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We have been heartened by the knowledge that the Health Centre in Kirkburton has been vaccinating the older members of our community so very efficiently. It is reassuring to know that when vaccines are available, systems are in place to get them into our arms as quickly as possible. Thank you to everyone at the clinic – staff and volunteers – for helping us all to return to some sort of normality.

Whatever the coming few months have in store for us, unless we remain cautious and avoid any unnecessary contact with other people, we know that the virus will still be around and will spread. Please be careful, for all our sakes.

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

There is very little news from Shelley Community Association this month as I am writing this in the middle of January when all projects are put on hold due to the latest Lockdown.

Hope everyone is faring as well as you can - this seems a harder Lockdown than before with deep snow and ice making everything more treacherous.

The very good news is coming from Kirkburton Health Centre acting as a hub for all GP practices in the area where vaccination is well under way for the Over 80s - 2,000 jabs were given over 4 days over the New Year we have been told - and this work is continuing apace. Our grateful thanks to all NHS staff and volunteers - there is at least one from this village - who are rolling out this programme giving hope to us all. If you would like up-to-the -minute information there is a Facebook page for Kirkburton Health Centre.

We are also hoping to hold our Garden Festival on Independence Day - Sun 4th July - further details elsewhere in this Magazine. We are currently planning a more pared-back Festival but with the hope that we could swing into a bigger community event if circumstances allow.

The field used for sledging has proved very popular in the snow and it has been lovely to hear all the laughter from the children - and some shrieks from the adults too! After a few winters without much snow this field has been great for outdoor fun for local families in this last month. We hope the young lady who had an accident there is recovering and many thanks to Holme Valley Mountain Rescue Team for doing what an eyewitness said was 'an amazing job, a fantastic effort.'

There are projects on the horizon - yarn bombing Shepley Station!, a revamped website and new steps on the Whins - more definite news will hopefully be in the next edition.

I hope you all continue to stay safe and well,

Ann



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## **SHELLEY CONSERVATION GROUP**

Our local Kirklees Councillors have been working with Kirklees Council, with a small input from myself, to carry out a sponsored tree planting scheme on one of our green spaces. I mentioned this last month. It took place on a bitterly cold day in mid December without the need to engage Shelley residents! In fact they were planted by Kirklees Officers and one of our Kirklees Councillors (hands on!). It was a huge task, 1300 trees were planted, including holly, hawthorn, field maple, guelder rose, goat willow, sallow, alder buckthorn, hazel and silver birch. These are all native trees and complement the tree types already there. They will provide all year interest, with a variety of blossoms, fruits and autumn colour, as well as attracting birds, small mammals and invertebrates.

In the final sentence of my December article, I advised people to “keep safe and make good use of all our village open spaces and walks.” Following further COVID 19 restrictions this has been a no-brainer. People have made good use of these spaces, exercising at a social distance. This is the benefit of living in a village and not in a town. This winter there have been plenty of opportunities for sledging on Healey Greave Meadow. These have not been wasted on Shelley children or their parents!

The living Christmas tree on the Village Green continues to grow and look more and more impressive year on year! May it continue to prosper and contribute to our Christmas festivities for many years to come!

Malcolm MacDonald

## **DELIVERY OF SHELLEY MAGAZINE**

We have a fantastic team of 30 volunteers who dedicate their time once a month ensuring that the Shelley Magazine is delivered direct to your door at no extra cost to yourselves.

We currently have a vacancy for a round of 23 magazines starting from the top of Far Bank to about half way down. If you feel you are the person who is prepared to spare us 20-30 minutes of your time once a month please ring me to discuss.

Thank you

Barbara Keaveney Tel 608569 or 07831419459

**This months front cover is a design of snowdrops by Shelley Art Group member Sheila Trotter**

## **CHRIS AND CHRISTINE WRAGG RETIRE**

Customers of Chris and Christine Wraggs' milk round have for decades woken up on a morning in the certain knowledge that the sun will rise, and there will be bottles of milk on their doorsteps. The milk round has been in Chris's family for 3 generations, in fact since 1925 when milk was delivered twice a day by horse and cart. However, Chris and Christine are due to retire on 30 January. It must have been very hard for them at times to have provided such an excellent service, often through difficult times and harsh winter weather, very early in the morning when most of us are still asleep. They will have plenty of stories to tell!>

Jake Smith who is familiar with the milk business will take over their round and purchase his milk from Barkhouse Farm. His telephone number is 07920004398. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to have home deliveries from local sources especially during lockdown>

When this pandemic is over, Chris and Christine will have more time to enjoy going to dances and at last, to go on holidays. We wish them both a long and happy retirement!

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has opened his latest grant round of the Safer Communities Fund (SCF) with £140,000 available, made up from Proceeds of Crime monies successfully secured by police and prosecutors.

Voluntary, community groups, charities and partners can now bid for grants of up to £6000 from the fund which has a strong theme of supporting communities, and a particular focus on safeguarding vulnerable people.

Mark Burns-Williamson, West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), said: "In these truly unprecedented times we want to do all we can to help those most in need.

"I would welcome a broad range of project applications across all of the priority areas set out in my [Police and Crime Plan](#). However, I am particularly looking for initiatives that support the more vulnerable such as younger people or the elderly, women and girls, those with disabilities or victims harmed by crime. Early intervention and prevention projects and those offering therapy or support are also very welcome.

"Crucially, projects must be in a position to get to work helping people right away. That means being able to operate within the current climate of Covid restrictions and in a Covid secure way.

"I really need everyone's help in promoting this fund so that it can reach the areas where it will make the most difference, so please, if you know of a group this could help, let them know.

"I'm very pleased to be able to continue to offer this much needed funding and support during such unique and challenging times, which is also a great testament to the ongoing work of West Yorkshire Police and prosecutors in securing Proceeds of Crime resources.

“It was a key commitment of mine on being elected PCC in 2012 to ensure Proceeds of Crime monies found its way back into our communities affected by such criminal activity in first place, and it has never been more needed than at the moment during the pandemic.”

This latest grant opportunity is the 20th round of the Safer Communities Fund which has also just allocated grant round 19's cash, of over £180,000 to 36 projects across West Yorkshire.

Projects funded include:

- Disability Partnership Calderdale, in partnership with West Yorkshire Police, with a project to educate and empower people to report BAME Disability Hate Crime.
- Radio Sangam in Kirklees who are implementing online Domestic Abuse Support for the South Asian community asking for help following incidences of domestic abuse.
- Guiding Light Leads in partnership with West Yorkshire Police, who will be delivering an Educate and Empower Black Youth Programme.
- Tigers Trust in Wakefield for their project 'Tigers Try Time' which will look to support and education about hate crime made against their women and disabled teams.
- Supporting the Keighley Pride event 2021 including security and providing BSL interpreters to ensure LGBTQ people will experience improved safety.

The fund initially launched in 2014 and has now allocated £3.6m to around 790 projects making a real difference across West Yorkshire.

A virtual celebration event, looking back at fund achievements and awards for grand round 20 will be held on Monday 22nd March. All current and past recipients will be invited.

The Safer Communities Fund is financed through money and assets recovered from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act by West Yorkshire Police and Prosecutors.

West Yorkshire Police Chief Constable, John Robins, said: “These last few months have presented great challenges, not least for the many community and voluntary groups across West Yorkshire which, despite restrictions, have continued to provide vital help to those people who need it most. Whether it be supporting victims of crime, or making sure children's or older people's wellbeing is cared for during lockdown, we have seen volunteers step up their efforts and go the extra mile to meet growing demand on their services.

“Community groups and charities provide a lifeline to many people. They are applauded for their contribution to our society.

“Yet, the opportunities to raise funds and maintain their income has been reduced by lockdown restrictions, which is why I welcome the latest round of grant aid from the Safer Communities Fund and encourage groups to apply for well-deserved grant aid.”

The Safer Communities Fund closes for applications at 12 noon (mid-day) on Friday 12 February 2021.

To find out more about the fund and to apply, visit <https://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-communities-fund/how-apply>

## **Cycle Crime Prevention**

With more bikes seemingly being bought this year than at any other time and with Christmas a time where many more will have flown off the shelves, it is a timely reminder that bikes are still being stolen in West Yorkshire. West Yorkshire Police have teamed up with Bike Register® to encourage bike owners to record details of their own bikes and register them on the National Cycle Database run by Bike Register.

Tips as per our Cycle Crime campaign:

- Snap it – Take a photo of your new (or old) bike and any identifiable parts
- Flip it – Turn the bike over and find the serial number
- Save it – Record the details of the bike in a safe place
- Mark it – Using a third-party security marking scheme like Bike Register® has proven to reduce bike crime. Speak to your local PCSO who can offer more information, we will be looking at organising some Bike Marking events this year but if cycle groups or organisations wish to organise their own events, we would gladly support you.

Please enquire at [hqcpo@westyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:hqcpo@westyorkshire.police.uk).

## **Online Shopping**

With the pandemic still very much with us, shopping on the internet may well be your preferred choice, making it very important to make sure you're buying safely and securely, and not falling victim to a scam.

### Top tips:

When you're shopping online, ensure websites are authentic by carefully checking the address is spelled correctly. Ideally, type it in rather than clicking on a link in an email or text

When you're paying, make sure the page is secure by checking that addresses begin with 'https' ('s' is for secure) and there's a closed padlock in the address bar

Log out of the web page or app when payment is completed. Simply closing it may not log you out automatically

Do not pay for goods when using an unsecured Wi-Fi connection. If you have one, use a credit card when shopping online. Most major credit card providers protect online purchases

Ensure that your really important accounts (i.e. your email account, social media accounts, banking accounts, shopping accounts and payment accounts like PayPal) are protected by strong passwords that you don't use anywhere else

For more information on staying safe online, please visit: [www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/online-crime-safety](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/online-crime-safety)

**IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ANY CRIMES, YOU CAN CONTACT THE INDEPENDENT CRIME-FIGHTING CHARITY CRIMESTOPPERS ANONYMOUSLY ON 0800 555 111 OR THROUGH THEIR ANONYMOUS ONLINE FORM AT [WWW.CRIMESTOPPERS-UK.ORG](http://WWW.CRIMESTOPPERS-UK.ORG). NO PERSONAL DETAILS ARE TAKEN, INFORMATION CANNOT BE TRACED OR RECORDED AND YOU WILL NOT GO TO COURT**

[rural@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rural@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

Contact your local policing team on **101**, or  
**FOR A CRIME IN PROGRESS OR IN AN EMERGENCY USE 999**

Below is a link which will take you to Trading Standards website, where information can be found in relation to Scams around Covid19. Please take time to read and share this information and remember you will never be asked to pay for any testing regarding the virus.

<https://www.nationaltradingstandards.uk/news/beware-of-covid19-scams/>

### **Welcome Packs**

Carole Hepworth would like to remind everyone in Shelley that Welcome Packs are available for new residents to Shelley. Please inform her if you know of anyone new who has moved into the area.

Her telephone number is 608963

Or email [steve.carole1@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.carole1@btinternet.com)

## **CHURCH PAGES**

*This information was correct at the time the magazine went to print – details may have changed, please check before attending any service mentioned below.*

### **SHELLEY PARISH CHURCH**

Services and Events during February  
(All at Emmanuel (Parish) Church unless otherwise stated)

#### **COVID 19**

The Church Council has taken the decision to suspend Sunday Services until further notice due to the severity of the current COVID outbreak.

Funerals. These services can take place in church but are limited to 30 people participating.

Weddings If these were to take place under the current restrictions only 10 people are allowed to attend.

The situation will be kept under review following advice from the Diocese. Should conditions change during February, announcements will be made on the "ACNY" website. On the ACNY or A Church Near You website just search for Shelley to find the link to Emmanuel Church. Also on the Emmanuel Facebook page

Church Contacts Baptisms and Weddings: Mrs Carol Robertshaw 860657  
Funerals Mr Stephen Hughes 605755



Discovered your Inner Gardener this Lockdown?

Whether you can now boast grass where it should be, a new seating area, colourful planting or a veg plot in the making we would love you to share your garden with us...

Please think of opening your garden on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July** as part of **Shelley Garden Festival**.

Hopefully there will be no restrictions and this can be a community event we all join in.

All profit raised will be put towards village projects and even your chosen charity if you wish.

New for this time – Focus on the Front – for if you are happy to let people into just your front garden – that is all we have been able to do for the last year and there are some crackers out there. So open up!

To find out more contact Damian on 07929361276 email [damianstansfield@btinternet.com](mailto:damianstansfield@btinternet.com)

Or Lorna on 01484 609032 email [lornashelmac@hotmail.com](mailto:lornashelmac@hotmail.com)

## **SHELLEY GARDEN FESTIVAL 2021**

We hope to be able to celebrate summer as a community and raise some much needed cash for local good causes by holding our bi-annual Shelley Garden Festival on the 4th of July.

Nothings finalised yet because we need to see how the Covid situation changes over the next few months, but we have our fingers crossed.

At this stage we just need an idea of how many people would like to get involved and open up their gardens?

All types and sizes of garden are welcome and you can choose to open up the whole thing or just the front.

All proceeds will go to local community projects and charities.

If you'd like to get involved, please phone or message Damian on 07920840045

## **HEALTH**

### **KIRKBURTON HEALTH CENTRE Winter Newsletter**



Our Newsletter can be viewed on our website [www.kirkburtonhealthcentre.nhs.uk](http://www.kirkburtonhealthcentre.nhs.uk) , or by email upon request.

#### **WELCOME**

We are pleased to welcome Health Care Assistant Nicola, Receptionist Emma and Apprentice Receptionist Ellie, to our team. Dr Schatzberger will shortly commence maternity leave.

#### **COVID-19 VACCINATION**

**We were excited and delighted to receive our first delivery of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine in December 2020.**

Our vaccination programme has now started, with those 80 years of age and over. The order in which people will be offered the vaccine is based on advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

Dr Gethin Lane said: "The roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination is a real positive step forward in the fight against the pandemic. This will be the largest vaccination programme in the history of the NHS. Our staff, together with colleagues across our Primary Care Network, have worked hard to make sure that we have everything in place in order to sustain a safe, smooth and efficient vaccination programme. Thank you, to all our staff."

**Please do not ring the practice to try and book a vaccine. We will contact you when your vaccination is due.**

**When we do contact you, act immediately and make sure you attend your appointments.**

**Please: wear a face covering unless exempt; use the intercom on arrival; sanitise your hands; have your temperature checked.**

The vaccination will be given as an injection in the upper arm. Recipients will be monitored for 15 minutes after the vaccination. It will be given in two doses, with the second dose due to be given within 12 weeks after the first.

**For more information about the vaccine, please visit [www.nhs.uk/CovidVaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/CovidVaccine)**

**SUPPORT THE NHS: MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE** 

	<b>SELF CARE</b>	Keep a well stocked medicine cabinet. Many minor issues, like coughs, grazes and sore throats are <b>treatable at home</b> .
	<b>COVID-19 TESTING</b>	If you have coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms you can book at test online at <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus">www.nhs.uk/coronavirus</a> or call 119. <b>You must stay at home (self-isolate) if you have symptoms.</b>
	<b>LOCAL PHARMACY</b>	Pharmacies offer <b>medical advice and treatments for minor illnesses</b> like coughs, colds, tummy trouble, rashes, aches and pains, and also give flu jabs.
	<b>PHONE NHS 111</b>	You can phone 111 or visit <a href="http://www.111.nhs.uk">www.111.nhs.uk</a> when you cannot wait to see a doctor. NHS 111 is a <b>fast and easy way to get the right help urgently</b> , 24 hours a day 365 days year.
	<b>LOCAL GP PRACTICE</b>	GP practices provide advice and support on a wide range of health concerns. Appointments are available 7 days a week 365 days a year. Contact your practice online, via an app or phone for an appointment.
	<b>ACCIDENT &amp; EMERGENCY</b>	The A&E department in hospital is open for <b>life threatening emergencies</b> , like heart attacks, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**This winter will be like no other as we work together to prevent the spread of Coronavirus.**

It will be several months before vaccines are a major factor in keeping us all safe.

Regular hand washing, wearing a face covering and keeping a safe distance from others remains the best way to keep protecting each other.

Our Flu clinics have been very successful this year, and as a Practice we would like to thank all our patients who followed the COVID safety guidelines. We received excellent feedback from patients who attended our Flu Gazebo. Patients who have attended the Practice have told us that they felt safe when visiting us.



**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK**

Our Practice now has a Facebook page, which is intended to be an additional communications and engagement channel. You can search for us, or visit [www.facebook.com/kirkburtonhc](http://www.facebook.com/kirkburtonhc).

**RESEARCH READY**

We are continuing to take part in important clinical research studies. A recent study, PROMDEP, is a study looking at the use of Patient Reported Outcome Measures, for monitoring patients with depression.



**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN**

Our team supported Christmas Jumper Day on December 11<sup>th</sup> and raised money for Save the Children.

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine (from NHS website)**

The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine is safe and effective. It gives you the best protection against coronavirus.

Who can get the COVID-19 vaccine

The NHS is currently offering the COVID-19 vaccine to people most at risk from coronavirus.

The vaccine is being offered in some hospitals and hundreds of local vaccination centres run by GPs.

It's being given to:

- some people aged 80 and over who already have a hospital appointment in the next few weeks
- people who live or work in care homes
- health care workers at high risk

The vaccine will be offered more widely, and at other locations, as soon as possible.

The order in which people will be offered the vaccine is based on advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

**The NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine. It's important not to contact the NHS for a vaccination before then.**

JCVI advises that the first priorities for the COVID-19 vaccination programme should be the prevention of mortality and the maintenance of the health and social care systems. As the risk of mortality from COVID-19 increases with age, prioritisation is primarily based on age.

The order of priority for each group in the population corresponds with data on the number of individuals who would need to be vaccinated to prevent one death, estimated from UK data obtained from March to June 2020

This priority list is as follows:

1. residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
2. all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. all those 75 years of age and over
4. all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
5. all those 65 years of age and over
6. all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
7. all those 60 years of age and over
8. all those 55 years of age and over
9. all those 50 years of age and over

It is estimated that taken together, these groups represent around 99% of preventable mortality from COVID-19.

**What to do if someone is having a heart attack or has collapsed.**

Keep yourself safe, check to see if the person can respond to you, then call the emergency services on 999.

Keep calm, answer the call handlers' questions and they will guide you through what to do; they will also need to know where you are.

If the person needs urgent help, an ambulance or first responder will be dispatched immediately.

If it is appropriate and there is someone who can collect it, you may also be told about the location of a local defibrillator.

**Our local Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADs) are located as follows –**

On the Shelley Village Hall	98 Huddersfield Road, accessible from the car park
On the Rising Sun Public House at	162 Penistone Road.
On Lydgate Styles Hairdressers at	267 Huddersfield Road

**RECIPE BOOK LAUNCHED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH**

The Huddersfield Volunteer Group, Yorkshire Cancer Research, is hoping to raise vital funds through the sale of its brand new recipe book.

'That was Delicious – a Second Helping!' includes more than 50 favourite recipes from the volunteers, their families and their friends. It has been illustrated by Kirkburton artist, Linda Downs.

The book is the group's second publication. The first edition of 'That was Delicious' was produced nearly 30 years ago!

Carol Hirst, Secretary of the Huddersfield Volunteer Group, said: "It was always our intention to produce a second recipe book, but it took the weeks and months of lockdown to spur us into action.

"We are delighted to launch 'That was Delicious – a Second Helping!' Money raised from the sale of our books will help to improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer right across Yorkshire."

'That was Delicious – a Second Helping' costs £7 and can be purchased from Kirkburton Post Office, Lydgate Styles, or Yorkshire Cancer Research's online shop <https://shop.yorkshirecancerresearch.org.uk>.



## **LETTERS**

### **Mark Eastwood MP**



I would like to firstly wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the best for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2021. I have, over the festive period, been reflecting on the last year, as of course it was a little over a year ago that you put your faith in me and elected me as your new MP.

I am not sure exactly what I expected my first year in office to be like but it has certainly been very different to that I imagined when I was first elected. The pandemic and the necessary changes in the way we live our lives and I serve you as your MP have been unprecedented.

I had been looking forward to taking part in many of the community events which you hold here in Shelley, the Shelley Gala and Open Gardens and meeting many of you in person at these or on visits to Shelley Village Hall or the local schools. I am hopeful this is something I will be able to do later this year and once we do return to normal it will certainly be a time to celebrate together.

The current lockdown does once more place strict restrictions on what we can all do and I am very aware of the difficulties many people have faced and I have been glad to have helped where I can. The rates of infection are rising again as I write this letter and it has never been more important that we all play our part and stay at home and minimise as much as possible social contacts. a

The Government has once again agreed to make funding available for those businesses which are affected by these restrictions and I was pleased to see one off grants of up to £9,000 being made available to assist these businesses, especially those hard hit retail, leisure and hospitality sectors. I would encourage all businesses to apply and to contact my office if they do encounter any difficulties.

The New Year did bring good news as well and I was glad to be able to support the Prime Minister in voting for the new Trade deal with the EU. I always suspected it would be right at the last minute that a deal was agreed and whilst I do anticipate that there may be teething problems, this is a deal which can be the basis of a long term strong relationship between ourselves and our neighbours in Europe.



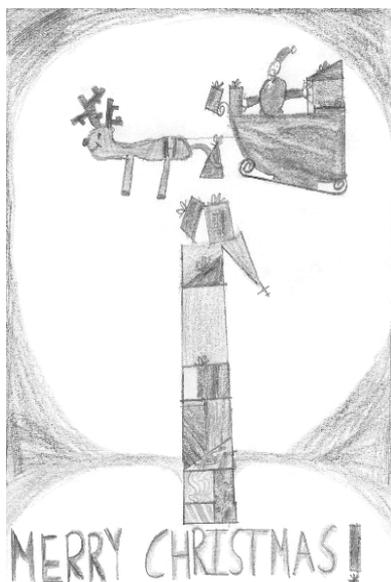
The other good news was the approval of the first vaccine from Pfizer, swiftly followed by that from Oxford University & Astra Zeneca and more on the path to approval. We can see now the vaccination programme gathering pace and I am pleased to hear how well the vaccinations are going at Kirkburton Health Centre and see the successful roll out of the vaccines as the main way in which we will overcome this pandemic and begin to return to some sort of normal life.

The initial priority is to get everyone who is over 80, all care home residents who are over 65 and front line medical and social care staff

vaccinated. I hope that most of you who fall into these categories will have had your first vaccination by the time you read this. To assist with this I am pleased that the John Smith Stadium will shortly open as a large vaccination centre as well.

Although the restrictions mean that I have had to limit the time I am out in the community, I was very pleased to be invited to help Santa with his visit to Highburton and Kirkburton just before Christmas. All credit to Martin Ward and the team for working hard to ensure that this could still go ahead.

Finally, I'd like to share with you a copy of the runner up entry in my Christmas Card competition by Ewan Plumb, aged 9 from Kirkburton First School. I was glad I was able to visit the school and thank Ewan personally and give him his prize. They say that Christmas is really all about children and certainly it was a joy to be able to meet with Ewan and other students just before Christmas



As always, the team and I are here to help. Please feel free to contact me via email: [mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mark.eastwood.mp@parliament.uk) or by phone on 01924 939007

Hello to all in Shelley

I'm afraid that there is something of a feeling of *deja-vu* as we find ourselves locked-down yet again, but we now have at least two effective vaccines in use with the promise of more to come. Thus the current lockdown is in important ways different to the previous two. There is genuinely an end in sight, and I feel that we are in "one last push" territory. A little, and limited, more determination and forbearance will see us through. The vision of a return to social and economic freedom is an alluring one, and it is almost in reach.

Speaking of vaccines, it is a free and personal choice whether to have "The Jab" or not. For myself, whilst I am notoriously averse to any type of injection (my wife is wont to use words such as "coward" and "softy"), I will be rolling my sleeve up and joining the queue when my turn comes. There is a personal gain to being vaccinated but, much more importantly, scientific advice is that we need to have a large majority of the population inoculated if we are to see-off the virus once and for all. I will stand in line, close my eyes and think of England! Please, unless your personal medical advice is to the contrary, do your best to join me.

Just a word of caution. There are unscrupulous fraudsters around, either knocking on doors or sending emails, seeking to scam people and steal money from them. Although your GP practice may contact you by telephone, do treat unexpected phone calls with caution and make sure that you know who is calling. The NHS will never charge for the inoculation, and will never ask for bank details.

The current lockdown will inevitably have an effect on Kirklees services as many staff are being redeployed to community support roles. On top of this, Kirklees is also experiencing staff absences due to illness or self-isolation and social distancing rules mean that jobs which require more than one person are not always going ahead, or are taking longer because a single person is being deployed. There is little that can be done about this, but do please continue to report any problems or necessary repairs to me. They will get done, but may take a little longer.

On the topic of reporting problems, I quite often hear from people around my ward that the online website does not always seem to generate a response. Whilst I am generally expected to support the official Kirklees line, of using the website, it does seem to me that it is usually more effective to contact me directly by email to [bill.armer@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:bill.armer@kirklees.gov.uk) or if you don't use email by phoning me on 01484 314314.

There was an article in the Examiner in January which stated that in Kirkburton ward we are prioritising resurfacing repairs to unclassified roads in Marsden. It seems that our esteemed local newspaper got a few more wires crossed than usual! The position is that my colleagues Richard Smith and John Taylor, and I, have put Cleveland Way at the top of our list in Kirkburton ward. In our opinion, Cleveland Way is the worst stretch of unclassified road in the ward. I have also asked that Westerley Way and Lane be prioritised. In this context, "unclassified road" is essentially any public road that is not "A" or "B" numbered, and is most likely to be either a country lane or an estate road.

It is always difficult to set priorities but, given very limited funding, we simply can't have every stretch of damaged unclassified road replaced in one fell swoop, much as we would like to. We have to take account of the traffic carried by each road, and in general this means that through routes are more likely to be included. However, this resurfacing scheme runs alongside the potholing and patching work, so I will certainly respond to reports of defects to other roads as well. "A" and "B" class roads are under a different scheme funded from a different budget.

Finally, did anyone spot last month's deliberate error? I managed to wish you all a happy 2020! In all honesty, I doubt that many of us would want to see 2020 again in a hurry, so please accept my belated best wishes for 2021.

Bill (Bill Armer, Parish and Ward Cllr, email [bill@gmx.ca](mailto:bill@gmx.ca), tel 01484 314314)



### **An Image from Shelley's Past**

The clue to the site of this photo lies in the name of the inn. Can you guess what stands there now?



And another.

Do you have any old photos of Shelley which you could share?

Both photos come from Kirklees Image Archive.