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NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF COLLINGHAM

WITH HAREWOOD & LINTON



The Scout's Wild Flower Meadow
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Thoughts from Lockdown

Spare a thought for the over 60s!

Exercise for People over 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of space on each side.

With a 5lb potato bag in each hand extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10lb potato bags. Then try 50lb potato bags and, eventually, try to get to where you can lift a 100lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at that level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.



I wandered lonely as a cloud

Two metres from the madding crowd
When all at once my name was called
To enter Waitrose' hallowed hall.
This was the pensioners' special hour.
I'd gone to get a bag of flour.
But I forgot, when through the door,
What I had gone to Waitrose for.

The Waitrose staff were extra kind.
I told them it had slipped my mind.
They asked what else I had forgot
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.

I phoned my wife again to ask.
And remind me of this special task:
"I need some flour to bake a cake
With all that cream you made me take."

"Yes, I recall" I had to lie.

I dared not ask what flower to buy
But then I saw them next the tills
A bunch of golden daffodils!



From the Vicarage

BUCKET LIST

You will be familiar with the idea of someone having a 'bucket list'. You usually hear it when sadly a person has received the news that they have a terminal illness and instead of having years ahead to do what they had always wanted to do time is suddenly limited. It concentrates the mind.

As I write this it seems as if there is hope that the strict limitations of lock down will be relaxed somewhat but life will not go back to the same place as it was - say on New Year's Day 2020. We have had news of our vulnerability and an awareness of our mortality which will not go away. So perhaps as we re-emerge, blinking, into the future we could each do with a bucket list of what we want to do. And I would like to suggest we actually need two buckets rather than one. One of the things we want to carry forward and a scrap bucket for things we definitely do not want in the future.



What you put in each of your buckets will be different for each person but it is an opportunity to take time to re-evaluate what is important. Just as knowing you have a short time to live changes priorities. There are a couple of old adages "No-one on their death bed ever said I wish I had spent more time at the office" and "Do you want on your tombstone You could have eaten off her kitchen floor". Reflections of the fact that we can sometimes spend most of our waking hours on things that do not give us joy. Joy comes from time spent with those we love, attentive focused time with them, not merely being in the same space but listening, engaging, sharing that time. Now you might feel you have just spent rather too long in the close company of your nearest and dearest but which bucket would you put that time in? I would definitely put loving and caring for others in my



So what goes in the scrap bucket? Unkindness, prejudice, anger, impatience, selfishness and all the ways they intrude into day to day living. Putting things before people. Missing opportunities to see family and friends because some task seemed more important only to realise that chance will not come again.

St Paul listed the things that should be in the scrap bucket and he was pretty outspoken: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like this. He also listed what he called the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. That covers it really. I hope you find some time to think about what goes forward with you and what you leave behind. And roll on the time we can safely meet again, give our loved ones a hug and enjoy a holiday

Every Blessing
Sylvia



Collingham Memorial Hall

You may be interested to hear that we are starting to take bookings again at Collingham Memorial Hall, where it is legal and safe to do so. Currently that applies to children's educational activities, expanding out to shops, stalls or market traders from the middle of the month. We'll extend that list as the official guidelines allow and (we hope) more group meetings/ events become possible. Keep an eye on our [Covid 19 Booking Policy](#) on the website which we will keep updated as things change.

During the lockdown, we've taken the opportunity to do several pieces of Hall maintenance so all the rooms are fully operational and ready to go. We've also implemented additional cleaning measures and installed sanitisers in every room to keep us all as safe as possible whilst we are on the premises. And here's some extra good news. We would normally be reviewing price rises for 2021 at this point, but we have decided to postpone this for a further six months. So you can be sure we are holding prices as they have been for the rest of this year.

Pempi Wycherley



Collingham Scouts

The Scouts in Collingham, through the Explorer Scout Unit, have been working on a project at the Scout Hut on Harewood Road in Collingham through Kew Gardens' "Grow Wild" national outreach initiative. The Grow Wild initiative aimed to inspire people to grow as a group, get active, learn about nature and improve open spaces, as well as their own health and well being, by establishing wildflower areas in communities, which in turn supports our diverse wildlife.

The Explorer Scouts (Wetherby Whalers Explorer Scout Unit, which meets at Collingham Scout Hut) identified an area around the Scout Hut, which could exist alongside the grassed playing space, which they believed was suitable for this project. After seeking permission from Collingham & Linton Parish Council, who own the land the Scouts use, they applied for, and were successful in securing, a Grow Wild grant from Kew Gardens.

Work began on the ground last summer with the grass being cleared from the area, the ground rotorvated and the seeds planted.



And then the wait, for summer 2020, began; would the seeds germinate and transform the area into a beautiful mini wildflower meadow? If you take a walk past the Scout Hut you'll see that, now that summer is in full swing, we are blessed with a stunning display of wildflowers, supporting a diverse range of insects.

Going forwards, the Explorer Scouts, along with the younger age groups, will continue to look after and further enhance this little area of nature, with plans to add things such as a discrete 'bug hotel' and, of course, keep on top of those pesky weeds!



Collingham has Scout provision for boys and girls aged from 6 to 17 through Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10), Scouts (10-13) and Explorer Scouts (14-17). We have a very active Scout Group, participating in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities run by an enthusiastic group of adult volunteers. Please see our Facebook Page (1st Collingham Kingfishers Scout Group) and the Explorer Scouts website (<https://wetherbywhalers.wordpress.com>) for our activity news.

If you would be interested in joining the Scout Group, either young people or adult volunteers, please email 1stcollinghamscougrp@gmail.com. As is often the case, adult volunteers are our limiting resource and so we offer 'fast-track' entry to young people whose parents are able to volunteer as an adult.

Colin Taverner



Linton News

It is hard to believe that another four weeks has gone by since I put pen to paper and we are still in lockdown although it is, fortunately, easing a little. It has been so sad to look at the calendar and to see all these lovely and carefully planned society outings passing unattended.

On the positive side, we have all had the time to enjoy our gardens and the immediate countryside, watching the seasons gradually unfold and enjoying the wealth of wild flowers. It has also been good to see all the families enjoying one another's company and reviving old skills of skimming stones and bike riding.

We have been lucky that so many people have volunteered to help those needing to self isolate and also our local shops who have been so enterprising with home deliveries. I hope all the care has paid off and we do not get the feared second wave.

At last we are able to play golf and tennis, and the Walking Group meets again on the 3rd Friday of the month. We are a bit restricted because we do not want to use public transport as yet, but we have a lot of lovely local walks to enjoy.

Shirley Lawrenson



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Find out Why?

You may have used this period of enforced leisure to become more familiar with the soil in your garden. If so, and especially if you've compared notes with other villagers, you may be wondering why conditions vary quite markedly over short distances. The partly organic surface layer we know as topsoil derives its mineral content from the underlying subsoil and bedrock, so if geologists are to be believed, here is the answer.

Some 360 million years ago (360Mya), what was to become Yorkshire lay roughly where Sierra Leone is now. The land comprised a lowland plain surrounded by vast mountains, which, over millions of years were eroded away by ice and water. The resulting sediments of coarse rock particles and mud filled the plain, eventually consolidating under their own immense weight to form massive gritstone beds interspersed with bands of shale.

As proto-Yorkshire drifted slowly northwards and gradually tilted from west to east, deposits of sand, silt and mud continued to accumulate in river deltas on the eastern slopes of the gritstones. From time to time great swamp forests covered the deltas; the cycle of sedimentation and swamps continuing for 20 million years, later consolidating into a sequence of sandstones, siltstones, mudstones and coal seams. But these deposits failed to materialise over a 50 mile stretch between modern-day east Leeds and south Durham, sparing Collingham its share of the nation's coal mines.

Catastrophic climate change around 300Mya caused the swamp forest eco-system to collapse. In the ensuing desert-like conditions, what is now northern Europe became submerged under a shallow sea. For 40 million years mollusc shells and mineral salts accumulated on the sea bed, covering the earlier deposits. When the sea evaporated, the shells and salts cemented to form the magnesian limestone seen in many a local building.

A quarter of a billion years after the ancient sea finally disappeared, nomads decided to settle on what had been its western shoreline. Not that the earliest inhabitants of Collingham would have noticed, as by that time the surface features had been dramatically altered.

By 3Mya, the continents had re-formed into the arrangement we would recognise now, Britain having drifted northwards close to its current position. Then came the ice ages. In a succession of alternating cold and warm periods each lasting millennia, glaciers formed and retreated. The legacy of the early glaciers' scraping action in this district was to leave a patchwork of bedrocks. Pockets of limestone remained in the gritstone to the west of the village, with outcrops of harder gritstones surviving in the limestone to the east. These would subsequently be overlain with superficial deposits deposited during and after the most recent cold period.

Around 10,000 years ago, as the last ice age drew to a close, Collingham was sandwiched between two glaciers. One from the Pennines had its head near to Harewood Bridge, the other from Scandinavia blocked the Wharfe at Wetherby. This created a large lake, into which clay, silt, sands and gravels were deposited by meltwaters from the Pennine glacier. Eventually the Scandinavian glacier retreated, the Wharfe broke through the limestone at Boston Spa and the lake was drained. Finer clay particles were washed down into the base of the valley, added to later by alluvium from the floodwaters of the Wharfe and the Beck. The saturated coarser glacial materials slumped and then dried out to leave on the valley sides a jumble of silt, sand, gravel and cobbles, a rare mixture most common here and thus given the term 'Collingham Head'.

So whether you are on acidic gritstone or alkaline limestone; have the good fortune to garden on fertile clays and alluvium or grumble at the seemingly endless supply of gritstone cobbles in the Collingham Head, remember that it's all taken a very long time to get here.

Rod Smith

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A Thank You to Philip Skelton from fellow Councillors

Parish councillors would like to pay tribute to Philip Skelton who for personal reasons has resigned from his role as Chairman of the Parish Council and also as a Councillor. Philip has been a Councillor for five years and the Chairman for two years. He has been passionate about improving both villages and has driven forward the idea that the Parish Council can be proactive in delivering projects rather than just reactive to sorting out problems. He attacked the big issues such as striving for a Heavy Goods Vehicle ban through Collingham and supported all his fellow Councillors in delivering the many environmental improvements we all now enjoy, including Linton Village Green and Beck Wood. He brought the Parish Council into the 21st Century by establishing the website leaving us wondering how we have ever existed without it! He is a big man who has left big boots to fill in the Parish Council. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement and hope Philip will be proud when he sees the projects he has instigated brought to fruition.

Parish Council Vacancies: Cllr Alison Henson has also resigned this month due to work commitments. Alison made a great contribution to both villages, particularly on environmental issues. Her knowledge and expertise in planting and landscaping has been invaluable. We hope she will continue to offer us advice on our landscaping schemes. We wish her the very best for the future. We thus now have two vacancies for parish councillors. If you would like to get involved with your local community and make decisions about the future of your village, then consider joining us. The role is both interesting and fulfilling. Please contact the clerk for further information or to register your interest: clpcclerk@gmail.com

New Councillor: We welcome Alan Scorfield to the Parish Council. Alan was co-opted at the last meeting. He lives in Collingham and is looking forward to his new role. He has a particular interest in environmental issues and hopes to help improve the environment for both Collingham and Linton.

Covid-19 Support Fund: The Parish Council's Covid-19 support fund remains open for applications. The fund was established to provide immediate and short-term financial support for clubs, groups or societies suffering financial hardship as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. Details of the Fund can be obtained by emailing the Parish Clerk at: clpcclerk@gmail.com

Coronavirus Helpline: If you are self-isolating and you do not have friends or family nearby who can help, you can call Leeds City Council's dedicated helpline on: **0113 378 1877**. The helpline is also registered with the SignLive service and can be accessed from the directory as: *Leeds City Council – Covid-19 Support*.

Linton Collingham Community Helpers: Thanks to the generosity of many of our residents, we are regularly shopping, picking up prescriptions and posting letters for many across both communities. We also have a number of people delivering prescriptions by van supporting the increased demand our village Pharmacy has been recently experiencing. It's never too late to ask for help, please email lintoncollinghamhelpers@gmail.com or call Angela Martin on 07720717412 and you will be buddied up with a neighbour local to where you live.

Beck Wood: Residents will be aware of the improvements the Parish Council have undertaken in the wood over the last few years. We are delighted to see people visiting the area and hope it continues to provide sanctuary and enjoyment for all residents. The good weather combined with lockdown has brought an increased number of visitors, which has at times caused congestion on Linton Road. Please try to visit without bringing your car if you can.

The river can be dangerous as it has strong currents running through it and is thus not suitable for swimming or paddling. Please take note of our safety signs, they are there for your benefit. Above all else, enjoy your visit!

Linton Speed Indication Device After a long wait and a number of technical problems, the Speed Indication Device (SID) in Linton is now working. The PC hope the device will help slow traffic through the village.



HGV Ban: The Parish Council continue to campaign for the banning of HGV's on Harewood Road. They now plan to join forces with Ward Councillors and Harewood, Poole and Arthington Parish Councils. The group plan to submit a deputation to Leeds City Council as part of the ongoing campaign to ban HGV's from Harewood Road to Poole.

Police Report: No crimes recorded for Linton in May. One crime in Collingham: Burglary Residential – Main Street – Suspect/s remove locks from 2 garden sheds to remove a high value bike from each shed. To report crimes please use the 101 number. Emergencies should be reported through the 999 number.

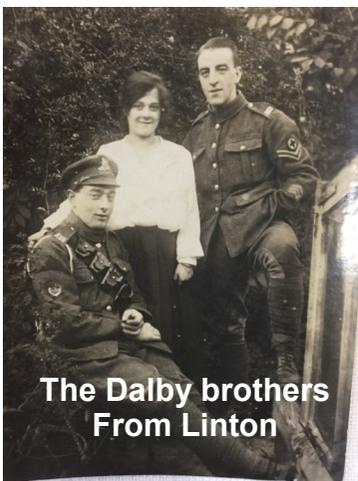
Parish Council Facebook Page: The Parish Council has its own Facebook page. We post information regularly about the work we undertake and more recently, public information regarding the Covid-19 crisis. Please do visit and check information regularly.

Fly Tipping: Fly tipping is a crime so please report it if you see it: <https://my.leeds.gov.uk/Pages/Form%20Pages/ReportFlyTipping.aspx>

History of the Villages

<http://collinghamanddistrictwararchive.info/>

Back in 2016, as we were about to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, we decided to try to find the names of those villagers who had served in that battle in 1916. As we investigated, our ambitions and plans grew and these culminated in our “Collingham and Linton Remembers” events in 2018, to mark the end of The Great War.



The Dalby brothers
From Linton

By 2018, we had identified the names of about 130 villagers who had served, blue plaques had been made and mounted around the village and the heritage trail was set up. However our research has not stopped. Since 2018, new databases of records have come on-line, and these have allowed us to increase the number of villagers who we have identified as serving, up to 161. More importantly, the new records have also allowed us to put more detail to the stories of those who served.

For example, in 2018, we knew that George Richard Phillips, who had been born and bred in Collingham, had served in the Great War

and that he had been wounded and lost a leg, but had returned home, and with the aid of an artificial leg had become a postman. But we did not know the events leading to his wounding, where he was serving, or with which regiment. Now the on-going digitization and release of military medical records has allowed us to identify George as serving with the 10th Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. He served in France and, in November 1917, he moved with his Battalion to the Italian Front. It was while serving in 1918 in Italy that George was wounded, suffering from shell wounds to the arms and left leg.

Another new set of pension records has allowed us to identify previously unidentified men and to confirm the service of some we were unsure of. For example, these records have confirmed that George Hartley served in the Royal Field Artillery, and that John Phillips was a private in the West Yorkshire Regiment. Finally, these records have allowed us to exactly identify the service of Ernest Wilson from the 134 possible service records for Ernest Wilsons who had served in The Great War.



Gunner G. E. Dawson.

In addition to new records coming on line, we get occasional emails from relatives or others interested in The Great War and one sent us a newspaper photograph of George Elliott Dawson who had served in the Royal Garrison Artillery and was killed in 1917.

As well as increasing the number of villagers who we can trace as serving in The Great War, our increased knowledge about the men allows us to understand more about their lives before the war, and their overall experiences. This generation of villagers had, in the main, not planned to become soldiers, and had started work and building their families, surely hoping for health, wealth and happiness, only for these dreams to be shattered.

Our continuing research shows that, pre-war, 2% worked as managers, 7% in the professions, 2% as technicians, 4% in clerical support, 21% as service or sales workers, 6% in skilled agricultural trades, 9% in craft trades, 3% as machinery operators, 31% in elementary occupations, 6% in the services, and 10% were still studying. The most unusual pre-war trades we have found? Canal boatman, letter carrier, cowboy, hide & skin worker, threshing engine driver, picture house operator, pawnbroker, blouse manufacturer and beastman! We have also found that, on volunteering, or at enlistment, 70% were single (although 8 of these married during the war) and 30% were married and that villagers served around the globe: around 60% of the men served in France or Belgium, 12% only in the UK, 6% in the Navy, 5% in Gallipoli, 5% in Egypt, 4% in Salonika, 3% in Italy and another seven men on other minor fronts, including East Africa.

If you would like to read more of the histories of these men and women of Collingham and Linton who served in The First World War the latest results of our researches can be found at <http://collinghamanddistrictwararchive.info/>

Alan Berry

From the Methodist Church



Dear Friends,

One of the things that I have and still am missing during lockdown is not being able to go to the seaside, and especially at the end of May when we were unable to go to Seahouses and, as the summer holiday season approaches, we are hoping that we will be able to go on a visit soon.



Both Sue and I have always loved the sea, and can spend many hours just sitting and watching it regardless of the weather; bright blue, or murky grey, it's always fascinating, and a friend of hours who lives on Holy Island has been posting short video clips of the coastline every day during lockdown, which have been great to see, but some days it has been so wild she has been unable to go out and has re-used a previous clip.

This reminded me that the sea is wonderful to look at, to listen to, to play in, or besides, but the sea has many moods. It can be wild and exciting. It can be calm and still, almost like a mirror. The sea can be a safe and gentle place to fool around in but, of course, it can also be a very dangerous place.

To me the sea is like life. Life has many different moods and moments. There are times when things are calm and still, times when things are really rough. Times when we are quite safe, times when we are in danger. And sometimes we move from one state of affairs to another very quickly. I guess like me, you too may have felt this way over the past few months both during the lockdown and perhaps more so as the easing of restrictions began.

Jesus spent plenty of time on or by the 'sea' and his closest followers were fishermen. He loved to be on or beside the sea of Galilee.



One of the post-resurrection stories tells us that he made his followers breakfast whilst they were fishing. They hadn't been doing too well, but with Jesus present things turned around and they pulled in a big catch – 153 fish were in their net, we are told.

It is true for us too. When things don't go too well in life, when the odds appear to be against us, we too need a sense of God's presence to help us through.

Life, like the sea, can bring us many things: good times, hard times, happy times and sad times. So as we look forward to the journeys and changes that the summer and the easing of lockdown is bringing to all our lives, never forget that God is always with us, always present, and that, whether we remember he is there or not, he supports us and guides us on life's journey.

Many of you may remember the Footsteps Poem written by Mary Stephenson in 1936, in which she asked the question why the Lord had left her during the most turbulent times of her life, and the reply was:- ,

*My precious child, I love you
and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering,
when you see only one set of footprints,
it was then that I Carried You.*

With every Blessing,
Rev Steve



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News from St Oswald's Church

Opening of Church Buildings

We are longing to be able to worship again in St Oswald's but we must be patient. Like all other activities what is possible is subject to the government's directions and an assessment of what is safe in our circumstances and this can change. By the time you read this we hope to have the church building open for private prayer. Please follow any instructions displayed – these are for your own safety and that of others.



Funerals can take place in church but will be subject to restrictions on numbers as St Oswald's is small building with a narrow entry. If you choose to have a service at a crematorium Sylvia is always pleased to conduct this and some families will wish to have a memorial service later in the year or perhaps at an anniversary. Do ask.

Baptisms and weddings are not possible at the time of writing but again ask about future dates.

When Sunday worship is allowed we will have to think carefully about how this is conducted so everyone feels safe and comfortable.

Meanwhile we continue to stream a live service on Facebook – Collingham with Harewood Parish.

If you have not joined us take a look and if you would like an order of service sent to you to follow it email rev.sylviaearle@gmail.com



From the Registers

Funerals

June 19th

Ann Roberts



New Website for St Oswald's

There is a new website address for St Oswald's: www.Stoswaldscollingham.org

This is still a work in progress and we will be adding to it over the coming weeks.

Facebook

For day to day updates on what is happening and to access the Sunday service go to Collingham with Harewood parish. You do not need to be a Facebook subscriber as you can find it through a browser.



Can you help us?

There are no services in St Oswald's church at present because of the need to keep everyone safe by not gathering together or unnecessary journeys.

However there are still bills to pay for the upkeep of the church's ministry, building and churchyard. Our income for our running costs comes from the generosity of those who give to St Oswald's, we have no external funding. While there are no services there is no opportunity for people to support us through the collection plate. If you would like to support us financially at this difficult time you can do so by giving direct by bank transfer to

Collingham PCC Sort Code 40-46-21 Account No. 21045334.

Please reference the transaction with your name.

It is also helpful to the Stewardship Officer Rosemary Folkard if you can drop a line to her at St.oswalds.stewardship@gmail.com confirming your gift especially if you are able to Gift Aid it. She can also advise you if you wish to make an ongoing commitment for the church to recover Gift Aid or if you would like to set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order

An alternative way to support the church

Via www.justgiving.com/stoswalds-collingham-harewood Please help us to be there for you. Thank You

Musings from a Hospital Bed!

A brief brush with my own mortality followed by three weeks in Harrogate District Hospital has made me sit back and reappraise things.

The NHS that I encountered was not the NHS depicted on TV with surgeons in their green PPE gowns, all ready for action. No, this was the NHS with nurses wearing throw away gloves, masks and aprons, also PPE but not quite so glamorous.

My first reaction was the typical 'Why me?' thought as I sank into my not very comfortable chair. And then, after a couple of days, I began to look around at the other patients. I must be worse than them, surely? In virtually every case it was not so. I was the lucky one with something that should get better; they had problems that would not go away. I was woken in the middle of one night by what I thought was a drunk dragged in off the street. He was shouting and screaming abuse in the foulest language and that I found disturbing. In the morning I discovered he was twenty years younger than me and would be transferred back to his care home later in the day. He had a wife and family – he was someone's dad, someone's granddad. How incredibly sad for that family. During my three weeks I saw many more like him, all someone's dad, someone's granddad.

And talking of the nurses and the staff, let's get a bit racist. We hear all the time about the influx of immigrants and how the NHS could not manage without them. Well I would doubt that Harrogate could. From the consultants down, the entire system would collapse without some of the nicest and most splendid people it has been my privilege to know. I found that they came from the Philippines and India and Eastern Europe and everywhere else on the planet. They worked so incredibly hard, until I could see at times them struggling with exhaustion. I was bowled over with my admiration for them all.

So now my attitudes have changed a bit, because I was one of those who questioned the need for all the 'foreigners' in our land. Many in Harrogate had been here for a long time. They had integrated and were part of 'us' now – and good luck to them.



As my three long weeks progressed I had the chance to appraise my priorities. I saw with my own eyes those hard working peoples from the Third World striving so diligently to keep a roof over their own heads, and also one over that of their parents and grandparents in their homeland. That is a concept not known to us in the west and it is humbling.

It made me think again about who was important in my life, and what was important as well. I confirmed in my own mind how lucky I am, and have been, to have so many very good friends and such a splendid family, albeit that they are spread around the country and the globe. But at least they are there, and I can see them on Skype or Zoom or whatever.

It was a sobering experience seeing the 'normal' side of a very busy NHS and meeting all those people. No visitors, of course, but that did not matter. All that mattered was feeling that I was in the best possible hands, something for which we should all be very grateful.

Bob Soper.



IT'S NOT WORKING, IT'S
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Although we are still in challenging times, Wetherby in Support of the Elderly are keeping as many of our functions going as possible. Karen our Events Coordinator continues to offer her support through a range of activities that can be accessed electronically via contacting her at karen@w-ise.org.uk

Nicola is here to help with any advice, information or signposting on 01937 588994 or nicola@w-ise.org.uk

Carole is still looking after WiSE Volunteer communication with existing Befrienders carrying on contacting their individual friends by telephone or other electronic means. Carole can be contacted on carole@w-ise.org.uk

Jo, Christine and Jane are keeping in regular contact over the telephone with the friends we support. We are currently operating with a skeleton staff in the office but please can you ensure that telephone calls into the office are limited to urgent enquiries.

Wetherby in Support of the Elderly continues to act as a local hub assisting Leeds City Council and Voluntary Action Leeds in coordinating the volunteer effort to support older and vulnerable residents living in Wetherby and Harewood wards. If anybody is in need of assistance, the first port of call should be Leeds City Council on 0113 3781877.

Anyone already in receipt of care may be contacted by their care provider should there be a change to your current arrangements. If anybody wishes to volunteer to support the community effort, please visit www.doinggoodinleeds.org.uk contact Voluntary Action Leeds on info@val.org.uk

These are unprecedented times but WiSE are determined to be here for our friends. You are not alone, you will be contacted by the organisation and there are mechanisms to support you if required. Keep safe, please observe the rules around isolating and we will see one another soon in better times.

Mark Dobson
Operations Manager

Collingham Band



Collingham Band keeps going with on-line music and practise. In June we took part in the Associated Board's massed performance of 'How Far I'll Go' from Moana, with 17 Band members submitting video recordings of their individual performances.

See us on Face Book :
abrsn make music day.

While we are unable to meet for Band practise we send out new music to be prepared for when we can be together again, and hold video sessions.

For information about joining our remote music please contact Musical Director, Diana Lee or visit our website
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