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## Village Church Services April and the beginning of May



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

### 7<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am	Weston (B)	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
11am	Fewston (B)	Holy Communion (CL)
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (SH)

### 14<sup>th</sup> April

11 am	Denton (B)	Holy Communion (TMC)
11am	Fewston (B)	Family Service (PMc)
9.30am	Farnley	Family service (JC)

### 21<sup>st</sup> April

9.30am	Weston (B)	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMC)
11 am	Blubberhouses (B)	Lambing Service (FS)
9.30 am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (TD)

### 28<sup>th</sup> April

9.30 am	Farnley	Holy Communion (TMC)
11am	Denton	Family service (JC)

### 5 May

9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMC)
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (PMc)

(B) = Banns



## Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel April and May

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm - Rev Shannon DeLaureal  
(Holy Communion)

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm - Rev Roberta Topham

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Mrs Linda Duttine

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Rev Roger Smith Holy Communion

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## The Vicar's Monthly Message Easter Promise

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Easter together and some of us will have enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with one another during the bring and share lunch.

As we enjoy seeing the signs of Spring let us remember that Easter-tide is a wonderful time full of hope. We are a resurrection people, we know that death is not the end that there is the offer of eternal life. Not only does that apply to our faith but also to our church life. As we all know Spring is a time of growth, a time of renewal and hopefully this year we will see these things re-emerge in our church and spiritual life. What may have appeared dead, will be brought to new life. We can reach out afresh out into our communities, to meet new people and share our faith, which in turn will help our churches to grow not only numerically but grow in the depth of our discipleship.

Eastertide Blessings - Teresa



## Poetry Request



Cat's eyes

90 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1934, a very clever man named Percy Shaw (from Halifax) invented and patented a device called a 'cat's eye' – a pair of reflectors mounted on a well between the white lines in the centre of a road or between lanes on a dual carriageway (which were few and far between in 1934!

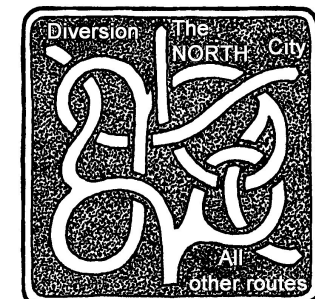
- Nigel Beeton

When you drive on a road late at night  
And the dark is affecting your sight;  
At that time of day  
It's easy to stray  
Too far with your car to the right!

But we've been protected from tears  
For most of the past ninety years,  
Since a man who was wise  
Invented cat's eyes  
So the edge of your lane now appears!  
Now drivers, protected from frights

By mirrors reflecting our lights,  
May shout 'hip-hooray!'  
At all times of day,  
And drive with no fear of the nights!

By Nigel Beeton



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## News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

Recently, our Methodist Circuit held a Lenten Day Retreat at Norwood Retreat Centre. Twenty-two of us gathered to explore the theme 'Resting in God.' Did you know that there are at least seven different types of rest that humans need? (physical, mental, emotional, social, sensory, creative and spiritual rest). Who knew we were such complex creations?! The Bible tells us that we are created in the image and likeness of God. God needed to rest after the creation of the world and all its inhabitants. I wonder what kind of rest God needed. Was it all of the above? And does God still need to take rests? Hmmm . . . that's something to ponder!

Putting the focus back on us, what does it mean to rest our spirit or to have spiritual rest? There are several scripture readings that speak of this:

*Psalms 91:1 – "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."*

*Psalms 37:7 – "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him."*

*Psalms 62:1 – "My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him."*

*Rest in the Lord* can refer to a spiritual rest from confusion, worry, stress, and useless effort. The Hebrew word translated as 'rest' means 'to be at peace,' 'to be still,' or 'to be quiet or calm.' In place of "rest in the Lord," some Bible translations say, "Be still before the Lord." Contemplative practices can help us to be physically still and quiet as we reflect on God or made more aware of the Divine Love that dwells with us and within us.

On our retreat day, we dwelt in the presence of God through a guided meditation called Take Time Meditations. In these meditations, one listens to a Gospel story and imagines that they are in the story while it's happening. After the story ends, Jesus invites the listener to sit with him and to share whatever is on their heart. Folks have shared how moving and powerful this meditative practice was for them. And others have found it most beneficial to imagine that Jesus is sitting with them when they are going through struggles. A deep peace quickly finds its way to their anxious hearts.

Lectio Divina ('sacred reading'), Visio Divina ('sacred seeing') and the Ignatian Examen are other contemplative practices that help us dwell in the presence of the Lord and listen for God's invitation in our daily lives. Being out in nature also has a way of calming the soul like none other.

What do you do in order to rest? And what do you do in order to rest in God? Whatever it is, I hope you're able to carve out time in order to be still and quiet. We all need rest – remember we have been created in the image and likeness of God. May your soul find rest so that your mind, body and spirit can feel refreshed and re-energised for the invitations God places in your daily life.

With every blessing, ~ Rev. Shannon

## Community Notice Board

### Fewston Foxy Ladies A Little Bit ...

A Little Bit of What You Fancy Does You Good - well that's the title of the talk by Emma Storr, so do come along for a little bit of what you fancy on Tuesday 16th April 7.30pm Fewston Parochial Hall

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151

See you there!



### T&T Dominoes



Prize winning dominoes on Tuesday April 2nd at 2pm Norwood Social Hall - see you there for tea and plenty of talk

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

I have always got time for T&T!

### Friday Supper.

The Leathley Village Hall Committee plan to cook for 4 seasonal suppers in 2024.

They are:	Late Spring Supper.	10th May.
	Summer Supper.	26th July.
	Autumn Supper.	25th October.
	Festive Supper.	TBA.

A notice for each supper will appear in the magazine prior to the event. If anyone would like to cook for a Last Friday Supper please contact me, it would be much appreciated.

Paul Howarth. [pandshowarthotley@gmail.com](mailto:pandshowarthotley@gmail.com) 01943 465076



### From the Registers

#### Funeral

30<sup>th</sup> January

Reverend Michael Cleverley at Saint Oswald's Church Leathley

# Community Notice Board



## Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota For April & May

7 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Ann Chadwick
21 <sup>st</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Helen Copley
5 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Sally Stanley
19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs H Pullan
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Stephen & Marlene Turnbull

## Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota For April & May

7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs J Cowgill
21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Tom & Ruth Raper
5 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Karen Boothman
19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Sue Wood
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Julie Crowther



## Fewston Parochial Hall Charity teas



Teas, lunches and full refreshments  
10.30 am to 4.30pm  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

All proceeds to Almscliffe Tennis Club

*For your diary*

### THE CHIPPENDALE SINGERS

**Otley Chamber Choir**

Fewston Church  
Saturday 29 June, 7.30 pm

Tickets £10, under 16s free

From Cheri 01943 465977, Pat 01943 880284  
[anderson@delvesridge.plus.com](mailto:anderson@delvesridge.plus.com)



## Police Notices



There have been reports made to both North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire of a white vehicle on a 60 registration plate travelling in the area of High Snowden.

On one report, this vehicle was challenged by a local resident and then tried to ram the resident off the road.

If this vehicle is seen, please do not approach and call North Yorkshire Police on 101 or if involved in an ongoing crime use 999.

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Weston and Denton

## Easter Walk and Egg Hunt

On Easter Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Start at 2pm from Askwith Village Hall  
for a 3.5mile (5.5km) walk round Askwith  
with an Easter Egg Hunt on the way

All Welcome

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## ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN

ON

### MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

### 7.00 PM

**Everyone welcome**

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All Saints' Church Farnley  
invites you to join us for



## **FAMILY SERVICES**

To be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**  
of the month at 9.30am

**April - 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**May - 12<sup>th</sup>**

## **SONGS FUN BIBLE STORY**

Refreshments after the service  
**ALL WELCOME**

For more details please contact Rev'd T McLaughlin  
[rev.McLaughlinT@outlook.com](mailto:rev.McLaughlinT@outlook.com)

## **CHEESE & WINE QUIZ NIGHT**

ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 20th APRIL 2024 at 7.30

TICKETS £8 -

INCLUDES A GLASS OF WINE, CHEESE AND BISCUITS

**PRIZE FOR QUIZ WINNER £30**

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT EITHER

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Come along for a fun social evening

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The Badapple theatre presents

## **THE REGALETTES**

A New comedy by Kate Bramley  
with songs by Jez Lowe

At Fewston Parochial Hall

You will be taken back to the 1930's  
and behind the scenes

at the tiny Regal Cinema in Bottledale.  
Celebrity and rural life clash head on as the  
Regalettes find themselves at the  
heart of a very silly mystery.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

Ticket Prices £10 Adults, £8 for under 16's

Box office number 07795 454042

[www.badappletheatre.co.uk](http://www.badappletheatre.co.uk)

A date for your diary!

**Weston, Askwith and Denton**

## **Open Gardens**

will take place on

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30th June 2024

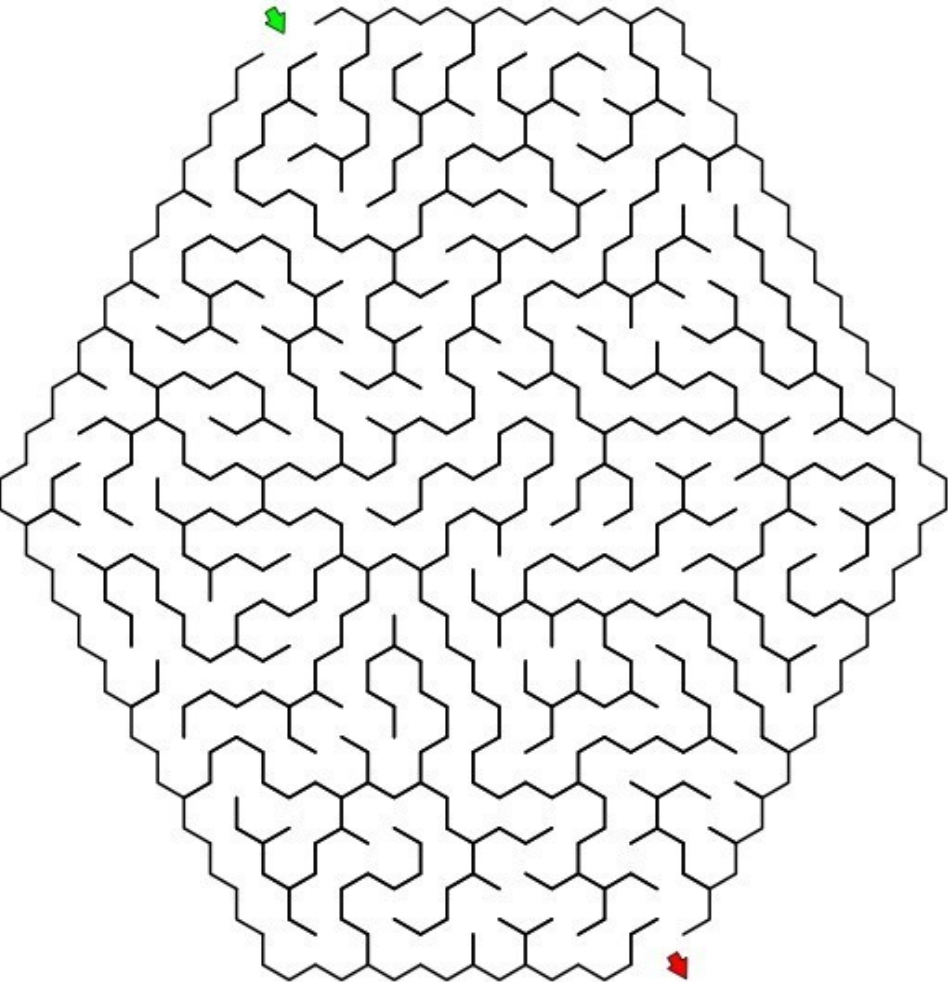
Plus Art Exhibitions in

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# Story, puzzles and colouring-in



### Mouse Makes

How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?  
Read John 21:14

How many disciples were there? Who were they?  
Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch?  
Read John 21: 11

Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered. He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some." So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net. Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"

READ the story in John 21

DISCIPLES • TIBERIAS • SEA • SIMON PETER • THOMAS • NATHANAEL • JOHN • DAY FISHING • BOAT • NIGHT • CAUGHT • NOTHING • WATER • SHORE • FISH • CAST • NET RIGHT • FIND • HAUL • LORD • FULL • LAND • FIRE • BREAD • BREAKFAST • JESUS

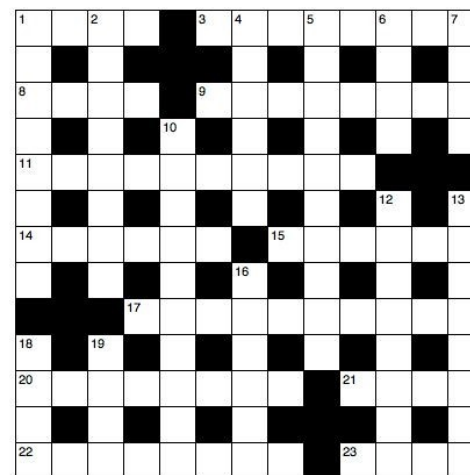
Colour in all the fish

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## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)

9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)

10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)

11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)

13 Muslim holy month (7)

16 Ten ears (anagram) (7)

19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)

22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

24 'Go to the — , you slug-gard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)

25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

### Down

1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)

2 Festival of the resurrection (6)

3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)

5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)

6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)

7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)

12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)

14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)

15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)

16 I, uncle (anagram) (6)

17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)

18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)

20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)

21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)

23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

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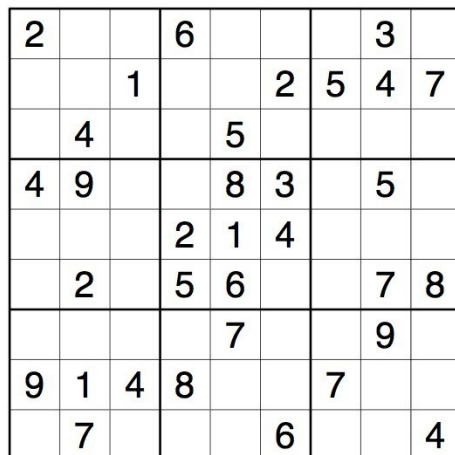
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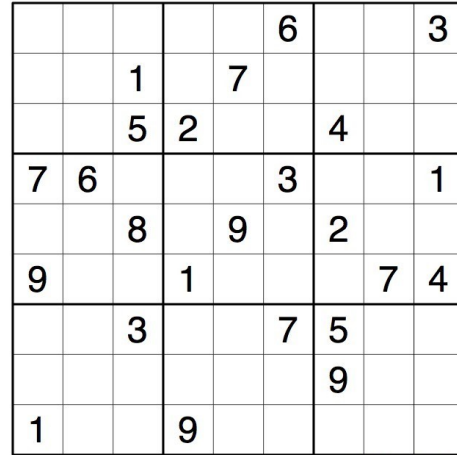
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## Sudoku



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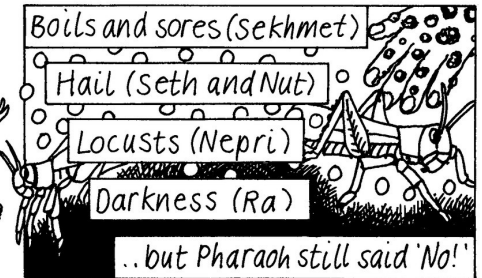
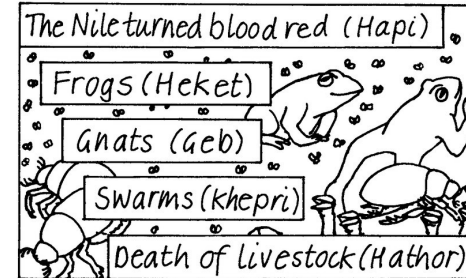
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# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Exodus 7:14-10:29, 12:21-23, 29-33, 14:5-29

God told Pharaoh to let the Hebrew slaves leave Egypt, but he refused. God then showed his power over Egypt (and its gods)...



Darkness (Ra)  
...but Pharaoh still said 'No!'

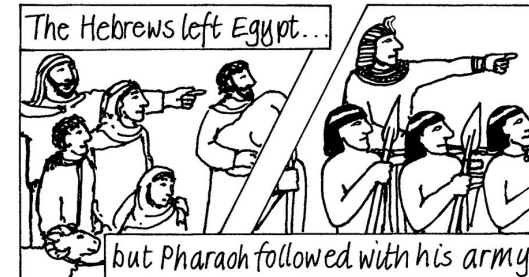
God told the Hebrews to prepare to leave, and each family to kill and cook a lamb. He told them..



Mark your house door with the lamb's blood.

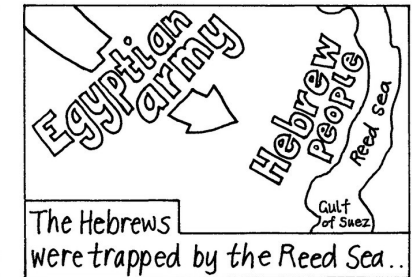


That night, in each un-marked house, the eldest son died.



The Hebrews left Egypt...

but Pharaoh followed with his army.



The Hebrews were trapped by the Reed Sea..

God made a cloud to hide them from the Egyptians..

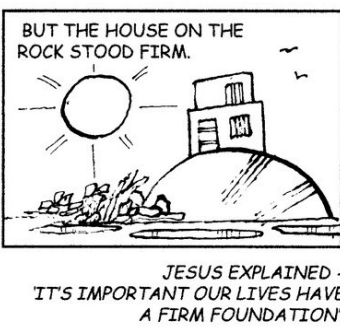
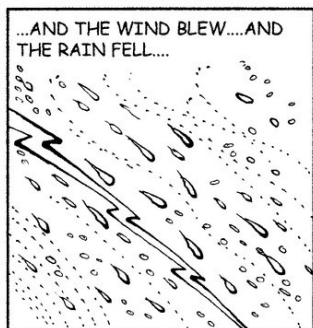
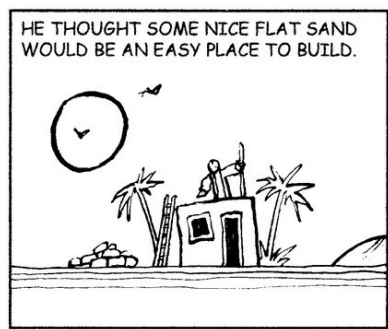
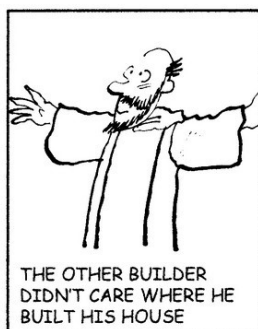
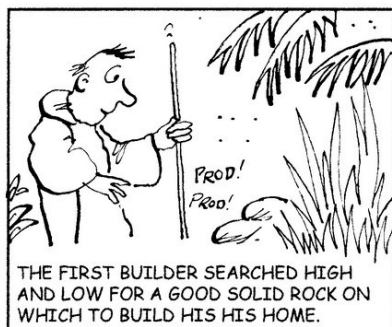


and sent a wind. By morning the sea bed was dry and they walked across..



...but as the Egyptians followed, the water flowed back.

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## All in the month of April

300 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1724 that the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's St John Passion was performed for the first time, at a church in Leipzig.

Also 300 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1724 that Immanuel Kant, the German philosopher was born. One of the leading philosophers during the Age of Enlightenment.

200 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1824 that Lord Byron died. One of the greatest British poets and a leading figure in the Romantic movement, he died of sepsis/fever while fighting for Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire. Aged 36.

175 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1849 that American mechanic Walter Hunt was granted a US patent for his invention of the safety pin. He immediately sold the rights for \$400, which is about \$12,000 today. The company he sold it to made millions from it.

150 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1874 that Johann Strauss II's operetta Die Fledermaus was performed for the first time, in Vienna.

140 years ago on 29th April 1884 Oxford University agreed to admit female students to examinations. However, women are not to be awarded degrees

125 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1899 that Duke Ellington, American jazz/swing pianist, composer and orchestra leader, was born.

110 years ago on the Sir Alec Guinness, actor who won an Oscar

for *The Bridge over the River Kwai*, was born.

100 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1924 that the British Empire Exhibition opened in Wembley, London.

90 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1934 that British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud. He set up a company to manufacture them in 1935 and in 1937 he was awarded a government contract to mass produce them for national use.

75 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1949 that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was founded.

Also 75 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1949 that the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific was opened in Broadway.

70 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1954 that the Soviet Union transferred Crimea from Russia to Ukraine.

65 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1959 that Frank Lloyd Wright, American architect and writer, died.

60 years ago on the 4th April 1964 that The Beatles fill the first five places in the US singles chart with "Please Please Me", "I Want to Hold Your Hand", "She Loves You", "Twist and Shout" and "Can't Buy Me Love".

Also 60 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1964 that twelve men convicted of carrying out the Great Train Robbery in England in August of 1963 were jailed for a total of 307 years. They were given some of the longest sentences in British criminal history.

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## Unpredictable Weather

What does our unpredictable weather mean if you are a bird?

Everyone knows that climate change is slowly but surely changing the long standing relationships between species. Relationships and dependencies that have built up slowly over millennia are now being rushed into changing, and whilst many species will adapt, the speed at which they can do so will vary, leading to cumulative and unpredictable disruption.

For example, the onset of growth in spring is determined by daylight length and temperature, with temperature having the more significant effect in most species. If it was only light, plants could start growing when frosts are still a threat or miss good growing time in mild early spring days. This variation in how plant species react is causing increasing chaos in the environment generally.

How is this likely to affect garden birds?

The next few months promise to give us an idea, as with several of the warmest and wettest winter months on record behind us, life is and will be difficult for many species even if we see no more extremes, which is unlikely.

We are accustomed to a spring, a summer, an autumn, and a winter, but these are becoming blurred and the transition from one to another has moved by around two weeks. You will have noticed plants flowering earlier than usual: a 2022 study revealed that spring blooms are arriving almost a

month earlier than in the 1980s.

If flowers appear in March instead of April many insects risk emerging a month late, which will in turn disrupt the whole ecosystem.

Blue Tits and Great Tits are among many species which time their breeding to align with the peak abundance of caterpillars. If that availability changes rapidly, they can't keep up, and they generally only have one chance to breed each year. So far, for every ten-day advance in caterpillar emergence, birds have only been able to bring forward their egg laying by around three to five days.

The recent weather will have had an effect other species too: owls cannot hunt when it is raining – they rely on their hearing to find small mammals, and their feathers are designed for silent flight, not to be waterproof. The incessant rain will have made keeping warm and dry a problem for many birds, especially small ones. Waterlogged ground will have reduced the availability of food for many others, for example, Blackbirds and thrushes which need a plentiful supply of worms.

This means that many birds will be in less than optimal physical condition when egg laying and chick feeding start. Both are energetically very demanding activities.

The weather this spring will have an even greater effect than usual on the success of the breeding season. Some later nesting species may yet be able to improve their physical condition, those which make multiple attempts such as

Blackbirds, Dunnocks and sparrows may be able to catch up, but all will depend not only on what the weather does, but also on how the timing of the availability of food fits with their need for it.

Climate change won't simply bring seasons when everything happens either earlier or later. Some species will delay hibernation or migration, but others will stick to their original schedule, taking their cues from day length rather than temperature. This will be problematic for birds making the long trek from Africa. Something that has already been seen with

Cuckoos: their departure from West Africa has hardly changed and is contributing significantly to their reduced numbers.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)). If you know of an organisation which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com).

**Titles:** Thrush

**Photograph credit:** Mike Gray



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50 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1974 that the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

40 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1984 that British police officer Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead during a demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy in London.

This led to an 11-day siege by the police.

30 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1994 that the Rwandan genocide began, when a plane carrying Rwandan president Juvenal Habyarimana and Burundian president Cyprien Ntaryamira was shot down by extremists. Civil war broke out the following day.



## Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club



On 7<sup>th</sup> February, we had a meeting where we judged pigs. This was a very good night as a lot of our members where judging pigs for the first time but everyone did very well so well done everyone.

### Results

#### Juniors:

1<sup>st</sup> Lily H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy G, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annabelle I,  
4<sup>th</sup> Nicola M

#### Intermediates:

1<sup>st</sup> Daisy Roberts

#### Seniors:

1<sup>st</sup> James D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Billie T, 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlotte T,  
4<sup>th</sup> Holly R

We had a rounders team competing at County Sports on the 10<sup>th</sup> where our team placed 4<sup>th</sup> which is great. Well done to those who competed.



District Ice Skating was on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February and I believe everyone enjoyed it and had a fun night!

We also had Celidh dancing on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February where our member put on their dancing shoes which everyone loved.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February it was Vegetable Animals to practice for the upcoming rallies.



Lizzy won 1<sup>st</sup> prize at Northern Area Junior Member of the Year which is an amazing achievement and she now qualifies for Nationals. Well done!

Floristry practice was on the 6<sup>th</sup> March where everyone made a table ornament to help practice for the rallies, the final displays were very beautiful and thank you to Daphne and Steph for doing a demonstration and helping everyone throughout!

You don't have to be a farmer to be a part of Young Farmer's so if you're aged between 10 and 28 and are interested in joining please contact Christine Morphet on 07851 658245.

Lily  
Hughes



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## Washburn Heritage Centre

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SATURDAYS** and **SUNDAYS** during the summer, from 11am until 4pm. We welcome **NEW**

**VOLUNTEERS**. If you can spare a few hours at the weekend once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It's a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake! Our Charity of the Year for 2024 was chosen by our bakers and we are pleased to be supporting HORTICAP which is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

Our next exciting programme **A journey through time** continues apace with the following exciting events in April. This programme is taking us on a tour of the Washburn Valley from the laying down of primeval rocks to the building of the Heritage Centre.

**A cabinet of musical delights – performed by Ad Hoc Baroque**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm – 5.00pm**

The popular Ad Hoc Baroque are making a welcome return with an exploration of late 17<sup>th</sup> century chamber music to celebrate the re-building of St Michael's and St Lawrence's church in 1697. Do join us and enjoy first class music followed by a buffet afternoon tea. Cost £15.00 member, £18.00 non-member.

**Medieval links, Cristina Figueredo, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

Cristina received her MA in Medieval Studies from the University of York and completed her PhD in Medieval Studies at the Universities of York and Leeds. She is making another return visit to entertain and educate us about our links to the past. Her fascinating talk will explore the influence and links

between Fewston and the Augustine Cannons of Bolton and Bridlington Priors. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

**Wetlands, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am – 2.00pm**  
**SOLD OUT**

The Otley Wetlands Nature Reserve has been developing for over twenty years now on what was a gravel and sand quarry area. The walk will show a variety of habitats including lakes and woodland created from the quarry-land. We will then walk to the Gallows Hill Reserve; its position high on the riverbank makes for a different character from that of the Wetlands. The total length of the walk will be about 5 miles.

**A journey through the history of enclosure of the land, Brian Hartley**  
**SOLD OUT**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

Following his talk on Dry Stone Walling last year, Brian will take us on a journey through the history of Enclosure of the land. Where and why did it begin? Who were the landowners? How did Enclosure shape the built landscape of the Valley as we know it today. Maybe some intriguing local tales!

**Elizabethan masque, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm – 9.30pm**

A sumptuous Elizabethan menu with entertainment by the Cantabile Singers who will deliver some traditional madrigals. The wearing of masks is optional but could add to the fun. Cost £19.50 member, £24.50 non-member.

Please contact Jenny at the Centre to book any of these events. Telephone 01943 880794 or email [centre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:centre@washburnvalley.org)



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## Leathley Parish Room – A shaggy dog story

Jack, the mongrel dog who joined HMS Speedwell in 1939, belonged to the ship and not to any particular person. The Tanky and Postman, Able Seaman Kesby, cared for Jack aboard ship. Jack would escort both the post and the signal man, Hickling, whenever their duties took them ashore. Both were keen walkers, and Jack always escorted them should their walks take them to a friendly pub.

Despite having some labrador genes, it is reported that Jack was never a glutton. He maintained his trim figure, and never suffered from sea sickness (lucky him). He usually slept in the central store, but if Speedwell was in action, would move to the wireless office where the noise of the guns was lessened by the sound proofing. He was a good look out, and often gave the first warning of approaching enemy aircraft. He would growl and bark, look in the direction of the approaching aircraft, then head for the wireless office. He wasn't only a good look out for aircraft. If a little bit of gambling was taking place on the mess deck, Jack was posted as look-out. If he heard the boatswain's whistle signalling the night rounds, he would bark furiously. By the time the officer of the day reached the mess deck, there would be a decorous game of whist in progress.

Jack was true to his namesake and was very nimble. He rapidly mastered climbing the ladders on the ship, although one proved troublesome. The ladder from the wheelhouse to the bridge was almost vertical. Jack

did master it, but was inclined to tug at the nearest trouser leg to request a help up. He was always the first to jump into the motorboat when it was going ashore, but never failed to be in place to return. He is reported to have travelled all over England and Scotland by rail, but never having bought a ticket. Apparently he would leave his escort at the ticket barrier and make his own way onto the platform to wait for them. Once on the train, he would lie on the carriage floor, and hide under the seats when he heard "Tickets Please", only to reappear when the coast was clear.

Speedwell spent quite some time in Russia. To help Jack cope with the conditions, Tanky made him a set of soft leather boots. Jack's coat grew long and shaggy, so he appeared happy in the snow. The sailors recounted that Jack became very "friendly" with the half wild Russian huskies on the quay side at Polyarnoe, near Murmansk. He would also accompany the crew on to the ski slopes and slide at great speed down the hard packed snow.

Jack was retired at the end of the war, and went to live out his days in a village near Aberdeen. Sadly, I have not been able to find a picture of him, but perhaps it is best to leave to the imagination a large black labrador in leather boots sliding down the Russian slopes and clambering up ships ladders!

Courtesy of Mark Jeffers and  
Captain A W Allen

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## Washburn Parish Council (WPC)

Washburn Parish Council covers the areas of Blubberhouses, Fewston, Norwood and Timble. The Parish Council is the first tier of Local Government and is a body of volunteers elected to represent the views of their community.

At the meeting of Council in early March the Council discussed current issues in the parish around highways, planning and maintenance and updates on county matters.

It was agreed that the Council will undertake a litter picking day in the parish on Saturday 13 April. Equipment will be provided for participants although you are encouraged to bring your own gloves. The arrangements are: Timble meet at the Robinson Library at 10.00am; Fewston meet at Parochial Hall 10.00am; and Norwood meet at Norwood Social Hall 10.00am. All are very welcome. Anyone who needs further details please contact Cllr Andrew Campbell.

At the meeting of Council held in January it was agreed to increase the parish budget for the upcoming financial year. The Council agreed a parish precept of £8,000 for the year 2024-25. This precept will be used to ensure local maintenance works carried out by the parish caretaker, upkeep of the Meagill Lane Chapel, and upkeep of parish defibrillators, as well as ensuring the Council meets its statutory obligations and responsibilities through the Parish Clerk.

The next meeting of Washburn Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 May 2024, commencing at 7.15pm. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors commencing at 7.00pm.

Should you wish to contact any of your councillors please email [washburnpc@gmail.com](mailto:washburnpc@gmail.com) or for more information about your council please visit [www.washburnparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.washburnparishcouncil.co.uk)

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Also 30 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1994 that the first post-apartheid multiracial elections were held in South Africa, with 18 million blacks eligible to vote for the first time. Nelson Mandela was elected president, and took office on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

25 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1999 that Libya handed over to the United Nations two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie. They were taken to the Netherlands to face trial. One was found guilty, and sentenced to life imprisonment, only to be released in

2009 because he was dying of cancer. The other suspect was acquitted.

20 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 that Google launched its free email service, Gmail.

10 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 that the Boko Haram Islamic terrorist group kidnapped 276 female students from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. Some of the girls escaped, some were rescued, or have been reported dead. But over 100 are still missing, fate unknown..

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## Gardeners Corner



I hope you have all had a very happy Easter. It has been such a funny season so far, with very few frosts to check emerging growth, but ground too wet to do much. If you are behind like me, don't worry – it is never too late to tackle those jobs that should have been done sooner!

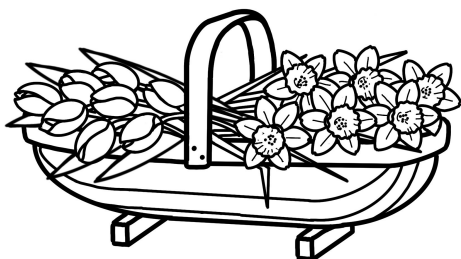
Plenty of time to plant the potatoes that have been chitting; either in prepared trenches in the ground or in containers. If the latter, place about a 3" depth of compost in a bag or large pot, position three potatoes eyes up and then cover with more compost. Keep watered and as the shoots and leaves appear continue to apply more compost until you reach the top of the container. You should be able to harvest in July, later for maincrop potatoes.

Now is the time for sowing. Hardy vegetables, eg beetroot, carrots, leeks, peas, can be sown direct into prepared seed beds, but courgettes, spinach and sweetcorn should be sown indoors or in the greenhouse, ready for planting out in May once all risk of frost has gone. Sweet peas can also be sown outside, but take care with seedlings brought on in the greenhouse. Make sure they are fully hardened off and protect them from strong winds.

If you need to prune or cut back hedges, do first check that there are no nesting birds – if necessary leave trimming until July. It's a good idea to mulch around fruit trees and of course the borders if you haven't already done so. This will not only provide vital nourishment but will also keep the weeds at bay.

One of the best ways to increase biodiversity in the garden is to make a pond. This doesn't have to be huge – an old sink will do the job! First block up the plug hole, place some gravel in the bottom and some stones at one end to make a wildlife ramp. Fill with rainwater if available and then add pond plants. Most garden centres now sell a selection of aquatic plants. Do make sure that you buy those that will not outgrow the space. If you are lucky enough to have a large pond, now is a good time to add more plants. Don't dredge at this time of year, as that will disturb the wildlife, leave it until the autumn. If you do have to remove any plants or leaves, remember to leave them on the side of the pond so that any wildlife can make its way back to the water.

There will be plenty of other jobs to do in the garden as Spring progresses with all its promise. Enjoy being outside and getting your hands dirty!



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## Farnley Estate Womens Institute



At our meeting in February we had a presentation of two energy efficient small cookers, an Air fryer and a Remoska. Members were given a blind tasting of a banana and walnut cake made to the same recipe but cooked in the two different appliances. The Air Fryer won narrowly!

On April 10th Fiona Arnold, a local recently qualified basketry expert will visit our meeting to talk about basket making generally and in particular in Yorkshire and also about willow growing. She will bring willow and demonstrate weaving techniques and also talk about her journey into weaving and her training. In addition she'll look at baskets that people bring and tell them what she knows about them. For more information see <https://www.instagram.com/braythornebaskets/>

Following this on Wednesday May 8th we will be visiting Appletree's Flock to appreciate the work of a diverse smallholding and see some new lambs and spring flowers

To view our programme for 2024 please visit <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate>.

All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm. In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for walks locally with either a coffee or picnic stop.

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Diane Hanline our President by email to [farnleyestatewi@gmail.com](mailto:farnleyestatewi@gmail.com)



## Recipe – Lemon Curd



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

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

### Ingredients

1/4 Lb sugar  
2 ozs butter  
2 eggs  
Lemon zest and the juice of two lemons

### Method

- Beat the sugar and lemon juice together.
- Add the beaten eggs followed by

the butter

- Place the ingredients into jam jars (without the lids)
- stand in a pan of boiling water stirring now and again until it thickens
- Once cool place the lids on
- Use within 6 weeks or longer if you keep it in a cool place

Mrs F Hill

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

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