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Hello Everyone

Greetings from damp Spain, however just wet not flooded as many areas are in the region. The local people here are actually glad to see some rain as everywhere is in need of water. The events of the last few days in the Malaga area have been dreadful with the same kind of conditions as Valencia suffered about 2 weeks ago. We had an alert on all mobile phones a few days ago and this was from the government civil defence ordering everyone to stay indoors. Fortunately it was a precaution and the weather did not deteriorate further. It is only when you are in a situation where warnings are needed that you realise what many people throughout the world live with daily. In the UK extreme weather conditions are rare. In Tickhill we experienced flooding when the Mill Dam overflowed and water from the fields ran into the village causing much damage to so many properties. I am sure that all of us who were here at the time knew someone affected and saw the after effects of the water damage.

Tomorrow is the St Mary's Autumn Fayre. It is lovely to see the poem Elaine Millard has written and posted on FaceBook (Tickhill Community Forum), please have a look at it its another of Elaines excellent verses.

The Mothers' Union Cake Stall welcomes contributions, so please get things to The Scout and Guide HQ before 10am.

Many of you will remember the days when the Fund Raising Fayre at this time of year was called "The Missionary Sale" and was held in what was then known as The Old Library. (This was because the actual library was in a portacabin opposite the Jet Garage on Castlegate) This was a familiar venue for many of us, as a Play Group was held there three mornings a week and we were then of an age to have children attending it!!! How times have changed as we now have The Old Library restored to the fantastic facility it now is. I don't think that almost 50 years ago, any of us attending the playgroup would have ever imagined that this transformation would have taken place.

On Tuesday next week (19th) it is our AGM, and as I said last week we hope that money of you will be able to attend. There will be information about the January Festive Lunch, with menus to chose from.

This week there has been a lot of publicity in the press about Queen Camilla's involvement and support of work done to support victims of domestic violence.

"You can imagine how terrifying it is for a woman to be stuck with a very violent partner, feeling that fear every single day," says Queen Camilla in a TV documentary about tackling domestic abuse. (Broadcast last Monday evening)... now available on catch up.

The Queen has been campaigning for many years to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence - and in this ITV film she talks candidly to some of its victims. "By scratching the surface you get a terrible shock. It's such a heinous crime," says the Queen, who has called for domestic violence to be talked about more openly. Queen Camilla has been a longstanding campaigner against domestic abuse and uses this documentary to say it should not be a taboo subject.

"If we could just get more people discussing it..." she says, as she highlights how abuse can mean psychological manipulation as well as physical attacks.

Having such a high profile supporter for this cause can only be good. At the end of November there is a day of activism against domestic violence with The Rise Up Vigil being held outside Sheffield Cathedral and Doncaster Minster. This is our way of bringing this important cause to the attention of the public.

Our support continues to be vital and it would be wonderful to be able to say that the need for Refuges for Victims were no longer needed. At the moment this seems a long way off and so we must continue to provide what we can to make the life of the victims better. This is usually women and children but sometime men are victims although this is much rarer.

Collections of items will continue and we will be sending Fresh start baskets off in the next week.

Lord of justice and mercy, we praise you for your perfect pattern of how to treat everyone, women and men alike, with equal value. Give us grace to follow your example, that we may be agents of change for good. Amen.

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