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February Sky at Night over Tugby

Jupiter is at its highest in the night sky this winter. Looking west after the sun has set Mercury may be seen 30 minutes after sunset and Venus 1 hour after sunset. During the evening of the 18th February the Crescent Moon is positioned between Venus and Mercury.

February's full Moon is on the 1st of the month and called the Snow Moon.

Unfortunately there are no meteor showers in February but the Sun is still in a very active stage so keep an eye open on the news for aurora predictions. Possibility of colder weather early February so here's hoping for clearer skies.

Also keep an eye on the news for the NASA Artemis 2 mission which aims to send 4 astronauts on a 10 day journey around the Moon and back to Earth paving the way for future Moon landings. Should be fascinating photographs of the far side of the Moon as it is always pointing away from us. Launch date may be as early as 6th February.

Roger

Tugby Ladies Club Remembers

At the start of our January meeting, we took a moment to remember Rosemary White.

Rosemary was a TLC member and then very much appreciated Chair from 2002 for several years. Ann Baughan Chair

Feel Good Friday Fitness

9.00 to 9.45 am Tugby Village Hall

A Friendly class of all abilities and ages. Exercises are adaptable to your own level - minimal cardio. Coffee and chat afterwards. Price £7.50. For more info.E. suecrocker33@gmail.com

Defibrillator Volunteer Emergency Telephone System (VETS)

TEL. 0116 326 9619

If a Cardiac Arrest happens, after ringing 999, Ring the above number and if a village volunteer is available they will respond by getting the Defibrillator and helping you. If you wish to receive a copy of the instructions please ring Chris on T. 566

BOWLS, BOWLS and more BOWLS.

Tugby Bowls Club.

Everyone is Welcome. It is £5 per session incl. tea & coffee.

All equipment is provided

Thursday 7-9 pm.



Come and join our happy group. Ring Angie on Tugby 123 or just turn up.

Keep up-to-date with village news on the Notice Board, www.facebook.com or WhatsApp Tugby Together

St. Thomas a Becket

Church Wardens : Philip Baughan,t : 01162598402 and Janet Doughty, t : 07762600252

The church door is open every day from 9am till dusk. Everyone is very welcome to come in to enjoy the peace and quiet, to pray and to feel the presence of God.

The services in February, to which everyone is invited and will be made very welcome at, will be:

1st. 5pm. Holy Communion with
Revd Crystal McAllister
15th. 11am. Holy Communion with
Revd Crystal McAllister
22nd 9.30am Morning Praise Cafe style

SNOWDROP SUNDAY 15th February

Come and have a walk round the Church yard to see the lovely snowdrops and spring flowers, we will be serving hot drinks and delicious cakes in the Church from 2-4pm Everyone welcome.

For information about services and events in Tugby and the Launde Minster Community see the Church noticeboard
Tugby Together Facebook page
Tugby Village WhatsApp group, launde-minster-community.webador.co.uk

PROPOSED PROGRESSIVE SUPPER JUNE 27th 2026

This event is one where each course is served at different hosts' home the guests first meeting to find who is hosting them.The event provides the opportunity to meet other villagers &, this year, to raise funds for the village school.

It is expected that tickets will be £25pp max, with hosts providing a main course receiving a free ticket & those providing a starter receiving a half price ticket.

At this time only expressions of interest &, crucially, willingness to host a course for a minimum of four guests, are being asked for. Further details will be given if there is a sufficient number of people willing to take part.

If you would like to take part please complete the following form & return it to me, or email me at geoffreyrowden@btinternet.com by February 27th.

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

Name

Contact details

I/We would like to come to the event

I/We can host ,,,,,,,,,,, people for a Main/Starter course (leave blank if you are do not wish to host)

Please complete & return by February 27th 2026 to Geoff Rowden, 4 Wellfield Close or email the address given above.

Parish Council Mtgs 2026/27

Tuesdays, 7.30 in the Village Hall

10th February 2026, 24th March, 15th May AGM, 16th June, 25th August, 6th October, 24th November and 5th January 2027.

See Notice Board for details or email the Parish Clerk at clerk@tugbykeythorpepc.org.uk

Gail Squire - Chairperson





ASTROTURF KEYHOLDERS

All key holders, please make sure that the padlock is securely locked and in place when you finish using the court.

There have been several occasions recently when the padlock has been left hanging on the wire fence or hooked just behind the sliding bolt which closes the gate.

Thank you, Gail squire, Chair of NMHT Management Committee



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Feb 2026

Action Fraud This fraud reporting service has now been replaced by **Report Fraud,** reportfraud.police.uk

Which – Their website contains useful tips on how to deal with nuisance phone calls as well as a tool for sharing information on scams.
There is also useful information on how to ensure that cards which you may have cancelled after being used fraudulently cannot be used again.

Latest Scams

EE – A scam text saying that you have thousands of points, which can be used to claim rewards, need to be redeemed. The text includes a link, which if followed, takes you to a copycat site which seeks to grab personal information.

NatWest – a scam email says that there has been an unusual transaction on your account & gives a phone number to call, doing this leads you to a fraudster. The simplest, safest way to check is to log in to your on-line account. If you see an unusual call the bank using the number on the back of your bank card.

Another scam purporting to be from NW is an email saying that the Financial Conduct Authority(FCA) is making biometric, e.g. fingerprint, log in mandatory. Scammers use this to persuade you to go to a malicious link. Whilst the FCA requires banks to use strong authentication biometric checks are not mandatory.

Costa Coffee – This uses an email saying that you have a chance to win a Yeti Rambler Tumbler giving a link to a phishing website.

Stay safe, Geoff Rowden

Is anyone interested in joining the **Tugby Community Growing Hub???** The remit is to transform unused land in Tugby into social spaces. Ideas so far include setting up a Community Orchard near the Village Hall and landscaping the new path at the top of Wood Lane. We will need to collect together ideas, get quotes for grant funding and then make it happen. Anyone interested please contact Fay on 07804184464, who will setup a WhatsApp group to exchange ideas and news.

Tugby & Keythorpe Parish Council
to look at the Parish Council website for Agendas, Minutes, News, Tugby Diary and calendar of events go to
www.tugby-keythorpepc.org.uk

Village Hall Bookings
The Village Hall can be booked by ringing Janet Doughty on 07762600252

FOX & HOUNDS
0116 2598106 OR
0770938473



ASTRO TURF

The Astroturf is free to use for Tugby & Keythorpe residents on a first come first serve basis. No studs to be worn at any time.

Under 16's must be supervised by an adult at all times.

If you wish to make a booking to play tennis or for organised football please contact Janet on 07762 600252.

The key, which requires a £10 deposit, can be obtained from Janet or Gail on 0116 2598375.



TABLE TENNIS

Monday Evenings
7 - 8.30 pm
Equipment supplied but also bring your own.
Refreshments available.
£5 per session
Everyone welcome
Please contact Graham
07962 124069
or Alan
07835 374046

Please Support our Local Businesses

Fox & Hounds - Open every day 0116 2598106 or 07709 538473

Cafe Ventoux - Open every day at 9 am except Monday. See Facebook or Google for updates, food and hours tel. 0116 2162491

Fish & Chips - on a Saturday 5.30, van outside school, 07881 657981

Coplow Lane Barbers - 0116 3310323, LE7 9DQ, see Facebook

AVOMA Car Care - Car cleaning etc at your house or Oliver's in Wellfield Close. Please contact Oliver 07874 617922 or email olivervaja2020@gmail.com

Diary of Village Events

February	**10th, Tuesday, Parish Council Meeting,** 7.30 pm Village Hall
	16th, Friday, Shall we Dance, see below details.
	18th, Wednesday, Ladies Club, The Search for the Pink Frid see ladies Club article
March	**24th, Tuesday, Parish Council Meeting**, 7.30, Village Hall
April	**22nd, Wednesday, Ladies Club,Prostitution,** see Ladies Club article
May	**15th, Tuesday, Parish Council Meeting, AGM,** 7.30, Village Hall
	16th, Saturday, TUGBY VILLAGE FETE, more details to follow

Tugby and Keythorpe Parish Council would like to thank all of our many volunteers who quietly help to keep the Parish safe, tidy, beautiful and informed. It makes our job so much easier and goes a long way towards making things happen without breaking the budget.
A special thank you to the businesses who keep trading under increasing financial pressures. They are so important to keeping the village talking and coming together.
Upcoming plans are for a small orchard to the side of the Hall, more sturdy planters with shrubs and bulbs, more bulbs on our verges. Traffic calming throughout the village. A new light opposite the Fox and Hounds and some lighting for the Saturday fish and chip van.
This is your community and the PC welcomes your ideas, however small or large.

There is an App called 'Love Clean Streets', take a picture of the mess and post it with location.

There will be an A47 clean up SOON.

SPEEDWATCH Would anyone like to volunteer to lead a speedwatch initiative ? This would only be allowed within the village. If you are interested please contact :
clerk@tugby-keythorpepc.org.uk

Thank you again Gail Squire Chairperson, Tugby & Keythorpe Parish Council

TUGBY VILLAGE 100 CLUB

We are hoping to do a draw shortly but there are currently around 30 people who have not renewed their subscriptions. They risk losing out on winning up to £100, or £25,£15, £10 each month. the odds are better than the lottery !!

Please contact Wendy on 07725 501940 Many thanks

Dance Classes - Anyone interested in learning a few steps in ballroom and latin dances ??? If so please come along to the class on Friday at 7pm at the Village Hall, £5 per person. If you are interested but can't make Fridays please let Fay know on 07804184464.



Billesdon Drama Society's next play will be 'Pack of Lies'

by Hugh Whitemore - a true story of spies in suburbs !!

The Coplow Centre Billesdon

Thursday 26th March 2026 to Saturday 28th March 2026 at 7.30pm

Tickets via www.ticketsourse.co .uk or box office tel 07743 847181

Fox & hounds serving delicious lunches and wonderful evening meals 7 days a week.

Make a booking on 0116 2598106 or 07709 38473

Review of January's talk: "The stained glass of the Horwood Brothers – the life and times of a provincial Victorian firm"

Jeff Hopewell has been interested in stained glass since childhood and this talk demonstrated his considerable depth of knowledge. He started researching the history of the Horwood brothers after coming across a Vidimus (Latin for "we have seen") for sale on eBay. This is a small, preliminary sketch that would have been used to present an initial design for a church window to a client or patron for approval. Having bought it, Jeff went about tracking down their family history and identifying many other examples of their work - a tricky task since windows in churches were not signed. His research has involved visiting over 70 churches and a few converted into private houses. Sources of information included digitised local newspapers.

The images were stunning and all the more interesting for Jeff showing how the designs were based on existing artworks. Even he could not explain why an image of a camel that appeared in several designs was wearing a red cap! The story of social mobility was woven into the presentation. The grandfather was an impoverished farm labourer (and convict, having stolen food from his employer to feed his family). The 3 youngest sons (Edwin, Harry and Mark) were lucky enough to be educated by the Rector of Mells, in Somerset - or rather by his curate, who happened to know about stained glass. They became respected craftsmen and Edwin, a bastion of the community in Frome. Harry emigrated to Canada in the early 1800s to set up his own very successful business, with his wife and sons joining him some 6 years later. Three of their sons became highly regarded professional architects: Chief Dominion Architect in Ottawa from 1915-17, Manitoba's Chief Provincial Architect in 1911-24 and the co-designer of the Justice Building in Ottawa, built in 1935-38.

Tugby Ladies club meetings are at 7.30pm in the village hall, except where stated. Visitors (gentlemen as well as ladies) are always welcome - only £5 to include tea/coffee and biscuits. For more information, contact Ann on T402 or Janet on 07762 600252.

Wednesday, 18th February "In search of the Pink Fridge"
Not to be missed! An illustrated talk by Lesley and Kevin on their adventures in Namibia & Botswana.

Wednesday, 18th March
AGM and social (wine provided) with Ann's quiz.

Wednesday, 22nd April Prostitution - Profession or Oppression?
A thought-provoking look at the realities of prostitution and how local charity, The Saffires Project, is seeking to respond and support affected women.

STAND UP FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR HOME HEATING

Most homes in our village rely on oil heating, and with no access to mains gas, the UK Government's current consultation on future heating fuels will directly affect us.

The Government's preferred option
Heat pumps are being promoted as the main long-term solution.
Many rural homes face very high installation costs.
Older properties often need extensive upgrades to make heat pumps viable.

A practical, greener alternative
A simple first step is a 20% blend of HVO with existing heating oil.
This blend works in current oil boilers with no conversion required.
HVO offers a low-carbon, affordable route for rural homes like ours.

Have your say

Learn more about greener liquid fuels: www.futurereadyfuels.org

Take part in the government consultation (it takes under a minute): futurereadyfuel.info

Your voice matters — make sure rural homes aren't left behind.

TUGBY DIARY - IT IS TIME TO GO DIGITAL

The majority of people have Computers, iPad, Smart Phones and Printers

The cost of producing the Tugby Diary has gone up hugely over the last couple of years. The magazine has grown and every month nearly 1,000 sheets of paper have to be printed, folded and distributed.

The Tugby Diary is readily available on the Tugby & Keythorpe Parish Council website - www.tugby-keythorpepc.org.uk - Simply click on 'About The Council' ; then click 'Documents' and then click 'Newsletters'. You will then find whichever month you want - click on that and read or print your own copy.

This will be very good for the environment saving paper and inks which will have been shipped from around the globe

There will of course be a very few people who do not have the means to access the above website or a printer to print their own copy.

In addition, there will be those who have difficulty reading the small print. A digital pdf copy will also be available to those that would like one.

If you would prefer to have an email with a pdf copy please let me know and I will try and accommodate the request. Please send me your email address.

If you do NOT have the facility to access emails, the internet or print your own copy out then please let me know and I will arrange for you to have a printed copy.

You can either email me at sturmcjpa555@btinternet.com or put a request through my letterbox at 5 Spinney Nook.

It will of course mean that some adverts will need to be posted on the village WhatsApp from time to time.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Chris Sturmey