

BISHOP MONKTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Presents



LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN IN A NORTH YORKSHIRE VILLAGE

An exhibition of pictures, videos and words telling the story of Bishop Monkton during the Coronavirus pandemic.



IMAGES – SECTION 7

Bringing Us Together

Many regular village activities and groups came to an abrupt halt in March last year. Sports activities were cancelled and the much-awaited village play had to be postponed.

However, people's need for human interaction in some shape or form meant that some activities were able to carry on within the rules. So digital technology has been used to bring people together with the pub quiz, the Singing for Fun Group and the Book Club all continuing on Zoom.

And it was fortunate that the seventy-fifth anniversary of VE-Day, commemorating the end of the Second World War in Europe in 1945, fell during the lockdown period in May 2020, giving us a reason to celebrate with socially-distanced street parties and communal singing.



Sunday night bingo took place for three months using Zoom organised by Billy Miller.

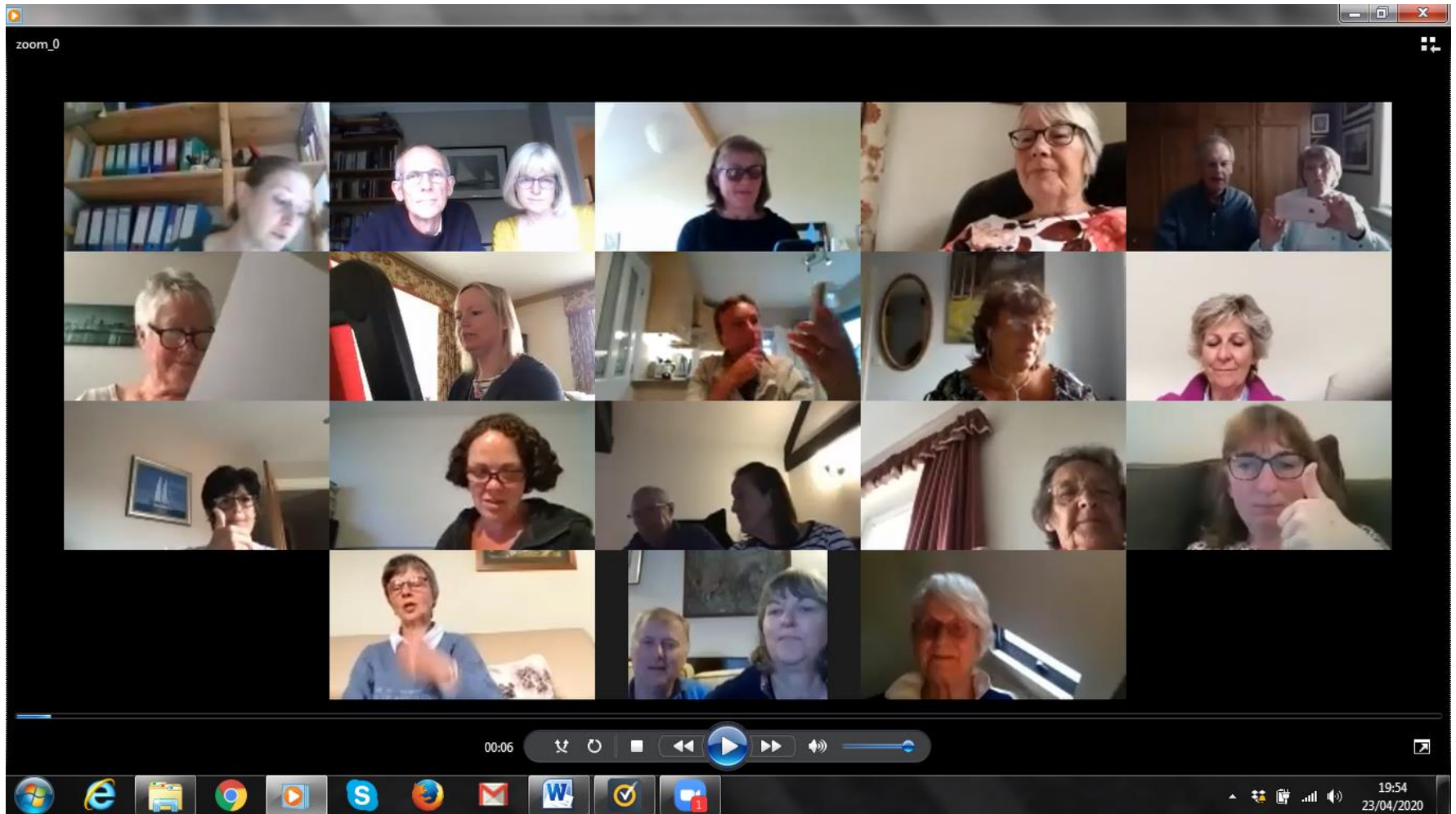
Friday night quizzes in the Masons were replaced with Wednesday night quizzes on Zoom.

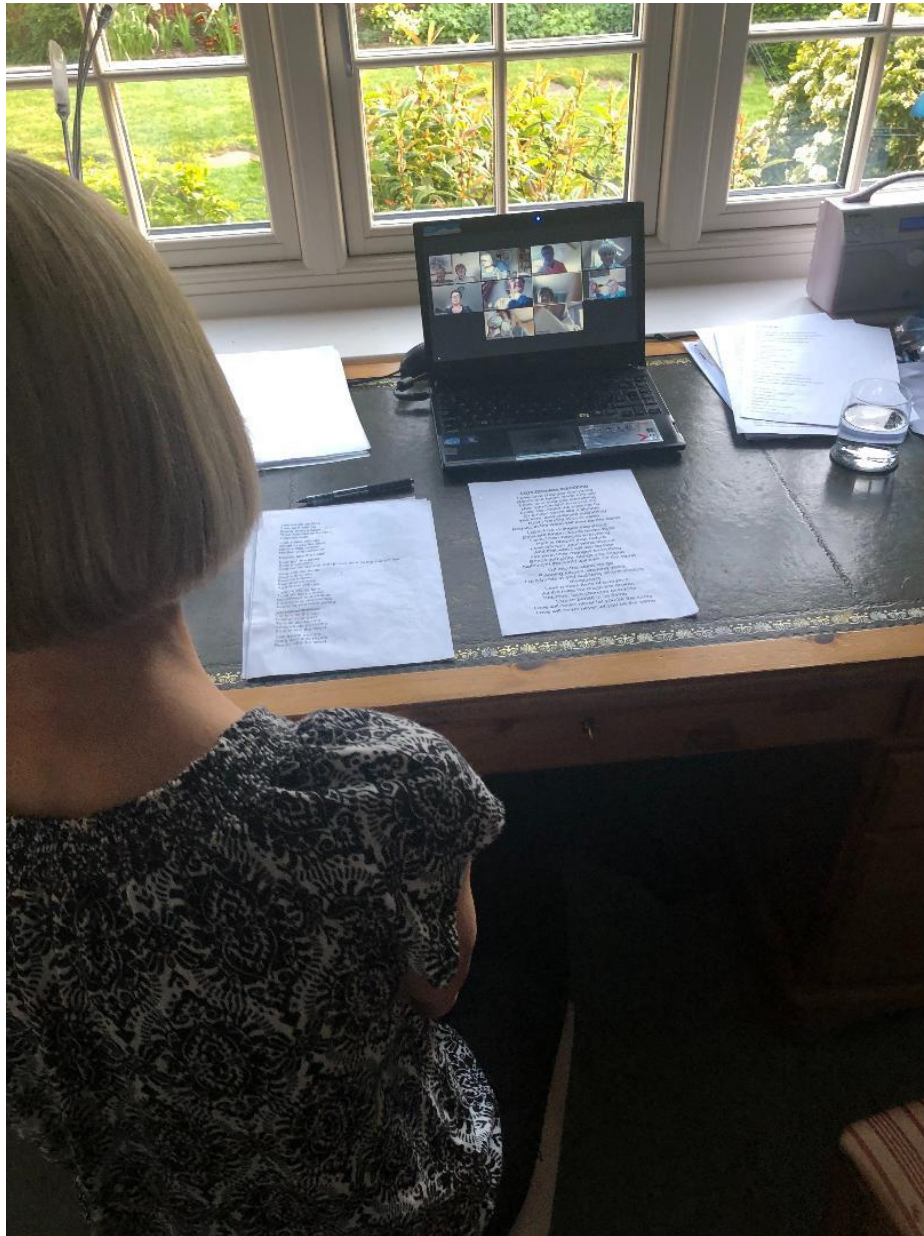




Carole Walton took them very seriously!

The village 'Singing for Fun' Group also migrated to Zoom and met for a virtual sing-song every Thursday night.





And on another day



Peter Holley couldn't have a real seventieth birthday party but Alison organised a surprise party by Zoom!



Ribbons adorned the railings outside the Methodist Church.

*You are
Invited*

**DANCE
ON YOUR
DOORSTEP!
SUNDAY @ SEVEN**

The idea is that everyone plays the same piece of music at the same time, opens their door and dances ~ at a distance! Let's give it a go this Sunday 5th April 7pm "S Club 7 ~ Reach" ... You've got plenty of time to practise your moves!

'Dance on the Doorstep' was another way of keeping the community together virtually.

Early in lockdown, people added their thoughts to a prayer tree in the Parish Church before all church buildings were required to close completely.



EASTER MESSAGE

BY SUE HARGREAVES, CHURCHWARDEN

On this Palm Sunday, one of the most important days in our church's calendar, we would normally be processing from the school to church. But this year it is unlike any before that we have known.

Many people in our family are needing reassurance and guidance when our Church is closed and our Family of God in turmoil. Grant them peace.

I would like to share two prayers with you whether you are in your garden or inside:

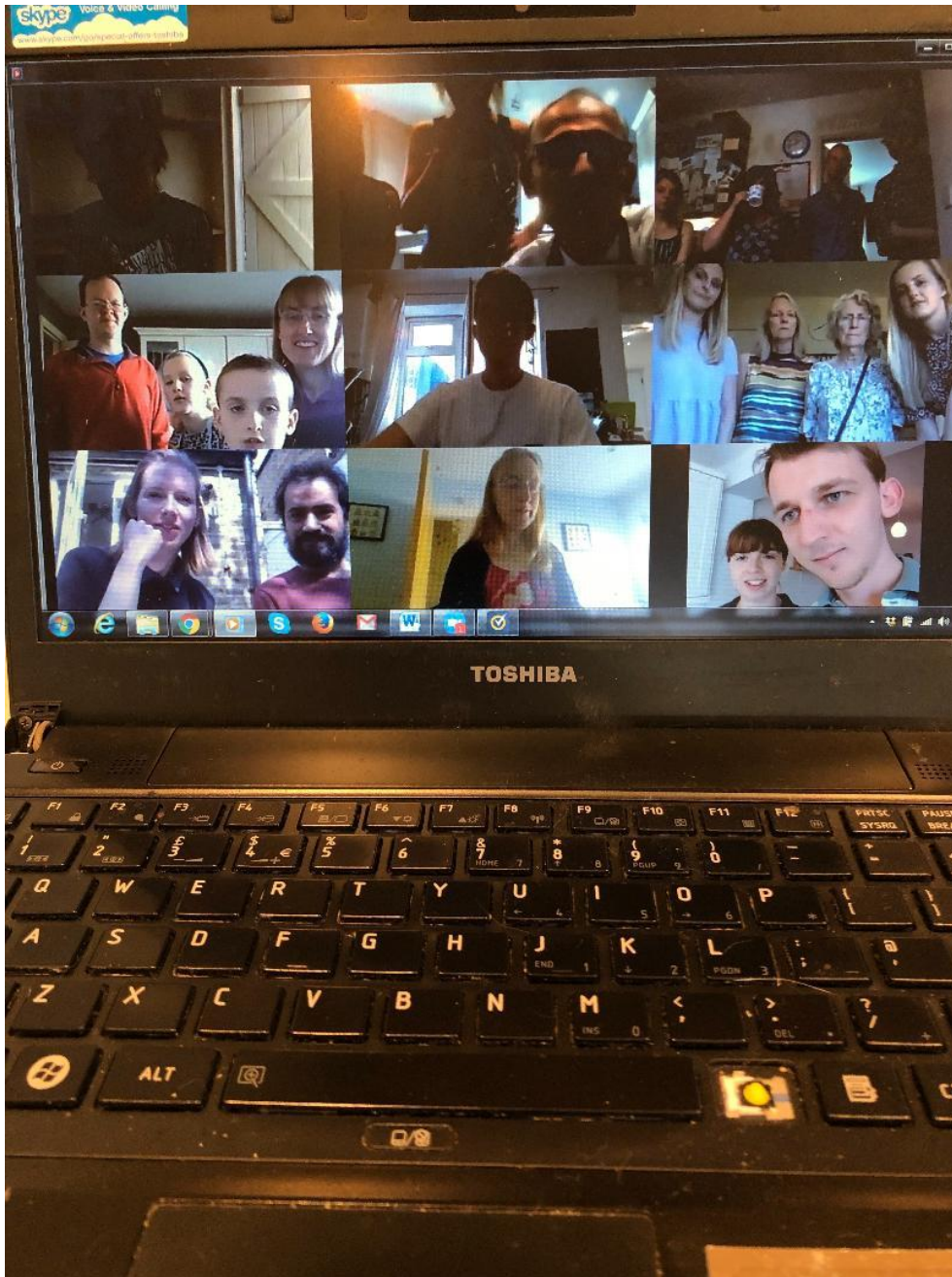
Father, if we as a church are truly to be the Body of Christ then let us stand at the foot of the cross and declare what it means to love and to serve In this terrible time of suffering. May the dying have your blessing and pass peacefully into your Kingdom knowing your merciful love. May the grieving, and there are many, be calmed and after the Virus disaster, may we all grieve for the people we love in a safe way and entrust their souls to your eternal joy in Heaven.

People in hospital who are dying on their own, without the hand connection or special times. Many are having to have their loved ones buried and cremated without the usual ceremony and rituals. This is terrible, please give your people strength and empathy.

God's blessing and love - Sue



Easter had to be celebrated virtually as all church buildings were shut at the height of the pandemic.



Nine branches of the Philpott Family from all over the country linked up by Zoom for a 'Great Family Lockdown Bake-Off'.



TOOT YOUR HORN BY DAVID RICHOLD

Written in May 2020

I am one of the 'vulnerable people' and to date we have done 100 days - This has allowed plenty of time for reflection, and I have listed some of my thoughts and although they aren't applicable to everyone, I hope a lot of the 'more mature' people in the village will be able to relate to it.

1. Appreciate what you have and what you have had. Remember all the good times and be grateful for small mercies.
2. Respect other people's opinions, difficulties and concerns for the future 'Over 60's' are not over the hill, and we have a lot to be grateful for – i.e. full employment, good living standards and in most cases families to care about.
3. Remember all the lovely holidays and experiences we've had. They will return and we must appreciate them more than ever.

There are also lots of people less fortunate than ourselves, and we should be caring about them, especially those who have lost their jobs and have an uncertain future.

We will survive, and come out smiling and hopefully some of the 'fat cats' will realise that money isn't everything and appreciate others more.

Finally there have been some good things because of the 'Lockdown.' –

Fewer traffic accidents

Less crime

Fewer unnecessary meetings and speeches.

I hope you all stay safe and we will look forward to the 'end' – whenever that might be.

PS: Please toot your horn when passing our house!



On the VE-Day public holiday on Friday 8th May, socially-distanced street parties took place in various parts of the village. The sun shone and the village celebrated

The bunting and the flags start to come out -



Bunting on St Johns Road



And more -



Bunting and Flags along Melrose Road



And more



Bunting at Cockerell Cottage



and at Church Farm

Then the partying began -



The Richolds in 1940s style.



Kathryn and Martin Bethel raise a glass.



Cakes 1940s style.



Landlord Trevor Pawson outside the Lamb and Flag.



Elm Tree Rise celebrates.



The Archbolds flying the flag.



John Salmon flying the flag.



The Minetts and Blue, raising a cup.



Tea and cakes, British style.

WELCOME TO THE
BISHOP MONKTON
'BRITISH RESTAURANT'

British Restaurants were set up by the Government during WW2 to provide cheap, subsidised, nutritious meals out during a time of rationing. There were over 2,000 of them across the country.

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020

SPECIAL MEAL TO MARK 75 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WW2 AND THE COMING OF PEACE IN EUROPE

LIVE TREE HOUSE

BISHOP MONKTON, HARRISGATE, H93 3QH

MENU

STARTER

SPINACH, SPINACH, SPINACH, SPINACH, SPINACH, SPINACH (CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE DUE TO RATIONING AND IN 2020)

AS LOW AS A CAR CRASH

UNUSUAL

LOW-MOONED VEGETABLE PIE

NO FISH AND NO CARPETS OF (GOOD) DURING THE WAR

DESSERT

SALAD (PROVIDED)

THIS MEAL WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GET IN WW2 BUT BECAUSE IT POST-WAR (2020)



VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

**STAY AT HOME
STREET PARTY!**

Friday 8th May 2020

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE RED, WHITE
AND BLUE AND ENJOY A PICNIC
IN YOUR FRONT GARDEN

Commemorate the end of WW2 by ordering this menu with
a glass of wine or gin & tonic



STAY
HOME



The Philpotts' wartime menu for VE-Day.



The Shervingtons celebrating.



Pip and Peter Garside in party mood.



David Lewis and Carole Walton enjoying themselves



Phyl Jones raises a glass



Keith and Jane Pettitt chilling out.



The Bradshaws at the front door.



The Kinnears share a bottle



Renton Close – all socially distanced!



Melrose in party mode and about to dance?



Katie, Tom and Emma Oates out and about.



Dave Venables joining in on Melrose.

The key parts of the national celebrations, including the collective singing of 'We'll Meet Again' were relayed through speakers.



Harvest View joining in with the festivities

What a wonderful day –

The sun shone throughout.

Plenty of partying, food, laughter, music, singing and just a little drinking.

We all abided by the rules.

So many contributed to the celebrations.

The village really did itself proud and showed how much of a community it is.



Duck Race, Hog Roast, Jubilee celebrations 2012

This community spirit is well demonstrated by one of the contributions we received -

THANK YOU BY BETH COUGHLAN

I just wanted to thank everyone that we've managed to meet and get to know (even in these times) as the new people in the village. You're all so kind and welcoming and seeing everyone out together tonight really touched the whole family. You're all incredible.



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**The End of Section 7 – Bringing Us Together
but
the journey and stories continue!**

Thank you for viewing

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