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A note from the Editors

Well, how is everyone doing? At long last the nights are starting to draw out, 5pm before it is starting to get dark, hopefully we can now look forward to better days ahead of us. What has the weather been up to we have had some amazing floods and then that was followed by heavy snow. Please email us any photos that you have. We are still getting out running as we need to make sure we keep our fitness levels up even though our Liverpool Marathon has now been moved back to May 2022 we don't want to suddenly realise a month before that we haven't got all our training in! Everything at the moment seems to be on Zoom or You Tube, What are you doing to keep your motivation going through these strange times?

Sue & Melissa Boyden



Ivy Rose Woodford 1935 - 2021

A well-loved member of the Hoby community has been lost by the death in January of Ivy Woodford.



Ivy was born in Hoby the only daughter of Charles Edward Henry known as Charlie (who sadly died when Ivy was 18) and Ivy May Woodford. She attended the village school and Melton Grammar School and, apart from the last two years in Scalford Court, spent the whole of her life in the village where she was born.

Over the years Ivy was a stalwart of the Methodist Church and multi-tasked to fulfil roles such as organist, key holder,

church council secretary, taxi service for preachers and, not least, provider of sumptuous teas after the services. Again, when winter meetings were held in front of her roaring fire, Ivy always produced delicious refreshments.

For many years Ivy helped to run the Sunday School which later became the Monday Club. Loved by the children she taught, she was always eager to hear news of them as they became older, went to college, married and had children of their own. Some thought of her as a second granny and she probably had no idea how her teaching has influenced their lives.

Many women in the Melton area knew her as the manageress of Harwayes, the lingerie shop, where her unstinting good humour was always apparent. One lady had recently had a mastectomy and was embarrassed to shop for

underwear, but Ivy offered to bring suitable garments home with her and fitted her at home, even altering them where necessary. That characteristic act of kindness was never forgotten.

More recently, in retirement, Ivy initiated a Monday coffee morning in Hoby Chapel for the nearby villages and hosted the Internet Café on a Thursday. She was a member of the Wednesday afternoon prayer and discussion group at Barn Farm where she was a huge asset with her wealth of knowledge of the Bible and willingness to participate.

A great lover of nature and animals, often when visitors called to see her, Ivy's door was open to let her neighbour's cat in or she would be outside wearing her wide brimmed flowery hat which was the source of much teasing, talking to the cade lambs in the paddock or the ducks on the pond.

Ivy was very talented. As an organist and pianist, she had twice played all the tunes in the Methodist hymn book to raise funds. She loved making cakes and doing her tapestry and knitting. She must have lost count of the number of shawls and cardigans she knitted for friends' babies over the years. Ivy had a keen sense of humour and she could recognise a ridiculous situation and highlight it with such warmth, often turning the joke round on herself with a laugh.

Many were quite surprised when Ivy took her first flight to enjoy the first of several holidays at her friend Rachel's home in Scotland and there were always willing volunteers to take her to and from East Midlands Airport and help her through the formalities.

It has been said that "Ivy was Hoby" - loving being part of the community life and known by everyone in the village. Most of all she loved the village Methodist chapel and supported wholeheartedly every change that was made to the building and its worship. She delighted in welcoming everyone, young and old, to use the chapel for activities including the craft group, quiet day retreats, Methodist Creative Worship group practices and village and church meetings. On village Open Garden weekends and sponsored cycle rides, Ivy

was there providing hospitality with tea and coffee, cakes and her famous cheese straws.

So many people have lovely memories of a truly special lady. Nothing was ever too much trouble for her to help anyone. Her outlook on life even as she grew older never changed: warm and positive, happy to hear of everyone's life. She believed that life is what you make of it, and that it is up to the young to plan for the future, an opinion she expressed on several occasions, although she did enjoy her odd foray into the world of computing and the internet!

Sadly, through increasing infirmity, Ivy left the village she loved two years ago to be cared for at Scalford Court Care Home. Following a stroke before Christmas, Ivy had been admitted to hospital where she later tested positive for Covid-19 and passed away on her return to Scalford.

Two final comments, the first from Ivy's godson "Aside from being the knitter of a seemingly never-ending supply of novelty jumpers and an excellent baker of sweet treats, Ivy was one of the kindest and most selfless people I ever met".

And another:

"Ivy was a dear friend – fun to be with, and a great example of someone whose Christian faith underpinned everything she did. Ivy will be very much missed and never forgotten."

Compiled by Malcolm Britton from a number of different tributes to Ivy.



IVY ROSE

The chapel and villages will miss Ivy Rose,
Same place without her will never be closed. Good care given, Betty, Roger
and Terry.

So good with members at work and at school She did not drink so, never
was merry.

She was always so friendly, so never in duel.

We all loved you dearly and will miss IVY each day.
Had so many good friends but relations none,
May she have peace and contentment to stay.
Good with the children, organisations done.

Kind with her time and company too ,

Any task she took on was seen through and through.

Vegetarian always and Mother did cook,

She earned the money and 'bus and train took.

Passed car -test eventually was so relieved.

Black car purchased, and everyone pleased.

Raised generous funds, especially for Child,

80th birthday donations were filed.

By Leslie Case

Memories of Ivy Woodford

Every lady of a certain age will remember her as the manageress of Harwayes underwear and separates shop in Melton Mowbray. The shop was alone in Melton at the time and was always so busy. Ivy always remembered everyone and could always help. It was a shop with real personal service and Ivy was amazing.

Margaret Cooper

Dear All,

This week as lockdown continues and the pandemic sees the continued loss of so many lives to the virus, grabbing hold of the hope of the vaccination and the fact so many have been inoculated can be easy to forget as we continue the repetitious nature of our lockdown existence. And with the cold, rain, floods and snow it can seem that we have a drab and never-ending journey with the light at the end of the tunnel still some way off. But thank goodness that I can go on a walk as I am able to distract myself from becoming totally melancholic and look at what I have to be thankful for, even when walking in a mini blizzard as I was doing on Saturday!

Today I feel compelled to say something about loss. I have in the last few weeks lost two close village friends Ivy and Audrey. Not family, but part of the 'extended family' we all have around us in the villages we live in. I had known both of them all my life and each in their own way have had a significant impact on it. When reflecting on this the other day I was thinking how I could explain that to someone who might think it strange perhaps in the first place when you say you have close friends who were in the 80's and 90's!! We are formed by the people and environment we grow up in and that creates and forms who we become as adults, often with them and perhaps us not recognising or seeing these influences, as they are all around us and taken for granted as we are amongst many of these influences for much of the time. Our

life becomes a picture that is made up like a jigsaw with many pieces in it. When the jigsaw is complete it shows our character and personality as well as other traits and qualities. Into this complex jigsaw goes those people who have contributed to making up the whole picture of who we are. For most of us the jigsaw gets added to as we get older, so it has many more pieces in it than when we were children. I see that when we experience loss a piece of the jigsaw of our life is removed, the jigsaw though does not get smaller, we have to exist with that piece missing and have to remember what it looked like to help show the complete image of who we are. I know that Ivy and Audrey were part of my jigsaw as was Dad and all my grandparents. My jigsaw now is starting to look more and more like a Swiss cheese, but I have the memories, so if other people could see my jigsaw, they would be disappointed that it had some pieces missing, but for me the jigsaw is complete, because each piece that has now gone perhaps is even brighter and more visible than when it was in place. The reason for that is memories, many, many memories which remain with us forever as they have become part of our DNA. So, although I won't see Ivy and Audrey in person again they remain clearly as a focal part of the jigsaw, even with the piece now removed from sight.



My first picture this week is of me in the garden at Barn Farm getting ready to set off walking back to Hobby in the snow. Quite exhilarating and much colder than I thought it would be, but I enjoyed it all the same.

The next picture was of the snow drops in the garden, taken appropriately while it was snowing. It is so good to see the colour and be thankful our days are now getting longer again, really noticeable as we approach the end of the month. Mum told me Dad and I got the snowdrops from Normanton near Bottesford where his parents lived. With that reminder I recalled it well. There were many snowdrops to buy and these were one of the earliest to show. They look great.



The next picture is of vandalism at the bus stop at Rotherby. All the glass was broken except those in the skylights. I wonder why in this remote setting, someone felt driven to do this. The Parish Council will see that it is repaired quickly, I am wondering what repair work and support is required for the person who was driven to do this in the first place?



Picture four is of flooding again. This time I have almost got the Wreake at full flood. I understand it rose a little more, but the Wreake Valley was more heavily flooded than it has been for some considerable time. So, there was no walking to Rotherby for a few days. Thankfully, no properties in the village were flooded including the



Water House next to the river side. First built as the lock keepers' cottage (I think)



My last picture this week is a bright one of Easter Chicks. Church members and the WI are starting the marathon of knitting as many Easter chicks as possible. They can hold a crème egg. The objective is to make enough for one to be given to each household and

the children in the village at Easter. A sign of the fact that we are a resurrection people, and we will see better days when this pandemic is over, and it cheers us up as well. Thank you to all involved in this project. Perhaps you might like to do something like this in your village or are already planning to do so.

Do continue to follow the guidance and do keep well and stay safe,
Vic.

Memories of Audrey Gatward

Audrey dear like a bright little bird

She looked at everyone and heard every word.

Her life has always been filled with fun.

She passed this fun onto everyone.

Whatever she did she gave it her all.

Her laughter at badminton filled Hoby hall.

She chased every shot with partner Eric Cleaver.

But was always so humble, never a diva.

Her Bakewell tart was the star of the show.

And her beautiful veg gave all a run.

I did tell you that all she did was fun.

Her garden was important from early dawn.

So much was grown beyond the lawn.

She knew that her children gave their best.

And was proud when their schoolwork passed the test.

Everyone's families she followed with care.

And knew all their names and always asked of their health.

A genuine interest a quality so rare.

Tales of her skill at the table at cards

Were equalled on courts playing tennis for teams.

No shot was beyond her she covered the yards.

Her laughter and joy bursting the seams.

Her WI days reflected her skills.

From opening the door & holding the keys

She did every job with energy & ease.

The members she met there were always her friends.

No one will replace Audrey she was always so strong.

Losing Lou long ago was a challenge faced bravely.

Friends rallied round her and once again cared.

Travels by coach to Austria shared.

Just mention Audrey to all that you know.

And a smile will appear, and stories will flow.

The gift that she had of making life fun.

Should be passed to everyone under the sun.

Margaret Cooper

AUDREY
A Poem by Leslie Case

Audrey an example to family and more,
Always looked neat and many colour could wear,
Selfless and brave, you can be sure.
Good with needle and any repair
Never sort help because everyone busy,
Competitive at quizzes, tennis and bridge
So good with garden, and plants Busy Lizzie.
Enthusiastic visits especially Putney Bridge.
Generous and helpful to anyone in need,
Regular visits for feet and hair,
We listened to her wisdom and many took heed.
Loved a joke she would try and share.
Hard working, inventive, little time for slumber,
So generous with time and many jobs to be done,
Family to care for, always growing in number.

We shall all miss you dear Audrey as well as the fun.

Hoby was her place to be,

Computer, music, pub to see.

Wls longest member

Always asked names, tried hard to remember.

Loved her holidays Wales and Cornwall in lead,

Cooked for the family and friends indeed.

Skating every Winter always on Wreake,

Lou would test ice safety thickness to seek.

Always taught Nature about countryside and fields,

Helped the children seeking birds which nest they would yield.

Flower Arrangements by Melissa Boyden and Sheila Warner

**Placed on the Font in Hoby Church in Memory of Audrey
Gatward**



Up the Wreake Book Club



Let me know your views on these books, have you already read them or are you just reading them now? We will run this feature while we are in lockdown so we can all share what we are reading. Let me know what you are reading give it a review and I can add it to

the list

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Longbourn by Jo Baker



This novel is about the life of the servants at Longbourn, the home of the fictional Bennett family in Jane Austen's novel, *Pride and Prejudice*.

I have read other novels recreating the world of famous books. These are usually projections into the future but retaining the original characters. So far, I haven't found any of these convincing, I think because the voice of the author is so different from the substitute, and because the future events depicted don't fit very well with the original story.

Longbourn is different, firstly because the voices are those of the servants, and secondly because most of the novel takes place within the same timeframe as the original. This enables the writer to use the events in the original, such as the arrival in the district of the Regiment, Mr Bingley's Ball, and the visit of Mr Collins, partially as a framework, and essentially to illustrate how a social event for the Bennett family, causes considerable work and strain for the servants. Quite a large proportion of this narrative is used to describe in detail the work each of the servants must do, and how because it is a small household, they have to cover each other's tasks when necessary. All this is clearly incredibly unrelenting hard work and is well contrasted with the concerns of the family they serve.

The central plot however is around the arrival of a new male servant James, whose main tasks are around the care of the horses and driving their coach. A relationship develops between Sarah the young maid, and James. I felt that the mystery of James' background and the romance between these two, is the pivot that makes this novel a success. In time we learn of the, never acknowledged, relationship between James and Margaret the cook, and perhaps less realistically the involvement of Mr Bennett in his youth.

In many ways the life of these servants could have stood alone without the framework of the Bennett household and their life events, but I think the writer has achieved the right balance between weaving the lives of the servants around the very familiar events in the lives of the household 'above stairs'.

Julie Phillips.

Allotment Youth Project

I'm starting an Allotment Youth Project with vulnerable young people in South West Leicestershire as part of my University placement. We are going to be running weekly sessions with the aim to clear land, grow food produce and enjoy crafts and DIY.



If you have any equipment including tools, clothes and boots/wellies that you would be willing to donate to the project I'd be really grateful. Please do contact me and we can arrange a COVID secure pick up.



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ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY RECEIVES A LIFELINE GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S CULTURE RECOVERY FUND



St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Frisby on the Wreake, Leics has received a financial boost from the government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund to help fund roof repairs during the coronavirus pandemic.

Lifeline grants from the Culture Recovery Fund are designed to protect heritage sites and ensure that jobs and access to culture and heritage in local communities are protected during the months ahead.

St Thomas Church has been awarded £23,131 for essential work to the Baptistry roof which has been leaking very badly with the inevitable erosion to the roof timbers, the wooden floor below & wooden Baptistry surround. The grant comes at a crucial point because, if left much longer, damage to our much-loved church would have been beyond repair.

Grants of up to £25,000 are being allocated to cherished heritage sites, like St Thomas church, across the country to cover urgently needed maintenance and repairs. This vital funding comes from a part of the Culture Recovery Fund called the Heritage Stimulus Fund and is administered on behalf of the government by Historic England.

As well as rescuing precious heritage buildings in need, the injection of cash will protect livelihoods for some of the most vulnerable heritage specialists and contractors working in the sector.

Culture Secretary, Oliver Dowden, said: “These grants will help the places that have shaped our skylines for hundreds of years and that continue to define culture in our towns and cities. We’re protecting heritage and culture in every corner of the country to save jobs and ensure it’s there for future generations to enjoy.”

St Thomas of Canterbury Church is one of 6 churches which comprise the Parish of the Upper Wreake. These are Brooksby, Kirby Bellars, Ragdale, Hoby, Frisby & Rotherby.

During “normal”, non Covid times there are at least 6 services at Frisby church per month. Additionally, the Church hosts major services during the church year such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Of particular significance is the yearly tradition of Christingle when it is so full that there is very little standing room. Links with the local Frisby Primary School have increased greatly with one assembly per fortnight occurring at school and also 4-5 extra services in church per year with selected key stages. Messy church, at the Methodist chapel, happens every month. In addition to these activities Frisby church hosts art exhibitions and concerts: in the last quarter of 2019 there were 2 concerts and an art exhibition.

Reverend David Harknett, Vicar of St.Thomas' Church, said, "We are delighted to receive this funding. Tom Fort in his book, 'The Village News', comments on the 14th Century; "Most villages, but not all, had a church. Very few had a dedicated ale-house." These monies will fund significant repairs to this ancient building, freeing us to fundraise for a toilet & kitchenette. We pray that the church will continue to play a vibrant, life-giving role in our community for centuries to come... alongside the village's friendly, quality alehouse called 'The Bell Inn'!!

Duncan Wilson, Historic England Chief Executive said: "Historic places across the country are being supported by the Government's grants awarded under the Culture Recovery Fund. This funding is a lifeline which is kick-starting essential repairs and maintenance at many of our most precious historic sites, so they can begin to recover from the damaging effects of COVID-19.

"It is also providing employment for skilled craft workers who help keep historic places alive and the wheels of the heritage sector turning. Our shared heritage is an anchor for us all in these challenging times and this funding will help to ensure it remains part of our collective future."

For more information please contact the Churchwardens: Simon Blake at simon_blake@tiscali.co.uk , mobile 0754 0093319 or Pru Smith at oudi1950@gmail.com phone 01664 434468.

Can You Help To Create Wild Highways and Refuges for Wildlife?

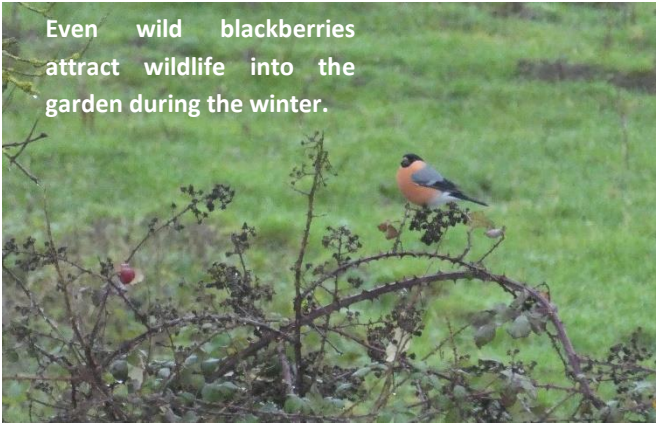
Following centuries of building, farming and industry **the UK is now one of the most nature depleted countries in Europe.** The UK Natural History Museum has recently revealed that while countries such as **Canada and Finland have 89.3 and 88.6% of their biodiversity left intact, the UK only has 50.3% remaining.** Extensive agricultural lands and road networks, in combination with other factors, have reduced the wildlife in the UK to a point hardly seen elsewhere. While the UK has made some gains, natural landscapes have been heavily degraded over decades and centuries.

The decline in the numbers of insects is evident to all who have been driving on UK roads for at least 25 years. Gone are the days when, after a long drive during the summer months, the front of your car bonnet was covered in hundreds of dead insects. The decline in insects has been catastrophic and, as human beings, we need them to survive. They pollinate the very crops, plants and trees on which we depend for food.

Yet, there is hope

Leave a small area of your garden to become 'wild' and 'messy' or plant native wildflowers. A wide variety of insects will visit and the seeds that come later will provide food during the autumn and winter months.

Even wild blackberries attract wildlife into the garden during the winter.



Wild looking hedges and trees in your gardens are so important as they provide a link to the surrounding countryside. Every size garden can help, from pots filled with native

flowers or shrubs, to larger gardens with ponds and native trees. Many of the messages on gardening and nature programmes are highlighting the importance of us all doing our bit. In other parishes where the Parish Councils own land, they can plant trees, orchards and wildflower meadows but sadly we aren't as lucky. But we think as a parish we can still do our bit. Try and imagine the small mammals, insects and birds on their journey across our parish. The wide open fields are a very vulnerable place for them. All sorts of predators are lurking, so they stick to the cover areas like hedges, trees and rough grassy areas. Many of you know if a sparrowhawk suddenly visits your garden the small birds head for cover. If there isn't any cover close by then their chances of surviving the sparrowhawk pursuit are so much slimmer!

Next time you are out walking imagine you are a bee or a mouse or a bat trying to get from one side of our Parish to the other. Large fields are likely to cause you problems if they are not surrounded by continuous hedgerows. Trying to negotiate through a village can be daunting unless there are sufficient trees, shrubs and hedgerows in gardens. As you walk down the main village street imagine your route. Are there brick walls with no vegetation to dive into? Knowing that all animals prefer to

make short journeys across areas with no vegetation, how do you think wildlife will fair in your village?

When a hedgehog feeds in your garden can it move to the neighbouring garden or does it have to wander down the drive on to the road and deal with the vehicles?



Our gardens are the link to the wider countryside and native vegetation can be so important. We made a small earth bank at the bottom of our hedge last spring and planted wildflowers. It is only 2 feet wide and



15 feet long but it provides food for animals. We have seen (and still are seeing) mice, voles and numerous birds eating the seeds this winter, the goldfinches being particularly entertaining with their acrobatics.

Wouldn't it be great if, as a parish, we could be playing our part in improving the biodiversity around us? We have felt very blessed to be living in the parish during the pandemic, but we shouldn't take it for granted. Many of the animals

and plants are in decline and we can make a difference by seeing our gardens as wildlife friendly zones that collectively create a corridor for wild animals. If you have plans to improve your garden for wildlife please share photographs of these plans in action. You can make a difference!

Remember, messy and untidy natural habitat is great for wildlife!

Garry and Candice Barker
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Brooksby Church News

We were delighted that despite all the restrictions, two weddings were able to take place in St Michael and All Angels.



The first was on December 19th between Laura Coggins and Jamie Ingham. They were limited to 15 guests. The music was provided by John Norburn playing the organ and Steve Bean a classical guitarist from Stamford. The Church was beautifully decorated and because they were not allowed a reception of any type, each guest was handed a gift bag containing a small bottle of Prosecco and a wedding cup cake.



The second wedding was planned for December 31st but fortunately due to concerns regarding the impending lockdown, it was brought forward to Boxing Day December 26th.



As only six guests were allowed, there were just Arron McPheat & Milica Vranjkovi the bride and groom, their two little girls who were bridesmaids and both sets of parents.

Katherine, a professional singer from Nottingham provided the music and Matthew the photographer from Barsby provided Prosecco and mulled wine in the Car Park.



We are so pleased that each of these couples were able to fulfil their wish to be married in the presence of God and wish both of them a long and happy marriage.



In addition to the weddings, St Michael's was open on Sunday December 20th for a day of Christmas reflection with a prayer tree for anyone who wished to leave a message of reflection for 2020 or hope for 2021.

Jeanne Knowles & Malcolm Britton Churchwardens

Snow Around Hoby

What beautiful Sun Rises and Sun Sets we have been lucky enough to have lately.



Please send me any photos that you have of the snow, lets capture as many memories of good times that we possibly can.

Photos by Melissa Boyden

Snow at Our House By Sue Boyden



Floods on Hoby Road and Frisby Lakes By Sue Boyden



Please send me any photos that you have of the floods, lets capture as many memories of these amazing times that we possibly can.

New Year's Honours



New Year Honours Rotherby village is very proud to share the good news that one of their residents Glynis Wright has been awarded an MBE in the 2021 New Year's Honours List for Services to Female Entrepreneurship. I spoke to Glynis about her achievement and this is what she told me.

"No-one could have been more surprised than I was when an email popped into my private

Hotmail account declaring it was from the Cabinet Office, informing me I had been awarded an MBE. When I first read the email, I was quite certain it was a spoof. Who would expect the Cabinet Office to send an email about such a wonderful award? It took me some persuading over the telephone to the Cabinet Office to accept it was genuine! Once I realised it was real, I could not have been prouder or more delighted! My first question to the Cabinet Office was to enquire who had put me up for this award as I wished to thank them. I was informed it was always a secret but that it involved a number of people. Without question the most important part of winning a Queens Award is the fact that other people thought you were worthy of the title and took it upon themselves, no doubt at considerable time and effort, to put you forward. That is one of the most moving things that I have ever experienced in my life and I will forever be warmed by it. I will be thinking of those generous souls – whoever they are - when I attend the investiture at Buckingham Palace to receive the medal. I am of the view that receiving a Queens Award gives you a responsibility to continue in your personal endeavours. It is meaningful to me in the extreme to win the award for female entrepreneurship. I am passionate about the opportunities that business can offer to women. So many are reluctant

to take the plunge, or they are held back by childcare obligations or simply do not feel they are good enough. I certainly had no intention of setting up my own law firm when I retrained as a lawyer in my 40s, but it turned out to be one of the best things I have ever done. Along with two other incredible businesswomen, I run seminars which are aimed at encouraging women to take that leap of faith into self-determination. I plan to use the MBE award to amplify the message that women and business can be a potent and successful winning formula! And where better to relax and celebrate this wonderful award than in one of the most beautiful villages in Leicestershire with some of the best neighbours one could hope to have – Rotherby! “

Article submitted by Jeanne Knowles

Did you Know?

Honours have been awarded at New Year since at least 1890, in which year a list of [Queen Victoria](#)'s awards was published by the *London Gazette* on 2 January. There was no honours list at New Year 1902, as a list had been published on the new [King's birthday](#) the previous November, but in January 1903 a list was again published, though including only Indian orders until 1909 (while the other orders were announced on the King's birthday in November). There were also no honours issued in 1940, due to the outbreak of the [Second World War](#) in September 1939.



St Peters

Kirby Bellars Cleaning Rota

For March and April 2021

March 2021	April 2021
Cleaning Rota No one available	4th April Flower Rota starts

Airtight jars of all shapes and sizes please contact Melissa Boyden email melissaboyden@hotmail.co.uk



Did you know?

Grapes light on fire in the microwave.



Back in 2011, a physicist at the University of Sydney went viral after he placed a grape in the microwave and filmed the fiery aftermath. And oddly enough, scientists couldn't explain the phenomenon until quite recently. A March 2019 study published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* reported that the fruity fireball occurs as a result of the loose electrons and ions that cluster to form plasma when grapes get hot

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2. Sort back and sides
3. One among many
4. Neither here nor there
5. Somewhere along the line
6. Each way bet
7. Part exchange
8. Out and about
9. High Tea

Lockdown Puzzle
This month see
how many words
you can get from
the letters in
Lockdown

10. Line of fire
11. Mother-in-law
12. A break in the clouds
13. Beat about the bush
14. Long John Silver
15. Son of a gun
16. The south of France
17. Take you out to lunch
18. On the last lap

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