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Editor's note

When my family and I recently moved back to Woodhouse Eaves, I picked up a copy of *Roundabout* to see that there was a shortage of volunteers, in particular editors, and as a result the magazine had switched from a monthly to a bimonthly format. I was saddened to hear this and contacted the team to ask if I could help. The *Roundabout* team gave me a warm welcome and with the support and guidance of Dawn Kirby, who has been editor since April 2013, I now find myself enjoying the task of editing my first ever issue of *Roundabout*.

A sense of community is one of the main reasons my family moved back to Woodhouse Eaves. On p14 an article by Mark Temple highlights the importance of tea rooms in a village, something that, given the strength of community and popularity with walkers and cyclists, is somehow surprisingly absent from Woodhouse Eaves.

Winter is drawing to a close but it's not too early to think of spring cleaning. In her gardening article p28, Jo Poultney reminds us of the importance of keeping bird boxes and feeders clean. The ancient Romans had their own version of spring cleaning: *Februa*, on 15th February, is a festival of cleaning and 'February' is derived from the Latin word *februum* meaning purification. Where would they start in our world of modern pollution? Janet Whitmore's article, p18, highlights plastic pollutants from our homes having a global and local impact and explains some of the damage we are causing to the oceans without even realising.

We can also thank the Romans for Saint Valentine's Day. It's not just a 'Hallmark holiday', having been around for hundreds of years and growing to become synonymous with romantic gestures since the 1400s. So don't let the cynics stop you from buying that box of Black Magic chocolates.

Janine Ainscow

Parish council news

New councillors

Two new members joined the council in December to bring it up to full strength. Ami Johnson and Rebecca Barrington are both residents of Woodhouse Eaves.

New things

Bright-red monkey bars were installed in the children's play area at the end of November, to replace the decayed wooden equipment. They have a 35-year

guarantee against rust and corrosion. The cost of more than £900 was greatly helped by a kind donation from the May Day Challenge organising team.

A new notice board has been fixed to the front wall of the village hall to replace the previous one that was in danger of falling over. It was paid for by a generous donation from the Friends of Charnwood Forest, a group that holds its meetings in the hall, and displays a map of Charnwood Forest that the Friends published. Tarmac plc (formerly Lafarge-Tarmac) provided the new chippings at the front of the hall.

Wall-mounted baby changing stations were fitted in the village hall and the new building.

Just in time for Christmas, Royal Mail installed a new post box on the corner of Meadow Road and Church Hill, outside the pharmacy and post office. It is wide enough to take A4 envelopes. This makes a total of seven post boxes across the parish: six in Woodhouse Eaves and one in Woodhouse.

Next year's spending estimates

In December, the parish council set its budget for the next financial year starting in April 2017, so that it could be submitted to Charnwood Borough Council by 15th January. The parish council requested just over £76,000, a rise of £3,600 (five per cent) or £3.84 per band D property. This income

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helps to manage parish assets and services, and comes from council tax payments, which last year totalled around £1.4 million (based on 945 taxable properties).

The rise is needed because the parish council expect Leicestershire's County Council Highways Department to ask parishes to take over some of the work they currently do, such as maintaining grass verges and roadside hedges. As the parish does not have the necessary staff or equipment, it has asked neighbouring councils, of a similar size and environment, to consider working together. Work would be sub-contracted to commercial contractors once the parish council knows exactly what has to be taken on.

The highways department has to reduce its spending along with other county council departments as part of the extra £68 million reduction in their expenditure. It consulted on this last year and the results are available from the parish clerk.

New parish council projects for 2017 include finding funds to install automatic doors for the main hall, and improvements to the sports pavilion. The parish council raises funds from sources other than council tax. Income from premises use is essential for their maintenance. Parishes also have to pay for litter bin emptying, street lighting, and contribute to the cost of all the other services that borough and county councils provide here.

The parish council is especially grateful to local volunteers who help, for example, by mowing the wide verges opposite St Mary's Church in Woodhouse, which is done by Woodhouse residents Martin Betts and Dave Cheyne. We are very lucky to have so many local people willing to volunteer their time and energy.

Police warnings

Police Community Support Officer Chris Kendall has asked that you make sure that side gates to the rear of your property are kept locked or bolted to deter thieves, even if you are in the house. He also urges not to leave your vehicle running unattended to defrost in cold weather. Vehicles can be stolen in an instant and your insurance will then be invalid.

Next council meeting

This will be held on Monday, 6th February at 7pm in Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall. All residents are welcome. Get in touch if there is something you want the council to consider. The council's contact details are on notice boards in both villages and on their website. The agenda is published the week before, on the board by the front door of the hall and on the website at www.woodhouseparishcouncil.org.uk/council-meetings.html

Ann Irving, Clerk to the Council

News in brief

Feedback sought for future of local health services

The Draft Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) sets out how health services can be changed to improve care and the patient experience, while addressing the problem of demand for services outpacing the resources available.

In brief, the STP will affect delivery of healthcare in both local and hospital settings. The plan contains proposals to increase services delivered in the community and reduce the number of hospital visits whilst addressing a NHS funding gap of £399 million.

Final decisions on specific areas of the plan will only be made after public consultation. Feedback on the proposals is being encouraged. The draft STP and a form to submit questions or initial thoughts can be found on the Better Care Together website www.bettercareleicester.nhs.uk or write directly to LLR STP, Renaissance House, 20 Princess Road West, Leicester LE1 6TP.

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The Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves Traffic Watch Group mounts, moves and monitors the speed indicator devices around parish roads. Data is used to campaign for improvements in road safety. The group is appealing for contributions towards a permanent speed sign on Beacon Road – the temporary one has shown that this can help with improving road safety. Leicestershire County Council Highways Department will provide one if the parish can fund it. The group needs £2,950 and has raised £1,500 so far. This includes contributions from the parish council and the horticultural show committee. Other sources of funding are being pursued, but any offers of help with finances would be very welcome. If you wish to donate please contact Liz Randall on (01509) 890 177.

Ann Irving

Change to Centrebus 154 timetable

Centrebus has made minor changes to the 154 bus timetable. Early morning buses run as before, but subsequent buses are all five minutes later. Centrebus has placed the new version on all the stops that have boards, and timetables have been left in the Pear Tree bus stop for people to take.

Ann Humphreys

National recognition for top performing primary school

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year from St Paul's Church of England Primary School, Woodhouse Eaves. We have reflected on some of the great achievements for our school during 2016.

At the end of last year, St Paul's was listed in the top ten performing schools in Leicestershire and in the top 300 schools in the country from a total of 16,778 primary schools. As headteacher of the school, I have been designated a national leader of education and St Paul's has been designated as a national support school. This will mean we work with schools in challenging circumstances to support their improvement.

In the autumn term, we received the Sainsbury's School Games Mark gold award, which complements the Healthy Schools status that was renewed in spring 2016.

As a result of attaining 'outstanding' in all areas assessed by both the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) and Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspections, St Paul's has received letters of congratulations from the House of Commons and from Sir Michael Wilshaw, Her Majesty's Chief

Inspector. Most recently the Secretary of State for School Standards, Nick Gibb, sent us a letter of congratulations on being among the top eight per cent of schools in the country for our performance in phonics.

We are looking forward to seeing what 2017 brings. Thank you to all staff, pupils, governors and the community of the school.

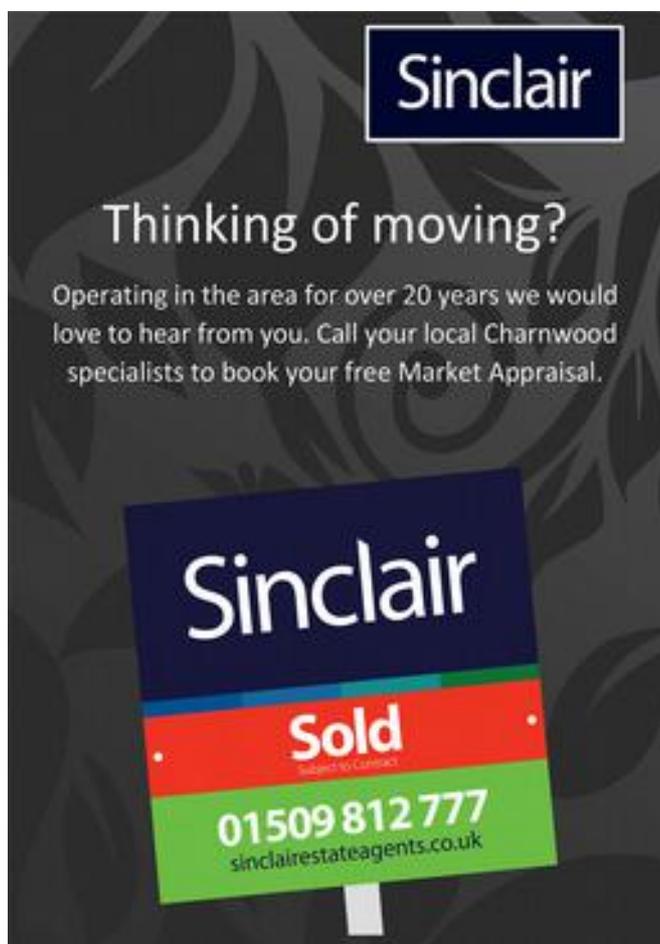
Cal Hurst, headteacher

Italian restaurant scoops award

Gino's Pear Tree was awarded 'best restaurant over 50 seats' in the Midlands after taking part in an annual competition run by The English Italian Awards. Following a public vote, the restaurant was short listed and judged by an independent panel. Riccardo Albiniano, joint manager and front of house, says:

It was a great year for us at Gino's. Winning the award was fantastic and a great achievement. Italian cuisine has always been in essence about providing uncomplicated good fresh food. We have always felt so lucky to have been supported so strongly by our local community. 2017 will be our tenth year in the village and we are planning some big changes (and a big party) to celebrate!

Editor



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The Big Switch

Christmas may seem like a distant memory but those who attended the Big Switch on 16th December will fondly remember the festivities. The Big Switch was co-ordinated by Reverend Lisa Temperley, Rector of St Paul's Church and organised by the Churches Together team (comprising St Paul's, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Baptist churches) and the Woodhouse Parish Council, to bring people from across the village together and hear the message of Christmas through song.

Following an appeal for help in the December/January issue of *Roundabout*, a scratch choir, conducted by John Roberts and accompanied by John Sugden on the keyboard, sang together with the crowd. Refreshments were provided by the Churches Together team and served by the Guides and Scouts of Woodhouse Eaves.

Charlie, Olivia and Emily, aged seven and eight, were the joint winners of the poetry competition *What Christmas means to me* and had the honour of switching on the lights, donated by Nathan Young. The car park Christmas tree was donated by Tim Bentley-Pole Landscape Gardening. Following a successful evening, Reverend Lisa says, 'We look forward very much to the Big Switch 2017'.



Children singing carols next to the lit-up Christmas tree.

The village hall tree was donated by Bernie Morritt of Bradgate Trees and was decorated by Jean Mawby and John Plowright.

Editor

Spectacle collection

Thanks to all who handed in unwanted spectacles and sunglasses at Oakwood Pharmacy on Main Street in Woodhouse Eaves – the total this year is 63 pairs. Many thanks to those who have helped less fortunate people in less prosperous parts of the world. Spectacles and sunglasses are still being collected at the pharmacy.

Eric Allsop

Local success at Beacon Trail Half Marathon

Some 289 runners took to Beacon Hill on a cold and wet Sunday morning on 18th November to run 13.1 miles around Beacon Hill. The race was organised by Jack Rabbit Events and totalled some four ascents of the hill, which involved over 1,600 feet running uphill. The winning male was Tony Woodward of Hermitage Harriers who finished in one hour, 21 minutes and 55 seconds. The winning lady was Nicola Holmes, who crossed the line in one hour, 37 minutes and 33 seconds. The first Woodhouse Eaves finisher was Richard Thompson, taking fifth place overall and second male veteran 40 (MV40), with a time of one hour, 30 minutes and 36 seconds. Chris Brown of Woodhouse Eaves was 15th to finish. As the first known local woman, I was 15th lady over the line and took second place in the FV40 category.



Runners assemble at the start line next to Beacon Hill lower car park.

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Into the great unknown... and beyond

In the December 2016/January 2017 issue of Roundabout Zainab Master shared her diagnosis of breast cancer. This is the second part of her moving story. Ed.

I would like to start this article by expressing my gratitude to all those within our blessed community who have reached out to me to show their solidarity, concern and well wishes. Your sincere wishes have been a pillar of strength and positivity for me, more than words could say.

Chemotherapy, we are told, affects every individual differently. We had to attend an introductory talk: it was a bizarre parallel to receiving the welcome talk by the holiday rep when we go abroad, except dedication and enthusiasm for the cause didn't just mean getting your money's worth at the all-inclusive buffet – the 'steaks' were much higher. Much like the all-inclusive buffet, the variety was huge – the variety of side effects to be precise. A veritable plethora were on offer, and we could have all of them, some of them, or even none of them. The most noticeable of these would be losing hair – I was told I definitely would. Anyone who asked me how I felt about this got the same answer: when my hair falls out, it means the medicines are working. The reality of it was actually more difficult to accept: I no longer recognised my reflection in the mirror – who was I? Was this actually me? Is this *really* happening?

Chemotherapy

The first dose of three combined chemotherapy drugs, fluorouracil, epirubicin and chloroquine, known as FEC, was administered with relative ease and the whole process took about 45 minutes in the hospital chemotherapy suite. Approximately three hours later came the extreme vomiting. I don't think I have ever done something with so much conviction without actually having any desire to commit to the action. The nausea was so bad that this was one of the few times I felt self-pity. Luckily the oncologist gave me some super medication during my next chemotherapy cycle that eradicated the sickness almost completely. What an epiphany.

After that initial hiccup, the treatments went by in a blur. The week after each dose would be a grey fog of fatigue and pain (caused by the immune-boosting injections that encouraged the bone marrow to produce more white blood cells), followed by a week of slow recovery and a final week of cramming as much as I could of life in before the next dose. I tried my best to keep active, go for walks, play hopscotch with the children and generally enjoy their company during the summer holidays. But with every consecutive dose of chemotherapy the energy levels dropped further, and the grey fog became thicker and lasted for longer. After six cycles I was

desperate to hear that I was ready for surgery, and the day the oncologist confirmed that this part of my cancer treatment was over, I was overcome with relief.

Surgery

Comparatively, the mastectomy (surgery to remove the affected breast) was 'easy peasy lemon squeezy'. The drain that was fitted post-surgery was probably the most traumatic factor, in that I had this annoying bottle that I had to carry around with me for five days. Recovery took place just as much in the mind as in the body: a piece of me was missing and it was a permanent reminder of how I had spent the last few months. Three weeks after the operation, we attended clinic to find out what the next steps would be for me. As luck would have it, there were no further steps as the cancer had been successfully removed and there was no need for radiotherapy. The result was more than I could have hoped for and incredibly overwhelming.

Knowing that I am cancer free is still only just sinking in. I want to jump into life feet first, and patience is not a virtue I am well practised in! Fatigue and aches are just some of the constant reminders of the journey I have taken, but every day is a gift I cherish and each day does get easier.

Gratitude

The support of my friends, family, acquaintances, and sometimes even strangers, never ceases to warm my heart. Some people didn't know what to say to me, so would send messages to me via family members; some sent cards; some flowers. Every single gesture propelled my determination to recover, and got me to where I am today. Each day is still a challenge, but I dare to look forward to the future now; a privilege I will never take for granted again.

Please remember to check your breasts regularly, I hope that sharing my experiences has helped to emphasise enough how this small action could result in the huge action of saving your life. Be breast aware.

Zainab Master

More tea vicar?

Moving into the village nearly forty years ago, I was struck by the ideal location of Woodhouse Eaves, being within a few miles of both Loughborough and Leicester but not spoilt by a busy commuter route through the middle of the village. Inevitably traffic has increased in the last few decades and crossing Main Street at certain times of day can prove a

hazardous exercise. Nevertheless, its rural character remains pretty intact. We have numerous walks through country parks and woods right on our doorstep, which go a long way to ensure the village remains popular with both residents and the casual visitor (not forgetting local estate agents, of course).

It therefore surprises me that one popular feature in many an English country village has failed to survive in this parish. I am speaking of the 'olde tea shoppe'. Yes, you can obtain a decent cuppa at one or other of the village inns or even drop into a church coffee morning once in a while; but it's not the same. Even at the delightful cupcake shop (other cake shops are available. Oh! Wait a minute, they aren't) there is not really space to 'chillax' (that is teen-speak for flopping down into a comfy chair). Examine other villages in the local area. Quorn has three long-standing cafes, all within walking distance of the village centre. Rothley has a similar number (plus a fish and chip shop but that is another matter). Even Swithland (a much smaller place than Woodhouse) now boasts its own deli/coffee shop. In Newtown Linford there are not only two on the main road but at least three watering holes scattered around Bradgate Park, including the somewhat controversial, but I feel fairly discrete, double-decker bus-cafe tucked in the trees near the Old John car park. I accept that Beacon Hill may not be the tourist magnet that Bradgate Park is, but there are few places within walking distance where you can sit down for a light snack or pop in for a brew. Some great dining places exist but many just want a tea-room (or coffee shop, let's not be too country) in which they can partake of their favourite beverage, read the paper or simply watch the world pass by.

Where have all the tea shops gone?

Going back to when I arrived in the village, there were four tea shops: the 'Copper Kettle' tearooms on the corner below Victoria Road; a small tea room and art gallery above Moss's bookshop (the present newsagents); the Forest Rock cafe on Church Hill; and at the bottom of Windmill Rise there was another (the name of which escapes me). Have I left any out?

Discussions at a recent local history meeting came round to other 'historic tearooms' located in the village that between the wars were crammed at the weekends with day-trippers, many of whom arrived on buses from the neighbouring towns on open-topped charabancs by companies like Howletts and Barkus. There was once a tearoom attached to the village hall and another attached to the Fountain Inn on Beacon Road.

With the demise of many rural businesses perhaps it is fanciful to yearn for something that some might regard as a relic from a 'bygone age'. However,

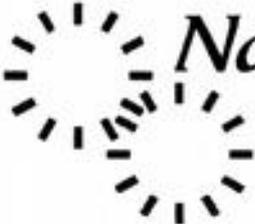
in other counties, and even other villages in Leicestershire, tea-shops have managed to bounce back and they seem to be flourishing, even in some quite remote locations. Personally, I am not encouraged by the prospect of another off-licence in the village but a tearoom, possibly linked into an appropriate retail outlet, serving locally-sourced produce, would be a real asset to the community.

For the love of communi-tea

Earlier this year, I found myself sitting next to the local vicar at a tearoom in a small Norfolk village, not much bigger than Old Woodhouse. There were old postcards and posters on every wall and on a side table a selection of local newspapers, magazines and comics from the sixties and beyond. I was reconnected with my youth through copies of *Look and Learn* and the *Beezer*. There were a couple of early Blue Peter books, as well as *Eagle* and *Bunty* annuals to browse through (the scrapes those Four Marys got up to when Matron wasn't looking!). A really nice touch was that on each table there was a little notebook and pencil for visitors to write down their memories of times gone by, which made fascinating reading. One entry that interested me was by a woman evacuated to the village during the war and who stayed on afterwards brought up by a family running the bakery at the village windmill. It turned out she made the Ginger Parkin being served in the cafe. I am thrilled to find such places still exist: where tea is still served in pots (be it in a variety of cups and saucers, none of which matched) and milky coffee is still available, rather than the mug of beige foam that the unenlightened like to consider chic these days.

A few months back there were rumours circulating that some inspired locals were exploring the feasibility of bringing some form of tea or coffee shop back into the village. Whether this is still in the air, I don't know, but they have my vote of approval and will also have my custom should their plans ever come to fruition.

Mark Temple



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Woodhouse Eaves Home Guard

The next item is the first in a series of articles about the Woodhouse Eaves Home Guard, based on childhood recollections of Roger Kirby during the Second World War. Ed.

The Home Guard was formed in the 1940s across the country as a whole, and of course Woodhouse Eaves was no exception. Comprising mainly of men who were deemed unfit for regular forces service, they were to defend the country if we were invaded by German forces. Eventually two million men joined: a rag-tag bunch but enthusiastic in their endeavours.

The Woodhouse Eaves Home Guard was a typical contingent. Its commanding officer was a Major Arbuckle, who lived on Beacon Road. He was a Major in the First World War, and determined to whip his charges into a first class fighting force.

Order arising from confusion

Drilling was the first effort and it was carried out on the first field below the Bulls Head Inn. This field had a rolling contour from years of ploughing in the same direction; it also had long grass due to it being a hayfield. The squad had no rifles (just a few shot guns), a pike from the Boer War and pitchforks meant to resemble rifles. Oh yes, there was one Elephant Gun, a formidable and heavy bore rifle.

Imagine this squad that included old Joe Stockwell of Brook Road Farm in his knee-high leather leggings, and Arthur Tyler, a painter at Beaumanor Estate, limping along on one short leg. Trying to keep in line and in step was almost impossible considering the long grass and rolling terrain.

The order 'Quick march!' was given. Some stepped off with their right foot and some with their left; some did not know left from right as they had never been taught. 'Halt!' came the order. Some stopped and others kept going, stumbling and tripping over one another... chaos ensued. They were then told that 'Halt!' meant stop. Some wore shoes; others wore boots while some were in Wellingtons – they arrived for drills in whatever footwear they wore at work or home. Boots and uniforms came later. After a period of several weeks they passed the Major's inspection and of course adjourned to the Bulls Head to slake their thirst.

These groups across the country were charged with stopping the might of the German army, should they attack.

My father, John Kirby, landlord of the Bulls Head, was made a corporal. He had an old James motorcycle and sidecar. The sidecar was removed and a

replaced with a flatbed. When a Northover Projector was installed on the flatbed, the unit was to become the 'Motorized Armoured Division' of the Woodhouse Eaves Home Guard.

Roger Kirby

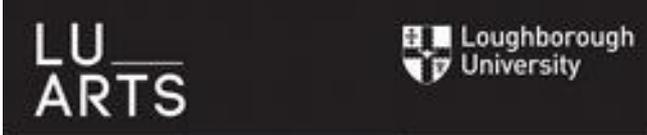
Not so fantastic plastic

The sacks of litter collected most Tuesday mornings by the Woodhouse Eaves Litter Picking Team are predominately full of plastic waste and empty drink cans. Sadly, the problem of plastic pollution is much bigger than just a local eyesore but there are steps we can take to reduce our impact on the environment.

Man-made global problem

Leicester University has published research in the journal *Anthropocene* showing that no part of the planet is free of the scourge of plastic waste. Plastic pollutes every corner of the Earth and can be found as larger pieces of plastic or as microscopic grains.

Humans have made enough plastic since the Second World War to cover our planet entirely in clingfilm.



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The good news is that the UK Government has agreed to ban the beads by the end of 2017, with a review underway on the extent of the ban. Interestingly, President Obama had already banned the microbeads from 'wash-off' cosmetic products in the United States back in December 2015. In the meantime you can check product ingredient labels for offending plastics such as Polyethylene / Polythene (PE), Polypropylene (PP), Polyethylene terephthalate (PET), Polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) and Nylon.

Plastic waste in the ocean

A new study carried out by Imperial College, London, found that most plastic dumped in UK seas finds its way to the Arctic within two years, causing great damage to that fragile environment.

A possible solution to clean up larger floating plastics polluting the oceans is being tested off the Dutch coast. A 100-metre long boom collects surface debris and funnels it into a cone for collection by boat. It is hoped that this trial can be scaled up and deployed in the infamous 'Great Pacific Garbage Patch'. Of course, this only helps with the plastic floating that is visible and then begs the question, how is it to be disposed of environmentally?

Countryside hedgerows

Plastic food and drink containers are our biggest eyesore as we collect the litter from our village.

There have been various reports, in particular from the big food chains that they are looking into using degradable products for their food and drinks containers. This is some welcome news, but I just wonder what length of time we would have to continue looking at these products littering our roads

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and verges before they actually do degrade. Currently, aluminium cans take between 80 and 200 years to degrade. Plastic bottles take between 70 and 450 years and foamed plastic cups take 50 years. The trouble is plastic is very slow to degrade, so we will be left with this problem for a very long time.

Janet Whitmore, Litter Picking Team

A touch of drama on the high seas

Tim Oaten's October talk on piracy to the local history group (*Roundabout* December 2016/January 2017) resonated in a very personal way for Woodhouse Eaves resident Stuart Tyler.

Off to see the world

At the beginning of March 2009 Stuart and his wife Sue took their first cruise, from Dover to Singapore, to see the world in celebration of Sue's recent retirement. After some enjoyable stop-offs on the way, the cruise ship Balmoral set off down the Red Sea towards the Gulf of Aden.



The cruise ship Balmoral.

The Norwegian captain, Johan Dyrnes, had already assured the 1,300 passengers (mostly British) that although piracy had occurred in these waters, only slow-moving merchant vessels with decks relatively close to the waterline had been targeted. The faster Balmoral, with her much higher decks, was highly unlikely to be attacked. Furthermore, the ship had a dummy machine gun mounted at the stern as a deterrent, and crew members in camouflage gear would be on watch for 24 hours a day, fire-hoses at the ready to repel unwelcome visitors. Nonetheless, contingency plans in case of a pirate threat were in place and a practice drill took place on 1st March.

The precautionary drill began with the captain announcing that all passengers should make their way to 'safe *heavens*', an instruction that caused a modicum of anxiety until people realised that the captain's English was not perfect: he had meant 'safe *havens*'. These were the long corridors running the length of the ship on decks three and six. Once there, the passengers were to sit on the floor (all very cosy) and await further advice. So far, so unnecessary. However, at around 8.00pm on 3rd March, just as passengers had finished evening dinner and were starting dessert, the call to safe havens was repeated with the addendum that this was not an exercise.

The unlikely turns possible

With true-Brit stiff upper lips, more distressed at leaving their half-eaten pud behind than at the thought of possible danger, people followed the practised procedure. Once they were seated the captain advised that the ship was about to make a sharp 90 degree turn, which would cause it to list significantly. A few minutes after this they were told that a series of 'evasive manoeuvres' would take place involving sharp tacking to port and starboard, accompanied by corresponding listing, but passengers were not to be alarmed.

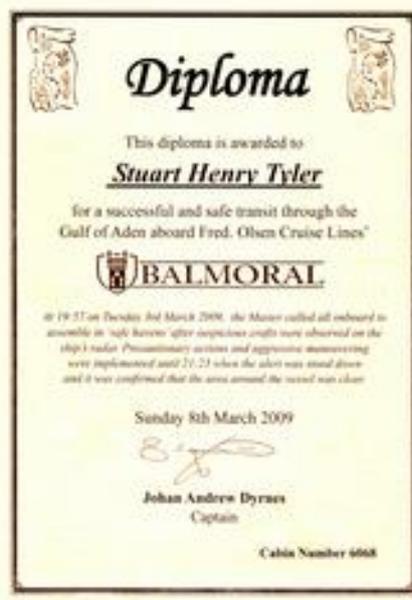
Every time the ship listed so did the passengers, leaning heavily on each other – first one side, then the other. This created a friendly atmosphere among the passengers, sardined together on the deck. A fellow Yorkshireman sitting next to Sue said that if 'safe havens' happened again, he was to be next to her once more! After about 20 minutes the crisis was over, whereupon the passengers rushed up to the decks but saw nothing except a ship's lights following the Balmoral at some half-mile distance.

All is explained

Two days later the passengers were debriefed. It seems that on the evening of 3rd March the Balmoral's radar had detected two fast-moving vessels directly approaching the ship. When the vessels failed to change course after the Balmoral's exterior lights and search lights were turned on full, the captain decided to take no chances, hence the call to safe havens. Fears of a possible pirate attack grew when, after the sharp 90 degree turn, the vessels were now seen to be following the Balmoral. The rapid tacking that ensued was designed to generate a significant stern-wake. Fearing they would be swamped by the waves, the tailing vessels fled. Meanwhile, the captain had already contacted by radio the piracy centre in Dubai, which had mobilised French and American warships, and a helicopter was launched to search the immediate area. One of the warships then escorted the Balmoral, half a mile to the rear, until daybreak.

The aftermath

Throughout the crisis the passengers had behaved impeccably, being rewarded with 'diplomas' marking their successful and safe transit through the Gulf of Aden on the Balmoral,



Stuart's safe-passage diploma, which includes a summary of the events.

which remains the only cruise ship known to have been under threat of a pirate attack. Only one woman had shown panic and that was because she could not find her husband anywhere in safe havens. A crew member (tongue firmly in cheek) assured her that he couldn't have left the ship, unless he'd fallen overboard.

The tabloid press (aka *The Sun*) told a very different story. On 5th March, under the headline 'Terror in gates of hell', the paper reported that 'shots were fired in four separate assaults', apparently starting at 7.00am – 13 hours before the call to safe havens. Furthermore, 'Somali bandits armed with rocket launchers threatened to clamber aboard', while 'officers sent up distress flares' and 'people were all over the place... a lot... in tears and frightened to death.'

Alas, it seems that for some newspapers fiction is stranger than fact, and certainly more newsworthy!

Evelyn Brown

The Morrison story: a tale of astounding enterprise

What promised to be a talk to the Local History Group in November about the development of the first electric milk float delivered a far wider range of goodies as local historian, Ernie Miller described the remarkable entrepreneurial achievements of his family for almost 80 years from 1896. It was only when his Aunt May died 16 years ago, and Ernie was clearing the family home, that he stumbled across a treasure trove of documents relating to the family firm, Morrison's of Leicester.

Two- and three-wheeled ventures

Having left school at 14, Ernie's maternal grandfather Ernest Morrison founded an engineering firm in 1896 while only 18 years old, using money borrowed from his father. He took premises in Dover Street, Leicester, with a workforce making bicycles, a luxury item. In 1904 the price of a basic model was £7 10s (£7.50) while a labouring wage was little more than one pound a week. After bicycles came motorcycles with gas-powered engines and an optional forward-facing passenger seat at the front, and then the patenting of a spring-wheeled sidecar.

A less successful Morrison venture of the 1930s was the 'Trilec', a three-wheeled car with two wheels at the front and one at the back. Passengers rode under cover at the front while the driver sat over the back wheel, steering from behind and exposed to the elements.

A period of diversification

Morrison saw opportunities that others did not know existed, developing direct-current petrol generators for charging radio batteries and providing electric lighting to rural farmhouses as well as moving into cinema sound-systems when talking pictures arrived. By the late 1920s several relatives had joined the business, including Ernie's Uncle Alf, the electrical expert who devised an electric motor, which ran at constant speed, thereby allowing sound to be synchronised with on-screen lip movements.

While playing golf with Leicester baker Mr Squires, Alf offered to make him an electric delivery vehicle that would be cheaper to run than a horse-drawn van. The prototype was a huge success. A standard 20-hundredweight chassis, with a large battery box on either side, could be customised above to suit the purchaser's needs. By 1935 Morrison's had moved to larger premises in Wigston, dropping all other work to concentrate on developing electric delivery vehicles, including milk floats that were powered to go for 40 miles at 15 mph. In their heyday, as the chassis load-bearing capacity increased, Morrison's were also producing Royal Mail vans, coal-lorries and waste-disposal vehicles. May 1934 saw the first Morrison chassis exported to Australia.



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Final days

Ernest Morrison retired in 1938 and when war broke out the following year, both raw materials and workers were diverted to the war effort. The family largely drifted away so the post-war company was under very different management. When the last family member, Aunt May, retired in 1965 the business was relocated to Tredegar, South Wales, having been denied permission to expand within Leicester. Sadly, the Tredegar factory closed in the early 1980s, the last model trundling off the production line in spring 1983.

Evelyn Brown

The day Buffalo Bill came to town

December saw another offering to the Local History Group, the talk was given by one of its members, Tony Jarram, who has also written this article. Ed.

In 2005 I was on a family holiday in the USA starting in Chicago, moving on to Phoenix and finally ending in Denver. During the last part of the holiday we took a coach tour to visit a few interesting places in the environs of the 'Mile High City'. One of the places visited was Lookout Mountain and the grave of Buffalo Bill. There, in a small museum, was a book entitled *Did Buffalo Bill visit your town?* I flipped the page to the letter L, not really expecting to find any reference – but there staring back at me was 'Loughborough' and the date 21st October 1903.

Investigations commence

On my return to Loughborough I tried to find further information on both Buffalo Bill and the Loughborough visit. I discovered that there is a 'black hole' in the local newspaper records for that period and, despite much searching by the Loughborough Library Local Studies Volunteers, no newspaper cuttings could be found.

The talk, therefore, relied on backtracking previous shows on Buffalo Bill's tour and tracking where he went after the Loughborough show. Eventually the story started to emerge.

How Buffalo Bill earned his name

William Frederick 'Buffalo Bill' Cody was born in 1846 in Scott County, Iowa. He had five sisters and two brothers. His father died when he was 11, followed by his mother when he was 17. After the death of his father, he found employment as a bullwhacker driving a wagon train, spent a winter trapping beaver, joined the Colorado gold rush and spent a few months with the Pony Express.

During the American Civil War he joined a 'Jayhawker' band, a guerrilla group loyal to the Union. After the war he enlisted in the 7th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry. He married Louisa Frederici in March 1866, and their first child, a daughter Arta, was born in December of the same year.

Cody earned his nickname 'Buffalo Bill' in 1866 while shooting animals for meat for the Kansas Pacific Railway during its construction. Two years later he was appointed chief of scouts for the 5th Cavalry in the United States army, guiding them a year later to victory against the Southern Cheyenne, a Native American Indian tribe, at Summit Springs, Colorado.

From humble beginnings to a household name

Cody became immortalised in the dime novels of Ned Buntline and this was followed by stage plays with Wild Bill Hickok and Texas Jack Onohundro. He continued his scouting duties and guided Colonel Anson Mills on an expedition to the Little Big Horn. Mills was later to track down and mortally wound the Sioux chief American Horse and the Little Big Horn was to be the place of 'Custer's last stand'. In 1876 Cody had his famous fight with the Cheyenne Chief Yellow Hand (also known as Yellow Hair). This became a main feature in the dime comics and often re-enacted in Cody's Wild West Shows.

Wild West shows bring international fame

Following shows in the USA, Cody arrived in London in 1883 to star at the American Exhibition. Several ships brought his show over the Atlantic. The passengers included 97 American Indians, 18 buffalo, ten elk, four donkeys, five longhorn steers, 181 horses and the Deadwood Stage (stagecoach). The show, later containing the sharpshooter Annie Oakley and Sitting Bull, toured the USA to massive audiences.

In America there was great unrest on the Indian reservations. A Paiute had founded the religion of the 'Ghost Dance' where it was believed that frantic dancing would bring back the Indian ancestors who would help to drive away the white man from their lands and bring back the buffalo. Sitting Bull believed this, and when he was mistaken as the cause of the religion's uprising he was murdered by Indian police while they tried to arrest him at his cabin. Cody had previously been asked to negotiate with his friend Sitting Bull but the meeting never took place.

Cody toured Europe between 1888 and 1892, visiting Nottingham (where the stand collapsed) in 1891 before moving onto Leicester, in three trains. Both shows featured the Yellow Hand fight and the Deadwood Stage. There were 250 artists including 80 American Indians, mainly Sioux and Cheyenne. These included Kicking Bear, first cousin of Crazy Horse, who



Buffalo Bill at Derby (the day after the Loughborough show).

had introduced Sitting Bull to the Paiute Ghost Dance. Others included No Neck, who had surrendered with Crazy Horse and Black Heart, who had fought at the Little Big Horn.

In 1902 to 1904 the shows returned to Europe. A surviving poster advertises Loughborough and Newark. Buffalo Bill arrived in Loughborough for a show on 21st October 1903. Eye-witness accounts give two different locations, The Bull in the Hollow, on the present A6 and a site near the Loughborough Racecourse on Derby Road. Prices ranged from one shilling (5p) to 7s 6d with children under ten half price. The spectators were treated to a host of

demonstrations and enactments including bucking broncos, cowboys and Wild West girls, stage hold-ups and cavalry. The Loughborough show included 100 American Indians of whom 33 have been identified and include William Sitting Bull one of the sons of Sitting Bull and Iron White Man who had fought with Crazy Horse at The Battle of the Little Big Horn. After the Loughborough show the whole production was moved in three trains to Derby, the first one arriving there at 3am.

The end of an era

The advent of film saw the demise of the Wild West shows and after amalgamation with other showmen, an attempt to form a film company was unsuccessful.

Cody died in Denver on 10th January 1917, marking the end of one of the Wild West's greatest icons. He was buried on Lookout Mountain, Golden, Denver, Colorado.

At the end of the talk, thanks were given to both Steve Friesen, director, and Betsy Martinson, education and events organiser, at the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave, Parks and Recreation, City and County of Denver, for their help and research, and for making their photographic archive available.

Tony Jarram



The Sioux chief Iron White Man (one of 100 American Indians who performed at Loughborough).

February in the cottage garden

For the most part the garden still sleeps and it is a restful time for us gardeners. But it is also a time to ponder. I was lucky enough to enjoy a short break in January when I visited North Norfolk, one of my favourite places. Walks along paths both coastal and inland gave me the opportunity to observe how winter lays bare the earth, but also how the dark soil of newly ploughed fields, grassy tussocks and the spent stems of last year's hedgerow plants lend shape, colour and structure to the land in this otherwise barren season.

It's possible to apply a little of this winter canvas to our own gardens. The colour and texture of newly dug beds in the vegetable patch, tall dead heads of cardoons, hydrangeas and other perennials left untouched in borders can add interest to the garden alongside evergreen shrubs and other more obvious winter-flowering plants. So if you have got ahead of yourself this year or like things neat and tidy and have already cut back your flower borders, restrain yourself next autumn and leave things to die back naturally – you may be surprised at how beautiful the results can be.

Early seed sowing

For those of you impatient to get growing, there are some seeds that benefit from an early sowing indoors for the year ahead. For some plants, such as chillies and aubergines, sowing seeds early is the best way to ensure you get a worthwhile crop. Other plants that can be sown from seed now include pelargoniums, sweet peas and basil.

However, early sowing indoors does require patience and a little forward planning as warm indoor temperatures can produce leggy, weak seedlings, which can be prone to 'damping off'. To get the best results make sure everything that comes into contact with seeds or seedlings is clean, including pots and dibbers. Use new compost: peat-free seed compost is best. Place potted seeds on a bright, warm windowsill where the temperature will stay fairly constant. Wipe away any condensation in propagators daily. Lastly, don't be tempted to use too much heat: seeds may germinate a little slower but there is less risk of damping off or legginess.

Wildlife gardening

January and February can be a tough time for wildlife, especially birds. There are some simple tasks we can do not only to ensure a variety of wildlife in the garden but also to keep those creatures that already live in the garden safe and fed during the winter months.

Regularly fill bird feeders with food such as peanuts, sunflower hearts and suet products. It is also worth cleaning feeders regularly to help prevent disease. Ground-feeding birds such as blackbirds and thrushes will appreciate chopped apples and even grated cheese on feeding stations placed on the ground. Check bird boxes to make sure they are firmly fixed to fences and not rotten, and remove any nesting material from previous years' nests.

If you have not already recycled your Christmas tree, remove and bunch together bundles of branches to create wildlife habitats around the garden. Avoid cutting back mature ivy just yet as it makes a great home for hibernating insects. Ivy berries are also an important food source for garden birds. Continue to gather up fallen leaves from paths and borders, and leave them in piles to provide shelter for hibernating mammals such as hedgehogs, insects and even frogs and toads.

With the birds fed and watered, and paths swept clear of leaves, sit back and relax with a cup of tea and enjoy the winter garden outside your window. Look carefully and you'll see that signs of the spring to come are already here, but we will celebrate that next time!

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Down with the rosemary, and so
Down with the bays and misletoe;
Down with the holly, ivy, all,
Wherewith ye dress'd the Christmas
Hall:
That so the superstitious find
No one least branch there left behind:
For look, how many leaves there be
Neglected, there (maids, trust to me)
So many goblins you shall see.

Odd socks

Have you ever bought a pair of socks, only to be frustrated when one develops a hole or goes missing? SOLOSOCKS, a company based in Denmark, promises a life of foible-free footwear with a line of socks that are 'all different but designed to match' ... a 'sustainable solution to sock waste.' Why not simply buy several pairs of plain black socks and throw one away? *New Scientist*, 5th November, 2016.

Groundhog Day

Celebrated on 2nd February, 40 days after Christmas, Candlemas, known as Groundhog Day in America, is the day on which the Virgin Mary would have been purified after childbirth and presented her son at the temple in Jerusalem.

It is about this time of year that groundhogs emerge from hibernation. Based on European folklore, it is now said that if a groundhog is seen on this day, it will dictate the extent of winter. From this anonymous traditional English poem:

If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Winter has another flight.
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Winter will not come again.

Sea levels on the rise?

New Scientist reader John Corne (5th November, 2016) was intrigued to find 'Himalayan Pink Sea Salt' for sale in Newbury, Berkshire, commenting, 'I realise that global warming is causing sea levels to rise but last time I checked, the Himalayas looked quite safe from the Indian Ocean.'



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Mon	13 th	7.30	Local History Group, 'Arthur Ransome, his stories, and me', Douglas Maas,	Methodist Church hall, £3
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Thur	16 th	10.00	Leicestershire Footpath Association walk. Contact Di Tailby on 07923 470 800 or di.tailby@talktalk.net	Meeting at the Curzon Arms pub
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