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Cover image: A little piece of heaven—  
bluebells in Fewston  
Grave yard.

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## Village Church Services May 2023



Please check on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) for up to date information.

<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b> 11am	<b>5<sup>th</sup> After Easter</b> Denton	United Benefice Holy Communion, Coronation Celebration (TMc)
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am	<b>6<sup>th</sup> After Easter</b> Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion
9.30am	Farnley	Morning Service (TD)
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b> 11am	<b>1st After Ascension</b> Denton	Family Service (SH)
11am	Blubberhouses	Family Service (FS)
9.30am	Leathley	Holy Communion (TMc)
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am	<b>Pentecost</b> Farnley	Holy Communion (TMc)
9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer ( Book of Common Prayer) (TD)



## Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel 2023

- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm - Worship with Holy Communion
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Circuit Service at Menston Methodist at 3pm; no service will be held in Norwood on this date.

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## The View from the Vicarage Direction



I want to start by saying a very big thank you to Revd. Stewart Hartley. He has been the lynch pin that has kept everything ticking over for over a year now and deserves our warm and sincere gratitude.

This month is a very special one as we celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles. Some of you may remember the Coronation of the late Queen, for others like me it will be the first time to celebrate such an event. It is made even more special by being able to join together in worship to mark this momentous occasion here in the Washburn and Mid-Wharfe Benefice.

It is an immense honour to serve The Lord in such a beautiful part of the country and to discover many hidden gems. There is one thing I have learnt already and that is not to go anywhere without my Satnav guiding me otherwise I could end up taking the extra scenic route!

This is an exciting time for both you and me, as I not only find my way around but more importantly, I get to know you, and you me. Then we can build a relationship and start to see where The Lord is leading us. Once we have our direction of travel then we can work out how best to get there, a bit like my Satnav really. Having spent the last 20+ years in rural ministry I know how important rural churches are to all in our communities. There are some amazing opportunities that are available to us, may we be open to all that God wants to do in this wonderful part of Yorkshire.

Blessings  
Teresa



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## News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

We have said goodbye to April and to Easter and it is now May, one of my favourite months. While Easter Sunday has been celebrated in many ways in our area churches, it is good to remember we are still in the Season of Easter. This is a very special season where Christians around the world continue to marvel at the resurrection and what it means to us as individuals and for all who are blessed by this critical element of our faith. For two thousand years, Christians have been awed by the resurrection and reflect on this miraculous demonstration of love at Easter and throughout the year.

May is a time when the earth also seems to experience a resurrection. Winter gives way to spring and nature bursts forth with new life. Lambs frolic in our surrounding fields. Flowers and farmers' crops awaken and reach for the sun. As spring returns with warmth and a sense of renewal, many of us feel a bounce in our step!

As a country, we will soon experience a renewal in the form of a coronation. King Charles III will be formally crowned on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May in a ceremony that will be seen around the world by millions of people. British citizens, members of the Commonwealth, and people from other nations will be enthralled by this spectacular event. We wish the King all the best and pray that he may have a long happy life. May you and the ones you love find meaningful ways to celebrate the King's Coronation.

King Charles, like his wonderful mother, has many and varied interests with the environment being particularly important to him and his life's work. He reminds us that renewal of the earth's bounty, as observed every spring, is not to be taken for granted. It must be preserved and cherished. Our Christian faith also must be nurtured and valued in a similar way.

Let us remember to take the time to be renewed this Easter Season through prayer, gratitude, and awe. We are Easter people. We are blessed.

Springtime blessings,  
~ Rev. Shannon



## Community Notice Board



### LEATHLEY PARISH ROOM

#### "TEAS ON THE GREEN"

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

1:00PM TO 4:00PM



### Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota For May and June

7 & 14 May	Sue Wood
21 & 28 May	Andrea Ainley
4 & 11 June	Ann Chadwick

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

7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Sally Stanley
21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs H Pullan
4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Stephen & Marlene Turnbull
18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs A Ainley





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### Fewston Parochial Hall



The Teas, lunches and homemade cakes will be served on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May and the bank holiday Monday from 10.30 am till 4.30 pm.



All proceeds to the Hall on the Saturday and Sunday Bank Holiday Monday to All Saints Church, Farnley.



### Fewston Foxy Ladies

#### Trip to the Sea side

On Tuesday 16th May we are going to Hornsea Museum followed by fish and chips. In the afternoon a visit to see the seabirds and puffins at Bempton Cliffs nature reserve.

We set off at 9am from Norwood Social Hall and the cost is £30 Give us a ring if you'd like to join us Sent from my iPhone

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 01423 806151 or Ann on 01423 771393  
See you there!,



### T&T



#### Trip to Burton Constable Hall

We are off on a day trip to Beverley and Burton Constable Hall on Tuesday 2nd May, setting off at 9.30am from Norwood Social Hall.

The cost is £29 to include the cost of the coach, entry to the hall, tea or coffee and biscuits on arrival and a cream tea in the afternoon.

If you are interested in joining us, please give me a ring on 07795464042

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### Askwith Ladies Social

The Askwith Arms is currently closed for refurbishment so the social evening will restart once the pub has re-opened.

Thanks Anne - ( Tel: 07713884328 Email: [laeatham@gmail.com](mailto:laeatham@gmail.com))

## Leathley Village Hall Committee and St Oswald's PCC invite you to a **Coronation Celebration Supper**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.00pm  
In Leathley Village Hall**

**Three Course Meal £20 a head**

**Complimentary glass of Prosecco**

**Please bring your own drinks**

**To book contact Paul Howarth  
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HOLY COMMUNION

CORONATION CELEBRATION

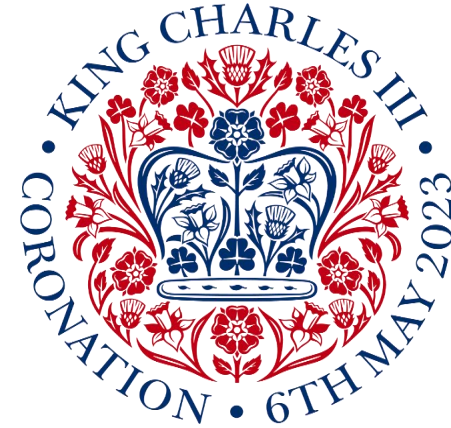
ST HELEN, DENTON  
7<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 11AM

ALL INVITED



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St. Michael and St Lawrence Church  
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**OTLEY BRASS BAND**



**CORONATION  
CELEBRATION**

Sunday, 7 May 2023 2.30 pm

**Tickets £12.50  
including tea & cake**

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**Proceeds for Fewston and Blubberhouses  
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# BELL SUNDAY

## 14 MAY 2023

### ST MICHAEL AND ST LAWRENCE, FEWSTON

St Dunstan way back in the 11<sup>th</sup> century had fun in experimenting with bell-forging. His feast day is 19 May and the nearest Sunday this year is 14 May

- official '**BELL SUNDAY**'.



Fewston ringers invite you to visit the bell tower and watch the bells being rung, 10.00 am to 11.00 am on Sunday 14 May.

After the morning service, 12.30 to 1.30pm approximately take a tour of the tower before or after the service.

**Fewston Bell Ringers welcome you.**

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# ASCENSION DAY SERVICE



HOLY COMMUNION  
ON 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7PM  
AT  
ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH  
LEATHLEY

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## The Cantare Singers from Northampton

On Saturday 20 May, the award winning Cantare Singers from Northampton will be performing at Guiseley Methodist Church. This is in aid of the continuing work at Norwood Chapel and Retreat Centre.

The Cantare Singers are a four-part, male and female choir based in Northampton who perform at various venues throughout the country. Formed more than 50 years ago, the group numbers around 50 and sings for pleasure and to give pleasure to others, raising many thousands of pounds for good causes in the process. Their repertoire ranges from light Opera and Gilbert and Sullivan, through traditional songs to numbers by Elton John, The Carpenters and Sting. They love to perform "songs from the shows", from Rogers and Hammerstein favourites, through West Side Story, Oliver, Paint Your Wagon, Camelot and many more, to Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and Mary Poppins. No music catalogue would be complete without music from Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The concert will be in the afternoon at 2.30 pm, lasting approximately 2 hours and tickets for this are priced at £10 each. These are available from the



following outlets.

- Christchurch Café, Ilkley
- The Bookshop, Market Place, Otley
- Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-afternoon-with-the-cantare-singers-tickets-549078256847>
- Or by post from 76 The Whartons, Otley, LS21 2BS with cheques payable to Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist Circuit.

Refreshments will be served during the interval of the concert for those attending.

### Testimonials

"I should like to express our thanks for the magnificent concert put on by the Cantare Singers" FTG Bird, Chairman of Appeal Fund, Bethany Homestead, Northampton.

"Thank you to the Cantare Singers for the wonderful performance (of The Messiah) given at Dodford Church. It was a beautiful evening and everyone really enjoyed it/ It also made a dream of mine come true, so thank you". Jennie Fuller, Dodford Church

"Thank you and your choir for the magnificent performance they gave of Stainer's Crucifixion during Holy Week." Diane Latchford, The Parish of Duston and Upton  
 "Thank you and your wonderful choir for giving us such a pleasant evening. Comments from everyone have been most complementary and all agree that they had an excellent evening". Rosemary Wallace, Church Secretary, Carey Baptist Church, Moulton,

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## Norwood Social Hall



# DOMINO DRIVE

Dates for 2023

26<sup>th</sup> May

8<sup>th</sup> September

20<sup>th</sup> October

8<sup>th</sup> December

(Christmas Hats & Jumpers)

Everyone Welcome

7pm

Hot Supper Raffle

15 & under £3

16 & over £6

Come & join the fun!

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# Leathley Parish Room Domino Drives 2023



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included  
(Vegetarian Option 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. Please let us know by the Thursday before so we can be sure to have enough pies!**

Over 16 to 90 - £4.00  
Under 16 - £2.00  
90 and over – free, wonderful to see you

Tickets;  
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The Three Inch Fools present

## ‘ROBIN HOOD’



**AT FARNLEY HALL  
ON SATURDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>**

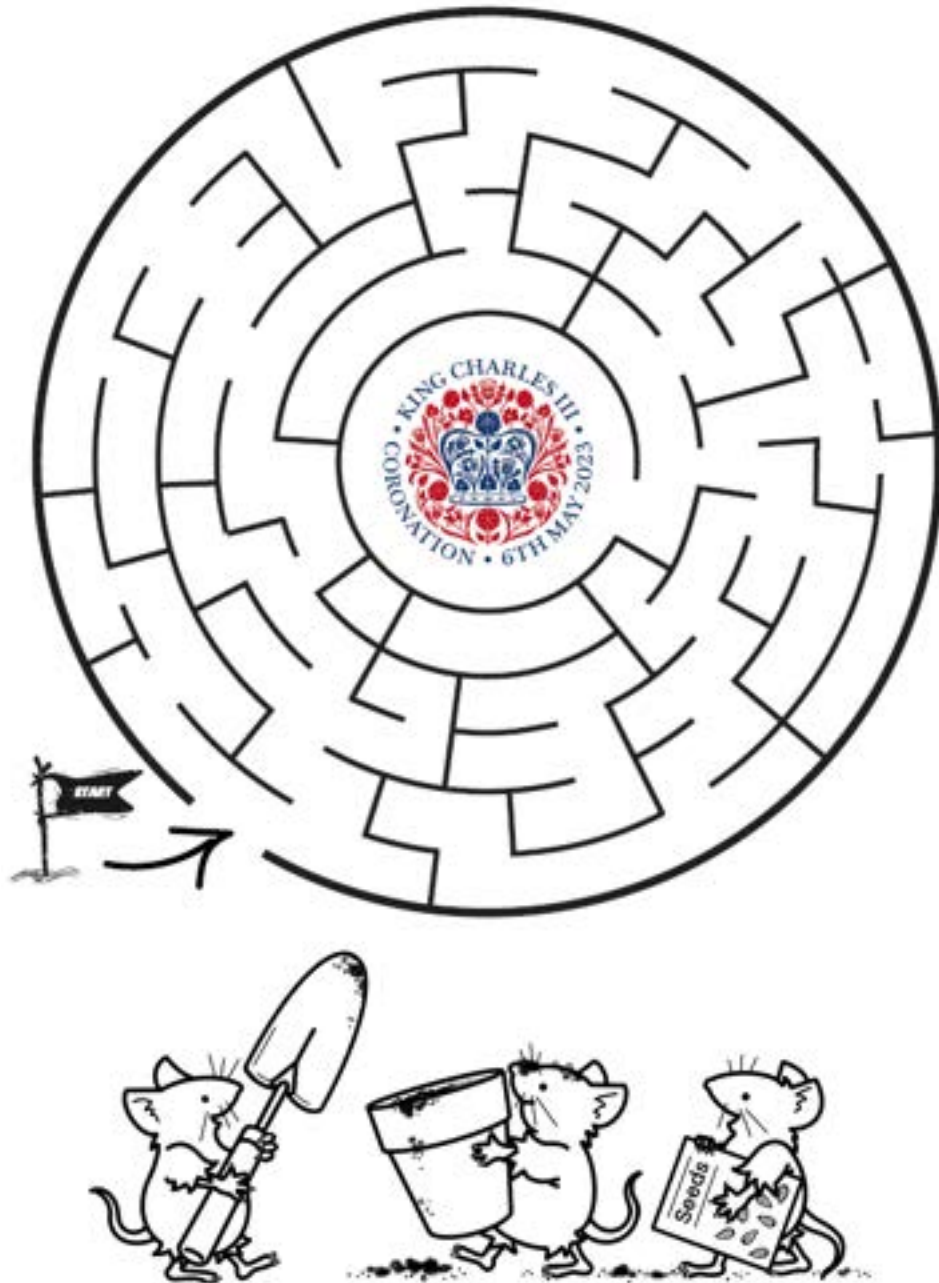
Outdoor performance at 7:00 PM.  
Gates open at 6:00 PM  
Picnic's Welcome

TICKETS: [ghfawkes@btinternet.com](mailto:ghfawkes@btinternet.com) / 07741492717  
Standard Ticket £18  
Concessions for under 18's and families

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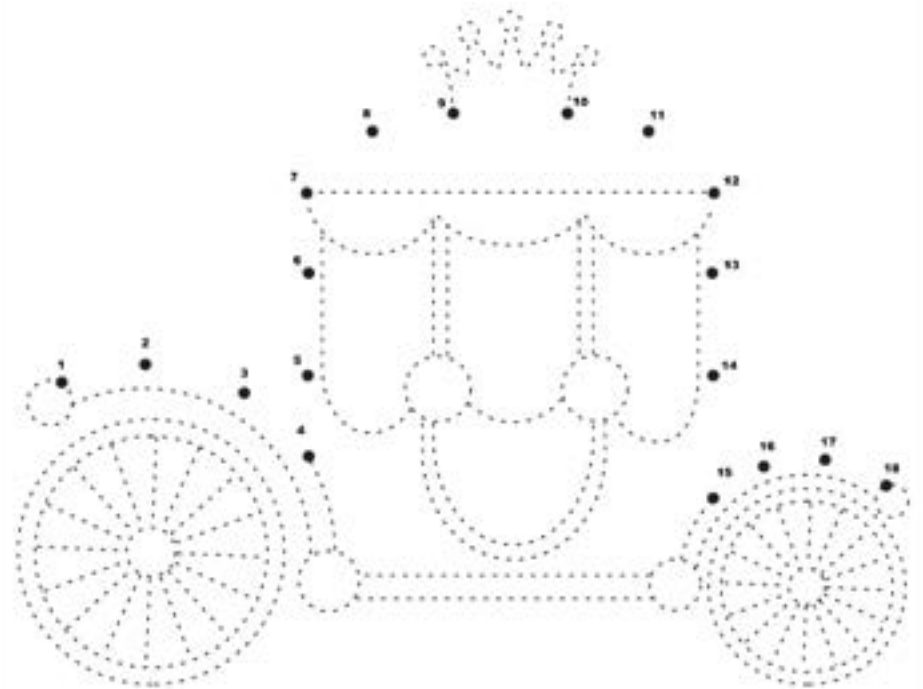


# Coronation, story, puzzles and colouring-in



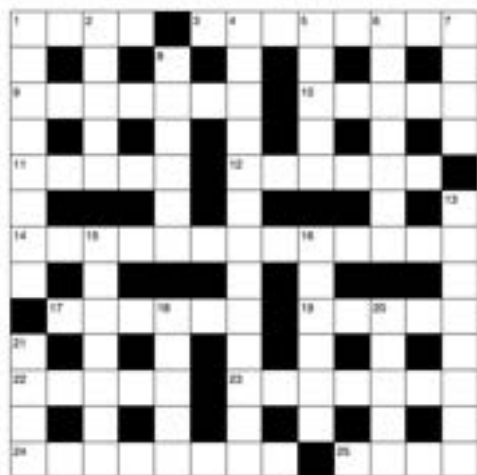
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Connect the dots and colour  
in to make a carriage that is  
**Fit for the King!**



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## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1. 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
3. 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
9. According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
10. Group of eight (5)
11. The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
12. — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
14. Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
17. 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
19. Attend to (3,2)
22. Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)

23. Tea rite (anagram) (7)

24. Rule of sovereign (8)

25. Test (anagram.) (4)

### Down

1. The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
2. 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
4. 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
5. Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
6. Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
7. Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
8. Minister of religion (6)
13. 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
15. 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
16. Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
18. 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
20. Establish by law (5)
21. Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

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## Coronation Word Search



Coronation  
King  
Queen  
Crown  
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Street Party  
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Throne  
Bunting  
Palace



## Sudoku

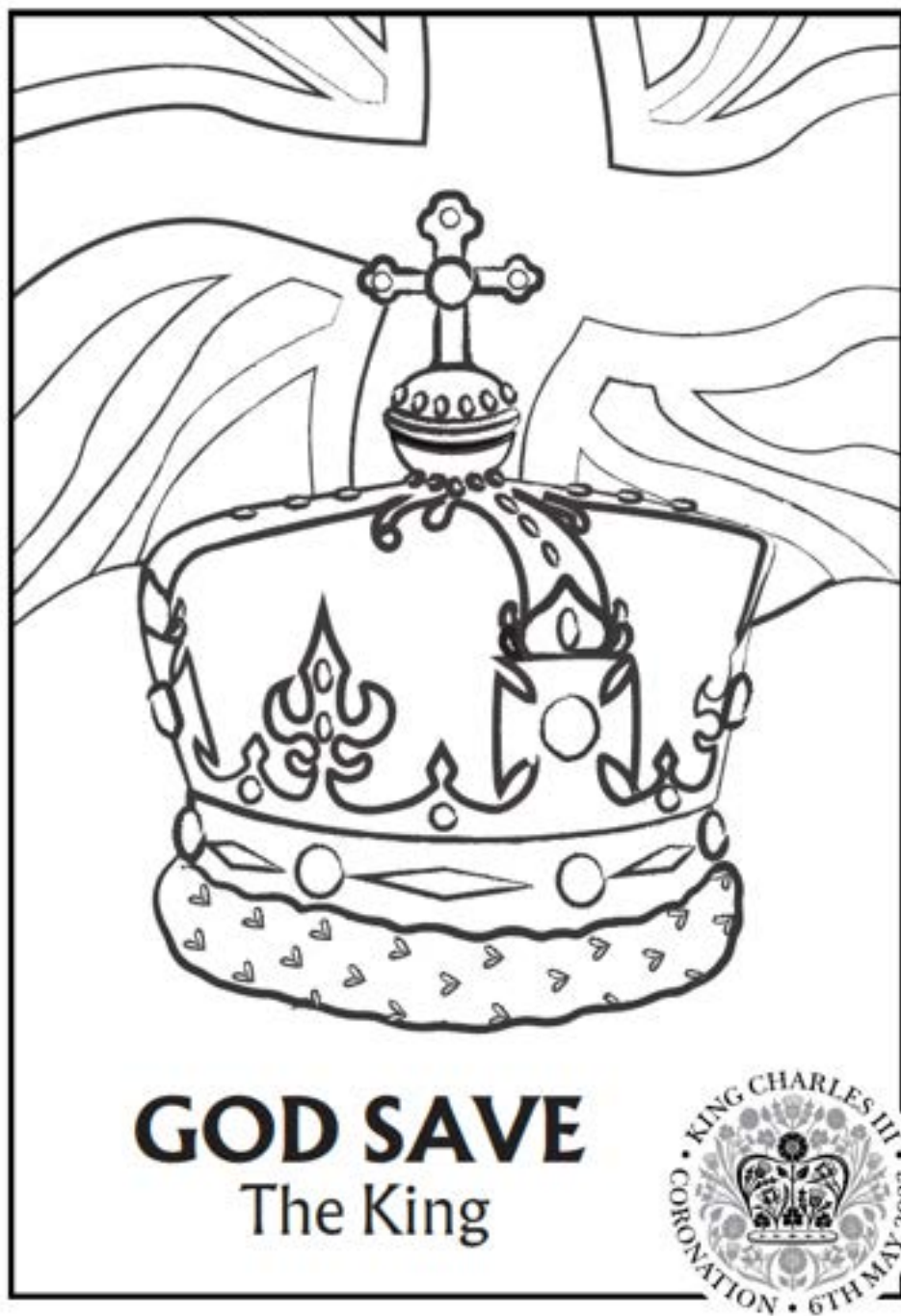


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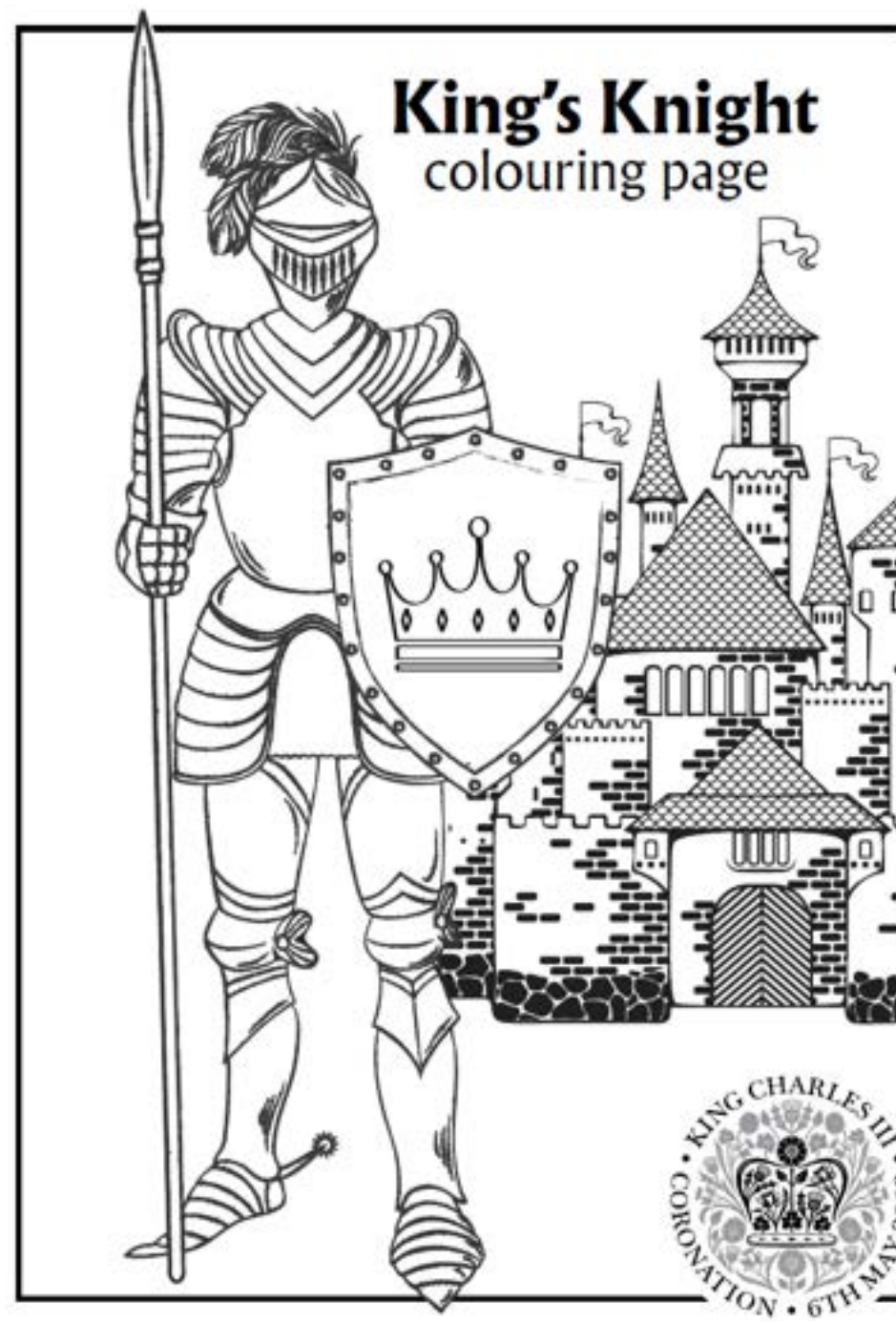


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**Mouse Makes**

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

to be Jesus' witnesses. Acts 1:8

READ Acts 1:4-17

Find the answers in the word search

What did Jesus say from the Apostles? a \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to? \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 1:12

Who appeared to the Apostles? Two \_\_\_\_\_ and what were they dressed in? \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated? At the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Mark 16:19

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EDEKEFORTYDAYSNLAE  
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GATHERED • WITNESSES • HOLY SPIRIT

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The parable of the Fish and the Nets

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ONCE JESUS SAID THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS A BIT LIKE CATCHING FISH!

WHEN PEOPLE GO FISHING THEY THROW THEIR NETS INTO THE LAKE...

ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.

...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL, THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE

THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS

THE BAD FISH GET THROWN AWAY!

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS WITH OUR LIVES.

BUT EVEN IF WE MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES - WE CAN ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN - THAT'S JESUS' PROMISE.



## Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club



March has been a particularly busy month for Farnley Estate young farmers, it began with us meeting on the first to choose our competitions for the upcoming district rally, it's safe to say some of us will be trying something new this year!

On the 5<sup>th</sup> some of our members competed in the County Stockman competition against other clubs in Yorkshire. We judged beef, breeding sheep, lambs and dairy cattle. Well done to those that have qualified for the next round.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> we had a quiz with Wharfedale NFU, this was a good night for all our members and parents to get involved in, thank you to those that hosted and provided supper.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we went to the Manhattan club in Harrogate to play pool and darts, there was some friendly competition and overall we had a great evening.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> was the northern area competitions weekend in Hull. We had members from our club representing Yorkshire in both the public speaking and the basketball competitions. Huge congratulations to the basketball team who won, beating Lancashire in the finals.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a stock judging practice evening, the results were:

### Juniors

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charlie Ryder 93
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Groves 92
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca Ryder 90
- 4<sup>th</sup> Eleanor Ashby and Izzy Bush 89
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ellie Inman and Joseph Dibb 84
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bell Owers 82

### Intermediates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Ryder 97
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Goulding 93
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Daisy Roberts 89

### Seniors

- 1<sup>st</sup> Billie Towers 95
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Towers 89
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Emily Bradley 87

Finally on the 29<sup>th</sup> we had a talk from the Yorkshire air ambulance charity about what they do and the different helicopters they fly, this was a very interesting evening and we all learned a lot about a service that many people take for granted.

As always if you are aged between 10 and 28 and are interested in joining us please contact our secretary Rebecca Ryder on 07487399562

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## Wren's

It may surprise you to know that the Wren is our most widespread and common bird species, although its numbers do fluctuate, declining significantly after cold winters. They are easily missed in our gardens and are rarely interested in feeders, preferring to search for insects in thick vegetation, which makes them difficult to see, other than in spring, when the males sing explosively; often from an obvious perch, to establish territories and attract a mate.

According to BTO figures the most common UK species after Wrens (8,500,000 pairs), are Robins (7,350,000), House Sparrows (5,300,000), Woodpigeons (5,150,000 surprise, surprise!), with Chaffinches and Blackbirds sharing the number five spot at 5,050,000 territories each.

The best estimate is that there are around 85 million breeding pairs of birds in the UK.

Wrens can be heard giving a scolding 'tik-tik-tik-tik' alarm call or in full song which - for such a tiny bird - is remarkably loud! They are one of the few birds that sing almost all year round too, and are found in a wide variety of habitats, from farmland, woodland and uplands to cities, towns and gardens.

How can such a small bird have such a loud song? Birds lack vocal cords, instead, they have a syrinx situated where their windpipe forks into their lungs. This has a resonating chamber (the tympanum), a series of vibrating

membranes, plus controlling musculature, and is far more efficient at producing sound than our larynx. The syrinx can vibrate almost all the air coming out of a bird's lungs, whilst our vocal cords only utilise about 2% of the air passing over them. The syrinx can also produce two different sounds simultaneously (one from each half) hence the complexity of sounds that a bird can incorporate into its song.

They feed on insects and spiders, occasionally adding small seeds to their diet. Their small size and agility mean that they can access holes and crevices that are out of the reach of larger, less agile, birds. Many of these sites remain available when snow has fallen and so provide a lifeline for these diminutive insectivores.



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They are very adaptable birds, with distinct differences in behaviour and size from south to north of their range. Males nesting in the south of Britain will build five or six nests, the female inspecting each in turn to determine which, if any, she wishes to use. They appear to select nests that are least obvious, which are presumably, less likely to be predated. Once selected, she will line the nest, and breeding will commence. Males nesting further north build fewer nests (in some cases just one) and are more attentive partners than those further south. Such differences in investment relate to the environmental conditions under which the bird is nesting. With a shorter season and less food available in the north of their breeding ranges, males here must work harder to rear a successful brood. Where they occupy far flung islands, breeding populations have become so isolated that new subspecies have evolved. Hirtensis on Fair Isle and Hebridensis on St Kilda are larger and darker than their mainland cousins, and their songs

differ slightly too.

This year's GBW counts are lower than average, continuing the trend seen since 2021 when wet conditions seemed to hamper breeding attempts. Numbers fell by 40% between 2009 and 2010, but recovered rapidly afterwards, peaking in 2017. Their small size means they are very susceptible to the cold, but their high reproductive rate means they recover strongly given good conditions. So long as the weather picks up after our wet March, the trend might be broken.

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](http://www.bto.org/gbw)). If you know of an organisation which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com).

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## Washburn Heritage Centre

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is now operating on summer hours, which means we are open **SATURDAY** and **SUNDAY** every weekend from 11-4pm. 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 programme **MADE IN THE VALLEY** draws to a close at the end of May and we are preparing for the next exciting programme which is called *The Best Days of our Lives?*

### Events in May

#### Poetry in Spring

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2pm - 4pm

Sharing poetry, tea and cake in the Heritage Centre is a delightful way to spend an afternoon in Spring. Alex Rosser will lead in reading and exploring a selection of seasonal poetry. Light refreshments will be served. Cost £8 member and £10 non-member.

#### Can linen save the planet?

Polly Leonard

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

Polly Leonard, founder and editor of the international magazine 'Selvedge' will trace the past, present and future of this fascinating fibre. The flax mills of the Washburn Valley formed part of centuries of cultural history. Linen was used not only for lace and clothing but for furnishings and rope. After almost disappearing, the plant is making a comeback as an active, organic crop

going beyond beautiful to wear garments to high-tech applications from wind turbines to tennis rackets. Light refreshments will be served. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

#### Haverah Park via Batheaston Furniture Workshop

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

This 5-mile walk is over varied terrain, passing close to Batheaston Bespoke Furniture Workshop. Here the tradition of high-quality craftsmanship in the Valley is continued today. Meet at the Heritage Centre at 9.15am for car share to Penny Pot Lane. Includes lunch. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

#### Crafting with heritage in mind – an introduction to cross-stitching

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 10am - 3pm

Cross-stitching is a craft with a long heritage – young girls were encouraged to produce samplers as "stitch libraries" also as a way of learning their alphabet. In this workshop you will master cross-stitch basics as you complete a small project that you can take home and enjoy. Cross-stitch is well known for its relaxing effects, as well as improving hand eye coordination and concentration. The class will cover how to follow a pattern, prepare the fabric and basic stitches. All materials are provided but it would be useful if you could bring a small, sharp pair of scissors! Cost £45 member and £55 non-member including refreshments and light lunch.



## Washburn Heritage Centre

### Advance notice of a workshop in May:

#### Merry month of May - supper

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm – 10pm

Celebrate the time of May Queens, spring flowers and the Coronation of a new King. If the weather permits, watch traditional Morris dancers in the Heritage Centre amphitheatre before a

sociable supper. Cost £19.50 member and £24.50 non-member.

Please contact Jenny at the Centre to book any of these events. Telephone 01943 880794

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## Askwith and Weston Womens Institute



We had to cancel our March meeting due to snow however we were delighted to be back at the village Hall in April and we welcomed Sarah Hobson who's talk was about how to avoid broken bones as we get older! She was very entertaining and quite enlightening too.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May when the well known author Frances Brody will be talking about her literary career and her Kate Shackleton series of murder mystery novels.

We're a friendly group of women from

diverse backgrounds who meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. From April to October we're at Askwith Village Hall and from November to March at Kirklands Community Centre in Menston and we always welcome visitors and new members from all around the area.

So if you're curious and would like to find out more about the WI why not come along to Askwith on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Or if you'd like more information you can phone Andrea on 01943 462163 or Sue on 01943 839292.

### Community Policing

PC Pierre Olesqui is the recently appointed Community Police Officer for our area. While he can be contacted by email: [Pierre.Olesqui@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:Pierre.Olesqui@northyorkshire.police.uk) about any concerns.

He recommends the use of NORTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING [www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/](http://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/)

This is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the

Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community."

In addition it is a way that Pierre can communicate with the community asking for information/ CCTV etc.

Given the current rise in opportunistic burglaries, Pierre encourages us to be vigilant at all times and to ensure that doors are kept locked

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## All in the month of May

It was:

250 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1773 that Britain passed the Tea Act, which favoured the British East India Company over the American colonies, which led to the Boston Tea Party in December, which escalated into the American Revolution and the establishment of the USA.

150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1873 that David Livingstone, Scottish missionary and explorer, died. Best known for his search for the sources of the Nile, and for going missing (and being found) in Africa.

100 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May 1923 that the first Le Mans 24 hours endurance motor race was held.

90 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1933 that the first modern sighting of Scotland's Loch Ness monster was reported in the Inverness Chronicle.

80 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 1943 that the RAF launched Operation Chastise, which became famous as the 'Dambusters' Raid'. Bouncing bombs were used to bypass anti-torpedo nets and breach dams, which caused catastrophic flooding in Germany's Ruhr Valley.

75 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May 1948 that Israel was declared an independent state as the British mandate in Palestine came to an end. Next day the Arab-Israeli War began with the invasion of Israel by Egypt, Transjordan, Lebanon, Syria

and Iraq.

70 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1953 that New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

60 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1963 that the folk/blues album 'The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan' was released. It included the hit song 'Blowin' in the Wind'.

50 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1973 that the Watergate hearings began in the US Senate and were televised nationally.

40 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1983 that the journal Science reported the discovery of the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

25 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1998 that in a referendum, the people of Northern Ireland voted to accept the Good Friday Agreement. 75% were in favour of a Northern Ireland Assembly.

15 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 that the Sichuan earthquake took place in China. More than 69,000 people were killed, over 370,000 injured, and nearly five million made homeless.

10 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2013 that Bill Pertwee, British comedy actor best known for his role as the Chief ARP air raid warden William Hodges in Dad's Army, died.

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## Smile lines

### Life abundant

Two students from a theological training college decided to spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach. They stopped at an old farm house and proceeded up the path through a group of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they wanted. "We'd like to tell you how you can live forever," they answered.

The exhausted woman hesitated for a moment, and then replied, "Thank you, but I don't think I could stand it!"

### Married

How many women can one man marry?

A little boy who attended his first wedding worked that one out pretty quick: the answer is 16. It is easy, if you think about it. Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer. Comes to 16.

### Lesson

A nervous Head boy was reading the New Testament Lesson in School Assembly for Pentecost: "Here beginneth the first Actor of the Chaps."

### Blessing

It was the five-year-old boy's first trip down to the Communion rail at church. Fascinated, he watched the vicar place a wafer in the palm of each person kneeling before him. When the vicar reached the little boy, he ignored the child's out-stretched palm, and laid his hand on the child's head in a gentle

blessing instead. The boy, utterly bewildered, whispered to his father in a piercing voice: "He's put it *on my head!*"

### Fire

There was a fire at the main Inland Revenue office in London, but it was put out before any serious good was done. - *Ronnie Corbett*

### Mark

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"

### Miscellaneous observations

I burn about 2000 calories every time I put on fitted sheets by myself.

Inquiring minds want to know: are you pro-biotic or anti-biotic?

### Proof-reading needed!

*The following true-life headlines found in local newspapers*

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

Miners Refuse to Work after Death Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

War Dims Hope for Peace

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

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## Poetry Request

### Senior

Thank you to D Campbell, for sending in her Aunts saved poems.

Senior citizens often feel blamed for many deficiencies of the modern world, real or imaginary, They take responsibility for all we have done but do not blame others.

Upon reflection we would like to point out that it was not the senior citizens who took:-

The melody out of music  
The pride out of appearance  
The romance out of love  
The commitment out of marriage  
The responsibility out of parenthood  
The togetherness out of the family  
The learning out of education

The Service out of patriotism  
The religion out of school  
The Golden Rule from rulers  
The nativity scene out of the cities  
The civility out of behaviour  
The refinement out of language  
The dedication out of employment  
The prudence out of spending  
Or the ambition out of achievement  
And we are certainly Not the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interaction with others!!

Remember, inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened!



## Gardeners Corner



At last May has arrived with warmer weather and long days in prospect, but there is still time for some late frosts to catch us out so don't be in too much of a hurry to put out your tender plants. They will quite happily wait until the end of the month. Forsythia and Ribes, the ornamental currant, can be cut back this month after flowering to shoots further down the stems. Kerria Japonica and Spirea can also be pruned, taking a third of the stems back to lower buds.

In the vegetable garden further sowings of carrots, beetroot, broad beans and peas can be made for succession to extend the harvest. Watch out for carrot fly though as their larvae burrow into the roots of carrots and parsnips, ruining the crop. Protect sowings by covering them with insect proof mesh so that the females cannot lay their eggs. Another tip is

to sow carrots in a raised container a few feet off the ground. Don't be tempted to sow runner beans outside until at least the middle of the month – they hate the cold!

If you planted potatoes last month, they will need earthing up by drawing up the soil to cover the lower half of the stems. This will not only protect them from frost, but will stop the tubers turning green, and therefore poisonous, from exposure to light. Finally why not plant up an outdoor container with herbs. Not only will you have flavourings for the kitchen, but herbs look very pretty grouped together and are great at bringing pollinators into the garden. Rosemary, thyme, marjoram and sage all work well. Mints are best planted in their own pots – if in the beds they can run riot.



## Recipe - Scotch Pancakes



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1<sup>st</sup> December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend M Wilkinson in his mothers possessions and reprinted again. He dedicated it to

"Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

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

### Ingredients

8oz Flour  
3 teaspoonfuls of Baking Powder  
1/2 teaspoonful salt  
2 Eggs  
1 Pint of Milk  
2 tablespoonful melted butter

### Method

- Beat the eggs and mix with the

milk. Add to the flour, salt and baking powder and beat until smooth.

- Add the melted butter and blend to a smooth batter.
- Drop 1 teaspoonful at a time on to a hot plate or griddle. Cook until the bubbles break then turn over.

Recipe provided by Mrs Brunskill



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## Feeling inspired?

The magazine is created by compiling contributions from readers, the many people associated with running the churches, societies, clubs and event holders. Thank you to everyone for sending in items each month.

If you feel inspired please send in your own poem or request share your favourite poem, a seasonal recipe, write an articles or anything you wish to share. All items for the magazine are always welcome. Please email your items to: [mazgine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk](mailto:mazgine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk)

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