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[www.yorkshirewestmethodist.org.uk/
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The View from the Vicarage

Did you have a garden party for VE Day? We did; the three of us sat down on the Vicarage terrace and ate sandwiches, scones and cakes, and listened to some war time music as we gave thanks for the sacrifices made by so many to protect the world from tyranny and madness.

We came so close to a very different world from the one we know. This month we remember the 80th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuations. 80 years ago many people felt the war was lost, that we should just give in. Everything would be fine if we would only give up and let tyranny control the future. We didn't give in, we fought on. It wasn't easy. At Dunkirk we clawed ourselves back from the jaws of death but at a terrible cost.

And we kept on paying; paying in lives lost and lives changed forever for years. This June many of us will also be remembering those who landed in Normandy 76 years ago.

Charlotte's father and uncle among them. Both dropped into France in the early hours of the 6th of June. I asked him once how he had felt about jumping into the darkness. He replied that it hadn't been too hard to do; the aircraft that was carrying him and his mates was on fire so jumping seemed the better option. Later on that day, he met up with his brother who was in another battalion, both completely lost and in the wrong place but with time for a cup of tea before getting on with the job in hand.

This was all a long time ago. Those young men and women are either very old or at rest with their mates. But we still remember them not in some 'gung ho' fashion but because they did their duty. They did what was needed to save the world and they did it quietly, with little or no fuss because it needed to be done.

Today men and women, young and old, are still quietly going about their work, doing what needs to be done. To care, to feed, to protect, to heal, to serve. We are not facing a tyrant but we are in a world that has changed so much, in a world that probably will not be 'normal' for a very long time. The wonderful thing is that men and women, that normal people, people just like you and I still want to serve, still want to do their duty. Not for praise, not for any great reward but because it is their job, and they want to do that job well.

This pandemic is far from over. Coming out of 'lockdown' will be so much harder, so much more complicated that we can imagine. But working together, supporting each other, caring for each other, praying for each other we will get our lives back.

God bless you all.
Stephen



Church Services Note from Reverend Stephen McCaulay

All Church of England services
have now ceased and all churches are closed until further notice.

The Washburn and Mid-Wharfe Benefice is producing a weekly newsletter with ideas about how you can continue to pray and worship from home and up to date information about the ongoing situation.

If you would like to receive this newsletter can you email Stephen on rector@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk



From the Registers

8th April Cremation Thomas Granville Mickle from Askwith at Stonefall Harrogate

14th April Burial Mary Houseman at All Saints Church Farnley



Christian Aid Week 2020

The Week that wasn't ...

Well, actually it WAS, but only online and for those able to organise 'virtual' events. As I'm sure you know, the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic put a stop to our normal house-to-house collection for Christian Aid this year. However, because the C-virus is a world-wide pandemic the need in countries where Christian Aid works to help is greater than ever.

Thank you to everyone who responded online to a personal appeal from Christian Aid. Some of us, like me, don't do online banking and are waiting for Christian Aid to be able to handle cheques again. It will happen and further needs will be met. When there is more news I will share it with you.

Thank you for reading this. Keep safe. With all good wishes,
Michael Cleverley
Voluntary Local Organiser



**LOCAL LIBRARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU
DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**

This flyer summarises the North Yorkshire County Council library services you can access at home during the crisis.

See overleaf for details of how to have library books delivered to your home

**ACCESSING DIGITAL BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS,
MAGAZINES AND MORE**

Did you know that your library card gives you free access to thousands of e-books, magazines, digital audiobooks and graphic novels?

**IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER, YOU CAN JOIN ONLINE AT:
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/how-join-library>**

Browse through our digital catalogues to find your next item to read or listen to from your computer, tablet or other mobile device.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/download-e-books-e-magazines-and-digital-audiobooks>

For more information on library services, please call us on 01423 714953. We are open 10am-4pm Monday-Friday, and there is an answerphone to take messages out of hours.

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North Yorkshire Sport

North Yorkshire Sport (NYS) have asked the Nidderdale plus to help with distribution of their new packs. NYS have produced activity packs to support those self-isolating. There are three packs, for different groups, families, young, and older people. Below is a table listing the typical contents of the packs. If you or you know of individuals or households who would benefit from a pack can you please email helen@nidderdaleplus.org.uk. In your email can you include which type of packs and the number of each you need.

The packs are a prototype so anyone who takes a pack will be involved in monitoring use and evaluating the benefits with a member of North Yorkshire Sport. Please bear this in mind when ordering packs—it is not a simple freebie users will become part of the initiative.

Pack required (details of the packs available are below)

Older People (65+)	Families	Young people
Theraband Exercise band	Pavement chalk	Skipping Rope
12 piece colouring pencil and sharpener set	Skipping rope	2 Tennis balls
Rural Arts North Yorkshire Art activity pack	Stress Ball	Playing card/dice set
Mindful drawing booklet	4 disc markers	12 piece colouring pencil and sharpener set
Later Life Training Seated Exercise Booklet	Bubbles	Boxing circuit
North Yorkshire Sport Exercise band ideas	4 balloons	Physical Activity ideas sheet
'Get Active' business card with North Yorkshire Sport contact details for further support/ideas	1 throwing bean bag	Rural Arts North Yorkshire Art activity pack
Online resource ideas.	Physical Activity ideas sheet	Yorkshire Art activity pack
	Rural Arts North Yorkshire Art activity pack	Mindful drawing booklet
	Mindful drawing booklet	'Get Active' business card with North Yorkshire Sport contact details for further support/ideas
	Simple 'how to draw' guides	Online resource ideas
	'Get Active' business card with North Yorkshire Sport contact details for further support/ideas	
	Online resource ideas	



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Norwood Chapel and Retreat Centre

Like all places of worship during this current crisis, Norwood Chapel and Retreat Centre has been closed. Although, I'd like to think that it's presence on the hill above Lindley Reservoir makes it a beacon of hope in these strange times.

Before we went into lockdown, we had a programme of events planned from concerts to talks to Quiet Days.

One day, we will be back to worship every 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm.

One day, we will be back running our programme of events.

One day, we will be open again for groups to book the centre for retreat days and meetings.

But, in the meantime, the Norwood Management Team wish you every blessing. Keep safe and well.

Lesley Taylor
Chair of the Management Team



Nidderdale plus ... plea for donations

Now has the ability via our website to accept donations via card, PayPal and to collect Gift Aid. We are a charity, and in a typical year half our income comes from our own efforts:

- selling tourist information
- goods and office services,
- fares from the community car service
- library fees.

This income supports the services we offer to our communities. All this has disappeared and with little sign of it coming back any time soon, though we are receiving some additional income from NYCC for us to operate as the Community Support Organisation for Nidderdale and Washburn. So please share our donations page widely if you can. Every donation will be highly valued and put to use by us as we soldier on in the crisis! <https://www.nidderdaleplus.org.uk/donate-support/>

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..



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All in the month of June

It was:

805 years ago on 15th June 2015 King John and his barons met on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede and sign the Magna Carta.

250 years ago, on 11th June 1770 that English explorer Captain James Cook discovered the Great Barrier Reef off Australia when his ship ran aground on it and was severely damaged.

200 years ago, on 19th June 1820 that Joseph Banks, British naturalist, died. He was President of the Royal Society for 41 years, developed the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, into one of the world's leading botanical gardens.

150 years ago, on 9th June 1870 that Charles Dickens, British novelist, died at his home Gad's Hill Place in Kent. His sudden death was blamed on his work schedule which had included tours of England and the USA.

100 years ago, on 11th June 1920 that the Colony of Kenya was established. It was previously known as British East Africa. It gained its independence as Kenya in 1963.

80 years ago, June 1940, was a dramatic month in World War II. Main points include:

- 3rd The German Luftwaffe bombed Paris.
- 4th The evacuation of Allied forces from Dunkirk was completed. Winston Churchill gave his 'We shall fight them on the beaches' speech.
- 5th The Battle of France began.
- 10th Italy declared war on France and Britain.
Canada declared war on Italy.
The North African Campaign (Desert War) began.
- 11th The siege of Malta began.
- 14th German forces entered Paris.
- 17th French government minister Charles de Gaulle (later President of France) relocated to Britain.
- 18th Winston Churchill gave his 'Finest Hour' speech.
- 22nd France surrendered to Germany.
- 30th Germany invaded the Channel Islands.

75 years ago, on 22nd June 1945 that the Battle of Okinawa ended after 82 days. This battle saw the highest number of casualties in the Pacific Theatre of the war, with more than 12,000 Allies, 110,000 Japanese forces and 140,000 civilians killed.

70 years ago, on 3rd June 1950 that the first successful ascent of Annapurna in the Himalayas, was accomplished by a French expedition led by Maurice Herzog. This was the first successful ascent of a mountain over 8,000 metres. Annapurna is the 10th highest mountain in the world.

65 years ago, on 11th June 1955 that the Le Mans disaster took place when a car span off the track during the Le Mans 24 Hour race in France. The driver, Pierre Levegh, and 83 spectators were killed and over 100 injured. It was the greatest loss of life in the history of motorsport.

60 years ago;

- 16th June 1960 that Alfred Hitchcock's suspense film *Psycho* was released.
- 28th June 1960 that the Six Bells Colliery disaster took place in Monmouthshire. 45 coal miners were killed by a gas explosion.

50 years ago, on 29th June 1970 that following the Vietnam War, US troops were withdrawn from Cambodia.

40 years ago, on 12th June 1980 that Billy Butlin, British holiday camp entrepreneur, died.

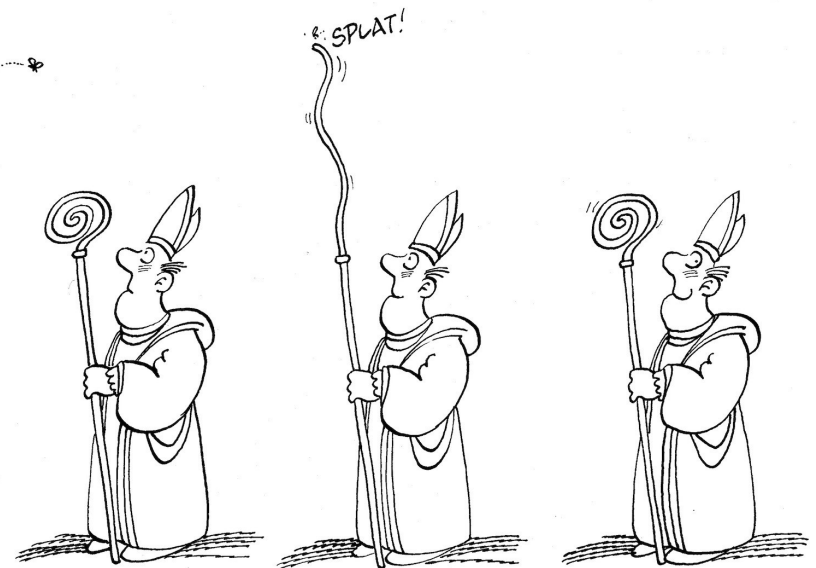
30 years ago, on 1 June 1990 that US President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev signed an agreement to end the production of chemical weapons and to destroy existing stocks.

Also 30 years ago, on 22nd June 1990 that Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, was dismantled. It remained an official crossing point between East and West Germany until re-unification in October. The guard house is now on display in a museum.

20 years ago;

- 10th June 2000 that the Millennium Bridge in London opened. It closed again two days later because it swayed uncomfortably when people walked in step. It reopened in Feb 2002 after changes were made.
- 26th June 2000, the Human Genome Project and Celera Genomics Corp announced that they had completed the first rough draft of the human genome.

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June's Crossword Puzzle

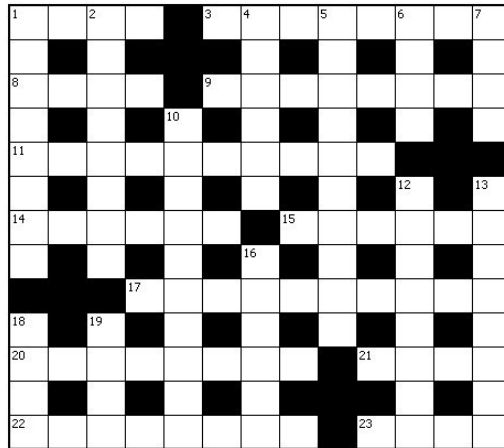
The answers will be in the next issue.

Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anagram) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

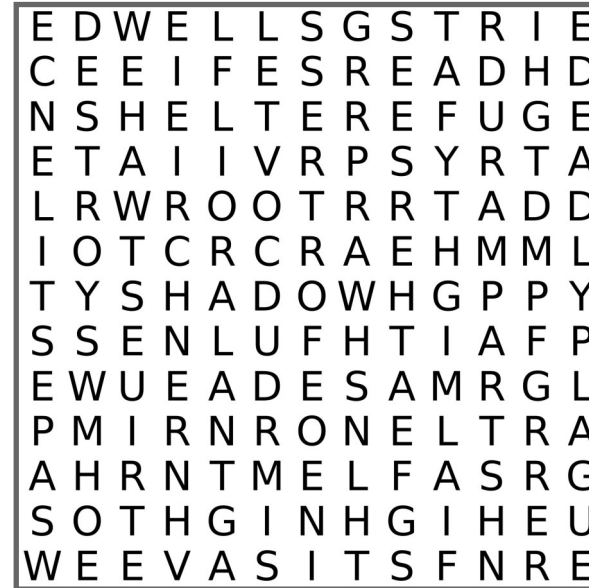
- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)



- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

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Word Search



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 - most
 - high
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 - trust
 - save
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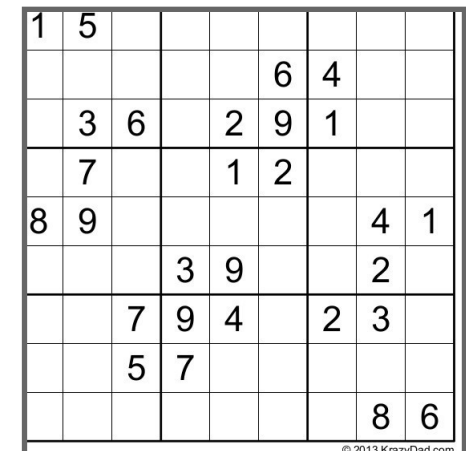
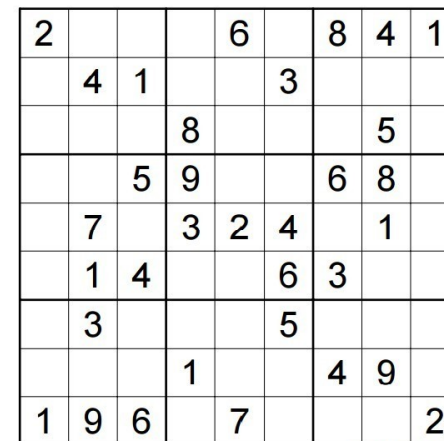
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the Puzzles, just set your printer to landscape and both pages will print on one side of A4.



Sudoku

The answers for this months puzzles will be in the next Issue.



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Keeping members in touch during these unprecedented and challenging times has meant different ways of communication.

Monthly meetings are currently cancelled. Our President Susan K and fellow member Sue F now put together a weekly newsletter as a means of keeping in touch with each other and as a reminder in years to come as to what we all did during the 'lockdown'. Members contribute with news, poems, stories, quizzes anything of interest and Sue F with her publishing skills puts it all together. Members without access to emails have it posted to them.

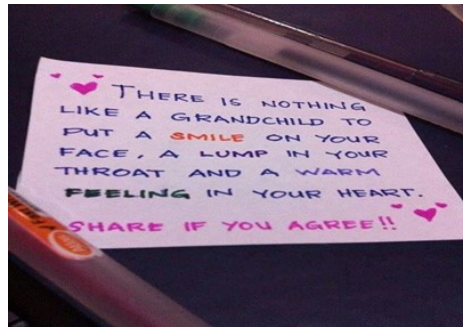
One consolation during this lockdown is that we live in such a beautiful area of the county. The weather has been dry and bright enabling those that wished, to be out walking locally, keeping to social distancing.

Footpaths have been discovered they were not aware of previously, our WI walking group is currently curtailed and I do miss our post walk bacon butties. Members have joined online choirs and church services, photos have been filed into folders, decorating began and crafts completed, lots of baking of course.

The monthly Book Club is now a virtual club using 'Zoom'. The internet is a wonderful thing and many of us now do our food shopping online – a first for myself and I now have Asda coming about every 2 weeks.

We are all missing being able to meet up with family and in particular grandchildren, 'Whats App' is fine but not the same as a 'hug'.

Found on Facebook



For more information on our WI please contact President Susan Kerridge on 10423 733233 or Caroline Barker on 01423 734412 email farnleyestateWI@outlook.com

Caroline Barker for Farnley Estate WI.



Where was the social distancing?

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The Coronavirus dealt a devastating blow to our family of volunteers at the Washburn Heritage Centre when our Tea Room and events programme closed. We are working hard to keep our volunteers together and are achieving this with a weekly email 'chat' where everyone contributes a bit of news about their life in lockdown. One of these articles is below. Our Administrator puts it together, along with photos, recipes, book recommendations and so on. Volunteers feel connected and included, and understand that they are not alone.

The Spotted Flycatcher!

When walking from the car park or through the churchyard the birdwatchers amongst you may have spied a brown bird flicking its tail whilst perched on a branch or even performing aerial acrobatics to catch a fly. This is the spotted flycatcher which arrives in the UK in late spring from its winter home to nest here. In August it returns to tropical Africa. It has catastrophically declined in the UK but the Washburn Valley, particularly the area around the Washburn Heritage Centre is one of the

remaining strongholds.

The Heritage Centre has been approached to join a conservation project to make some small but hopefully impactful conservation actions to help the Spotted Flycatcher population.

We are in discussion with the Project Co-ordinator of how we can be involved, as we get more information, we will let you know.



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Local shopping services available during Covid 19

The following local suppliers information is extracted from the Nidderdale plus (as they cover a larger area than the magazine covers) and Asquith and Denton WI blog, might be helpful.

Mackenzie's Smokehouse, Blubberhouses

Products: Fruit and veg, bakery, butchers counter, groceries, frozen chef's own ready meals etc

Telephone: 01943 880369

Web site:

www.mackenziesyorkshirefarmshop.co.uk

Services: Click and collect and local delivery - Order before noon for next day delivery or collection by phone.

Opening hours: 7 days 09:00 to 17:00

Fewston Farm Shop, Upper Cobby Syke Farm, Fewston HG3 1SR

Products: A range of locally produced marmalade, pickles and chutneys as well as

free ranged eggs, organic butter and milk - all from just around the corner. Own home reared shorthorn and Hereford cows providing great quality beef.

Telephone: 07855 941863

Services: Local deliveries available

Opening hours: Wed – Sun 10.00 – 16.00 (The café is closed).

Pharmall, Killinghall HG3 2AS

Products: Pet supplies

Telephone: 01423 506615

Services: Ring to pre order then ring when you arrive at collection point. Ring out of hours and leave a message or order online.

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 08:30-17:30 Sat 09:00-16:00 Sun 11:00-16:00



Shopping in Otley

For readers who live near to Otley up to date information is available on www.otleybid.co.uk/covid-19-otley-open-for-business/, as this information is changing please check this page for up to date information.

Useful Contact Numbers

Age Uk
01729 823066

Carers' Resource
01756 700888
www.carersresource.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau
01756 457222

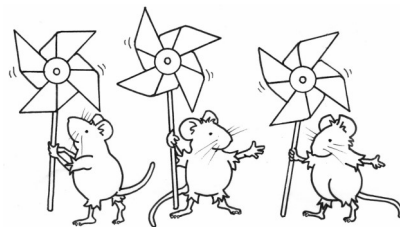
Crisis Support - First Response
01274 221181

Mind
www.mind.org.uk
03001233393

North Yorkshire County Council
01609 780780

The Samaritans
Call free 116 123

The Silver Line (free 24 hours confidential advice to older people)
0800 4 708090



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BTO Garden Bird Watch Free Offer



During this current period of uncertainty, many of us are looking to our gardens to enjoy nature and be outdoors, to learn, and to improve our well-being. BTO Garden Bird Watch (GBW) offers a great opportunity to learn more about garden birds and other wildlife, and to contribute directly to BTO's important scientific research on the value of gardens for wildlife. The more we know about how wildlife uses our gardens, the more we can make our cities, towns, villages and individual gardens better for nature.

The survey involves simply keeping a list of the birds you see visiting your garden over the course of a week, and then entering this into the BTO's online recording system. You can also record other garden wildlife, such as butterflies and mammals.

GBW is normally membership only, with an annual fee of £17, which includes an ID book and a quarterly magazine. The generous financial support of participants is what allows BTO to carry out its work monitoring garden wildlife and our scientific research.

However, we want to enable more people to get involved in garden wildlife recording under the current circumstances, to discover an enjoyable purpose in garden birdwatching, and to feel part of a community all working on the same project, even though all of us are confined to our own gardens. Therefore, we are offering free membership of the BTO Garden Bird Watch during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The free offer does not include the book or magazines and will be online only. It will include

- Access to the GBW online recording system.
- A regular e-newsletter with information on recording and identifying garden wildlife.
- Access the BTO's team of wildlife experts, to answer your questions.

The free membership will be valid for one year, after which it will expire or can be renewed at the normal rate. To take part in Garden Bird Watch, please visit <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/gbw/join-gbw>

Garden Bird Watch is designed to find out how, when and why birds and other animals use our gardens. Participants send in weekly lists of garden birds and other wildlife, which are analysed by scientists working under the BTO's urban and garden ecology research programmes, to investigate the links between changes in wildlife populations and factors such as garden management, food, weather and urban structure.

Mike Gray gbwmike@gmail.com.



Photograph courtesy of John Ashton (a professional photographer)

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Bird Song

Bird song is a wonderful and uplifting sound. OK, too much Green Woodpecker, Great Tit or even Cuckoo can drive you bonkers, but.....

It's world of different sounds that the majority of people don't tune in to. I've been on walks where I've commented "What a lovely song, but what sort of bird is it?" The response tends to be "What song?" Now though, being confined within a restricted sphere, many of us have the opportunity to listen in without the usual background noise of traffic. The good weather helps too. I warn you though, once you do tune in you'll stay tuned! First, it's useful to think about the purpose of birdsong. It is all about breeding. Most song is used either to defend a territory or attract a mate, and is a male pastime, and between now and late summer is when it all happens – there is no dawn chorus in winter.

Before you start delving into sound clips and try to work out who's song you've been listening to, it's helpful to work out whether it's a song or a call; often you need to listen to the right part of the clip to identify the bird concerned. Whilst song is all about breeding, calls are used for all sorts of purposes such as contact within groups, alarms, or calling to offspring.

Definitions vary, but songs tend to be complex and melodious, (I

stress tend to be....) whilst calls tend to be simpler; both are often repeated. Perhaps the most frequently heard example is the Blackbird. Their fluid and varied song is heard all day long, with early morning and late evening being the best times to fix it in your mind as they tend to be the first and last songsters. Disturb one during the day though, and you will hear a completely different sound – their alarm call is a series of staccato squawks, rather indignant sounding, as they fly away or warn you off. Another call, much heard at the moment, is the sort of clucking they use to round up their fledglings when they have left the nest but are still



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Social species such as Sparrows, Rooks and Goldfinches are among the birds you can hear chattering away to each other – these are contact calls. Some, such as Starlings are often rather soothing, almost a sort of coo, whilst sparrow communications in particular rise and fall depending on whether they are just chatting, or getting aggressive!

Finally, if you hear a song, is there a response? Territories usually abut each other, so if one male is proclaiming his ownership, the one(s) next-door is usually having his say too!

There are many websites specialising in bird song; <https://www.british-birdsongs.uk/> is one of the easiest to use. (Bizarrely, many of the songs are recorded outside the UK!) To try it out, click on the link and then on the Blackbird. Look above the picture on the page which the link opens, and you'll see three tabs: for song, alarm



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call and flight call. Listen in and you'll hear the difference.

Next question – when you hear a bird singing, how do you go about working out what it is??

A repetitive single note could be a Great Tit (supposedly teacher, teacher) a complex song which rises at the end could be a Chaffinch. A varied high-pitched song could be a Robin (no two phrases are the same)– a Wren maybe if it is even higher pitched.

On the assumption that you'll be in your garden when you first tune in, the 10 most reported garden birds in the GBW survey are

- Blue tit
- Woodpigeon
- Blackbird
- Robin
- Great tit
- Dunnock
- House Sparrow
- Goldfinch
- Magpie
- Collared Dove

Start there and see how you get on.....

For more information on Garden Birds the British Trust for Ornithology is your best source <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/gbw>

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Our Magazine

History

The magazine was created to link the communities of the Anglican and Methodist churches in the Mid-Wharfe and lower Washburn Valley. The Anglican churches of the United Benefice are All Saints Weston, St Helen Denton, St Michael and St Laurence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley and St Oswald Leathley. Norwood and Timble chapels are in the Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist circuit

Contact information for all the churches is normally on page 2 of the magazine. The magazine is run by our Treasurer Ann, Distributers Cheri and Paul, and our Rector Stephen McCaulay.

The aim of the magazine is to keep you in touch with the churches, allow the organisers of events associated with the churches and Parish Halls or local charities to let you know what's happening and to keep you up to date with local news and some entertainment in the form of the various articles, cartoons and puzzles.

Your Subscription helps ... not just the magazine!

By subscribing to the magazine, you help us to pay for the printing and editing of the magazine. The cost of delivery (apart from postal) are covered by a willing group of volunteers who give their time and energy for free.

With the reminding funds the magazine contributes to the running of the Benefice office. If there are any profits the intentions would be to support the churches in the benefice to help maintain them or carry out projects. If you would like to help support the work of the churches and enjoy the magazine then please subscribe. The more subscribers the more we can pass on to the churches.

How to obtain the magazine normally

The magazine costs £5 a year to have 12 copies of the magazine delivered to your door, or £12 to have it posted. Please contact Paul Howarth Tel: 01943 465076 if you would like to arrange delivery and payments

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During Covid 19

We have taken the decision not to print the magazine (and will review the situation each month), to keep the army of distribution volunteers (some of whom are over 70) safe.

Instead the magazine is posted online, www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk/church-life/parish-magazine/, for the beginning of each month. This is our Magazine Archive for past issues, but we will post it here each month so that as many people can read the magazine as possible.

Our printer

We would like to thank Paul Cavanagh of Sharon Press (sharonpressuk@googlemail.com) who normally prints the magazine for us for his patience through this period of Social distancing.

Advertising

The revenue from advertising ensures that we can cover the cost of printing. We encourage local business that are happy to provide a service in our rural parishes to advertise with us. Please contact Ann Johnson at ann@apmj.co.uk or Tel: 01943

880000 if you'd like to discuss advertising your business.

Articles

To anyone who would like to write an article, poem, recipe, joke, cartoon, photograph story who would like to contribute. Please send in items for the Magazine. The Deadline (on the back cover) is to ensure events go into the right month, however if you item is not time specific, please send it in when you are ready and I will fit your contribution in to the next available issue

Please send your contribution to me, Anna Bowman (Miss) (Editor), to the new email address: magazine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk

Thank you and stay safe

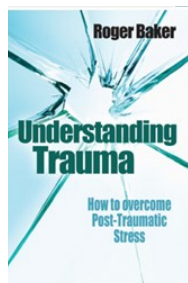
I would like to thank all the contributors and readers and I hope you and your families are well and staying safe in these strange times.



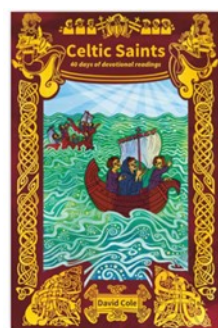
Book Club

Understanding Trauma – how to overcome post-traumatic stress

Author: Roger Baker
Published: LionHudson
Price £8.99



What is post-traumatic stress disorder? What does it feel like? And how can it be overcome? Trauma is a term that many of us find alienating and clinical. But in fact trauma is something most people encounter at some point in life, and post-traumatic stress - far from being a mental disorder - is a normal reaction to abnormal events: even breaking a bone or witnessing a car crash. Drawing on 20 years of research and clinical practice, Roger Baker explains the many symptoms of post-traumatic stress and lays out a self-help programme - emotional processing therapy - which can defuse the distressing memories of trauma and reduce the occurrence of flashbacks, nightmares and tensions.

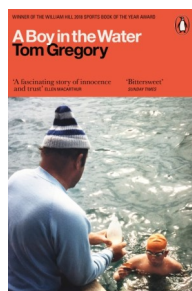


Celtic Saints: 40 days of devotional readings

Author: David Cole,
Published BRF
Price: £8.99

The life stories of the Celtic saints are inspirational. They demonstrate great and unassuming faith, often in the face of insurmountable difficulties. In Celtic Saints David Cole draws us to relate our own life journey and developing relationship with God into the life story of the Celtic saint of the day. A corresponding biblical text and

blessing encourages and motivates us to transform our lives for today's world in the light of such historic faith.



A Boy in the Water
Author: Tom Gregory

Published: Penguin
Price 8.99

This book won the Winner of the William Hill 2018 Sports Book of the Year Award, and the cover information sells this as a sports biography.

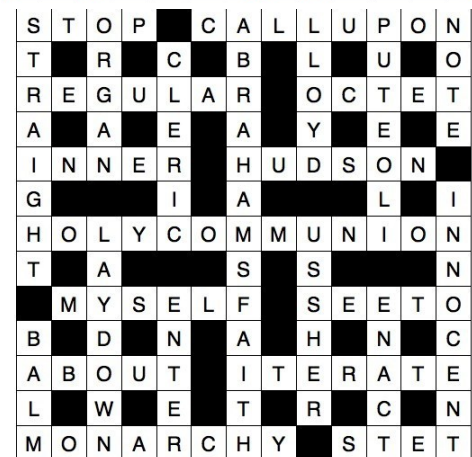
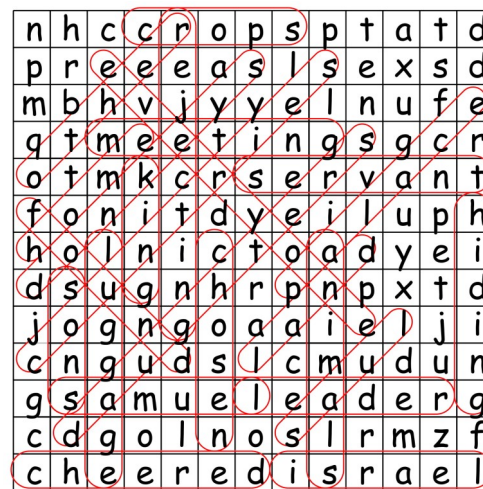
I think this undersells it, it's an inspiring tale of one boy's achievement and the man who helped him. For any childhood fans of Blue Peter, this is the story of a gold Blue Peter badge winner. For anyone who has wondered about swimming the English channel then this book is for you.

The book is a Tom Gregory's tribute to John Bullet who gave him the opportunity to swim the English Channel.



There was no more dozing off after the vicar started serving the extra-strength coffee *before* the service

Answers to the May Issue puzzles



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