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## **A note from the Editors**

**I have my copy of Help Me With My Heart and am thoroughly enjoying listening to it please go to pages 11 and 12 for details on how to order yours.**

**We went to the Rotherby Hog Roast and what an amazing evening it was we were even lucky with the weather and enjoyed a sunny and very pleasant evening.**



**Take Care everyone and Stay Safe.**

**Sue & Melissa Boyden**

**THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW IS BACK 😊  
SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>.**

**We are VERY excited to inform you that your traditional Horticultural Show is back this year.**

**Keep a look out on your notice boards for more information and for those on village “whatsapp” there will be messages on there as well.**

**We look forward to welcoming you all back and to seeing new faces coming to join us and enter the show.**

**Vida and the whole Committee are here to help if you need it.**

# Up the Wreake Book Club



Let me know your views on these books, have you already read them or are you just reading them now? We will run this feature while we are in lockdown so we can all share what we are reading. Let me know what you are reading?

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## **The Mandibles – A family 2029-2047 by Lionel Shriver**



The Mandibles, in common with many recent novels is dystopian, but the cause of the societal collapse is not, invasion, climate change or pandemic, but total collapse of the world economy.

Set in New York in 2029, the Mandible family have for generations, been wealthy, although the present generation

of the Old Man's children, live in expectation of wealth rather than it being their present reality.

The international financial collapse has created a world currency crisis which leads to a rejection of the dollar and the creation of the bancour for international trade. The USA crippled by its enormous national debt refuses to adopt the bancour and clings to the dollar, although it is no longer an internationally recognised currency. Trade therefor collapses, and the savings of millions are wiped out. There are increasing shortages, and in time scarcity of all products as well as food and water. As the situation worsens, life deteriorates into total anarchy.

We see each of the children's families initially adapting in their own way, washing up and showering in 'grey water', eating anything available, and finding ways to keep warm without heating. In spite of having to negotiate a society in ruins, the branches of the family, do not support each other. For this family group, their initial stark adjustment is accepting that they are no longer important people and cannot expect to return to their comfortable lives in the future. It is a clever portrait of the effect of expected wealth which not only doesn't materialise but plunges them into a life of chaos. Each small family group adapts in their own ways until the situation

is so dire that most of them are homeless and they have to find unthinkable solutions.

As with most dystopian novels, perhaps the most interesting elements are the responses of the characters to dramatic change. Here, a tenured university professor is sacked, the least successful sister manages to house and feed the entire extended family, and the family black sheep Jarred, provides an escape for them all. Perhaps the central character is Willing, a fourteen-year-old boy who seems to be the only family member who really understands the reasons for the financial crash and what it will mean for all their futures.

As we move into 2047 the national crisis has subsided into a bland personally chipped society, in which even taxes are taken directly via a brain chip. Many of the family members have returned to a much-changed New York and adapted in rather different ways to the new reality. Finally, a more hopeful solution is sought via a move to Nevada.

This is a very wide-ranging novel over, time, characters and US geography. The one weakness I felt was the many pages devoted to economic theory and explanations of how the crash had occurred. These are couched as arguments between our characters, but it is all very technical and totally US centric.

Lionel Shriver has written many novels. She was recently lauded for, *We Need to Talk about Kevin*, which was made into a successful film. *The Mandibles* was published in 2016.

Julie Philips



**Lionel Shriver** (born **Margaret Ann Shriver**; May 18, 1957) is an American author and journalist who lives in the United Kingdom. Her novel *We Need to Talk About Kevin* won the Orange Prize for Fiction in 2005.

Shriver was born **Margaret Ann Shriver** on May 18, 1957, in Gastonia, North Carolina, to a religious family. Her father, Donald, is a Presbyterian minister, who became an academic and president of the Union Theological Seminary in New York;<sup>[1]</sup> her mother, Peggy, was a homemaker. She also has an older brother, Gregory, and a younger brother, Tim.<sup>[2]</sup> At age 15, she changed her name from Margaret Ann to Lionel because she did not like the name she had been given, and as a tomboy felt a conventionally male name more appropriate.<sup>[3]</sup>



## AUGUST

Well let's see we have had floods, very dry weather followed by rain followed by extreme heat, WHAT NEXT!!!

No wonder the plants don't know what to do, some have already given up and gone to seed and some have decided to wait until the weather suits their needs, I think it is safe to say that the growing world just like our world has had a difficult year so far.



I have potted on 80 Sweet William plants that I have grown from seeds I picked last year, these are biannual plants which means you grow them one year and they will flower the following year, so once they are strong I shall plant them

out towards the end of September and hope for lots of flowers in about April next year.

I collect a lots of seeds and USUALLY write on the packet what they are but for some reason I missed naming one so I planted them any way and now they are about an inch tall I think they are Stocks, I shall grow them on and plant them out at the same time as the Sweet Williams in hope of getting some fragrant flowers in the spring.



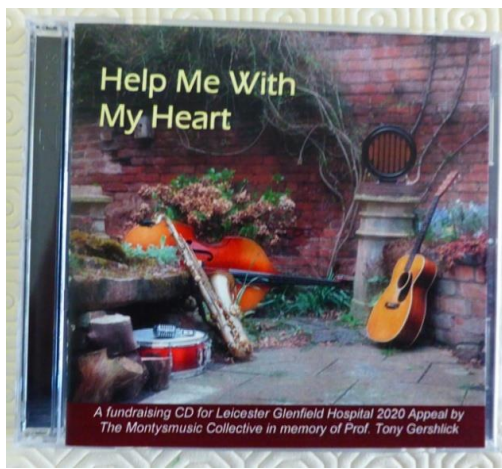
The leeks seem to be doing ok at the allotment and the French Beans have been producing so many I have already had to freeze some, we have had some lovely Broccoli and they are still producing well; I'm sad that my Butternut Squash plants are doing well and neither are the pumpkins I was hoping to grow for Halloween but that is all down to lack of watering at the allotment, basically the gardeners fault, sometimes there are just not enough hours in the day and we have to accept that.

Keep doing your best but don't beat yourself up if you cannot get it all done.

Vida Gregory



## **‘Frisby Live’ Musician fights back in style to produce special Charity CD.**



John Montague, Musical Director of the much-appreciated **Frisby Live** concert evenings, has not been unoccupied during the lockdown period.

Even as he began his long fight-back from serious illness (which resulted in cancellations of a number of Frisby Live events in late 2019) John, with wife Angela and daughter Hannah decided to fundraise for Glenfield Hospital, with Hannah spearheading **the Glenfield Hospital 2020 Appeal**.

The initial target, to raise £2020 in 2020 for New Dayroom Decor and extras for Ward 28, was soon smashed following a series of creative, socially distanced and online activities. By December 2020, the fund was in the region of £3000.

Not satisfied with this and true to his professional self, John has spent the last 12 months galvanising musician friends from round the world to contribute to a special 28 Track Double Album, **“Help Me With My Heart”**, a limited-edition CD that is now for sale to raise further funds for the appeal.

John has been overwhelmed with the support from the musical community, many of whom have featured in Frisby Live concerts, who have donated and

written (all original) songs and tunes for the Album. He is particularly grateful for those who provided seed money to support CD production costs and his supremely talented co-producer, Marten Alex (Germany) for extensive help with recording and final mastering this album.

The fundraising continues.....

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### **Frisby 100 Club Winners of the August 2021 draw.**

Winners in the August Draw.

1st Prize £50 Mandy Dulieu 29

2nd Prize £20 Kate & Ian Wallace 47

3rd Prize £10 Mike Patterson 21

Drawn By Stella Brooksby



## **St Peters**

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## Bell

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resetting the striking mechanism

replacing the bearings

replacing the headstock

tuning the bell

turning the bell so that the clapper strikes on unworn areas of the sound bow

installing ball bearing chime pulleys and smooth turned floor bosses.

We are very fortunate that the only remaining bell restoration company is local to us and we are grateful to John Taylor & Co for their care and attention. We also thank the Quintas Fund for their generous grant and other local people who contributed to enable this important project to be completed.



## **Frisby School Transition Walk**

On June 24th, year 6 pupils that are transferring from Frisby C of E school to senior schools in Melton Mowbray, were taken on a walk. In attendance were Stuart Northledge, Headmaster, Gemma Watts year teacher, Reverend David Harknett and Jeanne Knowles, Churchwarden. The pupils assembled at the school and walked down to St Thomas' church in Frisby where there was a brief summary of who St Thomas was & how the Church links with the past, present & future.

We then set off to walk to St Michaels' Church at Brooksby, along the footpath crossing the fields, walking through Rotherby & across the final field to Brooksby. Near the beginning we met Syd Wood on his tractor & he stopped and chatted about his time in farming. Along the way, stops were made to encourage the pupils to think about what they were seeing & how it might relate to life and their future dreams. They also drew what they could see.

We were met at St Michaels' by Janet Norburn with a delicious picnic lunch provided by Sara Groome (a Frisby resident with an outside catering business) & as the weather was fine, we all sat on the grass outside the Church.

After lunch the pupils were shown round St Michaels' and also the field with the deserted village of Brooksby buried underneath.

We then walked back to Frisby and en route stopped so the pupils could write a little prayer of thanks to God for the day's activities.



## Weddings



As we ease out of lockdown, more weddings are taking place at St Michael's and now they are permitted to hold a reception in Brooksby Hall.

Glyn Perkins and Natalie Watters tied the knot on June 26th. The Church was beautifully decorated by the bridegroom's stepmother which made it very personal. The music was provided by a professional singer.

The following week on July 3rd, Sean Knight & Chloe Scott celebrated their wedding. The music was provided by John Norburn playing the organ.



The wedding cake was very unusual but rather splendid.



**Jeanne Knowles and Malcolm Britton  
Churchwardens**



## Rotherby Hog Roast



Rotherby's Break Out of Lockdown Hog Roast was a great success. Local villagers enjoyed a dry weather evening eating delicious food, listening (and later dancing ) to good music from "Jo, Ray, Me" Catching up with friends and family in a lovely open-air event, it was great to see children playing in the field and all having a relaxed social time.



Many thanks go to Rotherby DCC who organised the event and provided the salads, vegetarian options and puddings to accompany the roast.

A big thank you to Gary and family who provided the excellent venue of barns and field to host the roast and to all the volunteers who helped, preparing the barn, food, serving and clearing up the next day. Also, our grateful thanks to the Hoby with Rotherby Parish Council who provided funds from the Quintas Recovery Grants Scheme, that kept ticket prices to a minimum.

It is a privilege and pleasure to live in such a warm and welcoming area of the Wreake Valley.



## Project Knitted or Crocheted Squares to make Blankets.



**Some very colourful wool that I am working with at the moment**

We love this project

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**Sue Boyden and Leslie Case**

## Hog Roast

Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves and we were lucky with the weather. There was a modest profit of £413 which has been donated to the church and Friends of Rotherby and will be used to assist in the funding of the Fireworks evening in November (*further details will be circulated in September*).

As you are probably aware we are currently raising funds for a servery within the church, and we have recently a contactless payment system for the fund-raising activities (Cream Teas on Sundays etc.)

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our raffle tickets tightly in the hope of winning an arrangement at the end of the evening. We like to visit other people's gardens and we are always talking flowers and plants. Our monthly meetings are friendly, sociable and chatty and no one needs to be an expert. Far from it, we are all amateurs who just enjoy flowers.

So.... lockdown was a shock, and we all missed our regular meetings. We tried to keep everyone interested and informed with regular newsletters, which included photos of flowers and plants from members' gardens and anecdotes.

And now... we are planning our comeback. Our first meeting will be one especially for our members, a 'Welcome Back' social evening with food when we can reminisce and catch up on all the news, while celebrating the Club's Diamond Anniversary sixty years after its formation.

On **Tuesday 21 September**, we will hold our first meeting in Frisby Village Hall, and we would be delighted to welcome anyone who is interested to come along and find out more about the club. Doors open at 7pm and the meeting starts at 7.30pm. Our demonstrator that evening will be Caroline Onions, who will be spotlighting the use of British flowers in her arrangements. Look out for the posters around the village.

We have a Facebook page, or you can find out more by contacting Lyn Hastings: [lyn.hastings@talk21.com](mailto:lyn.hastings@talk21.com) Tel: 07976 244349



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### SPOT THE LINKS - Answers

<b>August</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Intimate</b>	<b>Invalid</b>	<b>Object</b>
<b>Polish</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Tear</b>	<b>Produce</b>

**All the above words are homographs – they can be pronounced in more than one way.**

<b>Abbot</b>	<b>Almost</b>	<b>Bellow</b>	<b>Biopsy</b>	<b>Chintz</b>
<b>Flossy</b>	<b>Glossy</b>	<b>Hippy</b>	<b>Mossy</b>	<b>Knotty</b>

**In all the words in this list, the letters are in alphabetical order.**

## ALPHAHUNT

This wordsearch grid contains some hidden words, all at least four letters long, which can be written in any direction, either forwards or backwards, including diagonally. For the purposes of this puzzle, ignore any words of fewer than four letters. Once you have found the words, you will notice that every letter of the alphabet has been used at least once – except one. Which is that unused letter?

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C	X	M	G	Y	H	S	K	U	A
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