easter Garden

We will be preparing an **Easter Garden** again this year, if you would like to help, Sue and Andrew Wilson at Fairview would be happy to accept help on Thursday 14th April, 10.30 am especially from children. If you can't help but are happy to provide plants etc. for the garden they can be left at Fairview during the week. Thank you.



Diary - Warthill - April 2022

Church Services				Church / Community Events	
Sunday	3	10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	4	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Tuesday	5	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>		
Wednesday	6	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Thursday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Sunday	10	10.30am 10.30am	All Age Worship: St Mary <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	11	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Tuesday	12	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>		
Wednesday	13	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Thursday	14	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	10.30am	Easter Garden : Fairview <i>above</i>
Easter Sunday	17	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion: St Mary <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Sunday	24	10.30am 10.30am	Benefice Communion: St Mary <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	25	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Tuesday	26	9.00am	Morning Prayer : St Mary <i>p. 4</i>		
Wednesday	27	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Thursday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		

STOCKTON ON THE FOREST



Stockton-on-the-Forest will be holding a community Jubilee Party on Sunday 5th June 2022, starting at 12 noon, to which everyone is welcome. There will be Stalls selling a variety of goods at the front of the Village Hall and throughout the Village, with cakes, biscuits and refreshments served at the Village Hall.

All profits and Stallholders fees from the day will be donated to our designated charity, which is Motor Neurone Disease. We hope that local people will support this worthy charity, as well as taking part in an enjoyable community day.



Diary - Stockton on the Forest - April 2022

		Church Services		Church / Community Events	
Sunday	3	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion: Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	4	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	7.30pm	Gardening Club: Village Hall <i>p.16</i>
Wednesday	6	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Thursday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Saturday	9			10.00am	Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning & Children's Easter Fun Day <i>p. 16</i>
Sunday	10	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	11	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p.4</i>		
Wednesday	13	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	7.30pm	Stockton W.I.: The Long Room, Village Hall <i>p.16</i>
Thursday	14	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Friday	15	10.30am 2.00pm	Eastingle : Holy Trinity <i>p.6</i> Last Hour: Holy Trinity <i>p.6</i>		
Easter Sunday	17	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Tuesday	19			2.30pm	Silver Service: Holy Trinity Church <i>p.16</i>
Wednesday	20	10.00am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p. 4</i>		
Sunday	24	10.30am 10.30am	Benefice Communion : St Mary, Warthill <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	25	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Wednesday	27	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		
Thursday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>		

Health Walks

The Health Walks are held every Tuesday morning, come wind or weather, starting at 10.30 at Holtby Church on the first Tuesday of every month

Dunnington Cross Keys every Tuesday except the first in the month.

The walks are of about 3.5 miles, and take about one and a half hours.



Favourite tree?

Some people have a favourite tree, but some find it difficult to choose, because they like so many.

One that you may not have heard much of is the Alder Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*), a version of the ordinary alder – *alnus glutinosa*. This is surprising, because it has excellent credentials:

- It is very versatile, thriving in a variety of soil types and locations
- It harbours thousands of insects and wild life
- It attracts the very useful and beautiful Brimstone butterfly, and is loved by a range of pollinators
- It is hermaphrodite, meaning that male and female reproductive parts are contained within the same flower.
- Its hard wood can be used for the manufacture of shoes, tool handles and arrows
- It can be used in the manufacture of pigments and dyes.
- It has beautiful white flowers in the spring and berries that go from green to red to black, and are the favourite fruit of thrushes
- It can be used to make gunpowder, poison or a cure for headaches
- And – no connection - it can be used as a laxative.
- It keeps away witches and spirits – although it's not easy to see how this could be useful in our Benefice.

Holtby Prize Draw

The winner in February was David Butler-Adams – No.1

Thank you to everyone who regularly takes part in the draw by paying their yearly subscription.

If anyone would like to join then please contact Rosalie Butler-Adams at the Old Rectory behind the church.

Diary - Holtby - April 2022

		Church Services		Church / Community Events
Saturday	2			10.00am Holtby Trader: Village Hall <i>p. 11</i>
Sunday	3	10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p.4</i>	
Monday	4	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	6	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Sunday	10	9.00am	Holy Communion : Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i>	
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p.4</i>	
Monday	11	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Wednesday	13	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Thursday	14	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	
Easter Sunday	17	6.00am	Dawn Service: Holtby Wood <i>p.6</i>	
		9.00am	Holy Communion: Holy Trinity <i>p.4</i>	
		10.30am	Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p.4</i>	

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Sunday	24	10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Benefice Communion: St Mary, Warthill p.4 Benefice Worship : YouTube p.4 Evening Prayer : Holy Trinity p.4
Monday	25	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4
Wednesday	27	7.00pm	Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom p. 4
Thursday	28	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom p. 4

Holtby Trader International Quiz - Can you colour these songs in? (answers on p.18)

1. I'm a toothbrush, you're a toothbrush
2. Maxwell's hammer
3. Cherry pink and apple blossom
4. Knees up Mother
5. With bells and cockle shells
6. Get off of my suede shoes
7. Itsy bitsy teeny weeny polka dot bikini
8. Ten bottles standing on a wall
9. A walk in the Forest
10. Let's drink to Lily the




Holtby Trader
Saturday April 2
10 - 12 noon
No April Fools here

- Come and buy local products
- Have a chat
- Win the Quiz

Tips to keep your improve your online security

Update your devices

Out-of-date software, apps, and operating systems contain weaknesses. This makes them easier to hack.

Companies fix the weaknesses by releasing updates. When you update your devices and software, this helps to keep hackers out.

Turn on automatic updates for your devices and software that offer it. This will mean you do not have to remember each time.

Some devices and software need to be updated manually. You may get reminders on your phone or computer. Do not ignore these reminders.

Updating will help to keep you safe online.

Back up your data

Backing up means creating a copy of your information and saving it to another device or online.

Backing up regularly means you'll always have a recent version of your information saved. This will help you recover quicker if your data is lost or stolen.

You can also turn on automatic backup. This will regularly save your information into cloud storage, without you having to remember.

If you back up your information to a USB stick or an external hard drive, disconnect it from your computer when a back up isn't being done.

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www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/

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Dunnington Library

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OPENING TIMES

Mon 10.00 - 1.30 Thur 2.00 - 5.00
 Tue 2.00 - 5.30 Sat 9.00 - 12.30

Join us for our next coffee morning on Monday April 11th at 10am for tea, coffee, cake and chat!

We are excited to have Mud Pie Arts with us for a children's event, "What's the Story?", on Tuesday April 12th at 2pm. Please book places online with Eventbrite, a link to the relevant booking page will be on the Explore website.

Save the date! We have a fascinating talk on the St John Ambulance planned for the evening of Thursday 5th May, further details to follow.

York Cards available

£6 for over 18's/under 18's free

Explore York Libraries

For more information see
www.exploreYork.org.uk



Dunnington WI

At our March meeting 40 members and 6 guests listened to Maureen Poulton tell us about the amazing work of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and how they are "Helping deaf people to leave loneliness behind". She described in detail how they are trained and this was then brilliantly demonstrated by Beck, who is an accredited hearing dog, who stole all our hearts. Grahame (his handler) did a great side line in showing us how clever they are. It costs £25,000 to train a dog and £45,000 over their lifetime.

I learnt that 1:6 people have some hearing loss and 50,000 of those are children. I'm sure many of us can think of individuals we know who would have benefitted greatly from this service, it is good we were helping them continue by sharing their story. They do not get state funding and we were delighted to not only give them our usual fee for the evening but add more from our usual raffle and with the sales from the merchandise they brought along, Maureen went away happy, as did all of us.

The competition was for "A bell" and the winning entry was brought by Greta Wordsworth.

Our next meeting is on 5th April at 7.15pm when Vanessa Lee and The Dunnington Community Choir are joining us with, "We've Got Rhythm". I think we will also catch this rhythm by joining in. No recording allowed!

Please note our April Tea and Cake, with Children's activities has been cancelled due to the unavailability of the hall.

Everyone welcome at the following one in May when we play board games.

Chris Bayne

DUNNINGTON PLAYERS

Are Back in Action!



Join us for an evening of comedy
 with two short plays by David Tristram



on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
 26th, 27th and 28th May 2022 at 7.30pm
 in Dunnington Reading Room

More details will be in the May Grapevine.

Parish Magazine Editorial Policy

We warmly invite contributions to The Grapevine. However, owing to limitations of space, we cannot publish everything received. Our priorities are to represent the four villages and publicise news and activities of local interest. Contributions must follow these guidelines:

- Articles are a **maximum of 350 words**.
- Articles are received as **unformatted text** in a Word document
- Text is in sentence case, **not all CAPITALS**
- Articles are received in **black and white**
- Articles are of relevance and interest to local people.
- Pre-formatted posters can sometimes be accommodated **by arrangement with the editor**. The text **must** be clearly legible when the poster is reduced to A7 size.
- Articles are, where possible, accompanied by a photo or other image. These should be submitted as **separate files** to the text.

NOTE: All articles are subject to acceptance by the Editorial Committee and may be edited as necessary before publication.

Diary - Dunnington - April 2022

		Church Services		Church / Community Events	
Saturday	2			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	3	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i> Family Worship: St Nicks <i>p.4</i>		
Monday	4	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Tuesday	5				Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i>
Wednesday	6	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Coffee Time : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Thursday	7	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	9			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	10	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Morning Worship : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	11	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various 10.00am 7.15pm	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Dunnington Library Coffee Morning <i>p. 12</i> Board Games Evening: Cross Keys <i>p.18</i>
Tuesday	12			10.30am 10.30am 10.30am various 2.00pm	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Tuesday Cycle Rides: Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Easter Messy Church: Reading Rooms <i>p. 5</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop <i>p. 12</i> "What's the Story?": Dunnington Library <i>p.12</i>
Wednesday	13	9.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Compline (Night Prayer) : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Coffee Time : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p.4</i>
Thursday	14	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i> Maundy Thursday: St Nick's <i>p.6</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Friday	15	11.00am 12.00pm 2.00pm	Eastingle: St Nick's <i>p.6</i> Walk of Witness: St Nick's <i>p.6</i> Last Hour: St Nick's <i>p.6</i>		
Saturday	16	3.00pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion and afternoon tea: St Nick's <i>p.6</i> Easter Vigil: St Nick's <i>p.6</i>	various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Easter Sunday	17	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion: St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Holy Communion (followed by Easter egg hunt!): St Nicks <i>p. 4</i> Benefice Worship : YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	18			various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Tuesday	19			10.30am various	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Wednesday	20	9.00am	Holy Communion : St Nicks <i>p. 4</i>	9.45am	Coffee Time : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>

DIARY CONTD./POEM/SHOP

Thursday	21			various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	23			various 10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>
Sunday	24	10.30am 10.30am	Benefice Communion: St Mary, Warthill <i>p.4</i> Benefice Worship: YouTube <i>p. 4</i>		
Monday	25	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Tuesday	26			10.30am various 1.45-3.00pm	Health Walk : Meet at The Cross Keys <i>p. 10</i> Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Little People, Tower Room, St. Nicks <i>p. 5</i>
Wednesday	27			9.45am	Light a Candle Café : St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 5</i>
Thursday	29	9.00am	Morning Prayer : Zoom <i>p. 4</i>	various	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop
Saturday	30			10-11.30am	Library & Cancer Support Group Shop Community Café: St Nicholas Tower Room <i>p. 4</i>

Seasons - by June Rickell

Well we haven't had a Winter
And it's not been quite a Spring
So it must have been a Sprinter
Or some such thing.

We've had some lovely sunshine
And we've had a bit of rain
A few flakes of snow came down
Then disappeared again.

I know Old Mother Shipton
Said the seasons would all change
And it's happened in my lifetime
It's all so very strange.

So now we wait for summer
To see what happens next
The birds are equally confused
'When should we build our nests?'

And when we head for summer
Just what clothes should we wear
A vest or woolly jumper?
It leaves me in despair.

But I know whatever happens
The Man upstairs will know
The world will keep on turning
And we'll just go with the flow.

Dunnington Cancer Support Group: Supporting York Against Cancer

Our next fund raising event is the first coffee morning of the year on Saturday 2nd April, there will be the usual stalls, and we look forward to seeing all our customers old and new.

As the weather is hopefully getting warmer we will be having a book and jigsaw stall outside the charity shop on a Saturday morning, the dates will be alternating with the library book stall.

We are very grateful to the Community Events organisation for donating £2000 to the charity, this is a very generous donation, and would like to thank them very much.

Our shop WILL BE OPEN ON EASTER MONDAY as usual.

Shop takings and donations for February 2022

Monday. £155.60
Tuesday. £176.90
Thursday. £56.65
Saturday: £128.50
Jumble sale: £158.49
Jumble shop: £10.00
Total income for February £686.149

Shop opening times:

Monday 9-30 - 12 noon
Tuesday. 9.30 - 12 noon. 1.30 - 4pm
Thursday. 9.30 - 12 noon
Saturday. 9.30 - 12 noon
Please note. Our Jumble sale is now back up and running on the the second Wednesday of the month from 10am - 11.30am

We would like to wish all our customers a Happy Easter.

MSAs needed for Dunnington CE Primary

We are seeking to recruit Midday Supervisory Assistants to join our lunchtime team. We are looking for kind, caring and supportive individuals with a good sense of humour and the ability to display initiative. Key responsibilities include:

- Maintaining a calm environment in the dining room.
- Providing a positive role model for our children
- Encouraging and leading playground games
- Positively managing behaviour and helping children to resolve conflict following our behaviour code.

Please contact our school office 01904 552910
or dunningtonprimary.school@york.gov.uk for further information if you think this may be of interest.



The End of Dunnington Community Events

2004 - 2022

It has been a challenging couple of years with not being able to do very much but it has also been hard to get sufficient committee members and volunteers. It is with regret due to insufficient support we have decided to call time on Dunnington Community Events.

Dunnington Community Events aim was to establish a Village Fayre and Entertainment in Dunnington for children and adults with associated fundraising evenings and events to be arranged where practicable.

Over the years we were able to put all of the following events on -
 Dunnington Fayre, Dunnington Live, Dunnington Bonfire, Band Nights, Caribbean Night, Horse Race Nights, Elvis night, 80's Disco, Dancing Through The Decades, Comedy Nights, Showcase Youth Bands, Family Disco & Summer BBQs, Band & Hog Roast, Barn Dance with pie, pea and chips, Halloween Disco, 70's & 80's Disco, Dog Races, 20/30/40's Night, Bag packing, Snail Race Nights, Family Chill Out Afternoons, Motown and Classic Soul Nights, Sunday Dinner, Table Top Sale, York Harness Raceway trip, Family Bingo, Big Breakfasts, Christmas Fairs, Easter Craft Fairs, Dunnington Village Show and Dunnington Christmas Trail.

Through organising all the above, we were able to make the following donations -
 Yorkshire Air Ambulance £325.78, Dunnington FC £100.00, Candlelighters £126.71, Yorkshire Air Ambulance £264.65, RSPCA £137.00, Dunnington Junior Squash Club £50.00, Dunnington Junior Cricket Club £50.00, Dunnington Junior Tennis Club £50.00, Dunnington FC juniors £50.00, OSCAR's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity £97.13, Martin House Children's Hospice £426.35, York Special Care Baby Unit £400.00, Dunnington C.E. Primary School £1,000.00, Dunnington Scout Group £200.00, John McGall's £63.00, PKD £300.00, Jessies Fund £520.00, Combat Stress £583.42, York Foodbank £1,649.20, York Bike Belles - Cycling without Age £2000.00, Dunnington Cancer Support Group £2,200.00, Dunnington Women's Institute £1,500.00 and Dunnington Activity Play Park £1,500.00.

Thank you so much to - all the committee members over the years, all the volunteers and sponsors to whom we would not have been able to put the events on. Also thank you to everyone that came along and supported the events.

IT'S TIME TO SAY THANK YOU AND GOODBYE FROM THE COMMITTEE.



<https://www.stamfordbridgesingers.co.uk/>

The Unitarian Chapel, York
 Saturday 30th April

“Come and Sing”
 Brahms

German Requiem

Using the score with the Ivor Atkins English translation
 Copies available on loan

Conducted by Stuart Nettleship

Participants £16.00

1.00 Registration 1.45 Rehearsals 4.45: Break for Tea.

6.30: Concert

Audience Tickets £6.00

Tickets for sale from 1st April via Evenbrite

We acknowledge with thanks the assistance of Leeds Music Library



https://www.stamfordbridgesingers.co.uk

Brahms and Schumann

Including a 'Come and Sing' performance in English of

Brahms' German Requiem

(Conductor: Stuart Nettleship)

And music by Johannes Brahms, Robert and Clara Schumann

Soloists: Helen Jones (Soprano and piano soloist)

Robert Webb (Baritone soloist)

Michael and Keti Ward (Requiem Accompanists & Piano soloists)

The Unitarian Chapel

St Saviourgate, York

Saturday 30th April at 6.30 P.M.

Tickets £6 from eventbrite

<https://stamfordbridgesingers-brahmsrequiemandschumann.eventbrite.co.uk>



News from Stockton on the Forest

The Gardening Club held a most successful first meeting of the year last month under the chairmanship of Valerie Crossley, when 30 members filled the Long Room to hear Keith Abel talk on his garden and especially his dahlias. On the 4th April the speaker will be Peter Mathers, visitors are very welcome at a small fee to help pay for the Village Hall hire, subscriptions are £10 for the year, please pay Valerie. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month @ 7.30pm.

Stockton W.I. meets in the Long Room at the village hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. The next speaker on the 13th April is Mike Grey whose topic is 'Garden Birds'.

The 100 Club winner for March was Number 70 Judy Burton.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 9th April

Saturday 14th May

Saturday 11th June

SILVER SERVICE

AFTERNOON TEA

Tuesday 19th April

Tuesday 24th May

York Open Studios

York Open Studios are taking place this year on Sat/Sun 2nd/3rd & Sat/Sun 9th/10th April. Each day - studios are open 10.00 to 5.00. In our area we have 9 artists taking part in 2 venues:

1. Arnup Studios in Holtby

Hannah Arnup. Ceramics
Emma Frost. Paintings
Michelle Galloway. Paintings
Peter Heaton. Photography
Kate Pettitt. Paintings
Reg Walker. Sculpture
Emma Walsh. Jewellery

2. Brambles Studio in Warthill

Tim Pearce. Painting and Ceramics
Judith Glover. Ceramics

MOBILE LIBRARY/STOCKTON FORESTERS/CYCLING

Mobile Library

Every fortnight on Wednesday

09.55-10.05 Hopgrove Lane South
 10.10-10.30 Stockton Ln, Beansway
 10.40-12.00 Stoneriggs
 12.05-12.15 The Village Hall
 12.20-12.35 Westfield House
 13.30-14.20 Holtby - Church Rise

For more information

Tel: (01904) 552655

Email: mobile@exploreymork.org.uk

Website: www.exploreymork.org.uk



The Stockton Foresters Drama Group

The village drama group has been going since the 1930s, surviving both a world war and a global pandemic. Why not think about joining us – you'll be in great company!



We meet every Tuesday evening in the village hall from 7.30pm and, depending on what stage we're at with our production, we'll be reading-through, rehearsing, set-building, props-sourcing, tea-drinking and generally having a lot of fun! We welcome new members not only from the village but also from surrounding areas. You don't need to have any experience, just a willingness to join in. You might be interested in backstage, acting, prompt, costumes, front of house, publicity or tech. Whatever your interest, you'll be assured of a warm welcome.

From 12-14th May we're going to be performing "A Bunch of Amateurs", a hilarious comedy written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman. The rehearsal process is now well underway, but please don't let that put you off coming along to see for yourself what it's all about. Although the acting parts have been cast, there is still plenty of time to get involved in all other aspects of the show.

We are a very sociable "bunch of amateurs" and often finish off a Tuesday evening with a drink in The Fox, the village pub. We also support other local drama groups and organise nights out to see other productions. The fact that we came out of successive lockdowns with an intact group is in no small part due to weekly Zoom get-togethers and a determination to get back on stage.

Have a look here <http://www.stocktonontheforest.org.uk/index.php/groups/groups-foresters> to see some photos from previous productions. We often favour light-hearted comedies, but we also love a good murder mystery. We are also on Facebook to keep everyone updated on our shenanigans! If you'd like to have an informal chat about the group, please feel free to call Moira (400583) or Karen (400122), or simply pop along to the village hall one Tuesday evening. We look forward to seeing you.

Tuesday Cycle Rides

The small group of cyclists go out on the 2nd Tuesday of the month leaving the Cross Keys at 10-30am for a ride of approximately 10 to 20 miles sometimes on rough tracks, however there is usually an alternative road route.

Tuesday 8th March - We had a good ride to Naburn to the Vegan cafe next to the lock. It was a bit too chilly to sit outside, maybe next time!

Tuesday 12th April - after a ride around the local country Lane we will head to York Livestock Centre for refreshments.

All rides are subject to change on the day depending on weather conditions.

Helmets and bright clothing are recommended, please bring a spare inner tube in case of puncture, ride at your own risk. Do come & join us.

You are welcome to join us if you have an e bike.

If you need further information please contact us on either of the numbers below.

Margaret Eastwood 07791 599661 or Tony Hudson 07979 793066



DUNNINGTON IN BLOOM/FRIENDS OF HAGG WOOD

Showing Solidarity with Sunflowers - Dunnington in Bloom

As the national flower of Ukraine, the sunflower has become their symbol of resistance. You may have seen a viral video in which a Ukrainian woman confronts a Russian soldier and tells him to put sunflower seeds in his pocket. Politicians and celebrities have been wearing sunflowers to show support for Ukraine and protesters have featured sunflowers on their placards.

So, this Spring we've been sowing sunflower seeds. Like to join in? You'll need some small pots, soil (or peat-free seed compost) and a packet of sunflower seeds. If you don't have any small pots, paper ones will do – there are lots of 'how to' videos on making pots online. Just poke a hole in your soil a little deeper than the length of the seed (about 1.5cm depth), pop the seed in, gently cover over with soil, water and place on a sunny windowsill. Water regularly but take care not to over-water when just seedlings, especially if using paper pots! When the young plants are about 30cm tall, you can plant them out in a sunny, sheltered spot, or into a larger pot if you don't have a patch of ground. If you've chosen a tall variety, you'll need to loosely tie your flower to a cane for support.

When your sunflower blooms, you might like to think of this quote from the film 'Calendar Girls':

"I don't think there's anything on this planet that more trumpets life than the sunflower. For me that's because of the reason behind its name; not because it looks like the sun, but because it follows the sun. During the course of the day the head tracks the journey of the sun across the sky... Wherever light is, no matter how weak, these flowers will find it, and that's such an admirable thing and such a lesson in life."

Some link sunflowers with a Maori proverb - 'turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you'.

Juliet Pearce

Friends of Hagg Wood

What a delight it is to walk in Hagg Wood and listen to the chorus of the birds singing again, hoping to attract a mate. Although the paths have been very muddy in places during the last few weeks, especially the access path from Hagg Lane, it is still well worth the effort to enjoy the sights that Spring brings to the wood. The hazel catkins have been full of pollen and blowing in the breeze for several weeks now. The snowdrops near the notice board at the start of the Stone Road never fail to appear each year no matter what the winter conditions have been. Their numbers are increasing year on year. The primroses will be emerging soon, especially along the banks of the ditches.

The storms we experienced in February, namely Dudley, Eunice and Franklin, managed to fell two or three trees in Hagg Wood, but only the one at the entrance to the Breathing Place area is causing an access problem which hopefully will be removed soon by Forestry contractors.

The green shoots of the bluebell leaves have been visible for some time now. In many previous years, the Friends of Hagg Wood would have had several work parties to clear brambles that try to dominate in the main bluebell area. Unfortunately, we have been unable to carry out this work for the last two years, but hopefully there will still be a beautiful display of bluebells in late April and May. Perhaps by then the paths will be drier, making access to the wood less difficult.

For anyone not familiar with the current access to Hagg Wood, details can be found on our website www.fohw.org.uk under the heading "Is Hagg Wood Open?" alongside our other news. Our website <https://haggwood.wordpress.com/contact/> also provides the opportunity to get in touch. The Easter school holidays should offer a golden opportunity to visit the wood. We hope you will not be disappointed.

Holtby Trader International Quiz - Can you colour these songs in? Answers

1. I'm a **pink** toothbrush, you're a **blue** toothbrush
2. Maxwell's **silver** hammer
3. Cherry **pink** and apple blossom **white**.
4. Knees up Mother **Brown**.
5. With **silver** bells and cockle shells
6. Get off of my **blue** suede shoes
7. Itsy bitsy teeny weeny **yellow** polka dot bikini
8. Ten **green** bottles standing on a wall
9. A walk in the **Black** Forest
10. Let's drink to Lily the **pink**.

Board Games Evening is back!

Thanks to the kind permission of the Cross Keys.

Come and play Scrabble, cribbage, Up-words and more.

We meet on the Second Monday of the month which will be April 11th.

In the Cross Keys at 7.15.

All Welcome.



TUESDAY AFTERNOONS WITH DUNNINGTON W.I.

We regret that the Easter Tea & Cake event on April 19th has been cancelled due to unavailability of the hall

Join us on May 15th for

Tea & Cake + Board Games



YOUR PARISH PRECEPT EXPLAINED

With council tax bills for 2022/2023 due out shortly this seems a good opportunity to write about the Parish precept.

The Parish precept is the council tax that the billing authority (City of York Council) collects on behalf of the Parish Council. The precept is calculated as part of the Parish Council's budget. It is the difference between the Parish Council's expenditure and its estimated income. Parish Councils do not receive any direct funding from central government and so the precept is an important part of a Parish Council's income.

At Dunnington Parish Council's meeting held on the 10th January 2022 it was agreed to request a precept of £41,878.00 for 2022/2023. The percentage increase for Dunnington Parish Council listed on your council tax bill refers to the increase paid by the council tax payer not the increase in the overall precept amount requested by Dunnington Parish Council. For example, a Band D property:

The Band D charge is calculated as the precept divided by the tax base (the number of Band D equivalent properties in the Parish as calculated by the City of York Council).

Tax Base for 2022/2023 is 1368.1, precept is £41,878 so Band D charge is £41,878/1368.1 = £30.60

So, for a Band D property the Dunnington Parish Council precept paid by a council tax payer for 2022/2023 will be £30.60 per annum or £0.59 a week approximately. This much needed income allows Dunnington Parish Council to provide local residents with numerous services throughout the village (salt bins, grass cutting of Parish land, landscaping, street furniture to name a few) and to help support a number of local amenities (such as the Cemetery, Play Park, Hassacarr Local Nature Reserve, the Scouts and Guides, the Sports and Social Club, and the Reading Room).

Going forward Dunnington Parish Council intends to build upon some of the initiatives that have already been started such as the pollinator projects, the establishment of a tree and hedge planting and maintenance program. Work is in hand to commence on Phase 2 of the cemetery, before the existing cemetery is full, ready for use in 2023. We will be picking up the Neighbourhood Plan where we left off in 2020 which unfortunately, whilst at an advanced stage, was held up due to the pandemic. We will also continue to be involved with the York Local Plan especially with regard to the Green Belt. Work will also continue on addressing our concerns regarding the proposed housing development on Eastfield Lane. We will also continue pursuing City of York Council in respect of lowering of the speed limit on York Road and parts of the A1079 together with other speed related initiatives. We have already successfully formed an Allotment Group which includes some plot holders and we will look to extend and encourage residents to get involved with other Groups. We hope that this gives you a flavour of the range of the many activities that we get involved with and that we provide local residents with good value for money.

We said last year that we would have to raise the Parish precept this year because it does not cover the amount that is spent in the year and we have been taking the difference from our reserves. Unfortunately, this can't go on any longer and Dunnington Parish Council must raise the Parish precept in order to protect those reserves. However, we will continue to strive to maintain the high standards that local residents have come to expect.

All the above-mentioned items have been discussed at our monthly Parish Council meetings, which members of the public are welcome to attend, and the agendas and minutes can be found on the Parish Council website.

(1 March 2022)

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Advance Notice of Street Closures - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Dunnington Village Street Party - Friday 3rd June 2022

It seems a long time ago that the Village had anything to celebrate so now it's time to let down your hair, dust yourself down and get behind this once in a lifetime event.

In order for the event to go ahead safely it is necessary for the following roads to be closed between 9am and 7pm on the day:

Common Road between the Sports and Social Club and the Cross Keys Public House.
Church Street at the Reading Room.
York Street at the Village Cross.
Petercroft Lane at the Doctors Surgery.
Water Lane both ends.
Intake Lane at the Play Park.
Greencroft Close and Lane at the junction with Common Road.

If you would like to attend the event but are unable to walk there please use the Contact Form on Dunnington Parish Council's website www.dunningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk to arrange a lift.

DUNNINGTON VILLAGE STREET PARTY

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2022

Picnic on the green
BBQ
Coffee van
Ice cream van
Kids' party in the park

Bouncy castle
Face painting
Bucking bronco
Live music
And more...

Common Road will be closed from the Sports Club to the Cross Keys

www.dunningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parishes Of Dunnington, Stockton on the Forest, Holtby & Warthill and Dunnington Local Ecumenical Partnership

Rector	Revd Canon Nick Bird	The Rectory, 30 Church Street revnickbird@gmail.com	489349	<i>Usual day off: Friday</i>
Curate	Revd Mark Poole	The Rectory, Sandy Lane, Stockton revmarkpoole20@gmail.com	400910	<i>Usual day off: Friday</i>
Reader	Judith Hewitt	7 Water Lane judithmhe Witt@btinternet.com	488331	
Methodist Minister	Revd Dr John Schofield	rev.dr.john.schofield@gmail.com	861477	<i>Usual Day Off: Friday</i>

St Nicholas Church, Dunnington		Churchwarden Chris Gladstone, Brownhills, Holtby Ln	488167
Churchwardens	Peter Helm Carole White	481376 07508 834565	
Holy Trinity Church, Holtby		Holy Trinity Church, Stockton on the Forest	
Tower Room Bookings	tower-room@stnicholasdunnington.org.uk	Churchwarden Ennis Tweddle, 4 Gay Meadows	400364
Holy Trinity Church, Holtby		St Mary's Church, Warthill	
		Churchwarden Ann Proctor, 8 Church Rise, Holtby	489386

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Blank Canvas Art Club (Kids & Adults classes)	Suzi Malik 07773 819 603	Over the Rainbow Preschool & Out of School Clubs	Lucy/Millie 489053
Bridge Club	Janice Kay 488357	Pilates	Janet Rudd 07940548513
Brushstrokes Art Group	Alisia Ross 01759 388231	Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Karen Prince 489364
Conservative Association	Jenny Brooks 489587	Reading Room	07858 582933
Derwent Lions Club	Ken Sutcliffe 481265	Under 5s activities and information	Facebook Dunnington POPPEY
Dunnington Cancer Support Group	Anne Robinson 488341	Dunnington Playing Fields Association	Josette Farmer 488322
Dunnington Conservation Group: Volunteers' rep	Steve Ashby 489593	Sports Club	Nick Roberts 481039
Hassacarr Nature Reserve: Warden	Terry Weston 489830	Bowls	John Taylor 399160
Dunnington Community Choir	Liz Welham 488705	Cricket	Ken Sutcliffe 481265
Dunnington Community Events	07762 067005	Football	Karl Hetherington 07731 318925
Dunnington In Bloom	Douglas Holliday 488733	Squash	Claire Pethullis 449179
Dunnington PTA	Rachel Robinson & Laura Richardson dunningtonprimarypta@gmail.com	Tennis	Charlotte Mitchell 07871 586262
Dunnington Parish Council & Cemetery	Jessica Bedford 07562 333508	Racketball	Chris Martin 07802 963069
Dunnington Players	Jeanette Parkinson 488224	Table tennis	Nick Roberts 481039
Dunnington Through The Ages Group	Marilyn Jones 488433	B Fit Gym	Nick Roberts 481039
Dunnington Women's Institute	Christine Fisher 07456 224778	Bootcamp	Paula North 07821 379991
Ebor Ruggers	Angela Gray 758510	Cardio-Conditioning	Linda Perry 07764 405145
Friends Of Hagg Wood	David Mayston 488674	Pilates	Janet Rudd 07940 548513

Stockton on the Forest Organisations Contact List

Green Fingers Gardening Club	Nigel Collinson 423206	Stockton Scout Group	Kath Shapcott 07736 940402
Stockton Foresters Drama Group	Moiria Tait 400583	1st Stockton Brownies	Liz Bates 400408
Stockton Parent & Toddlers Group	Julie 07742 026446	Stockton on the Forest Village Hall	Claire Craven 401730/07717756431
Local History Society	Joy 400309	Stockton on the Forest School	Lorraine Atkinson (Head) 400366
York Electronic Organ Society	Keith Jackson 01751 431522	Stockton Fundraising	Arnie Tweddle 400364
Stockton & Hopgrove Cricket Club	Rich Kerrison 400541	Stockton on the Forest Parish Council	Fiona Hill (Parish Clerk) 468773
Stockton & Hopgrove Luncheon Club	Pam Brighton 400445	York Pole Dancing Academy	Lianne 07854 999103
Stockton Fox Petanque Club	Barbara Hardisty 400018	Yoga	Nestor Portnoy 07503 157356

Warthill Organisations Contact List

Parish Council	Mike Jobling (Clerk) mjobling-warthillpc@outlook.com
Warthill Primary School	Beverley Pawson (Head) 489296

Holtby Organisations Contact List

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Holtby Village Hall (bookings)	Mrs C Utley 488552



THE BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN

Garden Bird Health



Courtship Feeding

Whilst reading Mike Tom's book "Garden Birds" which my daughter gave me for Christmas, I came across a springtime activity of which I was vaguely aware, but knew little – Courtship Feeding. As a human activity it most likely means taking someone you fancy to a good restaurant, but in the bird world it's a little more complicated (or maybe not!)

Many male birds provide food for their mates as part of pair bonding, hence the name courtship feeding. In reality though, it is something of a misnomer occurring most frequently when true courtship is over, and continuing during egg formation, laying and incubation. It is a valuable source of nutrients for the female. In Blue Tits, for example, males can provide up to 40% of a female's total food intake in the period leading up to laying. Early hatching has a positive effect on the success rate of breeding in some species and the provision of extra nutrients may well be a primary driver of this behaviour. It could also be that the male bird brings food to the female to demonstrate how well he could provide for any chicks she may produce.

The female solicits food from the male by uttering a sharp, monosyllabic call, by partly lowering her wings and then quivering excitedly. Her demeanour being very much that of a fledgling Robin soliciting food from its parents.

In a few species, notably some finches and gulls, the male regurgitates food for the female, as he would when feeding young. Any discussion about birds and courtship has to include the Woodpigeon somewhere, let's face it, they never stop, and they too indulge in courtship feeding in this way, though it's not something you often see.

In your garden you are most likely to see courtship feeding between Robins. When a female finishes building a nest, her mate starts bringing her food. He does this several times a day, and increasingly often, as incubation progresses. This has many advantages in that the female is kept in better physical condition during the energetically demanding egg formation period, and then during incubation has less need to leave the nest to feed, reducing the chances of being predated both for herself and for her eggs. Nearer the end of incubation, she may receive almost all her food from her mate.

Most of us have Robins in and around our gardens, and they are more common than you might think in most woodland edges and hedges, so there's good chance that you might see the initial stages of courtship feeding. If you are lucky enough to know the whereabouts of a nest that you can watch without disturbing its occupants, patience may well be rewarded by first-hand observation of the male bringing food for his mate.

If you are interested in garden birds and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the British Trust for Ornithology's Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds, please contact me via gbwmike@gmail.com.



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