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**A prayer for ourselves, attributed to
 St Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)**

Blessed are all your saints, O God and
 King, who have travelled over the
 tempestuous sea of this life and have
 made the harbour of peace. Watch
 over us who are still on a dangerous
 voyage. Frail is our vessel, and the
 ocean is wide; but as in your mercy
 you have set our course, so pilot the
 vessel of our life towards the
 everlasting shore of peace, and bring
 us at the last to the quiet haven of our
 heart's desire; through Jesus Christ
 our Lord. Amen

Festivals & Feasts

1st May

Philip and James, Apostles

13th May

Ascension Day

14th May

Matthias the Apostle

23rd May

Pentecost

30th May

Trinity Sunday

Church Open for Private Prayer—see page 7

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

From the Editor

This month is expected to bring more relaxing of government regulations, bringing with them the possibility of seeing more of our family in indoor settings. However, many of the good practices of the last year will still be in place. A daily walk through our beautiful churchyard has been a life saver for many in our community, who have also taken part in the wide range of activities organised by the church over Lent. You can read all about this on page 8.

Email us!

Social events may have to be carefully monitored over the rest of this year, given the nature and size of the Stables. Please see the comments on page 11. The social committee will continue to organise online activities over Zoom or You Tube, but we wonder if everyone who could take part actually gets to hear about them. We would particularly like to welcome as many people as possible to our celebrations in June. If you would like to receive emails about our social events, even when we reach the longed-for stage when we can all meet

indoors in the Stables again, we suggest you email adelparishchurch@gmail.com, stating that you would like to be informed about all social events.

Together again

Last year our annual boundary walk was only able to take place if people were willing to do it in their own family group. This year, it has been decided to do the walk later than usual, after the March 17th deadline for relaxing restrictions, when it will be possible for 30 people to meet outdoors. This means that walkers can take part together and make social contact. If you would like to take part, for all or only part of the walk, you will find details on page 9.

100 Club Draw

The winners for March were:-

Edith Cheesbrough	£77
Vanessa Hinton	£30.80
Sylvia Wanless	£30.80

Marjorie

Rector Alison's Letter

Dear Friends,

We were enjoying a post Holy Week walk with my sister and family when we heard the news that Prince Philip had died. As not particularly royalist, I was surprised to feel quite affected by his death. I found myself watching some of the programming on our television screens that night.

Perhaps like many others, I had quite a one-dimensional picture of Prince Philip (probably influenced by the 'Spitting Image' figure of my youth) so it was fascinating to learn of his early life. Two things stood out: the enormous transition he made from commanding a naval vessel, to a life supporting his wife as Queen; and how much the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme was his project, rather than just bearing his name.

The genius of the D of E scheme is that it can be run by any organisation working with young people. It is challenging and aspirational – but there are as many ways of achieving the awards as there are young people taking part. It doesn't try to develop a particular type of person, but helps youngsters fulfil their potential and find their individual niche in the world.

The media has been full of D of E award stories from all walks of life,

even awards completed from prison. Many developed a love of the outdoors, a skill that led to employment, or the taste for volunteering, from the award. It helped them discover their own potential and passions.

The Duke of Edinburgh himself had a position as a successful naval officer. Then, much sooner than expected, found himself in a role defined only by the position of Elizabeth his wife. Not only was there no job description, but it had to be a background, supporting role.

So Prince Philip set about making it his own. He made mistakes, we all do, but I learned from the stories of his life, of the many positive ways he used his role. Like the countless young people his award inspired, he found his own way of serving the country.

One moment in all the media coverage stood out for me. It was their golden wedding anniversary and the Queen was speaking of what Philip's support had meant to her over 50 years. The cameras moved to him and a wonderful look of love and understanding passing between them. Above all, Philip was clearly the best husband he was able to be.

Princess Anne's said her father would want to be remembered, above all, as an individual. His life is a reminder

that we are all individuals with our own place in the world. And whatever that place is, called just to fill it to the best of our ability.

During this Easter season, we remember the earliest days of the church, as people worked out what it meant to be followers of the crucified and risen Jesus, and how to do it the best way they could. At Adel church we do the same week by week as we meet for worship and other events. If you haven't already, do join us, either in person or online. You will be most welcome.

With love and prayers
Alison

Booking information

Many of the services in church will need to be booked, by contacting Eventbrite.

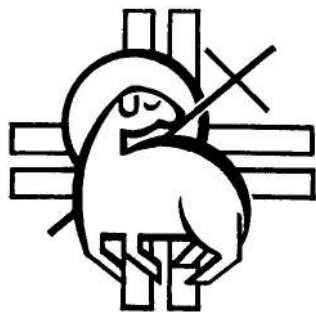
<https://tinyurl.com/adelservices>

If you are not able to do this online booking, please contact Marisa Clayton on her mobile or by email and she will do the booking for you.
07814 533 352

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Please note that one ticket is required per individual or per household/bubble of up to 5 persons. If your household/bubble has more than 5 persons then two tickets are required (up to max of 5 persons per ticket).

Some services have small numbers so booking is not needed for these. The back cover will tell you which services need to be booked.



Private Prayer

The church will be open at the following times for private prayer

Monday: **2- 4pm**
Thursday: **2-4pm**
Saturday: **2-4pm**

Online Services

Each Sunday will offer

- A 10am Eucharist, available afterwards at any time on You Tube
- A Pebbles session available at any time

Use this **QR Code** for online giving if you would like to help the church.



Lent with a Difference

Lent at home

Lent started for us with the surprise delivery of 'Lent in a bag' left on our doorstep. The children were intrigued by the stone!

Of course, this signalled that Lent was going to be very different this year, starting in a period of Lockdown. One of the blessings of the lockdowns over the last year has been the presence of our church in our community, with events in the churchyard and grounds, and Lent was no exception.

We enjoyed walking past church and looking at the changing Lent windows, we liked making Rainbow inspired loom bands to add to the Covid 19 Day of Memories display which fell in the Lent period. The beautiful Easter garden inspired us to create our own in our back garden too!

The children enjoyed online Junior Church and Ace.

Esther said: *'In Junior church we talked about when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights and that is how*

Lent started. We talked about the temptations that Jesus had and why he didn't give in to them. We made chatterboxes and put things that you can do during lent inside.'

Isobel said: 'At Ace, we have been re enacting the Easter story. We have also been talking about how the crowd, priests, soldiers, and Jesus felt. I imagined the story from Mary Magdalene's point of view and recorded it for the Good Friday service. I enjoyed doing this. At the service in church on Palm Sunday we played percussion instruments and watched The Passion. We also held up Palm Crosses.'

I managed to get a pew to attend the Maundy Thursday service. I was almost overwhelmed by the theatre of it. The liturgy and symbolism were so powerful especially the stripping of the altar. It was very moving.

Thank you to Rev. Alison and everyone who helped to make Lent special in these challenging times.

Julia, Esther and Isobel Sheer



Adel Boundary Walk 2021

Saturday 29th May

9am start at the Stables



The ancient tradition of

Beating the Bounds

of Adel Parish will take place
(subject to local restrictions)

on **Saturday, May 29th 2021**

Join us for all (14/15 miles) or for part of the walk.

The walk starts at 9 am from the Stables.

Booking essential via: AdelBoundaryWalk@outlook.com

Carole Smithies and Derek Heathcote

Let us know if you plan to take part in the Boundary Walk.

Sorry, no Boundary Walk Tea this year.

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In Brief



Christian Aid Week 10-16 May

Last year our annual house to house envelope collection was impacted by Covid-19. We hope to deliver envelopes in some streets this year, but they may need returning to me, or to a neighbour rather than being collected. Christian Aid will be very pleased if you can make a donation so it can continue its vital work in the areas of the world badly hit by famine, climate change, war and poverty.

Envelopes are available in church and the charity has easy and safe ways of donating on its website, where you can find more information about its work. You can also donate online via our Facebook group.

Please contact me if you don't have internet access and would like to know more.

Lesley Walton
07834 352 782

Revision of the Church's Electoral Roll

Last month I gave details of the revision of the church's Electoral Roll. Applications close on 2 May, and the

revised Roll will come into effect on 6 May. If you are on it, you are eligible to attend and take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 23 May. If you didn't enrol, you can do so at any time after the APCM. Once you are on the Roll, please remember to let me know if you move so I can amend your details.

Lesley Walton
07834 352 782

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will take place over
Zoom
on
Sunday 23rd May

If you would like to attend and are eligible, please inform Alison by email

alison.battye@leeds.anglican.org

and you will be sent an invitation

Hope for the Future



The scene above has been enjoyed by so many over the last thirteen months. Picture it as here, with trees in full leaf, or with crocuses, with daffodils, with bluebells; we have seen it through all the seasons. How lucky we have been! And yet, we have had to keep our distance outside and inside, but even that only when church has been allowed to open.

A different way

As for our gem of a church hall, the Old Stables, that has seen sorry times, with just a couple of our users benefitting from the short spell from September to end of December. No possibility at all to use it for church social functions.

Instead of meeting there, we have 'met' over Zoom sessions, which have all been much enjoyed and yet sadly not available to all. The social committee had almost a year of inactivity, until Alison woke us up with the suggestion of planning things in a different way. We have played Bingo, watched a cookery

demonstration, had cake delivered to our houses so that we could enjoy a virtual coffee morning. More things are in the planning stages: a painting tutorial, another Bingo session and a quiz.

Let's celebrate together

The highlight of next month will be our Patronal Festival, 26th/27th June. Please keep this date in your diary. We hope there will be opportunity to meet up in person, but we shall probably err on the side of caution and organise outdoor events, hoping and praying that the British weather will be kind to us! This will be an opportunity for our community to engage with each other again and celebrate what will hopefully be a return to some sort of life of fellowship and togetherness. However, we still do not know what things will be really like, so meetings in the Stables may well have to wait for quite a while yet. More details will be available in next month's magazine.



Marjorie Cole

Words from Pilgrim

Recently the Post Office announced that a sack of undelivered letters from some time ago had turned up. They rejoiced, for it gave them a chance to test their new technique for reading a letter without breaking it open. Oh dear! There are tricky corners there! They have set me thinking. Where does the duty of reticence stop, and that of openness begin? This is a tough problem in cases where silence is commanded but integrity requires communication. It is a live issue in public life today.

I recall a conversation I once had with a man whose family was split by a particular difference of opinion, and many months of unhappy tension followed. My companion carefully composed a letter to a senior member who was at some moral distance from him. It was an attempt to mark out a place where both sides could meet and think together. He received no answer, and was grieved. Some time later the senior member died. My companion shared his sense of distress with the family member who had arranged the funeral. This man listened carefully and then reassured him. The letter had been kept in the recipient's pocket; he often read it over and was evidently encouraged by it. My companion's hopes had been realised, but he had not been told so by the letter's recipient. What a loss to both people

involved, for both were impoverished by his silence.

Own up

Now let's think of ourselves. When we are in church, the prayers of penitence are at the beginning of the service and that is logical for we cannot worship God rightly if we are still holding tightly to our unforgiven sins. But many of the sins we have committed have also damaged the happiness of others in our household. When we have been forgiven by God, we have been set free from the past and made free to share that reality with others who may have been damaged through our fault. St James in his letter in the New Testament (chapter 5, verse 16) tells us to own up to the people we have wronged and to seek their forgiveness; however, this is a largely ignored part of the Christian behaviour today. If it were to come back, it could be difficult at first, but think of the liberty and the openness that would hold us. People around us who are not Christians may well be nonplussed by it, but I wonder what it would do to their opinion of Jesus?



Penny's Ponders

Hi Everyone!

Hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed April. As usual, it was *no* chocolate for me! Perhaps just as well as I know it's not good for me, and my Mum always tells me that Easter is not about chocolate.

I must say it came as a bit of a shock at the beginning of April when it was so windy and cold – and then a snow shower or two! I even had my coat on a couple of times, *and* I didn't complain like I usually do. One thing I have really enjoyed is lovely walks in the churchyard. All those beautiful daffodils, or daffydeals as one of my littlies used to call them. I quite like that version of the word – they do give us a good deal as they flower for so long. Anyway, bluebells next, which I also love. I met quite a few of my human and canine friends on these walks and it was lovely to see you humans having lots of chats. I know, you all want to be together again, and you've been very patient so don't give up now, hopefully you will all be together again soon. I miss visiting our friends' houses too. I love all the different gardens, sofas – and of course the treats!

My Mum has just told me about a poem about the months of the year. I don't understand your word 'poem' and I can't think of a canine alternative.

Now it's May, I'll tell you:

May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
Skipping by their fleecy dams.

Now, I do like lambs, all brand new and white. They look such fun creatures to be with, forever jumping and playing. Sadly, I'm not allowed near lambs as some of my kind aren't very nice to them, so it's on the lead for me. It's not just lambs, there's so much new stuff about, both flora and fauna, to enjoy. It seems to me that after Easter, when the Lord arose from the dead, there is so much new life around which continues the celebration and makes us feel so happy. This new life around us reminds us to think about the New Life Jesus came to tell us about, how we should love one another as He loves us, how we should trust in Him, be full of hope, rejoice, praise and be very thankful for all we have and all we can give and do to help others who are not as fortunate as ourselves. There are some dreadful stories on your news programmes about hungry people, people who kill people, people who are cruel to each other and animals. So, we must try to make things better and love one another.

Let's get up every morning and say out loud to the world: "This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it." Woofs and licks,

Penny

Recipe of the Month

An Easy Bread Recipe

During Lockdown, I have got into the habit of making my own bread. I found this very easy, straightforward recipe which does not require much kneading and I have never looked back. I have used all types of bread flour and the result is always good. Supermarket bread will never taste the same again.

Olive Oil Bread

Ingredients

7g sachet easy-blend yeast
500g strong bread flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp sugar
2tblsp olive oil



Method

1. Tip the flour into the bowl of your mixer and stir the yeast into it. Add the salt and sugar.
2. Boil the kettle and measure 100ml into a jug, topping up with cold water to the 300ml mark. Add the oil.
3. Make a well in the centre of the ingredients and pour in the water all at once. Using the dough hook of your mixer, knead for about five minutes until you have a smooth ball of dough.
4. Cover with a tea towel and leave to rest for one hour (no need to find a warm place). The dough is ready when it springs back when you press it with your finger.
5. Knead the dough lightly in the bowl to remove air bubbles before forming into a ball and putting on an oiled baking sheet (or use baking parchment). Slash the top with a sharp knife. Cover with the tea towel and let it rise for 30 mins, switching the oven after 20 minutes of proving to 180° C fan.
6. Bake for 30-35 minutes until browned and crisp.

P.S.

Sometimes my bread has a happy face, not an angry one like the one in the photo!

QE Corner

Here it is again..... QE (Quite Enlightening) Corner. As some of you probably realise I quite like trivial information, so for your enlightenment I am presenting you this month with a miscellany of facts that have been "Tweeted" by the QI Elves.

Flirting in public in New York State can be punishable by a \$25 fine.

Cinema popcorn is sold for up to 15 times what it costs to make.

According to a computer analysis of 300 million facts, April 11, 1954 was the most boring day in the 20th century.

Apples first originated in Kazakhstan.

If you could stand on the equator of Mars at noon, your feet would be pleasantly warm while your head would feel freezing cold.

A pair of breeding rabbits could, in theory, produce 185 billion descendants within seven years.

Mississippi officially ended Prohibition on January 1, 2021.

The Japanese city of Hanyu holds an annual office-chair race, in which participants must race their office chair around a 200m track for two

hours in order to win a 90kg bag of rice.

Jigsaw puzzles almost never have the number of pieces described on the box. To preserve aspect ratio, most 500 piece jigsaws have 513 pieces, and 1000 piece jigsaws have 1026 pieces.

Iceland grows 2 tons of bananas a year.

Chimpanzees in a Czech zoo got bored with the lack of human visitors during lockdown so their keepers set up a large video screen in their enclosure so they can see the chimps in another zoo. Like humans, they often snack while they're watching.

Pigs can be taught to play video games.

In the 19th century, the ampersand was often listed as the 27th letter of the English alphabet.

Chocolate contains theobromine, a powerful and potentially toxic stimulant, but it would take 40 kg of Dairy Milk to kill an average sized human.

In Hong Kong 80% of toilets are flushed with seawater.

If threatened, a spotted skunk will do a handstand.

Trevor Cole

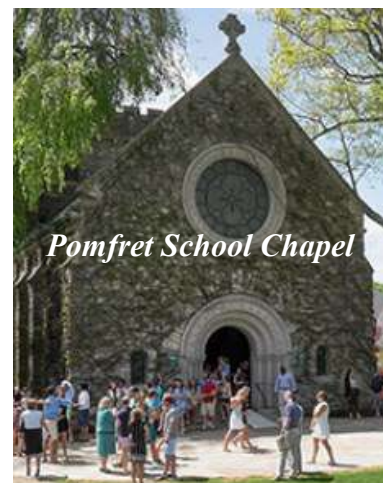
A Query

Email from America

My name is Nick Hemeon and I'm doing a historical project on the Clark Memorial Chapel in Pomfret, Connecticut US.

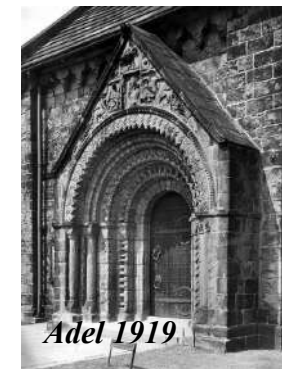
We believe that American architect, Ernest Flagg, used your chapel as the inspiration for Pomfret School Chapel. Ernest Flagg was a turn of the century architect who was inspired by Norman chapels.

However we have been unable to find any connections to your specific chapel.



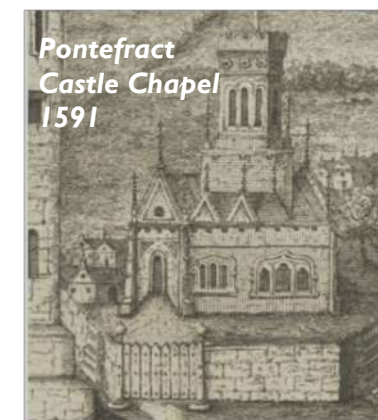
We found that Pomfret front doorway (see photo) mimics your side entry.

I found "faces" of carved stone that seem very similar to the faces that line the top part of the Adel roof edge.



Old stories say that it was based on a chapel in Pontefract. Do you have any historical notes about a visit to your chapel from Ernest Flagg, between 1905-1913? Any help you can provide would

appreciated.
Thank you,
Nick Hemeon
Pomfret, CT USA



De Lacy Family



Pontefract Castle, built by Ilbert de Lacy. *
(Email from Val Crompton)

Dear Nick

I was interested to read about your History Project—see Pontefract Castle depicted on Vertue's engraving of the 1561 drawing - showing the Chapel, next to the castle. See Ilbert de Lacy, featured in stained glass, in Adel's History window. *

Links with Pontefract (referred by Draper & locals, as Pomfret)

Ilbert de Lacy was the Norman Overlord of Adel. Ilbert owned large tracts of land between Pontefract and Kirkstall, including Adel. Members of the de Lacy family lived at Pontefract Castle. The Norman Chapel, built in the castle bailey, & Adel Church (on the site of a Saxon Church) were built by craftsmen from York.

Pontefract was a royalist stronghold. The Castle, and the Norman Chapel, in the castle bailey, were both mostly destroyed by Cromwell in 1645-1649.

During lockdown, there is limited access to the West Yorkshire Archives. A visit from architect Ernest Flagg may have been mentioned by Rector Draper in the PCC Minutes, or in the Church Magazine. We have church records stored in the Vestry here, from 1920. Earlier records are stored at WYA. We will check these records when available and let you know.

Good luck with your project!

Val

Shakespeare Connection

Pontefract Castle and Chapel

The ruins were leased in 1720 by a local family to grow and store liquorice crops.

The guardhouse, walls and dungeon remain and have been used for scenes from Shakespeare's 1594-5 play *Richard II*. It shows Richard being imprisoned, then murdered at Pomfret (Pontefract).

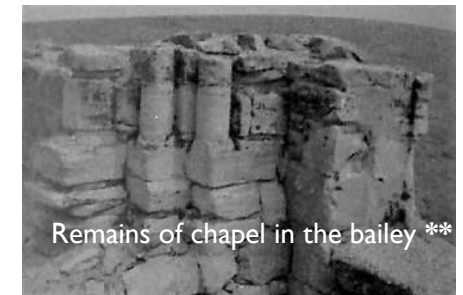
The castle figures also in Shakespeare's *The Tragedy of King Richard III* where the mere name of the castle spells despair: "O Pomfret, Pomfret! O thou bloody prison! Fatal and ominous to noble peers!"

(**Pomfret**—the old name meaning broken bridge. The De Lacys used the French version, which is in use today) Close to Baileygate are the exposed remains of a Saxon Chapel.

The Norman Chapel was next to Ilbert de Lacy's Castle. A few courses of the chancel remain**, plus five medieval stone corbel heads.

The 15th C. All Saints' Church, built close by, had an octagonal tower added in the 18th C. The Tower and walls remain.

A smaller, modern All Saints' Church was built, in 1967, inside the 15th C. roofless ruins.



Remains of chapel in the bailey **

See 'History of Adel' pages 27, 28, also Rita Wood's 'Romanesque Yorkshire', page 174. **

Val Crompton

Words from Joyce Hill

Pentecosts

My computer tells me that the title of this month's article is misspelled. That's because I've put it in the plural. There are two Pentecosts — Jewish and Christian — and both are the subject of this month's article.

For Christians, Pentecost is the feast-day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. This year, Ascension Day is 13th May, and the Feast of Pentecost is on 23rd May. The two feasts are always ten days apart, but not always on these dates. Pentecost comes 'fifty' days after Easter. I put 'fifty' in inverted commas because with Easter and Pentecost always being celebrated on Sundays, Pentecost cannot possibly be exactly fifty days after Easter.

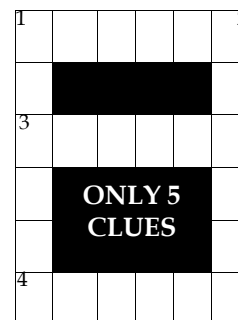
However, the name of 'Pentecost' is a name taken from Jewish tradition. The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verse 1, tells us that the coming of the Holy Spirit occurred when the Apostles were gathered together 'on the day of (the Jewish) Pentecost'. It's more commonly known as Shavuot, but since Acts was written in Greek the author uses the Greek name for it: 'Pentecost', a festival occurring fifty days after the Passover. Within the Jewish tradition 'fifty' makes sense because Passover began at sunset of the previous evening, so if you start

counting then, it follows that the daytime of Pentecost (Shavuot) is the fiftieth day. The parallel in the Christian tradition would be to count from Easter Eve (the evening of Holy Saturday), which is the vigil of Easter Day.

The Gospels record the Crucifixion and Resurrection at the time of the Jewish Passover, and in Acts it describes the coming of the Holy Spirit at the time of the Jewish Pentecost. That fixed time-relationship, between Easter and Pentecost, persists in the Christian liturgical year. In both Jewish and Christian traditions, the feasts are moveable because the date of the festival depends each year on the lunar calendar. Christianity started to use a method for calculating the date that was slightly different from the one by used by Jews, so the actual dates of the Jewish Pesach and the Christian Pascha diverged, as did the dates of the two Pentecosts.

The Jewish Pesach celebrates the freeing of the Jews from enslavement in Egypt. The Jewish Pentecost celebrates the first wheat harvest in the Land of Israel (Exodus 34) and, as determined by a later tradition, also the anniversary of the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Puzzles



Across

1. Slowly, a US serviceman gets into trouble
3. Alcoholic solution for the soul
4. Go wrong with chore

Down

1. I'll leave Calais, whizzing to eastern French region
2. Blooming bishop I had to defeat At auction?

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Word Square

Insert each of the following letters into the right cell, so that when the puzzle is completed each row and each column contains a real word.

O P I S R R A T

Double Puzzle

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Solve the anagrams in the puzzle on the left. The theme is the month of May.

Transfer the numbered letters to the appropriate boxes at the bottom and you will find another word associated with May.

Solutions on page 31

Children's Page

Do you like reading? I wonder what your favourite books are. I have asked my grandsons to set a quiz on books they have enjoyed. Why not see how many correct answers you can find.

1. In Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, Hercules Morse is as big as what?
2. In the Gruffalo, where does the owl live?
3. Where does Stickman live?
4. What game are the girls playing when Stickman gets thrown into the river?
5. In We're going on a Bear Hunt, where does the bear live?
6. What does Winnie the Pooh like to eat?
7. Who is Peter Rabbit's cousin?
8. Which little piggy's house does NOT get blown down, the first, the second or the third?
9. What is that little piggy's house made of?
10. What is the name of the little girl in The Tiger who came to Tea?



Answers on page 31

Nature Notes

There are three species of owl that breed in the Leeds area: the commonest is the Tawny Owl that lives in woodlands, and is mostly nocturnal. It makes calls that have been written as *kvit* and *hoo!hoo!hoo!* which are quite far-carrying on a still night. Some books say that these calls are a duet, with the female making some of the noises. They nest in holes in trees and will also use a nest box. There is an owl box in the churchyard..

Although owls are quite familiar from illustrations, seeing them in the wild is not so easy. Apart from the obvious problem during hours of darkness, Tawny Owls tend to roost in daylight on a branch, close to the tree trunk where they are difficult to see from a casual look. When small birds come across a roosting owl they often start a loud chirping directed at the owl - a noise that grows louder as other birds join in. I have frequently found Tawny Owls by tracking down one of these groups.

The Tawny Owl (15") used to be called the Brown Owl, presumably to distinguish it from the Barn Owl which shows a lot of white in flight. Barn Owls do not seem to find hollow trees suitable for nesting, preferring a shelf or ledge in a barn or other building where access is always available. They do fly during the day from time to time, when their white

plumage and slow flapping flight is distinctive but most of their hunting is done in darkness, using their acute hearing to detect the presence of small mammals. I used to know two places in the parish where Barn Owls nested, both of which were lost to improvement. One when a building was repaired and the other when a barn was converted to a house. They need a large area of rough grassland for hunting, and this is a habitat that is disappearing, so the outlook for Barn Owls is not good. As far as I know the only local place where Barn Owls have nested recently is Rodley Nature Reserve, but of course there may be others.



The Little Owl (8")-the third owl breeding in north Leeds is not really a British native. It was introduced from continental Europe towards the end of the 19th century, but it has settled here quite well and does not appear to cause any problems for other wildlife. They are often around in daylight and seem to like standing on stone walls, and they nest in holes in the ground or in trees. They feed on small mammals and large insects. The most recent nesting I know about was on farmland in the Eccup area.

Peter Larnar

In Your Garden

"When April steps aside for May, like diamonds all the rain-drops glisten; fresh violets open every day: to some new bird each hour we listen."

– **Lucy Larcom**

Now that May is here your lawn will be growing vigorously and you should be able to mow your grass 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. Sowing new lawns or over-seeding dead or thin patches can be done in May. Prepare the ground for sowing, by cultivating, levelling and lightly firming beforehand. Don't walk over or mow newly sown grass until it has reached a height of 5-7.5cm (2-3in), and then only give it a light trim at the highest setting. Ensure new lawns (either from turf or seed) do not dry out during dry spells.

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.

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 comparative 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.

I will be watching out for signs of fledging birds throughout the month. As I write I have nest building and occupied nest boxes in my own garden and I will be looking out for signs of the youngsters to come – and perhaps second broods. If we are lucky we might get dusk visits from fox cubs or baby hedgehogs, checking us out, reward for the sensitive planting, provision of cover and open boundaries that allow safe roaming.

George Turnbull

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Learn, Laugh, Live

Maybe some of us have forgotten what these things are since the start of the pandemic but during this time the U3A has rebranded itself; instead of the University of the Third Age we are encouraged to think of the above.

So locally, we are Cookridge and Horsforth U3A and have managed to keep going through the various lockdowns. However, there is hope that we may be able to return to something like 'normal' in the not too distant future. So what would normal be for us?

We have meetings, usually twice a month, at which a visiting speaker talks to us about their specific interest. This may be artistic, historical, geographical, biographical or charitable; the proposed list of speakers for the future can be seen under EVENTS on our website.

In addition to these meetings we have a variety of groups which, in normal times, would meet regularly usually in people's homes, to pursue interests such as Tudor England, My Generation Music, Curry Club, Boules, Ukulele, Play Reading, Creative Writing, Bridge, Mah-jong, Family History, Wine Appreciation and many more. Very few of these have been able to meet during lockdown. Outside groups, such as the various walking groups, may be able to resume earlier than others.

In the past it has been possible to organise outings and meals out. We hope these can resume in the not too distant future. There is a membership fee, presently £15.00 for the year.

On 2nd June it is planned to hold a National u3a day and we anticipate there will be some publicity for this in the media. (The u3a is encouraging people to wear blue and yellow)

We have a public Face Book page which is regularly updated and full details of C&HU3A can be found on our website, search for Cookridge and Horsforth U3A - Home

So **Learn** – keep the brain active by participating in our many activities

Laugh - we have fun, even on zoom or WhatsApp we can cheer each other up

Live – What is life without making new friends and sharing interests?

If you wish to join our organisation check out the JOIN US section of our website and complete the necessary form or you can join by contacting **The Membership Secretary, 36 Wynford Rise, West Park, LEEDS, LS16 6HX** but please enclose an sae. Members are not restricted to Cookridge and Horsforth. **All are welcome.**

Betty Pearson

What's On

OPAL

A reminder that membership payments were due from 1 April 2021. We are keeping membership fees at £12 per year. If you are paying by cheque, please could you make it out to OPAL and put membership on the back. If you are paying by bank transfer OPAL's sort code is 53 70 00 and our account number is 24503274. If you pay by cash please put it in an envelope with your name, the amount and membership written on it. That way we will know what it is for.

Throughout the pandemic, we at OPAL have continued to care for and look after our community. Some activities have been able to continue online, but we are all hoping that come July people will be able to meet at the centre. .

A few tips

Have a daily routine with something booked in to each day, such as a walk or some form of exercise, a phone call or an activity of some sort.

Keep connected to the outside world, to friends and family in as many ways as possible, via phone calls, socially distanced walks, zoom groups, email, FaceTime and WhatsApp.

The one ray of sunshine is that many of us have had our first dose of the vaccine and gradually, as it safe to do

so, activities can start and we can start to see our loved ones and friends again.

Friday Socials

You might like to join in with our Friday afternoon socials, at 2pm for one hour. For more information ring 0113 2619103 or email rowan@opal-project.org.uk and she will give you the link and password.

7th May

Kissing It Better Singer

14th May

Famous Families Quiz (For International Day of the Family)

21st May

Catchphrase

28th May

Alphabet Game

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However, our history talks remain online.

Unfortunately, I have not received any details of these talks for May.

Editor

York Gate Update

May sees the gradual transition of spring to early summer. You may feel summer starts in June, but I feel notable early bloomers such as Paeonies and Iris are summer highlights.



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There are lots of Paeony choices, blousy Sarah Bernhardt or striking Bowl of Beauty. I like species types such as P. veitchii which has single pink flowers and attractive foliage. Another of my favourites is the vigorous single white P. 'Late Windflower' which I bought many years ago from Beth Chatto; it too has excellent foliage all summer. Someone once said to me it was so disappointing that Paeonies don't flower for long, which is true especially if wind or rain coincide with their season. However, I love the moment those chunky red buds emerge out of the ground on a chilly February day, followed by the developing shoots, leaves and buds through March and April, all before there is even a flower in sight.

May is also the month when we ask the question: is it time to plant out annuals and tender perennials such as Dahlias. There is no clear answer, all I will say is that plants must be thoroughly hardened off by gradually acclimatising to the outdoor conditions. When I was self-employed I once caused a significant degree of puzzlement for one of my clients, when he discovered me returning seed trays back into his greenhouse after the skies had unexpectedly cleared; it was pitch dark and 10 pm! If you want to play safe, then wait until the end of the month.

A final gentle reminder, keep an eye on those weeds. Whatever else happens don't let them seed. Enjoy the longer days and hopefully plenty of sunshine.

Mark Jackson
Nursery Manager

It has been a great and busy start to the season. We were fully booked for our Friends Preview day in mid April and it was lovely to see the enthusiasm and excitement shown by our early visitors as they saw how the new elements of the Garden had been developed.

The woven fence that now encircles the plant sales area is a particular joy. It is made from sweet chestnut posts with hazel weavers. We were lucky



that Geoff, from Yorkshire Hurdles, worked with the gardeners, teaching them his craft. Here we stock a wide range of plants as well as hazel bean poles and hazel pea sticks with gardeners on hand to answer any questions – do please pay us a visit.

The plant sales, café or gift shop are free to visit but if you wish to stroll around the garden (& meadow), then you would need to book a slot by visiting our website yorkgate.org.uk We have increased the price of admission to £7 but our yearly Friends membership is still only £30.

Opening hours

The gardens open from 11am until 4.30pm (last booking at 3pm). We are open Wednesday until Sunday inclusive plus Bank Holiday Mondays. Since reopening, we have been serving take out refreshments from the café, together with some outdoor seating on the terrace. We are hoping to have indoor seating in the café, following Government restrictions easing, from 19th May. The café will be open from 10am until 5pm (last

orders at 4.30pm) Unfortunately we are unable to take any bookings for the café.

Sally Latchford
Finance & Administration
Co-ordinator



Tulips as seen at York Gate in April. We were not able to see the snowdrops, but we were lucky enough to see these beauties!

Marjorie

From Our Councillors

Barry Anderson

Footpath – “Corpse Way” – from Otley Road to Church Lane

The Neighbourhood Forum, the Planner and I have discussed concerns over the upgrading of the footpath as it may make this historic and ancient link too much out of character. The Planner has responded that a condition on the outline consent states the path needs to be upgraded. The eastern side of the beck is to be treated sensitively in terms of materials etc. and the path widened. We are looking to use a material which will be sensitive to the surroundings. There will be no lighting on this section. The historic steps will remain. The path will be adopted by LCC on the western side of the Beck and will be managed by the management company on the eastern side of the beck. Officers have refused to retain the zig zag plan.

Change to LED Lighting Across the City

The first phase of the four-year programme will mainly involve the conversion of lights located on main traffic routes and a smaller number of less efficient lights on residential streets. 24,968 lights should be completed by September 2021. The second phase, July 2021, will convert 59,078 lights on residential streets: completion by October 2023. The

first phase in your ward commences about 8th April, taking approximately four weeks to complete.

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www.leedsuniformexchange.org.uk

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opportunities to do it. including pop-up-shops.”

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Billy Flynn

Covid-19

I'm delighted to be able to say that the light at the end of a very long tunnel seems much closer this month. Non-essential shops are now open and the entertainment sector, pubs, restaurants and so on are planned to open fully on 17 May, in no small measure due to the extremely successful, national vaccination strategy. Locally, the second jab programme is well underway, as I can confirm having had my second dose today, and we are on target to ensure that everyone has been offered the vaccine by July. The last 15 months or so has been a truly awful time so let's hope we are near the end of the pandemic or at least have it under control.

Adel Pharmacy & Surgery

As you may have seen, work continues on the old surgery building by a local businessman to convert it into additional health and wellbeing use for the community. The future of

our local pharmacy is still rather up in the air with no certainty about its future in the current location. At least it is secure for the next few months. Please do continue to use the pharmacy because the loss of the Adel Surgery was blamed mainly on poor use. Remember, as I never tire of saying, please use our local services because, if you don't, there is nothing more certain than that we will lose them.

Tree Planting/Cleaner air policy

The council tree planting programme continues apace with the field between “The Mulberries” and the Adel Beck School site and sections of Holt Park populated with several hundred whip saplings consisting of silver birch, hawthorn, blackthorn and goat willow. Yes, the goat willow was a new one to me too, willow yes but I've never heard of the goat variety which is perhaps better known as pussy willow! The council project covers only council owned land and forms part of the larger White Rose Forest Programme which liaises with private landowners over planting. I have emphasised to officers that while most of us would welcome an extension of woodland it must be carried out only after full consultation with residents. Please note that Bedquilts is not as obvious a candidate as you might think because the vast majority of the field is privately owned, with only a relatively small

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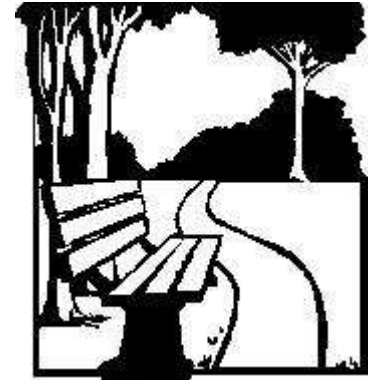
area behind Adel St John Primary School in council ownership. But if you can think of any other area that might be suitable for large scale planting please do let me know and I will put them forward for consideration.

Asda and Holt Park regeneration

Yet another long term project that is slowly coming to fruition though the various lockdowns has created havoc with council funding and some unavoidable changes were necessary.

Although the Asda shop revamp was nowhere as extensive as first hoped, the area around the store is slowly being regenerated. Ever since the original Ralph Thoresby School was closed the entire area has degenerated into an eyesore. However, assuming there are no more surprises on the horizon there are plans in place to develop at least four separate sites over the next few years. They are located between Farrar Lane, the new Ralph Thoresby School and Asda. Sixty extra care self-contained apartments are planned with a communal green area open to the public and subsequently two other sites for the private development of a further 40-50 houses.

It is hoped that these projects will provide much needed affordable houses in the ward together with a total of 200 or more affordable homes



on the Miller site in Bramhope and the Lawnswood and Adel Beck developments more locally. This will hopefully allow more youngsters to get on the housing ladder and the “olders” to downsize but remain local.

The immediate future

I do hope you all keep safe and well as we come out of this latest lockdown but please be careful because we are not out of the wood just yet. Follow the medical advice and I hope to see many of you again soon, once we are allowed out to meet real people again rather than on Zoom. I think I am just about zoomed out! My very best wishes.

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

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3. SPIRIT
4. ERRAND

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Double Puzzle

DANCING
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MAYPOLE
TAURUS
CROWNING
ASCENSION

Quiz

1. a horse
2. tree top house
3. in a family tree
4. Pooh sticks
5. in a cave
6. honey
7. Benjamin Bunny
8. the third
9. bricks
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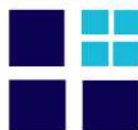
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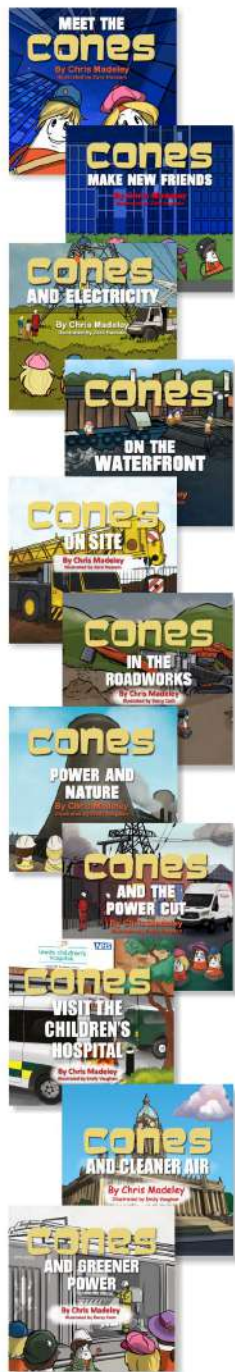
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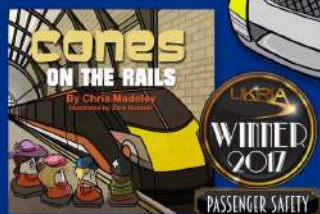
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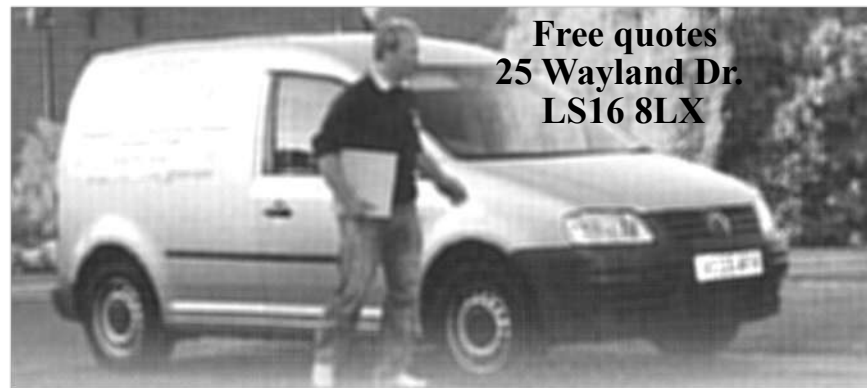
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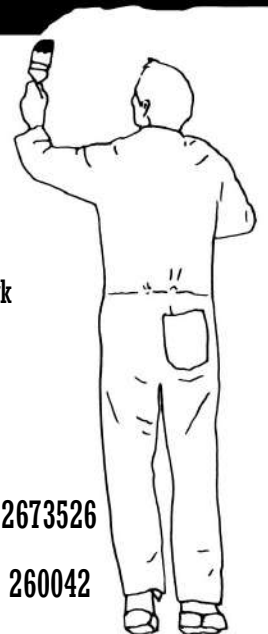
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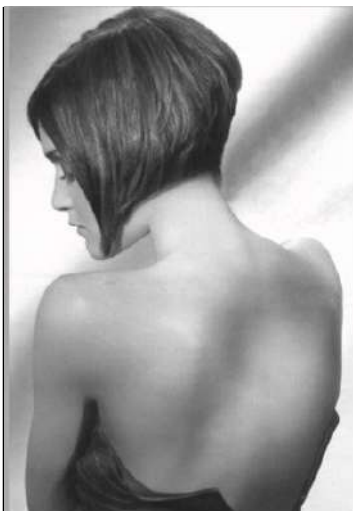
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	11am	Parish Eucharist*
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 5th	11am	Eucharist
Friday 7th	1.30pm	JJs in church, book with Jill Holloway
Sunday 9th		Sixth Sunday of Easter
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist*
	11am	Parish Eucharist*
Wed 12th	11am	Eucharist
Thursday 13th	7.30pm	Ascension Day
		Service of Eucharist
Sunday 16th		Seventh Sunday of Easter
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist*
	11am	Parish Eucharist*
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 19th	11am	Eucharist
Sunday 23rd		Pentecost
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist*
	11am	Parish Eucharist*
Wed 26th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th		Trinity Sunday
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist*
	11am	Parish Eucharist*

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