

A newsletter for the community of Murton and Hilton

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Editorial

Welcome to the 85th issue of the villager and my first as editor. I was a little daunted by my task when I volunteered back in the summer, but as I started to receive all the wonderful articles from the community things became a lot easier. To the passing tourists our community must appear silent and still; but behind the ivy and pretty stone cottages there are travellers, athletes, environmentalists, astronomers, historians, horticulturists, fundraisers and fantastic chefs.

Since the last issue, which was a super celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we've had to say goodbye to Her Majesty. Though this has been a difficult time for many, at least we have the happy memories of our colourful weekend in June.



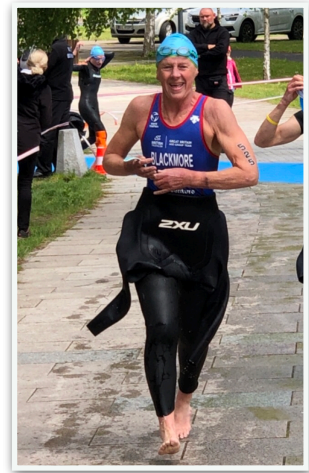
On a brighter note...Soup and Pud is back! With the most delicious soup at a bargain price, news is travelling far and wide. I hear one customer travelled from Australia for the occasion! We've also had a stunning wedding in the most amazing marquee. Congratulations to Kerry Newton and Tom Scott. We've also said goodbye to Allison and Jack Caldwell who finally made it to sunny Australia. They were very involved with all parts of the community and will be dearly missed.



Triathlon in Poland

Sally Blackmore

I feel like the time has come for some explanation. Since first moving to Hilton in March 2015 many of you might have seen me either riding my bike, running or on my way for a swim at the pool or lake. Although I enjoy these activities for pleasure and I've been competing in triathlon for about 15 years, there has been an ultimate goal for all the training hours for quite some time.



In 2019 I qualified for Team GB Standard distance Triathlon Championships to be held in Estonia in 2020. (The Olympic Standard distance triathlon includes a 1500m swim, 40km bike and 10k run in that order). Of course Covid ruined those race plans and I was deferred to the 2021 Championships to be held in Valencia, Spain. I decided I wasn't ready to travel overseas in uncertain times during 2021 so I deferred once again.

However, I'm pleased to say that on the 29th of May I was finally able to compete with Team GB at the ETU European Age Group Championships in Olsztyn, Poland. My main aim was to cross the finish line, enjoy the honour of representing GB and not come last! With all boxes ticked, including coming 9th in my Age Group, and despite catching covid just beforehand I am very happy with the long awaited result. I did contemplate taking things a little easier once this event was over and after becoming a first time Nana in March this year, but I feel there is still a little more unfinished business to attend to before I hang up my Trisuit!



Since writing the above in June, I have qualified for Team GB in both the Triathlon and AquaBike in the 2023 World Standard Distance Championships in Pontevedra.

Coupland Hall

Local history in Coupland Beck

Keith Jagger assisted by Hazel Cleasby and Tricia Jagger

Coupland Beck is a small but widespread village 3 miles east of Appleby and which encompasses Appleby Golf Course. Coupland Hall began to be built around 1757 with many additions during the ensuing years. The Hall was not the "grand" type of building as the name might suggest but more of a large farm house.



Photograph taken in the 1950s before the buildings were converted into four houses.

The barn on the right with what was thought to be the stable block behind, was converted into one dwelling which is now appropriately called 'The Barn'. To the left of the barn stands the old Hall with a protruding extension to the front. We think that this extension was originally where an external stone staircase once stood before it was later covered over. In Victorian times the building was extended at the rear where another new staircase was constructed. Just beyond the front extension can just be seen a doorway; this led into a room in which the workers were fed. Above this room was a bedroom with another one behind which belonged to the Hall at this time. The third house, "Coupland Lodge", is the one we live in. It was derived from these rooms and extends just beyond the large coach house door. The rest was made into the fourth house named "The Cottage".

If you were to continue further down the road for about another 300 yards, there once stood a water mill. All that remains of this building are a few foundation stones and the mill race taking the water away from it. The original purpose of this complex was to create a sheep farm which processed its own wool and produced its own fabrics. It was known as Coupland Mills. The water wheel powered looms and other fabric producing machineries which were utilised in the manufacture of high-quality tweed and blankets. "The Cottage" was used as a dye house and we have anecdotal evidence saying that the internal walls consequently sparkled as if they had been sprayed with glitter; this is thought to have been caused by the chemicals used in the dyeing process. All around outside were "drying greens".

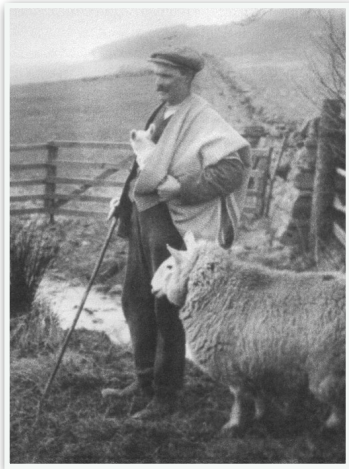
This newspaper advert, which was taken from "The Teesdale Mercury" and dated 1888, shows that the then owner John Pearson, travelled long distances to sell his wares. He must have used the train to reach these markets. Barnard Castle and Darlington were on the Eden Valley Line which he could board in Warcop, but Middleton-in-Teesdale would involve changing trains in

WOOL! WOOL!!

JOHN PEARSON
WOOL MANUFACTURER,
COUPLAND BECK WOOLLEN MILLS
APPLEBY, WESTMORELAND,

HAVING added Improved Machinery to his Mills, he is enabled to reduce his price for Manufacturing Tweeds to 1s. 8d. per yard, and Blankets to 9s. per pair. He will attend Barnard Castle Market on Fortnight days, stall in front of the Butter Market; Middleton-in-Teesdale on Month days, at the Talbot Hotel; Darlington on Fortnight days, at the Golden Cock Inn; to take in Wool to manufacture and supply Home-made Cloth.

Barnard Castle. We assume that he and perhaps an assistant carried all the items they were intending to sell. Perhaps he took a sample book showing the full range of tweed designs and took orders which he would bring on their next visit.



There was one other garment manufactured here, which was popular in the Border region: this was the “shepherd’s plaid”, sometimes called a “maud”. Being four or five yards long by one yard wide, it was usually black and white tartan and the purpose was to protect both the shepherd and the lambs he wrapped in it.

Water powered mills were in decline in the early part of the twentieth century when the more reliable and efficient steam power took precedence. What is left from all this small industrial past is a happy and supportive community who, along with their red squirrels, thrive in a “green and pleasant land”.

Additional information from Margaret Gowling - Found in the State papers, and the Inquisition Post Mortem of John de Clifford.

In 1422 the mill in Coupland Beck, Appleby, was part of the dower of Elizabeth Clifford, widow of John de Clifford, knight. It was a fulling mill, which probably means there was an active cloth making industry in the area. Certainly there is evidence of yarn and cloth being traded as far as York in the previous century by Appleby merchants, like the Goldington family, and one, Nicholas de Langton of York was owed 12 marks by Thomas de Helbeck of Brough for cloth.

Big Buzz Conference

Ed Evans

On Friday 23rd September the Big Buzz Conference was held at the University of Cumbria. This was the first UK national conference focused on the plight of our native pollinators and brought together experts ranging from Professor Dave Goulson and Doctor Erica McAlister through to Mr Steve Enderkin the National Highways senior environmentalist for the North of England to explain the issues affecting our native pollinators and ways to help them. As the Cumbria Wildlife organiser on the day I was able to gather a few first hand insights from the list of illustrious speakers.

Weeds

A great tip for getting on top of the problem of weeds your garden: weeds are actually native wild flowers and are loved by our native pollinators. Dandelions for instance are a vital source of energy in April and May. Nettles are a vital food for many the larvae stage of many insects. Just think a minute, our pollinators and plants have been here far longer than us humans and the pollinators have evolved to take advantage of certain plants. They are almost specialists. So remove a particular plant eg nettle, bramble, dock etc and you remove a chain in the insects life cycle. When you are weeding, get your chair out, pour a glass of wine and look at those native wild flowers. Job done!

RHS labels

If you are a garden enthusiast and buy those gorgeous flowers from the garden centre with the RHS label ‘Good for bees’ then sadly you are being conned! The University of Sussex tested a



multitude of the plants and found they were covered in at least 5 different pesticides. Often more. When the RHS were challenged over this the labelling was changed to 'Loved by bees' but testing proves that the plants are still highly poisonous to insects. Most gardeners would be horrified to know that when they thought they were doing something that was good for pollinators they were actually killing them. If you want pesticide free plants either buy organic or grow from seed.

Flee and Tick Treatments

For dog and cat owners there was a rather disturbing surprise, if you use a monthly Frontline type spot treatment on your pet to tackle fleas and ticks you probably aren't aware that the dose you put on a medium dog is enough to kill 60,000 bees. Yes honestly! In fact the chemicals in these Frontline type products are banned for use in agriculture! So how can a vet recommended them? Now many of us use a tablet format instead. Research isn't yet clear how these products affect pollinators but they work by being secreted through the animals skin. So if they kill ticks etc they probably aren't to good for the insects we want to keep. Ask your vet what the active ingredients are and how they affect wider nature. Research has found that almost every river in England has traces of Frontline products in them (we keep a lot of dogs).

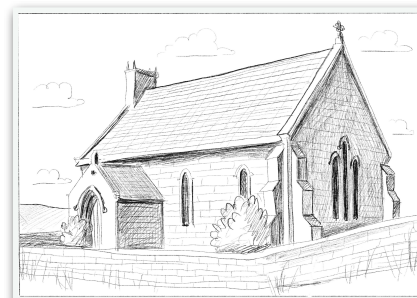
Wildflowers

We have lost 97% of our wild flower meadows since 1945. Planting an area of your garden for pollinators, making twig piles, leaving some areas if grass grow longer take little effort but produce a big difference. Our road verges are a waste land to pollinators full of tank grasses which strangle flowers. We could alter this very easily with a little effort. If you agree, nag your local Councillor and let's get colour, and therefore food, for pollinators into our road verges.

Church news - St John's Murton

Dave Sampson

Now that Rev Clive Hicks has moved back to Warwickshire it is likely that it will become more difficult to maintain a monthly service at St Johns Church. At present, I hope that the timetable for the rest of 2022 will be as shown below. If there are any changes then I will use the Village email service that Jules makes available and also put updates on the notice boards.



October 23rd	Harvest Festival	at 6.30pm (Rev Sandy Pearl)
November 13th	Remembrance Day Service	at 10.30am (Rev Peter Ridley)
December 18th	Carol Service	time to be arranged.

It would be wonderful to see these services well supported.



Piano needs good home!

Gabriel Reid

I am trying to find a home for my boudoir grand piano. It is a Collard & Collard and is a very good piano but needs a lot of money spent on it. If anyone is interested or can help it is best to email me: gabriel.reid@hotmail.co.uk. My phone number is 07984 204 399 though I can't always answer it.

The Potting Shed

Our regular article from Tina Wragg

At this time of year, at the foot of the Fells our thoughts have turned to the Autumn tidy up in our gardens. I never manage to cut back all the hardy perennials, shrubs and climbers before the inclement weather arrives. It is rather like painting the Forth Bridge. I know we are encouraged to leave thistle heads like Echinops so that overwintering insects like lady bugs can hunker down, but I do have to cut some of the more straggly stems.

One of the greatest pleasures at this time of year is to plant up our spring bulbs in our troughs and pots or if your soil is free draining straight into the ground. Our soil is very claggy, despite adding well rotted home made rough compost each year.

I enjoy mixing bought compost with the used summer bedding compost to fill up my troughs with something substantial. You don't have to feed bulbs when you plant them as they stored up their goodness from the previous flowerings foliage. I like to put miniature daffodils and miniature tulips in troughs. I put the tulips in first as they flower later than the daffodils. Maybe 6 of each in a 2 foot trough. Just cover the tulip bulbs with an inch of soil, pop in the daffs, then add about 3 inches of compost. I like to look at something while waiting for Spring so I put a mixture of winter flowering pansies, primulas and small heathers on the the top of the trough. I always water the trough and if the top flowers look a little sulky I give them a foliar feed to give them a boost.

We hear the term bulb lasagne for pots which just means layering our bulbs in order of flowering. This year I am going to layer up a couple of my deeper pots with purple alliums. Then a deep purple tulip Queen of the Night, mixed with a white and deep pink striped tulip called Grand Perfection. These are quite tall tulips but striking. Then some miniature scented daffodils finished off with a top layer of pansies. Fingers crossed they all come through. I like to put a mixture of crocuses in shallow pots. I can move these around the front garden to be placed where the late winter sunshine falls.



Well I hope the autumn weather and winter frosts are not too severe. I look forward to enjoying my new bulbs next spring. Happy gardening!

Dementia Support

Although Dignity in Dementia are based in the south of the county anyone living in Cumbria is welcome to join their courses or monthly support group both are online via Zoom.



SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILY CARERS - Dates and topics - 2pm – 3pm (via zoom)

1st November - Personal Care, Incontinence.

6th December - Christmas enjoyment

If you would like to join the support group, please contact Diane Smillie to arrange for the zoom link to be sent to you. 07771682378 diane@dignityindementia.org

Bench in Murton

June Watson - Clerk, Murton Parish Council

In September last year I received an e-mail from Kev Lothian in Australia asking if he could donate a bench to the parish in memory of his parents. His father was born in Murton and his ashes were scattered on Murton Pike in 1986. His mother died during lockdown and Kev hadn't been able to attend her funeral. Kev was born in Appleby and had spent many happy hours on the Pikes and fells with friends and family.

The bench at Murton fell gate was in a sorry state and Kev agreed to the Parish Council's request for him to contribute to the refurbishment. If you saw a group of people enjoying a sunny afternoon in April it was a meeting of Kevin, his friends, Councillors and myself viewing the refurbished bench. So, if you wonder who the 'Don and Bea Lothian' mentioned on the plaque, this is who they are.

The special guest on the day was Frances Hogg who brought photos of herself with Kevin's parents at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School in 1946. Kevin has since returned to Australia but sent his thanks:

"It was a lovely trip thanks, and made very special by all your wonderful committee and people from Murton. I really can't thank you enough as it made the visit memorable for me which I will cherish forever. "

Photo by Jim Hardman



Old Photographs

John Wragg



Following the enthusiastic response for reminiscences of the Queen for the Platinum Jubilee, I would like to make the following request: I would like to ask anyone who has old photographs of Murton, Hilton, Langton, Brackenber etc to make them available for copying/digitising so that they could be added to a proposed collection of local memorabilia and local history.

At a later date I would like to make such material available at the Institute or online for the local community. I would also be grateful for any views as to what should be contained in any such collection.

If anyone could help, please contact johnwragg21951@gmail.com

Cycling in Portugal

Richard & Anne King



We met our friends, Alan & Kate, as we flew to Nepal to walk up to the Annapurna Sanctuary in 2004. We became firm friends and have had a holiday together at least once a year until Covid intervened. Over the years we have cycled the length of the Loire and then through France, Germany & Hungary, taking the Danube to Budapest. We have walked from the French border, along the Camino de Santiago (or cycled from Burgos to Leon because it's flat & boring), & much more. For 2020 we had a trip booked with Headwater to cycle from Moncao (on the Spanish/Portuguese border) to Porto. We had to defer in 2020 & again in 2021 and were ready to go in 2022 when Alan's father fell dangerously ill. Alan & Kate could not join us so we went on our own.

The trip by Headwater is a 7 night trip called **"From the mountains to the sea"** which costs £1399, or £1589 if you include flights. We chose a bespoke trip as we wanted to take our Motorhome to explore more of Portugal before and after the cycle trip. We also took our own bikes, mine being electric - as time has caught up with me!

We arrived in Moncao and found our way to a wonderful private family home with beautiful rooms and helpful staff. You can easily cycle or take a cheap taxi into town for dinner. We found an excellent Portuguese restaurant for our first evening. The hotels in the current brochure are not identical to the ones we stayed in as the local agents arrange these and they differ from trip to trip. However, all our hotels were good and some really excellent.

The next day we left our motorhome at the hotel and set off on our bikes. We were given a device to fix to our handlebars, which had each day's route plumbed in. This worked well for most of the time but you do have to be prepared. For example, at one point the route by the sea was covered in deep sand and not cyclable, so you need to have a decent map as back up. As your luggage is moved for you, there is plenty of room for maps etc if you take a bag to hang from the bike frame. The first day's cycling is only 30 miles on easy tracks and roads before you reach Caminha. The hotel we stayed in had a lovely room & pool but was a bit like a business hotel. However, as it was centrally situated in a pretty small town there was plenty to see & plenty of restaurants to choose from.

Day 2 of cycling is 33 miles to Ponte de Lima. You cycle along the Atlantic coastline to the busy city of Viana do Castelo with narrow lanes and Rococo Palaces. After a steep climb to a 19th Century church you head inland to Ponte de Lima, the oldest village in Portugal.

The next day was a circular route of 28 miles. A lot of the route is on tracks, but it is passable and the countryside by the river is beautiful. You have a wine tasting on your return to Ponte de Lima.

The next day is 22 miles to Barcelos. The cycle route covers part of the Portuguese route for Pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela and takes us through cornfields and vineyards to Barcelos, the centre of Portugal's pottery industry. There are markets in the town on most days & you can walk along the beach in the early evening.

The penultimate cycling day is a short 21 mile trip to, and following, the coast to Vila Do Conde. The route passes through fishing villages and a seabird reserve. You have time to take a leisurely stroll on the beach before dinner.

The final day is 21 miles to Porto. If you are staying in the Hotel Boa Vista you are a bus ride to the city but this is quick and easy. There is an excellent rooftop pool at the hotel, a public sea swimming area opposite. There is an excellent restaurant just the Porto side of the aforementioned swimming area.

You can get a "free" taxi from Lisbon airport to Moncao at the start of your trip. You can hire bikes which will be returned for you, and there is a "free" taxi back to the airport if you require it.

if you want to take your own car you can get ferries from Portsmouth or Plymouth to Bilbao or Santander. You can then drive back to the Chunnel or take one of the ferries back.

The holiday is what you make of it. The country is cheaper than France, Spain or Italy & the people are helpful & friendly. The countryside is beautiful and campsites are cheap and good.

A few pictures to whet your appetite.....



Murton Parish Council Report

25th September 2022 - John McDarren

Road Repairs

The Chairman has thanked the Highways Officer and his team for the recent excellent work in filling potholes and resurfacing some areas in the parish, particularly the road between Appleby and Hilton and the road from Hilton to Coupland Beck. The work undertaken appears to have reduced the areas that historically have held water and some passing places have been improved.

A request for grass verge cutting was made by our clerk, only to receive a reply saying the verges had been cut in June, a note from me to the highways officer explaining that this hadn't happened revealed that the work was delayed because of the horse fair and then got lost in the mix. Subsequently as you know the verges were cut back. The overhanging trees at Coupland Beck were also cut back following a request.

Road Markings

We have requested that the 'Give Way' marking at Murton crossroads be repainted to help visitors to Murton Pike understand that they need to give way at that junction.

Sign for Coupland Beck

A request has been refreshed for name-boards at Coupland Beck. Our Clerk had requested these in 2012. There was suitable embarrassment from Highways who have promised them in the last quarter of this year.

Replacement Benches

Two benches that had fallen into disrepair are to be replaced thanks to two generous donors. The first on Brackenber Moor just the other side of the cattle grid and the second beyond the fell gate at Murton Pike. Many thanks to both parties.

Bookcase

Whilst on the subject of generous donations Murton bus shelter now sports a very nice bookcase to house books that can be swapped. Thanks to a Murton resident.

Mod Warcop

For those of you who haven't caught up, Mick Lynch the Safety Training officer has moved on from Warcop to pastures new. Mick was always very helpful and accommodating. His replacement Mark Robinson will start later this year, welcome Mark, hopefully we will enjoy the same level of help and cooperation.

Parish Meeting 22nd August 2022 - Appleby Horse Fair

Following a request from a resident for a Parish Poll regarding the Appleby Horse Fair it was agreed to hold a parish meeting to discuss residents concerns and if indeed a Parish Poll was required. The meeting took place on the 22nd of August and was attended by 17 residents in addition to Parish councillors.

The meeting agreed that the Chairman of the Parish Council should write to Appleby Town Council, Eden District Council, Cumbria County Council and Cumbria's Police Commissioner. (See below) To date only one response has been received, that from Cumbria County Council. We will chase a reply from the other parties.

Dear

Following a great deal of discussion in Appleby, Kirkby Stephen and some local parishes regarding the management of the Appleby Horse Fair and the request of a resident that Murton Parish Council hold a parish poll regarding the fair.

It was agreed to hold a Parish Meeting to provide an opportunity for residents to voice their views about the fair. It was noted that only Murton parish residents could vote on any proposal made at the Parish Meeting

The following issues were raised. These have been grouped under topic headings and usually represent more than one comment made about an issue.

Policing the Fair - Comments about Policing the fair were numerous, Murton residents had personal experience of Police deliberately choosing to take no action during incidents that would usually demand police intervention.

Eden District Council erect fencing posts and no parking signs along the verges near the Flakebridge road. These posts are removed, and no parking signs ignored. There is no enforcement.

No enforcement of the Public Spaces Protection Order in Appleby.

A resident farmers field was broken into by travellers, the silage crop ruined and the fencing broken down, police were made aware but no action was taken.

Avoiding Appleby during the Fair - Many Murton residents felt that the fair limited their movement around their own community. They avoided going into Appleby or made only essential visits.

The main reasons were feeling intimidated and threatened by the large number of people gathered in the town.

Some residents had been threatened by those camping on the verge near the Flakebridge road end. They invade the road and sometimes harass passing drivers.

Some parents had kept children away from school and in 2022 the school had taken the decision to close for two days to keep pupils safe.

Murton residents' shop and use services elsewhere during the fair. At least one supermarket refuses to deliver to Murton because goods have been stolen from the vans.

Some residents reported thefts and damage to property.

General issues about the management of the Fair - The following queries were raised:

Regarding the build-up of caravans prior to the fair, a discussion about extending the opening of Fair Hill a week early and directing travellers camping on verges to Fair Hill. However, it was noted that some travellers opt to camp on the verges to avoid paying Fair Hill fees, it was suggested that removing the fees charged would be an incentive to move travellers onto the hill. The majority of those present thought that this was a good idea.

Licences - is the sale of horses licensed? Are there street trading licences and alcohol licences in place for the Fair Hill? If so how are these licences enforced?

It was noted that Appleby Town council (ATC) owns Fair Hill and receives rental income for the fair.

A Freedom of Information request by one resident had led to the comment that the publicised costs of the fair should be interrogated more closely, as the true costs may not have been fully publicised.

Is there an economic benefit to the area? Many shops and services are choosing to close during the fair which would suggest a negative benefit apart from ATC who have a financial interest in the fair as it stands

The fair is a legal entity which can rent a field and apply for licences, but when it comes to organising and managing the event, no-one will take responsibility.

Your comment and answers to the questions raised would be welcome, I would also be happy to meet with you to understand more fully the issues involved and possible solutions.

Yours sincerely

John McDarren

Chairman - Murton Parish Council

Covering - Murton, Hilton, Langton Gate, Flakebridge, Brackenber and Coupland Beck

Email addresses

To ensure better communication with the residents of Murton Parish we would like to build a mailing list of all those of you who have access to emails. This proposal will be discussed at the next parish meeting.

In addition, if you are not on Jules's email list and don't get the emails with information about what is happening at the institute and other village events you can send her an email to join her list on: - julesprice9@icloud.com

Work Party

Mill Lane is in desperate need of a tidy up. All volunteers welcome to cut back and clean up, on Sunday 30th October at 10.30am. I will bring my strimmer (another would be useful). Secateurs, brooms, buckets, trugs all needed.

In the Institute

Good to see Soup and Pud and Coffee and Craic back at the institute, I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally

A number of us joined Jack and Allison at the institute on Saturday 24th for a farewell get together, they will be ensconced in Australia by the time you read this. Our best wishes go with them, they will be missed. Jack of course was on the Parish Council so we will be looking for a replacement, June our clerk has begun the process.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 7 November 2022 - ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG

Bus Stop Library

Murton villagers have been very good leaving books in the bus shelter for general use. This seemed to start following the withdrawal of the mobile library service. The drawback was that the books became dusty and disfigured when they were left on window ledges. A bookcase has now been provided. It carries the notice -

Help yourself - Read it - Return it - or replace it with another. **Enjoy!**

An Update

A follow up on the issue of dog and cat tick and flea control - **Ed Evans**

I asked in our local veterinary practice today about the chemicals in dog and cat monthly flea and tick treatments. They have a full information sheet on the topic that explains the issues well.

If you use a monthly treatment using a tablet for your pet to consume then the animal will not pollute waterways by swimming or paddling. However, just like spot treatments, the animal will excrete chemicals in its poo which is damaging to wildlife. So there is a good scientific reason why you should 'bag it and bin it'.

And whilst cats cannot be controlled in the same way as dogs the same issue affects cats that are given the treatment.

Anne Robson Trust

Suzanne Brown

Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - if you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.



At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who faces dying or the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you feeling isolated and alone. Being able to access support is so important. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end of life and being prepared helps both the person dying and their loved ones to feel a sense of control.

Calls are free and confidential. **Call us on 0808 801 0688 - we have time to talk**

Please visit www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more.

What's On

October

15th **Coffee and craic** 10.30 – 12.30; tea and coffee, refreshments, stalls.

November

4th **Highlights...**The Head Gardener (See below for details).

5th **Fellsiders...**Nuno felted scarf workshop with Ursula Hurst, 10 - 2:30pm. Learn how to felt wool roving on to silk chiffon to create a beautiful scarf. £15 including all materials

8th **Soup and pud**, 12 – 1pm, £3.50 for choice of soup and pud, plus tea and coffee.

15th **Institute AGM** - followed by an open meeting. 7:30pm. do come along and have your say in what goes on at the Institute, especially if you're interested in helping out.

17th **Bonfire Meeting** - 7pm at the Institute. Please come along if you'd like to get involved in this years event.

19th **Coffee, Craic and Crafts** 10.30 – 12.30; tea and coffee, refreshments and craft stalls. A chance to buy those hand made Christmas gifts. Please contact Tina on 01768353643 to book a table.

December

10th **Fellsiders...**Glass disc painting workshop with Val Stamper. Times and costs to be confirmed. Create beautiful hand painted discs for Christmas.

13th **Soup and pud**, 12 – 1pm, £3.50 for choice of soup and pud, plus tea and coffee.

17th **Coffee and craic** 10.30 – 12.30; tea and coffee, refreshments, stalls.

Film Nights will return. Dates and films to be confirmed, please look out for the email.

HIGHLIGHTS - Tina Wragg

The Head Gardener - Murton Institute - Friday November 4th 7.30pm.

A mixture of songs and stories and gardening advice and hopefully a real small garden at the end of the performance!!

Book online at www.highlightsnorth.co.uk

Details from Tina tel: 01768353643

Tickets adults £10/child £5/family£25. (Two adults two children)

It should be another entertaining evening. Do hope to see you there.

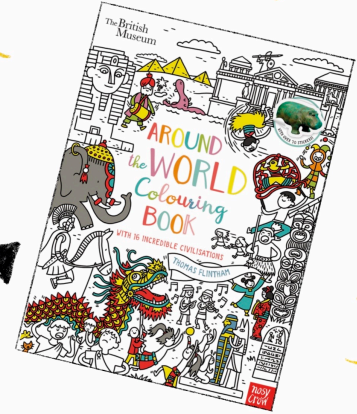


Junior Villager

Colouring Competition

Do your best colouring, take a picture and ask an adult to email it to ursula@artdaze.co.uk

Winner gets their work in the next issue and wins this fab colouring book from the British Museum.



Autumn Art Activity (just for fun)

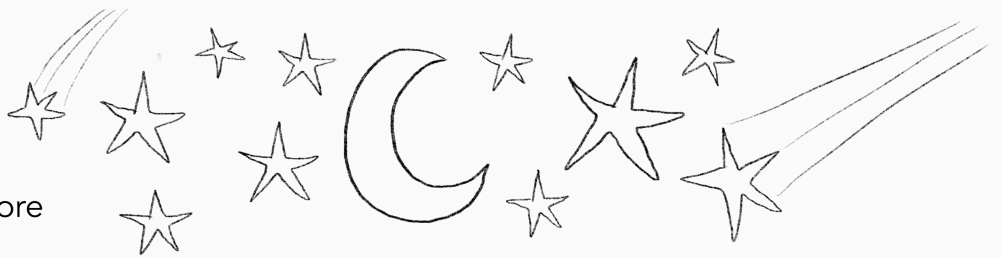
The artist Andy Goldsworthy makes beautiful art from nature. Can you make a picture out of the things in the garden?

I'd love to see your work. Ask an adult to send your pictures to ursula@artdaze.co.uk
Best 3 will be shown in the next issue.



Heavens Above!!

Anonymous....not Patrick Moore



How quickly it is getting dark these nights! It is so tempting to just settle in and watch the TV. Mmm. But for those brave enough to venture outside for just a short time on a clear evening, there is free entertainment right over our heads! While some might disagree, we are lucky that our skies do not suffer from the 'light pollution' which covers so much of our country.

After maybe 20 minutes of letting our eyes adjust to the darkness, we start to see more and more spots of light above us like tiny pearls on black velvet. In time it is possible to notice that some twinkle, while others don't - some seem rather orange in colour but others are bluish. It is amazing that so many of them actually have names!



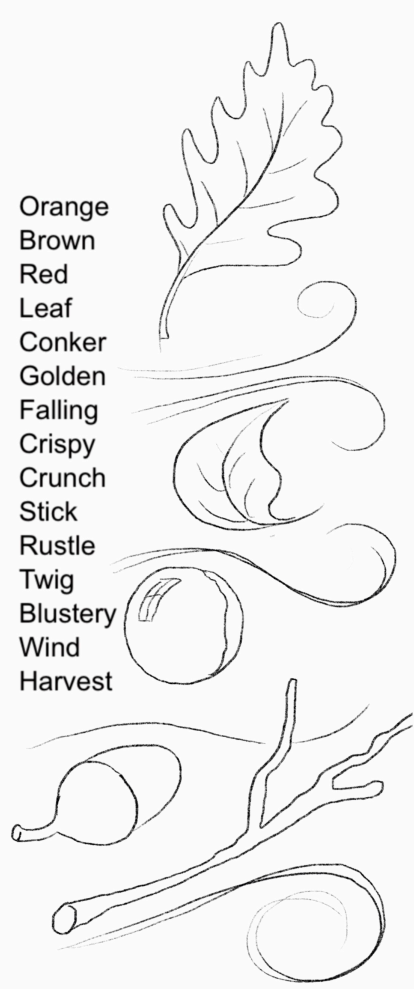
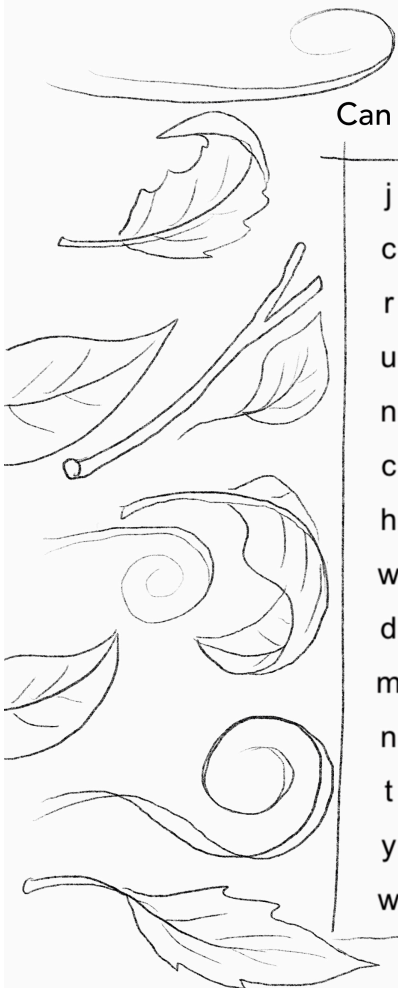
This time of year, amongst the stars it is also possible to pick out some of our neighbouring planets. See if you can spot Jupiter - a bright steady spot of light with tiny dots on either side, or Mars - again bright and steady but also quite orange coloured. If you have a pair of binoculars, you will see more detail. But remember, NEVER LOOK AT THE SUN!!

Autumn

Can you find all the autumn words in the word search?

j	s	k	d	r	i	e	c	v	k	f	j	g	e
c	t	j	u	e	a	w	o	o	r	a	n	g	e
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- Orange
- Brown
- Red
- Leaf
- Conker
- Golden
- Falling
- Crispy
- Crunch
- Stick
- Rustle
- Twig
- Blustery
- Wind
- Harvest



And Finally...

An article originally published in the 80's sees a new light...

Peter Ridley suggests that, as we have been looking back over the Queen's reign, and as we are in a new phase of Government, an inter-party cabinet composed of political figures of the 1970s and 1980s might be formed. The essential feature is that their names should fit the offices they might hold.

First Lord of the Treasury - Foot the Bill.

PM's No.1 - Francis Pym.

Chancellor of the Exchequer - David Owen.

Paymaster General - Geoffrey Howe?

Hume Secretary - Alec Douglas-Home.

Defence - Barbara Castle.

Community Relations - William White Law.

Health - Dennis Healey.

Environment - Edward Heath and Peter Shore jointly.

Agriculture - Douglas Hurd, Eric Heffer and Quintin Hogg jointly.

Industry - David Steel.

Employment - Reg Prentice.

Housing - Margaret Thatcher (Under Secretary - Roy Mason).

Transport - Peter Walker.

Telecommunications - James Call Again.

Education - Lynda Chalker.

Religion - James Prior.

Fire Brigade Services - Norman Singeing Stevas.

Flowerpot Manufacturing Industries - Anthony Wedgwood Benn.

The Attorney General has lost his case and has been made Minister without Portfolio.

The name of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has been omitted out of respect for his wife under the circumstances.

Next time...

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