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*Happy Times*

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## Tributes to Michael Siddle

It was with great sadness last month that Rector Alison announced to us the news of the death of Michael Siddle. He had moved away from us to be nearer to his daughter, but his memory is still alive in the minds of so many of us, not only for the many services he led but also for the pieces he wrote for Adel Bells, putting words into the mouth of his beloved dog Toby. Here are some comments people wrote on hearing the sad news.

*His sermon about the 9/11 attacks and his personal connection to a victim and survivor was one of the most poignant accounts of hope over adversity in dark days I have ever heard.*

**Chris Cunliffe**

*Another one of Michael's sermons was how a man used to say farewell to his loved ones. 'I wish you enough faith, belief and assurance to face whatever the future brings you.' I always loved that.*

**Sandra Lavery**

*I loved his sermons and from the choir stalls as I looked at the back of him preaching from the chancel step He looked like my father.*

**Lucy Best-Shaw**

*Michael's passing is a very sad loss. He was a wise and gentle man and our congregation benefited greatly from his ability to share his deep faith with us, always with careful insight and often a touch of humour.*

**Margaret Perkin**



*I used to deliver Adel Bells to the late Mary Davies. She always read Michael's Toby page first, even when she was 100 (in 2014) and confined to bed, at Bedford Court Nursing Home. When I told Michael, we arranged for Michael and Toby to visit. Mary couldn't believe her eyes when Toby came in to greet her and put his paws on her bed so that Mary could stroke his head! She was delighted to see Michael and Toby - and so were all the other residents in the day room, when we called in afterwards*

**Val Crompton.**

The Church is closed to visitors during the lockdown period.



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

## From the Editor

Welcome to our first Lockdown edition of Adel Bells. Here, unfortunately, you will find no announcements of forthcoming events. None is planned at the moment. However, we have not been idle. People have still been contacting each other, sharing experiences and reacting to our Facebook posts and the results of these communications are here for you to read. We even have news (page 30) from our 'foreign correspondent' who lives in Garforth. I hope this electronic edition will help you to feel you are still in touch with life in Adel Parish Church.

If you are reading this you have, fortunately, been able to access our online services. If you aware of anyone who does not know what is available via our website, please inform them of [adelparishchurch.org.uk](http://adelparishchurch.org.uk).

Life has been difficult for our local businesses during Lockdown. The adverts in this magazine are mostly what they have always been. The fact that they are there is no indication

that the business is still operating, so get in touch with them if you want to know more. However, many businesses are still able to offer a service, so do support them if you can. Details are available on page 22. Caring for Life is a charity we have always supported and they are still offering a service to us. Please look at their advert on page 38 as it has been updated to explain their present way of operating.

**Marjorie Cole**



Our annual door to door collection which was scheduled for this month can not now take place due to the lockdown. It is essential that Christian Aid be allowed to carry on its normal work, so we have set up a Fundraiser on Facebook so that you can make contributions to this important charity. You do not need to be a member as we have two Facebook pages, so look for the one that has the church logo as an icon.

Otherwise contact Lesley Walton (07834 352 782) and she will be able to help you make a donation in a different way.

## Rector Alison's Letter

### You can't stop nature



"Wait until the spring", everyone said, "the churchyard is amazing then."

I didn't expect my first spring as Rector of Adel to be quite like this. The church is closed, we are doing our best to put services on line, and visiting has to be done by telephone. Holy week and Easter were unlike any the church has ever seen: no Palm Sunday procession; no last supper, no hour at the cross, and alleluias shared from separate homes.

But you were right about the churchyard! First there were crocuses, next it became a sea of daffodils, and then came the purple haze of bluebells. Birds are using the nest boxes, and the churchyard is awash with birdsong.

I think perhaps because we are confined so much to our homes and local streets, we have noticed the spring even more than usual. Many of

you take your daily exercise through the churchyard, and there has also been all the blossom on the many trees. Less traffic on the roads has meant the dawn chorus, and birdsong in general is more noticeable – easier to hear.

And there has been this feeling that although, in a way, lives seem to be on hold; nothing can stop nature. Spring has unfolded oblivious to world events.

All this beauty and abundance of life has lifted my spirits – I hope it has helped you too in these difficult times. It has also reminded me of other things that cannot be stopped by closing buildings and physical gatherings.

Friendships have carried on; I suspect many have been strengthened as support is offered in regular phone calls and chats over garden fences. Community spirit has probably grown as neighbours shop and garden for one another. Local businesses are finding new ways of providing their services, and we are realising how much we appreciate them. Schools are continuing to nurture and care for their students despite seeing only a few of them in person.

Church too continues. We are still here to worship God, share his love, give help where it is needed and

explore our faith. We are finding new ways of doing this, with services on line (see the back page for details of times) and lots of use of the telephone.

If you haven't tried it – you might like to join us via the church Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/groups/adelparishchurch/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/adelparishchurch/)

or the church You tube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCow9TkjpsjsLvXBUuN7BmgQ>

For more help with the above, please see page 29.

If you need help of any kind – from a listening ear to more practical support – please get in touch. The church is still here!

We are still in the season of Easter. On Sundays we hear about when the resurrected Christ appeared to his first disciples. At first they didn't recognise him, as he was changed in some way. But they did recognise his life giving love. They came to realise that although their lives were utterly changed – even death couldn't change God's love for them.

So as we face an unknown future, I pray that you will do so cheered by the fact that spring will still change to summer, and in the knowledge of God's steadfast love for us all.

With love and prayers  
**Alison**

## Parish Share

I have been asked to comment in Adel Bells concerning our monthly Parish Share payment. The amount requested by the Diocese is calculated using various formulae, including church attendance and postcode. The amount they requested for this year is £110,009. This supports work throughout the Diocese.

Since 2018 it has been very challenging to meet the full amount and at a PCC meeting we had to make a decision to reduce our monthly contribution. In the current year we are paying £7624 a month, a shortfall of £1543.

With all churches currently being closed, our income from both cash collections, wedding fees, social events etc has drastically reduced. It has therefore become even more difficult to meet our monthly Parish Share commitment, so it is kept under regular review.

**Bob Holloway**  
Treasurer to Adel PCC

## 100 Club Draw for March

The winners were:

Carole Butler	£77
Mark Seaward	£30.80
Chris Madeley	£30.80

# Words from Joyce Hill

In the Calendar of Common Worship there is an entry for 20 May which may well leave you somewhat mystified. It's the entry for 'Alcuin, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804'. Why is someone who was a deacon (not even a priest) and an abbot of a French monastery included in the Church of England Calendar? And what did he do that was special enough to qualify him for inclusion?

Despite ending his life in Tours, Alcuin, a Northumbrian of noble birth, was raised and educated in the religious community in York. This was at the time when York had only just been elevated to being the second archbishopric in England. York was one of the leading centres of learning in Western Europe. Alcuin was a star pupil and became Master of the School in 767. When Archbishop Ælberht died in 778, Alcuin was despatched to Rome to collect for Ælberht's successor the special vestment - the pallium - that was given by the Pope to every newly appointed archbishop. On his way back, he met with Charlemagne (later to become the first Holy Roman Emperor), who was beginning to build up his court as an international centre of learning. The meeting took place in 781. Charlemagne recognised Alcuin's talents and invited him to join the body of outstanding scholars that he was drawing together. By 781 or 782

Alcuin had joined the court, where he remained until 794, when he was granted the abbacy of the major monastery of Tours. There, he remained in close touch with Charlemagne by letter. From these and from some of the affectionate poems he wrote we get a lively picture of intimacy with the royal family and of friendship and intellectual exchange with fellow scholars.

Alcuin's contribution to the hugely influential renaissance of learning fostered by Charlemagne cannot be overstated. He wrote books, took part in contemporary theological controversy, had a huge influence on raising the standards of accuracy in manuscript production, left his mark on the development of the liturgy, compiled a lectionary and a collection of sermons aimed at raising standards across the church as a whole, and produced an accurately amended text of the bible. During and after his abbacy, Tours became an important centre for the production of beautiful manuscript bibles. It was also thanks to Alcuin that the standard of ecclesiastical Latin was raised. Charlemagne's reforms give the lie to the idea that the early medieval period was 'The Dark Ages'. Alcuin, Charlemagne's right-hand man and described by a contemporary as 'a man most learned in every field', well deserves being celebrated.

## Words from Pilgrim

### Thoughtful faith is nurtured in silence

**M**oving into your new home is usually pretty exciting, but it doesn't take long for the glow to fade, for routine to dim the newness a little, and for another 'normal' to begin to take over. I think that is just about where we are with our recent virus-driven retreat into largely the same place as this time last year. Nonetheless it has brought newness into our lives for all that.

For some of us the arrival of the virus has brought the chance to knock on the doors of others – some of them newly resident here – and to bring an offer to get shopping for those who are unable to see to it for themselves. Others of us have been in receipt of such open kindness and have felt a warmth and a quietness within ourselves which has given us confidence to step into the next stages of our country's still unfolding story.

However, we cannot ignore the unwelcome changes which have come to some of us. The virus has brought the loss of loved ones to some of us, and this is not something which can be absorbed into life's continuum without the quiet and necessary experience of grief. It is to be hoped that those who have been helpful with the shopping or posting of letters will also have been

given the gentle gift of patient listening, as the vulnerable in our community have a need to be listened to.

There is another gift which the virus has brought us, and it struck me forcibly as I was walking along Otley Road a few days ago; a bird on a tree top began its call and the clarity of it forced me to realise how quiet Otley Road had become with a minimum of traffic to make it otherwise. I was gladdened by the bird's call, but knew that the joy of experiencing it would be short lived. We cannot escape the fact that our way of life is the cause of unremitting clamour, and that the end of the current emergency will see its return.

When I was a young boy and just beginning to find my way towards Christian faith, I was introduced to the idea that one important aspect of it is the creation of a space for daily quiet in God's presence; a brief time when a few verses from the Bible were read, thought about, and their implications for life considered. It is one custom that I have followed for many years; I wonder if it is one which could usefully be brought under the spotlight again today. Thoughtful Faith is nurtured in silence.

## In Lockdown

### "Self Isolation"

**N**one of us had used that expression up until a few weeks ago. What a difference it has made to all our lives. It affects us all in so many different ways.

Not being able to go out to shop gives us a new slant on the things we take for granted. I was lucky enough to have an offer of shopping so I asked for fresh fruit and vegetables. It seemed almost like Christmas when I opened the bag left on the doorstep. The excitement of receiving a cauliflower will stay with me for a long time.

The difficult part is that the church is closed. We can pray at home but praying together in church is always a comfort. I have been able through the help of my church friends to watch the service of Compline each night.

It is one of my favourite services in Advent and Lent. I find it very heart-warming to be able to say this each night and feel a closeness to Adel church and all my friends. A BIG THANK YOU to all concerned in putting it together before the church had to be closed.

Unfortunately my Facebook page was hacked so I have not be able to access any of the other services.

They can close the churches but at least we can still pray for each other. Lent this year has been very difficult but we must all keep in our minds that Easter will arrive, even if we cannot celebrate in church, and with it bring hope for the future.

Take care all of you and keep safe

**Beryl Thompson**

PS. Thank you to those of you who have kept in touch during this difficult time I have appreciated it.

### Holy Week Services

**T**hroughout Holy Week we have been able to join in with services, thanks to videos available on Facebook. As in Beryl's example, they have brought comfort to so many and it has also seen a tremendous soar in the numbers of people joining our church Facebook page. Here are some of the comments received from people who had been able to access the services.

### Palm Sunday

*Thanks, Alison and Team for a very moving service. We will always remember too the Adel Players for their excellent dramatization.*

*I loved the way Chris put the choir together.*

*It does make one feel part of it when you know others are watching too.*

*A lovely service, enjoyed the passion and afraid we didn't have garden contributions so we used last year's palms instead. God bless. Stay safe.*

### **Good Friday**

*What a brilliant idea to let us watch this service from our own homes. It was lovely to see all ages telling us this well-known, intensely moving story.*

*Thank you for all the time and toil it took to put this together, Chris; you've done an amazing job.*

### **Easter Sunday**

*Well done to everyone who worked so hard to let us all share together, and so special to be able to sing together.*

*Lovely service. Wishing everyone a lovely Easter.*

*Thanks for your attendance, however you reached it. Thanks to the choir. I am now going to have coffee and CHOCOLATE. (comment from Revd Alison Battye at the end of the service)*

And the children were not forgotten. Instead of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt, chocolate eggs were left in pretty bags on the church step and

eager children could be seen rushing to church on Easter Sunday morning to collect them.

### **Home Schooling**

**H**ome-schooling is weird, because you're obviously not being taught by a qualified, actual teacher. Sometimes mum or dad don't even know what you're talking about! The teachers tell us what to do online and then we print it off which is quite upsetting because it uses a lot of paper.

Sometimes it takes a while to finish all my work and has to go on to the next week but at other times it could take up to five days! But after all that excitement I started to miss my friends although I realised that I could send them letters which changed my mind. This is a picture of me doing my lessons at home.



**Isobel Sheer  
Year 4  
Adel St John's**

# **Daily Exercise**

## **Halted by Geometry**

He ambled along\* in late April  
not turned by a pretty girl striding past  
her tresses trifled by the breeze  
or lingering long over the muscular horses  
frisking in the paddock  
pricked by odours of the vicar's first mow  
not pausing either  
to meet a crow's unblinking eye  
or slowed at the play of bucks  
and does and kits  
scampering in and out of the shrubbery  
skirting the lawn by the manse.

Going on  
crossing the old graveyard  
with sombre yews stationed  
and the old arch with bells hung overall  
taking in the low wall  
etched with lichens  
rising and falling along the hedgerow  
gathering songbirds  
down to the quiet nook  
where giddy pheasants dithered  
and later a cuckoo would call out in warmer days  
but not stopping  
not stopped either by a silver jet plane  
rising across the azure  
or by airs of Mozart drifting in from a transom  
way over where the new development  
tumbles on to Tom's Field.

Briskly then, almost home  
on the chance of tea and toast  
along an inconspicuous stretch of footpath  
by the recreation ground  
trimmed for match-play

he stopped up short at last, stock still  
halted by geometry  
by the set and tremor of a shadow lattice  
spreading at his feet  
a display cast by boughs laced with new leaf buds  
drawn out by light and space  
arcing in a fractal show  
conjuring up queries over matter's disposition  
and our place in it  
raising thoughts not plumbed earlier  
despite exquisite signs of early summer stirring  
of lovely May-time coming in  
and seeing him dallying there, fixated  
any passer-by  
strolling, dog-walking, going back to chores  
or cutting through to catch a bus  
might have fairly thought  
*that old guy's lost his keys, or his marbles!*

**Richard O'Donnell**

*\*on his way round the well trod route in Adel*

## Editor's Comments

In these lockdown days, when we are allowed one period of exercise per day, you have maybe experienced part of what has been seen on the walk described in this poem. We are so lucky to have these possibilities on our doorstep. Please remember, to take your exercise in the immediate area round your home, as this old guy has done.

Talking about geometry, do you recognise where this photo was taken? It was last Summer when life was freer. Do you know the answer; keep an eye on the church Facebook page and I will reveal it there.



# VE Day Memories

**E**lsie Pearman worked during WW2 at the Royal Naval Auxiliary Hospital, Bristol. There she met Cyril, her husband-to-be, who had been injured during the war, had his lower leg amputated -but walked tall with his 'new leg', on their Wedding Day, in May 1945

**Val Crompton**

*Hilary Taylor also had heard Elsie's story and felt it needed to be told to a wider audience. Hilary writes:*

V.E. Day was the day before Elsie Pearman married her husband. Elsie had travelled to Sunderland to stay at her widowed mother's home before the wedding. The wedding day was set as 9th May 1945.

## 8th May 1945 VE Day No Flowers!

Everyone was overjoyed that peace had been declared – but there was a wedding to prepare for. The florist rang. There were no flowers available. On top of that, the 9th May was declared a National Holiday!

The florist picked peony buds from her own garden and made bouquets for bride and bridesmaid.



## No wine and no breakfast

Then the hotel rang. There was no wine or champagne available. They ended up with lemonade to which red colouring had been added. The couple were to honeymoon in Newton Abbot. They were to travel by train but that was not possible till the following day. So the honeymoon night was spent in Newcastle, with a train at 8 a.m. the following day - but there was no early breakfast at and no breakfast on the train either.

## No Luggage

Arriving at Newton Abbot for a two week honeymoon the happy couple found that the luggage they had sent on ahead had been lost. They only had the clothes they stood up in! They were reimbursed with clothing coupons – not a lot of use

when your honeymoon nightie is lost!

Elsie said "*All the excitement about the peace and end of the war was the best news of all. There were to be no blackouts and no sirens any more. It was the funniest*

*wedding there ever was - joy and happiness overcame all".*

What wonderful memories!

**Hilary Taylor**

When I was growing up, it was wartime and **'the blackout'**. We had only ever seen bomb-fires in the streets, burning long after the all-clear siren.

### V. E. Day Bonfire 1945

How can it be that I can see  
the feared face of Hitler  
staring down at me,  
a lively nine year old,  
as I gaze up high  
at the crumpled guy  
on top of this enormous pyre?

Early that day, we heard  
the voice of Churchill say  
*'Today you may light bonfires!'*  
We friends had never,  
ever lit a fire at night,  
outdoors for fun!

And I recall the buzz at dusk,  
the lighting of the fire,  
and how we cheered  
when leaping flames licked round  
the framework and lit up  
the rough, waste ground.  
Mums brought chicory coffee here,  
and home-made treacle toffee.  
Much later still we ate our fill  
of ash-baked spuds, swilled  
down with ginger beer.

Now roaring flames engulf our guy.  
We see him drop  
from collapsing spire



into the hell-like, ring of fire.  
While more friends  
from streets nearby,  
brought Union Jacks,  
three green bottles  
and **fireworks** too!  
They joined us, at the bonfire,  
waving flags, and singing  
*'Keep the home fires burning  
while our hearts are yearning...'*

Oh how we loved the swoosh  
when rockets blasted high  
from the three green bottles,  
bursting stars of gold and red.  
There were cheers,  
then hugs and tears ... and  
a strange, hush-sh, at midnight,  
when church bells rang...

Good neighbours all joined  
hot-crossed hands and sang,  
wide-circling round  
our now, low-glowing fire,  
rocking loose-locked arms,  
slow-singing that long-familiar song:  
*'Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
and never brought to mind ...  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
for auld lang syne...'*

Val Crompton

## Penny's Ponders

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you're all keeping safe and well. Very strange times we are having; I am having difficulty in working out what's going on. I need a shampoo and haircut and I can't have one, my nails need doing, can't be done, I'm nearly dizzy with crossing roads when people are coming towards me – now I understand what a zigzag is! It's hard to chat to my friends with this distancing. We dogs like to be close. The good thing, though, is that there's very little traffic about (but some drivers are going far too fast for my liking) and it's quiet! I do like to hear the birds in a morning. Another good thing – the squirrels are around again! I got to chase four the other day – nearly got one of them too!

This separating thing has given me an opportunity to think about how my words and phrases are coming along. I am getting good at understanding full sentences now, such as (Dad to Mum): "Shall we take Penny in the car, she can stay with me while you're shopping?" This is a sentence which contains words I love: take Penny, car, shopping. I don't understand fully what shopping means other than she comes back with lots of bags which need my attention and often include things for me, but I get the gist. One sentence I really don't like is "We can't go to the Bedquilts, it's too

muddy!" I like 'go to the Bedquilts' but not 'too muddy'! Yuk, muddy paws, I can think of nothing worse – mud in your nails, revolting. Thankfully, most of the Bedquilts is sans mud at present.

One thing I have noticed. The humans are talking to each other a lot more – there's a lot of lovely friendly things being said as we walk around. People we don't know are saying 'hi' and opening little conversations. They need to speak loudly across the road, and it is a bit of a nuisance when a car or truck gets in the way, but that's a small inconvenience. It amazes me how humans really need to talk to one another. I can turn my nose up at another dog quite easily, but all this friendliness is rather good. It is brilliant that lots of older people are exercising and they do like it when we stop and have a chat.

I understand now what My Mum told me. Jesus said, "Love your neighbour as yourself." This is brilliant! It stops everyone from being selfish. I understand there are rules the humans must follow while we are plagued with Covid 19. If we follow what Jesus said we'll make sure that we all look after and protect each other.

Stay home, stay safe and keep well.  
Woofs and licks,

Penny

# Nature Notes

## Our garden has never looked neater

In May most living things seem to be entirely committed to the breeding season. Some might already have bred, but most will be involved with producing their young during May. Plants have a longer season, some not bursting into flower until high summer but, overall, this month is the most vibrant time of the year – the month, perhaps more than any other, when naturalists want to be out observing and recording and enjoying the abundance of so many forms of life.

Well this year is going to be different, we all will have to give up many things that we had been looking forward to, and naturalists are not immune to this. Nature reserves are closed, and although some birdwatching can be done in our daily ‘exercise walk’ opportunities are limited, and likely to stay that way for most of May.

However there is much to see in the garden and since the warmer weather arrived we have been able to spend more time gardening and looking at the local wildlife. Most noticeable are the birds; there are two pairs of Goldfinch that visit the seed feeder several times a day; a pair of Blue Tits, and a pair of Dunnocks that occasionally go through their



courtship display which involves much wing flapping, but mostly they are looking for food. I think they might be going to nest in our Leylandii hedge.

The warm weather has brought out some butterflies – all of them so far those that went into hibernation last autumn – mostly Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock in the garden, but these will probably be over by the time we reach May. The Orange Tip butterfly flies in April and throughout May. The male, unmistakable with its orange wing tips, is a great wanderer and often turns up in gardens. The female which lacks the orange but has black wing tips, keeps a lower profile and is more likely to be seen where there are plants it uses for egg-laying such as Lady’s Smock or Garlic Mustard.

There is so much nature going on in the garden at this time of year, moths, bees and hoverflies, and perhaps bats on warm evenings. If you have a pond, damselflies, frog spawn turning into tadpoles, pond skaters. Our garden has never looked neater.

**Peter Larner**

## The BIG Quiz!

Yorkshire through the keyhole.  
Where are these places in Yorkshire?

A



B



C



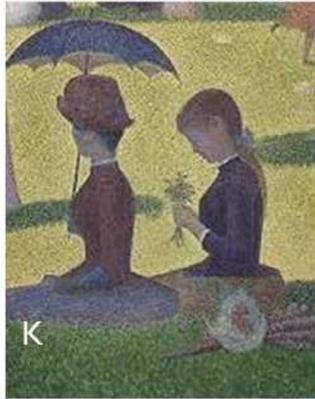
D



E



Can you identify these famous paintings from the small sections you can see here?



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## They Met on VE Day

### Jose Ellis, from Adel to the Isle of Man

About five years ago a letter was delivered to the church; it said simply, The Churchwarden, Adel Church, Leeds. I was so delighted to read it. It contained a £10 note and a request for any leaflets or postcards of Adel Church. I duly replied, enclosing a guide book and Val Crompton's history. (In subsequent years I've sent her the church Christmas and Easter cards, and even a palm cross) The writer, Jose Ellis, told me she had a long connection with Adel Church, having been confirmed there as a young girl, when she was a pupil at Lawnswood High School.

Her father's job took them round the country; wherever she went Jose made friends, and became a prolific correspondent by letter, as I found in the year that followed the first one to me. Her father inspired her love of art; he was an architect, and her mother was a milliner. She got her drawing talent from her father, and her creative ways from her mother. After school she did two years intermediate training at Leeds College of Art, then a further two years study for the National Diploma in sculpture. She lived in West Park and met her future husband at Adel War Memorial Hall on VE Day, 8th May

1945. There was a live band, and during the Paul Jones, ladies in the middle, gentlemen on the outside, she found herself opposite a tall, very handsome young man in Merchant Navy Officer's Uniform. They shared a love of dogs, so she invited her dance partner to meet her new puppy, Max, and after eight years and many hikes through the Dales and Lakes, they married on November 3rd 1953. By this time Jose was teaching art at Armley Park Secondary School, opposite HMP Leeds. She had been awarded her teaching diploma in 1949 at Beckett's Park College, and until 1952, taught sculpture to adults at Leeds College of Art. Her course at Beckett's Park required her to produce 100 pieces of art...33 per term which must have been both a joy and a challenge. Here she learnt the joy of self-expression and freedom in art, and the relationship between art, music and well-being which she used as a theme throughout her long life. After her children, Louise and Ian, were born, she joined St Peter's Church in Harrogate, and when Canon Baines heard she was a wood carver, said, "God-given talent... continue working, even for only half an hour a day." She did her wood-carving in a morning, and when her exhausted husband came home wanting to relax to classical music, she sat with him quietly, her carving hidden in the log

basket under a cushion. She always felt the need to have an aim in life, and became one of a group making art for St Peter's Window, 'a visual pavement pulpit' in the centre of Harrogate.

In 1969 the family moved to the Isle of Man, after living in Harrogate with Jose giving the children a happy creative childhood. The family fell in love with Laxey and her husband bought the chemist shop near the house. Jose loved the friendly atmosphere in the village, and being immersed by nature, the sea and the countryside. She returned to teaching, and designed a tactile alphabet to help children with dyslexia to read, and contributed to the UK Government's Working Party report into the 'Education of Children with Specific Learning Difficulties', and was also a volunteer teacher with the IOM's Adult Literacy Scheme.

Jose came to life when she was teaching, and did all she could to encourage adults and children alike, to 'make something out of unused materials.' In the early 80s she created "The Little Manx Shop", in an old butcher's shop, encouraging local people to make things ... as an example she took scraps of material from the Laxey Woollen Mills, and used them to make wall hangings. She loved meeting people in the shop, some overseas customers became life-long pen friends. She believed we

all have creative potential, and when anyone said, 'Art, carving? I don't know what to do!', she'd remind them. 'Cave painters knew what to do, and a blind student I had in Leeds modelled his guide dog!'

Jose cared for her husband through nearly two decades of illness; all her life she constantly wrote in journals and notebooks, and her daughter Louise found this, very moving sentence.. "When the pressure of the day's working life is overtiring (or unbearable) there is a secret area of the Maker's mind, in which he or she delights in developing the imagination.'

Jose died earlier this year, peacefully at home, aged 93. I was privileged to have corresponded with her nearly up to the end, and even more privileged to have gone to visit her in 2018.

The church in IOM was filled with friends and family, with displays of her art all around. Her daughter Louise says, 'My mum was an Art Teacher; she had a vivid imagination and a strong desire to express her mind's eye, and to be a maker, using whatever medium was at hand, wood, clay, paint, wool, scraps of fabric, odds and ends, and, latterly, pen and paper to capture her memories and create stories.'

**Jenny Jones**

## **Adel Shops & Services**

This information is correct at time of writing.

**Good news; Woodend's our butcher and Tuana, a Mediterranean Restaurant, have both now re-opened for takeaway service. Sorriso's Italian restaurant continues with their takeaway offer. Cranberries now offers Baking Boxes.**

**In this fast moving environment customers are advised to check the opening hours and restrictions.** Cranberries opens from 9.00am to 13.00pm (telephone your order to save queuing) whilst Berry's Grill House opens in the evening. Sorriso's opening hours vary from 12.00pm to 9.00pm.

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Sorriso Italian Restaurant 429 Otley Road, Adel. Tel 0113 267 2671  
Takeaway Service

Tuana Mediterranean Restaurant | The Crescent, Adel tel 0113 267 2888  
Takeaway Service

Woodend Butchers, 471 Otley Road, Adel Open Wednesday to Friday, 7.00am til 4.00pm, Saturday 7.00am til 1200pm.

Cranberries Delicatessen, 471 Otley Road, Adel tel 0113 230 0293

Barnie's Fish & Chips, 427 Otley Road, Adel

Berry's Grill House, 479 Otley Road, Adel tel 01133 2264 64

Headingley Golf Club, 07515 789 301, Takeaway Service. See page 31

BP Petrol Station & Store 503 Otley Road, Adel

# In Your Garden

**“Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May”**

William Shakespeare

**I**n these strange and challenging times I don't think I have ever felt so grateful for my own garden, for the space and fresh air it gives me access to, for the activities it provides me and for a place to contemplate the emerging spring flowers and wildlife. And now for the distraction it offers from the distressing and unsettling daily news updates as the pandemic continues its relentless sweep across our country and the world. At the time of writing we are a few weeks into our “lockdown”, so my especial appreciation of my own garden is tempered by the inability to view or work in anyone else's garden. I am missing the variety, the sounds, smells and atmospheres that are unique to each garden, and of course the people I help to look after and cultivate them.

May is in many ways the most colourful and striking of months for flowering plants. It might be much to do with a contrast with the drabness of the recent winter months, but the bright, still fresh green leaves on the trees, an abundance of blossoms in the canopy and carpets of tulips, late

daffodils and all manner of flowering shrubs and plants brighten most gardens and public spaces right now. If you have a lawn it will be growing vigorously now and it can be mown regularly. Ideally clippings will go into a compost bin if you have one, mixed with other suitable waste. Keep the lawn edges trimmed to deter the grass from creeping into the border. It's a good time to sow new lawns or over-seed dead patches.

May is the time to be planting out your summer bedding, either straight into prepared beds in the garden, or else into various pots or containers. It is a good idea to add slow release fertilisers to the soil, to give plants nutrients throughout the summer. Regular but not excessive watering is essential. Very few plants will thrive or survive prolonged water-logging. If you have anything tender to plant out, be cautious with the weather. Frosts are always possible in the first half of the month.

**George Turnbull**

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*“If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden.”*

Frances Hodgson Burnett

# York Gate Update

## Uplifting Time

We have emerged from one of the wettest winters on record into a truly glorious spring. For many of you in isolation, I feel the best tonic is to garden on and make the most of it.

The new project has been taking shape; HACS our contractor, led by foreman David Lusher coped remarkably well with relentless rain in February/March. Our lovely free-draining sandy loam has come into its own. The workmanship is sublime and the detailing and vision by Alistair Baldwin and his team have encapsulated the very essence and spirit of York Gate. I am proud to be part of this project, future-proofing the Spencer family's legacy, and cannot wait to share it with you all—when restrictions are lifted.

The hard landscaping at the front of York Gate Cottage (our new Café) is nearly complete. This will become the new sunken garden, with a Mediterranean Garden on the South-facing aspect and Woodland walk on the North. Exciting times lie ahead.

Mark Jackson has been potting on and propagating thousands of plants for the new plant sales centre that will be launched when we open the gates again. He has also been working in the Orchard Garden, adding new layers.



**Pulmonaria at York Gate**

Andy, our trainee, planted our **Allium Trial** in the autumn, to compare the many different cultivars now available. It will be exciting to see them flowering side by side.

Our senior gardener, Jack Ogg's main project through the winter has been dismantling Sybil's Garden and transforming it into an **exotic oasis!**

The work we do at **Perennial** has never been more important. Many people in horticulture and their families are suffering the fierce impacts of the **Covid-19**. Our work to provide support to everyone affected is ongoing. If you know anyone in need of our support, please pass on this message.

*Stay safe, stay home and, of course, Happy Gardening!*

**Ben Preston,**  
Head Gardener

# News from OPAL

**OPAL and the Welcome In Community Centre and Café** are leading the effort to provide Coronavirus support to anyone of any age struggling in Leeds 16, in partnership with 'Doing Good Leeds' and Leeds City Council.  
**OPAL is now a registered Community Hub for Leeds 16.**

## Shopping

We are joined by a network of local Churches and Voluntary organisations, local Councillors and your local MP Alex Sobel. We are matching volunteers with people who need shopping done or prescription collection on an ongoing basis throughout Shielding and self-isolation (over 60 people so far).

## Food Parcels & Hot Meals

Nearly 600 people now have a telephone buddy. Also we are delivering emergency food parcels, coordinating food vouchers, offering emotional support via telephone, delivering books and jigsaws, delivering 115 hot meals a week (Mon/Tue/Fri), taking referrals from the Leeds City Council help line and dealing with any issues that come our way. Lunch Club Members are particularly pleased to receive a hot meal delivered to their home.

## OPAL Newsletter

Volunteers who are not socially isolating will be helping with the May/



June Newsletter. Volunteers who are taking daily exercise will be delivering the OPAL Newsletter.

**Sally-Anne Notley**

## Holt Park Writers' Group

We are keeping in touch by email. Librarians **Mark Kirkby & Allison Cliff** have sent us a prompt to encourage us to keep writing: *"Those who want to, are welcome to email back your writing, there is no deadline. Otherwise, we can look over it, in the future, when the group is back to a monthly Monday afternoon meeting."*

Call the OPAL Office, at the Welcome In: **Open Mon-Fri 10am-1pm**, phone **261 9103** for details.

**Val Crompton**

# Barry Anderson

## Personal Message

**A**s I write this we are in difficult times with Coronavirus spreading across the world and we are being asked to take serious measures to protect ourselves, our loved ones, our neighbours and friends by not meeting with them in person. This is really difficult for everyone. It is hard to write about things not related to this but hopefully you want to read about other things too. Please take good care of yourselves.

## SWIFt Project

OPAL (Older People's Action in the Locality) which many of you will be familiar with have a project called SWIFt. The project aims to break down barriers to social engagement for people who are vulnerable and socially isolated who are aged over 50. They work with people over a 12 week period, however if support is needed for longer, it will continue. The project is funded by Public Health England and commissioned by the Council. It was initially run as a pilot for the first 2 years and this has now been renewed. There is 18 months left to run on the current commissioned contract.

The criteria is anyone who is over 50, spends a lot of time on their own and would like to get out more but

would like help to do this. They will provide information on local activities and connect people with the local community and signpost to other local services that could help. For further information Call OPAL on 0113 261 9103 or visit the website [www.opal-project.org.uk](http://www.opal-project.org.uk)

## City Square Redesign

A report was issued to the Council's Executive Board in March about the redesign of City Square, Leeds. It requested approval to commission a design competition to determine options for the potential redesign of City Square. In summary it is proposed to close City Square to general traffic which would be facilitated by improvements to Armley Gytratory and alterations to bus routes through the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme. This would increase the area of public realm within and around City Square to approx. 1 hectare.

The design competition will select a design consultant for this scheme. An advert will go out and a design brief will be sent to bidders (they could be national, local or international). There will be a shortlist recommended of up to 5 bidders who will be invited to develop and provide submissions for assessment. The public can get involved when the final submissions are available for comment. The public

comments will be available to the Design Panel to help with their decision.

Completion of the new space is expected by 2024 onwards.

### Lawnswood Roundabout

A number of residents have been asking me what has happened with the decision in respect of the Lawnswood roundabout. I requested an update which is below:

*“The current situation with a scheme for the A6120 / A660 Lawnswood junction is that revised proposals are being developed which will focus on road safety issues, cycling and pedestrian movements at this junction. At the moment the scheme is not fully funded and a bid is being made to the Combined Authority from the West Yorkshire Transport Fund programme. We are expecting to know the decision on funding during the coming spring. In the meantime further development work will proceed, although a decision and timetable on public engagement will not be made until we know the outcome of our application.”*

### Asda at Holt Park

A number of rumours have been circulating about what is happening with Asda. Set out below is a response to these:

It is still Asda’s intention to build the café and we are seeking potential

operators.

The retail pods will be built.

The new toilets are not being relocated.

The main store entrance will not be closed at any point during the works. There will be a period of time when the Mall will be closed (access to optician and dentist will remain) but at no point will the main store entrance close.

**Cllr. Barry Anderson**  
Adel & Wharfedale Ward  
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# Billy Flynn’s Page

## Police

Needless to say, some pretty appalling characters are trying to cash in on the current crisis with scams aimed at people having to stay or work at home. If you are approached at the door or by phone or email by anyone saying they are representing charities do not be taken in and be tempted to give them either cash or your bank details. There are even official looking emails purporting to come from HMRC with promises of tax refunds. Please note that there is a considerable number of advertisements on the web for medical equipment, medical masks and so on. Some are genuine but many are not and are run by criminals looking to make money fraudulently. Do not be taken in and never give your bank details to anyone you do not know, no matter how plausible or genuine they may seem. If you are in any doubt or if you are worried or concerned in any way about the identity of anyone who contacts you please ring the police. They will welcome the call and respond very quickly.

On a brighter note, the current medical emergency has reduced other crime considerably.

## Adel Surgery

The saga rumbles on. Alwoodley Medical Centre have advised me that

the Covid-19 crisis has meant that the engagement period for the proposed closure of Adel Surgery is being extended. The consultation period was due to finish at midnight on 5/4/20 but I do not know yet how long the extension will be. I understand that several hundred patients have made representations about the closure which is excellent but the number still falls well below the number of Adel patients registered at the practice. The following is a link to the online consultation document, if you haven’t already done so please complete as soon as possible. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/adelsurgery/>. Some residents have expressed concern that the Adel site may not open again once the current emergency is over but I have been assured by the business manager and one of the GP partners that Adel will definitely reopen. Don’t forget, if you don’t use our local services you may lose them.

Please keep safe and well.

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

Telephone 0113 2613896,  
07810640282 or email  
[billy.flynn@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:billy.flynn@leeds.gov.uk).

## How to join our Facebook Group

If you would like to keep up to date with our events or watch our “virtual live services” please request to join our Facebook group.



### Adel Parish Church

In Facebook, search for Adel Parish Church. There will be 2 results. You want to choose the “Group” not the “Page”; to do this look for the entry with the photo as an icon (see above) rather than the one with the Church logo. Request to join the group. We will approve your request as soon as possible.

If you have difficulty joining the group, email [info@adelparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:info@adelparishchurch.org.uk) and we will try to help you!

You can also keep in touch by visiting our website  
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You can also view our latest “virtual” services on our YouTube channel. Simply go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for “Adel Parish Church”

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## Our Foreign Correspondent

### A brave new world in Barwick

It all started at Adel church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Would this be our last service in church? “Well,” someone said as we walked down the path, “Adel church and its people came through the Black Death, the Plague & Spanish Flu. So, whatever happens, we’ll get through it.” And sure enough, come mid-week, churches are closed for worship. But they can open for private prayer. On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, I come to Adel to church-sit. Good I thought, a nice quiet couple of hours for calm reflection. But oh no! A fine sunny day, lots of people passing by, some coming through the open door, and there were Mothering Sunday flowers on the steps for people to pick up and take home. So, a busy, happy and sociable afternoon in Adel.

But that was it! Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, -- Lockdown. Now I was completely cut off from Adel. And since I live alone, all bar the gorgeous Bert of course, I was going to be pretty well cut off from all human contact, bar meeting and greeting from a “social distance” on my solitary “exercise” walk. What to do, how to survive this isolation? How to re-connect with Adel and the rest of the world? Well

clearly, desperate times would need desperate measures. So: First, I joined **Facebook** even though I swore I never would. And suddenly there I was, not just watching, but joining in streamed services from Adel Church, well from Alison’s very tidy study. Virtual maybe, but here in my study with no distractions, I’ve been totally immersed in an altogether different way. Physically alone maybe, but still very much part of my Adel family. Palm Sunday. “Get some greenery out of the garden” said Alison. A Methodist friend here in Barwick had told me they always use willow not palm crosses and I have a huge 60-year-old willow tree in my garden. So, I brought in a handful to be blessed and then took some to my Methodist friend and to my neighbours. Easter Day, I was there with my candle, my baptismal water and two of Bert’s dishes to clash together for that triumphant alleluia.

Next up, I **Dongled** my tv with a firestick. Now I can watch for free, classic performances from the National Theatre and others, all streamed to my own “big “screen”. Then I set up a webcam to **Skype** with a Harrogate friend who is stranded in Portugal.

And I've just connected a new headset and mike to my desk-top ready to **Zoom** with my "virtual" Harrogate Theatre Choir. Old dogs, it seems, can be taught new tricks. But I'd never have got started, never mind succeeded, without my lovely IT guru away up in Workington, Ian, who has the patience of a saint and needed every bit of it, spent ages on the phone talking me through this, that and all the other techie stuff and calming me down when it all got too much.

Yet more firsts! I **Smart Scanned** my way round Sainsburys. Ping ping ping. Brilliant! But oh dear, when I got home, I found I'd "**shop lifted**" 2 litres of milk. And I've had a go at **cutting my hair**. Well you know my dear, with all this Skypeing and Zooming, one must keep up appearances. Nothing too clever, just fringe, sideburns and round my ears. Can't reach the back, so I'll likely end up with an 80s rock-star mullet, but hey, mullets are right back in fashion!

[www.thetrendspotter.net/mullet-hairstyles/](http://www.thetrendspotter.net/mullet-hairstyles/)

So, there you have it, my brave new virtual-corona-world. Just 5 weeks; who'd have believed our lives could change so much in so short a time. The web has helped to keep me connected, of course it has, and I'm

grateful for it. But oh, how I long to come back to Adel, to go for a proper walk with a friend, the list is endless. And, I'm desperate to fling my arms round someone again, doesn't matter who and give them a big big hug! But patience, Carole patience, remember the Queen: "*better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again*"

**Carole Smithies**

## How About a Takeaway?

**W**hilst we are all in lockdown we can spend time thinking about food and what we fancy to eat. We then go to the fridge and realise that we do not have the food we fancy.

We can get round this thanks to Andrew and Tracey at Headingley Golf Club they are starting a system where you can 'phone up and place your order for a take away.

My mouth is watering at the thought of their steak pie; this comes with seasonal vegetables and a pudding/ dessert for £10.

Why not give them a ring on 07515 789 301 and have a chat about their menu choices.

**Beryl Thompson**

# Julian of Norwich

**An Icon 'for such a time as this'** window was heavily curtained.

The experience of Julian of Norwich is relevant 'for such a time as this'. (Esther 4.14) and I find she is a great comfort. Mother Julian lived through three waves of the Black Death, in 14<sup>th</sup> century Norwich. She knew people who died. She may have lost some people very close to her and mourned them - perhaps at a distance - unable to attend their funeral.

The coronavirus pandemic has caused many people to self-isolate. Julian knew, by vocation, obedience and choice, what it is like to live isolated from others. She may have had access to a small enclosed garden, but we don't really know. Those of us with gardens can get some fresh air and see nature growing, but that is less easy if you live in an apartment or high-rise flat. The solitary, limited, enclosed life has become a reality for many this year, with no choice in the matter. Today we can keep in touch via e-mails, texts, Facebook, What's App, Skype, FaceTime, phone calls, post, etc. Julian had none of these in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. She had limited contact with her priest, spiritual director and servants. Also with the many people who came to her for spiritual counsel, but whom she did not see as her

The Black Death spread differently from *Covid-19*, and we now know much more about hygiene and infection control. But we seem to be as susceptible to panic, fear, despair, selfishness and believing misinformation and 'fake news' as our mediaeval sisters and brothers were. The media is two-edged - a good way to disseminate helpful advice and information but also capable of whipping things out of proportion and worrying people. We are also seeing the best is being brought out in people in wonderful instances of love, care and self-sacrifice and community awareness. We should all follow the official advice we are given to stay as safe as we can. But perhaps we can follow Julian by filling time with thoughts of the love of God rather than being lead off-track by the media circus.

The God she shows us in the suffering and compassionate Jesus is the same God for us. "*He did not say, 'You shall not be tempest-tossed, you shall not be work-weary, you shall not be discomfited.' But he said 'You shall not be overcome'. God wants us to heed these words so that we shall be strong in trust, both in sorrow and in joy.*"

**Gill Butterworth**

# History Groups



It seems a long time indeed since we last physically congregated in the Visitors' Centre, at I 152 Club. From Friday, 1st May, we will start posting short, 5 minute presentations on our Kirkstall Abbey Facebook page, at **10am fortnightly**. This will have the event header '**I 152 Club: online**', to tie in with Local History Month.

It'll be me first on **1st May** with '**Twenty facts about the Abbey**'

Nicola Pullan will be going next on **15th May** with a presentation on '**Yorkshire Relish**',

then Sarah Allen on **29th May** with a presentation on '**Queen Victoria's Childhood**'.

If the format works well (and it is very much an experiment to start with!) we

may be in touch for volunteer contributors in the future....

Eventually we hope to put these on our **Leeds Museums website** for anyone who is not on Facebook – captioning being the main quandary I have to fathom!

I have been doing daily updates on our Kirkstall Abbey Facebook page since 25th March as it is an easy way to get content out, including black and white pictures, oil paintings and pictures of objects relating to the Abbey.

I recommend you to have a look. We have never shared so much of our Abbey related collection before!

Please, if you know of anyone who may be interested, spread the word- there is no restriction on number of attendees, or an age limit – gate crashers welcome!

Best wishes  
**Patrick Bourne**

## Why I 152 ?

Kirkstall Abbey was first founded by Cistercian monks in **I 152**.

For details, speak to Val Crompton or contact:

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## Answers

### Yorkshire

- A Castle Howard
- B Bolton Abbey
- C Fountains Abbey
- D Malham Cove
- E Leeds Corn Exchange

### Paintings

- F Botticelli, The Birth of Venus
- G Da Vinci, Mona Lisa
- H Manet, Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe
- I Vermeer, Girl with a Pearl Earring
- J Van Gogh The Starry Night
- K Seurat, A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte
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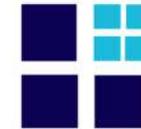
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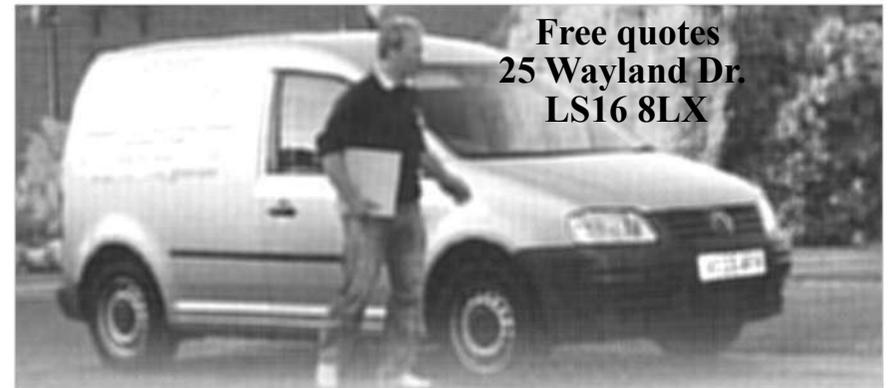
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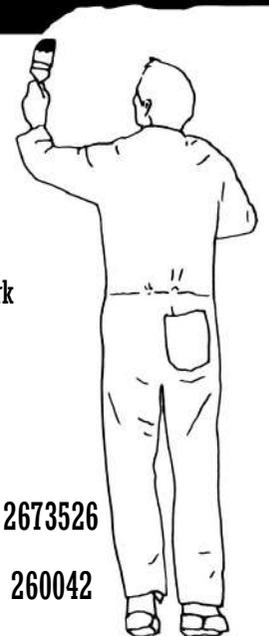
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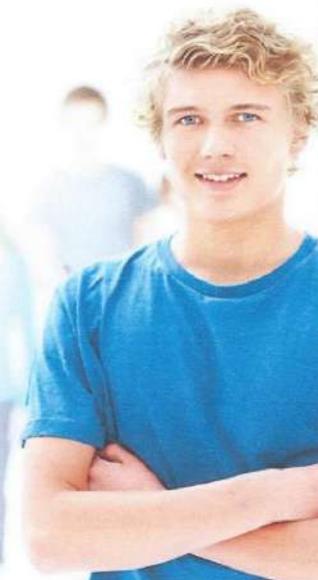


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