

# NUNNINGTON NEWS

For all the People of Nunnington, Ness & Muscoates

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## For all the people...

The tagline for the Nunnington News has for years read 'For all the peoples of Nunnington, Ness and Muscoates' and it is now so familiar that we can easily forget that the people of the parish are fundamental to the News.

It's why, wherever possible, we refer to 'the parish' rather than 'the village'. We understand that our readership covers people from a wide range of backgrounds and it is our intention to make the News as useful as possible for everyone.

We see our role as to inform, educate and entertain. We hope we manage to achieve this, at least in part. We cannot do this without the help of you, our readers, and we are grateful for

all the contributions to the News since we took it over. We ask that you keep the words coming.

If you are wondering why we have not included anything about the pandemic in this edition, it is because the rules and research seem to be changing so fast anything we write is likely to be out of date before it comes off the presses.

### Harvest and history

With the harvest almost in and autumn in the air, we have an opportunity in the coming months to give more room to our history. In this we are really grateful to **Eric Mannings**, lately of Church Street in Nunnington, for making available the texts of his fulsome historical research compiled over two decades ago, which make compelling reading.

### Coming up

We will devote November to remembering wartime life in the parish. We will combine the January and February editions and we ask for lots of amazing contributions to cheer us through the winter.

### Clang and Tracey

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## Parish News 1 - People

### A round up of the parish's news and views, hatches and matches, comings and goings, joys and woes

#### Harry Fall

Please keep the Fall family in your thoughts. Many will remember **Lee and Annabel** from their Nunnington days.



ANNIE AND LEE FALL

However, young **Harry Fall** is seriously ill and has been admitted to Leeds General Infirmary. Annie writes that the LGL nurses and consultants have been incredible and he is in the best hands. Lee and Annabel have a plan and aim to get Harry home and keep him comfortable.

Meanwhile, Annie has been raising money for [Candlelighters](#), which provides essential services and support to Yorkshire children with cancer and their families.

They still have hope, as do we.

#### Margaret Timbrell

**Margaret Timbrell** has asked that we pass on her heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped her to pack and move to Dulverton Hall in Scarborough.

**Sue Binks** and **Maggie Dickenson** have both been to see her in her new sea-front apartment.

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The flat is amazing, and Margaret's furniture looks lovely in its new home. Her many pictures have been hung for her.

The parish's presents have all been unpacked and found their place in the flat, for which Margaret is very grateful

Sadly, residents get their lunch delivered to their apartments during pandemic restrictions - which means that Margaret has not yet been able to meet the other residents.

Hopefully, in the fullness of time, they will all be able to eat together and Margaret will have good food and company to enjoy with it.

**Clang**

#### A 24 carat carrot!

We told of **Sam and Victoria's** engagement last month, so how did it all unfold I hear you ask?

Well, on a very sunny Friday after a couple of drinks Sam asked if they should go and check the veg patch.



CARATS ON A CARROT

Unbeknown to Victoria, Sam had pulled a carrot the night before and slipped the engagement

ring onto it. Hungry rabbits didn't steal the ring. Victoria found it and said yes!

And just to confirm, there is nothing more so no night-time visitors with spades, please!

#### Deedes degrees



JEREMY AND ALEX DEEDES

**Alex Deedes** submitted his final dissertation on Quantum Logic in August and has just learnt that he has been awarded an M.Lit in Logic and Metaphysics with Merit from St Andrews University. Alex plans on staying in St Andrews working at the University or on one of the golf courses - or both.

Meanwhile his father **Jeremy Deedes** has been awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Personal and Business Coaching from the University of Chester, receiving two distinctions out of three submitted papers.

Jeremy is now repositioning his coaching practice under the brand name [Crazy for Change](#) to a more virtual coaching and training business.

## Parish News 2 - Events

### Harvest Thanksgiving

We celebrate Harvest Festival on **Sunday 11th October at 11am** in a barn at Jubilee Farm, by kind permission of **David Wilson**.



Park in the yard, bring your own chairs, keep separate from other households, wear a mask (Diocesan guidance) and avoid forming groups of more than six.

This is a celebration of our harvest and farmers (not a Communion Service) and **Adam** will bring his portable piano to play many of the lovely harvest hymns for our enjoyment.

Do come and bring the children: it will be something to remember for the rest of their lives!

### Nunnington Arts Fair

Restrictions permitting, the makers and artists of Nunnington are planning a fair at the Studios on 4th, 5th and 6th December.

Exhibitors will include all at Nunnington Galleries and Nunnington Studios, and many more local artists.



The coffee shop will be open for the weekend serving their always excellent fayre.

### The Old Yard

**Victoria Clive, Daniel** (below) and her hard working team will continue to serve food and drinks between 10 to 4 on Saturdays and Sundays in October, before closing for the winter (re-opening briefly for the Arts Fair).



### Halloween

Sadly it looks as though the usual Halloween fun and frolics won't take place this year on 31st October. However, an organisation called Artventures is promoting the Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail.

Even if trick and treats are out the window this year, the parish can still post pumpkins on doorsteps to keep us all cheerful.

### CPRE Churchyard competition

The Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) North Yorkshire is holding a 'Best Churchyard' competition with a £200 prize for the winner.

North Yorkshire's historic churches play a pivotal role in

rural communities and form a unique part of this loved landscape. Churchyards also provide ideal habitats for precious wildlife.

The judges will be looking for well-managed churchyards which provide a peaceful haven for people and wildlife.

**Sue Binks** would love the judges to recognise that during the lockdown the Churchyard provided solstice and comfort to so many and heightened our awareness of the beauty and fragility of the natural world.

Some preparation will be necessary and working parties will be required in the Spring. If you would like to help please contact **Sue Binks, Alastair Stewart** or a member of the PCC.



### Parochial Church Council

The annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) takes place on Thursday 1st October at 18:30 in the church.

The Council will elect Churchwardens and Council members. The election is open to all who live in the ecclesiastical parish and are on the Electoral Roll. Annual audited accounts will be presented and approved, as will a review of the past year. Future policies and activities, as well as the aspirations of new members, will be discussed.



## Parish News 3 - Community

### The Over 65's lunch

Sadly, there is unlikely to be an over 65's Christmas lunch this year. However, **David Wilson** has very kindly offered a turkey to the parish, so we thought that we might deliver home-made 'Nunnington-ready' lunches to the over 65's instead.



IN EARLIER DAYS

So what we need is the addition of any Nunnington-grown vegetables, and volunteers to cook, pack and deliver whatever (hopefully delicious!) recipe we come up with.

If you can help in any way, please contact **Clang** or **Tracey**.

### Cabbage patch donations

In April (it seems an age ago) **Tracey** and **Clang** came up with the idea of a stall where gardeners and cooks could all swop stuff, beginners could help themselves to seedlings and, later, the fruits of everyone's labours could be exchanged.

In April, the talented **Gareth Dockerty** built the stall, christened 'The Cabbage Patch', and then something remarkable happened. Whilst the stall served its originally intended purpose, it

seems that visitors also wanted to sample our home grown produce - and pay for it.

Although money was never intended to change hands, coins started to appear on the stall. The cash was occasionally collected and, as we write, we find the wonderful people of Yorkshire have given, unasked, over £115.

A huge and humble 'Thank you' to all who left cash on the stall.

It seems that, as the money came from the produce of the earth, the money should return there, so it will be handed over to the Harvest Thanksgiving collection on 5 October. This goes to The **Farming Community Network** to help the many farmers in distress in these difficult times.



### Village Zoom

If the current pandemic restrictions and cold weather continue into winter's short days and long nights, the next few months could be grim.

In order to counter this, and mindful of increasing Zoom fatigue, **Jeremy Deedes** is proposing to host a weekly virtual Parish Get Together every Monday evening from 6 to 7 pm after the end of British Summer Time on 25th October.

Anyone can pop in for a few minutes or the full hour to chat

with others in the parish. Nothing serious, simply an opportunity to swop stories and ideas, tell others what you have been up to and offer encouragement and tips to help us flourish this winter.

Jeremy will run a trial on Monday 12 October at 18:00 to give everyone the chance to connect and discuss the idea.

The Zoom meeting ID is 858 7301 0019 and the passcode is Alpha1. Please get in touch if you need help setting up Zoom.

### Millennium book

At the turn of the century **Erik Mannings** created a book which contains photos of many parish residents outside their houses. In the interests of privacy the two copies held in the church and the Hall were locked away until 2020. The custodians are now asked to release their copies for all to see.

**Tracey Phillips** has a digital copy of the book and, twenty years on, proposes to recreate the event by taking a photo of today's houses and families to set next to the original from 2000. Please get in touch with Tracey if you would like to be involved.

### Outlook magazine

With **Margaret's** departure many new arrangements have to be made. As so often, it's only when people go that you realise how much they contributed.

And so **Jane Clive** asks that subscribers to *Outlook* now collect and pay for their copies at the church between 10 and 12 any morning.

## Historic Nunnington

**We are fortunate to have been given a significant archive of documents and photographs recording the fascinating history of Nunnington and its people**



JUST ONE OF THE SPLENDID PHOTOS FROM THE ARCHIVE.  
NEXT MONTH WE WILL REMEMBER NUNNINGTON IN WARTIME

### A valuable archive

Many years ago, **Erik Manning** compiled a comprehensive set of documents relating to Nunnington's history, titled *In Former Days*.

In his introduction, Erik writes that 'Stonegrave and Nunnington (the two villages formed part of a single parish at the time) are each packed with history, and in this local history we get a very good cross-section of the history of England.

Perhaps the history we learned in our school days seemed remote and unreal. But it comes alive when we see it happening in familiar surroundings.'

So true, and over the coming months we will publish extracts from *In Former Days* and illustrate the pages with some of the photographs in the hopes of bringing the parish's history to life.

The beginning is always a good place to start and in this extract, Erik recounts our earliest days.

#### *In prehistoric times*

Go back in imagination long before Romans occupied our country. What would our district have looked like? Thick forests and nasty swamps, and a

lake or two, especially over the area which used to be the aerodrome. Wild animals in abundance.

We can get some idea from what was found in the famous Kirkdale cave discovered in 1821. There were discovered the remains of nearly 300 hyenas and also bones or teeth of lion, bear, tiger, elephant, bison, rhinoceros, reindeer, bear and others.

These larger animals could not have entered the three foot high aperture of the cave. So it is presumed that here was a hyenas' den into which they brought their prey piecemeal.

Human beings? A few perhaps, who eked out a precarious living on the top of Cawkleys Bank and the Ness ridge. An occasional arrow-head or stone implement are all that we have to tell us of the terrifying existence of these primitive inhabitants amidst the dangers of forests and swamps.

The tale of the parish hastens from these mists of obscurity into the light of historic times, when Britain was part of the Roman Empire. The next part of the story moves to Ness, and the discovery of a Roman sarcophagus built by Valorius Vindicianus for his late wife **Titia**, begging the question, who was Titia?

We will reveal all in the coming months!

## Farming News 1 - Lodge Farm

### News of the ups and downs of this year's harvest from Lodge Farm and Jubilee Farm

#### Spuds Are Us

**'Some people dream of success  
while others wake up and work at it.'**  
**Winston Churchill**

It's harvest at long last and I certainly am getting up with the lark. To be honest this really is the best time of the day! Even through the mist, the beauty shines.



EARLY MORNING HARVESTING

First, we harvested the cereals, a record-breaking year but not how you would imagine! 44 days from 31st July to the 13th September, the longest since 1985. In that year we finished on September 30th! Pretty relieved it didn't go any longer.

Now we are moving the spuds. On good days Team Rooke move about 450-600 ton of potatoes a day - and zero on a bad day! So, to limit the bad days it's



OUR MECHANICAL MONSTER

full steam ahead with two harvesters working simultaneously on good days.

We began by filling our one-ton box stores with a thousand boxes full of Yorkshires finest spuds. The rest will then be transported to insulated temperature-controlled stores, ranging from 1200 bulk stores to 500 ton.

Hopefully the last potato will leave the fields and head for storage by the first week in November.

Meanwhile Jim is as busy as ever, drilling the winter barley, wheat and oats, it seems to be - as ever - a race against the weather, so if someone could have a word and hold the rain off that would be very helpful.

I write this next bit with a sad heart. After an extra-long day in the fields, I came home to find the mother cluckers were missing! Jo was away with work and it had turned dark and Mr Fox had sniffed them out, leaving just one beautiful and slightly shaken red hen. Who is now getting pampered in the hope we have one layer at least.

**Steven Rooke**

#### Top Tip

If you're in a lurch, or perhaps a doomsday prepper, let's face it 2020 has had its challenges!

Start stocking up on potatoes now. With just a few household items—wires, some copper, and a zinc-coated nail—and one of the tubers, you can power a clock, a light bulb, and many other small electronics.

#### Potato quiz of the month

**Q: What do you call a man with gravy and potatoes on his head?**

A: Stew

**Q: What's brown and goes up and down?**

A: An elevator-tater!

**Q: What did the potato say to the chip?**

A: For goodness sake put some clothes on !



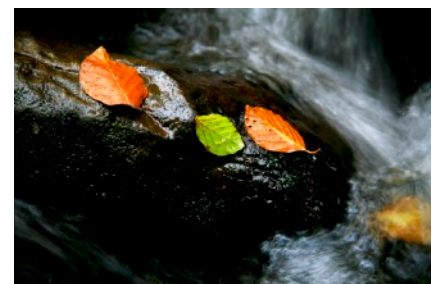
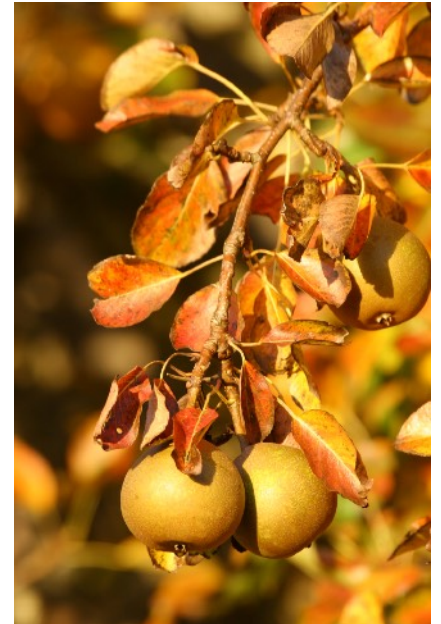
## Farming News 2 - Jubilee Farm



JOHN RUTTER SOWING WINTER WHEAT

### Images of autumn

With thanks to Tracey Phillips for these beautiful photographs of our autumn countryside.



### The fine art of rotating crops

Blessed with improved weather, David and John have been working long hours getting the remaining harvest safely in. Once the harvest and bales have been cleared from the fields the ploughing can begin ready for the next crop to be drilled.

During August each year David plans the crop rotation for the fields. Growing the same crop in the same place for many years in a row depletes the soil of certain nutrients, increases the pest and weed community and reduces the overall crop productivity.

Crop rotations have been part of agricultural practice since the middle ages and are important in supporting yield. Decisions on rotations will depend on the specific circumstances of each farm and local geographic factors, including soils and the target end markets.

The land on the low side of Jubilee Farm follows a two-year

winter wheat crop followed by a year of a 'Break Crop' of Oats.

During October, the hard work will continue as John and David plant 260 acres of winter wheat, 62 acres of winter barley and 61 acres of winter oats. The photo shows John using a combination drill and power harrow to sow the winter wheat.

Once the crop is established our local agronomist walks the fields each week. Employed by the farmer, they act as the go-between for farmers and crop researchers. Agronomists have a wide range of work, but their role is best summed up as a "crop doctor." They are experts in the science of soil management and crop production. They recommend the most effective insecticides, pesticides, fungicides, and other preventative treatments needed on the crops.

We all hope the fine weather continues into mid-November and allows enough time for the valuable crops to be safely planted.

## Farming News 3 - Past times

### Jill Greetham recalls her farming experiences from the 1970s and tells why kites and sheep don't mix

I was quite surprised when my Yorkshire husband returned from a house hunting trip just before Christmas in 1976. "I've bought a farm," he announced, "in Rosedale." "What happened to the house that you went up to see?" I questioned. "The farm was the same price with over 200 acres," he told me. Reading my expression on hearing "a farm" he added, "Don't worry, the farmers are carrying on, we can move any time."

So, off we went to Austria for Christmas. On Boxing Day we got a telegram. It read: "Farmer passed away. Please come and milk the cows."

And so we moved from Hertfordshire to Yorkshire with three small boys under seven, to a new and exciting life on a hill farm above Rosedale Abbey!



OUR THREE CHILDREN

Apart from the cows, we inherited a flock of sheep, two fat pigs, a gaggle of geese, numerous chickens and quails, and, thank heavens, the farmhand! The sheep, so cute as lambs, had us running all over the farm. They loved to follow our tracks across the fields, and as quickly as we rebuilt the stone walls, they would rock them until they fell. We had to keep them under control. We needed a sheepdog!

We took the advice about never buying a sheepdog from a thin farmer (they do all the work), and it was not long before 'Gem' arrived, a shy black and white collie. "It's a working dog" the children were told, "not a pet". However that did not stop the children trying to make her part of the family. When she wasn't working, the children were eager to take her on walks especially on the beach or the Moors.



GEM

One day we all went to the Moors to walk and fly our kite. My husband took charge and after a little mumbling and grumbling trying to assemble the kite, it was soon up and high in the sky.

With his arms up high in the air, pulling it this way and that, he was too occupied to hear the children calling, "Dad!, Dad!". The kite was getting higher and higher and wind was getting stronger. Three little lads were shouting louder, "Dad!, Dad!" this time pulling on his jacket with much urgency!

Daring to glance away from the kite high above the moors, "Can't you see I'm concentrating, what is it?" He turned to see that Gem had rounded up all the moorjocks in sight, who had been happily grazing, and they were neatly huddled behind him! She had obeyed all his hand signals! And was waiting for his next command!

Looking around, thankfully, we were the only ones on the moors. The kite was pulled in, kids and Gem gathered up and back to the Volvo, leaving the bemused sheep wondering where they should be! I wish I had taken a photo.

Gem knew more about rounding up the sheep than my husband. She taught him a thing or two! From then on we realised what a 'gem' she was!

**Jill Greetham**



## Natural Nunnington

**Of golden apples, flying tree branches, channelling your inner Dimmock - and autumn images**

### Golden apple year

**Nick Fraser**, head gardener at Nunnington Hall, talked apples in the national papers.



NICK FRASER AT  
NUNNINGTON HALL

The Guardian (14 Sept) and Daily Telegraph (15 September) published articles about this golden year for apples, which, according to National Trust gardeners, was due to weather such that 'hundreds of the National Trust's gardens and orchards are reporting an excellent year for apples thanks to ideal weather conditions.'

It appears that these excellent weather conditions stemmed from a dearth of late frosts combined with a warm and settled spring. The result was a prolonged blossom season during which the warm weather helped pollinators such as honey bees, bumble bees and solitary bees. This was followed - as most of us recall with misery - by a very wet July and August, which helped the fruit to swell.

With autumn turning warm again, the apple harvest is taking place earlier than usual. Nick tells us that "Generally, we do get quite a good crop, but I'd say this year is our best for at least three years.

"We care for over 25 varieties of apples here, including Dog's Snout, the Ribston Pippin and Yorkshire Beauty.

"Thanks to the warm spring, no late frosts and period of very settled weather, pollinators had excellent conditions to fertilise the flowers to form the fruit."

### Strange - and true

I wonder how many of us saw this tree branch suspended in mid-air, apparently without support, on Middle Ings Lane. It was only as you got nearer that that you realised the branch got caught on a telegraph wire as it fell, where it hung, perfectly balanced, for a few weeks.



Sally Riswick

### Caught on camera

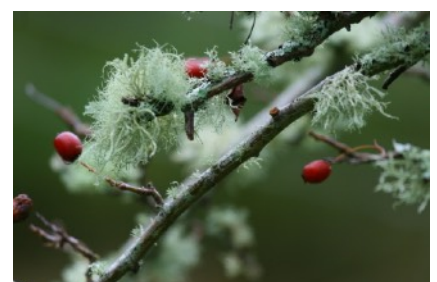
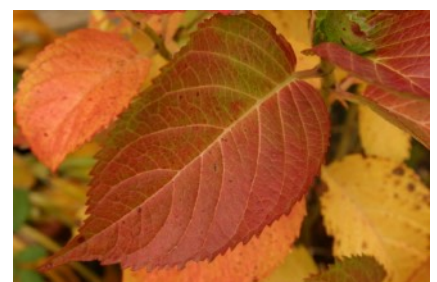
Meanwhile, in a distant land, far, far away, Nunnington's resident presenter **Jo Pickard** was caught on camera 'channelling her inner Dimmock' as she put it!

[www.nunningtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.nunningtonvillage.co.uk)



JO PICKARD ON CAMERA

### More autumn images



Tracey Phillips / Ryedale Photography

## Parish pastoral

**All the earth shall worship you, sing to you, sing praise to your name.' (Psalm 66. verse 3)**

### Thoughts for October

What's your favourite word? Mine is 'serendipity'. It is a word that reminds us that life is what happens when we are busy making other plans. In modern society we have an obsessive desire to be in control of our lives and to forecast the future.



REV'D SUSAN BINKS

We don't want to leave anything to chance. Yet the world has been changed more dramatically by serendipity than by human planning - it is a Sunday afternoon as I write and I have just changed the wedding date for a third time of a particular couple as they reshape their dream wedding to accommodate changing Covid 19 protocols

The word 'serendipity' comes from Serendip, which was the old name for Sri Lanka. Horace Walpole made it up from a children's story called The Three Princes of Serendip, who, as they travelled, 'were always making discoveries by accident or sagacity, of things they were not in quest of'.

October 12th marks a serendipitous event which changed the course of history. On 12th October 1492, Christopher Columbus landed on an island in what is now the Bahamas, believing he had arrived in Asia. This was indeed the beginning of a new world. For Europeans, it ushered in a new world of empire, power and domination. For the indigenous peoples, it was the beginning of a new world of exploitation, enslavement and misery and we are acutely aware of the legacy in our own time as we proclaim 'Black Lives Matter'. Yet the prophet Jeremiah tells us that God's plans for us are for peace and not evil, and for a future of hope.

*Dear God, help us today to trust  
You in all that we do, and to  
remember the words of St Paul,  
that 'neither the present nor the  
future, nor any powers, neither  
height nor depth, nor anything  
else in all creation, will be able to  
separate us from the love of God  
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'*  
Amen.

Rev'd Sue Binks

### Dust if you must

**Clang** and **Maggie** found this poem in Jasmine Cottage whilst helping **Margaret** to pack. Perhaps for Margaret, it was the long version of her entreaty that 'Life is short. Enjoy it!'

We think this was originally written in 1998 by **Rose Milligan**. The poem probably meant much to Margaret, which is why we include it here.

*Dust if you must, but wouldn't it  
be better*

*To paint a picture or write a letter  
Bake a cake or plant a seed  
Ponder the difference  
Between a want and a need*

*Dust if you must, but there's not  
much time*

*With rivers to swim and trees to  
climb*

*Music to hear and books to read,  
Friends to cherish and life to lead.*

*Dust if you must, but the world's  
out there*

*With the sun in your eyes and the  
wind in your hair*

*A flutter of snow, a shower of rain  
This day will never come round  
again*

*Dust if you must, but bear in mind  
Old age will come and its not  
kind*

*And when you go - as go you  
must -*

*You yourself will make more dust*

*Its not what you gather, but what  
you scatter*

*That tells the kind of life you have  
lived.*

### Frappe, frappe

Walking past the sign to Losky Farm at East Newton brought back a memory of this appalling knock knock joke

#### Frappe, Frappe

*'Qui est la?'*

*'Loss'.*

*'Loss qui?'*

*'I know I've lost my key. Now  
open the door and let me in.'*

There must be a deeper meaning  
in there somewhere?



## Parish profiles

**A bit about the people, businesses and institutions that are part of the parish.  
This month, read about Mike MacBain, a local artist working from Nunnington Studios.**

### Mike MacBain, artist with an unusual style

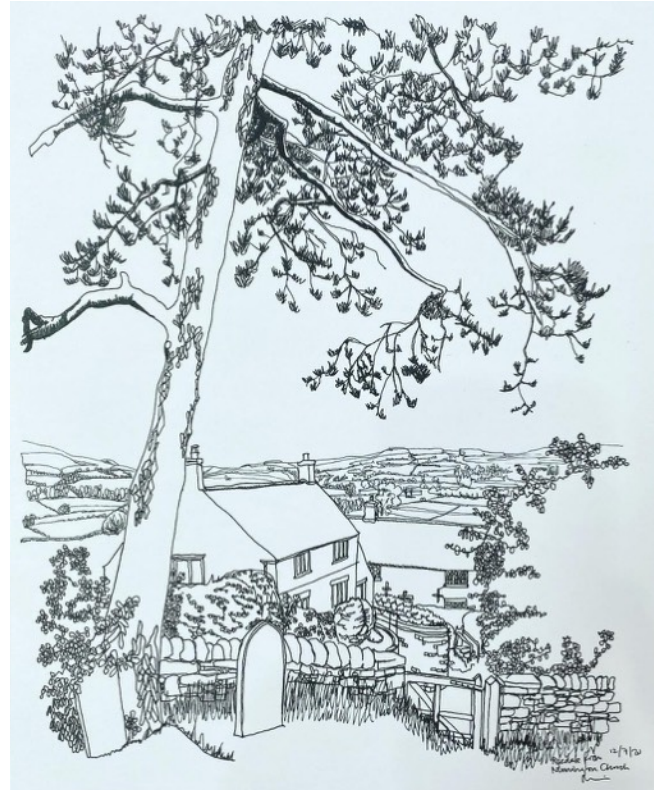


MIKE MACBAIN AND FRIEND

I moved my workspace into Nunnington Studios before I had even found somewhere to live nearby. I was brought up in Ryedale as a child and then moved back to Oswaldkirk a year ago. I love being around creative people, and the courtyard at Nunnington Studios has such a lovely vibe.

I make ink images with the unusual style of only using one line. This means you can't 'lift off' the pen so you have to plan the picture, and the result can't have too much detail. I find this detail constraint is very freeing. It makes me consider what is essential to make the scene work and also what is not.

I want to spend the winter months capturing all the churches and pubs in the area onto paper. They seem to be the institutions that really bind us in strange times like these.



FROM THE CHURCHYARD

I'd like to hope that someday I can be accepted as an honorary resident of Nunnington, it's not just a collection of lovely houses, it's the people that really make it a joy to spend time around here.

**Mike McBain, McBain Art, Nunnington Studio**



THE STUDIO



## Creative Corner 1

### Nellie's Runnington blog

I am constantly amazed at the River Rye as it passes through the seasons. On my many outings this month I have noticed that there are more and more two legged runners along the river path from Nunnington.



A RIVER RUNS THRU' IT

It is wonderful to see! The grass has been cut which is great and there seems to be less of those annoying burrs that get stuck in my coat. While most people walk, us dogs like to run, and it has been all the better for the grass being shorter along the river.

Thank you to whoever cut it for us! I can now see across the fields.

I have bumped and sniffed into lots of dogs and their humans during September. There are so many doggie friends now in Nunnington and Ness that I am having trouble remembering their scents! Some seem to enjoy a gentle stroll and a chill in the tea-rooms and others are more out-doorsy types full of energy. The more the merrier I woof!

There have been some days when Nunnington has felt a little crowded, so I have managed to get out and about on some runs with Dad. I've asked the editors to add these into the new recommendations page of the News.

We are so blessed in wonderful Ryedale!



NELLIE AND HER YOUNG FRIEND OLIVE

### THE CABBAGE PATCH

I have just received my bulb order. Rather daunting but well worth the time and trouble. I get them from Parkers as they are good value and if you order enough they add a few freebies! Alliums and some narcissus already planted but I shall wait until November to plant tulips.

The mice dug up and ate most of them a couple of years ago so since then I have put them in pots and once they have started shooting well, buried them where wanted. A bit of a cheat but it also means you can take them out easily when they have finished flowering. Darwin hybrids are the best for flowering year after year.

**Sally Stewart**

#### Editor's comment

It would seem that Parkers has improved! Years ago I placed an enormous order for bulbs. Weeks went by with no sign of our order.

I telephoned unsuccessfully many times (the only thing one could do it those days) until one day Sharon answered in a twangy south London accent...

**Me:** I have been waiting weeks for my order.

**Sharon:** Ooh, I know love, so's everyone.

**Me:** Can I speak to Mr Parker or whoever is in charge of orders?

**Sharon:** Ooh no love, he's never here.

**Me:** I am at my wits' end. Your company is completely useless!

**Sharon:** Ooh, I know love, it's true, everyone says so.

**Me:**?????

**Clang**



## Creative Corner 2

### Sloe gin

As with the apples, so with the sloes this year. They are bigger, fatter and juicer than ever after the warm spring and wet summer.

Sloe gin is an old favourite of course, and will make an excellent Christmas present for 2021. So, this year, with nowhere to go and fine fruits on the trees, there is little excuse for not walking out with a foraging basket and putting those sloes to good use.



SLOE BERRIES

#### Ingredients

- 280g ripe sloes, washed
- 140g sugar
- About 600ml gin (or vodka)

#### Method

- Put the sloes, gin and sugar in a litre Kilner jar, close the lid and shake.
- Store in a dark cupboard, shaking every day until all the sugar has dissolved.
- After 3 months or more, strain out the sloes using a muslin lined funnel placed in a bottle.
- Cork or seal the bottle and store in a dark cupboard.

It improves with age so wait at least a year before drinking!

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### A game of links

A tricky one this month. Find the single word that links the other three. *Spotted | Tracey | Turpin = Dick*. If you get really stuck, try putting them into [what3words](https://www.what3words.com/) and see where you get to!

- Relative | Bad | Group
- House | Cabbage | Witch
- Split | Top | Republic
- Rabbit | Punch | Black
- Glove | Day | Shadow
- Lip | Paint | Over
- Memory | Walking | Insect
- Moments | Wand | Black
- Plait | Connection | Fries
- Indian | Holiday | Pudding
- Black | Pick | Cube
- Sugar | Dragon | Chat
- Naked | Shadow | Patch
- Terrier | Glove | Flying
- Dance | Iced | Bag

Clair Bulmer

### Old photos

Do you have any old photos of Nunnington? **Tracey** would love to scan them into her growing Nunnington archive. Please get in touch with her if you would be willing to share.



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## Recommendations page

**A place for your recommendations for things to do, stuff to buy, places to go, books to read, films to see etc etc.**

We thought we would introduce a recommendations page into the News. We have all experienced something remarkable, whether it be a book or a place to eat, a shop or a service. We have included a few here to start the ball rolling. Please feel free to send in your own recommendations.

### Nellie's dog runs

One of my favourites starts at the graveyard in Hovingham, where there are lots of rabbits to sniff out. A short hop from the children's playpark (I'm not allowed in there!) are routes going off in three directions. One of them traces the old railway line for a short distance and is a great place to gaze northward to Caulkley's Bank - a place I have loved since a puppy.

If you use the Ordinance Survey website or app you can find the route [here](#), or download the GPX for uploading from [here](#).

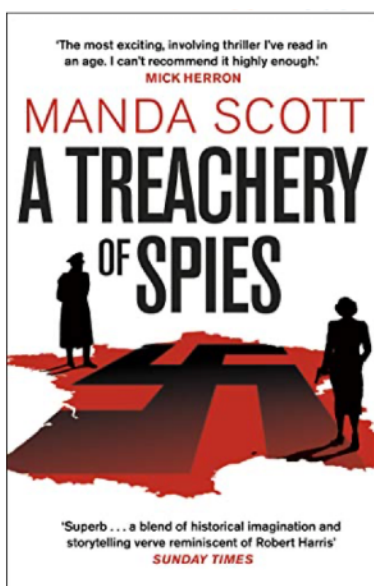
Another great run is not far from Helmsley, through Riccal Dale forest. You must remain on the lead for a fair way; however a dip of the paws in the river Riccal and a drink is most welcome.

It is a bit of a steady climb through the woods and worth it for the peacefulness and the views. If you have the energy it will take you all the way to Cowhouse Bank and the forests that look over the moors.

**Nellie (with Andrew Phillips)**

### A Treachery of Spies

It's not often that you come up against a plot that is more complicated than the plot of *Where Eagles Dare*. However, Manda Scott's second book in the Inspector Inès Picaut series is a strong contender.



Crossing four generations, three decades and two continents, it is a beautifully crafted story of espionage that starts in Paris in 1943 and ends with the murder of an elderly woman in the carpark of the Gare d'Orléans in 2018.

Sometimes deeply moving and at other times quite frightening, you are left wondering how on earth Scott managed to write such a novel, and how much of it is not conjecture but based on facts she has dug up from somewhere you don't really want to go to.

Definitely recommended winter reading!

### Zen

Zen is a good alternative to BT for phone line rental and broadband. Not only do they cost less than BT, they are a Northern firm based in Rochdale and are a certified B Corp (which means they are legally obliged to balance purpose and profit).

Zen broadband comes with a highly efficient free Fritz!Box router, to which you can attach extras such as repeaters, SIP phones (very useful with a separate SIP account if you want a private number hidden from the cold caller menace) and home network applications.

Switching is extremely straightforward and takes, as with most switches, two weeks.

**Jeremy Deedes**

### York Restaurant Week



From Monday 12th to Sunday 18th October restaurants, cafés, pubs, bars, hotels, and street food vendors in York city centre will be offering a delicious variety of set menus, priced at either £5, £10, £15 or £20. Vouchers are available to download from the [website](#) (completely free).

**Sue Elphinstone**



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## Nunnington Diary and Services

### Church Services

#### Nunnington Church



There is good news! The Church is now open every day from 10:00 to 12:00. Celebrated services during the month are as follows:

#### **Sunday 11th October, 11am**

Harvest Thanksgivings with Rev'd Sue Binks at Jubilee Farm, by kind permission of David Wilson.

#### **Sunday 18th October, 11 am**

(Luke the Evangelist)  
Holy Communion, Rev'd B Page

#### **Sunday 25th October, 11am**

(Last Sunday after Trinity)  
Holy Communion, Rev'd S Binks

#### Ampleforth Abbey



Mass is celebrated for 26 worshippers every Wednesday and Sunday at 11:30. Booking is essential on 01439 766815 or [massbook@ampleforth.org.uk](mailto:massbook@ampleforth.org.uk).

A live streamed mass is celebrated every day at 08:45 and on Sunday at 10:00. Details at <https://www.ampleforth.org.uk/abbey/service-times>

See the Abbey website for Covid arrangements and details of Home Prayers and Retreats.

### Mobile Post Office

The mobile Post Office is back to visiting the village twice a week. Helen or Jill will be in Nunnington Low Street on the following times

**Tuesday, 3:15 to 4:15 pm**  
**Thursday, 8:30 to 9:30 am.**

All Post Office business is transacted and the Post Office is an agent for most banks.

### Nunnington Hall



Nunnington Hall is open Wednesday to Sunday in October. The garden and tea kiosk are open from 10:00 to 16:00 and the Hall from 11:00 to 15:00. Visitors must book in advance. See <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nunnington-hall> for updates.

### Recycling collections

Recycling and household rubbish is collected on alternative Fridays. Garden recycling is on a Tuesday morning. Leave bins out by 6 am.

**Fri 2 Oct:** Recycling

**Tue 6 Oct:** Garden

**Fri 9 Oct:** Household

**Fri 16 Oct:** Recycling

**Tue 20 Oct:** Garden

**Fri 23 Oct:** Household

**Fri 30 Oct:** Recycling

**Tue 3 Nov:** Garden

**Fri 6 Nov:** Household

### Village Hall

We still await clearance from Ryedale District Council to re-open the Village Hall. In the meantime, please refrain from borrowing anything from the hall without asking **Donna Stamp** on 01439 748 310

### Our Weather

Nunnington's weather station ID is **IUNITEDK315** and provides a ten day forecast, today's weather and years of historic data.

### Nunnington online

Don't forget to keep in touch between newsletters by checking the website (**Mary Thew**) and our [Facebook Group](#) (**The Osborne's**)

### Virtual Parish meets

Trial meeting on Monday 12 Oct at 18:00, then every Monday from 26 Oct, 6 to 7 pm. Zoom ID is 858 7301 0019, passcode is Alpha1

### November News

We welcome contributions including news, articles and photos. Please keep news items to under 100 words and articles to between 150 and 300 words.

**Copy date is 25 November**

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