

## The Walter Family-Part 7

*A Farmers' Wife Working Week Wednesday* was poultry day. They were free range, known as 'barn yarders' or 'walkabouts'. They went to roost in several huts around the farm. The huts had to be cleaned out and bedded with fresh chaff and the nesting boxes replenished with hay. The eggs were washed and packed for the grocers—E Walter, Abbeydale Rd. Sheffield and R Gladish of Retford. To increase stock, 12 to 13 eggs were put under a 'broody' hen. If all went well we had a nest full of little fluffy chicks.

In time for sale at Christmas, we reared young cockerels, ducks and geese which kept us busy plucking and preparing for the oven.

*Thursday* was churning or butter making day. To obtain the cream for the butter, it had to be separated from the milk. The separator was turned by hand and needed much energy to keep up enough speed.

Each day the cooled cream was put into a large bowl containing a handful of salt and was well stirred.

At the end of the week the inside of the churn was scalded



then rinsed with cold water to receive the cream

which was tested for temperature. The time of turning the churn was not always the same. In hot weather it took hours for the butter to come. Then a thump and a swish of liquid and a clear window on the churn announced the arrival of butter. The final working was to squeeze out the surplus water with 'butter worker' or 'Scotch hands' (wooden spatulas) and salt added to taste. The 'Scotch hands' were then used to shape the butter into the required weight and size ready to go to the grocer shop, R Gladish in Retford.

*Extracts from 'The Walter Family' by Hilda (Peggy) Walter*

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# C R I E R

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*Warning — Dog Snatchers About*

## *Happy Easter*

### **Easter Egg Hunt - Reminder!**

**Prize:** First correct answer wins a GIANT Chocolate Easter Egg - but all correct entries will get a small prize

*Remember that Eggbert is hiding in Lound*

*On Town Street sixteen letters are found*

*From North End to South End, Upper to Nether*

*Collect them all and put them together*

*To make a sentence to do with the season*

*So use your intelligence, acuity and reason!*

*We're all still in Lockdown, why not use your eyes*

*Get your household together and win the prize!*



The 16 letters (some are used several times) will be displayed prominently up and down Town Street from Maundy Thursday until 6pm Easter Monday. The format shows the letter and the number of times it is used in the top right hand corner.

When you have solved the puzzle, post it with your name, telephone number and the number of people in your household through the letter-box of The Chaff House in the Alpha Farm Courtyard barn conversion on Town St (Tessa and Carol).

The sentence is as follows (complete with some hints):-

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## Linghurst Lakes — Part 2

### Trees of Linghurst



The birch trees are fast growing and spread like nettles. As soon as one of their millions of seeds finds its way to bare earth it germinates very readily. Its mission is to fill the grass land between the trees and the lakes with birch. Unfortunately, there are not enough mammals to eat these off.

Many of the willows planted 25 years ago are dead or dying due to the wrong tree in the wrong place. It is too dry with too many trees competing for water in our sandy soil. The willows would be happier on the water's edge with less tree competition.

The alder trees tends to grow on the water's edge, as its seeds float and are blown to the bank and germinate there. The alder timber is very water resistant and can be used in marshy areas for board walks as it decays very slowly. The remnants of very old hawthorn hedges can still be found in the area of 'Black Rabbit Lane',

but due to limited light getting in through the tree canopy they will very slowly disappear. These were on the boundaries of different landowners when the enclosure act was implemented in about 1778. Many other trees make up the woods such as maples, ash, Scots pine, beech, blackthorn, hornbeam, elder, poplar and many more.

As a village, we are very lucky to have such an amenity on our door step. It is up to all of us to appreciate it and nurture it for future generations. *Brian Horne*

### St. Bartholomew's Church



### Church Services April

4th- Easter Communion 10am  
11th-Holy Communion 9.30am  
18th-Family Service 9.30am  
25th-Worship for all 9.30am

### Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi on the Playing Field begins again on **Mondays 10-11am, from April 12th.**

Newcomers welcome. Call Lynn on Tel: 07887 560436 if you would like more info.

### Cottage Garden Plants

Our next plant sale is to be held at *Cherry Tree Farm* on **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May**. Time- 11am to 4pm. Lots of herbaceous perennials,



shrubs, veg plants and herbs available.

To make an appointment...

Please email:

[sallyandsarah.cgp@gmail.com](mailto:sallyandsarah.cgp@gmail.com)

or call Sarah on Tel: 01777 818089 or Sally Tel: 01777 816912.

### Lound Oil Syndicate



I am hoping to place a further order for central heating oil delivery towards the end of April.

I will send out Emails nearer the time (and phone people without Email addresses).

Please could you ensure I am added to your list of approved contacts to avoid the Email going into your Spam or Junk folder.

(This happened last time and necessitated lots of phone calls!)

If you would like to be added to the syndicate members please contact me.

*Many thanks*

**Carol Woodward**

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### Parish Council

#### Dog Theft:

Lockdown—'worst ever' for dog thefts. Lound has not escaped with recent attempts having been made to steal your loved pets. >>**Be On Your guard**<<

#### MyNotts app:



Nottinghamshire County Council's mobile phone app – 'MyNotts' – is now available for residents to download.

The **MyNotts** app will make it quicker, easier, and more convenient for local people to access council services.

*You can download from the app store(s) on to both Android and iOS devices.*