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The cattle are lowing
The baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes

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Parish Registers

Sincere apologies for the mistakes made
 last month in the register of baptisms.
 This is the corrected version.

Baptisms

25th September

Arlo James Noel, son of Lucy
 Helena and James Ian Collinson

2nd October

Sarah, daughter of Abas and
 Fatima Sadipur

Burial of Ashes

11th October

Eileen Worth

4th November

Margaret Elizabeth Wilson



Festivals & Feasts

25th December

Christmas Day

26th December

Stephen, deacon, first martyr

27th December

John, Apostle and Evangelist

28th December

The Holy Innocents

1st January

Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

8th January
 Baptism of Christ
25th January
 Conversion of Paul



Jesus Is The Reason

In Bethlehem, God gave to us
 The source of Christmas joy;
 A star shown on a miracle:
 The virgin birth of a boy.

He was born both God and man,
 A Saviour for us all,
 The way to get to our heavenly
 home,
 If we just heed His call.

So as we shop and spend and wrap
 And enjoy the Christmas season,
 Let's keep in mind the sacred
 truth:
 Jesus is the reason.



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

From the Editor

Making our way through winter this year will not be easy for any of us, but sadly some will be more hard-pressed than others. If you are struggling with the cost of living crisis, please do get in touch and we will do our best to help or point you in the direction of someone who can.

On the other hand, many of us here in Adel do have enough to get by, even if wearing extra layers and cutting down on oven time have proved a necessary way to keep the bills that bit lower. Let us not forget the food banks this Christmas and although basic food items are still the most needed, at Christmas time we all appreciate a few treats. You might consider donating some of the following: selection boxes, biscuit selections, non-alcoholic Christmas puddings. Please bring your donations to church

whenever it is open and leave the items by the font.

Meanwhile, we have Advent and Christmas ahead of us, with lots going on at Adel Church. Details of all events are in this magazine, but I would like to draw your attention to our Christmas Concert on 17th December. This year it is being held in the afternoon and the Leeds Guild of Singers, who have performed several times for us in the past, will be singing at 3pm in the church and you will be welcome to go down to the Stables afterwards for a hot drink and a mince pie. There is no need to book, just turn up and pay at the door.

Whatever type of Christmas you have awaiting you, I hope you will experience some of the peace and joy allotted to us in this season as we await the birth of the Christ child. A very happy Christmas to all our readers.

Marjorie Cole

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

Dear Friends,

December has arrived, and with it no doubt, some measure of Christmas preparation. This year will once again be somewhat different. Many of us will be thinking more carefully before we buy presents, food, decorations, before we plan Christmas outings. Some will be hit hard by the cost-of-living crisis, and struggling to celebrate as they wish. I think many of us who could still afford our usual Christmas may feel we should be a little more restrained. It seems wrong to spend too wildly when we know many will be worrying about putting food on the table and heating their homes. The many climate-based disasters we have witnessed this year have also shone a light on how our Christmas celebrations can be very consumer based, contributing even more to the climate emergency.

Happily, moves to 'make do and mend' our decorations; to reduce food waste; to buy second hand presents would not only reduce our impact on our fragile planet, but also save money. And our recent 'lockdown Christmases' showed the most vital thing is being able to share with loved ones.

And a simpler Christmas, perhaps stripped of some of the hype and spending, is a fitting celebration of the time God's Son slipped almost

unnoticed into our world.

One of my pupils, in a poem, once likened God to a snowflake, 'because he comes down and surprises me.' Snowflakes fall softly and silently, making us stop and wonder; it's a beautiful picture for Christmas, when God quietly surprises us by loving us enough to become one of us.

As one of our best-loved carols puts it, 'How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given. So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.' A simpler, scaled back Christmas might just make it easier to appreciate the gift behind all our celebrations.

For the first time in three years, we hope to be able to celebrate without restrictions in church. You can find details of all the services on the back cover of this magazine. There are a variety of services; the gift of Jesus is for everyone, so we hope there is something for you.

Whilst this Christmas will be particularly challenging, I know there are some for whom the season is always difficult. Broken family relationships, bereavement, the memory of difficult events can all make the joy and hype hard to bear. This year we are holding an extra service for those who want the story of God's love without the need to

'put on a brave face.' On Wednesday 21st Dec there will be a 'Blue Christmas' service...the Christmas story in a quieter and more reflective atmosphere...where tears are ok.

Whatever your Christmas looks like this year, I pray you will know the love and hope of the Christ-child. With love and prayers

Alison

Saturday 3rd December Advent Quiet Day

Thinking about the coming of Christ. Choose the sessions which suit you, or come for the whole day.

10.45am - 11.30

Genealogy and Matthew's gospel. 'How did we arrive here?' A meditation and prayer walk around the churchyard.

11.30 - 12 noon

Hot drinks available in church

12 noon - 12.45

Characters and Luke's gospel. 'What is our place at the crib?' A meditation, colouring and crib sets in church.

12.45 - 1.30

Lunch in the Stables. Bring a sandwich, drinks/cakes provided.

1.30 - 2.15

Man of action and Luke's gospel. 'Preparing by doing' A meditation and things to keep our hands busy. (Stables)

2.15 - 2.30

Hot drinks available in the Stables.

2.30 - 3.15

Poetry and John's gospel. 'What does

the Word have to say? Meditation, music, poetry and a chance to write your own.

Dates for your diary

3rd December

Advent Quiet Day

17th December

Concert by Leeds Guild of Singers

3pm in church

Followed by coffee and mince pies in the Stables

21st December

Blue Christmas Service

A gentle, contemplative service of lament and hope, for those who might find Christmas difficult this year

7pm

18th December

Community Carol Service

6.30pm in church

Followed by wine and mince pies in the Stables

24th December

Crib Service in church

3pm

Outside Crib Service with carols by candlelight

5pm

Midnight Mass in church

11.30pm

28th January

Beat the Blues Brunch

10.30am

in the Stables

Favourite Bible Passage



Isaiah Chapter 9 Verse 6 King James Bible

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

And the government shall be upon his shoulder

And his name shall be call-ed

Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God,

the everlasting Father, the **Prince of Peace**

For unto us a child is born...

Advent is a sombre and reflective season and also a time of waiting and preparation. Someone once said "it's a bit like cleaning the house ready for a party, not much fun and needs some effort." But we know if we are patient, Christmas and Jesus will come. Then it's Christmas Eve, the pregnant pause before the great day. And at last, we hear these wonderful words from Isaiah and finally, our saviour Jesus is indeed born.

But this is really my favourite because,

-- well I've always reckoned Handel's Messiah is the life blood of English choral music. And if you've sung Messiah, you'll know exactly what I mean. Section 12, the "For Unto" chorus is preceded by two very solemn, downbeat bass solos, "*For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth*" and "*The people that walked in darkness*". The choir sits in silent expectation, then suddenly, crash, bang, wallop, and off we go, -- **For...** Yes it does start quietly, but by the time we get to "**Wonderful**", -- suffice to say my score is marked "Welly" as in "Give it some --". And suddenly there's this shout of joy, of relief, of happiness. It is pure joy to sing.

I've never had to read this passage at the midnight service or on Christmas morning. Probably just as well really, because I'd almost certainly have ended up with too much welly. But do listen out this Christmas...

Carole Smithies

Environmental News

It's beginning to look a lot like (a sustainable) Christmas

It's been a hectic year for the Tangs, and we're looking forward to our first Christmas as a family. As a child, Christmas was a very special and joyous occasion. We didn't have much but made do, and it was always about spending it with our family. As we grew up and moved away, my nieces and nephews were born, and my parents spoiled them with so many presents and a feast fit for royalty. And I guess it is the same for many, but please be mindful that there are families that struggle, especially in the current climate.

Christmas doesn't have to be a time of excess; we can do our little bit to make this Christmas green! Gifting is a joy, but a survey after last Christmas estimates that over half of Brits received at least one unwanted gift; topping this list are clothes and accessories, followed by cosmetics and fragrances. Ask what people want, or gift an experience, plant a tree, tickets to a show or a family day out. When wrapping presents, the same with cards; avoid foil, glitter, plastic ribbon and tape, which can't be recycled. Check out methods such as furoshiki, a Japanese way of using a cloth to wrap gifts, and traditional washi tape, made from natural fibre such as bamboo.

Real or Artificial tree? Artificial trees are virtually impossible to recycle as they are made from too many different materials, but if you reuse your artificial tree for 10 – 20 years, it will minimise the impact of carbon used to produce it. A real one takes around ten years to grow, and during this time, fir trees can absorb 10kg of CO2 a year and can be mulched to close the loop. The most sustainable way of having a tree is to have a live one that can be reused.

Christmas dinner. My favourite part! However, it is estimated that around 2 million turkeys end up in the bin over Christmas. We can cut the carbon footprint by having more plant-based options and planning your dinner to cut waste. If you have leftovers, most of it can be frozen to be used well into the new year. There are many ways we can help. Please visit www.wwf.org.uk/top-tips-sustainable-christmas for more tips.

On a final note to end 2022, we would like to thank Alison and everyone in church this year and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas,

with love from

**Tang, Julia, River
and Sancho Dog!**

In Brief

It was a lavish spread

The lovely autumnal weather added to the pleasure of being out and about on this special day for the church, the congregation and the Adel Community - the annual Harvest Lunch. Pre-dinner drinks were available and by 1pm the main meeting room in the Old Stables was full of people anticipating a delicious harvest feast and aware that the talented cooks had laid out their wonderful dishes; the international mains dishes on offer were Boeuf Bourguignon, Cassoulet, Chilli con Carne, Chicken Chasseur and Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie. This lavish spread made it hard to choose but one could go back for seconds and at least one gentleman fancied thirds.

Portions were generous and the accompanying sides - Cauliflower Cheese, Potatoes Dauphinoise and bright green peas gave us all a very healthy and appetizing Sunday Dinner. Then came the heavenly and hard to resist puddings; the desserts were Bread & Butter Pudding, Apple Crumble, Strawberry Pavlova, Treacle Sponge and Gooseberry Mousse. Many people tried more than one. There were cheese and biscuits too for anyone who was still hungry.

The cooks were helped by a team of warriors, some of them unseen in the kitchen. Rector Alison gave a vote of

thanks to all who had worked so hard to prepare and serve the meal and the applause expressed everyone's appreciation.

It was a great social event and the atmosphere was relaxed and cheerful. Generosity was at its core. I was sitting at a table of 5 and we had a father and daughter whom I had not previously met.

Friends at other tables also met new people and events such as the Harvest Festival extend our friendship group and enrich our knowledge of Adel. We could say that Harvest comes but once a year, but when it comes, it brings Good Cheer.

Siân Batchelder

100 Club



September Draw

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| 1 Loveday Loveridge | £98 |
| 2 Graham Hutton | £37.50 |
| 3 Mrs B M White | £37.50 |

October Draw

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1 Jacqueline Johnson | £98 |
| 2 Peter Blackwell | £37.50 |
| 3 Betty Pearson | £37.50 |

Penny's Ponders

Hi Everyone,

Well, here we are at the end of 2022! Now I wonder where all that time went? I think you'll probably agree with me that it's been a strange old year with highs, lows, good times, bad times, happy times and sad times.

We do have a lot to be thankful for and happy about – things which can be shared and make us all smiley. I understand that you've had some lovely times in Church this year with new people joining, new children coming to Junior Church, new babies, weddings, celebrations, social events (I know, I've missed out on the cakes. I'm not allowed them now – but I'm happy you can enjoy them). Even though I don't go into Church often, I still think of it as 'my Church,' and think about you all meeting together, particularly as I know so many of you.

I like the word 'fellowship.' It doesn't matter where anyone lives, what they've got, which country they come from, when everyone is together, there is fellowship. I know it isn't always easy to take that first step to get to know someone new, but it's amazing how a biscuit and a cup of coffee helps to make talking easier. Just like dogs, some people find talking to others very easy and others are shy and find it difficult. Let's all watch out and be ready with a kind welcoming word.

Jesus was very good at making friends and helping others to be friends too. If we could only be more like Him and include everyone in our fellowship, the world would be a better place. Jesus loved his friends and told them to "Love one another, as I have loved you then everyone will know that you are my friends." Let's do that.

There is sadness in our world; I particularly hate the way people fight and try to take land off each other. I came across this lovely song the other day and thought this would be something to think about as we go into 2023:

I'd like to build the world a home
And furnish it with love.
Grow apple trees and honeybees
And snow-white turtle doves.

I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company.

I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand,
And hear them echo through the hills
For peace in every land.

God be with everyone and
wishing you all a very blessed
Christmas and a peaceful New Year.
Woofs & licks,

Penny Poodle xx

Eco Book Club

Are you concerned about the environment?

If, like me, you are concerned about the environment and climate change and enjoy reading, then this book club will be of interest. It gives us the opportunity to talk through the issues, to explore, discuss and share fears and hopes for the future.

Through reading together, we can provide that space and opportunity to talk about the environmental crisis through the themes and topics of the books we read and discuss. I joined in lockdown and have stayed with the group which meets on zoom on a Tuesday morning once a month. It has introduced me to a variety of works, both factual and fiction. We are a small group, who would welcome new members.

There will be no meeting in December, we start again **10am on Tuesday 17th January 2023.**

Examples of books we have read include:

The Man Who Planted Trees, a short story published in 1953 by **Jean Giono**. It tells the story of one shepherd's long and successful single-handed effort to re-forest a desolate valley in the foothills of the Alps in Provence.

The Salt Path by **Raynor Winn** is a thoughtful and lyrical biography, centred on the author and her husband Moth who walk the 630-mile South West Coastal Path, finding healing amidst the storms of life.

The Way Under Our Feet, authored by **Bishop Graham Usher**, charts various aspects of walking as a spiritual as well as material journey, drawing on the symbols and motifs of journeying, finding pathways and pilgrimage.

In ***Saying Yes to Life***, **Dr Ruth Valerio** draws on the Days of Creation (Genesis 1) as she relates the themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and Resurrection hope to issues of environmental, ethical and social concern.

Unlocking Sustainable Cities, by **Paul Chatterton**, reflects the current awareness that cities have become the focus for the effort to address the solutions to climate change.

Newcomers welcome: Meeting monthly:
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Sue Degan

All About Adel

Lawnswood Cemetery – and the Little Nipper

Probably the most well-known innovator associated with Lawnswood is James Henry Atkinson 1849-1942 who invented the “Little Nipper” mousetrap in 1898. A mousetrap with a spring mechanism had been patented in 1894 by an American firm and presumably his built on that. He ran a hardware store in Leeds, so no doubt pest control was big business and he would also have been well aware of the dangers of poisons. At the time of his death he lived in Shadwell and his ashes are interred in a niche in the first wall on the right as one faces the Columbarium door – access up the wide flagged slope.

The mousetrap was manufactured by Procter Bros. In 1884 the firm was run by John and Charles Webster Procter (1857-1913). Charles and his wife are buried on the main avenue behind the chapels, on the non-conformist side. The burial register gives a Harrogate address. They trademarked the “Little Nipper” in 1909 and bought the rights to it in 1913 for a large sum. The company had a base in Leeds through most of the twentieth century. It is still a family company, run by the Procter family in South Wales.

Ann Lightman

Shop local to support our Adel Businesses and Services

Local shops and services provide great support and also save residents from incurring considerable travel costs and time.

The Adel Neighbourhood has a variety of local businesses.

If you are looking for Christmas treats check out the Beauty Salons and Restaurants.

Our Retail Shops offer products as varied as flowers and greeting cards to interior furnishings.

Adel's Community and Leisure Services provide facilities for when there is time to relax or play.

Happy Shopping and Best Wishes for Christmas from

The Adel Neighbourhood Forum

If you would like a map of the Adel Neighbourhood showing the location and type of shops and services email john.hartley@btinternet.com

For more information from the Adel Neighbourhood Forum, please look at page 22.
Editor

Adel History

The Old Adel Rectory was a Tudor timber-framed building which was later extended and encased in stone in the 17th c.

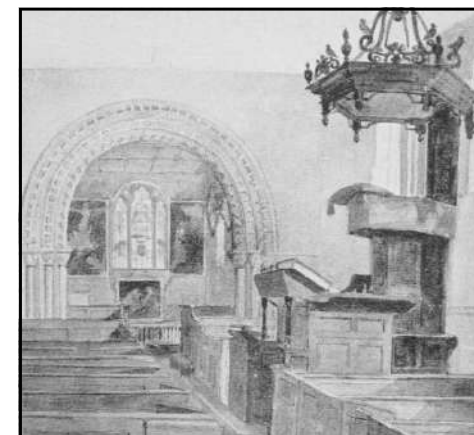


In 1766 Rector Sandford Hardcastle added the grand Georgian front rooms & staircase. He also built the Stables to replace two ruinous barns.

Adel Church had a 3-decker pulpit in the middle of the South wall. After falling through the floor of the top deck, Rector Arthur Standidge (1874-1888), was very keen on the restoration of Adel Church and the scrapping of all the Georgian furniture. The old pulpit was thrown out. The carvings, from the sounding board at the top, were saved.

His son, **Herbert Standidge** wrote about the **1879 restoration of the Norman Church and life growing up at Adel Rectory.**

*“Adel Church had a gallery and a 3-decker pulpit– both in need of repair, also **high-backed** pews and a square pew in the chancel for the Rector’s*



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family. During the restoration, the wood from these old pews was used to panel the walls of Adel Schoolroom, on **Church Lane**. Jonas Atha was the Schoolmaster 1874-1892. He always accompanied the Sunday School children to church on a Sunday morning.



ADEL SCHOOL 1875 AND MASTER'S HOUSE

It was planned to move the large **1681** East window, in the chancel, to form part of a new vestry but a severe snowstorm in December held up the work for several weeks. The window was moved in 1879 and forms the East Window of the new Vestry." (Three narrow, Norman-style windows were restored in the East wall of the Chancel.) "We were snowed up on several occasions notably 1875, 1879, 1881, 1885 and could not get to school. **Adel Dam** was a favourite resort for skaters—and many came out of Leeds. I have seen ice a foot thick there.

Christmas Holidays

We once visited the pantomime in the Christmas holidays, being driven there in a 'Growler' (built to work as a cab on city streets, 'growling' across the cobbles. One horse & coachman could take four passengers.) On our return journey, the horse stopped at the '**Three Horseshoes**'. The driver said "I'm sorry

but t'oss has got bellyache and we can't go on." We walked back to the Rectory in the moonlight, (leaving the driver to enjoy his drink!)

Every Christmas we entertained the Mummers in the Rectory kitchen. The Mummers sang and performed and were refreshed with ale and pies.

My father kept chickens, ducks, two horses, a cow and some pigs and two dogs. We had three servants - and a gardener, who lived at **Glebe Cottage**, near the school.

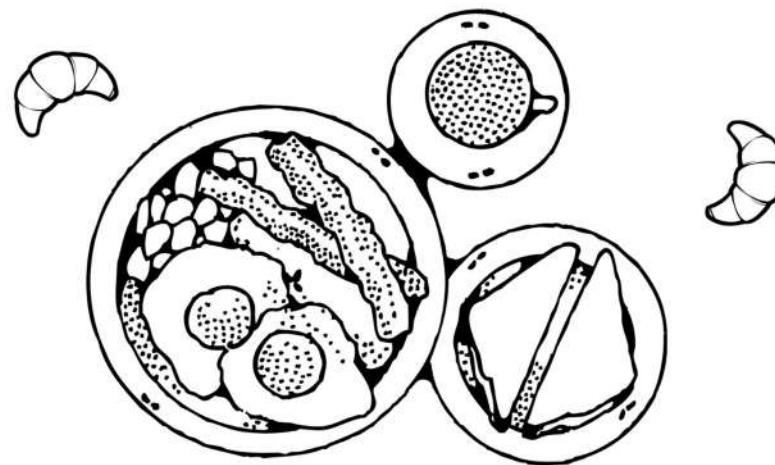
Choir Supper was an annual event on **New Year's Eve**. I, as a boy, sang in the choir. I lighted the candles on the communion table before evening service. Some of the Reformatory boys were choristers."



Harry Mawson b.1889 was also in Adel Church choir. He remembered dressing up as a mummer and singing, visiting the houses of the gentry at Christmas time. (see Don Cole's book 'Just an Ordinary Life' 1984 also 'Rectors, Squires, Stewards' 1986)

Val Crompton

BEAT THE BLUES BRUNCH



Saturday 28th January

10.30am

in the Old Stables

£8 per person

Bacon, sausages, hash browns, baked beans, scrambled eggs, black pudding, toast and croissants with jam and marmalade.

Please email adelparishchurch@gmail.com if you would like to reserve, or speak to one of the Social Committee by 22nd January. You will be asked to pay in advance.

Nature Notes

During many years of birdwatching trips I got to know quite a few common wildflowers, one that I was always pleased to see was ragwort – a fairly tall plant with yellow flowers which often held something of interest. Perhaps butterflies ‘nectaring,’ often 20 or 30 at a time. At other times there were lots of yellow and black caterpillars of the Cinnabar Moth which rely on ragwort as their larval foodplant, so it was always worth having a look at any ragwort flowers we found.

About 20 years ago I was therefore very surprised to see lots of angry letters in newspapers calling for ragwort to be eliminated, but I gradually got the message that the plant had been blamed for causing the deaths of lots of horses, and wondered how this situation had come about. Enlightenment came with publication of Wildling by Isabella Tree, and I am indebted to her account of the events.

In 2002 The British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) and the British Horse Society published the results of a survey saying that as many as 6,500 horses in Britain die every year from ingesting ragwort. This was quite astonishing as only 4% of BEV members had responded to the survey saying that they had seen, on average, three suspected cases of ragwort poisoning that year. The

BEVA then multiplied this figure by the total number of their membership (1,945) to reach a figure of 6,553. (It is useful to note that the cases reported were suspected, not confirmed, and of poisoning not deaths) This was eventually removed from the BEVA website, but it was too late - the rumour had developed a life of its own.

Ragwort does contain some poisons and the danger to animals comes from ingesting ragwort included in hay used for fodder, but horses and cattle do not like it and do not eat it. Both horses and ragwort have been sharing the same environment for centuries and they clearly do not eat it from choice. There are lots of New Forest ponies looking after themselves much of the time, there are Exmoor Ponies, Dartmoor ponies and Welsh Ponies and I suspect that motor cars are much greater danger to them.

Don't try this, Alison!

One instructive note from Wildling is the story of a Sussex vicar who was delivering his sermon and, to illustrate a point, ate a daffodil. He had to be rushed to hospital to have his stomach pumped because daffodils apparently are poisonous.

Peter Larner

Local History



In the summer I received an email from Keith Baxter about **St Helen's House**

Hello Val

I live in St Helens Grove and when building my patio came across a road of cobbles which must have been from the old house. Looking further into it, I found a plan that showed the outline of the original house (attached).

*I also found that the house was built for the **Eddison family** who were solicitors and are buried in Adel Churchyard. Their son, Eric Rucker Eddison, was a writer of some fame.*

If you have any other information, sketch or photos of the house I would be very interested.

Keith

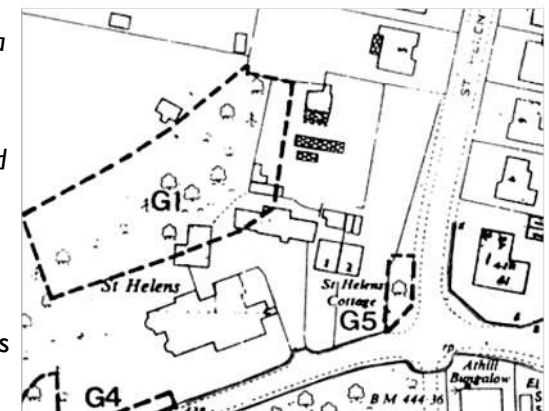
I replied to Keith and have made some enquiries. There are pictures & photos of the cottages but I am

still seeking a photo of **St Helen's House**.

This old photo (given to me by Peter Snodgrass), shows also part of a building which could have been a stables & coach house for St Helen's House. Does anyone have any photos pre 1980 of St Helen's House? We have 9

Eddison Family graves in Adel Churchyard, inc **Eric Rucker Eddison**, (b.1882 at St Helens House, - died Aug 1945) & his parents died in 1944. We have E R Eddison's manuscripts & notes in Leeds Central Library. In Sept 2022, relatives of the Eddisons visited Adel Church & Churchyard but did not have any pictures of St Helen's House.

Val Crompton



Words from Joyce Hill

The Banning of Christmas

“Commercial Christmas” seems to start earlier each year. This is often seen as a regrettable modern phenomenon, having less and less reference to the religious origins and meaning of Christmas, but Christmas was a time for popular celebration even within the strongly religious context of the Middle Ages and some of the traditions of the pre-Christian mid-winter festivals were adopted, using these as a means of rejoicing in the hope of new life brought by the Nativity of Christ – the moment of Incarnation that would later culminate in Christ’s Death and Resurrection. For example, the pagan usage of ever-green boughs, such as holly and ivy to symbolise new life, could easily be used to symbolise the new life brought by the birth of Jesus, while the joyousness could be celebrated, in the Christian as much as the pagan context, by feasting and the exchange of gifts.

Just as today we sometimes lament how ‘it has all got out of hand,’ so complaints were made in the sixteenth century about the extravagance, excessive eating and drinking and associated immoral behaviour. They argued against these forms of celebrating Christmas because they had pagan origins and were survivals from pre-Reformation times and thus were associated with

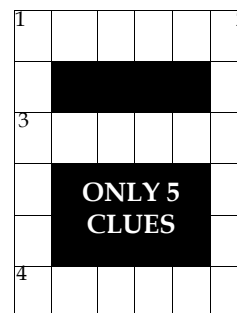
Catholicism.

Some described the Christmas jollities as being ‘a great dishonour of God’. In December 1643 Parliament encouraged people to use the mid-winter period to call to mind their sins. This was followed shortly after by ordinances stating that there were to be no holy days apart from Sunday and that festival days were to be spent in respectful contemplation.

By June 1647, another parliamentary ordinance abolished Christmas, Easter and Whitsun, which remained until the Restoration in 1660. Businesses were to remain open, there were no special church services, and no celebrations of any kind, but the people liked their mid-winter extravagances, and there were even popular riots in favour of Christmas. The celebration, or not, of Christmas became a battleground between Puritans and Royalists. The Royalists circulated popular ballads against the ‘killing of Christmas’; the Puritans sought to suppress it in proclamation after proclamation throughout the 1650s. When the Civil War ended and the monarchy was restored in the person of Charles II, Christmas was restored as well.

It’s often said that Oliver Cromwell abolished Christmas, but he was not appointed Lord Protector until 16 December 1653.

Word Games



Across

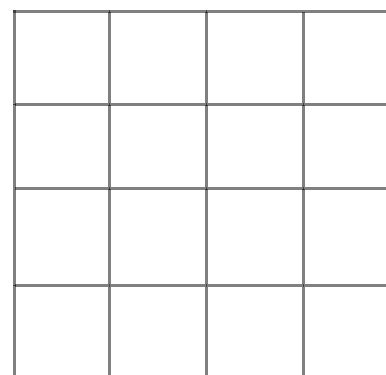
1. Game Irish saint can’t finish
3. Part of Utah? It is somewhere in the Pacific
4. Part of old town in area east of the Mediterranean

Down

1. Lowest Shakespearean character
2. Puzzle in game to be worked out

Word Square

A mini crossword puzzle where the answers are the same in both the across and down directions!



Every Letter Counts

These letters appear just once in the grid. You must solve the clues by using each letter a single time.

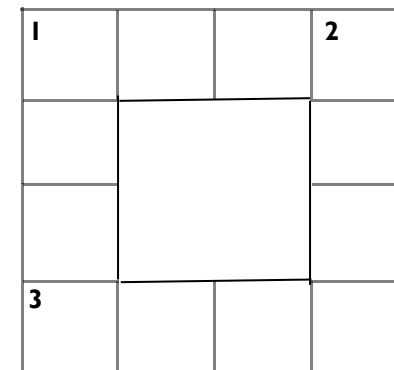
A B E G I K L N O R U W

Across

1. Male monarch
3. Send a ball down in cricket

Down

1. Pavement edge
2. Ancient France



Aromatic herb

Suggestion

Tax

Puts down

Solutions on page 35

Christmas Quiz



- 1) Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
- 2) How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?
- 3) How many gifts were given in total in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song?
- 4) How many of Rudolph's fellow reindeers' names start with 'D'?
- 5) In which Christmas movie does Tom Hanks play 6 of the characters?
- 6) What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
- 7) Which city has been donating Trafalgar Square's Christmas tree to London every year since 1947?
- 8) If you're born on Christmas day, what's your star sign?
- 9) What colour suit did Santa wear until Coca Cola rebranded him in red?
- 10) What is the best-selling Christmas single of all time?
- 11) Miracle On 34th Street centres on what real-life department store?
- 12) What is the opening line to Shakin' Stevens' 'Merry Christmas Everyone'?
- 13) What's type of tree is most commonly used for Christmas trees?
- 14) What time was the Queen's speech traditionally broadcast on Christmas Day?
- 15) What colour are mistletoe berries?
- 16) In the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' what was the gift given on the seventh day?
- 17) Stollen is a traditional fruit cake in which country?
- 18) How many reindeer drive Santa's sleigh (including Rudolph)?
- 19) What fruit is traditionally put inside a Christmas stocking?
- 20) How many *Home Alone* films are there?

Answers on page 35

Adel Neighbourhood Forum

For a number of years now the Adel Neighbourhood Forum has been preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Adel; this embodies the views of local residents and businesses on future development in Adel and, once adopted, will be taken into consideration by the Council when reviewing applications for future developments in our area. Because of the changes that have taken place since the last formal consultation with residents the Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group decided to hold a final, six week Consultation in the summer prior to finalising the Plan and submitting it to Leeds City Council for adoption.

Leaflets were delivered to all residents in the area, and the Consultation was also publicised on the Forum's website and by email from Councillor Barry Anderson. Copies of the draft Plan were (and still are) available for residents to download and review, a printed copy was lodged at Holt Park library and other copies were available for inspection at the three drop-in consultation events that were held.

Around a hundred residents attended the drop-in events and a number also emailed their comments to us. In general all residents were extremely supportive of the initiative, being concerned about the extent of inappropriate development in the

area, and some made specific comments which are all being reviewed for incorporation into the final version of the Plan.

Our aim now is to produce a final version of the Plan in the next few weeks and then submit that to the Council for adoption. Once we have submitted it, the Council will send it to an independent inspector who may make changes if it is inconsistent with local or national policies. When that is complete, a referendum of all residents in the area will be held, with a simple majority of those voting being needed for the Plan to be adopted, after which it will form part of the Council's planning policy. At this stage we do not know how long the inspection process will take but we hope that, when the Council announces the referendum, you will vote to adopt the Plan.

In the meantime the Neighbourhood Forum continues to review planning applications submitted for developments in the area and comment on these where appropriate.

If you would like to get in touch with the Neighbourhood Forum then please email us on:
anf.chair@gmail.com

Jeremy Emmott & Clive Hudson,
Co-Chairs Adel Neighbourhood Forum

In Your Garden

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."

— **Anne Bradstreet.**

With such short days married with some questionable weather, December is the time to enjoy the glories of the cerebral garden, whether it is your own, or one you wish was your own - and where the sun always shines! Sit back and allow the weather to do its worst, whilst recalling all the gems from the last year, remembering plants that may have succumbed during the extremes of heat and drought this past summer. Then there is the rumination over what to do about it all! There are no limits! Next year I'm tempted to expand my rose repertoire; there is always space for a few more! Once established they typically flower from summer onwards, often till the first frosts with judicious pruning. My favourite trick is to co-plant them with different types of spring flowering clematis, which will use the rose structure as a frame to grow up, providing wonderful showy flowers and be finished before the rose then comes into its own.

My raspberries have done well again this year, thanks in part to the automatic irrigation system I set up. I'm going to experiment with cutting down half the spent canes to ground level as usual, but leaving the other half cut to about 30-40cm to

encourage these to flower and fruit a little earlier. My chilli plants are also doing well so I will try a few new varieties next year. It seems to be quite straightforward to make your own chilli pastes and sauces. It's so easy this gardening in the mind !

If you get an opportunity for practical rather than cerebral activity it's a good time to clean and sharpen secateurs and loppers. A sharpening stone will do for most blades, with a drop of oil where beneficial.

If you really want to get out into your garden then how about putting out food for the birds. With such short days, our birds need to take advantage of all of the available daylight to feed as quickly and efficiently as they can. As our winter progresses their natural food supplies diminish, so any supplements will be gratefully and greedily received. Keep your eye open for those regular winter visitors from Scandinavia: the redwing and the fieldfare. Perhaps we will be blessed by an irruption of waxwings. They are all after the berries.

Do try to keep your feeders clean. A quick wash before you fill up will help to limit the spread of any unwanted germs or bacteria.

George Turnbull

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At Kirkstall Abbey



Kirkstall Abbey Visitors' Centre I152 Club meeting

This a free, friendly local history group for adults aged 55+ interested in

learning more about the local area. Just turn up on the day; tea, coffee and biscuits are provided, new members welcome!

10am Tues 8th Nov 2022

Patrick Bourne, Assistant Community Curator, talked to us about the Community Display '**Kirkstall Lives**', at Abbey House Museum, which celebrates the lives of people who have lived, worked and visited the Leeds suburb of Kirkstall.

Famous for its 12th century abbey, this area grew into a thriving community.

The exhibition explores the memories of people who have made Kirkstall a part



of their history, including Kirkstall St Stephen's School, Kirkstall Educational Cricket Club, Silver Blades Ice Rink and childhood memories of the

Circus arriving at Headingley Station!

Patrick showed us Liz Minkin's video of **Kirkstall Festival** Parade - and photos including Hardisty's Fish & Chip Shop, Kirkstall Forge, Kirkstall Brewery cans, Abbey Picture House - and the Kirkstall Power Station Cooling Towers demolition (I was there in 1979—it was exciting)

Kirkstall Lives Display at Abbey House is running until **17th Sept 2023**. Abbey House Museum is Open Tues– Fri 10am-5pm and on Saturday 12noon– 5pm, last admission 4.30 pm.

On 25th October, **Wise Owl** Birds of Prey Sanctuary, brought owls with them to share with visitors in Kirkstall



Abbey Cloisters 10am-3pm. These owls were lovely! The Little Owl was popular with the smaller children.

Val Crompton

Next meeting:

I152 Club at Kirkstall Abbey in the Visitor Centre on Tuesday 6th Dec 10 am –11.15am

Parking at Abbey House Museum
Belinda May:

'Wooden Puppet Maker'

For further details email Kirkstall.Abbey@leeds.gov.uk or tel. **0113 378 4079**

OPAL Activities

As we come to the end of another busy year at OPAL, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers for all their help. You are all amazing and thank you for your continuing support.

2022 has been an eventful year for us at OPAL; we have celebrated our 20th birthday and also the awarding of an MBE to our CEO Ailsa Rhodes for services to older people particularly during the Covid period. We are extremely proud of the work OPAL did during this period and we intend to continue to serve the community in the coming years.

One way in which we are continuing to support our local community is our Warm up Your Week event which runs on Mondays 1.30 - 4.30 pm, this is held in our Community Café; we offer refreshments, board games, crafts and digital support. This is a free activity and is open to all, without any need to book.

Our next Hearing Aid clinic will be held on the 27th January 2023 and as always, we expect this to be a well-attended clinic, where we provide replacement batteries, replacement tubing and the servicing of hearing aids. Please bring your white or yellow NHS card with you and be aware there may be a wait to be seen.

Our trips were extremely popular this

year; the Scarborough trip was blessed with amazing weather and it was wonderful to see so many of our members enjoying themselves at the seaside (the fish and chips were delicious). The next trips we have planned are on the 19th January 2023 and the 10th February, please look out for more details in our newsletter (bi-monthly to all members).

Our Annual Christmas Fayre was a lively and fun event and it was great to see so many happy children (young and old) enjoying the festivities, especially the visit to Santa's Grotto. Our resident Elf had her own brand of elfen fun. Most of the stalls were local independent retailers and it was lovely to find some unique and different presents.

If you are interested in joining any of the activities we offer, or if you would like any more information please contact us on 01132619103 email admin@opal-project.org.uk or call in to see us at the Welcome In Community Centre (55 Bedford Drive, LS16 6DJ).

OPAL will be closed during the festive period from the 24th December until the 3rd January and so we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shelley Clark

What's On

Headingley Flower Club at Bramhope

Friday 9th December

'What the Dickens'

Paula Routledge

7.30pm Bramhope Village Hall,
Old Lane, Bramhope. LS16 9AZ

Contact Mrs Jean Money

Tel 01924 468714

Adel Gardeners' Club

Monday 12th December

'Gardeners' Grumbles'

Martin Walker

7.30 Adel Methodist Church

Visit website at

adelhort.btck.co.uk

Adel Gardeners' Club

Monday 9th January

'Hellebores'

Andrew Mikolajski,

This meeting will be on Zoom

at 7.30. To get a code, email

adelhort@btinternet.com

or visit website at

adelhort.btck.co.uk

Holt Park Writers' Group

Monday 9th January

2-3pm in Holt Park Library

New members welcome,
come along and meet us.

Contact Val Crompton

Tel. 0113 225 9142

Leeds & District Association of the National Trust

Tuesday 13th December

"Festive Music"

with Rita Saville-Stones

Ukelele solos, duets, carols and readings

St Chad's Parish Centre,

Far Headingley

Talks begin at **10.30** am with

coffee etc. served from **10.00** am.

Association members £4.00,

guests £5,

Refreshments by donation

Leeds & District Association of the National Trust

Tuesday 10th January

'The story of medieval monks' diet"

with Jane Abramson

St Chad's Parish Centre,

Far Headingley

Talks begin at **10.30** am with

coffee etc. served from **10.00** am.

Association members £4.00,

guests £5,

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York Gate Update

Two Robins

Every gardener knows that as soon as they take out a spade from the potting shed, a robin is likely to appear, waiting for a tasty meal of earthworms and grubs as soon as the soil is dug over. Last week, as I was walking around the garden at York Gate, I was captivated by a robin hopping among the undergrowth where the gardeners had been working when I found myself thinking of another Robin.

Robin Spencer came to York Gate with his parents as a young man and it is thanks to him that many of the iconic features that make the garden so unique and special are here today for us all to enjoy. This year has marked the 40th anniversary of Robin's sudden death on 12th May 1982 whilst he was away on an antiques' hunting trip with his friends. Robin's passion for the garden will never be forgotten. The Archive holds a wonderful collection of drawings by Robin together with his writings which provide an invaluable insight into his thoughts and ideas about garden design.

"From my earliest years I have had three abiding interests, gardening, design and collecting, and in the garden all these come together." Robin Spencer.

The Christmas Robin

Of all our British birds the robin is the most popular and well-loved and our

affection was cemented when it was voted our national bird in 1960. Long known as Redbreast, the robin gave its name to the first postmen who wore red jackets and became known as "Robins".

There are several myths and fables linking the robin's redbreast to Christianity. One is that when the baby Jesus was in his manger in the stable, the fire which had been lit to keep him warm started to blaze up very strongly. A brown robin placed himself between the fire and the face of the baby Jesus, fluffing out his feathers to protect the infant. In so doing the robin's breast was scorched by fire and this redness was inherited by future generations of robins.

The robin will I hope always be a welcome visitor to our gardens. On behalf of everyone at York Gate may I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas time.

Gillian Smith

Heritage Volunteer

The shop and café are open at York Gate, Wednesday to Sunday, 10am until 3.30pm, until Thursday 22nd December. The café will reopen at 10am on Wednesday 4th January. The shop will remain shut (apart from Snowdrop Week in February) until the season starts again in April.

Sally Latchford

Adel Players

Good theatre on our doorstep

'The Price' by Arthur Miller was a brave choice for the start of the season, given that spring 1968 in a Jewish family in Manhattan, New York, is quite a way from most peoples' experience. But good theatre transcends such barriers and this was no exception, touching on themes that are relevant to us today.

The staging was terrific – the lights went up on a dilapidated room, at the top of a large house, crammed with period furniture and ornamentation on a busy New York street – the traffic sounds filtering through. In daylight the room would be lit to some extent by the skylight, but it was evening and dark as the sound of feet came up the uncarpeted stairwell and a figure, with a torchlight, entered the room and switched on the electric light. A dramatic start despite little action, which set the scene for the whole play.

The policeman (Rob Colbeck) moved around the room, sighing and touching items of furniture until joined by his wife (Dianne Newby). It became clear why; it had been the policeman's home and he had arranged for a furniture dealer to meet him with a view to selling the furniture. The dialogue between the husband and wife revealed much about their relationship, personalities

and priorities. The husband's indecisiveness – it was fourteen years since his father's death and it was not until the apartment was about to be demolished that his personal effects were being dealt with. The wife exhibited little faith in her husband's abilities. She appeared depressed. Missing their son away at University? Fed up of those around her paying more attention to her suit than her? The tension / anticipation mounted. Shortly after they were joined by the furniture dealer (Mike Andrews) – who I must say reminded me of Jackie Mason. He was in his eighties and had given up the business, but he couldn't let go. He wanted to chat, whilst the policeman just wanted "the Price". This gave rise to a little comedic light relief, though the bleakness of the situation was not masked.

After the interval the greatly resented older brother (David Lancaster), who had pursued a very successful and lucrative medical career, dropped by ostensibly to be reunited with his younger brother who had given up his career to look after their father who was bankrupted in the 1929 Wall Street Crash. During this half, facts, or interpretations of them, came thick and fast – the air full of resentment and jealousy. It was a little relentless!

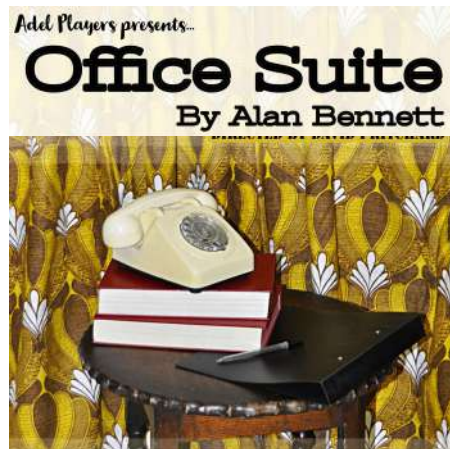
The question of the reality of 'The American Dream' was explored – were you really able to make your

own fortune and live successfully? There is “a price” to pay for actions. Society and family clearly play their part – but are actions (or their absence) largely dictated by one’s genes / personality and circumstances? One message I drew was not to rely on others – you are responsible for yourself. Money was another theme – or maybe the lack of it. This thought-provoking play had enough packed within it, that everyone should have found some message relevant to themselves. When the family finally walked out of that room, had they left the past behind? I doubt it!

A New York Jewish accent

Finally I must credit the four actors – three of whom were on stage virtually the whole time (Rob, Mike & Dianne) for having such huge scripts to learn and for delivering them in a New York Jewish accent so believably that one just accepted the characters. Well done. As a friend said to me as we exited, “Aren’t we lucky to have access to such good theatre on our doorstep for just £10.00?” I look forward to a slightly calmer experience at “Office Suite” by Alan Bennett on 18th – 21st January 2023.

**Ann Lightman and
Donna Shoesmith-Evans**



18th to 21st January, 7.30pm

Alan Bennett’s *Office Suite* consists of two highly entertaining one-act plays. In *A Visit from Miss Prothero*, a secretary upsets the contented retirement of her former boss with the latest office gossip. In *Green Forms*, filing clerk Doreen lives in envy of her co-worker’s superior grade and in fear of the new computer systems.

Of *Miss Prothero*, *The Times* said: ‘There’s hardly a line that doesn’t make you gulp at the nerve of this prissy, narrow, grudging, fatalistic, bossy, appallingly self-confident woman.’ And *The Telegraph* said of the plays: ‘Bennett’s dialogue has a lethal sharpness and precision that makes him the Oscar Wilde of northern gentility.’

All tickets £10
Email: boxoffice@adel-players.org.uk

Our Creative Writers



The Bridesmaid

James Tissot (1836-1902)

Photo Credit: Bridgeman Images

On a cold winter’s day – why not take a bus into Leeds and enjoy looking at the pictures and maybe a cup of coffee in the amazing Tiled Café at the Art Gallery on The Headrow?

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Saturday: 10am – 5pm

Sunday: 11am – 3pm

David Blakeley is a volunteer at Leeds City Art Gallery. One time, when on duty there, he imagined a story about this Paris painting.

This is what David wrote about Tissot’s **‘The Bridesmaid’**.

The Bridesmaid

Narrator (Molly, Jack, & Tom the Baker’s boy are also on stage)
So there she is in a dress of blue.
My story made up, but is it true?
Standing near this handsome guy -
there’s a baker boy selling a pie?
What’s the conversation?
Now let me try:

Jack “Young maiden in your dress so blue. What brings you here? What do you do? My name is Jack, I’m the guy wearing a top hat”

Molly “Well Sir, I’m here for my sister’s wedding, I’m her bridesmaid. What of you? My name is Molly, can I squeeze under your brolly?”

Jack “I’m here with my mother dear. She’s inside this carriage in her purple gown. I’m sorry, as you can see I can’t let her out. My gloved hand got stuck in the door, just as it opened I can recount..”

Molly “Sir you are such a cad, what’s on your mind? I hope nothing bad?”

Jack “You are quite right, I’m a bit of a Jack the Lad. My mother I’m afraid is rather mad! I brought her out here for some fresh air, but I got side tracked by you my dear. If you can get me free from my predicament please?”

Molly “Maybe that baker boy could help? Or even save us both some croissants we could have for tea?”

Narrator Young Molly turned and asked the baker boy:-

Molly *"Please, young lad, can you lend a hand? This fellow here is stuck, is there anything to be done, have you got a plan?"*

Narrator The baker boy, whose name was Tom, looked inside his basket under the bread and that sticky bun. At last he found what he was looking for. Surely now Jack the Lad could be released from the carriage door?

Tom *"Keep very still, Jack, I'm sure I can get you out".* Jack did wiggle, he squeezed and squirmed, then let out a shout.

Jack *"Hoo that really hurt!"* At last his hand slid from his glove and he jumped about. *"Tom my boy what did you do? My hand feels very greasy. How can I thank you?"*

Tom *"My father always said, carry some butter, it goes really well on the fresh bread. I managed to put butter inside your glove. As you wiggled, I pulled you out".*

Narrator Free at last from the carriage door, Jack's mother could now come out and step on the floor.

Mother *"What an earth has been going on? I could feel the carriage shaking. What was wrong?"*

A Bright Idea Production from **David Blakeley**

Snow-bound Leeds, Feb 1947

"Tell me about you sledging Grandad ?"
Matthew snuggled up close. *"I'll tell you a true story about one winter when it snowed and snowed and snowed".*
Matthew wriggled closer.

"It had been snowing hard all weekend and when Monday morning came, looking through the bedroom window I could see only a thick white blanket of snow. I could hardly wait to go out! We lived in a little house, with a small front garden. It had two big bedrooms, one downstairs room and a cellar. It had no kitchen or a bathroom, not even a back door. It was called a back-to-back house because another small house sat right behind our house. The house was at the bottom of a hill.

At last breakfast was over. We were dressed in our warmest jumpers and coats and ready to go. Dad wore his big overcoat, he moved forward and opened the door. Oh! When the door was opened we couldn't see the garden, just a solid wall of snow. The snow had drifted down the hill and had almost completely covered the door. Just a narrow line at the top where light streamed in. Dad had to go into the cellar and get a shovel to dig us out."

I looked at Matthew to get his reaction. He lay curled up in my lap, fast asleep.

Peter Davis

Barry Anderson

Caroline and I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Energy Scam Texts

Action Fraud has received 139 crime reports relating to fake text messages purporting to be from the UK government. The texts state the recipient is "owed" or "eligible" for an energy bill discount as part of the Energy Bill Support Scheme. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial information. The actual Government Energy Bill Discount is £400 off energy bills for households in Great Britain from October 2022. You **do not need to apply for the scheme**, and you will not be asked for your bank details. Forward suspicious text messages to **7726** (free of charge) then your provider can investigate the origin of the text and arrange to block or ban the sender if it's found to be malicious.

Former Weetwood Police Station Planning Application

The site is to be developed for 127 flats, 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms, which will all be for rent. You can look at the application and other documents at www.leeds.gov.uk/publicaccess using application number 22/06370.

X84 Bus Service

For users of the X84 bus, an additional service by First Bus has been reintroduced at 06:12 from Otley Bus Station so that those who work in Leeds and have an early start can get to work on time.

Keeping Warm

Designated Warm Spaces by The Council are Holt Park Library and the Welcome In, the OPAL building. If you put www.leeds.gov.uk into your browser and then type "Warm Spaces" in 'search' you can check where the others are. OPAL are providing a warm space with food every Monday 1.30pm – 4.30pm until March 2023 for any age and is totally free.

Household Waste and Recycling Sites

Leeds has 8 Household Waste sites; Kirkstall, Meanwood and Otley are the nearest for us locally. These sites are for the residents of Leeds to recycle or dispose of household waste and can be accessed 7 days a week from 8am to 4pm in winter and 8am to 6pm in summer. They are only closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The vast majority of items can be deposited free of charge for residents. There is a small charge for building and construction waste (inert waste) however the first bag can be

If you are interested in creative writing, why not join this group? There is no meeting in December, but you will see details of their Jan meeting on p.26

disposed free of charge to allow customers to deposit small amounts with ease.

Kirkstall has a “Revive” reuse store on site and items are diverted from the sites into the stores for re-sale. Each site also has a “re-use” container where customers can place items that are suitable for re-use. These are sorted and donated to partner charities.

Old Eastmoor Site– at long last!

The planning application for the Eastmoor site has just been approved.

Billy Flynn

Christmas and the New Year

The end of the year is rapidly approaching after what seems to have been a very turbulent twelve months. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year, but not too many mince pies!

Scams

You will all be aware of some very unpleasant scams that coincided with the Covid lockdowns. I have been warned by the police of a particularly nasty one circulating at the moment. It will be something like a text message saying “Hello mum, using a friend’s phone because my phone is ruined/damaged/lost, please message my new

This is great news, it’s been a long time coming and it will be a very exciting quality development which has been supported throughout the process by local residents and the Neighbourhood Forum.

Cllr. Barry Anderson

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www.barryanderson.yourcllr.com
Twitter @barryanderson19

number on WhatsApp when you see this 07508401653.” This will then give the scammer access to your phone and contacts. Please be on your guard and never fall for any message on numbers you don’t recognise, no matter how genuine it might seem.

Anti-social behaviour

I mentioned ASB on Holt Park and at the top end of Farrar Lane in a recent Adel Bells with ne’er-do-wells coming and going via the ginnels between Farrar Lane and Holt Road, causing mayhem. The major problem facing the police is a lack of intelligence because residents are naturally reluctant to come forward for fear of retribution.

The problem is persisting so I have funded a high spec CCTV camera in the area which will constantly monitor vehicle movement and behaviour. Hopefully, this will help prevent the bad behaviour which has persisted for a long period.

Leaf Fall

I have had several requests for the leaf clearing team to attend specific areas which I have passed on. The heavy rain over recent weeks has not helped matters unfortunately and a number of pavements and paths are in very bad order with wet leaves making walking hazardous. The weather has also slowed down the clearing work. They are working hard clearing main routes initially but do offer to attend if any area is considered particularly dangerous, so please let me know if you are aware of any such locations. But do bear with me because there are likely to be many such requests.

Adel Beck site

Following on from last month’s update, full planning permission has now been granted for housing, care home, office conversion and a retail unit on the site. It has been a long time coming but Advent, the developers, have finally addressed the many conditions imposed by the council for converting the listed building element of the site. I understand that building will start sooner rather than later, and the developers will write to all who are likely to be affected by their plans.

Leeds 2023

LEEDS 2023 is run by Leeds Culture Trust set up by Leeds Council in response to the exclusion of the UK from the European Capital of Culture. It will consist of 3 seasons, 12 Signature projects of original work and hundreds of partnerships including over 20 international partnerships. More details of the project can be found by Googling LEEDS 2023.

I’ve included the item because every ward has now been given a Neighbourhood Host. Ours is Nicola Brown and she lives in the heart of Adel. Nicola is trying to contact all the various community groups and clubs in the ward to see how they might contribute to LEEDS 2023. If you would like to volunteer to help with the project please get in touch and I will pass on your details to Nicola.

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- 1) Germany
- 2) Four
- 3) 364
- 4) 3, Dasher, Dancer, Donner
- 5) The Polar Express
- 6) A coin
- 7) Oslo, Norway
- 8) Capricorn
- 9) Green
- 10) Bing Crosby, White Christmas
- 11) Macy's
- 12) Snow is falling, all around me
- 13) Nordmann Fir
- 14) 3pm
- 15) White
- 16) Seven Swans a-swimming
- 17) Germany
- 18) Nine
- 19) Orange or tangerine
- 20) Six

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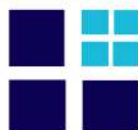
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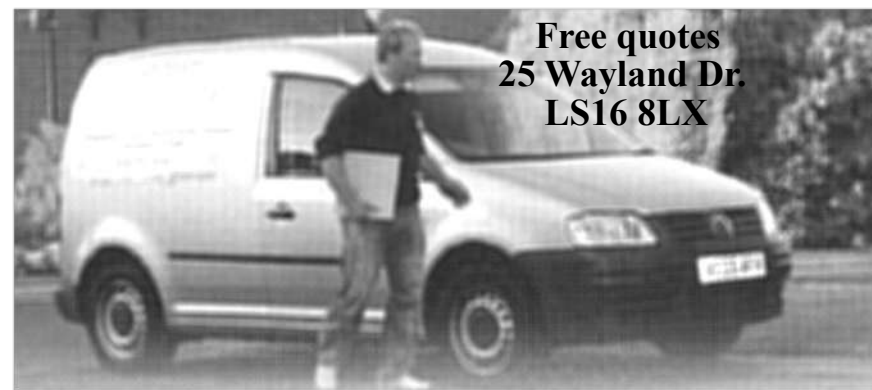
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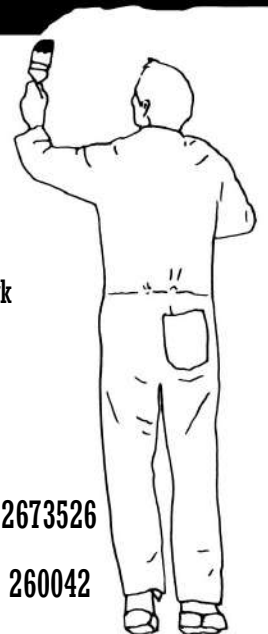
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| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | Parish Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong (BCP) |
| Wed 4th | 11am | Holy Communion |
| Fri 6th | 1.30pm | JJs (for the under sixes) |
| Sunday 8th | | Epiphany |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | Parish Communion |
| Wed 11th | 11am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 15th | | Second Sunday of Epiphany |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | All Age Service with Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong (BCP) |
| Wed 18th | 11am | Holy Communion |
| Thurs 19th | 3.15pm | Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee |
| Sunday 22nd | | Third Sunday of Epiphany |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | Parish Communion |
| Wed 25th | 11am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 29th | | Fourth Sunday of Epiphany |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | Parish Communion |

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| Sunday 18th | | Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | All Age Service with Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Community Carol Service with wine & mince pies |
| Wed 21st | 11am 7pm | Holy Communion Blue Christmas Service A short, peaceful service for those who find Christmas hard |
| Sat 24th | | Christmas Eve |
| | 3pm | Crib Service in Church |
| | 5pm | Outside Crib Service with carols by candlelight |
| | 11.30pm | Midnight Mass |
| Sunday 25th | | Christmas Day |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10am | Parish Communion |
| Wed 28th | 11am | Holy Communion |