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Extension to create a garage/annexe in the garden

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Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission 16/01142/OUT for landscape, appearance, layout and scale for the construction of 28 dwellings. Application also seeks to discharge conditions 5, 8, 9, 10 and 13 attached to 16/01142/OUT. The applications may be viewed by logging onto our website www.hambleton.gov.uk. Access is also available at your local library or at any of our offices.

Any representations about these applications should be made in writing to Development Management, Hambleton District Council, Civic Centre, Stonecross, Rotary Way, Northallerton DL6 2UU by 5 May 2020. Please note that any representations received will be published on our website.

Date 11 April 2020

Welcome to our Temporary Digital Paper

In our 127 year history we have managed to print our newspaper The Easingwold Advertiser & Weekly News and The Thirsk Weekly News (started 2004) on time or slightly late virtually every week without too many mishaps and certainly have not missed an issue.

We have gone through turbulent times from two world wars to economic crisis, the three day week, lengthy power cuts but this year we have had to suspend production as the whole world has gone into lockdown for Coronavirus pandemic.

Each day more and more local businesses have gone into temporary closure, we have seen advertising revenue reduce as many advertisers are unable to function normally and supply their goods and services to the community and with everyone on lockdown the social fabric of our community has changed we have nothing to report on locally as no one is doing anything other than merely existing. All social events

have stopped, the mainstay of our local news is all but gone so it was with much regret that we suspended production of this paper, we aim to produce a printed paper for the Saturday 25th April edition however we may still be in lockdown so it may take longer to resume normal production.

I have heard from many sources that people would still like some local news so with that in mind I have decided to try and put together some

locally focussed news in our digital version which will hopefully will be out each Thursday afternoon starting this week 9th April.

You will notice there is at present very little advertising as we feel it is unfair to our regular advertisers to expect them to advertise when many are unable to work.

However, if any businesses wish to advertise in our digital version please use one of the email addresses on the first page to get in contact or why

not use our online booking system to place and purchase an advert.

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Stay safe everyone and hopefully we will be back to normal with our printed newspaper in the next few weeks, in the meantime I hope will enjoy our digital version.

Rupert Smith (Editor)

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Open to all ages. Closing date is Monday 13th April at 5pm. Usual T&C apply. A picture of the winner will be published in The Easingwold Advertiser and Thirsk Weekly News. Failure to comply will result in a re-draw. There is no cash alternative offered. Easingwold Advertiser and Thirsk Weekly News, Market Place, Easingwold, York YO61 3AB or enter by email: claire@ghsmith.com



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Stillington Village litter pick

Record turn-out for this year’s Stillington Village Litter Pick with more people working elsewhere. Thank you to Hambleton Street Scene for organizing the equipment; safety information and the crucial bit of collecting the full bags when done.



Housebuilder launches £1 million youth project giveaway

Leading housebuilder Persimmon Homes Yorkshire has launched a £1million charity giveaway to support young people across Britain.

The Building Futures scheme aims to support community groups working with under-18s across three categories – education & arts, health and sport.

Scott Waters, deputy managing director for Persimmon Homes Yorkshire said: “As the country really starts to feel the effects of the Covid-19 outbreak, we believe that now more than ever we need to look after the health and wellbeing of the youngest and oldest members of our communities.

“Persimmon has already pledged to re-direct its Community Champions funding initiative towards groups that work with and support the over-70s for the duration of the pandemic crisis. Now, with the launch of Building Futures, we aim to help the younger members of our society.

“We will make donations from £1,000 to £100,000 to grassroots sports groups, charities dealing with physical and mental health issues, as well as community arts and education projects.”

Building Futures is delivered through the Persimmon Charitable Foundation in partnership with Team GB, the British Olympic Association, and the

company enlisted the help of World Championship silver medallist and Tokyo Olympic Games and Team GB hopeful Laviai Nielsen (Track and Field) to launch the scheme.

The 24-year-old 400m sprinter said: “Persimmon Homes and Building Futures can change the lives of thousands of youngsters across Britain, so that gets a massive ‘thank you’ from me.”

A total of 128 grants of £1,000 will be awarded across Persimmon’s 32 regional businesses to improve local facilities and the delivery of vital community projects.

Three initiatives will go on to win £100,000 each through a national online public vote. The winners will be named at a gala dinner for finalists in October.

In each sector – education & arts, health and sport – as well as the £100,000 first prize, there will be a £50,000 second prize and a £20,000 third prize, while a further 87 shortlisted projects will each receive £5,000.

Scott added: “Last year we supported Kingston Upon Hull, Junior Hockey club, 1st Easingwold Scout Group, and Health Stars with Building Futures funding.

“We are looking for groups, charities and individuals to come forward with their amazing ideas on how to spend the big cash prizes. We will consider anything from new clubhouses and kit, to education and arts centres, medical research and support groups.”

To find out more about or to apply Building Futures visit www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures/

Picture caption: World Championship silver medallist sprinter Laviai Nielsen helped to launch this year’s £1million Building Futures funding scheme, which is being delivered by Persimmon Homes in partnership with the British Olympic Association.




PHOTOGRAPHS OF EASINGWOLD AND THIRSK

Have you any photographs from the last 50 years that might be of interest and bring back memories to readers in Easingwold and Thirsk areas?

Suitable captions and names of those pictured would be appreciated.

These will be printed when space allows, and returned after publication.



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Rat or Water Vole?

One reader called to say that his friend Manuel from Barcelona claims it is a Spanish Hamster whilst another reader via my son in Bratislava says it is definitely a rat.

Those in the farming community all agree that it is indeed a rat. Now that

the warmer weather has returned I have stopped feeding the birds and have not seen this rat as much, hopefully the local cats will dispose or frighten off this particular unwanted rodent.

Editor



Thirsk and Sowerby Harriers

Any club or society is the some of its member parts, and Thirsk and Sowerby Harriers are fortunate to have Olivia Mulligan among their number. Olivia suffered ill health as a youngster, and even now she has to be careful - she says her school PE teacher would be agog to know she was Ladies' Captain at TSH. Olivia lived in London for 5 years, but then did, what many people do, found that Thirsk was calling home! She started running at the age of 17, and almost immediately joined the Harriers, doing what many runners do when they

begin running, tackling a Race for Life. To Look at Olivia, she is the height of "a hap'orth of copper" and looks as if a puff of wind would blow her away, but, my, how she can run. Her PB for a half marathon is 1 hr 27 minutes, and when she did the Ben Cambell 10k, not for the faint hearted with many of ups and downs, and mud! She loves running in mud, and cross countries give her plenty of opportunity for that.

She ended up covered in mud in the latest Gormire Gamble. Among other local races, she was 1st lady at the Dishforth 10k, 3rd lady in the Ripon 10, another toughie, and 2nd lady in a recent Sean Lee Johnson 10 mile race, which is testing event though it is mostly flat. Olivia is equally good on roads and came 2nd lady behind a very fast lady from Rotherham in the last Sessay Swift 6k.

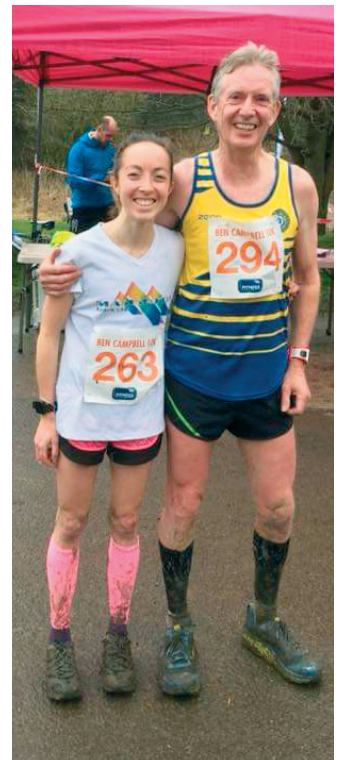
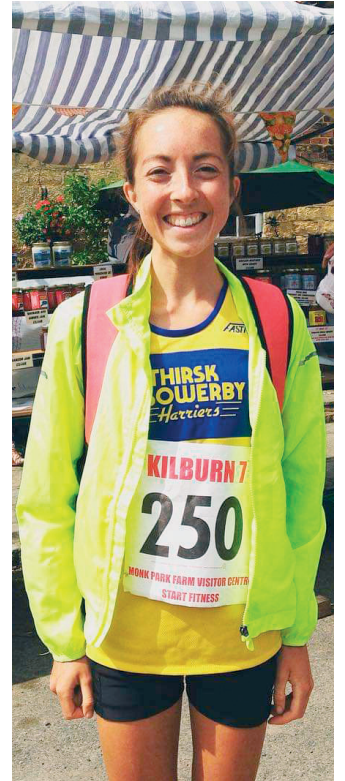
When she was younger, Olivia did a solo back packing trip round the world for 8 months, spending some of the time in California, where she ran in

Mammoth Lakes, 8000 feet above sea level and considers that to be one of the best places she has run. There, she was inspired by Alexis Pappas, a Greek Olympian who lives and trains there, and others who have inspired her are club coach, Rob Burn - and her Dad!

Olivia is always very supportive and kind to other runners and suggests that you are better than you think you are. If you want to run fast, you have to learn to be uncomfortable - no gain without pain - and do everything you can to avoid injury, making only

gradual changes to your training. Don't race too often, pick the races that really matter to you, and when you do race, put your heart and soul into every stride! Olivia has not yet tackled a marathon, but after a few goes, she would aim to finish in under 3 hours.

When she isn't running, Olivia, or Liv, enjoys writing poems, yoga, "being daft on stage" and travel.



Delightful Daffodils

Following the lovely photos in last week's edition, I thought I would add this photo of some of my 4-legged friends enjoying the daffodils too. Taken up by the play park on Claypenny. A very welcome pop of colour and important reminder to stay cheerful in the current situation. [left to right- Bixie, Abbie, Alan, Nina, Cookie & Piper]

Rory's Soup Run for Local Residents

A lower sixth pupil from St Peter's School, York, has dedicated his spare time to helping people in need in his local community.

Rory, aged 16, has launched a soup run for the over 60s living in the village of Huthwaite who have been advised to self-isolate due to the coronavirus

day commuting to school in York but he has decided to use this time to restart the soup run which he originally set up for his silver Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2018.

Following the closure of St Peter's School on Friday 20 March, Rory wasted no time in distributing letters to

a week, on Thursdays and Sundays, and has 15 customers so far.

Rory delivers the soup himself to people in need, using a delivery vehicle fashioned out of a golf trolley and two folding plastic crates. He is observing government guidelines on social distancing and uses disinfected containers, gloves and masks to deliver the food, which he leaves on the doorstep.

The soup he distributes has changed since 2018 when he first launched the soup run. Rory's original recipes were inspired by a cookbook but now he makes soup using whatever he can buy from the supermarket. A recent shopping trip yielded a large quantity of parsnips and red peppers, so parsnip and apple soup and red pepper and coconut soup are on the menu this week.

Rory's selfless actions have already received praise locally, and he recently received a letter of appreciation from Huthwaite Parish Council in recognition of his good work. Carol Fenwick, Chair of the Parish Council, thanked Rory for his 'public-spiritedness in these unprecedented times' and congratulated Rory on his initiative.

A local Tesco store also donated £180 worth of flowers free of charge to Rory, after he explained the purpose of the soup run when trying to purchase the large quantity of vegetables required to make the soup. Rory has since distributed the flowers to older and more vulnerable people in the village, along with his portions of soup.

Rory said: "As I have until June (at the very least) to occupy myself, I thought I might as well do something meaningful with my time. I believe I have helped the local community a great deal and you don't have to take



pandemic. The service also offers a point of contact for residents who live alone with no family to check on them.

Rory usually spends an hour each

the older residents of Huthwaite with information about the soup run and his contact details. Now he delivers nourishing soup to the villagers twice



my word for it, ask any of my satisfied customers! Ideally I would like to help more people but I simply don't have enough containers".

Jeremy Walker, Head Master of St Peter's School, said: "This is a fantastic initiative and I applaud Rory's sense of community spirit at this difficult time. It is great to see the support from Tesco and I know how much Rory's neighbours

will appreciate his hard work and dedication."

Rory is currently studying for A-levels in Geography, Politics, Maths and Biology at St Peter's School and hopes to go to university in 2021, to either Edinburgh or St Andrew's. After completing his silver Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2018, he is hoping to apply for the gold Duke of Edinburgh Award next year.

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Welcome to the latest news from Easingwold Town Council.

Coronavirus

We urge everyone, including the vulnerable as well as young people and children, to strictly follow the government instructions about self-isolation and social distancing as well as hand washing. This is essential if we are to keep vulnerable people in our community safe and to slow the spread of the virus and prevent the NHS becoming overwhelmed. We would also ask people to shop responsibly and not stockpile food and other supplies. It is both unnecessary and incredibly selfish!

Easingwold District Community Care Association (EDCCA) are doing all they can to help people through this very difficult period by co-ordinating volunteers to collect medicines and shopping etc. We have been in contact to offer them any support that we can. So if you need help or know someone who does or wish to volunteer to help others please contact EDDCA on: Tel: 01347 822875 email: info@edcca.org.uk

Cancellations and Closures

As a consequence of the instructions on social distancing and self-isolation we have closed all our play parks and the skate park. In addition number of planned community events have had to be cancelled – these include: Park Run, Egg Run, Great British Spring Clean, Galtres Fun Run, Lions Summer Fair, Rockin' All Over The Wold, Monthly Friendship Tea.

There will be no more face-to-face Council and Committee meetings, including the newly formed Youth Council, and the Annual Parish Assembly scheduled for 22 April will have to be re-arranged.

Outdoor Markets

We have decided to continue to keep our outdoor markets open for food vendors only. This is in line with government guidance and will allow people the opportunity to continue with their food shopping needs. With the reduced number of vendors we will be able to allow more space between stall holders and we would urge people to observe the instructions on social distancing and maintain a 2m distance from other shoppers. We have also instructed the stallholders not to bulk sell. We will keep this under review in the light of further government instructions.

Public Toilets

We have decided to keep the public toilets open as long as we can – subject to ongoing cleaning arrangements and a continued supply of toilet paper and soap.

Concerned about homelessness or a rough sleeper?

Please get in touch with Hambleton District Council and the Housing Options team by telephoning 01609 779977 (during office hours) or 01609 767267 (out of hours including weekends and bank holidays) or email housing3@hambleton.gov.uk You will be offered an appointment within 5 working days depending on the urgency of your situation, and if you are roofless you will be seen on the same day.

Other news

- A grant has been secured towards the costs of extending the horseshoe path to facilitate the Park Run course. However, work will not start on this until the current restrictions on social distancing have been relaxed.

- We are helping to fund four publicly available Defibrillators to be installed outside at the following locations: Howells Veterinary Service on York Road, Easingwold Primary

School Thirsk Road, Hesley Group Centre on the Claypenny estate and a venue to be agreed on Crabmill Lane.

- We are continuing to monitor the effect of the Vehicle Activate Speed Signs (VAS) on driver behaviour and have been moving them to other locations around the Town on a rotational basis.

- A contract has been awarded for the upgrade of the Ladies toilet and we hope that work will start as soon as possible subject the impact of the Coronavirus.

- A contract has been awarded for upgrading the Bandstand in the Memorial Park and work should start as soon as possible subject to the impact of the Coronavirus.

- A range of tree planting has taken place in Millfields and some additional trees have been planted in the car park.

- A tree survey of the Claypenny estate has been completed and appropriate works will be planned in as soon as possible/appropriate subject to the impact of the Coronavirus.

- A contract has been awarded to manage Mallison Hill woods and work will take place soon, subject to the impact of the Coronavirus.

ZETLAND STREET WORK HALTED

Work on a major improvement scheme in Northallerton has been halted due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Zetland Street work – which was expected to be completed next month (May) – was brought to a stop last week when contractors agreed it was not safe for the people on site, in light of the new social distancing rules.

The compound was made safe, extra signage put in place and the traffic lights removed before the site was closed. The situation is being reviewed on a regular basis with the site to be reopened as soon as it is possible – and safe – to do so.

The work involves widening

the footways and narrowing the carriageway to single vehicle width, with loading, taxi and parking bays. The footpaths will be paved in York stone and trees will be planted on the northern side of the footpath.

To date new drainage has been completed and the contractors were about to begin laying new kerbstones – their delivery from a Scottish quarry has also been delayed.

The improvements support the Treadmills retail and leisure development on the former prison site, upgrading vital links between the High Street and East Road, the main shopping area and the new development.

- The work is part of a joint £4.5m project for town centre improvements between Hambleton District Council and North Yorkshire County Council. The project has received £3.2m from the government's Local Growth Fund, secured through the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, with the remaining cost being borne by CNDCL (Central Northallerton Development Company), the developers of Treadmills and an element of match funding from Hambleton District Council.

Improvements will also be made to two ginnels, New Row and Central Arcade. These are privately owned but are public rights of way. To make them more inviting, the ginnels will be surfaced in York stone and the boundary walls enhanced. Footways on Elder Road will be extended. Work on the Central Arcade had begun – and has also been halted.

Changes to weddings and registrations during coronavirus lockdown

Wedding ceremonies across North Yorkshire have been suspended by the Government as the county tackles the coronavirus outbreak.

The Registration Service has also suspended any appointments to register births, and is asking residents to register deaths over the phone.

The wedding suspension will be reviewed in three weeks' time by the Government and the service will contact all couples affected, giving priority to those who have the most imminent ceremonies.

North Yorkshire County Councillor Greg White, Executive Member for Customer Engagement, said: "We realize people will be disappointed

at having to postpone their wedding plans, but we are also sure that they and their guests will understand just how important it is for all of us to heed the directive to stay at home as we all play our part in tackling the Covid-19 outbreak."

For existing bookings that are postponed or cancelled, revised dates will be accepted from 1 September 2020. New bookings can only be made for dates after 1 January 2021.

At present, the service is unable to say when appointments to register a birth will resume. However, residents can make a claim for child benefit or universal credit prior to the birth being registered.

Those wishing to register a death must do so over the telephone as offices will be shut to personal callers.

When doctors have sent the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death by email, a telephone appointment can be made. Following the call, forms for the undertaker and a formal death certificate will be sent in the post.

Those who have a paper copy of the Medical Certificate from the Doctor, can drop the envelope through a letter box at one of our offices or email it to us at registrars.mccd@northyorks.gov.uk

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Sowerby Parish Council has installed a memorial bench facing the war memorial on Front Street by St Oswald's church. The back of the bench is in the form of cut-out images of soldiers and ambulance crew from the First World War. This has been given in time for the VE Day commemoration on 8 May when, on current plans, there will be a bank holiday.

We are become a nation of desert islands. We are cut off. The streets are empty, almost; shops mostly closed. Where are all the people? Yes, there are dogwalkers out. I have a cat. If I pass someone I know, we exchange words from a distance of at least 2 metres (6ft 6"). I wave wildly at people on the other side of the street, even people I don't know. I hardly dare go into a shop – fortunately I have a guardian angel who goes for me and others and has queued in a long slow line outside Tesco before being shepherded in past bouncers who would normally be keeping the drunks out of Club Amadeus in Northallerton. It's weird. It is a situation none of us has endured before.

These times are hard when the normal reference points of life are lost. It is like walking in fog. You cannot see the distance, and the shapes that you normally recognize are not there. So it



is as we struggle to contain the spread of the coronavirus, a word whose existence was unknown to 99 out of 100 of us at the end of last year. Now it falls from our lips too often.

All the routines are gone. Sunday: put on a suit, collar and tie, and help run the 10.30am service at church, which takes till midday. Maybe go out for lunch. Monday and Tuesday finish writing Tucker Talks, send it off to the editor, move on to the rest of the week. Meetings, events, shopping. All gone.

Easter, a time of great celebration in the church, and in gardens as children rush about in search of eggs, will be a muted affair this year. As the boss of one large clothing retailer put it, you don't buy a new outfit to stay at home.

And it will go on for some time. I think we have to live with it, to be still, to recognize the value of what we have previously taken for granted, such as walking down the street or visiting Saltburn or Sutton Bank, or playing football, or singing in the church choir. People are by instinct gregarious, they like being in contact with each other, and everything is designed that way, and has had to be altered abruptly to fit the global pandemic.

What about "when this is all over"? Well, for one thing it will not be "all

over" in one go, or ever. There will be changes. We have now the time to sit and realize that, for instance, our clothing industry is grossly excessive. We don't actually need all the clothing chains that have filled big stores in town centres. Some of our small local businesses may not be able to take the strain either. The government is throwing money at the present emergency – and it's our money. A Conservative government with a good working majority has effectively nationalized the railways. Is this a chance to throw out the now discredited franchise system and replace it with something that moves us on from an era of expensive and crowded trains? Will the big projects announced with glee in the budget now get the chop because the government has to refocus on paying for all the emergency expenditure? In some ways we are in a wartime economy, and we are seeing dramatically sudden changes – creating new hospitals, new financial support for people and businesses, which would normally just not happen. In 1948 the American government generously created the Marshall Plan to pay for rebuilding Europe. I doubt they will be doing the same this time.

Pictured Sowerby's new bench.



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Theft on trailer in Easingwold

Between the hours of 12:30 - 18:15 on 07/04/2020 unknown person/s have stolen a plain white Arctic trailer which is fitted with 2 black boxes for refrigeration from a farm in the area of North Moor Rd in Easingwold.

If anyone has seen any suspicious vehicle or persons in the area around that time could they please contact North Yorkshire Police on 101 quoting reference number 12200057267.

The key workers ensuring other key workers can do their jobs

Key highways workers have been praised for their efforts in helping other key workers, including those in the NHS and social care, to deliver their essential services efficiently.

North Yorkshire County Council and its highways contractors, including main contractor Ringway, are continuing to deliver roads maintenance during the Covid-19 outbreak to ensure that others who need to travel to provide crucial services or deliver vital food and other supplies can do so with confidence.

County Councillor Don Mackenzie, Executive Member for Access, said: "There is no question that by keeping the county's roads in good repair our highways workers are providing an essential service and they should be proud of their contribution."

"It is vital that the network remains safe. While, quite rightly, far fewer of us are travelling, it is important that the standard of our roads is maintained. NHS staff, social care workers, teachers, delivery drivers and others providing essential services at this very difficult time do not need the extra burden of worrying about the condition of the roads or footways they need to travel. The fact that traffic levels on our roads are reduced to a minimum means that our repair work can be carried out quickly, efficiently and with little or no disruption."

The County Council takes very seriously Government guidance around social distancing and the need for workers to stay safe.

Government guidance following the announcement of further social distancing restrictions last month is

that construction, including street and road works, should continue where it can be undertaken in accordance with Public Health England and industry guidance. Travel permitted for work includes construction workers operating on site.

Cllr Mackenzie added: "We take the safety of our employees and contractors very seriously and are observing the guidance on social distancing."

Since the current Government restrictions were introduced on 23 March, North Yorkshire's highways service has received more than 500 service requests from customers and highways officers and contractors have repaired almost 800 defects on the county's highways network.

Alongside this ongoing work, the County Council intends to begin its annual surface dressing programme as soon as possible in the weeks after Easter. Each year, this programme runs through the summer and extends the life of hundreds of miles of the county's roads that could otherwise be more susceptible to damage during the winter months. This year's schedule is being reviewed to focus initially on rural roads where the locations facilitate social distancing more easily.

Cllr Mackenzie said: "All of this work contributes to the safe, efficient operation of the highways network so other key workers can do what they need to do."

Picture shows: A highways worker uses a kerb lifter, a piece of equipment that aids social distancing by enabling one person to do a job that would otherwise require two.



"Edibles" drug warning to parents and carers

North Yorkshire Police's School Liaison Team is warning parents and carers about drug-infused sweets and chocolate.

The officers have been made aware of a recent increase in availability and use of "Edibles" across North Yorkshire.

This worrying trend has also been flagged-up as a concern through the Multi Agency Child Exploitation meetings.

PC Lauren Green said: "We want to make parents and carers aware that we have seen a slight rise in young people being in possession of drug-infused sweets known as 'edibles'."

"They can look very similar to well-known sweets such as Haribo, Smarties and chocolate bars. 'Edibles' can be laced with illegal drugs such as cannabis and MDMA."

"Unregulated sweets like these are dangerous as we don't know what levels of drugs they contain. They are available to buy on the internet and so could easily be obtained by young people, especially at this time when they are using the internet more than ever due to the coronavirus restrictions."

If you require further information, guidance and support, please visit the North Yorkshire Police website www.northyorkshire.police.uk/staying-safe/young-people-and-drugs-where-to-get-help/

Anyone with information about suspected illegal drug use or drug dealing is urged to call North Yorkshire Police on 101.

If you would prefer to remain anonymous, please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

How North Yorkshire’s wildlife photography pioneers inspired Sir David

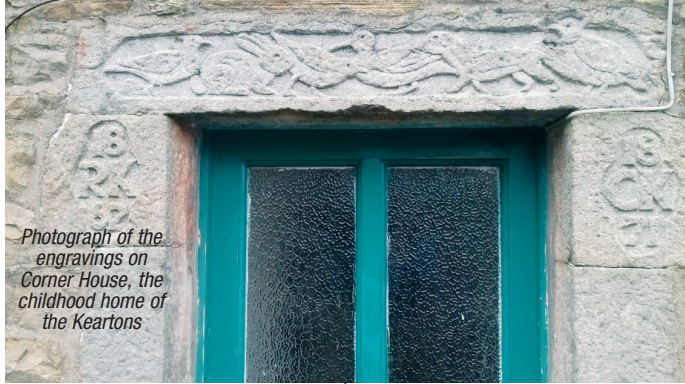
Two brothers who inspired Sir David Attenborough in his choice of career are the latest nominees in the Great North Yorkshire Sons and Daughters campaign.

The campaign, launched by North Yorkshire County Council and drawing on its County Record Office archives and the work of local history groups, is searching for those figures from the past who define what it means to be Made in North Yorkshire.

surrounding the front door, including animals and the brothers’ initials and years of birth.

Helen Guy, trustee of Keld Resource Centre, said: “Their passion for wildlife photography was so apparent that it is thought to have inspired a young Sir David Attenborough to pursue a career in wildlife film and photography.

“He wrote a letter to us saying ‘the brothers virtually invented natural history photography, Cherry’s cinema



Photograph of the engravings on Corner House, the childhood home of the Keartons

The third nominees in the series are brothers and wildlife photographers Richard and Cherry Kearton who were born in Thwaite, Upper Swaledale. Through their innovative methods, extensive travels, books and films and sheer commitment to their craft, they allowed people across the world to see and learn about the natural world.

Richard was the elder brother, born in January 1862, and Cherry was born in July 1871. They had another brother and two sisters. The brothers came from humble roots; they were brought up in relative poverty at a time when the Swaledale lead mines were in decline.

Day to day life, as well as the surrounding landscape, could be harsh, but also offered great opportunity for inspiration and adventure. Their father, John Kearton, taught the brothers where to find birds’ nests and how to identify bird songs.

Their grandfather, Cherry, a keen fisherman, taught them to fish. The brothers spent their childhood surrounded by people with a shared passion for the natural world.

Richard and Cherry lived at Corner House with their family. This has been remembered as the childhood home of the Kearton brothers with engravings

film about the penguins on Dassen Island captivated me when I saw it as a boy back in the 1930s; which is absolutely amazing when you think about it.”

The brothers always pushed themselves and the limits of the photographic technology available at the time. To achieve many of the wildlife photographs that they captured, they created natural hides where they could sit and wait for birds and other animals to return to their habitats whilst in disguise.

Their hides included an artificial ox, which they constructed with the help of a taxidermist and covered in ox skin. The brothers would crouch inside the ox and position the camera on top of a wooden frame inside and wait patiently for the right shot.

As a result of their innovative techniques, in 1892 the brothers became the first to take a photograph of a birds’ nest with eggs inside. They had to overcome many physical obstacles to capture their shots. This included climbing sheer cliffs and waiting patiently for hours in often claustrophobic conditions, without moving. They were utterly committed to getting the perfect shot, no matter the risk.

The brothers cemented their



the first photograph of a birds’ nest with eggs, taken by Cherry Kearton in 1892

partnership through the publication of several books together. Richard would write the content and Cherry would take the photographs. In 1895, the brothers published their first ground-breaking book, ‘British Birds’ Nests How, Where and When to Find and Identify Them’.

It was seen as revolutionary as it was the first nature book illustrated throughout by photographs. Both brothers were determined to learn as much as they could about nature

creativity offered by the county’s rural landscape.

“We have received several nominations, but are looking for more. We would love the public to continue getting involved with Great North Yorkshire Sons and Daughters, which has proved so popular. If you feel there is someone who made a difference to your community in the past, please contact us.”

Nominations can be sent to MadelnNorthYorkshire@northyorks.gov.uk.



Photograph of the Kearton brothers’ famous ox hide, where they could sit inside and shoot animals whilst in disguise

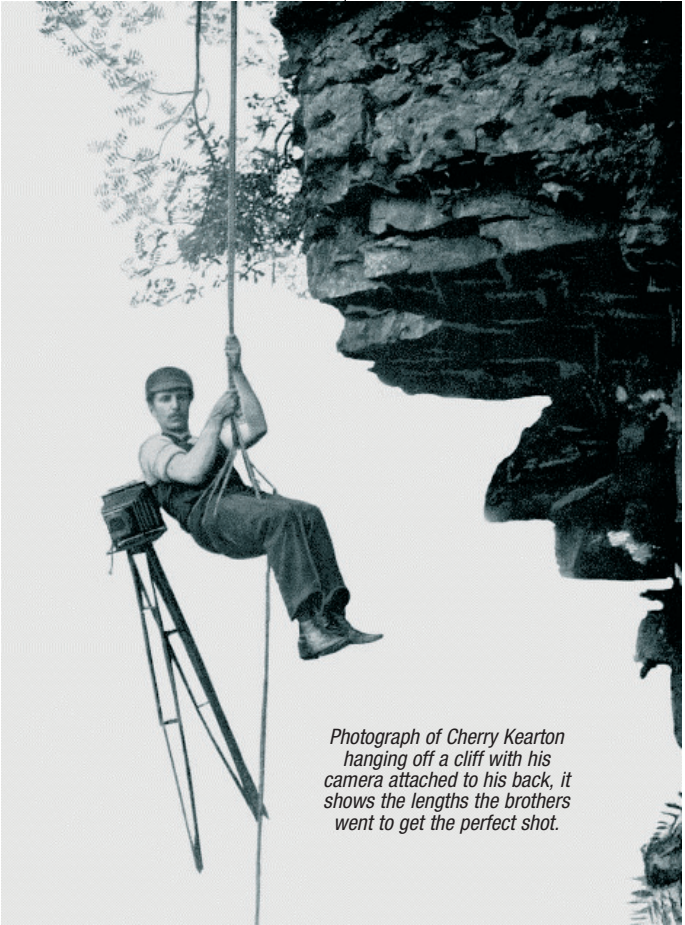
through practical research.

Leader of North Yorkshire County Council Councillor Carl Les said: “In these unprecedented times, it is important that we still look to celebrate the things that make us North Yorkshire, including our heritage, determination, and innovation. The Kearton brothers’ work shows the opportunities for inspiration and

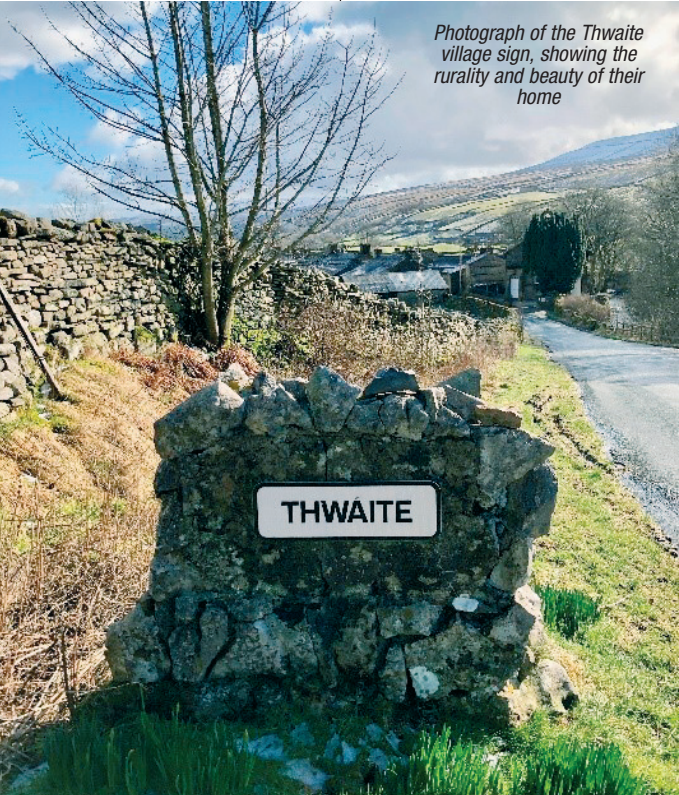
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Ten life stories will be featured in the series, after which the public will be invited to vote to find the greatest son or daughter.

Read more about the Kearton Brothers and Made in North Yorkshire at: www.northyorks.gov.uk/made-in-north-yorkshire



Photograph of Cherry Kearton hanging off a cliff with his camera attached to his back, it shows the lengths the brothers went to get the perfect shot.



Photograph of the Thwaite village sign, showing the rurality and beauty of their home

County Council to provide Easter relief operation

With the Easter bank holiday approaching, people made vulnerable and isolated by the Covid-19 pandemic and who need help with things like shopping, prescriptions and other essentials, are asked to be prepared.

With Easter coming North Yorkshire County Council is gearing up to lead a relief service but is also asking people affected to plan ahead.

Gary Fielding, the county council’s Director of Strategic Resources said: “We are working with 23 community support organizations alongside partners and the voluntary sector to help people who don’t have local support networks. But our volunteers who have been working flat out and our incredible community support organizations will be taking a well-deserved break to recharge ready for next week.

“Some shops may also be closed and delivery services might not be running, so think ahead about what you might need. We have staff and extra volunteers ready to help meet any additional demand and as far as possible to make sure nobody slips through the net, but we are also asking those affected to do some forward planning.”

The county council customer service centre is now open seven days a week and will continue to take calls from people who need help and support across the bank holiday weekend.

The council is also contacting people who have been told to stay at home because they are in the most vulnerable groups, to make sure they are getting the help they need.

Gary fielding said: “Looking ahead to the bank holiday weekend we are asking two things of our residents:

- “That people in need of help keep in mind that some shops might not be open and therefore if they need help with shopping or other essentials to let us know;
- “That neighbours and friends who are looking after people in their community call to let us know about someone who might be vulnerable if they are not able to help over the coming holiday.”

People in need of help or who will need the county council to support vulnerable friends and neighbours should call North Yorkshire County Council’s customer service centre on 01609 780780. The centre is open seven days a week 8am-5:30pm.

Petrol prices fall to nearly £1 per litre during coronavirus pandemic

News this week has revealed that the cost of petrol in the UK is approaching £1 per litre for the first time since 2016 amid the coronavirus pandemic. Car insurance expert at Confused.com Alex Kindred says:

“Almost one in three (32%) drivers told us that fuel prices make it less affordable to run a car. The average price for petrol and diesel was up at 127p and 132p per litre respectively in January. Now, it’s fallen to 119p and 122p in the space of three months. This week alone, prices have dropped dramatically, by 1.2p for petrol and 1.3p for diesel, which is great news for drivers that still need to use their vehicles.

“But the rapid fluctuation in prices, as well as varying costs between regions and suppliers makes it confusing to know when and where we’re going to get the best deal.

“To help you find the cheapest fuel in your local area, you can use our petrol price finder to search for the best price. That way, you can avoid paying over the odds.”

Herriot Hospice Homecare statement on Department of Health and Social Care funding package for UK hospices

Herriot Hospice Homecare Chief Executive Tony Collins said: "Our priority is to be a meaningful part of the healthcare response to this crisis, and therefore, our primary focus remains on supporting our community and NHS colleagues in as many ways as we can.

"We welcome this investment in the hospice movement. It is exactly what we need to be able to continue to care for people affected by terminal illness and bereavement and support our community with their emotional wellbeing.

"This includes keeping as many of our traditional services running as possible so we can help release pressure from the NHS.

"At the same time we are also working with our NHS partners and other organisations to develop new services in response to the new and unmet need in our community due to COVID-19. An example of this is our new Just 'B' Hear to Help line for those feeling anxious or struggling with their emotional wellbeing across Hambleton and Richmondshire, which can be accessed by calling (01423)



856 799.

"We do this in the context of a significant drop in some income streams with the closure of our shops and the postponement of many other fundraising events and activities, which makes this support from the government all the more welcome and very gratefully received." Pictured: Herriot Hospice Homecare Chief Executive Tony Collins.

Government clarifies furloughing rules after CLA lobbying

The Country Land and Business Association (CLA) has welcomed clarification by the UK Government that furloughed workers will be able to seek alternative employment on the country's farms if their contract allows.

The CLA is predicting a shortfall of up to 80,000 casual and seasonal employees for the fruit and vegetable picking season without urgent action.

To date, some 26,000 people have responded to the call for a new 'land army' of UK-based workers to fill the labour shortage.

CLA President Mark Bridgeman said: "Thousands of people are coming forward to help farmers feed the nation. This is wonderful news and shows a tremendous 'can do' attitude

at these difficult times. Make no mistake, we still need many more to do the same.

"Up until this week, there was a lack of clarity around the rules concerning furloughed workers – specifically whether they can take up a temporary job while still under an employment contract.

"To their credit, the UK Government has listened to industry warnings and has now made it clear that if you are furloughed, you should be able to undertake seasonal paid employment to supplement your income. For this to work, it is vital that employers take heed and release their furloughed staff from any contractual obligations limiting their ability to seek alternative work."

Easingwold Ladies Club March meeting

Mrs Rose Woods our Chairman welcomed members and a guest to the meeting and introduced our speaker for the evening. Mrs J Aston was joined by her husband, the talk this evening was "Shackleton's Journey".

Ernest Henry Shackleton was born on 15 February 1874 in County Kildare, Ireland. His father was a doctor. The family moved to London where Shackleton was educated. Rejecting his father's wish that he become a doctor, he joined the merchant navy when he was 16 and qualified as a master mariner in 1898. He travelled widely but was keen to explore the poles.

In 1901, Shackleton was chosen to go on the Antarctic expedition led by British naval officer Robert Falcon Scott on the ship 'Discovery'. With Scott and one other, Shackleton trekked towards the South Pole in extremely difficult conditions, getting closer to the Pole than anyone had come before. Shackleton became seriously ill and had to return home but had gained valuable experience.

In August 1914, Ernest Shackleton and his brave crew set out to cross the frozen wastes of Antarctica.

It was to be a Trans Polar journey on the ship Endurance, 2 camps would be set up with foods and stores.

There were stowaways - a cat and a chippie called Harry McNish, his cats name was Mrs Chippy. The ship was caught in the ice and could not land.

A book was written by the American Caroline Alexander and details the daily life as seen through the eyes of the cat. It is accurate and for instance when the cat says they played football

it is recorded in Shackleton's diary.

There was a dog handler onboard who was not keen on the cat as it would walk along the top of the kennels disturbing the dogs.

The ship had to stay trapped in the ice for several months. McNish had to strengthen the wooden sides of the ship as the ice was pushing against it. They had to use 3 lifeboats to get to Elephant Island then one lifeboat went on further to South Georgia.

Shackleton and 5 men went in one lifeboat to South Georgia navigating by the sun and the stars. The remaining men remained 800 miles away in Antarctica. They landed at Cave Court, Stromness on the opposite side to where ships normally land, eventually they were rescued.

Only essentials could be taken on the journey, the young pups and the cat were shot. The glass plates for the camera had to be rationed in so far as the weight they took up.

McNish returned to England then went straight back to New Zealand leaving his family behind. He received full military honours for his funeral in 1928. Later the New Zealand government add a bronze statue to his grave. His grandson says this statue would mean more to him than the Antarctica medal, which he never received. The dog handler or McNish never received this honour.

Four attempts were made to get back to Elephant Island. The dogs had to be eaten for food and the men survived on shellfish.

Percy died in 1949 aged 53 years. He had to have several toes removed in a makeshift "theatre".

Stay away from the Yorkshire Coast this Easter weekend to save lives

The Yorkshire Coast is closed this Easter weekend with people from across North Yorkshire and around the country being urged to stay away despite the warm weather.

The message comes from Robert Goodwill, MP for Scarborough and Whitby, Julia Mulligan, North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Joe Plant, North Yorkshire County Councillor, who are joining forces to encourage individuals and families to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

Government advice is for those who leave their house to exercise to stay local, use open spaces near to their home and not to travel unnecessarily.

Despite that, the three leaders are worried that the Bank Holiday will see residents from across North Yorkshire, and tourists from further afield, make the journey to the Coast. There have already been worrying reports of people arriving on the Coast ahead of Easter to visit their second homes or to holiday.

Robert Goodwill, MP for Scarborough and Whitby, said:

"I have been appalled to see so many tourists visiting the Yorkshire Coast, with particularly worrying scenes in places like Whitby where the narrow streets make it impossible to stay apart from other people.

"I continue to receive really alarming emails and letters from residents and workers who are seeing visitors coming to the area to stay in their second homes or, amazingly, come on holiday. These selfish individuals



seem to believe there is nothing wrong with making a trip from elsewhere in North Yorkshire or beyond.

"My message to those people is – there is, and you must stay away. Unless you permanently live here, unless your journey is essential, you must stay at home. The next few days are crucial in our fight against coronavirus. Anyone can catch it, anyone can spread it and you are putting lives at risk."

Julia Mulligan, North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, said:

"This weekend, the sun may be out – but you shouldn't be. This isn't the time for day trips or picnics or parties so if you're thinking of making a trip in or to the Yorkshire Coast, our message is simple – don't.

"I know North Yorkshire is beautiful in the sunshine – but it'll still be beautiful when all this is over and, when that time comes, we'll welcome you with open arms. But, for now,

please – stay away, stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives."

Joe Plant, North Yorkshire County Councillor, said:

"This may be a Bank Holiday weekend but it is definitely not business as usual.

"I know the Coast is tempting, and we want you to come and see us when all this is over, but we don't want you to come now. Please stay at home, please stay away, please don't be selfish enough to threaten the lives of those who live here by spreading this horrific virus."

North Yorkshire Police has patrols in place and will be out and about in numbers over the coming days encouraging people to follow the restrictions, explaining why they are so important and enforcing the regulations where necessary.

They will be turning people away who do not live on the Yorkshire Coast permanently or have travelled too far to take exercise.

LOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE NHS



A banner supporting the NHS outside ETC-Wainwright Bathrooms on Stillington Road, Easingwold

HAMBLETON PAYS OUT MILLIONS TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES IN NEED

Hambleton District Council (HDC) is now paying out thousands of business grants in response to the Covid-19 crisis, with more than £11 million pounds worth paid out so far.

From Wednesday 25th March, businesses across Hambleton have been able to apply for the grants designed to help and support them during the most challenging of times, with an estimated 2800 businesses eligible.

So far, 1687 applications have been received with 58% (976) already processed and almost all of these paid out before the weekend.

Our team are working hard to get through grant applications as quickly as possible with more grants being paid out every day. We anticipate all grants which are straight forward to process, will be paid out by the end of next week.

Councillor Mark Robson Leader of HDC said: "This is great news for Hambleton's business community

who've been hit hard during this crisis. I hope it sends out a clear message; your council are behind you and will do everything possible to minimize the impact of Covid-19 on local businesses.

"The team are doing a fantastic job of working through the applications and really appreciate your support and understanding as they work to get through them all as quickly as possible. You can help by making sure you have your business rates reference number handy. This can be found on the demand notice posted out on 12th March and will help the team process your application quicker."

I hope the grants go some way to helping and supporting our local businesses as we work through this unprecedented and challenging time together."

For more information or to apply please visit: <https://www.hambleton.gov.uk/businessgrantfunding>

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Coronavirus Pandemic

Please note that due to the Covid-19 virus our staff are working from home.

You can still contact us during working hours using the normal telephone numbers: 01347 822875 or 01347 822598 for the Car Scheme or by email at: info@edcca.org.uk

We are co-ordinating volunteers to assist people in Easingwold and the surrounding villages who are self-isolating or in need of help with shopping and collecting prescriptions. Please let us know if you are willing to volunteer or need help.

Thank you

Day Centre and Woven Branches is currently closed and all minibus outings have been cancelled until further notice due to the Covid-19 virus.

Meals on Wheels

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Easingwold District Community Care Association has extended this service to 5 days a week - Monday to Friday.

The meals service supplies a freshly cooked, nutritious, hot two course meal, delivered by a team of friendly volunteers. This service is currently offered in a number of local areas. Please contact Helen Beck on 07541 356046 or email: helen.beck@edcca.org.uk

The daily cost is £6.80 with free delivery. Payment will be by invoice.

Old Photos of Easingwold

Brought in by Dr Robin Gibson, son of Marie Jeanne Gibson (Neé Brokes) who was at school here and daughter of Dr Philip Brookes (local GP) - 1920's. *Easingwold Convent - visit of ? (Guide) 1935*



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EASTER BIN COLLECTIONS

Bin collections across Hambleton will be affected by the Easter holidays.

Despite the COVID 19 crews are working hard to try to maintain all kerbside collections of Recycling, Garden and General Household Waste.

There are no changes to collections this week (6 April) - with crews working as normal on Good Friday.

However, the following week (week beginning 13 April) all collections will be one day late due to Easter Monday, with Friday collections taking place on Saturday 18 April.

Residents are reminded that they must have subscribed to the garden waste subscription service otherwise their green bin will not be emptied and must be displaying the new green sticker licence - only bins displaying the correct licence will be collected

• Subscriptions for the 2020 - 2021 garden waste collection service are now available. Household can have more than one licence. The annual subscription charge is £40 per licence - each bin requires its own licence. However, there may be a delay for new sticker requests to supply issues

caused by the current situation

• Subscriptions are valid from Monday 30 March 2020 to Friday 26 March 2021. There are no exemptions, concessions or discounts for joining at a later date. Licences are not transferrable, non-refundable and are only valid for the property for which they were purchased.

Due to the effects on staff numbers delivering services due to COVID 19 precautions the following services will not be undertaken until further notice;

• Special collections are to be suspended

• We will be unable to return for bins once the lorry has been past your property

• There will be limited or no collections of fly tipped material

• Road sweeping by the mechanical road sweeper is to be suspended

• Large and bulky waste removal services have been suspended

For further information on COVID 19, bin collection dates and to purchase garden waste licence check out hambleton.gov.uk

Thirsk Community Care & Thirsk Clock

Thirsk Clock and Thirsk Community Care (now known jointly as Thirsk Community Works)

For more information, including volunteering opportunities, you can visit thirskcommunitycare.org.uk or thirskclock.com

Church Hall, St James Green, Thirsk, YO7 1AQ

Tel: 01845 524 494 E-mail: info@theclock.org

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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