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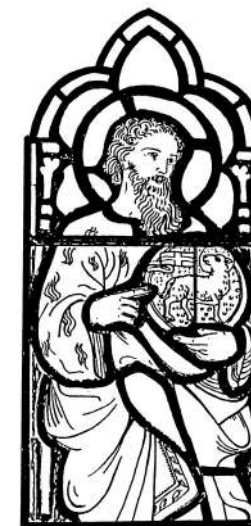
George, patron of England

25th April

Mark the Evangelist

A prayer by Jane Austen

Incline us O God to think humbly
 of ourselves, to be severe only in
 the examination of our own
 conduct, to consider our fellow
 creatures with kindness, and to
 judge of all they say and do with
 that charity which we would desire
 from them ourselves.





We aim through Christian worship, word and action to celebrate and share the love of God with our neighbours

From the Editor

Each month we encourage you to be ready at 10am on a Wednesday morning to pray for people in our church family. You will see this month's suggestions on page 8. As we pray, we must not forget to give thanks for the gifts of these precious people. You may find it helpful when you pray for our treasurer, Bob Holloway, if you read the interview I conducted with him recently - p. 11.

Alison talks to us this month about the power of a good story. I wonder if any of you had a favourite author when you were a child, but, on a lighter note, I would draw your attention to a story I wrote on p. 22. I would hesitate to call it a good story, but I would appreciate it if you could share with me your thoughts about this mysterious visitor. I also remember seeing Grayson Perry in our church a few years ago, but I think

that story will have to wait for another month.

The Social Committee studied the forms some of you filled in recently where you indicated what type of social function you enjoy and would attend. Daytime events seemed to be very popular, although many of you indicated that you would come out in the evening to attend a quiz. So for a daytime event, please consider coming to our Soup & Sandwich Lunch on 22nd April. The soups will all be home-made and all vegetarian, although some of the sandwiches will contain meat (see page 15). And in the evening on 20th May, Trevor will be holding a quiz in his own inimitable style. He has been working on it for some months, so do come along and support him. Full details will be available next month. The usual fish and chips may not be available, but we shall provide a tasty supper instead.

Happy Easter!

Marjorie

If you would like to have an annual subscription to Adel Bells, delivered to your home if you live in Adel or posted to you if not, please get in touch with me and I will give you the necessary information.

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Rector Alison's Letter

The power of a good story

One occasion when I am glad to be out of teaching is World Book Day in March. I love books, but didn't enjoy the challenge of making a costume, the embarrassment of walking through Crossgates wearing it, and the fear of finding I had the day wrong.

I have a vivid memory of walking to school dressed as Willy Wonka, and the great relief in meeting a 'Cat in a Hat' coming the other way. We gave each other a wry smile!

This year I had the joy of seeing children pass my door in their costumes, and of spending time with them in Collective Worship considering the importance of stories. We talked about the joy of reading, and what an important skill it is. We also decided that stories bring us something special.

In stories we can read about a career or a way of life we aspire to. By reading about the mistakes of others, we learn about right and wrong, and perhaps how to avoid those mistakes ourselves. We can read about people like us, and see possibilities for our lives. We can read about people who seem totally different to us, and find we have more in common than we thought. The best stories have a place for us in them – a character with

whom we can identify.

Good stories, even when they are fiction, contain truths that teach us about life. Without noticing, I learned much about family, love and acceptance from Tove Jansson's Moomin books I loved as a child.

Real life stories can also be inspiring teachers. I am re-reading James Watson's 'The Double Helix', about the discovery of the structure of DNA. I first read it the summer after my 'A' level exams, when it reminded me after the slog of revision why I found science so exciting.

The Bible is full of good stories, fiction and non-fiction. They teach us about ourselves, about God and our relationship with God. At this time of year, we focus particularly on the story of God's love for us shown in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sharing stories in different ways

If you haven't read it for a while you can find different retellings in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. But as with the children dressing up for World Book Day, stories can be brought to life when we share them in different ways.

At Adel church we will be walking through the story of Holy week together. On Palm Sunday we make our own procession, and then hear the story dramatised. On Maundy Thursday we re-enact Jesus' last supper, with foot washing and a chance to watch in the garden of Gethsemane. On Good Friday we gather at the foot of the cross. On Easter Sunday we will share the joy of the resurrection.

There is a place for all of us in this story...it is **our** story. I do hope you can join us to share it. And however you spend it, I wish you a happy and peaceful Easter.

With love and prayers

Alison

The Church 100 Club

We are very grateful to all who have joined this club. Each month a draw takes place and four lucky winners are chosen. The church shares the takings with the members, so we all win!

We do in fact only have 99 members in spite of the name, so if you would like to become the 100th member, please give Iain Farquharson-Welsh a ring (number inside front cover)

Here are the winners for January and February:-

January

- | | |
|----------------|-----|
| 1 Ian Johnson | £85 |
| 2 Mark Seaward | £35 |
| 3 Eric Wells | £35 |

February

- | | |
|---------------------|-----|
| 1 Keith Spark | £95 |
| 2. Margaret Roberts | £35 |
| 3. Anne Dixon | £35 |



For your diary

Sat 1st April

Help tidy the churchyard
Rake, Cake and Chat

Friday 7th April

Family Activity
See page 18

Sat 22nd April

Soup & Sandwich Lunch
In the Old Stables
See page 15

Sat 13th May

Boundary Walk

Sat 20th May

Quiz Night
Details next month

24th/25th June

Patronal Festival

Also in April . . .

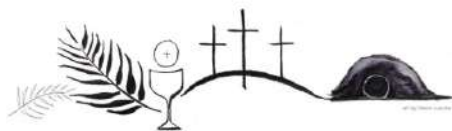
Holy Week & Easter
From Palm Sunday on
2nd April to
Easter Sunday on 9th
April
See opposite for details

Bible Study
10 am in the Stables
on
Thursday 13th April
And
Thursday 27th April

Soup & Sandwich Lunch
Saturday 22nd April
12.30pm to 2pm
£5 per person
See page 15

Prayer Meetings
10am every Wednesday
In church or at home
Praying this month for:
Rector Alison
Sides people
Treasurer & Planned Giving Officer

Holy Week & Easter



Palm Sunday, 2nd April

10 am Parish Communion with Blessing of Palms and Procession from the Stables

Monday 3rd April

7.30 pm Reflective words and music for Holy Week

Tuesday 4th April

7.30pm Said Eucharist

Wednesday 5th April

7.30pm Compline (Night prayer)

Maundy Thursday, 6th April

7.30 pm Eucharist with washing of feet, stripping of the altar and optional watch until 10pm

Good Friday, 7th April

10am - 12 noon family activities in the Stables

2pm An hour at the Cross

Easter Day, 9th April

6am – Dawn Eucharist with new fire of Easter, vigil and renewal of baptismal vows (followed by breakfast in the Stables)

8.30am – Said Eucharist

10am Parish Eucharist with augmented choir and Easter Egg hunt for the children

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Days of Easter

Thursday Evening

When my love for God grows weak,
When for larger faith I seek,
Then in thought I go to thee,
Garden of Gethsemane.

There I walk amid the shades,
While the lingering twilight fades,
See that suffering, friendless One,
Weeping, praying there alone.
J.R. Wreford & S. Longfellow

Good Friday

Was it for me your flesh was
wounded sore,
Your body lifted high on cross of
shame?
Was it for me the King of Glory bore,
So meek the scourge, and ruthless
men's defame?
Was there no way for any man to
live,
But you must die, no joy but through
thy grief?
Is sin so dark that God cannot forgive,
Save through your sacrifice and our
belief?
Lord, let me learn your sorrow, mark
your pain,
That no more heedless through the
world I roam.
But come to take the pardon you did
gain,
And find within your fold eternal
home.
L.G. Sargent

We saw you not when you did come
To this poor world of sin and death,

Nor e'er beheld your cottage home,
In that despised Nazareth.
But we believe your footsteps trod
Its streets and hills, O Son of God.

We did not see you lifted high
Amid that wild and savage crew,
Nor heard your meek, imploring cry,
"Forgive, they know not what they
do."
Yet we believe the deed was done,
Which shook the earth and veiled the
sun.

Saturday

We stood not by the sacred tomb
Where late your sacred body lay,
Nor sat within the upper room,
Nor met you in the open way.
But we believe that angels said,
"Why seek the living with the dead."
Mrs.A. Richter (1834), J.H. Gurney (1851) et al

Easter Day

"The first begotten from the dead,"
Lo, Jesus ris'n, his people's head,
To make their life secure:
Though they like Him may yield their
breath,
Like Him they'll burst the bonds of
death:
Their resurrection sure.
You chosen, let your praise resound,
And in your Master's work abound,
Steadfast, immovable.
Be sure, your labour's not in vain,
You too from death shall rise again,
No more corruptible.

Edited and sent in by **Chris Madeley**

A Treasured Treasurer

I am sure it will come as no surprise to learn that it is our caring and generous congregation that make Bob Holloway's work as treasurer satisfying. Thanks to them, he is able to pay £8,000 per month towards our parish share, something that Bob considers to be of great importance. One aspect of his work he particularly likes is recommending to the PCC which charities we should donate to. I asked if he ever felt worried about all the responsibility and he explained that by doing some work every day and keeping accurate ledgers he is able to stay on top of everything.

Bob has had a connection with Adel Church for over 60 years, although the first ten years of his life were spent in Swindon. Life became difficult for his family when the railways went into decline. Bob had an uncle who lived in Leeds and he invited Bob's father to work with him at a copper works. His uncle lived in Adel and it was not long before Bob and his family were regular worshippers at Adel Church. Bob was confirmed in 1963 and by a strange coincidence so was Jill, but he was not aware of her at the time. He did, however, get to know her a few years later when the curate started a youth group.

Rector Philip Simpson appeared at many significant moments in Bob's

life. He remembers first being interviewed by him for a place at Abbey Grange School. Later he worked as a server for many years and also ran the church cub pack and in 1971 he and Jill were married by him. Bob feels he has always been attached to Adel Church.

When Bob left Abbey Grange he studied for a year at Park Lane College, before embarking on a career in the insurance industry which was to last 40 years. It was no doubt knowing about this career that led Revd White to ask Bob to look after the church's finances temporarily while David Boulton went to Australia. Bob had not expected that David would hand in his resignation on his return, but Bob has had no regrets.

Bob was a member of Horsforth Round Table for many years and is now a member of the 41 Club. He has always enjoyed the idea of collecting for worthy causes, but he also appreciates the fellowship and the good food, something that he also enjoys at Adel Church. Going down to the Stables for coffee and conversation after the 10am service is an essential part of Bob's Sunday. We are so lucky to have him as our treasurer.

Marjorie Cole

A Solemn Promise

A prayer before the Crucifix of the Vow

Lord Jesus,
you came into the world to be near us,
to feel the joys and hopes, the sorrows and fears of human life.
For this, people crucified you.
You know the sufferings of our lives and our world –
because you experienced them in your own body.
But you also overcame them.
And so your cross became a symbol of salvation.
Now I come to you, with my own sorrows and needs – you know them all.
And I ask you: Be near me.
Give me the strength and acceptance to endure what is hard.
Come to me in all the tangles and muddles of my life.
Confident that you will hear and help me, too,
I will listen to your words, and base my life on them.



The villagers' solemn promise

This prayer is from Fr. Thomas Gröner, the parish priest of Oberammergau in Germany. The parish church displays a large wooden cross, now part of a large crucifixion scene, called the "Crucifix of the Vow". Tradition has it that this is the actual cross in front of which the villagers made their solemn promise in 1633 that every ten years they would re-enact "the story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ". Originally, the cross stood in the cemetery next to the church, where the Passion Play took place until the year 1820, when a purpose-built theatre was erected. (Information taken from "The Vow", a booklet written by Dr Angelika Winterer)

Gillian Batcup

Gillian is a valued member of our church choir. She was at Oberammergau last summer and saw the wonderful Passion Play there. She found this moving prayer in a very informative booklet in the parish church a little distance from the theatre and wanted to share it with you.

Editor

We Bought Frogs

Flower arranging supplies

Edith and I set off one day in February to replenish the flower arranging supplies for Church. We negotiated the local road works thinking we would have a clear run from then on. What a mistake! Every major junction all the way to the other side of Leeds seemed to be under reconstruction and every red traffic light seemed to want us to stop and say hello!

Finally we arrived, list in hand. One of the things we needed was green floral foam (Oasis is one of the trade names). As we went in there was an advert for an up-to-date version which is bio-degradable. For years we have used floral foam for flower arranging, thinking it much better and easier than chicken wire and pin holders. It now transpires that it is mostly plastic and is therefore a pollutant. We have debated this and now have chicken wire back in the Stables for arrangers to use. The last time chicken wire was used was when we had daffodils at the front of Church in February.

Floral foam dilemma

However, we would not be able to have flower arrangements on the walls of Church at Christmas and for Patronal Festival without floral foam. The triangular containers



(donated by David Douglas who used to Church sit with Sylvia on Thursdays) are not sealed vases. We decided to buy some normal foam and some bio-degradable and judge for ourselves how good it was. A speaker at Headingly flower club was not sure – we will make up our own minds.

We bought some replacement silk poppies, half a dozen baskets for Harvest gifts (on offer) and a bag of frogs (!!) and we were finished. We treated ourselves to a cup of coffee then travelled home saying hello to every red traffic light again. A morning well spent.

Hilary Taylor

PS If you do not know what a frog is ask one of the flower arrangers.

Penny's Ponders

Hi Everyone!

Here we are! April again. I'm keeping my paws crossed that we see no more snow! Don't laugh! I know, we've had snow late on in April before now! I suppose I must be getting older – I used to love playing in the snow! It's like ice-cream without the sugar! I used to think playing snowballs was the best! Trouble is, I could never find them again once I'd caught them: a mystery, try as I might, I couldn't find the solution to. I must say, I do worry about the birds, foxes, even the squirrels, and all the other animals who live outside when it is cold. I'm so very thankful for my warm bed, good food and cosy home. I understand that some humans also have no homes and are hungry, so we must remember to do our very best to help, and pray for them.

This is a month full of celebrations. The days are getting longer, there are flowers everywhere, the lambs have arrived, buds are growing fast on the trees, lovely blossoms are out but most important of all, we have Easter. As far as I understand it, there are several aspects to consider at Easter. It starts with the joy of Palm Sunday when the people in Jerusalem give Jesus a wonderful welcome, thinking he was going to get rid of the Roman oppressors which were occupying their land. Unfortunately, they had not

ideas about Jesus' ministry and mission. Then, as the week goes on and people realised that this wasn't His plan, we see the betrayal of Jesus by one of His friends and the way the people who welcomed Him on Palm Sunday turn against Him, shouting 'crucify, crucify.' Next comes the horror of the trial and crucifixion and then the peace of His burial in the tomb.

Then, we have the ultimate joy of Easter day when Jesus rose from the dead and broke the bonds of death, giving joy to all who believe and hope beyond all imagination. Joy and hope are great blessings and lift our spirits and together with the sunshine and new life we see around us, our feelings of optimism are vastly augmented.

We say 'hope' quite a lot, don't we? 'I hope you are well,' 'I hope to see you,' 'I hope you're feeling better,' 'I hope the weather improves.' It's a great word to say, and a wonderful feeling to share. By saying 'I hope ...' we are looking for something greater, better than how things currently are.

I hope you all have a very blessed Eastertide and wish for God's blessings to be with you: The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
Woofs and licks,

Penny xx

Saturday 22nd April

12.30 to 2.00pm

in the Old Stables

Soup and
Sandwich Lunch



A variety of soups and sandwiches
will be on offer

£5 per person

Booking essential

Closing date: 16th April

Email: adelparishchurch@gmail.com

Environmental News

Water, water everywhere!

Our blue planet. 71% of the earth's surface is covered in water, and our seas and oceans make up most of it. It provides half the oxygen we breathe, feeds us and regulates our climate. Almost two-thirds of our oceans are international waters, the high seas. These waters are largely unregulated, allowing any country to use the high seas. Fish stocks are depleting due to overfishing and the use of massive nets to trawl the ocean indiscriminately. Construction work, such as building gas pipes and laying cables for power and communication damages and disrupts the seabed. Rising sea temperatures are causing coral bleaching and destroying habitats and biodiversity. Globally, it is estimated that 80% of released sewage enters the sea without sufficient treatment, along with household and commercial waste; far too much rubbish is going into our oceans. For too long now, human activity has been destroying the delicate balance; like the rest of the planet, we have accelerated the decline of sea life and the ecosystem it provides.

Something has to be done...

"Ladies and gentlemen, the ship has reached the shore." With these words, after almost 20 years involving delegates from 193 member states of the UN, it was finally announced that



the High Seas Treaty deal was struck to protect the world's oceans. Before this treaty was made, just over 1% of the high seas were protected, and now by 2030, it is hoped that 30% will be given protection. This allows member states to provide funding, equipment and personnel to monitor and help police the seas as new laws and powers to prosecute are being made. It also enables research findings and knowledge to be shared and countries to work together when building across international waters to minimise stress and disruption caused.

Easter time to me is a time for me to give thanks to Jesus. He died on the cross and was risen, and in doing so, he forgives us our sins. It's a time for renewal, and this treaty has given me renewed hope for our future. This shows that when we work together and put aside our differences, we can do great things and help protect our fragile ball of life.

Happy Easter All!

Tang x

Nature Notes

April is probably the month when most of the birds that come here to breed make their arrival. When we think about bird migration we tend to think of swallows and martins, that winter in southern Europe or Africa, but the Curlew, our biggest wader, has a much shorter migration from its moorland breeding grounds, which might be frozen in the winter, to the coastal marshes, which are probably always soft enough for the bird to feed, which it does by probing for prey, using that long curved bill. Quite why curlews need to have a curved bill when most other long-billed waders manage with straight bills I don't know.

In England generally, Curlews are in decline but as far as I know, there is still one pair nesting somewhere between the Eccup Moor bridle-path and the Harewood estate. I never see these birds, but I know that there is a male, by its wonderful burbling song which seems to epitomise the lonely moorlands and the wintry marshes. I'm not sure why Curlew numbers are declining, but recently an accusing finger has been pointed at the shooting industry which releases about 50 million birds every year. Most of these birds will die within a few months of release providing masses of extra food for predators and carrion eaters. The Fox fits both these categories and the resulting increase in fox numbers has been



blamed for some of the decline in breeding Curlews. Not everyone accepts this analysis, and some people do not accept that fox numbers have increased, One writer recently wrote that 'if foxes were birds they'd be on the red (endangered) list'

Another large wader, the Woodcock, is a resident and its winter population is boosted by others from northern Europe. Its breeding numbers are also declining, and there are hopes that, following a petition and a debate in Parliament, the close season for this species can be extended so that not so many will be shot. (Any approved petition that attracts more than 100,000 signatures is guaranteed to be debated in Parliament)

The Snipe, also a long-billed wader with a very odd courtship flight appears to be extinct as a breeding bird in this area. It is years since I heard one "drumming" – a noise made in flight by its tail feathers.

Peter Larner

Events

A Family Event

Good Friday 7th April
10am to noon
in The Stables

This event is aimed at children aged 0 to 8 years accompanied by parents.

We will be sharing the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday through crafts, story telling and song.

We will begin in the Stables, then have a short service in church and end with refreshments in the Stables.

Please contact me if you would like further information.

Karen Baylis
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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 23rd April
at 11.30

in the Old Stables

Please come and support Alison and the PCC



Words from Joyce Hill

The Stations of the Cross

On Palm Sunday, when Christ enters Jerusalem, we begin Holy Week, the most solemn period of the church's year, which is then followed by the Last Supper, Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion and Burial, which we commemorate on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Then, following all our meditation on suffering and sacrifice we come to Easter Sunday, with its joyous celebration of the Resurrection.

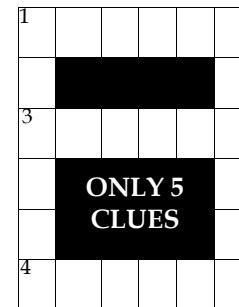
One of the devotional practices associated with Passiontide is that of processing around the church and meditating on stages in Christ's progress from the moment of his condemnation by Pilate to his body being taken down from the cross and laid in the tomb. Pilgrims to Jerusalem, from at least as early as the fourth century, followed the traditional route from the site of the condemnation to the site of Calvary, reflecting on the significance of it all and spiritually sharing in Christ's suffering. The route quickly became known as the Via Dolorosa, the Sorrowful Way, and it is still the focus of pilgrimage today.

A millennium later, in the fourteenth century, it was realised that this pilgrimage could be spiritually re-enacted within the local church. This devotional 'reliving' was instantly popular, and progress was organised

into stages or stations: moments of pause and reflection on particular episodes in Christ's experiences from Condemnation to Burial. Most of the details for these successive stages or stations were drawn from the four gospels, but some were legendary elaboration. It became increasingly common for each pause-point to be marked by an image of the episode to be meditated upon, and these are known as Stations of the Cross. In England the Reformation swept away practices such as this. But as the Church of England developed a High Church tradition in the nineteenth century, Stations of the Cross were reintroduced within that tradition. Their use gradually spread rather more widely, although there are very many Anglican churches in which the Stations are not found. Of course, the Roman Catholic church did not break with the medieval practice, and so Stations of the Cross are to be found in all their churches.

Nowadays, at least within the Roman Catholic tradition, there are customarily fourteen Stations, although the number and sequence of episodes was not finally settled until the 18th-19th centuries. The Stations themselves may be indicated around the walls of the church by pictures, carvings, or numbers, sometimes with a brief sentence alongside to signal the episode in question.

Puzzles



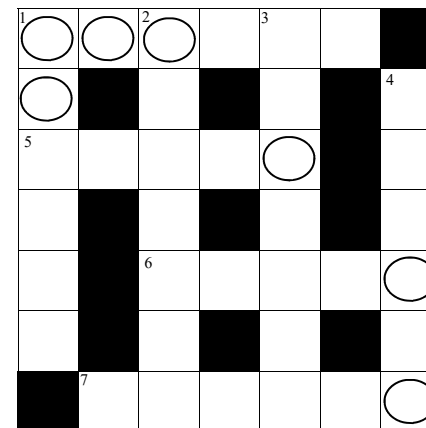
Across

1. Mom is high on top of a tree
3. Naval hero's grip on opponent
4. Complete set of religious books located in Ireland

Down

1. Threaten soldiers: excellent
2. Piece from Schumann, exemplary - it's added on

Jumble Crossword



ACROSS

1. Chancy (NSUEAF)
5. Alcoholic beverages (ZOBEO)
6. Mass of metal (NGITO)
7. _____ Christie (AGTAAH)

DOWN

1. Optimistic (BPUTEA)
2. Displaying (WGSOHIN)
3. Cargo (HGIETFR)
4. Woman's name (ATHAMR)

How to play

Look at the clues. In brackets after each clue is an anagram of the answer.

When you have completed the puzzle, study the circled letters and solve the anagram to find the answer to the final clue.

This comic strip debuted in 1950. _ _ _ _ _

Solutions on p. 33

History Page

The 1152 Club

This a free, friendly **local history group** for adults aged 55+ interested in learning more about the local area. Includes a hot drink. No booking is needed, just turn up.

Free parking near the Abbey House. All talks take place in the Rose Room, Kirkstall Abbey Visitor Centre.

Patrick Bourne

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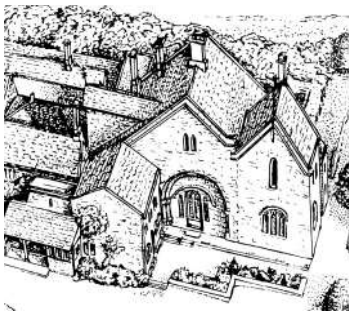
or contact Val Crompton

Tues 25th April

Aleks Fagelman

Talk about Intersex identities in Ancient Rome and Greece.

Abbey House Museum



Thurs 27 April

1-3pm - Free

Walk Around Kirkstall

Join curators Nicola & Patrick on a whistle top tour of local sites of interest in the Kirkstall Area.

A good chance to learn something new or reminisce about Kirkstall past and present,

This walk ties in with Abbey House exhibition
'Kirkstall Lives'

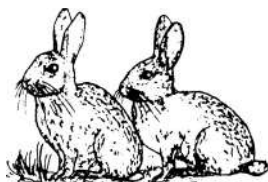
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Easter Holidays Bunny Fun Tues 4th - 16th April Abbey House Museum

Bunnies have taken over
Abbey House Museum!

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family activities during the
Easter Holidays.



A Famous Visitor

Take your mind back to March 2020. We were about to confront the first Lockdown and it was all rather alarming. I was walking my dog through the churchyard when I noticed the church door was open. Even then, we knew we had to keep our distance and I decided to peep in. If it was crowded I would make my escape, but there was only one person there, Beryl Thompson, doing a stint of church sitting, I supposed, so I ventured in. I sat a couple of pews away from her and we had a little chat. We didn't know what life would be like. April Adel Bells was due to arrive any day, but could we deliver it? That was the unknown.

Trevor and I had taken part in an online quiz the day before and I told Beryl that we had won £50, but it had been the last question that had been the deciding factor. "What question was that?" Beryl asked and I told her that we had had to give Margaret Thatcher's middle name. "I wouldn't have known that," said Beryl, "but did you know that she once came to a service here?" She then carried on to tell me the following intriguing story.

"It was a Wednesday, so there weren't many people here and strangely enough I was the only one to recognise her, as she was wearing a headscarf and sunglasses and disappeared quickly after the service, as if she didn't want to meet people. She sat in the pew opposite to me. She

seemed very nervous and during the Lord's Prayer she was constantly playing with a little rusty horseshoe. When she went up for communion and knelt down, I saw her put the horseshoe on that little radiator near the communion rail, presumably to retrieve it later. But she must have forgotten it, because when she stood up she made straight for the door and went out. After the service I went and found it and put it in a cupboard in the vestry. I wrote to her offering to return it but she never replied. I suppose, it might still be there."

Just as she said those words the door opened and Jimmy came in. "Come on, Beryl, it's time to lock up". I had been about to ask her if we could go and look for it, but she was obviously in a hurry so I stood up and said goodbye, not thinking that it would be many months before I saw Beryl again. The church was closed. We were not allowed to meet people. I forgot about Beryl's story, until last month when Margaret Thatcher's name again cropped up in a quiz.

I had a good look round the vestry, but the cupboards have probably been cleared many times over the intervening years. So, I am asking you, dear Adel Bells reader, - have you found a rusty little horseshoe, a symbol of a bygone age in more ways than one? Please get in touch.

Marjorie Cole

In Your Garden

"O, how this spring of love
resembleth
The uncertain glory of an April day,
Which now shows all the beauty of
the sun,
And by and by a cloud takes all away!"
~**William Shakespeare, Two
Gentlemen of Verona**

Whilst February last year was one of the wettest I can remember, February this year turned out to be one of the driest. Taking them both together, you could say that February has been near the average over the last couple of years when in fact both have been extreme. As I write this in early March, the snow is falling outside and the dog is curled up beside me, mercifully quiet after the excitement of his earlier walk. Who knows what April will bring. Whilst the garden doesn't mind too much what happens in February and early March it does start to matter in April. With ever more daylight and some real warmth in the sun when it shows itself, your garden is coming to life. Buds are bursting, grass is starting to grow and early flowers are tilting towards the higher sun. However, heavy snow, sharp frosts, drought, gales or floods are all perfectly possible and the tender early growth of most life is susceptible, particularly fluctuations between extremes. Many early flowers, bulbs and new shoots growing in east facing areas is badly damaged or lost by the combination

of a hard frost and the sudden thaw brought on by a warm rising sun. A protracted cold spell might impact on future crop yields as many fruiting plants have April flowers which can be scorched by frost, or do not get pollinated whilst the necessary insects delay their emergence.

I like to start the outdoor season with the weeding and hoeing as it is so much easier to tackle small emerging weeds rather than the more established ones. By getting you close to the soil you can check on its health and fertility. You may also want to resume the mowing of your lawn by the end of the month. Start with a relatively high blade setting and lower it with successive cuts.

Woodland flowers take centre stage in April, together with their garden cousins. They are making the most of the spring sunshine before the tree canopy closes in, so enjoy the anemones, primroses and the smell of wild garlic. By the end of the month it will be time to remove any faded daffodil flowers and some early tulip flowers, nipping off heads and the developing seed pods at the same time, but leaving the green leaves.

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Something Different

JazzLyrical performed at Adel Church on Saturday 25th Feb

We had to delay a trip to see my mother-in-law for her 103rd birthday which meant I was around in Leeds and able to go to this concert.

I have been to many concerts held in the church but this one was different. The group was new to most of us, though they have been going for a while, so we didn't know quite what to expect. As soon as I took my seat, or rather pew, I recognised several of the performers from my involvement with choral music. They are experienced classically trained singers but in this context they were able to let their hair down and their enjoyment was very apparent and indeed infectious.

The group is led by guitarist Mac who does the arrangements, with able support from a bass player and three of the singers who at times played flutes and a fiddle; all excellent musicians. The blend of instruments worked very well, and we soon got into the spirit of applauding their 'turns' during songs as one should do with jazz.

The programme was of popular Jazz Age songs mainly from the 1920s and 1930s with a few later pieces as well. I recognised many of the tunes (*Pennies from Heaven, I May be Wrong, Sweet*

Georgia Brown) and we were encouraged to join in with numbers such as *On the Sunny Side of the Street* and *I Got Rhythm* having been provided with words. We revelled in the sound worlds of Irving Berlin, Duke Ellington, Cole Porter and great singers such as Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, Doris Day and Nina Simone. Such music has a timeless appeal.

This talented group entertained us well and looked the part too in their individual outfits with (normally forbidden) bling, glitz and glamour.

The church was pretty well full and over the drinks and nibbles in the interval there was already talk of them making a return visit. After such a brilliant debut at St John's, I'd second that!

For more information go to <https://www.jazzlyrical.co.uk> There are even photos of the performance!

Rosemary O'Dea

We are hoping to have them perform for us again in the near future, so keep looking out for information in Adel Bells or on posters if you don't want to miss a good evening's entertainment.

Editor

OPAL Activities

Hopefully you are reading this update from OPAL whilst being bathed in Spring sunshine surrounded by beautiful Spring flowers or you may be watching the rain fall gently on the grass but either way OPAL is here, no matter the weather.



Spring often heralds the start of the year for many and I thought I would like to start Spring by thanking all of our fantastic volunteers; we could not offer all of our activities without the continuing support of the volunteers. Each and every one of them make such a huge difference to our members' lives.

We are always looking for new volunteers and so if you have thought about volunteering in the past but thought it wasn't for you then maybe 2023 is the year to try it. Our volunteers have lots of different roles from helping with admin work and manning our drop in office to accompanying members on trips and we are always looking for volunteer drivers to help our members with visits to GPs etc. If this is something you would like more information about please call us on 0113 2619103

or call in and pick up a volunteer application form.

Our volunteers will be in action again when they accompany some of our members on the upcoming trip to Skipton market on the 21st of April, hopefully the weather will be kind to them and they all have a lovely day in this historic market town.

OPAL is the heart of the local community

The Welcome In Community Centre which is the home of OPAL continues to build on its successes and can now truly be thought of as the heart of the local community. At the core of everything we do at OPAL is our commitment to helping our members and the wider community and this is only achievable with the continuing support of our volunteers, so again thank you to all our volunteers.

If you are interested in joining any of the activities we offer, or if you would like more information please contact us on 0113 2619103, email admin@opal-project.org.uk or call in to see us at the Welcome In Community Centre (55 Bedford Drive, LS16 6DJ)

Shelley Clark

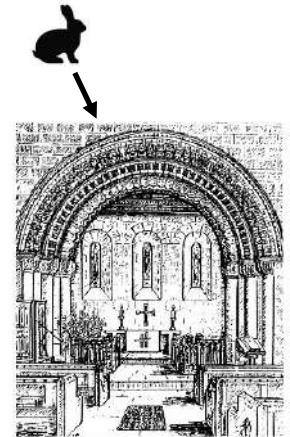
Springtime in Adel

A Lone Rabbit

A lone rabbit, with flattened ears, appears above the chancel step - carved, on Adel's Norman arch, reminding me of Easter, celebrating the risen Christ, lengthening days, new life and daffodils of Spring. First, I follow the churchyard path, to Back Church Lane. Then, when walking round York Gate again, I see a lone rabbit, with flattened ears, crouched between young ferns!! He was small and brown, half-hidden by dappled light, as I, fox-like, in red, walked quietly by, in York Gate's dappled Dell.

I could see Jack Ogg, in green, with a barrow, near the Nut Walk. When I told him, about the rabbit, Jack quietly said 'Show me where he is?' I wondered if Jack had a net in his pocket? I walked on ahead. When I pointed, the small rabbit was watching me. He did not see Jack creep up - and grab him from behind! Jack held the rabbit in his hands. I did not ask what Jack would do next. 'Happy Easter' I said, 'Be kind.' A notice appeared on the field gate: 'PLEASE SHUT THE GATE WE HAVE RABBITS!'

Val Crompton



It was the Romans who first brought rabbits to Adel. Rabbits were easy to keep and good to eat. Norman monks linked the Easter celebration of Christ's resurrection - with the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostra and her motif, the rabbit.



Can you find these 2 Rabbit heads, carved on the Celtic Stone Cross in Adel Churchyard, on the grave of Arthur Bray? (near the Compost Area) See Adel Church Guide P20

York Gate Update

As a heritage volunteer, I am privileged to be able to handle a wonderful treasure trove of documents and artefacts whilst recording the history of York Gate and it is a delight to be able to share its story and keep the memory of its creators alive. A few weeks ago, I visited York Gate with a friend on one of the Snowdrop Days and it was a pleasure to walk round the garden showing her some areas of interest. Whilst I spend many hours looking to the past, the gardeners are always looking to the future.

Clipped evergreens give York Gate its unique character especially in winter and early spring: from the majestic yew sails to the balls and spirals in the Herb Garden and the magnificent spherical buns surrounding the driveway; they stand like sentinels over the awakening garden. Once a year in autumn the gardeners, often the trainees, undertake the mammoth task of cutting all the beech and yew hedging and the topiary. The plants are less stressed from having just one cut and so are the gardeners! Sometimes, as with the yews this last year, it is necessary to cut them back quite brutally in order to bring them back into proportion – but they will recover beautifully!

I am looking forward to when the garden opens again in April and visitors are greeted with eye-catching

displays of spring bulbs, cyclamens, crocuses, irises, narcissi and early tulips, and everywhere there are signs of new growth, the birds are singing and the “dashing, splashing dolphin” can be heard drawing you back into the garden as you follow the spring trail.

Please bring the sunshine with you!



The backbone of this garden is a row of six tall sails rising eight feet high and evergreen from everchanging seas of flowers and trees that bloom and fade as each month falls.
(Val Crompton, 1992)

We fully reopen to the General Public on **Saturday 1st April**, at 10am on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is essential that you book to go around the garden, details on our website: yorkgate.org.uk Unfortunately we are only able to take bookings in the café for afternoon tea.

Gillian Smith
Heritage Volunteer

QE Corner

Here it is again..... QE (Quite Enlightening) Corner. You all know that I like trivial information, so for your enlightenment I am presenting you this month with another miscellany of “facts(?)”

Lockdowns in 2020 were identifiable on seismologists’ sensors because humans stopped making the Earth wobble so much by moving about.

In 2003, a London Underground station started playing classical music to their customers and found that robberies and vandalism declined by a third.

If SUVs (Sports Utility Vehicles) were a country they would be the sixth most-polluting in the world, with annual emissions of almost 1 billion tons of carbon dioxide.

In 2015, inspectors found that in six months, Manchester Airport’s sniffer dogs did not detect a single person carrying heroin or cocaine. They did, however, reliably find cheese and sausages hidden in passengers’ luggage.

Until 2013, Paris had a bylaw requiring women to ask permission from city authorities before wearing trousers.

The oldest known parking restrictions were in Nineveh, Assyria in 700 BCE. The penalty for parking your chariot on a prohibited road was death.

The very first winner of the prize for Oddest Book Title of the Year was ‘Proceedings of the Second International Workshop on Nude Mice’.

In 1423, London mayor Dick Whittington established a 128-seater toilet that hung over the River Thames.

Cutting Britain’s roadside verges twice a year instead of four times would create a sustained wildlife habitat as big as London, Cardiff, Birmingham, Manchester, and Edinburgh combined.

Until it closed in 2019, South Africa’s largest baobab tree contained its own pub.

According to a 2008 experiment, chocolate teapots can be perfectly useful. As long as the chocolate is greater than one centimetre thick, it will not melt through.

Limping was briefly fashionable in 18th century England. The Prince of Wales’ wife, Alexandra of Denmark had a limp and other ladies imitated her. Shopkeepers sold pairs of shoes with one high and one low heel.

Please note these “Facts(?)” are all from the internet, so don’t blame me if they are not correct!

Trevor Cole

What's On

Headingley Flower Club at Bramhope

Friday 21st April

'Hello Spring

Easter workshop

7pm Guests are welcome at all meetings. A guest fee will be charged.

Bramhope Village Hall,
Old Lane, Bramhope. LS16 9AZ

Contact Mrs Jean Money

Tel 01924 468714

Walks around Lawnswood Cemetery

Sunday 16th April

Ann Lightman is offering the following walk at **2.00 p.m.**, no charge made! Expect it to last about two hours – tailored to suit group or individual needs.

NEW this year: “*Early years of the Leeds Museum*”.

Meeting point – in front of the chapels.

The walk covers the memorials, in the Victorian and the 1910 extension, of eminent people who were either curators or Presidents of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society, owners of the museum in the early years. Some interesting and different monuments visited.

Reserve date: **7 May**

Adel Gardeners' Club

Monday 17th April

'Gardening Questions and Answers'
Martin Fish

Instead of having Martin here in person, this time we're going to benefit from the practical demonstrations he can offer via Zoom, enabling us all to really see what he's showing us. Have those questions ready!

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Adel Players

Wednesday to Saturday

19th to 22nd April, 7.30pm

Quartet

by Sir Ronald Harwood

The setting is a retirement home for musicians. Three elderly former opera-singers are sitting together. They are joined by newcomer Jean, a major star in her day, to whom Reginald was once unhappily married. A concert is about to take place. Will Jean sing again?

To book tickets, please contact Mike and Anne Andrews by email at boxoffice@adel-players.org.uk.

Advance Notice

There will be a murder mystery event, entitled *Smoke & Mirrors*, on 9th and 10th June in Adel Memorial Hall. Watch this space for more details next month.

Barry Anderson

Telecoms Mast Proposal

The application for the proposed Telecoms Mast at the junction of Sir George Martin Drive and Long Causeway has been refused by the Planning Officer as it would be highly visible at 17m high.

There are no other structures or features around the application site which are comparable. The 3 large ground cabinets would also provide a cluttered appearance upon the street, again in a prominent location at a road junction and adjacent to the small area of green space. The proposal has a sterile, utilitarian, functional appearance which is at odds with the suburban character of the area.

West Yorkshire Road Safety Cameras

Excessive or inappropriate speed throughout the day and night is one of the most common factors in fatal and serious injury collisions and is often associated with reports of anti-social driver behaviour causing significant concerns in local communities. The previous safety camera deployment criteria was overly restrictive and provided insufficient opportunity to address community concerns. Changes have recently been approved regarding the adoption of a more proactive approach to safety camera deployment.

Under these new arrangements, cameras will be deployed in evidenced historical high-risk sites. In addition, mobile cameras may be deployed at community concern sites where there is evidence of emerging risk of excessive speed.

Bands in Parks – Golden Acre

“Bands in Parks” will perform on 4th, 11th, 25th June; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th July; 13th, 27th August; 10th, 17th September.

ASDA Pharmacy

Asda Pharmacy is planning to close. I took this up with the local NHS commissioning body and have received a reply to indicate that, should the pharmacy close, the Team will work with the Holt Park Pharmacy to ensure that clear notifications are made to patients, local Care Homes, and local GP Practices and arrangements will also be put in place for the transfer and disposal of excess stock and to consider all patient Owings are dispensed before the closure date.

The Holt Park closure will factor into future planning for pharmaceutical needs, in conjunction with all other pharmacy changes which occur during the year. Should this Pharmacy close,

local Pharmacy provision will be maintained by Cohens [next to Highfield Surgery], or the top of Tinshill Lane or the Ireland Wood Surgery. Alternatively, there is the Adel Pharmacy on Long Causeway.

Diversion of Footpath I7

Otley Road to Church Lane : As you may be aware the footpath across the field is to be diverted to accommodate the housing development and it is to

Billy Flynn

Hi everyone

I mentioned mini beasts from the East in last month's magazine and as I am writing this marooned in my house with two inches of snow outside and an impassable road I may have underestimated the weather! Let's hope it's the last "beast" of the year.

Adel Square

I've received a number of approaches from residents living on the East Causeway and Mulberry Avenue sides of the new Adel Square estate who are concerned about the removal of trees and vegetation to facilitate construction and the disappearance of wildlife from the area. Although the site does look rather bare and some of the trees that formed a screen between the Mulberrys and the Adel Beck School have also been removed there is a landscape plan for the

be upgraded. Documents relating to the formal decision on this have been issued. If you would like a copy of any of the supporting documents in relation to the decision, with maps, please email on

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development which has to be adhered to as part of the conditions for planning permission. Advent, the developer, has a good reputation for the conversion of listed buildings and sensitive sites and have committed to retaining as many trees as possible, replacing those removed, providing additional planting and a new woodland walk and improving the habitat for local wildlife. In addition, I have asked enforcement officers to keep an eye on the landscaping element of the development.

Holt Park Library and Community Hub

I understand that the library has been plagued with anti-social behaviour issues recently, much of it allegedly caused by students from local schools. The problems have become so severe that I have been informed that council

staff do not want to work at Holt Park in future due to fears for their safety and residents are also indicating that they don't want to visit the library because of the behaviour of some students.

Unfortunately, it had reached the stage where a security guard has been employed. This is clearly an unacceptable situation for both the staff and users of the library and I am working with all the agencies involved to ensure that the library and associated services at this vital community hub remain open and fully accessible.

Coop Robots : New technology and Old Technology

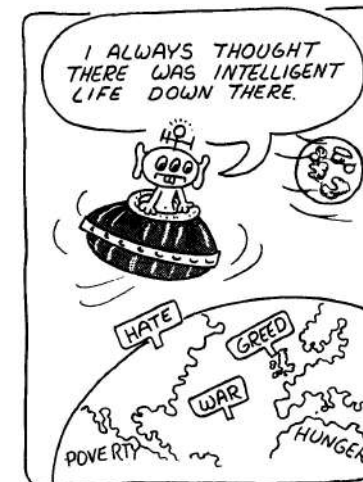
I was delighted to hear that the Coop has decided to extend the trial delivery of groceries by robots. It was first introduced in Leeds last November in the Adel and Spen Lane Coop stores.

Apart from the novelty value of such deliveries there was a very serious purpose behind the technology, to reduce short car journeys as a contribution towards zero carbon emissions. It is still early days and there are no plans as yet to extend the delivery service beyond Adel and Weetwood where the catchment area contains 20,000 people. So, we can look forward to several more months of robots chugging away in the area.

However, while I am sure we all welcome efforts to reduce carbon emissions we have a long way to go in other areas. On the day the robots were launched, I was invited to visit three young families on the Holt Farm and Holtdale estates where I found serious damp and mould issues and in all three cases a child was suffering from respiratory conditions. Six months later I am still struggling to ensure that the council and housing association responsible for maintenance resolve the issue rather than applying temporary measures such as painting over the damp without treating the cause of it. Progress!

If you would like further information on the issues above or anything else in the ward, please do get in touch.

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Across

- 1 MIMOSA
- 3. NELSON
- 4. ENTIRE

Down

- 1. MENACE
- 2. ANNEXE



Jumble Crossword

- 1A UNSAFE, 5A BOOZE,
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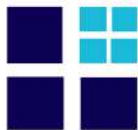
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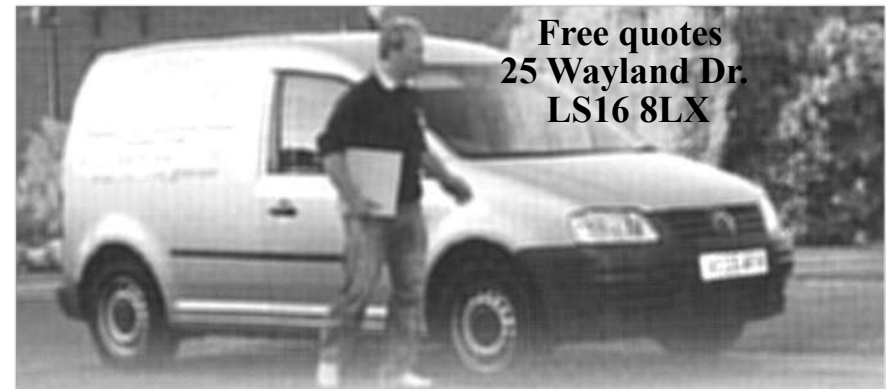
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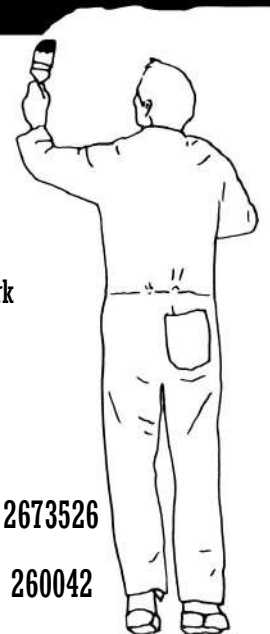
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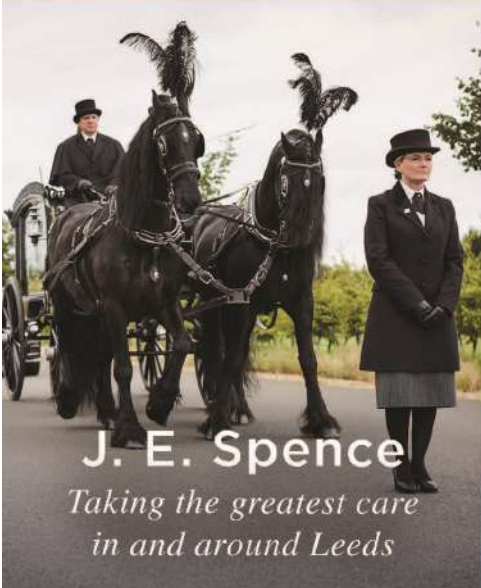
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Sunday 9th	8.30am 10am	Easter Day Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wed 12th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	8.30am 10am 6.30pm	Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Service with Communion Evensong (BCP)
Wed 19th	11am	Holy Communion
Thurs 20th	3.15pm	Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee
Sunday 23rd	8.30am 10am	Third Sunday of Easter Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wed 26th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	8.30am 10am	Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion

*** There will be extra services and events in Holy week. Please see page 9 for details.**

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