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Blessed are those who feed the hedgehogs,
who make fat balls for the birds,
who build bug hotels
and who plant flowers to attract bees.

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If you are struggling and finding it difficult to pray when you most need to, the following prayer might help you. We might also say the prayer on behalf of someone we know who is suffering.

You know I believe Lord
 my faith is strong,
 it's just at this moment
 my life's going wrong.

I know you are good, Lord.
 I know I am heard ...
 but just at this moment
 I can't find a word

My body hurts and my mind's in a
 whirl,
 I feel somehow like a little lost girl.
 I need you now more than any day –
 but somehow Lord,
 "I just can't pray."

I look to you Lord,
 thoughts tumbling my head....
 I know you are with me,
 for this you have said....
 So hold me, enfold me,
 and just for today,
 please accept dear Lord
 this is all I can say.

Sandy Harris

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everyone, sharing God's love
and being a voice of hope

From the Editor

The production of the June magazine was fraught with difficulties this year, not of our own making. We are sorry that you had to wait so long for your copies to arrive and it was only thanks to the exertions of a whole team of volunteers that we were able to get them delivered at all! I would like to say that all is going to be plain sailing from now on, but only time will tell. We will keep you updated if any major changes are to take place.

August is usually a quiet month as far as church social events are concerned. However, this year we are holding an event in August and we hope you won't all be on holiday. We are trying out a slightly new venture, a Coffee Concert, amalgamating a coffee morning with a concert. This one is in honour of a very special lady to whom we said a final goodbye earlier this year. Sylvia Halliday's friends at the Trefoil Guild have offered to put on a concert in her honour. So we are asking you to meet in the Stables for coffee and cake, before going up to

the church for the concert. Details of this are on page 29.

In these troublesome times of climate change, it can be difficult to know what each of us as individuals can do about it. I have received a very interesting article, which you will find on page 12. Expressed in the terms of the Beatitudes, it highlights all the things people are doing to improve the messy world we live in. Do study it carefully and hopefully it will guide you to a better understanding of what you yourself can do. As it says in the passage, if we care for God's creation we are doing His work in the world.

The Quiz we held in May was very well received. If you have never been to one of these quizzes why not give it a go next year? The style is far different to a simple question and answer quiz and involves videos and other visuals. One round got forgotten about, so have a go at it on page 21. It will give you an idea of the sort of questions we use.

Have a good summer—if the weather allows us!

Marjorie Cole

Rector Alison's Letter

Dear Friends

In May this year, I went camping with my daughter. It is a long time since I last went camping, and I had forgotten just how much I love it.

Since many of you are kind enough to ask about my holidays, I have been reminded that camping is a little like marmite...people were either quite envious, or couldn't imagine anyone *choosing* a camping holiday.

This made me think about what it is I like so much. I think perhaps it is something to do with the slower pace and the nearness of nature.

There is the wonderful time of emerging first thing to a largely quiet campsite and lighting the stove for the first cup of tea. There are usually a few other people methodically going about their morning routines: a trip to the facilities; collecting some water; enjoying a hot drink on a chilly morning. No one rushing to school or work, time to savour the bird song, and noise of the stream.

There is the feeling of achievement at cooking with limited equipment; the appetite worked up by a day of physical activity; and of course, the fact that food somehow tastes better outdoors!

And because we have always camped

in Britain, there is a fair chance of the satisfaction of eating under canvas, looking out at the rain. Lying in a tent listening to the rain drumming down gives a surprising feeling of cosiness. Although opening a sleeping compartment to find possessions floating around the main tent as we once did as children is slightly less fun!

I have had some close encounters with local wildlife too on camping trips. Having only a thin piece of canvas between you and the outside makes everything more immediate. Arriving late one evening and hurriedly pitching the tent, we were surprised to be woken by cows cropping the grass virtually by our ears. There was also the hedgehog who snuffled hopefully around our tins of food each night.

This year, in the early hours of the morning, a lamb made sure the whole campsite knew he had lost his mother!

Far from being irritating, these noises are soothing and calming. There is plenty of research showing the calming effects of nature.

You may not be heading off camping, but I hope you can get out and enjoy nature this summer. Whether you have exotic travel plans, or are staying in Adel, do take time to enjoy what God has given us.

If you are in Adel, come and enjoy time in our beautiful churchyard. Our wonderful group of volunteers work hard to keep it as a home for nature, and a place for the people of the parish.

We are reminded daily how fragile our beautiful planet is. Helping in the churchyard is one small way we can make a difference. You don't have to be a church goer to get involved, just keep an eye out for the next 'rake, cake and chat' session. With love and prayers,

Alison

Don't forget!

**Friday 12th July
7.30pm**

A Concert In church
by North8
See page 22

**Saturday 20th July
10.30am**

Coffee Morning
ALL WELCOME

**Saturday 10th August
10.30am**

Coffee Concert
See page 29

Coffee Morning

Saturday 20th July
10.30am
In
The Old Stables



There will be a stall selling LED lanterns, candles & autumnal decorations among other things



Also in July . . .

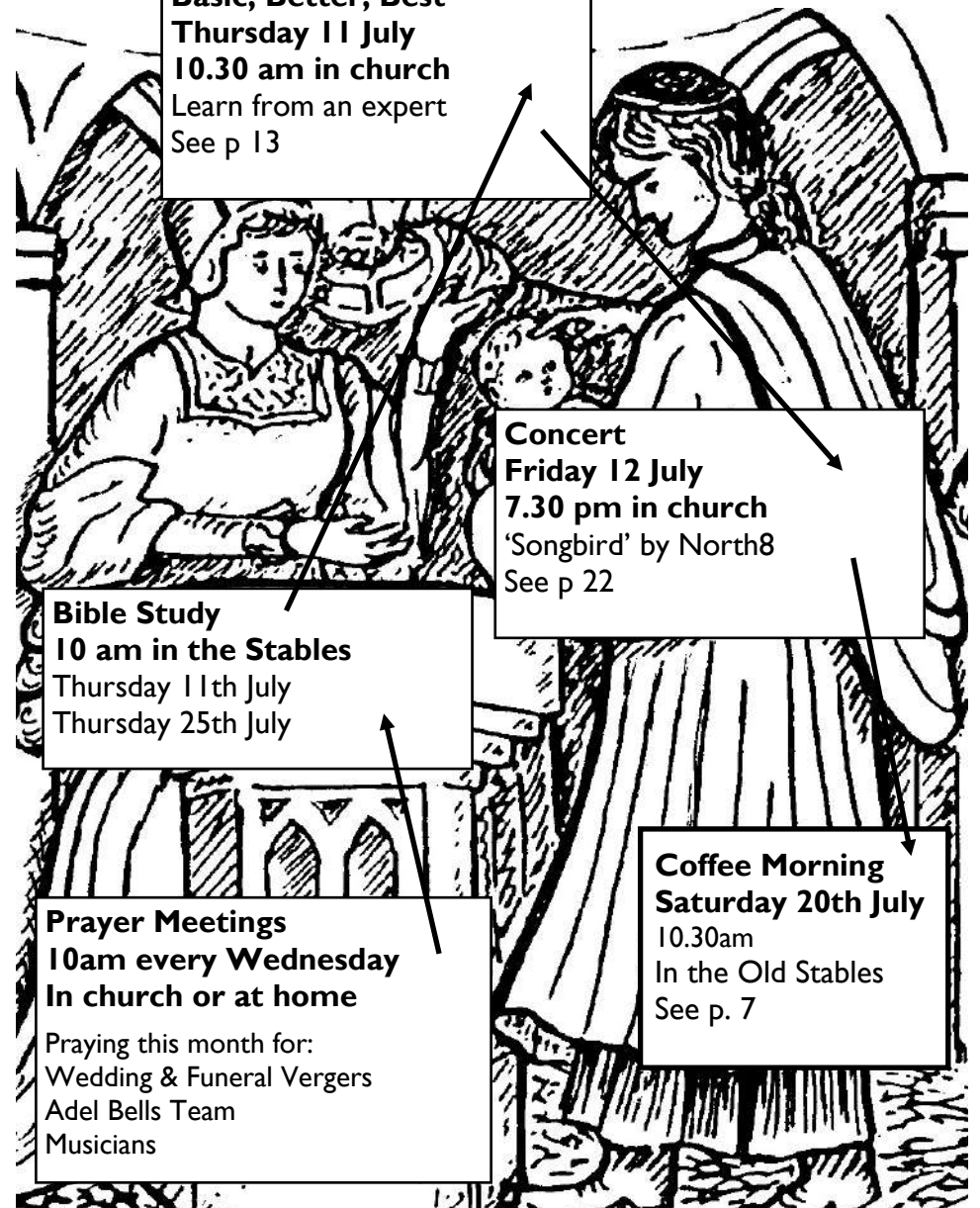
Basic, Better, Best
Thursday 11 July
10.30 am in church
Learn from an expert
See p 13

Concert
Friday 12 July
7.30 pm in church
'Songbird' by North8
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Bible Study
10 am in the Stables
Thursday 11th July
Thursday 25th July

Prayer Meetings
10am every Wednesday
In church or at home
Praying this month for:
Wedding & Funeral Vergers
Adel Bells Team
Musicians

Coffee Morning
Saturday 20th July
10.30am
In the Old Stables
See p. 7



Letter from Lily

Hello again!

What a month we've just had! Thundering (I'm very brave and not frightened at all), lightning (not as pretty as fireworks), sheets of rain (I didn't even *think* about going out in that) and then lovely warm sunshine! I'm not so keen on the rain now I've had my big-dog haircut; the puppy fluff obviously worked at keeping me reasonably dry!

Along with my spelling, my Mum is helping me with what she calls 'tenses' and I hope I get the hang of it soon, so please bear with me. I've had a really fun time since I last wrote to you. I do find feathers fascinating. I just love everything which blows in the wind – so much fun to chase. My Mum is a bit of a spoil-sport though. She won't let me pick the feathers up in my mouth because, apparently, they will make me very ill if I swallow them. I don't know what 'ill' is but the way she says it makes me think it should be avoided.

I've had a really fun month, all things considering. I've met lots of new people, and I'm getting a bit better at that. I need to be much more 'cool' about it, but I'm trying. I've seen lots of other dogs, most of which I love but not all want to play with me and there's a couple I'm very frightened of. Never mind, I'll be a grown-up one day – not too soon I hope as I just

love being a puppy! Oh yes! Guess what? I've chased my first squirrel, then another and another! Now I get it! Fantastic fun, they don't argue, they just run. I'm going to have to work on running up trees, though. I can't get the hang of it yet. Perhaps I'll learn as I grow up.

I love all these coloured things which have appeared everywhere – flowers, I think my Mum calls them. The other day, I tried eating one of those small white ones with yellow middles, but quickly spat it out. I'll leave those for the bees, I think.

I've found a great way to really wind my Mum up! Forgive me, I may have told you that I have some jingly bells which I ring when I want to go out. I ring them, she jumps up to let me out. Now I ring the bells, grab a toy and shoot off away from her – I've no intention of going out – I just like to see her reaction! Naughty, I know, but I am sorry so she always forgives me and joins in the game.

I understand that God forgives everyone who is sorry for what they do wrong, so we must also forgive people (and other dogs) who do things which hurt us. I rather like the sound of this, so let's all do it and make happy places together.
Woofs & lix,
Lily xxxx

Environmental News

The Trouble With Plastic 2 – Plastic Free July!

This month, I'm just going to stick to one topic: plastic. One of the first articles I wrote back in 2022 was about the trouble with plastic. To carry on from last month about reusing and refusing; to help protect our oceans, this month, let's go Plastic Free!

It is literally everywhere we look, from the packaging of our food to the things we buy, but this convenience of plastic comes at a hefty cost. We are damaging our environment and stripping it of resources to make plastic, and once we are done with it? It stays with us long after we're gone. It ends up scattered across not just our oceans but all across our planet.

This initiative, which began in 2011, has grown into a powerful movement with millions of participants worldwide. By making small changes in our daily routines, we can collectively make a significant impact. So, what can we do?

Start Small, Aim Big:

Don't feel pressured to go completely plastic-free overnight. Begin by identifying areas where you can easily reduce plastic use. Ditch single-use water bottles and invest in reusable ones you can refill. Bring your lunch

in reusable containers, and save money at the same time. Adopt a strategic approach to your food shopping. Go for loose fruits and vegetables instead of pre-packaged ones. Look for products with minimal packaging, or select items packaged in recycled cardboard or paper. And remember, bring your reusable bags!



When buying personal care products, look for options with minimal or recyclable packaging. Consider bar soap instead of bottled body wash and shampoo bars instead of bottled shampoo. There are a good number of shops in Leeds that offer packaging-free soaps. We like to go to "Out Of This World", on New Market Street, just opposite The Corn Exchange.

Plastic Free July isn't just about individual action. Talk to your friends, family, and colleagues about the movement and encourage them to join you. We can share tips and tricks

on social media such as Facebook and X and join up with like-minded individuals. Remember, even small changes can make a difference. Don't get discouraged if you slip up occasionally. The goal is to be mindful of your plastic consumption and make conscious choices.

By taking part this July, we can use this as a springboard for long-term change. By incorporating these habits into your

In Brief

Church Sitting. An appeal for more helpers

We open Adel Church for visitors for a couple of hours each Monday and Saturday afternoon. We are able to do this because we have a wonderful band of church sitters. "Sitting" the church is an amazing experience. We meet all sorts of people; some just happen to be passing and see the door is open, some visit for a quiet moment of prayer, some come for the history, and some because, well, "who knows why?". And, we get to enjoy the peace and calm in the rare moments when no one else is there.

And yes of course, we want to carry on keeping the church open, but sadly, two of our most regular sitters have now had to stand down. So, we need some more help please!

daily life, you can significantly reduce your plastic footprint and contribute to a healthier planet. Remember, millions around the world are taking action with you. Together, we can create a wave of change and beat the plastic habit for good.

Tang

We are looking for people who would be happy to come and "sit" the church with us on occasional Saturday afternoons. We always sit in pairs, and "newbies" will always be paired with one of our regular sitters. And it's important to say, **church sitters don't have to be church goers.**

You just need to care about the church and its beautiful churchyard. Please get in touch with me, if you are interested in helping us or, if you want more information. I promise if you come and join us, you won't regret it!

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A New Take



Eco-beatitudes for a tired and aching world...

Blessed are those who start small. Blessed are those who know that they can't change the world but that they can change their own impact on that little bit of it where they live and work. Blessed are the litter-pickers, the composters, those who buy eco-friendly cleaning products, those who recycle. Blessed are those who start small, for – taken all together – their impact will be great.

Blessed are those who care for all God's creatures. Blessed are those who feed the hedgehogs, who make fat balls for the birds, who build bug hotels and who plant flowers to attract bees. Blessed are those who recognise the good work of spiders and don't squish them or suck them up the Hoover. Blessed are those who care for God's creatures, for we too are

God's creatures and the God who cares for us told us to care for them.

Blessed are those who tread lightly on the earth. Blessed are the public transport users, those who cycle, those who walk. Blessed are those who car-share and those who offer lifts to their neighbours. Blessed are those who offset their carbon. Blessed are those who tread lightly on the earth that God gave us, for their footprints point others in the right direction.

Blessed are those who shop locally, those who eat produce in season, those who buy Fairtrade products and those who buy second-hand. Blessed are those who put their money where their mouth is, for their shopping bags contain seeds of hope for God's creation.

Blessed are those who look beyond their local context, not with despair but with the hope of making a difference. Blessed are those who give to charities and disaster emergency campaigns – yes, even when it feels like a drop in the ocean (remember the widow's mite). Blessed are those who buy from small producers in the developing world and those who twin their toilets. Blessed are those who look beyond their local context, for they will make a difference in ways they may never see but God will.

Blessed are those who remember how God looks at the world after each day of Creation and sees that it is good, very good. Blessed are those who remember that God gave that world into our care. Blessed are those who look upon the world with God's loving eyes and seek to protect it, nourish it, and enable it to flourish. Blessed are those who care for Creation as God

does, for they are doing God's work in the world.

Revd Claire Honess 2023

Written in response to St Mary's Embsay with Eastby Eco Church Gold Award Celebration Service on 5th November 2023

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 * **BASIC BETTER BEST** *
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 * **Thursday 11th July** *
 * **at 10.30am In church** *
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 * This event is for anyone interested in flower arranging, *
 * to watch and learn a bit. *
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 * Basic – how to start. *
 * Better – an invited, very good flower arranger gives *
 * a demonstration. *
 * Best – coffee and cake at the end. *
 *
 * So we know how much cake to provide please can you let Edith *
 * or me know if you think you may be coming. Thank you, *
 *
 * **Hilary Taylor** *
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Success is as much about attitude as aptitude.

Living their Dream



Someone stopped me in the street the other day asking about the plant nursery at Huby, and when was it open?

Cliff Bank was Joe Maiden's Nursery after he retired as Head Gardener at Golden Acre Park. He was best known for his gardening programme on Radio Leeds and could always be seen at the Harrogate Show showing off his HUGE prize winning onions. After he died, the nursery became overgrown and derelict.

Ben Preston, former Head Gardener at York Gate, noticed it was available for rent a couple of years ago and took the plunge to have his own business. This is his second year of trading and he has worked wonders with the place.

A good friend had seen the ad for a nursery to let and Ben went to have a nose one crisp, autumnal morning in 2021, nurturing his dreams and feeling a strong desire to 'jump in at the deep end'. They moved in the following March and started the monumental task of clearing the site. Ben's partner Laura immediately started on the

teasels, the idea already developing of hand-made Christmas wreaths to put in the house and remind them of where they began. Aware of all the generations who had been there before, they started work. Aided by family and friends, they spent many days clearing, evenings chatting and friendships deepening. The daily satisfaction of the work was what really fuelled them. In Spring last year they decided it was time to start trading.

It opens on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9.00am to 4.30pm. On Sunday Ben is often away at fairs and shows in the vicinity. On open days, the gates are wide open for you to drive in but you need to know before you get there so you can slow down as the road can be quite busy. There is plenty of parking and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

There are many interesting perennial plants and knowledgeable people around to help you. I think it is worth a visit.

Have a look at their website - cliffbanknursery.co.uk - for more information.

Hilary Taylor

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A Bishop's Musings

Bishop Nick often speaks BBC Radio 2's Breakfast Show in the Pause for Thought slot. Earlier this year he spoke about Taylor Swift

I really don't know how to break this to you, but I think I'm becoming a Swiftie. Until recently I didn't know what a Swiftie was. Then my granddaughter got going. She was eleven a couple of months ago and we went over to Liverpool to celebrate. I think every present she got was Taylor Swift related. She even then went out and bought a couple of vinyl albums – very pink!

So, there's no alternative. If I want to be able to hold a conversation with her, I need to know something about Taylor Swift – something other than who her boyfriend is and how much cash she has in the bank.

I've now listened to three albums, starting with the new version of her original album, 1989 – 'Taylor's Version'. Now, I'm a Bruce Springsteen man with Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan and Bruce Cockburn on repeat. So, I have to make a shift when listening to Taylor and not listen through a filter shaped like one of the Bruces. I consciously have to opt out of comparing and listen to Taylor on her own terms.

Now, I think this has something to say about how people relate to and



communicate with each other. I often have to listen to people argue their point in such a way as to miss the point. Getting my view across is not the same as genuinely listening to the other person, hearing them on their own terms, and understanding why they might be saying what they are saying in the way they are saying it. Key to this is learning to pay attention and listen carefully. Only then can I know how to respond and what language to use ... that has a chance of being heard. Just like listening to Taylor Swift on her own terms compels me to not jump to judgment.

There is good Christian precedent for this: Jesus often declined to answer the question put to him ... but responded to the deeper issue that he saw behind the words. So, I want to be fearless in listening and speak now, careless of reputation. I'm not a Swiftie yet, but you never know...

Adel Churchyard

History in our own churchyard

Thanks to the Churchyard Work Party and Andy McGeorge, who found and cleared the 1843 large flat grave of Sir Peter Fairbairn and his family, we were able to include this family vault, on the 2024 Adel Churchyard Walk.

This grave is on the North side of Adel Church, near the Holly tree. This large flat stone was overgrown.

Peter Fairbairn was born in Scotland in 1799. His family moved to Newcastle when Peter was 14 and he was an Engineering apprentice. Then he worked in France, London and Manchester before coming to live in Leeds and make his fortune with a much-improved Flax spinning machine, working with Marshalls (of Adel).

Peter employed over 500 men in the Foundry—and purchased a stock of Brass instruments for his employees to form a Brass Band! Peter was active in Liberal politics, reforms, free trade and religious freedom. Peter's wife, Margaret Kennedy Fairbairn was the aunt of Thomas Kennedy, a very successful engineer who grew up in Austria, but came to live in Leeds and work with his uncle, Peter Fairbairn. Peter became Lord Mayor of Leeds



and was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1858.

Thomas was also a rich engineer. He married organist, Clara Thornton, in Canterbury Cathedral in 1865. Thomas had Meanwood Towers built for their family home and had a special Schulze Organ built for Clara, who gave organ recitals at Meanwood Towers.

Meanwood Towers was later sold & converted into flats—but the Schultz Organ is now in St Bartholomew's Church, Armley. Many people still enjoy listening to this lovely music. Sir Peter, Margaret Kennedy, their daughter Robina and Margaret's brother, Peter Kennedy, are all buried at Adel.

Val Crompton

History Activities



Cookridge Hall, from a drawing by Samuel Buck

It was a sunny afternoon on Saturday, 8th June for the Adel Churchyard Walk with Val Crompton & Wendy Grisedale. The History Graves included the 3 Grade 2 listed monuments.

We still have a much-altered Cookridge Hall, once part of the Old Parish of Adel and home of the Kirke family and later the Sheffield, Wormald and Paul families.

Sadly the fine homes of the Hirst family, Adel Towers and of the Architect William Hill's family, The Heath, were demolished—and are now housing estates. All that remains are the listed monuments in Adel Churchyard. You can still easily read **'Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away'** on the Hirst Temple.



The 1152 Club meets once a month on Tuesdays, at 10am - 11.15am, during term-time. at Abbey House Museum

Free parking near Abbey House.
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Includes a hot drink.
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For details, **0113 378 4079**

or contact Val Crompton

7th July Prem Mistry,
Volunteer from Thackray Museum,
'Pharmacy of the past from behind the counter'

6th August Pat Bourne
'Comparative Snapshots of Leeds Past and Present'

10th Sept Jackie Depelle
(Family Historian)
'A Grand Day Out
Historic homes & their stories'

Kirkstall Festival
Sat 13th July
11am– 6pm

See Kirkstall Abbey website for details



In Lawnswood Cemetery

Max Louis Rossvally (1828 – 1892)

Having wandered around the Victorian section at Lawnswood Cemetery on so many occasions, there is one grave which I return to time and time again. It is that of Max Louis Rossvally. His story is so fascinating, it feels a real privilege to have him resting peacefully here.

Max Louis Rossvally was born a Jew in Germany, but as a youth he emigrated to the United States, where he joined the army and qualified as a surgeon. While serving as a military doctor during the American Civil War, at the Battle of Gettysburg, he came across a severely injured, young Christian drummer boy. The boy's name was Charlie Coulson. As Dr Rossvally prepared to amputate the boy's arm and leg, the boy refused any form of pain relief (in the day, chloroform) saying that when he was nine and a half years old, he had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He stated, 'I learned to trust Him then, I know I can trust Him now.'

Astonished, Dr Rossvally offered Charlie some brandy instead, to which he replied, 'I am in all probability going to die and go into the presence of my God. Would you send me there, smelling of brandy?'

Five days later, as Charlie neared death following his amputations, he asked to see Rossvally one last time. Charlie told him "Five days ago, while you operated on me, I prayed to the Lord to save you." Twelve minutes later, Charlie died with Dr Rossvally at his side.

This experience had a profound impact on Rossvally who, over the next ten years, battled against his desire to believe in Jesus Christ. However, he was unable to continue this battle and, in Rossvally's own words, 'Finally, the drummer boy's prayer was answered and I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Messiah. It did come at a high cost. My family, in-laws and dear mother rejected me.'

In around 1890 Rossvally moved his wife and family to Leeds, where he opened a free Medical Mission, selecting the Jewish quarter of Leeds as its location. His obituary tells us that: 'To sufferers both Jewish and Gentile, the mission was always free and thousands have profited through the large-hearted philanthropy of the deceased gentleman'.

Rossvally died in 1892. His funeral was held at the Roscoe Place Chapel, and he was interred at Lawnswood Cemetery.

Caz Vee

Words from Joyce Hill

Dioceses and Synods

In July the General Synod of the Church of England meets at the University of York for a five-day residential session. A few weeks ago, here in the Diocese of Leeds, we had a meeting of the Diocesan Synod. These two Synods have significantly different powers. General Synod can pass laws, which then stand on the statute book just like any laws passed by Parliament, although for this to happen laws approved by General Synod must receive the consent of the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament before they can be presented to the King for the Royal Assent. Diocesan Synods, by contrast, are technically advisory bodies, although of course they can and do vote on issues and procedural matters.

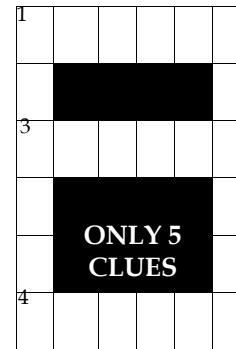
The word 'Diocese' has an interesting history. Originally, it was not an ecclesiastical term but was borrowed from the terminology of Roman imperial administration. The empire under the rule of Diocletian (284-305) was reorganised which involved making provinces smaller. This made the grass-roots administration less unwieldy. The smaller provinces were then grouped into regional administrative units which were called *dioceses* which continued as the term for regional areas of administration.

During the 300s, with Constantine permitting freedom of worship early in the century and Theodosius, around 60 years later, decreeing that Christianity was to be the official religion of the Empire, the church became part of the public domain and developed formal administrative hierarchies and structures.

By around 400, at first in North Africa, we find *diocese* being used for regional groupings of churches, each under the jurisdiction of a bishop. *Diocese*, as a word, means 'administration'. In early medieval western Europe, much of which was still missionary-territory, it took time for dioceses to be regularised: at first, they were rather ill-defined, often subject to the whims of kings. Widespread standardisation really only begins with the Carolingian Reforms of the early ninth century.

Synod is easier to deal with. It simply means 'assembly'. In the western church, the preferred term was the Latin word *concilium*, 'council', but the Greek loan-word *synodus* was sometimes used, and the Anglo-Saxons occasionally used it, spelling it as *sinop*. We can see from this that they pronounced it not with a final *d* but with the sound we now represent as *th*, for which they used the letter 'thorn' (þ).

Puzzles



Mystery Word

Each pair of words shares 2 middle letters. The first has been filled in for you. Complete the remaining words to find the mystery word reading from top to bottom.

Across

1. Some fleabag has them horrified
3. Motorway madness? It isn't what it appears to be
4. Crews have no head for heights

Down

1. Warmly approve of Merida when travelling
2. First of three successors belonging to them



BA	SK	ET
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GH		TO
PO		RY
OR		ID
AN		OR
NO		DY
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BR		EN
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Stables of Games

The one that got away

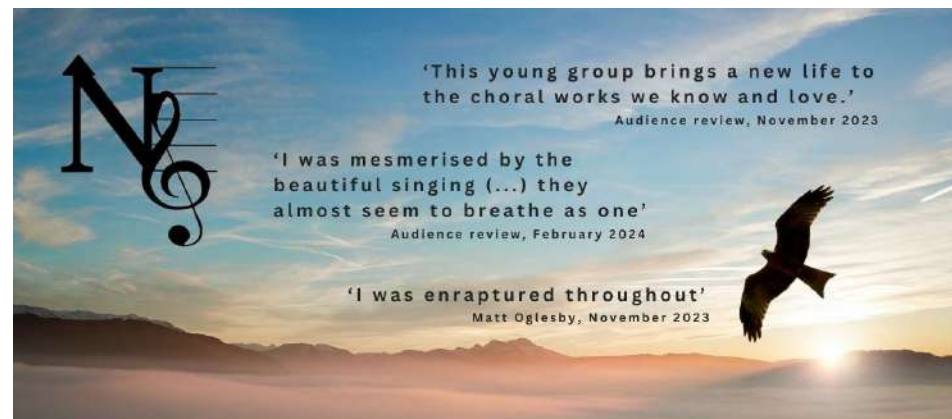
I prepared these questions for our quiz this year and somehow they never got used. So, better late than never?

The Wrong Word

Each of the following statements contains one wrong word. You need to identify it and say what the correct word should be.

1. 'The Umbrellas', a famous painting by Jean-Auguste Renoir, can be seen in the National Gallery.
2. He thought he had Parkinson's Disease for many years with the result that John Williams took his own life in 2014.
3. In 1962 Peter Cushing played the title role of Laurence of Arabia.
4. In 1975 Joe Frazier was defeated by Muhammad Ali in the epic title fight 'Thrilla in Vanilla'.
5. James Galway, a Scottish flautist, was known as the man with the Golden Flute.
6. Vanessa Redgrave was famous for playing the violin.
7. Rowan Atkinson played the flustered priest Father Ted in 'Four Weddings and a Funeral'.
8. Arthur Ransome was famous for introducing us to the idea of the wellington boot.
9. Jesus performed his first miracle at a Passover feast in Cana.
10. In the 1939 film 'Giddy Heights' Laurence Olivier played a starring role.

Answers on p35



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In Your Garden

A weed is simply a plant that wants to grow where people want something else. In blaming nature, people mistake the culprit. Weeds are people's idea, not nature's - **Anon**

At this time of the year I spend an awful lot of time engaged in weeding and am always intrigued to discover which "weeds" are proliferating in any given year and how it varies from garden to garden. But what exactly is a weed? In my view, it depends on the type of garden you have or want and no two are the same. Whilst all flowers support our beleaguered insects and through them the whole food chain, it is probably best to avoid infestations of any individual species. The usual suspects such as dandelion, dock, brambles, nettles and shepherds' purse will seemingly attempt to colonise any available soil. Then there are some truly beautiful flowers such as Forget-me-not, Green Alkanet and Herb Robert which will self-seed freely around a plot and take over if allowed. And then there are some "garden" plants that can multiply with astonishing speed and if not restrained, mount their own takeover attempts. Crocosmia and Alchemilla Molis are amongst many that can be particularly virulent if neglected. And plants like Aquilegia, poppies, and purple toadflax are welcomed as colourful friends in some gardens and annual pests in others!

These are all tackled to a greater or lesser extent whilst weeding, but are they all weeds? Of course there are some intruders which almost everyone will agree are weeds and should be met with terminal force! Horsetail, couch grass, ground elder and creeping buttercup will find few friends or advocates!

In whatever way you choose to define them, try to keep on top of the weeding, especially if it is promoting the growth of other flowers. Mulching borders can help to both retain moisture and keep down the weeds - this will save a lot of work. A thick layer of mulch (5-7.5cm/2-3in all over) works best. And if you can't mulch, then remember that small weeds are much easier to deal with than large ones. Weeding, like watering hanging baskets and the greenhouse, is best done little and often!

Hanging baskets and plants in pots and other containers need almost daily watering during the summer, especially if it ever gets hot. Try to keep a balance where the soil doesn't get water-logged, but never dries out. Little and often!

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Pokemon Wordsearch

E	L	I	T	P	E	C	S	P	Y	C	H	R	B
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I	A	N	T	S	R	O	C	M	E	W	T	W	O
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Can you find the following Pokemon characters in the wordsearch? Sorry for the spelling mistake in Salamanca—it should be Salamence!

TEPIG
CHIMCHAR
ARTICUNO
BULBASAUR
BAGON
SALAMANCA
PALKIA
MEWTWO



SNIVY
MOLTRES
SCEPTILE
BAYLEAF
ZAPDOS
SPRIGATO
BOUNSWEET



OPAL Activities

OPAL hopes all our members and the wider community are having a fantastic summer and making use of the better weather to enjoy the wonderful green spaces we are so lucky to have in the local area. We have some very exciting news at our centre; we were fortunate to get a grant to enable us to make the Welcome In Community centre greener and more sustainable. We have had solar panels installed on our roof and have undertaken other energy efficiency work. This will help to ensure OPAL can always be here for our members and the community.

The trips we offer to our members are increasingly popular and in June the Men's Group went on a fantastic day out to Temple Newsam House. They enjoyed a guided tour of the house led by a wonderful member of Leeds City Council museums' team and then had lunch in the lovely courtyard café. All our trips are fully accessible and are enjoyed by many of our members. If you are interested in our trips please call us and book a place. All trips are listed in our bimonthly newsletter which is distributed to all our members either in a hard copy or as an email; we also provide information on all our activities in the newsletter as well as useful information such as any scams that are prevalent, local police contacts and much more.

The date of the next Hearing Aid clinic is 26th July. This is a popular drop in session so no need to book. Just come along with your NHS hearing aid card and we can help with batteries and tube replacement etc. You could always combine it with checking out our Friday Social which runs every Friday afternoon with a different activity every week.

The Welcome In Community Centre is a warm and friendly space open to our members and the wider community. We are always happy to show people round if they are thinking of joining us or even if you used to visit the old Bedford Arms and want to see what we have done to the building. We are very proud to be at the heart of the local community.

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

Shelley Clark
Project Worker

York Gate Update

From the earliest times herbs have been grown in our gardens for their beauty and scent as well as many practical purposes.

There are culinary herbs providing the finest flavouring for food, herbs used for medicinal remedies, scented herbs for use in perfumes and pot-pourri and herbs which are also grown for creating natural dyes. There are even herbs which have been used for poisons!

Sybil Spencer was very fond of growing herbs in her garden, particularly culinary herbs, as she also enjoyed cooking and entertaining. She wrote, *"the fortunate owner of a herb garden has a haven of fragrance with which no other part of the garden can compare."*

On moving to York Gate, she created her first herb garden in a sunny corner of the old farmyard, but following its sale in 1958 the herb garden needed to be relocated to the Garden. A long rectangular space was chosen and a gravel path was made down the middle. Without any walls, a yew hedge was then planted to give shelter and form a suntrap. At first Sybil doubted that the charm of her first herb garden could ever be recreated out of a bald strip of the kitchen garden but she quickly recognised that *"the impossible had been achieved."* Today the Herb

Garden at York Gate is one of the garden's iconic vistas, frequently photographed for books and magazines as well as by its many visitors.

In 1962 Sybil was asked to write an article on the Herb Garden for The Northern Gardener magazine and she described in detail the construction and planting of both gardens. In the new garden a central tub of water lilies surrounded by a small rockery was later replaced by the large millstone seen today and where there was once a simple seat at the top of the path is now the site of the Summer House.

The gardeners at York Gate are planning to refresh the planting in the Herb Garden this year and, thanks to Sybil's detailed record of the herbs she planted, they will be reintroducing some of the herbs once found there.

Humming with bees

So do come along to York Gate and take a walk through the Herb Garden, the air filled with the scent of herbs and flowers humming with bees. The Summer House invites you to sit a while, relax and enjoy the serene atmosphere and, like Sybil, reflect on happy days.

In August 2003 Val Crompton penned these lines after a walk in the aromatic summer air of the Herb Garden

.... where you can touch
 Rosemary for remembrance,
 And enjoy fresh fragrance
 Of citrus-scented leaves of bergamot
 Or brush past tall spikes of deep blue
 hyssop
 And finger-crush the apple mint,
 Or breathe in wafts of sweet Cecily,
 Angelica and silver thyme,
 And true-blue lavender and rue.

Gillian Smith
 Heritage Volunteer



World Crab Day

A claws for celebration

Why did the crab cross the road? And why did the crab get bad grades? The answers to these and other clawsome conundrums make up the shortlist of the inaugural World's Funniest Crab Joke competition, held by the Crab Museum in Margate.

A panel of judges including the comedians Harry Hill, Rose Matafeo, Sally Phillips, Phil Wang and children from Ramsgate Arts Primary School selected their favourite four jokes. In an unexpected sideways move, the winner was picked by the crabs themselves, with the help of some tinned fish in bait bags and rolled up

paper with jokes written on.

The Crab Museum, which opened in 2021 and claims to be "Europe's first and only museum dedicated to the decapod". "Crabs can teach us about biology, climate change, evolutionary history and much more, but, with the right frame of mind, they can also teach us about ourselves " says the museum .

The top jokes

Why did the crab cross the road?
It didn't. It used the sidewalk.

Why didn't the crab help the chicken
 cross the road?
Because it was eaten by a pelican crossing.

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Guided Walk round Lawnswood Cemetery Saturday 27th July 10.30am

Professor Mark Seaward, an international authority on lichens, will give a guided walk in Lawnswood Cemetery on these fascinating organisms. Cemeteries and churchyards provide suitable habitats and substrates, in otherwise urban areas, for lichens which have proved to be remarkable for monitoring our environment, particularly in respect of sulphur and nitrogen pollutants. Comparisons will be made with the lichen flora of Adel St John's churchyard. The walk will take approximately 90 minutes. Meet at 10.30 am on Saturday 27th July by the Lawnswood chapels. Parking is opposite the main gates on Otley Road. There is limited disabled parking by the chapels. Please let the Friends of

Lawnswood Cemetery know of your intention to attend by emailing folc2020@gmail.com or ring mobile 07518 735755. Paths can be uneven and slippery in wet weather so come with suitable footwear and all weather clothing.

Date for your diary



**Saturday 10th August
10.30am start
in the Old Stables**

Coffee Concert

A group from the Trefoil Guild will give a ukulele concert in honour of Sylvia Halliday who was a lifelong supporter of the guide movement.

We will start with coffee & cake and then move up to church for the concert.
No need to book

If you missed this?

A memorable heart-warming theatrical experience

On a warm sunny afternoon, a party of 13 organised by Pat and Bernard Riley of Adel Players, converged on Leeds Grand Theatre for a matinee performance of "Come from Away". I had little idea of what to expect other than the bare fact that it covered the impact of the 9/11 terror attack in New York on a tiny town in Newfoundland (Gander). Anticipation grew as the seats filled.

Then it started – with a pulsing beat, twelve actors, all able to sing and dance, told the story of how a tiny town, population 9,000 but with a big airport, was host to almost as many again when the American air space was closed following the 9/11 terror attack.

The cast first took the part of Gander residents and the audience was given an insight into this laid back, tight-knit community. Once that introduction was made, the cast transformed into passengers on a Paris-New York flight directed to stop at Gander. The captain, the first female to attain that position in a male dominated industry, needed to keep things calm, so none of the passengers was told the real reason that they were landing. The reality of being confined to an airplane for 28 hours dawned on us.

Meanwhile the residents of Gander are preparing for this onslaught of people for an unknown time – a huge logistical task. Unused buildings are converted into hostels, the ice rink becomes a giant refrigerator. A bus strike is suspended, so all the children's buses are used to transport the stranded passengers into the makeshift facilities, and we are given an insight into the difficulties – so many languages, religions and fears. For example, the salvation army uniforms are seen as military uniform by a terrified passenger, who refuses to leave the aircraft. That particular language difficulty is overcome when someone realises he is clutching a bible and using the universal numbering system, finds the passage which says "be not afraid".

So all this was heavy-going? Not at all – there were plenty of humorous, laugh-out loud moments plus lots of things that were truly heart-warming. It was a very emotional experience. Many passengers lives were permanently altered in Gander. On the tenth anniversary of the event, many returned – and one couple who met on the plane spent their honeymoon in Gander. Thank you so much Pat and the twelve actors and the musicians for giving us such a wonderful, heart-warming afternoon. I thought it superb – theatre at its very best, entertaining, informative and uplifting.

Ann Lightman

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(?)”

Beavers have orange teeth.

In Chicago, the hottest day of the year in 2023 was the day Starbucks launched its autumnal favourite, the Pumpkin Spice Latte.

Pringles were originally branded as ‘Newfangled Potato Chips’.

Every cubic metre of the average British garden contains 200 slugs.

The oldest international rivalry in cricket is between the USA and Canada. They first played each other in 1844.

There were no red M&Ms made between 1976 and 1987.

The Pyrophone was a 19th century instrument that used flames encased in pipes to make music. It was also called the ‘fire organ’.

It takes about 75,000 crocus flowers to produce one pound of saffron.

In a year, the average Briton eats 8kg of food additives.

Cadbury’s Flake was invented by accident, after a factory worker noticed flakes forming on overflowing chocolate moulds.

In 1953, the news of Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary reaching the summit of Mount Everest was delivered to the British Embassy in Kathmandu by a courier named Ten Tsewang who ran the 200-mile distance in six days, averaging over a marathon a day.

Women in France are legally exempt from being made to push wheelbarrow loads of 40kg or more.

10 Downing Street used to be yellow but two centuries of smog and pollution turned the bricks black. In 1963 the building was painted black to maintain the familiar appearance.

To avoid deafening themselves, cockerels partially close up their ears while crowing.

The longest baguette in the world, baked in France in 2024, was 140.53 metres long. That’s longer than two Bayeux Tapestries.

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

Trevor Cole

Barry Anderson

Mast on Sir George Martin Drive

A planning application has now been submitted, planning reference number **24/02913/DTM** - Determination for the installation of a 20m Mast and associated equipment cabinets. Comments can be made, quoting the application number, either in writing to the Development Enquiry Centre, Merrion House, 110 Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8BB, by email to planning@leeds.gov.uk or by placing comments directly on to the Planning Portal www.leeds.gov.uk/publicaccess

Major Yorkshire Water Works

You may be aware of the impending work Yorkshire Water are doing to replace around 1400m of cast iron water main on the A660 at Pool Bank. Work started on 10th June , 08:00 to 18:00, 7 days a week. It will be completed in 4 sections and the anticipated end date for the whole project will be around November 2024. If you can avoid the area I would suggest you do so.

Lawnswood Roundabout Improvement Scheme

The start date for work on the site is January 2025 with some utilities works undertaken in advance of that date.

Homeshare Update

I have been asked to raise awareness

of the Homeshare scheme. The Council have announced there is capacity to support more people via the scheme. Homeshare matches people looking for practical help at home - who might be older, isolated or have a disability - with helpful caring sharers. The carefully vetted and selected sharer moves in to provide regular help in the home (and benefits from living in pleasant affordable accommodation). Everyone can benefit from the peace of mind living with another person. The Council practices include home safety checks, references, DBS police checks, and ongoing friendly and professional input from the scheme for the duration of all Homeshare living arrangements. Should you wish to find out more please visit their website www.leeds.gov.uk/homeshare

Various Local Developments

A new Artisan market is set to launch in the city centre on Briggate. It will take place once a month starting on Sunday 23rd June.

There is help for Low Income Families and Pregnant Women in Leeds who are urged to make use of a healthy food scheme. Full information can be found by contacting the Council.

Millennium Square’s Summer Series from 3 July to 4 August 2024 will bring a vibrant festival atmosphere right to the heart of Leeds as the annual

concert extravaganza returns with 13 nights of unmissable gigs. Tickets are available from the Millennium Square website.

Ralph Thoresby Open Day – 13th July

Another date for your diary - The event runs from 11.30am until 4pm and will include bouncy castles, face painting, stalls, drama performances, live music, sporting activities, craft stalls and activities, food vans and much more!

Grass Verge Cutting

I have received a lot of complaints about the lack of grass cutting and verge maintenance. A precis of the response from the Council is: "The grass at all sightline junctions is due to be

cut shortly. Teams will be working their way through the grass where bulbs had been but have now died off, over the coming weeks.

There were also many areas of the city where the contractor has had to skip some plots where the ground has been too wet/soft to cut without damaging the verge. We are looking at possible contingencies if the weather does not improve (Met office predicting the wettest summer on record this year) but in the meantime, I will have one of my officers walk the verges to see how soft they are underfoot and if there is a possibility to take a chance on mowing."

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Billy Flynn

Hello again everyone. Is Summer really here? I was amazed to learn that 2023 was the warmest year since records began in 1850. Those of us who remember the heatwave of 1976 will recall it was so hot that rivers and reservoirs ran dry. The hottest day that year registered 35.9 degrees C or 96.6 degrees F in old money! It does make you wonder about statistics.

Tablet Lending scheme at Holt Park Library

I was glad to see that his applies to IT devices rather than paracetamol! On a more serious note, I understand that

although this scheme has been in place for some time council officers are concerned that the take up at Holt Park has been very slow. Staff think it may be down to people being unaware that the devices are available. I think we are all resigned to the march of new technology but this does sound like a very useful offer. You do not need wifi either because the devices come with a monthly data allowance of 5GB data, more than enough for a casual user. Clients can take out the devices on loan for eight weeks and they are ideal for experienced or new users and library staff will guide you.

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Refuse collection or lack of it

Many of you will have suffered recently from missed refuse collections. Although the crews aim to return to missed roads within 48 hours, staffing problem have made this difficult. The problem has been caused by a shortage of available cover for staff absences, which spiked a few weeks ago. To cover absences (for annual leave, sickness etc) the service utilises a mixture of a pool of extra staff, overtime and agency crews. A number of coinciding factors over recent weeks or so has combined to exacerbate the problem, the number of staff volunteering to cover through overtime has fallen, by enough to cause difficulties in getting the full 75 crews/wagons out on some days, and therefore no back-up crews to do the catch up work. Council priority is to collect black and green bin waste so the routes that have been stood down most have been garden waste/brown bin collections. I'm sure that most of you would agree that the refuse crews perform an excellent job by and large and to give you an idea of the



phenomenal amount of work involved, currently around 83,000 black, green, and brown bins are emptied each day or around half a million bins a week. Quite a workload.

Adel Updates

New plants were delivered on 7th June to Adel Community Garden and the garden looks in excellent order again. A real credit to the volunteers who look after it

Hickory's Smokehouse, formerly known as the Lawnswood Arms are on schedule to be open around the time you are reading this month's magazine.

Adel Square Development – a successful open day was held on 8th June with around 100 local residents visiting the site. Property prices on the development are likely to be released in the middle of June with the sales office opening towards the end of the month.

If you would like further information on **any of** the issues above or have questions about anything else in the ward, please do get in touch with me.

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Only 5 Clues

Across

- 1. AGHAST
- 3. MIRAGE
- 4. EIGHTS

Down

- 1. ADMIRE
- 2. THEIRS

Mystery Word

Solution

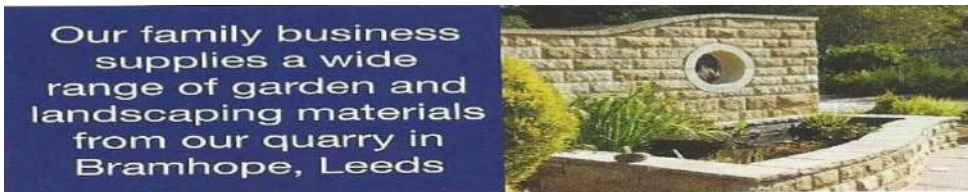
The answer is
SKETCHBOOK

The Wrong Word

- 1. Pierre instead of Jean
- 2. Robin instead of John
- 3. O'Toole instead of Cushing
- 4. Manilla instead of Vanilla
- 5. Irish instead of Scottish
- 6. Mae instead of Redgrave
- 7. Gerald instead of Ted
- 8. Wellesley instead of Ransome
- 9. Wedding instead of Passover
- 10. Wuthering instead of Giddy



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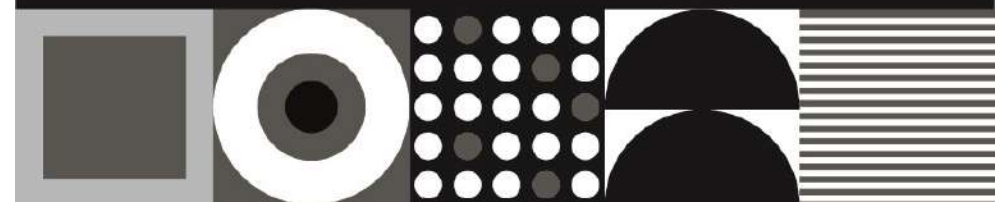
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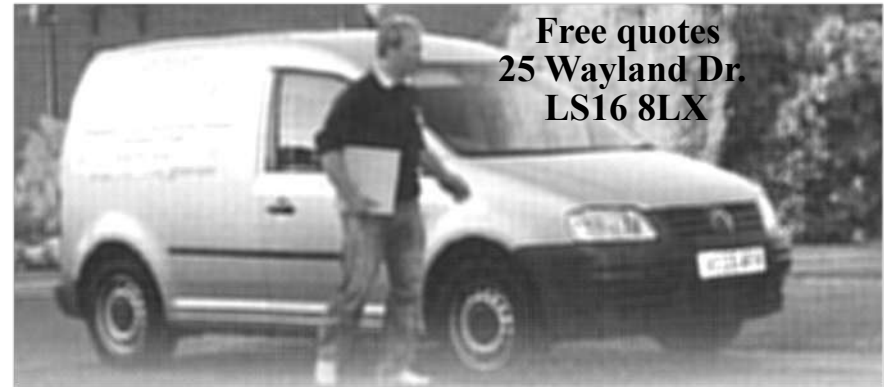
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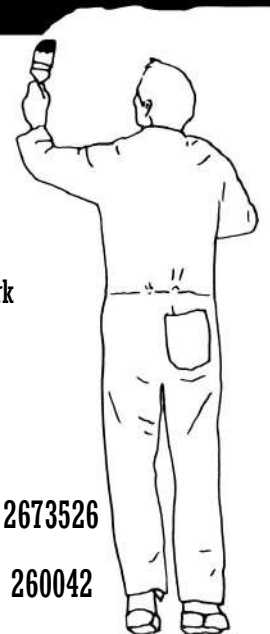
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Fri 5th	1.30pm	J Js (for the under sixes)
Sunday 7th	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 10th	11am	Holy Communion followed by coffee & biscuits
Sunday 14th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	
	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Parish Communion
	5pm	ACE meeting in the Stables
Wed 17th	11am	Holy Communion
Thurs 18th	3.15pm	Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee
Sunday 21st	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	All Age Service with Communion
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong followed by light refreshments
Wed 24th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	Ninth Sunday after Trinity	
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Wed 31st	11am	Holy Communion

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