

Editorial

I'm so pleased to be able to congratulate Kevin and Maggie on their wedding on Saturday 29 January. May they have many years of happiness together Mr & Mrs Baylis,

I'm also very pleased to put a photograph of our Queen Elizabeth on the front page in this her Jubilee year. May she reign for a few more years yet.

I remember the last Jubilee in 2002 when we had a super day on June 3rd with Children's events, a Treasure Hunt and a Lamb roast plus BBQ and a Barn Dance. So hopefully this year will be as exciting, particularly for the children. We seem to have a greater number of children in the village just lately, so maybe their parents would like to help and get involved.

I have been asked to provide video entertainment in the Community Centre using the large TV set on the Saturday afternoon. I will be shortly looking at old footage of events in Mansel Lacy

My assistant editor Joyce Potts has resigned after many years of support for which I thank her very much. The vacancy needs to be filled so that I can in due course hand over this magazine. Applications to me please.

If event organisers let me know in time I'm happy to advertise the event, but the magazine is quarterly so please bear that in mind.

Things are getting back to normal, pre-Covid so I'm happy to draw your attention to the Lent Lunches starting up on Thursday February 24 and continuing each Thursday until Holy Week.

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Foxley News

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Community Association

Dear Readers,

Well could this be the start of something big for 2022, hopefully it will be as we have two major events in the planning, firstly the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June something we feel most will want to celebrate, but to make it happen we need helpers mothers and father grand parents and children.

We have secured the barns at Mansel Lacy for the event which could be a street type party with entertainment, which will need the normal types of food salads, cakes puddings if you can help please contact Dave Gwynne on 07508517919 or email on d_gwy001@hotmail.com.

The second more adventures' a pick-nick in the park similar to the one held a few years ago the date for this event is Saturday the 2nd July and held on the Foxley Estate further information on this event will be circulated in due course.

Remember the Duck Race well it's back make a note for Saturday 14th May in the Village at Mansel Lacy with Cakes tea and coffee to follow there will be a best cake competition so don't be shy come a share your efforts.

Also in July a quiz's night in the Community Centre at Mansel Lacy hosted by quiz masters Mike and Joyce Potts so look out for that one.

Well that's it for the moment as things stand we all feel the need to try and get back to some sort of normal if possible; the last two years have been a trial for all so the members of the committee send their best wishes to you for 2022 and let's enjoy what we can when we can.

Dave Gwynne Chairman

FIVE BEST SENTENCES

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work, because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!

Mansel Garden Club

Talk by Michele Blackmore

It was lovely to be back at garden club after a Christmas break and great to see so many members old and new.

Michele Blackmore came from Madley Plants to talk about the family run business and what they have achieved in the six years they have been there.

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Michelle showed us some lovely slides of the nursery and it really is impressive what they have achieved in six years. She brought along plants for sale which were bright, healthy and colourful reminding us that spring will soon be here and we can start planting.

Michele invited the group to come along to the nursery for a guided tour with of course tea and cake. Very tempting!

See madleyplants.co.uk for more information

Sue Graham

Difference between http and https

Keep this in mind!! Especially those of you who order online.

This is how hackers get your information.

Do you know what is the difference between http and https?

The main difference between <http://> and <https://> is it's all about keeping you secure. HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol.

The "S" stands for "secure". If you visit a website or web page and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: <http://>.

This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular "unsecured" language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site.

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Lacy Ladies & Gentlemen in suspension

Unfortunately we are still not up and running. As soon as we can safely all get together again talks will be rebooked and the kettle will be on.

Until then stay safe

Angela

There once was a young boy with a very bad temper. The boy's father wanted to teach him a lesson, so he gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper he must hammer a nail into their wooden fence.

On the first day of this lesson, the little boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. He was really mad!

Over the course of the next few weeks, the little boy began to control his temper, so the number of nails that were hammered into the fence dramatically decreased. It wasn't long before the little boy discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Then, the day finally came when the little boy didn't lose his temper even once, and he became so proud of himself, he couldn't wait to tell his father.

Pleased, his father suggested that he now pull out one nail for each day that he could hold his temper.

Several weeks went by and the day finally came when the young boy was able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

Very gently, the father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

"You have done very well, my son," he smiled, "but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same."

The little boy listened carefully as his father continued to speak.

"When you say things in anger, they leave permanent scars just like these. And no matter how many times you say you're sorry, the wounds will still be there."

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High school reunion

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" You'll love this one.

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him,

however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"



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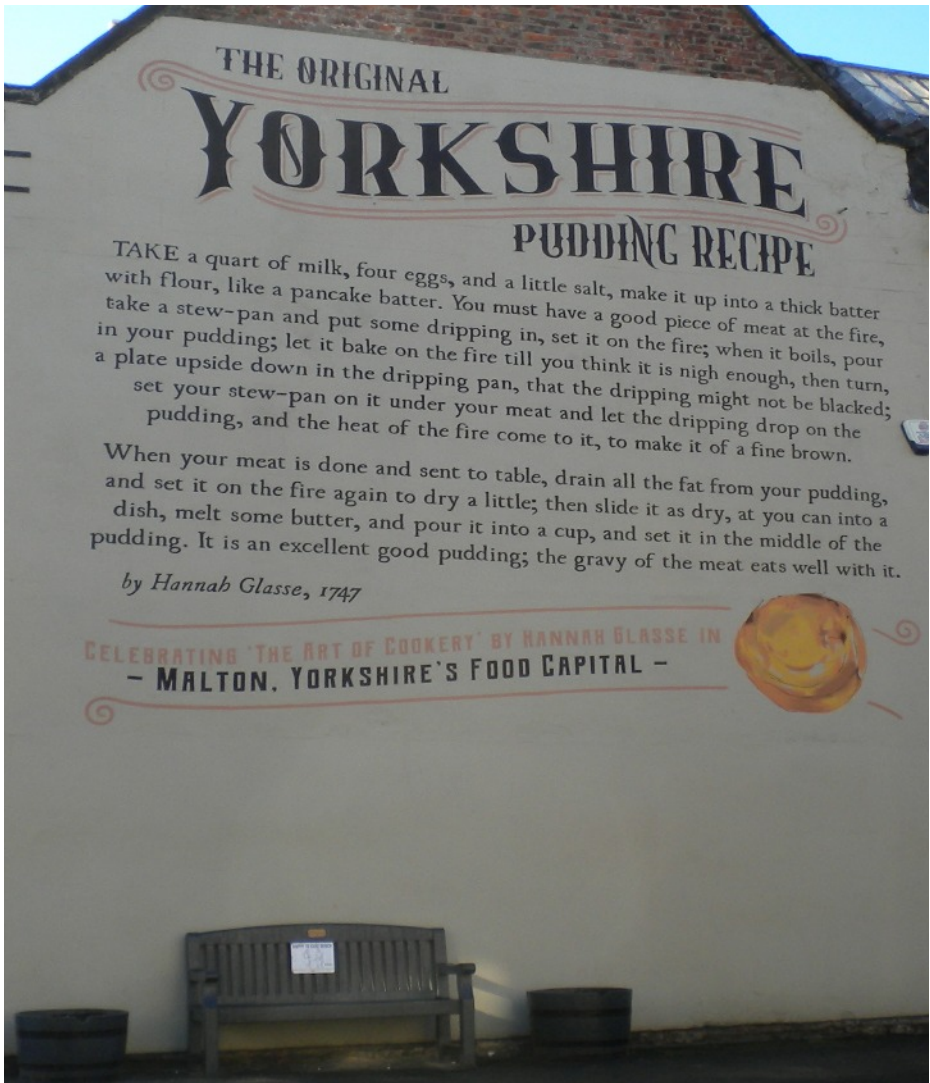
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Whilst I was in North Yorkshire on a recent holiday, I noticed various signs and murals, the above photograph I think is self explanatory but I also came across a road sign in Maldon which read A170 Scarborough 17 with a smaller sign underneath, alongside a bicycle (indicating a cycle path) which said Whitby 32 miles and Scarborough 22.

Yorkshire and particularly North Yorkshire has some beautiful scenery and I would recommend a trip there to see for yourself. Cal

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House Sparrow - *Passer Domesticus*

Now this little bird is my favourite. I feel they are very overlooked with people assuming they will just always be around us. Unfortunately these ubiquitous little guys are suffering as much as everything else.

The House Sparrow with their streaky brown feathers and grey cap are regular visitors to our gardens. Especially if you have hedges and shrubs for them to hide in and feel safe. The Male has a black bib which shows you his status. The older he gets the bigger the bib. They live for around 3 years but one wild house sparrow lived for two decades.



This is such a friendly little bird being the most sociable

and gregarious in existence. But it is an understatement to say it has had a very tough time throughout history. Purging, culling and murdering are common words used in association with the House Sparrow. Even Shakespeare couldn't help himself, calling them lecherous creatures.

In 1958 the sparrow was subject to elimination during the 4 pest campaign in communist China. Even though Chairman Mao once called for them to be their national bird because of its fortitude against entrapment. The Sparrow would rather starve to death than be held captive. It was considered of great symbolic importance. Their simple plumage denoted humility and as such a great virtue. Despite all this they ate too much grain so had to be wiped out..

Back in the UK we used to eat sparrow pie! it was well known for its apparent aphrodisiac properties. Thankfully not any more. In our folklore should one enter your house there would most certainly be a death and the only solution was to kill the bird to thus prevent the death.

The first sparrows were found in a cave in Israel. They found two jawbones in a layer of sediment over 100,000 years old and they have been around humans for more than 10,000 years.

They are stubborn little creatures but are in heavy decline. Between 1977 and 2008 the decline was measured to 71% all over the UK except Ireland. But originally native to Europe and Asia they have now colonised every continent except Antarctica and are the most widespread birds in the world.

Apparently the old Hereford name for them is Spadgers which I have used ever since I heard it. They have close relative to the Tree Sparrow which I've yet to see. These guys have a brown head and a black spot on both cheeks.

Angela Starling

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