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<u>Fewston and Blubberhouses</u> <u>www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk</u>

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## The View from the Villages

As you read this magazine Easter will be over and I imagine all the Easters Eggs will have been eaten! For many today, and that might include you, Easter is just a welcome spring break; nothing wrong with that! The real significance of Easter however is of cosmic significance and we forget that at our peril.

The death of a man on a Roman cross 2000 years ago would have passed into the mists of time if it had not been that a small group of his friends gathered at his tomb on the Sunday morning following and found it empty. Their initial assumption was that his body had been stolen. That assumption was gloriously shattered when one by one they met with him again and again over the next 40 days. Then they witnessed his return to heaven with the promise that he was going to prepare a place for them in heaven and would return again so that they could be with him forever. (John 14)

That promise was summed up by St Paul in these words: (romans 8:35,38-39 Living Bible translation)

³⁵ Who then can ever keep Christ's love from us? ³⁸ For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, ³⁹ or where we are—high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean—nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us.

That very small group of ordinary people, believing in these promises, by simple acts of faith and kindness, began to transform the world. Living as we do in a world of cynicism and constant bombardment with 'fake news' it is easy to dismiss this amazing gift of God.

This faith which is symbolised in the beautiful churches of our villages and kept going by a small few for all our benefit is something I challenge you to look at with fresh eyes whatever your circumstances or experience for God promises that all who seek him will find him. Then the joy of not just Easter but of every day will be yours.

> Yours in the faith of Jesus Stewart Hartley

### News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends.

Happy May to you! Even though Easter has passed, and the children are back in school, there are opportunities this month for getting together to enjoy delicious food and drink. At Norwood Methodist Chapel, our doors will be open on the Bank Holiday Monday (2nd May), 12-5pm, for afternoon tea. All are welcome! If you miss this opportunity, there is another one in-the-planning for the August Bank Holiday weekend, so don't fret!

Also, May is Christian Aid month where various churches put on coffee mornings or other events to raise funds for this worthy charity. Christian Aid helps the world's poor in undeveloped countries learn new skills for sustainable farming and living. If you're unable to attend a local event, vou can make a donation online. Please see their website: www.christianaid.org.uk.

As an American living in the UK, I'm terribly excited about the upcoming Oueen's Jubilee in early June. Preparations are already being made in various communities which involves street parties and Services of Thanksgiving in numerous churches. I hope you find a way to mark this momentous four-day weekend of celebration. I am most impressed with the Queen's deep faith that has sustained her throughout her long reign. May she be blessed as the country celebrates her loyal service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth for the last seventy years.

May we too count our own blessings and thank our God!

Lord, we pray for Ukraine,

You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9].

A prayer for Ukraine

vice to the hty years. May blessings, ~ Rev. Shannon appiug-build and a states -escalate this Lord are our ve address the 1! He is exalted 1]. with the secalate this Lord are our ve address the 1! He is exalted 1]. We ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6], but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10]. Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

## Community Notice Board

Baker Mike" (Armstrong) 8th June at 7.30pm At Leathley village hall (Hosted by Farnley Estate WI see page 39)

an award winning master baker and local celebrity will be demonstrating some of his traditional Yorkshire recipes

> Tickets for his show will cost £5 please contact Susan Kerridge, on 07716 024650 or susankerridge@btinternet.com.

We are expecting a high demand please register an interest in this event.

Situation Vacant Please send any adverts for jobs to the editor either by email or post

Administrator required for Washburn & Mid-Wharfe United Benefice.

To express interest and for further details, please contact the churchwardens – contact details on page 2 of the magazine.

Parish Clerk required

to cover Weston, Askwith, Denton, Middleton, Nesfield with Langbar

Duties to include working with parish councilors, dealing with Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council, organising meetings and agendas, being responsible for financial matters etc. Flexible 4hr per week, pay rate dependent on experience (previous experience not essential). Working from home expenses and lap top provided. 5 month transition period.

For more information contact the Clerk Nick Pullan, Tel: 07720260401 Email npullanmwpc@gmail.com Web site: midwharfedalepc.councilspace.com

## Community Notice Board



### Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for May and June

24th & 1st May Tom & Ruth Raper 8th & 15th May Sally Stanley 22nd & 29th May Mrs H Pullan

5th & 12th June Stephen & Marlene Turnbull 19th & 26th June Mrs A Ainley 3rd & 10th June Mrs J Cowgill 17th & 24th June Tom and Ruth Raper

## From the Registers

#### Weddings

2nd April Alexis Rafferty & Raymond Moss at Denton

9th April Jenna Howe & Bryn Rees at Denton

23rd April Francesca Cherry & Rory Nath at Denton (Wedding Blessing after wedding during lockdown)

29th April Peta Clark & Ian Gostellow at Fewston

## Fewston Parochial Hall

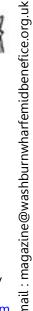
The Charity Teas, lunches and full refreshments are on 28th and 29th May, from 11am till 4.30pm.

> All proceeds go to Friends of Birstwith School.

Askwith L:adies Social

Askwith Arms Venue: The first Tuesday in the month Date: Time: 7pm

If you indicate your intention to come light refreshments have been very kindly offered by Jane and John nd John Thanks Anne - ( Tel: 07713884328 Email: <u>laeatham@gmail.com</u>



## Community Notice Board



Come and join us on May 17th at 7.30pm when John Lyte tells us how Abide With Me became to be the football anthem.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Shirley 01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; Margaret (new number soon!) or Ann on 01423 771393

See you there!,



Marguee for Hire Hosting a local event or family party outside, need some protection from our British weather?

Hire sizeable marguee (owned by St Andrews Church) with walls and windows length of two trestle tables, £50 for 48 hours, with £100 deposit on safe return.

Contact Pat on 01943 880284 for booking and collection.



"Valley Bible

### Study Group

The Valley Bible Study Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of

the month. The meeting are via Zoom at 2.30pm.Contact Peter Wood for details on

peterlwood1951@gmail.com."





We're off on our annual trip on Tuesday 3rd May, setting off at 9.30am to Sewerby Hall near Bridlington, where not only is there a hall to look round, gardens to visit but a zoo too. The day is rounded off by a ride on the land train to Bridlington.

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 or Gladvs on 880604

We've always got time for T&T!



Farnley Estate WI Meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

See page 37 for a details of our speakers

If you'd like more information you can phone Andrea on 01943 462163 or Sue on 01943 839292.

Community Notice Board

### SAVE THE DATE

## SATURDAY 16th JULY

## A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS

Held at St. Oswald's Church, Leathley Details to follow Tel 01423 806151



**FLOWER FESTIVAL** 2 June to 6 June 2022 Friends of Blubberhouses Let's join the National

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**BLUBBERHOUSES CHURCH** 

**QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE** 

Celebrations!





Norwood Social Hall Jubilee Committee Invites you to join them Afternoon Tea and Family Games To celebrate The Queens Platinum Jubilee At 2pm On Sunday 5th June Lots of fun with Family Games Children's Craft Corner Afternoon Tea for Adults Picnic Boxes for Children Colouring in Competition for Children More info on our Facebook Page

This Event is free to everyone But please ring Janet 07798862141 Or e-mail norwoodshow@hotmail.com To let us know if you wish to attend for catering numbers and any dietary requirement by Tuesday 31st May



## TOU'RE INVITED TO:

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CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT

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ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL Friday 3rd June 2022 12 to 4pm

Andrea : andrea.ainley@btinternet.com Tel 07899798573 Further details later

FREE ADMISSION but please contact Andrea in advance should you wish to attend



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## Farnley Estate YFC



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Wednesday 20th April

7:30pm prompt

£5 Entry on the door



To include Tea/coffee & Biscuits





Ticket £17.50 including welcome drink, buffet supper, cash bar Raffle

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Tickets from: Cheri 01943 465977 Pat Anderson 01943 880284 - anderson@delvesridge.plus.com Ann Johnson 01943 880000

Proceeds equally to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Fewston and Blubberhouses Churches

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## Do you have a few hours to spare at the Weekend?

Why not join our Friendly Team of Volunteers who run the Tea Room at the Heritage Centre?

You will Meet lovely people and get to sample delicious cake, whilst helping a good Cause!

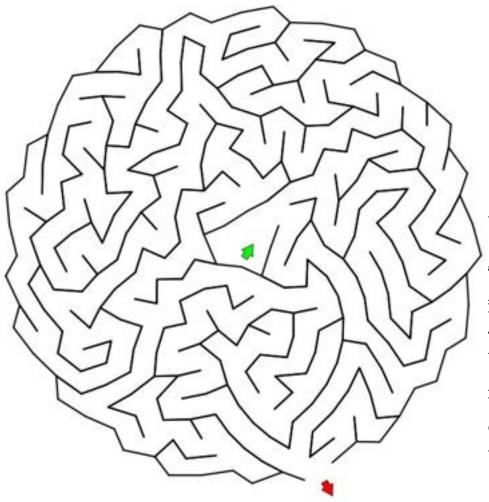
> Give Jenny a ring on 01943 880794

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## May 2022

## Maze, Story, Puzzles and colouring-in

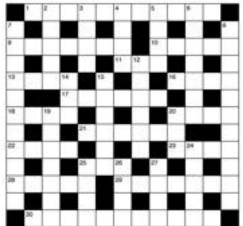






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## Crossword Puzzle



Across

1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)

9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)

10 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)

11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)

13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7)(4)

16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)

17 Stir up or provoke (Acts13:50) (6)

18 Burden (Luke11:46) (4)

20 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)

21 Sign (Luke23:38)(6)

22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to-his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)

23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)

25 Has (anagram.)(3)

28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)

29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)

30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

#### Down

2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)

3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)

4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)

5 Slip (anagram.) (4)

6 'Take an awl and push it through his — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)

7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)

8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to ∃

8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to nall people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
12 Acquire(2Timothy2:10)(6)
14 Container cover(Numbers19:15)(3)
15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on — !' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
19 Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7)
20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38)(3)
24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva good to nall people'

(5)

25 'Give to everyone who—you'(Luke6:30)(4)

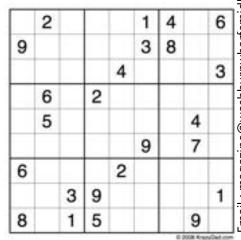
magazine 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)

27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

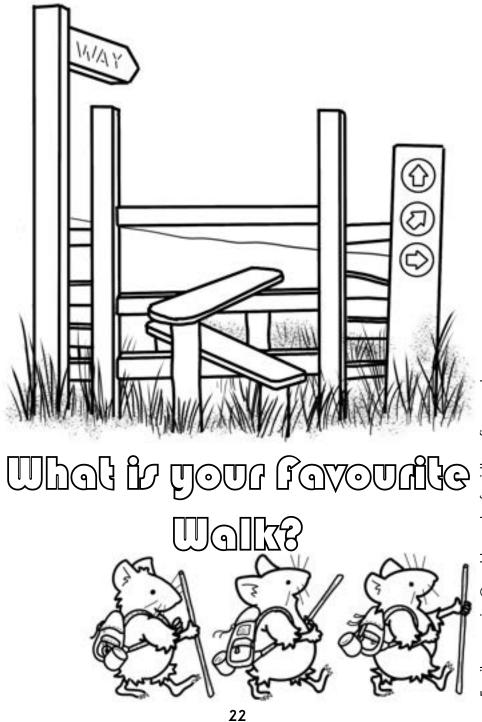




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## All in the month of May

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#### It was:

415 tears ago on 13th May 1607 that Riots took place in Northamptonshire and other Midland counties of England in protest at widespread enclosure of common land.

315 years ago on the 1st May 1707 that the Adt of Union between England and Scotland was announced.

150 years ago, on 18th May 1872 that Bertrand Russell, Welsh philosopher, mathematician, historian, and writer was born. He won the 1950 Nobel Prize in Literature.

125 years ago, on 26th May 1897 that Bram Stoker's horror novel Dracula was published.

100 years ago, on 27th May 1922 that Christopher Lee, British film actor was born. Best known for his many Hammer Horror films, especially his role as Dracula. He also played a leading role in *The Lord of the Rings* and The Hobbit. (Died 2015)

90 years ago, on 9th May 1932 that London's Piccadilly Circus was lit with electrical lighting for the first time. The road junction later became famous for its neon lighting and video advertising displays.

60 years ago, on 25th May 1962 that the new Coventry Cathedral was consecrated. The previous one had been destroyed by German bombing during WWII.

50 years ago, on 28th May 1972 that Prince Edward, Duke of Windsor, died. He was formerly Edward VIII, until his abdication in December 1936.

40 years ago, 27th-28th May 1982 that the Battle of Goose Green took place during the Falklands War. British victorv.

25 years ago, 1st May 1997 that the Labour Party won a landslide victory, ending 18 years of Conservative Rule. Tony Blair became Prime Minister. 15 years ago, on 3rd May 2007 that three-year-old Madeleine McCann went missing while on holiday with her parents in Praia da Luz, Portugal. Despite long-running investigations costing millions of pounds, she has never been found. Her disappearance is the most-reported missing person case in history.

10 years ago, on 18th May 2012 that social media network Facebook went public. Its initial public offering raised \$16 billion – the third-largest amount in US history.



## Askwith with Weston Womens linstitute

It was lovely to be back at Askwith Village Hall for our April meeting and we welcomed Ken Creek who's a Community First Responder and teaches first aid. Ken came to show us how to use a defibrillator and brought along both dummies and equipment so we could have a go ourselves. Some of us have seen similar demonstrations in the past but we felt we definitely needed a refresher so it informative evening for was an evervone.

We're planning a visit to Shibden Hall and the Piece Hall in Halifax in May and once again, after a gap of three years due to Covid, we're providing teas at the Askwith, Weston and Denton Open Gardens event in July. Plus our Federation are introducing craft courses and talks, so it really feels like we're getting back to



normal. Our Federation annual Spring Council meeting took place in Harrogate recently with an excellent number of members attending and great speakers.

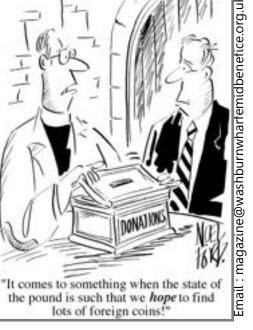
We're a very friendly group of women from wide-ranging backgrounds who meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. From April to October we meet at Askwith Village Hall and from November to March we're at Kirklands Community Centre in Menston. Apart from Askwith and Weston our members come from all around the area and we always welcome visitors.

So if you're curious why not come along to Askwith Village Hall on Thursday 12th of May at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Claire Clark from Pear Tree House Flowers. Claire grows

seasonal British flowers at her garden near Ilkley and will talk about how she grows them and the best varieties to try. She'll also make a hand tied bouquet which she'll donate to our raffle.

If vou'd like more information you can phone Andrea on 01943 462163 or Sue on 01943 839292.

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#### Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club Reporter Emma Goulding.



We have had another busy month at Farnley Estate Young Farmers both within the club and as members have started lambing at home.

We went to Rudding Park driving range to play golf On 9th March. We all had a fun night with plenty of competitive spirit so thank you to Rudding Park for having us.

On 16th March we had a pool and darts



night at Manhattan Club in Harrogate. This was another fun night that we all enjoyed and nobody was speared by a roque dart like last time so that was an added bonus!

Guinea pig judging at Almscliffe Village Hall was held on 23rd March This was a bit of a different judging that we hadn't done before but we all learnt a lot and had fun. Thank you to Anna Elgie for being an excellent judge and giving us some good tips for going forward and



to Nicola and Michelle Holmes for org.uk providing us with the Guinea pigs. The results were: Juniors - 1st Jacob Ryder, 2nd Charlie Ryder, 3rd Emma Goulding and Rebecca Ryder, 4th Josh Groves, 5th Eleanor Ashby, 6th Izzy Bush and Minnie Gray. Intermediate - 1st Ana Bunton, 2nd Charlotte Towers and 3rd James Driffield. Seniors - 1st Emily Bradley and 2nd Billie Towers. Well done everyone. On 30th March we had a talk by the Motor Neurone Association. Thank you to the representatives who came and talked to us to help to raise awareness about this awful disease. We also donated some money that we have raised as a club over the last couple of years to help to support people and their families who have to go through results were: Juniors - 1st Jacob Ryder,

their families who have to go through Email this. Please follow this link to find out

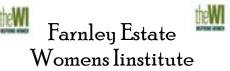
more about MND and to donate to the charity if you can: https:// www.mndassociation.org/.

On 6th April we went sheep kenning at the Bradley's farm. This is where 10 sheep come into a pen one at a time and we had 5 minutes for each to write a description of each one. Then they came back in in a random order with letters on them and we had to match the number to the letter and guess which sheep was which using our description. This was a great night so thank you to the Bradley's for hosting us and to Emily for organising it. The results were: Under 16s - 1st Josh Groves, Ralph Shaw and Charlie Ryder, 2nd Oscar Bartle and 3rd Will Morphet. Over 16s - 1st Sam Nickson, 2nd Daisy Roberts and 3rd Ana Bunton and Emma Goulding.

Please see page 14 for our poster which advertises our summer fashion show at Almscliffe Village Hall, 20th April, 7:30pm, £5 entry. Please support our club if you can.

As always if you would like to join and are aged 10-28 please call our Members Secretary Ana Bunton on 07783 836081.





Farnley Estate WI is based in the beautiful village hall in Leathley. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30. We are an energetic group with a range of ages. We welcome anyone who is interested in our WI from the surrounding areas. Apart from monthly activities we have a book club, walking group and we also arrange trips out. We are looking forward to an outing to see Calendar **Girls** performed by the Brassneck Theatre at Yeadon Village Hall on 18 May.

June will see us host a special quest, "Baker Mike" (Armstrong) an award winning master baker and local celebrity will be demonstrating some of his traditional Yorkshire recipes on 8th June at 7.30pm. Tickets for his show will cost £5 and we are expecting a high demand for them so to register an interest in this event.

about coming to any of our WI meetings please contact Susan Kerridge, our President, on 07716

or susankerridge@btinternet.com.

Thank you Or if you would like to have a chat





#### Washburn Heritage Centre www.washburnvalley.org.

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The current programme **Our Natural** Health Service draws to a close at the end of May with two lovely walks. We kick off our next programme "A Summer of Words" in June, starting with a Platinum Jubilee Street Party on Thursday 2 June. The Health exhibition is on display for a few more week in the Heritage Centre – if you haven't seen it yet please do call in when the Tea Room is open. We are operating our summer opening hours now - 11-4pm every Saturday and Sunday until the end of October.

#### Events in Mau:

#### Tuesday 10 May 7-10pm SUPPER RAINBOW SUPER FOOD

Every supper at the Heritage Centre is super, but this one will be especially so as the menu will include a range of super-foods to benefit your mind and body, sending you home with a great sense of wellbeing! Cost £31 nonmember and £25 member.

#### Thursday 19 May 2-3.30pm SINGING WORKSHOP

Singing is good for you, it's a well-known fact! Whether you're a would-be opera singer, or were asked to leave the school choir, this workshop is for you. Fun and friendly, our professional choir leader will teach you a variety of easy songs, finishing with an impromptu concert for your friends and family at 4pm where they can enjoy tea and cake for a small donation. Cost £15 non-member and f12 member

#### Wednesday 25 May 7.30-9pm TALK MAPPING CHOLERA IN LEEDS

Prior to the Washburn Valley providing clean water to Leeds, cholera was widespread. Dr John Turney of the Yorkshire Medical History Society will explain how cholera cases were mapped by Robert Baker in 1832, several decades before the famous John Snow in London. Dr Turney will also touch on other milestones in health improvements. Cost £10 non-member and £8 member.

#### Friday 27 May and Monday 30 May 9.30am WALKS BIRDS – STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

An opportunity to join expert Paul Wheatley, the Leeds Birder and leader of the Washburn Spotted Flycatcher project, on a short walk looking and listening to identify the resident and migrant birds in the Washburn Valley. Numbers are restricted so book early to avoid disappointment. Cost £12 member and £15 non-member.

New volunteers are always welcome and there are a variety of roles to tempt you, from serving in the Tea Room, baking cakes, helping with jobs around the building, getting involved with the programme planning research and lots more.





Black pepper

### Poetry Request

A Bright tomorrow or originally Re-Birth unashamed pride

Mrs Gooch really enjoys the magazine and wanted to share her late husbands poem with the readers. He had typed two versions and had given them different titles both seem appropriate..

Weakened winter has lost the final battle: Cold sabres lie rusting on the fertile ground, From which there shows a splash of springtime colour, That, near magic moment, accompanied by bird songs. Rebirth of hope, the warmth of summer days; The smell of a new mown lawns and apple blossom: Each flower, however small, blooms beneath our feet. And reveals itself with

Ice cold the soul swept by winter's storms; Bright sabres pierce the air with warlike cries, Yet hidden there, amidst the battle's turmoil In embryo, a hint of God's indwelling. O son of Man relight the warming beams of heaven Release the near-barren clay the hopeful flowers of summer!

#### Harry Gooch April 1981

(Mrs Gooch thank you so much for your lovely letter and sharing the poems with us.)







### The Birds in Your Garden



#### The Great Tit

We are all used to our pets having distinct personalities, but how often do we think about birds showing the same traits? If you garden or put out supplementary food close to your house, you'll probably have found that some birds are more daring than others, venturing close to you to grab a tasty morsel, be it a worm or a currant. But what about their behaviour in the wild? Most bird activity has something to do with survival, so do they show similar personality traits, and if so, why? Scientists have become increasingly interested in the personalities of birds, and Great Tits, which are more easily studied than most species, have often been used as a model for behavioural research. They can't be asked to fill out a questionnaire or to undertake psychometric tests, so their personalities have to be inferred from their observed behaviour. Thus, individual birds have been classed as fast, slow or intermediate speed explorers by researchers, as this trait has been found to correlate with aggressiveness, boldness and



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risk-taking. Personality traits have been found to be consistent in individual Great Tits and heritable within families, and do not appear to be determined by age, body condition or sex.

Under different environmental conditions, it seems that opposing personality traits can be beneficial. For example, beechmast, an important winter food source for Great Tits, as well as many other birds, crops in cycles, which has the effect of limiting the population of the many animals and birds which feed on it. Lean years reduce populations so that in boom years there is some seed left over to germinate. In winters when beechmast is abundant, competition between Great Tits is reduced, but increases when competing for breeding territories in the spring, because more birds survive. The outcome is that fast exploring adult males and slow exploring adult females tend to have the highest survival rates in boom years and the opposite occurs in years when beechmast is less abundant.

But why does this happen?

Female Great Tits are subordinate to males in winter feeding flocks, so for them, being an aggressive, fast explorer is likely to be most beneficial when winter food is scarce as they will find more food and be more likely to survive.

The dominant males have better access to food than females, and as a result, in good mast years with a high survival rate, there will be lots of rival males competing for a limited number

Photograph credit: Mike Gray Title: Great Tit of territories in spring, when the fast exploring male is more likely to succeed.

This means that in some years it pays to be an aggressive, fast exploring bird, while in others it does not. This variability promotes the preservation of different personality types within the population. Interestingly, Great Tits with intermediate personality types have been found on average, to have both greater breeding success and higher life expectancy – so perhaps being somewhere in the middle is best! Whatever the reasons, it serves to maintain a good level of genetic variation within the population, which has to be a long-term advantage.

It is not yet clear, however, why fast exploring adults of either sex experience lower survival rates than slow exploring adults in some years. Clearly, there is a cost to being a fast explorer, all of which goes to show how much more research is needed!

Most of this work has been carried out in woodland areas, often using birds that have been ringed or tagged so that they can be identified. Insufficient research has been done in urban or suburban areas to know whether the same applies there.

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 contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website - <u>www.bto.org/gbw</u> **Mike Gray -**gbwmike@gmail.com





## Gardeners Corner



Despite nature's theatricals in March/ April – snow, wind, rain, frost and sunshine, often all at once - haven't the spring flowers been wonderful this year? As May progresses life in the garden is going to be even busier. Now is the time to prune spring flowering shrubs, such as Forsythia and ornamental currant.

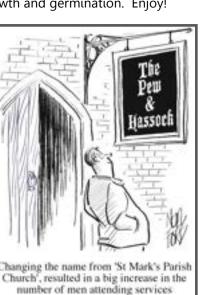
Those lovely daffodils that gave us such joy have now died back – don't be tempted to cut them off or tie the leaves. The spent flowers should be deadheaded to allow their energy to go back into the bulbs for another show next year. If you can, it's also a good idea to give them extra encouragement with a liquid feed.

Perennials in the garden will be putting on a lot of growth, so do put stakes in place now and these will then be hidden as the foliage takes over. Continue weeding the borders, as the weeds will also be growing apace. At the end of the month once all risk of frost has gone, the tender annuals can be planted out, having first been hardened off in a sheltered place or cold frame outside.

The last of the winter vegetables will have been harvested and the kitchen garden prepared. Looking at my garden diary I sowed (in the greenhouse) runner beans, mangetout, French beans and sunflowers on 12th May, followed by beetroot and spinach directly outside as the soil warmed up. Keep earthing up the potatoes that were planted out last month; this protects the young foliage from risk of frost and keeps the light off the tubers, preventing the poisonous green. Courgettes can still be sown in the greenhouse or on a windowsill, ready to plant out later.

May really is the busiest month in the garden, but such fun to see all the new growth and germination. Enjoy!





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