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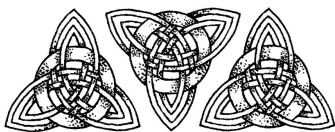
Village Church Services

June



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

7th June	First Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am	Leathley Morning Prayer (PMc)
9.30 am	Weston Holy Communion (Book of common Prayer) (TMc)
11.00 am	Fewston Morning Prayer (TMc)
14th June	Second Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am	Farnley All age Service (FD)
11 am	Fewston Holy Communion (TMc)
11.15 am	Denton Morning Prayer (PMc)
21st June	Third Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am	Weston Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
9.30 am	Leathley Holy Communion (TMc)
11.00 am	Blubberhouses Family Service (TMc)
28th June	Fourth Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am	Farnley Holy Communion (TMc)
11.15 am	Denton Holy Communion (TMc)
5th July	Fifth Sunday after Trinity
9.30 am	Leathley Morning Prayer (PMc)
9.30 am	Weston Holy Communion (Book of common Prayer) (TMc)
11.00 am	Fewston Morning Prayer (TMc)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

June

Sunday 14 th June 2.30pm	Rev. Mark Godfrey – Afternoon Worship to inspire and bless
Sunday 28 th June 2.30pm	Rev. Cameron Stirk - Service of Holy Communion

Do come along and join us!

The Vicar's Monthly Message



At the end of this month many of us will be watching all the action at Wimbledon. Normally as soon as the champagne is chilled, the strawberries picked and the covers are off at Wimbledon, that is usually when it starts to rain! Hopefully though, that will not be the story this year. I know that not everyone shares my enjoyment of the hot weather and that some prefer a cooler climate.

Although there have had some fund raising events, there are still more yet to come this year in the benefice. All our churches work really hard at organising things in order to help raise money to help with paying the parish share, which is no mean feat. It is also really good that it does give us the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with one another, and catch up and have a good time through supporting one another by going to each other's events.

A big thank you to everyone who organises events and helps in any way at all, be assured your hard work is never taken for granted.

It is good that as Christians we are seen to be able to enjoy ourselves and delight in this world that was created for us. So many people see Christianity as all "sack cloth and ashes" with not much joy. It was St. Paul who said "*Rejoice*" when he wrote his letter to the Philippians even though at the time the odds were against him, and he rejoiced in the fact that he was in God's hands. Now that really is something to rejoice about, anyone for Strawberry 's and cream?!

Blessings
Teresa



News from Norwood Methodist Church

Time.....

sometimes a great enemy, to be fought, cheated, argued with, given in to; chronological, tick tock, passing at a constant rate that timetables and organisation can manage. Sometimes a gift, beautiful, of God, valuable but free, and everlasting; moments, which have their own intrinsic value, spirituality, and purpose.

Jesus knew about moments and their importance,
He accepted interruptions because of their importance,
He sought time with God because prayer is not about chronology, but now. He told his disciples initially to keep the secret of him being the Messiah, then when the moment was right, on Palm Sunday He let them acclaim Him as He rode towards the purpose of His life - His death which was to define His life.

It strikes me that because we read the New Testament, we Christians sometimes get a cock-eyed view of Jewish Faith. I have started reading a little book simply called 'The Sabbath', written by an American Rabbi in the 1950s.

He speaks of Sabbath, not as I would assume, as a rigid law that has to be strictly kept, but as a cathedral of time, a momentous space in which to experience and encounter God.

The experience of entering a cathedral is designed to be an awesome one - space, sound, speed, encounter, moment, gift.

Some of us will find time may drag, living alone, longing for the boredom to cease, and something to fill the days. I remember as a child being moved by an elderly great aunt telling my Mum as we visited that she got so bored sat in her little terraced house she was fed up of counting the tiles round the gas fire. Some of us have busy schedules and have to try organisation and time management, some of us are better at it than others!

I appeal for us to hear the wisdom of the rabbi, who, I think was very close to what Jesus knew, time is a gift; Sabbath is God's gift to us; it's about rest not because it is about doing nothing, but because it is about doing the most important thing - encountering God.

As the great hymn says "take my moments and my days - let them flow in ceaseless praise."

God bless,
Cameron

(Rev. Cameron Stirk – Norwood Methodist Church)



Community Notice Board



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota June & July

31st May & 7th June	Sue Wood
14th & 21st June	Julie Crowther
28th June & 5 July	Ann Chadwick
12th & 19th July	Helen Cobleby
26th July & 2nd August	Karen Boothman

Weston Flower and Cleaning June & July

7th & 14th June	Mrs J Cowgill
21st & 28th June	Tom & Ruth Raper
5th & 12th July	Sally Stanley
19th & 26th July	Mrs H Pullan



Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the next meeting is
11th June at 7pm at The Penny Bun

Contact Anne for more information - Tel: 07713884328

Email: laeatham@gmail.com

Fewston Parochial Hall Charity teas

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10.am till 4.00 pm

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FEWSTON CHURCH The Chippendale Singers concert is CANCELLED on 20th June.

Sorry to disappoint, they hope to give a concert in Autumn, 2026
at Fewston Church.

Community Notice Board

 **Fewston Foxy Ladies**
Let's talk Yorkshire! 

Join us on Tuesday 16th June at
7.30pm when Rod Dimpleby will talk
about Yorkshire dialects and fables.
See you there!

If you would like more information
please contact

Gillian 07795 464042 ; Sue 07812
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T&T



Back in September!

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Rivers4Life at the Dales Countryside Museum

Rivers4Life is the brand new exhibition opening at the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM), Hawes on Saturday 6th June, running to 27th September. This family-friendly exhibition, packed with information about the work of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, promises to engage and inspire everyone to support its mission to create wild, natural rivers, valued by all.

Highlights include art works and creative projects produced in the *Rivers4Life* workshops run with Yorkshire Dales schools and community groups, including a Richmond care home and two refugee groups in Catterick and Ripon. Additionally, the exhibition will also showcase the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust photography competition winners

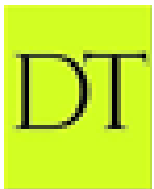
whose work show cases Yorkshire Dales rivers, catchments and their wildlife through the seasons.

There will also be an exciting bespoke community theatre performance – *Tributaries* - about the River Ure at the DCM on 27th and 28th June and at the Ripon Workhouse Museum during the Ripon Theatre Festival on 4th July.

The *Rivers4Life* exhibition and the theatrical production are part of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust's National Lottery Heritage Funded *Rivers4Life* project, which is a three-year project combining the arts and science, to enable the Trust's work to reach a wider audience.

Full details of all dates, venues and how to book can be found at: <https://www.ydrt.org.uk/rivers4life>





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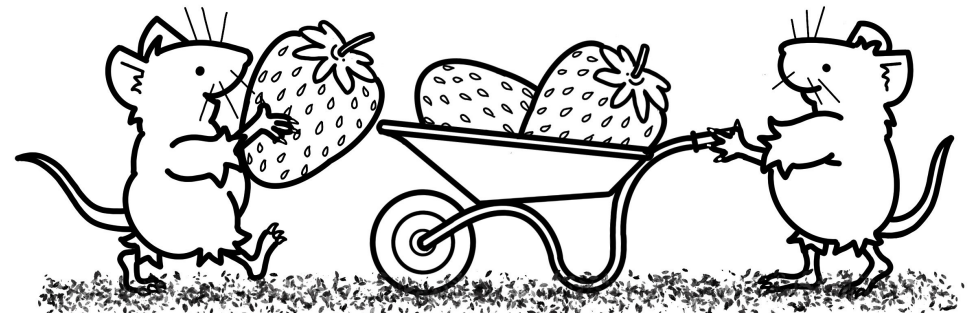
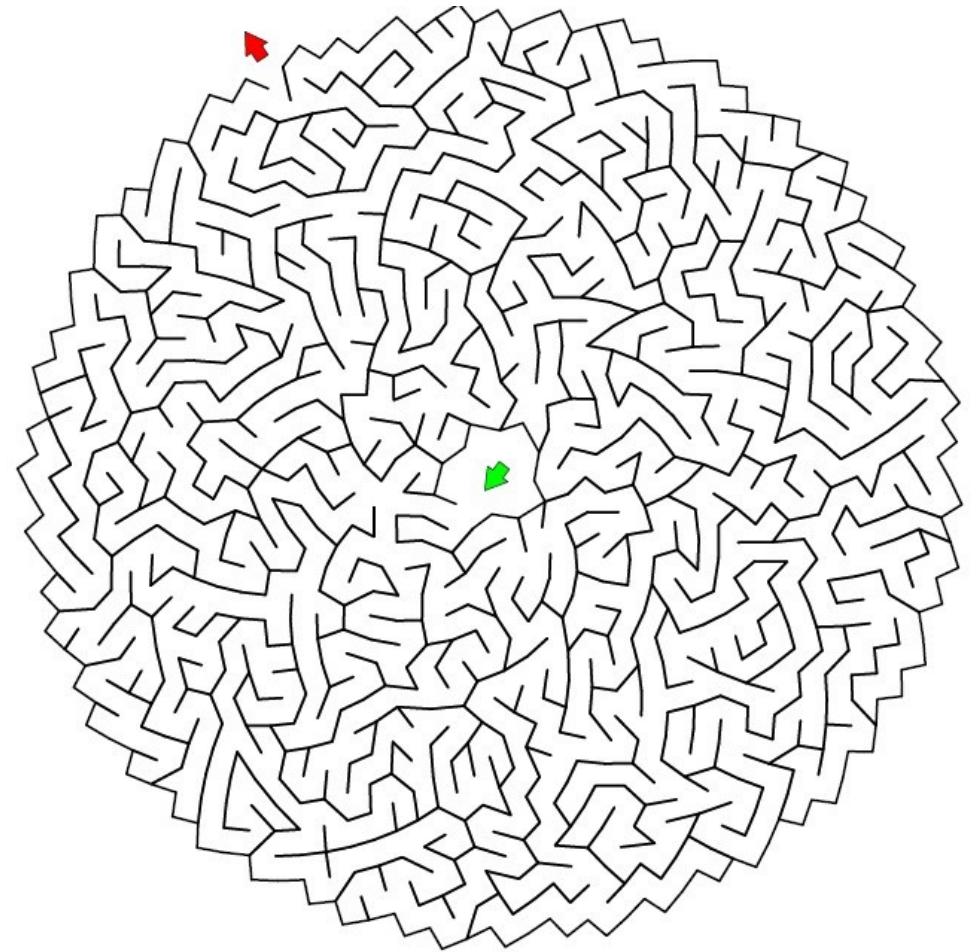
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them.

I will fight the best soldier in Israel's army and if I win, you will be our slaves

David's brothers were in Israel's army. He came to bring them food, and he heard Goliath.

He is insulting God!

David's brothers were not happy.

You just came to watch the fight. Go back to your few sheep.

But David didn't stop..

We shouldn't be cowards. I will fight him!

I have killed lions and bears with God's help.

and King Saul heard what he said.

You don't stand a chance.

Then go ahead. You can wear my armour.

I can't move with all this on!

He took his sling and chose 5 stones from the stream bed.

Goliath couldn't believe what he saw.

Do you think I'm a dog that you have come with a stick?

I have come to fight you in the name of the All-powerful God. The Lord always wins His battles

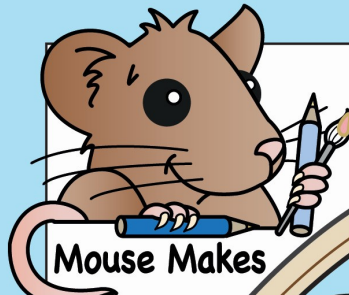
David slung his stone and hit him on the head.

The Philistines ran away, chased by Israel's army.

As Goliath came forward..

Goliath fell down dead.





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love of **GOD** and the
fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
with you all."

*2 Corinthians
13:14*





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All in the month of June

It was:

250 years ago, on 11 June 1776 that the Second Continental Congress appointed John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R Livingston and Roger Sherman to create the first draft of the Declaration of Independence.

250 years ago, on 11th June, that John Constable, British landscape artist, was born. Known for his paintings of Flatford Mill in Suffolk. The Haywain and many others are in the National Gallery Collection in London

150 years ago, on 19th June 1876 that Nigel Gresley, railway engineer, was born. He designed some of the best-known steam locomotives in Britain, including the Flying Scotsman.

100 years ago, on 1st June 1926 that the American film actress, model and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe was born. Remembered for Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, The Seven Year Itch, and Some Like it Hot, among others. Died 1962.

100 years ago, on 10th June 1926 that Antoni Gaudi, Spanish architect died. Known for his unique Modernist style. Best remembered buildings such as the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.

90 years ago, on 14th June 1936 that G K Chesterton died. Novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist, poet, social/literary critic and theologian, and remembered for his stories about the priest-detective Father Brown.

80 years ago, on 8th June 1946 that the London Victory Celebrations following

WW2 took place. Allied forces paraded through London, cheered by crowds that stretched from Buckingham Palace to Regent's Park. Countrywide, an estimated 12 million people joined in various celebrations.

65 years ago, from 4th June to 9th November, that the Berlin Crisis of 1961 took place. It led to Berlin being partitioned into East Berlin and West Berlin, and the erection of the Berlin Wall on 13th August.

Also 65 years ago, on 6th June that Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist and psychologist, died. Founder of analytical psychology.

50 years ago, from 23rd June to 27th August, the 1976 British Isles Heat Wave took place. One of the hottest and driest summers on record, it dried up rivers and evaporated reservoirs. Domestic water supplies were rationed, and public standpipes were installed in some areas. September and October both saw very heavy rainfall.

40 years ago, on 22nd June 1986 that the 'Hand of God' goal took place during the quarter-final of the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico City. Argentine football player Diego Maradona scored a goal against England using his hand, which the referee mistakenly thought was his head, and allowed the goal. England was knocked out of the World Cup as a result, and Argentina won it.

30 years ago, on 4th June 1996 that the Second Severn Crossing was officially opened. The bridge spans the River Severn and links England and Wales via the M4 motorway.

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Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club

January

The New Year started with our annual Christmas tree collection which was very well supported locally with members and their parents providing man power and vehicles raising money for club funds and our chosen charity for the year, Candlelighters.

Also in January we held Pig Judging at the Barkers in Fewston. Our next event members represented the club in the County Public Speaking competition. John Walker Farm Buildings kindly hosted a tour in Sandhutton, in Thirsk.

Hug on a Tray charity came to visit us at Almscliffe Village Hall to talk about their work in the local community. The meeting included our cheque presentation for monies raised from our Carol singing and Christmas tree collections.

February

Members enjoyed Sheep Kenning by kind permission of the Bradley family

in Kettlesing. Rachel Coates also came to Norwood Village Hall to talk about her role at the Yorkshire Agricultural Society and as show director of the Great Yorkshire Show. District hosted an ice skating evening for all at Stockeld Park. Finally we attended a Beef judging evening at the Wilson's, Beckwithshaw

March

We started the month with rally preparation enjoying small competition practice at Norwood Village Hall. Our Junior rounders team competed at the Northern Area competition in Bishop Auckland. The Smith family at Riffa Farm, Pool-In-Wharfedale welcomed members for Dairy Judging. Rally forms were completed at Norwood Village hall, the British Wool Board gave a talk at Almscliffe Village hall and members enjoyed an evening of Crazy golf at York.

We now look ahead and prepare for the upcoming rallies.



Washburn Heritage Centre

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS** during the summer from 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 spring/summer programme **The Roads Taken** continues until the end of this month. Our next programme **Churchyard Secrets Shared** begins on 1st July. The exhibition and events programme is just one part of the project, a sequel to our previous project *Churchyard Secrets Revealed*. Both projects are a collaboration between the Washburn Heritage Centre and the Universities of York and Durham. Leaflets for Churchyard Secrets Shared will be available to collect from the Centre very soon.

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 June:

Another evening of musical fun with Nicky Bray

Wednesday 3rd June, 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Nicky performed at a supper in September 2025 and proved to be very popular so we're delighted to welcome her back to the Heritage Centre. Nicky specialises in writing songs on unusual matters while being playful with language, rhythm and rhyme. She'll

be singing a selection of her own songs together with a few well-known classics. Cost £22.50 member, £28.00 non-member.

Himalayan Gardens and Sculpture Park, Grewelthorpe

**** FIVE PLACES LEFT ****

Thursday 4th June, 1.00pm

We will have a guided walk around these lovely gardens which are full of surprises. At this time of year the rhododendrons should be at their very best. The group is limited to 20 so early booking is advised. There is a Tea Room which serves very good lunches and cakes. Cost £20 member, £25 non-member.

Learning to drive – famous for 12 minutes? Malcolm Johnson

Tuesday 16th June, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Malcolm is a very popular local speaker making his first appearance at the Heritage Centre. This talk is an hilarious account of Malcolm's experience of featuring in a reality television programme, attempting to learn to drive at the age of 65 on national television. Illustrated by Malcolm's 12 minutes on screen, we will view the programme 'The Undriveables' which aired in 2014. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Inn at the top, Neil Hanson

**** SOLD OUT ****

Monday 22nd June, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

The Inn in question is the Tan Hill Inn which is a very welcome sight to many weary walkers on the Pennine Way. The talk is a highly entertaining

account of the quirks and foibles, highs and lows of Neil's time running Britain's highest inn back in the 1970s and 80s. Neil tells of grappling with tight-fisted farmers, eccentric characters, bizarre local customs, naturist weekends, 'lates and lock-ins', police raids, rats in the attic, close encounters with magistrates and planners, and the shooting of a famous double-glazing commercial. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non member.

Moth trapping

Monday 29th June, 10.00am – 12.00pm

By popular request, Aidan Smith is

... All in the month of June ~ continued from page 21

30 years ago, on 15th June 1996 that the centre of Manchester was devastated by an IRA bomb. 200 people were injured and the city centre had to be redeveloped because of the immense amount of damage.

25 years ago, on 1st June 2001 that Crown Prince Dipendra, heir to the Nepalese throne, massacred eight members of the royal family, including the King and Queen. He then shot himself and died three days later.

20 years ago, on 18th June 2006 that American bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori became the first woman to be elected as a primate in the Anglican Communion. She became the Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church from November 2006 until 2015.

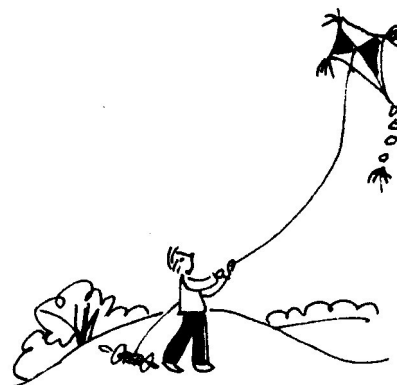
10 years ago, on 3rd June 2016 that Muhammad Ali, American world heavyweight boxer, died. He was regarded as the greatest heavyweight

returning to enlighten and amaze us as to the variety of creatures which occupy our churchyard. For most of us, moths mean the irritating creatures which destroy our clothes, but this should not blind us to the wide variety of beautiful moths with whom we share our environment. Join us in a unique experience of discovery. Aidan will set some traps on Sunday evening ready for us to open on Monday morning and discover which varieties have chosen to visit us overnight. We will share our thoughts and wonder as we enjoy a breakfast bap. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

boxer of all time.

10 years ago, on 16th June 2016 that Jo Cox, Labour MP for Batley and Spen, was murdered by a far-right extremist. She was 41.

10 years ago, on 23rd June 2016 that the UK European Union (EU) membership referendum was held. 52 per cent of voters voted to leave the EU, and 48 per cent voted to remain. The UK left the EU on 31st January 2020.



The Birds in Your Garden



Feeding the Birds

I'm guessing that pretty much everyone will have seen or heard at least some of the conclusions of the RSPB/BTO report on feeding garden birds, which will affect the two thirds of UK households that currently feed garden birds.

It was prompted in the main by concerns over the continued decline of many of our finches, primarily Greenfinches, but also Chaffinches, Goldfinches and Bullfinches. BTO Garden Birdwatch results showed that Greenfinch numbers have been in continuous decline since at least 2006, that Bullfinch numbers, which had been increasing until about 2014, fell away rapidly and continue to do so, and that Goldfinch numbers, which I certainly noticed increasing, peaked in 2019 and then started to fall significantly.

These population declines are linked to Trichomonosis, caused by the protozoan parasite *Trichomonas gallinae*, which causes lesions in the gullet, preventing birds swallowing food and water. Affected birds often become emaciated and may die of starvation. It is commonly spread via regurgitated food and fresh saliva, both directly through birds feeding each other, such as parents feeding young, and indirectly by birds consuming contaminated food or water.

The main recommendations from the BTO and RSPB are:

Reduce repeated use of the same feeding spots to avoid a possible build-up of contamination, so that feeders are more like natural food sources which appear and disappear. Adjust food types seasonally, particularly during higher-risk periods such as post breeding. Seeds and peanuts are favoured by finches, but they do not often choose suet or meal worms which can be put out all year round. (Use good quality suet so that it is less likely to melt in hot weather.)

The aim is to retain the benefits of feeding while reducing unintended disease risk. The advice is to feed seeds and peanuts from November to April, but to pause their provision from May to October. Also, should you spot a bedraggled and possibly diseased bird near your feeders, stop all feeding for three weeks, disinfect your feeders, and keep a sharp eye out for any problems when you restart.

The updated guidance also highlights the importance of water hygiene, since water sources can be a transmission route for the *Trichomonas* parasite. If you, or a neighbour, has a shallow-edged pond that allows birds to drink and bathe, there is generally no need to provide additional water unless the pond has dried out or frozen. Where water is provided, change it daily. Containers should be cleaned weekly, then rinsed and dried before reuse.

feeders regularly, and move them periodically to reduce build-up of waste and contamination. Flat surface feeders such as bird tables or hanging feeders with trays, appear to carry a



higher risk of disease transmission, so should be avoided. If you want to ground feed, scatter the food sparingly and chose a different area each time.

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). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via gbwmike@gmail.com.



Titles: Long Tail Tits (top)
Goldfinch (bottom)
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Mike Gray



Recipe ~ Chocolate Lump Cake



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

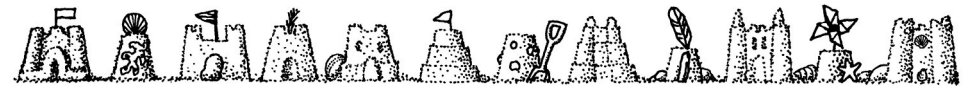
4oz butter
4 oz sugar
2 eggs
4 oz flour
2 oz Cocoa powder
1 teaspoon of baking powder
2oz chopped nuts
1 dessert spoon of Coffee essence
4 oz plain chocolate drops (or buttons)
Milk to mix

- Add the eggs
- Sift the flour, cocoa powder and baking powder together and stir into the mix.
- Add the coffee essence and milk to give the mixture a soft drop-ping consistency,
- Stir in the nuts and chocolate drops
- Place the mixture in your cake tin
- Bake in a moderate oven (180°C, 350 - 375 °F or Gas Mark 4-5) for 55 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean

Method

- Line an 8 inch cake or a loaf tin
- Cream the butter and sugar together

Recipe provided by Mrs Hornshaw



Rural Thefts

Harrogate's surrounding rural area has seen an increase in Farm burglaries, thefts target plant, machinery and quad bikes. A particular concern on the rise is the increase in fuel thefts given current cost of oil at the moment. Offending M.O. ranging from attacking, draining insecure tanks on the yard or worse case physically drilling into a tractors fuel tank and lines causing considerable damage.

Please ensure all machinery is secured in outbuildings where possible and alarmed. If you have an external red diesel fuel tank in your yard, or a heating oil tank or similar NYP strongly recommending fitting an alarm device that

monitors the fuel level in the tank and alerts the owner of any sudden drop is detected. These devices are readily available to purchase on line with a little research.

If you are concerned regarding thefts but not sure where to start with site security, North Yorkshire Police can offer free on site security assessments to give you suitable advice to meet your needs. Police contact us by replying to this email if you would like us to visit and conduct and assessment with you.

PC1893 Mike Spittlehouse
Harrogate Outer Safer Neighbourhood
Team North Yorkshire Police.



Gardeners Corner



Well we weren't expecting May to be quite so cold with such a cutting east wind. It has meant that seeds have been slow to germinate and young plants have been held back. However, they do all catch up in the end, so don't be in too much of a hurry. It is still time to sow French and runner beans which will enjoy a well manured trench to get them going. Once hardened off, courgette plants can be planted out now – they also like a good bit of organic matter to get their teeth into and can be planted on a mound. A depression in the top aids targeted watering.

Sweet peas are coming along nicely now, but they do like plenty of water and a weekly feed. Make sure you tie them in as they grow and continue to pick flowers regularly to prevent them from going to seed.

Once hardened off, it should be safe to plant out annuals either in the borders

or in pots. Water and feed once a week and they will reward you with a show of colour throughout the summer. Remember to dead head them to encourage more blooms. Avoid using hosepipes, but try and harvest rainwater in butts or containers and only water directly on to the plants that need it. Don't bother watering lawns as they really can cope with dry weather and will quickly recover when rain comes.

Once night time temperatures stay above 10 - 15c houseplants will appreciate a holiday outside, probably in a sheltered semi shaded spot, although cacti and succulents will be happy in full sun.

June is a time to visit other gardens for inspiration and ideas. Gardens of all shapes and sizes will be open across the county, giving you inspiration and ideas and above all pleasure. Enjoy!



Norwood Social Hall Dominoes

Friday 18th September

Raffle & Pie and Pea supper 7pm for a 7.15pm start.

2026 Domino dates for your diaries

Friday 16th October

Friday 20th November

Friday 11th December Christmas Dominoes

Hope you can join us.

OUR MAGAZINE

Feeling inspired?

The magazine is created by compiling contributions from readers, the many people associated with running the churches, societies, clubs and event holders. Thank you to everyone for sending in items each month.

If you feel inspired to write an article for the magazine. Share some news, a poem or a seasonal recipe, please send them to the editor.

Email your items to:

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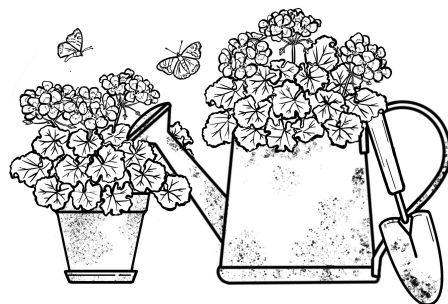
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Perhaps he's heard that we're losing our churchwarden

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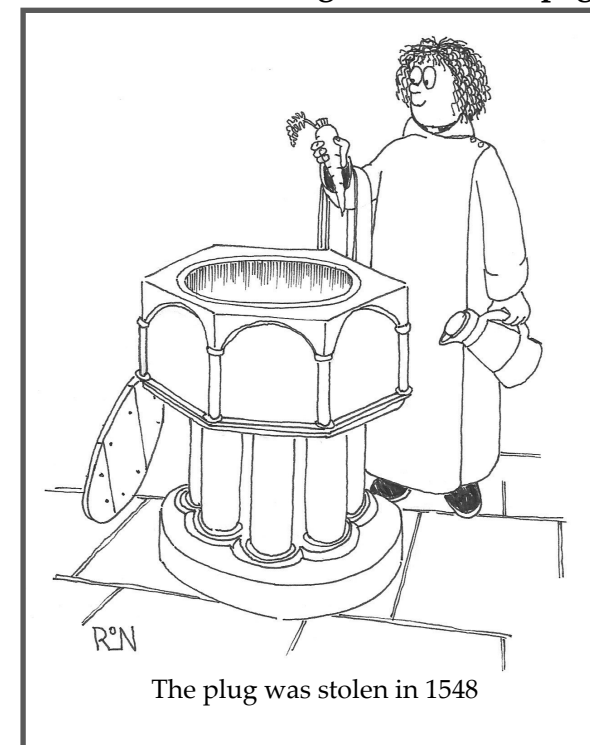
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The plug was stolen in 1548

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