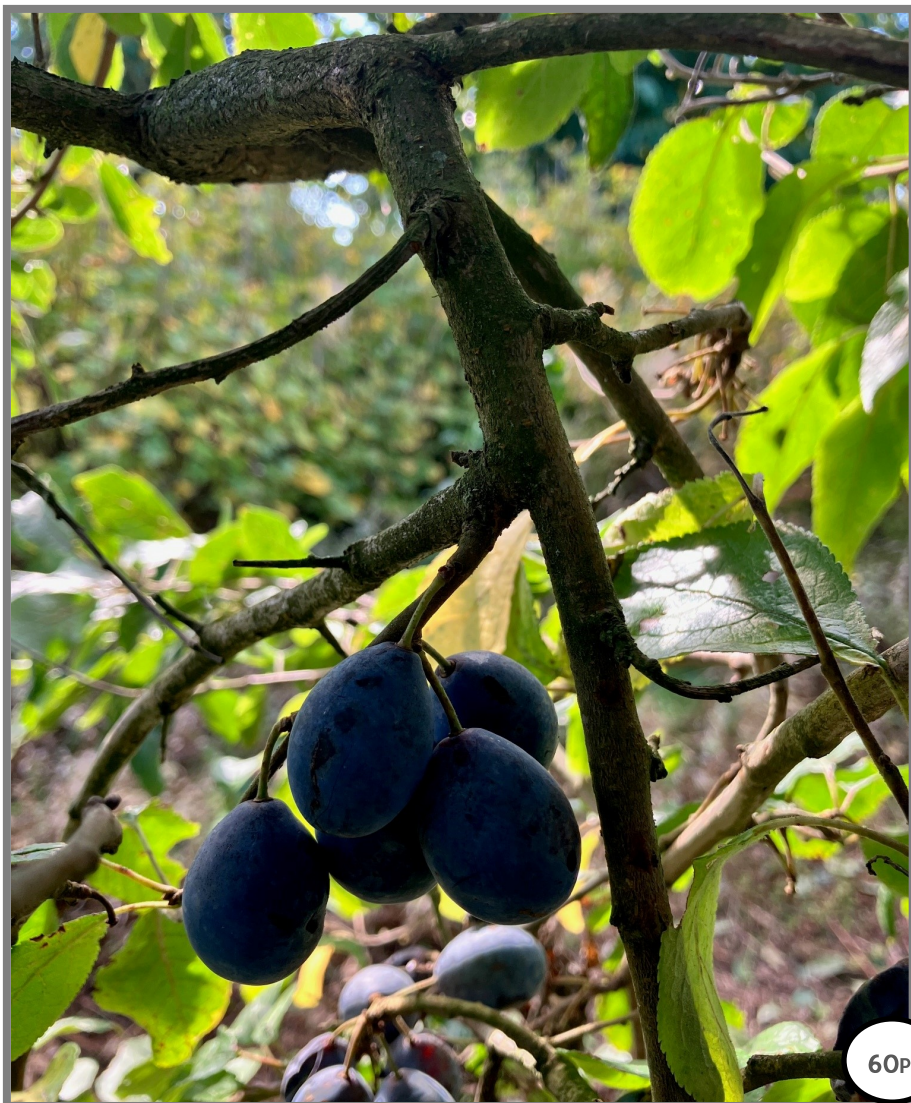


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Village Church Services October



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

5th October

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (RE)
9.30 am	Leathley	Harvest Service (TD)
11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer ()

12th October

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11.15am	Denton	Morning Prayer (RW)
11am	Fewston	Holy Communion (CL)
9.30am	Farnley	Family Harvest Festival (TD)

19th October

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
9.30am	Leathley	Holy Communion (BM)
3pm	Blubberhouses	Evensong Quattur (JC)

26th October

Bible Sunday - Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Farnley	Holy Communion (TMc)
11.15am	Denton	Holy Communion (TMc)

2nd November

All Saints Day

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMc)
11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (common worship) (TMc)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel October

Sunday 12th October 2.30pm –
Afternoon service led by Lindsey Hurst

Sunday 26th October 2.30pm
- Rev. Cameron Stirk – Holy Communion

Do come along and join us!

The Vicar's Monthly Message

How are we doing as a benefice?

In March 2024 we had our first Hopes and Dreams meeting. Approximately 30 of us took part and we had an interesting time of sharing of ideas and possible plans for the next two years for the benefice. This was then followed up by a further meeting at the very end of August 2024, not quite so well attended but this was of course the holiday period.

Sowhat has been happening in these last 12 months apart from services and the usual Parish events? Have things stayed the same?

- ◆ Study group looking at Prayer
- ◆ There have been different times of Prayer held through-out the Benefice in each church
- ◆ One person has undergone Diocesan training and is now commissioned as an Occasional Preacher
- ◆ Four people have been trained so that they can assist with the administration of Communion and have been authorised by Bishop Anna
- ◆ "My Faith" course has been run in September 25
- ◆ People have been encouraged to take part in intersessions in our services
- ◆ The Rota was revised in 2024
- ◆ We have been supporting through prayer our local school and also our nursery and they are aware of that!
- ◆ Local school had a carol service in church
- ◆ Visits to the local children's nursery
- ◆ People across the Benefice have updated their Safeguarding Training

During Advent 2025 and Lent 2026 there will be courses held at the Vicarage. In 2026 there hopefully will be a gathering of those who feel called to the Ministry of Pastoral Visiting for us to look at this together. As well as the training that will be needed this will also require a DBS (Data Barring Service). Also planned are additional services such as Songs of Praise so we can get together and enjoy singing God's praises and also a service of Healing and reconciliation...watch this space!

As you can see things are moving, perhaps slowly but none the less moving! Be encouraged, the Lord is leading, all we need to do is to place our trust in him, listen to him and then act!

Blessings Teresa



News from Norwood Chapel

When we think of Harvest Festival many of us go back to the past – we picture golden fields of wheat, children singing “*We plough the fields and scatter,*” and churches piled high with fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers, with a large ornamental bread in the centre. But in today’s world, where some of our grand-children think carrots grow in plastic bags and you can get pumpkins all year round from the supermarket, what does Harvest really mean?

While farming has changed — with GPS-guided tractors and drones monitoring crops — the principle remains the same: **God provides.**

In every season, He is faithful.

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” — Genesis 8:22 (NIV)

It’s comforting, isn’t it?

In a world that feels like it’s constantly shifting — new technology, new terminology, new regimes — God’s promise remains the same.

Harvest still comes, just sometimes via click-and-collect!!

Many churches today collect food not from fields, but from cupboards — tinned soup, pasta, long-life milk. Our harvest offerings feed not only the soul but the stomachs of those in need right in our communities.

And though it may not look like the traditional harvest displays of our youth, isn’t it just as beautiful? A pyramid of baked beans stacked high can be just as holy and blessed as a bushel of barley.

“If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness...” — Isaiah 58:10 (ESV)

So, don’t worry if your garden didn’t yield more than a slightly embarrassed tomato this year. Your harvest might be in the form of kindness, prayer, or a packet of custard creams for the food bank!!!

And let’s not forget, many of us, even those of us who are getting on in years, are still sowing — not just seeds in soil, but seeds of love, wisdom, and patience. Grandchildren, neighbours, the new couple at church — we are still part of the harvest story.

So, whether you’re harvesting apples or Aldi specials, know that God sees and celebrates every gift. And remember: You’re never too old to plant a seed... or to sneak an extra slice of apple pie!!!

Rev. Cameron Stirk
(Norwood Methodist Church)



Community Notice Board



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota

October & November

5th & 12th October Tom & Ruth Raper
19th & 26th October Sally Stanley
16th and 23rd November

Julie Crowther

30th and 7th December Ann Chadwick

Weston Flower and Cleaning October & November

5th and 12th October Helen Cobleby
19th and 26th October Karen Boothman
2nd & 9th November Mrs H Pullan
16th & 23rd November Mrs H Pullan



From the Registers

Wedding

6th September

At Fewston

Felicity Rose Watson-West and
Christopher Ian Jelley

Fewston Parochial Hall Charity teas

Teas, lunches and
homemade cakes

Saturday 25th and
Sunday 26th October
10.00am till 4.00pm.

All proceeds to be shared
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Fewston Church.**



Carol Singing

The Fewston and Blubberhouses
carol singers will be out and about
in December

Monday 1st, Wednesday 3rd,
Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th
(Route to be confirmed).

Carol singers of all abilities are
welcome and post singing supper
included too.

Further details in the next issue or
call Alison on 07752431886.

Community Notice Board



Star gazing
We're star and planet gazing with
Martin our astrophysicist on Tuesday
21st October 2pm start -
he makes it so easy to understand!

We meet at 7.30pm at
Fewston Parochial Hall
All are welcome!

If you would like more information
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or Margaret 01423 806151



T&T



Dominoes.
Back to playing prize winning
dominoes! Do join us for tea and chat
plus dominoes on Tuesday 7th
October 2pm at Norwood Social Hall.
See you then

All welcome!
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If you want to hear more about T&T,
give Gillian a ring on 880362
I have always got time for T&T!

Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month,
the next meeting is the

9th October at 7pm at
The Penny Bun

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

Assistance needed

The PCC of Farnley Church
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**At Fewston Parochial Hall on
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Tickets £10 phone Gillian on 07795464042

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descends into delicious disaster?

Expect big laughs, bold flavours, and a tasty treat for the
audience at the end!

Norwood Social Hall Dominoes

Friday October 17th

Domino dates 2025 for your diaries

Friday November 21st
Christmas Dominoes Friday December 12th 2025

Hope you can join us.
Pea and Pie Supper 7pm for a 7.15pm start.

Leathley Parish Room
Domino and Whist Drives

Whist Drive
Friday 10th October - at 7:00 pm

Saturday 8th November – Family Domino Drive, 4:00pm start

Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included
(Vegetarian Option/Pizza on request)
Cash Bar- Raffle - Prizes

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 by the evening of the Wednesday before to make sure we order enough pies & pizzas!

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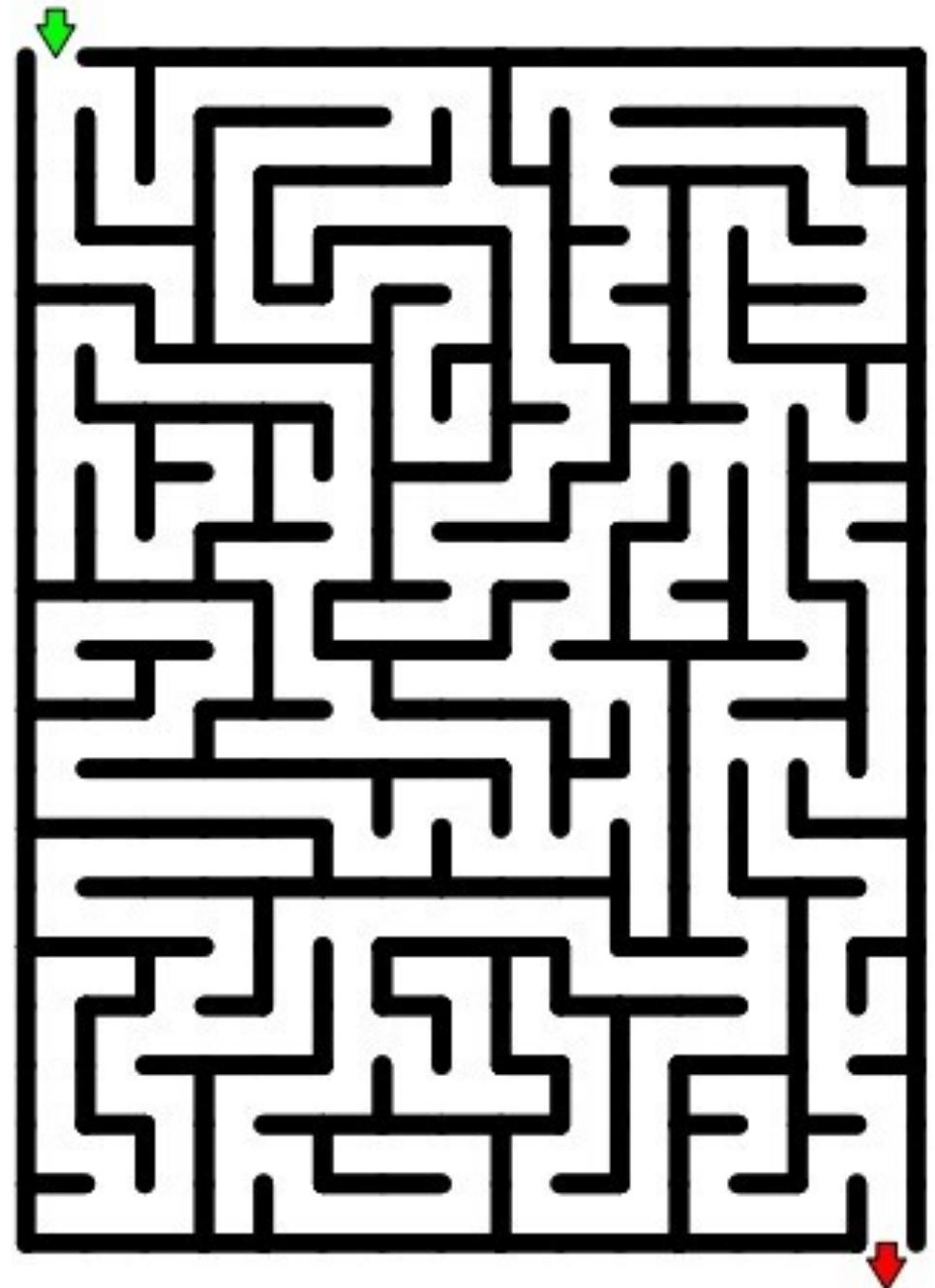
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:36 - 7:8, 16-22

God had told Gideon he would drive the Midianite invaders out of His country. 32000 men had come to fight with Gideon.

Gideon asked God for proof.



God did as Gideon had asked.



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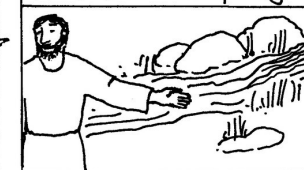
God said
The army is too big. They will think that they beat the Midianites, not Me.



So Gideon sent home all who were afraid - 22,000 of them



There were still too many, so Gideon told them to drink from the spring.



300 scooped up water to drink, and the rest were sent home.



Each man was given a jar with a lit torch in it and a horn.



That night they surrounded the Midianite camp.



At the signal, they blew the trumpets, smashed the jars and shouted a war cry



The Midianites were so shocked they attacked each other, and then ran

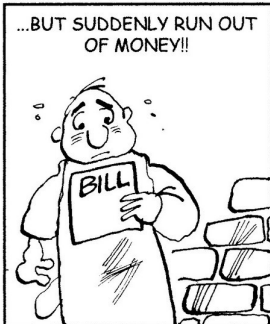
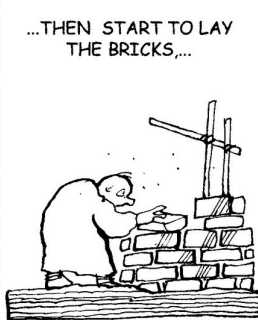
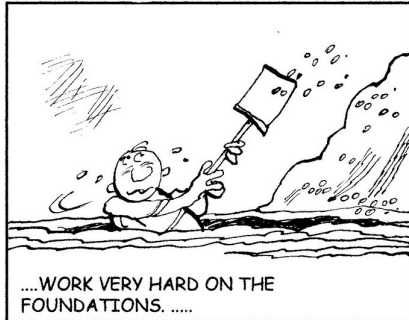
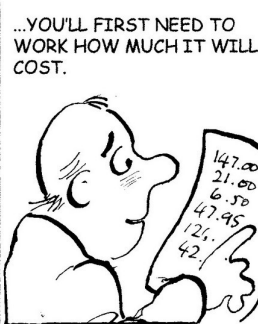
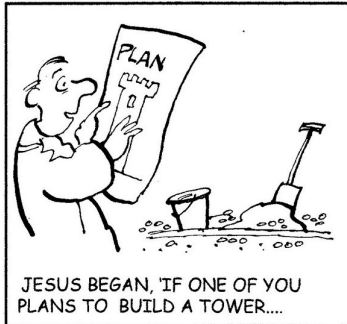
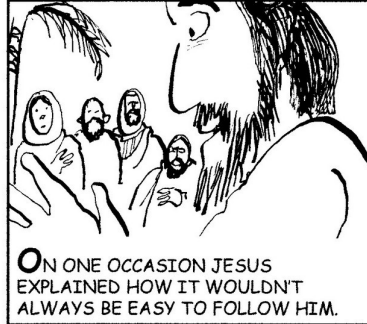


The Israelites won without having to do any fighting.

The tale of the Tower Builder



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



All in the month of October

It was:

750 years ago, on 27th Oct 1275 that the city of Amsterdam in the Netherlands is traditionally considered to have been founded.

200 years ago, on 25th Oct 1825 that Johann Strauss II, was born. This Austrian composer is best known for his waltzes, including *The Blue Danube*.

125 years ago, on 20th Oct 1900 that the American aviation pioneers the Wright Brothers made their first untethered glider flight at Kill Devil Hills, in North Carolina.

100 years ago, on 13th Oct 1925 that Margaret Thatcher, Baroness Thatcher, was born. She was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain (1979-90). (Died 2013.)

90 years ago, on 12th Oct 1935 that Luciano Pavarotti, Italian operatic tenor, was born. Considered one of the finest tenors of the 20th century, and one of the most commercially successful of all time. (Died 2007.)

80 years ago, on 12th Oct 1945 that US Army combat medic Desmond Doss became the first conscientious objector in US history to receive a Medal of Honour for heroic actions. He saved the lives of 75 men during the Battle of Okinawa. The film *Hacksaw Ridge* told his story.

70 years ago, on 20th Oct 1955 that *The Return of the King*, the third and final part of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*, was published.

65 years ago, on 12th Oct 1960 that, at a

meeting of the UN General Assembly in New York, the Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev is reported to have removed his shoe and pounded his table, in protest at a speech by another delegate.

65 years ago, on 30th Oct 1965 that Diego Maradona was born. The Argentine football player, manager and coach is regarded as one of the greatest football players in history. (Died 2020.)

60 years ago, on 8th Oct 1965 that the Post Office Tower (now the BT Tower) in London was officially opened. It was the tallest building in the UK until 1980.

50 years ago, on 9th Oct 1975 that the IRA detonated a bomb near the Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly. One person was killed and at least 20 injured.

40 years ago, on 1st Oct 1985 that riots broke out in Toxteth in Liverpool and Peckham in London. Five days later (6th Oct) Met Police Constable Keith Blacklock was killed in the Broadwater Farm housing estate riot in Tottenham. He was the first British constable to be killed in a riot since 1833.

40 years, on 26th Oct 1985 that the Australian government returned the ownership of Uluru / Ayers Rock to the local Pitjantjatjara people, on condition that they lease it to the National Parks and Wildlife Agency for 99 years and allow it to be jointly managed.

25 years ago, on 26th Oct 2000 that the BSE Inquiry Report was published in ...

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Independent co-opted members - some-

times referred to as "community members" - need to be able to think strategically and analytically, in providing both support and challenge to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. You will be working alongside councillors from North Yorkshire and York in this role, providing an independent perspective, and as such will need to demonstrate objectivity, good judgment and the ability to communicate effectively with a range of partners and the public.

Full details and how to apply are online:
<https://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/pfcprecrut>



Short Mat carpet bowls

Come and join us all on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm for short mat carpet bowls! We have two mats and various people who will show you how to bowl, so being a beginner is no problem at all.

We meet at Fewston Parochial Hall every Wednesday at 2pm. Phone Gillian on 07795464042 for further information.



Eyes on the Skies



Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales will launch its next major campaign on 21 October with an online event featuring talks and a panel discussion. The Eyes on the Skies campaign speaks up about the continued illegal killing of birds of prey in the Yorkshire Dales.

The online launch, starting at 5:30pm on 21 October, offers a chance to: Learn about the vital role birds of prey play in the Yorkshire Dales ecosystem. Hear from leading experts about the scale and impact of their persecution. Find out the ways in which you can speak up for birds of prey and support the campaign. Sign up and join this free event at:

www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events
Friends of the Dales is a registered charity set up in 1981 which works to protect and enhance the Yorkshire Dales and encourages everyone, from all backgrounds, to value and enjoy this special area. We are the only membership and campaigning charity for the Dales!

Our campaigning work is driven by our policies which are created by our volunteer Policy & Planning Committee made up of trustees and other experts. We campaign on a wide range of environmental and social issues that affect the biodiversity and landscape of the Dales and the wellbeing of local communities. We continue to actively campaign and lobby for sustainable transport since setting up Dalebus (run by our social enterprise company Dales & Bowland CIC) in 2007. Other notable campaigns have included raising awareness nationally and locally of the toxic legacy of planting trees with plastic guards and the importance of adapting cutting regimes on rural verges to allow wildflowers to proliferate.

To find out more, join us, or sign up to our enews visit:

www.friendsofthedales.org.uk



Titles: Peregrine
Photograph credit: Dave Dimmock

Celebrating Community talent

'Little Mouse' by Gillian Lishman.

A Weeton writers tribute to our countryside and all those creatures that live here.

Many of us are aware that throughout the parishes of the Washburn Valley we have some incredibly talented and creative people- residents, neighbours and friends. However, one such inspiring person will be too reticent to promote her new and second children's book, *Little Mouse*, so I am doing it for her! We can't have something so wonderful, that children, parents and grandparents will enjoy sharing at reading time, to go unmentioned.

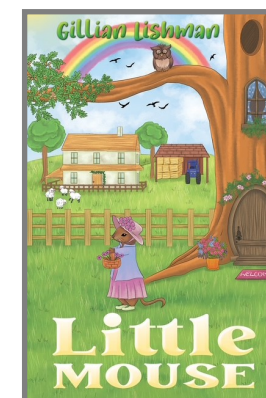
Gillian Lishman and her family have lived and farmed in Castley for over 30 years. She now lives in Weeton with her own business as a Reflexologist and Foot Health Practitioner. During the Covid 19 pandemic Gillian's business had to temporarily close like that of many other people and it was during this time she got the inspiration to write *Little Mouse*. As she was unable to see her grandchildren she used to video bedtime stories for them. However, on a walk around the fields one day the idea of writing a letter to the children including a story she had made up was born, and this became a weekly project right throughout the lockdown period.

The countryside as any farmer or resident knows, is teeming with wildlife, beautiful trees and hedgerows. It was a particular tree on the farm that inspired the idea for *Little Mouse* and her friend and neighbour, Old Owl. Little did Gillian realise at the time that her imagination fuelled her desire to write and this would eventually become a published book in 2022, now enjoyed by readers young and old both in the UK and overseas.

In the first book the main characters are Little Mouse, Old Owl, Scruffy Mouse and Mattie Mouse. I've been fortunate to read an advance copy of *Little Mouse 2*, to be released in October, it includes some fun new characters including the Prickle family, Buster Mole and Ginger and Horatio Cooper (guinea pigs). But these are not just cute stories about animals in our countryside, embedded is a narrative that runs through all families bringing up young children - how to live your life to the best of your ability and consider the impact on others. Gillian subtly weaves positive values throughout each chapter. Themes of kindness, compassion, friendship and caring for both people and the countryside, emerge naturally.

The books are packed with vibrant, colourful images, illustrations born from Gillian's own sketches, bringing to life the curious characters and their adventures. Designed for children from the age of 3 up to approximately 10 years old and beyond they make an ideal gift for those wanting to support our local rural economy and enjoy locally inspired stories. If you want any more information about the book series Gillian is happy for you to contact her at info@castleytreatments.co.uk

Jane Whitehead - Weeton Resident



Heritage Open Day at Denton and Weston on 13th September

was well attended with a steady stream of visitors enjoying both churches. The event generated a huge amount of interest in both the architecture, artefacts and history, as well as Jonathan Smith's art exhibition. Luckily the weather stayed fine for

those indulging in tea at the Tithe Barn at Weston Hall and fruit picking in the orchard. With many thanks to all who helped and welcomed and especially to Mary Dawson and her team for excellent afternoon teas.



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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SATURDAYS** and **SUNDAYS** during the winter, from April onwards 11am until 4pm. Our Saturday menu has changed slightly, to offer toasted crumpets, toasted fruit loaf, cakes and drinks only. On Sundays we offer our full lunch menu. We welcome **NEW VOLUNTEERS**. If you can spare a few hours at the week-end 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 **BIRDS, BEASTS AND BLOOMS** continues until the end of October and we then make way for our next programme **A Winter Welcome!**

To book a place at any of our events in October please contact Jenny at the office on **01943 880794** or email centre@washburnvalley.org

As follows:

The Woodland Trust and Hackfall,
David Mason and Paul Bunton
Wednesday 1st October,
7.30pm – 9.00pm

Hackfall Wood near Grewelthorpe is a site of special scientific interest. This talk will deal with the creation and restoration of the woodland garden and the birds, flowers, fungi and animals that call it home. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Fungal foray led by Andy Woodall of
the Wharfedale Naturalists
Thursday 9th October,

10.30am – 1.00pm

Meeting at the Centre, Andy Woodall will lead this guided stroll, exploring the woodland and helping us to identify and learn about different types of fungi, including edible and non-edible varieties. The morning will conclude with an interesting, mushroom-based meal (shop bought mushrooms for safety!). Cost £14 member, £17 non-member.

Elysian Singers
Saturday 11th October,
7.00pm – 9.00pm

A return visit from the Elysian Singers whose music we previously enjoyed here two years ago. They are a mixed voice choir who sing a broad selection of music ranging from the 16th to 21st century. We are pleased to welcome this group to Fewston Church who so evidently enjoy singing and performing their music. Wine and canapes served. Cost £15 member, £18 non-member.

Ancient landscapes
Thursday 16th October, 9.30am

Explore the middle part of the valley on this 5-mile walk through mixed woodland, fields and carr woodland along the side of the River Washburn and then to Dob Park. May be muddy and some stiles. Lunch served back at the Heritage Centre. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Autumn supper
Tuesday 21st October,
6.30pm – 9.00pm

As the programme draws to a close, join us for a cosy social evening with friends. Our usual three course supper



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will be served. The bar will be operating and the evening is sure to bring some surprises. Cost £19.50 member, £24.50 non-member.

Making Baildon Blossom Honey, **Barney Lerner**

Thursday 23rd October,
7.30pm – 9.00pm

Barney Lerner has been keeping bees for about 20 years and is on Facebook as Baildon Blossom Honey. He only meant to have two or three hives but has ended up with ten or twelve depending on the season and the year. He will bring a range of equipment to show, possibly including an observation hive with bees inside. He will talk about bees and beekeeping from the amateur beekeeper's perspective and explain how numbers of hives can grow and how disaster can

strike. Barney sells honey in the autumn at Baildon Farmers Market, and to friends, and will bring samples to taste and jars of honey to buy (weather permitting). Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

"Well preserved" an autumn sale **Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd Novem-** **ber, 11.00am – 3.30pm**

Our talented preservers and bottlers have made all your favourite chutneys, jams, jellies and those delicious fruity gins and liqueurs. Perfect gifts to buy ahead for Christmas. There will also be a limited number of Christmas cakes available to order and collect in December. The Tea Room will be open and offering a seasonal twist to its menu.



Farnley Estate Womens Institute

Our members enjoyed the talk given by Dr. Ann Buxton about her recent trip to the Antarctica. The slide show that accompanied her talk showed magnificent scenery and the wildlife that live there.

September's meeting is an entertaining talk from Helen Cox entitled "A bee in my bonnet".

To view our programme for 2025 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 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.



The Birds in Your Garden



Winter Storage

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 handful.

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?

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 rediscovering 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 visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw).



Titles: Nuthatch
Photograph credit: Mike Gray



Recipe ~ Tomato Chutney



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

1lb tomatoes
1 1/2 lb apples
1lb onion
1/2lb brown sugar
1lb raisins
1 teaspoon of pepper
1 teaspoon of ground ginger
1oz salt
1 pint of vinegar

into pieces

- Peel and slice the onions.
- Place everything into the pan with the brown sugar, raisins, ground ginger, pepper, salt and vinegar.
- Simmer slowly stirring well to prevent burning.
- Cook for one hour until the mixture is thoroughly blended and thick.
- Place in sterilised jars and allow to cool before storing

Method

- Wash and cut the tomatoes into pieces
- Peel and core and cut the apples

Mrs Scaife



... All in the month of October ~ continued from page 23

... the UK. It concluded that the BSE (Mad Cow Disease) epidemic was caused by the use of infected meat and bone meal in cattle feed.

20 years ago, on 3rd Oct 2005 that Ronnie Barker, TV comedian, actor and writer, died. Known for *The Frost Report*, *The Two Ronnies*, *Porridge*, *Going Straight* and *Open All Hours*.

20 years ago, on 18th to 26th Oct 2005 that Hurricane Wilma, the most intense Atlantic hurricane ever recorded, hit the Caribbean, Central America and the eastern USA. 63 people died. The storm caused £18.1 billion worth of

damage.

15 years ago, on 13th Oct 2010 that 33 Chilean miners who had been trapped underground for 69 days following the collapse of the San Jose copper-gold mine were rescued. Around one billion TV viewers around the world watched them being pulled to the surface one-by-one, in a specially designed capsule.

10 years ago, on 26th Oct 2015 that the Hindu Kush earthquake hit Afghanistan, India and Pakistan. At least 399 people were killed, and 2,536 more injured.



Gardeners Corner



The longed for rain eventually made an appearance in September, but the summer drought and hosepipe ban really made an impact on our gardens and we can expect similar conditions in future. Harvesting rainwater is now an essential so do make sure you have a water butt(s) or other storage, so that you can collect the winter rainfall, ready to water those new early plants and seedlings next spring.

By now the tomatoes and cucumbers will have finished cropping, so do give the greenhouse a good clean and at the same, don't forget to wash pots and seed trays. Autumn is an opportunity to get ahead by sowing broad beans and sweet peas, ready for an early show. They should survive in an unheated greenhouse, before being planted out next year.

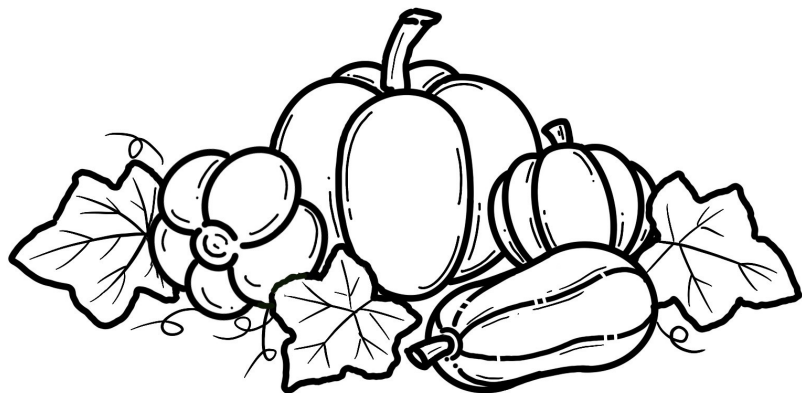
Amazingly lawns have greened up after the drought, but will benefit from a good raking with a spring-time rake or mechanical scarifier to remove the thatch and debris accumulated over the summer. Any really bare patches can be resown whilst the soil is warm.

As autumn progresses, give the lawn a high cut to remove fallen leaves which can be added to the compost heap. Collect other fallen leaves preferably when wet and store them separately. They will rot down to make leaf mould which is an excellent tonic for the garden.

Keep checking carefully stored potatoes and apples and remove any rotting ones straight away.

Thinking about colour for next year, October is the prime time for planting spring bulbs. As a rule of thumb bulbs should be planted root end down and at about twice the depth of the size of the bulb.

There is still plenty of tidying up to keep you busy, but don't be too tidy as the birds will enjoy any standing seedheads which also look lovely and add interest when covered with frost. Do make sure that you have brought in citrus plants and pelargoniums etc before the cold weather starts to bite. Best of all, enjoy the autumn colours and the changing season.



WASHBURN & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES 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 magazine

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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"Good news on the lottery-funding for the organ repairs, Vicar – three of our numbers came up for £25!"



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After his induction, Harry met the
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