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Village Church Services July



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

5th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
 9.30 am Leathley Morning Prayer (PMc)
 9.30 am Weston Holy Communion (Book of common Prayer) (TMc)
 11.00 am Fewston Morning Prayer (TMc)

12th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
 9.30 am Farnley All age Service (FD)
 11 am Fewston Holy Communion (TMc)
 11.15 am Denton Morning Prayer (PMc)
 Due to road closure the service **MAY** be held at Weston

19th July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
 9.30 am Weston Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
 9.30 am Leathley Holy Communion (BM)
 Blubberhouses - Due to road closure the Service will be held at Fewston
 11.00 am Fewston Family Service (FS)

26th July The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
 9.30 am Farnley Holy Communion (TMc)
 11.15 am Denton Holy Communion (TMc)

2nd August The Nineth Sunday after Trinity
 9.30 am Leathley Morning Prayer (PMc)
 9.30 am Weston Holy Communion (Book of common Prayer) (TMc)
 11.00 am Fewston Morning Prayer (TMc)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel July

Sunday 12 July 2.30pm Rev. Annie Baker-Streevy – Worship Service

Sunday 26 July 2.30pm Rev. Cameron Stirk – Afternoon Service of Praise
 Do come along and join us!

The Vicar's Monthly Message

Service of Songs of Praise 16th august



I wonder how many of you watch Songs of Praise on TV? A programme that has been on TV for many years. Back in the old days this was presented by a woman called Thora Herd, who some of you may remember. In the programme today, people often choose their favourite hymn and often speak of their faith in Jesus and how he has made a difference in their lives.

This summer, on the 16th August at 11 am at St Andrew's Blubberhouses, we are having a "Songs of Praise" type of service. It will be an opportunity for us to gather together to sing God's praises with our favourite hymns. This is very much about making this service "our" service and being joyful as God's people.

The theme of the service will be Thanksgiving and Joy for God's creation and for all the good things that he has done for us. **Please** do think of a hymn that you would like to be considered to be part of this service and write a couple of lines explaining why you have chosen that hymn and then get in touch with me either on the phone, email or even the old fashioned way of dropping me a line!

Please put the date in your diary, and get ready to sing!
 Blessings
 Teresa



News from Norwood Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

I recently went to a group I had never visited before. It was in a different place, I didn't know anyone before my arrival and I have to say the experience was difficult if not downright uncomfortable. I didn't know where to go, I didn't know what to do and no one spoke to me through the whole of my visit there. It got me thinking about what constitutes a welcoming community? For I believe a sense of welcome is very important - any time, any place, anywhere!

Which then got me to thinking about a warm welcome in our Churches. The welcome someone receives in church has a huge impact on whether they stay. Many of us are in the Church because of the acceptance and inclusion we've felt when we entered it, and that we continued to feel as we've remained.

Welcome is also a deeply biblical theme, finding its roots in the compassion of God for the outsider, and illustrated vividly in Jesus' own commitment to share a table with all – lawyers and sinners, religious leaders and tax collectors. Jesus' contemporaries were quick to note – often with derision – the breadth and depth of the welcome he offered to others (Mark 2:16).

Welcome is rooted in God's nature as Trinity. The welcome that Jesus offers in his ministry to and for others reflects the welcome that the Father offers to the world. The Spirit draws us into the welcoming life of God, shaping us to be like Jesus. Christians are called to welcome others as they have been welcomed.

First impressions count as they may be the only opportunity we have to extend God's welcome to a stranger in our midst. Although creating a positive first impression is only a part of welcome, it is nonetheless an important one, and research shows that those who do not receive a good first impression are unlikely to stay. On the other hand, leaving visitors with a positive first impression is a way of sharing the generous welcome of God with those who cross the threshold of our churches.

The challenge for all Churches - and groups - is to continue to become more welcoming. For as the letter of Hebrews suggests: "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13: 2).

Let's do our bit in Church and community.
Every blessing,
Cameron
(Rev. Cameron Stirk – Norwood Methodist Church)



Community Notice Board



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota July & August

28 th June & 5 July	Ann Chadwick
12 th & 19 th July	Helen Cobley
26 th July & 2 nd August	Karen Boothman
9 th & 16 th August	Sue Wood
23 rd & 30 th August	Julie Crowther
6 th & 13 th September	Ann Chadwick

Weston Flower and Cleaning July & August

5 th & 12 th July	Sally Stanley
19 th & 26 th July	Mrs H Pullan
2 nd & 9 th August	Mr & Mrs Senior
16 th & 23 rd August	Mrs J Cowgill
30 th August & 6 th September	Tom & Ruth Raper



Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the next meeting is 9th July at 7pm at The Penny Bun

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

Fewston Parochial Hall Charity teas

Teas, lunches and homemade cakes
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June
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Leathley Parish Room
Domino Drives 7:00 pm

Friday 10th July

Friday 28th August

Friday 2nd October

Raffle and Cash Bar. Supper included:

Pork Pie, mushy peas, tea or coffee - £5

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All welcome, whether a seasoned pro or never picked up a domino before, any age that can stay awake until about 9:30. Please let us know (using contact details below) by the evening of the Wednesday before so we can be sure to order enough pies

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We will be having a talk and a visit to the Friends of Otley Lido which will include a presentation of old photos and memories of Otley's outdoor pool. Some of our members used the pool in their childhood.

Also taking place this month is a visit by our members to the Fewston Assemblage Exhibition at the Washburn Heritage Centre which also involves a tour of the churchyard. Our members are very enthusiastic about this as they enjoyed the talk given by Sally Robinson in February which revealed some of the churchyard's secrets.

We do not have a monthly meeting in July so the members can visit,

participate or help at the Great Yorkshire Show. However to keep the members in touch with each other a social visit has been organised to the garden of Gillian Lishman.

To view our programme for 2026 please visit <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate>

All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7-30pm unless otherwise stated. In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our new social events begin and these have been chosen by our members.

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.

Norwood Social Hall Dominoes

Friday 18th September

Raffle & Pie and Pea supper
7pm for a 7.15pm start.

2026 Domino dates for your diaries

Friday 16th October
Friday 20th November
Friday 11th December Christmas Dominoes
Hope you can join us.

All in the month of July

It was:

250 years ago, on 4th July 1776 that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.

250 years ago, from 12th July 1776 to 4th October 1780, that the British explorer Captain James Cook made his third and final voyage. He travelled to New Zealand and Hawaii, where he was killed in a violent exchange with the local people.

200 years ago, on 4th July 1826 that Stephen Foster, the 'father of American music' was born. His songs include *Oh! Susanna*, *Camptown Races*, and *Swanee River*.

200 years ago, on 5th July 1826 that Sir Stamford Raffles, Lieutenant-Governor of the Dutch East Indies and later of Bencoolen (now in Sumatra) died. He was the founder of modern Singapore.

175 years ago, on 3rd July 1851 that Charles Bannerman, British-born Australian cricketer, was born. He scored the first-ever run in Test cricket, and also scored the first century in Test cricket.

175 years ago, on 10th July 1851 that Louis Daguerre, French photographer and artist who invented the daguerreo-type photography process was born. Regarded as one of the fathers of photography.

175 years ago, on 24th July 1851 that the Window Tax was abolished in England and Wales. The tax was introduced in 1696 and was based on the number of windows in a house. It led to many

windows being bricked up. It was replaced by a tax on inhabited buildings.

125 years ago, on 9th July 1901 that Dame Barbara Cartland, romantic novelist, was born. She wrote 723 novels, including 23 in a single year, and sold more than one billion copies of her books.

100 years ago, on 15th July 1926 that Leopoldo Galtieri was born. As president/military ruler of Argentina, he ordered Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands.

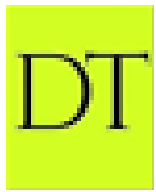
90 years ago, on 24th July 1936 that the speaking clock telephone service was launched in the UK.

80 years ago, on 22nd July 1946 that the King David Hotel in Jerusalem was attacked. The Irgun (a militant right-wing Zionist group) bombed the hotel which housed the British administrative headquarters for Palestine. 91 people were killed.

75 years, on 13th July 1951 that Arnold Schoenberg, the Austrian-born American composer died. One of the most influential composers of the 20th century, though the Nazis considered his music degenerate, because he was Jewish.

60 years ago, on 30th July 1966 that the 1966 FIFA World Cup final took place. England beat Germany 4 – 2. English player Geoff Hurst became the first (and only) player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

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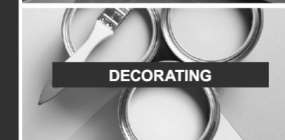
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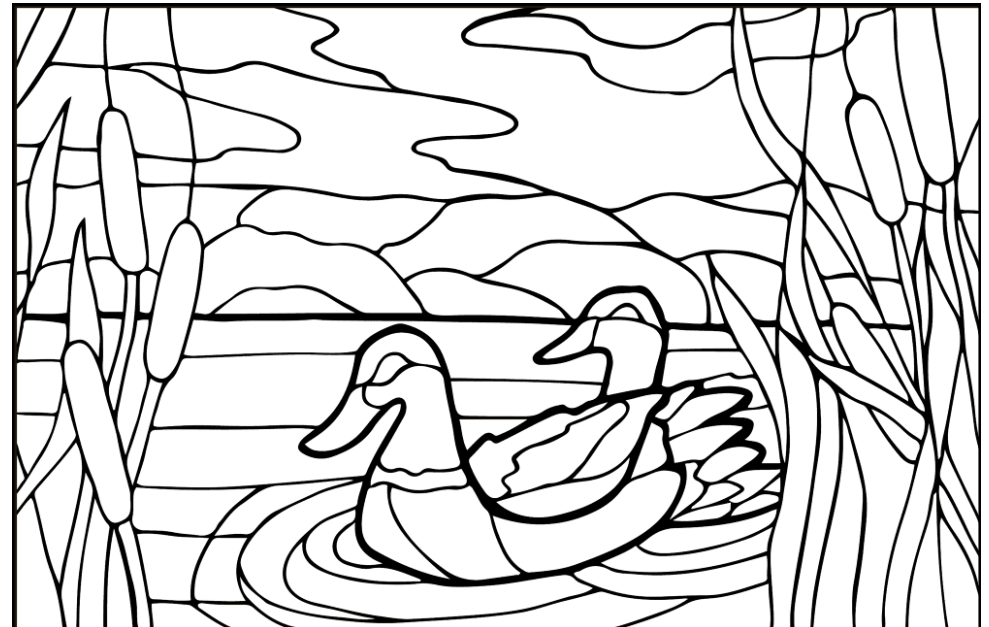
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 24

God chose Saul to be the King of Israel, but Saul chose to disobey Him. God said that the next king would not be Saul's son.

Saul didn't know that God had chosen David to be the next king.



David was very successful as a fighter and very popular.



David had to go on the run and hide.



One day, Saul and his army were in En-Gedi. Saul needed to pee, so he went into a sheep fold built next to a cave...

David and his men were hiding at the back of the cave!



David crept over and cut a piece off Saul's robe.



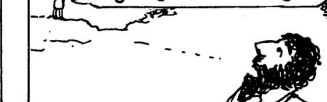
Then David felt bad.



David waited until Saul was far enough away then he shouted to him.



Your majesty, I could have killed you today, but I knew it was wrong. I want to prove to you I'm not trying to harm you.



David, you are better than me. I would have killed you but you were kind.



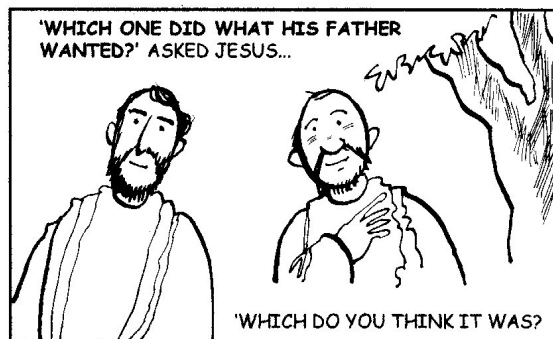
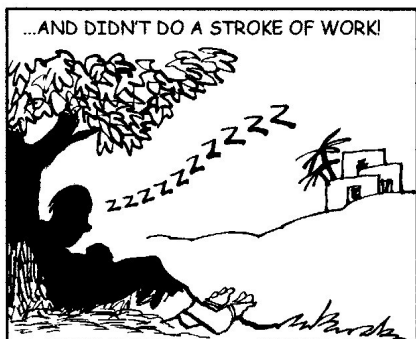
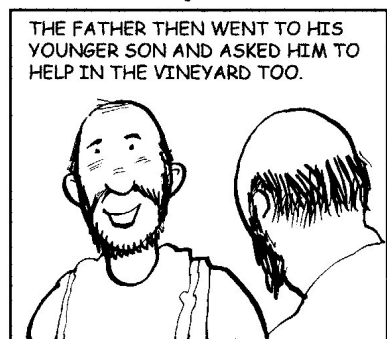
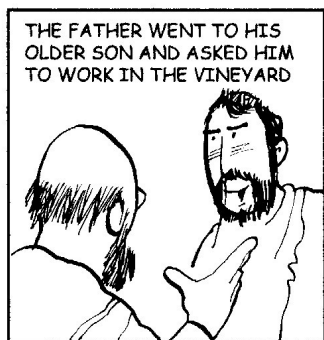
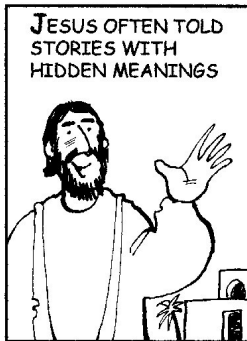
Now I know you will be the next king, but please look after my family.



David promised, and Saul and his army went home.



The tale of the Two Sons

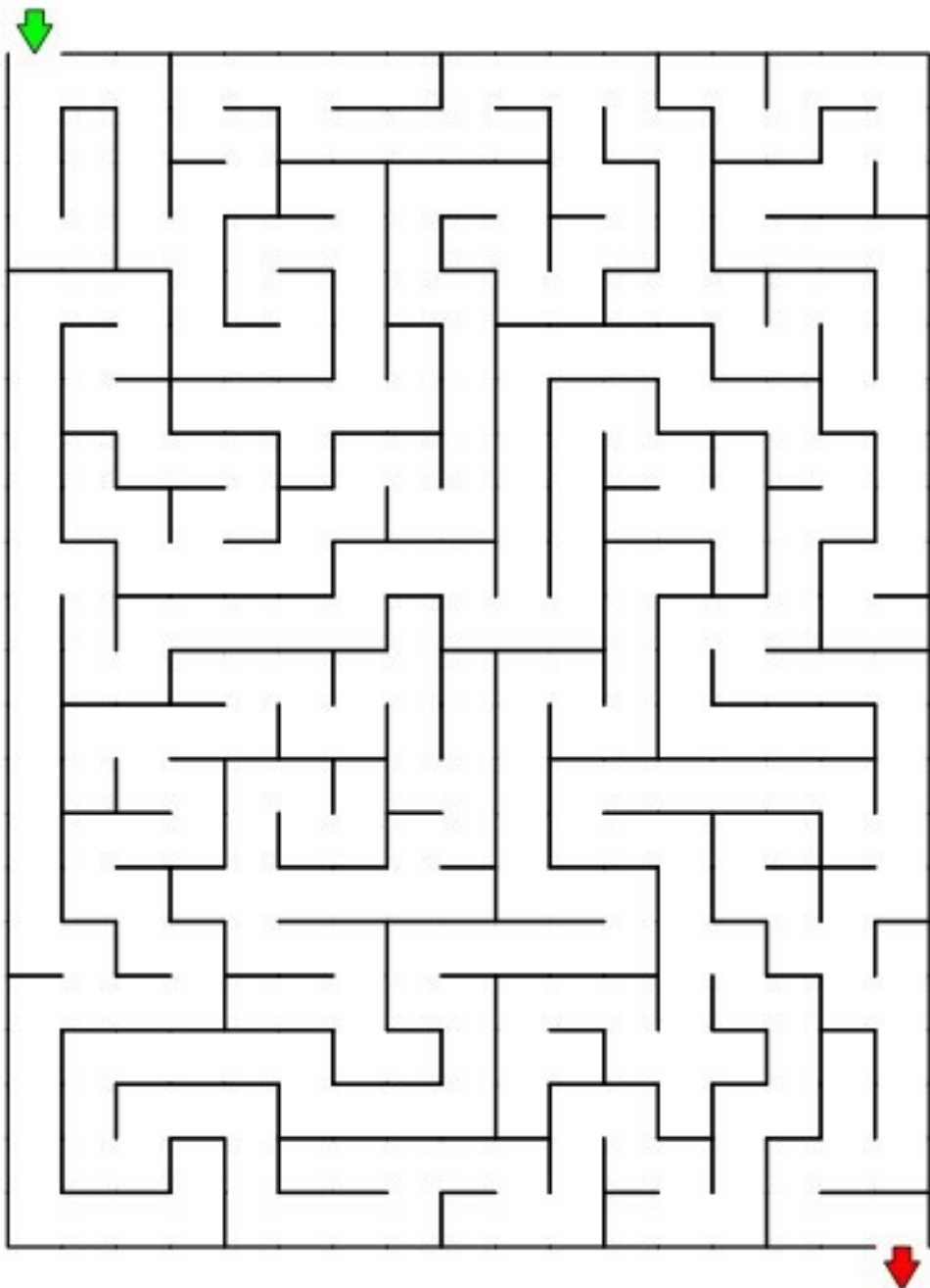


Mouse Makes

1. What bird makes it's nest on high?
Job 39:27
2. What ate the seeds along the path?
Matthew 13:4
3. The hair of which animal was used to make curtains?
Exodus 36:14
4. What insect can we learn from?
Proverbs 6:6
5. What plague came out of the River Nile?
Exodus 8:6
6. What animal would go through the eye of a needle easier than a rich person?
Luke 18:25
7. Which animal was Jesus compared to?
John 1:29
8. What bird did Noah release from the ark first?
Genesis 8:7
- 9 across. In what creature's mouth was a coin found?
Matthew 17:27
- 9 down. What lives in holes?
Matthew 8:20
10. What insect would God send to destroy the enemy?
Deut 7:20
11. What animals eat crumbs from under the table?
Matthew 15:27
12. Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?
Luke 3:22
13. Which animal did Jesus ride on?
Matthew 21:7
14. What bird did God provide for food in the wilderness?
Exodus 16:13
15. What insects did John eat in the wilderness?
Matthew 3:4
16. Which animal is the "mightiest among beasts"?
Proverbs 30:30

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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 new programme **Churchyard Secrets Shared** begins on 1st July with a Preview for Members. The exhibition and events programme are part of a larger project, a sequel to our previous project *Churchyard Secrets Revealed*. Both projects are a collaboration between the Washburn Heritage Centre and the Universities of York and Durham. Leaflets for Churchyard Secrets Shared are available to collect from the Centre. To book a place at any of our events please contact Jenny at the office on **01943 880794** or email centre@washburnvalley.org

Events in July:

Rediscovering ancient Egyptian burial practices by 'Mummifying Alan' Friday 3rd July 4.00pm to 6.30pm

Join the University of York's Professor Joann Fletcher and Dr Stephen Buckley 'in conversation' as they discuss their work looking into ancient Egyptian burial practices, from pushing back the beginnings of embalming by almost 2,000 years to how and why they mummified modern body donor Alan Billis. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member. Light refreshments served.

Churchyard Secrets Revealed

Tuesday 7th July 7.00pm to 8.30pm

We had no knowledge of the secrets Fewston churchyard held until part of it was excavated in 2009 for the Centre to be built. What was revealed took us by surprise! Archaeologists determined that it was 'globally significant'. Sally Robinson, one of the volunteers involved in the project from the beginning, shares with us the background, how we worked, what we discovered and the reasons for work continuing. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member. Light refreshments served.

A Tale of Two Graveyards

Thursday 16th July 10.00am to 2.00pm

Why was Fewston churchyard closed? We'll discover why as we walk through old Fewston, then head to the new cemetery at Meagill Lane where Timble Man John Dickinson is buried. Some road and some field walking with a couple of stiles. About 3 miles followed by a two-course lunch at the Heritage Centre. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

To New York, Chicago or Otley?

Wednesday 22nd July 7.00pm to 8.30pm

It is well known that local 19th century men Robinson Gill and Robert Collyer migrated to New York and Chicago, but how did they get there? A welcome return by Gillian Waters who investigates how people travelled to and from the Washburn Valley two centuries ago. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member. Light refreshments served.

Victorian Pub and Parlour evening

Friday 24th July 6.30pm - 9.00 pm

An enjoyable evening of authentic entertainment from Victorian Pub and Parlour. Come and hear songs performed in the Washburn area in the 1890s and find out about some of the local authors who wrote about the Valley. *The Fewston Musick* is a group of volunteers from the Washburn Heritage Centre led by Ken Fackrell, who has researched the programme. Pie and peas supper, followed by cake. Bar available. Cost £15 member, £18 non-member.

Death and disease in Victorian Leeds- Abbey House Museum

Monday 27th July 10.15am to 12.15pm

A private visit includes a "death and

disease" talk and viewing Victorian funeral artefacts. A chance to wander the Victorian street which now houses a police station and several new shops as well as the undertaker's window display. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Afternoon tea with John Anderson

Tuesday 28th July 2.00pm - 4.00pm

"Once I flit-fluttered like a bird/ Above the grass, as now I wave/ In daisy shapes above my grave". John is returning to read some moving, interesting and funny poems centred around death and churchyards. Please bring your own favourites to share while enjoying a tea on a summer's afternoon. Cost £15 member, £18 non-member.



The Birds in Your Garden



Young families

Have you got fewer birds in your garden and are some of them a bit scruffy?

The breeding season, particularly the feeding bit, is an intense time for most birds. They are out hunting food for their offspring from dawn to dusk, often having to squeeze through narrow passages to get to them. Think tits and the bird boxes which mimic their traditional nesting spots. It's not surprising that their feathers get worn and need replacing, hence the onset of moulting at this time of year as birds shed their old feathers and grow new ones. It usually happens in stages leaving birds looking a little scruffy, taking several weeks to replace some or all of their feathers, but by autumn the bird should have a pristine new set of feathers.

Sometimes though, it's because being so busy, birds are forced to reduce the amount of preening they would normally do, allowing a build-up of parasites. The irritation caused by mites can lead to birds scratching the area quite severely, resulting in a bald, sore or red patch. Their feathers will eventually grow back; mites are part of the ecosystem and birds are usually able to cope with them.

Most birds can still fly during moulting, but it may be more of a challenge for them, so they'll hide away from predators. They don't shed all their flight feathers at once, losing them from each wing and the tail sequentially, and in the same place on

each side to keep their balance. So flying is still possible, if more challenging. You can sometimes spot a moulting bird in flight by the "gappy" appearance of its wing and tail feathers.

Late summer is prime moulting time for our garden birds depending on the weather, the breed, and the sex of the bird. August is typically a time of plentiful food, after the breeding season, but before the cold of winter. In migratory species, both parents may need to start moulting with chicks still in the nest, so the process needs to be complete before they start the journey south.

Whilst moulting patterns mean that birds don't lose all their feathers at once, they will be less well insulated than usual and are vulnerable to heat loss. Even though it's late summer, anyone familiar with English weather will know that cold and damp can still be a serious issue! Growing new feathers takes a lot of energy, as does keeping a tiny, poorly insulated body warm, not to mention flying with missing feathers. So, for a bird, the moult is a risky and very energy-intensive process, and some species have evolved a mechanism for changing colour without growing more new feathers for the mating season.

The Starling for example, has a distinctive pattern of light speckles in autumn and winter, but in spring and summer it is iridescent black, blue and green. They don't lose their winter

speckles through moulting. The new feathers grown in late summer have tips which lack melanin and so are weaker than the rest of their feathers and wear away, revealing their showy iridescence ready for the breeding season.

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). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via gbwmike@gmail.com.



Titles: Starling
Photograph credit: Mike Gray

Watching birds is positively good for you

So says a new study out of North Carolina State University. It goes on to say that watching birds is even more beneficial to us than watching other forms of wildlife.

The new study found that birdwatchers' recorded 'distress' levels dropped by 13.7 per cent, compared to that of nature-walkers' at 6.9 per cent.

The study suggests that the reason may be that birds provide their own

narrative and sense of drama, which can be enough to lift someone watching them out of the everyday.

The author and presenter Kate Humble agrees. "There is something reassuring about life continuing and nature just getting on with it, even if it feels like the rest of the world is falling to bits. Birdwatching makes me feel part of a bigger, richer, beautiful picture."

50 years ago, on 4th July 1976 that Operation Entebbe took place. Israeli commandos staged a counter-terrorist hostage-rescue mission at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, following the hijacking of an Air France plane on 27th June.

50 years ago, on 20th July 1976 that NASA's Viking 1 lander successfully landed on Mars, and sent back the first photographs from the surface of Mars.

50 years ago, on 29th July 1976 that the pier-head of Southend Pier in Essex was destroyed by fire. It is the world's longest pier. It re-opened in 1986, but then a tanker crashed into it, creating a 70-foot gap. It reopened again in 1989, but two further fires, in 1999 and 2005, caused significant damaged. It reopened in July 2012.

40 years ago, on 23rd July 1986 that the marriage of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson in Westminster Abbey took place. They became the Duke and Duchess of York and divorced in 1996.

40 years ago, on 28th July 1986 that British estate agent Suzy Lamplugh failed to return from an appointment in London, sparking the biggest missing person investigation since Lord Lucan. She has never been found.

30 years ago, on 1st July 1996 that candidates taking the British driving test also had to pass a written exam for the first time.

30 years ago, on 5th July 1996 that Dolly the sheep was born. She was the first cloned mammal at the Roslin Institute

in Edinburgh. Died in 2003.

25 years ago, on 2nd July 2001 that Barry George was convicted of killing British TV presenter Jill Dando in April 1999. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but later acquitted and the case remains unsolved.

20 years ago, on 1st July 2006 that Fred Trueman, cricket player and broadcaster died. Seen as one of the greatest bowlers in cricketing history. Money was raised and on his request a statue to him was placed in Skipton.

20 years ago, on 15th July 2006 that Twitter, the online micro-blogging service, was launched.

15 years ago, on 9th July 2011 that South Sudan gained its independence from Sudan. It is the world's newest country.

10 years ago, on 13th July 2016 that Theresa May became Prime Minister (until 2019) after David Cameron resigned following the UK's referendum on leaving the European Union.

10 years ago, on 26th July that Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for President of the USA by a major political party (Democrats). She lost to Donald Trump in the election that November.



Recipe ~ Custard Biscuits



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

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

Ingredients

8oz flour
1 teaspoon of baking powder
1oz rice flour
1/2 oz cornflour
1/2 oz custard powder
2oz butter
4 oz sugar
1 small egg

- Mix in the rest of the dry ingredients
- Beat the egg and mix into the dry ingredients
- Roll out and cut with your chosen biscuit cutter
- Place on a baking tray
- Bake in a moderate oven (180°C, 350 - 375 °F or Gas Mark 4-5)
- Until golden brown.

Method

- Rub the butter into the flour

Recipe provided by Mrs J.L. Smith



Ode to Spell Checkers

I have a spelling checker
I disk covered four my PC.
It plane lee marks four my revue
Miss steaks aye can knot see.

Eye ran this poem threw it.
Your sure real glad two no.
Its very polished in its weigh,
My checker tolled me sew.

A checker is a blessing.
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,
And aides me when aye rime.

Each frays comes posed up on my screen
Eye trussed too bee a joule.
The checker pours o'er every word
To cheque sum spelling rule.

Bee fore wee rote with checkers
Hour spelling was inn deck line,
Butt now when wee dew have a laps,
Wee are not maid too wine.

And now bee cause my spelling
Is checked with such grate flare,
There are know faults in awl this peace,
Of nun eye am a wear.

To rite with care is quite a feet
Of witch won should be proud,
And wee mussed dew the best wee can,
Sew flaws are knot aloud.

That's why eye brake in two averse
Cuz Eye dew want too please.
Sow glad eye yam that aye did bye
This soft wear four pea seas.

Grove Booklets



Gardeners Corner



After all the hard work in May and June, July is a time to enjoy the garden. The roses, sweet peas and annuals will all be in full bloom. To prolong the flowering season do keep removing the spent blooms and picking the sweet peas. Once these have set seed they will be reluctant to produce new flowers. Remember that it doesn't rain in pots so they will need watering and a weekly feed, as will your sweet peas which are hungry and thirsty plants. Hopefully you will be able to use the stored rain that fell so heavily at the beginning of June. If there is a dry spell there really is no need to water lawns (unless newly laid) as the grass will quickly recover after a drought. Do watch out for lily beetles. These are bright red and easy to spot, so pick them off and dispose of them before they cause damage.

Tomatoes should be doing well in the greenhouse. Watch out for whitefly – I usually plant tagetes (marigolds) alongside them to deter these little pests. A weekly dose of a Tomato feed will keep them happy. Potatoes can be harvested in July and there will be plenty of other edibles in the kitchen garden too. Keep an eye on brassicas as the cabbage white butterfly loves to lay its eggs on the underside of these tempting leaves. It is easy to rub off the clusters of yellow eggs, rather than waiting for the caterpillars to hatch and start munching.

Have a lovely summer and if you are going away, group pots of plants together and move them to a cooler spot – this is especially important for house plants, which will need a thorough watering before you leave.



Denton, Askwith and Weston Open Gardens Weekend – 13th & 14th June

Our local gardens were looking truly splendid for this event, having benefited from plenty of rain and of course all the hard work by gardeners over the previous months to make them so beautiful. Judging by the many smiling faces the weekend was greatly enjoyed by all and raised over £3,000 towards the maintenance of our two churches – a terrific result.

Very many thanks to our wonderful supporters and all who contributed and volunteered, whether by opening a garden, baking delicious teatime treats, serving guests, displaying artwork, parking cars and generally helping so willingly. It was a great community event and appreciated by us all.

Well done everyone!

OUR MAGAZINE

Feeling inspired?

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.

If you feel inspired to write an article for the magazine. Share some news, a poem or a seasonal recipe, please send them to the editor.

Email your items to:
magazine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk

Or send by post to;
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Our Community

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, Saint Helen Denton, Saint Michael and Saint Laurence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley and Saint Oswald Leathley. Norwood chapel is in the Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist circuit

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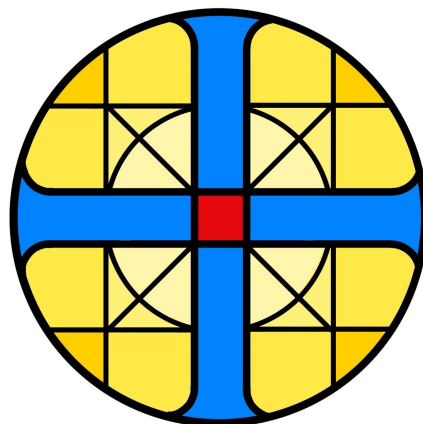
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The boys on the substitutes' bench knew their only chance of a sing was if one of the first team was injured



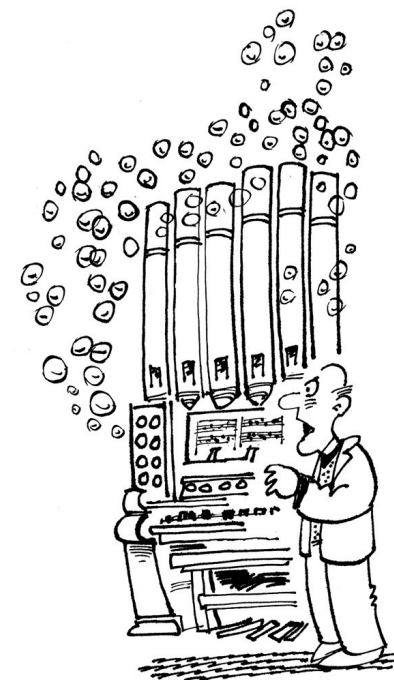
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Puzzles and colouring, in the centre pages



For the last time! - Which member of the Junior Choir put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!

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