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Plant Sale Plea

The annual Plant Sale with Coffee & Cakes in aid of *Worlabby Views Magazine* will be held this year on 1st June at Woodsmoke Cottage, 6 Main Street. Nearer the time we will be asking for volunteers to make cakes and biscuits, as well as urging you all to come out for a lovely Saturday morning. In the meantime, we would be very grateful if you could let Chris Edwards have any spare plant pots for her to pot up all the wonderful plants she grows on for the sale.

Road Safety

Our PCSO Lisa Bogg has just sent an informative leaflet on road safety in Worlabby. We'll print extracts from the article next issue. In the meantime you can download the whole piece from our village website: www.worlabby.org.uk



World Book Day: Worlabby Readers' Group

Celebrate World Book Day on 7th March with Worlabby Readers' Group recommendations. Look for the logo throughout the magazine.

Worlabby Views Magazine and Worlabby Website

Please send articles, photos, news and diary dates for the magazine to lucy@englishandmedia.co.uk Deadlines for material for each issue is on Worlabby's website: www.worlabby.org.uk. To contribute to Worlabby's website, please contact Rod Taylor: trr@aol.com



Help for Heroes

£75.80 sent by Angela and Mick on 8th February! Drop your cans into the red bin at the gate of 2 Top Road. If you have difficulty taking them to the bin, Angela will happily collect them from you – just give her a ring on 618778.

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Spring Walks

The new footpath between Worlabby and Bonby is great. It means that there is now an almost continuous footpath between and through all the low villages (with a couple of short breaks in the tarmaced path after Saxby). This would make a lovely walk but quite a long one. A way to vary the length of your walk would be to take advantage of the Stagecoach 450 service and catch the bus some of the way. If you are lucky enough to have a bus pass then it will cost you nothing.

The buses come through our village towards Barton at: 9.18; 11.18; 13.18; 16.04 and 16.48. From Barton, they arrive back here at 10.20; 12.20 and 14.20, leaving from Ferriby Blacksmith's at four minutes past the hour.

The Brigg Raft

On 11th February, the Brigg Heritage Centre closed to allow works to take place to install the Bronze Age Brigg 'Raft' in a special glass case.

Workmen digging for clay near the River Ancholme in 1888 found the raft, which dates back nearly 3,000 years. It was covered over to protect it and finally excavated in 1974.

The 'Raft', which now measures over 12 metres long and 2.7 metres wide, will be the centrepiece of the Heritage Centre when it opens its doors on Wednesday 6th

March. The Centre opens 10am-2pm Wednesday to Saturday during the winter months and Thursday to Sunday after Easter.

If you would be interested in volunteering at the Centre, call Abby or Sarah on 01652 657053.





St Clement's Church

Church Flower Rota

I would like to try to start a flower rota again for St Clement's Church.

Would you be interested in providing flowers for the altar vases, possibly in memory of a loved one? You can arrange the flowers yourself or, if you prefer, I will do it for you. Or maybe you would rather give a donation towards flowers.

If you would like your name to be put on the rota, please give me a ring.

Marjorie Ward (618458)

Visiting the Church

Since becoming part of North Lincolnshire Church Heritage Trail we have enjoyed meeting a steady flow of visitors both local and from further afield, some tracing their roots, researching a family tree or revisiting the memory of a family Wedding or Baptism.

On the special Heritage Weekend we were delighted to put on a display of Worlaby's former role in John Maynard Keynes' risky agricultural experiment'.

For some time we have been planning to have a small illustrated booklet to help visitors appreciate St Clement's and its special features. Thanks to the Worlaby reading group the booklet will soon be printed thanks to their generous donation of £60. We are very grateful for this help and for all the support we receive.

If you haven't had a good look round lately please come and see how lucky we are to have such a lovely building in our midst.

The church is regularly open on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays as well as on special occasions and the keyholders are listed on the church noticeboards to give you access at other times for prayer or quiet contemplation.

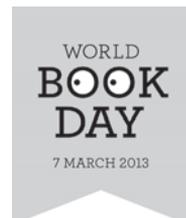
Maureen Rickwood, Church Warden

World Book Day – Worlaby Readers

Dave recommends ...

In joint first – *Germinal* by Emile Zola and *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* by Robert Tressell.

Both stories reflect all human life and emotions in the class struggle: the former in mid-19th-century France and mining; the latter in Edwardian England and a group of printers and decorators – unputdownable.



Feeling Safe with the Fab 7

A feeling safe group was set up at Worlab Academy three years ago. The current group of seven Year 6 pupils known as the Fab 7 do talks on all different safety issues around school and in everyday life. Here is what they have to say about the group.

Anya Squires: I'm the chairperson of the Fab 7. I make sure everybody is doing their job properly. I'm working with Joe to make a poster and a zig zag booklet for the school.

Joe: I'm the Vice-chair of the Fab 7. I'm working with Anya on peer pressure and stranger danger. We had a meeting at the Learning Development Centre where we did a talk for other schools. What I liked about it was the hot chocolate. If the younger children have a question they can ask for our help.

Megan: In the Fab 7 my role is secretary, so I keep the agenda and minutes. The two topics I look after are water safety and drugs and alcohol. I liked the Learning Development Centre because I liked seeing the other presentations from the other schools to see what they have achieved.

David and Kayleigh: We share the role of treasurer so we keep track of all the money. We also work together on fire safety and e-safety. E safety is all about keeping people safe on a computer or mobile phone.

Jade and Hannah: As publicity managers of the Fab 7, our responsibility is to advertise locally in schools and local papers. We also work together on keeping safe in the home and road safety.

Compiled by Kirsty Squires

Nestle Cereal Packet Book Tokens

If you have any box top book tokens from Nestle Cereal packets and are wondering what to do with them, please consider passing them onto Worlab Academy. It only takes as little as 10 tokens for the school to start choosing free books from the extensive Dorling Kindersley range listed on the 'Nestle Box Tops For Books' website.

Although this year's scheme only runs until 31st of March 2013, the Nestle voucher scheme allows schools to 'bank' tokens for use next year, so we will happily continue to collect them. The only thing we'd ask is that you take care to ensure that the expiry date is still on the token as we can not bank them without this.

Thank you for your support.

Elaine Otty





All the Threes ... Pie and Peas!!

Saturday 16th March 5pm-8pm.

£20 family ticket – 2 adults & 2 children

£8 per additional adult and £4 per additional child

Bonby Pre-school staff and parents work very hard throughout the year to raise funds to buy toys, games, books and equipment – but this is our big event so we hope that you will be able to come and support us! All monies raised are spent on the children to:

1. encourage the development of pre-school skills and a positive attitude to learning.
2. give each child a broad learning, based on play in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Come and join us at our family Bingo, Pie and Pea night where you can try out your bingo lingo and enjoy a delicious supper! There will be baby and toddler play area throughout the event and a children's disco at the end.

Tickets available on 07841203697.

Village Carol Singing

About 30 people came to join the carol singing on Sunday 23rd December and what a great night it was!

The weather stayed dry for which we were very grateful as some of us had dressed in fabulous Victorian Costume or were just plain scullery maids like me!

We finished off the evening in the church where we enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies and some fabulous cup cakes made by Pam. Thank you to Maureen and Marjorie who looked after the mulled wine and were there to welcome us at the church.

And thank you to all the inhabitants of Worlabby who opened their doors and donated so generously to our Toddler Group, a very good cause indeed.

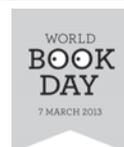
Lis Owen

World Book Day – Worlabby Readers

Maureen recommends ...

The Dancing Years by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles. This story, number 33 in the Morland family saga, is set in 1919 as the euphoria of the armistice fades.

If, like me, you love history or you would just like to know more about important events of our past, there is a Morland book for you. The first, set in 1434, starts a dynasty of fascinating characters who always seem to be in the front of the action. Each volume stands alone and I think I have all 33 if you would like to give them a go.



We would like to offer our very sincere thanks to Lis Owen for organising the Christmas Carol singing round the village on the evening of 23rd December. Many people turned out to brave the cold (yet thankfully dry) evening, to knock on people's doors to sing a Christmas Carol, in total raising just over £200 to help towards the play group's running costs.

As many of you will know, these costs are ever increasing and, therefore reluctantly, we have had to take the difficult decision

to charge slightly more for admission. The new costs are now £1.50 per family with only one child under 1 year old, and £2.50 for families with children above one year (up to a maximum of three children and two adults per family). We are confident that we are still offering excellent value for money with high quality toys, craft table and fun in a safe and pleasant environment. After all, where else do your little ones get snacks and entertainment whilst you sit enjoying your unlimited tea and toast for a total of £2.50?!

I personally am very proud that we are still able to provide a high-quality and enjoyable service for the youngest members of our village and beyond and am delighted that this year we have welcomed no less than five new families to our group.

Well, I look forward to this week's session as we are making pizzas and on the craft table we will be making faces on paper plates. We have a different theme each week, and feedback tells us that this is still what makes our group so popular!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Worlabby Views and villagers for always supporting our group.

Charlotte Rickells

Thanks to Worlabby Readers' Group

For a number of years, Mel and Sandra Clark and family have been raising funds for research by Diabetes UK. Recently they had a very pleasant surprise when they received a donation of £50 from the Worlabby Readers' Group. This donation will be added to other funds raised and forwarded to Diabetes UK

It's very heart warming to know that it is not only those directly affected who are willing to support such a good cause.

Most sincere thanks to the Worlabby Readers Group from Mel, Sandra and family.

Mel Clark





Household Tips

By the time you are reading this the weather should be improving and spring should be around the corner. Ha! No

doubt March may bring more cold days with rain and howling winds. With this thought in mind, I have included tips to beat the cold ... *and* save money.

Remember to keep your doors shut when the heating is on, especially if you all congregate in one room during the evenings. You could also dig out that garish draught excluder you always meant to bin and put it to good use.

In a typical home, 15% of the heat is lost through the floor alone, so check floorboards and skirting boards for gaps. Just by buying some beading or mastic sealant, you could take £25 off your annual heating bill.

Give your radiators some TLC by regularly bleeding them and boosting the heat of those on outside walls with reflector boards – or just paste tin foil on the wall behind, so heat is reflected back into the room.

Get a keyhole cover – it will only cost a couple of pounds and it will help keep out the draughts.

If you turn down your thermostat just 1°C you could cut your heating bills by about 10% – around £55 per year on the average bill. But that doesn't mean you need to sit shivering. Wear an extra jumper, or wrap yourself up in a blanket what could be cosier when watching TV. When it's chilly of an evening, ditch that glam nightwear, go for socks and thermals – lovely!

Pauline Watson

World Book Day – Worlabu Readers

Sue recommends ...

Spot the connections – all set in France and all great reads:

George Orwell's *Down and Out in Paris and London*

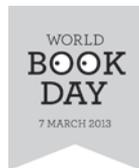
A no holds barred semi-autobiographical novel of his time spent living on the breadline in the late 1920s.

Pure by Andrew Miller

Set in the 18th century, a young, inexperienced engineer is tasked with removing a whole cemetery of bodies from Les Halles, Paris.

The Girl who Fell from the Sky by Simon Mawer

With a new identity, Marian is parachuted into France as a spy in 2nd World War. The first part of the novel covers her training in Scotland and is just as gripping as the main part of the story.



Winter seems to have left the Low Villages once again, although we should perhaps bear in mind the old saying that ‘the snow’s waiting for some more to take it away’ – it does seem to be true that small amounts of snow left behind along sheltered field margins herald another wintery spell. A bright line of snow along the north edge of Rennison Carr’s Wood made me think that we still have a long way to go before we can count on the safe return of spring.

The last decade has seen many extreme weather events and worldwide records being broken. This year has been doubly difficult for farmers throughout the UK. Thankfully Lincolnshire has done better than many areas particularly the South West – a fact which underlines the prime importance of our local land economy.

Having said that, there are many hectares of land still to be drilled this spring as autumn was catastrophically wet. In one farmer’s words: ‘It was the wettest drought I have ever seen!’ All this will mean a lower wheat yield in the UK next summer.

If this was the UK only, then the world markets would barely flutter but many other countries and large scale grain producers have suffered too. For the first time in many years production trends are failing to meet the increase in population and subsequent demand for food. One way of dealing with this, is to look at our own behaviour and start actually to eat the food we have available – recent estimates suggest we fail to use or throw away over half of what we produce. Large supermarkets could also help by stopping the practice of ‘de-selecting’ produce that fails to meet their sizing and skin finish parameters. This can be easily be done as it is exactly what they did last year and this to cope with the shortage of potatoes (you may have seen the notices in Tesco’s explaining the reason for the misshapen and oddly-sized potatoes).

Peter Blaylock

World Book Day – Worlaby Readers

Pete recommends ...

The Book – The taboo Against Knowing Who You Are by Alan Watts was John Lloyd’s Desert Island Discs ‘one book’ choice to take with him to his island. Written in 1966 it reconciles contemporary Western scientific discovery and capitalist culture with ancient Asian self-discovery, spirituality and knowledge. This book shows how the unseen element of the universe (now described as ‘dark matter’) had been identified, thousands of years ago. The Cern Large Hadron Collider looking for the Higgs boson (the so-called ‘God Particle’) has finally confirmed that space is not simply empty and therefore incomprehensible when trying to visualise the universe. An essential read for anyone who feels contemporary culture lacks meaning and spirituality. Written in an accessible way, this book would certainly put you in a good position to ask Professor Brian Cox some searching questions!

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Drinking Fountain

The drinking fountain on Top Road was built with stone left over from the renovation of St Clement's Church in 1873 and until a few years ago was in working order; it's a shame it isn't now.

Description by English Heritage

Grade II listed – the keystone is inscribed 1874. For Sir John Astley. Vermiculated ashlar to piers and jambs of central arch, rock-faced ashlar to remainder, smooth ashlar dressings. Built into roadside, approximately 5 metres wide and 3 metres high. Central pointed niche with projecting jambs and keyed arch, containing iron spout and carved ashlar basin and drain. Pointed arched wall above with moulded coping ramped down to end piers with corniced caps.

When I was researching English Heritage's website I became haunted the word 'ashlar' in many of the descriptions. As you can see, our drinking fountain is a veritable medley of various ashlar -

I have to confess that I didn't know what ashlar meant; so I looked it up. Now you may all know exactly what it is but just in case any of you reading this do not – here is what I learnt:

1. Ashlar: the word for finely dressed (cut or worked) masonry, either an individual stone that has been worked until squared or the masonry that has been built of such stone. Ashlar is the finest stone masonry unit, generally cuboid. Precisely cut "on all faces adjacent to those of other stones" ashlar is capable of very thin joints between blocks.
2. Vermiculated Ashlar: the carving or finishing of building stones with irregular grooves intended to resemble worm tracks. Vermiculation is one form of surface rustication (see 3).
- 3 Ashlar rock faced (rusticated or quarry faced) In this type of masonry, the exposed face of the stone is not dressed but is kept as quarried so as to give a rock facing.

'The intention is to create a contrast between the rusticated work, ordinarily confined to the lowest story of a building, and the finely dressed perfect ashlar above.

Ashlar' is in contrast to 'rubble masonry'. Skilled stonemasons would be employed to create ashlar for important buildings and the more modest would be built of the stone rubble.

Sue Webster



Parish Council

Cleaning up after your dog

Following on from the article in the last issue of *Worlaby Views Magazine* there does not seem to have been any improvement in the amount of dog faeces around the village.

The Parish Council have informed the Dog Warden who has been visiting the village on a regular basis but the irresponsible dog owners have avoided being caught in the act.

If you see anyone allowing their dogs to foul without clearing it up and putting it in the many dog bins that the Parish Council have funded and placed around the village, please ring the Dog Warden directly on 01724 297000.

Please help to keep the village clean!

Deb Hotson, Parish Clerk (0784 2201877) Worlaby Parish Council

Recreation Committee

Worlaby 100 Club

December: 1st – Joan & Fred Chapman; 2nd – Jill & Terry Odlin

January: 1st – Maurice & Pam Henry; 2nd – Liz & Derek Andrews

If you would like to join the 100 Club, please contact Bob & Mel Adcock on 618507.

Pam's People Pie & Pea Party Night 22nd March 7.30pm till late

Tickets are selling out fast for this brilliant local band that always delivers great music, fun and entertainment. You can let your hair down and dance to music from across four decades, or just simply relax and let the good times roll.

£10 including a delicious pie and pea supper – and it's all just a stroll away at Worlaby Village Hall. Contact 618900 or 618832 for tickets.

Regular Events

Weekly

Tuesday: A short service of Communion, 9.30am St Clement's Church
Chair-based exercise Class, 2pm Village Hall
Bokwa at 6.30pm & Zumba at 7.30pm Village Hall

Wednesday: Aerobics, 7pm Village Hall

Friday: Early Starters Toddler Group, 9.15am-11am Village Hall

Saturday: Aerobics, 9am Village Hall

Fortnightly

Thursday: Worlaby Crew, Village Hall

Monthly

Friday: Pub Night first Friday of the month, 7.30pm Village Hall





Spring Diary Dates

March

- 1st: Pub Night, 7pm Village Hall
- 10th: Morning Prayer on Mothering Sunday, 9.30am
St Clement's Church
- 11th: WI talk on 'Spring Time in Yellowstone', 7.15pm Village Hall
- 16th: All the 3s – Pie & Peas! Bingo night in aid of Bonby Pre-school, 5-8pm
Village Hall
- 21st: Walking for Health, 10.30am. Meet on Main Street. Lunch available in
the Church – all welcome (even if you've not walked!)
Thursday Group, 7.30pm Village Hall
- 22nd: Pam's People Pie and Pea Party Night, 7.30pm Village Hall
- 23rd: Brigg Farmers' Market
- 24th: Parish Communion on Palm Sunday, 9.30am St Clement's Church
Sunday lunch, 1pm Village Hall. To book call Gill on 618321

April

- 5th: Pub Night, 7pm Village Hall
- 8th: WI Sock Monkeys ... intriguing! 7.15pm Village Hall
- 14th: Morning Prayer, 9.30am St Clement's Church
- 18th: Thursday Group, 7.30pm Village Hall
- 20th: Quiz at the Village Hall – for details, see posters round the village
- 27th: Brigg Farmers' Market
- 28th: Parish Communion, 9.30am St Clement's Church
Sunday lunch, 1pm Village Hall. To book call Gill on 618321

May

- 12th: Morning Prayer, 9.30am St Clement's Church
- 13th: WI, 7.15pm Village Hall
- 16th: Thursday Group, 7.30pm Village Hall
- 26th: Parish Communion, 9.30am St Clement's Church
Sunday lunch, 1pm Village Hall. To book call Gill on 618321

June

- 1st: Plant Sale with Coffee & Cakes in aid of *Worlabby Views Magazine*,
10-12.30pm Woodsmoke Cottage, 6 Main Street

Ash die-back

Ash die-back, the fungal disease threatening the future of the ash tree, has been officially recognised as present in this country. As a result, you are legally obliged to report symptoms to the Forestry Commission who have a website with a useful description and video to identify the disease: visit <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara>

Ash is the fourth most common tree species in British woodland and has the highest nutrient uptake of any native tree in moist well-drained soil. One of the slowest to come into leaf in spring, in autumn it is one of the first to drop its leaves. Its foliage is sparse compared to some trees even in midsummer allowing a rich ground flora to flourish beneath. The ash tree supports many species of birds and insects, as well as mosses and lichens.

The ash tree is not only important for the health of the flora and fauna; it also has great commercial value. A valuable timber tree, it is strong and flexible. Indeed, before the development of light alloys, ash wood was used for construction of light aircraft wings including World War 2's de Havilland Mosquito.

Faced with ash die-back, we realise just how devastating it could be in our area where ash trees, layered and coppiced, abound in hedgerows. Young trees are particularly susceptible to the disease but old trees can survive for several years. On Middlegate there are landmark ancient trees which may seem to be dying but still have plenty of vigour. At the Bonby end of Low Road there is a Jaspidea ash with a yellow bark; how sad to think of these trees disappearing.

Dutch elm disease ravaged the elm population some years ago. A lovely survivor stands on the left as you come out of the top of the Hollows. This is a Wych Elm with its five trunks and spreading canopy. It has shiny black buds in winter and in early spring a flush of dainty flowers. In spring too the ground beneath is carpeted with violets and later on sprinkled with celandines.

We can only hope that there are enough resistant trees for the ash to survive.

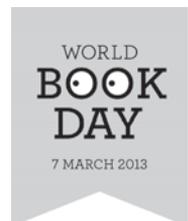
Meg Jones



World Book Day – Worlabby Readers

Linda recommends ...

City of Joy by Dominique Lapierre. An amazing story about the people in the slums of Calcutta. You can feel, taste and smell this city. Inspirational.





For years I have listened to and enjoyed Gardeners' Question Time on Radio 4 so when I had the chance to go to one

of the programmes being recorded at Kirton in Lindsey I was delighted.

An upper room in the Town Hall was packed with us gardeners, many from Kirton Amateur Gardening Club who were hosting the event. On the panel were Pippa Greenwood, Anne Swithenbank and that well-known lover of all things ugly in his garden like tyres and old carpets – Bob Flowerdew. The Chairman, Eric Robson, welcomed us.



The whole evening was informal and friendly and the panellists with no prior warning of the questions being put to them, sometimes had to admit that they did not know the answer. But having said that, they were all extremely knowledgeable and so relaxed and chatty. In fact I forgot a programme was being recorded.

Questions ranged from growing truffles in Kirton to managing blackspot on roses. I will give you their advice on blackspot – a subject, sadly, dear to my own heart!

1. Spray as you prune in late winter, then again in two weeks and again two weeks after that.
2. Adequately feed the roses but not too much nitrogen which will make the leaves flimsy and more susceptible.
3. Pick up and destroy infected leaves as much as you can but also by covering the ground underneath the rose with well rotted horse manure or compost you will cover the spores and stop them splashing the plant when it rains.

Sue Webster

World Book Day – Worlaby Readers

Anne recommends ...

The Secret Keeper by Kate Moreton. A family saga of secrets and intrigue – you'll never guess the ending! A jolly good read.

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Sharing Our Talents – Classes in the Village Hall

Wouldn't it be great if we could just saunter down to the village hall and learn holiday Italian or French (mon ami!), practise a musical instrument, learn about family history, or join a photography club? Unfortunately none of these activities are on offer locally. However, perhaps this situation can be rectified by the talented people in our own village.

Do you have skills or talents, or a hobby that you feel you would enjoy sharing with others? Can you speak a language other than English? Do you enjoy flower arranging, running for fun, photography? Or perhaps you have a talent for ballroom dancing, DIY, or car maintenance? You don't necessarily need to be professionally qualified. If you have enthusiasm, a genuine interest and you are knowledgeable about a particular subject and would like to share that knowledge with others, then the Recreation Committee would love to hear from you.

The Recreation Committee is willing to offer the use of the small room at the village hall free of charge for one session weekly for the first four weeks (this would be subject to room availability). If there is enough interest to carry on beyond the first month then a small hire fee of £7.50 per hour would be charged.

So if you do have any ideas about kickstarting a class on a particular skill, talent or hobby, then do please ring me on 618900 for a chat.

Pauline Watson

Worlaby WI

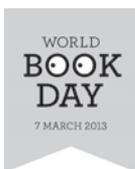
Unfortunately, our January meeting was cancelled because of the snow, but we are looking forward to a new programme of talks and events.

The WI has something for all ages, so why not give us a try? We meet in the Village Hall on the second Monday of the month at 7.15pm. Do join us if you can. Our Secretary, Maureen Rickwood, will be happy to supply further details (Tel 618142).

Liz Andrews

World Book Day – Worlaby Readers Sheila recommends ...

The Kite Runner by
Khaled Hosseini.
An absolutely
unputdownable book about a
12-year-old Afghan boy's search for
redemption. Superb.



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The good thing about the major constellations like Orion, Cassiopeia and The Plough is that you can see them from anywhere in the village even with street lights. Orion now dominates the southern sky as soon as it is dark along with Sirius, the brightest and our nearest neighbouring star below Orion down to the left just popping up above the horizon. The constellation Cassiopeia (the 'W' or 'M') is almost overhead and the ever present Plough is high up in the north.



Jupiter continues to dominate the sky up above Orion. Jupiter is the brightest object in the sky so as it goes dark, the first 'star' you will be able to see will be Jupiter. Otherwise, extend the imaginary line from the three stars in Orion's belt up to the right to Aldebaran, the big red giant and beyond it is Jupiter. All of this can be seen by just looking outside; you don't need to have been in total darkness and acquired your 'night vision'.

If you have found the Pleiades cluster – that marvellous smudge in the sky the other side of Aldebaran, try looking for the Hyades cluster. This is not as obvious as The Pleiades but is an open cluster of up to 200 stars. It lies next to Aldebaran, back down that imaginary line up from Orion's belt and whilst Aldebaran is the eye of the constellation Taurus the bull, the seven brightest in Hyades (said, like The Pleiades, to be the daughters of Atlas) form a 'V' on its side next to the eye and are the head of Taurus, bearing down on the hunter Orion. You will need to be away from lights to see this cluster. As an aside, it follows from the mythology that the Seven (Pleiades) Sisters must be half sisters to The Hyades!

Another easy way to see shape in this part of sky that is not a constellation – but an asterism, is The Winter Triangle. It is formed by the red coloured giant, Betelgeuse (top left in Orion), down to Sirius just above the horizon after dusk and then across to the left is Procyon in Canis Major, only slightly less bright than Sirius. The Winter Triangle is not as large as its summer counterpart but after Orion is a very bright shape in this part of the winter sky.

Finally, I asked last time where does the Summer Triangle go in the winter. Well it's still in the sky but now it is in the north west and the bright summer star Vega is much lower down. Above Vega and to the left is Deneb which is prominent as part of the constellation Cygnus the swan. Below Deneb, in almost a straight horizontal line, you will see there are three stars all of about the same brightness. It looks a bit like a coat hanger but vertically below Deneb beyond the line of three is Albireo making a cross with Albireo being the head of the upside-down swan – these brightest stars in Cygnus are also known as The Northern Cross. The third member of the Triangle was Altair and this is now off to the left, low down; so the Summer Triangle has turned onto its side and it is now getting lower in the north.

If you have any questions, just contact *Worlab Views* and we can maybe print some answers.

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Short-eared Owl, Worlaby Carrs



It was on the spur of the moment that I decided to take a look down Carr Lane, to see if I could get a good view of Worlaby's much talked about Short-eared Owls.

Previous visits had proved fruitless, being limited to long distant views through my binoculars.

So you can understand my delight that within two minutes of my arrival a wonderful specimen of this beautiful bird flew past me, no more than 30 metres away. I knew it really was my lucky day when it repeated this flypast another five times giving me many opportunities to get lots of pictures like the one on the front cover.

Ian Garner