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Denton		Family Service & Baptism 11am Stewart Hartley	NG Bailey Carol Service 10 th Dec 6.30pm S.McC 18 th Dec 7pm Walk to Bethlehem S.McC	Holy Communion 11am Stephen McCaulay		Benefice Service Communion & Carols 11am Stephen McCaulay
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The 'Silly Season'

When I was in the Army December was known as the 'silly season.' In the run up towards Christmas (and Christmas leave) there were so many parties and activities to attend that it seemed almost impossible to do any work. There would be a combined Officers and Sergeants Mess drinks and games night in one of their messes (and it usually did get very messy), a football match between Officers and Sergeants or between them and the junior ranks, an all ranks party, Carol singing round the Married Quarters, a junior ranks Christmas Dinner served by the Officers and Sergeants (which usually ended up in some sort of food fight), a Regimental Carol Service and finally, on the day we all went on leave a Regimental 'fun run', or as it is known throughout the Army the 'turkey trot.' Some units tried to limit the disruption by holding as many of these activities as possible on the same day, 'Christmas in a day' as we called it.

Well Christmas is about one day, one day that changed the world. The birth of Jesus changed all our lives. Each Christmas Day we rejoice that our Saviour came to live among us. Christmas is a glorious feast but the run up to Christmas gets busier and busier each year. It really is the 'silly season' for so many of us. There are parties or drinks, lots of Christmas Dinners not to mention present buying, general shopping, Christmas card writing, tree buying and decorating and so much more. It can all get rather exhausting so that we arrive at Christmas Day worn out and glad to get it over with.

Christmas is truly magical, one of the great festivals of the year, but to enjoy it, to get the most out of it we need to pace ourselves. There is so much to do, but slowing down, taking time to relax, taking time to prepare for the great day helps us to enjoy it all the more.

Over the next few weeks amidst all the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations we will all have the opportunity to take time to step aside from the busyness of life to reflect on the story of Christmas. In our churches and in our communities we have lots of Carol Services and Carol singing activities alongside our usual Sunday services. Do try to come along to one of these special services. Carol singing is fun, and joining with others to prepare for this special day helps us to reflect on the great gifts that each of us have been given in our lives. Sharing that message, that good news, with others will help each of us to get the most out of this Christmas season.

I hope to meet up with lots of you over this month at services and other activities. Wherever I see you, or even if I don't, may I wish you all the Blessings of this most Holy Season.

Stephen

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Trusting God In All Things

For many, Christmas is a time of happiness and holiday. An opportunity for parties, concerts, pantomimes and watching children perform nativity plays. We exchange colourful cards, and presents, and prepare special meals for family and friends. We sing carols. We adorn our homes and churches with all kinds of decorations.

All our celebrations are a far cry from that first Christmas. In our festivities it is easy to forget that when Jesus came life was hard. The Romans were an occupying force in Israel. There was poverty. The Jews were a captive and oppressed people. They had numerous worries and fears and awaited their Messiah to give them freedom.

Mary was looking forward to marrying Joseph and living with him in Nazareth. Suddenly she meets an angel; told she will be pregnant with God's Son and then her fiancé wants to divorce her! Her world is changed. Joseph too is distressed. In the turmoil, God speaks to Joseph in a dream and while this explains the miraculous pregnancy, he can't stop the hurtful gossip or the doubters.

Even if he wanted to face his critics, Joseph can't stay in Nazareth. He is compelled to take Mary with him to

Bethlehem to complete a census. The long journey, possibly all on foot, must have been horrendous. Then in Bethlehem there is unsuitable accommodation for a birth.

It was likely that when the shepherds came and shared their experience of an angel messenger and the singing heavenly host, that their difficult circumstances began to make sense. Then, perhaps, sometime later when the Eastern men came with gifts that they were reassured and encouraged that God was with them in their difficulties. Also, when God told Joseph in a dream to go with Mary and the infant to Egypt to escape Herod's cruelty, they knew that in a foreign land they could trust God with their lives.

Our Christmas comes amidst life's traumas and troubles. We may have on-going difficulties. In our struggles we need to know that God can be working out His purposes. Mary and Joseph came to know that in their hardships they were in God's will. Like them, we too must trust God in life-changing events.

"I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)



Generous

Christmas is a time for giving, and we do it well. The British have been ranked among the most generous nations in the world, after a recent study found that six out of ten of us have helped a stranger in the past month.

The research, which surveyed 1.3 million people in 128 countries over a decade, found that despite a growing culture of charitable giving, there has been a downward trend in thoughtful behaviour in many of the world's wealthiest places.

However, the report, commissioned by the Charities Aid Foundation, found that the UK now appears 7th in the worldwide rankings for generosity.

60 per cent of us have helped a stranger in the last month, with 71 per cent of us giving money to charity, and 30 per cent offering even our time, in order to help a good cause.

The countries which topped the global rankings are: United States, Myanmar, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland and Canada. At the bottom of the table, ranked lowest in terms of generosity, were the State of Palestine, Serbia, Yemen and Greece. China was ranked the least generous of all nations.

Music At Fewston

If you appreciate fine choral music you cannot afford to miss a

Service of Advent Carols and Readings

presented by the

Choir of St. Margaret's

Parish Church

at Fewston in the

Parish Church of St. Michael and St. Lawrence

At 3.00 pm on Sunday 8th December.

All are welcome to what is a very special service. Light refreshment will be available after the service.

Timble Chapel

Timble Chapel, now a "festival church" with occasional services, invites all residents of the Washburn Valley and especially children of all ages, to join us in a Carol Service on Sunday December 15th at 2.30pm. The service will be followed by the light refreshments of tea and mince pies.

The service will be led by Rev. Alistair Newton, who is a Minister in this Methodist Circuit. We would be delighted to welcome you to this seasonal service, we look forward to your support as this chapel serves the local community and visitors by being permanently open for prayer and meditation.

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Fewston Church

Tuesday, 24th December at 2.30 pm

'JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM'

Come and join in our Nativity Story - with carols and narrator. Children, please come as an angel, shepherd, king, Mary or Joseph or one of the animals in the stable that first Christmas.

Parents & Friends, please bring children to the Washburn Heritage Centre at 1.30 pm if you wish to use our costumes.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Washburn Heritage Centre



Community Lunch Washburn Heritage Centre

Happy Christmas to everyone.

And a Happy New Year

No lunch in December

Lunch 22 January, 2020
12.30 pm

Washburn Heritage Centre

New friends most welcome, to book,

Tel. Pat 01943 880284 or Cheri 01943 465977

Norwood Social Hall

Just a reminder....

Christmas Buffet Dance

Friday 6th December

8.00pm - 11.45pm

Family Dominoes and Supper

Christmas Hats and Jumpers

Friday 13th December

7pm start

Children's Christmas Party

Friday 27th December

4.00pm - 7.00pm

For information on any of the above
please ring 01943 880411.

Discussion Group

First and third Wednesdays 10.30AM at Fewston Parochial Hall. More information from me Peter Wood on 01943 880558 and at peterlwood@hotmail.com

Christmas Cards For Sale

Pack of 6 cards £5.00 –
Christmas scenes in
Blubberhouses Church

Available in Fewston and Blubberhouses Churches and from

Alison 01943 880192, Pat 01943 880284

Proceeds for improvements to St Andrew's Church, Blubberhouses

Friends of Blubberhouses Church Committee

Email: washburnwharfe@btinternet.com

Washburn Valley Choir

We meet regularly on Monday evenings at St. Oswald's, Leathley. We are always keen to take on new members and you can be assured of a warm welcome. Being able to read music is a slight advantage; we sing a mix of A Cappella and accompanied music, some Ancient, some Modern and some "In Between"?!



Anyone wanting further information, don't hesitate to ring me, Alistair Wood, on 0113 2843109 or e-mail woodah@btinternet.com Website - www.washburnvalleychoir.org.uk

Timble Library Crafters Group

Everyone is welcome to bring their own craft work to the friendly Timble Library Crafters group which meets at the Robinson Library, Timble, (opposite the Timble Inn), on the last Saturday of each month, 9.30am-noon (except August and December). £5 includes coffee/tea and home made cakes! More details from Liz Carnell on 07590 466629.

Teddy Church

Welcomes all babies and toddlers and their favourite Teddy Bear to an informal Story, Play and Sing session at Fewston Church and Centre every 2nd Friday of every month throughout the year and we start at 10 am. Parents, Grandparents and Carers welcome. Light refreshments are provided for babies, toddlers and carers.



T&T

December

On Tuesday 3rd December it's time to find out about Pilates with Anne Pickles, which is after we have had our tea, biscuits and chatter. So see you at 2pm



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 Gladys on 880604 - we've always got time for T&T!

Fewston Foxy

Ladies

We're off to the Sun Inn on 10th December to enjoy our Christmas lunch, meeting at 12.30pm for 1pm. If you would like to come, do make sure that you get in touch - always a popular venue!

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Margaret 01943 462261; Shirley 01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789



Last Friday Supper

There will not be a supper in December but will resume in January 2020. Usually, it's £12.50 per head for a 2 course supper bring your own bottle, or we have decent wine available to buy on the night. Booking essential Please contact Paul Howarth on 01943 465076 for more info thank you.

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Flower Rotas

Weston Cleaning and Flower Rota

1st December Mrs H Pullan

8th & 15th December Mrs A Ainley &
Mrs R Woodrup and volunteers

22nd & 29th December Stephen &
Marlene Turnbull

Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota

Dec 1. C McDonald & S Teasdale



From the Registers

Weddings

19th October – Georgina Brown and David Crowther at Denton

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Lower Washburn Parish Council – November 2019

Some items of interest.

The Parish members have for a number of years had concerns about the erosion of the riverbank in Castley and NYCC in conjunction with the Environment agency had agreed a scheme and budget to provide gabions along the affected riverbank to prevent further erosion. Unfortunately the erosion occurred faster than was anticipated and as a result an emergency scheme was used whereby a large number of boulders were placed in the river with the hope that this would prevent further erosion. The river had also washed away some of the soil around the roots of a tree adjacent to the road and this coupled with the part of the tree being rotten was considered to be dangerous. The tree will now be reduced to 3 metres in height and it is hoped that it will regenerate.

The parish employ a local contractor to cut back the grass in the minor roads in the parish whilst NYCC are responsible for any grass cutting on the main roads in the parish although due to reductions in budgets this will be reduced to those parts of the highway where traffic visibility is needed. Recently a local contractor was engaged to clear a roadside footpath in Leathley to ensure pedestrian safety.

Each year Harrogate BC gives the parish bulbs and the parish caretaker plants these around the parish.

Everyone is concerned about global warming and the Friends of the Earth have told us that it is now possible to go to their website and enter your postcode and it will show you the situation in your area.

We are all aware of the financial limits placed on the County Councils and Borough Councils that prevents them carrying out some of the services that they may have carried out in previous years. The parish therefore use the services of a local contractor to carry out the role of a parish caretaker who works around the area doing such tasks as maintaining footpaths, cutting back overgrowth to improve sight lines, installing and repairing noticeboards and signage and a multitude of other tasks. If anyone feels that there is some work in the parish that this service could help with please let the parish clerk know via the website (lowerwashburnpc@hotmail.co.uk) and consideration will be given to see if this work can be carried out.

May I on behalf of the parish council wish everyone in the Parish a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year for 2020.

The next parish meeting will be on Thursday January 9 2020 in the Leathley Village hall commencing at 8.00p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

M. Elam

Clerk to the Council

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CHRISTMAS BOOK SALES

Sunday 1st, Saturday 7th
& Sunday 8th December
11-4



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gardening, cookery, art, military & travel

THE ROBINSON LIBRARY, TIMBLE

LS21 2NN

Free entry

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

Featuring
festive gifts
from local
artisan makers

Shop for unique
homewares,
silver jewellery,
candles &
soaps, wreaths,
textile gifts
and books

Enjoy mulled
wine and
mince pies in
beautiful
surroundings

Stocking
fillers for
children

All
welcome



Sunday 8 December, 11-4

Timble Village Hall

(aka The Robinson Library)

Timble LS21 2NN

Please bring plenty of cash as not all of our makers can take card payments



Denton Carol Service



TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

A FESTIVE CAROL SERVICE FOR ALL THE
FAMILY STARTING AT 6:30 PM PROMPT



We would be delighted if you could join us on Tuesday 10th December as we welcome in the festive season & say a fond farewell to 2019.

Parking is available at Denton Hall, please arrive at
St Helens church by 6:20 pm

After the Carol service at church, please do join us back at Denton Hall for mulled wine & mince pies

Due to seating restrictions in St Helen's church, please do R.S.V.P to brooke.adams@denton-hall.co.uk or call 01943 813481



NG Bailey



Denton Hall



Washburn Christmas Market

Come and join us on
Saturday 30 November and
Sunday 1 December from
11am until 4pm!

Enjoy mulled wine and listen
to carols whilst looking for
gifts from our range of tra-
ditional home-made food and
crafts.

An excellent start to the
festive season!

Centre, Church and
Tea Room open

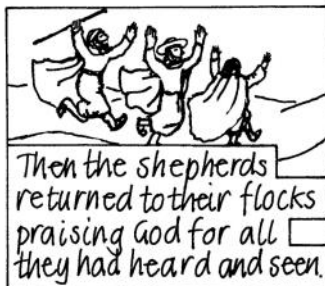
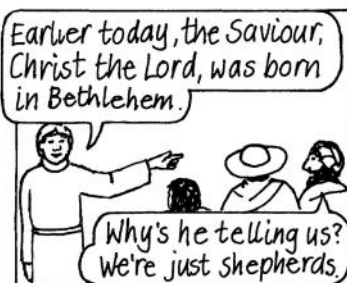
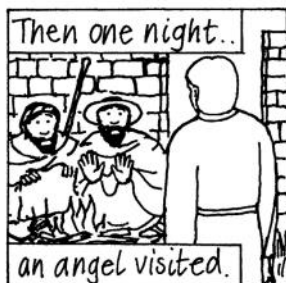
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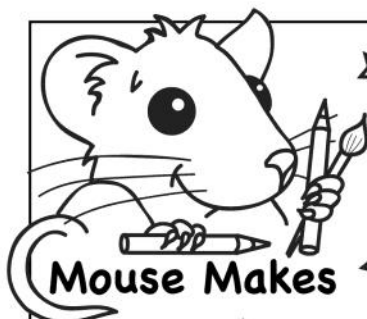
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough, they were usually avoided, or overlooked.





Mouse Makes

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?

Read
Luke 2:7

Why were the shepherds afraid?

Read
Luke 2:8

What good news did the angel tell?

Read
Luke 2:10-11

Who appeared praising God and what did they say?

Read
Luke 2:13-14

Where was Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph and Mary there?

Read Luke 2:1-6

What did Mary dress her baby in?

Read
Luke 2:6

What did the angel tell Joseph to name Mary's baby and why?

Read Matthew 1:21

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?

Read
Luke 2:16

Colour a star each day until Christmas

Good news!

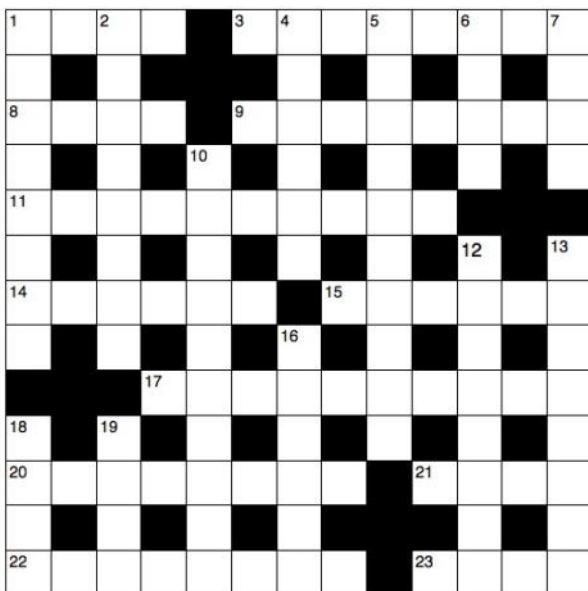
Glory to God

A Saviour is born



Across

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
- 8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
- 9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
- 11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
- 14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
- 15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
- 17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)
- 20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
- 21 Rite (anag.) (4)
- 22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
- 23 'The eye cannot say to the —, "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)



Down

- 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't — —, and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
- 2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
- 4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)
- 5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
- 6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
- 7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
- 10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
- 12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
- 13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
- 16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and —' (Acts 7:22) (6)
- 18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
- 19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)

We are looking forward to more exciting events during December as our Food Glorious Food programme takes on a festive feel. The Tea Room is open during the winter on **SUNDAYS only from 11AM-4PM (except Christmas Market weekend)**.

Event leaflets for our programme '*Food Glorious Food*' are available in the Centre and in Fewston Church. If you would like to book a place at any of the events, please contact the Centre by email: **centre@washburnvalley.org** or call: **01943 880794** (please leave a message if the office is closed). Bookings must be paid for within five days and please note we are now able to take payment over the telephone.

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER AND SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 11-4pm. You are welcome to the **WASHBURN CHRISTMAS MARKET!** Come and join us! We are excited to invite you to our first Christmas Market where you can enjoy mulled wine and listen to carols whilst looking for gifts from our range of traditional home-made food and crafts. An excellent start to the festive season! Our Tea Room is open on both days and we look forward to welcoming Otley Singers and Madrigalis who will perform over the weekend. Free admission.

Other events running in December are:

TALK & DEMO: '*Decorate that Cake!*'
Tuesday 3 December 2-4pm. Take

inspiration for decorating your Christmas cake from a demonstration by local expert Dawn Meeks, who will show us how to achieve beautiful results from both complex and simple designs. Festive refreshments will be served. Cost **£7.50 non-members or £6 for members.**

SUPPER: '*Traditional Christmas Supper*'. **Tuesday 17 December 7-10pm.** Our renowned and very popular Christmas supper will once again be prepared by Daphne Wilson and her team. Enjoy a fantastic meal in the company of your friends with carol singers and readings to enhance the Christmas spirit. Welcome drink and cash bar. Cost **£27.50 non-members or £24 for members.**

WALK: '*Solstice*'. **Saturday 21 December 2.30pm.** We meet at the Centre for car share to the start of this shorter, circular walk of about three miles from Timble, through Beecroft Plantation and return via Timble Ings, including fields and woodland. Festive refreshments will be served back at the Centre. Cost **£12.50 non-members or £10 for members.**

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at the Heritage Centre



Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club

By Emma Goulding



A Busy Month at Farnley Estate Young Farmers

On 16th October Farnley Estate Young Farmers had a very interesting talk by Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue. Thank you to Howard for coming and telling us all about this amazing organisation which is on call 24/7 to save people (and animals) in trouble in caves and on fells. There are around 80 members who are on call to help when somebody rings 999 and asks the police for a cave or fell rescue team. We found about the different methods of rescuing someone and how the teams are starting to use the new app 'three words' to help find people. Please visit their website uwfra.org.uk for more information or to donate to such a brilliant cause. On

23rd October we went to Lazer Zone at Kirkstall. This was a fun night which was very competitive! Thank you to Emily Farrar for organising it and the club leaders for taking us.

Also well done to those who competed in live and carcass on Saturday 26th October. There were some placings for our club so thank you to everyone who joined in and John Penny for hosting us.

On the 30th October it was the District Quiz at the Millstones. This was a great night which we all had fun at with a fun quiz and delicious supper. Thank you to the Millstones for hosting us.

Some of the junior members went to Almscliffe Village Hall to do pumpkin carving which they all enjoyed and there were some interesting and creative designs! Thank you to Jim Roberts for providing the pumpkins.

Well done to those who went to the Landrover Handling competition on 3rd November and well done to Emily Bradley who won the ladies.

On the 6th November we went to Foxheads Farm for our club bonfire. This was a successful night with a roaring fire, fireworks and thank you to Ainsty farm shop for coming and doing pork sandwiches which were delicious. Thank you to everyone who came and all at Foxheads Farm for hosting us.

On the 8th November it was our club's annual Dinner Dance at The Millstones. We all had a great night and thank you to Nicola Driffield for organising it, The Millstones for hosting us and DJ Tim Whitworth. The awards from over the year were then presented so well done to everyone who received one. Christine Houseman trophy for junior stock judging nights- Jacob Ryder, Junior points overall- Jacob Ryder, Most promising junior- Emma Goulding, Joe Ryder trophy for intermediate stock judging- Billie Towers, Intermediate points shield- Gemma Farrar, Christopher Houseman trophy for most promising intermediate- Holly Roberts, Senior stock judging trophy Emily Bradley, Senior points shield- Luby Grayshon, Kevin and Daphne Wilson trophy for the member who gained the most points at the District and County rallies combined- Jacob Ryder, Andrew Keighley trophy for the member who has had an outstanding year- Daisy Roberts and Richard Barrett's memorial trophy for the member who has done a lot in their time in Farnley Estate- Josh Haworth. Well done to those people and thank you to everyone who came.

Next week's meeting is breeding sheep judging at the Ashby's Farm at Farnley. As always if you would like to join are aged 10 -26 please contact Jacob Ryder on 07497 828065. Thank you. By Emma Goulding

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Future meetings and Trips

10 December – Trip to see 'Christmas at Burton Constable Hall' with Askwith with Denton WI

11 December – Social night – meal out in a local restaurant.

18 December – North Yorkshire West Federation Carol Service, Ripon Cathedral 2pm

8 January 2020 – WI business – outline of the 2020 programme, cuppa and a chat

12 February – Local History – a talk about "The Navvies memorial in Otley"

11 March – How we can help Breast Cancer sufferers.

4 – 7 May – Federation Denman visit - courses on offer Treasures of Oxford, Rambling in the Cotswolds, Limestone landscapes, Marquetry, Creative writing, Glass clay modelling. Coach travel and accommodation included. Further information available from Federation Office in Ripon.

Walking Group –

5 December Leathley 5miles

Walks for 2020 to be confirmed.

All our walks have refreshments at the end at a local cafe or hostelry. Come and join us.

Recent meetings and events.

11 September – Mindfulness – Izzy Johnson. Taking Time to stop and appreciate what we have.

9 October – Annual meeting and Faith Supper – attended by our WI Adviser Carol Ambler. Sue Appleyard and Laura Moorhouse from Askwith with Denton WI acted as tellers for the evening.

Caroline Barker stood down as President and thanked all members for their support during the last 3 years. Susan Kerridge was voted in as the new President. After the formal part of the meeting Caroline handed out a quiz sheet and then it was time for the Faith Supper and time to chat and socialise with fellow members.

10 October – several members attended the Red Squirrel Trail at Hawes – Walk led by a Park Ranger in the National Park.

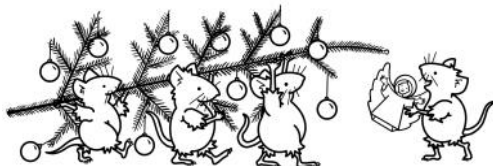
Please note:

Chocolatier Demonstration at Almscliffe Hall on 3rd December is now cancelled.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Leathley Parish Rooms. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to come and try out one of our meetings. We have a varied programme as can be seen from this report. We have a walking group and a book group both meeting monthly. Federation workshops on various topics Patchwork, Gardens and Bees, Soap making, felt wreaths, Willow projects, Stained glass tea lights etc., are held at Alma House in Ripon and various Federation Trips.

We cover not only Farnley village but also Huby, Weeton Castley, Leathley and Lindley and have members from Otley and Pool as well.

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In October we held our AGM and Andrea Ainley, our current President, was re-elected for another year, we also welcomed two new committee members, and we rounded off the evening with a wine and cheese supper.

Susan Pape was our speaker in November. She's had an extensive and varied career, first as a newspaper and magazine journalist, then moving into television production, teaching journalism in higher education, and now she's a published author.

Together with her longstanding friend, Sue Featherstone, she began by writing journalism textbooks before embarking on their jointly written debut novel 'A Fallen Friend' which has been very well-received and, bitten by the bug, they've now published 'A Forsaken Friend' the second volume in what has become a trilogy.

Susan was a very entertaining speaker with lots of anecdotes about the stories she's covered as a journalist. She also read extracts from her novels and went on to give an inside view of how co-authoring a novel works.

At the end of November a group of us will be going to 'Food and Flowers' an annual celebration of festive food ideas followed by a flower demo in the afternoon. It always gets us in the festive mood. In December we have our annual stately home trip, this year we're off to Burton Constable in East Yorkshire to see the house decorated for Christmas, and also some of us will be at our Federation Carol Service at Ripon Cathedral, plus our lunch club plans to meet for a festive get together at Bistrot Pierre.

Our December meeting will be on Thursday 5th, a week earlier than usual as Askwith village Hall is a polling station on the 12th. We'll be having a games night and social evening which should be fun.

Why not come along and find out what we're all about ? We're a very friendly and sociable group and visitors are always welcome from around the area. Except for December we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Askwith Village Hall and if you'd like more info you can ring Andrea Ainley on 01943 462163 or Sue Appleyard on 01943 839292, or follow the Askwith with Weston WI blog.



All in the Month of December

It was:

300 years ago, on 31st Dec 1719 that John Flamsteed, British astronomer died. He was the first Astronomer Royal, and founder of the Greenwich Observatory.

150 years ago, on 31st Dec 1869 that Henri Matisse, the French artist, was born. He became leader of the Fauvist movement.

125 years ago, on 3rd Dec 1894 that Robert Louis Stevenson died. This Scottish novelist, short story writer, poet, essayist and travel writer was best known for his novels *Treasure Island*, *Kidnapped* and the *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*.

Also 125 years ago, on 29th Dec 1894 that Christina Rossetti, British poet and hymn-writer, died.

100 years ago, on 1st Dec 1919 that Lady Nancy Astor became the first female Member of Parliament (MP) to take her seat in the House of Commons.

90 years ago, on 12th Dec 1929 that John Osborne, British playwright, screenwriter and producer, was born. He was the first of the Angry Young Men, and best known for his play *Look Back in Anger* (died 1994).

80 years ago, on 1st Dec 1939 that Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer made his first ever appearance, in a children's colouring book given away by Montgomery Ward stores in the USA.

75 years ago, on 16th Dec 1944 to 16th Jan 1945 that World War II's Battle of the Bulge took place in Belgium. It was the last major German counter-offensive of the war, and an Allied victory.

70 years ago, on 1st Dec 1949 that Pablo Escobar, Colombian drug lord, was born. Head of the Medellin cartel, and considered the world's most powerful drug trafficker of the 1980s and early 1990s. (Shot dead by police in 1993, though some say it was suicide.)

60 years ago, on 1st Dec 1959 that 12 countries including the UK and USA, signed the Antarctic Treaty, setting aside Antarctica as a scientific preserve free from military activity.

50 years ago, on 18th Dec 1969 that the British Government abolished the death penalty for murder.

40 years ago, on 20th Dec 1979 that the British Government announced that council tenants would be given the right to buy their homes under a new Housing Act (effective from October 1980)

30 years ago, on 3rd Dec 1989 that US President George H W Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced the end of the Cold War at a meeting in Malta.

Also 30 years ago, on 22nd December 1989 that the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin was reopened, effectively reuniting East and West Germany.

20 years ago, on 1st Dec 1999 that an international team of scientists announced that they had mapped an entire human chromosome. (All human chromosomes were mapped by April 2003.)

Also 20 years ago, on 2nd Dec 1999 that the UK devolved political power in Northern Ireland to the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee.

Also 20 years ago, on 31 Dec 1999 that the London Eye, at that time the world's tallest Ferris wheel – was officially opened on the banks of the River Thames. Because of mechanical problems, it didn't open to passengers until 9th March 2000.

15 years ago, on 26th Dec 2004 that the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami (also known as the Boxing Day Tsunami) took place. A massive undersea earthquake near Sumatra caused a devastating tsunami that swamped coastal areas in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and Africa. It was one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history, killing over 230,000 people in 14 countries.

10 years ago, on 1st Dec 2009 that the Treaty of Lisbon came into effect. It amended the Maastricht Treaty and the Treaty of Rome, which form the constitutional basis of the European Union.

Answers

A Christmas Prayer

Lord, as I enter into the fast-paced season ahead, help me walk slowly and quietly. Let me stop and listen to the angels sing of the greatest news ever told. Let my heart, mind and soul join the chorus. "Glory in the Highest!! The Messiah has been born!"

Among all the bright sparkling lights and cheery holiday tunes, let my spirit travel once again toward Bethlehem to honour and worship Jesus, my King, The Prince of Peace, the Lord of Hosts, Mighty Counsellor, Son of God, the Lamb. All Your love, mercy and power somehow made flesh in the tiny form of a humble baby born in a manger. Let me worship the only one who is worthy to take our sin away and open the gates of all eternity!

by Daphne Kitching

Christmas Message

Away in a manger the baby lay,
No blankets or pillows – just some hay.
Shepherds watching their flocks by night
Angels appear midst blinding light.

Wise men travelling from afar
Following a guiding star,
Herod filled with rage within
Planning to kill this new born king.

What can this mean for us today?
Just a story some would say,
Perhaps we need to think it through,
A Saviour born – for me, for you?

By Megan Carter

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December 2019

Sun 1st	Washburn Christmas Market	P14	Sun 15th	Carol Service	P6
Sun 1st	Christmas Book Sale	P11	Tues 17th	Supper (WHC)	P18
Tues 3rd	TNT	P8	Sat 21st	Walk "Solstice" (WHC)	P18
Tues 3rd	Talk and Demo (WHC)	P18	Tues 24th	JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM'	P7
Fri 6th	Christmas Buffet Dance	P7	Fri 27th	Children's Christmas Party	P7
Sat 7th	Christmas Book Sale	P11			
Sun 8th	Service of Advent Carols and Readings	P6	Every Mon	Washburn Valley Choir	P8
Sun 8th	Christmas Book Sale	P11	Every Tues	Bible Study (Peter Wiggins)	P2
Sun 8th	Christmas Gift Fair	P12	Every 2nd Wed	Farnley Estate WI Meeting	P20
Tues 10th	Fewston Foxy Ladies	P8	Every 2nd Thurs	Askwith With Weston WI	P21
Tues 10th	Denton Carol Service	P13	Every 2nd Fri	Teddy Church	P8
Fri 13th	Family Dominoes and Supper	P7	Every 1st & 3rd Wed	Discussion Group (FPH)	P7
			Every Wed	Farnley Estate Y.F.C	P19

FPH = Fewston Parochial Hall - WHC = Washburn Heritage Centre - NSH = Norwood Social Hall.

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