MUSKHAM MAGAZINE

November 2026







Flowers, Leaves and Berries of the Rowan Tree– Forestry England and Woodland Trust .

- **A tree of bright berries and tough character** Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) is one of Britain's most recognisable native trees, famous for its clusters of **scarlet berries** and fiery autumn colour. It thrives in some of the **harshest conditions**, including hillsides and moorland edges.

- **Steeped in folklore and old village traditions** For centuries, rowan trees were planted outside homes and churchyards because people believed they **warded off witches** and brought protection. Its folklore is especially strong in Scotland and the north of England.

- **A wildlife favourite all year round** Rowan supports nature throughout the seasons: its **spring flowers** feed pollinating insects, and its **autumn berries** are a vital food source for birds, who then disperse the seeds across the countryside.

- **Small but mighty — and surprisingly long□lived** Although rowans are relatively slender trees, usually reaching around **15 metres**, they can live for **up to 200 years**. Their strong, flexible wood was once used for longbows, tool handles, and traditional crafts.

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Light



Do you like the dark? I don't think any of my kids do, they all sleep with some kind of nightlight. Actually, complete darkness is rare, but it does make life difficult when we are plunged into darkness. It's certainly getting darker each night at present. Of course, darkness doesn't just mean a lack of light in the sense of physical illumination, we also talk about darkness metaphorically. It can mean sadness, loss, or confusion.

Did you know that there is such a thing as Seasonal Affective Disorder though? Seasonal affective disorder (wonderfully, appropriately abbreviated to S.A.D.) is a type of depression tied to changes in seasons, most commonly starting in the Autumn or winter and improving in the spring or summer. It's caused by reduced sunlight from shorter days which disrupt our body clock or circadian rhythm. This reduction in sunlight affects levels of serotonin (which regulates mood) and melatonin (which regulates sleep). It can bring about low mood, low energy, sleeping more, carbohydrate cravings, and even weight gain. (Well, that's what I'm blaming for my lack of a washboard stomach!)

Maybe you're feeling this way and didn't know why - it could be that you're SAD!

Equally, you may be in the midst of some dark situations at the moment, and if you are then you're in my thoughts and prayers. It's not been a particularly light year for me and so I've been trying to keep an eye on my self-care.

There are two scientific treatments for SAD: Light therapy, using a special UV-free bright light box (usually 10,000 lux) for a short time each morning; and Self-care, getting regular exercise, spending time outdoors in natural daylight, and maintaining a consistent sleep schedule. But I'd like to suggest to you a third way to tackle it; a more spiritual one that acknowledges that sometimes we need to look beyond ourselves.

In the Bible we read about King David. (He's the one that battled Goliath with a sling and five little stones. You may know the story.) What you may not know that the King before David (Saul) was jealous of David's success in battle and even tried to kill him. At his darkest point, David leans in on God. When he is eventually delivered from Saul's threats he writes a wonderful song called 'David's song of victory' which is found in 2 Samuel Chapter 22. My favourite verse in this chapter is verse 29 which says: "You, Lord, are my light; you dispel my darkness."

Did you know that a single candle flame can be seen over 1.6 miles away by the naked eye. Light is powerful - much more powerful than darkness. No amount of darkness can put out a light, however small and seemingly insignificant.

If you are feeling like you're in darkness, why not light a candle and remind yourself that God is with you and that if we choose for him to be, he can be our Lord and can dispel our darkness.

Rev Peter Hibberts, Minister in the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit
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Coffee Morning
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Saturday 14th November 2026 • 10.00am to Noon
St Wilfrid's Church, South Muskham
Come and enjoy a relaxed morning of coffee, cake, and conversation in a cosy, welcoming setting.
A lovely chance to meet neighbours and share smiles together.


Celebrating
Christmas
with Carols
Sunday 13th December 2026 • 3pm
St Wilfrid's Church, South Muskham
Festive Refreshments

WE REMEMBER



Remembering is good for us, especially if it's accompanied by thankfulness, reminding us of positive things. November invites us to do a lot of remembering.

First comes All Saints' Day, Sunday 1st. The 'Saints' (from the Latin 'Sanctus', meaning holy) are those recognised by the Church since the start of the Christian era as particularly important people of faith who have contribute d significantly to the development of the Faith and of its social expressions: some by encouraging others in the Faith (like St. Columba), or by promoting Christian attitudes, or by establishing a godly ministry (like Mother Teresa). Three of our group's Churches are named after St. Wilfrid, an important Missionary Bishop in this area in the 7th Century.

The Church of England hasn't named individuals as officially 'Saints' since the Reformation, but includes in its calendar people worthy of special remembrance, like John and Charles Wesley, Josephine Butler, William Wilberforce.

Then November 2nd is All Souls' Day, when we are invited to remember "ordinary people" who have played their part, living their lives as Christians in their own setting. For me that includes those who have had a positive influence locally, or directly on my own life.
In our group of Churches in recent years we have held a Service at All Souls-tide to remember by name local people who have recently died, and members of our own family or acquaintance.
Many folk, myself included, have found this helpful. (This year's Service will be on Saturday 14th November at 2.00pm in North Muskham Church. More details appear elsewhere in this Magazine.)

On November 7th at St Michael and All Angels Church in Averham at 10.45am there will be the traditional Act of Remembrance. Followed on 8th November by Remembrance Sunday, Service at St Wilfrid's South Muskham at 9.30am.. when we give thanks for all those in our Armed Forces who died in the two World Wars and in the conflicts since. There will also be a civic Act of Remembrance at Muskham Rural Community Centre at 10.45am followed by refreshments.
I'm sure that many of us will hope to attend a Remembrance Service or Ceremony to give thanks for those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. This ceremony seems especially relevant at present, with the situations in Ukraine and the Middle East, and what may be the wider implications.

Let us remember, and be thankful. I wish you all a positive month of Remembering.

David Bartlett.


St. Wilfrid's Church
North Muskham
♪ Music ♪
by
Candlelight
Friday 6th November 2026
at 7.30pm
Performance by
Highly Strung String Quartet
Tickets £20.00
to include a glass of wine or soft drink on entry.
Tickets available from
Andy Willey,
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Memorial Service
2pm · Saturday 14th November 2026
St Wilfrid's Church, North Muskham
A Time to Remember with Love
Giving thanksgiving for someone's life, and for all they have meant to us.
A quiet space to:
• Hear their names
• Light a candle
• Hear their favourite music
• See their photo
If you would like to be involved, please contact:
Jenny Hamilton – jenny.hamilton64@gmail.com
Susan Twemlow – susantwemlow@aol.com
All are welcome


Christmas Fair &
Coffee Morning
28th November
10.00am to Midday
St Wilfrid's Church, North Muskham
Come and enjoy some festive cheer!
Stalls & Gifts
Cakes & Bakes
Tombola & Raffle



Lest We Forget



An Act of Remembrance

will be held on

Sunday 8th November 2026

10.45 am. Memorial Stone

Muskham Rural Community Centre.









A big Thank You to our Community for all the hard work and especially '**The Bloomers'** who volunteered many, many hours of their time to help the village look its very best in July for the judges and through out our long hot summer.

If any one would like to join the group to prepare for the Village's entry in 2027 please contact Alison Luke.

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The autumn chill is a time to of remembrance, and residents of this area have made a huge contribution to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, volunteering on the stall at M&S Foodstore. Once again an appeal has gone out to support the Rotary Club of Newark through the selling season from 1st November through to Armistice Day on 11th.

Last year, efforts at M&S raised £11,700, the highest sum raised, not just in Newark but the whole county. If you can help, let Jim Wishart know, either by email: jim.wishart@hotmail.co.uk or mobile 07831 183523. Thank you.





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WISDOM AND CARING

‘Sleeping Beauty’ is coming to Muskham



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It’s getting colder, nights are drawing in and fairy lights and decorations are filling the shops. You know what that means? Yes, it’s panto time!

In performances from the 19th to the 21st of November, Muskham Players will entertain the people of Muskham and area with much needed warmth, love and hilarity with their unique interpretation of the story of ‘Sleeping Beauty’ at the Muskham Rural Community Centre.

As always, they’ve given this tale a special Muskham twist. Expect the original romance to be supercharged by side-splitting jokes; riotous routines; outrageous costume; marvellous dance and music; hilarious audience participation; amazing special effects and a little bit of naughtiness. We guarantee that you won’t fall asleep!

Evening shows on Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st offer entry at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The Saturday 21st matinee is entry at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Ticket prices are as last year: £12 each or £40 for a family or group of four. It’s a bargain! To avoid missing out, get your tickets asap from Sam Waterhouse on 07717896218 or from The Muskham Ferry.

A blooming community.. " reasons to be cheerful.. one , two , three …..!"

The recent magnificent results in the Britain In Bloom- East Midlands have promoted me to reflect on "community" of our village. Over time, many have suggested many different definitions of "community". My current favourite is:

" a group of people connected by social ties, shared values or interests, and a mutual sense of belonging and care"

The Bloom judges commented on the community involvement and the beauty of the village, our village... a long and narrow grouping of properties compressed in between the ever-busy fume emitting, noisy A1, the East Coast main line, and fortunately to the east, the majestic and meandering River Trent. Sometimes we need to be reminded by a passing eye of the beauty both of our surroundings and not least the "community "we can be proud of.

There are many volunteer and social groups within our small community, each playing their part to better the experience and understanding of life and lives. These include the two Churches, the Muskham Rural Community Centre (MRCC), the " Bloomers", the nature reserve, the Parish Council (PC), the History Group, the Art and Crafts activities, the Knit and Natter, the Allotment, the Luncheon Club, the Book Club, Cougars Football, Table Tennis, Muskham Messenger, Mary Woolhouse Trust, Muskham Magazine , Muskham Movers, Ferry Pool teams and of course the annual Panto and charity shows and even the Muskham Pinkies. There will be others and indeed many individuals that do their bit to help others in a quiet and modest way.

Not bad for a small village…And my experience is that all of these groups and institutions will offer a warm and supportive invite to new members, why not give one (or two) a try?

And of the future?

We saw during the pandemic the willingness of people to look after others and I have witnessed the same with bereavement, serious illness and other times of challenge and sadness. There will be other national and local challenges, I am sure. Locally we will witness the risk of flooding again this winter but hopefully not to the extent where it enters properties- that is unlikely but not impossible. I am sure the villages will rally once again as we have in the past, to support and reassure in such times.

There are however some great positives on the horizon, for our community….

1.The Neighbourhood Plan will be completed early 2027 and this will give us direction for development of the village for the next 20 + years and for future generations.

2. There will be consultation soon we hope and expect around the potential closure of the south bound A 1 exit into the village at the north end of Main Street which potentially will cease the ever occurring rat run episodes of vehicles coming off the A1 and through the village when it is closed or heavily congested. A slight re-routing of the bus service will be necessary.

3. Community Café and Hub- although it seems a lifetime in the delivery, the potential is still being examined, and a viable delivery continues to be sought accommodating the generosity and vision of the local Methodist movement. A major progress point is expected to be reached early in the new year. The PC will need to sign off any future commitments and will do so, but, rightly, only if viability is apparent.

4.The Blooming North Muskham initiative I am certain will grow with “golden” expectations and with the obvious energy and commitment of the new village “handyman” and the PC joining the Notts County Council Lengthsman scheme. I expect the visual attractiveness and ecology of the village will continue to blossom!

5. Whilst “not wishing to blow our own trumpet”, I suggest we have a relatively strong and effective Parish Council. There will, quite rightly, be detractors and those who disagree with our deliberations from time to time but the unselfish community minded aspirations of its volunteering Councillors and (brilliant) clerk should not be discounted.

6. And most importantly, we have a brilliant new headmaster at our school who is delivering and nurturing a culture of community within the youngsters of Muskham. Many have applauded and welcome this and as a village we need to support the Head going forward... I am sure we will.

7. Possibly the most attractive riverside pub in the East Midlands, the Muskham Ferry under the management of Ande goes from strength to strength. St Wilfrid’s Church is a beautiful building and place of worship, expertly managed and continues to punch above its weight, The Ashiana continues to excel in national food awards and the MRCC and its management continues to offer an excellent venue for various village pastimes. The footpath walk to Cromwell via “Maggie’s” and through the riverside “Willows” path and surrounds is arguably now one of the most pleasurable uses of one’s time in a beautiful location.

8. And finally, as we head towards the winter months and Christmas, we have a calendar of village events to look forward to…

Enjoy them, be proud and be thankful for YOUR “community” of North Muskham.

Ian Harrison North Muskham Parish Council Chair


A
MUSKHAM CHRISTMAS
Cluedo
Mystery, Mirth and murderous merriment with a seasonal slant
Muskham Annual Christmas Charity Show
written by
Ian Harrison
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DINING
Cluedo!
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Remembrance and the Strength of Our Four Villages

November invites us into a quieter kind of reflection, and across North Muskham, South Muskham, Little Carlton and Bathley. We will shortly gather for the Act of Remembrance. It is a moment that asks us to pause — to honour those who served, those who sacrificed, and those whose lives were shaped by conflict. But it also asks us to consider the values that sustain our communities today: service, kindness, and the willingness to stand alongside one another.

Those values run strongly through our villages, and they were captured beautifully in Ian Harrison's article on what makes North Muskham "a blooming community." He wrote of *"a group of people connected by social ties, shared values or interests, and a mutual sense of belonging and care"* — a definition that feels especially resonant at this time of year. The long list of volunteer groups he highlighted, from the Bloomers to Knit and Natter, from the History Group to the Luncheon Club, reminds us that community is not an abstract idea but something created daily by people who give their time freely.

Remembrance sits within that same tradition of shared responsibility. When we stand together in silence — at St Wilfrid's South Muskham, at memorials in our villages, in community halls, or simply at home — we do so as neighbours. The Act of Remembrance is strengthened not by ceremony alone, but by the everyday neighbourliness that Ian described: the quiet help offered during illness, the support shown in difficult times, the readiness to rally when challenges arise.

This year, as the world continues to feel unsettled, the Act of Remembrance carries a renewed significance. It invites us to honour the past while recognising the importance of the present — the volunteers who keep our villages vibrant, the groups that welcome newcomers, the individuals who quietly make life better for others. These acts of service echo the values we commemorate in November.

As notices appear for local services and gatherings, we hope residents across all four villages will take part in whatever way feels right. Whether you attend a service, lay a wreath, or simply pause for the two□minute silence, your participation contributes to the shared spirit that defines our communities.

In remembering those who gave so much, we also celebrate the living strength of North Muskham, South Muskham, Little Carlton and Bathley — villages where community is not just spoken about, but lived. Susan Twemlow , Editor.

Church of England Services November 2026

Sunday 1st November	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Shoebox Service Let's Connect
Sunday 1st November **2.00pm**	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Messy Church
Saturday 7th November 10.45am	St Michael and All Angels Averham	Act of Remembrance
Sunday 8th November 9.30am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Act of Remembrance Holy Communion
Sunday 8th November 10.45am	Muskham Rural Community Centre	Act of Remembrance
Sunday 8th November 4.00pm	St Michael and All Angels Averham	Messy Church
Saturday 14th November 2.00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	See separate notice page 8
Sunday 15th November 9.30am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd November 9.30am	St Michael and All Angels Averham	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th November 9.30am	St Michael and All Angels Averham	Holy Communion

The **Methodist** Church

Sunday 1st November	Café Church Mrs M Ward	2.00pm
Sunday 8th November	Act of Remembrance Muskham Rural Community Centre	10.45am
Sunday 15th November	Café Church Rev G Hall	2.00pm
Sunday 22nd November	Mrs M Ward	10.30am
Sunday 29th November	Café Church Toy Service Rev L Mackrell-Hey	2.00pm

TOY SERVICE –

New toys and gifts will be collected for the Salvation Army Toy appeal.






Muskham Players
Present
Sleeping Beauty
Location
North Muskham Rural Community Centre
Dates
Thursday 19th Nov 7pm for 7.30 start
Friday 20th Nov 7pm for 7.30 start
Saturday 21st Nov 1.30pm for 2pm start
Saturday 21st Nov 7 pm for 7.30 start
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Help our Village Bloom!

Following our **Silver Gilt Medal** in this year's Britain in Bloom competition, we are already looking ahead to next year and how we can build on our success.
The judges identified horticulture and environment as two areas where we could make further improvements. One simple way to support both would be to encourage more residents to collect and use rainwater in their gardens.

Did you know that in an average year, your roof collects enough rainwater to fill a water butt around 450 times? Using rainwater instead of tap water helps conserve valuable resources, and rainwater is great for your plants too.

We would like to find out how many residents already have a water butt and how many would be willing to purchase one. The results of this short survey will help us to assess interest and explore the possibility of securing discounts or sponsorship to make purchasing more affordable.

Please take a few moments to respond to our survey.

1. Do you already have a water butt?
2. Would you be prepared to purchase one?

Email stephnsandy23@gmail.com
Text 07773878154
Thank you for your time and for helping us make our village an even greener, more beautiful place to live.
Steph and Sandy



North Muskham Village Cafe Hub Logo Competition Winner!

We're pleased to announce the winner of the Cafe Hub Logo Competition. It was a very tight competition with just four votes separating the top four logos! We'd like to thank everyone who took part and all those who voted as well as congratulate our winner Robin George - well done Robin, we loved your design! The design will now be used in a variety of ways as illustrated in this computer generated image.



Other plans for the cafe continue and we expect 'For Sale' boards to appear outside the chapel soon (majority proceeds of sale being donated to the project) and there are pop-up Cafe's planned on the following dates:

Sunday November 8th, 11:30-1pm - free refreshments following the Act of Remembrance Service
Sunday December 6th, 2:30-5pm - Christmas vibed cafe with seasonal treats!

Do come and join us at the pop-up cafe or contact Maureen to join the volunteer team for one or more of the dates. (**millermaureenj@outlook.com)**

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Other Items – Strong Bags

A regular update of specific items needed can be found on the website:
https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/
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Muskham Rural Community Centre

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Remembrance Sunday 8th Nov 10.45am at the Memorial Stone MRCC car park followed by refreshments inside the hall.



	Daytime Regular Events	Evening Regular Events
Mon	Lunch Club 12.30 phone 07761 463830 or email peggybuck@hotmail.com	**7:30pm** - History Group (every **3rd Monday** of the month) Bryon Harlow 01636 918847 bryonharlow45@talktalk.net
Tues	**10:00 - 12:00** Short Mat Bowls Just turn up. **Not on in school holidays**.	**6:30 to 7:30pm** - Wild Earth Yoga Sarah Pike 07789 986558 hello@wild-earth-yoga.co.uk **7:45-9:15pm** -Table Tennis **7:00-10:00pm** – weekly Social Evening with licensed bar. Free entrance.
Weds	**10.30am -12.30pm** – Muskham Craft Group **(not in school holidays)** Marian: 07796 935002 jmarian89@yahoo.co.uk	
Thurs	**10am – 12noon** Art Group Jim Wishart - 07831 183523	
Fri	**9:30am** - Seated Movement Class Rhuel: rhueliosamuels@gmail.com 07477820043	
Week days	Muskham Out of School Club & Muskham Preschool as below	5:00-7:30pm - Cougars Football Cougars train & play at our Playing Fields and have Junior Football Teams for U7, U9, U11 and U13

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Muskham Out of School – Holiday Club Manager: Helen Waterfield 07944 467076	4 – 14 years olds	Monday to Friday (Holidays) **8am to 6pm**

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Alice Wheeldon and the Pear Tree Conspiracy

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