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Services September to November 2020



6th September 2020	2.30pm.	Blubberhouses
9.30am.		Blubberhouses
11am.		Farnley
2.30pm.		Denton
13th September 2020		
9.30am.		Fewston
11am.		Weston
2.30pm		Leathley
20th September 2020		
9.30am.		Denton
11am.		Blubberhouses
2.30pm.		Farnley
27th September 2020		
9.30am.		Weston
11am.		Leathley
2.30pm.		Fewston
4th October 2020		
9.30am.		Farnley
11am.		Denton
11th October 2020		
9.30am.		Leathley
11am.		Fewston
2.30pm.		Weston
18th October 2020		
9.30am.		Blubberhouses
11am.		Farnley
2.30pm.		Denton
25th October 2020		
9.30am.		Fewston
11am.		Weston
2.30pm		Leathley
1st November 2020		
9.30am.		Denton
11am.		Blubberhouses
2.30pm.		Farnley

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The View from the Vicarage

Well, we just need to do another test as there seems to be a slight problem.' My routine eye examination suddenly stopped being routine and within a few minutes my optician was able to tell me that I had cataracts. Nowadays, cataracts are not really something to worry about and with a treatment window of between three and twenty years this is possibly something that I'll never have to deal with. But this diagnosis did cause me some concern. Yet another bit of my body wearing out.

A few years ago I considered myself hale and hearty. I went to the gym every day. I went all over the world as part of Army life. Now I have something else to add to my dodgy ankle, arthritic knee and hip, worn out spinal discs and diabetes.

Now in the big scheme of things all of my aches and pains are small change. We are in the grip of a global health crisis the like of which none of us have ever known. So many of us in our community have been affected by this pandemic. It has limited our lives and the lives of those we love for so many months. In the light of all this my anxiety about my cataracts seems ludicrous. Though what has really shaken me isn't the cataracts themselves but being told about them. One minute I was fine, or at least I thought I was, then I wasn't. And that question is something that so many of us might have hovering in the back of our minds. We are fine, and then we are not.

Men and women have always worried about the future; they have always made plans. There is nothing wrong with that but we all know that life can sometimes wreck those plans, and it was ever thus. Jesus tells us that the God who feeds the birds of the air, the God who clothes the lilies of the field in such glory, the God who makes even the grass so beautiful is the same God who looks after us. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today' (Matthew 7.34)

Whatever worries or anxieties you have share them with God, and with your friends. Freed from that burden live your life to the full today. And don't worry about tomorrow till then.

With my prayers and blessings

Stephen

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From the Registers

Wedding
8th August Esther Chadwick and Lloyd De Beer
at All Saints Church, Weston



Can you help?

The world is very gradually re-opening. But it will be some time, if ever, before we get back to normal. Like all charities, our Parishes have all seen a catastrophic drop in their income. We have been unable to do any fundraising this year and are unlikely to be able to do much, if anything, for the rest of this year and perhaps into next.

Meanwhile, we continue to care for our six churches with the associated costs that this entails as well as providing services each Sunday along with pastoral care and support for our community in everyday life and for life events; baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Thank you to all of you who support our parishes with your time, talents, or financially. If you don't already support your parish financially, could you? A one off, or a regular gift would go a long way to helping the Benefice flourish. Your gift could be for general use or for something specific such as maintenance of the churchyard.

If you can help please contact your local parish Treasurer or myself. Thanks in advance for your generosity and care.
Stephen

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BTO Garden Bird Watch Free Offer



During this current period of uncertainty, many of us are looking to our gardens to enjoy nature and be outdoors, to learn, and to improve our well-being. BTO Garden Bird Watch (GBW) offers a great opportunity to learn more about garden birds and other wildlife, and to contribute directly to BTO's important scientific research on the value of gardens for wildlife. The more we know about how wildlife uses our gardens, the more we can make our cities, towns, villages and individual gardens better for nature.

The survey involves simply keeping a list of the birds you see visiting your garden over the course of a week, and then entering this into the BTO's online recording system. You can also record other garden wildlife, such as butterflies and mammals.

GBW is normally membership only, with an annual fee of £17, which includes an ID book and a quarterly magazine. The generous financial support of participants is what allows BTO to carry out its work monitoring garden wildlife and our scientific research.

However, we want to enable more people to get involved in garden wildlife recording under the current circumstances, to discover an enjoyable purpose in garden birdwatching, and to feel part of a community all working on the same project, even though all of us are confined to our own gardens. Therefore, we are offering free membership of the BTO Garden

Bird Watch during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The free offer does not include the book or magazines and will be online only. It will include

- Access to the GBW online recording system.
- A regular e-newsletter with information on recording and identifying garden wildlife.
- Access to the BTO's team of wildlife experts, to answer your questions.

The free membership will be valid for one year, after which it will expire or can be renewed at the normal rate. To take part in Garden Bird Watch, please visit <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/gbw/join-gbw>

Garden Bird Watch is designed to find out how, when and why birds and other animals use our gardens. Participants send in weekly lists of garden birds and other wildlife, which are analysed by scientists working under the BTO's urban and garden ecology research programmes, to investigate the links between changes in wildlife populations and factors such as garden management, food, weather and urban structure.

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All in the month of September

It was:

400 years ago, on 6th September 1620, that 102 English Puritans (now known as the Pilgrims) set sail aboard the Mayflower from Plymouth, for a new life in America. After a perilous journey they landed in what is now Provincetown Harbour, Cape Cod, Massachusetts on 11th November. They had intended landing in Virginia, but were unable to reach it because of heavy seas.

150 years ago, on 20th September 1870 that Rome was captured. Italian forces defeated the Papal States and captured the city of Rome at the end of the wars of Italian Unification. The Papal States were dissolved. Rome was annexed, and it became the capital of Italy in 1871.

125 years ago, on 28th September 1895 that Louis Pasteur died. This French biologist, microbiologist and chemist was one of the main founders of the field of medical microbiology. Best known for originating the pasteurization of foodstuffs to eliminate micro-organisms that cause disease. Pasteur saved the French beer, wine and silk industries and

developed vaccines against anthrax and rabies.

65 years ago, on 22nd September 1955 that Britain's first independent television channel, ITV, was launched. It ended the BBC's monopoly. Regional franchises were rolled out across the whole country by 1965.

60 years ago, on 27th September 1960 that Sylvia Pankhurst, the leader of the suffragette, died.

50 years ago, on 19th September 1970 that the first Glastonbury Festival was held, at Worthy Farm near Pilton, Somerset. About 1,500 people attended (compared to 135,000 today). It became an annual event from 1981 and is now the world's largest greenfield festival. The first festival was billed as the Pilton Pop, Blues & Folk Festival.

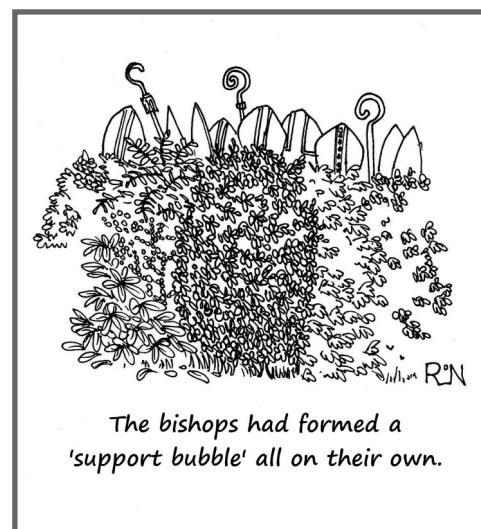
40 years ago, on 22nd September 1980 that the Solidarity movement was created in Poland, with Lech Walesa as its leader. It was the first independent trade union in the Soviet bloc.

25 years ago, on 3rd September 1995 that the auction site eBay

was founded (as AuctionWeb).

20 years ago, on 17th September 2000 that Paula Yates, TV presenter (*The Tube*, *The Big Breakfast*) died of a heroin overdose, aged 41. Wife of the musician Bob Geldof, she was also noted for her relationship with the musician Michael Hutchence. She was the daughter of Hughie Green, host of the talent show *Opportunity Knocks*, though she did not discover this until late in life.

15 years ago, on 24th September 2005 that the IRA decommissioned its last remaining weapons in front of independent inspectors.



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We're back! We're back!

We're back!

Fewston Foxy Ladies

And we're back with a party! Join us at the Sun Inn – Mama Mia on the screen! Open Bar! Chips and dips!

Tuesday September 15th 7.30pm at **the Sun Inn** for a Sing-a-long, Drink-a-long, Dip-a-long evening of fun.

If you would like further information please ring either;
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Ann on 01423 771393



See you there!

T&T

Back in October!

Details to be announced soon but we're back in October!



T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s. It is only £2 per person.

If you would like more information please ring either Gillian 01943 880362 or Gladys on 01943 880604 - we've always got time for T&T!

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Garden Visitors

Hope you're all coping OK with the social isolation, I've been spending most of mine in the garden so far, working on it or sometimes just watching...

In our garden, just by the conservatory, we have a bird feeder, one of those that has four hangers on it so we can offer a variety to our feathered friends, such as sunflower seeds, peanuts, fat balls and a mixed seed. It's a great time waster, I can spend hours just sitting and watching them flit in and out.

Our regular visitors include bullfinch, goldfinch and greenfinch, four different types of tits as well as the usual blackbirds, robins and sparrows. During that unexpected snowfall a few

weeks ago when the roads ground to a halt, I spotted another little visitor, a tiny field mouse, scurrying around picking up all the dropped seeds. There's always plenty on the floor as the finches in particular are either very fussy or very messy eaters – they seem to drop more than they eat!

I deduced that they live in the old, rotten raised bed by the wall under a heap of geraniums and clematis. Of course we soon also deduced there were two! They're very sweet, scampering about the foliage. I don't do the bigger versions, but I like seeing little mice.

Well at the weekend I was watching for birds when I saw one of them scaling the honeysuckle next to the feeders.



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He tried to get across on a tiny thin twig, it was quite amusing to see his tail waving madly as he tried to keep his balance. He obviously decided that wasn't going to work and tried a higher branch which got him neatly onto the peanut feeder.

I watched him for a while, then I had time to go up stairs, find my camera, change the lens, come back down and still had time to take lots of photos – he must have been there at least ten minutes! Isn't he cute...

Yesterday we were sat out enjoying the sunshine and a butterfly came and landed on me. I think it's a comma butterfly – I even saw the tiny white marking on the underneath of it's wings which gives it it's name! He would stay for a few minutes, sitting on my arm or my finger, flutter off for a minute, then come back again. He

spent the best part of half an hour with me. He is beautiful, it was nice seeing it so close too, his body is an emerald green colour in part!

This is the silver lining to social isolation – I've got time to sit and watch and enjoy the garden visitors! Hope you're all keeping safe.

Editors Note

This article was printed in the May 2020 issue with the following note.

As normal reports were not available from the WI meetings Margaret Creek, who writes the Askwith and Denton WI blog, kindly gave me permission to take a few extracts from it. If you would like to read more please use this web address <https://askwithwestonwi.wordpress.com/>

I hope you enjoy her writing as much as I have.

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**We are pleased to
announce our
volunteers have been
awarded a QAVS**



A group of nearly 100 volunteers, based in the Washburn Valley have been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. The volunteers run and manage the highly successful Washburn Heritage center which is part of St Michael and St Lawrence Church in Fewston. The Centre offers heritage exhibitions, events, and an archive alongside its very popular tea-room.

The Washburn Heritage Centre is one of 230 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. The number of nominations has increased year on year since the awards were introduced in 2002, showing that the voluntary sector is thriving and

full of innovative ideas to make life better for those around them.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service aims to recognise the outstanding work by volunteer groups to benefit their local communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Recipients are announced each year on 2 June, the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

Award winners this year are wonderfully diverse. They include volunteer groups from across the UK, including a community shop in Cornwall, an environmental group in Swansea, a group working with refugees, vulnerable people in Stirling and a thriving community arts centre in County Down.



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Representatives of the volunteers will receive the award from Johanna Ropner, Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire later this summer. Furthermore, two volunteers from the group will attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May 2021, along with other recipients of this year's Award

Sally Robinson, Chair of the Heritage Centre Management Committee says:

"This is terrific news for our all volunteers and is a real reward for their tremendously hard work and commitment. The Centre is closed at the moment because of coronavirus, but when we do re-open we will certainly have something to celebrate."

What is the Queens Award ... a few facts

- Lord Lieutenants represent the monarch in each of the UK's ceremonial counties.
- This year there were 230 recipients of The Queen's Award Voluntary Service from across the UK.
- More information on the recipients and the Award can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service>
- Any group of two or more

people that has participated in voluntary work for more than three years can be nominated for the award. Full details on how to nominate are available at <https://qavs.culture.gov.uk/>

- Nominations for the 2021 awards close on 25 September 2020

Photographs of the Heritage Centre Volunteers.

The Volunteers are involved in a variety of task, from making and selling cakes, hosting events, working in the Archives and leading walks. All the money made funds the upkeep of the building and its activities.




Editors note

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The parable of the Fish and the Nets

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



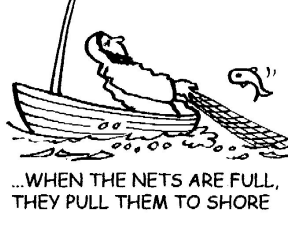
ONCE JESUS SAID THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS A BIT LIKE CATCHING FISH!



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



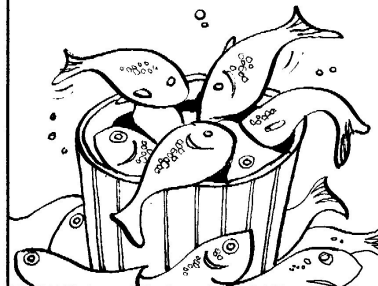
...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL, THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE



ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.



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.




Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 12:1-14, Luke 6:1-11


The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he broke any of God's laws, or the rules they had made up to stop the Laws being broken.

Jesus' disciples were hungry so they picked some wheat from a field as they walked.



This was allowed (Deut 23:25), but it was the Sabbath.

The Pharisees said to Jesus



Why are your disciples harvesting on the Sabbath? That is against the rules!

But King David broke the rules when he ate the bread that was only for the priests*
*1 Sam 21:1-6




And priests are allowed to work in the temple on the Sabbath*
*Num 28:9




Don't you understand when God says 'Keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness'?*



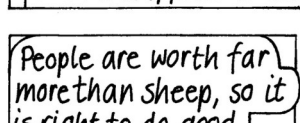
If you understood, you would know my disciples did nothing wrong.




The Pharisees followed Jesus to the meeting place



There was a man with a crippled hand.




The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking rules, so they asked him a trick question.




Is it right to heal someone on the Sabbath?



If your sheep fell into a ditch on the Sabbath you would lift it out.



People are worth far more than sheep, so it is right to do good on the Sabbath



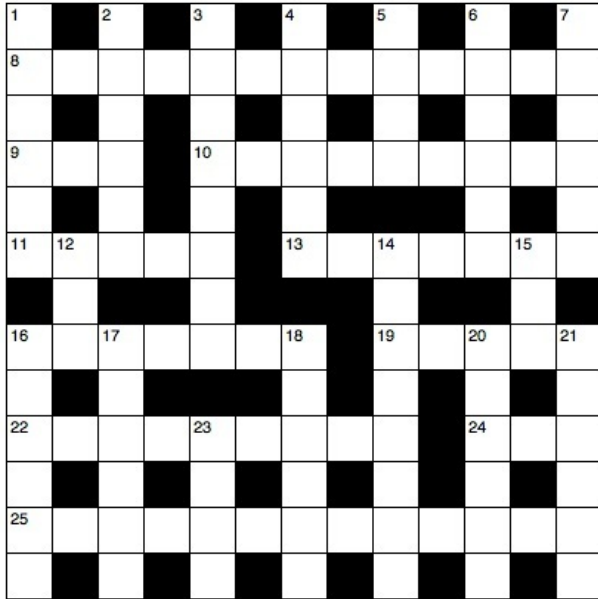
Hold out your hand.
.. and it was healed!



The Pharisees left and made plans.
We will kill him.



Crossword Puzzle



25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)

Across

8. Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)

12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)

14 Second city of Cyprus (8)

15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)

16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)

17 Braved (anag.) (6)

18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)

20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)

21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)

23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

Word Search

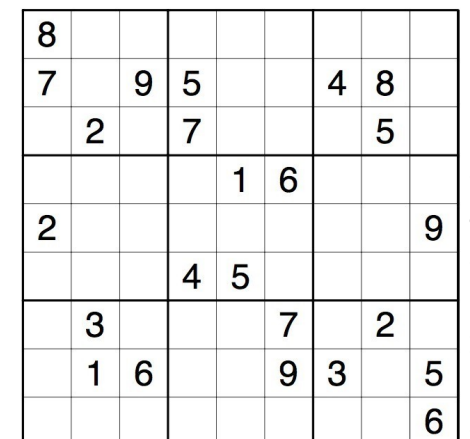
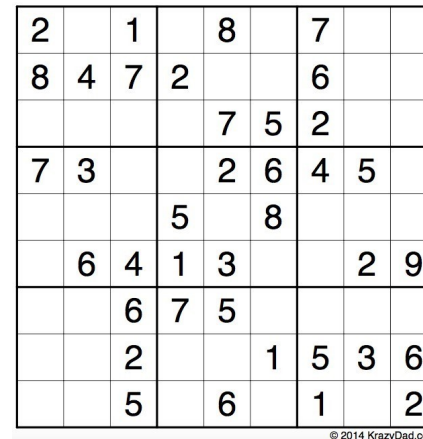
This month's theme is September: the 29th is the feast day of Michael and All Angels



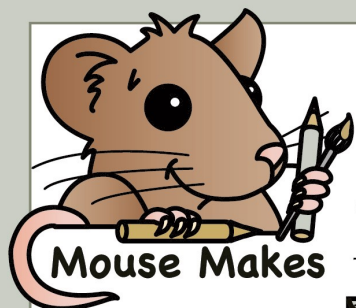
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| Thanks | Lot |
| Angels | Gideon |
| Church | Balaam |
| Feast | Mouths |
| Michael | Lions |
| All | Daniel |
| Genesis | Archangel |
| Messengers | Gabriel |
| God | Mary |
| Sent | Mother |
| Intervene | Teaming |
| Garden | Revelation |
| Eden | danger |



Sudoku



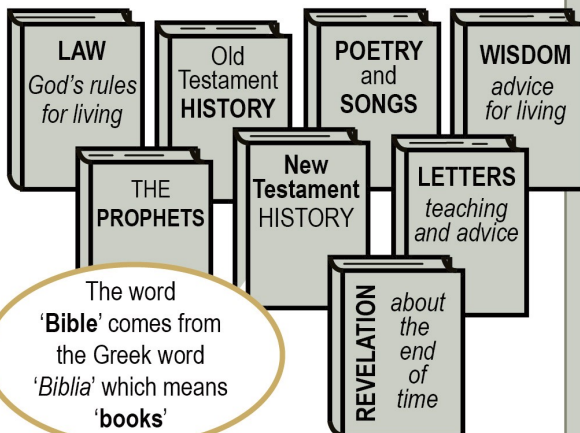
The answers for this month's puzzles will be in the next Issue.



The **Bible** is a collection of **books** that took over 2,000 years to write!

The books were written by many different people, all helped and inspired by God. The Bible has books about:

There are **66** books in the Bible. How many can you name?



The word '**Bible**' comes from the Greek word '*Biblia*' which means '**books**'

God speaks to us today as we read the Bible. The Bible encourages us, corrects us and shows us how to live, it also describes itself as:



Mirror
James 1:23



Food
Hebrews 5:12-6:1



Honey and Gold
Psalm 19:10



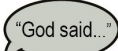
Light
Psalm 119:105



Rain
Isaiah 55:10-12



Seed
Mark 4:14



Living Word
Hebrews 4:12



Hammer
Jeremiah 23:29



Fire
Jeremiah 20:9



Sword
Ephesians 6:17

...but most of all The Bible teaches us about **God** and how we can be friends with Him.

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From our Community Police Officer

Hello,
I hope this edition finds you all well and enjoying the warm weather.

One thing I must ask you all to bear in mind during this hot weather is to ensure you don't leave doors and windows open and insecure, a surprising number of burglaries happen because people forget this basic step. If you are in the back garden ensure your front door and windows are closed and locked, it is easy to 'switch off' whilst gardening or pottering around and not notice someone coming into the home. Don't leave a spare key under a stone or ornament in the garden, experienced thieves know where to look.

If you are planning a holiday away let your trusted neighbours know and ask if someone will push mail through, water plants and even open the curtains if you are comfortable with that.

The following crimes have been reported in the area between 1 June 2020 and 31 July 2020:-

- In the early hours of 8 June a house was entered in Lindley and the keys for a Landrover Defender, a quad bike and a trailer lock were taken. The offenders caused the Landrover alarm to sound and made off without any of the vehicles.
- On the same day a resident of Denton returned home that evening to find their house had been entered, jewellery, passports, vehicle keys and other personal items were

stolen.

- On 10 June a trespasser entered land in Farnley, shot one duck and stole another.
- On 10 July criminal damage was caused to a business premises in Norwood.
- On 21 July offenders attempted to steal a Landrover Defender from a farm in Askwith, they were unsuccessful but caused damage to the vehicle.
- The same night a Landrover Defender was stolen from another farm in Askwith. It was later recovered in West Yorkshire.
- On 24 July sheep wire was found to have been cut in Denton possibly with the intention of stealing a quad bike.

Farm vehicle are still very desirable for thieves, please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to 101, or if an offender is present 999.

PC Marie Scott
Collar Number 187
Neighbourhood Policing Team
Knaresborough
North Yorkshire Police

Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for me by my full name or collar number. If using my collar number please state each number individually

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As everyone knows, Cuckoo numbers in the UK have dropped by more than half over the last 20 years or so, albeit with marked regional variations.

When did you last hear one calling? If it was this year, you were lucky. I haven't heard one here on the edge of York for two years, which seems typical of the groups to whom I (used to!) talk all over N Yorkshire.

There is little evidence that this is due to reduced numbers of young Cuckoos being produced, so what is the problem?

Back in 2011 the BTO took advantage of what was then leading-edge technology and fitted a dozen Cuckoos with GPS location tags. These allowed them to be followed throughout their migration, to within a few hundred yards. Since then around 80 birds have been tagged giving a good idea of where UK Cuckoos migrate to, and how they get there and back. Equally important, is the knowledge of where they die, whether en route, here, or on their wintering grounds.

One of the first discoveries was that there are two main migration routes, one via Italy and the other via Spain, which was completely unexpected. Not only that, but Cuckoos migrating via Spain were more likely to die en route than those migrating via Italy. Further, there was good correlation to show that birds using the Spanish

route came from the UK region where they are most in decline, England.

The tags have identified several stopover areas where birds can feed-up to gather energy for the next stage. These are absolutely vital, as without enough food to generate the necessary energy, migration cannot happen. One such is near the River Po in Italy, an important fattening site for British Cuckoos, allowing them to cross the Mediterranean, and then the Sahara.

UK Cuckoos spend the winter in Central Africa, mainly in and around the Congo rainforest, and in similar habitats as far south as Angola. These habitats have not yet been extensively cleared and, as the Cuckoos prefer forest edges rather than unbroken forest, a degree of opening up may benefit them. Without knowing which habitats they occupied in the past, however, it is difficult to be certain.

In spring, our Cuckoos use a different return route, crossing the Sahara from previously unknown stop-over sites in West Africa, where favourable weather patterns provide suitably rich food for them to fatten up. It was thought that they crossed the Sahara in one mammoth flight from their wintering locations all the way to North Africa, or southern Europe, so this stop-over, and the dogleg migration into West Africa that its use entails, were completely unexpected.

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Understanding more about the location of stop-over sites is another crucial part of the conservation of this species. Cuckoos and Swifts – which make a similar spring migration – are both undergoing severe population declines and are also failing to advance their spring arrival dates in the UK. Possibly because the weather pattern in their West African stopover is not advancing as is that in Europe.

The project continues, and the arrival of cheaper tags (the current ones cost well over £1000) will help. Short-term studies can give misleading results – for example the habitats Cuckoos used in the Congo basin during the first two years are not the same habitats used now.

Tagging more birds, over a longer time, will give the BTO enough data to examine how survival varies as

environmental conditions change. Similarly, the sample of birds tracked on spring migration will soon be large enough to work out how they time their arrival back in the UK.

If you would like to know more, and follow the birds on their migration, try https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/cuckoo-tracking-project?curr_year=2020

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

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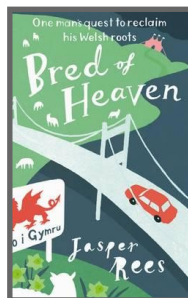
Title: A Spark of Light
Author: Jodi Picoult
Date: 2018

I have mixed feelings about this book, Jodi has tackled a sensitive and very personal topic in a well researched book about a siege in an abortion clinic in America. Of course you get the complete mix of hostages, from the young girl who wants contraception to the older lady wanting to talk through an ovarian cancer diagnosis, to an activist as well as someone who's just had an abortion and the staff who work there. It did make me realise how lucky we are here in the UK that within strict guidelines it is the woman's choice. I like Jody Picoult's style of writing but I found this one confusing as she started almost at the end of the siege and worked backwards, one chapter on each hour. I kept getting confused as to what happened next, I never did work out why one lady was shot! Some of the coincidences in the storyline were just a bit too far-fetched too.

Margaret Creek,

Title: Bred of Heaven
Author: Jasper Rees
Date: 2011

Jasper always wanted to be Welsh, he had Welsh grandparents, but that's where it stopped, he is English through and through. He set out to achieve his goal by learning to sing, play (rugby) work (mines and sheep!) worship and the big one, to speak like a Welshman. Welsh is a notoriously difficult language to learn. He meets all sorts of Welsh people along the way, it's amusing, entertaining and informative too as he brings Welsh history and culture into it as well. I did laugh at his account



of walking Offa's Dyke, a long distance walk, so much of it rang true from my own experience of walking these paths, especially the comment that any tourist place more than a metre off the path was not going to get visited! He has a similar style to Bill Bryson I think, an enjoyable and easy read.

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A Boy in the Water

Author: Tom Gregory
Published: Penguin
Price 8.99

This book won the Winner of the William Hill 2018 Sports Book of the Year Award, and the cover information sells this as a sports biography.



I think this undersells it, it's an inspiring tale of one boy's achievement and the man who helped him. For any childhood fans of Blue Peter, this is the story of a gold Blue Peter badge winner. For anyone who has wondered about swimming the English Channel then this book is for you. The book is a Tom Gregory's tribute to John Buller who gave him the opportunity to swim the English Channel.

Anna Bowman

Editors note

The book reviews appeared in the May and June issues.

Book reviews courtesy of Margaret Creek, who writes the Askwith and Denton Women's Institute blog (<https://askwithwestonwi.wordpress.com/>)

If you would like to send in a review of books you have enjoyed (or not) recently then this could become a regular feature of the magazine.

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Our Magazine

History

The magazine was created to link the communities of the Anglican and Methodist churches in the Mid-Wharfe and lower Washburn Valley. The Anglican churches of the United Benefice are All Saints Weston, St Helen Denton, St Michael and St Laurence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley and St Oswald Leathley. Norwood and Timble chapels are in the Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist circuit

Contact information for all the churches is normally on page 2 of the magazine. The magazine is run by our Treasurer Ann, Distributors Cheri and Paul, and our Rector Stephen McCaulay.

The aim of the magazine is to keep you in touch with the churches, allow the organisers of events associated with the churches and Parish Halls or local charities to let you know what's happening and to keep you up to date with local news and some entertainment in the form of the various articles, cartoons and puzzles.

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By subscribing to the magazine, you help us to pay for the printing and editing of the magazine. The cost of delivery (apart from postal) are covered by a willing group of volunteers who give their time and energy for free.

With the reminding funds the magazine contributes to the running of the Benefice office. If there are any profits the intentions would be to support the churches in the benefice to help maintain them or carry out projects. If you would like to help support the work of the churches and enjoy the magazine then please subscribe. The more subscribers the more we can pass on to the churches.

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www.fewstonwithblubberhouse.org.uk/church-life/parish-magazine/.

Our printer

We would like to thank Paul Cavanagh of Sharon Press (sharonpressuk@googlemail.com) who normally prints the magazine for us for his patience through this period of Social distancing.

Advertising

The revenue from advertising ensures that we can cover the cost of printing. We encourage local business that are happy to provide a service in our rural parishes to advertise with us.

Please contact Ann Johnson at ann@apmj.co.uk or Tel: 01943 880000 if you'd like to discuss advertising your business.

Articles

This is a call to anyone who would like to write an article, poem, recipe, joke, cartoon, photograph, paint, write a story and contribute to the magazine.

The Deadline for the next issues are always on the back cover.

Please email your contribution to me Anna Bowman (Miss) the Editor to:

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Thank you and stay safe

I would like to thank all the contributors and readers and I hope you and your families are well and staying safe in these strange times.

Note

For those who have not been able access the magazine when it was only on line for the last few months. In this issue and possibly in future issues (depending on space availability) I will include some of the articles from the issues we did not print.

Anna Bowman
Editor

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Answers

to the August Issue puzzles

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