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Editor’s note

I hope you are all surviving our current situation by making the best of more sunshine, as if it is on prescription for us all. Most of us are can go outside without limits and travel more, within England, providing we are sensible and keep within small groups, outside, at a distance of two metres. A trip to the shops or a walk in the park, or countryside, is a treat.

I hope, if you have to stay away from other people for health reasons, that the kindness of strangers and family is making you feel warm on chillier nights and that you can find comfort in an activity or two that you enjoy. I hope that some grandparents can now see, or hold hands with their grandchildren, according to the new stages of advice that the government hands out, little by little, sweet by sweet. This is the present; this is our ‘norm’ for the moment.

I have a friend who dreamt he was walking down a busy street in a city, ‘social distancing’ by weaving around the crowded pavements, on and off the road. For him to have dreamt this is quite remarkable, I think, as new, everyday actions had infiltrated his dream world.

In our ‘new world’, I smile at strangers more often, enjoy walking in all weathers, value my job more, admire gardens and dogs that pass by Sophie (our greyhound) and me, and try to fill my days more purposefully, more creatively. Will this last, I ask myself? When my life returns to ‘normal’ will I take the little things in life for granted? I hope not.

In this back-to-print issue of Roundabout, there are interesting articles that embrace our ‘new world’, or try to improve it, inform us, entertain us. I hope that ‘Forthcoming events’ and ‘What’s on’ will return in the fullness of time. When they do, our ‘new world’ will be a rich mix of our previous lives returned to us and the lessons we have learnt from one another.

Jill Craig

Parish council news

Parish Council update about Coronavirus

Following government guidelines, Woodhouse Parish Council and King George’s Field Charity’s three halls, public toilets and play area remain closed for the time being. The parish council has offered support to St Paul’s Church of England Primary School. The tennis courts and the sports court are now open. Please get in touch with Beacon Tennis Club at: petereloc@btinternet.com pre-tennis membership, in order to book a court.
**Alan Siddon**

Daphne Siddons and family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, and sympathy messages at the loss of Alan Siddons, a former parish councillor, on 6th May. Alan loved Woodhouse Eaves and all the villagers. The family thanks everyone who came out to give their respects at the funeral.

**Caretaker’s house**

The renovation works on the caretaker’s house are moving forward. The three-bedroom property, along with a large study, bathroom, separate toilet, lounge and kitchen-diner is to be rented at market value. We are looking for anyone with expressions of interest to contact the parish council on (01509) 891 299 or email clerk@woodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk (see advert on p.20).

**Dog fouling**

During the past three months we have received numerous reports of the increase in dog fouling. Please can we reiterate to all dog owners to pick up any ‘dog deposits’ and bin them. Also, full bags are sometimes left which may have been forgotten, so please remember to dispose of them. Dog fouling laws are in place, first and foremost because dog faeces are unsightly and unpleasant. Not only do they smell, but they also cause a mess if you step, cycle or push a wheelchair or mobility scooter through them or, even worse, fall in them. If dogs are not wormed, their faeces can contain roundworm parasites that can cause many health problems for humans, resulting from the infection toxocariasis, if they come into contact with it.

**Meetings and contact details**

Parish council meetings are being held virtually for the foreseeable future. Members of the public are very welcome to join the meetings and details of how to connect are published on the agenda, which is uploaded on to our website three working days prior to a meeting.

Our next parish council meeting is on Monday, 6th July at 6.45pm.

At this time the Parish Office is closed but I am still working and you can contact me remotely by emailing: clerk@woodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk

You can also phone the office on: (01509) 891 299. Keep in touch on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/woodhouseparishcouncil

Emma Crowe, Clerk to the Parish Council
Charnwood Borough Council announced that brown bins for garden waste have returned to the usual fortnightly collections from Monday, 15th June. I hope the first 'back to normal' collection went smoothly on Wednesday, 17th June for the Woodhouse Parish. From now on, residents will need to leave their bins out on their normal garden waste collection days, making sure they are out by 6am on the day of collection.

For the latest information on service changes, advice and support, please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/coronavirus Information includes business support, council tax support and NHS coronavirus health information.

Protect yourself from scams
Unfortunately, during these unprecedented times, there is an increase of online and doorstep scams. Beware of people offering or selling virus testing kits (these are only provided by the NHS); vaccines or miracle cures (there are currently no vaccines or cures); overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus, such as anti-bacterial products and fake offers of shopping or medication collection service – if you need help with these things, contact Charnwood Community Action on (01509) 631 750

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I am so pleased that we have an excellent Good Neighbour Scheme within the parish, which I am sure helps in so many ways, in making sure vulnerable people know where to access help and stay safe when needed. Thank you to all the volunteers who look out for their neighbours.

David Snartt, Councillor at Charnwood Borough Council
News in brief

Woodhouse Eaves horticultural show

Woodhouse Eaves horticultural show committee have decided that, with the current uncertainties regarding planned future events, it would be best to cancel the horticultural show this coming September. Hopefully, it will go ahead next year, in 2021. We send our apologies to all who have been growing produce and creating things for the show.

Wendy Young

Online discussion group - village traffic issues

Do you ever think of something and have a chat about it? An online group has been set up to allow everybody in the village to discuss road and traffic issues, and possible fixes. In part it replaces the ‘pub’ chatter that has often produced action in the past. The advantage of it being online is that a wider set of people in the village can put in their ideas.

Have a look at the discussion group and say something if you want to. Comments may be moderated, if necessary, for a polite tone:

John Owens
Junior Garden Club

The children are continuing to tend to their vegetables at home; the broad beans and potatoes in a bag are looking healthy and have certainly welcomed the recent rain, even if the rest of us would prefer sunny days.

The group has also been trying out re-growing some fruit and vegetables from the groceries they have at home. Celery has been tried and new leaves have appeared with roots coming along nicely, where the stalks had sat in water. Avocado pits have been skinned of their outer dark layer and rested in water with the aid of some cocktail sticks. The pits are starting to split and show signs of a root system developing, which are being watched with great interest. Some lemon pips had a false start (they grew mould instead of shoots), but they are trying again. Much more successful were onions: both spring and regular onions were planted and showed they could be regrown.

More regular crops such as pumpkins and sunflowers have also been planted and are coming along nicely. It is hoped that later in the year we will see the results of these, as long the weather does not batter them about too much.

Amanda Garland

Lily and Charlie with their potato, tomato and cucumber plants. Matthew with his sunflower, carrot and loganberry plants, standing with mustard leaves behind him.
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Good Neighbour Scheme

The sun continues to shine as I write this, and the Good Neighbour Scheme continues to be busy. At the start of the COVID-19 crisis we shifted our emphasis in how we supported the community, to keep both residents and our volunteers safe.

Many older or vulnerable people, who would normally chat to folk on their daily walks or shopping trips, suddenly found themselves, due to the lockdown, isolated all day and the hours can stretch endlessly within the same four walls. In response to this, we asked volunteers who visited people each week to phone them instead. With all the additional volunteers, we are now in contact with many more people in Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves. The conversations have been wide-ranging as people get to know each other. Many have become ‘mystery friends’ as they may not recognise each other’s names, but will know their voices well. Hopefully, soon, we will be able to put faces to voices over a shared cuppa.

The rotas of deliveries from some of our local shops are continuing. Arriving at the shops as a volunteer is always an interesting moment, as you do not know if it is going to be one delivery, or many, or where. As with the ‘mystery friends’, I have delivered goods to people whom I have not seen for some time and, while respecting social distancing, have had some lovely chats on doorsteps. Our villages are such friendly places.

Recently, I was involved with the induction process of new volunteers and was overwhelmed by their offers of support. We are a relatively small community of two villages, with now over 70 volunteers who are there to support others within the community. Please contact us if you would like support, on (07561) 890 100.

Miranda Brookes

St Paul’s C of E Primary School news

St Paul’s Church of England Primary School has been open throughout the lockdown period, to provide care for the children of key workers. On Monday, 1st June, we welcomed back children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Many of these children had not been in school since 20th March.

As you can imagine, substantial planning was involved to ensure that the school environment was thoroughly prepared for what would be a very different way of working. Staff were in over half-term to ensure that everything was in place for a smooth opening of the school. Enhanced
opportunities for hand-washing and thorough cleaning procedures, at lunchtime and after school, were established.

Each year group was halved, with around 15 children in each half. The usual class teacher had one group and the other group was allocated to a teacher who usually taught an adjacent year group.

We were very pleased to welcome back over two-thirds of those year groups eligible and, with almost twenty children of key workers, we have over 70 children in school every day. Numbers increased over the first week and have further increased over the second week too.

The children, staff and parents have had to get used to very different routines, including staggered drop-off and collection times, staggered break and lunchtimes, along with playtime zones on the field and playground.

Within class, the children have had their own tables and equipment sets and they have learnt how to space themselves out by standing on social distancing spots.

We have all been so impressed by how the children have adapted so quickly to the new arrangements. It has been pleasing to have the younger children back and engaging again with school learning. The Year Sixes are really enjoying seeing their classmates and doing some of the traditional leavers’ activities, if in a slightly different way.

We would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who have been so conscientious with home-learning, often whilst looking after younger siblings and trying to work from home themselves.

We await further guidance from the government about whether we will open to more year groups before the summer holidays, but so far so good.

Lisa Gilchrist, Headteacher
Beacons in the Dark

The coronavirus of 2020,
Uncertainty, doubt, confusion aplenty.
Fear for ourselves and loved ones as it spread,
Leaving victims alone in a hospital bed.
Stock-pilers’ greed as they thought of themselves
Left the rest of us staring at shops’ empty shelves.
Frustration with others for flouting the rules,
Does social distancing not apply to these fools?
But somewhere, in even these darkest of nights,
There are people still shining heroically bright,
From the home-schooling, home-working fathers and mothers,
To our doctors and nurses, paramedics and others,
To those in delivery, retail and care,
To everyone making a difference out there:
We give you our thanks, heartfelt and sincere,
A round of applause, heard far and near.
You are the heroes, on whom we depend,
You are the reason we will reach the end.
When the darkness recedes and the light has returned,
May you still feel our gratitude, so truly earned.

Lynda Thornhill

Retirement

When I retired several years ago, I knew that I had to keep myself busy, so I set myself the objective of learning Mandarin and signed up for an evening class at the university. I enjoyed it, but also found it very frustrating, because there was no one to practice the language with every day. Even the Chinese students I knew were more interested in practising their English than speaking Mandarin with me. It was a very different situation to the one I was in when I lived in Thailand and learned Thai. There was never a shortage of people to practise speaking to.

One day my wife and I were in a music shop (she is a music teacher) and I saw an instrument hanging up, that looked like a small guitar with only four strings. I discovered that it was a baritone ukulele and my interest was aroused. When Christmas came, I bought myself one and swapped the four tones of Chinese for musical notes of the ukulele.

The ukulele

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was not all that long afterwards that the Portuguese arrived there. The sailors brought with them a small six-stringed guitar-like instrument, called a 'machete'. In the 1880s the Hawaiians copied these, using koa wood, which gave it a sweet tone. They also dropped the two bass strings to make it easier to play, and the ukulele evolved from this, essentially as we know it.

The name ukulele translates as ‘jumping fleas’, probably a reference to the quick movements of the fingers when playing. However legend attributes it to the nickname of an Englishman who lived in Hawaii, Edward William Purvis, because of his small size, fidgety manner, and playing expertise. The first known reference to the ukulele is found in the New York Metropolitan Museum’s catalogue of musical instruments of 1907.

Visitors from the United States mainland at first brought ukuleles back as souvenirs, but in time they became more popular and instrument makers in the US began to produce them for sale. From the US they came across the Atlantic to the UK and Europe. George Formby, in particular, made the instrument popular in this country. Ukuleles are now widely played and there are over 300 ukulele groups all over the country. There are several groups in the Loughborough area: in Quorn, Barrow, Shepshed and Loughborough. The ukulele has also replaced the recorder as the instrument of choice in many schools.

Ukuleles come in four main recognised sizes and in several different forms. In size the smallest is the soprano, then in ascending order, the concert, the tenor and the baritone. As well as different sizes, ukuleles can take different forms: the banjolele, with the neck of a ukulele and the body of a banjo and there are also six-string versions of the ukulele, usually called guitaleles. So, within a group, you will probably get a number of different sizes and kinds of ukulele, which gives the whole group a very full sound.

My experience

I chose a baritone ukulele as it is tuned like the top four strings of a guitar. In my younger days I used to play the guitar, so I am familiar with the guitar chords. That made it very easy to pick up the chords for the ukulele.

I started out learning on my own using a book that my wife had bought me.
It was helpful and enabled me to get a feeling for the notes. I just downloaded a few familiar songs from the internet. There are many sites offering chords and lyrics for well-known songs.

Once I was more comfortable with the ukulele, I looked around for groups that I might join. In the end, I joined two: the first was the Barrow on Soar Ukulele Group, quite a small, but very friendly group where I was made to feel welcome. The second group was the Quorn Ukulele Orchestra, a much bigger group of over 50 members that provided some instruction for beginners. Both played the sort of music I liked: old pop songs from my youth, country and western songs, and folk songs.

The biggest challenge I found was the chords. Baritone ukuleles are rare; I am the only one in the Barrow group and there are only two or three of us in the Quorn group. For the baritone ukulele, the easiest key is G. The other challenge is keeping up with the chord changes, which can be quite fast, but the group carries one along and one quickly learns to improvise in order to keep up. In a big group, my errors get swallowed up!

Before the lockdown, both groups regularly played at events or in care homes, and it adds spice to perform before an audience. However, I was always careful to make sure that I was on the back row! The first gig* I was involved in was with the Barrow group at a care home. The residents really joined in and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We did too and got a super tea into the bargain. Then, with the Quorn group, we performed for a social event at a bowls club in Loughborough which was more of a challenge, as people did not engage with the music as much. More gigs were booked, but then came Covid-19 and they were subsequently cancelled.

Since lockdown both groups have kept in touch on Zoom**. We, in the Barrow group, get together once a week to chat and check that everyone is okay. The Quorn group has been experimenting with playing together over Zoom with mixed success. It is impossible to play together because, with Zoom, the timing is out of sync and it sounds like a discordant mish-mash. However, we have one leader and then the rest of us mute the sound, so you can only hear the leader. We play along with him or her and that seems to work. We are all looking forward to the time when we can get together again and play together properly. Meanwhile, the fleas must do their jumping in isolation!

Andy Thomson

* A gig is a live musical performance, recording session or any live performing arts event.
**Zoom is a website-based video conferencing tool that people use for online meetings, musical ensembles, quizzes or ‘get-togethers’ with friends and family.
Christie in a Crisis

When faced with any crisis we should always be prepared
To take the right precautions ‘gainst the threat.
So I’m locking doors and windows and I’m isolating now
For that pesky virus hasn’t got me yet!
I’ve got a plate of nachos and a bowl of salsa dip
And I’ve made some milky cocoa in a mug
I’m putting on my onesie - the purple, fleecy one
With the heating turned to twenty, I’ll be snug.
I’m recumbent on the sofa with some biscuits and a beer
For I couldn’t find a single thing to cook.
There’s not much on the telly, apart from more repeats
So I’ll settle down and try to read a book.
I’m considering what to choose now, I’m thinking something light
For I need to raise my spirits at this time.
Forget old Dostoyevsky, Thomas Hardy, Graham Greene
My thoughts turn to Mrs Christie, queen of crime.
Yet neurosis overpowers and I’m feeling nervous now
We must take care, when murder is about!
And enforced isolation means I’m stuck here on my own
And nowhere’s safe when psychopaths are out.
In the world of Christie it seems nowhere is safe
Be it stately home, or inn, or country pile
Where villains like to lie in wait, to get you in their grasp
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Some time ago on Facebook I saw some socks on a fence that had been made into sewn ‘people’ using accessories. I thought I would copy the idea and make some of my own, as we have a picket fence just begging for something other than a pigeon to land on them! The two grey sock bods on the right were kindly added by a family and gave me a lovely surprise. They look like a bride and groom to me. If you have not seen them, feel free to walk up one of the hills and have a look.

I thought of a voting game that you can play at home: ‘Name that sock bod’. Have a look at the sock people and think of a double-barrelled name for each, such as Pony-tailed Persephone, or Check-that Chekov. Any names will do, although it may be easier to name each by using their appearances.

A family of sock bods, sock colours ranging (in order, left to right) from orange to blue, yellow to green and black striped, to pink and two greys.

If you write each name against their numbered order, one to seven, and promise not to vote for your own names, you can devise a voting system within your family. For example, on another piece of paper, you could write down your favourite name for each sock bod against each number, one to seven, then one person can gather in the paper and count how many votes each named sock bod gets.

Prizes for the winner could be, for example, missing a turn of washing up, choosing a television programme to watch, an extra Malteser or one less star jump! I would choose missing a turn of washing up, myself.

How about making your own sock bod? Please do not pilfer one of the family’s socks – ask for one before you get creative. Holey socks are good – you can mend the hole first, by sewing up the hole or covering it with material. You can use any items to decorate it with, but preferably not things
like cheese strings or dog biscuits. Edible items have a habit of going smelly and your dog may reclaim its biscuit, to the detriment of your wonderfully created sock bod.

Needles are sharp and superglue glues in a super way, so please, please make that someone mature is with you, should you need help with sewing or gluing.

Jill Craig

An update on recycling in Charnwood

Do you hold an item over the bins in your home, trying to decide whether it could be recycled? Do you generally put it in recycling thinking, ‘Well they will throw it away if it cannot be recycled’? I know we do! Hopefully, this article will help bring some clarity to that argument-provoking household question – can this item be recycled?

Our green bin recycling goes to a company called Casepak for sorting. They use equipment and machinery to sort the waste into different material categories before sending it off to processors for recycling. Charnwood and Casepak have now created a single list of items that can be accepted, in an attempt to make recycling easier for residents. This should provide greater
clarity and allow residents to feel they are ‘getting it right’ rather than guessing whether an item is suitable for recycling.

The full list can be found here: www.lesswaste.org.uk/recycle/items-accepted-for-recycling-at-casepak/ and is also available as a PDF* to keep handy in the kitchen: www.lesswaste.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Items-accepted-for-recycling-at-Casepak-1.pdf

It is important always to make sure your recycling does not contaminate others. If a truck comes into the depot and it has been contaminated, the entire truckload is sent to landfill. Contamination could be from dirty nappies, garden waste or food that has spread. Do not be the one to waste the efforts of your neighbours.

Always:

- Empty, rinse and dry all bottles, jars and containers
- Place lids back on all bottles, jars and cartons
- Keep items loose in the bin
- Flatten cardboard and cartons – keeping them as dry as possible.

The newest symbol to make a note of is:

Charnwood’s new list now states that plastic bags (not black), such as carrier bags, bread bags, salad and vegetable bags can go into the green bin. So, look out for this symbol, rinse the plastic if dirty and put the clean, dry bag into the recycling.

There are still many items that are made of plastic that cannot be recycled. Several are on the list of items we collect for Terracycle. We have had to stop our monthly collections at the moment but will return to collections on the first Saturday of the month, as soon as it is safe to do so. If you want to start collecting your waste at home, please visit our website for a full list of items that are accepted: https://www.wheplasticfree.co.uk/terracycle-with-us

Please make sure you read how to present the items to us: for example, everything must be clean and dry.

*PDF is a file format for capturing and sending electronic documents in exactly the intended format.

Gemma Andrews
Woodhouse Net Zero

The last few months have seen the most dramatic changes in our society for over 70 years. Almost all aspects of our lives have been affected; from how we work, learn, exercise and socialise, to our transport, shopping and eating habits.

However, despite the many negative impacts of the lockdown on our lives, many of us have noticed some positive changes in our local environment. Cleaner air, thriving wildlife and the lack of traffic and aircraft noise all illustrate the positive consequences of a move to a less carbon-intensive lifestyle. This can give us some hope as we navigate the twin storms of the coronavirus and accelerating climate change.

Unfortunately, the predictions are that emissions of damaging greenhouse gases will increase again as the lockdown eases and social activities get back to normal. However, addressing the climate crisis cannot wait for a more convenient time. The extent to which governments worldwide consider climate change when planning their post-coronavirus economic responses will influence global carbon dioxide emission pathways for decades to come.
At a local level, many communities are developing their own strategies to address the climate emergency. In March of this year, ‘Woodhouse Net Zero’ was formed by people from across our local area who want to take practical steps to benefit our environment and address the climate emergency.

**WNZ website**

Our new website (www.wnz.org.uk) contains information about a range of practical actions that individuals and households across the community can take to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and lessen their environmental impact. A first step involves measuring our ‘environmental footprint’ at the beginning of our journey. This is not quite as simple as it sounds - everybody has a different ‘footprint’, which can be measured in different ways, so choosing which actions to take as individuals or families in order to make a difference can be tricky. At the moment, we are using WWF’s footprint calculator, but we aim to have our own calculator up and running on our website over the summer.

**Domestic solar photovoltaic panels**

Another early initiative is our Woodhouse Net Zero domestic solar photovoltaic (PV) group purchase scheme. After receiving a number of quotes, we obtained a very competitive price from a local supplier. Our first two systems were installed in the village just in time for May’s sunny spell. The larger system has now generated 1 MWh (one mega-watt hour, equivalent to 1000 kWh), and both PV systems have generated significantly more energy than has been consumed in each household. The aim is for more systems to be added over the coming months to help reduce the community’s carbon footprint. Please contact us if you want to find out more.

**Woodland and habitat**

As reported in last month’s Roundabout, Charnwood Forest has been awarded £2.8 million of National Lottery Heritage Fund grant to support new projects to protect and enhance our special local landscape. The Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership Scheme will include a range of activities, including habitat restoration, improving paths, bridleways and cycle routes, a training and grant scheme, arts projects and volunteering opportunities. Watch this space for more information about the project’s local activities as they develop and ways that the local community can get involved.
Find out more

Please visit the WNZ website at www.wnz.org.uk for lots of other news and advice about a range of topics including energy efficiency, sustainable transport, food and waste. If you would like to find out more, or join the conversation via our WhatsApp group, please sign up at the website or email us at: woodhousesnetzero@gmail.com

Paul Rowley

How well do you know your village?

The four photos shown on the opposite page have been taken of front doors of houses around Woodhouse. Can you work out where they were taken? The answers can be found on the back cover.

Stella Blay

How does your garden grow?

I am, of course, a world expert on the birds to be found in my garden and am equally good at knowing which birds will never be there. When I bought my place all those years ago, I found that the previous owners were very keen on conifers and all sorts of bushes, including prickly ones. They had even left a large sycamore growing in the midst of a clump of bushes. Hurray, I thought, all these trees and bushes will be good places for birds to perch in – it will be an avian paradise. Then a village garden bird survey arrived for Birstall. I kept a tick-list, that I sent in as requested. The highlight was a count of 137 starlings in the sycamore tree. What next?

The local survey finished, I started doing the British Trust for Ornithology garden bird survey with, apparently, several other local residents. Over the years, things changed. Starlings, once a spectacular sight, disappeared. Not long after, the greenfinch went, a victim of a rather nasty disease. I still had my goldcrests visiting in the winter, together with long-tailed tits and coal tits. I even started seeing house sparrows, which had been strangely absent from my tick lists.

My head got bigger; I visited the people who live in a house behind mine, and noticed that they had more birds in their back garden than I see in mine, in a week. I live by a main road. Could it be that, because of the proximity to the main road, birds tend to shun my garden and prefer those in back-streets? Could it be that all those conifers, the bane of other people’s lives, actually put birds off my garden? Of course, I am a world expert in these matters!
In February, the turning point came. As my exalted status instructed me, I participated in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds’ (RSPB) winter garden bird-watch. All went well. I spent half my time upstairs, looking at everything that landed in the sycamore - not much, to tell the truth. My partner was downstairs, gazing at a grove of lilac bushes. Suddenly a blackcap appeared. Nothing unusual, I thought, as I have seen a few winter blackcaps, but they were all males. This was a female. Had I missed something? Never mind, if so, it was trivial; we world experts will always have something new to find!

Next, a woodpecker arrived. Now I had seen a greater spotted woodpecker in my garden on a few occasions, and had even seen one feeding on the peanut feeder in which the local grey squirrel had kindly left some, as it usually removed them all and buried them in the lawn. But this was a green woodpecker. As it was the start of the pandemic of coronavirus, I may have been distracted and missed other visits by this species. Surely, with two hiccups, my expert status would not be affected in my eyes?

The next thing that happened should never have occurred. My property is a mile away from the Birstall Lakes Park with all its reeds. Reeds do not grow in my garden, nor anyone else’s, locally. So, while looking out of my front room window, admiring all my gardening handiwork, my ears were assaulted by a bird song that I knew, but initially could not place. The next thing I knew, I was identifying a reed warbler. Reed warblers like reeds. They do not like my front garden - I must be mistaken. But what else could it be? I do not know.

Today, as I opened the kitchen door to my back garden, I heard another bird song: it started like that of a blackcap but tailed off when it should have been reaching its climax. I do not know what it was.

Position vacant: a back garden, well wooded, needs a world expert to identify its birds. Experience necessary. The present resident need not apply.

Duncan McNeil
A nice place to litter?

While walking the dog recently and, having made the rash decision to take the uphill route on Broombriggs, overlooking Maplewell Road, I did not expect to encounter many other trekkers.

I was concerned to find an agitated fellow rambler. As I approached I heard her say, ‘Hideous!’

Now I know I was not looking my best; I had not shaved and my ‘lockdown hair’ needed some coiffuring, but I thought the comment rather harsh. Then I realised that the trekker was not looking at me.

‘Look at this,’ she said. I was directed by a pointed finger to something on the lea side of the wall. Dog Pippa and I had no choice but to approach, maintaining the statutory two metres of social distancing at all times, of course. There was a carrier bag stuffed with a selection of cans, bottles, food containers and a disposable nappy.

‘How can people behave in such an appalling way, traipsing all the way up here to experience the joys of the countryside and then leaving this kind of mess behind?’ the woman exclaimed. The dog and I both agreed. She continued, ‘We can’t leave it here, can we?’ I realised that, rather than emulating the queen mother, the ‘we’ was aimed at me!

‘No,’ said I and, with that, I was committed to performing my civic duty. In fairness, the woman explained it would be difficult for her to assist because of the two poles she was carrying, in the form of serious items of walking equipment. Conscious of potential risk from contamination, I felt obliged to employ a doggie bag (empty, I hasten to add) to handle the carrier bag, until I could dispose of it.

The trekker and I said our ‘goodbyes’ and I retraced my steps home, conscious of critical gazes from other pedestrians, which the dog told me to ignore. I resisted the temptation to dump my burden in the first bin I encountered along the pavement, for fear of being shamed in the local press.

In all seriousness, why do people think it is okay to dump their rubbish anywhere but in places designated for its disposal? During my first venture for weeks, up towards Ulverscroft, I encountered two sites where rubbish had been dumped in farm gateways by irresponsible people who could not wait for local tips to reopen. Or perhaps these people think that locals have nothing better to do with their time than clear up the trash left by others?

In these difficult times it is right to praise the services of all key workers and others who have kept spirits up by taking their responsibility beyond normal expectations. However, it is sad to realise there are still some who seem unable to show any vestige of social conscience. As the dog said to me, ‘And you moan at me, when I occasionally leave one small deposit in the corner of the garden!’

Mark Temple
Codeword

A codeword is like a crossword puzzle, but the letters in the grid have been replaced by numbers. Each number represents a letter of the alphabet and all 26 letters are present. As in any crossword, the words used can include proper nouns and even common phrases. Can you solve the puzzle? We have given you some letters to help you get started. The solution can be found on the back cover. (Andy Thomson)
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The last word

Animals taking over
During the coronavirus ‘lockdown’, many creatures have come out to play in towns and cities all over the world, where they would not normally roam. This is probably because there have been fewer people out and about, both on foot and in vehicles.

A puma, down from the mountains, was seen wandering around the city of Santiago in Chile, probably in search of food.

A herd of fallow deer was seen grazing on the lawns in front of a housing estate in Harold Hill in East London. It is thought they came from the nearby Dagnam Park, and spent the morning lazing on the grass.

Kashmiri goats have taken over a deserted town centre in Llandudno, eating hedges and flowers from gardens. Usually, the wild herd of about 122 Kashmiri goats only venture from their home in the Great Orme during bad weather.

A record number of baby leatherback sea turtles have hatched in Thailand, in the country’s southern Phang Nga province, which is famous for its beaches. The director of the Phuket Marine Biological Centre said that since November they have found 11 nests of the baby turtles, the highest number in the past 20 years.

An alligator was seen enjoying having a beach all to himself in South Carolina. It wandered across the road to the local shopping centre - clearly no one had told him all the shops were closed because of the coronavirus.

People who live in the city of Venice in Italy have reported seeing fish and ducks in the canals after coronavirus lockdown left the streets and famous canals empty. There has also been a visible improvement in the quality of the water, which now looks crystal clear.

In San Francisco coyotes have been roaming the empty streets and the Golden Gate Bridge. Many people have had a surprise coyote encounter when they have popped out to get groceries.
Contributions to *Roundabout*

We publish items of interest to people living in Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves that accord with our editorial policy (see inside front cover). We do not publish notices of births, deaths or marriages, but can write up people’s stories for them if they wish. We aim to keep most articles under 800 words.

*Format:* electronic copy in ‘Word’, using ‘Arial’ font, is preferred, although we accept legible hand-written items. Digital pictures are very welcome.

*What’s on:* brief notification of events in the ‘What’s on’ schedule is free. Send event details to *Roundabout* at the email address below. Please note that we normally include only ‘in parish’ events, may abbreviate the details and are not obliged to include all items submitted.

*Adverts:* requests for further publicity, even for charities, incur a charge per issue of £9.50 for a quarter-page or £22.00 for a half-page. We do not accept full-page adverts. Contact the advertising managers Amanda and Andrew Garland on (01509) 890 839 or via the email address below.

*Forthcoming events:* organisers of not-for-profit or charity events may submit a maximum of 50 words to publicise a one-off or annual event. We may edit your submission and are not obliged to include all items submitted.

*Copy deadline:* see page 3. Please send material to a member of the editorial team or by email to roundabout@woodhouse-eaves.co.uk

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Check for more local event details on these websites:
- www.woodhouse-eaves.co.uk
- www.woodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk/local-events.html

### Codeword answers

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### Photo quiz answers
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All the front doors shown in photos one to four are attached to houses on Forest Road, Woodhouse, between the mini-roundabout and Home Farm Close