

# The Plough



December 2024

WISHING  
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A  
VERY  
MERRY  
*Christmas*

# WHAT'S ON?

**Tractor Run** 7th Dec 5:00pm

Starting at Morton—Staythorpe and A617

**Jazz carols** **Ticketed event** 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm

St Michael and All Angels Church

**W.I. Christmas Dinner** 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 6:30pm

Robin Hood Theatre Company

**Christmas Jumper Day** 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

Supporting; Save the Children

**Garden Club Christmas Dinner** 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:00pm

Lord Ted

**ASK Hive Committee Meeting** 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm

Estates Office, Kelham Hall

**Treasure Island** 10<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm

*Matinee*

14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2:30pm

Robin Hood Theatre Company

**Villagers' Christmas Carols** 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 5:30pm

Sycamore House, Pinfold Lane, Averham

**See page 14 for Church Services**

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# JAZZ CAROLS CONCERT

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**St Michael and All Angels Church**

Church Lane, Averham, NG23 5RB

Tickets £10 pp

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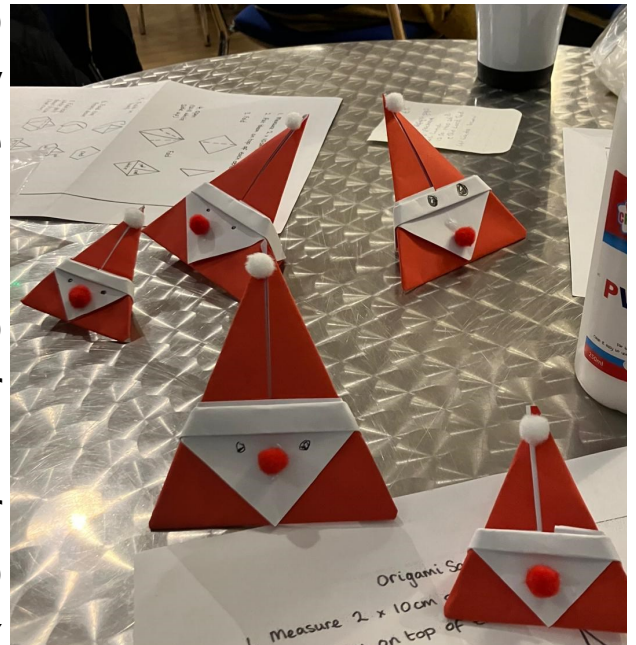
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We welcomed guest, Tracey Young, to the jolly session of creating origami Santas as our bit of Christmas Crafting fun. We all managed the intricate

folding and creasing in no time to produce an array of jolly Santas. Jenny Quickmire led the session and she demonstrated different ways of using the creations around the home to bring a Christmas vibe home. It was great to have Jenny Cawkwell with us again after her long illness. She was able to be with us as she was accompanied by her carer, Will. This was a first for our WI to welcome a member of the opposite sex



to a meeting. Progress indeed!. He coped very well with the evening and joined in with the group. Well done Will!!

We are looking forward to our next Ladies that Lunch on November 26th at the Lord Ted Newark. A bit of a change of venue but easy for Jenny Cawkwell to access.

Lots of events for the New Year were shared including a Planetarium visit, glass fusion, and a literary lunch, but before all of this we are looking forward to our Christmas Party on December 9th. We are starting this get together at 6.30 at the RHT and there is a real surprise awaiting members for this event besides lots of food and fun!! Report to follow in the New Year.

The meetings are open for you to try us out. If you would like more info please contact Jenny Q on 07890641102 or [headbearsenior@gmail.com](mailto:headbearsenior@gmail.com)

*Jenny Quickmire* Meeting Secretary.

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## Washindo

The NHS now recognises Mindfulness and Wellbeing activities as they can help you enjoy life more, understand yourself better, and change the way you approach challenges. They can also help you relax, recharge, and refocus.

They promote 5 simple steps to improving mental wellbeing, which are based on the acronym MAGIC: Mindful, Active, Generous, Interested, Connected.

Whilst perhaps relatively new concepts here in the west, hundreds of years ago these beliefs were the guiding principles of healthy living in the east. What you may not know is that amongst our garden club, bell ringers, archers etc we have several practising black belts in the art of Washindo. In Averham Tim Barbary has over 35 years, Paul Waters over 23 years practising and teaching this contemporary martial art, other Black belts in Averham include Olaf Zander and Leonardo Prisi. 'Washindo' – it means "The way of the peaceful heart" - provides a balanced path towards improved wellbeing through regular practise.

Each practise integrates elements of yoga, meditation, and martial arts which are all ancient disciplines centred on cultivating inner peace and clarity of mind.

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## Washindo

Is an art that respects the ancient teachings and constantly strives through continuous learning, and a holistic approach that combines movement, relaxation, meditation, and mindful living. Rather than promoting a competitive sports mentality, we connect with the core values of these time-honoured arts: unity, peace, and self-awareness, thus allowing you to move beyond the stresses of daily life and develop a deeper awareness with your mind, body and spirit. With practise you'll learn techniques to calm the restless mind and heighten your consciousness.

In time, mental stillness takes root, thereby enabling you to gain new perspectives which will bring your goals and desired changes into sharper focus.

Washindo is a 'not for commercial profit' so all proceeds are invested in personal development. Our adult only practices are in Rolleston Village Hall on Fridays 7-9pm and Sundays 5-7pm and from December are introducing a beginner's class on Wednesdays from 7-8pm. Come along for a taster session which is free, and should you decide to join us the hourly cost per person is only £2.50.

[Join our group which includes other beginners who enjoy the benefits from the start.](#)

*Tim Barbary*

### WANTED: FLOOD WARDEN VOLUNTEER

Currently the PC, NSDC and Notts CC are looking for volunteers in order to increase flood resilience across the District and County, specifically in Averham and Staythorpe. Should you wish to volunteer you will need to register with Notts. CC. It is a simple form to complete and then attend a short training course which can be done remotely or in person.

This is open to any resident who wishes to volunteer. If you would like to have a preliminary chat please contact the Chair of the Parish Council on:

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Alternatively contact the East Midlands Flood Resilience Team: [floodresilience.eastmidlands@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:floodresilience.eastmidlands@environment-agency.gov.uk)

# HALLOWEEN

It's getting bigger and bigger with more and more households enjoying the children's excitement, adventure and imagination. Although recognition must go to the arts and crafts in designing and presenting wonderful displays. (No police requests this year to remove 'people' stuck in hedges!)

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# HALLOWEEN 2024

*The McLaughlin's*





## ASK Garden Club AGM Report December 2024

We met at the Robin Hood Theatre on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October for our AGM and a photographic 'trip down memory lane' a review of the past year's meetings and garden

visits. This busy meeting was very well attended; we welcomed new members and approved the minutes from the previous AGM. Then it was time for my Chair's report.... I reflected on the diversity of our meetings and the quality of the presentations.

Neil Timm kicked us off in November with his flower show experiences. Our Christmas meeting was a fuddle at the theatre which included making a Christmas tree competition. Rachel Barrowcliffe presented on two subjects, how best to grow vegetables in pots and how to future proof our gardens. Reanne and Gill from the Bumblebee Trust gave us a fascinating presentation all about bumblebees and which bee friendly flowers to grow in our gardens.



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## **ASK Garden Club AGM Report**

May brought us to our summer outings and garden visits. The first visit was to The Tithe Barn in Wellow, followed by a visit in June to The Poplars in Hawton. Just to be different, in July we went on a picnic into Sherwood Forest on a steam train and in August enjoyed a garden party at Aaron and Dawn's in Averham. We returned to the Robin Hood Theatre for our bean, potato and flower competition and fuddle in September.

Steve then gave us his treasurer's report. Not all good news, we had spent more than in the previous year, mainly as a result of the increased cost of room hire, insurance and speakers. However, an increase in the subscription charge to £15pp is hoped to ensure we can continue to maintain a full schedule of events. In addition, I announced we had received £150 from Sue Saddington's Councillor's Divisional Fund confirmed just that afternoon, a very welcome donation, thank you Sue.

I thanked Steve, the committee and the club members for their support. Committee Members then stood down and the new committee was elected as follows:

Aaron Lawrence – Chair

Nigel Britton – Secretary

Steve Emeny – Treasurer (non committee member)

Heather Wolfenden

Dawn Lawrence

Rosanna Galley

Margaret Harvey

Nicki George

Colin George

Nikki and Colin were welcomed onto the Committee.

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## ASK Garden Club AGM Report

With the business done, we all enjoyed our photographic trip down memory lane followed by a fabulous raffle, complementary refreshments and banter.

Our January meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> is an 'Apple Workshop' History, pruning and



propagation 7pm at Southwell Garden Centre. No doubt there will also be a shopping opportunity to help us start the gardening year.

The annual subscription for 2024-25 is £15pp. This is still a good time to join the club, members benefits include priority places to our summer visits, activities, regular news updates and receive 10% discount at Southwell Garden Centre on most purchases.

Have a great Christmas everyone! –

*Nigel Britton*

### Village WhatsApp Groups

Did you know that our villages have their own WhatsApp Groups?

Well, we do and they keep us in touch with what's happening around us and share community news. If you'd like to join, here are the

'Administrator' details:

- ◇ **Averham: Tracey Carlisle 07970 179755**
- ◇ **Kelham: Judith Mills 07775 781591**
- ◇ **Staythorpe: Debs Storey 07974 957684**

# ASK Hive Community Hub

## The Crux of the Matter

Finally, we have received an invitation from Nottinghamshire County Council to discuss the way forward. This will take place in December, and we will find out if there is a middle ground to acquire the school and grounds from the Council's current position of trying to balance their books by selling off assets.



The current asking price, without development planning permission is £500,000 and some quick calculations suggest that, although we may be able to raise this between share offers, donations, grants and a mortgage, it puts a strain on longer term sustainability and our view is that this would be too much of a strain in the medium term so we would reluctantly withdraw our interest.

However, there may be further funding opportunities that we are not currently aware of, or perhaps other options in acquiring the site. We await our meeting and will inform everyone in February's Plough.

The impression is that there will be positive discussions and we believe NCC will work with us to find a viable solution that suits all of us. 2025 could be a very interesting year.

For more information please contact us at [askhive@icloud.com](mailto:askhive@icloud.com) or via any of the village WhatsApp sites to:

**Bob McGhee, Secretary, Ask Hive Limited**

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND UNITED SERVICES

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9:30am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's North Muskham</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's South Muskham</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's Kelham</b>	<b>9 lessons And Carols</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's North Muskham</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's South Muskham</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 7:00pm</b>	<b>St Michael and All Angels Averham</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's South Muskham</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am</b>	<b>St Michael and All Angels Averham</b>	<b>Christmas Morning Service</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's North Muskham</b>	<b>Benefice Service</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 11:00am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's North Muskham</b>	<b>Family Service &amp; Baptism</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 9:30am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's South Muskham</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 09:30am</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's South Muskham</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 09:30am</b>	<b>St Michael and All Angels, Averham</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>



I am delighted to say that, once again, the villagers Carol Service will be held at our host's (John and Alison Allen's) house: Sycamore House on Pinfold Lane, Averham. A huge THANK YOU to our hosts, ASK About for providing mince pies, mulled wine and sound system Steve.

There will be Carols, mince pies and mulled wine! (Soft drinks will also be available for those who don't want or aren't allowed the mulled wine)

Steve Emeny will provide the song-sheets and his P.A. system to help things along.

Bring with you some or all of the following:

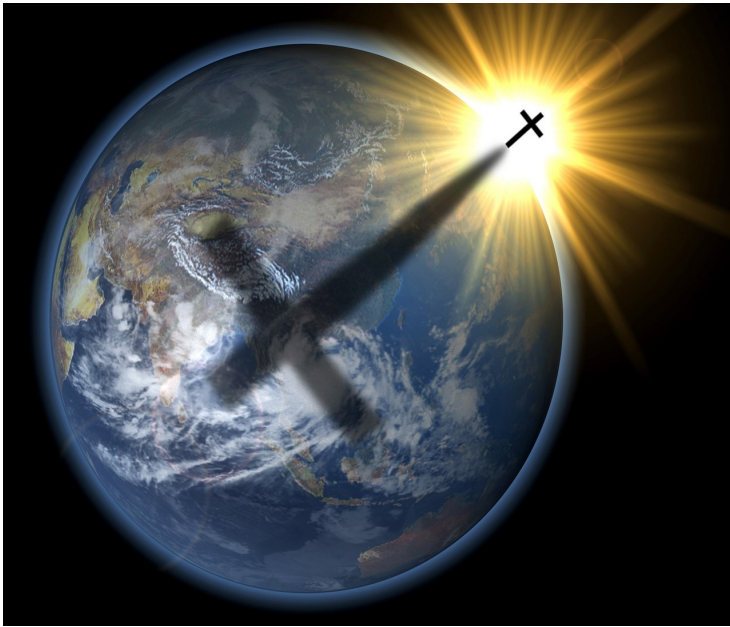
Good voice, children, torches and some money for raffle or donations to this years' charity: Newark Women's Aid

**DECEMBER 24th AT 5:30pm PINFOLD LANE**

## Upside Down or Right Side Up?

So what do you make of this? One night a poor girl gave birth in a barn. It was quiet, a bit cold and whiffed of dung. There was no crib so she laid her baby in a feeding trough. The baby's father felt helpless, wishing he could at least find hot water and maybe a towel or two.

Across the world this moment went unnoticed. Except for



some scruffy shepherds who showed up and then mouthed off about it – and who cares what they think, right?

So began a revolution.

It continues to this day, and it's brought new hope into our lives.

That baby grew up. He turned everything upside down. The world began to notice. People began to talk. He said the craziest things - like the poor are important, women's voices matter, social outcasts deserve welcome, victims must be protected, children should be both seen and heard. He said greatness means serving others, not being served by them. He challenged racism, sexism, arrogance and hot-headedness, stating quite firmly that love is a much better idea.

The poor loved him. The lost searched for him – and found him. The heartbroken sat at his feet, and for the first time learnt what it means to be loved. Meanwhile the rich hated him. The powerful made plans to destroy him. He blazed a trail anyway.

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## Upside Down or Right Side Up?

Jesus spoke into a broken, confused and violent world. Those were primitive, uneducated times, weren't they? He shone light into really dark places and offered amazing answers to life's biggest questions. But today we have celebrities, social media and AI to do all that for us, thank goodness.

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century after all?

Questions. Should we be searching for the child who became a revolutionary? Is that what Christmas is about? Was his birth in fact one of the best gifts we've ever seen? On the real black Friday he changed human history forever - did he turn the world upside down, or the right way up?

May this Christmas be a time of real hope for you. May you know you matter. May your biggest questions be answered and your light burn brighter. May you receive - and give - the best of gifts.

Together, may we each help to turn the world the right way up.

Happy Christmas.

*Nigel Frith*

Diocesan Director of Education

### BE GENEROUS THIS CHRISTMAS

It is now the time of year when our thoughts turn to Christmas. Please spare a thought for those less fortunate than ourselves. Incidences of domestic violence peak at this time of year. AKS PC are holding their seasonal food and new toy collection, for donation to Newark Women's Aid in time for Christmas. This will run from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> December and collection points will again be set up in all 3 villages.

Further details to follow on the village WhatsApp groups.

Should you need any further information please contact Tracey on 07970179755.



  
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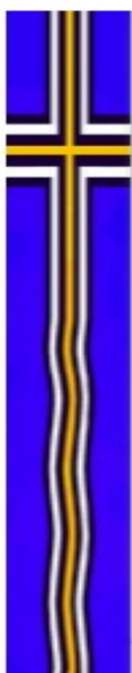
**CHRISTMAS:** We are happy to host Christmas parties for larger groups – so please get in touch if we can help you organise a Christmas celebration. We've already taken several bookings for the Christmas period, so please book as early as you can to make sure we can look after you!

**BOXING DAY,** we will be offering a Roast Dinner as well as some lighter options – you can book your table online.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** we are hosting a special dinner to celebrate the end of 2024 and the arrival of 2025. We're still finalising the menu (it is still over 4 weeks away!) but there will be a welcome drink, canapés, a special three course dinner and cheese and biscuits along with live music. There will only be one sitting, so you will keep your table throughout the night and into the New Year. The cost is £55 per person and you can book online now. We will get in touch to arrange the payment of the £20 deposit. The bar will be open too if you're just looking to come out for a drink.

We really appreciate your support and we look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any feedback for the team, or any ideas, please get in touch!

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