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please note the role is part time so I will reply to
your email or return telephone calls as soon as I
am able too. Usual work afternoon - Wednesday

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Village Church Services November



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

2nd November

All Saints Day

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (common worship) (PMc)
3pm	Farnley	All Souls Service

9th November

Remembrance Sunday

10.45am	Denton	Remembrance Holy Communion Service(TMc)
10.45am	Fewston	Remembrance Service (JC)
10.45am	Farnley	Remembrance Service (FD)
10.45am	Leathley	Remembrance Service (PMc)

16th November

Second Sunday before Advent

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

23rd November

Christ the King

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

30th November

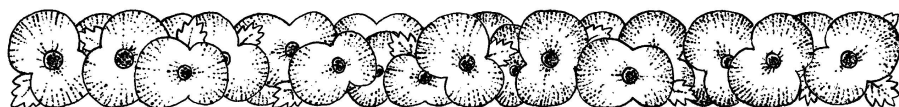
Advent Sunday

11.00 am	Fewston	United Benefice Communion Service (TMc)
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7 December

Advent 2

9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer (...)
11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (...)
9.30 am	Leathley	Holy Communion (TMc)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel November

Sunday 9th November 2.30pm Roland Henney
– incorporating moments of Remembrance

Sunday 23rd November 2.30pm Rev. Annie Baker-Streevy – Holy Communion

Do come along and join us!

News from Norwood Chapel “November: A Season of Remembering”

“Remember, remember, the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot!”
That was a verse I remember from my childhood!

November has a quiet weight to it. The bright energy of summer has faded, and autumn’s golden colours give way to bare branches and grey skies. It’s a month often marked by pauses - moments when communities stop, reflect, and remember. In many parts of the world, November carries a collective memory: stories of sacrifice, family or individual bravery, and the steady passage of time.

For people of faith, remembrance isn’t just looking backward. It’s about holding the past with both gratitude and responsibility.

Ceremonies on Remembrance Sunday bring communities together to honour those who have served. People wear poppies, attend parades, or observe silences at 11 a.m. to mark moments of great cost and courage. It reminds us that we are part of a larger story.

But remembrance is more than nostalgia. Nostalgia invites us to long for “the good old days.” Remembrance, in contrast, invites us to **honour the past and learn from it**. In the Methodist tradition, memory has always been linked with action - especially through the practice of covenant and community. We remember not just to admire what was, but to live more faithfully today. For I believe, remembering can change us. So, when a society observes a national day of mourning, it’s not just ceremony - it’s a way of collectively saying, *We must not forget who we are and where we’ve come from*.

Remembrance also carries responsibility. As we honour the past, we’re prompted to ask: *What kind of future are we shaping?*

This is especially relevant in a rapidly changing world. We live in a culture that prizes innovation and speed. Yet without remembering — without grounding ourselves in stories of justice, compassion, and shared sacrifice - we risk losing the very values that hold us together. Remembering those who stood for peace, dignity, and service isn’t just about honouring them. It’s about **continuing their work**.

As November unfolds, remembrance can be both anchor and compass. It grounds us in what has shaped us and guides us toward the kind of people - and communities - we hope to become.

In the words often repeated in Methodist circles: *“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”*

This isn’t just a call to act; it’s a way of remembering that our lives are part of a much greater story.

Rev. Cameron Stirk (Norwood Methodist Church)

Community Notice Board



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota

November & December

16th & 23rd November Julie Crowther
 30th & 7th December Ann Chadwick
 30th & 7th December Ann Chadwick
 14th & 21st December Helen Cobley
 28th December & 4th January 2026
 Karen Boothman

Weston Flower and Cleaning November & December

2nd & 9th November Mrs H Pullan
 16th & 23rd November Mrs H Pullan
 30th November & 7th December
 Mr & Mrs Senior
 14th & 21st & 28th December Sally
 Stanley, Hazel Pullan and any
 volunteers



A date for your diary..

Askwith's Annual
 Walk with
 Mary, Joseph and baby
 (and real donkeys)

On Monday
 22nd December 2025

More details in next month's
 magazine

Short Mat carpet bowls

Ready to bowl?
 We have the bowls and mat!
 Come and join us on Wednesday
 afternoons at 2pm.
 We meet at Fewston Parochial Hall
 and beginners as well as more
 experienced bowlers are very
 welcome.
 It's fun and very friendly!.

Fewston Parochial Hall

Charity teas

Teas, lunches and
 homemade cakes
 Saturday 29th and
 Sunday 30th November
 10.00am till 4.00pm.

All proceeds to
 Open arms Malawi

Carol Singing

The Fewston and Blubberhouses
 carol singers will be out and about
 in December

Monday 1st, Wednesday 3rd,
 Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th
 (Route to be confirmed).

Carol singers of all abilities are
 welcome and post singing supper
 included too.

Further details in the next issue or
 call Alison on 07752431886.

Community Notice Board



Afternoon tea

Join us for a scrumptious
 afternoon tea and a few rounds of
 dominoes on
 Tuesday 28th November at 2pm!

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

If you would like more information
 please contact

Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Sue
 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741;
 or Margaret 01423 806151



T&T



Tea and Talk plus prize winning
 dominoes is on offer on Tuesday 4th
 November 2pm at Norwood Social
 Hall! See you there!

All welcome!

It is only £2 per person.
 If you want to hear more about T&T,
 give Gillian a ring on 880362
 I have always got time for T&T!



Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month,
 the next meeting is the

13th November at 7pm at
 The Penny Bun

Contact Anne for more information - Tel: 07713884328
 Email: laeatham@gmail.com

Late Autumn Supper.

The Leathley Village Hall Committee will be catering for the supper on

Friday 21st November.

It will be a two course meal from 7.00pm followed by tea or coffee
 priced at £15.00 per head. Please bring your own drinks.

If you are interested you can contact me on
 01943 465076. pandshowarthotley@gmail.com

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an autumn sale
at the Washburn Heritage Centre
Saturday 1st November and
Sunday 2nd November
from 11am to 3.30pm

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fruity gins and liqueurs
and homemade Christmas cakes
available to order
(first come first served across both days)

TEA ROOM OPEN

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Events at Fewston Parochial Hall.
(to raise money for the Hall)

Mexican Evening

Saturday 8th November from 6.30pm,
back by popular demand Shane the chef
will be cooking up some delicious Mexican delights,

3 course meal £17.50 per person.

Booking is essential, please message Jane on
07590355953 or
Gillian on 07795 464042 464042



Leathley Parish Room Family Domino Drive Saturday 8th November 4:00 Pm

Supper included - Pizza or Pie and Peas
(Vegetarian Option on request)
Raffle - Prizes

Everyone is welcome, especially our younger residents
who may never have joined a domino drive before.

We expect to finish by 7:00 pm

Over 16 to 90 - £4.00

Under 16 - £2.00

90 and over - free, wonderful to see you



Please book by Wednesday 6th November
Ann or John (Booking Secretaries) on
07802212111
Or leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com

Norwood Social Hall

Dominoes

Friday November 21st

Next Domino date for your diaries

Christmas Dominoes Friday December 12th 2025

Hope you can join us.

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

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Please book in advance or further details

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All Saints Weston with St Helen's Denton

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 29th November

10am - 1pm

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Get ready for the wonderful

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Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December

10.00am to 3:00pm

Treat yourself to a glass of mulled wine and purchase local
crafts for all your Christmas gifts.

Free Entry

**Stalls and refreshments in the Village Hall and
more stalls in St Oswald's Church.**

Look forward to seeing you !

Assistance needed

The PCC of All Saints Church, Farnley
would like to appoint an

Honorary Treasurer.

If you think you have the required accounting skills
(and are able to attend a PCC meeting, 3 times a year)
please contact the Church Warden,
Peter Goodwin on 01943 969953.

Sara Cox – Taking Pudsey Bear to Pudsey

Sara Cox, presenter of Radio 2's
Teatime Show (Monday to Friday,
4–7pm) and Radio 2 Book Club, is
undertaking an epic challenge to
raise money for Children in Need.
She plans to run, jog, walk and
limp the 135 miles from the Kielder
Forest to Pudsey. Starting on 10th
November, her final day (14th
November) will see her make her
way from Beckwithshaw to Leath-
ley on her way to Pudsey in Leeds.

She and her entourage will be
stopping at Leathley Village hall
for a refreshment break around
midmorning of the 14th. There will
be a lot of people as she is
accompanied by film crews, sound
vans, medics etc. Please don't plan

to park in Leathley for a walk that
morning!

If you are in the vicinity, I am sure
she would appreciate anyone on
the roadside giving her
encouragement, as she will be very
tired and sore by then.



Events and Services at All Saints Weston and Saint Helen's Denton for the Autumn and Winter Season

- 7th November 6.30pm at Denton
Concert with Phoenix Singers
9th November 10.45am at Denton
Remembrance Holy Communion
29th November 10am Christmas Fair at Denton
7th December 3pm at Weston Carol Service
22nd December 7pm at Askwith
Mary & Joseph Walk
25th December 9.30am at Denton
Christmas Day Family Service
28th December 9.30am at Denton
United Benefice Holy Communion

Denton and Weston PCC has considered the Christian
commitment of helping those less fortunate than ourselves
and agreed to make a donation to a charity this year. The
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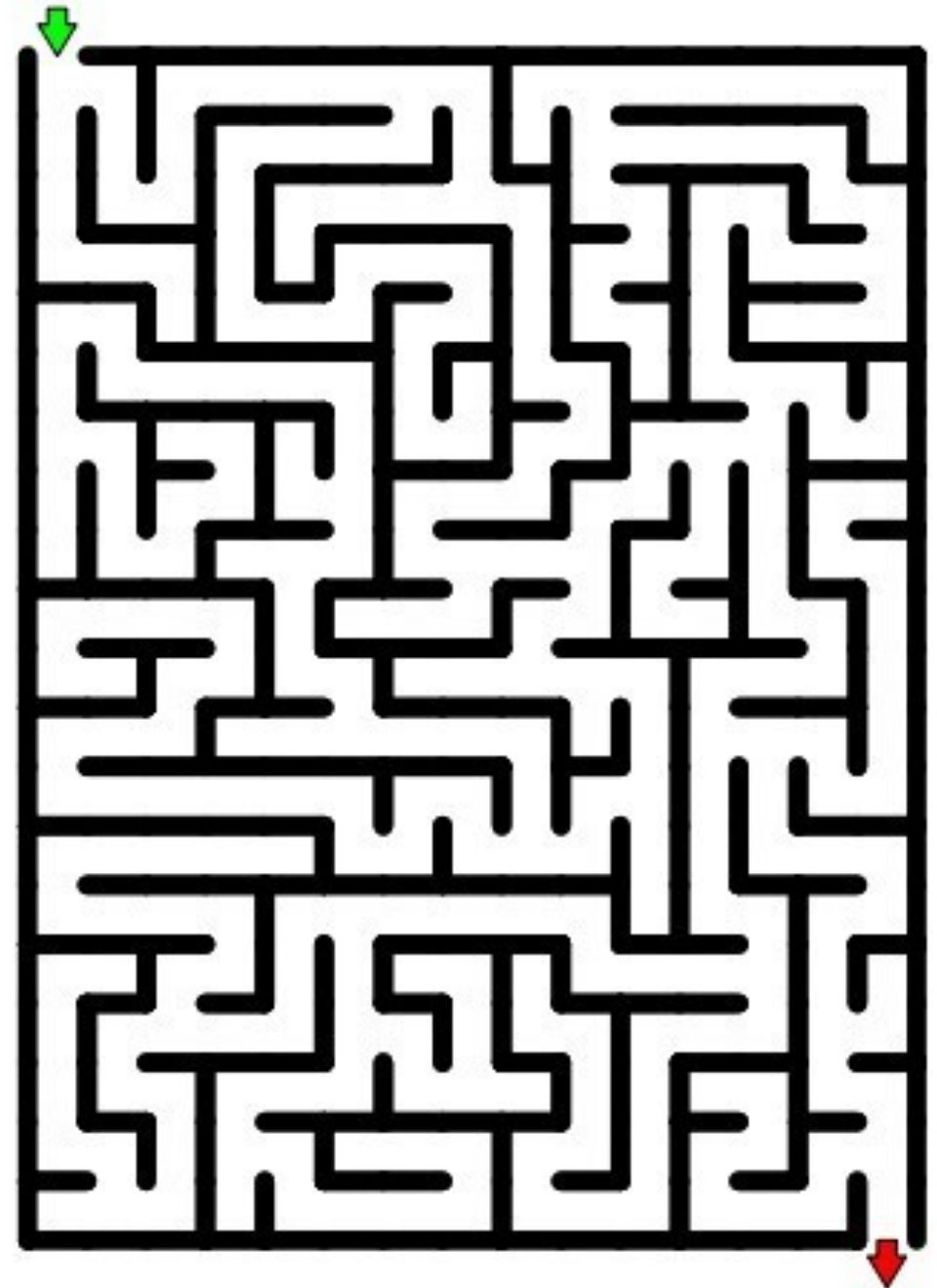
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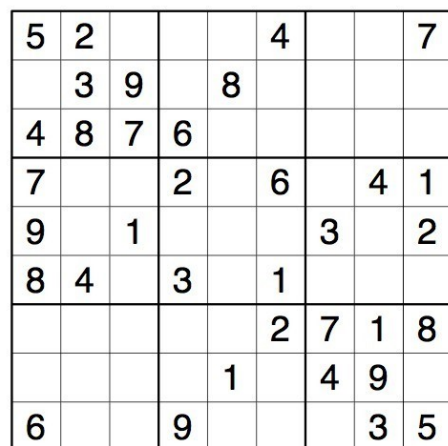
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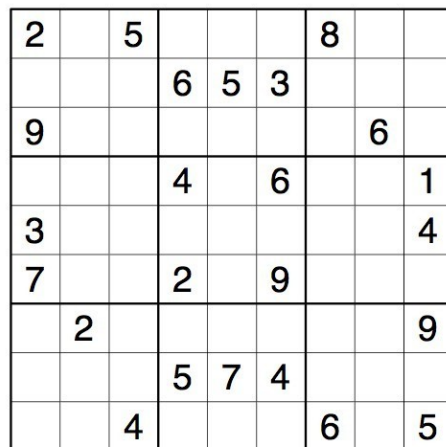
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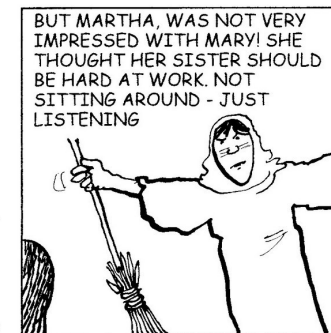
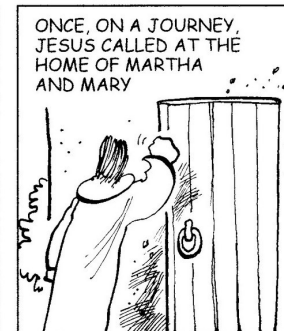


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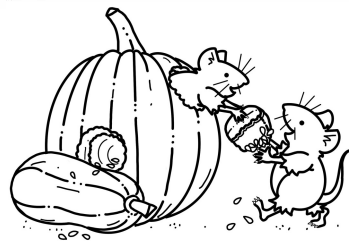
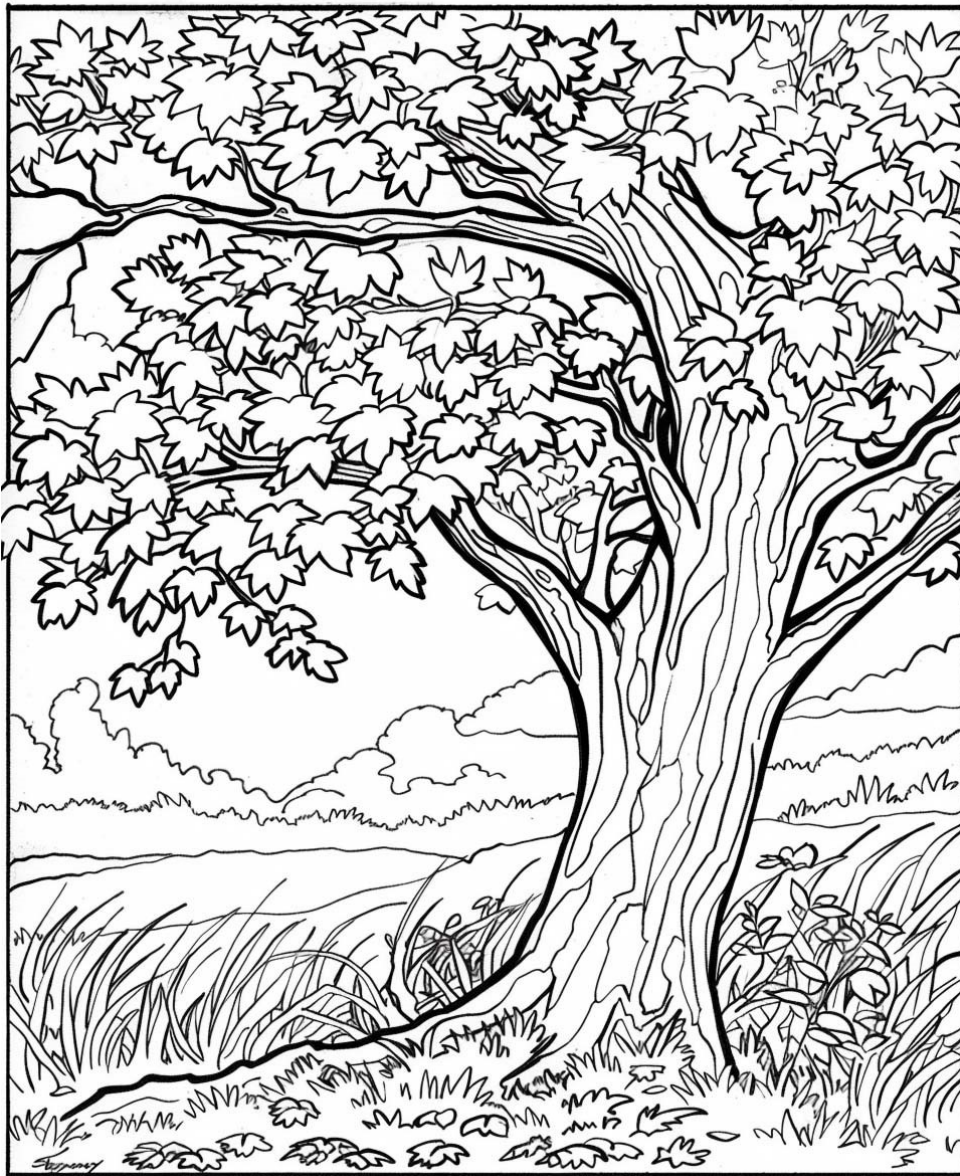


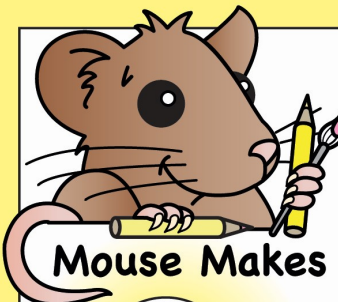
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Words and Actions




See Luke 10:38-42






Mouse Makes

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
 Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November. ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.




HOPE




JOY

Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



LOVE

Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?



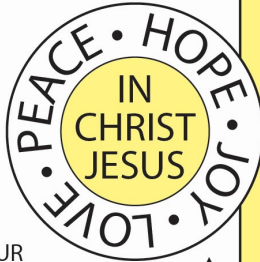
PEACE

Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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All in the month of November

It was:

175 years ago, on 19th November 1850 that Alfred, Lord Tennyson, became Poet Laureate of the UK (until 1892).

125 years ago, on 22nd November 1900 that Arthur Sullivan, British composer, died. Best known for his collaborations with the dramatist W S Gilbert on operas including H.M.S. Pinafore and The Pirate of Penzance. He also wrote the hymn Onward, Christian Soldiers.

100 years ago, on 10th November 1925 that Richard Burton, Welsh stage and film actor was born. Known for Cleopatra, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? And many more. Fifth and sixth husband of Elizabeth Taylor. Died 1984.

Also 100 years ago, on 27th November 1925 that Ernie Wise, TV comedian and actor, was born. Best known for his comedy partnership with Eric Morecambe (Morecambe and Wise) Died 1999.

90 years ago, on 6th November 1935 that Britain's Hawker Hurricane fighter plane made its first flight. It played a major role in WWII, especially during the Battle of Britain.

80 years ago, on 16th November 1945 that UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, was founded.

80 years ago on 15th November Anni-Frid Synni Lyngstad known as Frida was born. She is one of the four members of ABBA.

75 years ago, on 2nd November 1950

that George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright and literary critic, died. Best known for Pygmalion. Winner of the 1925 Nobel Prize in Literature, and co-founder of the London School of Economics.

65 years ago, on 2nd November 1960 that a British jury cleared Penguin Books of obscenity for publishing D.H. Lawrence's novel Lady Chatterley's Lover. This is often considered the beginning of the permissive society in Britain.

65 years ago, on 8th November 1960, that John F Kennedy was elected as the 35th President of the USA.

60 years ago, on 9th November 1965 that the death penalty was abolished in the UK

50 years ago, on 3rd November 1975 that Britain's first North Sea oil pipeline was officially opened.

40 years ago, on 15th November 1985 that the Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed by the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Irish President Garret Fitzgerald. It gave the Irish government a consultative role in the affairs of Northern Ireland.

30 years ago, on 20th November 1995 that Princess Diana admitted that she had committed adultery, and spoke openly about her separation from the Prince of Wales in a frank interview with the BBC. In 2021, BBC journalist Martin Bashir was accused of using deception, including fake bank statements, to persuade her to give the interview.

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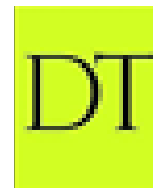
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After Amba the new novel by local writer Stephanie Shields

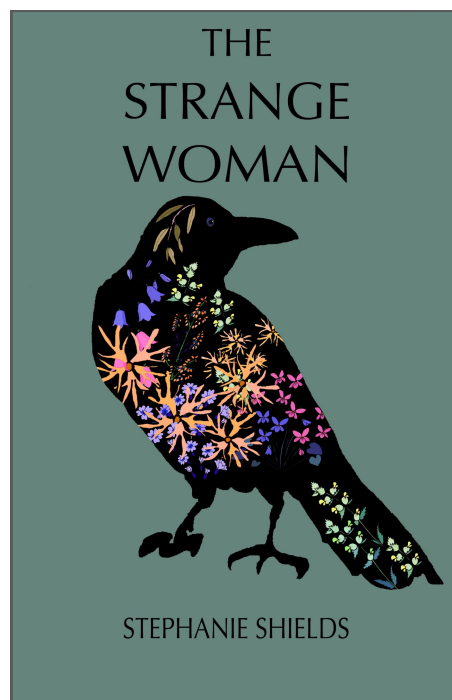
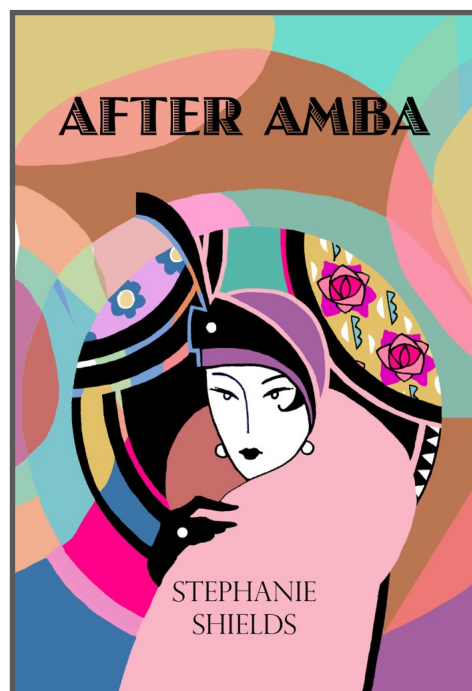
You may have read Stephanie's debut novel *The Strange Woman*. It brings to life the 1622 Yorkshire witch trial, and the cruel treatment of the seven local women. It's also a hymn to the Washburn Valley, past and present and a fusion of feminism, farming and the fantastical.

The Strange Woman has been very successful. It was a finalist in the Wishing Shelf Book Awards 2021, and it has been the top selling book at Haworth's award-winning bookshop, Wave of Nostalgia, since 2021. Sales have been high at other local bookshops too, especially at Bookshop on the Square, Otley, The Stripey Badger, Grassington and from The Washburn Heritage Centre. This tale of the

Timble witches has also reached readers in many parts of the world.

After Amba is Stephanie's second novel. Amba Atha is a fashion and travel writer. Her short life spans the late Edwardian Era, the Great War, the Roaring Twenties/Jazz Age, and the Second World War. As a 'New Woman' she flouts the mores, climbs the barriers and pushes the boundaries. Then she dies in a mid-air collision. Seventy years later a young research librarian, Frasey Fisher, is hired to bring order to Amba's archive. She becomes captivated and her life takes an extraordinary turn.

Copies of both books are available locally at The Washburn Heritage Centre and Bookshop on the Square, Otley



Leathley Parish Room – Life as a School Part 1

In 1769 Mistress Anne Hitch gave land and buildings to five trustees. These are the Alms Houses that we know today. The central part of the building was to be used "as a school for educating and instructing the children of the inhabitants of the township of Leathley in reading and writing the English language grammatically, in arithmetic, and the principles of the protestant religion". with two dwelling houses either side. Probably the last time Leathley was referred to as a township!

In 1828 it was noted that the number of children educated varied greatly, In summer "but few of the children attend, the greater part of them employed with their parents in harvest work, but in winter there are generally 50 to 60 boys and girls in the school". Interestingly, it was noted that many more children attended Sunday School than attended the weekday school – a bit different to today.

It appears there was a falling out between the Hitch Foundation and Reverend Ayscough Fawkes in the 1860s, and the school in the "Parish Room" was started in October 1863. A careful record was kept of school events from October 1863 until closure of the school in April 1896. The entries in the ledger detail school events, sickness among the scholars, how well the scholars did in their lessons and so on. Some things don't change. An entry on 20th October 1865 details "Marmaduke Gramwell was punished for using naughty words". This same scholar crops up time and again for quarrelling in the play ground, arriving late, failing to complete home work, ill-treating other children, cruelty to a bird and so on. A mental image starts to form!

There were on average 40 children in the day school, with between 2 and 10 attending night school. The weather

greatly affected attendance, with few children attending on very wet or foggy days. It is not surprising, as the children made their own way from surrounding villages such as Farnley, Lindley, Stainburn and Riffa. Mr and Mrs Fawkes visited the school frequently, and Mrs Fawkes would listen to the younger children reading. The records frequently mention thin attendance due to events such as "bush beating", "wheat collecting", Leathley Feast, Stainburn Feast, Otley Feast and agricultural shows.

Numbers at the school fluctuated. Successive teachers battled with frequent absence of scholars due to ill health or competing demands, mainly work in the fields. One entry gives an insight into life in 1875; "I experience great difficulty in teaching general knowledge here. I am compelled to stop in the middle of a lesson and explain things which are quite familiar to children in towns, viz BR, a boy of eleven, has never seen a boat. Only two of 14 have seen a sword. Not one in the school has seen the sea". I have yet to discover much about the falling out with the Hitch Foundation School, but an entry in 1875 states that "Several of the parents state that the Master of the School opposite is incessantly teasing them to send their children to him".

Conditions were not ideal for learning. The annual inspections comment on a lack of desks, books and slates. In August 1876 the Master complained that there was "a great need of a water supply. To quench their thirst the scholars are obliged to go down to the river, there being no pump or tap anywhere near". The date of the iron pump on the village green is unknown, but must postdate this entry

By 1881 numbers had fallen significantly and the school started to struggle. Further history to follow!

Weston and Denton ~ Harvest Supper at Askwith Village Hall 19th September

The auction and raffle tables were heaving with magnificent donations including giant pumpkins and beautiful flowers and produce, thanks to the generosity of our wonderful community. A delicious meal was provided by Chris Monkman ably assisted by Jane and served by a team of lovely helpers. There was a jolly

atmosphere and judging by all the smiley faces a great time was had by all. Many thanks to everyone for supporting the event and especially to Jeff Crabtree for making the auction such fun, assisted by Jenny and Pam, to Chris and Jane and to all our wonderful helpers.



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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SUNDAYS** 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 new programme **A WINTER WELCOME** starts right at the beginning of November with our **Well-Preserved Autumn Market** on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November and the Tea Room will be open on both days.

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



Events in November:

"Well preserved" an autumn sale
Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd
November, 11.00am – 3.30pm

Our talented preservers and bottlers have made all your favourite chutneys, jams, jellies and those delicious fruity gins and liqueurs. Perfect gifts to buy ahead for Christmas. There will also be a limited number of Christmas cakes available to order and collect in December. The Tea Room will be open and offering a seasonal twist to its menu.

The secret art of English bellringing,
Stuart Holtam
Thursday 13th November,
2.00pm – 3.30pm

The rippling sound of church bells carried on the wind, swelling and fading across meadow, hill and dale is quintessentially English. However, few people know what lies behind this beautiful sound – its origins, its evolution, the mechanism that makes it possible, or what the bell ringers must do to achieve it. Can it be as simple as swinging a bell by pulling on a rope?! With the help of photos, animations, video clips and sound recordings, Stuart, who rings bells in Wharfedale, will explain it all. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

The secrets of Roundhay Park
Monday 17th November,
10.15am – 2.00pm

Roundhay Park is reputed to be the largest public park in Europe. Alex Rosser will lead a walk which will expose some of its lesser-known secrets. The paths are generally good, but there may be some muddy and undulating sections. The walk will be followed by lunch at Shaftesbury Avenue (Leeds, not London), hosted by Alex and David. Numbers will be limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Dickensian Christmas, Gillian Waters
Tuesday 18th November, 2.00pm –
3.30pm

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas



Washburn Heritage Centre



without Dickens and we are pleased to welcome back Gillian, who will give another of her fascinating talks. This time she focuses on how Yorkshire influenced Charles Dickens in the creation of characters and settings. Please book early because Gillian's talks are always popular! Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Chocolate demonstration, Les Bown

Friday 21st November.

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Following the success of last year's event, Les will once again explain how retirement opened up new opportunities for him. He will pass on some of his skill to demonstrate how to

make our very own hand-crafted Christmas chocolates. There will be a few samples to taste, and the chance to purchase a few early gifts. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

A Christmas Carol

Tuesday 25th November, 6.30pm – 9.30pm

A three-course supper will be served, interspersed with an "interesting" version of 'A Christmas Carol' performed by the Washburn Players. We will learn how it is not Scrooge's fault that he is so mean, but the sad influence of his conniving sisters. Cost £22.50 member, £27.50 non-member. Bar available.



Farnley Estate Womens Institute



At our Annual Meeting held this month once the formal part of the evening was completed our members had the opportunity to socialise. This is then developed into an informal evening when our newest members got to know other members and learn more about their W.I.. The scrap books and memorabilia were available for them to browse through.

At this meeting next year's social events were discussed and our President provided a list of suggestions for our members to consider so that the Committee can discover which are the most popular. We try to have a social event every month in addition to our normal meeting and the activity is usually linked, if possible, to the speaker

that month. We have a lot of fun at our meetings usually over a cup of tea and some home baking.

To view our programme for 2025 please visit <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate>. All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7-30pm (unless otherwise stated). In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for walks locally with either a coffee or picnic stop. If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Diane Hanline our President by email to farnleyestatewi@gmail.com.



The Birds in Your Garden



An article on Nuthatches in BTO's Garden BirdWatch newsletter attracted my attention recently. Apparently, their presence in our gardens is at its highest level for twenty years, their numbers having more than doubled nationally in that time. I had a pair in my garden regularly until last year when, as so often happens with our favourite birds, they disappeared. I spent many happy hours watching and listening to them. I will say though, that after an hour or two, their striking call does become a tad monotonous, when all you want to do is sit and read in the garden.

Were I to sum up the Nuthatch in just three words, I would have to say 'striking', 'bold' and 'grumpy'! This is a bird full of character, a brash and often noisy interloper at the garden feeding station. Look for its black eyestripe, steel-grey upper-parts, pinky buff underparts and dagger-like bill. The Nuthatch is a striking and unmistakable bird. It has a distinctive mode of movement too, running down and around trees headfirst, allowing them to access insects and seeds that other birds miss hidden under bark.

The name "Nuthatch" comes from "nuthack" which refers to the Nuthatch's feeding behaviour. They are known to jam nuts into crevices in the bark of trees and then hack away at them with their bills until the shell cracks. Insectivores in the summer, they depend more on seeds, nuts, and suet from bird feeders in winter. Black sunflower seeds are a particular favourite.

The Nuthatch has a patchy distribution across its range, preferring gardens close to suitable breeding habitat. This means that the chances of a Nuthatch visiting your garden will vary according to where you live, and how close you are to a patch of mature deciduous or mixed woodland. GBW results show that around a third of us see them in our gardens at some point.

Nuthatches are monogamous and maintain territories throughout the year, which is rare in small birds, providing the pair with an intimate understanding of where to find food at different times of the year, where to roost, and where nesting opportunities may be found.

They constantly patrol their territories, the female usually accompanying the male as he "does his rounds". They maintain close contact through a series of soft, low calls. If one bird strays the other may become even more vocal, calling out for its mate. Interestingly, the male seems to take an active role in shepherding his female around, even to the degree of driving her back into the territory should she stray too close to its boundary. He is dominant outside the breeding season, and she won't approach a bird feeder until he leaves it, but during the early part of the breeding season, when the female builds the nest, the tables are turned, and she is the dominant partner.

The nest is built by the female, usually in a cavity, the male only contributing by feeding her whilst she is laying and incubating. Mud is often used to reduce the entrance size to keep out

predators. If they choose to breed in your nest box, you may find that they plaster around the entrance and between the box and its support; the lid may even be cemented shut too. You should be so lucky!

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 (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: **Mike Gray** 07596 366342 or mikegbw@btinternet.com.



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Be mindful where you place your car key in the house.

With many new houses having short drive-ways and small footprints, it is possible the car is still within range of the radio signal from the key, making your car vulnerable. Make sure you keep the car key well away from your car when not in use, preferably on the opposite side of the house. The key's signal can transmit through walls. If you keep the key close to your outer walls on the ground floor you increase the risk of the signal being captured by criminals. Best place to keep your

car key would be on the second floor near to the centre of the house.

Alternatively, use a FARADAY BAG. keep your car key in a Faraday bag or box/safe container that blocks the key's signal. A Faraday bag is a small pouch (or a tin with a lit) that you put your key into. It can be purchased inexpensively on the internet.

I advise you all to make yourself safe from this type of crime. Lets all be vigilant.



Recipe ~ Piccalilli



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

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

Ingredients

1 large cauliflower
2lb carrots
2lb onion
1 marrow
1/2lb sugar
2 tablespoons of flour
1oz turmeric
2 quats of vinegar
3 tablespoons salt

Method

- Wash all the vegetables.
- Cut into small pieces

- Spread on dish and sprinkle with salt and leave over night.
- Put in a pan with vinegar and boil gently for 30 minutes
- Add sugar and stir well
- Mix in the mustard, turmeric and flour.
- Add the rest of the ingredients
- Boil fast stirring all the time for 5 minutes
- Place in sterilized jars and seal once cool.
- Store for two months before eating.

Mrs Coates



... All in the month of November ~ continued from page 23

25 years ago, on 9th November 2000 that Eric Morley, TV host, died. Known for establishing the ballroom dancing competition Come Dancing (1949 – 98). It was succeeded by a celebrity version, Strictly Come Dancing, in 2004.

.20 years ago, on 30th November 2005 that John Sentamu became Archbishop of York (until 2020). He was the first black archbishop in the Church of

England.

10 years ago, on 13th November 2015 that the Paris Attacks took place when suicide bombers and armed terrorists from Islamic State (IS) attacked a football stadium, rock concert, cafes and restaurants. 130 people were killed and 416 injured. IS said the attacks were in retaliation for French air-strikes on IS targets in Syria and Iraq.





Gardeners Corner



Collect autumn leaves when wet and place on a separate heap – even a plastic bag with holes punched for air will do. The leaves will rot down in a year or so and reward you with wonderful leafmould which is a tonic for the garden. Mow the lawn on a high blade to pick up the fallen leaves and add those as well.

November is the best time to plant tulip bulbs as they prefer colder temperatures. It is also a good time to sow broad beans and sweet peas for a head start. If you have space in the greenhouse, there are plenty of hardy annuals to sow now, such as poppies, larkspurs, orlayas and cornflowers. You may need to germinate them in a warm spot indoors before moving them into the cooler greenhouse.

As long as the ground is not frozen trees can be planted but do remember to stake them – a single angled stake is probably enough. It will allow the tree to flex and encourage root growth, while giving them support against wind rock.

Apply a thick mulch of garden compost or bark – you can use shredded woody pruning's if you have them - to tender perennials to keep them comfy in the winter.

Finally if you have a bonfire, do check before lighting that there are no hedgehogs sheltering inside. Enjoy cosy evenings, curled up with the nursery catalogues to select plants for next year!



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Our magazine

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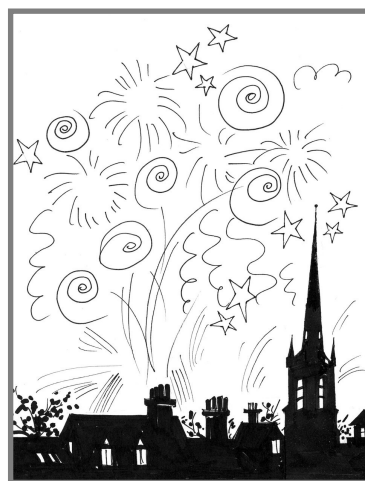
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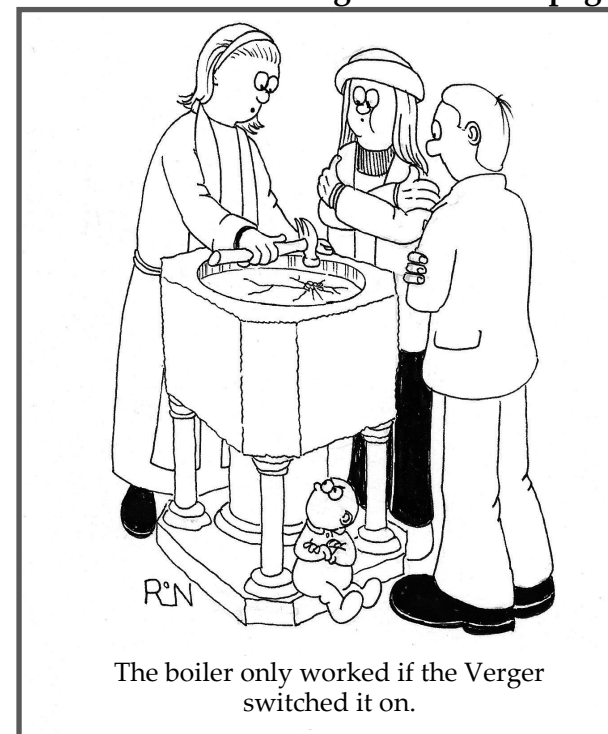
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