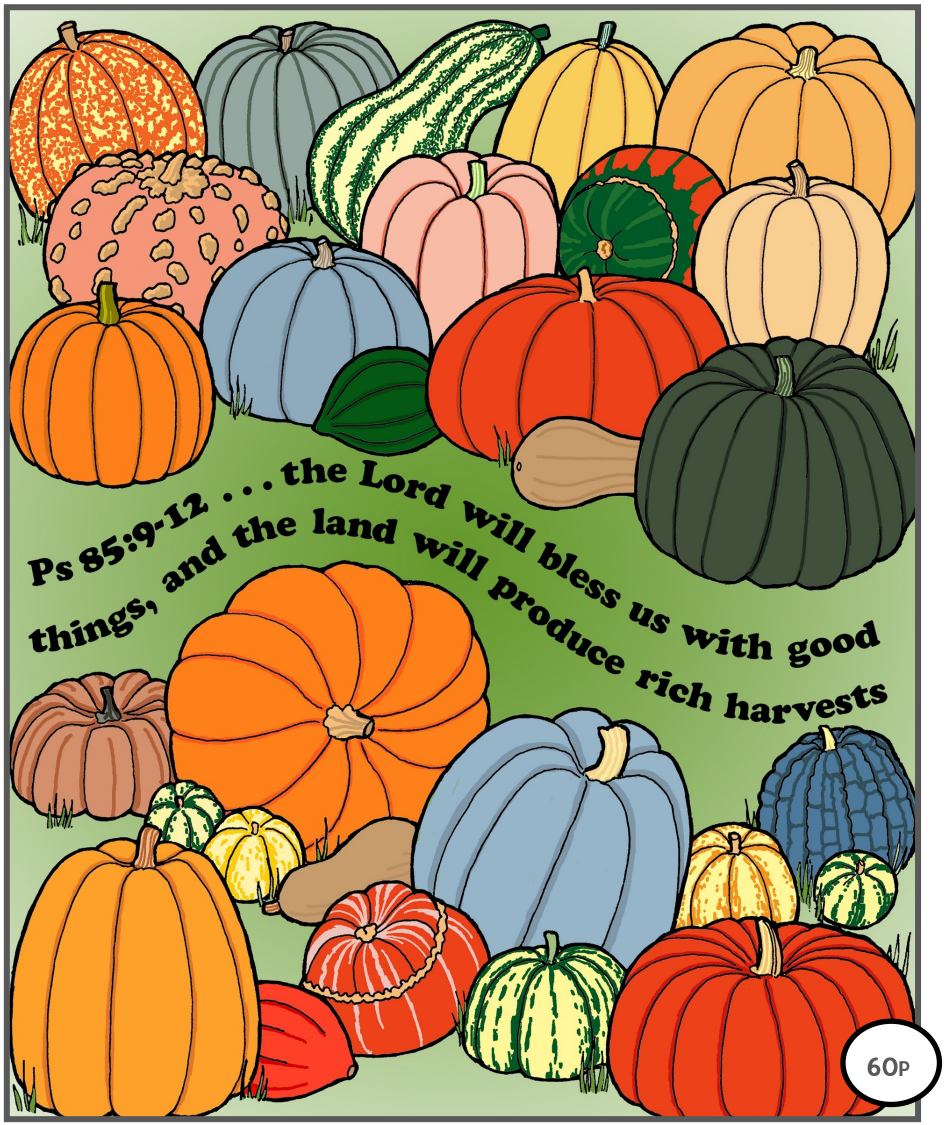
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Village Church Services



October

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

4th October **The eighteenth Sunday After Trinity**

9.30 am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of common Prayer) (TMc)
9.30 am	Leathley	Harvest Service
11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (TMc)

11th October **The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity**

9.30 am	Farnley	All age Service (TMc)
11 am	Fewston	Holy Communion (TMc)
11.15 am	Denton	Morning Prayer (PMc)

18th October **Luke the Evangelist**

9.30 am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of common Prayer) (TD)
11 am	Blubberhouses	Family Service (FS)
9.30 am	Leathley	Holy Communion (BM)

25th October **Bible Sunday Last Sunday After Trinity**

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

1st November **All Saints Day**

11.00 am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (PMc)
9.30 am	Weston	Holy Communion (Book of common Prayer) (TMc)
3pm	Farnley	All Souls Service (TMc)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

October

Sunday 27th September 2.30pm – Harvest Sunday led by Rev. Tim Perkins

Sunday 11th October 2.30pm – Afternoon service led by Roland Henney

Sunday 25th October2.30pm – Afternoon Worship led by Rev. Tim Perkins

Do come along and join us!

News from Norwood Methodist Church

Dear Friends

As I write these words the tractors have already gathered in the wheat and barley! It's been a hard Summer weather wise because of such dry weather, but thankfully the farmers' have been able to gather some harvest in!

This morning I walked around Gallows Hill nature reserve which is adorned with a wonderful abundance of natural beauty. The hedgerows are full of wild flowers, interspersed with blackberries and rose hips. A pheasant walked unconcerned flaunting its beautiful plumage at the sun highlighted those iridescent colours. Ripening fruit, nearly ready for picking, hung in abundance in the orchard. What a wonderful place to live. I couldn't help but feel thankful. I found myself singing 'O Lord how glorious are your works'.

At Harvest time it seems both good and right to rejoice and give thanks for all God's blessings, but what about the rest of the year and what about when things are not going well? What we need to be mindful of is that praise and thanksgiving should not be dependent on our circumstances. We must not confuse happiness with joy. Happiness depends on happenings, but real joy depends on Christ. If you haven't been joyful lately then maybe you need to of year, whatever is going on in your life right now, God is always worthy of praise.

But along with our Harvest praise, we are also aware of our Harvest responsibility. It is already well known in the public mind that we do not share all these good things fairly amongst the peoples of the world - rich nations consume far more per head of population than do poor. And, the U.K. is one of the rich nations.

And we know of the detrimental effect of our over-consumption on our climate. As the Christian relief organisation TEARFUND puts it "Climate change is not just an environmental issue — it's a threat to people living in poverty." Even worse droughts and floods are set to affect areas inhabited by people already struggling to survive, more than those in better off areas.

When confronted by a 'global' problem (quite literally), the temptation is to hide your head in the sand. Instead, when faced with a seemingly impossible task, remember the words of Ghandi: "Whatever you do will be insignificant and it is very important that you do it."

Here are some simple actions we can all do to cut the amount of greenhouse gas emissions we produce:

- Use energy-saving light bulbs, saving around 230kg of CO_2 a year.
- Switch to a 100% green energy supplier, saving around 300kg. of CO_2 per year.
- Walk or cycle short journeys instead of driving wherever possible, saving around 380kg of CO_2 per year.

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.
For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord
endures for ever. Praise the Lord.
Psalm 117

Enjoy all God's blessings – but remember our responsibilities too!
Grace and peace, Cameron
(Rev. Cameron Stirk – Norwood Methodist Church)



Community Notice Board

Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota October & November

4th &11th October	Karen Boothman
18th & 25th October	Sue Wood
1st & 8th November	Julie Crowther
15th & 22nd November	Ann Chadwick
29th November & 6th December	Helen Cobley

Weston Flower and Cleaning October & November

4th October	Mrs H Pullan
11th & 18th October	Mr & Mrs Senior
25th October & 1st November	Mrs J Cowgill
8th & 15th November	Tom & Ruth Raper
22nd & 29th November	Mrs H Pullan

Fewston Parochial Hall Charity teas

Teas, lunches and homemade cakes
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October
10.am till 4.00 pm

All proceeds to be shared between
Fewston Parochial Hall and Fewston Parish Church.
Any baking would be greatly appreciated.

Community Notice Board

Fewston Foxy Ladies

Let's Get Spellbound,

Again on Tuesday 20th October 2pm with Gordon and Anne Sharp! Do join us at Fewston Parochial Hall - their film production last year was excellent.

If you would like more information please contact
Gillian 07795 464042 ; Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 07931 292910 ; or Margaret 07949 765888

T&T

Dominoes

Meeting in Norwood Social Hall on Tuesday 6th October 2pm, T&T will be enjoying prize winning dominoes, tea, biscuits and chat!

It is only £2 per person.
If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 07795 464042
I have always got time for T&T!

CAKES NEEDED

Any baking would be greatly appreciated.
For Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October
Please contact Jane Jackson if you can help

Leathley Parish Room

Domino Drives 7:00 pm

Friday 2nd October

Raffle and Cash Bar. Supper included:
Pork Pie, mushy peas, tea or coffee - £5
Pizza and drink - £2.50
Vegetarians option available – please tell us when booking

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 (using contact details below) by the evening of the Wednesday before so we can be sure to order enough pies

Booking; Booking Secretaries on 07802212111
or leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com

Harvest Supper

at Askwith Village Hall

Friday 16th October from 7pm

tickets £20 to include a meal.
Bar available raffle and auction.

Contributions welcome.

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Norwood Social Hall Dominoes

Friday 16th October

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7pm for a 7.15pm start.

2026 Domino dates for your diaries
Friday 20th November
Friday 11th December Christmas Dominoes

Hope you can join us.

Get ready for the wonderful

Leathley Village Hall Christmas Fair

Saturday 5th December
10.00am to 3:00pm

Treat yourself to a glass of mulled wine and purchase local crafts for all your Christmas gifts.
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Stalls and refreshments in the Village Hall and more stalls in St Oswalds Church.

Look forward to seeing you !

Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club

May
A very busy Month for the club commencing with the Harrogate District Rally hosted by Winksley Cum Grantley YFC. Farnley came away third overall with amazing group and individual results (Photo to the right) including the Christine Houseman Memorial Chain for the most points in cookery and Floral Art and the Mr & Mrs Cowley Trophy for top female gun at the Clay Pigeon Shoot - 1st Holly Roberts, 2nd Daisy Roberts and 3rd Nicola Morphett .

At the County Rally Farnley came 5th overall with the highest points in the Harrogate District. Next we met at the Morphett's Farm in Huby to enjoy a rounders evening and Billie Towers represented the club at the County Dairy Judging finals. Members also enjoyed a tour of Low Grange Quarry in Richmond and a Sports and Social evening by kind permission of Richard and Sophie Lishman at Castley Farm.

June
June commenced with our Club Farm Valuation evening which was kindly hosted by the Ryder family of Lindley Hall Farm. Next came an exciting tour by Vale Engineering in Rufforth who explained to us all about their business. Our members James Driffield and Daisy Roberts represented the club at Northern Area Field Day with Daisy coming back with third place in the Western saddle pad. Finally we attended the District Farm Valuation competition at Grange Farm in Brearton, results:

Seniors
2nd - James Driffield
1st - Billie Towers
Intermediates
3rd - Isaac Ryder
2nd -Daisy Roberts
Overall results
3rd – James Driffield & Daisy Roberts
1st – Billie Towers

We concluded June with a tour around Hildreth's Dairy Farm in Hessay and learnt about the history of the farm and the production of their excellent milkshakes which were kindly offered to us to try.

July
Our members took part in a car treasure hunt around the Washburn village which was thoughtfully created by Daisy Roberts. Next up came the District social at, Haverah Park where we could all enjoy drinks and a barbeque together with some members took part in the Bolter and Bar game. For our final meeting of the 25/26 year before the pause for our summer break we had our own club social held at Castley Farm hosted once again by the Lishman family. Enjoying sausages that we made on a Butchery presentation night at a previous meeting. A special thank you to Jenny and Matthew Dibb who provided members with free ice creams from their company The Ice Cream Shack.

Members of the club were also delighted to provide a Guard of Honor at the wedding of former member and club officer Simon Smith of Riffa Farm to his partner Christopher Burke.

The new programme commences with the mini rally held at Almscliffe Village Hall in September where



members partake in a variety of challenges prepared by our advisory committee ahead of the annual AGM meeting. New members are very welcome to join us, please find our page on Facebook should you require any more information or wish to get in touch!

Finally plans are now coming together as we look forward to the Clubs 70th Anniversary Dinner which will be held on Saturday 28th November 2026 at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate. Members past, present and friends of the club are all invited to join us to celebrate this very special occasion!

To buy tickets or for more information please contact Daisy Roberts asap on 07939 619911

Carpet Mat Indoor Bowls

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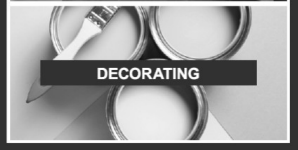














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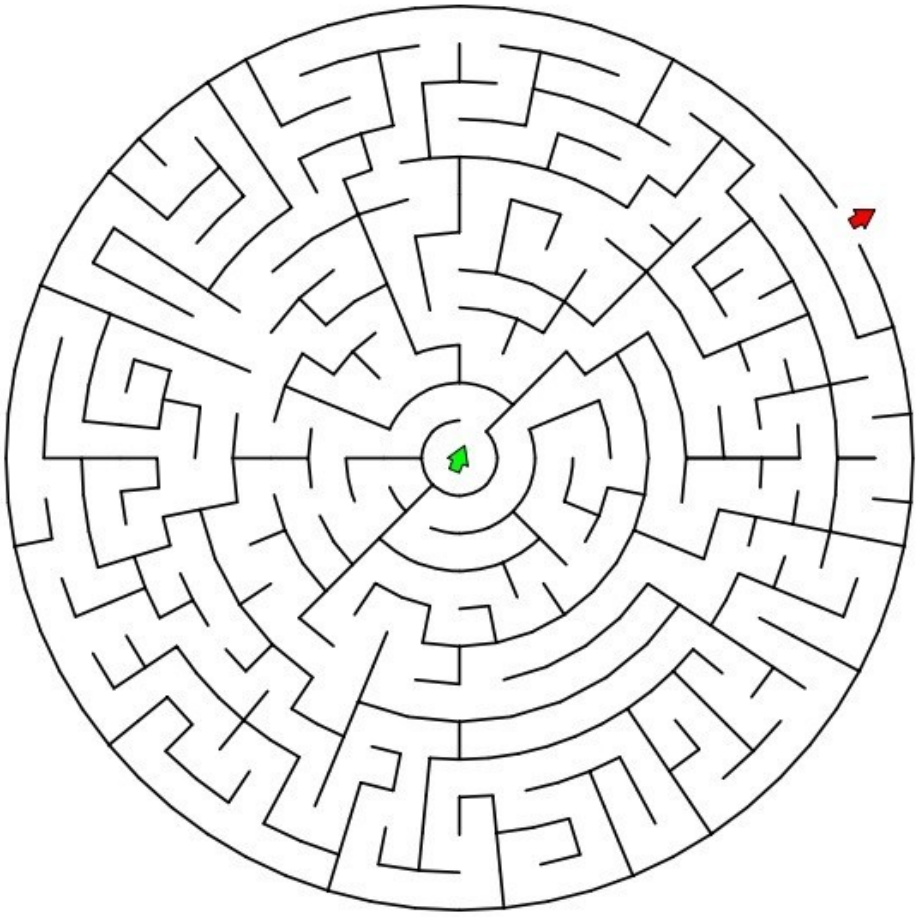
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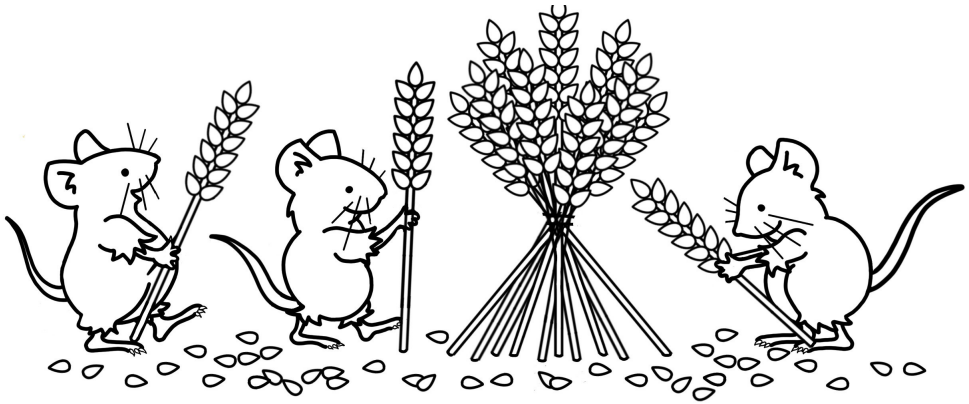
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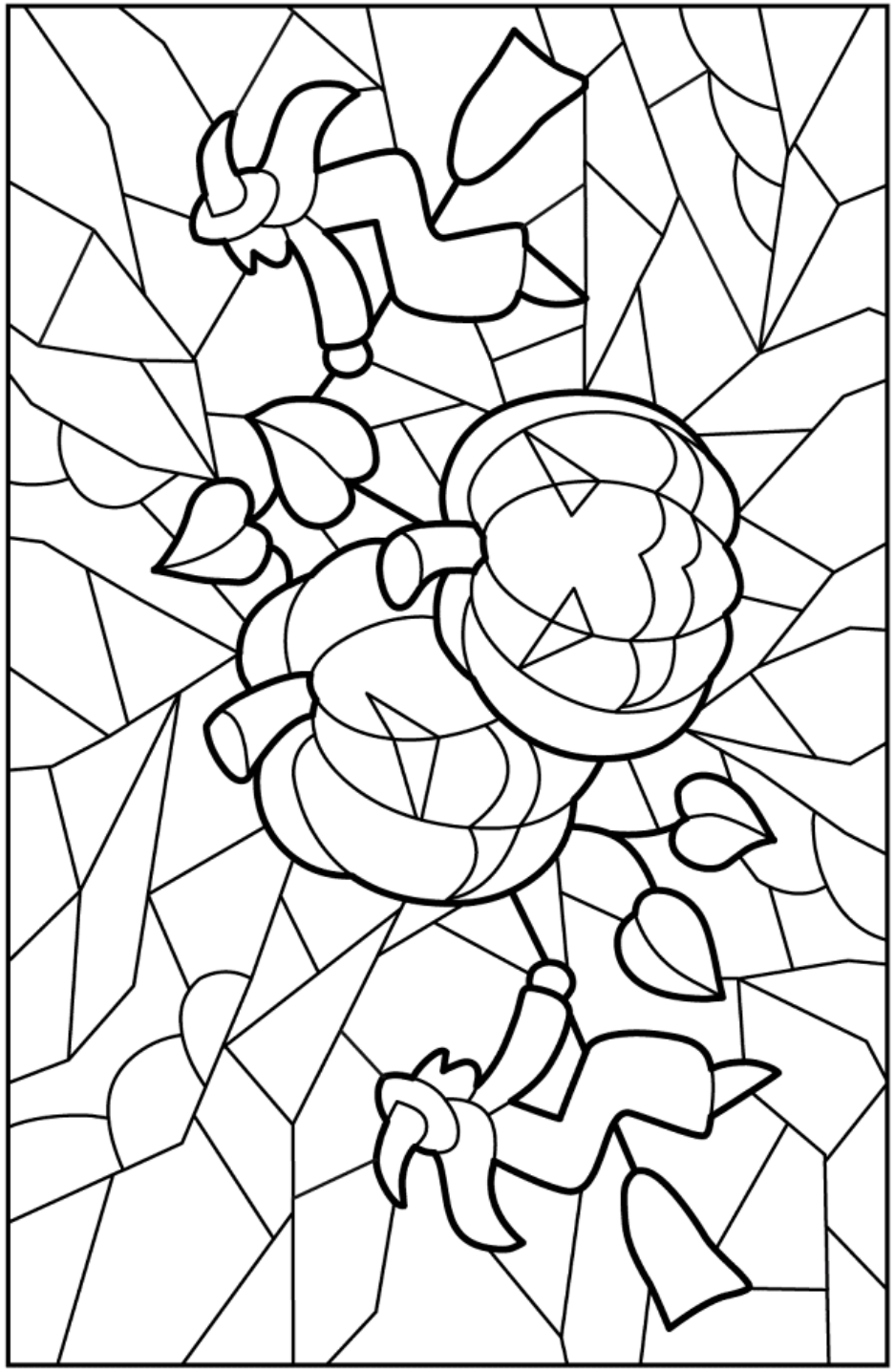
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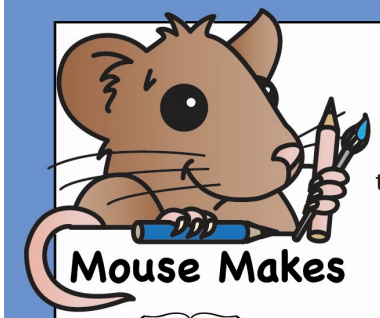
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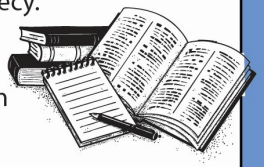




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2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

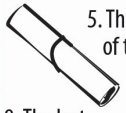


3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged _ _ _ _ _
Hebrews 4:12

6. God's word is like? A _ _ _ _ and a _ _ _ _ _
Psalm 119:105



4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.



5. The first book of the Bible.

8. The last book in the Bible.



9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.



11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?



12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?

13. The Bible is also known as the _ _ _ _ _ of God.
Hebrews 4:12



14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



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All in the month of October

It was:

800 years ago, on 3rd October 1226 that St Francis of Assisi, Italian friar, deacon and mystic, died. One of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity, and founder of the Franciscan Order (see page 28)

300 years ago, on 28th October 1726 that Jonathan Swift's novel *Gulliver's Travels* was published.

175 years ago, on 18th October 1851 that Herman Melville's novel *Moby-Dick* was published.

125 years ago, on 12th October 1901 that US President Theodore Roosevelt renamed the Executive Mansion the White House. It is the official residence and workplace of the US President.

125 years ago, on 19th October 1901 that Edward Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* and *March No. 2* were performed for the first time, in Liverpool.

100 years ago, on 14th October 1926 that the children's book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A A Milne, was published.

90 years ago, from 5th to 31st October that The Jarrow March took place. 200 men set off from Jarrow in north-east England to Westminster, to draw attention to the severe unemployment and poverty in their area following the closure of a shipyard.

80 years ago, on 15th October 1946 that Hermann Goering, German Nazi leader, died. He was sentenced to death at the Nuremberg Trials but poisoned himself with cyanide on the eve of his execution.

80 years ago, on 20th October 1946 that the puppet character Muffin the Mule made his first TV appearance on the BBC series *For the Children*.

75 years ago, on 18th October 1951 that Snowdonia National Park was established in Wales. It was Britain's third National Park.

75 years ago, on 30th October 1951 that Dartmoor National Park was established in the UK.

75 years ago, on 31st October 1951 that zebra crossings were introduced in Britain. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire.

70 years ago, on 17th October 1956 that Britain's first nuclear power station, Calder Hall in Cumbria, was officially opened. It closed in March 2003, nearly 47 years later.

70 years ago, on 23rd October to 10th November 1956 that the Hungarian Revolution began and was crushed by the Soviet Union.

65 years ago, on 6th October 1961 that US President John F Kennedy advised Americans to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from nuclear fallout, in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

60 years ago, on 21st October 1966 that the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery spoil tip (slag heap) collapsed and fell onto the village. Worst hit was Pantglas Junior School. In all, 116 children and 28 adults were killed.

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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 new programme **Churchyard Secrets Shared** continues to excite us with a range of fascinating events running until the end of November. The stunning exhibition is available to view inside the Centre. Leaflets for Churchyard Secrets Shared are available to collect from the Centre. 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 October:

George and Elizabeth:
faces and voices from Fewston
Tuesday 6th October 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Dr Jessica Liu and Thomas Dickinson from Face Lab, Liverpool John Moores University, explain how facial depictions and voices can be created from skeletal remains. A fascinating blend of archaeology, local history, art and science that brings the past back to life. We are also delighted to welcome Steph Shields, local author, and Graeme Lister, descendant of George Lister, who are both joining in the talk and sharing their contribution to giving George a voice. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Voices of the Valley
Friday 9th October 6.30 – 9.30pm

People who became part of the Fewston Assemblage were brought to life through our volunteer researchers as they got to know 'their' person. Hear these people speak again. Plus, the words of poets, a diarist and songsters - expect some audience participation! Supper with bar available. Cost £19.50 member, £24.50 non-member.

The Washburn Valley's pellucid waters. A tour of Yorkshire Water's treatment plant in Headingley
Tuesday 13th October
12.45am – 3.00pm

John Dickinson's diaries refer to polluted water supplies in the Valley, spreading diseases such as typhoid fever. Could that happen today? John also wrote about his involvement in the new water supply for Timble. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Six feet under
Friday 16th October 7.00pm – 8.30pm

From prehistoric barrows to modern-day interments, the way we bury our dead tells the true story of our history. Malin Holst, lead osteoarchaeologist at York Osteoarchaeology Ltd, takes us on a journey through time, drawing on highlights from 30 years of professional excavations and analysis. Discover the rituals, the science, and the human stories hidden beneath our feet in this captivating look at the archaeology of death. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

The life and loves of John Dickinson, Timble Man ** SOLD OUT **
Tuesday 20th October 09.30 to 2.00pm

From the Heritage Centre, alongside Fewston reservoir and through woods and fields to Timble, returning via Swinsty Hall. Excerpts from the unpublished Timble Man diaries will be shared along the way. About 5.5 miles includes some stiles. We return to the Heritage Centre for a two-course lunch. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Archaeogaming: when videogames meet archaeology
Wednesday 28th October
2.00pm - 3.30pm

From games set in ancient Egypt to interactive reconstructions in museums, videogames are bringing the past to life. Join digital artist and researcher Dr Guy Schofield Senior Lecturer at the University of York as he explores how game technology is being used to reconstruct archaeological sites and to help communities tell stories about their own heritage. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

A Washburn Autumn Market
Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November 11.00am – 4.00pm

Save the date for an opportunity to buy all your Washburn favourite pre-serves and jams. More news to follow about the launch of a new walks guide: *Walking the Washburn: Exploring the Washburn Valley, 14 circular walks and the Washburn Trail.*



4th October marks the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi By Rev Shaw

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone, known as Francis of Assisi, died on 4th October 800 years ago. Such was his fame, influence and holiness that he was declared a saint by the pope less than two years after his death. He died aged just 45.

Francis was born into a prosperous family of silk merchants in Assisi, probably in 1181. As a young man he loved clothes, spent money lavishly, was, pleasure-loving and irresponsible. Experience both as a prisoner of war and of illness led him to think deeply about his life,

Just outside Assisi was the ruined chapel of San Damiano, and it was here that he felt God speak to him, asking him to "repair my church, which as you can see, is falling into ruin". Little did Francis know at that point that 'repairing my church' meant much more than repairing this simple chapel - a task he set about doing.

Francis became known for his devotion to Christ and also his commitment to the poor and bereft. Others were attracted to join him, the group eventually became know as the Franciscans. A sister organisation, the Poor Clares, was founded for women

Simplicity was a hallmark of his life, which has come down to us in a number of ways. Care for the environment as the patron saint of animals. World Animal Day is the marked on the same day as Francis' death. Many churches hold a 'Blessing of the Animals' service, often a cheerful riot of barking dogs, hissing cats, rats and mice in cages, and horses tethered outside.

Saint Francis was a visionary and inspirer, by the time he died, there were Franciscan friars over much of Europe. .

The Birds in Your Garden

Dunnocks

If you have heard one of my talks, you'll know that I rabbit on about "wee brown jobbies". It's my contention that there are more species of birds in your garden than you may think, and that because many of them are brown they tend to be dismissed as "another sparrow". Perhaps the most typical of these "Little Brown Jobbies" (to misquote Mr Connolly) is the Dunnock.

The Dunnock (or Hedge Sparrow as it used to be called) is a member of the Accentor family. It is a small brown and grey bird rather like a sleek sparrow, seen creeping amongst the undergrowth. Close up it is rather attractive with a blue-grey head and breast, brown streaky back and flanks, and pink legs. The black bill is finer than a Sparrow's. Their name derives from the old Celtic word for greyish-brown.

Its song is an unhurried sweet warble easily confused with that of a Wren or Robin. Their most common call is a shrill, persistent "tseep", and being such secretive birds, is often the only way you know one is around.

The Dunnock is Amber Listed as a bird of medium conservation concern following a serious decline during the 1980's, though indications are that the population is recovering particularly in Yorkshire.

A ground feeder, the Dunnock eats insects such as beetles, ants, and spiders. In the autumn and winter it will eat seeds and berries as well and searches around feeders for anything dropped by other birds. Robins and Dunnocks have similar diets, so when food is short, aggression takes off and larger Robins defend their feeding territories and chase Dunnocks away.

Females build cup-shaped nests in dense shrubs and hedges, using twigs and moss, lined with hair and more moss. They lay four or five glossy blue eggs and incubates them for around fourteen days. Fledging takes another twelve to fifteen days

The Dunnock's sex life is remarkably varied and depends on the local balance of numbers and how territories overlap. Few birds are monogamous: most commonly, females breed with two or more males, something quite rare among birds. DNA fingerprinting has shown that chicks within a brood often have different fathers. Alternatively, if a male's territory overlaps several female territories, he may mate with many of them; or two males may jointly mate with several females, and again, females are known to spread their favours around. Quite a few papers and chapters have been written about this spirited little bird.

Broods can be raised by one or more females with full or part-time help of a male, or by a mix of males and females.

The Dunnock is one of the main hosts for the Cuckoo. A female Cuckoo will remove an egg before laying one of her own, which is usually of a similar colour to that of the host, though not the case of the Dunnock where the larger egg will have a different pattern. Presumably parasitising Dunnocks nests is a relatively recent event and they have not yet shown an evolutionary response to it.



Titles: Dunnock
Photograph credit: Mike Gray

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 not too far from York who would like a talk on garden birds contact me on gbwmike@gmail.com.

Young Farmers 70th Anniversary Dinner
Saturday 28th November 2026
at the Majestic Hotel in Harrogate.

Members past, present and friends of the club are all invited to join us to celebrate this very special occasion!

To buy tickets or for more information please contact Daisy Roberts 07939 619911

Ilkley Harriers Pete Shields Ilkley 10k

Our Pete Shields Ilkley 10k road race, run on 7th June was a resounding success with 540 runners entering the race, which was only being run for the third time. This raised £4,083 for Marie Curie, an increase from £2,200 in 2025.

The race was created as a tribute and a memorial to our friend and fellow Harrier Pete Shields who died early in 2020. Pete was a gifted runner himself and an outstanding coach, who had guided runners from far and wide, also leading training sessions for athletes at club, national and international levels over many years. He was exceptional at getting the best out of all runners, but especially skilful in encouraging those young enthusiastic runners who are the lifeblood of the sport.

Pete was a gentleman, and always made time to help all, young or old, fast or steady, to enjoy the sport he loved and encouraged others to become involved. He is greatly missed at our club, and the race is our opportunity to remember him each year whilst raising much needed funds for Marie Curie, as thanks for the wonderful care they provided to Pete, and to enable them to help other sufferers and their families in the same way, when it is most needed. Every penny we make on the race goes to Marie Curie.

Due to the nature of the race being run on an out and back two lap course it can only be run with a road closure, for safety reasons. We do recognise this is an inconvenience to residents wanting to access Ilkley, particularly from Denton and Askwith villages, but also the wider area. So I would like to take the opportunity of thanking everyone affected for their understanding in allowing the race to take place. We are planning on running the race again on Sunday 6th June in 2027, when we hope to increase the amount raised for Marie Curie, whilst remembering our friend Pete.

Neil Chapman, Ilkley Harriers Race Organiser

Farnley Estate Women's Institute

This month our W.I. is once again supporting a local business. We have invited Jessica Liddle who farms in Stainburn to inform us about her diversification into producing and selling flowers. Jessica sells dahlias and, other flowers she has grown, at local markets and will be bringing bouquets of flowers to our meeting for the members to purchase.

To view our programme for 2026 please visit https://yorkshire -north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate. 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 new social events begin and these have been chosen by our members.

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.

Recipe – Scottish Oat buiscuits

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

4 tablespoonfuls of White Flour
8 tablespoonfuls of Oats
3 to 4 tablespoonfuls of sugar (these are savoury biscuits so use to your taste)
3 tablespoonfuls of butter
1 teaspoonful of baking powder
1 pinch of salt

Method

- Mix all the ingredients together
- Add a small amount of water similar to making pastry
- Roll out and cut into shapes (you can re-roll the mixture if necessary)
- Prick evenly to enable an even bake
- Let them stand for a little while
- Bake at 180 degrees Celsius for 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown.

Mrs Mitchell

All in the month of October ... Continued from page 21

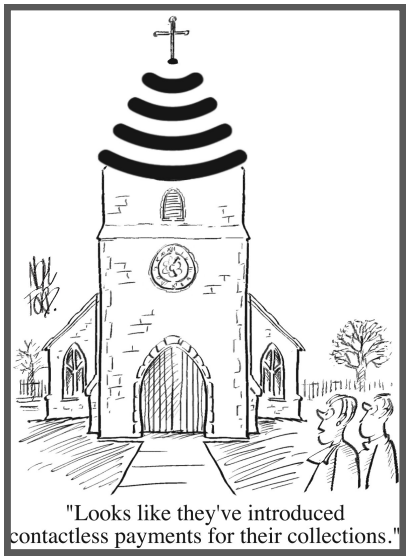
50 years ago, on 4th October 1976 that the InterCity 125 High Speed Train service began operating in the UK.

50 years ago, on 25th October 1976 that the National Theatre in London officially opened.

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40 years ago, on 29th October 1986 that the M25 orbital motorway around Greater London was opened.

15 years ago, on 31st October 2011 that the world's population reached seven billion.


"Looks like they've introduced contactless payments for their collections."

Gardeners Corner

Well some rain came at last in September; just enough to perk up the lawns, which really do come back seemingly greener than ever. However there will inevitably be some bare areas, so while the soil is still warm it is a good time to rake out the dead areas and resow them or lay new turf.

By now, the apples should have been harvested as well as all the potatoes. Having stored them all carefully in a frost free dark place do check regularly to make sure that nothing is rotting as this will quickly spread and ruin the store.

Keep deadheading dahlias and annuals such as cosmos as they will keep going until the frosts arrive. Once summer bedding has finished flowering pull the plants up and compost them. Clear annuals from pots to prepare them for planting bulbs for spring colour. Wait a bit longer before planting tulip bulbs as they benefit from much colder soil in November. Bare areas in the borders should be mulched to keep the soil in good condition.

Pull up the remaining stems and leaves from beans and peas which can be added to the compost heap and while you are there, give the heap a good turn to introduce air and encourage everything to rot down. Pull up all of the supports and store them for next year – if left in the ground they will rot at the base. Collect fallen leaves when wet and store in a heap, hessian sack or plastic bag punctured with lots of holes, to rot down for leaf mould. You should have an excellent soil conditioner in a year or so.

October is a bit of a tidy-up month and whilst the greenhouse and any pots should be thoroughly cleaned ready for next spring's planting, don't be in too much of a hurry to cut down perennials. The stems and seeds provide winter food for the birds as well adding interest to the garden.

Finally autumn is the season to think about planting new bare rooted roses, shrubs and trees which will help them get ahead. Remember to be mindful of the hot dry summer just gone when planning the garden for next year. Enjoy the changing season and the autumn colours!



Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the next meeting is 10th October at 7pm at The Penny Bun
Contact Anne for more information - Tel: 07713884328
Email: laeatham@gmail.com

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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The magazine was created to link the communities of the Anglican and Methodist churches in the Mid-Wharfe and lower Washburn Valley. The Anglican churches of the United Benefice are All Saints Weston, Saint Helen Denton, Saint Michael and Saint Laurence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley and Saint Oswald Leathley. Norwood chapel is in the Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist circuit

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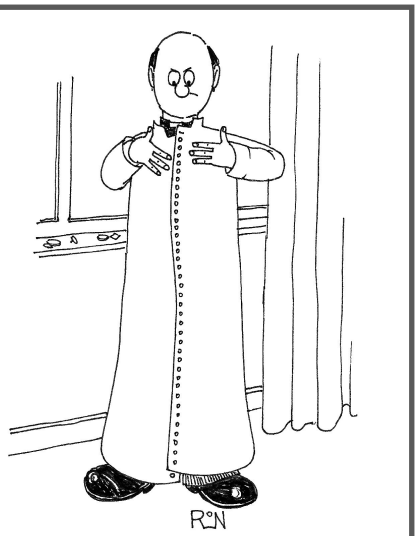
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...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...

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