

This is part 2 of

***The GEDLING MAGAZINE***

***Online edition for November  
2020***



## ODE TO MY HYDRANGEA

Near the back door, out of danger,  
Stands my favourite pink hydrangea.  
Sturdy, strong, robust and striking;  
Vivid pink with green I'm liking.  
Massive pompoms curving round;  
Now it's four feet from the ground.  
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Soduko for November. Answers in December's Magazine

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Answers to October's Soduko puzzle

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# November's Quiz

Traditionally this month is one in which we embrace 'remembering' but can you link these events with past Novembers. Just for fun link the year with the event.

1605, 1843, 1850, 1858, 1917, 1922, 1936, 1953, 1963, 1968, 1984, 2003

- A. The World's first TV service was broadcast by the BBC
- B. Queen Victoria is proclaimed Ruler of India
- C. Guy Fawkes arrested for his part in the Gunpowder Plot
- D. The Red Guards seize control and confirm Lenin as leader of Russia.
- E. The statue of Lord Nelson was raised to the top of a column in Trafalgar Sqr.
- F. Death of the flamboyant Welsh bard Dylan Thomas at the age of 39.
- G. The largest passenger liner, Queen Elizabeth,, docked after her last transatlantic voyage.
- H. President John F. Kennedy is shot and killed in Dallas, Texas.
- I. Band Aid rock stars record "Do They Know It's Christmas"
- J. A Local Government Act repeals anti-gay amendment Section 28.
- K. Archaeologist Howard Carter open the tomb of Tutankhamun.
- L. Birth of Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson author of Treasure Island.

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## Answers to October's 'Food' Quiz

1. Mushy Peas & Mint Sauce
2. Sugar Dummy
3. Hot Dog & Mustard
4. 99 Flake with Strawberry Sauce
5. Edinburgh Rock
6. Brandy Snaps
7. Grantham Gingerbread Biscuits
8. Potato Twirls
9. Veggie Burger
10. Toffee Apple
11. Candy Floss
12. Cock-on-a-Stick

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## Gardening Notes ~ *Greenfingers Gretton*

One of the success stories of the year, my carrots, continues with tasty, good-sized carrots still readily available. I know that I have to be aware of frosts, but I really don't want to go to the trouble of building a storage clamp for them so we're eating as many as possible and sharing with neighbours too. Surprisingly, I'm still harvesting outdoor tomatoes and cucumbers, although I think this is really the end of the road for them with temperatures dropping.



There was a sad incident early last month, when my neighbour found a dead badger in the Ouse Brook Dyke. It was half-in a reusable shopping bag which gave us some worried thoughts about how the badger and bag arrived in the stream. By a happy coincidence the Environment Agency team arrived on one of their regular patrols and they willingly took the badger away with them. It's that time of year when the garden needs to be tidied up. I've already done some extensive pruning on the blackberries, cutting out all of this year's fruiting stems and tying in the new ones to carry fruit next year. Now it's simply a routine of moving around the garden to cut back anything that's got a bit too big for its boots and to remove as many weeds as possible so that plants don't have to compete for space or water. This also leaves the ground clear to put down a layer of mulch to feed the plants and also prevent weed growth over winter. I'm sure that you will know the story of Pandora's box – after almost everything had escaped from the box, the lid was slammed down and the only thing left inside was hope. The one thing that gardeners have in abundance is hope. Whatever has gone wrong in a growing season there's always the hope that next year will be better. The most concrete evidence of gardeners' hope is in the buying of seeds now ready to get a start early next year. I now have a stock of beetroot, radish, lettuce, cucumber and spring onion seeds. I'm particularly interested in trying spring onions as a slug barrier as my daughter found that they worked well for most of the year. One thing I'll be trying next year as part of my watering regime is using the 4-pint empty milk bottles as reservoirs for each plant. Simply cut off the bottom of the bottle, make a hole in the lid large enough to allow water to trickle through then screw the lid on tightly. Half bury the bottle next to the plant you want to water (it'll be tomatoes in my case) then all you have to do is top up the bottle and the plant draws the water direct to its roots. Feeding tomatoes is easy, because food is taken up at ground level so you just pour the feed on the ground next to the plant.

No matter what madness may be occurring in the world around, appreciate whatever outside space you have, and cling firmly to the hope of better things to come. Whatever the world is doing, snowdrops will emerge, daffodils will bloom and birds will sing.

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## On the ferocity of the church's Bridge drive

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My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that we should hold a sponsored hymn-singing bicycle ride through the village as a way of raising money was well-meant, but I am not wholly convinced it would suit our clientele here at St James the Least of All.

You may have musical bike rides, but we have Bridge drives, although socially distanced at the moment, of course. But even at two metres apart, our Bridge games are generally as amiable and peaceful as bear baiting. Half of those attending will see the afternoon as an opportunity to catch up on local gossip and to exchange knitting patterns, the game of cards being a minor hindrance to these other activities. The other half arrive primed for a battle to the death, reluctantly conceding that eye-gouging is not allowed. They will demand total silence - which is wholly ignored by those at the tables discovering what Mrs Trumpington confided to Lady Driver halfway through 'Onward Christian Soldiers' at last Sunday's Mattins. The congregation is eternally grateful to Mrs Mitchell, who as a former mill worker is able to lip read.

Refreshments have been hit hard by Covid-19 of course, and the fact that everyone has to bring their own sandwich and drink has rather spoiled the fun. Usually half our players regard lunchtime as an opportunity to put jam on the cards, spill tea on the score cards and make sure that the other tables get the egg and cress sandwiches while they corner the boiled ham; the others usually see it as an unwelcome interruption to the serious business of slaughtering their opponents. It is so sad that Covid-19 has halted this merry comradery.

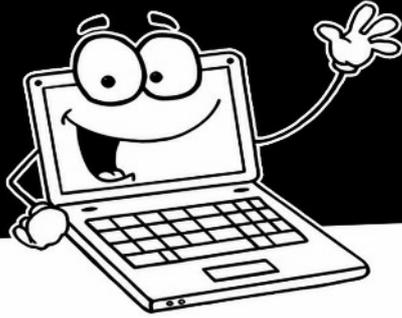
As for drawing the raffle, it is the adult equivalent of ringing the school bell at going-home time. Half the players will immediately dash off to relay newly mined seams of gossip throughout the village, leaving the others holding reproachful post-mortems with their partners over their bidding mistakes.

Reproaches are never too violent, however, since the chances are that they will all be meeting again the following afternoon round a socially distanced card table at another location, for yet another re-enactment of the slaughter at Agincourt. The only difference will be that the French and English were not entertained with tea and sandwiches at half time.

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## THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD

**By Neil Kenrick**

My intention for November was to leave the joys of the Queen's Silver Jubilee of 1977 behind but several of the articles in the 1977 magazines caused me to pause and return to that year.

No-one can have failed to notice over the past few months how the landscape of the village has been altered considerably. Anyone walking the Country Park, particularly at the weekend, could not fail to miss the huge trucks parked in lines like attentive gargantuan dinosaurs on the land which is the new road, or indeed most days spotted hundreds of orange coated construction workers swarming like ants over an area which seems to have been on the local agenda for ever.....

In 1977 (although I'm certain this wasn't the first time the idea of a Gedling by pass had been discussed), Canon Watson diverts his attention from the Queen's Jubilee to discuss the threat to the community a new road might bring.

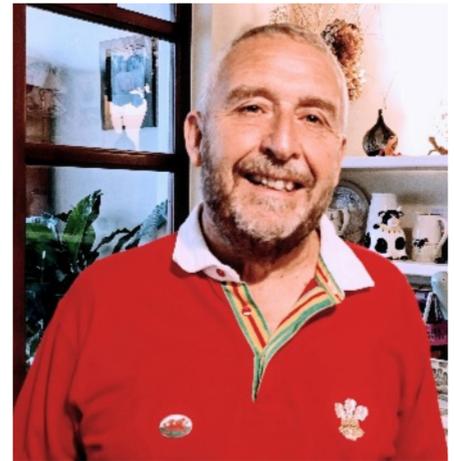
In a preamble in March he felt that life had become more and more complicated, with meaningful relationships becoming more and more impersonal. Pupils in schools, personnel in firms, members of local authorities are unknown to each other. Great residential conurbations presented little opportunity for the development of the kind of community life which should be possible in a village. This was his opening salvo!

In April he recalls a time when Arnold Lane was almost devoid of traffic, winding its 'charming way from Gedling Cross where the old school stood (now the site of the Memorial Hall) opposite the fountain leading to All Hallows as it had done for a thousand years'. He explains how with the onset of motorised transport the lane became a 'cut-through'. The road past the church was widened, straightened and parking restrictions were imposed. With resultant speeding and increased noise, serious danger of collision had now become a reality. What was once a tranquil idyll was now filled with heavy commercial vehicles( and not just from the colliery nearby) even at night.

Transport changes had been accepted by locals as the price of urban development and though it was futile and reactionary to plead for a retention of the old-time rustic village lanes, progress was proving a serious menace. There was a great need for the conservation of old buildings of historic importance, for the protection of rural amenities and the safeguarding of community interests. A plan for a LOOP Road had been presented and parishioners were invited to the Memorial Hall at the end of that month to take part in a public consultation. May's Magazine outlined the proposals and there was a certain amount of editorial outrage at the 'Preferred Scheme'

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The 'Preferred Scheme' was to extend the proposed road by-passing Colwick and Netherfield and taking it from the Royal Oak (later to become the Inn For A Penny) via Waverley Avenue, across the newly named Willow Park, across both Jessop's and Lambley Lane, heading past the colliery and beyond. The editorial derides the 'Preferred Scheme' saying that it would cause the demolition of property, the destruction of mature gardens and parkland. It would mean controlled junctions, the 'blocking off' of certain streets. The strategy would have cut Gedling in two and would cause much human misery. The editorial offered an alternative - a road to the right of Gedling House. This, it was felt, would cause the minimum of human distress and communal dislocation. Furthermore to halt the Colwick/Netherfield Loop road at the Royal Oak (Inn For A Penny) would inevitably mean that at a later stage the road would continue through the village. The Editorial ended with the battle-cry  
GIVE US A REAL OUTER LOOP ROAD DON'T CUT GEDLING IN TWO

The editorials did much to galvanise public opinion and in June 1977, despite pre-occupation with the Jubilee, a poem was published in the magazine:

THE ROAD POEM OF GEDLING VILLAGE

To the people of Gedling, I hear you're in fear  
Of losing your front lawns, and even your rear,  
In some cases, shops, trees and abode  
Will come crashing down to make way for "that road".

The frustrated owners are fighting the plan,  
To split up their village for car, truck, and van,  
They don't want division, but to stay as they are,  
They don't want their gardens scooped up for the car.

Two routes to the village route A, and route B,  
But the people of Gedling want Outer Route C.  
To by-pass their village is a choice far less cruel,  
Go down Burton Road and behind 'Willows' School.

The route may be chosen, but cost here is more,  
But the previous plan has an obvious flaw.  
When councils of old drew the plan up for the roads,  
they had not quite counted on present abodes.

The loop to work truly, must really go east,  
For there it IS outer and can work at its best.  
But the people of Gedling can go safely to bed,  
The County could build an airport instead!

*T.Brown June 1977 (Abridged)*

I wonder what Canon Watson would have made of all the current developments?  
*Neil Kendrick*

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**Frank Knowles Chair FofGHW**

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They are also very heavy!

It was not possible to hold the usual AGM this year and Covid-19 restrictions mean it is unlikely that we will be able to hold it at all. The Annual Report, available since June, can be seen by going to the webpage: [www.fghw.org.uk](http://www.fghw.org.uk).

A couple of important things happen at the AGM: voting for the committee; and asking questions. The current committee members expressed a willingness to continue to stand for another year, and have continued to do so to ensure that the management of the woods and meadows continues. (Please note that we are a member short on the committee and again would ask for a secretary to help with taking the minutes at the meetings and keeping us all in order.) If you have any questions you would like to ask about the report, the accounts or the woods and meadows, these can be answered personally, if you wish. Alternatively, the questions and answers can be circulated to all members, with the questioner's name remaining anonymous if this is requested.

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Capital Equipment	4448.00	4448.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>41578.33</b>	<b>37800.31</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Balance brought forward	37800.81	36138.01
Add: Excess of Income over expenditure	3778.02	1662.30
	<b>41578.83</b>	<b>37800.31</b>

We hope that the next AGM will be held in June 2021, when we can discuss a further year's development of the woods and meadows, and undertake elections.

Best wishes, Carol (Membership Secretary)

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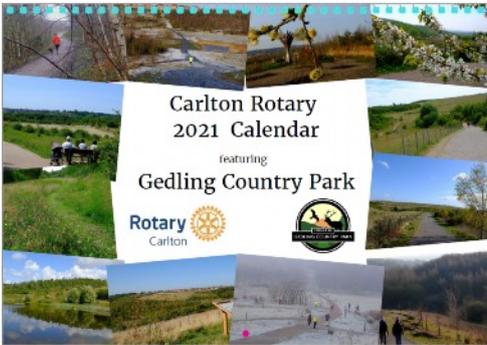


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Our local councillors will be able to help if you have any questions as we go into Tier 3 Restrictions but you are reminded that local parks will remain open so that you can take some exercise in a safe place. Stay safe and follow the new Tier 3 guidance. Giving for Gedling Humanitarian Hub is still open. Anyone

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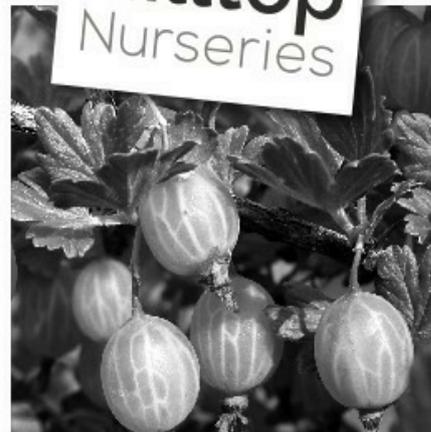
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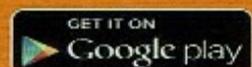
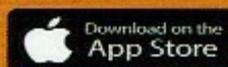
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## News from Gedling Library, Wollaton Ave.

Hello everyone,

The good news is Gedling is now almost back to our old opening hours – we're **open Tuesday and Saturday mornings 10am until 1pm and Thursday afternoons 1pm until 4pm**. It's been so lovely to see so many regulars coming back and borrowing books again, even though we are still having to offer a slightly reduced service.

For anyone who is still not ready to come into the library to choose books but would like some reading material to see them through then we are running our **Click & Collect** service. For more information on this service see our website [www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/click-and-collect-new](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/click-and-collect-new) or contact Ask Inspire on 01623 677200.

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We are still unable to do any children's craft activities in the library but from **3rd - 19th December**, we will be holding a **Children's Christmas Colouring Competition**. To enter, pop along to the library and pick up your colouring sheet, colour your picture at home and then return it to the library where it will be displayed in the window. There will be prizes for the best picture, with two age groups: Under 6 and 6 -11, and the winners will be notified on **Tuesday 22nd December**.



Tel: 0115 9876886 or email: [gedling.library@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:gedling.library@inspireculture.org.uk) for more details

Hope to see you soon,  
Stay safe,  
*Sam*

## GEDLING YOUTH CENTRE

“The Gedling Station regeneration project continues with the cafe area getting a new floor and the meeting room recently refurbished looking more homely for when visitors can Call again in numbers.

Visit: [www.gedlingyouth.co.uk](http://www.gedlingyouth.co.uk)

Maintenance work is being carried out with social distancing being observed. Old strip lights being gradually replaced & drain pipes renewed. A new floor is needed in another room and this will be worked on over the winter.

After joining the Gedling Lottery we have sold 97 £1 tickets which will bring in much needed funding.

Thank you to all our lottery supporters. [www.gedlinglotto.co.uk](http://www.gedlinglotto.co.uk)

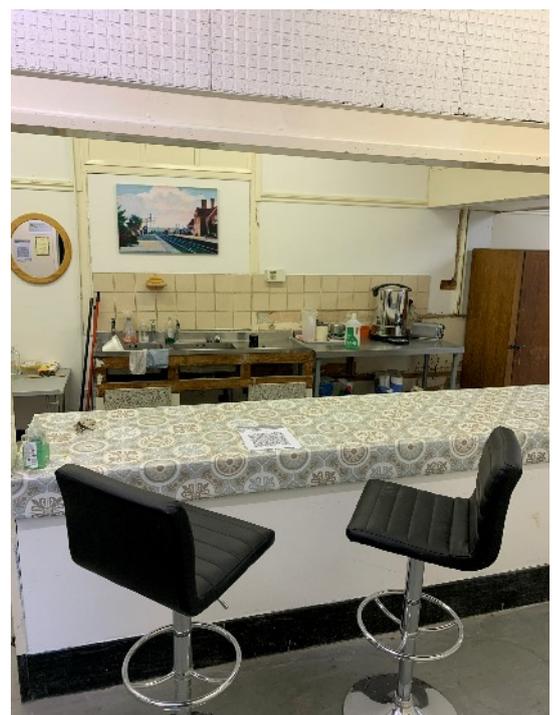


Talks have been held recently on progressing the Heritage Way which is a cycle/walk way from Netherfield to Gedling Country Park passing Gedling Station on the way. This is good news for the project as it is estimated the footfall will be in excess of 200,000 per annum and will attract visitors to the Gedling Youth and Community Hub.

Another source of funding for our long term plans for the young people and wider

community groups, as detailed on the website. More consultations will take place with the Local community as we gather momentum and Covid restrictions are eased hopefully. Stay safe.

*Francis Rodrigues Chair  
Gedling Youth & Community  
Hub.*



## The Gedling Magazine Editorial Group

After 150 years of our village magazine we come to the penultimate edition as the publication will cease in its present form at the end of the year. The Rector in 1871 thought it was worth a try to see if a magazine would catch on and it has been in continuous production ever since. It started as a wrapper around a Victorian booklet called 'Hearth and Home', full of moralistic stories and tales of missionary work 'overseas'. The editions were overseen by the Rector for many years and it was only in the second half of the 20th Century that Roy and May Skellington put together and sourced material with the bought in 'The Sign' as its core pages. Originally text was hand written and passed onto the printers and then May had a typewriter to record articles but it was still down to the printers to re-type into columns. Kathy Wilson took on producing the magazine in 1999 with all home generated items and the pages printed out from her PC were made into the editions.

The present editorial team have been working together for sometime and we had just got to the point of submitting copy electronically to the printers when the pandemic struck and here we find ourselves restricted to being on the internet with no hard copies allowed to be passed onto our regular readers with apologies to them.

A big thank you to all who have supported the magazine over the years - subscribers, advertisers, writers and distributors and we hope you have found it a good read with useful local information.

Best wishes *Rick*



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## This Month's Recipe ~ Almond Fingers

4 oz semolina  
4oz SR flour  
4oz butter  
4oz sugar

1\2 teaspoon almond essence  
1 egg  
apricot jam  
1oz flaked almonds

Pre heat oven to 180, fan 160 or gas 4

Sift semolina, flour, sugar into bowl and rub in butter

Add beaten egg and essence and mix to a stiff paste

Press half the mixture into a swiss roll tin, then spread jam over, spread remaining mixture over jam

Decorate with almonds

Bake for approx 20 mins or until golden brown

Cool and cut into fingers



## SENDING A VIRTUAL HUG TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

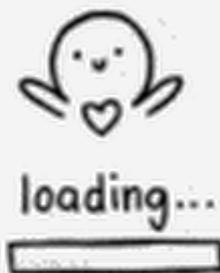
### COVID THOUGHTS

I don't miss the trips abroad,  
The sun's too hot for me.  
I never was a party girl,  
Having champagne for tea.

I did enjoy the shopping trips,  
With time to browse and choose  
The craft and singing groups as well,  
Are things I'm sad to lose.

I don't mind being on my own,  
My bubble is fun too,  
But what I miss the most of all  
Is hugs 'tween me and you.

*Joan Langridge*



ghost hug!



you can't feel it,  
but it's there!

### RESPONSE

Dear Joan  
I love your poem  
I know just what you mean  
There's lots of things I just  
don't miss  
I never was than keen.

But that which most of all  
you see  
Just drives me round the  
bend,  
Is not being able to stand  
up close  
And hug my lovely friends!

*Linda Freeman*

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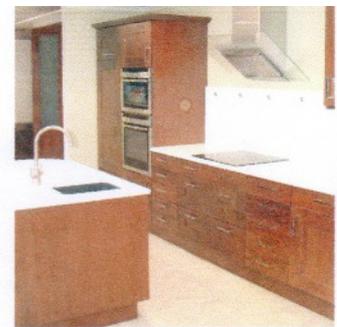
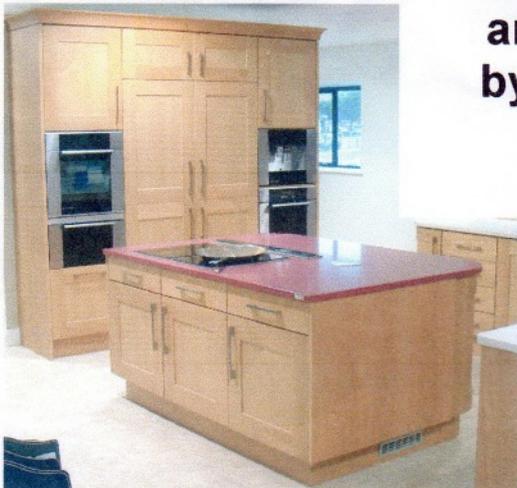
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- October 31st Gladys Blant. Remembering Mum on what would have been her 100th birthday. Love from Margaret, Steve and family.
- November 1st Raymond Rutter and Lorraine Colom-Moreno. In loving memory of Dad and daughter always remembered Norah and family.
- November 5th Kathy Wilson. Departed ten years ago but we will always remember you with love and affection. Fondest memories Rick, Iain, Stuart, David and Hilary.
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