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## A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God".  
 Matthew 5:9.*

Peace-loving God,  
 on this Remembrance Sunday  
 your church remembers  
 all who have fallen in war;  
 those who re-live war daily through  
 injury or broken spirit,  
 those left behind,  
 grieving for a loved one.

And as we remember,  
 we pray for those who seek peace:  
 for those who are good negotiators-  
 working with dedication and  
 persistence;  
 going the extra mile for peace.

We pray for peace.

But also...  
 help us to find new ways of addressing  
 aggression;  
 constructive ways of challenging harsh  
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*Martin Hazell (from Opening Doors,  
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## From the Editor

As we step over the threshold of November, we head towards events that encourage us to remember. One hundred and five years ago, millions of people all over the country reflected on their collective loss. The first Remembrance Day ceremonies were sombre occasions, full of sadness. But I wonder what we today are remembering as we stand silent for 2 minutes on Remembrance Sunday. We listen as the names of our local heroes are read out, but, more important is the need to pray for peace, to support our present day service men and realise this as an opportunity to reflect on victims of wars in the troubled world we now live in. Do come and join us on 10th November.

You are reading this now, but I wonder how you came across this copy. Many of you have the magazine

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Next month we will have more details of our Advent and Christmas events, so keep your eyes open for news in Adel Bells, as well as posters in the churchyard. We look forward to seeing you. Why not start with the Christmas Coffee Morning on 30th November?

**Marjorie Cole**

## Rector Alison's Letter

Dear Friends

November often seems like a month of remembering. In fact, this month offers a bewildering array of chances to remember everything from saxophones to jellyfish! Most recognisable of course are Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup>, and Remembrance Day on 11<sup>th</sup> where we honour especially the dead of two world wars.

This year, with the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both Dunkirk and the airborne invasion of France, those who took part have been much in our minds. Such memorials tend to portray the men and women involved as remarkable heroes. When we see interviews with them however, we realise they were very ordinary, often very scared people who when the times called for it, did extraordinary things.

As the years pass, and there are very few left who were caught up in the world wars, it is very tempting to put them on a pedestal as super heroes... completely separated from us. I think though, that if our remembrance is to have a point, it needs to allow us to connect and to ask something of us.

Thankfully, we have mostly lived our lives in peace, at least in this country; there has been no Dunkirk required of us. But every age holds its own

challenges, and ours is no different. Remembering those very ordinary young people, and how they rose to their occasion, we might perhaps look around at the threats facing us and what we can do make a difference.

We may be called to speak out against hatred, misinformation and complacency rather than storm beaches, but this too takes courage. Perhaps the memory of those ordinary young men of 80 years ago and more might inspire us to find that courage.

In November, as a church, we also celebrate All Saints' Day. This is when we honour people not famous enough to have a day to themselves. Our prayer book says it is a time to celebrate the way God's grace shapes human lives, to be encouraged by saints, and remember that holiness grows 'in ordinary circumstances, as well as extraordinary crises.'

Remembering 'All Saints' we can look at our 'ordinary circumstances' and seek to be a force for good in any way we can.

Even closer to home, we hold our memorial service, this year on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Here people gather to remember their own loved ones who have died and give thanks for their lives. As we recall the love they showed to us, we are encouraged to

share that love with those we meet. All these services are a chance to remember as a community. You are welcome to any or all. However we celebrate those who have gone before, it is good to use our thanks for what they gave as an inspiration to give something to our community today.

With love and prayers

Alison

### For your Diary

**Sunday 3rd November**  
**6.30pm**  
 Memorial Service  
 in church

**Saturday 9th November**  
**2pm**  
 Illustrated Talk on War Graves  
 in the Old Stables  
 Free to attend

**Saturday 30th November**  
**10.30am**  
 Christmas Coffee Morning  
 With raffle and stalls

**Also Saturday 30th November**  
 'Listening to the Women of Advent'  
 A quiet reflection 1.30 - 3.30  
 Followed by a Service of Compline  
 at 4pm

**Sunday 15th December**  
**3pm**  
 Concert by  
 Leeds Guild of Singers



### Christmas Coffee Morning

**SATURDAY**  
**30th NOVEMBER**

**10.30 to 12 noon**  
 in  
 the Old Stables



A variety of goods will be available for sale

The draw for the Christmas Hamper will take place

Tasty cakes and freshly filtered coffee or tea will be on offer

Pay what you want!



## Also in November . . .

**War Graves Talk**  
**9th November**  
**2pm in the Old Stables**  
**Free to attend**

**Remembrance Sunday**  
**10th November**  
**10 am in church**  
**11 am outside church**

**Bible Study**  
**10 am in the Stables**  
 Thursday 8th November  
 Thursday 22nd November

**Saturday 30th November**  
**Christmas Coffee Morning**  
 10.30 am  
**Also**  
**'Listening to the women of Advent'**  
 1.30pm in church, followed by  
 Compline

**Prayer Meetings**  
**10am every Wednesday**  
**In church or at home**  
 Praying this month for:  
 Baptism Group  
 Live streaming team  
 All those who cover services

**Memorial Service**  
**Sunday 3rd November**  
**6.30pm**

# A Rare Privilege

On Sunday the 22nd September, in spite of the heavy rain, there was lots of support from Adel Church for Paul at Leeds Minster for his licensing as a lay minister.

We were welcomed by The Reverend Canon Paul Maybury the Rector of Leeds, who introduced the five candidates who were being licensed.

The service followed the usual form for Choral Evensong with Paul doing the New Testament Reading.

The Diocesan Warden of Readers The Venerable Bill Braviner (Archdeacon of Halifax) who was standing in for Bishop Arun preached a very good sermon. He reiterated what had been told to the candidates during their training, the importance of their ministry was to **Read, Preach, Teach** and to **Take the Gospel to the People**.

After singing the hymn "O thou who camest from above" the licensing of the lay ministers began as they stood at the front with their respective incumbents.

There were many declarations made and questions put to them. We in the congregation were also asked to uphold and encourage them in their ministry. After their affirmations the Warden then said to each in turn "I admit and welcome you as Licenced Lay Minister in the Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and



**Paul at the Minster with his bible and preaching stole**

of the Holy Spirit". He blessed them and gave them their licence and a bible with the words "Receive authority to exercise the office of Licensed Lay Minister in this Diocese. May the Lord be with you in all your work and ministry from this day onwards. Amen. We welcome you as minister of God's word." We all replied "May the word of Christ dwell in you richly".

Each incumbent gave their candidate a preaching stole. I found this part very moving as Paul has worked so hard over a long time and finally it was all official. There was much clapping and cheering at this point.

The service ended with "Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go" followed by the Blessing.

We were all invited to stay behind and have tea, biscuits and a chat; unfortunately I was unable to stay but those who did enjoyed it.

It was really good to see so many people, too many for me to count,

from our church there to support Paul. We have all followed his journey and know that he is a very important member of our church family.

I think we all know that the "Word of Christ does dwell richly" in him and Alison. God Bless you both. We are truly blessed by having you both.

**Beryl Thompson**

## In Brief

### 100 Club Draw for September

1st prize, £80	Kath Jackson
2nd prize, £40	Elizabeth Frost
3rd prize, £30	Jamie F-W

### No Bonfire Night at the Stables

At a recent PCC meeting, we discussed the question of whether or not to keep to our tradition of having a bonfire with fireworks in the grounds of the Stables.

Whilst recognising that it has been a good social occasion and an opportunity to meet up with members of our community who do not attend church services, we felt we could no longer justify not only the expense but also the damage to the environment. So we took the decision to put an end to it. We are sorry to disappoint people, but why not think about going to Adel St John's School Bonfire on 9th November?

### Anglo-Saxon Churches in Yorkshire

In September Joyce Hill gave us an inspiring talk on these churches. She taught us what to look for and encouraged us to go out and discover.

Here are some of the churches you might consider visiting.

- Bardsey:** All Hallows.
- Kirk Hammerton:** St John
- Ledsham:** All Saints
- Hovingham:** All Saints
- St Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale** (nr Pickering)
- Ripon cathedral crypt:** built by Wilfrid, 672-78
- Aldbrough** (nr. Hornsea): St Bartholomew
- Appleton le Street:** All Saints.
- Skipwith:** St Helen
- Plus Barton on Humber** (Lincs): St Peter

# My Church Journey

I was born in November 1960. We lived in Reddicap, Sutton Coldfield and I was baptised at St Chad's Church on Easter Sunday 1961. I lived with my Mum, Dad and two older brothers.

We moved to a village near Cheltenham when I was 2 years old but moved back to Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield when I was 5. My brothers were very keen and very able choristers at St Michael's Church. My Dad used to take me to Children's Church where my main memory was collecting the weekly stickers to put in a little book. Dad was a design engineer and I remember him designing and having manufactured the pew end candle holders for Christmas time. It was quite a big Church and relatively 'modern' so the candle holders were of a contemporary design.

I attended Brownies and Guides at St Michael's and my brothers and I attended Discoverers and Go Club which I think may have been linked to the Church Army. They were run by the formidable Misses Bibbys!

In 1976 my parents and I moved to Newport in Shropshire where I was confirmed at St Nicholas's Church.

My Church journey fell by the wayside in my late teens and twenties until my husband, Hugh, and I



moved back to Leeds in 1985. We originally lived off Tinshill Lane in Cookridge and I began attending St Paul's. Our daughter, Sarah, was born in 1987 and our son, Jonathan, in 1991. Both were baptised at St Paul's.

Sarah started at Adel St John the Baptist in September 1992 and we moved into Adel in January 1993 which is when Sarah and I starting attending the children's service in the school hall.

I was a member of the inaugural group that set up Junior Church, a wonderful addition to the Church family and long may it continue. I became the 'secretary' of the group and a Pebbles leader for probably 20+ years. Sarah and Jonathan both attended and Sarah became a Pebbles leader for a few years when she returned from University. As a family

we also enjoyed some wonderful Church retreat weekends at Wydale Hall where we also got to know the wider Church family.

Hugh and I renewed our wedding vows in Church on the Sunday of our silver wedding weekend. It was part of the 10am service as I wanted the Junior Church children to be there. We were delighted to see Sarah and Nick married at St John's in 2012 and their son, Theodore, baptized in the Church in February 2020 before the start of the covid closures. I had a spell on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) when I was still working but at the time I didn't feel that I could give it enough of my attention. Earlier this year I was asked to join the PCC again and as I am retired I felt I could give this more time – although holidays do seem to have got in the way of meetings so far! Hopefully I will become more useful in due course.

I receive the Adel Bells magazine each month, bundle them up and Hugh and I then distribute them to the deliverers. I am also on the coffee rota for after the 10am service – new volunteers gratefully received please. We also have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday eucharist service at 3:15pm in The Stables. This is primarily for those who have difficulty accessing the Church but all are welcome. This is a lovely warm and comfortable service followed by tea/ coffee, biscuits and a chat. A friendly little group, please do come join us if you feel able.

We have now lived in Adel for over 31 years and my involvement with the Church and the Church family has grown considerably over the years. I am very proud and happy to be part of it. Thank you to all.

**Sandra Lavery**



# Environmental News

## Don't Go Silly!

'Dydd Gwener y Gwario Gwirion', don't ask me to pronounce that! Leading on from last month about whether you actually need that new phone. What started out in America has now planted itself firmly in our shopping calendars. Near the end of this month, shops (online and in-store) up and down the country will try and sell you things at heavily discounted prices; the cynic in me thinks it's just a way for them to get rid of old stock in time for Christmas. What am I talking about? It's Black Friday, of course!

Buy Nothing Day coincides with Black Friday on November 29th. It encourages people not to buy anything for the day and to reflect on the impact that consumerism has on our planet through shopping. Black Friday, the annual shopping event traditionally following Thanksgiving in America, has become synonymous with massive sales and driving shoppers into a frenzy. While it offers significant economic benefits, the environmental impact of Black Friday is substantial.

The surge in consumer activity leads to a spike in manufacturing and transportation, both of which are major sources of greenhouse gases, particularly with the rise of next-day delivery options, further exacerbating the carbon footprint. Taken from



goodenergy.co.uk, in 2022 Black Friday week it was estimated that 1.2 million tons of CO2 was released due to trucks transporting goods around Europe. That's 94% higher than an average week! Many of these are often sent out half-filled.

Remember those old DFS adverts? They always had a sale, but now I feel the same with Amazon. It seems like every other month, they advertise their "Prime Day" deals, with greater savings to be had with their "lightning deals". These make you rush to buy, as they limit the availability with a percentage bar filling up, indicating how much stock they have left; it's the fear of missing out on a deal. This leads to purchasing non-essential items, many of which are quickly discarded.

This contributes to the growing problem of electronic waste (E-waste) and general landfills. What do you do with your old E-waste? Please say you don't just throw it in the black bin! So, back to the first statement. On X, the Welsh government calls this day "Silly Spending Friday." Again, think before you buy - don't go silly!

**Tang x**

# Letter from Lily

Hi Everyone!

Phew! So much has happened since my last letter, I don't know where to start! Who would have thought that there are so many exciting things to do and see?

Now I've learnt that I must come back when my Mum or Dad call me, I'm having much more fun on the Bedquilts. *They let me go off my lead!* I run round and round them to show them I'm listening if they call and when they stand apart I run between them as I can't make my mind up which of them to run around! I love it when I see other dogs – I think I rather scare my Dad when I run off to make friends, but I always come back . . . eventually!

While we are on the Bedquilts, let me tell you something amazing! We were enjoying our usual late afternoon walk. I was on my lead for a few minutes because a large dog who didn't look over-friendly was quite near. There I was, happily sniffing, when Mum and Dad stopped and stood very still. Come on, this is a *walk* . . . and then I saw what they were looking at. Three large brown, long-necked, long-legged animals came out of the bushes and walked slowly away towards the path and into the trees and shrubs. Once they had gone, my Mum told me these

three were deer. She said that in all the years they have lived in Adel, it was the first time she had seen deer on the Bedquilts. I shall keep my eyes open for them; with legs like that I'm sure they will be able to run very fast. I wonder if they will let me chase with them. Mum then burst my bubble and said they were so timid, would be very frightened of me and run away. How can something so big be frightened of something as small as I am, even though I run like the wind?

Talking about wind, up until now, I've *hated* it, but all that has changed. It now wants to play with me! It whooshes around me and brings lots and lots of leaves for me to play with! I am doing my best to play with all of them, but to date I've not managed to get them all, but I'll keep trying.

You already know that I'm interested in our church. The other day we went to a lovely place called Helmsley and after lunch, my Mum & Dad went into the grounds of the church there and guess what! I was allowed to go in and look. It's so beautiful, welcoming and quiet. I'm sure this is where people find God, so I'm hoping to come into our church and then I can find God. Hope to see you there too,

**Lily xx**

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## The Joy of Flowers

### Why we have flowers in church

We are so blessed in our church to have so many people who enjoy arranging flowers, both members of the congregation and others who do not attend. Just recently I have been congratulated for my wonderful arrangements. They were not mine! I tell people who have asked, who the arranger was.

The wonderful and much admired "flower towers" at the door of church recently were done by the mother of the bride, Deb. She joined the flower arranging team earlier this year. The pedestal in church for that wedding was done by a regular arranger whose grandchildren attend church, Alison.

Jill and Gill did the flowers that were on the outdoor steps on that occasion – and many people thanked me for doing them! I just manage the list along with Edith.

By the time you read this the Harvest will be past. Some new arrangers will have helped with the flowers for that. The church takes out harvest basket to members of the congregation who find it difficult to get to church. New arrangers will have helped with those and also got to know us, as we will all have been working together in church.



I cut out an item in the press which I will quote now: "If you are a stressed out office worker one of the simplest things you can do is buy yourself some flowers." A study found that employees who had a vase of flowers on their desk became psychologically calmer, even after just four minutes.

It is not why we have flowers in church; we are celebrating God's wonderful creation which, when you think about it, is calming and reassuring to us as Christians. So thank you all the arrangers who help to celebrate with flowers.

**Hilary Taylor**

The Commonwealth War Graves logo is positioned at the top center of the page, featuring a stylized cross above the text "COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES" and another stylized cross below. The background of the page is a photograph of a long, brightly lit hallway with high ceilings and arched windows, leading to a large, open space. In the upper left corner of the page, there is a photograph of a war cemetery in Krakow, showing rows of white headstones in a grassy field under a blue sky with trees in the background.

War Cemetery in Krakow

**A Free Talk**  
'To Commemorate and Remember'  
**SATURDAY 9TH November**  
at **2PM** in the Old Stables

An illustrated talk by a volunteer  
Commonwealth War Graves  
Commission speaker

No need to book. Just turn up.

COMMONWEALTH  
WAR GRAVES  
Foundation



You have admired the poppies  
Now it's time to pray for peace and pay tribute to  
those who protected our freedom

## Service of Remembrance SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER



- **At 10am the service starts in church. You are all welcome to join us. We will remember them.**
- **At 11am we move outside, watch as wreaths are laid, pay tribute to our local heroes and listen to the last post.**

Come to one or, better still, come  
to both.

**Everyone is welcome**

## QE Corner

Here it is again..... QE (Quite Enlightening) Corner. You all know that I like trivial information, so for your enlightenment I am presenting you this month with another miscellany of “facts(?)”

There is an American Sign Language pun for pasteurised milk: it's the sign for 'milk' that you take 'past your eyes'.

In 1677, the British swapped a tiny Indonesian island called Run, valued for its abundance of nutmeg, for the Dutch-owned New Amsterdam. They renamed it New York.

In 2019, archaeologists in London found an ancient Roman souvenir pen with an inscription that can be roughly translated as: 'I went to Rome, and all I got you was this stylus'

There is more than one cubic metre of ice in Antarctica for every ant on Earth.

Less than one third of primary-age children in the UK can identify a courgette.

In 2005, Banksy put a fake prehistoric painting of a caveman pushing a shopping trolley on display at the British Museum. It was there for three days before anyone at the museum realised.

In the U.S., the first ever televised presidential debate with opposing party representatives was held between two women. In 1956, Eleanor Roosevelt (representing Dem. Adlai Stevenson) debated Margaret Chase Smith (representing Rep. Dwight Eisenhower).

When Winston Churchill visited the USA during prohibition he was given a prescription for an indefinite amount of alcohol.

In the 11th century, a Byzantine princess shocked Venice by eating with a fork. A bishop declared her behaviour an insult to God.

A Brazilian Portuguese equivalent of the phrase 'raining cats and dogs' is 'raining Swiss knives'.

In the 1660s, tea cost up to £6 a pound, over £1000 in today's money.

The fashion industry is responsible for 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions, more than the aviation and shipping industries combined.

Pyongyang has more Italian restaurants than Chinese restaurants.

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

**Trevor Cole**

# Words from Joyce Hill

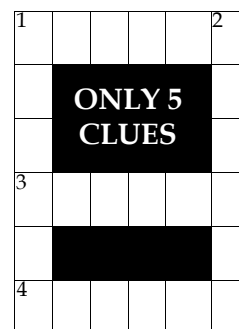
## The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

Remembrance Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November: the date on which the guns fell silent at the end of World War I. This month my topic is the tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. In 1916 David Railton, an army chaplain serving on the western front, saw a rough cross raised above a hasty burial, with the words 'An unknown British Soldier' written on it in pencil. He wrote to the Dean of Westminster, proposing that the body of an unknown soldier be buried with state ceremony in Westminster Abbey, to lie 'amongst the Kings' and represent the fallen of the Empire. The tomb would also be a focus of personal commemoration for those many thousands whose dead brothers, sons and fathers were unable to be recovered and identified for individual burial. The body would represent all the branches of the armed forces, which is why it is properly known as the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior and not the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The body buried there is that of a soldier from the Western Front. In 1920 remains were exhumed from various battlefields and taken to a chapel near Arras, where they were placed in identical coffins, each draped with a Union Flag, without any indication of which of the battlefields they had come from. Brigadier Wyatt, with his eyes closed, placed his hand

on one of them. The other bodies were taken away for solemn reburial, while the chosen coffin remained in the chapel overnight. The next day the coffin was placed in a casket of oak timbers. A sixteenth century sword, personally chosen by King George V from the royal collection, was attached to the top, with a shield bearing the words 'A British Warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 for King and Country'. A military mourning procession conveyed it, with full honours, to the destroyer HMS Verdun for the journey to Dover. It then went by a special train to Victoria Station. Next day, on 11 November 1920, this unknown warrior was given a full state funeral, including a procession through London, and a Field Marshall's salute was fired in Hyde Park. The guests of honour in the Abbey included about 100 women, each of whom had lost her husband and all her sons in the war. The tomb's black marble covering is from Belgium and the engraving on it is inset with melted down wartime ammunition.

David Railton's idea was adopted in France also, with their chosen warrior being interred at the Arc de Triomphe. The ceremonies on 11 November 1920 were simultaneous in the two countries. Our stone Cenotaph was unveiled by the King on the same day.

# Puzzles



## ACROSS

1. A state of shock as US port bombed
3. Show: a seaside attraction from what we are told
4. Go along with sector changes

## DOWN

1. Condition safeguarding university monument
2. Most unusual artist on break



Solutions on p 58

## Mystery Word

Each pair of words shares 2 middle letters. The first has been filled in for you. Complete the remaining words to find the 10 letter mystery word reading from top to bottom.

EN		IL
AT	TA	IN
CA		ED
NO		ER
EJ		TS
PI		ES
BE		NG
ME		DY
MO		ER
FA		ER

# Wordsearch

This is definitely for the grown-ups! In this puzzle you will find the names of twelve WWI battlefields in Belgium and in France. However, it is up to you to find them. I have not given you a list. Good Luck!

## First World War

A	L	E	R	V	P	V	E	R	D	U	N	R	A
A	M	M	O	I	S	M	U	R	N	B	A	S	R
M	E	S	E	M	S	I	M	E	N	S	I	A	M
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You will find the twelve names on p 58

# A New Venture

## Award-winning performing arts lessons

Whether they love taking centre stage or need a bit of encouragement to come out of their shell, youngsters in Leeds are now able to take part in award-winning Little Voices performing arts lessons since local secondary school music teacher, Johann Rossiter, brought classes to Adel in October.

These popular classes are for children and young people aged 4-18 and help nurture their communication, confidence, social skills, and mental health – as well as their performing abilities – through a unique programme of singing and drama lessons.

Music and performing have been part of Johann's life since she was a child. "My grandfather taught me to play the piano when I was 11," she explains. "I then studied music throughout school, before going on to study Music Performance at university, where I specialised in vocals and piano."

While at university, Johann released two of her own songs – one of which was broadcast on the popular 'BBC Music Introducing' programme, whose success stories include Ed Sheeran, George Ezra, and Florence + the Machine – and she's also performed at various venues and small festivals.



Johann trained to become a secondary school music teacher three years ago and has taught locally in both Boston Spa and Otley. "Performing arts education is severely underfunded in schools," Johann says, "but it's so important. I want people to know that performing arts isn't just about acting and singing – it's also about learning valuable life skills, such as knowing how to talk to someone in an interview, or even having the confidence to order in a restaurant."

Little Voices classes run at Adel Sports and Social Club, every Thursday after school. "Being able to bring Little Voices to Adel means an exciting opportunity for children in Leeds to learn and make memories they will cherish," Johann adds. Parents whose children would like to give it a try are welcome to book a free trial lesson.

Places must be pre-booked, so for more information, contact Johann on 07919146037/ [neleeds@littlevoices.org.uk](mailto:neleeds@littlevoices.org.uk) or visit the website <https://littlevoices.org.uk/location/north-east-leeds>

# In Your Garden

*“November comes  
And November goes,  
With the last red berries  
And the first white snows.  
With night coming early,  
And dawn coming late,  
And ice in the bucket  
And frost by the gate.  
The fires burn  
And the kettles sing,  
And earth sinks to rest  
Until next spring.*

– **Elizabeth Coatsworth**

As the autumnal shades fade through the month there will be little in the way of bright colours to light up your garden. In the borders, whilst most plants are well past their best, one of the star performers is *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. They will usually benefit from some support. 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. Dahlias and nicotiana often flower late into the month. 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.

Whilst Adel is blessed by having so many mature trees it follows that the autumn leaf fall is significant and gets into most gardens. These leaves are best kept off the lawn, which needs as much light as possible during the winter months, and off paths, since, as the leaves decay, they will become slippery and potentially treacherous. Use either a rake or a leaf blower, and if you can, collect them into a pile in a quiet corner where they will rot down to produce a lovely leaf mulch.

If you have roses, November is a good time to prune them right back, once they have finished flowering. Some folk can be a bit timid when it comes to pruning, but this benevolent act concentrates energy into the roots ready to promote new growth for next year. Down to around 18 inches or 45cm is a reasonable target. Cut out dead wood, any crossing or weak stems and cut back strong stems to just above the lowest buds you can find. By doing this you will take a lot of foliage and weight from the plant, which might otherwise act as a sail in the wind over the winter months, rocking the plant and disturbing the roots, which most self-respecting roses do not generally appreciate!

**George Turnbull**  
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# History Groups

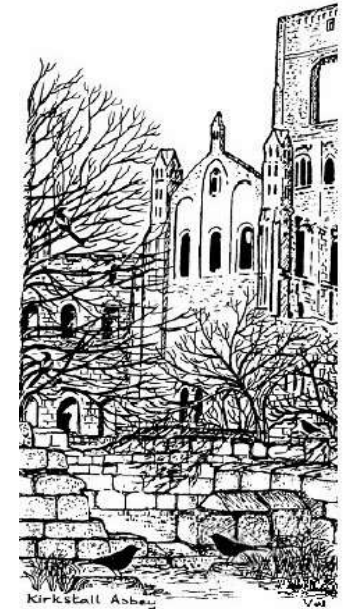
## Adel Visitors

Recent visitors include a family from Florida, and a return visit from Steve Nailor, from Pennsylvania, who is researching his (Naylor, Nailor) family history. Steve's ancestors lived at *Valley Farm*, still part of the Parish of Adel-cum-Eccup. We walked several sections of the Parish Boundary Walk, including under the Ring Road.

On Saturday morning 9th November, poppies will be placed on the war graves. On previous years we have been pleased to meet the great-grandson of WWI Air Mechanic, RAF William Hartley, visiting the white Commonwealth Grave of his great-grandfather.

Back in 2003, Marjorie, the widow of P.O. Alec Bird, who was killed in action in 1940, was able to attend the Sunday Remembrance Service at Adel. Marjorie, then a sprightly 84 year old, placed a red rose next to the red, white & blue wreath on Alec's grave. She met up at Adel with John Bond from Gloucestershire, who as a boy had watched the plane crash from his school window. John had later collected small metal pieces from the crash, in which Alec & the German gunner had both died.

**Val Crompton**



**The 1152 Club usually meets  
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**Patrick Bourne**  
Kirkstall Abbey, LS5 3EH  
For details, **0113 378 4079**

# OPAL Activities

OPAL is continuing to expand what we can offer to our members, so we are pleased to announce we will be starting a digital support group starting on **Wednesday 6th November**. The sessions will run every Wednesday 1.30pm until 4pm. The first hour of the session will be a lesson on a particular aspect of digital technology; some of the subject covered will include tablet fundamentals, email and instant messaging, video calls, web browsing, online shopping and social media. From 2.30pm until 4pm there will be a drop in session for people who have specific questions or need help with a digital issue. The cost of the session is £5 and it looks like it will be popular so to book a place please call us or come in to see us in person. If you think this may be of interest to you please call us on 01132619103 and ask to speak to Steve.

We have also relaunched our Bereavement Cafe on **Monday mornings** in the Community Café space (the Community Café is closed to the public Mondays and Tuesdays). The Bereavement Café runs every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) 10am until 12 noon and is run by a member of staff and a volunteer. If you feel this may be of help to yourself please call us on 01132619103 and ask to speak to Sally-Anne.

We held our Annual General Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October which was as always very well attended. We discussed what OPAL had achieved in the past 12 months as well as plans for the coming year. Our members enjoyed the refreshments provided by our Community Café team and were entertained by a local singer who was a huge success. The Annual General meeting provides an opportunity for our members to ask any questions they may have about the running of OPAL and acts as a focal point to our year; it also signals that we will soon be starting preparations for all our Christmas activities. We will be giving details of all our Christmas events in our next newsletter but a date for your diaries is **14<sup>th</sup> December** when we will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre which is always attended by a very special guest (Hint : he looks good in red)

If you are interested in any of the activities OPAL offers or if you would like more information, please contact us on 0113 2619103, email [admin@opal-project.org.uk](mailto:admin@opal-project.org.uk) or call in to speak to us at the Welcome In Community Centre (55 Bedford Drive, LS16 6DJ).

**Shelley Clark**  
Project Worker

# Let's Go Out Smiling

*Richard, an avid reader of Adel Bells, has provided us with many poems over the years. In a year when we have lost several grandmas from our church family this poem acts as a tribute to all of them.*

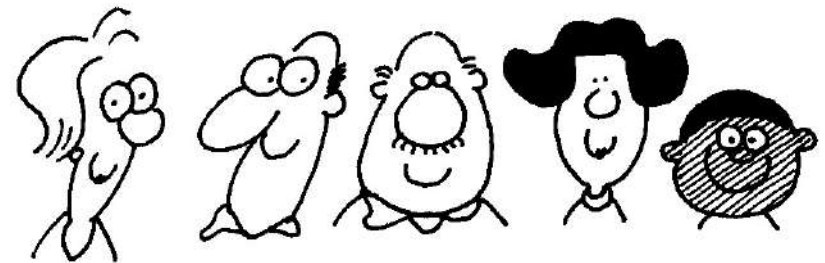
## 'Grandma Gone Now'

We were tiny then  
when she came in to mind us  
taking us up with warm hands  
and warm words  
and more than happy to  
leave mum and dad behind  
we skipped off with her  
anticipating treats, toys and revels  
and her open purse  
and looking on longingly  
when her stint was over  
and she made her way off  
we'd whisper "Grandma gone now"  
and today  
when they pulled aside the curtain \*  
hiding her cold and pale  
and inclined on her pillow  
we saw she'd 'gone' again, for good.

But the cold and clod  
could not hold back  
the Lord Jesus  
for long  
so now  
let's put aside our tears and sighs  
rise up from our mourning  
and go out smiling  
for already morning sublime  
breaks on Mary elsewhere  
and they 'live on'  
cherished best of all  
who spring to mind  
in our after-thoughts  
as we make our daily passage  
in the time remaining  
to each of us.

\*Grandma Thompson died 'quickly' from heart failure (after arrhythmia set in) on the morning of May 28th 2024 in ward 21 at St James.

**Richard O'Donnell**



# York Gate Update

Gardens that have grown over time through numerous iterations and re-imaginings develop a character: they have roots and they have memories. An accomplished plant-packed garden now over seven decades in the making, York Gate is testament to the skill of the Spencers and the gardeners who have continued its development and maintained its spirit. It is both horticulturally rich and rich in memories.

As a heritage volunteer, I have had the privilege of archiving many documents, photographs, letters and publications which record the history of the garden. The Spencer Archives provide an invaluable insight into their family lives, interests and the creation of their magical garden. Our aim is to make the treasures in the Archive accessible to all.

There are stories to tell about life at York Gate when it was still a farm, how it developed as the Spencers' passion for gardening and design grew over the years, and how everything in the garden, from the trees and plants to the ornaments and large structural elements, came to be.

There is a team of volunteer guides who take visitors on daily tours around the garden, each bringing their own special style and enthusiasm, and eager to share the little snippets that

can enhance the visit and provide background information for the curious enquirer. Alternatively, for the digitally minded, the online heritage archive ([heritageyorkgate.org.uk](http://heritageyorkgate.org.uk)) contains hundreds of photographs which provide lots of interesting nuggets of information to look at both before and after a visit.

There are so many volunteers who enable the York Gate team to create an experience that will be enjoyed by people in every aspect of their visit. The garden is now closed until next year although behind the scenes the gardeners will be very busy undertaking conservation work and preparing for next spring and summer.

Meanwhile, in the Café, the staff and their amazing team of volunteers will be serving wholesome home-made food throughout the winter months. Why not come along and treat yourself or a friend to lunch or afternoon tea? The shop will also be open and selling a range of gifts, cards and decorations for Christmas, which all support the work of the charity, Perennial, whose aim is to help those who encounter difficulties while working in horticulture.

**Gillian Smith,**  
Heritage Volunteer.

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# What's On Locally

## Headingley Flower Club at Bramhope Friday 1st November Workshop

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7pm Guests are welcome at all meetings. A guest fee will be charged.  
Bramhope Village Hall,  
Old Lane, Bramhope. LS16 9AZ  
Contact Mrs Jean Money  
Tel 01924 468714



## Adel Gardeners' Club Monday 11th November 'Plants for Shade'

**Sarah Johnson**  
7.30pm at Adel Methodist Church  
<https://adelhort.chessck.co.uk/>  
Part of a successful Leeds Garden Design Company, Sarah has designed several shaded gardens making sure there is something of interest all year round. Tonight, she is going to share some of the best plants for those shady areas.



## Leeds & District Association of the National Trust Tuesday 12th November 'Berenblum and the Bari Bomb'

**Andy Wilson**, Engagement Officer,  
Yorkshire Cancer Research  
A presentation telling the story of how tragic incidents in both world wars and the work of a young researcher in Leeds, Isaac Berenblum, contributed to the discovery of chemotherapy – a treatment still used for around a third of all cancer patients worldwide.  
Fundraiser: Christmas Gifts

Talks begin at **10.30** am with coffee etc. served from **10.00** am.  
Guests **£7**  
Refreshments by donation



## NSPCC Leeds Luncheon Club Tuesday 5th November Hazel's Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning 10.30 to 12 noon

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# Barry Anderson

## Dangerous Parking near School Gates

The Council has teamed up with West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, making a film to address the issue of dangerous parking near school gates during drop-off and pick-up times. In the film, a fire engine travels past four schools, using dash cam footage to capture real-life examples of inconsiderate parking. The footage clearly shows just how difficult it would be for an emergency vehicle to pass through in a real-life crisis, highlighting the potential danger. Narrated by Mohammed, Leeds' Children's Mayor and a champion for safe and sustainable travel, the film encourages parents and guardians to consider parking a little further away from the school gates-or even better, to leave the car at home and travel actively when possible.

## Winter Fuel Payment/Pension Credit

The Council's Welfare and Benefits Service are undertaking an exercise to identify Pension Age households in receipt of Council Tax Support who could potentially be eligible for Pension Credit (and thus the Winter Fuel Payment). Potentially eligible households are contacted and encouraged to claim Pension Credits. This has so far led to 54

successful Pension Credit claims and an average increase in income of £83.23 per week for each household who has successfully claimed.

Can I encourage people to check their Pension Credit entitlement and its passporting to other benefits such as Winter Fuel Payment. For support with any of these matters Leeds Money Information Centre ([www.leedsmic.org.uk](http://www.leedsmic.org.uk)) is a trusted source to access free, confidential and impartial help and advice on a range of money related matters such as debt, money, energy and utilities.

## Changes to First bus services in Adel and Wharfedale

From Sunday 27 October First Bus is changing services in the Ward, hopefully to improve connectivity on the A660. The changes involve the creation of four new services, 23, 24, 25 and 26 to replace existing service numbers. The connection to the train station is restored. The main changes for Adel will be the number 8 Bus, which will be renumbered to no. 24 and will run from Holt Park to Beeston via the train station. This is the route of the old no.1 bus which latterly did only run to Lawnswood roundabout; it will no longer exist. Buses run every 15 minutes Monday to Friday daytime, 3 buses per hour on Saturday daytime and 2 buses per hour Sunday daytime.

Earlier and later journeys will operate across all days of the week. Bus no. 28 will be retimed with most journeys operating up to 15 minutes later than present but continuing to provide two buses per hour Monday to Saturday daytime and an hourly service in the evening and Sunday daytime.

The main change is to the X84 which will be renamed no. 26 and no. 25 with no. 25 diverting once hourly to Pool. There will be no "express" service as these buses will pick up and put down at stops between Weetwood and the city centre.

### Crime Prevention

The Police have recently advised householders that in the last few weeks they have seen a few instances of break-ins at homes under renovation. If you are currently having some work done on your house, please ensure that all tools are locked away (ideally taken away from the property at the end of each day) & if the property is unoccupied during the

work, that no tools are kept there overnight. Also consider the outside of the property. Things like skips & discarded packaging for building materials can advertise to criminals that there's likely to be tools nearby.

### Leeds Bradford Airport

An enforcement notice was served on LBA on 16<sup>th</sup> September in relation to the flying of aircraft with a Quota Count of 1 (decibels of noise above a certain limit). The enforcement notice requires them to cease all departures of Quota Count 1 aircraft in the night time period (2300 to 0700) within 28 days from the notice taking effect. The notice took effect on the 17<sup>th</sup> October and following this (if there has not been an appeal) the airport will have till 14<sup>th</sup> November to comply.

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## Billy Flynn

### Autumn - better known in Adel as 'The Fall'

Hi again everyone. Well, Autumn is now upon us but as I write this in the first week of October, we are having something of an Indian Summer. It won't last of course but as I regularly visit all parts of the ward, I have to say

that some of the scenery is spectacular, not exactly New England in The Fall but close enough for me. However, it is called The Fall for a reason and the first evidence is already upon us with leaf fall well under way, but never fear, help is on the way. The council has an annual de-leafing programme, and the first

trawl will be mid-October and will continue until mid-January. The clearing timetable concentrates initially on major routes like the A660 and known hot spots. These locations were identified following a mapping exercise some years back following extensive consultation with local groups. There is some spare capacity built into the system, although it shrinks every year. I know that the area around the church from Church Lane to Sir George Martin Drive has a heavy annual leaf fall, so this is one area I will be asking the team to visit but if you see any other messy areas, please let me know and I will do my best at arrange a sweep.

### Brown bin collection schedule

The last brown bin collection is scheduled for 30 November but bear in mind they are fortnightly collections so yours may be a week earlier.

### Local initiatives

**Benches in Adel** – an update. I have had another request for a bench which I am pursuing currently. However, this



one and another I am looking at would be located on privately owned land rather than council owned. This involves having permission from the landowner and how the benches will be maintained and insured. Nothing is easy nowadays!

**Spring bulbs and flowers** - I am helping with the cost of new plantings for the Holt Park estate, so do not forget that ward councillors have funding for this kind of scheme.

**Speed Indication Devices** - Residents are now be able to borrow a Speed Indication Device (SID) for your community to use and to track areas of concern. The device is loaned out for 7 days at a time for use in as many locations as required. Training and other resources will be provided.

Recognised community groups such as a tenant or resident association, or parish and town councils should contact [road.safety@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@leeds.gov.uk) to loan the equipment.

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

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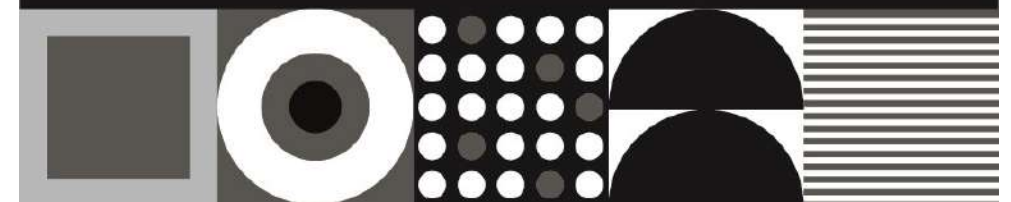
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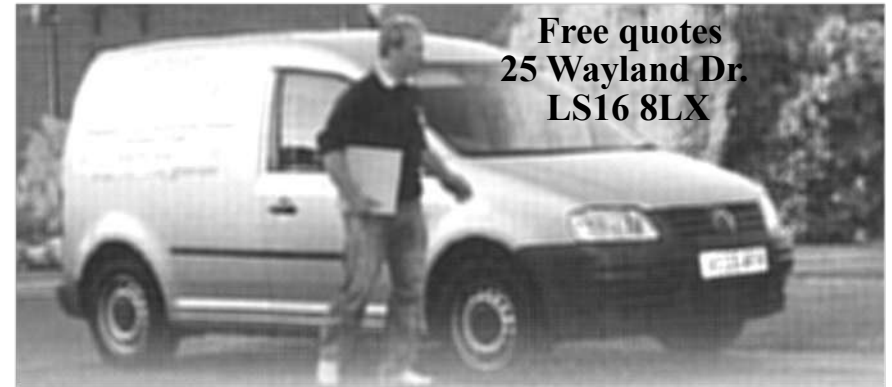
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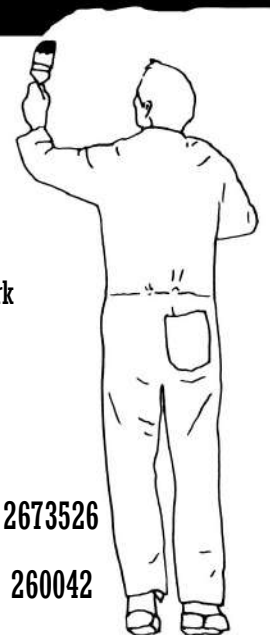
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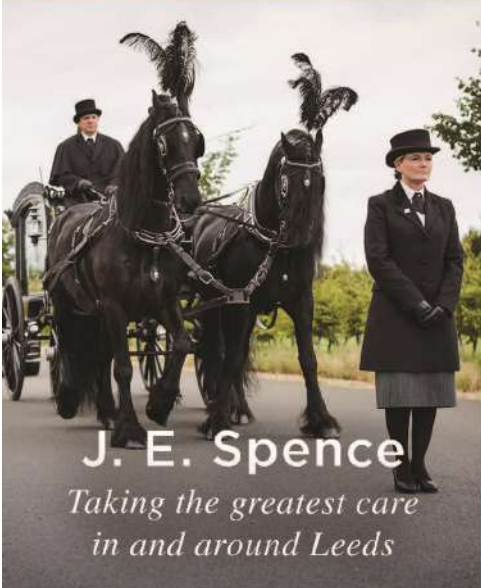
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<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b>
	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am Parish Communion
	6.30pm Memorial Service followed by light refreshments
<b>Wed 6th</b>	11am Holy Communion followed by coffee & biscuits
<b>Fri 8th</b>	1.30pm J Js (for the under sixes)
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am Parish Communion
	5pm ACE meeting in the Stables
<b>Wed 13th</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b>
	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10am All Age Service with Communion
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<b>Wed 20th</b>	11am Holy Communion
<b>Thurs 21st</b>	3.15pm Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>
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<b>Wed 27th</b>	11am Holy Communion

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