

Haltham Bugle

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Parish Meeting – Sean Matthews, Acting Chair.

What strange times to be writing my first message to the village as acting Chairman. This awful pandemic has reduced our liberties, changed our lives in many ways and taken loved ones from us too early. However it reinforces the love of our little Hamlet, as we can sit here and watch other parts of the country go back into various stages of lock down. That's not to say we can be complacent, for those Game of Thrones fans "Winter is coming" and we need to be aware of our friends and neighbours over the coming months. The village WhatsApp group is a great way to do this if you need or want help with anything it's a good place to start. It's also a sounding board for some dreadful jokes! So if you haven't joined yet just let me know and I will add you to the group, text 07710146201. We have a couple of capable first aiders in the village but always dial 999 in an emergency.

As I write this Tom's funeral is about to take place, and the village just won't be the same without him. His home being like a glue pot, if you ended up anywhere near it you got stuck in there with a large glass of red wine. The village had a small collection for Tom and I have attached a photo of the wreath we sent from Tom's friends and neighbours. The family chose a wreath rather than a donation.



I was asked to purchase this from the village funds, and whilst I agreed with the sentiment I felt I needed to check if this could be done. I spoke to Lincolnshire association of local councils, our district councillor and the deputy leader of Lincolnshire County council. All stated that use of public funds like this would end up in us getting in to trouble with the auditor and possibly legally. The Village meeting is the first level of democratic authority in the UK and as such is a public entity and monies held are public finances, and there are restrictions on what we can spend that money on. Having said all that I arranged a private collection.

As you know we are unable to hold actual meetings at the moment, we could have had a virtual meeting but I felt that would exclude members of the village who don't use electronics like this. It is in the back of my mind if the ban on gatherings continues, I think we will need to have a formal meeting next year. Watch this space!

Mike Schofield resigned as chairman early in the year and we continued without a chairman for a few months, assuming we would have the usual meeting in May to sort it out. Of course this couldn't happen, so as no one else stood for chairman I became acting chair, John continues as clerk and Richard Garner comes back into the fold as acting Vice Chairman. The positions are acting as they couldn't be voted on. I would like to thank Mike for his work during his tenure as Chairman of Haltham Parish meeting and wish him all the best.

Covid-19 has slowed the acquisition by the Village of the village green, East Lindsey district council have agreed to pay the legal costs of this, but it is taking an age. Both John and I are frequently on at them to get on with it. But government moves very, very slowly!

I'd like to thank Paul Gell for not only running this excellent publication, but looking after our website, trust me it's much more of a job than you'd think. Remember the Haltham Bugle isn't a Village Meeting publication, anyone can ask Paul to add information, stories, jokes, cartoons, crosswords, the list is endless, so if you have anything for the next edition, just let Paul know.

As soon as we can start planning events next year we will; Tara and I will have a BBQ and hopefully we can repeat the dog show, but if you have any other ideas let us know.

You will see that we now have dedicated email addresses that will pass onto the next chair, vice chair and clerk. This is in line with requirements as we should not be using private emails for official public business, so please start using these now to communicate Village Meeting business. Also Paul has one for technical stuff!

I'll sign off now, but please pop round, call me or use the new email address if there is anything I can help with or use the WhatsApp group!

Happy Halloween, Guy Fawkes night and Christmas

Sean

Past & Future Events ...

Well a certain pandemic put an end to events for this year hopefully in the near future we will be able to get back together again.

The Bugle Recipe ...

Apple Charlotte Taken from Woman's Weekly Magazine when it was printed in black and white.

This time it's not a Yorkshire recipe, so thank you to Anne Pledger for this contribution...

Ingredients

700g Cooking apples
125-150g Fresh breadcrumbs
150g Demerara sugar
50g Shredded suet
50g butter
Grated rind of an orange

Method

Mix breadcrumbs, orange rind, sugar and suet in a large bowl.
Peel, core and slice the apples finely.
Grease a large ovenproof soufflé type dish. Place alternate layers of crumb mix and apples, [finish with crumb mix on top] press each layer down really well as the pudding shrinks during cooking. Dot the top of the pudding with the butter. Cover with foil and put a small hole in the middle of the foil. Bake 175 for about 40-45 min. (test apple is cooked).
Remove foil and cook for about 15mins to crisp the top. Can be eaten hot or cold with custard or cream.

Things you might not know ...

In the December 2019 Newsletter we asked you if knew where this is? Only 5 miles from Haltham is Revesby, yet did you know that hidden in the wood looking past the deer park is Revesby Abbey dating from 1843?



The Revesby Estate dates back to 1143 when the estate was left to the Cistercian monks of Rievaulx Abbey, to build a monastic community in Lincolnshire. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the Abbey was demolished and a country house built in the Jacobean style. Revesby Abbey as it stands today, was built in 1843 - 1845 by JB Stanhope. The house is no longer part of the Revesby Estate but is in private ownership, and currently undergoing restoration. Visit <http://www.revesbyabbey.co.uk/history.html>

Revesby Estate is also associated with Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820), the naturalist, a botanist who accompanied Captain Cook on his circumnavigation of the globe. Banks was more than just a passenger, though; he helped finance Cook's expedition out of his own pocket. He brought back countless new plant species, many of which he brought to Revesby, where he also planted large numbers of the trees we see today in the Estate grounds. History on our doorstep! **Next time:** Haltham Bells.

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