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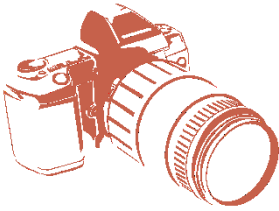
We have progressed from black and white to full colour, covered a wide range of local events and produced a diary to keep you up-to-date with what is going on in the area.

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# Photographic Competition and Exhibition



**Saturday, May 27**

**In the Jubilee Room above the library  
from 10am – 4pm**

Keep your entries coming in!

There is still time to take more photos – we need them in by May 13 at the latest.

*See P5 for some of this year's entries*

If you have an old camera you would like to put into the exhibition? The camera could be analogue or digital.

*The display will be supervised at all times*

Come and have a relaxing cup of coffee – see the photos, meet your friends, bring your friends.

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Please contact Jane Barber - [chair@yorevision.org.uk](mailto:chair@yorevision.org.uk)  
or ring 01423 325 808 for more details.



# Running the Roman Home

## Alex Croom, Tyne and Wear Museums

**Saturday 20th May 2.30pm**

**Aldborough Village Hall**



Alex looks after the archaeology collections of four museums within Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums. "As we look after two Roman Forts, much of the material is Roman in date, but the rest covers everything from Ancient Egypt to industrial archaeology of the late nineteenth century! Needless to say, I am particularly interested in the Romans and love trying to find out more about their everyday lives."

Author of "Running the Roman Home" which explores the real everyday life of the Romans and the effort required to run a Roman household, Alex is currently acknowledged as one of the experts on this subject in the country. Her talk will use evidence from literary, archaeological and artistic sources to make comparisons with historical and modern parallels and to help bring a Roman household to life.

Alex is back by popular demand following her talk on "Roman Costume in Northern England" in July 2016.

Cost: Visitors £5.00

(Friends of Roman Aldborough members free)

# Milby Island Improvement Project



The walk alongside the river Ure to Milby Lock from the bridge in Boroughbridge is an important asset for local people and for visitors alike. The amount of maintenance on this island between the river and canal has reduced in recent years resulting in a poorer environment and one which can only worsen as invasive plants such as Himalayan balsam and giant hogweed take hold.

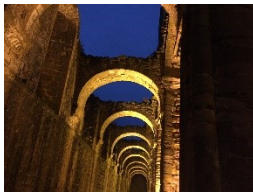
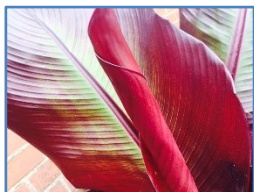
The area is now choked in the summer months by the Himalayan balsam which reaches eight feet in height, suppressing all other wild flowers and obstructing views of the river. The Milby Island Project has been set up by Charlie Merson, a Milby resident, and so far, has the support of Kirby Hill (Milby) and Langthorpe Parish Councils, The Canals and River Trust and Newby Hall Estate, the owner of the land.

At the end of March, as our picture shows, volunteers started work on clearance of large amounts of flood debris and dead timber so that later in the year the area can be 'topped' to eradicate the balsam and hogweed in selected areas - to open up views and let other plants have a chance. Lister Farms kindly loaned the heavy equipment and volunteers from Milby helped Charlie make a start on the project, which hopefully will be ongoing throughout the year if its aims are to be achieved.



If you would like to know more about the project or would like to volunteer to help please contact Charlie Merson [martlets.fas@outlook.com](mailto:martlets.fas@outlook.com)

Martin Rae (Kirby Hill and District Parish Council)





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# Events Diary

MAY

**2**

Tue

## **Kirby Hill WI @ The Coronation Hall**

May 2 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Making Communities Dementia Friendly; Jill Quinn. 01423 320745

MAY

**3**

Wed

## **Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club**

May 3 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

For children & young people aged 9-14. £1.50 including drink & snack. 07881 797716

MAY

**9**

Tue

## **Boroughbridge Historical Society @ The Jubilee Room**

May 9 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

BRIXMIS: The British Commanders-in Chief Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany 1946-1990. (Spies in uniform). Keith Ryding gives an intriguing account of activities behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. All welcome – guests £3, members free. The talk will be followed by tea and biscuits.

## **Skelton-on-Ure WI @ Skelton Village Hall**

May 9 @ 7:30 pm

The Flower Arrangers Garden with Pat Hutchinson. 01845 501848

MAY

**10**

Wed

## **Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club**

May 10 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

For children & young people aged 9-14. £1.50 including drink & snack. 07881 797716

## **Aldbrough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

May 10 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

In the Footsteps of Eleanor of Aquitaine; Margaret Merrill/Jan Bell. Competition: something French. 325013

MAY

**11**

Thu

## **Yorkshire Countrywomens' Association @ The Jubilee Room, Boroughbridge**

May 11 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

All welcome. Visitors £2, members £1, including raffle, tea & biscuits after the evening talk.

MAY

**12**

Fri

## **Roecliffe WI @ Roecliffe School**

May 12 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Up Cycle for the Garden with Lucy Hutton Smith. 01423 322335.

MAY

**14**

Sun

## **All Saints Active8 @ All Saints Church, Kirby Hill**

May 14 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

For children of all ages, craft activities, story and prayer. Parents stay to chat/take part. Coffee/tea for parents. [www.allsaintskirbyhill.org.uk](http://www.allsaintskirbyhill.org.uk)

MAY  
**16**  
Tue

**Boroughbridge & District Antiques Society @ The Coronation Hall, Milby**

May 16 @ 7:45 pm – 9:45 pm

Tim Phelps – 'Aspects of Furniture and Restoration'. Visitors £3, members free. 01423 360711

MAY  
**17**  
Wed

**Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club**

May 17 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

For children & young people aged 9-14. £1.50 including drink & snack. 07881 797716

MAY  
**18**  
Thu

**Mothers' Union @ St James' Church, Boroughbridge**

May 18 @ 2:00 pm

Members' afternoon, all welcome; followed by tea and biscuits. 01423 325405

MAY  
**20**  
Sat

**May Fair & Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

May 20 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Including Art Exhibition by the Art Group. All welcome.

MAY  
**24**  
Wed

**Youth Club @ Boroughbridge Social Club**

May 24 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

For children & young people aged 9-14. £1.50 including drink & snack. 07881 797716

MAY  
**26**  
Fri

**Friday Night is Music Night @ Boroughbridge Methodist Schoolroom**

May 26 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Come and sing along to classic songs of the 1930s and 1940s, to the live accompaniment of The Palm Court Dance Orchestra. Or you are welcome to just listen! Refreshments available. Admission on the door only: £3.

JUN  
**6**  
Tue

**Kirby Hill WI @ The Coronation Hall**

Jun 6 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Wrong Time, Wrong Place; Katie Willkomm. 01423 320745

JUN  
**9**  
Fri

**The Yorkshire Decibelles @ St Mary's Church, Roeccliffe**

Jun 9 @ 7:30 pm

Lovely female choir sing a variety of classical and popular music to help raise money for the testing and felling of trees in the village.

Tickets £12, incl wine & nibbles, there will also be a raffle. Limited tickets available. 07824 557253

JUN  
**11**  
Sun

**All Saints Active8 @ All Saints Church, Kirby Hill**

Jun 11 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

For children of all ages, craft activities, story and prayer. Parents stay to chat/take part. Coffee/tea for parents. [www.allsaintskirbyhill.org.uk](http://www.allsaintskirbyhill.org.uk)



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JUN  
**13**  
Tue

**Skelton-on-Ure WI @ Skelton Village Hall**

Jun 13 @ 7:30 pm

Book Art with Sharon Caute. 01845 501848

JUN  
**14**  
Wed

**Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Jun 14 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

India to England: Gilly Moorhouse continues her family story. Competition: A colourful scarf. 01423 325013

JUN  
**17**  
Sat

**Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Jun 17 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

JUN  
**24**  
Sat

**Midsummer Lunch @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Jun 24 @ 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

JUL  
**5**  
Wed

**Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Jul 5 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Gardening Quiz: A visual quiz with Debbie and Tish. 01423 325013

JUL  
**9**  
Sun

**All Saints Active8 @ All Saints Church, Kirby Hill**

Jul 9 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

For children of all ages, craft activities, story and prayer. Parents stay to chat/take part. Coffee/tea for parents.  
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JUL  
**15**  
Sat

**Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Jul 15 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

AUG  
**5**  
Sat

**Yorkshire Day Lunch @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Aug 5 @ 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

AUG

8

Tue

**Skelton-on-Ure WI @ Skelton Village Hall**

Aug 8 @ 7:30 pm

A whale of a Tale with Jenny Stacey. 01845 501848

SEP

12

Tue

**Boroughbridge Historical Society @ The Jubilee Room**

Sep 12 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

All welcome – guests £3, members free. The talk will be followed by tea and biscuits.

**Skelton-on-Ure WI @ Skelton Village Hall**

Sep 12 @ 7:30 pm

Food and Health over the last Century with A Halliday. 01845 501848

SEP

13

Wed

**Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Sep 13 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Designing Hand Knits: Wendy Knight gives a talk about her career in textile design. Competition: a knitting pattern. 01423 325013

SEP

16

Sat

**Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Sep 16 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

OCT

1

Sun

**Harvest Festival/Lunch @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Oct 1 @ 10:30 am

Harvest festival in church at 10.30am followed by Harvest lunch.

OCT

10

Tue

**Boroughbridge Historical Society @ The Jubilee Room**

Oct 10 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

AGM & Members' Evening. All welcome – guests £3, members free. Followed by refreshments.

**Skelton-on-Ure WI @ Skelton Village Hall**

Oct 10 @ 7:30 pm

Why a Will Might Not Be Enough with Robin Allen. 01845 501848

OCT

11

Wed

**Aldborough, Boroughbridge & Dunsforth WI @ Aldborough Village Hall**

Oct 11 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Something Crafty: Hands on session with Mavis Smailes. Competition: the best effort. 01423 325013

OCT

21

Sat

**Autumn Fair & Coffee Morning @ Boroughbridge Methodist Church Hall**

Oct 21 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Horsefair, B'bridge YO51 9AH. All welcome.

# Snippets

## Friday Night is Music Night

Come and sing along (or just listen!) to classic songs from the 1930s and 1940s to the accompaniment of The Palm Court Dance Orchestra. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, at Boroughbridge Methodist Schoolroom. Refreshments available. Admission £3 (tickets on the door only).

## BCC Coffee Mornings

Drop-in coffee morning every Friday in the room upstairs at Boroughbridge Library.

10am to 12noon. Tea/coffee/hot chocolate and biscuits for £1 – refills free. All welcome!

## Yorkshire Decibelles Concert

Ladies' choir, The Yorkshire Decibelles, are giving a concert at Roecliffe Church on 9th June 2017, starting at 7.30pm.

The choir are raising money to pay for some trees in the Village which may need testing and/or felling.

The last concert the choir gave at Roecliffe was a candle lit concert in January 2015 and it was sold out. They managed to raise £700. This will be a special evening of a variety of popular and classic songs and a few uplifting readings.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided at the interval and there will be a raffle. Tickets are £12, and are limited due to the size of the Church. To book contact [carolyncollin@me.com](mailto:carolyncollin@me.com) or phone 07824 557253.

## Jigsaw Club

I am planning to start a Jigsaw Club at Boroughbridge Library later in the year.

If you have any jigsaws which you would be happy to donate, please leave them in the entrance hall at the library. I am looking for jigsaws suitable for adults, but there is space to accommodate jigsaws for children in the children's section. For further details, or for collection, please contact me on 01423 341982 or email me at [Dorothy.griffin94@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Dorothy.griffin94@yahoo.co.uk)

## Events at Boroughbridge Methodist Church

All events in the Methodist Church Hall

- 20th May - May Fair and coffee morning including Art Exhibition by the Art Group 10am to 12noon.
- 17th June - Coffee morning 10am to 12 noon
- 24th June - Midsummer lunch 12 to 1.30pm
- 15th July - Coffee morning. 10am to 12 noon
- 5th August - Yorkshire Day lunch 12 to 1.30 pm
- 16th September - Coffee morning 10am to 12 noon
- 1st October - Harvest Festival in church 10.30am followed by Harvest lunch
- 21st October - Autumn fair and coffee morning 10am to 12 noon
- 9th November - Games afternoon including refreshments 2pm to 4pm
- 18th November - Coffee morning 10am to 12 noon
- 16th December - Christmas coffee morning 10am to 12 noon

## THE RETURN OF 'howdenjones' IN CONCERT

An evening of wonderful songs, gentle anecdotes and delicious leg pulling, on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2017. 7pm for 7.30pm at Minskip Village Hall.

Tickets £8.00, will be limited, so please purchase before the night.

Available from Emma at Minskip Farm Shop, Becky Payne (Ashburn) tel 07450 013236, John Silverwood (Mount View) tel 07538 178659  
or email [minskipvh@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:minskipvh@yahoo.co.uk)

Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Raffle on the night.  
All proceeds to the Minskip Defibrillator Fund.

CC office or reserve by phone. 01423 324504. (Office open 9am to 12 noon).

## Diary Entries

Please let us know about your events. Entries in the diary are **FREE**

## Late News

**Ure Music MacMillan Coffee evening  
will be on Friday, September 29 at 7.30pm**

## Boroughbridge Amblers - Walks

Wednesday <b>May 3</b>	<b>Ripley</b>	4.75 miles	Pauline 01423 326 794
Thursday <b>May 11</b>	<b>East Whitton</b>	4.5 miles	Chris B 01423 324 011
Saturday <b>May 20</b>	<b>High Paradise/ Sneck Yate</b>	4 miles	Brian 01423 322 988
Tuesday <b>May 30</b>	<b>Poppleton</b>	5 miles	Gordon 01423 330 274
Wednesday <b>June 7</b>	<b>Burton Leonard</b>	5.5 miles	Pauline 01423 326 794
Tuesday <b>June 13</b>	<b>Hunsingore</b> <i>Evening Walk</i>	4 miles	Gordon 01423 330 274
Tuesday <b>June 20</b>	<b>Jervaux</b>	5 miles	Chris 01423 324 970
Thursday <b>June 29</b>	<b>Kettlewell</b>	5 miles	Viv 01423326

Unless otherwise stated meet in Back Lane Car Park Boroughbridge for 10 am departure. Lifts available - transport sharing is encouraged.

For further information phone walk leaders.

EVERY ONE WELCOME

## BCC 100+ CLUB - MINIBUS OUTINGS

Passengers must be a member of Boroughbridge & District Community Care 100+ Club. Contact the office on 01423 324504 for more information or to book.

TUES 2 MAY – Kendal	8.30am-5pm	£10
MON 8 MAY - Skipton including canal cruise	9am-5pm	£10
THURS 18 MAY - Haworth & Saltaire	9am-5pm	£10
TUES 23 MAY - Hawes including Market	9am-5pm	£10
TUES 30 MAY – Liverpool	7.45am-5pm	£10

## The Cuckoo



Why we have lost almost two thirds of our population of these iconic birds in the last 20 years?

UK Cuckoos spend the winter around the Congo rainforest. Where they winter and the routes they use to get there could be an important factor in determining the causes of their decline.

Cuckoos spend about two months in Britain, about six months in Africa, and the other four months of the year migrating.

They head out of the UK in a variety of directions, some due east across the North Sea to the Netherlands and Belgium while others head south across the English Channel into France.

One migration route was found through Italy. In the first year two Cuckoos went via Spain, highlighting a brand new migration route with a stopover site north of Madrid. This has been followed by many English birds. It has a higher mortality rate than the Italian route.

Stop-over sites are important fuelling areas for migrant birds, allowing them to fatten up for the journey ahead. Many of our Cuckoos have spent time near the River Po in Italy; others stopped in Spain which latterly has been afflicted by droughts which have probably reduced the quantity of food available to fatten up.

Cuckoos followed so far, use a different return route back to the UK to the one they use on their outward migration. They head to West Africa before making the return crossing over the Sahara Desert. This could be linked to a weather system called the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ). The rains produce sufficient food for the return journey.

Increasing the number of individuals tagged, and following them for a number of years allows us to answer yet more questions. Short-term studies can give misleading results; for example, the habitats that were used in the Congo basin by English and Scottish Cuckoos in the first two years are not the same habitats being used in latterly.

**Mike Gray 07596 366342** or [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com).

See the complete article on the Lower Ure News website [www.lowerurenews.co.uk](http://www.lowerurenews.co.uk)

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Shipton Church	0840	..	..
Skelton Fairfield Manor	0843	..	..
Rawcliffe Manor Lane	0846	..	..
Clifton Green	0849	..	..
York Theatre Royal	0855	1155	1525
York opp. Rail Station	0900	1200	1530
Upper Poppleton Garden Centre	0910	1210	1540
Green Hammerton	0922	1222	1552
Aldborough Maypole	0935	1235	1605
Boroughbridge Market Place	0940	1240	1610
Skelton-on-Ure	0948	1248	1618
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Fountains Abbey Visitor Centre	1030	1400	1655
Ripon Bus Station <i>arr.</i>	1040	1410	1710
Ripon Bus Station <i>dep.</i>	1045	1415	1715
Skelton-on-Ure	1055	1425	1725
Boroughbridge Market Place	1104	1434	1734
Aldborough Maypole	1107	1437	1737
Green Hammerton Bay Horse	1120	1450	1750
Upper Poppleton Garden Centre	1130	1500	1800
York Rail Station	1142	1512	1812
York Exhibition Square	1148	1518	1818
Clifton Green	..	..	1822
Rawcliffe Manor Lane	..	..	1825
Skelton Fairfield Manor	..	..	1828
Shipton Church	..	..	1830
Market Place	..	..	1840

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