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Village Church Services

August



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3rd August The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
9.30 am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (common worship) (PMc)
11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (TMc)

10th August The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11.15am	Denton	Morning Prayer (PMc)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMc)
9.30am	Farnley	All age Service (TMc)

17th August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (JC)
9.30am	Leathley	Holy Communion (TMc)
11am	Blubberhouses	Family Service (FS)

24th August Bartholomew The Apostle

9.30am	Farnley	Holy Communion (TMc)
11.15am	Denton	Holy Communion (TMc)

31st August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Leathley	United Service (TMc)
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7th September The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (TMc)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

August

10th August at 2:30pm – Deacon Liz Day

24th August at 2:30pm – Local Preacher Viv Pitts

The Vicar's Monthly Message

Often people think that unity means that we all have to be the same, but God loves our diversity and uniqueness. We only have to look at all the churches in the Benefice, or the ministry team, to see how different each one is, yet all are loved by God, but he still calls us to be one in Christ.

In all the churches there is a desire to grow, which is great but sometimes there could be a desire for that church to grow and for it to reflect the wants and tastes of that particular congregation whilst staying the same, rather than a desire to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit and all he wants to do.

The greatest gift we have been given is God's love, shown to us through Jesus. By our genuine love for one another we can reveal God's love to his world. When the world sees us acting in unity, with respect and love, then God's love shines brightly in a dark world. It is always good to reflect on how things are going.

Reflection is always a good thing, it helps us take stock, to re-asses where we are in our own spiritual life. The important thing of course is not only to reflect but to learn from what comes out of the time reflecting, and to move on. The Lord is always there encouraging us to step out in faith, to try new ways of being a kingdom follower. That stepping out needs real courage and confidence. We might think, "What on earth could I do; surely I could not make a difference?" We need to have confidence, not confidence in our own abilities, but confidence in the one we serve, the courage being supplied by God's Holy Spirit.

With things in our world changing so much it can leave us feeling unsure about all the things we took for granted. Yes it can be unnerving, but the important thing is that amidst the changes in life, there is the constant: God has not changed. He is still as present as ever there, guiding and leading us further along on our own personal journeys. He calms our fears, he continues to comfort those who grieve, he challenges us when we need to be; he is still worthy of praise.

If I may borrow a song title from Bob Dylan, "*The Times They Are A-Changing*", but do not forget the fundamental things in life remain the same. Kindness and consideration, looking out for those in our communities, caring for the vulnerable, showing love to one another, taking steps in our life as disciples, to share our faith by our actions as well as our words. Being able to give thanks to God for all that he has done and being mindful that we owe all we have to the one who is eternal.

Blessings Teresa

News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you in what is my final article for this magazine. In September my role on the Wharfedale and Aireborough Methodist Circuit is changing. Even though I will remain on this circuit, I'm reducing my hours to that of part-time which means I will no longer have pastoral charge of Norwood Retreat Centre.

Also, we are restructuring our circuit and moving towards a team ministry approach. My colleague, Rev. Cameron Stirk, will become the lead minister for Norwood Retreat Centre. Some of you may know him as the minister at Otley, Poole and Menston Methodist Churches. He is already involved with Norwood by taking regular services and also co-leading day retreats at this lovely Chapel and Retreat Centre.

As we enter into new roles and new structures, may we remember God's call upon our lives and upon the church: to love God with all our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbours as ourselves. The gifts, graces, and talents that we have been given are to be shared with others so that they can be blessed. I know I have been blessed by the contributions made in this magazine by others . . . they have given me a better understanding of how God is at work in your lives. Thank you!

What does our Lord ask of us? The prophet Micah answered the question this way: "To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) May we work together to bring about healing and wholeness in our churches and communities by helping people notice the power and presence of Christ in their lives. Our Lord is real and is working to make all things new. May we rejoice!

Thank you for your kindness and support throughout these past five years. There's a good chance you will see me around the circuit!

Every blessing ~ Rev. Shannon

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3rd August Sally Stanley
10th & 17th August Mrs H Pullan
24th & 31st August Mrs H Pullan
7th & 14th September Julie Crowther
21st & 28th September Ann Chadwick

3rd August Helen Cobley
10th & 17th August Karen Boothman
24th & 31st August Sue Wood
7th & 14th September Mr & Mrs Senior
21st & 28th September Mrs J Cowgill



From the Registers

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We meet at 7.30pm at Fewston Parochial Hall
All are welcome!

If you would like more information please contact

Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741;

Joan 01943 466789;
or Margaret 01423 806151



T&T

We are back!

Our next get together is on Tuesday 2nd September 2pm!

See you then, if not before!

After that, we will be back in September! Enjoy your summer!

All welcome!

It is only £2 per person.

If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362

I have always got time for T&T!



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Friday 15th August at 7:00 pm

Friday 10th October - Whist Drive

Saturday 8th November – Family Domino Drive, 4:00pm start

Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included

(Vegetarian Option/Pizza on request)

Cash Bar- Raffle - Prizes

All welcome, whether a seasoned pro or never picked up a domino before, any age that can stay awake until about 9:30.

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Over 16 to 90 - £5.00

Under 16 - £2.50

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Norwood Social Hall

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Friday September 19th

Domino dates 2025 for your diaries

Friday October 17th

Friday November 21st

Christmas Dominoes Friday December 12th 2025

Hope you can join us.

Pea and Pie Supper 7pm for a 7.15pm start.

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23rd, 24th and 25th August

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Washburn Valley Sports Club



SHORT MAT BOWLS

Wednesday 27th August at 2pm.

Have a go at Short Mat Bowls.

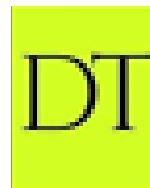
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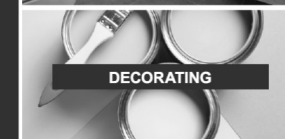
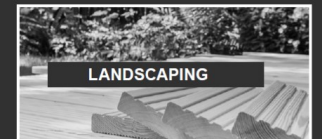
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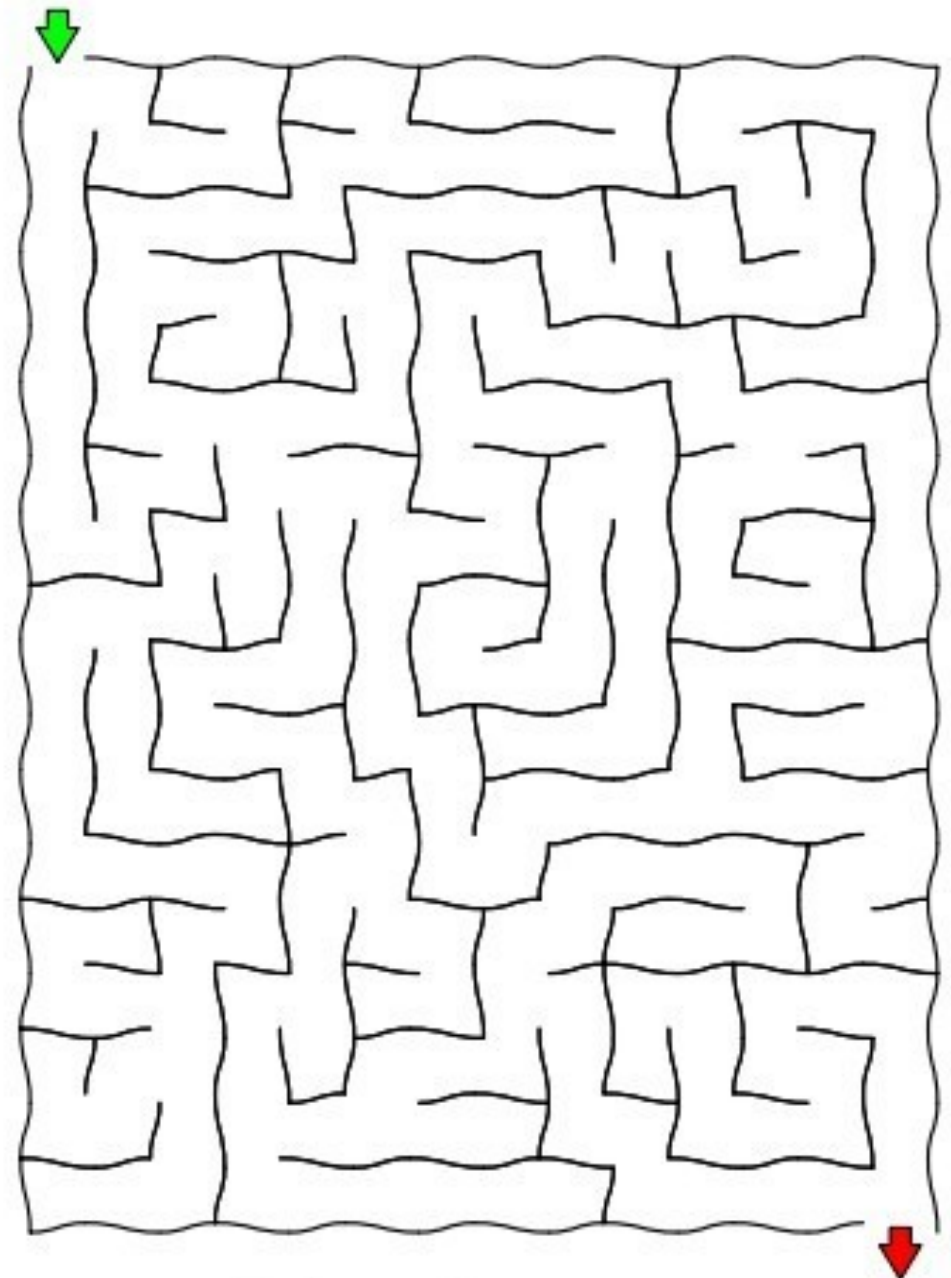
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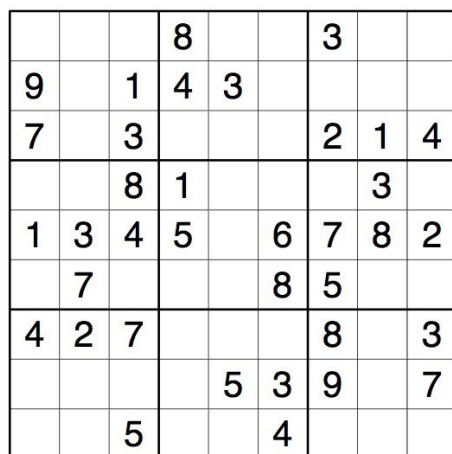
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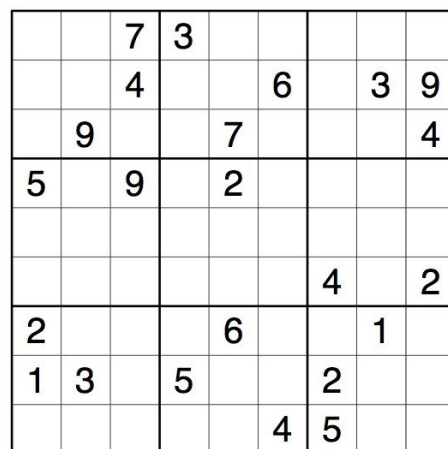
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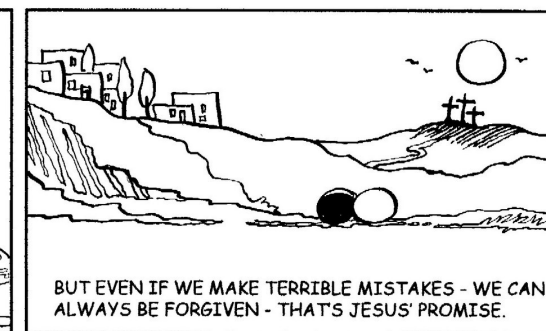
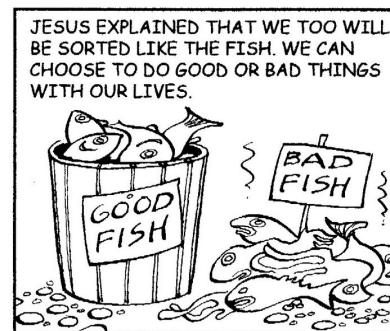
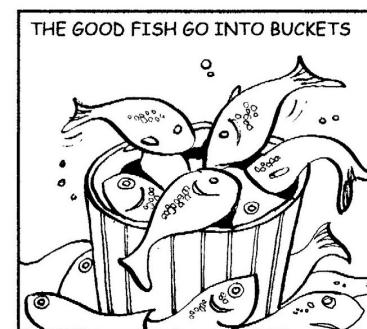
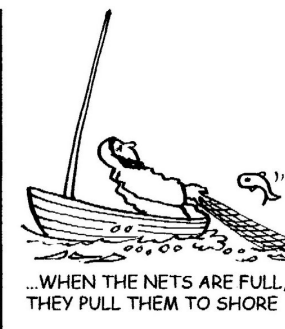
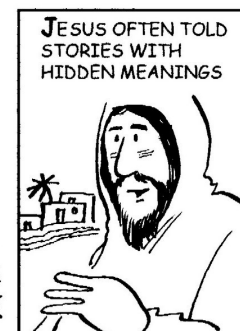
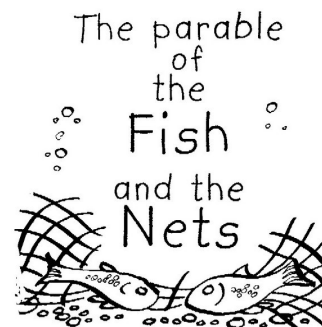


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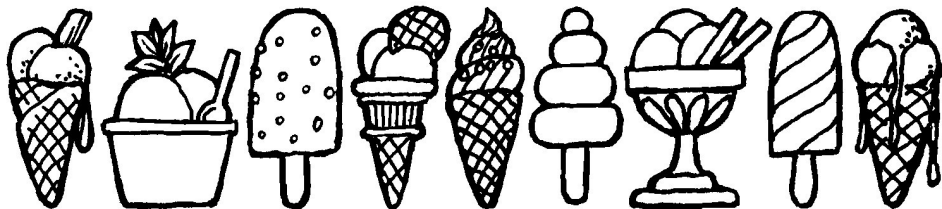
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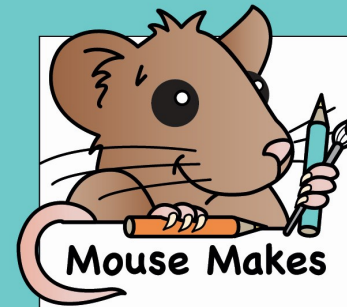
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See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes. But even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28



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"Just as a **body**, though **one**, has **many** parts, but all its many **parts** form one body, so it is with **Christ**. For we were all baptised by one **Spirit** so as to form one body... Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many...

...Now you are the body of Christ, and **each** one of you is part of it."

from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Just as the different parts of our body need each other to make a **whole**, living person so Christians need each other to make a whole living church!



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Look in the Bible verses for the words written in **bold** then look for these words too!

GOD • TOGETHER • EQUAL • ALL • EVERY
HEAD • EYES • EARS • MOUTH • TONGUE
TEETH • NOSE • ARMS • HANDS • FINGERS
LEGS • KNEES • FEET • TOES • GIFTS



"Though we are many, we are one body in **union** with Christ, and we are **joined** to each other as **different** parts of one body." from Romans 12:1-7



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All in the month of August

It was:

1,700 years ago, on 25th August 325 that the First Council of Nicaea ended with the adoption of the Nicene Creed. It summarised the Christian faith and established the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

250 years ago, on 5th August 1775 that the first Europeans entered San Francisco Bay. Spanish explorer Juan de Ayala and his crew on the ship San Carlos explored and mapped the bay.

250 years ago, on 23rd August 1775 that King George III issued the Proclamation of Rebellion. It stated that the American colonies were in a state of open rebellion, and must be suppressed.

150 years ago, on 4th August 1875 that Hans Christian Andersen, Danish writer, died. Best known for his fairy tales, such as *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Snow Queen*, *The Ugly Duckling*, and many more.

125 years ago, on 25th August 1900 that Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher and philologist, died. One of his most prominent concepts was the 'will to power', which he believed was the main driving force in humans.

100 years ago, on 5th August 1925 that the Welsh nationalist political party Plaid Cymru was founded.

90 years ago, on 21st August 1935 that John Hartley, British tennis player, died. He was the only clergyman ever to win Wimbledon, and in fact he was world number 1 player in both 1879 and 1880 – winning Wimbledon both years.

80 years ago, on 6th August 1945 that the US Army Air Forces dropped an atomic

bomb on the city of Hiroshima in Japan. The centre of the city was totally destroyed, and about 80,000 people were killed immediately. A further 60,000 died by the end of the year, from injury or radiation. Hiroshima was the first city in history to be hit by a nuclear weapon.

80 years ago, on 9th August, that the US Army Air Forces dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, killing 40,000 immediately and more than another 33,000 by the end of the year. It was (so far) the last nuclear bomb to ever be dropped.

75 years ago, on 15th August 1950 that Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, was born.

70 years ago, on 28th August 1955 that Emmett Till, an African American teenager was killed in Mississippi. His death was one of the key events to motivate the Civil Rights Movement.

65 years ago, in August 1960, the following countries gained independence: Central African Republic, Chad, Cyprus, Dahomey (Benin), Gabon, Ivory Coast, Niger, Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville), Senegal, and Upper Volta (Burkina Faso),

65 years ago, on 6th August 1960 that the Twist became a national sensation in the US, and triggered one of the biggest dance crazes, when singer Chubby Checker performed the song on the show American Bandstand.

60 years ago, on 6th August 1960 that the Beatles' Album *HELP!* was released.

50 years ago, on 1st August 1975, that the Helsinki Accords were signed by 35 nations in an attempt to improve relations between the Communist Bloc and the West.

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Pulled Pork Evening

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Tickets £7.50 pp or £15 per couple!

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Saturday 8th November - 630pm

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All Saints Weston & St Helen's Denton

Heritage Open Day

Saturday 13th September

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Tithe Barn at Weston Hall from 2 - 5pm.

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Heritage Open Days website.

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Poetry Request

By Tim Bending



Wild is the wind
Wild is the wind
That hurries me forth
To seek my truth
In the forbidding north.

Heavy is the rain
That bars my way
And bears me down
To my knees to pray.

Stinging is the hail
That scours my face
And forces my sobs
As I seek your grace

Dark is the night
That husbands my fears
That all is pointless.
I sleep with tears.

Bright is the dawn
That rekindles my hope
Refreshing my dreams
Enlarging life's scope

Golden is the sun
That augurs this day
Will be propitious
For finding the way.

Wild is the wind
That hurries me forth
To seek my truth
In the forbidding north.

Dreamscape

Wakening in bright dawn's first flush
Dream's vivid mirage lingers on.
Savouring its restful embrace
We know too soon it will be gone.

Just as curtain piercing sunlight
Dissolves that idyllic tableau

So real life, hard experience
Oft deals youth's hopes a fateful blow.

We're left adrift in stormy seas
Our sails shredded, rudder broken.
Frantically we seek calmer water,
Peaceful skies, a future open.

So we come to that safe harbour,
Reality no more frightens.
In our maturity we see
As dreams fade so sunlight brightens

Song with the Sea
I jump to your arms from Golden Gate
Bridge.
Your enfolding embrace,
A life I can't face.
I redeem the world with all my courage.

Mother of all, I return to you now.
Accept my body,
Let me be free.
There is really no choice, this I avow.

You've been the dark void throughout
my life.
In you I have swum,
When troubles have come.
Please support me now, help me end
this strife.

Child, know this; keep it deep in your heart.

*Those who survive
Are much happier alive.
Though it pains me so, I fear we should part.*

*So now go forth and get on with your days.
Let your limbs heal
And let your heart feel
Mortals' tears and the life that they praise.*

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SATURDAYS** and **SUNDAYS** during the winter, from April onwards 11am until 4pm. Our Saturday menu has changed slightly, to offer toasted crumpets, toasted fruit loaf, cakes and drinks only. On Sundays we offer our full lunch menu. We welcome **NEW VOLUNTEERS**. If you can spare a few hours at the weekend once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It's a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake!

Our new programme **BIRDS, BEASTS AND BLOOMS** continues apace, and we have so far enjoyed a wide variety of events such as moth trapping with Aiden Smith from the Wharfedale Naturalists and learning more about regenerative farming from Derek Greenwood and Dr Vincent Walsh. We have our usual programme of walks in the surrounding countryside together with a series of shorter walks led by experts focusing on specific aspects of local flora and fauna.

To book a place at any of our events please contact Jenny at the office on **01943 880794** or email centre@washburnvalley.org

Events in AUGUST as follows:

Music in Fewston Church
Tuesday 5th August, 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Join us for a musical evening with Liz Kenwood and Peter Reasbeck. Liz is a professional oboist who trained at the Royal Academy of Music and has performed for several members of the

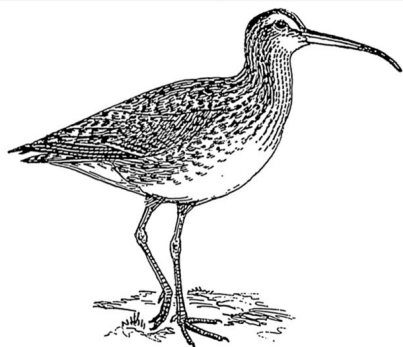
Royal family. The duo will be playing a mixture of music by local composers and popular classics. Wine and canapes served. Cost £15 member, £18 non-member.

In a Persian Garden: refuge and refreshment, Professor Joyce Hill
Monday 11th August, 7.30pm – 9.00pm
**** ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT ****

The Persian Garden, with its intricate design, beautiful pavilions and refreshing water features was first created by Cyrus the Great (r.558-528 BC). These gardens quickly came to be seen as a symbol of paradise itself. The talk examines the history of these gardens, illustrates their beauty, their representation in art, and the complex water-engineering that makes them possible. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

The Darley Beck Curlew Project, Clive White
Monday 18th August, 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Project Manager, Clive White, will tell us all about the award-winning Darley Beck Curlew Project. He will describe how and why it was set up, who is involved and how it might combat the dramatic decline in the numbers of this enigmatic bird in our area. Conservation of the curlew depends on an understanding of their surprisingly complex behaviour which Clive will describe in his talk. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

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The heritage of Darley (WALK)

Wednesday 27th August

A chance to see where the Darley **Curlew Project** is taking place and then following parts of the Darley Heritage Trail, returning along the side of the River Nidd. Some stiles and may be muddy. About 5 miles and optional lunch (own cost) at the Wellington Inn (Main Street, Darley). Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.



Farnley Estate Womens Institute

At our last meeting we heard a talk from another local lady, Stephanie Ferguson who gave a talk entitled "My life behind the headlines".

Stephanie whose career as a journalist with the Yorkshire Post and the Guardian spoke about the serious campaigns she had helped with such as the reaction of the Leeds prostitutes to the Yorkshire Ripper. She also amused us with interviews she had with people like Margaret Thatcher who she discovered were very different people when interviewed informally.

In August we have a talk about travelling in Antarctica. Our President Diane Hanline has also arranged a visit to Farnley Hall for our members and their

guests. The September meeting is an entertaining talk "A bee in my bonnet".

To view our programme for 2025 please visit <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate>. All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7-30pm (unless otherwise stated). In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for walks locally with either a coffee or picnic stop.

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Diane Hanline our President by email to farnleyestatewi@gmail.com.

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The Birds in Your Garden

Birds and Birdbaths

The recent heatwaves, brief though they were, are another demonstration of the seriousness of climate change. There will doubtless be more, and their effect is potentially serious for all wildlife. There's not a lot we can do when the ground becomes like concrete, and the grubs move deeper down for moisture and a cooler environment, but we can help by regularly putting clean water out.

Birds don't have sweat glands, but they do lose water by breathing and via droppings. Insectivores will get most of the water they need from their food, but many small seed-eating birds need to drink at least twice a day.

Typical sources are puddles, pond or stream edges and droplets forming on leaves, often not available during droughts. A beak is not an ideal implement to drink with though, and birds need to dip their beaks into the water and then throw their heads back to make it run into their gullets. The exceptions here are pigeons/doves which can dip their beaks and drink continuously.

However, drinking is not the only reason birds need water. It's important for their general hygiene, being used for feather maintenance, where it loosens dirt, making it easier to remove by subsequent preening.

Once in the water, the bird fluffs its feathers to expose its skin, rolls back and forth whilst dipping its head into the water, and creates a shower by flicking its wings. When finished, it

shakes off the excess water and chooses somewhere to dry and preen. Even a fair-sized birdbath soon gets emptied, and some birds will splash around for several minutes.

During preening a bird gently strokes or nibbles along the barbs of each feather, starting at the quill and working towards the tip, so that they are properly arranged.

In addition, most have an oil-secreting gland, called the preen gland (or uropygial gland) underneath their tail. The bird rubs its bill against the gland and then spreads the oil over the surface of its feathers keeping them flexible and aiding waterproofing, whilst also reducing bacterial and fungal numbers.

All these comings and goings bring a fair bit of dirt into the bath, and many birds (yes, especially pigeons!) poo into or next to the bath too.

Consequently, regular cleaning and topping up will be needed. Give the bath a good scrub with a stiff brush, using detergent if needs be, followed by a thorough rinse with clean water. Occasional disinfection is also important, preferably using a product designed for use with birds, but ordinary bleach will do, again rinse thoroughly afterwards and refill. Tap water is perfectly OK.

So far as a bath is concerned, aesthetics is a people concern, birds are not fussy. What they do need is a vessel with sloping sides to give easy access and a choice of depth, no more than 5.0cms (2") deep. If you don't want to buy one, larger plant saucers, dustbin lids

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and so forth will do the job. If it is at ground level and has a significant rim, a ramp to allow small animals to escape is essential, or you could raise it off the ground using bricks or stones. A stone placed in the middle will make a handy perch that is easy to remove for cleaning. Shiny plastic vessels are not ideal, as birds cannot get a firm footing.

Positioning is important; a clear 360° view and some nearby cover both for escaping marauding predators and perching to preen. Think about cats too; if the bath is low down, make sure

there are no nearby hiding places. If it is too close to the house, movement indoors could also scare them away. Should you live in a flat or have no garden don't despair, try a (securely!) suspended bath away from the windows – heavy enough not to sway in a breeze, and well enough fixed not to endanger anyone below.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch (www.bto.org/gbw).



Titles: Song thrush bathing (top)
Titles: Blackbird
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Recipe – Snow Eggs



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1st December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend Marlene Wilkinson in her mothers possessions and reprinted again. She dedicated it to “Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions”

68 years later we are sharing the recipes again.
Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

Ingredients

2 cups of Milk
2 eggs
1 dessertspoon of Cornflower
3 teaspoonfuls of sugar
Vanilla to flavour

Method

- Boil the milk with 1 teaspoonful of sugar
- Add the vanilla extract
- Beat the white of egg stuff and sweeten with 2 teaspoons of sugar
- Drop in tablespoonfuls into the

boiled milk

- Cook for a minute or two and turn over
- Drain in a sieve then strain the milk
- Add the beaten yolks to the strained milk.
- Place the cornflower in a small bowl, adding a little of the milk until its runny. Add this mixture to the milk mixture.
- Stir in the cornflower until it sets
- Put into a dish and add the strained eggs on the top.

Mrs Wilkinson

... All in the month of August – continued from page 23

50 years ago, on 20th August 1975 that NASA launched its Viking 1 space probe on a mission to Mars. It became the first spacecraft to land successfully on Mars, and to complete its mission.

40 years ago, on 22nd August 1985 that the Manchester Air Disaster took place when a British Airtours Boeing 737 burst into flames. 55 people were killed.

30 years ago, on 24th August 1995 that Microsoft released Windows & Microsoft Office 95

25 years ago, on 4th August 2000 that Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrated her 100th birthday. (She died in March 2002, aged 101).

20 years ago, on 22nd August 2005 that the last Israeli settlers left the Gaza strip, ending 38 years of occupation.

20 years ago, from 23rd to 30th August 2005 that Hurricane Katrina hit the Bahamas, Cuba and several southern US states. The city of New Orleans was flooded by 80 per cent. More than 1,800 people died. It was the costliest natural disaster in US history.

15 years ago, on 5th August 2010 that the Copiapo Mining Accident in Chile took place. A cave-in at the San Jose copper and gold mine trapped 33 workers 700 metres underground. An international rescue operation was launched. The workers were brought to the surface on 13th October, 69 days later. Around one billion people watched their rescue on TV.

10 years ago, on 1st August 2015 that Cilla Black, pop singer and TV presenter died. Known for her hit song *Anyone who had a heart* and for presenting *Blind Date* and *Surprise Surprise*.



Gardeners Corner



July has been so hot and now we have a hosepipe ban, so I hope you have been able to harvest rainwater. If you mulched your plants earlier in the year, that will have helped to retain moisture. Continue weeding but avoid digging which can dry out the soil. Deadhead annuals to prolong the flowering period and keep picking sweet peas to avoid them setting seed.

Finish trimming hedges which had been left for the nesting birds. Summer prune wisteria by shortening the long whippy growths back to five or six leaves; this will encourage flower buds to develop. If you have climbing plants on the house, such as hydrangea petiolaris, ivy and Virginia creeper, lower the height to prevent them from choking the gutters. Once raspberries have finished cropping, cut back the woody canes to ground level and tie in healthy new growth ready for next year. Keep deadheading roses

if repeat flowering varieties; leave some to develop into rose hips which are an excellent food source for birds. Tie in the long shoots of rambling roses, but do wear gloves! A third of the oldest stems can be cut right back.

Potatoes should be ready to harvest now. Keep picking French beans, peas, mange tout and runner beans to prolong the season and don't forget to search for young courgettes among the foliage before they turn into marrows.

Later in the month is the time to cut back perennial wildflower meadows. Leave the cuttings so that the seeds fall out, before raking and removing the cut material so as not to increase the fertility of the meadow. Lavender can also be cut back this month, just into the green but not into the woody stems as the plants won't regrow.

Finally enjoy the summer, whatever the weather.



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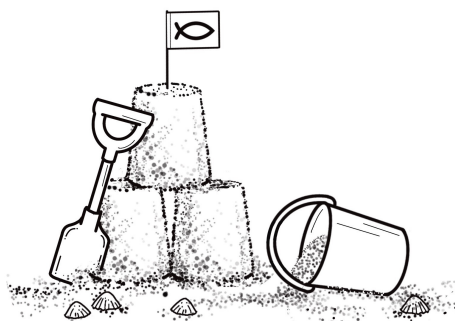
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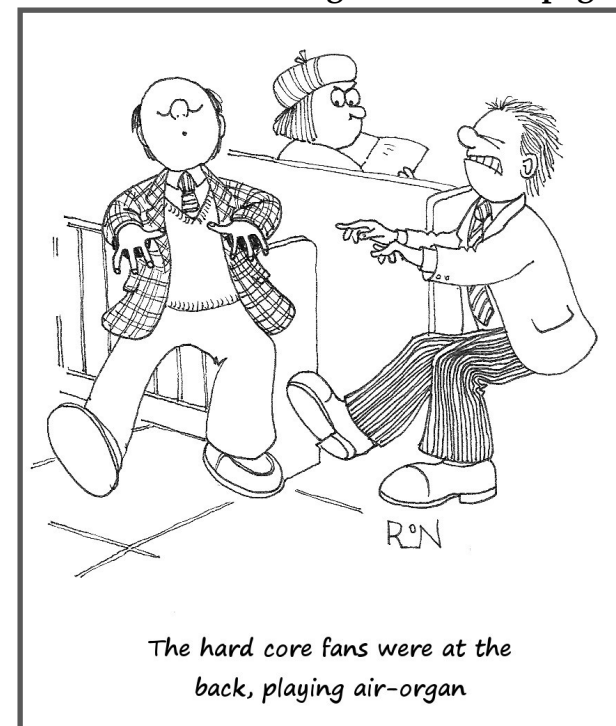
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