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20th November

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Prayers with poppies – suitable for children

Anyone can be involved in prayers for remembering, whether in church or at home. All you need for this simple prayer is a poppy each.

Look at your poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others

Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.





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

From the Editor

Amidst all that is going on this month, a visit to Holy Trinity Church in Leeds is to be recommended. You will see Gaia, which is a realistic 6 metre diameter replica of our planet, created using detailed NASA imaging of the Earth's surface. It is designed to recreate the 'overview effect' experienced by astronauts when they view the Earth from space. To find out about opening times, please look at our What's On information on page 26.

Last month, I invited readers to tell me about their favourite Bible passages. I am happy to say Beryl Thompson has written about hers on page 15. I have another promised for December, but please remember you do not need to be invited to write for Adel Bells. I am always delighted to hear from any of our readers, so do give this some thought.

Over the last two years, it has been difficult to keep you informed about the 1152 Club in Kirkstall. Before the pandemic this was a popular and thriving club and I know many in our

community attended the talks regularly. However, when talks were online, it was much more difficult to get information about what was on offer in time for entry into Adel Bells. The magazine is usually finished and sent off to the printer in the middle of the previous month. Thanks to Val Crompton's intervention, we have information for you this month. Val goes to the events, which are no longer online, and she would, I am sure, be very happy to meet you there. You can read about the club on page 22.

At the beginning of November we shall be putting our poppy-laden trellises out once again, either side of the church porch. Do make sure you wander past if you can and stop to give some thought to why they are there. You may like to use the prayerful ideas outlined on the opposite page. So many people are in need of your loving support.

Marjorie Cole



Rector Alison's Letter

Dear Friends,

'Remember, remember, the 5th of November', a rhyme you may recall from your childhood. November does indeed seem to be a month of remembering. Whilst the origins of Bonfire Night are largely forgotten, other rememberings are more rooted in history.

For the church, November begins with All Saints Day, where we remember 'men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work'. It is followed by All Souls Day, a chance to remember and celebrate more locally those we knew who nurtured us in life and in faith. These have been observed for at least 1000 years.

In the twentieth century November gained Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday; more solemn occasions when we recall the sacrifice of many and the horrors of war. It is a powerful thought that people throughout a nation, or the world, pause to remember a particular group of people or event. It gives recognition to those people, perhaps acknowledging their suffering. It is not surprising then that other times of remembrance have been added to our calendar. November is full of them. Many address serious issues; for example Anti Bullying

week, Road Safety Week, Diabetes Day. Some less so; I don't think I will be celebrating National Sandwich Day, International Nacho Day or Black Friday!

People have become inventive at getting their voice heard. 'November' sees the sprouting of moustaches to raise awareness and funds to tackle men's mental health issues. However, the sheer number of these dates works against their being 'memorable' at all.

Remembrance though is an important part of being human. It links us to one another. Even over 100 years on from the First World War, the sheer scale of hatred and killing seems better faced together. Uniting not to glorify or condemn, but just to stand in silence reminds us of our common humanity. This has become more powerful as old enemies join to remember the dead together. Perhaps, this November, if we are a little overwhelmed by the special dates jostling for our attention, we might make remembering more personal. In busy lives it is easy for friends and neighbours to slip quietly out of our lives without us noticing. November might be a good time to stop and think about who we haven't seen for a while.

Maybe someone hasn't turned up to a society or club; maybe we haven't

seen them on our daily walk; perhaps it's a while since we spoke.

November, month of Remembrance, is the perfect time to check in with someone who might be struggling. This year our Act of Remembrance on November 13th will again take place outside the church at the end of our Remembrance Sunday service. You are welcome to join us for both, or just for the Act of Remembrance itself.

On Wednesday mornings we also remember our community in prayer. If you would value prayer for anything, do get in touch.

With love and prayers

Alison

'Rake, Cake & Chat'

We want to make a particular effort to tidy up the War Graves in time for Remembrance Sunday, so we are running our next 'Rake, Cake & Chat' volunteer morning in the Churchyard on **Saturday 29th October.**

Turn up any time between 9am and 11.30 with gloves and hand tools. If anyone could bring along a **battery strimmer** this would be really helpful for that task. But there are plenty of other jobs to be done, including lighter tasks such as sowing yellow rattle seed (being donated by York Gate Garden) and litter picking.

Sarah Johnson

Dates for your diary

Sat 29th October

Rake, cake and chat
9.00 to 11.30
in the churchyard



13th November

Remembrance Sunday
See page 8

Sat 26th November

Christmas Coffee Morning
With stalls, raffle and cakes
10.30 to 12 noon

17th December

Concert by Leeds Guild of Singers
3pm in church

21st December

Blue christmas Service
7pm

18th December

Community Carol Service
6.30pm in church
Followed by wine and mince pies
in the Stables

24th December

Crib Service in church
3pm
Outside Crib Service
with carols by candlelight
5pm

More details next month



Sunday 13th November

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

We invite you to come along at about **10.50am** to admire our display of poppies and to be in place for the Act of Remembrance at approx. **11am**. Let us remember those to whom we owe so much.



Friday 4th November

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

This will take place from **6.30pm** on the grass below the Stables

Come along and share toffee and parkin
Please make a donation on the night to help cover the costs



Environmental News

A fragile ball of life

A line from one of my favourite bands is, "What's God if not the spark that started life?" Who knows what's out there? I do not have any answers, but my faith leads me to believe that there is some force greater than our understanding. As I carry on my Christian journey in our little corner of the world, I sometimes think that from here, the world can seem such a huge place.

Coming to Leeds this November in The Holy Trinity Church on Boar Lane, from the 8th of November to the 26th of November, will be "Gaia". This 6 metre wide art installation by Luke Jerram is a replica of our planet. Using images from NASA, it shows our world in detail that only a lucky few have witnessed. Astronauts have described seeing the earth for the first time as "a tiny, fragile ball of life hanging in the void, shielded and nourished by a paper-thin atmosphere."

From space, our world can seem so small with the endless black void of space behind it. I imagine the world not looking so big now. Humans have greatly impacted the environment, devastating our fragile ecosystem. Greed and wanting control of the earth's natural resources have caused many wars and conflicts. The search

for ever dwindling supply of fossil fuels to keep our way of life has caused one of the worst disasters of modern times. On 20th April 2012, in the Gulf of Mexico, just off the coast of America, the Deepwater Horizon oil platform exploded, killing 11 and spilling an estimation of over 200 million gallons of oil into the sea, laying waste to over 40 miles of coastline. Plastic waste chokes our oceans. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch covers an estimated 1.6 million km². That is nearly the size of the UK, France, Germany and Spain combined! Recycling is great, but it's not perfect. Last month I talked about sticking with what we have and thinking twice about if we need that new phone or whether you can repair, sell or donate unwanted items.

Over the last few months, we've seen natural disasters on a grand scale; floods in Pakistan, record heatwaves and fires across much of Europe. Hurricanes and Typhoons in Japan and along the coast of America. I think it's time we act and try to do something. Please visit "Gaia" (see our What's On details on p. 26) and check out the other events in November by visiting www.gaiearthleeds.org

Thang Tang
Church Environmental Officer

In Brief

From the archives, 1997 Revd Darville wrote:

When John Moorman resigned as Bishop of Ripon in 1975, after 16 years as leader of the diocese, he was presented with a carved wooden bust by Adel Church.



This was a representation of a young choirboy, given in recognition of his links with our church in which he had indeed sung as a boy chorister.

After his death, and the subsequent death of his widow, Mary, the executors of the estate decided that this carving should come back to Adel Church and be put on display there.

We received it a short while ago and are most grateful to Mr Frank Davison of Holt Green, and his sons, for neatly fixing this carving to the shelf in the chancel near to the vestry passage door. All who have seen it there have said how attractive it looks.

It is indeed good to have this memento of our illustrious former parishioner.

Why a memorial service is needed

Every year we hold a special service at the end of October, a chance for people who have lost loved ones to come together and remember them, saying prayers and lighting candles in their memory. This is what Mary said about the service:-

It doesn't seem to matter how long ago you lost a loved one, a parent, partner, offspring, grandchild, a baby. Memory doesn't go away completely and it can still hurt.

In the Memorial Service as we sit waiting, quietness surrounds us, and our memories rise to the surface. There are many people alongside us who are evidently really sad, and others who can radiate comfort. The service, the hymns, the prayers, the list of names, all join us together and the placing of our candles on the altar helps us remember sad times and happy times with special people before God.

Many have a real feeling of His presence here uniting their lost ones with us, and we often share thoughts with each other as we leave after our final hymn and prayer, looking once more at the candles and remembering.

Mary Larner

Penny's Ponders

Hi Everyone!

November already! Where did last month go? I must say, those lovely summer light evenings when we could go for a walk on Bedquilts seem a long time ago. At least with there having been little rain, I've been able to go for walks on there longer than any year I can remember. Having a definite antipathy to mud, I avoid it at all costs – mud between your toes and in your curls? Yuk!!

I've not quite got into the idea of going away when it is colder and dark. It never used to bother me, of course – but it does now. There's nothing like my own bed in my own lounge to make me content.

Those of you who have read my Ponders from when I was quite young may remember how I liked to learn new words. I think I probably have enough now but one of my favourites is 'contentment' – this is a word I really like. It feels warm and sort of wraps its arms around me. It seems everyone finds their 'contentment' in different ways. When I was little we had a big garden – talk about content! Inbuilt entertainment any time I wanted it: loads of squirrels to chase and Magpies in profusion – it was super.

Then the family grew, left home and we moved somewhere else – great,

Bedquilts on the doorstep! Utter contentment!! Now I'm older I'm very content to have lovely shorter walks where we now live.

Jesus had a great message to help us to be content and not be forever wanting and getting things we don't need. He told us in Matthew's Gospel not to worry about life, what we eat and drink. Don't worry about clothes – life is more than that. He made a good point when he said we can't grow bigger by worrying. Don't worry about tomorrow, each day has its own problems. Jesus told us to have faith in God who provides everything. The earth is full of good things, it is just man who gets in the way by getting things out of all proportion to actual needs. If everything was shared properly, deprivation could be a thing of the past.

Today we are living in very difficult times, money is short, food and power expensive and poverty all around. Some wise person said, "No -one gets poor by giving." So let's all give and share as much as we can and with God's good grace we can help a lot of people to feel safer, happier and feel some of the contentment which is so necessary to a happy life.

Woofs and licks,
Love, Penny

Thoughts in the Churchyard



Together for the next adventure

'Together for the next adventure' say Farmer John and Elizabeth Ann, where Dunstarn Farm is far away! Today, green moss gathers on these grey stone heads, while smiling spirits soar above Adel's ancient churchyard - 'what will survive of them - is love.*'

Here today, standing alone by this block of Yorkshire stone, in old Adel Churchyard, I think of Windsor Castle Crypt where side by side, Philip and Elizabeth lie; their names inscribed above, in gold, on smooth, black stone.

Now I would also like, for all to see, in St George's Chapel, a stone effigy

forever hand in hand, as in 'An Arundel Tomb'* our late Queen and her sailor Prince, their earthly lives seen complete with two stone Corgis, at their feet. Together for their next adventure.

Val Crompton
24.9.2022

*See Philip Larkin's 'An Arundel Tomb' 1956 Poem, written after visiting Chichester Cathedral and seeing the 14thc. tomb of the Earl & Countess of Arundel.



Earl of Arundel 1303-1376
Countess 1318- 1372

Christmas Coffee Morning

26th November, 10.30 to 12 noon
in the Old Stables



Raffle

Stalls

Mince pies

Gingerbread House

Cakes

Odd Socks Day

Children! You can wear odd socks and not get nagged!

Monday **14 November** is a very special day for the many children who are nagged by their parents and teachers for wearing odd socks to school because this is the day that we are all encouraged to do so.

Odd Socks Day marks the start of **Anti-Bullying Week 2022** and is supported by cBeebies presenter and ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'. It's not just for children, everyone can take part by

wearing odd socks at school, work, out shopping or at home, it couldn't be simpler!

If you take part you are also invited to make a £1 donation — or any donation you think appropriate — to support the campaign.

Last year over 5 million children, thousands and hundreds of parents and workplaces, and lots of celebrities and influencers got involved. You can donate online at: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/aba?success=true>

Prayer Bears



Thank you, Adel knitters

In September we called upon our Adel crafters to help us make prayer bears to be handed out to children at their baptism. A small army of knitters has been busy over the last two months and we now have a stock of adorable little bears ready to distribute. Several have already been given out, much to the delight of the little ones. So a big thank you to those of you who have contributed and for offering to help us out with any future projects. Who knows what we might be planning next!

However, for the moment, I suggest you have a rest from knitting bears, as I think we have enough for at least two years. Given the present need to economise on heating costs, you might be better advised to knit some warm sweaters for yourself!

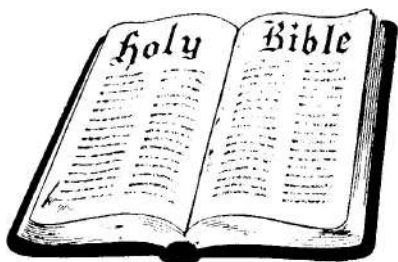
The idea of the bears was to offer a suggestion of something the children could do as they journeyed through life. The bear would be their companion and encourage them to spend some time with God. Our stock of bears come in a variety of colours and the child's name is written on the attached tag. If you read this magazine on-line, you will notice the different styles and colours of our stock. Rector Alison will match the bear to the child whenever possible!

PS Don't forget to come and see the poppies made by Adel knitters in 2020 for display on our trellises and to be viewed on Remembrance Sunday. These will be making an appearance every year.

Marjorie Cole

From our Readers

My favourite Bible passages



The Lord's Prayer Luke 11: 1-10

When I received an email from Marjorie asking if I, along with others, would like to write a piece about my favourite Bible passage I had difficulty in deciding which one to choose. I have in fact chosen two.

One Wednesday morning I went to the 11am service and the reading was from Luke's Gospel where the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. He gave them the words of what we now know as "The Lord's Prayer"

I sometimes find it difficult to feel that I am praying in the right way. The one thing I find about the Lord's Prayer is that it seems, for me anyway, to cover so many things. After saying it, it helps me to concentrate on other prayers.

The other passage is **Luke 1: 46-56 The Magnificat**, a prayer we say at

Evensong. This always makes me think that when the angel came to Mary she did not hesitate in saying yes to God's call. Not always an easy thing for some of us to do, but if we have faith maybe we can find a way to say yes.

Beryl Thompson

The Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease Appeal

"We want to provide a safe haven for our patients and their families - a peaceful environment that reiterates to them that they have the best possible care, helping them 'live in the now', a serene place that instils hope and courage."

Dr Agam Jung, Consultant Neurologist at Seacroft Hospital

The Leeds Hospitals Charity appeal aims to raise £5m to fund the building of the new centre and create a deserving centre of this condition and of Rob Burrow's name.

You can go online and donate to this appeal, but you can also sponsor **James Moxon** for taking part in the Rob Burrow marathon next year. You can donate by using this link, or give the money directly to James and he will process it for you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JamesDocMoxon>

Adel Woods

Do you like walking in Adel Woods? It is right on our doorstep and offers much-needed opportunities for exercise, enjoying nature and lifting the spirits. Have you noticed the bird boxes? Have you lingered a while to look for wildlife? Have you explored paths leading off in all directions? Have you walked your dog there? Many of you have done those things, but have you ever thought about who looks after it? And could you get involved?

A big thank you to FOAW

The **Friends of Adel Woods (FOAW)** is a volunteer group, enthusiasts who carry out a range of volunteer habitat management. They meet on a regular basis and carry out such tasks as litter picking, clearing saplings, working on Adel Bog and removing bracken and brambles from this important habitat to benefit rare plants and wildlife. This summer they scythed the orchid meadow which helps promote the national regeneration/regrowth of wildflowers for next year's wonderful displays.

Adel Bog is a very special habitat and home to a population of heath spotted orchids, bog asphodel and various other bog plants and insects.



Purple Hairstreak Butterfly Adel Woods, 2022

You can help too. This month, there is a litter-pick taking place:

Sunday 20th November

10 am to 12 noon:
Litterpicking and working on Adel Bog

Litterpickers will be supplied, as well as bags and gloves, though you may wish to bring your own gloves and wellies. If you're interested in volunteering with the Friends of Adel Woods, see their web blog <https://friendsofadelwoods.wordpress.com> For more info, email: foaw@me.com

Nature Notes

Man-made catastrophes

As I write November is on the horizon and a good time to consider how the natural world has fared over the year. The arrival of avian flu which caused the death of thousands of seabirds around mainly Sottish coasts was one very significant event. According to news reports and photographs, Gannets and Terns, including the rare Roseate Tern, appear to have been quite badly affected. Most of our seabirds live in crowded colonies on rocky islands or inaccessible cliffs, which is good for security, but makes them vulnerable to the rapid spread of infection. However, they spend the winter months out at sea, and one hopes that the virus will die out when the birds are not crammed together in breeding colonies. This appears to be a man-made catastrophe as the disease, which has been known about for some time, seems to have spread from poultry farms in Asia.

On our TV screens we have seen catastrophic floods and forest fires, which both appear to have their origin in man-made climate change. These events have had serious effects on lives and property and large areas of natural habitat have been destroyed with unknown but probably quite devastating consequences for many forms of wildlife.

At a more local level – our garden— an unusual visitor was a Hummingbird Hawk Moth that came several times to drink nectar from the Red Valerian where it hovers in front of a flower with its wings beating so quickly that they are difficult to see. It's possible that a warming climate has helped this moth to spend time in the north of England, although I have seen odd ones occasionally in the past. Although its wings are moving rapidly, the moth itself is quite still and it is easy to take photographs showing it with its long proboscis probing the flower. As the autumn progressed the only butterflies to occur frequently were three Red Admirals which will shortly be going into hibernation. Unfortunately Red Admirals are often unsuccessful in hibernating here, perhaps because our northern winters are too long for them, although they seem to cope well in the south of the country. We do not normally see the first until about the beginning of June.

My observations of Swallows and Swifts during the summer were so fleeting that I have no real idea how they, and other insectivorous species, fared during the breeding season. That information may arrive later.

Peter Larnar

Bonfire Memories

An annual gathering of the community



Every time I see a firework, it evokes childhood memories of growing up in Leeds, in a back-to-back house, on Burley Road, with Burley Picture House just over the road. We used to go to a huge bonfire on land where a very large air-raid shelter had stood. Where people, adults and children alike gathered, sharing baked potatoes, parkin, treacle toffee, lemonade and for the adults something stronger.

Bonfire Night was an annual gathering of the community, where people, not necessarily neighbours, came together to exchange stories, experiences and renew acquaintances. The men looked after the fire, keeping it topped up, carefully letting off fireworks to much oohing and hawing from the crowd. The ladies were bringing out food and drink, and watching that we children didn't get too close to the fire.

Everyone contributed in some way to a very pleasant evening, if it didn't rain: sharing food, drink and fireworks for the benefit of all.

Peter Davis

Holt Park Writers' Group

Holt Park Writers' Group
Monday 14th November
2-3pm in Holt Park Library
New members welcome,
come along and meet us.
Contact **Val Crompton**
Tel. 0113 225 9142

Adel Church is happy to provide the children of today with memories of bonfire, fireworks, sweet treats etc

Friday 4th November
6.30pm

See page 8

Words from Joyce Hill

The church's new liturgical year begins with Advent Sunday, the fourth Sunday before Christmas, which this year falls on 27th November.

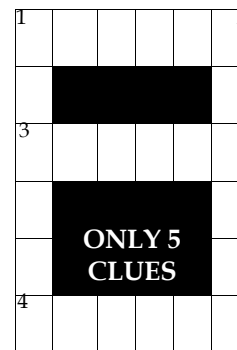
Christmas Day, being fixed on 25th December, falls on different days of the week each year, thus, counting backwards, the fourth Sunday before Christmas, will be within the bracket 27th November to 3rd December. The whole season of Advent then extends from Advent Sunday to Christmas Eve. If Christmas Eve is a Sunday, then that counts as the last Sunday of Advent, but if Christmas Day is a Sunday, then the last Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of the previous weekend. Technically, Advent Sunday is the Sunday nearest to the Feast of St Andrew, on 30 November, but for most of us, with our modern diaries, counting the Sundays backwards from Christmas is an easy option and gives us the same answer.

The modern commercial world makes much of 'Advent' with 'Advent Calendars', which are mostly about a build-up to the big-time gift-giving of Christmas. It is possible to find religious advent calendars, but you sometimes have to look hard! The religious ones have a different focus, and normally start with Advent Sunday, while the secular ones generally begin with 1 December. Both are about preparation, but in very different ways.

In churches we see that the season's liturgical colour is purple, signifying penitence, also used in Lent. But just as in Lent there is a Sunday of celebration in the middle, known as 'Refreshment Sunday', or Laetare Sunday, from the opening words of the Latin introit for the day, *Laetare Jerusalem*, 'Rejoice with Jerusalem...' (Isaiah 66 v. 10), so there is a celebratory Sunday in the middle of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday. This also means 'Rejoice'. It gets this name because the opening words of the day's introit are *Gaudete in Domino semper*, 'Rejoice in the Lord always' (Philippians, 4, v. 4). In Lent, Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday out of the total of six; in Advent, Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of four. On both occasions, the purple vestments are laid aside and the liturgical colour is pink, as is also the candle that is lit on the Advent wreath.

As in Lent, Advent similarly has two focal points: the historical one of thinking about the coming of Christ at Christmas and our need — as with Easter — to spruce ourselves up spiritually in preparation for celebrating it; and an altogether grander frame of reference as we think about the Second Coming. The common thread is 'coming', which is what Advent means, from Latin *adventus*, 'the coming'.

Puzzles



Across

1. Tell senior churchman is losing power
3. Urban settlement so damp before start of October
4. Bible lessons by Church Sunday School in alcove

Down

1. Somewhat retro stereotyped, work list
2. Endless dust on old, old book of the Bible

Sudoku, hard

1	3			6				4
	6	4	3					
		2	7					
		6				2		1
3	1	2		6	8			9
8	7				5			
				9	4			
				3	6	1		
2				1			8	5

Wildlife Puzzle

Adel Woods

33 creatures to find; you may need a magnifying glass?

- 1 Badger
- 6 Rabbits
- 2 Hedgehogs
- 2 Deer
- 1 Fox



- 2 Mice
- 1 Stoat
- 2 Squirrels

- 1 Blue Tit
- 2 Doves
- 2 Owls
- 1 Woodpecker

- 1 Butterfly
- 3 Frogs
- 1 Toad
- 1 Newt

- 1 Snail
- 2 Snakes
- 1 Spider

Detail from a drawing by Val Crompton

Solutions on p. 29

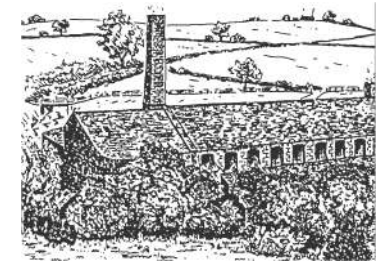


At Kirkstall Abbey



**Kirkstall Abbey
Visitors' Centre
1152 Club meeting**

**10am Tues
27th Sept
2022**



power the 16 ft dia. water wheel for Scotland Mill. This mill was destroyed by fire in 1906 and most of the stones were carted away. The old Scotland Mill Dam stones and goit, also the footings of the mill can still be seen in winter.

An 1890s' childhood in Meanwood and Woodhouse

Lorraine Harding was talking about her grandfather Arthur Gill's childhood in Woodhouse and Meanwood—using Arthur Gill's clear, hand written account of growing up in a succession of rented back-to-back houses, in the late 19th century.

Her grandfather also wrote about enjoying the three mile walk up to the



Seven Arches, in Adel Woods, in summer time. Arthur and friends would jump from Sandy Rock into the small lake that provided water to

Arthur Gill (1887-1971) attended the local Board School until he was 13, when he started work. Activities and attendance at local churches were important and valued. Lorraine showed us old photos and Arthur Gill's excellent drawings - including local streets (the still familiar Primrose Pub on Meanwood Road) and of Sandy Rock in Adel Woods. She also reminded us sadly of the high infant mortality rate in 1890. Of the eight children in the family, three had died as infants; also one of Arthur's sisters had died aged nine.

Many thanks to Lorraine for her interesting social history talk.

Val Crompton



Abbey Mills, Kirkstall

Kirkstall History Walk & Talk

Thurs 6th Oct, 1-3pm.

Many thanks to Patrick Bourne and Nicola Pullen, from Abbey House Museum, for leading this walk.

This was the last of our local history walks for this year. Along our walk from Abbey House via the Herb Garden, Recreation Ground, site of the Old Bowling Green and site of the Geological Garden, group members shared memories. Patrick read from Sue Chell's account of growing up near the Hark to Rover Cottages and chumping for Bonfire Night. They had a big communal bonfire in what had been the garden of Rose Cottage.

Patrick read an account, from the Abbey House Archives, of Joyce Newstead, writing about peacocks in the cloisters and how she was kept awake by their cries! Joyce also wrote about the ghost of a young girl seen in 'Hark to Rover' and a ghost of a man on horseback, riding through the Abbey Church.' As we walked on through Kirkstall Abbey Park, we collected acorns and conkers, for Leeds Woodland Creation.

We crossed over the fast flowing goit, following the path of the old Abbey Light Railway track to Bridge Road - remembering Peter Lowe & his team.

We finished by the Grade 2 listed Abbey Mills and Abbey Villas—still sadly awaiting development.

Val Crompton

Diary Dates

1152 Club at Kirkstall Abbey

Talks for over 55s in the Visitor Centre

on Tuesdays 10 am – 11.15am

Parking at Abbey House Museum

8 Nov Speaker to be arranged

22 Nov Chris Nickson:

The Truth of Children in Factories

6 Dec Belinda May:

Wooden Puppet Maker

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In Your Garden

“Even when November’s sun is low and Winter flaps his fleecy wings. Thy gold among his silvery snow a solace in the sadness brings.” – James Rigg

With the leaves on the trees first transforming into their warm autumn colours before inevitably tumbling to the floor, dealing with these leaves is one of the main jobs for the month. Whilst we are undoubtedly blessed that Adel has so many mature trees, it does mean that leaf fall is heavy and widespread and gets into most gardens whether the trees are your own, or not. They are probably best kept off the lawn and paths, either with a rake or leaf blower, and if collected into a heap in a quiet corner will decay quickly to produce a lovely leaf mould.

If you would like some colour at this time of the year then there are a few plants that will thrive, which feels like an unexpected bonus. One of the star performers in late autumn is the schizostylis, also known as Hesperantha coccinea. Originating from Southern Africa, it is available in shades of red, pink and white and will provide welcome colour through to Christmas and sometimes beyond. It will also readily self-seed so will spread over time as far as you allow it. Some winter jasmines may start flowering around November time as might viburnum tinus. Cyclamen should provide colour either in the

ground or planted up in pots. Mature ivy should still be flowering and whilst this is not spectacularly colourful, it is one of the most valuable resources for various insects that are still out and about, building up reserves for the winter.

If you have roses, November is a good time to prune them right back, provided they have finished flowering. Pruning concentrates energy into the roots ready to promote new growth for next year. Cut out dead wood, any crossing or weak stems and cut back strong stems to just above the lowest buds you can find.

If you don't have roses but would like to try them, then now is the perfect time to buy them. Either online suppliers or the catalogues will offer you plenty of choices. If you order them bare-rooted for immediate planting they are widely available now, and so much cheaper than the pot-grown roses you find at other times of the year. If you're not sure what to get, look out for the AGM (Award for Garden Merit) kitemark, awarded by the RHS for any plants that they judge to be particularly reliable performers.

George Turnbull

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OPAL Activities

OPAL's new initiative is our **Warm Up Your Week** sessions. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Welcome In Community Centre every Monday afternoon 1.30pm-4.30pm starting 24th of October (excluding 26th December & 2nd January) for digital support, board games, crafts and refreshments. This is a free event open to all ages and will be running throughout the Winter, there is no need to book so why not come along and see what we have to offer.

We will be getting in to festive spirit at OPAL as we plan our Christmas activities. We are hosting a **Christmas Fayre** on the 3rd of December (11am-2pm) which will provide plenty of opportunity to pick up some lovely gifts and maybe even win a prize on our fantastic tombola. We hope to have a special guest if he can spare the time away from his toy workshop. As always there will be refreshments and lots to do at this annual event which for some signals the start of Christmas.

Our **Hearing aid drop-in clinic** on the 23rd of September was really well attended and we were able to help lots of our members with replacement batteries, replacement tubing and servicing of hearing aids. The next planned clinic is on 27th January 2023 and is expected to be equally popular, please bring your

white or yellow NHS card with you and please be aware there may be a wait to be seen.

Our **Trips** continue to be popular; we will be going to Tong Garden Centre on the 17th of November (cost £12.50) and then to Castle Howard on the 15th of December (cost £32). The trip to Castle Howard is sure to be a wonderful day out as the theme for this year's display is "Into the Woods, a Fairy-tale at Christmas"; the whole house will be festooned in twinkling lights and whimsical displays. Members are advised to book early: assistance is available.

Our **Craft Group** which meets every 2 weeks on Wednesdays 11am-12.30pm (cost £3) have been busy making poppies for Remembrance Day and will then turn their sights to Christmas crafts. This is a perfect opportunity to work on those Christmas crafts you may have already started or to learn a new craft and wow all your friends and family with homemade Christmas presents.

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

Shelley Clark

What's On

Hazel's Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning
Tuesday 1st November
10am - 12 noon

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Adel Gardeners' Club
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Visit Gaia
8th to 26th November
Gaia is a 6 metre replica of our planet and is intended to allow people of all faiths and backgrounds to reflect on the extraordinary planet we share. The winning pieces of artwork on the theme will also be displayed in the café area
Holy Trinity Church
Boar Lane, Leeds

Opening times.
Tues– Thurs: 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Fridays: 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturdays: 11:00am - 5:00pm
There will be a pop-up café serving drinks

York Gate Update

The café and shop remain open

York Gate Garden was created by the Spencers as a family garden, a place for private expression and enjoyment but also a place to be shared with family and friends. Sybil and her son, Robin, first opened the garden to the public for charity in 1968. Soon the word was out about this wonderful “treasure” and visitors came from all over the country and also from abroad. The garden featured in many books and magazines as well on television garden shows. Records show 700 visitors arrived on one afternoon with queues extending beyond the gate! The Spencers opened their garden every year for more than twenty years raising many thousands of pounds for charity. Today, the garden is managed by the gardeners’ charity Perennial and is still supporting people in need.

Sybil enjoyed talking to groups about plants and showing people around the garden. She loved the theatre and would hold poetry and play readings in the garden with her thespian friends. Robin loved to entertain and there are many accounts of dinner parties where each course would be served in a different part of the garden, often lit with candles as the daylight was fading.

Everyone who visits York Gate has

their own personal memories. I was recently looking through visitors’ comments across the years and no matter what the season or the weather, the garden was most often described as beautiful, tranquil and inspiring. All the garden staff and volunteers were thrilled that York Gate was the recipient of a Travellers’ Choice Award for 2022 on Trip Advisor.

By the time you are reading this, the garden will be closed for the winter but the café and shop will remain open. So, it’s Au Revoir to the garden for this year and we hope to see you again in Spring.



*In Winter the fountain stays silent
but come Spring, in sun, rain or hail
when corkscrew hazel catkins
hang above that fetching tail
the dashing, splashing Dolphin
draws you back to the treasure trail.*

Val Crompton, 2003

Gillian Smith
Heritage Volunteer.

Recipe of the Month

Easy Treacle Sponge



If you came to our Harvest Lunch last month, you may well have sampled this delicious pudding, with its lemony/syrupy layer at the bottom. It is baked in the oven and is so quick to make. It serves 8.

Ingredients

250g golden syrup
1 lemon, zest and juice
5 tblsp breadcrumbs
200g softened butter
200g golden caster sugar
3 medium eggs
200g SR flour
5 tblsp milk

Method

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/ gas 4. Mix the syrup, lemon zest, juice and breadcrumbs and spread over the base of a 1.5 litre baking dish. Beat the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy, then beat in the eggs, one by one. Stir in the flour and the milk and dollop over the syrup. Bake for 35-40 minutes until golden and risen, and a skewer poked into the sponge comes out clean-ish. Eat with lots of custard, cream or ice cream and extra dribbles of syrup.

Marjorie Cole

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Barry Anderson

X84 Bus between Otley & Ilkley

I have been reassured by First Bus that this service will be maintained and there are no plans to withdraw it.

Changes to City Square – Bus Gateway Update

A bus gate is now in operation where Bishopgate Street meets City Square, to protect buses from congestion and to ensure the safety of pedestrians and construction partners working on site. Entry to Wellington Street from Bishopgate Street is now prohibited. General traffic travelling along Bishopgate Street can now only turn right onto Boar Lane and exit the city via Mill Hill and to the south. Traffic enforcement cameras have been installed and motorists travelling through the bus gate onto Wellington Street will receive a penalty charge notice. If you need to travel around the city centre by car, please consider a number of diversionary routes. This is part of Leeds City Council's plan to improve facilities for buses, cyclists and pedestrians - making the city centre a more pleasant place to live, spend time in and travel through.

Reporting Graffiti

I have put together a document to advise residents how and where to report graffiti depending on location and ownership. If you would like a

copy please email me, address below.

New, Cheaper Bus Fares

The new structure of bus fares across West Yorkshire reduces the cost of single journeys and day tickets to £2, a £1 reduction on the cost of the multi-operator, multi-journey MCard DaySaver ticket to £4.50. Travelling on any West Yorkshire bus will cost no more than £2. They will significantly cut the cost of travel for people making journeys over 3 miles. Also, the multi-operator WY DaySaver tickets available through the MCard app and smartcard will be reduced from £5.50 to £4.50. MCard smartcards can also be topped up with daily, weekly and monthly MCard tickets on the android MCard app and at Bus Station Travel Centres, ticket machines and Payzone stores. The maximum single fare of £2 and maximum daily fare of £4.50 will apply across West Yorkshire, on all service operators, on journeys within West Yorkshire but are not applicable to Park & Ride services, football and other events specials.

Motorbike Criminality

Leeds District policing have an established Off Road Bike team. Recently it has become very clear that the limitations on how much the officers on bikes can do has become

well known to the criminals. As such there was an identified need to review the tactical plan for WYP off road bike team. We will be looking at implementing Operation Ashfield which will be committed to following up on incidents post event and intelligence to identify the offenders, as in these circumstances there are still powers to deal with them robustly and seize the vehicles they use. With this in mind, it is imperative that the communities continue to report incidents and assist the police in providing as much information about those responsible and where bikes are stored so that officers can know who to focus on and which locations to target.

Plain clothes officers will also be an option utilised within the plans

Billy Flynn

Hello again. Autumn is here and the weather is still decent so we don't have too much to complain about at the moment. As mentioned, last month I had my 5th Covid vaccination at Alwoodley Medical Centre at the beginning of October, though I thought it was my 4th! Doesn't time fly? Talking about surgeries, complaints about delays in getting appointments at Alwoodley have surfaced again so things do not appear to be improving. I was in a queue that stretched around 3 sides of the surgery for 55 minutes waiting for my vaccination. Not very

alongside various other tactics. From mid-September onwards a series of days of action specifically targeting motorbike criminality will begin, initially using existing resources. Days of action will be our focus throughout the next 12 months with the aim that there will be a significant reduction in motorbike related incidents.

Bollards Outside Shops, Otley Rd

New bollards are to be erected in front of the parade of shops on Otley Road between Greenfield Court and the Dastan restaurant due to driver behaviour.

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pleasant in the rain.

The Fall/ Brown Bin Collection

If it's Autumn it must be the Fall. The council will start their initial leaf clearing round shortly. This usually involves clearing the major routes through the city first but they will return several times through to January, eventually getting round to side roads. The cleansing crews are very helpful so, once the main routes have been sorted out, if you know of any areas where there is a particular problem with leaf fall, notably on

pavements where there is a danger of slipping, please let me know and I will try to arrange for a crew to visit. We have managed to put back the last brown collection to 4 December this year. It's a little early to be talking about Spring next year but, just so you are aware, the first brown bin collection is usually the first or second week in March.

Police and Crime

We now have two dedicated anti social behaviour officers covering our area, one for the Outer North West which includes Adel & Wharfedale and the other for the Inner North East which covers Weetwood. The two wards intersect at Holt Park which is where considerable anti social behaviour has been taking place recently. We are getting close to Bonfire Night and groups of youths have been congregating to set off fireworks, sometimes aiming them at the police and local residents. A number of arrests have been made. The ASB officers are touring around schools to educate children about the dangers involved and also local shops to check for illegal sales and storage of fireworks. Now that we have our own ASB officer please do get in touch if you are experiencing anything similar in your area and I will arrange for officers to attend.

Car Security

I understand that there have been a series of thefts from parked cars to

the north of the ring road adjacent to our ward. I believe a grey VW Golf may be involved, so if you see a vehicle of this description with the occupants acting in any way suspiciously, please notify the police who welcome any reports of this nature.

Burglaries

A close neighbour of mine was burgled in broad daylight the day before I wrote this article. The house had been left fully secured except for the ensuite bathroom window being left open an inch or so. That was enough for the thief to gain entrance and steal property and the house keys so all the house locks had to be changed as well as causing a great deal of upset for the family. The police were excellent and attended within the hour. However, it was a salutary reminder to ensure your house is left fully secure when you are out, including closing and locking, if possible, all windows, upstairs and down.

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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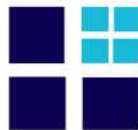
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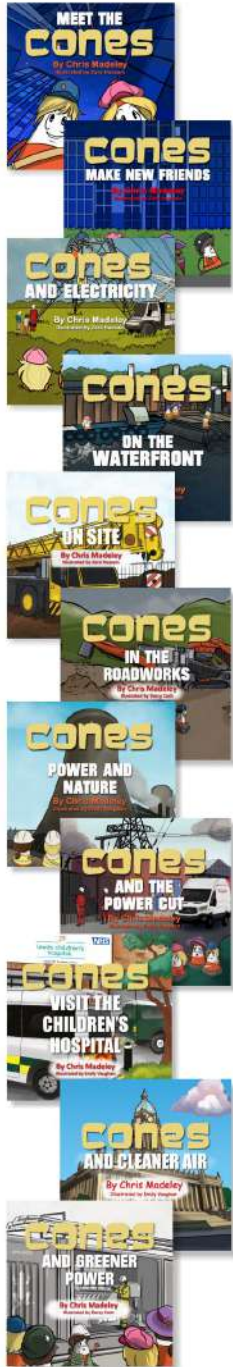
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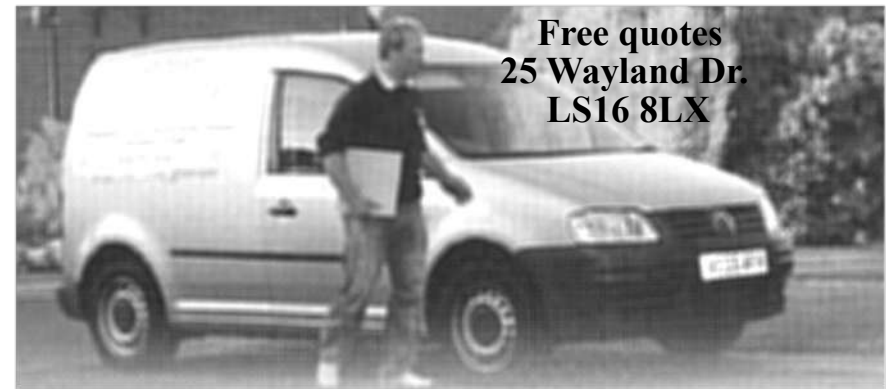
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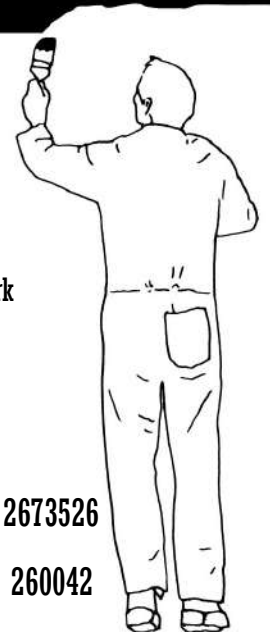
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Wed 2nd	11am	Holy Communion
Fri 4th	1.30pm	J Js (for the under sixes)
Sunday 6th		Third Sunday before Advent
	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wed 9th	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th		Second Sunday before Advent
	8.30am	Remembrance Sunday
	10am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Parish Communion
Wed 16th	11am	Holy Communion
Thurs 17th	3.15pm	Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee
Sunday 20th		Christ the King
	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	All Age Service with Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wed 23rd	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th		Advent Sunday
	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am	Parish Communion
Wed 30th	11am	Holy Communion

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