Washburn Valley & Mid-Wharfe Churches



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Dear Friends

I don't know about you, but sometimes the way the church year runs strikes me as odd. As I write we have just finished celebrating the birth of Jesus and yet this month we are preparing to remember his death and resurrection.

Another oddity has come to mind as well. The Nicene Creed, which we occasionally say together in church, says nothing at all about the life of Jesus: it jumps straight from his birth to his death and resurrection, almost as if everything Jesus said and did was unimportant. This isn't actually the case of course, since that Creed was composed in very specific historical circumstances to address very specific theological concerns; but it did make me think.

In church we quite rightly place a lot of emphasis on the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and upon the spiritual; but I sometimes wonder if we think enough about the events in the life of Jesus, of the things he did and said; of the fact that, like us, Jesus lived a human life.

Jesus didn't just come to teach us how to be spiritual, he came to teach us how to be truly human. When Jesus lived full time on earth as a human being he not only came and lived with us, but made his home among us, with us in joy and sorrow, sharing in the fun of life and its difficulties, offering rest from weight of labour, offering food to all who are hungry, taking on the daily task of living in a world where people sadly fall short of all they could be.

Jesus lived the perfect human life, and he achieved it not because he was God incarnate as a human being but because he was fully and completely human. Jesus showed us it is possible to live a life of love and selfless giving, a life where we put God first, others second and ourselves last of all. Many of Jesus' parables and much of his teaching were not just about the spiritual, but were concerned with everyday living and how we treat each other.

Lent starts early in February this year. Of course it would be good if you were able to attend the valley Lent Group which starts at Timble on 10th February; but if you can't, try to use some of your spare time in Lent to reacquaint yourself with the life and teaching of Jesus. When you look at this incredible life and really think about it, Jesus' death and resurrection becomes even more significant.

Yours in Christ, Rev Rick Ormrod

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2016

Updated 20/1/2016	7TH FEBRUARY SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	14 TH FEBRUARY LENT 1	21 ST FEBRUARY LENT 2	28 TH FEBRUARY LENT 3	7TH MARCH LENT 4 MOTHERING
Weston	Holy Communion 9.30am (T-BCP) Tony Kidd		Morning Prayer 10.00am (T-BCP) Harry Walker		Holy Communion 8.30am (T-BCP) Tony Kidd Mothering Sunday Family Service 10.30am Barry Miller
DENTON		Family Service 11.00am Graham Shield		Holy Communion 11.00am (M) Barry Miller	
Fewston	Holy Communion 11.00am Graham Shield	Morning Prayer 11.00am (T-BCP) Barry Miller	Morning Prayer 11.00am (M) Marlene Wilkinson		
B LUBBER- HOUSES					Mothering Sunday Holy Communion 11.00am Graham Shield
FARNLEY	Plough Service 9.30am Graham Shield	Ash Wednesday 10 th February 7pm Graham Shield Holy Communion 9.30am (M) Graham Shield	Baptism of Olive Rose Braithwaite 2.30pm Graham Shield	Morning Prayer 9.30am (M) John Charman	Mothering Sunday Family Service 9.30am Graham Shield
LEATHLEY	Holy Communion 10.00am (T-BCP) Barry Miller	Morning Prayer 10.00am (T-BCP) Stewart Hartley	Holy Communion 10.00am (M) Graham Shield	Family Service with Baptism 10am Graham Shield	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion 10.00am (T-BCP) Michael Cleverley
TIMBLE	Morning Service 10.30am Michael Hardstaffe		Holy Communion 10.30am Rev Lesley Taylor		
Norwood		Afternoon Service Lindsey Hurst 2.30pm		Afternoon Service 2.30pm Rev Rick Ormrod	

CLERGY The Revd Graham Shield, Vicar of the Washburn and Mid-Wharfe United Benefice, The Rectory, Stainburn Lane, Leathley, Otley LS21 2LF 0113 203 7754 leathleyrectory@btinternet.com Day off: Friday.

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The Domino Supper, held in Askwith Village

Hall, was another enjoyable evening. Thank you to all

those who helped, contributed and spent money. The event raised just over £300 for church funds.

Events provisionally planned for next year include:

Feb 20th Beetle Drive Supper

Mar 28th Easter Walk & Easter Egg Hunt

May? Coffee Morning

June 11th Askwith Show

Aug 29th Fewston Teas

Oct 10th Harvest Supper

Nov 19th Domino Supper



Proposed Leathley PCC Events 2016_

2.5.2016	Bank Holiday Teas
TBA	Buttercross Stall
19.6.2016	Garden Event
3.7.2016	Open Garden
7.8.2016	Gift Day (No Teas)
29.8.2016	Bank Holiday Teas
9.10.2016 Lunch	Harvest Festival Faith
TBA 11.20	16 Film Evening

Last Friday Supper Club Friday

26th February from 7.00pm Leathley Village Hall £10 per head for a 2 course supper bring your own bottle, or we have decent wine available to buy on the night. Booking essential please contact Paul Howarth on 01943 465076 by the preceding Wednesday thank you.

Norwood Social Hall Supper Dances 2016

8.00pm until midnight

Friday March 25th Music t.b.c.

Friday May 27th Dancing to Jim

Friday June 24th Bill Johnson

Friday September 30th Bill Johnson

Friday October 28th Dancing to Jim

Friday December 2nd Bon-Accords

Christmas Dance

Tickets and Enquiries: Gladys 01943 880604 or Janet 01943 880411

Timble Methodist Church Following

the Carol Service in December a cheque for £130 has been sent to the children's charity, Action for Children. Thank you to all who attended and generously gave to the collection.

Elaine Stead

Other events at Norwood Social Hall 2016

Sunday April 17th Flea Market & Spring Fair 10.00am until 4.00pm Friday May 6th Domino Supper 7.00pm.

Saturday September 10th Annual Show & Sports Day

Friday October 7th Domino Supper 7.00pm.

Sunday October 16th Flea Market & Autumn Fair 10.00am until 4.00pm.

Friday December 9th Domino Supper - Christmas Hats & Jumpers! Thursday December 29th Children's Christmas Party



Confident, Growing, Changing –

The 2016 Lent Course This year we'll be studying and discussing the readings for the Sundays in Lent around the themes of Confident Christians, Growing Churches and Changing Communities. These objectives are at the heart of who we are as Christian people serving God in the world today. As usual we will meet in different locations on a Wednesday. There will be Morning Prayer at 9.45 am, Refreshments about 10.10 am and the Course begins at 10.30 am. The first Morning Prayer (on Ash Wednesday) will include the opportunity to be 'ashed' and the final Wednesday will begin with Communion.

10th Feb - Timble Chapel

17th Feb – Leathley Rectory

24th Feb - Fewston Parochial Hall

2nd Mar – Norwood Chapel

9th Mar - Timble Chapel

Please set time aside this Lent to take part in this traditional Lenten discipline.

For more information please contact me, Graham Shield 0113 203 7754



February 2016 7.30 pm Cost £25 (per person - bring your own wine) at Darley Christ Church Community Centre.

A 3 course freshly cooked set menu including pre drink and coffee. Enjoy an evening with friends and a meal prepared by Brian Dennison a local Michelin chef who has kindly agreed to support CCCC.

To book please telephone Angela 01423 780056 or email <u>angela@ehouseman.co.uk</u> or Sue 01423 781387 and email<u>suenicholas13@googlemail.com</u>



Community

LunchWelcome to Friends for 2016 lunches, new friends always welcome

Community lunch on fourth Wednesday in the month, Washburn Heritage Centre.

2016 - Dates for your diary

27 January

24 February

23 March

27 April

25 May

22 June

27 July



NO LUNCH IN AUGUST

26 October

23 November

NO LUNCH IN DECEMBER

Lunch is served at 12.30 pm in the Washburn Heritage Centre

Booking is essential. Please telephone Pat 01943 880284, or Cheri 01943 465977

Look forward to seeing you, Pat and Juliette. Thank you.

For your diary, held at St Michael and St Lawrence Church, Fewston, you are warmly welcomed to –

'Music at Fewston, 2016'

Sunday 24 April 2016, 3.00 pm Leeds Central Band of Salvation Army

Sunday, 29 May 2016, at 2.00 pm Harrogate Male Voice Choir

Sunday 12 June 2016, 10.30 am 'Happy and Glorious' a United Benefice celebration for the Queen's 90thbirthday.

Saturday, 9 July 2016, 7.30 pm Pinsuti concert

Refreshments will be served.

Tickets available from Pat 01943 880284, Cheri 01943 465977

EVENTS in ASKWITH, WESTON and DENTON BEETLE EVENING & SUPPER

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20th 7.00PM

ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL

Another great village evening

Bring your own Bottle

Tickets: Adults £8.50, Children under 14 £5

From MARY 461281, RHONA 462121

Other events provisionally planned for this year include:

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Aug 29th Fewston Teas

Oct 10th Harvest Supper

Nov 19th Domino Supper

Leathley Weddings Baptisms and Funerals

2nd January
Funeral of Rosemary White
10th January
Baptism of Harry Luke
Keighley



ANGELS IN ASKWITHAt 7pm on Tuesday Dec 22nd Mary and Joseph were turned away from the Askwith arms because there was no room for them. They then made their way to Ibbotson

there was no room for them. They then made their way to Ibbotson Farm Stable with Mary riding a donkey. Baby Jesus was born and laid in a manger.

A large crowd of about 70 people assembled in Askwith Village Hall where dressing up clothes were available for those who wished to act the part. Katherine and Robert Marston were Mary and Joseph and their baby Harry was Jesus. A very vocal donkey also walked to the stable, carrying Mary, and joined in with the story. We had many decorous angels and several not so wise men and plenty of shepherds. Graham and Julie Shield were the narrators and led the carol singing.

We then returned to the Askwith Arms for supper, generously provided by the pub, and more carols.

It proved to be a very happy evening and Graham and Julie, along with the Marston family, are to be congratulated for organising such a memorable event.

Best wishes,

Mary



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Weston Church Cleaning and Flower Rota 2016 3rd & 10th January Mrs J Cowgill

17th & 24th January Mrs J Harrison

31st & 7th February Mrs H Caton

14th & 21st February Mrs R Woodrup

28th February & 6th March Mrs H Pullan

13th & 20th March Mrs P Senior - LENT

27th March & 3rd April Mrs L Kendall

10th & 17th April Mrs J Cowgill

24th April & 1st May Mrs J Harrison

8th & 15th May Mrs H Caton

22nd & 29th May Mrs R Woodrup

5th & 12th June Mrs H Pullan & Volunteers 2 weddings on 11th June

19th & 26th June Mrs P Senior 3rd & 10th July Mrs L Kendall 17th & 24th July Mrs J Cowgill 31st July & 7th August Mrs J Harrison 14th & 21st August Mrs H Caton

28th August & 4th September Mrs R Woodrup

11th & 18th September Mrs H Pullan

25th September & 2nd October Mrs P Senior

9th & 16th October Mrs L Kendall

23rd & 30th October Mrs J Cowgill

6th & 13th November Mrs J Harrison

20th & 27th November Mrs H Caton

4th & 11th December Mrs R Woodrup

18th & 25th December Mrs H Pullan and volunteers

Please add these dates to your diaries/calendars. If you wish to swop your dates please let me know. I will let you know of any weddings or funerals when I hear of them. If you would like a copy emailing my email address is hazelpullan@yahoo.co.uk. Hazel Pullan 12 Throstle Nest Close, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21

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Blubberhouses Church Flower Festival

May 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th

We would very much like to hear from you if you are interested in helping in any way with this event. If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement or create your own in the church or just help that would be great.

Please contact Daphne Wilson on 01943 880268 or By email daphnej.wilson@sky.com

Teas and Full Refreshments at Fewston Parochial Hall

on Sat and Sun 30th and 31st Jan from 11am till 430pm. All proceeds to the hall. Also Sat 27th and sun 28th Feb from 11am till 430pm. Sat -all proceeds go to candlelighters children's cancer charity sun-fewston parochial hall.

Denton Flower Rota

Feb 7 M Booth

14 K Boothman

21 "

28 H Crawford

Mar 6 "



Askwith with Weston WI had a very successful year in 2015. We had lots of events

including trips to the Grand in Leeds to see the ballet, and of course, The Girls. We had a lovely trip to Ampleforth Abbey where we sampled beverages made from the many types of apples they cultivate there. We helped with the teas for Askwith Open Gardens, and had a wonderful visit to Castle Howard during December to see the magnificent Christmas decorations with lunch at Helmsley afterwards.

Our President visited Walesby Forest in Nottinghamshire to enjoy crafts and events under the title of Tea and Tents which for adventure, friendship, learning new crafts with other members. We also had a great evening out during December for our annual WI dinner.

To open 2016 Bobby Miller, one of our members, gave a very interesting and informative talk entitled Quarry Arts 'musical rocks'. We were all enthralled with her demonstration of musical notes which came from the rocks. Bobby is involved with Yorkshire Quarry Arts which was established in the University of Leeds in 2003 and funded by the Minerals Industry Research organisation. Its activities were developed with Funding from Natural England through to Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund to create novel litho-phones which were installed at Brantwood in the Lake District in 2010 and now operates as in independent not-for-profit network.

Quarry Arts has an innovative and unique approach to informing the public about quarries and the aggregate and concrete industries through focusing on the beauty of the quarried landscape and its geology to inspire creative and performing arts activities. Bobby is particularly interested in the music created from ringing rocks, the rocks, which were sourced from local limestone, slate and greywake, are found in Cumbria and North Yorkshire. Bobby demonstrated a magical sound from her rocks and explained how she painstakingly smoothed and cut them into shape.

We were invited to 'play' them later and it was interesting to hear how each one made a different sound, some quite dull and low, others with quite a high pitch.

Bobby is a registered teacher and has considerable experience in teaching creative and performing arts to young people in collaboration with the quarrying industry, schools and community groups. We all thoroughly enjoyed Bobby Miller's talk and demonstration with the musical rocks. Below are our Speakers for this year:

January 14th Bobbie Miller – Quarry Arts (Musical Rocks)

February 11th Paul Barrett RSPB "Not just Birds"

March 10th Associated Country Women of the World – Rosie Sziumpet.

April 14th Is there really no business like Show Business – Andrew Macgill.

May 12th Resolution Night

June 9th Sir Thomas Ingilby "Castle Life in the 21st Century"

July 12th/14th The Great Yorkshire Show

11th August Outside visit

8th September Revd Trevor Vaughan – Parsons Pie ~Stories

13th October Tanya Umpleby – Demonstrating Cookery Fantastic

10th November Annual General Meeting.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday in the month. All are very welcome to our friendly WI, if you are interested in joining us please contact our President or Secretary, you will be most welcome. The next meeting is on the 11th February when Paul Barrett from the RSPB with a talk on 'not just birds' and will be held at Askwith Village Hall.

Sue Appleyard – Secretary 01943 839292

Margaret Creek - President 01943 467865



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February at the Washburn Heritage

Centre In February, the Centre and tea room will be open on Sundays from 11am to 4pm. Come and see our Winter exhibition and pick up a leaflet outlining our upcoming events.

Winter through the lens

Thursday 4 February, 10am-4pm

An informative, practical and fun workshop, led by professional and award winning photographer, Rich Bunce, based in and around the Centre. Light lunch and refreshments.

£60 per person, £48 Washburn Society members.

A Walk on the Wild Side

Thursday 25 February, 9am meet at Blubberhouses car park

Explore north of the A59, up the Washburn river to the Thruscross dam, then across to Padside to enjoy views of Nidderdale, following parts of the 6 Dales Way. End up at a Thruscross residence for a light lunch. Distance around 5 miles. Sorry, no dogs.

£12.50 per person, £10 Washburn Society members.

The Fewston Musick Friday 26 February, 7-9.30pm

Led by Ken Fackrell and performed by volunteers from the Washburn Heritage Centre, come for an enjoyable evening of authentic entertainment from Victorian Pub and Parlour. Hear songs performed in the Washurn area in the 1890s and find out about some of the local authors who wrote about the Valley. Pie and peas provided, cash bar. £16 per person, £12.50 Washburn Society members.

Sunday Stroll

Sunday 28 February, 10.30am-2.30pm

Enjoy coffee & biscuits on arrival at the Centre, then an easy (dog friendly) 2 hour walk before a welcome drink back at the Centre followed by a delicious 3 course lunch. Cash bar.

£24 per person, £19.50 Washburn Society members.

Advance booking and payment is required to secure a place for all events. Contact Rachel on 01943 880794 or centre@washburnvalley.org. Events can also be viewed on our website www.washburnvalley.org.

Farnley Estate WI January 13th our first meeting of 2016, for this meeting we were back at Leathley Village Hall after its recent refurbishment. Well done to all involved in the refurbishment.

We welcomed 2 new members Paula Scriven and Pauline Moulsdale.

National resolutions were discussed and voted on.

Names for attendance at Spring council meeting in march were requested.. Our speaker was Pat Brown , one of our members. Her talk was entitled 'My Arctic Challenge'.

In 2007 she started puppy walking for the Dogs for the Blind and to raise funds to have a dog named Otley she decided to join the Arctic Dog Sledge Challenge. In February 2015 she flew to Kiruna in Sweden, a mining town and space research center, about 140miles within the arctic circle, to start 5 days of her adventure. After a safety briefing her and 8 others, all raising money for different charities set off with their guides on 5 days of treking through the snowy wilderness and over frozen lakes. Each person looking after their sledge being pulled by 4 dogs. Night temperatures were down to minus 26 degrees and days up to zero degrees, lots of layers of thermals needed. Nights were spent in a teepee and a cabin. Food was reindeer and moose.

She saw the Northern Lights and on the final day they visited the now famous Ice Hotel.

She raised over £5000 and now has a guide dog named Otley. Well done Pat.

Hostesses for the evening were Margaret Trotter and Daphne Baxter and Mary Donovan.

February 10th – Icing workshop – 'Contemporary Cake Decorating with Sugar Paste' speaker Sarah Bates . Hostesses for the evening will be Emma McKeown and Caroline Barker

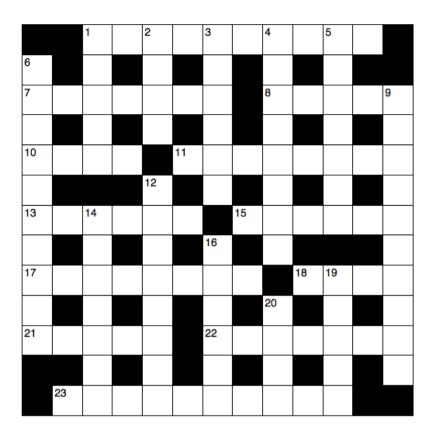
March 9th – Community Ambassador, Martin House Children's hospice speaker Bryan Ormerod.

Hostesses – Rita Swallow and Pat Headley

Farnley Estate WI is a group of very friendly ladies, who would love you to join them at a meeting. I'm sure you would enjoy meeting chatting and possibly learning a new skill or hobby through the WI. We have a varied programme of speakers. Come and try a meeting. We meet the second wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

For more information please contact our President Gillian Lishman 01423 734275

Caroline Barker



Crossword for February 2016

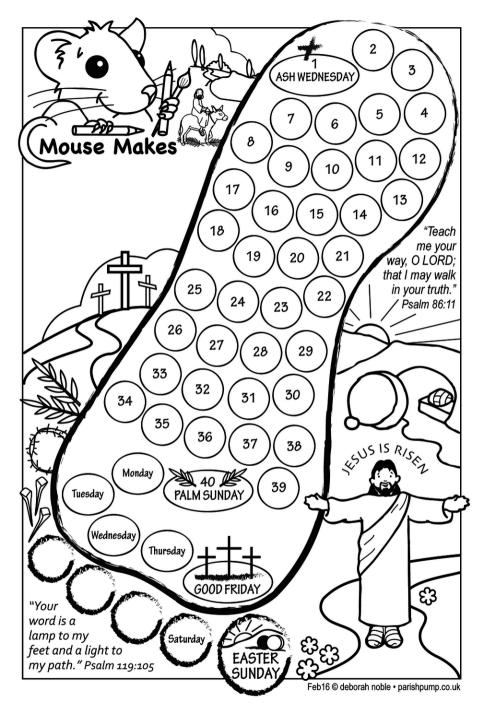
Across

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
- 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
- 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
- 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
- 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)
- 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)

- 15 Breakwater (6)
- 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
- 18 More usually now called Pentecost, Sunday (4)
- 21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he walked with God' (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
- 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
- 23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

Down

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
- 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)
- 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)
- 4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
- 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)
- 6 God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
- 9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
- 12 'The Lord... has given the of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
- 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my ' (Luke 1:46-47) (7)
- 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
- 19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)
- 20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)



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HYMNS

When you come to church you hear hymns. Hymns are songs of praise to God. Some are very old and some, like the ones you may sing at school, are new.

Have you ever wondered who wrote the hymns we sing? For example, one hymn writer was Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander the wife of the Bishop of Londonderry. She wrote a book called 'Hymns for Little Children' which was dedicated to her godchildren. The book was published in 1848 and contained hymns that we know well today: 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'There is a Green Hill Far Away'.

It is said that she wrote the last hymn because of the view from the Bishop's palace. The house looked out over the city walls to the green hills in the distance.

So the words we sing today come from the view that Mrs Alexander had from her window.



HYMN TITLES

All the following hymn titles have some words missing – can you fill in the blanks. All the hymns are from Mission Praise and the answers are below

1.	While watched
2.	Lead us,, lead us.
3.	Away in a
4.	Forty days and
5.	Hark! The sing
6.	has broken
7.	night, night
	There is a far away
	We plough the and scatter
10	. Amazing
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Didn't your teacher say your singing was heavenly?

Well, she did say it was like nothing on earth.



Answers: 1.While shepherds watched 2.Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us 3.Away in a manger 4.Forty days and forty nights 5.Hark, the herald angels sing 6.Morning has broken 7.Silent night, holy night 8.There is a green hill far away 9.We plough the fields and scatter 10.Amazing Grace.

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Share The Easter Message With

Chocolate Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story booklet in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and makes a donation to charity from its sales.

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010. It was a real struggle as all the supermarkets turned it down at first. To date, we have sold more than one million eggs with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools.

Not only has there been an increase in Fairtrade chocolate sales, but nearly £200,000 has been donated to charity.

There are four types of Real Easter Egg available this year. The Original, Special Edition and Dark eggs come with a redesigned story booklet in the



shape of a cross by the noted children's illustrator, Mary Cann, which will delight children and adults with its presentation of the Gospel story

The Original Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate egg to explain the meaning of Easter. Inside is a beautifully illustrated Easter story in the shape of across, a milk chocolate egg (125g) and a Fairtrade milk chocolate bar (25g). A charity donation is made from each sale. There are three crosses on the front and under the lid there is a quote from the bible - the resurrection text from Mark chapter 16.

Let Me Tell You A Story Once upon a time (last May) a community far, far away (in Askwith) came together to celebrate farming and farmers and bless some new cow sheds for the cubicles and milking parlour. Such was the rejoicing, despite the cold wind, (but probably helped by Prosecco) that many folk said 'when can we do this again?'

Lo, after many months, meetings and conversations, the time arrived. People gathered in the Village Hall for The Nativity Walk in expectation and wonder – would there be a donkey, would Martin be the only Wiseman in Askwith, would Lyn be the only Angel, would Malcolm be the only Shepherd to watch his flock that night?

Well, as between 60 and 70 folk can confirm, the answers were, yes, no, no, and no! The star of the evening was Molly the donkey (thanks to the Barker family). She brayed everyone to order at 7 pm from the back door of the Hall and, as she looked over a gate into the Stable, brayed a 'don't forget me' as Julie thanked everyone for making the night so special, at about 8 pm.

With lanterns, torches and hi vis vests and jackets we followed Molly, with Mary on her back and Joseph at her side, 2 by 2 from Joseph's workshop and Mary's kitchen in Nazereth, to the Inn at Bethlehem and then the Stable at Ibbotson's Farm. Baby Jesus was so still that some people thought that Harry was a doll! One angel added to the evening illuminations by having flashing lights over her costume (thanks Hazel).

What a way to bring the Nativity Story and Carols to life and to give them new meaning.

Thanks to everyone who took part, and especially to the Marston's for clearing out the shed, fixing the doors and getting a manger, star and night sky backdrop, and to Howard, Andrea, Olivia and Jess for bringing Molly. Also thanks to Jak and the Askwith Arms team for welcoming us with Shepherd's pie and veg, mulled wine and a selection box for each child (about 20) and to Ann Cayton at the Christian Resource Hub in Otley for sorting out the costumes and props.

What next?

Graham

THIS report has come from Canon John

White to the Magazine. On a wet January 2 the family of Rosemary White came from around the country to St Oswald's, Leathley for prayer before laying her ashes to rest in the grave she now shares with her husband Canon Frank White, Rector of Leathley with Farnley 1972-79.

My mother came from Halifax and met my father when he was curate there. They married as soon as the war ended and spent many happy years in Wakefield Diocese. They enjoyed adapting to a more rural way of life in Leathley, quickly making friends. My mother joined the WI, tended the rectory garden and took a full part in village activities.

Together they produced a free newsheet on an old duplicator which went to all residents. For a time Rosemary was president of the Bradford Diocesan Mothers Union.

The rectory was a welcoming home to family, friends and parishioners. Both my sisters Catherine and Elizabeth were married in St Oswald's in 1974 and 1976.

Mother and father left in 1979 to a well earned retirement in Hubberholme and Skipton. Father died in 1986. After many years on her own in Skipton and latterly in Warwickshire Rosemary died aged 93 after suffering from leukaemia and losing her sight. She bore her illness with her usual courage and strength of character.

They now lie together in the peace of Leathley churchyard. Our thanks to warden Rita Swallow and husband David for making us all so welcome on a day of sadness but also thanksgiving for her life.



Washburn Parish Council met on Monday 11th January at Norwood Social Hall. Several members of the public attended the meeting. Answers were needed to their questions on the A59 closure at Kexgill. There were concerns on the length of the closure, the effect on local businesses and whether there could be a

temporary route through the area for local residents.

For any businesses or residents, affected by the recent flooding, support is available. A grant of £500 is available to affected households simply contact CustomerServices@harrogate.gov.uk. For businesses grants are available from the Local Enterprise Partnership; apply by calling 0113 348 1818. There is also a North Yorkshire Flood Appeal, for donations and for individuals and charities to seek support, at Www.northyorkshirerecoveryfund.org.uk.

It is the Council's role to liaise with Highways, North Yorkshire CC and the police to report dangerous conditions with roads, junctions, vehicle speeds, theft, and cycling accidents. Unfortunately, many situations are passed on to us by word of mouth. There is little the Council can do without members of the public first reporting incidences to the relevant official body. Reports by the public and our responses confirm the need for action. Our word is not enough! Did you know that if your car is damaged by a pothole the incident needs to be reported? The first contact does not result in any action but the second report for the same pothole results in a response.

In conjunction with National litter days, Council is organising its own Litter – picking Day on Saturday 5th March. Please put it in your diary, further details later. We can all play a small part in keeping our fantastic valley clear of litter.

Parish Council Elections take place on Thursday 5th May. See separate notice. Why not stand and support your local community. No experience needed just attendance at 6 meetings a year and a desire to make the area a better place to live in. Access to email is a boom!! Why not come to our next Parish meeting to see what we do, Monday 7th March, 7:30 pm at Norwood Social Hall

Mid Wharfedale Parish Council An Ordinary meeting of MWPC was held at Askwith Village Hall on 26th November 2015.

All parishes were all represented. Askwith and Weston village greens were discussed and it was agreed not to persue these any further under the new Part 1 of the Commons Act and Regulation 2014 as the size of the greens are so small it would be have no added benefit. Complaints had been received about an increase in the amount of Logging Lorries passing through Denton. This was to be investigated in connection with Denton Hall Estates increasing production of wood pellets, which were then sold onto the open market, contravening planning conditions. The Postmans shelter at Nesfield and the Nesfield Defibrillator were added to MWPC assets. All MWPC polices and regulations were updated. Budgets for the 2016/17 precept were discussed and it was agreed to make a small increase to £3500 to cover any extra cost due the new Transparency code. Accounts were presented and planning issues discussed. Various problems were discussed under highway issues including blocked gullies and the possibility of getting a flashing sign warning of flooding on the Ilkley to Nesfield Road adjacent to Ilkley Golf Club The next meeting is 25th February 2016 at Askwith Village Hall starting at 7.45pm. Nick Pullan Clerk to MWPC 07720260401 npullanmwpc@fsmail.net

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Celebrating 895,000 Shoebox Gifts we are

delighted to share that your church contributed to us being able to send over 895,000 shoebox gifts from the UK in 2015. Globally, we delivered over 11.2 million shoeboxes, with many being given to children currently living in refugee camps

Hundreds of churches and individuals lovingly packed these gifts, whilst thousands of dedicated volunteers carefully checked and prayed over each one. That is an amazing effort that we would never have accomplished without your involvement – you were an integral part of this campaign and for that we want to thank you! Daniel Stracinski, our CONNECT Prayer Co-ordinator for the OCC Team in Montenegro, tells us of the impact these gifts have on a community.

"The children were very happy; one boy opened his shoebox and found a Frisbee. He started jumping, running around, calling his friends and showing everyone. Another boy took out a cap and gloves from his shoebox and put them on for everyone to see. It was such a special time for that small town and school in a remote mountain area."

Many churches and individuals in the UK also gave generously towards The Greatest Journey project alongside their shoebox gifts. This will enable our partner churches around the world to train local teachers. They in turn offer a course of 12 fun and engaging lessons to children who received shoeboxes to find out more about Jesus. Over £74,000 was given, ensuring that 18,000 children will get to go on The Greatest Journey.

Please pray with us for these children and for God's blessing on the local church overseas as they build relationships within their communities. As you share this story with your church family – be encouraged that through a simple shoebox gift, this can be the start of a child's greatest journey in learning about Jesus.

Serving Christ together, Nick Cole, UK Director Operation Christmas Child

In October and November across the Washburn and Mid-Wharfe area we collected 75 boxes, which is down on the last two years. I've invited Maureen Walsh from Otley to speak at the United Service on 30th October. Not only has Maureen been involved locally with the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child, but she has been abroad with the boxes and will show us what happens when the boxes leave the depot.

Thanks to all who've helped bring a smile to child at Christmas. Graham Shield

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T&T

T& T – flying into February! After tea and a lot of talk in January, we enjoyed a domino drive, with prizes of course. On 2nd February do join us - Daphne Wilson is coming and we'll all be doing some spring bulb planting, inside, and in containers, of course! We meet again in March and then



in April we are having a tour of the base at Menwith Hill, followed by refreshments there. In May, for the last meeting of the year, we are off on a trip in a coach to Kilburn, first of all, to have a look around Robert Thompson's (the Mouseman) workshops and museum, followed by lunch and then the Herriot Museum in Thirsk. So where and when do we meet? At Norwood Social Hall 2pm to 4pm and T&T is just £2 when you come with no membership fees; T&T is for the over 60s. Here's a quick reminder of the dates for your diary - we meet on the first Tuesday of every month right through to May, so that makes it 2nd February,1st March, 5th April, and 3rd May. Then there will be a short break while we all enjoy summer, and then start again in September. For more info and if you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362 or Gladys on 880604 - we've always got time for T&T!!

Fewston Foxy Ladies

Come and join us in February for a taste of sweeties as they used to be! Keith Tordoff from the Oldest Sweet Shop in England is coming with

samples and to tell us about all about sweets. Looking forward to welcoming you to our friendly meetings – we meet at Fewston Parochial Hall at 7.30pm and the February meeting is on the 16th.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Margaret 01943 462261; Shirley 01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789 See you soon!

Washburn Parish Council

Thursday 5th May

Could you:

- Attend six meetings a year
- Comment on planning applications
- Help make Washburn Valley a great place to live
- Contribute to discussions
- Answer emails?

If yes, why not stand as a

Parish Councillor?

We need nominations for the following

Little Timble – 1 seat

Great Timble – 2 seats

Norwood - 3 seats

Blubberhouses - 1 seat

Fewston – 3 seats

Closing dates for nominations is 7th April. Guidance meeting for anyone interested in standing is on 16th or 18th April at 5:30pm at the Council Chambers, Harrogate.

Experience a Parish Council meeting on 7th March, 7:30pm at Norwood Social Hall.

Further information can be obtained by emailing the Parish Clerk at washburnpc@gmail.com or by visiting our website www.washburnpc.co.uk.



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5 FEBRUARY 2016 7.15PM HOPPER LANE HOTEL, BLUBBERHOUSES



Smart Casual with a Hint of Tartan Dancing, raffle and quiz

> £15 per head (includes Supper)

Tickets available from

 Daphne
 01943 880268

 Gillian
 01943 880362

 Allison
 01942 880010

 Deborah
 07703592926



Organised by the Friends of Blubberhouses Church
In aid of Blubberhouses Church

Answers

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WEDDINGS Fewston

07 November 2015 Daniel Christopher RILEY & Sophie Flizabeth HALI

Denton

14 November 2015 Adam Douglas SPRAY & Alison Elizabeth MOORE 28 November 2015 Jonathan STOCKTON & Antonia BARR

Leathley

12 December 2015 Benjamin John STANCLIFFE & Danielle Casey STAKES

BAPTISMS Fewston

20 December 2015 Oliver Walton

Leathley

22 November 2015 Sebastian Armitage-Riley 10 January 2016 Harry Luke Keighley

Weston

15 November 2015 Stanley Feathers

FUNERALS Farnley

19 November 2015 Jessie Cooper Wood

Leathley

25 November 2015
Keith Liddle (burial
at Stainburn)
30 November 2015
Gerry Atkinson
22 December 2015
Clare O'Connor
2 January 2016
Rosemary White (Burial
of Ashes)

Weston

19 November 2015 Joan Thornton (Burial of Ashes)

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