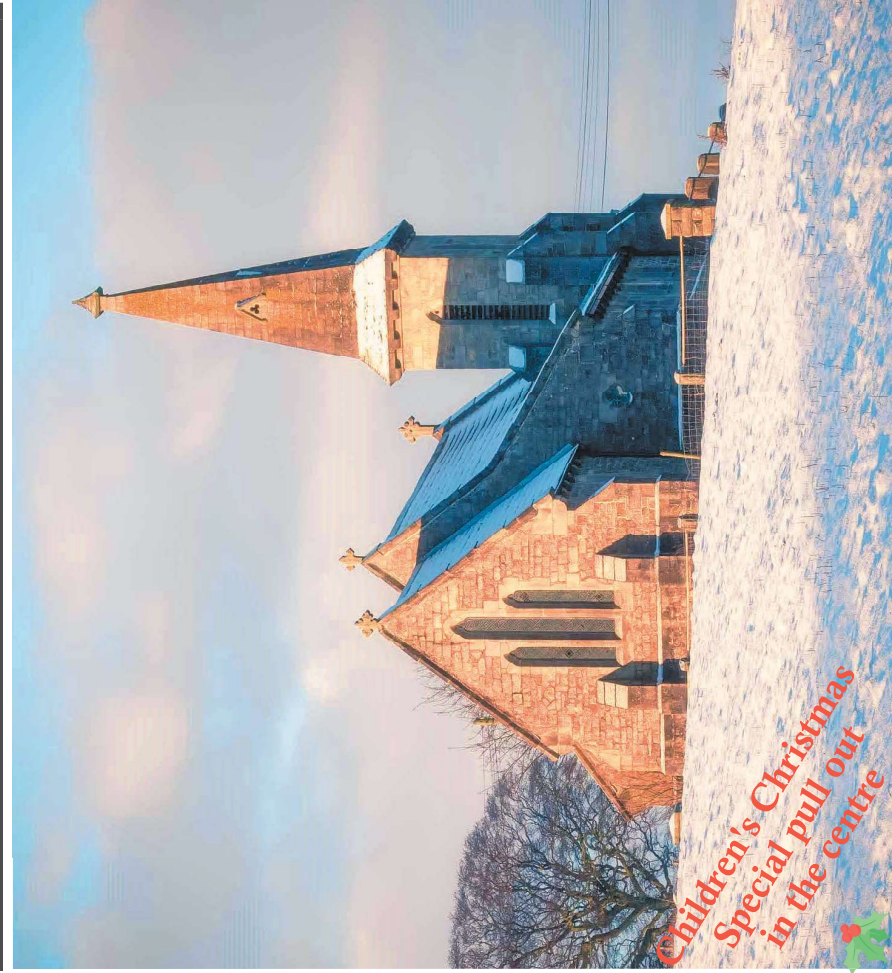


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Special pull out
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Front cover image

Saint Andrews Church in the snow.
By Paul Howarth

Part of Christmas around the Benefice,
please see the full article pages 6-9.



Church Services December 2020



All our services will be subject to Government guidelines please check on www.achurchnearyou.com for updates or see the weekly bulletin.

6th December

11am. Farnley
2.30pm. Denton

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (BCP)
Evensong (BCP)

13th December

9.30am. Fewston
11am. Weston
2.30pm. Leathley

Third Sunday of Advent

20th December

9.30am. Denton
11am. Blubberhouses
2.30am. Farnley

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Evensong (BCP)

25th December

9.30am. Blubberhouses
9.30am. Farnley
9.30am. Denton
10am. Leathley

Christmas Day

Family Service
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion

27th December

11am. Fewston

First Sunday of Christmas

Benefice Holy Communion

3rd January

9.30am. Weston
11am. Leathley
2.30am. Fewston

The Epiphany

Holy Communion (BCP)
Holy Communion
Evensong (BCP)

Services at Norwood Chapel

Services will be run in accordance with the Government Covid19 regulations and restrictions and face coverings must be worn.

Christmas Service December 13th at 2.30

The View from the Vicarage

In 1975 the Christmas special of the sitcom 'Porridge' starring Ronnie Barker had Mr MacKay, the dour Scots Prison Officer deliver the line "Christmas is cancelled. It was a very funny episode, of a very funny sitcom. Those words feel less funny now!

Christmas is cancelled! We have all seen the headlines, haven't we? Our newspapers, well some of them, have been bandying this nightmare about for some time now. The aim of the lockdown that we are in, as I write this, is as much about 'saving Christmas' as it is about saving the NHS. Will it succeed? Who knows? I have given up trying to second, or third, guess what will happen next.

So is Christmas cancelled? Of course it isn't. But it will be a very different Christmas to our usual ones. We are *planning* to have church services in December but... it will all be subject to the Government

What we won't be able to have are Carol Services, Christingle Services, Journey's to Bethlehem, Carol singing round the Benefice and all the other things we look forward to. What we won't be able to have are the packed churches full of people who are drawn each year to the magic of the Christmas message. That is a real tragedy. Christmas is a time of year like no other. It is the time of year when we don't have to try too hard to share the message of salvation and redemption. Everyone knows that Christmas is special, that Christmas is different. And this Christmas will be really different.

But this Christmas will still be Christmas. What it will look like we just don't know, but Christmas will happen. On Christmas Day we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The presents, the parties, the family get togethers, the glitz and the glamour are all because of that one stunning moment in the history of the world when God became one of us.

That one moment when the world changed. When we changed. That is what we celebrate. That is what we have to celebrate. We have to celebrate Christmas, but this year we have to do it differently. I hope and pray that we will all get to be with our families, that we can feast and be happy together. But if we can't then to paraphrase the words of the American Baptist Minister the Reverend Howard Thurman, when all the razzamatazz, the glitz and glamour are taken away the work of Christmas is this: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.

So my prayer for each and every one of you this Christmas is that whatever condition you find yourself in on Christmas Day that the Christ Child will fill your life with peace and joy and that you have music in your heart.

Have a very blessed Christmas
Stephen



News from Norwood Chapel

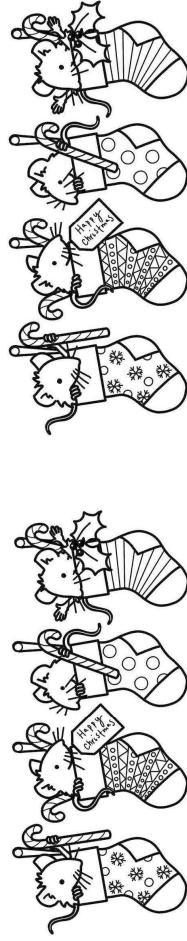
Dear Friends,

I hope you and yours are keeping safe and well. As I write this message, we are unsure of what life will look like beyond 2nd December due to the pandemic. If churches can reopen for public worship, we hope to do so. In the meantime, like so many, we remain separate but united in heart and spirit.

As we near Christmas, we are preparing our hearts and homes for the celebration of Christ's birth. Our celebrations will look very different as we limit our in-person interactions with family and friends. It can be said this winter will be 'darker' due to the challenges of the pandemic. Isolation, loneliness, financial concerns and feelings of despair may increase. We may find ourselves to be without hope rather than filled with hope at Christmas. Where can we find hope? Family? Friends? The government? Our community? Our church, faith and beliefs? Perhaps, in all of these things?

I find great hope in the promises of Scripture and in the presence of our living God. John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Christ is described as the "Light of the World" and even when we may not see the light, we can trust it is still present. Hope can be found when others watch over one another with love and care. Hope can be found when we hear about potential safe and effective vaccines that will be available here in the UK in the months to come. Hope can be found when churches, communities and the nation do all we can to stop the transmission of the coronavirus and help ease the demand on the NHS. We do this by washing our hands, covering our faces and making space. In the midst of our struggles, grief and loss, may we not lose hope for the days ahead. The darkness we may be experiencing will not overcome the light. Christmas is coming! Let us rejoice as the Light of the World shines brighter heralding in a new day.

With Christ's love,
~ Rev. Shannon



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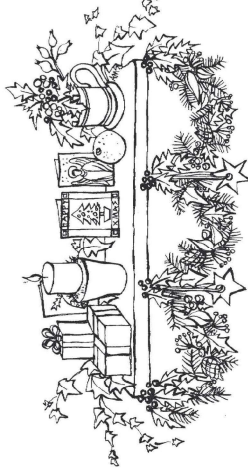
"Valley Bible Study Group

AKA pre Lockdown "Discussion Group"



The Valley Bible Study Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. At present, we are meeting via Zoom at 2.30pm.

Contact Peter Wood for details on peterwood1951@gmail.com.



Craft Group

Will be re-starting in the new year. If you would like to join please contact Liz Carnell on 07590 466629 or liz.carnell3@gmail.com.



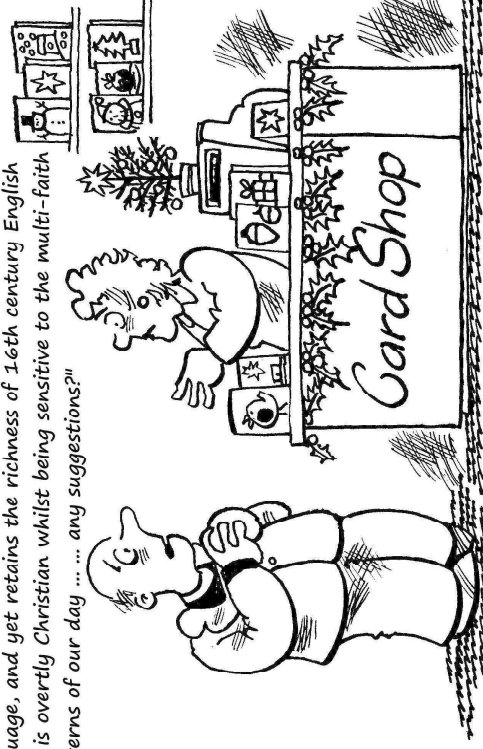
Winter Book Club

This book group provides an opportunity for us to discuss, explore and meditate on the life of St Cuthbert, by looking at the book *Fire of the North* (The Life of St Cuthbert) by David Adam together. You will, ideally need your own copy of the book.

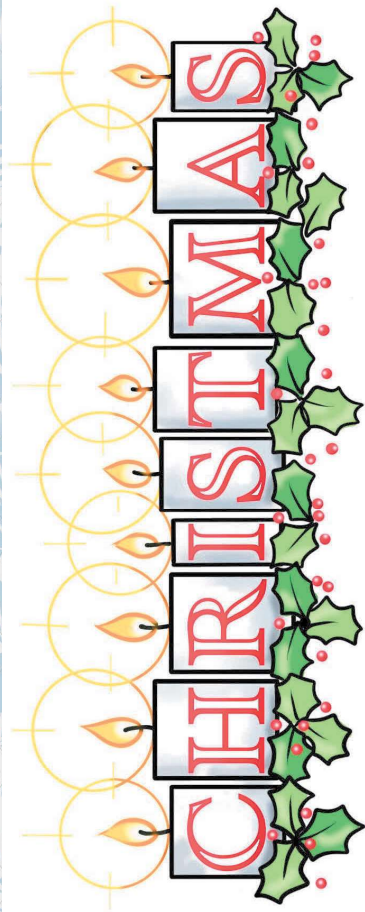
If you would like to join the group details can be found here: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/winter-book-group-2020/>

Lay Training Team
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"I am looking for a Christmas Card that contains inclusive language, and yet retains the richness of 16th century English and is overtly Christian whilst being sensitive to the multi-faith patterns of our day ... any suggestions?"



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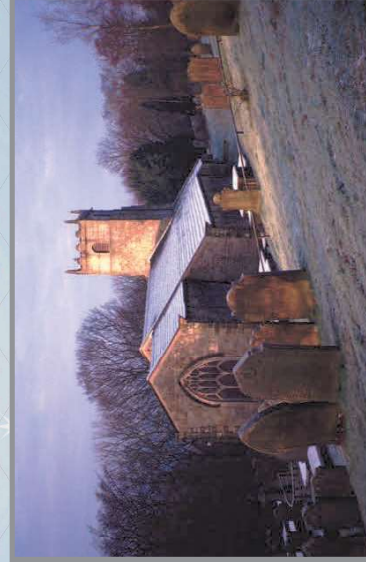
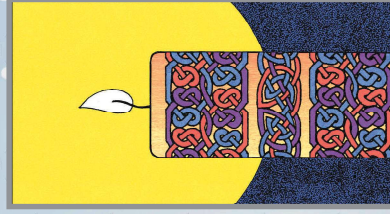


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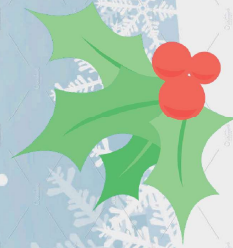
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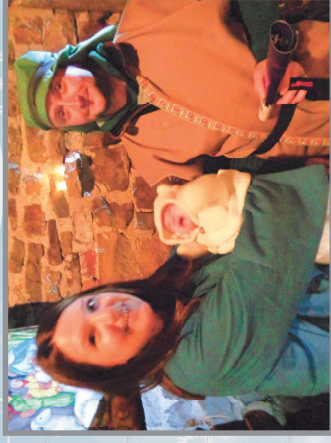
Norwood Chapel in the snow
By John Burland



Fewston in Winter
Courtesy of Washburn Heritage Centre



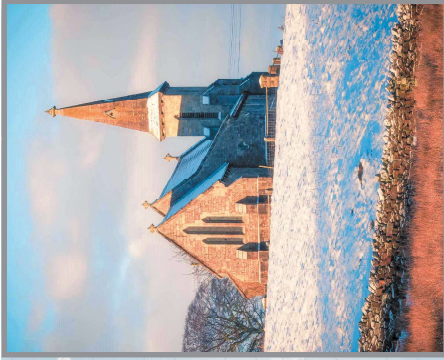
Askwith Nativity 2019
Courtesy of Heather Pullan



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Saint Andrews Church in the snow.
By Paul Howarth



Christmas Market Stall
Courtesy of Washburn Heritage
Centre



To help us feel in the Christmas spirit here are a few photographs from Christmas and winters past. If you have enjoyed these photographs please send in your photographs of events or of the beautiful churches or scenery around the benefice for future issues.

Thank you to this years contributors



Hope Garnham, Holly Roberts,
Grace Fisher and Grace Ward



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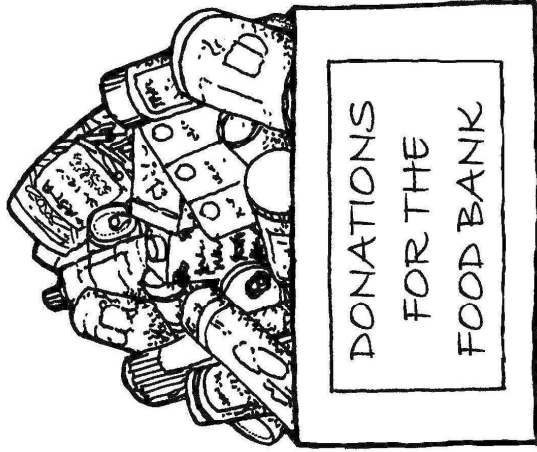


Molly the Donkey with her owners
Jessica and Olivia Barker

The Journey to Bethlehem
St Michael and St Lawrence
Church Fewston
Courtesy of Caroline Garnham



Reverse Advent Calendar (in advance!)



Lockdown 2 hasn't made shopping any easier has it. It has also made the need for Foodbanks even greater for many in our community.

If you have been collecting food for our Foodbanks and you would like to get it to them in time for Christmas please give me a call (01943 513340) or email me: rec-tor@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk

and I will arrange to collect it **before 6th December.**

Some of you may find it more convenient to make a donation to a local foodbank.

If that is the case you can support Otley Foodbank by sending a cheque made out to:

Churches Together in Otley (Otley Food bank) to Margaret Turner, 3 Pegholme Drive, Otley, LS21 3NZ

To support Ilkley Foodbank cheques are payable to: Churches Together Ilkley and send the cheque to 123 Bolling Road, Ilkley, West Yorkshire LS29 8PN

If you want to support Foodbanks throughout the country please go to www.trusselltrust.org

The Trussell Trust run Foodbanks throughout the country (including the one in Harrogate) and you can make an online donation on their website.

Whatever you are able to do, thank you and do remember to pray for all the Families who are relying on this support this Christmas and throughout the year.

Thanks for all that you are doing.

Stephen



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Notices from St Andrew's Church



A Few packs of Christmas Cards are Still available

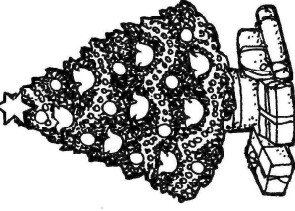
Featuring the 'new' stained glass windows of St Andrew's Church, Blubberhouses
6 cards for £5 (2 designs available – Three white candles or a single candle)
We can deliver to your door too.

Pews for Sale

We have a few pews left for sale which have been recently removed from the church. They are approximately 7 feet long with Roman numerals on one end. Originally from Thirkleby Church having one end designed by Buckton Lamb, estimated 19th century and solid oak. £150 each.

Under pew heating has been installed

We are delighted to announce that the the under pew heating has now been installed. A huge thank you to all our friends and supporters for contributing to the new under pew heating system that is being installed this Autumn.



If you would like further details for any of the above please call Pat Anderson 01943 880284 or Alison Bowers 01943 880192.

We really appreciate your continued support to
St Andrews Church, Blubberhouses
- thank you.

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All in the month of December

It was:

400 years ago, on 21st December 1620 that the first landing party from the British ship Mayflower arrived at what would become Plymouth Colony (now Plymouth Massachusetts). They began building houses there two days later.

300 years ago, on 31st December 1720 that Charles Edward Stuart, commonly known as 'Bonnie Prince Charlie' was born. Stuart was a claimant to the British throne and leader of the unsuccessful Jacobite rebellion of 1745-46.

250 years ago, on 16th December 1770 that Ludwig van Beethoven, German composer and pianist was born.

90 years ago, on 2nd December 1930 that in his second State of the Union address, US President Herbert Hoover announced a huge public works programme to stimulate the economy and create jobs during the Great Depression. Including the Hoover Dam.

80 years ago, on 29th December 1940 that Germany dropped thousands of incendiary bombs on London, causing the worst fire damage since the Great Fire of London in 1666. Approximately 200 people were killed.

65 years ago, on 1st December 1955 that African American civil rights activist Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama, violating the city's racial segregation laws. This incident led to the birth of the modern American civil rights movement.

60 years ago, on 9th December 1960 that the first episode of the television

soap opera Coronation Street was broadcast in the UK.

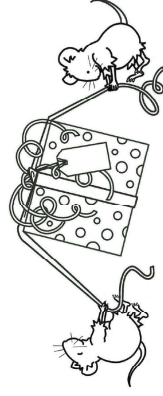
40 years ago, on 8th December 1980 that John Lennon, rock musician and peace activist and a member of the Beatles, was killed outside his New York apartment.

30 years ago, on 1st December 1990 that British and French construction workers on the Channel Tunnel broke through the last wall of rock separating the two halves, and Britain and France were linked for the first time in thousands of years.

20 years ago, on 13th December 2000 that George W Bush finally claimed the US presidency, 36 days after the election was held, following a legal battle over disputed votes in Florida.

15 years ago, on 19th December 2005 that the Civil Partnership Act came into effect in the UK. The first civil partnership under the act was formed in Belfast, that same day.

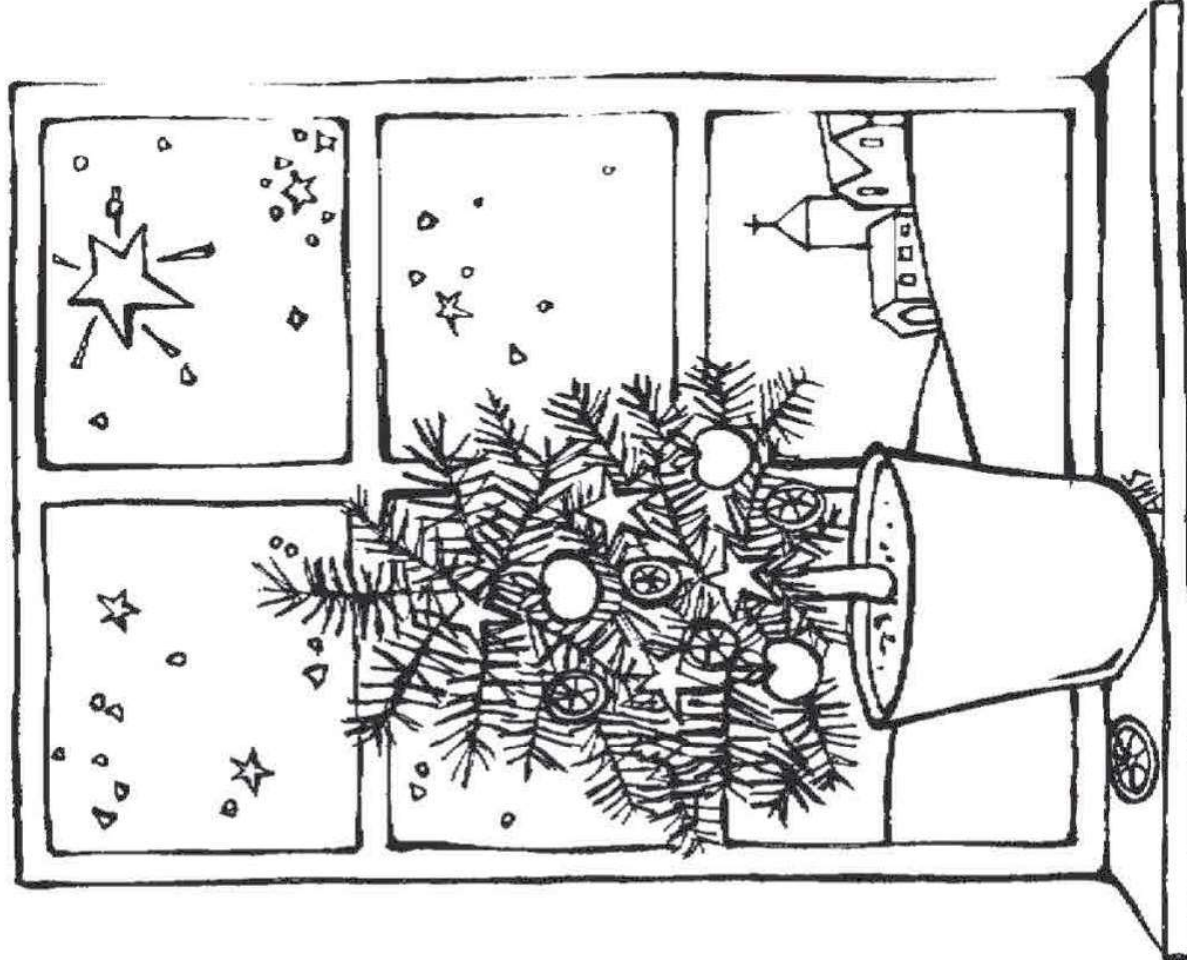
10 years ago, from 18th December 2010 to December 2012 that the Arab Spring took place in North Africa and the Middle East. The Tunisian Revolution spread and became a wave of demonstrations, protests, riots, coups, foreign interventions, and civil wars in North Africa and the Middle East. The leaders and governments of several countries were overthrown and ousted, and Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was killed (October 2011).



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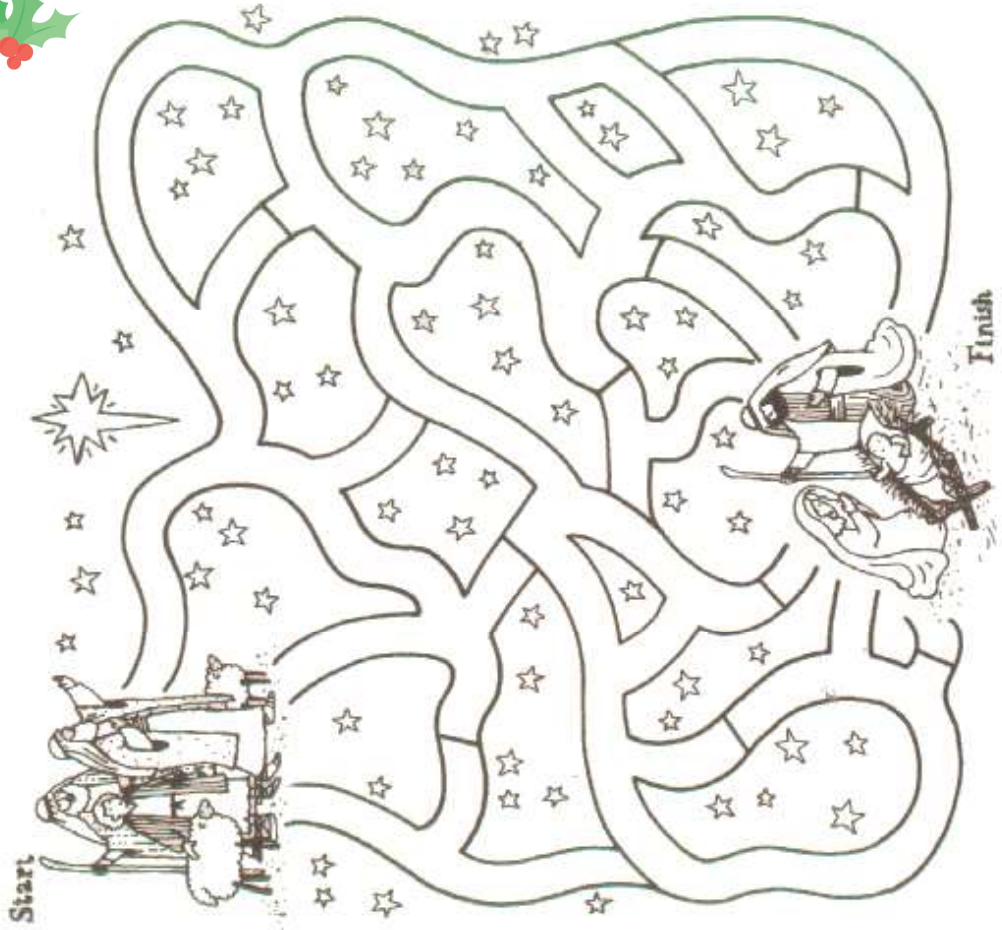
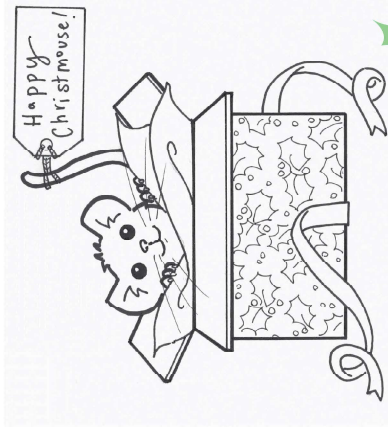
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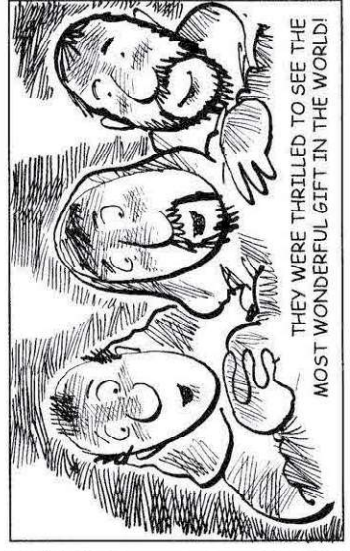
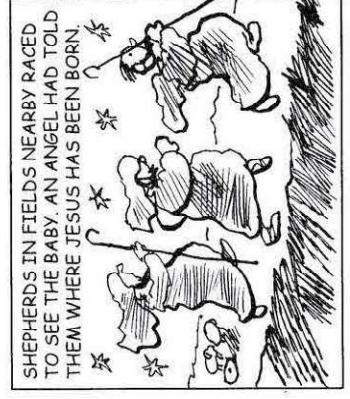
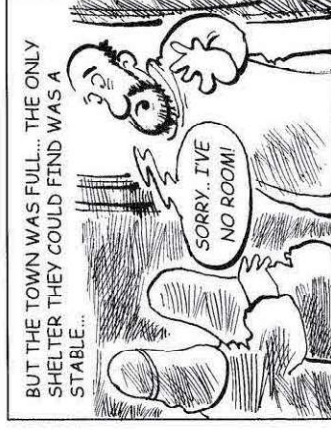
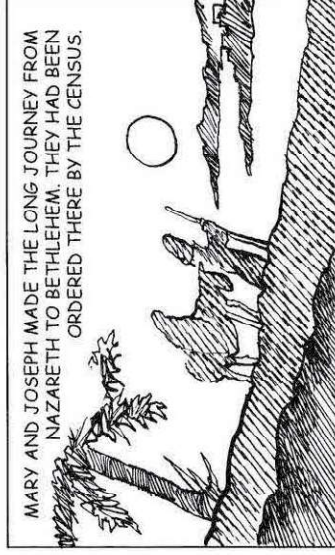
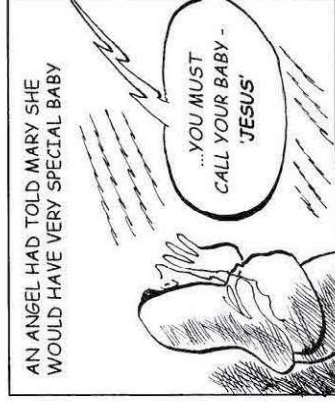
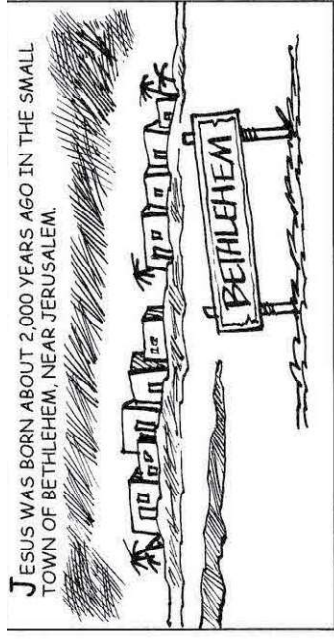
Story, Puzzles and colouring in

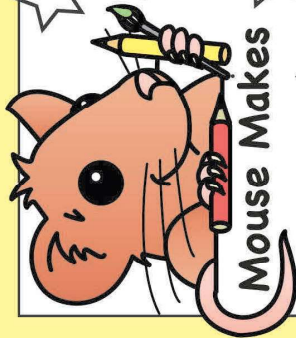
Christmas Maze

Help the shepherds find a path to the Manger



The First Christmas





Mouse Makes

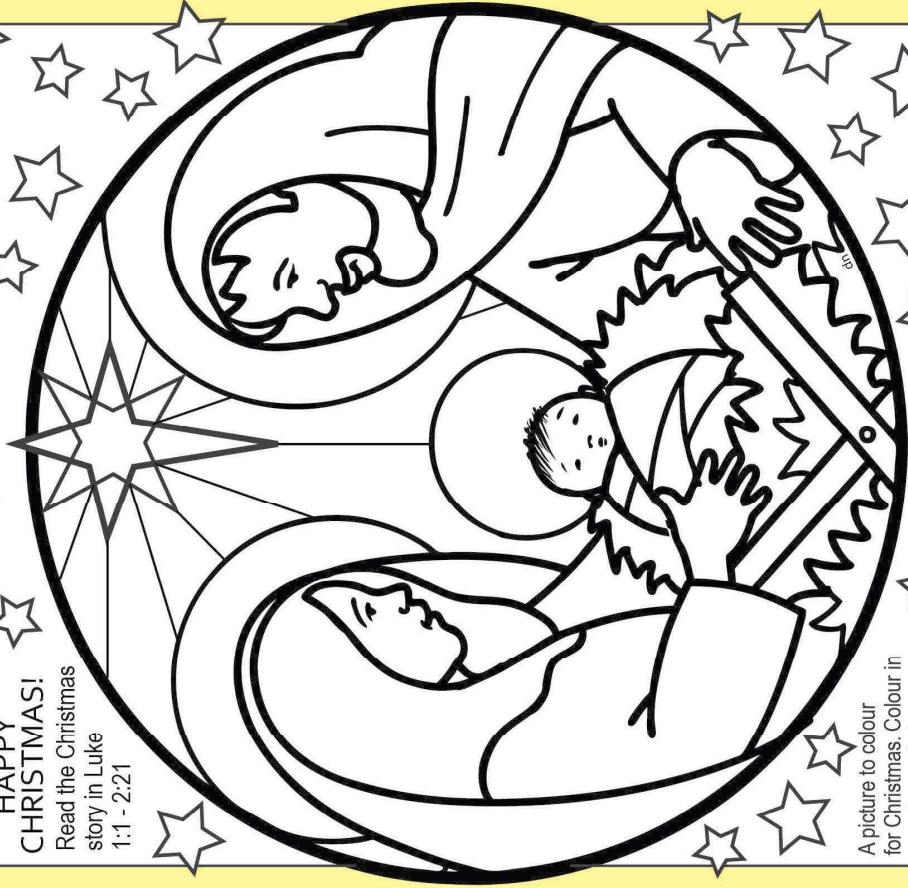
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Read the Christmas story in Luke 1:1 - 2:21

"I bring you **good news** that will bring great **joy** to all people. The **Saviour** has been born today! ...

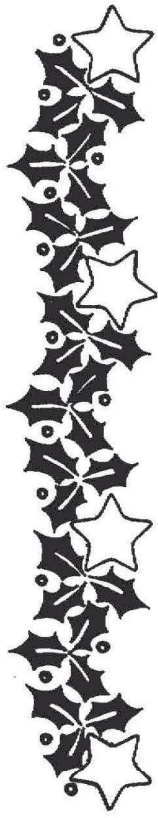
Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased".

from Luke 2 vs. 10,11,14



A picture to colour for Christmas. Colour in one star each day as you count down to Christmas!

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Christmas Crossword

Fit all the words into the crossword (each word is only used once)

JOY
LORD
MARY
JESUS
KINGS
GLORY
PEACE
JOSEPH
ANGELS
CHRIST
MANGER
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM

Washburn Valley Recipe Book



This year why not treat your friends and family to a copy of the **Washburn Valley Recipe Book**? **It's a great idea for a stocking filler and is reasonably priced at £5.** Copies are available from the Heritage Centre – just ring Jenny on 01943 880794 or email her at centre@washburnvalley.org to arrange payment and postage/ collection of your copy.

The Recipe Book was lovingly put together by Volunteers here at the Centre and includes fascinating heritage text, archive

photographs and recipes passed down through the generations for you to enjoy cooking or baking.

For example, why not try Spiced Roast Gammon with fruit glaze this Christmas? In his diaries, Timble Man, John Dickinson, frequently refers to enjoying pork and we know that many people in the Valley kept pigs. This recipe gives the popular dish of roast gammon an unusual twist. Find out more on page 28 of the *Washburn Valley Recipe Book*. Beautifully produced by Simon Hill, a local professional

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photographer, the book was in fact launched at our Christmas Market last November. Sadly, there will be no Market this year for obvious reasons, so here are a couple of photographs taken in Fewston Church when we were able to meet, socialise and have fun together. Those times will return!



The following events are still planned to go ahead but they are subject to Government restrictions.

Saturday 12 December – WORKSHOP 10-12PM or 2-4PM – MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS WREATH – florist Daphne Wilson returns to demonstrate how to make a fabulous wreath and is then on hand to guide you through your own individual creation. Seasonal refreshments will be served. Cost to members is £16 and non-members £20.

Monday 21 December at 1pm – WALK - WINTER SOLSTICE – take some time away from your Christmas preparations and walk with us on the shortest day of 2020. We meet at the Heritage Centre for a very local stroll of around 4 miles, then enjoy festive refreshments served back at the Church and Centre. Cost to members is £8 and non-members £10.

If you would like to book a place at any of the events, please contact the Centre, 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.

The Centre and Church are risk assessed, operate a QR Code in line with the NHS app, are Covid secure, regularly cleaned and the booking database offers manual track and trace.

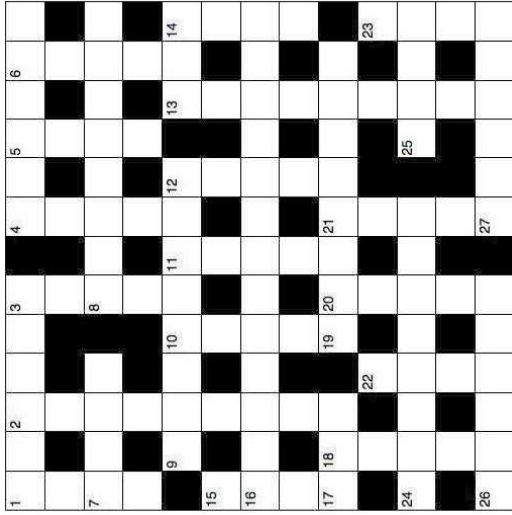
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Jenny's beautiful Millionaires Shortbread is one of the recipe's featured in the book.

Crossword Puzzle



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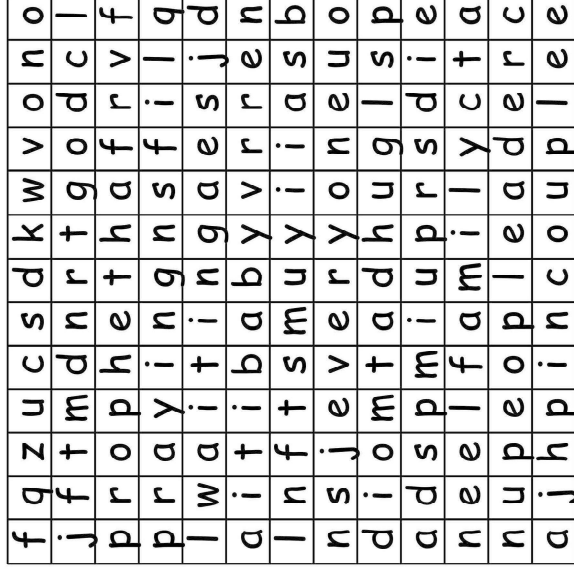
- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a —, and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anagram) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)

Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 'Reach out your hand and — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
- 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
- 11 'What — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
- 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
- 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
- 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
- 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
- 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
- 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
- 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
- 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
- 23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)

Word Search

This months theme is the Austrian Christmas Carol, Silent Night. It's original title is *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht* and was first sung on Christmas Eve in 1818. It was written by Father Joseph Mohr, at St Nicholas parish church, in a village near Salzburg. The local schoolmaster, Franz Gruber, composed the melody. On Christmas Eve they presented the carol during the midnight mass.



- Silent Night
- Loved Carol
- Austria
- First Sung
- Stille Nacht
- Heilige Christmas
- Christmas Eve
- Father Joseph
- Mohr
- Young Priest
- Organist
- Midnight Mass
- Melody
- Single
- Bing
- Version
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Sudoku

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Caching

We've all watched squirrels dashing around in the autumn gathering acorns and nuts and running off to bury them. Caching, as it is called, is a well-known squirrel pastime and is probably the origin of many of our oak trees. As with most types of animal behaviour, there is a lot more to it than meets the eye. Grey Squirrels, for instance, travel further and are more vigilant when burying their food if they think they are being watched. They are known to turn their backs on potential on-lookers and to create 'dummy caches', where nothing is stored.

Caching behaviour in birds is rather less obvious though; it's difficult to

tell whether they are taking seeds away from a feeder to eat them in safety, or to hide them for future use, and it was this behaviour by a Nuthatch on my feeder that prompted me to find out more.

But which garden birds do cache food?

Alongside Nuthatches, Coal Tits are probably the most obvious cachers, then Great Tits and corvids - Jays in particular, but also Magpies and Crows.

When a Coal Tit finds a supply of seeds in a feeder in someone's garden, it will take one, hide it somewhere, such as a crevice in tree bark, and keep coming back to do the same thing.

Indeed, a small flock of Coal Tits can empty a feeder of black sunflower seeds in less than a day doing just this. If you didn't know what was going on, you might be forgiven for thinking that hundreds of them were involved in a raid on your feeder, rather than the probable half-dozen.

As part of their caching strategy, Coal Tits will use multiple locations to hoard their winter supplies. This is called 'scatter hoarding' and ensures that if another species finds the cache - e.g. the dominant Great Tit -, then only one or two seeds will be stolen. Their memories are rather short though, probably no more than a month, so many of the cached seeds will be left to grow. Ever wondered why sunflowers pop up in strange places when you've never grown them? They use a variety of hidey-holes to help reduce this thieving.

Nuthatches, on the other hand, defend their territories, protecting their caches, and pilfering rates tend to be lower. Like Grey Squirrels, they will safeguard their stores by being cagier if a potential thief is around by storing less and eating more.

Corvids, being the clever birds they are, go further in their strategies than most others. Their ingenuity doesn't stop with simply burying their food- they'll also play the role of thief. They watch as their neighbour buries food, and when their back is turned, sneak in and nick it!

Unsurprisingly, corvids also employ counter strategies to try to prevent their hoard being raided. They will try to bury their food out of sight of potential thieves, and if there's no option but to cache food in front of them, they will often return once the others have left and move it.

Individual Jays can collect and store as many as 5,000 acorns, which for subordinate birds can be particularly arduous. Research shows that a dominant Jay will not just hide food, but will raid the caches of a social inferior despite its presence, so a subordinate Jay has to be much more secretive about where it hides its food, and only becomes a thief when dominant birds are some distance away.

Jays can store acorns several kilometres from where they are gathered, although most are cached within a few hundred metres. Taller trees are often used, making redits-covering their stores easier as they are less likely to get covered in snow or leaf fall, or be otherwise obscured.

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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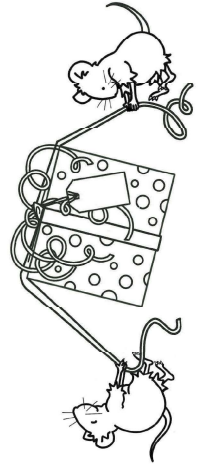
As I write this the second National Lockdown is imminent.

Living in the area as we do we have the benefit of being able to go for walks, see the autumn colours and nature which I'm sure will help to keep us sane during the lockdown.

There are still no WI meetings planned, we will have to wait and see what 2021 brings. Our annual December Christmas meeting is cancelled as I am sure will be the Federation Carol Service at Ripon Cathedral. Zoom talks and craft sessions have continued organised by Federation.

Like many others at this time of year I am sitting here thinking have I got all the ingredients for the Christmas cake, now with urgency before shops run out and are forced to close and where did I put those recently bought Christmas cards. I did manage to get out and buy some winter pansies but they are still sitting waiting to be planted.

For inspiration for cakes, including Christmas cakes, crafts and projects have a look at the WI website. Thewi.org.uk and click on 'projects

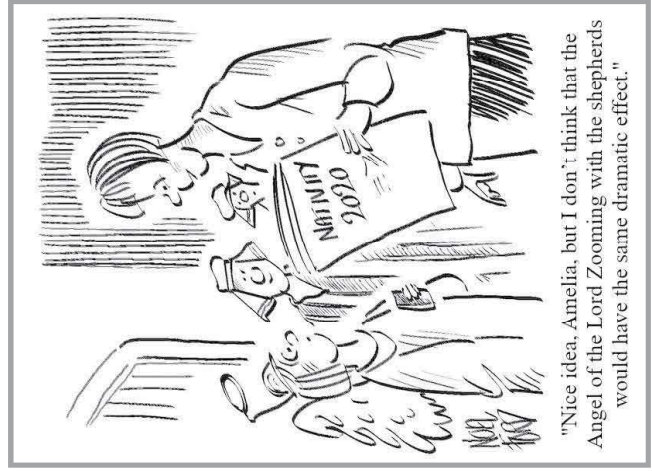


and activities'.

Lockdown may be coming but I am sure I will find plenty to occupy my time, I have lots of books to read bought from the Hospice Charity Shop on Leeds Road and yarn for knitting!

For more information on our WI please contact President Susan Kerridge on 01423 733233 or Caroline Barker on 01423 734412 email farnleyestateWI@outlook.com

Caroline Barker
for Farnley Estate WI.



"Nice idea, Amelia, but I don't think that the Angel of the Lord Zooming with the shepherds would have the same dramatic effect."

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From our Community Police Officer

As Christmas and the New Year approach I would like to remind everyone that the North Yorkshire Police's Drink Drive campaign runs throughout December. Each year we continue to find people who risk everything for a few drinks. Please always nominate, or offer to be, a designated driver to keep everyone safe and able to enjoy the festive period.

Winter, especially in lockdown, is a difficult time for everyone so please look out for your neighbours, the dark mornings and nights can make it a very lonely time for some. Please respect and stick to any lockdown restrictions that are in place and above all else Stay Safe. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

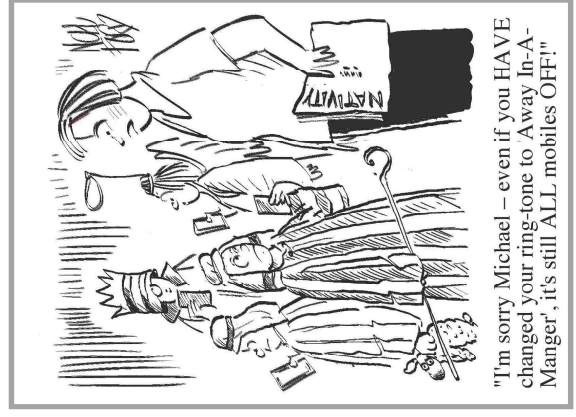
Since my last report I am pleased to say that crime continues to be low. On 13th October a property which is currently being refurbished in Timble was entered and heating items stolen. Also that day a quad bike was stolen from Denton however, due to the fast actions of the owner and the wonders of a tracker, the vehicle was stopped by police and two offenders arrested in West

Yorkshire near to Bradford. On 31 October officers patrolling the rural area during the night stopped a vehicle in Middleton containing young persons. The group were searched and a cannabis warning given to one of the passengers for possession.

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

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"I'm sorry Michael – even if you H A V E changed your ring-tone to 'Away In-A-Manger', it's still ALL mobiles OFF!"

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Letter to the Editor

This poem was found in 'a scrap book of my mother's, its over 100 years old, cut from a paper'.

I thought it might be of interest to some of your readers. Thanks for the magazine, it's the only local news I get. We don't get the internet down here.

Thank you also for the lovely boxes of cakes received from the Heritage Centre.

To all, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Doreen and Geoff

The Woodcutters song

Oak logs will warm you well, if they're old and dry

Larch logs of pure wood smell, but the sparks will fly

Beech logs for Christmastime, yew logs heat well

Scotch logs, it is a crime for anyone to sell

Birch logs will burn too fast, chestnut scarce at all

Hawthorn logs are good to last, if you can cut them in the fall

Holly logs will burn like wax, you should burn them green

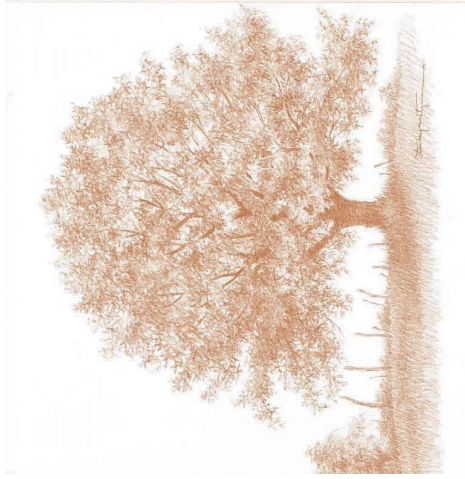
Elm logs, like smouldering flax, no flame is to be seen

Pear logs and apple logs, they will scent your room

Cherry logs across the dogs, smell like flowers in bloom

But ash logs all smooth and grey, burn them green or old

Buy up all that comes your way, they're worth their weight in gold.



Oak tree drawing
by Joshua Nava

Editors Reply

With a little bit of an internet search to see if I could find a tittle and author or even the newspaper it was taken from. I discovered that the poem is a traditional English folk song (those with the internet can find examples of people singing it). There is also a very similar poem *The Firewood Poem* by Lady Celia Congreve which was Published in the Times: March 2nd 1930 and may have been influenced by this song.

Thank you to Doreen and Geoff for their lovely letter, poem and Donation. Happy Christmas.



Recipe



Mulled Fruits with Brandy

A real taste of Christmas
Serves 4

Ingredients

100g ready to eat dried figs
100g ready to eat dried prunes
100g ready to eat dried apricots
50g sultanas
750ml red wine
6 tbspc caster sugar
1 cinnamon stick
Peel of 1 orange cut in wide strips
2 pears, peeled, cored and quartered

For the brandy cream

200ml double cream
2 tbspc icing sugar
3 tbspc brandy

Method

Put all the dried fruit in a saucepan with the red wine, sugar, cinnamon and orange peel and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for about 15 minutes until the fruit is plump. Add the pears, make sure they are submerged and continue to simmer gently for about 20 minutes until the pears are just soft and the liquid is getting syrupy. Remove from heat, cover and leave to cool.

Just before eating, whisk the cream with the icing sugar and brandy until you have a soft alcoholic cloud (not too stiff).

Serve in individual fruit bowls with a good dollop of the brandy cream.
Delicious!

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Or send in by post to;
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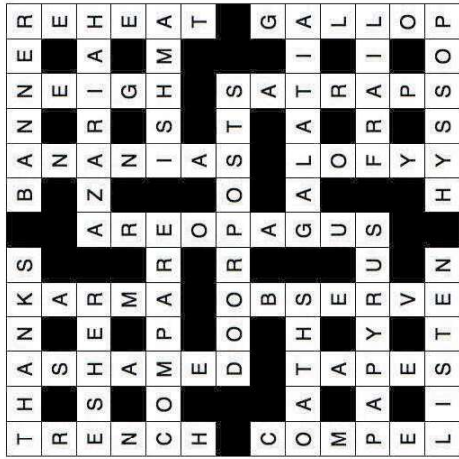
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Children's Christmas Special

pull out section in the centre with puzzles,
story and colouring in.



Date for your Diary

The group taking place via zoom is listed below. See the Community Notice Board on page 6

Individual dates

Saturday 12 December - Make your own Christmas wreath workshop
Monday 21 December - Winter Solstice walk

Both hosted by the Washburn Heritage Centre please see page 37

Monthly Events

Valley Bible Study Group - 3rd Wednesdays of the month, at 2.30pm

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