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A note from the Editors

We are now in Tier 4 which is basically a lock down as everywhere except the Supermarkets are closed. No Saturday afternoon browsing round the shops for now, although maybe it's for the best as we have nowhere to go to wear our new clothes anyway!

We have just had an amazing takeaway from The Blue Bell at Hoby and would highly recommend it.

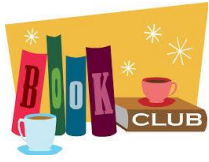
Where has anyone else had a takeaway from and what were your thoughts on the new style of eating out but at home!!

As usual please send me any interesting things that you have been getting up to during these very strange times.



Sue & Melissa Boyden

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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Goodbye to Budapest by Margarita Morris.(2019)



This novel is set during the 1956 Hungarian Uprising against the Soviet occupation. I thought this was an interesting subject since this is now beyond most people's memory.

The plot is well structured with a believable range of characters, with realistically varied views on appropriate action. The atmosphere of fear of the secret police the AVO, and neighbours reporting on each other is very well created. Life in a factory with its quotas and mandatory collective reading each morning, is quite amusingly told, although the total mindlessness is apparent. In spite of or perhaps because of, the shortages and limitations of life, people are endlessly kind and supportive of each other.

One of the main characters is reported to the AVO, so that we witness his torture and time spent in a Hard Labour Camp.

The scenes of armed resistance are graphic and well drawn. It felt as if the writer knew the city very well or certainly where the main battles were fought. Many people die including some of the main characters.

As we know the Soviets overran the resistance and reinstated a government of their choosing. This was of course not long after the end of the war, so the Soviets hadn't been in control for very long.

I think this is an interesting and well-structured novel, it is just a pity that it is rather overwritten in terms of telling the reader what characters are thinking, although their reactions and the storyline informs without this superfluous prompt.

Julie Phillips.



Dear All,

Please find attached this week's readings and ramble.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year

Vic.

Dear All,

Please find attached the readings for this coming Sunday January 3rd, 2021 (the readings are for The Epiphany which is January 6th) and the SWF Rambling for this week and the pictures. Please share these with your colleagues.

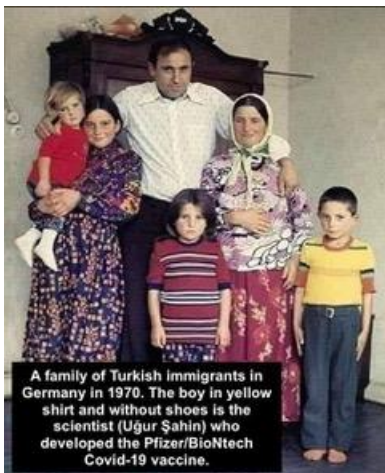
To wake up this morning to snow on the ground (and it continues to snow now) and the news that that the NHS is close to crisis with COVID-19 patients in our hospitals now greater than in mid-April, is a sobering thought for anyone as we approach the end of 2020 when many of us thought and hoped that such terrible news would be very much behind us. I am sure that the revision of guidance will see most if not all of England move in to Tier 4, which is basically the new word for lockdown, the third we will have experienced since March. How do we cope with all of this, as I was watching it snow as the daylight arrived today, I thought back to the Christmas Service at Hoby on the 23rd. I was thanking people at the end of the service and looking at a sea of faces all with masks and finding just that view quite difficult to process and an unimaginable picture a few months ago and I thought of Hope. Hope is what the Parish Church represents I said, it was built (or is attributed to) the time of King John, although could easily be Henry II or Richard I, a time of civil war. It survived the plague, another civil war, Cromwell and the Puritans, and two world wars in the 20th Century. It continues to stand and has done for the last 800 years at least as a sign of God's presence with us in this community and is a powerful comfort to us during a time of uncertainty. The church is open daily for private prayer, I close it every day and can testify, from being in the building every day as to how important these buildings become to us at difficult times. You find that praying in this building hallowed in prayer for centuries becomes part of what you

are called to do, while carrying out the 'other' chore. Now is one of those difficult times.



But looking for hope my first picture is of Leslie Case from Hoby. Leslie lives opposite me and I visited her on Christmas morning. This picture taken on Christmas Day, shows Leslie who is the villages senior resident and also someone who earlier that week received the COVID-19 vaccine. A powerful message for us all that the road ahead maybe bumpy but the vaccine is here, and we will see a change to our lives in 2021.

Let us follow the guidance as best we can, and we should see a return to a way of life we now long for.



My second picture is of a family of Turkish immigrants, just after arriving in Germany in 1970. The little boy in the yellow T-shirt is Ugur Sahin, he developed the Pfizer/BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine received by Leslie last week and no doubt received by many others by now. This man with his wife have

dedicated their lives to finding cures to various cancers. The picture can be looked at in a number of ways. To me it is so powerful and speaks to us of what we can be and what we can do and not about what we are and where we came from. We often lose sight of such precious things. But we are so thankful for the skills that this family and Ugur have brought to Germany and now to our world during a time of adversity. Let us use this story to eradicate the label of 'other' at a time when the virus has affected the entire world, it demonstrates our oneness.



Picture three is from a Muslim friend in Leicester and says so much about what was endure during 2020, but can still say 'Merry Christmas' It starts with we cried and no doubt we will cry again in 2021, but in the list it was written in told me almost in rhyme about how much we had changed in 2020

On Christmas Day mum was at my older sisters and my younger sister already had her allocation! I was at home. For some reason having not got back from the Christmas service at Leicester and to bed until 2am I still got up at 6am and was wide awake. I was up and in Hoby church before 8am and then with sprigs of variegated holly left a piece in the church yard for Dad and then walked up to the farm. It was a lovely walk but seemed strange that Barn Farm was silent. It had a strange beauty about it, and happy memories come flooding back. I put the second sprig of holly at Dads oak tree in the home field paddock



(then taking this fourth picture), before the interruption of ‘O Come all ye Faithful’ came over the cattle grid! It was Revd David arriving on his bike at Barn Farm with Christmas Carols being shared with us all loudly from his speakers. It was a lovely interruption and broke the silence surrounding the farm at that moment.

We said Happy Christmas before David was off again to be back in time for the 10am Zoom Worship. It was all a bit surreal.



My last picture is from my walk of yesterday morning. I went along the footpaths that ran alongside or near to the River Wreake. I walked to Thrussington Mill, surrounded by flood water and across the fields through water to Rearsby. To my surprise the water was moving and still rising at that point, which quickened my stride to ensure water did not go over my boot tops and I

lost site of the grass waving in the water below!! I returned via Brooksby and Rotherby and crossed the bridge at Hoby, 10 minutes from home. The water spread seemed immense at this point. But the Wreake although full to the brim was within its banks. With no rain (but snow) forecast, the river level should start to drop today (we hope)

As 2020 says goodbye to us, not many will regret its passing. As we say goodbye to the old and welcome the new we might not see much change initially but hope for the best and this will take us through. I will reflect on what 2020 has taught me about doing without! Some things I miss and can't wait for their return, other things though I will gladly be able to drop and will use the precious time gained differently.

So, I wish you all a very Happy New Year and may 2021 see better times for us all

Vic

Blue Bell Hoby are doing a Takeaway Menu



Blue Bell Hoby Menu

Starters

- Hoi sin duck bon bons with a sweet chilli, lemongrass & ginger dip. £7.95
- Fried halloumi with an orange zest & ginger honey, topped with crisp ginger shavings. v £8.95
- Cajun-spiced breaded whitebait. Mango chutney. £6.95
- Spinach falafel cakes with chunky salsa. v/vv £6.95
- World platter of hoi sin duck bon bons, spinach falafel, whitebait, fried halloumi & tomato tortilla chips. Mango chutney, chunky salsa & sweet chilli dips. £15.95

Main Courses

- Our famous Steak & Ale Pie - tender pieces of steak braised in 'Original Ale', with a short crust pastry top and bottom & rich gravy. Large £14.95 Small £10.95
- Butter-baked chicken breast fillet strips, served on a creamed leek, chorizo & pea chowder. £14.95
- (both of the above are served with a choice of chunky chips, creamy mash or new potatoes with mushy peas, salad or seasonal vegetables)**
- Moroccan-spiced butternut squash & mixed bean tagine. Served with crisp tortilla chips & chunky salsa. v/vv Large £12.95 Small £9.95
- Battered halloumi. Minted mushy peas, chunky chips & home-made tartare sauce. v £12.95
- Thai yellow Gaeng Garee Gai curry of cauliflower, peas, potato & cherry tomatoes with Coconut rice. v/vv Large £13.95 Small £10.75
- Jalfrezi Chicken with saute red onions and baby tomatoes, served with rice, poppadum and spiced mango chutney. Large £14.95 Small £10.95
- Freshly battered haddock fillet, served with chunky chips, mushy peas & home-made tartare sauce Large £14.95 Small £10.95

Salads

- Fried halloumi, spinach falafel & roasted cherry tomatoes. Balsamic syrup. v Large £13.95 Small £9.95
- Sticky sweet chilli chicken with sesame seeds, prawn crackers & fried ginger shavings. *rice instead of salad! No problem!* Large £14.95 Small £10.25

Nibbles & Extras

- Chunky chips £3.25 Cheesy chips £3.95
- Garlic bread £3.50
- Cheesy garlic bread £4.25
- Kalamata olives £3.25 Onion rings £3.25
- tortilla chips & salsa dip £3.50
- Side salad £3.25 Seasonal vegetables £3.25
- New potatoes £3.25 Sour dough roll £2.00

Desserts

- Sticky Toffee Pudding with caramel sauce
- Hot Chocolate Pudding with dark chocolate sauce ALL DESSERTS £4.50
- Bread and butter pudding of the day
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Going for a stroll?



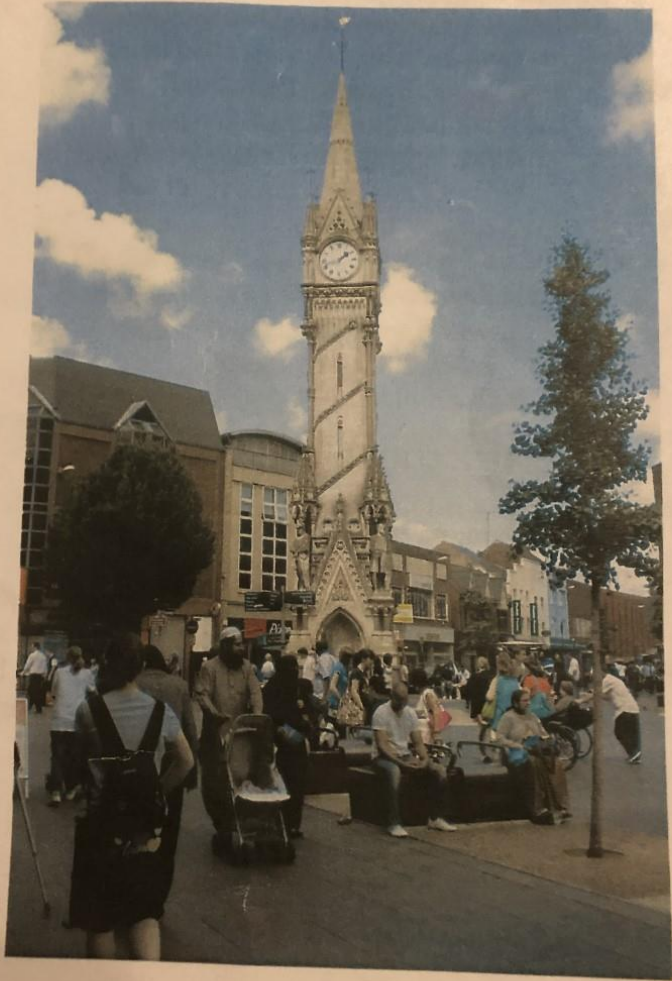
We are now also serving takeaway hot drinks and a selection of snacks including bacon butties, fish & chips and homemade puddings: Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11am - 3pm.

Baby Blanket by Melissa Boyden



Pattern from Diocese of Leicester Mothers' Union Knitting Patterns, supplied by Leslie Case, all other patterns are in the November magazine.

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BABY BLANKET WITH OPTIONAL LACE BORDER

Materials – about 200g of white DK wool,
Long 4mm (size 8) needles
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There are two options: 1, The basic blanket
measuring 24 inches square without a lace border
2, basic blanket measuring 20 inches square with a
lace border to all four edges.

Basic blanket: cast on 1 st. turn

Next row – k into front & back of this st (2sts) turn
Next row k.1, inc in next st by k into front & back of
same st. before slipping it off the needle. K to end.

Only inc in this way at beginning of a row. Turn
(3 stitches on needle)

Continue to inc in this way in every row
Continue until the side of the blanket from the cast on
corner to the needle, measures either 20 ins. Or 24 ins.

Depending upon which option you have chosen.

Next row: k. 1 row plain.

Next row: k.1, k2tog., k. to end of row.

Continue this way, always k. the 1st st. then dec. into
the next st. by k.2tog until 1 st. remains.

You should now have a neat square with each side
measuring 20 ins. or 24 ins.



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1. Five in a depression? – Advent
2. Gleans? – Angels
3. Little Elizabeth on the French Border? – Bethlehem
4. Ronnies' four lights? - Candles
5. 500 in vehicles? – Cards
6. Medals? – Decorations
7. Live Fast? – Festival
8. Talents? – Gifts
9. Virtuous Shakespeare? Goodwill
10. Ggreet? – Greetings
11. Break at camp or home? – Holiday
12. Under this, pecks are acceptable? – Mistletoe
13. HIJKMNO? – Noel
14. Bash the Tories? – Party
15. N° 8 has a grudge in afterthought? – Presents
16. Sounds like bad weather, love? – Reindeer
17. Storing! Where to put N° 15? – Stocking
18. Stel? – Tinsel
19. Country bird? - Turkey
20. Foxy N° 16? - Vixen
21. N° 8 has a grudge in afterthought?

Dingbats 7

Find the well-known phrases or sayings

1. ROADKEEP	7. EXCHANG	13. BE BUSH AT
2. S TROHS S H H O O R R T T	8. OUTABOUT	14. J O H N Ag
3. H O 1 S T	9. EARL GREY ↑ ↑	15. BREN Jr
4. NeitHER NeiTHER	10. FIREFIREFIREFIR E	16. FRANCE THE
5. <u>Somewhere</u>	11. POLMUMICE	17. L NCH L NCH
6. WAGERREGAW	12. NIM BUS CUMU LUS	18. ON LAP LAP LAP

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