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Cover image: Daffodils - The Church
yard of the church Saint
Michael and Saint
Lawrence, Fewston.

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Village Church Services March 2024



Please check on www.achurchnearyou.com for up to date information.

3rd March

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMc)
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (PMc)

Third Sunday of Lent

10th March

11 am	Denton	Family service (PMc)
11am	Blubberhouses	Family Communion (FS) & TMc)
9.30am	Farnley	Family service (FD)

Mothering Sunday (Purple)

17th March

9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) TD)
9.30 am	Leathley	Holy Communion (TMc)

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Purple)

24th March

9.30 am	Farnley	Holy Communion (TMc)
11am	Denton	Family service (SH)

Palm Sunday (red)

Holy Week

28th March

6.30 pm	Leathley
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29th March

11am	Fewston
2pm – 3pm	Weston

31st March

11 am	Fewston
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Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion (TMc)

Good Friday

Morning Prayer (TMc)
Private Devotion (TMc)

EASTER DAY (Gold White)

United Benefice Service (TMc)

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From the Registers

Funeral

30th January Pauline Mary Bullen at All Saints Church
Farnley

The Vicar's Monthly Message



You may have been aware that this year, Valentine's Day was also Ash Wednesday. Two extremes, or so it would appear. One full of romance and love, declarations of love and a willingness to commit and go public. The other one, more sobering and serious, as we remember the temptation of Christ, and the chance for us over lent, to take stock and turn afresh.

If I just go back for a second to Valentine's Day, I mentioned declarations of love and a willingness to commit and go public, but if we forget the romantic side of love and look at the purest sense of the word 'love' then that is personified in Christ. He declared his love for us, not only by going through those 40 days in the desert and being tested, but he later suffered death on the cross for us.

As we take stock this Lent, there is to be a meeting for **All in the Benefice**, which will be held at Fewston Village Hall. This will be on **Saturday 16 March 10 -12 noon** to consider "moving on" in the life of this Benefice. This is an opportunity for us all to get together to discuss our hopes and dreams for all our parishes and how we might see them developing and growing in the future. I do hope that you will be able to come and share your thoughts and ideas.

Our journey through Lent culminates, of course, not just with facing the brutality of Good Friday and meditating on the ultimate price that was paid by Jesus, but arriving on Easter Morning with Joy in our hearts. We will be joining together on Easter Morning to celebrate that wonderful event of the Resurrection, and everyone is invited.

Afterwards we can stay together for fellowship and catch up with one another and share in a **"bring and share"** lunch which we can all enjoy in the **Washburn Heritage Centre**. So please put that in your diaries **31st March at 11 am** Easter Holy Communion at Fewston Church followed by a "Bring and Share" Lunch at the Washburn Centre.

May we travel together through this Lent season spending time in prayer and reflection. Seeking those things that are important in the life of the God's Kingdom. May we look forward to sharing worship, food and conversation in a spirit of real joy and love.

Blessings Teresa



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News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

Do you like to colour? Many of us did when we were children and colouring sheets are frequently used in Messy Church and Sunday School lessons. There are even colouring books for adults . . . often they can be quite ornate or detailed. I loved to colour when I was a child. It was a fun, creative process for me . . . the 'sky was the limit' in my mind as to how I could make the black-and-white image on the paper come alive with colour. I must say my abilities did not match up to my visions of grandeur! I was one who liked to colour inside the lines and I took my time (those of you who know me wouldn't be surprised by that!) to make sure I was doing that well. Yes, that makes artwork look nice and tidy but is it really necessary to do that for the page to be transformed? Maybe . . . maybe not!

During Lent, the Methodist Church's message is entitled "Unbounded Love: God's love doesn't stay in the lines!" Divine love cannot be contained. It goes beyond the "lines" or societal boundaries that we have put into place in order to free us and heal us. What a transformation! Sometimes we are challenged by the love of God, pushing us out of our comfort zones to gain greater understanding of God's love for the world. Humanity has mastered the art of drawing lines: them verses us; who's in and who's out; who lives in the posh side of town . . . and who lives "on the wrong side of the tracks;" the "have's" and the "have nots." The list is far too long to write down!

In his ministry, Jesus' went outside the lines as he ate with sinners, touched and healed the lepers, and refused to condemn a woman who was caught in adultery. In a way, he erased the lines to help people see how all-encompassing God's love was. He geographically crossed the lines preaching and teaching in Gentile communities. By speaking to a Samaritan woman at the well, he crossed societal boundaries in order to share the good news of God's unbounded love.

In a few short weeks, we will observe Good Friday, where Jesus becomes bound by the powers-that-be and his earthly life comes to an end on a cross. We know now what the religious elite did not know then . . . it is impossible for God's love to stay bound! On Easter Sunday, we join the great cloud of witnesses from throughout nearly two millennia by proclaiming, "Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**"

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, may we be more aware of the lines that we have drawn that separate, prohibit, or even oppress God's kingdom and will. May we be emboldened to follow Jesus by crossing the lines and erasing them as necessary so all may come to know the depth and width of God's love and be changed by it. May we strive to create with God's help a more just society where Unbounded Love enables the world to flourish. May we abound in hope this Easter Sunday.

With Easter Blessings,
~ Rev. Shannon

Community Notice Board



On Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm we are finding out about Birds in Your Garden with Mike Gray. All are welcome to join us at Fewston Parochial Hall.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151

See you there!,



T&T
Dominoes

Come and join us for prize winning dominoes plus tea and chat on Tuesday March 5th 2pm at Norwood Social Hall.

T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s. 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!



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel March, April and May

Sunday 10th March at 2:30pm – Rev. Cameron Stirk
+ Holy Communion

Sunday 24th March at 2:30pm – Palm Sunday service
with Rev. Shannon DeLaurel

Sunday 14th April - Rev Shannon DeLaurel Holy Communion

Sunday April 28th - Rev Roberta Topham

Sunday 12th May - Mrs Linda Duttine

Sunday 26th May - Rev Roger Smith Holy Communion

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Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota For March & April

3rd March
10th and 17th March
24th and 31st March
7th and 14th April
21st and 28th April

Sue Wood
Julie Crowther
Hilary Crawford
Ann Chadwick
Helen Copley

Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota For March and April

3rd March Sally Stanley
10th & 17th March Stephen & Marlene Turnbull
24th & 31st March
7th & 14th April Mr & Mrs Senior
21st & 28th April Mrs J Cowgill
Tom & Ruth Raper

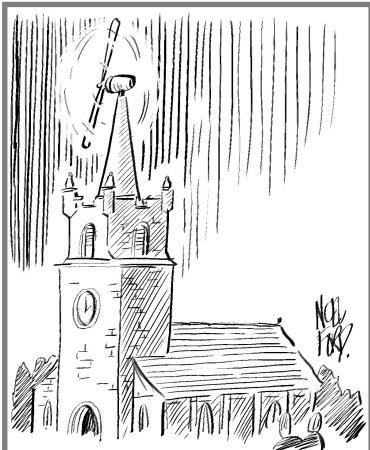


Fewston Parochial Hall Charity teas



Teas, lunches and homemade cakes
10.30 am to 4pm
Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March 2024.

All proceeds Aireborough Rugby Club



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple
but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"

Stolen ~ Information needed

On the Tuesday, 6th February a
quad bike was stolen from the Kex
Gill area. The quad bike is a
Honda XR600R in Red.

If anyone has any information
please contact North Yorkshire
police on 101 quoting
ref NYP-07022024-0089

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All Saints' Church Farnley
invites you to join us for
FAMILY SERVICES



To be held on the 2nd Sunday
of the month at 9.30am

March - 10th - Mothering Sunday

April - 14th

May - 12th

SONGS FUN BIBLE STORY
Refreshments after the service
ALL WELCOME

For more details please contact Rev'd T McLaughlin
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Norwood Social Hall DOMINO DRIVE

Friday 15th March

Everyone Welcome

7pm

Hot Supper and Raffle



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YOU ARE ALL INVITED
TO A MEETING
AT FEWSTON PAROCHIAL HALL
16 MARCH AT 10AM
COME AND SHARE YOUR
HOPES AND DREAMS FOR OUR BENEFICE



Kettlesing Village Hall
Enjoy visiting & exploring Washburn Reservoirs?

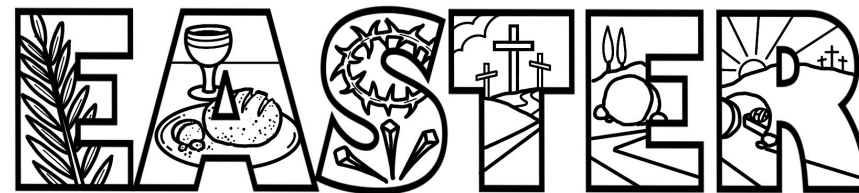
Ever wondered what lay deep beneath the surface?
What industries & homes existed? How long did construction take?
Find the answers when ...

David Alred presents his collection of photos/slides
(acquired from local residents) as far back as 1880's.
Followed by recent photographs of 'Washburn Landscapes'

**Friday, 22 March, 2024
at 7.00 pm**

Seats : Adults £7 / Children £3.00
Please let us know if you will be joining us by calling
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SUNDAY- 31st March

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Held in the Washburn Heritage Centre

Following the 11am

EASTER DAY

UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE

In Saint Michael and Saint Lawrence church,

ALL INVITED



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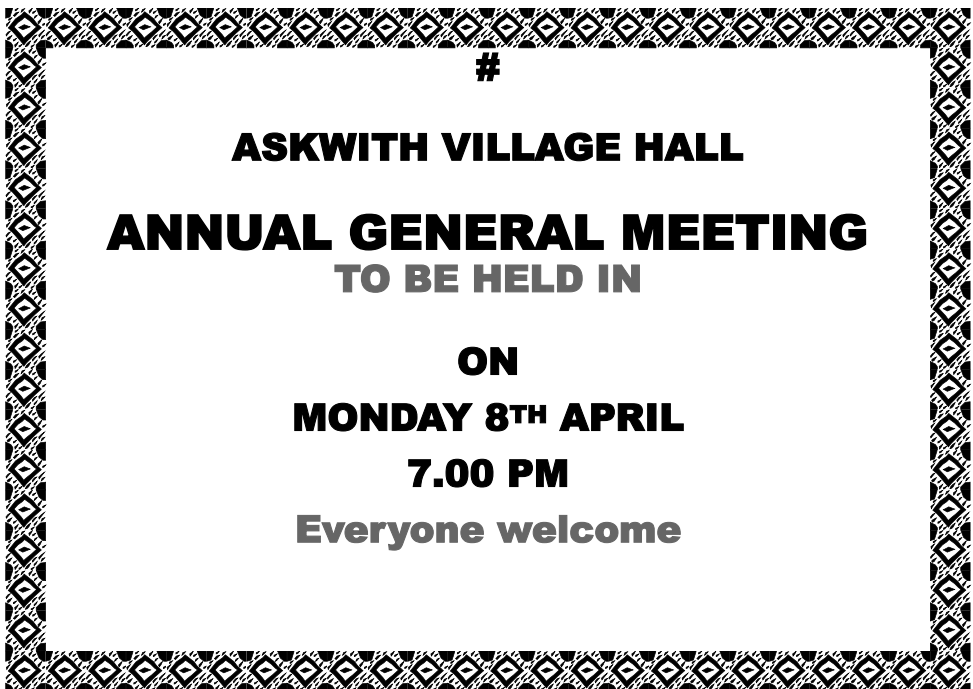
Weston and Denton

Easter Walk and Egg Hunt

On Easter Monday 1st April

Start at 2pm from Askwith Village Hall
for a 3.5mile (5.5km) walk round Askwith
with an Easter Egg Hunt on the way

All Welcome



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ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD IN

ON

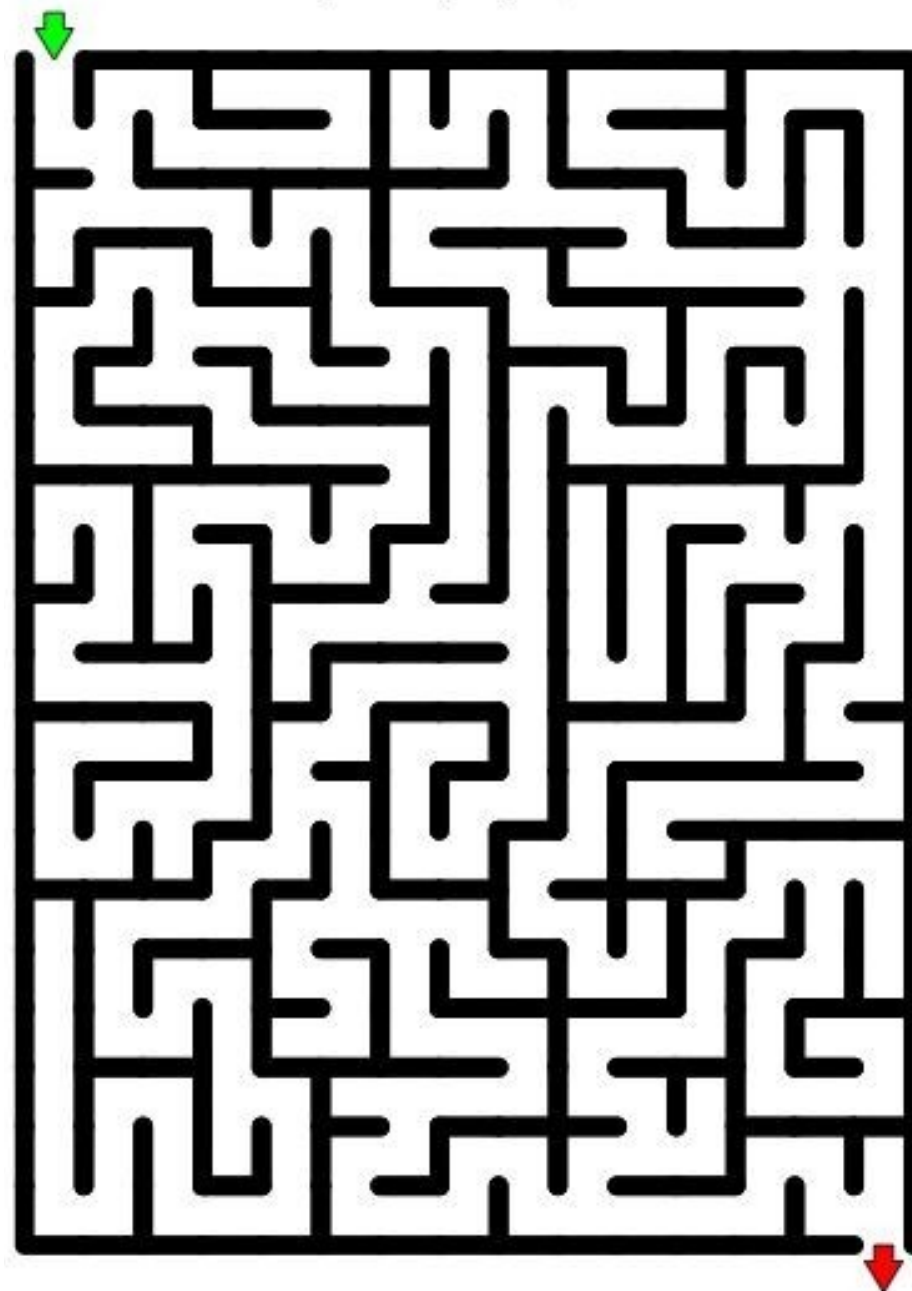
MONDAY 8TH APRIL

7.00 PM

Everyone welcome

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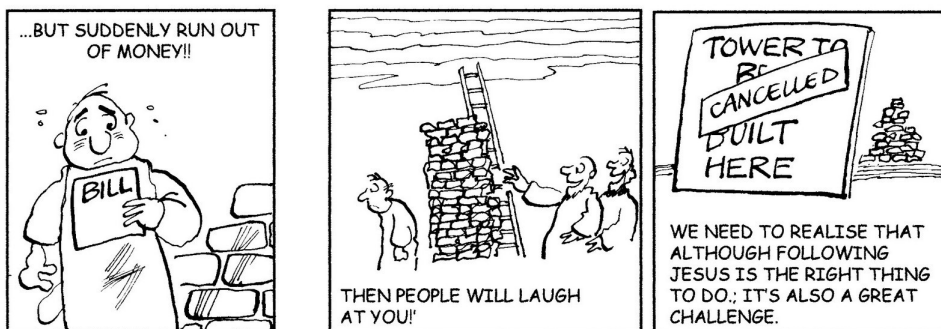
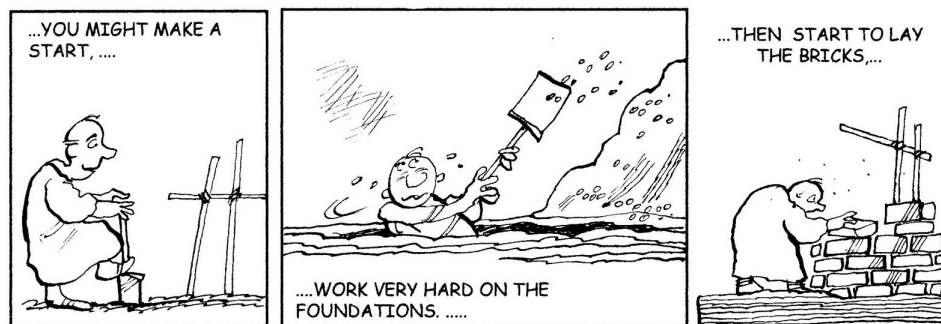
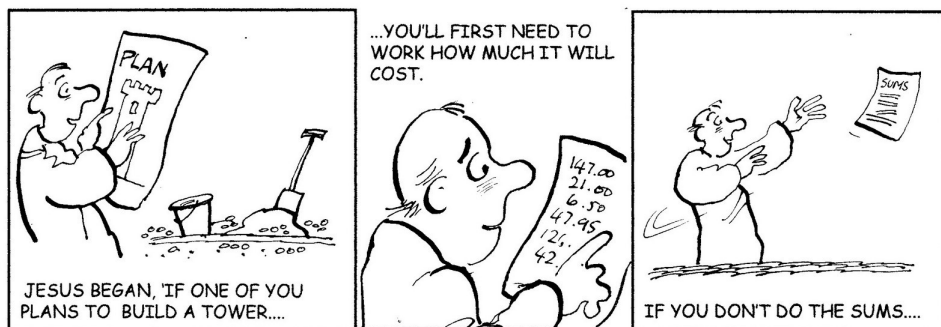
Story, puzzles and colouring-in



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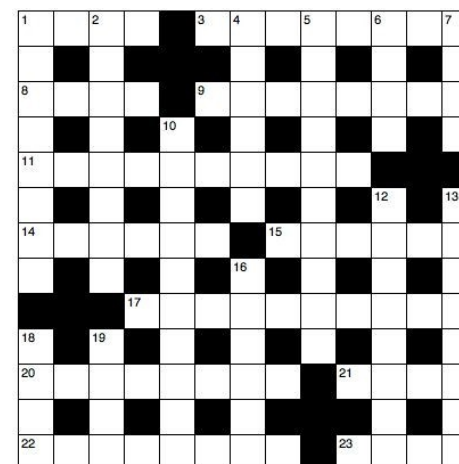
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The tale of the Tower Builder



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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — — ' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12-13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
- 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)

21 Sail (anagram) (4) 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)

23 Eye sore (4)

Down

- 1 Can't grow (anagram) (5,3)
- 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
- 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
- 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
- 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
- 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
- 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
- 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
- 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)

16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)

18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)

19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)



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All in the month of March

—It was:

750 years ago, on 7th March 1274 that St Thomas Aquinas, Italian Dominican friar, Catholic priest, philosopher, and theologian, died.

500 years ago, on 19th March 1524 that Florentine explorer Giovanni de Verrazano became the first European to reach the Atlantic coast of North America. He reached North Carolina, continued northwards to New Brunswick in Canada, and then sailed southwards to Florida.

250 years ago, on 16th March 1774 that Matthew Flinders, British navigator and cartographer, was born. He led the first inshore navigation of Australia, and was the first person to call the country by that name.

150 years ago, on 30th March 1874 that Charles Lightoller, British naval officer, was born. He was Second Officer on the RMS Titanic, and the most senior member of the crew to survive the sinking in 1912. He was also a commanding officer in the Royal Navy during WW1, and took part (as a retired volunteer) in the Dunkirk evacuation in WW2.

125 years ago, on 6th March 1899 that the German pharmaceutical company Bayer patented aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid).

100 years ago, on 25th March 1924 that Greece became a republic. The monarchy was abolished, and the Second Hellenic Republic was proclaimed.

90 years ago, on 9th March 1934 that

Yuri Gagarin, Soviet cosmonaut, was born. He was the first man in space. (Died 1968)

80 years ago, from 24th to 25th March 1944, that the Great Escape took place. 76 Allied prisoners of war broke out of the Stalag Luft III prisoner-of-war camp near Sagan, Germany after digging three tunnels. Three of the prisoners escaped, 73 were recaptured, and 50 were executed. The event was dramatized in the film *The Great Escape*.

75 years ago, on 10th March 1949 that the 1948 Arab-Israeli War ended. Israeli victory.

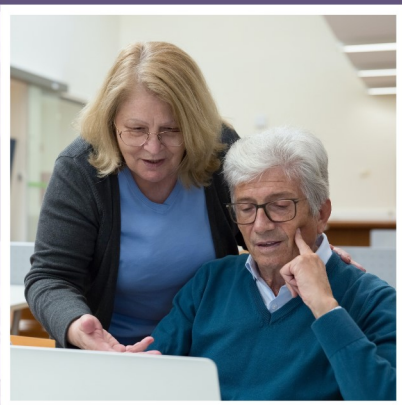
70 years ago, on 1st March 1954 that the USA tested the most powerful nuclear device it has ever detonated – a thermonuclear hydrogen bomb codename Castle Bravo, at Bikini Atoll, in the Marshall Islands. Due to a design error, the 15-megaton blast was 2.5 times greater than expected, and caused extensive contamination, deaths, burns and birth defects.

65 years ago, on 9th March 1959 that the Barbie doll was launched at the International Toy Fair in New York City. 9th March is Barbie's official birthday.

60 years ago, on 6th March 1964 that American world heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay was given the name Muhammad Ali, after joining the Nation of Islam.

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The Birds in Your Garden



Personalities

While researching last month's article on how Great Tit colours and songs vary between city dwellers and their country cousins, I found another article on how their personalities affect the way they pair up ready to mate.* Any-one who keeps pets will know that they all have their own characters, whether cats, dogs or hamsters, so I guess it's no surprise that birds will show the same variation. What interested me though, was not just that Great Tits should have different characters, but as a scientist, how do you go about quantifying these differences.

The authors, from several universities, looked at how 100+ wild birds interacted with each other over three winters, in a wood near Oxford, which has been used for long term studies of Great tits for several years.

The birds' personalities were established by capturing them and keeping them for a short time, so that the researchers could find out how quickly each bird started exploring its new environment, and how active it was while alone in its temporary home. Before release back into the wood they were fitted with radio frequency identification (RFID) tags, so that their subsequent movements could be recorded when they passed a receiver mounted on a sunflower seed feeder. Lots of statistics were involved here (inevitably!), to find out which birds were in which flocks over several months each year, and so work out how long each of them took to pair up.

Birds that showed higher levels of

activity and exploration were classed as proactive and were given higher personality scores. Those at the other end of the behavioural spectrum who were reluctant to explore and were generally quieter, were classified as reactive and so given a lower score.

Using various statistical tools, the researchers were able to show, over a period of weeks, that males who had been classified as proactive paired up more quickly than those who had been classified as reactive.

On the other hand, no relationship was found between the classification of females and their speed of pair formation. Something that has been shown in previous studies. It would seem, as is often the case with birds, that it is the male who has to prove himself worthy of the female's acceptance.

Forming a strong pair bond more quickly could have several benefits for males, first of all, ensuring that they do find a mate, and secondly enabling earlier breeding, so that when the young hatch there is more food available, particularly in years when it is in short supply.

So there you have it! It's a good example of how much patient work goes on 'behind the scenes' to find out how birds behave, and then trying to work out what the benefits of different behaviours are. It's more complicated than you might think though, as they need to be sure that there is not something going on that has not been taken into account, and that their observations don't I turn change the activities they are looking at.

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**Personality shapes pair bonding in a wild bird social system. Josh A. Firth et al. Nature Ecology & Evolution volume 2, pages 1696–1699 (2018).*

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 website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via gbwmike@gmail.com.

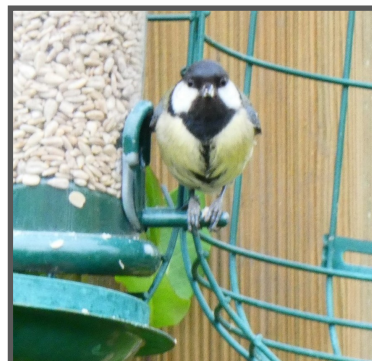


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Also 60 years ago, on 19th March 1964 that proposals for three new cities in south-east England were announced, due to an expected population boom. They became the new town of Milton Keynes, and a significant expansion of the existing towns of Havant and Basingstoke.

40 years ago, 5th March 1984 to March 1985 that the 1984 miners' strike took place. 6000 coal miners in Yorkshire began a strike, to protest against pit closures and job losses. By 12th March the strike in Yorkshire became a national one, involving tens of thousands of miners.

50 year ago, on 29th March 1974 that the Terracotta Army was discovered in Shaanxi, China by a group of farmers who were digging a well. The 8,000 life-sized warriors, plus chariots and horses were buried with the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang (247 BC - 210 BC) to protect him in the afterlife.

30 years ago, on 12th March 1994 that

the first women priests in the Church of England were ordained.

25 years ago, 21st March 1999 that Ernie Wise, British comedian and actor (Morecambe and Wise) died.

20 years ago, on 30th March 2004 that Alistair Cooke, British-born American journalist and broadcaster died. Known for his insightful broadcasts on American culture, in *Letter from America*.

10 years ago, on 18th March 2014 that Russia annexed Crimea following a controversial referendum in which its citizens voted to secede from Ukraine. Many of those loyal to Ukraine boycotted the referendum, and it was declared illegitimate by the United Nations and western governments. Most countries continue to recognise Crimea as part of Ukraine.

Also 10 years ago, on 29th March 2014 that the first same-sex marriages in England and Wales took place.

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In February we enjoyed a very useful talk by two members, one explaining the pros and cons of her air fryer and the other extolling the virtues of a Remoska mini oven, both of which are environmentally friendly as they consume less electricity than a normal oven. A banana and walnut cake had been cooked in each of the appliances that day and a blind testing was held. The air fryer won by a narrow margin. Also on display were other eco friendly cookers such as a slow cooker and a thermal cooker.

Our next meeting is on March 13th when author, Kath Padgett will recount tales from the Yorkshire classrooms of the 1970's.

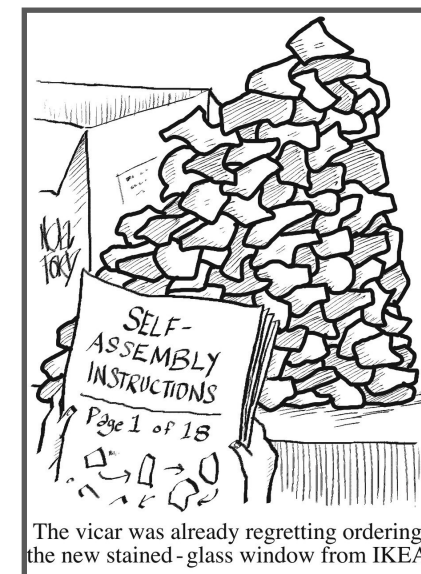
Later in the year we'll be Investigating basketry with Fiona Arnold, trying our hand at croquet and

hearing about the work of Horticap, a charity providing training in Horticulture and other skills for those with learning difficulties.

To view our programme for 2024 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. In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for leisurely strolls followed by a coffee stop on one month followed the next month by a longer hike and 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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CHEESE & WINE QUIZ NIGHT

ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 20th APRIL 2024 at 7.30

TICKETS £8 -
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will take place on
Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June 2024
Plus an Art Exhibitions in
Denton and Weston Churches
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Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club



The first meeting of 2024 was on the 3rd of January which was the district social where all members from the district took part in a quiz and afterwards, they had pork sandwiches provided by Julie Houseman.

Results:
Juniors
1st Lily H
2nd Jack L
3rd Brooke R
4th Jack K



Intermediate
1st Daisy R

Seniors
1st Sam B
2nd Charlotte
3rd Holly R
4th James D

We then had a talk from the Prickly Pigs about hedgehogs on the 17th January. Everyone enjoyed this night as the talk was very interesting and we also got to meet a hedgehog.

The 7th of January was our Christmas tree collection where we made an amazing total of £2031 which will go towards our club funds and our chosen charity. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, we appreciate all of your efforts.

The county public speaking was on the 21st January where Izzy won 1st in Junior member of the year and 2nd in the 10-minute speech which is amazing so very well done Izzy!

On the 10th January we had butchers lamb judging where many of our members gave lots of amazing reasons and well done to everyone for taking part.

We did an activities night on the 24th January where we took part in some competitions that will help us practice for the rally. Some of the activities included blindfolded eating yoghurt with a partner and changing a duvet. It was a very funny night and all members had a lovely time.



We went to the pantomime, Robin Hood in Ilkley. It was a very enjoyable night both for the members and the parents and everyone had a great time.

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You don't have to be a farmer to be a part of Young Farmer's so if you're aged between 10 and 28 and are interested in joining please contact Christine Morphet on 07851 658245.

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SUNDAYS** only during the winter, from 11am until 4pm. 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 Charity of the Year for 2024 was chosen by our bakers and we are pleased to be supporting **HORTICAP** which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Our next exciting programme **A journey through time** continues apace with the following exciting events in March. This programme is taking us on a tour of the Washburn Valley from the laying down of primeval rocks to the building of the Heritage Centre.

Elizabethan embroidery . Saturday 2nd March 10.00am – 4.00pm

Make your own medieval embroidery. Tanya Bentham, an expert on medieval embroidery, will assist you and provide the kit for you to make your own piece of embroidery. On booking you will be given a choice of one of three designs, one of which is illustrated below. Light lunch included. Cost £60.00 member, £72.50 non- member.



Book group, Thursday 7th March 2.00pm – 4.00pm

"The Plot" by Madeleine Bunting, a North Yorkshire writer, describes the interesting history of the acre of land on which she was raised. It is the fascinating story of how her father realised his dream and will be discussed by our friendly group as we enjoy Washburn tea/coffee and cakes. Cost £3.00 member, £4.00 non-member.

Placenames and peoples of the Washburn Valley, Gillian Waters Wednesday 13th March 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Who first named the places in the Washburn Valley and what languages did they speak? Was the Valley invaded by thousands of Celts, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans – or does the place name evidence tell a different story? Gillian Waters, our Archivist, gives an overview of the changing nature of place names and what they tell us about the peoples who lived in the Washburn Valley. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

The road to Gawk Hall Gate, Thursday 21st March 9.30am – 2.00pm

A walk from Timble Ings to the Roman road, following it over the moors to Gawk Hall Gate with its old boundary and way marker stones. Returning across the moor to Lippersley Pike and then forest tracks back to the start. Weather dependent – route may change. Possibly wet and muddy so boots recommended. About 5 ½ miles.

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Meet at the Centre. **Please note that dogs are welcome on this walk.**

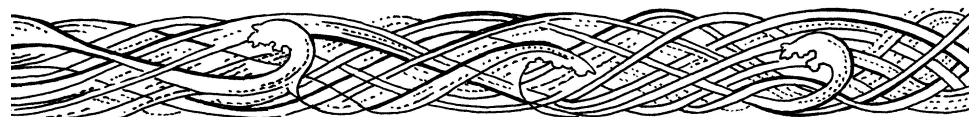
Lunch served back at the Centre. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.



Easter table decoration, Saturday 23rd March 10.00am – 12.00pm

Make a special decoration for Easter. Our popular florist, Daphne Wilson, will demonstrate how to make Easter wreaths and table decorations, then guide us through making our own unique creations. Light refreshments will be served. Cost £16.00 member, £20.00 non-member.

Please contact Jenny at the Centre to book any of these events. Telephone 01943 880794 or email centre@washburnvalley.org



Recipe - Pork and Prune Stew



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" 67 years later we are sharing the recipes again but this time in the magazine. Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

Method

- Take pieces of lean Pork rather on the lean side
- Brown slowly on both sides.
- Soak the prunes
- After taking out the Pork make a good gravy with the water from the prunes.
- Place the pieces of pork in a casserole dish with the prunes in layers.]
- Add seasoning and cover with the gravy. Put in a slow oven and

cook for 1 and half hours. Serve with seasoned Yorkshire pudding and apple sauce.

- Rabbit can be used as an alternative to the pork.

Mrs Weston



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Gardeners Corner



Thank goodness the days are beginning to lengthen at last after such a gloomy winter. British Summer Time begins on 31st of the month when the clocks will "spring" forward and Spring will definitely be arriving! Of course that means a lot of work to be done in the garden. Hopefully the soil is drying out now so that neglected flower beds and borders can be tackled and rejuvenated. Herbaceous plants that have become congested can be divided; lift and split them, replanting the healthiest parts as soon as possible giving them a boost with a spot of extra compost to get them started. It is also an opportunity to review planting schemes and move things about. Then give everything a jolly good thick mulch. Mushroom or garden compost or leaf mould will all be a good tonic as the wet winter weather may have leached nutrients from the soil. Mulching also helps to suppress weeds and retain moisture over the coming months.

Dogwoods and willows that provided glorious winter colours should be cut back fairly close to the ground or to last year's cut, but be more cautious



with Cornus Sanguinea "Midwinter Fire", which can be a bit sensitive in exposed sites, by removing a third of stems back just above ground level each year.

March is the best time to divide and replant snowdrops, as they always do best when planted "in the green". If you didn't quite manage to prune roses last month, it is not too late and once completed do give them a good feed – a bit of farmyard manure will encourage these hungry plants and keep them happy. Spring flowering clematis (Group 1) flower on shoots produced the previous season; if they require thinning they can be cut back to about 6 inches from the base after flowering, but only about every three years. Otherwise just deadhead. All clematis are hungry so will also appreciate a feed. If you haven't already tackled them, early March is the last chance to prune fruit trees, before they shoot into life.

Watch out for pests as the days warm up. Slugs will be particularly active and can do a lot of damage to emerging tender shoots. Lily beetles are easily spotted by their bright red colour and can easily be picked off lilies and fritillaries where they enjoy feeding on the foliage.

You will be busy sowing seeds in the greenhouse ready to go out once all risk of frost has gone. Those potatoes that you chitted earlier can be planted out on Good Friday at the end of the month.

Finally enjoy the season and the promise that Mother Nature fulfils every year!

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Leathley Parish Room – The War Years and HMS Speedwell

In my last account, I finished as the Parish Room Committee agreed to hire the Parish Room to the Education Department for use as a school if needed during evacuation from the city. At the following meeting Mrs Blakeborough and Miss Greenwood agreed to measure up the windows and purchase material to screen the windows so that the rooms could continue to be used after "Black Out".

The official minutes book for the Parish Room provides little insight into life during the war. The fortnightly suppers and whist drives continued. These were used to raise funds for the Institute for the Blind, The Infirmary at Leeds, The Parish Room and for "comforts for our local boys in the forces". Around 1940, two pages have been cut out of the minutes book. There is no indication why. The Chairman of the Farnley Estate WI has directed me to a stash of shared archives, so I shall investigate further! But meanwhile, on to HMS Speedwell.

1941 was a disastrous year for the Royal Navy, with many ships lost. At the end of 1941 and into 1942, the government launched a national savings strategy to raise funds for new warships. Each area in the UK was giv-

en a savings target based on the population, and each target was assigned a type of warship. Ilkley sponsored the Submarine Osiris, Leeds the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, and Otley and Wharfedale the Minesweeper Speedwell. In 1942, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty presented a certificate to the Civil Parish of Leathley in recognition of the contribution raised by our small parish. This is now proudly displayed on the walls of Leathley Parish Room. HMS Speedwell is frequently reported as a "Happy Ship". She was described as "Very shallow draft – top heavy – rather than speed, she waddled like a duck". Her crew were mainly naval reserves, with few regular serving officers. Discipline "though adequate was of a more relaxed kind". She saw much action in the North Sea, around Svalbard, the Lofoten Islands and the Kola Peninsula of Russia. A particularly important member of the crew was Jack, a part labrador mongrel dog. He joined the ship at Christmas 1939, having been picked up as a stray in a pub in either Hull or Grimsby. He stayed with the ship until he was demobbed in 1945, never missing a trip and never overstaying his leave. I shall tell you more of his exploits in my next missive.



HMS Speedwell - Minesweeper

http://www.halcyon-class.co.uk/speedwell/speedwell/hms_speedwell.htm#speedwellhome

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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 chapel is in the Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist circuit

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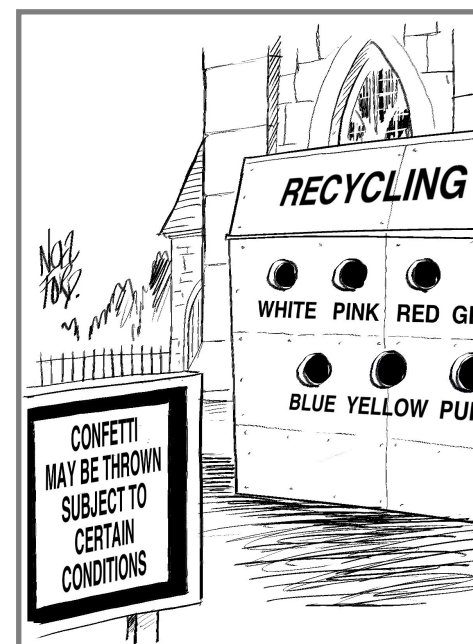


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