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Front cover

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Village Church Services January



Please check on www.achurchnearyou.com
for up to date information.

2nd February

The Presentation

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (TMC)
11am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (JC)
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (PMc)

9th February

4th Sunday before Lent

11.15am	Denton	Morning Prayer (PMc)
11.00am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMC)
9.30am	Farnley	All age Worship (FD)

16th February

3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30 am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
11 am	Blubberhouses	All age Service (FS)
9.30am	Leathley	Holy Communion (TMC) followed by PCC

23rd February

2nd Sunday before Lent

11.15am	Denton	Holy Communion (TMC)
9.30 am	Farnley	Holy Communion (TMC)

2nd March

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (TMC)
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (FD)
11am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (PMc)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel February

9 th February at 2:30pm	with Rev. Cameron Stirk (Covenant and Communion)
23 rd February at 2:30pm	with Local Preacher Lindsey Hurst

The Vicar's Monthly Message Everything has a season



One of the pleasures of being in the countryside is on a day like this, a day of bright sunshine, yet crisp underfoot. Seeing the birds enjoying the sun's rays whilst they take a break from searching for food; people out for walks cosseted under woollen hats, scarves, and of course gloves. Yet despite this idyllic scene we still long for warmer days, and maybe being by the coast, or even in warmer climes. Very few of us are happy all the time with what we have, we long for things to be different.

Things are no different in church, we may long for days past when our churches were full, when most people we met would plan on being in church on a Sunday, when things continued as they had done for centuries. Everything has a season, and now is the time to look to the future, not just our own personal future but that of our churches and how they can grow.

As I have previously mentioned at our Hopes and Dreams meeting, nothing will change without prayer. Whilst I know that you all spend time in prayer, as a Benefice we need to place prayer at the heart of all we do in our parishes. With that in mind, there will be a weekly homegroup throughout February looking at the subject of prayer, starting on Tuesday 2nd February at 2pm at the Vicarage. Following on from that, during lent, everyone is invited to a time of Prayer at Noon to be held Monday through to Thursday each week, held at our various parishes, in order to prayer for all that happens in our Benefice.

After Easter, there will be a 3 session course called "My Faith" as part of the Barnabus Project. This will enable us to strive to share all that is good about our faith. We have a unique message that Jesus longs for all his people to live in unity, to love and care for one another, not to be afraid to commit and to declare his Lordship in our lives.

Blessings Teresa

News from Norwood Chapel

Dear Friends,

What a January we had! As I write this, the snow and ice haven't fully melted but the temperatures are hovering above 0 Celsius now, which is a step in the right direction. Tomorrow the highs will be well above freezing. Did you like the winter white snow (and ice!) that blanketed our area for a week? I truly enjoyed the sheer beauty of the snow, how it made our world look so clean and pure, and how it muffled sound. The silence after a snowfall is simply magical.

As much as I was enthralled by it, I was also frustrated by it. The ice made the roads, footpaths and even our driveway quite treacherous. We had to cancel in-person worship for two Sundays in a row due to the continuing presence of densely-packed snow and ice in the car parks and on certain non-gritted roads. Bottomline was that routines and transport were interrupted. New plans had to be made . . . or old ones cancelled altogether. We lived one day at a time with whether we could get out of our driveway with our car.

In a sense, we had to learn a different and temporary routine where we could no longer rely on the things that used to be certain. And the plans I had made for myself were sidelined because of other circumstances that cropped up. Have you ever had a moment when you realise you really aren't in control after all? If we're willing to pay attention, life has a way of teaching this lesson to us frequently. We can be so thick-headed, can't we?! What lessons can we learn when our senses of security and certainty are stripped away, and we look like the bare branches of a tree during winter? How do we re-orient ourselves to what is most worthwhile?

In her book *A Midwinter God*, Christine Valters Paintner speaks about how our western culture "rarely acknowledges the value of being uncomfortable . . . we are forever seeking the next thing to make us feel good." She elaborates further: "By staying present to the discomfort of life, we grow in our resilience and our ability to recover from the deep wounds that life will offer us again and again. We grow in our compassion for ourselves . . . and others. We grow in our ability to experience that deep presence and peace (of God) in the midst of life's messiness and uncertainty." I must confess that dwelling in discomfort does not make me want to jump for joy. However, I sense there's great wisdom in being attune to our inner landscape (inner thoughts and emotions) and not rushing in to try fixing something we cannot fix. I think dwelling with the discomfort is worth exploring. I wonder what other lessons we can learn from this season of Winter. May we be enriched by our wintertime pondering!

Winter blessings of deep peace and stillness,
~ Rev. Shannon



Askwith's Annual Walk

with Mary & Joseph, Baby and Donkeys ~ 18th December 2024

The walk started at Askwith Village Hall where everyone dressed up alongside Mary & Joseph and the baby. Outside we met two beautiful donkeys and having sung "Little Donkey" to them we made our way to the Inn, from where we were turned away.

After more carols we set off for the Barn in Askwith where a cosy manger

awaited the baby and a stall was ready for the donkeys. A magical retelling of the Christmas story followed, with more carols before we all departed.

Very many thanks to the Penny Bun, Howard, Carol and Rob Marston at Ibbetson's Farm, Real Donkeys, OCR Hub for costumes and all who dressed up and joined in this special Christmas event.





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JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM, CHRISTMAS EVE 2024

A wonderful start to Christmas for so many children, families and friends at Fewston church.

Many thanks to everyone who participated, dressed up, helped the children to enjoy it all.

Special thanks to Baby Jesus, Annie Campbell, her family, and the two readers with their families who read so

well and set the scene for everyone. Without refreshments – not the same – thank you bakers and helpers.

With Molly the tradition continues, sincere thanks to Andrea and Howard Barker for bringing Molly.

For Molly the donkey - who makes the Journey to Bethlehem extra special – an extra carrot or two!!



Community Notice Board



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota for February & March

2nd February Ann Chadwick
 9th & 16th February Helen Cobleby
 23rd February & 2nd March Karen Boothman
 9th & 16th March Sue Wood
 23th & 30th March Julie Crowther

Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for February & March

2nd February Mrs J Cowgill
 9th & 16th February Ruth & Tom Raper
 23rd February & 2nd March Sally Stanley
 9th & 16th March Stephen & Marlene Turnbull
 23th & 30th March Mr & Mrs Senior



Norwood Social Hall

Dominoes

Friday March 21st

Domino dates 2025 for your diaries

Friday May 16th

Friday July 4th

Friday September 19th

Friday October 17th

Friday November 21st

Christmas Dominoes Friday December 12th 2025

Hope you can join us.

Pea and Pie Supper 7pm for a 7.15pm start.

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Fewston Foxy Ladies



T&T

Dominoes



Family Language Adventures

On Tuesday 18th February 2pm at Fewston Parochial Hall, we are off on Family Language Adventures Abroad with Sarah Ward. Do take this trip with us - all welcome!

If you would like more information please contact

Gillian a ring on 01943 880362;
 Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741;
 Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151

Looking forward to welcoming you all

Join us for prize winning dominoes plus tea and chat on Tuesday 4th February at 2pm Norwood Social Hall. See you then!

T&T normally meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s. It is only £2 per person.

If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362 I have always got time for T&T!



Fewston Parochial Hall

Charity teas



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Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd January from 10am till 4pm.

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Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the next meeting is the

13th February at 7pm at

The Penny Bun
 (formerly the Askwith Arms).

Contact Anne for more information - Tel: 07713884328

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Leathley Parish Room

Domino and Whist Drives 2025

All evening start at 7:00 pm
(unless otherwise stated)

Friday 14th February
Friday 11th April
Friday 13th June
Friday 15th August
Friday 10th October - Whist Drive
Saturday 8th November – Family Domino Drive,
4:00pm start

Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included
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Cash Bar- Raffle - Prizes

All welcome, whether a seasoned pro or never picked up a domino before, any age that can stay awake until about 9:30. Please let us know by the evening of the Wednesday before so we can be sure to order enough pies and pizzas!

Over 16 to 90 - £5.00
Under 16 - £2.50

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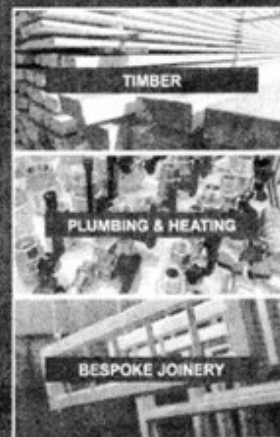
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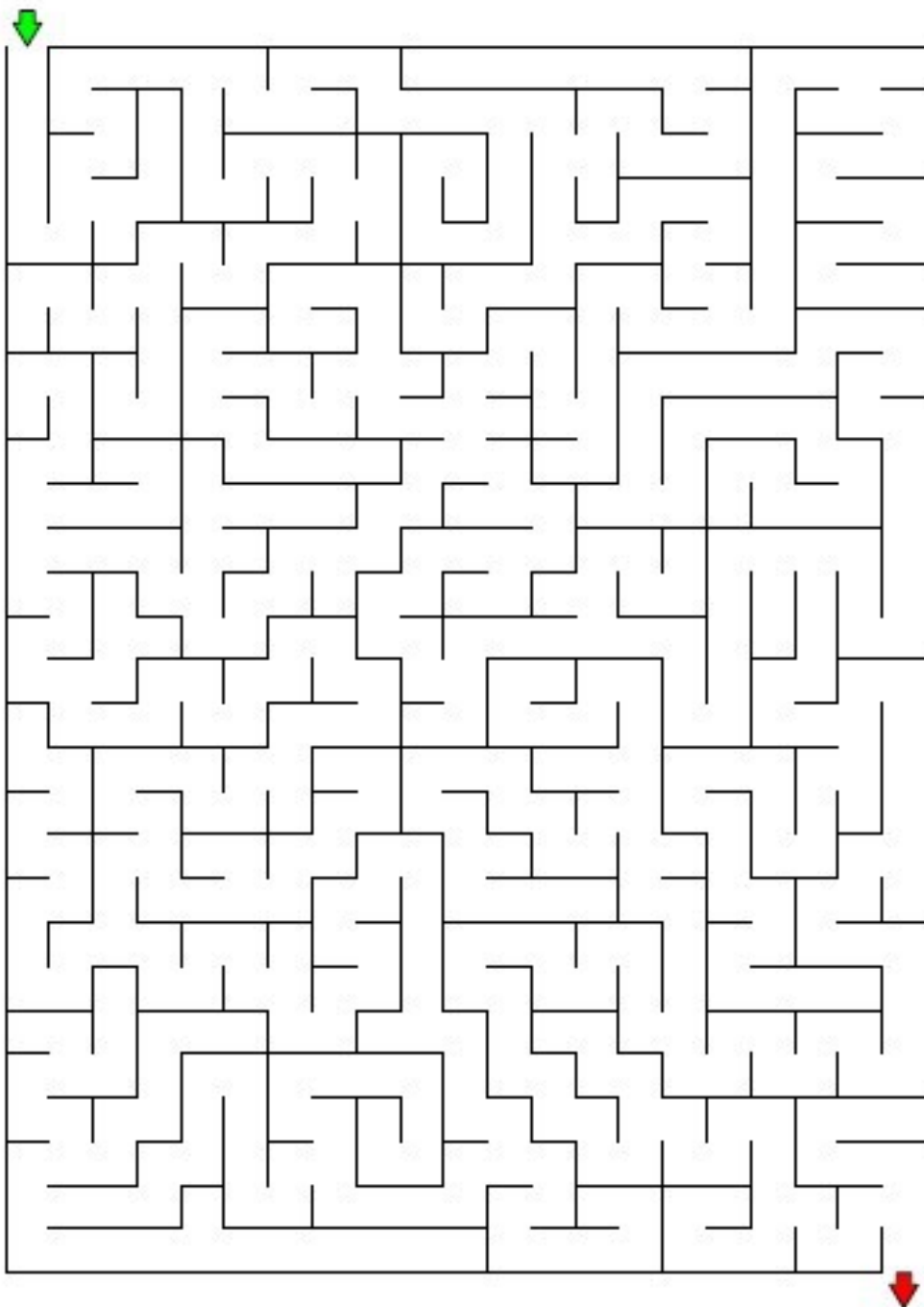
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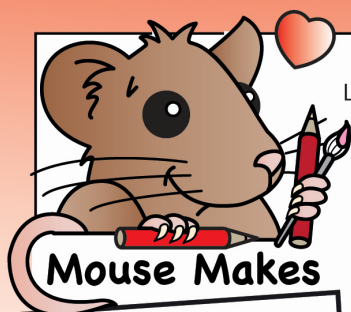


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Mouse Makes

"Love is

love is _____
It does not, _____
it does not _____
it is not _____
it does not _____

others, it is not self-
it is not easily
it keeps no record of

Love delights in
it always

from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

The steadfast **love** of the
Lord never _____;
His _____
never come to an end;
they are new every

Lamentations 3:20-23

I pray... you will understand...
the greatness of Christ's **love**,

how _____
and how _____
and how _____
that **love** is.
Ephesians 3:18-19

God is **love**.
whoever _____
in **love** _____
in God, and God _____
in them.
1 John 4:16

Give _____
to the Lord, for He is
his steadfast **love**
endures

Psalms 136:1

HOW DOES
GOD **LOVE** ME?

God sent me a saviour:

He sent His one and only
Son into the world so
that we might have
eternal life through Him.
1 John 4:9

God gave me His spirit:

He has given you the
Holy Spirit to fill our hearts
with His **love**.
Romans 5:5

God called me His child:

See what great **love** the
Father has for us that He
would call us His children.
1 John 1:3

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus told us to:
LOVE the Lord your God with
all your **heart**, all your **soul**
and with all your **mind**.
Matthew 22:37

LOVE your neighbour the
same as you **love** yourself.
Matthew 22:39

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A short story from the Bible

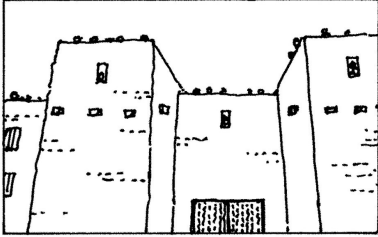
It can be read in the Bible in Joshua chapter 6 verses 1-27

Joshua led the Israelites across the river Jordan. They camped near the town of Jericho and prepared to fight.

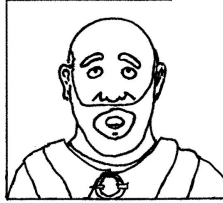
The people in Jericho locked the town gates.



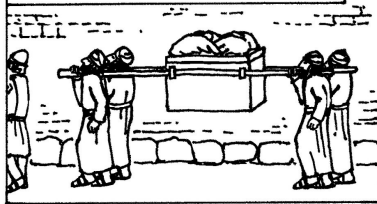
They thought they were safe.



God told Joshua what to do.



On the first day, the priests carried the sacred chest,



they blew trumpets, and walked round Jericho once.



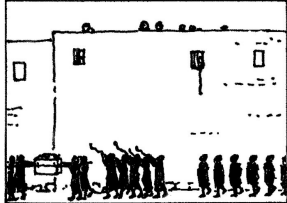
The army followed not saying a word.



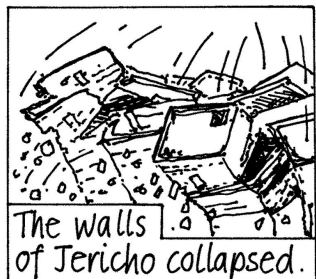
They did this for 6 days.



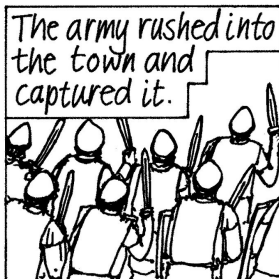
On the 7th day they walked round 7 times.



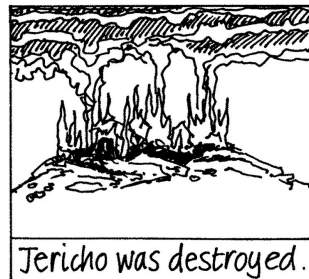
The army gave a victory shout!



The walls of Jericho collapsed.



The army rushed into the town and captured it.

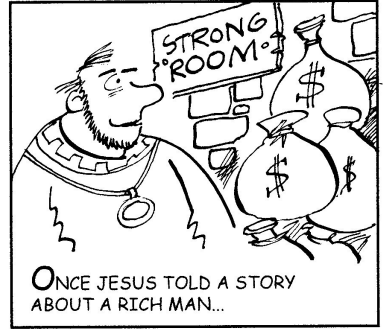


Jericho was destroyed.

The parable of the Shrewd Manager

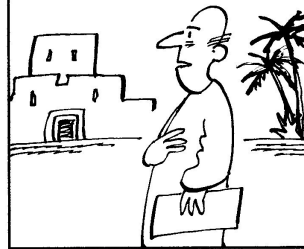


JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



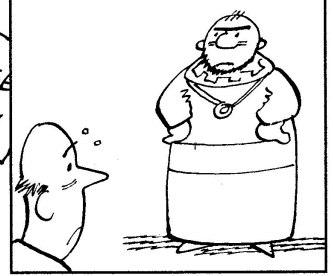
ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.

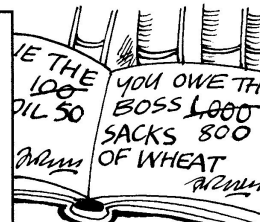


THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



OH NO! I AM GOING TO GET THE SACK!!

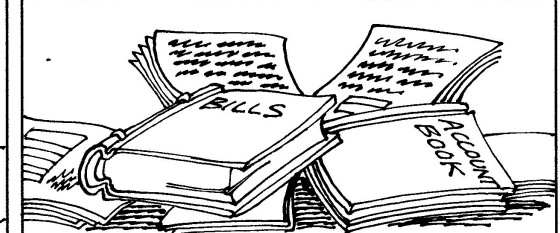
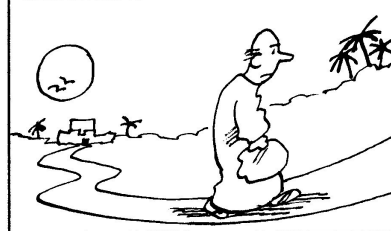


THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!



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All in the month of February

It was:

90 years ago, on 22nd February 1935 that US President Franklin D Roosevelt banned aircraft from flying over the White House – because the noise kept him awake at night. The ban remains in place today, but mainly now for security reasons.

90 years ago, on 26th February 1935 that British radio engineer Robert Warson-Watt demonstrated a working radar system for the first time, in Daventry.

80 years ago, during February 1945 that Anne Frank died. The young Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15, probably from typhus.

Also 80 years ago, on 6th February 1945 that Bob Marley, the Jamaican reggae/ska/rock steady singer, songwriter was born. He became a musician and cultural icon (died 1981).

Also 80 years ago, on 13th to 15th February 1945 that the bombing of Dresden took place. The Allies carried out four massive bombing raids, completely destroying the inner city, and killing about 25,000 people.

Also 80 years ago, on 21st February 1945 that Eric Liddell, Scottish athlete, died. An Olympic gold medallist in 1924 (400 m), he had withdrawn from the 100m heat because it was held on a Sunday and entered the 400 m instead. The story is featured in the film *Chariots of Fire*. (Liddell died in a WWII internment camp in China, aged 43.)

70 years ago, from 24th February 1955 to March that Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

65 years ago, on 8th February 1960 that the Hollywood Walk of Fame was established

in Hollywood. It consists of more than 2,700 stars embedded in the pavement, that bear the names of notable figures from the entertainment industry.

65 years ago, on 8th February 1960 that Queen Elizabeth II issued an Order-in-Council stating that she and her family would be known as the House of Windsor, and that her descendants would use the surname Mountbatten-Windsor.

50 years ago, on 11th February 1975 that Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party. She became Britain's first female Prime Minister in 1979.

50 years ago, on 14th February 1975 that P G Wodehouse died. This well-loved British-born American comic novelist, short story writer, lyricist and playwright is best known as the creator of Jeeves.

40 years ago, on 7th February 1985 that the Mayor of New York City, Ed Koch, adopted the song *New York, New York* by Frank Sinatra as the city's official anthem.

30 years ago, on 16th February 1995 that the environmental campaign group Greenpeace discovered Shell's plan to dump its defunct *Brent Spar* oil rig in the Atlantic. It launched an international campaign to stop it, and the rig eventually was taken to Norway where it was dismantled and part of it were used to extend a quay.

30 years ago, on 23rd February 1995 that James Herriot, veterinary surgeon and best-selling author, died. Best known for his autobiographical book *All Creatures Great and Small*, which was adapted into a popular TV series.

30 years, on 26th February 1995 that Barings Bank, the oldest merchant bank in London, collapsed after its chief trader in Singapore, Nick Lesson, lost £827 million on unauthorised transactions.

The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SUNDAYS** during the winter, from November onwards 11am until 4pm. We welcome **NEW VOLUNTEERS**. If you can spare a few hours at the weekend once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It's a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake!

Our programme *Who will buy?* came to an end in January and we were excited to herald the start of our new programme **Visitors to the Valley** on 1st February at our Preview for Members. Leaflets are now available to collect from the Heritage Centre and public places such as local libraries. To book a place at any of our events please contact Jenny at the office on **01943 880794** or email centre@washburnvalley.org

Events in February as follows:

All you need is love:

a Valentine's Day lunch

Friday 14th February, 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Join us for a special three-course lunch to celebrate St Valentine's Day. Come on your own, come with a loved one or whoever you like – all are welcome. Cost £19.50 member, £24.50 non-member. Cash bar.

Otley circular

Tuesday 18th February, 09.30

A 5 mile walk from Otley town centre across the river to pass the POW camp at Farnley, then through fields to Farnley Church to pick up the route to

Clifton. We return via an urban landscape. This is a moderate walk with an uphill stretch at the beginning. We will finish in Otley with (optional) lunch at a local hostelry. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

A visit by the Scots, Cristina Figuerdo Saturday 22nd February, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Cristina received her MA in Medieval Studies from the University of York and completed her PhD at York and Leeds. We are delighted to welcome her again, this time to tell us about the aftermath of the Battle of Bannockburn. In Spring 1318 the Scots poured into this part of Yorkshire. Northallerton and Boroughbridge were burnt, Ripon was saved by paying a hefty ransom, Knaresborough was taken and burnt. After these raids nearly all the local townships petitioned the King for a remission of taxation, in the plea that their houses had been burned and their cattle and goods plundered by the Scots – this petition included Fewston, Timble and Thruscross as well as Knaresborough, Scriven, Boroughbridge and others.

Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Advance notice of our book group choice for March:

Effie Gray by Suzanne Fagence Cooper

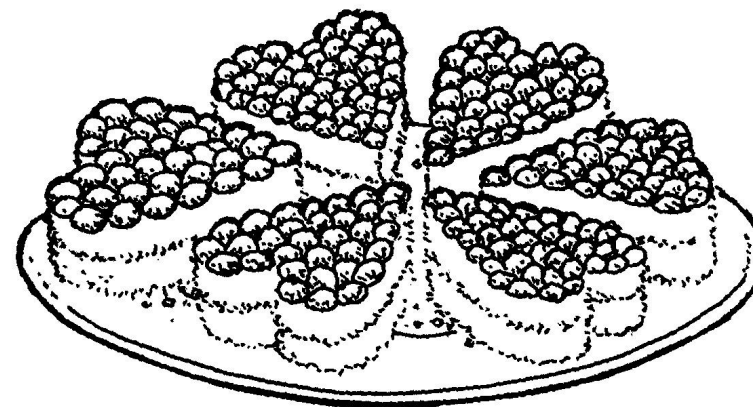
Thursday 6th March, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Come and join our friendly book group to discuss this fascinating biography which explores the passionate lives of

Effie Gray, John Ruskin and John Everett Millais.

Suzanne is our guest speaker on Saturday 1st March giving us an insight into

John Ruskin, so this is an excellent chance to know more and enjoy tea and cake. Cost £3 member, £4 non-member.



Recipe ~ Orange Cream



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1st December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend Marlene Wilkinson in her mothers possessions and reprinted again. She dedicated it to "Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

68 years later we are sharing the recipes again.
Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

Ingredients

1 large tin of Evaporated Milk
1/2 orange Jelly
1 orange
2 ozs sugar
Little Water

- Squeeze the orange
- Melt the jelly over a low heat with the juice of the orange, sugar and a little water to make up the volume to 3/8 of a pint
- Allow to cool and then add the jelly mix to the cream.
- Beat until well mixed
- Put in a bowl and allow to set

Method

- Beat the evaporated milk till stiff and creamy and about double its original bulk

Mrs H Walker

Leathley Village Hall Christmas Fair

The Leathley Village Hall Christmas Fair was a great success on Saturday 7th Dec despite storm Darragh! We wish to thank those who braved the weather and supported the Fair.

We had a wealth of lovely home made crafts and gifts with stalls in the beautiful church (St Oswald's) and in the Village Hall. Delicious refreshments were also served in the village hall.

We are always amazed by the talents of the stall holders who make lovely things. Lots of people will be receiving wonderful gifts for Christmas this year made by local people.

We also wish to thank all the helpers who worked very hard throughout the day.

Thanks again all !

Jackie Goodwin Leathley Parish
Rooms committee member



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The Birds in Your Garden



Bramblings

A recent article about Bramblings in the BTO's Garden BirdWatch newsletter made me look back at my garden records for the last dozen years. I had one visit recorded! I thought there had been more – memory plays tricks. That one sighting was in November 2021 when Storm Arwen saw a Met Office red weather-warning for wind along the northeast coast, one of the most powerful and damaging storms of the latest decade, which might have had something to do with its appearance.

I live in hope, and if we get some more prolonged snowy spells or lengthy hard frosts, we might see Bramblings forced into our gardens

The Brambling is a frequent winter visitor with a taste for beech mast (nuts), arriving in late autumn from Fennoscandia. They can sometimes be seen in large numbers, often forming mixed flocks with other finches, particularly Chaffinches. When they do come into our gardens they are typically found feeding on the ground, eating spilled seed from hanging feeders. That apart, their preference, is for beechmast, the small nuts produced by beech trees in widely varying quantities each year. Annual Brambling arrivals can range from 50,000 to 2 million birds when seeds are in short supply on the continent.

The availability of beech mast drives the migration patterns of many seed-eating birds. When it is plentiful, they tend not to migrate west in any

significant numbers. Records suggest an underlying pattern of masting every two years but in practice in England really heavy masts tend to happen between 5 and 12 years apart. The 'signal' for heavy masts was thought to be a combination of climatic factors, such as late spring frosts, or summer droughts, though recent research suggests greater warmth in the previous two springs and summers (growing seasons) may be the trigger.

The autumnal colour theme of their plumage, rusty reds and oranges, mingling with black and white, provides camouflage when foraging among the fallen leaves. As with other finches, males are bolder in their colouration. They can be confused with Chaffinches but tend to be slightly larger on average and when in mixed flocks their different colour patterns are very evident. In both sexes, the breast and shoulder area is a rich, rusty orange colour (brighter and more extensive in males), compared to the reddish breast of a male chaffinch and the buff-grey of a female chaffinch. In winter, both male and female bramblings have a yellow bill, whereas chaffinches have a grey bill. In flight Bramblings are distinguishable by their white rumps particularly in flocks.

Their nasal 'che-eep' call, with a notable rise in pitch, often gives away their presence, but in general their contact calls are quieter than those of the Chaffinch.

It's a good example of "the more you

look, the more you see". Keep your binoculars handy and you never know!

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the

BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). Mike Gray gbwmike@gmail.com.

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We finished off our year by joining in with the Christmas Fair at Leathley village hall in December with a well laden table of home made produce (see the photo) which has boosted our coffers.

This addition to our funds has meant we are able to put on a diverse range of activities in 2025. Please go to <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate> to view our activities.

On February 12th we will hear a talk entitled "My Life behind the Headlines" given by Stephanie Ferguson a local journalist who has worked for national newspapers and magazines for over 40 years. Following this on

March 12th Emma Ryott an internationally acclaimed designer of stage costumes will give us an insight into her colourful world.

All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated). In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for walks locally with either a coffee or picnic stop.

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Diane Hanline our President by email to farnleyestatewi@gmail.com.



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National and Heritage Pictures at St Andrew's, Blubberhouses

King Charles III portrait, letters from the late Queen Elizabeth II thanking the community of Fewston with Blubberhouses on the Flower Festivals celebrating her 90th Birthday and Platinum Jubilee, are now framed and mounted on the north wall of the church.

The Roll of Honour for World War I parishioners who sacrificed their lives has been reframed in old oak alongside the certificate of adoption of HMS

Speedwell in World War II.

Please do go and have a look at this record of commitment by parishioners to our national heritage.

St Andrew's Church is always open with welcoming coffee and tea for visitors.

Friends of Blubberhouses Church Committee.



... All in the month of February ~ continued from page 27

20 years ago, on 7th February 2005 that yachtswoman Ellen MacArthur broke the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, gaining international renown.

20 years ago, on 14th February 2005 that YouTube, the online video-sharing service, was founded. It was purchased by Google in 2006.

20 years ago, on 16th February 2005 that the Kyoto Protocol came into effect. The international treaty obliges industrialised nations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

10 years ago, on 27th February 2015 that Leonard Nimroy, actor and film director, died. Best known for his role as Spock in the *Star Trek* films and TV series.

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Gardeners Corner



As I write this in January, gardens are still waterlogged after such a wet few months and it has been impossible to get on the ground. Hopefully by the time you read this, things will have dried out a bit. Get started on the veg patch, tidying up and removing the old plants that were left and neglected over the winter. Apply a good mulch of well rotted manure, garden compost or spent mushroom compost to a depth of 4 or 5 inches and not just on the kitchen garden! Flower beds should also be mulched to provide protection and nutrients needed for all that growth that will soon begin.

Autumn fruiting raspberries should be pruned right down to ground level and if you haven't already done so, it is not too late to attend to summer raspberries by cutting out the old shoots and tying in the new ones, which can also be cut down to about 4 feet. While you are on with pruning, February is a good time to prune deciduous hedges before the birds start nesting. Late summer clematis can be cut back now to the lowest pair of buds to encourage new shoots and

flowers. Roses too need a good prune this month. Cut with sharp secateurs about ¼ inch above a bud, sloping away from it to prevent water from collecting on the bud. Remove any dead or crossing stems. Remember to feed your plants once pruned to boost healthy growth. The stems on perennials that were left through the winter can now be cut back to the base. If you haven't already done so, seed potatoes should be chitted. Stand them in old egg boxes with the rose (eyes) end uppermost, in a light frost free position – a conservatory is ideal. They will be ready to plant out in March/April; Good Friday is the traditional planting day.

February is a time to enjoy snowdrops. They can be multiplied by dividing clumps "in the green" and extending the planted areas. Snowdrops do better by division now than by trying to plant dry bulbs in the autumn.

Hopefully spring will soon be upon us, so make sure you have all your seeds, pots and tools ready for busy times ahead!

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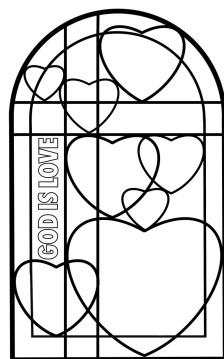
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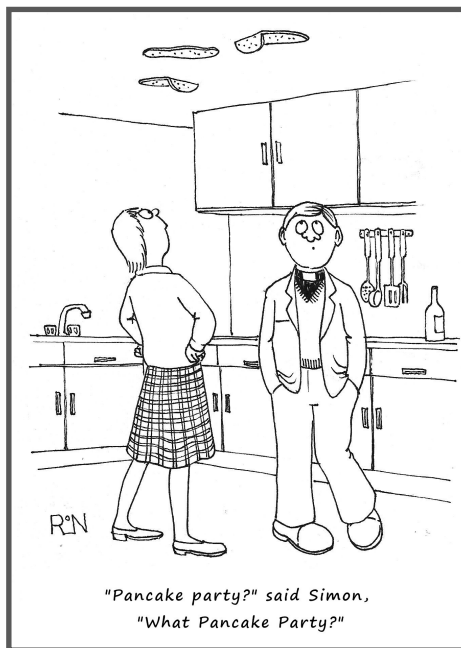
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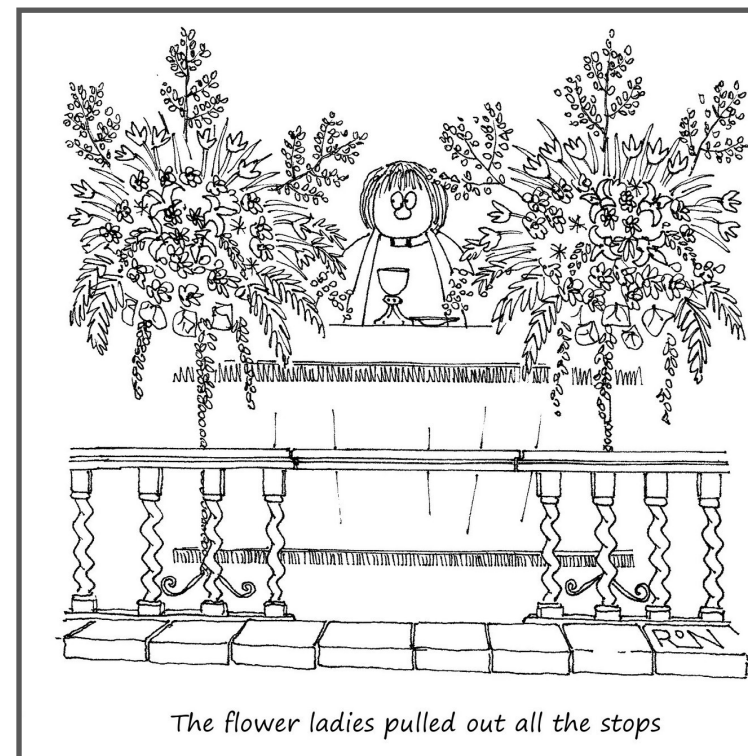
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