The Centre Update

If you’ve driven past the site lately, you’ll see things are progressing well with The Centre’s development. Despite the weather the work remains pretty much on schedule for a handover in June, which will then see the internal kitting out commence ready for the big opening in the Summer.

The outside walls are complete, the first part of the roof is on, the retaining wall is getting closer and closer to completion and you can really get a feel for the size and scale of the new building. We’re hoping to be able to get inside soon to take some photos and video and these will be posted on the Facebook page as part of our regular updates.

We have now started the recruitment process for The Centre team, advertisements have been placed on numerous websites and in a variety of newspapers for the crucial roles of The Centre Manager and Assistant Manager. We’re hoping to have the successful candidates appointed and in post by June to help with the build-up to the official opening in the Summer when a formal Grand Opening Event will be held so we can show off the new development to everyone.

With the scaffolding still up around the site, the wall and green security fencing still in place, it can be difficult to get a true sense of the presence that The Centre will have when it’s finished. We have a lovely big artists impression sign on the fencing of the building to give residents a better idea of what The Centre will look like when it’s completed.

The New Brinsworth Library

In terms of the Library, which is moving from its home on Ellis Street to a new building next to the Pavilion, full planning permission has now been granted and once the retaining wall is complete together with the final funding and pricing elements to fall into place, work will commence on the building of the Library’s new home.

We hope you’ll be as excited about the new facilities as we are - both what they’ll look like AND what they’ll have to offer. If you have any questions, ideas or comments about the development and the facilities, please do get in touch.
Due to the Community Hall being demolished, some classes have been moved to other venues as listed below:

**ACTIVITY** | **VENUE**
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Funtime Pre-School | Brinsworth Pavilion Hall, off Field View
Miramar Judo Club | Catcliffe Memorial Hall
Line Dance | Brinsworth Pavilion Hall, off Field View
Hearing Aid Session - (Last Tue of Month) | Brinsworth Parish Council Offices
KidZone Youth Club (7 -11 yrs) | Brinsworth Pavilion Hall, off Field View
Zumba | Catcliffe Memorial Hall
Chera Dance | Brinsworth Pavilion Hall, off Field View
Brinsworth & Catcliffe Local History Group | Manor Lodge, Highlow View
KidZone Youth Club (7 -11 yrs) | Brinsworth Pavilion Hall, off Field View
Jill Hyde Leigh School of Dance | Brinsworth Pavilion Hall, off Field View
Weight Watchers | St Andrew’s Church, Brinsworth Lane
Weight Watchers | Brinsworth Social Club
Good Companions | Brinsworth Social Club
Ballroom Dance | Catcliffe Memorial Hall
Indian Classical Dance (Bharathanattiyam) | Brinsworth Pavilion Hall, off Field View
Born to Perform Dance Academy | Brinsworth Manor Infant School

Residents of Brinsworth are invited to attend the

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**
17th May 2018 - 6.00pm

Members of the Parish Council will be present and it is an opportunity for community issues to be raised and discussed. There is no restriction on who can attend and whilst instant solutions to concerns or problems cannot be promised, any matters can be brought to the attention of the Councillors for consideration and relevant action.

Remember this is your opportunity to air your views on local issues - DON'T MISS IT!

Residents are also welcome to our regular meetings. There is a period of 20 minutes at the start of each meeting when public participation is encouraged, so if you would like to come along here are the dates of the next few starting at 6.30pm:

- 22nd March Finance Meeting
- 19th April Ordinary Meeting
- 26th April Finance Meeting
- 17th May Annual Assembly (6.00pm) / Annual Meeting of the Council (6.30pm) & Ordinary Meeting (7.00pm)
- 24th May Finance Meeting
- 21st June Ordinary Meeting
- 28th June Finance Meeting

These are temporarily held at St. Andrew’s Church House, Brinsworth Lane

We hope to see you there, remember this is your community!
**Skate Park Essential Maintenance**
The Skate Park on Millennium park is showing signs of wear and tear, the Parish Council have arranged for essential maintenance works be completed before the start of the Easter holidays.

**DO YOU HAVE A NHS HEARING AID?**
For help and support with your hearing aids, replacement batteries and tubes pop along to an hearing aid drop-in session held in the Parish Council Offices on the last Tuesday of each month between 1pm & 2pm.

**Swings on Brinsworth Playing Fields**
Regular users of Brinsworth Playing fields will have noticed that the swings have vanished from the play area located at the top of the field. Vandals have destroyed 4 of our swings over recent months so the Parish Council have taken the decision to remove the remaining swings until further notice to prevent further damage.

**Planning permission has been refused by RMBC for the proposed residential development at the bottom of Whitehill Lane and Brinsworth Road junction due to the site currently being allocated as green space and has also been identified as providing a valuable buffer function between the adjacent M1 motorway and A631 Sheffield Parkway.**

**PLEASE NOTE**
It has been brought to our attention that someone has been emptying their cat litter into the streets drains. Whoever it is, please can you put it into your own bin, as this is a health risk!!

**Your Letters ...**

**Dear Sir,**

I would like to complain about all the dog poop and litter around Brinsworth. Everywhere I go there seems to be litter and poop. The other day I saw dog poop in a bag on the floor as there wasn’t a dog bin. I think this is an urgent matter and something needs doing about this.

A human being (aged 12)!

**Dear Sir,**

I’d like you to pop this photo in the newsletter, I am disgusted that someone let their dog do its business outside my home and didn’t pick it up.

An angry resident

**Dear Sir,**

I would like to complain about the three idiots tearing up the village on their presumably un-taxed, unlicensed, and probably stolen motorcycles/quad bikes! In recent weeks I’ve seen them around the village, often at night without lights. Someone knows who these people are, and I would urge anyone who dos know them to report them to the police. I’m sure everyone is aware of the unfortunate incident at the latter end of last year where the rider of a similar motorcycle died in Catcliffe. It’s only a matter of time before they injure or kill themselves, or someone innocent. They are not welcome in Brinsworth!

A concerned resident

**HELP US TO HELP YOU IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY**
Get involved in community events

**Become a Love Where You Live volunteer**

Organising a litter pick in your area, or just want to take part in one? We can help!

By joining our scheme you can also report:

- Litter
- Fly tipping
- Dog fouling
- Pot holes
- Graffiti
- Blocked gutleys
- Defective street lighting

Do as much or as little as you like:

No commitment required

For more details:

Email: lwyl@rotherham.gov.uk
Website: www.rotherham.gov.uk/litterpick
@LWYLiverham

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Wood Lane Update

Unfortunately Wood Lane is part of an ever changing bigger picture for Rotherham, the reason I stopped updating but didn’t stop trying.

I realise this news is not good but to cut a now very long story short, the council is tied as being part of a bigger scheme for that area and many plans that are intertwined mainly a problem of funds that have to be combined by other works for example I managed to get a commuter train station possibility for Waverley but the funding would come from HS2 budget (believe in it or not).

The recent service station at exit 33 has been turned down and Parkway is likely to be widened, there may be funding from that for Wood Lane to be a benefit to relieve traffic there … and much much more.

Council officers have started the process but as above they have to wait for funding to manage what they can do, i.e. one way, two way, variable flow for peak times, they are looking at possibilities such as “rat run” short cuts … yes I agree, why don’t they just open it and see, but of course that’s against all the rules (of our common sense).

Be assured I will continue to promote the opening of Wood Lane as soon as possible but unfortunately this also means, as soon as practicable.

I can assure you I do not give up and apart from the traffic lights on Whitehill, this is the only problem I have not solved in nearly two years as Councillor. After many years of council procrastination I have helped with the management of Bawtry Road, to help with Whitehill.

I apologise on behalf of the many people involved on this and hope this residents facility can reopened.

At the next ward meeting I will put it the top of the agenda again. I hope I can let you know some good news soon.

Cllr. Simpson.

Brinsworth Lane Update

At the time of writing this newsletter Rotherham Borough Council have commenced improvement works at Brinsworth Lane shopping area.

The lamp column has been moved and the Royal Mail post box has been temporarily removed so that works can start on building a wall at the rear of the grass verge and putting in some steps. When the wall is completed paving works and road surface improvements can then continue with an anticipated completion date of the 30th March 2018.
Keep Brinsworth Tidy!!

Since joining Brinsworth Parish Council it amazes me how much time we spend dealing with issues relating to litter and dog fouling.

The Parish Council take both issues seriously and although Street Cleansing falls under the Borough Council’s remit we are always looking at ways to help improve the situation.

Things the Parish Council have tried so far include:

- Employing a part-time litter picker who patrols the residential parts of our village on a daily basis trying to keep it clear of rubbish.
- More and better bins that both litter and ‘shizzle’ can be put into.
- Joined the Keep Britain Tidy “We’re Watching You!” campaign and displayed dog fouling and litter posters around the village and has had the pavements sprayed with anti-dog fouling messages.
- Contacted Brinsworth Academy to ask that they educate their pupils about both the financial and environmental costs of littering and involved the Academy in some litter picking sessions around the local shops.
- Working closely with RMBC and more recently the ‘Love where you live’ co-ordinator who acknowledges that Brinsworth does have an issue with litter and dog fouling. They are now trying to establish a group of volunteers who will be willing to take part in litter picks in our area, see the poster in this issue for more details.
- Reporting every complaint, we receive to RMBC.

Residents are also encouraged to do likewise as the more reports received, the more evidence the authority has to argue against further budget cuts to its Street Cleansing service. Report litter and dog fouling to Streetpride on 01709 336003 or email streetpride@rotherham.gov.uk

Rotherham Rocks!

It was started in Rotherham by Louise Mould of Rawmarsh after she had seen it from visiting her sister at Retford. She got her children to get their classmates involved and it has grown from there. The facebook page has around 4000 members and children have posted their rocks of smiley and scary faces, slogans, superheros etc. It would be helpful of people to write ‘Rotherham Rocks’ on their stones so she can keep track of them. Why not start today?

The idea is simple... You decorate rocks hide them around Rotherham (several have been found around Brinsworth) for people to find. You then post a picture on the facebook page of the rock you found and then re-hide it!

This is the latest craze with kids and families. Let your imagination run wild with decorating the rocks! It’s all just for fun!

Only one rule is no swear words as it’s aimed at kids! Rotherham Rocks 2018 #fbfindmehideme

Come on Lucy!

Look out for local girl, Lucy Milburn. She wowed all 4 judges on ITV’s The Voice and secured a place on ‘Team Tom’. Please help her to win, download The Voice app now for 5 free votes.

Want to start YOGA?

Start by bending over and picking up your dog poo known as the “downward dog position”

THEN PUT IT IN THE BIN

www.brinsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk brinsworthpc@hotmail.co.uk
Hate Crimes

Hate crimes and hate incidents can take place anywhere - at home, in the streets, at work, online or at school and many victims can experience a range of physical and mental effects as a result. Hate in any form should not be tolerated by anyone, no-one should have to live with fear, anxiety and consequences of hate.

The effects of hate crime can last for a long time, especially if you have suffered repeatedly. Many people find it helps to talk to someone who understands. Anyone can be a victim of a hate crime or non-crime hate incident. What is a hate crime? A hate crime is any criminal offence, motivated by prejudice or hostility against a person’s:

- Disability - physical, hearing and visual impairments, mental ill health and learning disabilities
- Race - nationality, ethnicity, skin colour and heritage
- Faith - religion, belief, non-religious belief
- Sexual orientation - people who identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or heterosexual
- Gender identity - people who identify as ‘trans’ including transgender or transsexual people

How do you report Hate Crime to the police?
You can report it direct by calling us on 101. There is an online reporting facility on the South Yorkshire Police website www.southyorks.police.uk/reportcrime

There is a website called True Vision that you can report directly to if you are not confident in speaking to the police. We also have a series of third party reporting centres throughout the borough who will report crimes/incidents on your behalf. You will find a list of these on our website www.southyorks.police.uk/hatehurts

Hate crime remains a priority for the force and the Police and Crime Commissioner under the area of protecting vulnerable people.

Victim Care is at the front and centre of our investigations here in Rotherham. Should you ever feel that our staff have not achieved high standards then please contact me direct so I can look to improve the service we deliver. We would also welcome positive feedback on our officers/staff and any ideas you may have as to how we can improve our service further.

Be assured South Yorkshire Police will listen to you in confidence and offer information, practical help and emotional support, while progressing your investigation.

Steve Chapman, Operations Superintendent, Rotherham Police Station
(01709) 832001/stephen.chapman@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

For more ‘Memories of Brinsworth’ why not join the Facebook group.
If you have any old photographs for inclusion in the Parish newsletter, please send them to the Parish office, or email them to brinsworthpc@hotmail.co.uk
Hayfever is a common condition also known as seasonal allergic rhinitis and affects around 1 in 5 people in the UK. It often runs in families and is more likely to affect people who suffer from asthma and eczema.

It is an allergic condition where the body’s immune system overreacts to substances that are usually harmless, for example pollen from grasses, flowers, weeds or trees. The pollen causes the release of a chemical called histamine from cells in the nose, eyes and airways, which cause inflammation. Some people suffer symptoms all year round; they can be allergic to indoor allergens such as house dust mites, pets and indoor moulds. This is called perennial allergic rhinitis.

Symptoms include:
- Sneezing
- Itchy, blocked or runny nose
- Red, itchy, puffy or watery eyes
- Itchy throat
- Headaches and sinus pain
- Fatigue

Managing your hayfever
The severity of symptoms can vary. Some people need medication to manage their symptoms and others can manage their condition by avoiding triggers. If treatment is needed a wide range of medications can be purchased from community pharmacies and supermarkets without seeing a doctor. These medicines are often cheaper than medicines on prescription.

How can I avoid triggers?
- Keep house and car windows closed, especially when the pollen count is high (early morning between 7am to 9am and evenings between 5pm and 7pm).
- Avoid large grassy areas, woodland, cutting the grass, pollutants and car fumes.
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses.
- When you get in from outside wash your hands, face, hair, rinse your eyes and change your clothes.
- If possible stay indoors when the pollen count is high.
- Use petroleum jelly inside your nose to block inhalation of pollen.
- Keep your house clean and wear a mask and glasses when doing housework.
- Don’t dry washing outside to avoid pollen sticking to your clothes.

What treatments can I buy?
Speak to a local pharmacist to get advice on the best treatment for your symptoms and always read the patient information leaflet that is identical to those available on prescription. Examples of products available to buy include:
- Antihistamine tablets and syrups
- Nasal sprays
- Eye drops

Simple pain relief (eg. paracetamol or ibuprofen) can help with headaches and sinus pain. Throat lozenges can help ease tickly throats and palates. Decongestant tablets should relieve blocked noses.

When should I see a GP?
- If you are experiencing wheezing, breathlessness or tightness in the chest.
- If you are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- If your symptoms are not relieved by over the counter treatments in combination with measures to reduce your exposure to pollen.

About Hayfever

Sign-up - now to receive alerts from your neighbourhood police team.
Visit - sypalerts.co.uk to sign up quickly and easily.
Choose - to receive alerts by:
- Text
- Voice Alert
- Email
Personlise your settings to receive alerts about the policing issues that matter to you.
Look out for a verification email to activate your messages.
2018 will see the whole country mark the Centenary of the ending of The Great War which ran from 1914 to 1918. In a conflict that cost millions of lives in total - including many brave soldiers from Brinsworth and the surrounding areas - it is only right and proper that we join in with these events to recognise the sacrifice of the few on behalf of the many.

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It is also our intention to make the whole weekend a special one and so we’re putting together a working group to consider ideas and put the whole thing together. By that time The Centre will be fully operational and we really want to make sure we use it well to make this a real “Weekend to Remember” where the community of Brinsworth really comes together.

So, what would you like to see us do? We’ve had a few ideas so far and we need your input to share with us what you’d like to see us put on. Things we’ve thought of include:-

- A Wartime/Military traditional dance - with or without a Military dress-code and a traditional dance-band.
- A display and talk by members of the Brinsworth & Catcliffe History Group.
- A post-Firework Display “Children’s Party” with food and entertainment for the kids.
- A post-Firework Display “Adults Party” with bar, disco and traditional “bonfire food”.
- Some way of bringing the pupils together from the schools around Brinsworth.

We’re sure there is loads more ideas and we’re sure you’ve got them - so please do let us know what YOU would like to see happen later in the year to make the 10th and 11th of November 2018 a real “Weekend To Remember”.

Friends of St. George’s Churchyard Group

As most of you will be aware, we managed to complete our two main projects in time for the Remembrance Service held in the Churchyard last year. These were improvements to the access to the War Memorial and resurfacing of the pathway through the Churchyard. We hope you agree that this has made visiting the Churchyard much easier, especially during the winter months.

The next project we would like to complete is the repair and restoration of the Boer War Memorial located within the Churchyard. It was erected in memory of a resident who fought in the war, Albert Ernest Watson, who died on 9th August 1900 in South Africa. This memorial was inaugurated by the then Earl of Scarborough, Aldred Lumley, in 1901 and is the only one in this area dedicated to the Boer War. We are keen to restore it to its former condition before it was vandalised and have had notification that we can apply for a grant from the War Memorials Trust.

We would like to thank Jo Jo’s Café for accommodating our meetings in the short term.

Annual Clean Up Day
Saturday 28th April 2019 at 10.00 am - 12 noon

We would welcome any help you can give . . .

Many Hands Make Light Work!

Please help . . . A visitor to the churchyard emailed to say the flower arrangement she placed on her family’s grave had totally disappeared within that week. This can be very upsetting and disrespectful when people are paying their respects to loved ones. We’d be very grateful if anyone has seen any persons removing items from graves to report it to the Council.

WW1 Centenary Celebrations

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SUNDAY 1st APRIL - EASTER CARVERY
Treat the family to Easter carvery.
Includes Easter egg hunt for children
Sittings 12.30pm, 1.30pm or 2.30pm
Only £8pp, £6 kids, under 3’s free
£5pp deposit

FRIDAY 4th MAY - SUMMER SOUL PARTY
Hop aboard the Soul Train for a night of partying
Includes 3 course dinner and disco till midnight
Only £16.95pp
£10pp deposit

SUNDAY 17th JUNE - FATHERS DAY
Treat your dad to something different this Fathers Day
Beer & Burger for Dad only £12.95
£12.95pp includes Burger, Fries & Salad,
£7.95 kids (3-12yrs), under 3’s free
*receive kids smaller portion. Upgrades available e.g onion rings, cheeses, additional burger *alternatives available - please request in advance
*vegetarian burger or chicken
Sittings available from 12noon - 4pm
£5pp deposit

FRIDAY 20th JULY - SCHOOLS OUT PARTY
Join us to party the night away at our Schools out party night
Price includes 3 course dinner and disco till midnight
Only £16.95pp
£10pp deposit

FRIDAY 31st AUGUST - SUMMER BONANZA PARTY
Join us to party the night away at our Summer Bonanza party night
Price includes 3 course dinner and disco till midnight
Only £16.95pp
£10pp deposit

FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER - ROCK ‘N’ ROLL PARTY
Join us to party the night away at our Rock ‘n’ Roll party night.
Price includes 3 course dinner and disco till midnight
Only £16.95pp
£10pp deposit
All deposits due within 7 days of booking

To book any of our events, please contact our events team
0114 2615690 csales@mercuresheffieldparkway.com

Spring is on its way so that means there are only a few more weeks before the bowling season for 2018 starts.

Club matches will be starting at the beginning of April but subject to the weather conditions and the green being ready we may be able to open up in late March for some early practising.

The old Community Centre car park is no longer available but the alternative car park just off Field View is a short distance away from the green, for SATNAV’s please use postcode S60 5DG.

We are looking forward to a good season and meeting up with old friends from other bowling clubs in our various league competitions in the Rotherham area.

Brinsworth Bowling Club are looking for new players to come and join our friendly team. Experienced players and beginners are more than welcome as coaching can be given.

Anyone interested can ring 01709 370875 or pop along to the Bowling Green and have a chat with one of our friendly team members.

Brinsworth Whitehill JFC Academy

Our successful Academy continues on Fridays
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm until the end of April

It is open to boys and girls aged 4 - 6 years
Each session is £2

NEW SESSIONS
Brinsworth Whitehill JFC
together with Rotherham United Whitehill Girls FC
are putting on FREE coaching sessions for all girls aged 7-11

Sessions take place on
Mondays 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Both Session are now held in the Ian Burton Sports Hall, Brinsworth Academy, Brinsworth Road, Brinsworth S60 5EJ
Just turn up on the night.

If you require any further information please contact Ian Walker 07917 853370 or email bwjfc@hotmail.com
All Coaches are FA qualified & CRC checked

FA CHARTER STANDARD
COMMUNITY CLUB www.bwjfc.com

Brinsworth Bowling Club
Britannia Way, Catcliffe S60 5BD
The guild will celebrate its 49th birthday in 2018 with plans for a guest afternoon with refreshments and entertainment at the Brinsworth West Community Centre, for April.

The year began with an auction at the January meeting when auctioneer Gail Ridge with the help of Janet Johnson and Linda Kendall auctioned off many unwanted items donated by guild members. Treasurer, Margaret Crossland confirmed they had raised approx. £87 for guild funds.

February’s guild meeting saw members pay their subscriptions to the guild/national townswomen guild and the Rotherham Federation’s Annual Lunch, to be held at Carlton Park Hotel in April. Entertainment will be from the Bus Stop Buskers after a 3 course meal. 24 Brinsworth members are attending this annual event. Total membership to date for Brinsworth TG is 32.

Also at February’s meeting, in the absence of a speaker, Eunice Greensmith gave an interesting talk with photos about her experiences on her recent holiday to India.

March meeting is the guild’s AGM where officers and committee positions are voted on and any new members are welcomed onto committee or into officers positions. There’ll be a general knowledge quiz and members can have a chat at the end of the afternoon with refreshments.

Antique experts, the Leder Brothers are booked for the June meeting. There are still several meeting slots to be filled throughout the year. Each meeting has a book/magazine table where members can bring books and pay a voluntary amount to buy others. Proceeds go to the guild’s flower fund to help purchase flowers for sick members. There is also raffle with prizes donated by guild members.

Brinsworth TG always needs new members. Why not attend as a visitor to try it, we meet the third Thursday of each month - 2 pm to 4 pm at the Manor Lodge Centre, Highlow View, Brinsworth. Anyone interested would be made most welcome, if further details are required don’t hesitate to contact Rotherham 370875 or Rotherham 376250.
Easter Sunday
Come join us Easter Sunday 1st April
2 Courses £12.00 / 3 Courses £15.00
Desserts £3.00

2018 Wedding Fayre
Friday 4th & Saturday 5th May

 Fathers Day
Celebrate with your Dad on Sunday 17th June
2 courses + free pint for Dad £15.00pp
£3.00 dessert
Golf Treats for Dads
Round of Golf £29 • 30 min Pro Lesson £15 • 2 Ball midweek Golf £20

Future events to look out for:
Live Entertainment through the year
weather permitting some outside
Children’s Halloween Party
Christmas in the Dance Hall

For further information and bookings please contact 01709 363788
INGREDIENTS
• 225g self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting
• ¼ tsp salt
• 50g butter, chilled
• 1 small dessert apple, peeled and cored
• 3 tbsp currants or other dried fruit (chopped if large)
• 50-75 ml milk
• 4 tbsp natural yogurt
• 1 egg, beaten (optional)

Pack of strawberry laces or a roll of fruit leather, cut into strips the same diameter as the scone

METHOD
Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Tip the flour and salt into a large bowl. Grate the butter into the bowl, toss the mixture together, then rub the bits of butter into the flour until there are no big lumps left. Grate the apple into the bowl, then add the dried fruit, 50ml milk and the yogurt, and combine to make a soft dough. If the dough looks dry, add a little more milk. Don’t squeeze it too much and don’t worry if it looks a little lumpy. Roll out the dough on a floured surface and cut out scones using a 4cm round cutter. Combine any off-cuts and cut out more scones until you have used up all the mixture.

Put the scones on a baking tray and cut a cross across the top of each (adults may have to help children here). Brush some egg over the top, if using. Bake for 10-12 mins or until the scones are risen and golden brown. While they are still warm, lay strawberry laces into the crosses you have cut in the tops of the scones.

Recipe from Good Food magazine, April 2017