

## *Jottings April 2020*

There are signs of Spring all around the village with the wonderful display of daffodils and crocuses giving some welcome colour which is much needed at the moment with the Coronavirus dominating our lives. With this in mind, a group of villagers have got together to offer their help to anyone who needs support in these testing times.

They are offering to: **Pick up shopping or urgent supplies for you - Collect your prescription - Give you a friendly phone call - Post mail - Walk your dog.**

If you do need help, or know someone that does, please get in touch either using the (repurposed) **REARSBY FLOODWATCH** Facebook page or on any of the following numbers:-

**Hollie** 07410 600 355 - **Lucy** 0753 184 5323 - **Lauren** 07837 077 356

**Grainne** 0777 887 2048 - **Richard** 07976 645 389

These are heart-warming gestures that prove our younger generation is still at the heart of our community and want to do their utmost when the 'Going gets tough'.

**You will notice at the end of the magazine that the Church services have had to be cancelled for the time being, but the Church will be open between 10am and 4pm every day for private prayer.**

**Most of the regular activities in the Village Hall have also been postponed for the time being, including the Melton Melstrum Ukulele Band event.**

The work on the Convent building is progressing. A roadway has been constructed near to the parking area of the main house. This will allow access to the three dwellings that are proposed. The roof of the main house has been completed allowing clearance of the old bathrooms. Soon work will begin to convert the section that was originally built for the retired nuns. Gas and electrics are being installed after frustrating delays caused by the weather and the utilities companies. So hopefully it won't be long before we see buildings emerge from the ground works.

Let's hope we all keep safe and well and this coronavirus outbreak will eventually be behind us.

*Rearsby Scene Editorial Panel*

## *The Melton Borough Covid-19 Community Support Hub*

The Melton Borough Covid-19 Community Support Hub has been created to coordinate, help and support residents across the borough during the coronavirus outbreak. The Hub provides a place where businesses, groups and individuals who want to help and can offer services, and those who need help, can be brought together.

The hub can be found at [www.melton.gov.uk/here4melton](http://www.melton.gov.uk/here4melton)

Within the Covid-19 Community Support Hub, both residents and businesses can find relevant and up-to-date information and guidance. In addition, residents who have unmet needs and require additional support can request this through the support hub.

There is advice and support available for all residents, particularly the elderly, those self isolating and businesses. This also includes is a list of support helplines, companies offering delivery services and a dedicated team coordinating support for those that need it. Residents that are without internet access can still access support by contacting 01664 502502.

We encourage businesses, organisations and individuals to contact us regarding any support they can offer by contacting [here4melton@melton.gov.uk](mailto:here4melton@melton.gov.uk). Allowing us to coordinate and match the support where it is most needed within the community.

Please use the hashtag **#Here4Melton** to promote the Community and Business Support Hub (Covid-19)

## ***Notes of the Parish Council meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020***

**Present** - Councillor Cooke, Councillor Byrne, Councillor Wills, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Metcalfe and PCSO Richards

### **Repair and maintenance**

There was some erosion of the brook banks and edge of the pavement on Brookside from the recent flooding. This would be reported to LCC. Unfortunately, there appears to be an increase in dog fouling, particularly along the footpath to Thrussington. Instances of dog fouling should be reported to the dog warden at Charnwood Borough Council on **01509 634564**. **It should be noted that it is still an offence, not to pick up after a dog on a footpath across a field. The bags should also be taken home and not left on a bush.**

**Progress on Neighbourhood Plan** A consultant had been employed to assist in the updating of the NP following the Section 14 responses.

### **Future of the convent**

1. A tree survey had been completed and quotes were being obtained.
2. New fencing alongside Station Road will commence shortly. It is intended to erect a new hedge at the front of the new fencing at the appropriate planting time.
3. New kissing gates will be installed at the two entrances.
4. Due to the conditions of the transfer of the land, the area cannot be used for the playing of games.
5. The idea of some form of opening ceremony on 8<sup>th</sup> May was being explored.
6. Neighbouring properties have been written to, to let them know that the conker field is now in the PC ownership and to explore any issues regarding boundaries.

### **Councillor Vacancy**

There was still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor which the Parish Council was very keen to fill. This position has been vacant since the elections in May and needs to be filled asap. If anyone interested, please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors who will be happy to give you some more information about the role of a Parish Councillor.

### **Volunteer litter pick**

A young person in the village is currently undertaking a volunteer litter pick around the village as part of their DofE award. Thanks go to him for his excellent work.

## **Coronavirus**

The PC was to try and order some supplies of hand gels that could be put in public places in the village.

## **Police Report**

There had been no reported crime in Rearsby during January. Residents can sign up to the Neighbourhood Link which will allow residents to remain up to date about policing issues in the community. In order to register, please visit [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk).

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

It is hoped to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. All village groups are encouraged to attend and report back on their work over the past year. Refreshments will be provided.

## **Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

Further news and information can be found about the Parish Council on our website [www.rearsbypc.org.uk](http://www.rearsbypc.org.uk) Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see there.

**These notes do not form part of the official minutes of Rearsby Parish Council. To contact the Parish Council please email Sue Norledge on [suenorledge@hotmail.com](mailto:suenorledge@hotmail.com)**

## ***Chairman's April Note***

Hello everyone, well Spring's upon us at last with new lambs already in the fields, longer days to look forward to and hopefully some sunshine! This month I have a number of topics to talk about.

### **Dog Poo!**

The matter of "Dog Poo" is once again a topic of conversation around the village and as I have mentioned before, as a village which attracts dog lovers both locally and passing through I guess it's inevitable that we will sometimes come across "dog poo" on our streets or verges.

The PC is confident that most of our local dog owners or dog walkers understand and support the regulations regarding dog fouling and pickup, bag & bin their dog's waste. However we seem to go through cycles where "dog poo" is left on pavements, verges, even thrown in the hedgerows or just not cleared up at all! This may be from people just visiting the area and passing through or maybe a local dog walker who has inadvertently taken their eye off their dog and not

noticed the mess it has made. We are sure that most Rearsby Parishioners would want to see a “Dog Poo Free Village” and would want to encourage anyone walking a dog to clear up after them.

The PC is aware of the risks this poses to the public, particularly children, and are committed to keeping it at the forefront of everyone’s mind as they walk around our village and we will continue to strive for a “Dog Poo Free Village” with the support of you all!

Please remember to report dog fouling to Charnwood Borough Council online at [www.charnwood.gov.uk](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk) or on 01509 634564.

### **Speeding & Parking!**

The village’s flashing speeding sign has been out of commission for a while but is now in working order and will be located at specific places within the village over the coming months. Also, we are pleased to report that the Police have now started to conduct local speed checks at regular intervals in the area. They have informed us that Melton Road from East Goscote was one area covered in February and 5 motorists were stopped for exceeding the limits. We have also been advised that traffic enforcement officers have been around the village recently.

### **Conker Field**

Work has started on the Conker field project. The tree survey has been done and hopefully any work required will begin during April / May. At the same time new waste bins should be installed at each end of the field and new signs provided for the Station road including dog waste / litter and no ball games as required under the section 106 agreement.

### **Coronavirus**

We are all well aware of the current Coronavirus and the threats it poses to everyone, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, so we would encourage people to follow the latest guidance:

1. Wash your hands for about 20 seconds with soap and hot water
2. Always use a tissue for coughs and sneezes then BIN IT!
3. Avoid touching your face (eyes, nose & mouth) with unwashed hands
4. Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
5. If you think you might have the virus ring 111 Do NOT go to your GP surgery

The PC meeting is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month in the village hall at 7.30pm for details see [www.rearsbypc.org.uk](http://www.rearsbypc.org.uk)

Thank you *Martin Cooke (Parish Council Chairman)*

## ***Borough Councillor***

With so much in the media now about coronavirus, there's much advice about how to help stop it spreading and minimise the risk to you and your family. Whilst people shouldn't panic, it's very important everyone follows the official advice. This and other information can be found at the following website: <https://111.nhs.uk/service/covid-19>

### **District and borough councils form alliances to build collaboration**

All seven district and borough councils in Leicestershire have formed two alliances to develop more collaborative working. The councils already have a long and successful track record in collaborating to deliver excellent public services and this is a way to further develop that approach.

The Northern Leicestershire Strategic Alliance includes Melton, Charnwood and North West Leicestershire councils, the Southern Leicestershire Strategic Alliance includes Harborough, Hinckley and Bosworth, Oadby and Wigston and Blaby councils. In a joint statement, the leaders of all seven district and borough councils said: "District and borough councils in Leicestershire have a long and successful track record in collaborating to deliver local, high-quality, and award-winning services."

"There are now plans to further develop that approach to improve public services, making them even more effective, efficient and resilient. In practise this will help co-ordinate important work on issues like reducing district and borough councils' carbon footprints, supporting communities and strengthening town centres. The two groupings are not hard lines on a map or formal arrangements but do provide an opportunity for councils to come together and work on shared services and collaboration."

### **Consultation on transport blueprint**

Leicester and Leicestershire residents, businesses and organisations are urged to help shape the city and county's strategic transport priorities for the next 30 years. A consultation has launched on the Strategic Transport Priorities (STP) report which sets out where the city and county can work together, particularly around tackling poor air quality and the effects of climate change, alongside continued support for the local economy and jobs.

The STP acknowledges a drive to attract greater numbers of car users on to public transport, cycling and walking routes. The ambition is to continue to encourage use of the commercial bus network, of electric vehicles and to increase the number of bus lanes and cycleways/pedestrian routes developed over the past few years. Another key thread of the STP is a big push to improve rail services. The report outlines that while services to East Midlands cities such as Derby and Nottingham are good, improvements are needed in reaching West Midlands cities such as Coventry and Birmingham. To view the STP and have your say, visit [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/strategic-transport-priorities](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/strategic-transport-priorities). The consultation closes on Monday, 25th May; the findings will be reported back later in the summer. For more information, email [tsap@leics.gov.uk](mailto:tsap@leics.gov.uk).

### **Get involved with this year's Great British Spring Clean**

Communities in Charnwood are encouraged to help give the borough a spring clean as part of a national tidy-up campaign. The Great British Spring Clean, to be held across the country between March 20 and April 13, 2020 is organised by charity "Keep Britain Tidy". Charnwood Borough Council is encouraging residents and community groups to take part and organise events in their local areas over the three-week campaign. The Council can help by providing free litter-picking equipment and organising the collection of rubbish and recycling.

The Council has a limited amount of equipment available and people are being urged to get in touch as soon as possible. Equipment will be issued on a first come first served basis. In 2019 more than half a million people collected more than 900,000 bags of rubbish across the UK. Individuals and groups can register their events at [www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk](http://www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk). If you think the Council could support your event by supplying litter picking equipment, please email [cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk). Charnwood can also support community litter picks at other times by lending litter picking kit and bags to individuals/groups who wish to organise an event.

If you have anything you'd like to speak with me about or if I can help in any way please do get in contact. Tel: 07764 966677

Borough: [cllr.james.poland@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.james.poland@charnwood.gov.uk)

County: [james.poland@leics.gov.uk](mailto:james.poland@leics.gov.uk)

**Cllr James Poland CC**

## ***Forthcoming Events –April 2020***

***Friends of Rearsby Church*** We look forward to welcoming you to further events this year, here are 2 dates for your diary:

**Saturday 25th April** - Rearsby Village Hall - **CANCELLED**

We are again hosting the popular Melton Melstrum Ukulele Band and look forward to an entertaining evening with them. Tickets are £7.50 each for adults and children over 12. Tea/coffee and cakes will be available during the interval. Bring your own drinks and glasses if required. There will be a raffle. Tickets are available from Ann Bassett (01664 424376), Ann Breeley (01664 424516) and Kathy Ledger (01664 424311), at Tuesday coffee mornings in the Village Hall and after services at Rearsby Church. Seating is limited so we advise you to book early.

**Saturday 3rd October** a rerun of the successful Family Barn Dance  
*Both events will be in the Village Hall.*

**Annual Parish Meeting** – Possibly 30<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall – all village groups are encouraged to attend and report on their activities over the past year. **Probably not on this date due to ‘virus’**

**V E Day Celebrations** – 8<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday). Possible opening ceremony for Conker Field?

## ***Planning Applications***

*Wed 20 Feb 2020 P/20/03372*

2x Limes T(A) and T(C) - Remove epicormic shoots from base stem, major limbs and poles cyclically every 1-2 years. Selectively thin poles & crown thin lighter branches, selecting out poor branch unions as a one-off operation. 1x Oak T(B) - Remove epicormic growth up to crown break cyclically every 1-2 years. Remove all dead/diseased/damaged branches for TA TB TC.

Rearsby House 1740 Melton Road Rearsby Leicestershire LE7 4YR

Mr Andrew Horsfield

*Tue 26 February P/20/0393/2*

T1 Red Maple - Fell. T2 3 x2 Conifers - Fell.

8 Orton Close Rearsby LE7 4XZ

Mrs Sandhya Ward



## *News from St Michael & All Angels Primary School*

This past Valentine's Day the children chose to show their love for the people of Australia by raising money to help the animals recover who have been affected by the tragic bush fires recently. Our pupils thought of this idea, which we think, demonstrates the kindness and compassion that the children have for others.

We encourage these positive character qualities in the children and recently we were awarded the Route to Resilience Award for our good work in implementing and encouraging character traits such as resilience, kindness and honesty. The well-being of both children and staff is important to us and we are pleased to see that Ofsted have recognised this in their new framework. Our school Bible verse, "God counts the stars and calls them all by name" reflects the fact that all children are individuals and that we try to acknowledge their unique strengths and areas of need.

Ofsted are also focusing more on the curriculum schools deliver and the knowledge the children can remember and apply across subjects. Our school is, therefore, examining each subject we teach throughout the whole school, to ensure that we have clear progression of skills and knowledge. Our Governing Body, who support the school, have also carried out monitoring visits, questioning the children about what new knowledge they have learnt in a particular subject.

As part of our curriculum review we have been working closely with a couple of multi-academy trusts (groups of schools) in Leicestershire, alongside The Knowledge Schools Trust – a group of schools located in London. I had the opportunity to visit one of the primary schools in Hammersmith and, although the community and location of the school was very different to Rearsby, I was impressed with the way that the children were able to articulate their knowledge. They were clearly enjoying their learning.

Collaborating with a variety of schools, both locally and nationally, ensures that we reflect on our own practice, celebrate our successes and make improvements when needed.

**Mr Neil Bardsley – Head Teacher**

**September 2020 Admissions** – the school still has a number of spaces available for September 2020. Please contact the School Office on 01664 424453 if you require more information

## ***Sheila Riley 12 January 1924–5 February 2020***



Extract from the Tribute given by  
Canon Malcolm Britton at Sheila's  
Funeral on Tuesday 25 February 2020

'Sheila had a very active life, employing her many skills in helping others and serving the community in any way she could. Glebe Farm, Hoby was described in her day as the hub of the village with people always in and out; perhaps partly attracted by the baking she did every day. And through her nursing experience if ever there was an emergency, people tended to go to Sheila.

So how did a townee become so engrossed in rural life and contribute so much to it?

To go back to the beginning Sheila was born in Barton upon Humber, Lincolnshire. From an early age she loved her church and as a child the family attended Barton upon Humber church and often walked the 4 miles to Saxby All Saints church services.

Sheila was a tom-boy and loved sport and represented her school at hockey and tennis. She continued playing both tennis and badminton during much of her time in Hoby.

Sheila's ambition was always to be a nurse and at 16 years of age she left home to train to be a nurse at Oakham Cottage Hospital. This was a great adventure for someone of her age, in those days. During her time at Oakham she nursed the 17-year-old Albert Riley, and one thing led to another and they started going out together. To complete her training, Sheila had to go to Huddersfield and whilst there, she and Albert corresponded regularly with Albert visiting on several occasions, but life was hard as war had broken out, so travelling was difficult. They became engaged to be married. In those days, nurses had to resign once married so her nursing career ended: her new life as a farmer's wife began. Their union subsequently produced four children: Pauline, Enid, Josephine and Peter, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Back in 1946 Albert and Sheila acquired the tenancy of Glebe Farm, Hoby. The farm, particularly the house was very run down. At home, Sheila prepared delicious food in very difficult circumstances – her pastry making skills are renowned. She had the patience to teach all the children to cook even in the chaos of the farm kitchen,

Along with the hard work indoors, Sheila had to muck in at busy times tractor driving, looking after the drier at harvest and helping with all the other tasks that a mixed farm had in those days. It was a tough life building up the farm and everything was concentrated on that; but the Rileys also found time to play hard.

When time allowed Sheila supported Albert in his hobbies: horseracing, providing teas for the cricket team and supporting him and nursing him at all times, to the extent that even though he had many serious incidents in hospital he survived to the age of 73 and they were able to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Even though she had a busy life she still contributed much to the community, she was a founder member of Hoby Mothers Union, a school governor for Hoby and Frisby schools, a parish councillor and deanery synod representative, and was involved in every village occasion.

It soon became known that Sheila was a nurse and experienced in laying people out so whenever someone was ill or there was a death in the village, she was duly called upon.

After nearly 40 happy years in Hoby, Sheila retired to Rearsby, where she stayed for another 35 years. Again, establishing herself in the community and taking part in the village activities and attending Rearsby church, where she was frequently asked to read the lesson

After a serious fall in 2015, Sheila moved to the Kathleen Rutland home, where she lived very happily for nearly 5 years, again enjoying all the activities and trips out. As a member of the Young Farmers Club, Sheila had won public speaking competitions, so whenever there was an event, or birthday she was known for standing up to give a vote of thanks or propose a toast, this continued when she was resident at Kathleen Rutland home.

Her strong faith, enduring sense of humour and constitution, and determination, guided her through hard times and very happy times. Latterly she would recite her children's names and say how happy and contented she was, and how lucky she was to have had such a happy life!

The many friends and family who attended Sheila's funeral at St Michael and All Angels Church, Rearsby, were a huge tribute to a loving and caring person who will be sadly missed – a life well lived.

## ***Rearsby WI News March 2020***

At our March meeting we were looking forward to a little light relief after the doom and gloom of the past few weeks.

Our speaker was Bishop Peter Fox who gave us an interesting talk on the history of magic. Yes he was a bishop and yes he was a magician and he was so fascinating.

Next was a catch up with our WI members, while enjoying our famous homemade cakes and foodie treats.

Our talk in April will be a tale of nine strangers cycling across America So if you fancy an evening of fun and friendship, do come along, you can expect a warm welcome.

## ***Special arrangements – Beardsleys & The Wheel***

**Beardsleys** Tel Rearsby (01664) 424008 - Shop will be open Mon-Sat 10am till 3pm. Will also supply takeaway orders

**The Wheel** Tel Rearsby (01664) 420208 - Will deliver takeaway orders locally

## ***April Flower of the Month***

Daisy is the common name of many species of similar appearance, but the best known is *Bellis perennis*, the common or English daisy. Its name, as Chaucer makes clear, derives from the Old English *dægēs ēage*, or day's eye, because it opens by day and closes at night. The daisy is native to western, central and northern Europe, but has become naturalised in temperate climates all over the world. As a birth flower for April, the daisy is associated with purity and innocence.



## ***Syston Swing Band came to Rearsby Village Hall***

In case you haven't come across this Swing/Big Band, they consist of around 20 accomplished musicians who play music from the era of Glenn Miller and the Andrews Sisters, through to the Rat Pack and Bublè, with some more contemporary surprises. It is music to suit everyone. To verify this, around 65 of us attended the Village Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> February and were thoroughly entertained. Not only was the band very professional, but they included three excellent vocalists, two female and one male.



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## ***Simple way to ease floods menace***

Below are extracts from a letter from C Middlehurst which was published recently in the Daily Mail brought to our attention by a Rearsby resident, along with a point about Rearsby Brook:

*Time after time lately we see in the news reports about the dreadful time people in many parts of the country are having as the result of flooding affecting their homes. I am now 80 years old, but as a child, there was a brook running at the bottom of our garden. Never once in my childhood did it ever flood. Every spring some men, whom we knew as Brookmen, arrived in waders and carried large spades to take out the sediment that had collected from water draining from surrounding fields. Where are the Brookmen now? .....We could save the country a fortune if someone had the common sense to treat this problem at source - the streams and brooks.*

The Rearsby Brook. Years ago we had Four Brookmen who used to come once a year and dig all the weeds out. Why can't we have them back?

## ***You are NOT your X-Ray or MRI Scan***

Pain is debilitating and can be frightful. We might seek further investigations to justify the reasoning for the pain. These investigations can include an X-Ray or MRI scan.

But what is it that we hope to see from these particular investigations?

Often in clinic I will see someone that might have had an X-Ray or scan to validate the pain. BUT, it is so important to realise that the results in most cases might not be as helpful as we hope. Scan and X-Rays are just photos. It does not show us the source of the pain. Clinically we like to use them to rule out conditions like fractures, cancer and all other sorts of nasty pathologies. Osteoarthritis and spondylosis are all terminology that might be used on interpretation of the scans but it is not a diagnosis and do not correlate with the pain. The changes of Osteoarthritis might have preceded the investigations for months and years and yet one did not have debilitating pain.

If one has an injury, which causes pain, it “switches” off the muscle to be less effective in the maintenance of the joint. This quite often can be the driving factor of persistent pain.

Easiest example to explain is someone who has OA of the knee. The changes in the knee would have been there for many years. But then one day you might sprain the knee with a fall, a jump, over-training/running etc and the muscles are less effective due to the pain. The sprain settles, but unless the muscles are re-trained, they won't be as strong as what they were prior to the injury. As it provides less joint support, the joint has to absorb the weight a lot more, continuing to irritate the already sensitive system and this maintains the vicious cycle of pain. It is so easy then following an X-Ray to say that the pain is due to the findings on the X-Ray, which suggest OA and therefore the OA is causing the pain. But those changes would have been there months before!

Most importantly after any accident/injury is to remember to train the muscles to ensure that movement becomes normal.

**Jonette Liebenberg**

**Chartered Physiotherapist, Melton Mowbray PhysioPlus**

## *News From Manor Farm April 2020*

I have been struggling to know what to write this month what with the news keeping us all miserable. It feels like it's all becoming quite biblical what with the floods, pestilence and diseases there doesn't seem a lot to look forward to. I read that China have now got a plague of locusts appearing, good old China bring that on let's share that as well. Apparently they are using geese to get rid of them as they can devour a lot of them, I knew there was a reason for keeping our three so we will be okay. But we must not expect to be cosy and warm as the government now want to ban coal fires and woodburners as apparently they throw out small toxic emissions. Now I pride myself on having the nose of a blood hound and I've yet to smell a lot of coal and wood fires, bonfires are okay apparently so we can keep them. So we will all be huddled round a smelly old bonfire, while the powers that be sit in their overheated offices in urban cities pondering on what else to create mayhem among the rural populace.

As for the farm we are heartened to see the tiny shoots of wheat emerging on a few fields. If it would only stay dry for a week or two we may get the spring crops in. Through all the gloom and doom nature just carries on and it's so cheering to see all the spring flowers emerging. They have been having a big tidy up which never normally gets done as there is too much field work to do. The arrival of a new tractor which replaces the older much heavier one has caused a bit of excitement; this one has GPS, self-steering which increases efficiency of growing the crop and it's lighter which can be used for more jobs. Personally, I think they should have bought a hovercraft instead. This time of year they attend quite a few meetings which they claim is beneficial to the progress of the farm, but I suspect it's more of the free food that is provided where they grade the quality and amount of food as to how good the meetings are. They are required to attend many courses i.e. Vermin control (essential to keep the little blighters from nibbling and infecting the stored grain) trailer tests, sprayer tests, health and safety, and many others which come along that are deemed necessary. Let's hope next month will be more cheering and we'll all be more hopeful and happier and the sun will shine.

**Anne Palmer**

## *Friends of Rearsby Church*

**Presentation to Alf Sharman** Alf has until recently been an active member of both the PCC and Friends of Rearsby Church and was our Chairman and Vice Chairman for many years as well as Consultant Architect for the PCC. His



contribution to our Village Church is considerable and we wanted to acknowledge this and thank him for his time on both committees. At a recent service we presented him with a framed drawing (by Steve Meade) of Rearsby Church. Alf and his family were delighted with the gift, which already has pride of place in Alf's room.

Many thanks Alf for all your hard work, professionalism and friendship.

## *Tears of God.*

How God must weep when he hears His people speaking casually of his name. Have they not heard, have they not read that “The Lord our God is a jealous God”. He will not tolerate sharing His People and their worship with any other God, even one called Love. Pagans also had a god of love, named Venus/Aphrodite, but this is not the name that our God is known by.

When the Bible says that God is love, it is God who defines what love is and not love that defines God. God loved Israel and made that love known first by rescuing them from the land of slavery under the rule of pharaoh. He then promised them that He would lead them to a land of their own, and on the journey He entered into a covenant with them by which He would be their God. This was no light matter as it meant that he would be their guide, their protector, and even more importantly he would be their lawgiver in all matters pertaining to their



life. In return Israel agreed to be his people in radical and joyous obedience to his laws, grateful that He should so care for them.

This was a take it or leave it arrangement to which God would be faithful at all times and in all circumstances, however faithful or faithless His People were. Jesus extended this covenant to cover the Church in which Jews and Gentiles were now to find their home. He made clear just what his covenant entailed for he said, “If you love me you will keep my commandments”. So, when Christians speak of God’s love or our love of God, it is but another name for loving obedience to the way Jesus has ordered his Church. This is no rosy, sentimental love that allows Christians the freedom to respond to that love in any way they feel inclined. God does not just want those parts of our lives we are prepared to surrender, it’s all or nothing, yet it is only in that surrender that we find peace and freedom from our selfish desires and appetites. By it we become free to serve another without self-pity or envy and to be served with humility and gratefulness, otherwise we take the Name of our Lord in vain.

This is the covenant Jesus made with the Church at the Last Supper, and it is one we celebrate at each Eucharist as Jesus rehearses his commitment to us, “This is my body which is given for you. This is my blood which is shed for you” and we respond in faith by eating and drinking, and in doing so, we are renewed and refreshed to be the Church. Greetings from St. Michael’s, **David Cherry, priest.**

### ***In Memoriam – April 2020***

Gertrude Elizabeth Sharpe	21st March 1900 - 2nd April 1962
Irene Vale	17th Sept 1913 - 2nd April 2010
Joseph Edward Sherriff	22nd Sept 1889 - 2nd April 1968
Albert Thomas Sleath	29th May 1908 - 3rd April 1975
Arthur Ashmore	18th March 1919 - 3rd April 1996
Ellen May Snelgrove	25th June 1892 - 6th April 1983
John Edward Coulson Smith	4th Aug 1927 - 14th April 2003
Louis Ernest Blount	16th Sept 1911 - 15th April 1978
Hilda Miriam Wright	2nd Feb 1891 - 16th April 1980
Edward Fred Snelgrove	20th Sept 1890 - 3rd April 1970
Betty Howard	3rd Sept 1929 - 28th April 2009
Valerie Margaret Woodcock	9th Dec 1950 - 30th April 2018

***Services at St Michael and All Angels, Rearsby  
Month April 2020***

<b>Dates</b>	<b>St Michael's Rearsby 11am</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Thrussington 9.30am</b>	<b>St Botolph's Ratcliffe 6.30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's Quenibourough All 11 am</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday</b>	<b>It is with regret that all Church services have been postponed for the time being, but Rearsby Church will be open every day between 10am and 4pm for private prayer.</b>			
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday</b>				
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April Easter</b>				
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>				
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>				

**Church notice boards will have regular updates**

***Church Cleaning***

April 5th	C. Porter	N. Porter
19th	H. Davies	T. Davis

**Rev'd Sr. Mary A'Herne-Smith – Team Vicar  
Tel 01664420193 Email: [mezcat@icloud.com](mailto:mezcat@icloud.com)**

## *Rearsby Diary - April 2020*

<b>The following regular events in the Village Hall are all postponed</b>	
Age Concern	
Art Class	
Art & Craft Club	
Coffee Morning	
New Age Kurling	
Parish Council Meeting	
Rainbows	
Table Tennis	
WEA	
WI	
Yoga	
Zumba	
<b><u>Church</u></b> Tots & Tinies - postponed	
<b><u>School</u></b> - Closed	
<b>Other events</b>	
Sat 25th April	Melton Melstrum Ukelele Band – Postponed
<b><u>Please Note:</u></b>	
<b><u>Beardsleys</u></b> Tel Rearsby (01664) 424008 Shop will be open Mon-Sat 10am till 3pm Will also supply takeaway orders	
<b><u>The Wheel</u></b> Tel Rearsby (01664) 420208 Will deliver takeaway orders locally	
<b><u>The Horse &amp; Groom</u></b> Tel Rearsby (01664) 424242	

*For Village Hall Bookings Contact Rita Meade 01664 424696*