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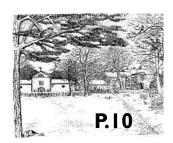
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#### 29th April

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#### 2nd May

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#### 4th May

Mary Oddy.

John Mitchell

#### 9th May

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#### **Burial of Ashes**

#### 19th April

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#### **Festivals & Feasts**

#### I I th June

Barnabus the Apostle
24th June
Birth of John the Baptist

29th June

Peter & Paul, Apostles

#### **Poem for Peace**

by Steven Rolling

#### **Peace Plea**

Adapted from a prayer by Origen (184-253AD)

Tune: Franconia ('Blest are the pure in heart')

Let us pray that Jesus
May sure reign over us
And that our land may be at peace
That wars and conflicts cease

That our bodies may be Free from assaults fleshly Desires that us into sin lead Your graces, Lord, we need

When these have ceased, we shall Be able to rest well Beneath our vines, fig-trees, olives Blessed with the peace God gives

Those idylls of plenty
Father, Son, Spirit, He
Will shelter us as we rest, gain
We peace of mind again

Amen





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

# From the Editor

Every month I write some comments here, but this month I find it quite awesome that my words could potentially be read by over 3000 people! In our June edition every year, Adel Parish Church reaches out to our whole community, whether you are church goers or not. We would love for you to join us, so please read on and find out what is on offer this month. And we issue ten editions of this magazine every year, so please get in touch with me if you would like to receive them all.

Since introducing outdoor services at significant moments in the year, we have been delighted to welcome new faces. If you have not yet been to one of these services, an ideal opportunity awaits you on **Sunday 25th June**, **2.30 pm** in the space in front of the church porch. All are welcome. Bring a seat or a blanket if you wish.

We hope you will find it helpful to read about what's going on in our area as a whole, such as York Gate, Opal, Adel Players and Caring for Life, all organisations we support. However, this is first and foremost a church magazine and we are always happy for readers to contact us and share their thoughts with us on any issues of concern to them. Do get in touch if that applies to you.

As Rector Alison pointed out to the congregation recently, our church is blessed to have so many volunteers in all areas of our church life. This month's magazine contains several stories of people who have felt called to do a particular job and gain much satisfaction from doing so. Reading about their lives is a way of paying tribute to what they do.

And finally, if our beautiful churchyard is important to you, do have a look at pages 10 & 11 and support us in whatever way you can.

#### **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**

This month, we at Adel Parish Church celebrate our Patronal Festival. We remember John the Baptist, to whom our church was dedicated, hundreds of years ago. John was a charismatic leader who could hold an audience. He had many followers; people flocked to listen to him and he persuaded many to change their lives. But John was very clear that he himself was unimportant – it was his message that mattered. When his disciples told him people were deserting him to follow Jesus, John's response was, 'He must increase and I must decrease.'

For a short while, John had great power and influence, and he used it only to point people to Jesus. He did this because he was sure that in Jesus they would find life, and hope for the future.

I expect that, like me, many of you watched at least part of the coronation of King Charles. It was full of strange and archaic ceremony, and in some ways a reminder of class division in our country. It was a ceremony built around one man, there by an accident of birth. But it seemed to me that, where possible, our new King used it to point to something beyond himself and the monarchy, to the kind of country he hopes we might be.

The music was rich and varied encompassing many styles and traditions. For the first time all four home languages: English, Welsh, Scots Gaelic and Irish Gaelic, were heard. Leaders from all the main faiths were involved in the service. In addition to the rich and famous, guests included hundreds of community and charity representatives; people who have used their time and talents to improve the lives of others. In a neighbouring church were 400 young people, invited because of the charity work they do. As far as such a service could be - it was inclusive and forward looking.

The extra bank holiday was focussed on volunteering. This is a way of building up communities – but it also builds up those who give their time and talents. Britain has a wonderful history of volunteer organisations; it was good to see them given such a high profile.

There was some controversy at the invitation, during the coronation, to join the pledge of allegiance to King Charles. Many people responded by writing alternative pledges of their own. Actually, I quite liked this idea; not as a snub to the monarchy, but just as a chance to consider what the priorities are in our lives. I wonder who, or what, you would pledge allegiance to.

As we celebrate our Patronal Festival weekend – we at Adel St John the Baptist will be inspired by our Patron Saint to remember that we are here to point the way to Jesus in whom we have found a welcome and new life.

We also hope to be a welcoming presence in our community. Do have a look at what is going on, and whether there is anything to suit you. And whatever your hopes for this new time in our country's history, I hope they are fulfilled.

With love and prayers **Alison** 

#### 100 Club Draw (April)

1st Jacqueline Johnston £852nd James Moxon £403rd Candice Milner £30



#### For your diary

#### Friday 9th June

Concert in Church, 7.30pm (See page 29)

#### 24th/25th June

Patronal Festival (See page 9)

#### **Ist July**

Talks and Walks at 2pm (See page 11)

#### 15th July

Coffee Morning 10.30 in The Old Stables

#### 23rd September

2pm Talk by Joyce Hill

#### **15th October**

Harvest Festival and Lunch

#### 18th/25th? November

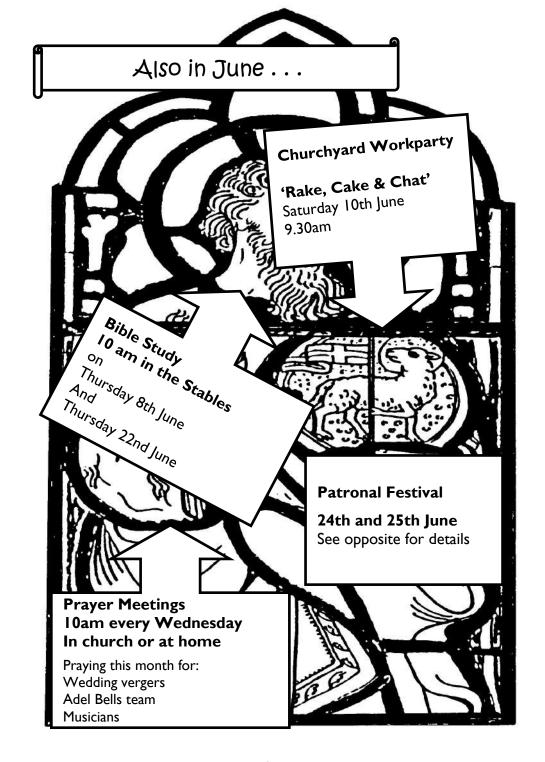
Tunes from a Tropical Island (Castaway to be announced later)

#### 5th December

Christmas Coffee Morning

### Congratulations to all who took part in the Rob Burrows

Marathon last month



### FESTIVAL WEEKEND

# Saturday 24th June FAMILY CRAFT EVENT

Children should bring their grown-ups!
2pm till 3.3opm
In the Old Stables

Collage making
Baptism reenactment
Lucky dip/bug sweet surprise challenge
Come and join in the fun

## Sunday 25th June BARBECUE

From 12 noon at the Old Stables

A welcome Pimms

Burgers, sausages, chicken and salads

Ice Cream

Mystery Parcel Stall / Childrens' Games
Tickets Adults £8, Children under 16 £4
Obtainable in Church or by emailing
adelparishChurch@gmail.com

#### AT 2.30PM

We invite you to come to the churchyard for an outdoor service of celebration - suitable for all ages

### Churchyard

#### Keeping our churchyard special

There are lots of ways to do our bit to help wildlife; in Adel many of us feed our garden birds, ensure we plant flowers that offer pollen and nectar for insects; some people have even cut a small hole in their fence to help our hedgehogs get about their nightly round.

Some years ago a group of us began looking at what part our churchyard could play in this. And we realised that a huge variety of wildlife already calls the churchyard its home. So the churchyard is now actively managed with wildlife in mind.

Uniquely in Adel, the churchyard includes an area of unimproved meadow. This is now a rare habitat and we take active steps to conserve it. We only mow it in September and this enables important wildflowers such as yellow rattle to spread. And we have been adding knapweed and other native meadow flowers to support a wide diversity of insects.

Many of us found a measure of peace in the churchyard during the stresses of 'lockdown', and the benefits of being in nature are now well known. So we think there is room for seeing the churchyard both as a place for remembering loved ones, and for enjoying nature.

On Saturday mornings once a month in spring and early summer we get together in the churchyard to do our bit for wildlife. You don't need to be a gardening expert – just a willing pair of hands. We're a friendly bunch – and we always stop for coffee & cake mid-morning!

Want to join in? - look out for our 'Rake, Cake and Chat' info posted on the church FB group. We are running a session on 10th June - see our What's On page on p 29.

Lots of you use the churchyard to walk your dogs or just to sit and relax in quiet peaceful surroundings, admiring the beauty of our magnificent trees. However, what you may not know is that some of these trees are in a perilous state and need attention and, unfortunately, money.

We would love to tell you about our plans for the churchyard, so we are inviting you to come and learn about it on 1st July—see opposite page for details.

Let us know if you have any ideas or speak to me on 07967-181950.

#### Sarah Johnson

### Adel Churchyard

You are invited to an afternoon of talks and walks

### **Living Churchyards:** Managing 'God's Acre'

In Church/the Old Stables and in the Churchyard

### **Saturday 1st July** Meet in church at 2pm

If you love our churchyard, please come along and support us Stay for the full afternoon, or just for part of it

> We must protect our wildlife habitat.



Please look at the church website for more details nearer the time

#### **Penny's Ponders**

Hi Everyone!

I do hope you are enjoying these lovely light nights and warmer weather. I so enjoy having a walk in the evenings and being able to lie outside while the humans chat. I'm not keen on wasps and flies, but you can't have everything. We've had an enormous one come into our lounge. Mum decided it wasn't a wasp at all as it was nearly an inch long, very black with yellow spots and, needless to say, we decided not to keep it! I hope we don't get any creatures coming to live with us for the summer. The year before last we had ladybirds everywhere and last year, them and get cross. we had tiny things like fruit flies which just wouldn't go away and indeed overstayed their welcome well into the never leaves us; He is part of all our winter! I don't mind sharing, but I'm particular who I share with!

As I'm getting a little senior in years, I have managed to get through to my Mum and Dad that I'm not too keen on going too far in the car. I do think they are taking this too far as they went away to see our family in the south west and left me behind! That sounds a bit melodramatic, so I'll temper that statement. Of course, I wasn't left on my own! I went to stay with other family who live only a short journey away with their dog, Elvis. I always have a great time there, Elvis is good fun, although I do need to teach him some manners and good

behaviours from time to time. Being much taller than he is. I don't have a problem with sorting him out. He is obsessive about his ball, which gets on my nerves a little, but it gets put in the freezer, then we all have some peace and quiet.

Mum and Dad leaving me has made me do a lot of thinking. I know they love me very much, as I do them. I don't like them going out - 'shopping' is what I get told – although the different time-lengths make me suspicious of this excuse. Most times I do my 'puppy-eyes' but sometimes I shout at

This got me thinking about God. He families and, although I never see Him, I do know He is always there. I know you sing some lovely things about being still for the presence of the Lord is everywhere, about being still and knowing he is God. We feel His love, comfort, strength all around us all the time. Even though we can't see Him we know He is always there for us; He cares for us and is always with is in whatever we do and wherever we are.

Let's all enjoy and acknowledge the presence of God always with us in our lives, live in faith in His love and peace and give thanks, Woofs and Licks,

Penny x

#### **Environmental News**

#### A Digital World

s my wife and I try to declutter our home and donate most of our physical media, such as CDs and DVDs, we look to online storage and streaming. But what is the cost? Have we made a mistake?

We no longer need to look at the TV guide to see when our show is on or set our video recorders to record something while we are out. Cloud computing has freed up our lives to consume media when and wherever we want. We can carry millions of songs around in our pockets. We now take more photos and make more videos than ever, instantly uploaded and stored on the cloud. Many of us can and still, work from home and access our work remotely. All this relies on vast data centres, some are hundreds of acres in size, with rooms filled with power-hungry servers to store and re-direct data over the internet to our homes and devices.

They require a lot of energy, enough to power 50,000 homes and billions of litres of water to cool them. All this power and water contribute to greenhouse gases. A text-only email has a footprint of around 4g of CO<sub>2</sub> A Google search can emit as much as 10g

Tang x of CO<sub>2</sub> and The Carbon Trust estimates that the average European user streaming I hour of video content

emits 55g of CO<sub>2</sub> It may not sound much, but billions of emails are sent. and globally, 6bn hours of Netflix is watched in 28 days; that's enough carbon output to drive a car to Saturn!

#### Delete your old emails!

Major tech companies are committed to reducing their carbon footprint. Netflix back in 2021 announced that they plan to halve their carbon footprint by 2030 and were aiming to be carbon neutral by 2022, although it has gone a bit quiet on their part. We can also help by blocking spam and deleting old emails to clear up server space. Keeping your old CDs or downloading your music instead of streaming saves on greenhouse gases. I love going to the movies, and in a packed cinema, the carbon cost per head is much lower. Turn off your videos when not watching. I'm guilty of this: I might put something on, then walk off to make dinner and leave it running. After looking into this, my habit has changed as I was unaware of the enormous carbon cost!

So, to reflect on my choice and as one of my fave characters of a TV show would say, "I've made a huge mistake!"

#### **Our Church Groups**

#### My thoughts on Worship through Music at Adel Church

Take yourselves back (if you are of an age where you can!) to the year 1975. All I was really concerned with then (aged 14) was David Cassidy and Donny Osmond and which one of the two I would eventually marry..

Nevertheless, that year an opportunity arose for me and my Mum to join the church choir at Adel. This meant I wouldn't be able to remain in the Girl Guides anymore, as this clashed with the choir on a Friday, so I decided on a bold leap.

We had a very enthusiastic choir master and organist - Rene Atkinson - who some of you will remember and those were such happy days and certainly inspired me to look further into choral singing in my late teens and this has continued to this day but it was also important being part of the church family and being able to support our worship through music. In those days we had regular choir practices on Friday evenings and we sang an anthem at every service.

I was recently reading a speech given in 2016 at St Paul's Cathedral by Alexander Armstrong – the television and radio presenter and singer - and he was talking about 'The Privilege of

Choristership' and his faith through music, having been a chorister as a boy at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. He couldn't emphasise enough the benefits of that period of his life - in fact for him it was indeed life changing as he then pursued a career in music.

#### He said in his address in 2016:

"I owe my entire career to my experience as a chorister. It was where I learnt to perform, where I learnt to use the full range of my voice; where I learnt to listen, where I learnt to write comedy, where I learnt to carry a pencil at all times - but most importantly it was where I learnt the wonderful truth that something exceptional, something as beautiful as anything anywhere, can be created just by you and your friends."

For me, it has been a little less dramatic but nevertheless constant and is one of the cornerstones of my life – I work, I sleep, I eat but above all I sing! But in church it is different – in church, I sing with joy and with a warm knowledge that we are giving to God with our hearts and minds and voices. I find real peace in the hymns and psalms - at Evensong especially.

We are so blessed to have a band of willing singers at Adel - however we should also think about the future and what will happen when some of us are too old or long in the tooth to sing!

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Being so heavily involved in this church - singing in the choir but also playing the organ and occasionally taking rehearsals - is definitely one of my life's blessings. I can't imagine my life without it to be honest - and I hope that there might be young people in our congregation who will read this and think about whether this is something they might also like to explore. Just like Alexander Armstrong, you never know where it might lead you. To sing God's praises and share this with others is lifeaffirming and so rewarding - one of life's constants when otherwise life can often be a somewhat rocky road. Being part of all of this at Adel Church has simply given me complete joy.

#### Kay Yates Organist/Choir Member

#### **Adel Bells Team**

It takes a lot of people to get Adel Bells ready: editors, adverts manager, distribution organiser to mention just a few, but I am particularly grateful to the huge team of people who deliver the magazines for us on a monthly basis. Recently we were in need of a new helper and she told me "For some really odd reason I love delivering leaflets etc, very happy to take this on." It was a long list, so I hope she hasn't changed her mind.

However, this month we will have delivered almost 3,000 copies round the parish and needed far more helpers! Thank you, everyone!

#### **Marjorie Cole**

#### Our wedding vergers

At Adel Church we always consider it a joy and a privilege to hold a wedding, a time of solemn commitment as well as joy and excitement. I very much enjoy my role as wedding verger, playing my part in ensuring that everything runs smoothly from start to finish.

There are currently 2 of us and our work starts at the rehearsal when we ask about numbers: how many children will be attending, especially if there is a small child who will be in a pram or pushchair and whether the ramp is needed, which might need to be removed before the bridal party arrives. We also need to ask how many pews need saving for immediate family members.

I also try to arrange to go into church before the wedding, probably the day before, to let the flower arrangers into church. I write up the wedding book (used to be the registers) in advance of the wedding. We go into church an hour before the wedding to do any last minute tidying up and be there to greet the guests and the wedding party. It is a pleasure to be part of such an important moment in people's lives.

#### **Sue Smith**

We are always glad when people show an interest in joining our various teams in church, so if you feel there is something you are called to do, please have a word with Rector Alison.

#### A New Churhwarden

"Each of us is called by God to serve" Justin Welby

nne Andrews was quick to respond, when she heard Alison put out an appeal for a churchwarden. Like so many people in our church, she felt immediately that this was something she was called to do. As she told me, "The more you put into it, the more you get out of it." I feel sure that, with our support, Anne will put her heart and soul into it.

She lived in a few different places before settling in Leeds: a quiet North Yorkshire village in her early years, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where she found the people very friendly, and a tiny village in Leicestershire, where she spent her teenage years.

It was work that brought her to Leeds. After doing teacher training at Ripon College, she was appointed as a teacher in the junior section of Leeds Girls High School, though that would not have happened had she had her first wish, a job in the Bahamas!

Many of you will know Anne and her husband Mike because of their work with Adel Players. In fact Anne took part in the Mystery Plays, which were enacted in the churchyard, perhaps her first introduction to Adel Church, but it was also another first introduction for her, as that was



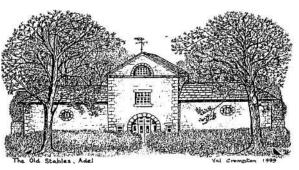
where she got to know Michael and that meeting led to a marriage in Adel Church in 1982. I was most interested to hear Anne recite lines from that play from 40 years ago!

Anne's two sons, Christopher and William, were baptised in Adel Church and she brought them to the family services which, in those days, were held in St John the Baptist Primary School. But it wasn't until she retired that she became more closely involved with our church. She already reads the lessons and helps with baptisms, flower arranging and serving coffee, but is now more than ready to take on this challenging, but undoubtedly rewarding role of churchwarden. We wish her well.

#### **Marjorie Cole**

#### **A Significant Meeting**

Often when an APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is mentioned, people think that it will be boring and have nothing to do with them. They were proved wrong this year. The main room in the Old Stables was full and it was all the better for the atmosphere of friendliness that this created.



One of the important things on the agenda was to elect a new Church Warden as Lucy Best Shaw was retiring after giving sterling service during a very difficult time. Lucy was thanked for doing an excellent job.

We were pleased when the Rector announced that Anne Andrews had been nominated and seconded to stand as our new Church Warden. We all wish her well in her new role. We also welcomed a new member of the PCC, Ruth Hutton, and we were pleased to announce that the PCC now has its full complement of members.

Rector Alison gave us a résumé of the past year in her report. Although things had still been difficult during that time church had continued to evolve. Services were screened and are still being watched on a regular basis now. We even have viewers in America and Canada!

The churchyard had been a great resource for events which had encouraged non church-goers to be involved, especially at the Crib Service with Carols by Candlelight.

Other events held outside were a "Summer Fair" a "Right Royal Picnic" and "Songs of Praise".

Treasurer Bob Holloway was pleased to report that we had been able to pay the Parish Share in full.

All in all it had been a better year than we might have hoped for and the meeting ended on a positive note with us all looking forward to a future without restrictions.

Rector Alison was thanked for her commitment. She has been an inspiration to so many.

**Beryl Thompson** 

#### **Nature Notes**

#### Bird Flu

I have not heard much about bird flu this year which I hope means that the situation is not too bad. Not many birds are coming into our garden, but that could be for any number of reasons - such as the visits of the Crow and the Grey Squirrel which take lots of bird food, sometimes flinging the feeders on the ground, which means that the Wood Pigeons can get any that remains. On the other hand. Blackbirds that do not use the feeders are not coming to the garden very often and certainly do not have a nest this year, and Goldfinches, so numerous a few years ago, are not appearing at all.

I heard from a friend that 500 dead Black-headed Gulls had been found at the RSPB St Aidan's Reserve (near Garforth) and more deaths were likely. The Black-headed Gull is quite common and although it is sad that so many have died, I don't suppose the species is in any danger of extinction, locally or nationally. I have heard nothing about the return of seabirds to nests at Bempton Cliff which might be an indication that lots of birds have returned.

#### **Insects**

Butterflies and other insects have been rather slow to emerge probably because of the cold winds that have also kept me indoors to some extent. Once the warm days arrived Orange Tips were seen around Garlic Mustard, the foodplant where the eggs are laid, and where the caterpillars forage, usually on the plant's seed pods.

One newcomer, in the house rather than the garden, is a tiny ladybird so small that even with a lens I was unable to see the pattern on its back, so it remans unidentified. There were about 10 or 12 of them, presumably hatched from eggs laid last summer. We thought they would be much happier outside. The warm days in early May also brought a few ants into the house; their big day is usually at the end of June when large numbers make their nuptial flights.

#### **Flowers**

This year has been made more colourful and more beautiful by a reduction in grass-cutting in some areas that feature in my daily routine.

### The dazzling beauty of dandelions

In the sunshine, banks of dandelions were almost dazzling and have been a real bonus in areas where they have not flowered previously.

#### **Peter Larner**

#### Words from Joyce Hill

### The Peculiarity of Westminster Abbey

For those who delight in strange terminology, the title of this month's article is a play on words, alluding to Westminster Abbey's status as a Royal Peculiar. Although geographically within the diocese of London, it does not belong to the diocese. The word 'peculiar' originally meant 'belonging exclusively to..' (not as now meaning something strange or odd) and this is how it's used in the historic phrase 'Royal Peculiar'.

Other Royal Peculiars are St George's Chapel Windsor, the Chapels Royal at Hampton Court and St James's Palace, the King's Chapel of the Savoy, the Chapels of St Peter ad Vincula and St John the Evangelist in the Tower of London, and the Royal Foundation of St Katharine, originally a medieval church and monastic hospital next to the Tower, now a religious charity.

### A thousand years of Coronations

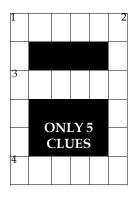
Last month we witnessed the tradition of the Coronation in Westminster Abbey, as Coronations have taken place there since William the Conqueror's coronation on Christmas Day 1066.

It is believed that there was a church at Westminster from the seventh century. By the tenth century there was a significant Benedictine Abbey there and the history of Westminster Abbey as we know it begins with its rebuilding by King Edward the Confessor. The choir and transepts were dedicated in 1065, the nave was begun c. 1100 and completed by 1163, when the shrine of Edward was placed in the choir. A much larger chapel was built at the east end c. 1220. It was in 1245, under Henry III, that the building of the present church began, in the latest French style. The eastern part of the new church was complete by 1269, when Edward's relics were placed in the shrine behind the High Altar, where they remain today.

Work on the nave continued in 1375, and was finished c 1505. The striking western towers, which are so much part of our image of Westminster Abbey, are surprisingly late additions. They were designed by Christopher Wren (1632-1723), modified by Nicholas Hawksmoor (1661-1736), and were completed between 1740 and 1750.

The Benedictine monastery was dissolved in 1540 as part of Henry VIII's general monastic dissolution, but the great abbey church, built by kings, remained, with its status formalised as a Royal Peculiar.

#### **Puzzles**



#### Across

- 1. Citrus cultivated in the countryside
- 3. Fish pies seen around South Carolina
- 4. Trotskyist extremists featuring in story that's idle gossip

#### Down

- 1. Further showing of broadcast about fuel-
- 2. Class invaded by large rook

#### Jumble Crossword How to play

Look at the clues. In brackets after each clue is an anagram of the answer. When you have completed the puzzle, study the circled letters and solve the anagram to find the answer to the final clue.

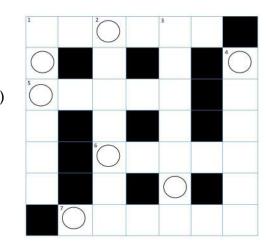
Of all the U.S. states, Alaska has the largest industry

#### **ACROSS**

- I. Damage (AEEFDC)
- 5. Scrub (UROCS)
- 6. Perfect (DELIA)
- 7. Type of frame (YGANRT)

#### DOWN

- I. Bleak (ALMDIS)
- 2. One of 50 (FILRDAO)
- 3. Topical (RNRTCEU)
- 4. Elizabeth (YLHREU)



Solutions on page 40

#### A Joyous Play

'Quartet', four people seeking harmony, performed by Adel Players

as the curtains lifted to reveal the first scene, the laughter started and we knew it was going to be a good night. Three old friends, Wilf, Cissie and Reggie are in a residential home for retired actors and musicians; why did we laugh, you might wonder. Was it seeing Mike Andrews as Wilf, in shorts, a rather tight Hawaiian shirt, and a conventional jacket, a stiff legged gait, and a walking stick? Visual humour at its best.

The three were discussing the rehearsals for the celebration held there every year for Giuseppe Verdi's birthday ..."Just think," trilled Cissie, she did a lot of enthusiastic trilling, "Just think, if Giuseppe Verdi had been English, he'd have been called Joe Green!" Cissie wore a selection of flowing kaftans and matching turbans, and spent a lot of time, eyes closed in rapture, conducting silently, to a score playing through her earphones. Reggie, the third member of the group considered Wilf rather coarse, in his regard to, and his constant talk about, the opposite sex. Reggie was far more serious and learned, but was waging a war against one of the staff, who wouldn't give him marmalade at breakfast, one minute shouting out of the window at her, the next, his vulnerability showing, as he said,

almost tearfully, "She gave me apricot jam, she KNOWS I hate apricot jam."

The three were working towards the concert, petty squabbles happening behind the scenes, reported by mainly Cissie, who is thrilled to be on a committee now. Tidbits of gossip brighten their days, until the bombshell, when they hear Jean Horton, a former celebrated opera singer is coming. Uproar ensues; Wilf is delighted another female is joining their ranks, Cissie is ecstatic, and Reggie is horrified, as it transpires he was one of her many husbands. Jean arrived, rather aloof with all of them, especially Reggie, who couldn't even bear to look her in the eye, and it seemed the plans for this year's concert were going to unravel. Jean reluctantly admitted she was no longer able to sing, but to soften Reggie's heart, brings him a jar of marmalade. Mutual support kicked in, as they steered Jean towards the final scene, which was masterly in its concept; the four of them in a tableau on the front of the stage, as Verdi's glorious music filled the room.

The whole play was charmingly acted by all four, it was a heart-warming performance about growing old with hope, and support for each other, even when the brightest stars have faded. It was absolutely joyous.

**Jenny Jones** 



#### In Your Garden

"The roses make the world so sweet, The bees, the birds have such a tune, There's such a light and such a heat And such a joy this June..." ~George MacDonald"

Ith the days at their longest and a better than usual chance of some settled weather there is so much to enjoy in June. After the blossoms and bulbs of spring it is time for the perennials in your garden to take centre stage. Whether it is roses or clematis, aquilegia or lupins, delphiniums or foxgloves, you can expect a riot of colour during the month. Whatever your chosen plants, they will all thank you for a helping hand and should reward you with fantastic displays. This might be by hoeing the weeds from around them to eliminate competition for water and nutrients, or it could be to provide stakes for taller plants or those prone to flopping like Penstemons or Knautia. Sometimes you need to be cruel to be kind. Vigorous plants such as Nepeta (catmint) can be pruned by half in early June but will quickly resprout and flower again in a more orderly fashion later in the summer. This benefits both the Nepeta and often its typically slower-growing neighbours in the border, which can otherwise find themselves swamped.

You need to be attuned to your plants' need for water during intense

growing times. During the summer months trees, shrubs and plants draw a large amount of water out of the ground and this transpiration, together with evaporation on dry, sunny days can quickly render some soils very dry indeed. Always ensure there is some moisture around your plants. Using mulch is very effective, and suppresses the weeds too!

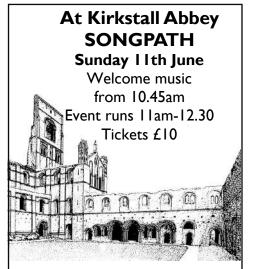
### Don't forget to wear gloves

It is now a good time to prune your spring-flowering shrubs. As a general rule of thumb, if it has already flowered then it can be safely pruned at this time of year. Shrubs such as Forsythia, Camelia and Viburnum will all benefit from a tidy up. Tie in climbing roses, clematis and other climbers. If you deadhead roses as they finish blooming you will certainly extend the flowering season and will often get a second flush in September. Cut out any dead stems, or any that are crossing or rubbing against each other - and wear gloves for protection. Rose thorns can be as vicious as any in the garden!

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We are going to Eden camp on June 13<sup>th</sup> and on July 18<sup>th</sup> we are going on a canal boat trip (as with all our trips this is fully accessible). Last year we were very lucky with the weather on our trips and we hope that this year we will be too. but regardless of the weather we are sure to have a great time.

Our regular shopping trips to Pudsey Owlcotes continue to be as popular as ever and the dates for the June ones are the I<sup>st</sup>, I5<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of June. If you would like to come along, please call us to book a seat on the minibus.

The hearing Aid clinic is back and the

date for it is the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, this is a drop-in clinic and is extremely popular. At the clinic we can do battery replacement, servicing and tube replacement. You will need to bring your NHS Hearing Aid card with you when you attend and we have found that members really like using this clinic as it is held in such a warm and welcoming environment.

All our regular activities will continue throughout the Summer and if the weather is kind to us, we may even get the chance to use our lovely outdoor space which has been cared for by our wonderful volunteers, so if you are passing you may see us sitting outside on the patio playing games or just catching up over a cup of tea.

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

If you become a member, details about prices and when you can book from will be in the OPAL newsletter which goes out to members every 2 months.

#### **Shelley Clark**

#### **Adel Farms Part 2**

#### Dunstarn Farm, Adel

In the 1930s, Ben Raper, having studied as a farm apprentice and marrying the farmer's daughter, Alice Agar, moved with his family from Roundhay to Valley Farm (also known as 'Smithy Mill' Farm, Adel). Ben later took on Dunstarn Farm where his son, Duncan ploughed with a team of horses. When Leeds Ring Road, Meanwood, was built, in 1968, the two farms were divided. An underpass was constructed so farming between the two sites could continue.

Ben and Alice's sons, Duncan and Don Raper farmed as Raper Bros. They were well know for producing high quality beef and arable crops as well as swedes and potatoes. Don enjoyed the market scene and Duncan, the farming side. The two brothers had four daughters. The partnership was dissolved in the late 70s. Don's Valley Farm buildings were sold for residential development. Some land was developed for the Cricket Club.

Dunstarn Farm (Dunstarn Lane), through financial support from Duncan's daughter Linda, remained **a** working farm. Linda's elder daughter, Nicola Burrows, lives and works at Dunstarn Farm.

Nicola Burrows runs a successful flock of Rare Breed, *Kerry Hill* sheep.

Nicola also keeps horses, hens, llamas, bees - and a peaceful Airbnb holiday let. Some Open Air Summer Theatre productions have been held at Dunstarn Farm.



Dunstarn Farm fields adjoin Adel Woods and the Meanwood Valley Trail. On the Adel Parish Boundary Walk, we walk along footpaths edging Dunstarn Farm fields. We use the underpass (as Valley Farm is still part of Adel Parish), then cross back over the Ring Road and continue, past the Cricket Club, on the Walk.

Squire Ben Raper died in 1971, aged 84, his wife Alice died in 1974; see the gravestone in Adel Churchyard, section B.

See also there the interesting 'Kiss' grave of John Duncan Raper of Dunstarn farm, Adel, 1920-2006 & his wife Elizabeth Ann, d.2016.



'Together for the next adventure' is carved on their gravestone.

#### **Val Crompton**

P.S. You can no longer walk down Dunstarn Lane to the farm. The lane is gated & you need a code to enter...

### York Gate Update

 ybil and Fred Spencer met whilst performing with an Amateur Dramatics Society in Leeds. They had a lifelong interest in the theatre which they shared with their son, Robin. It was Shakespeare who wrote "All the world's a stage" and, for me, York Gate was their theatrical production. When the Spencers arrived in 1951 there was a blank stage, waiting for them to create their dream garden. Over the years the Spencers worked hard, but if you like doing something it doesn't seem to be hard work as you get so much enjoyment out of it. And they certainly enjoyed their garden, and sharing it with their friends.

Sybil recalls having "lovely, lovely memories of summer evening parties in the Summer House and nothing was too much trouble for Robin. He would put up flares all along the path in the Herb Garden which led to the Summer House. where we would sit until midnight after brandy and coffee." Robin declared "the Summer House is the perfect spot for Sunday luncheon parties with the sun streaming in and even more spectacular for candle-lit dinner parties as the light is fading." Of course, he also added that in Yorkshire al fresco meals are not always possible but that you should always take advantage of good spells of weather when they occur.

In her later years, Sybil joined a theatre group called HeyDays and invited the group members to York Gate where they would hold play readings in the garden – one visitor recalls a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream, a most appropriate choice for June!

As Midsummer's Eve approaches the garden is to be found in all its glory. So do come along and spend a little time sitting in the Summer House; take in the sights and sounds of the Herb Garden, listen to the bees, and smell the lavender, relax a while, and create your own lovely memories!

The sun doesn't stop shining, Sometimes it's just hiding behind the clouds.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

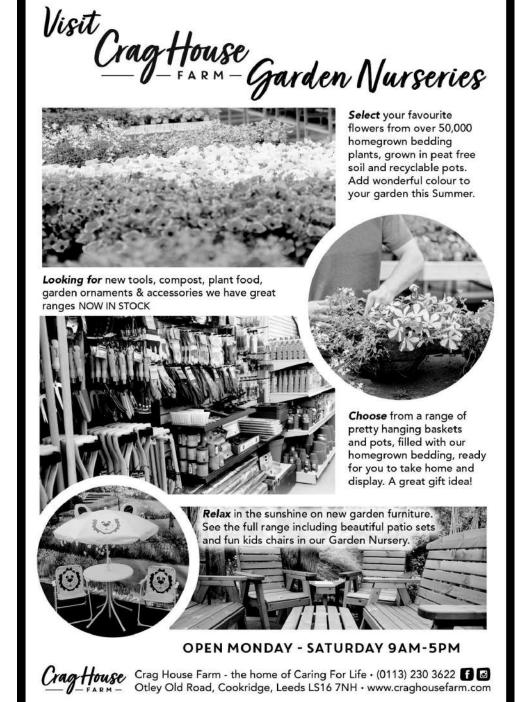
#### Gillian Smith

Heritage Volunteer.

Just a quick apology that we ended up being closed for the whole of the Coronation Weekend and the Bank Holiday. A reminder we are open from Wednesday to Sunday and that the gardens, shop and café will be open for their usual times of 10am until 4.30pm, with plant sales not opening until the later time of 11am.

Should you wish to book an afternoon tea in the café, please call the office on 0113 267 8240 option 4. Our office hours are usually Monday morning, all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Further details on our website <a href="mailto:yorkgate.org.uk">yorkgate.org.uk</a>

Sally Latchford



#### What's On

Headingley Flower Club at **Bramhope** Friday 2nd June 'Ready. . Steady . . Arrange' Tutorial

7pm Guests are welcome at all meetings. A guest fee will be charged. Bramhope Village Hall, Old Lane, Bramhope. LS16 9AZ Contact Mrs Jean Money



#### **Churchyard Workparty**

#### **SATURDAY 10TH JUNE** 9.30 TO 11.30 in the churchyard

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#### **Bedquilts**

Recently I have received Facebook and website enquiries about the history of the recreation ground known as **Bedquilts** 

Bedguilts was once farmland; it later became parkland and a recreation ground. The area was strip-farmed peasants could rent a long strip of land or several strips. This large open field (and other small fields) belonged to the Lord of the Manor.

The long ridges and furrows gave the ground a rippled appearance—like a bed quilt. Much later, part of this land, close to Adel Lane/Church Lane junction, was sold. Church Lane Farm was built on Church Lane.

In the 1850s, Church Lane Farm sold to the Eddison family. The old farm was knocked down and a fine house,



called Church Lane House with a lodge on Church Lane, was built. Parkland replaced the nearby farm fields and groups of trees were planted.

In 1949, this fine house was sold to

Leeds University, who still own part of Bedquilts. The university re-named the house 'Sadler Hall' after Sir Michael Sadler. Sadler Hall was used as a Hall of Residence for men until it was demolished in 1992. The site of the Hall and part of the grounds were sold to a builder. The Sadler Estate of detached homes was built on Church Lane. You can still see Sadler Hall Lodge on Church Lane. Bedquilts is managed by Leeds City Council.





During WW2, the land close to Long Causeway, which is now Adel St John's Primary School and school field - was used as an Anti-Aircraft Gun-site.

See the pictures, which show Sadler Hall & Bedquilts in 1948, together with the Site of WW2 heavy anti aircraft battery at Bedquilts Recreation Ground.

This was armed with four 4.5-inch guns and GL Mark II radar in 1942, and mounted six 3.7-inch Mark IIC guns with No.3 Mark II radar in 1945. It was manned by 295 Battery of the 96th Royal Artillery Regiment in 1940-41, by the Home Guard in 1942, and by the 12th Royal Artillery Regiment in 1945. It was retained as an Off-Site Nucleus Force Battery in 1946.

The present school was designed by Denis Mason Jones and built on Long Causeway. The old Church Lane School building was converted to private housing. You can walk along Church Lane and compare this old stone building with the present 1977 school.

The Bedquilts area next to the public footpath, is now owned by Leeds University and used for Playing Fields/ Green Space. The SW part (bounded by Adel Lane/ St Helen's Lane) is owned by Wade's Charity.

#### **Val Crompton**

#### **QE** Corner

Here it is again...... QE (Quite Enlightening) Corner.

A 2019 report found that watching Netflix for two hours a day saved the average American from viewing 219 hours of commercials every year.

In the 1930s, Russian paratroopers had to sit on the wings of a plane before sliding off, one by one, at the right moment.

Current and former Presidents of the United States are prohibited from driving on public roads.

Amazon's Alexa was named in homage to the Library of Alexandria.

The boundary of the Arctic Circle moves about 45 feet every year. The Icelandic island of Grímsey has decided to mark the boundary with a sphere that they move annually.

Songbirds that don't practise singing every day go out of tune.

The modern wheel-type pizza cutter was originally invented for trimming wallpaper.

Under the Licensing Act (1872) it is illegal to be drunk in charge of a cow.

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

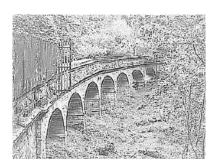
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#### **Barry Anderson**

#### Planning Application - Micro-**Pub 475 Otley Road**

The planning application for change of use of ground floor Financial Services to Micro Pub (Sui Generis) and of first floor from Dwelling to Office, new shop front, external seating area and rear extension has been approved.

#### Trees On Holt Lane - orange and yellow dots on trees

A survey has identified 50 trees for general pruning (orange) and 9 fells (yellow) of trees which are dead, dying or dangerous; the paint will fade.

#### White Lining on Highway

I have reported a number of areas in Adel where the white lines need refreshing: some areas have been done; some are still waiting. An apology has been made by Highways which is working through the list.

#### **Posting Holiday Photographs** on Social Media

Neighbourhood Police draw attention to the danger of posting your holiday photos on social media. Not only do your friends know you are away, but also local criminals are made aware that your house is empty. If your insurer does not have a specific Social Media Exclusion, they will have a general condition often called a "Duty of Care"; this will state that you must

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#### **Dyneley Arms**

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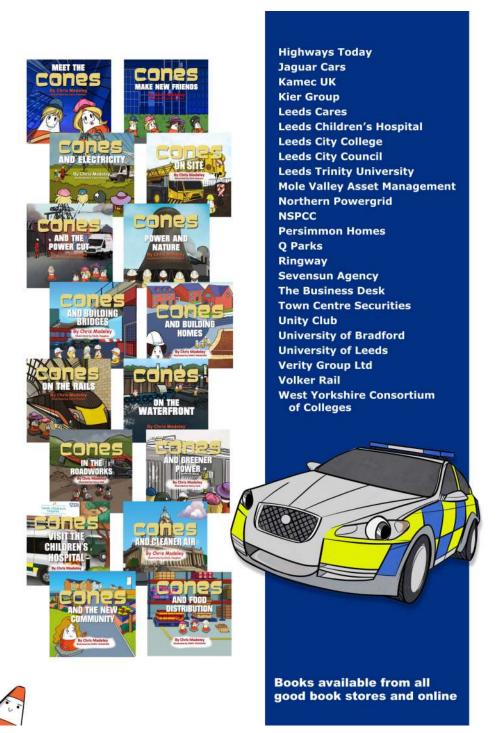
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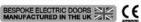
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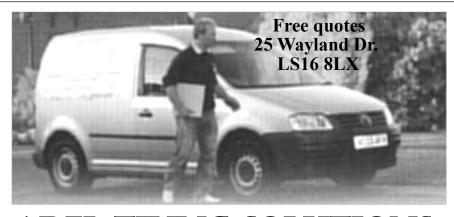
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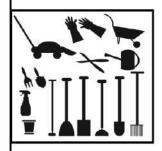


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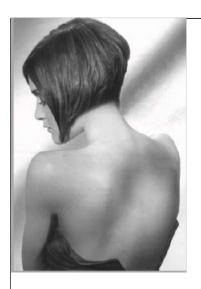
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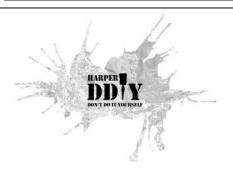


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Fri 2nd	1.30pm	J Js (for the under sixes)
Sunday 4th		Trinity Sunday
	8.30am 10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)
Wed 7th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11tl	1	First Sunday after Trinity
	8.30am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion
Wed 14th	11am	Holy Communion
Thurs 15th	3.15pm	Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee
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Sunday 18th	1	Second Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 18tl	8.30am 10am 6.30pm	
Sunday 18th	8.30am 10am	Second Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Service with Communion
-	8.30am 10am 6.30pm 11am	Second Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Service with Communion Evensong (BCP)
Wed 21st	8.30am 10am 6.30pm 11am	Second Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion (BCP) All Age Service with Communion Evensong (BCP) Holy Communion Third Sunday after Trinity

**Junior Church** is held during term time. The children start in Church at the 10am service with their families, they then leave with the leaders and, after their own input in the Stables, re-join the congregation for communion and the last part of the service

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