

WASHBURN & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES MAGAZINE

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Washburn & Mid-Wharfe United Benefice

Farnley, Fewston with Blubberhouses,
Leathley, Weston with Denton.

Rector – Vacancy

The Benefice is currently looking for a new Rector. In the meantime, Revd Stewart Hartley is working with the churchwardens to ensure that ministry continues in the parishes.

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Fewston with Blubberhouses

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All Saints Church Weston

www.westonchurch.wordpress.com

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Norwood Retreat Centre

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Village Church Services February 2023



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

5th February **3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
 9.30am Weston Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) (RW)
 11am Fewston Holy Communion (RW)
 9.30am Leathley Holy Communion (SH)

12TH February **2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
 11am Denton Family Service (TD)
 11am Fewston Holy Communion (CL)
 9.30am Farnley Morning Service (FD)

19TH February **SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
 9.30 am Weston Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
 11.00am Blubberhouses Family Service (FS)
 9.30am Leathley Morning Service

Ash Wednesday is 22nd February 2023

26TH February **LENT 1**
 11.00am Denton Holy Communion (SH)
 9.30am Farnley Holy Communion (MC)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel 2023

Sunday 12th February at 2:30pm Rev Cameron Stirk

Sunday 26th February at 2:30pm Rev Roger Smith

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The View from the Villages February 2023 New Year, New beginning!

I was very pleased to make the following announcement last Sunday (8th January):

The Bishop of Leeds is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Teresa McLaughlin, currently serving as Team Vicar with responsibility for the Partney Cluster Group of Parishes in the Diocese of Lincoln, as Interim Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Washburn and Mid-Wharfe in the Ripon Episcopal Area. The licensing date will be decided in due course.

It is unlikely that Teresa will take up her post much before Easter. Let me explain, as best I can, what 'Interim Priest in Charge' means. Because the last 2 vicar's have left after such a short period the Diocese have suspended the 'living' and have made a 3 year appointment. This is usually extended if the priest and people are happy and the churches are thriving. This is what we really hope will happen as it takes time for both to get to know and trust each other. It is our prayerful hope for Teresa and her family that this is what will happen.

For Teresa's ministry to thrive it will not be just because of effort on her part but help, support and encouragement on our part too!

If our six churches are to thrive, we all need to support them so that they will be here for joyful and sad events not just for ourselves but for future generations.

When I mean support, I am not just talking about money but taking part in services and events. Also helping the church become more relevant to our children and grandchildren.

I am sure Teresa will come with new ideas, let's support them with enthusiasm. Encouragement and support will be the crucial factor in not just Teresa's ministry among us but in our thriving too!

Yours in Jesus Christ
Stewart



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News from Norwood Chapel

As the earth begins to reawaken from a cold winter, I am reminded of the freshness and hope that new life brings as I look at my garden. Green shoots of daffodils and bluebells emerge from the dark earth giving me a glimpse of what is to come ... a garden full of colour. Snow drops with their dainty blooms seem to dance in the wind as though they are ringing in a new month of 2023. I am surprised that oftentimes new life emerges in the garden even when I did nothing to bring it about. All of these things make my heart swell and quicken my spirit. It is easy for me to see the Creator's handiwork in a springtime garden.

Have you ever thought of our churches being like a garden? We talk about 'planting seeds,' don't we in various settings and ministries. So let's run with it and continue in this train of thought! What green shoots of new life are emerging in our churches? New styles of worship, perhaps? Different opportunities to love our neighbour? New practices that help us draw closer to the Great Gardener? Are there areas of soil that need to be fertilized so that growth can occur? If so, what would that look like? In what should we invest more? Could the cold February wind be the Spirit blowing through our early springtime garden and trying to get our attention or blessing us with the knowledge of God's infinite love and grace?

I encourage us all to dwell outside in nature, wherever we can, even for a short while, to marvel at its beauty and to ponder the ways new life can be cultivated in our churches with God's help.

February blessings,
~ Rev. Shannon



Thank you

Fewston Parochial Church council would like to thank the ladies who help to clean Fewston church and supply and arrange the flowers on a week to week basis and those who also help at Easter and Christmas with decorating for those festivals. We receive many compliments
Cheri Beaumont.

Community Notice Board

Note from the Editor

If you have emailed items for the magazine in the past and has not been included I can only apologise. I have been having intermittent problems with emails even from people who have emailed me in the past.

You may not have noticed but I am now also the Administrator for the Benefice. If you receive an error message could you forward it to the admin email on page 2 as that will help

us identify the problem. If you wish to contact me by phone (or text) then please use the admin phone number. Its not always on but if you leave a message with your email address I will contact you.

Thank you once again for everyone's contributions to the magazine that would not exist without them.

Happy New Year



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota For February 2023

29 January & 5 February
Hilary Crawford

12 & 19 February 2023 Sue Wood

26 February & 5 March Andrea Ainley

Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for February 2023

5th February Tom & Ruth Raper

12th & 19th February Mrs H Pullan

26th February & 5th March Sally Stanley



Askwith Ladies Social

The Askwith Arms is currently closed for refurbishment so the social evening will restart once the pub has re-opened.

Thanks Anne - (Tel: 07713884328 Email: laeatham@gmail.com)

From the Registers

Funerals

29th December Mrs Shirley Maureen Cousins All Saints Church Farnley

12th January Mrs Gladys Mary Spence Memorial Service at St Michael and St Lawrence Fewston

Community Notice Board

Fewston Parochial Hall



The Teas, lunches and homemade cakes will be served

on

Saturday, Sunday 25th - 26th February
from 11 am till 4.00 pm.



All proceeds to Hawksworth School.



Fewston Foxy Ladies



Craft ~ Flowers

Do come along to our meeting on
Tuesday 21st February at 2pm when
we will be craftily making creative
flowers with Elaine Fish

New members are always welcome!

If you want any more info, give
Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Shirley
01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507;
Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943
466789; or Ann on 01423 771393
See you there!

T&T



Spring Planting

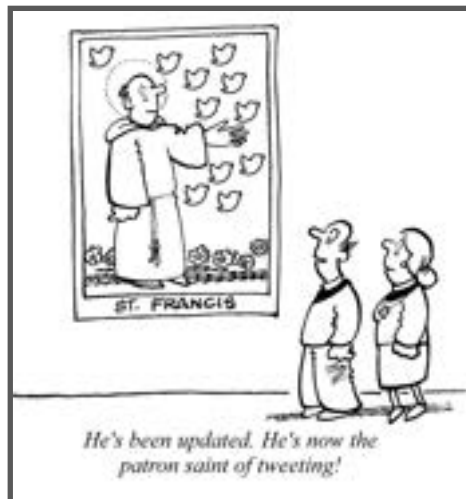
Come and join us on Tuesday for
Spring Planting with Daphne Wilson -
plus tea and chat of course!

T&T meets at Norwood Social Hall and is
for the over 60s.

It is only £2 per person.

If you want to hear more about T&T, give
Gillian a ring on 880362 or Gladys on
880604

We've always got time for T&T!



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Norwood Social Hall



DOMINO DRIVE 2023 Dates

Friday 27th January

17th March

26th May

1st September

27th October

8th December

(Christmas hats and Jumpers)

Everyone Welcome

7pm

Hot Supper and Raffle

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Leathley Parish Room Domino Drives 2023



Friday 10th February
Friday 14th April (Provisional, depending on building works)
Friday 9th June
Friday 11th August
Friday 10th November

Pork Pie and Mushy Peas Supper included
(Vegetarian Option on request)
Cash Bar- Raffle - Prizes

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

Over 16 to 90 - £4.00

Under 16 - £2.00

90 and over – free, wonderful to see you

Tickets;

Ann, John or Anne (Booking Secretaries) on 07802 212111
Or leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com

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ANOTHER FUN CEILIDH



**SATURDAY
11TH FEBRUARY 2023
AT 7.30PM**

NORWOOD SOCIAL HALL

**Tickets are £16 and include a pie and
peas supper and dessert.**

Tickets to be purchased in advance from Pat An-
derson 01943 880284 or Alison Bowers
07752431886



**In aid of Friends of
Blubberhouses Church**

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CHEESE & WINE QUIZ NIGHT

ASKWITH VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2023
7.30

TICKETS £8
(TO INCLUDE A GLASS OF WINE
AND CHEESE AND BISCUITS)
FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT
EITHER

CAROL 07889 891086

HELEN 07841 097101

OR EMAIL

askwithvillagehall@gmail.com

Come along for a fun social evening

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TUESDAY 21st MARCH

FEWSTON FOXY LADIES
PRESENTS

THE CHORUS CREW
**AN ENTERTAINING EVENING OF SEA
SHANTIES AND FOLK SONGS**

AT FEWSTON PAROCHIAL HALL

Starting at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 (members free)
FOR TICKETS TEL: 01943 880362 Or 01423 806151

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Parcevall Hall

Vacancy for General Assistant



We are looking for a general assistant to work either 20hrs per week spread over 4 days, or 30hrs per week over 5 days.

Parcevall Hall is the retreat house for the Diocese of Leeds. We take residential and day guests all year round.

The Hall is a great place to work. We are a friendly and welcoming team, working in beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

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If you would like to come and meet us and find out more, please contact
Jo Craven on 01756 720213,
or by email at admin@parcevallhall.org.uk

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Smile Lines

Giving up for Lent

At the end of the pre-Lent sermon, the vicar suggested, as an example to the rest of the community, that the congregation should worship in an unheated church for the whole of Lent. As they made their way into the chill Sunday air the vicar addressed one member of the congregation, asking what she had decided to give up for Lent. "Church," she replied firmly.

In a sack

Seen in a church magazine: "Bring your old newspapers (and your neighbours), put them in a sack and tie them if possible."

Wages

Advert for a new minister: 'Wages not high, but retirement benefits out of this world.'

Judgement?

This true story concerns the visit of a visiting preacher to a little village chapel... 'He was a few minutes into his sermon when, without warning, about twenty square feet of thick and decayed Victorian plaster fell from high on one wall and crashed into a group of empty pews below. As the dense fog of dust began to settle, and it became clear no one was injured, the minister prepared to resume his sermon. Then he paused, and looked heavenward and in a slightly pained voice, asked: "Was it something I said?"'

Don't die

The vicar announced: "I am sure that you will not wish to overwork our visiting priest while I am on holiday, and will keep funerals to a minimum."

Little Teapot

Our new curate had young children and

they insisted he choose for his screen-saver a picture of a dancing teapot, playing the children's song 'I'm a Little Teapot'. When the earnest young HR officer for the diocese came to call, she sent back a message to the bishop: "The curate may be suffering from an identity disorder."

Answer to prayer

A small boy badly wanted a baby brother, so his dad suggested he pray every night for one. The boy prayed earnestly, night after night, but his prayers seemingly weren't answered. So after a few weeks, he didn't bother to ask anymore.

Some months later, his dad said they were going to see Mum in the hospital and he was going to get a big surprise. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies. The little boy stood still for a moment, and then cautiously observed: "It's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

Seen in a church pewsheet:

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a crèche downstairs.

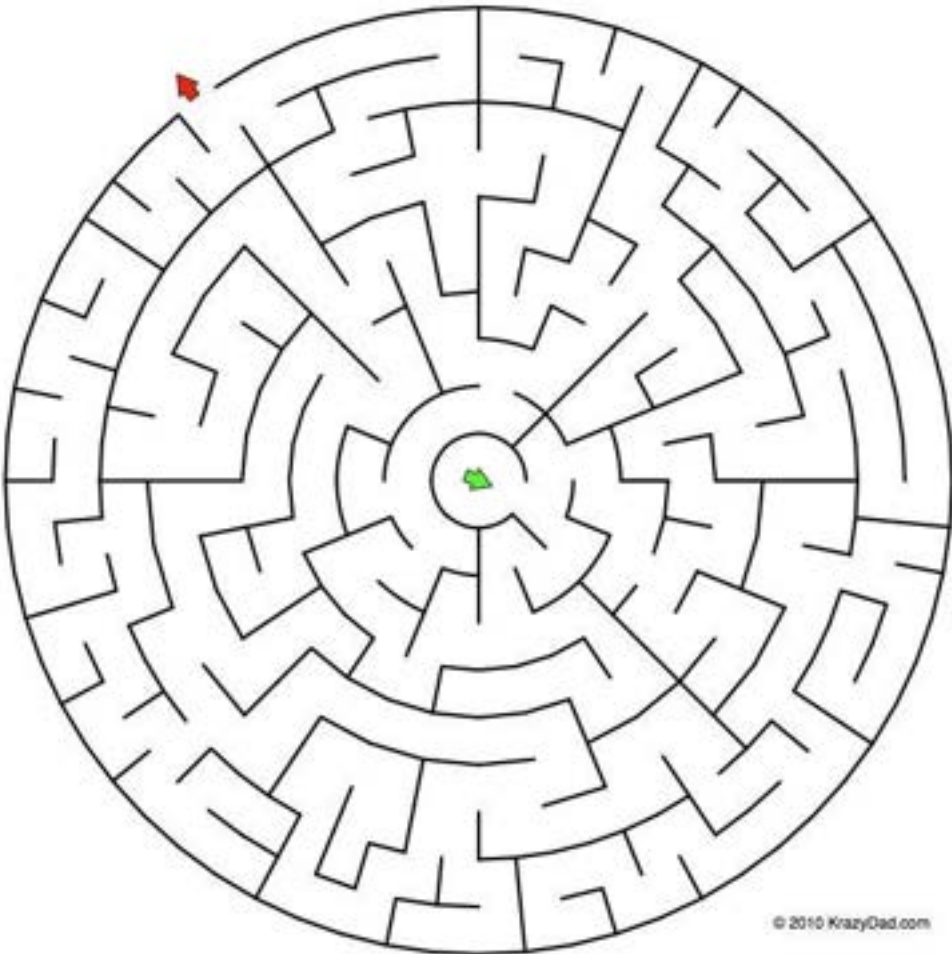
Next Friday the church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility. Do come along!

Talking theologically...

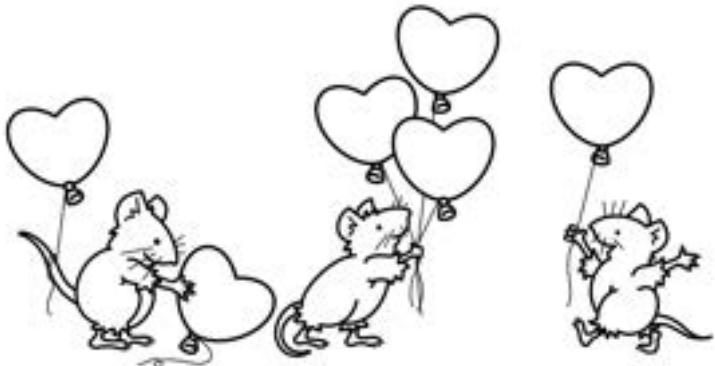
Jesus asked His disciples who men said that He was. And one of His disciples replied: "Master, thou art the supreme eschatological manifestation of omnipotent ecclesiastical authority, the absolute, divine, sacerdotal monarch."

And Jesus said, "er - What?"

Maze, Story, Puzzles and colouring-in



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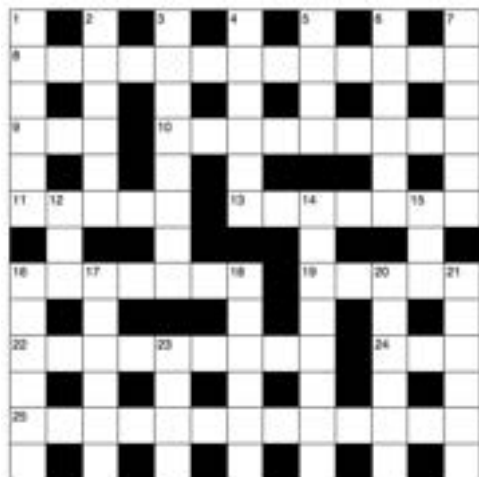


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Crossword Puzzle



Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloquial) (2,4)

Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anagram) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
- 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

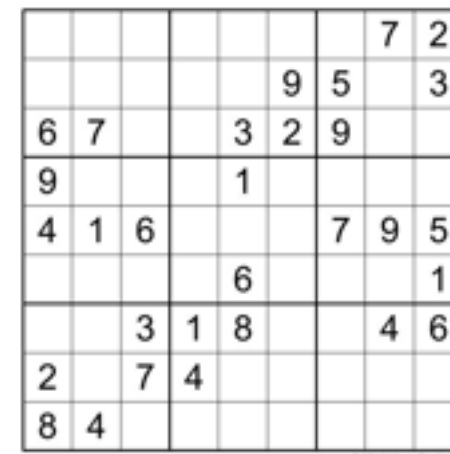
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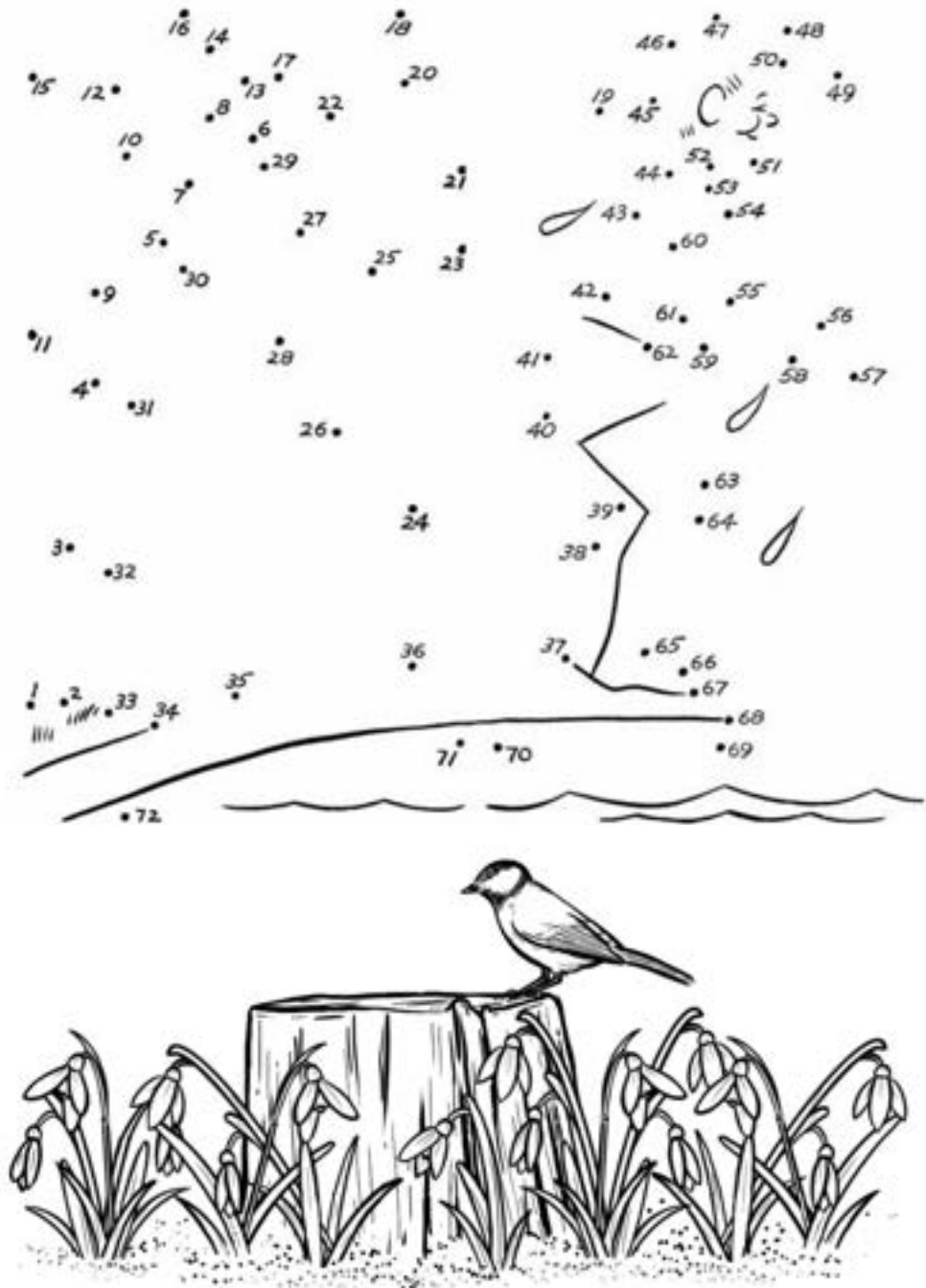
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Mouse Makes

What was the special meal Jesus was preparing to eat?

Matthew 26:18



What did Jesus give thanks for and share?

Matthew 26:27


What did Jesus take, bless and break?

Matthew 26:26

What did Jesus say this represented?

His -----


Matthew 26:26



Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to break bread and share the cup "in

of me."

1 Corinthians 11:24-25



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Find the words from the questions too!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew chapter 18 verses 21-35

Jewish teachers used to say you only had to forgive people three times before getting revenge, so Peter asked Jesus...

How many times do I have to forgive? Seven?



It's not about keeping count

You must never stop forgiving.



And Jesus told them a story...

A king decided to check his accounts



Bring me the man who owes me the most money.

One servant owed him 50 million silver coins



Sell him, his family, and all he has.

Please give me more time to pay



I feel sorry for you. Your debt is cancelled.

Then the servant saw someone who owed him 100 silver coins



I want my money now!

Please give me more time



No! You're going to prison now!

The other servants found out what had happened..



and they told the king



Bring him here now!

You bad man! I forgave you so much - why did you not forgive?



So he was put in prison



Jesus ended by saying...



Because God has forgiven you so much, you must forgive others with all your heart.

All in the month of February

It was:

175 years ago, on 21st Feb 1848 that the Communist Manifesto was published in London. It was written by Karl Marx, with the assistance of Friedrich Engels.

150 years ago, on 7th Feb 1873 that Thomas Andrews, Irish/British shipbuilder and businessman was born. The naval architect in charge of the plans for the RMS Titanic, he perished along with 1,500 others during her maiden voyage.

100 years ago, on 16th Feb 1923 that British archaeologist Howard Carter opened the sealed doorway to Tutankhamen's tomb in Thebes, Egypt. The following day he entered the burial chamber and discovered a wealth of treasures.

75 years ago, on 21st Feb 1948 that NASCAR was founded at Daytona Beach, Florida.

70 years ago, on 28th Feb 1953 that British scientists Francis Crick and James D Watson announced that they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.

65 years ago, on 6th Feb 1958 that the Munich air disaster took place. A plane carrying the Manchester United football team ('the Busby Babes'), plus support staff and journalists, crashed while attempting to take off from a slush-covered runway at Munich-Riem Airport. 23 people were killed, including 8 players.

65 years ago, on 17th Feb 1958 that St Claire of Assisi (1194-1253) was declared the patron saint of television by Pope Pius XII – on the basis that she

had been too ill to attend Mass, but had reportedly been able to see and hear it on the wall of her room.

50 years ago, on 8th Feb 1973 that the US Senate established a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal. This led to US President Richard Nixon's resignation in August 1974.

40 years ago, on 8th Feb 1983 that champion racehorse, Shergar, was kidnapped in Ireland and a £2million ransom demanded. The horse was never seen again.

30 years ago, on 24th Feb 1993 that Bobby Moore, British footballer and captain of the England team that won the 1966 World Cup, died.

25 years ago, on 23rd Feb 1998 that Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa against all Jews and Crusaders.

20 years ago, on 1st Feb 2003 that the US space shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas during re-entry, killing all seven astronauts.

15 years ago, on 29th Feb 2008 that Prince Harry was immediately withdrawn from active service in Afghanistan, after the media revealed he was serving a tour of duty with British troops there.

10 years ago, on 1st Feb 2013 that the Shard, a 72-storey skyscraper in London, was officially opened. It is the tallest building in the UK and the sixth tallest in Europe.



Askwith's Annual Walk with Mary and Joseph

21st December saw a goodly crowd assemble at Askwith Village Hall for the walk to "Bethlehem".

It was wonderful to see so many children and young families all dressed up as shepherds, sheep, angels and of course the Angel Gabriel, Mary, Joseph and the baby as well as the three Wise men. Molly the donkey played her part in leading us to the Inn where we were duly turned away. We set off for the

stable where the manger awaited and Molly stood happily in her stall, watching as the story unfolded and carols were sung.

A huge thank you to all who took part to make the evening so magical, especially to Carol and Howard Marston for setting up the stable so beautifully and to Andrea Barker at Petties Paws for providing such an obliging donkey!

Carol Singing 2022 in the Fewston Parish

A huge thank you for all the amazing contributions to the Carol Singing around Fewston, £1155.18 was made for the Fewston and Blubberhouses Churches. Thank you to all of you who generously donated, those who kindly gave hospitality to the singers and to the hardy carol singers venturing out in the extreme arctic conditions - thanks once again.

Washburn Parish Council

Washburn Parish Council covers the areas of Blubberhouses, Fewston, Norwood and Timble. The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and is a body of volunteers elected to represent the views of their community.

The Parish Council met in November to agree the parish budget for the upcoming financial year – this is earlier than usual but is the result of the Local Government reorganisation. The Council agreed a parish precept of £7,700 for the year 2023-24. This precept will be used to ensure local maintenance works are carried out by the parish caretaker, upkeep of the Meagill Lane Chapel, and equipment maintenance of parish defibrillators, as well as ensuring the Council meets its statutory obligations and responsibilities through the Parish

With Valentine's Day in mind...how do you define love?

A group of 4-to-8-year-olds was once asked: 'What does love mean?' The answers they gave were surprising for their depth of insight....

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips, without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when

Clerk.

In addition, Washburn Parish Council continues to report highways issues affecting the parish; monitor and comment on local planning applications or major proposals that impact on the parish; and inform residents of activities and events in the parish on our noticeboards and website.

The next meeting of Washburn Parish Council will be held on Monday 6 March 2023 at Norwood Social Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Should you wish to contact any of your councillors please email washburnpc@gmail.com or for more information about your council please visit www.washburnparishcouncil.co.uk

you're tired." Terri - age 4

"Love is when mum makes coffee for my dad and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

- "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6 (We need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

"My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." - Clare, aged 6

"Love is when mummy gives daddy the best piece of chicken." - Elaine - age 5

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day" Mary Ann - age 4

Mid Wharfedale Parish Council

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An Ordinary meeting of Mid Wharfedale Parish Council (MWPC) was held at Askwith Village Hall on 24.11.2022. Weston, Askwith, Denton, Middleton, and Nesfield with Langbar were represented along with Councillor Hull of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and the Clerk.

The new Clerk, Clare Smith was welcomed to the meeting; Clare who lives in Ilkley is having a phased hand over and will be in her new role at the February meeting.

Items carried over from the previous meeting included a discussion on the Common Land CL501 at Nesfield, where it was agreed, the Clerk should write to NYCC claiming MWPC have no responsibility for the maintenance of CL501. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed that MWPC buy a notice board to be located adjacent to the Green at Weston and to replace the seat next to the stone trough as the existing one has collapsed. The new seat is to have a plaque in memory of Queen Elizabeth II.

Various highway matters were reported and these to be passed onto NYCC Highways.

The Clerk had prepared a budget for the 2023/2024 precept. After a discussion it was resolved that the precept should be increased by 4% to £5000. The appointment of the internal auditor was discussed. It was resolved that Yorkshire Internal Audit Services should be appointed for the 2022/23 year.

MWPC policies had been updated and it was resolved that the following policies should be adopted en-bloc. Standing Orders, Procedures & Policies, Financial

Regulations, Financial Risk Assessment, Code of Practice for Handling Complaints, Freedom of Information Publication Scheme, Freedom of Information cost, Code of Conduct. Zoom policy. Added to the above policies were employment equality, diversity and inclusion policy, employment disciplinary procedure, employment grievance procedure all these were voted unanimously.

The Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) bin at Denton was discussed; this very large bin is now emptied by a small wagon rather than the bin men. The larger bin means emptying less, more hygienic for emptying and less cost. Query as to whether it could be moved from the triangle down to the bottom lay by where it would be more use. Clerk to write to HBC for its relocation.

The last three months invoices were presented, resolved and cheques signed. Planning items were discussed including safety concerns raised from Denton villagers regarding the pear tree at Pear Tree Cottage Denton which overhangs onto the road which could be a danger for high-sided vehicles. Clerk asked to write to the owners of the tree to see if this could be addressed. The web site was up to date with minutes and agenda added.

Under Members Points of Information a discussion on the verges at Low Snowden and their maintenance and cutting. This falls under the MWPC boundary and the work will be done when the other hedges are cut by MWPC

The next meeting is 16th February 2023 at 7.45pm

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Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club



To kick off December we held our Christmas market on the third, raising money for club funds and Blood Cancer UK. Thank you to everyone that came to support the club, it was a lovely festive morning full of local businesses and was again one of our biggest fundraisers of the year

On the 4th of December we competed in the Yorkshire county sports finals in Malton, our junior mixed basketball team came out with the win against some tough competition, also well done to our men's hockey team that also played very well and came 4th.

On the 7th of December we did wreath making at Almscliffe hall. It was a great festive meeting with lots of younger members getting creative and making some lovely wreaths to take home. Thank you to the parents that helped

out and to the club leaders that organised all the materials.

On the 14th we held our annual Christmas meal at Albivios in Harrogate. This was a nice social event for the end of the year, we had lots of parents and members as always, and the food was absolutely delicious!

For our final meeting of 2022 on the 21st we went carol singing around farms in the local area to raise money for Blood Cancer UK. We had lots of fun and some of us were surprisingly tuneful! Thank you to all those that donated and to the members that came out despite the cold.

As always if you are aged 10-28 and are interested in joining please contact our secretary Rebecca Ryder.
- By Ellie Inman



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Farnley Estate Womens Institute



You may think the Women's Institute is just jam, Jerusalem and cups of tea, but it's so much more!. It's got a history going back over 100 years, a constitution that puts women first and gives members a chance to be part of a village, county and national organisation that campaigns to influence women's lives for the better.

So what has Farnley Estate WI been doing over the past year?

As part of the local community, we have had speakers from a number of charities in the area ranging from the Otley Food bank to the Prickly Pigs hedgehog rescue centre to the WW2 archive in Otley. We have been energetic with the Buttercross Belles women's Morris side and have a small local walking group. We have educated ourselves with some basic first aid training and a talk from the Land Management Team Leader of the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which is on our doorstep. At a national level we voted to support women and girls with autism and ADHD. Unlike boys, autism in girls is rarely diagnosed early and they spend many years wondering why they



feel different from most of the people round them. County -wide we have enjoyed lunches, excellent speakers and craft courses and joined in with a wonderful WI Carol Service at Ripon Cathedral. Looking forward to 2023, in January, Gillian Lishman will be telling us about writing a children's book and getting it published, in February Paul Teasdale will recount his time as a shop boy in a Thrift store in the early 1960's. In March we'll hear about "Otley 2030" a vision to bring the town together to create climate friendly and sustainable communities in our area. Following this in April we will be visiting one of our member's beautiful garden in Huby.

We have a full programme arranged for the rest of 2023, if you would like to know more, please contact Susan Kerridge our President on 07716 024650 or by email on susankerridge@btinternet.com. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Leathley Village Hall. Although we're called Farnley Estate WI, we have members from Otley and all over the Washburn valley.

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The Song Thrush

Famous for smashing open snails and for its sweet song, the Song Thrush was once a common sight in UK woodland, but, alas, no longer.

One of four thrush species often seen hereabouts it is brown above, with a white belly covered in black, drop-shaped spots. It is smaller and a warmer brown than the Mistle Thrush and lacks the white eyestripe and red flank patches of the Redwing.

Their song is a series of vigorous, simple phrases, less rich than a Blackbird, but with a penetrating quality. The fluting notes are often interspersed with harsher tones and some mimicry of other species.

The Song Thrush's diet is largely earthworms and snails, with the latter broken open against a hard object, plus insects and spiders, also fruit and berries in the colder months. Although regularly seen in gardens, they are not easily attracted to feeding stations.



Song Thrushes establish a breeding territory in the late winter or early spring, an essential part of pair formation. Its size depends on the habitat quality. Territory boundaries break down in the late summer when the last brood has fledged, though most remain in the same area all year. In hard winters they will abandon their territories and head southwards to mainland Europe. Conversely, considerable numbers of Dutch birds spend their winter in here.

Song Thrushes can be very early nesters, with young on the wing by the end of March. In common with other thrushes, mud is used in the nest, but without a grass lining, making the nest quite easy to recognise – the blue eggs are laid onto a smooth mud inner surface. The female builds it low down in suitable cover, maybe even on the ground in thick vegetation.

3-5 eggs are laid, one each day, after which the female starts to incubate, with the chicks hatching 13-15 days later. Both parents feed them, primarily

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on worms, though fruit is an alternative when dry weather limits access to worms.

Song Thrushes live an average of 3-4 years and mortality is high - its causes many and varied. Only 20% of fledglings and 60% of adults survive to breed. British Trust for Ornithology monitoring shows that the population in England declined by more than 50% between 1970 and 1995, particularly on farmland, where the decrease was around 70%. Because of this they are amber listed as birds of serious conservation concern, though there has been some recovery recently.

This decline in numbers is probably due to the loss and degradation of hedgerows and wet ditches, with increased land drainage, tillage, and pesticide spraying reducing the number of earthworms and other

invertebrates available. Grazed permanent pasture (especially cow pasture) and woodland are important habitats with plenty of food for Song Thrushes. Both are now rare in lowland areas.

RSPB research has compared populations on intensive arable farmland with those on mixed farmland, where two major differences were found. Those on intensive arable farmland made only 2-3 nesting attempts, with fewer fledglings surviving per nest, compared to 4-5 attempts for birds on mixed farmland. These differences are large enough to have caused the population decline on arable farmland and are probably due to a lack of earthworms and snails.

Measures likely to help Song Thrushes include sympathetic hedgerow management (with tall, thick hedges), planting new woodlands, and sowing wild bird seed mixtures with leafy cover, for all of which grants are available. Any measures that prevent soil from drying out during summer are likely to be beneficial too.

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 a local organisation near York which would like a talk on garden birds contact Mike Gray gbwmike@gmail.com.

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We are excited to launch our new programme **MADE IN THE VALLEY** which runs from February to May 2023. Since the Washburn Valley became inhabited the people of the valley have created both practical and decorative items within the landscape and in their homes. These skills have developed from cottage crafts to industrialisation and back to individuals reconnecting with their creativity. Join us to discover the history behind our iconic dry-stone walls, learn about the industrial past, try out for yourself some of the textile skills or enjoy the guided walks through our fascinating valley. There is something for everyone!

Events in February

Preview Event for Members



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Thursday 2nd February at 4.30pm

At the Heritage Centre, light refreshments will be served.

WALK: Blubberhouses Quarry and Kex Gill Moor

Thursday 9th February

This, now closed, high grade silica quarry has an interesting history and was a beacon for environmental sensitivity when established in the mid-1980s. This walk is mainly over open moorland with several stiles. Please dress appropriately for wet conditions underfoot and exposed moorland winter weather. Meet at the Heritage Centre at 9.15am for car share to quarry gates. 5 ½ miles. Cost £15 non-member, £12 member including two course lunch.

Creative writing in the Valley

Thursday 16th February, 10am - 2.30pm

Give yourself space to create. Come and join our jolly group. Fortified by refreshments on arrival, under the guidance of Alex you will be inspired by our surroundings to put pen to paper. After a sociable lunch, we will share our jottings. There is no expectation of genius - we seek fun not fame, fulfilment not fortune. Cost £12 member and £15 non-member.

Mardi Gras

Tuesday 21st February, 7pm – 10pm

In many countries the end of Epiphany/beginning of Lent is celebrated with Mardi Gras or Carnivale. We bring you a New Orleans themed evening of feasting and celebration whilst enjoying blues music with a welcome return visit from Ben "Blue" Waters. The colours of Mardi Gras are purple, green and gold and it would be fun if you felt able to dress using these colours (but not compulsory!). Bar available. Cost £24 member and £30 non-member.

Drawing with wool – an introduction to wet felt making

Saturday 25th February, 10am – 1pm

Sheep and wool are linked throughout history with the Washburn Valley. Spend a morning with us to create your own image of the local landscape using British Wool fibres. You will be tutored in the wet felting process which uses a combination of friction/agitation, soap and water. All materials are provided. Spaces are limited to ensure personal tuition. Light refreshments included. Cost £35 member and £45 non-member.

Please contact Jenny at the Centre to book any of these events. Telephone 01943 880794, or email cen-tre@washburnvalley.org



Our Tea Room is open every Sunday from 11-4pm during the winter.

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, and you are rewarded with cake!

Images

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Gardeners Corner



Hopefully spring will be just around the corner as the days get longer and the garden begins to come back to life. This means that there will be plenty of jobs to do!

Sweet peas can be sown in a cool greenhouse in moist compost. Use fairly deep pots as like all legumes they have a long root run. Push in a pair of seeds about an inch below the surface and cover with damp newspaper. This will help keep the moisture and warmth in and the light out. Check after about a week to 10 days for germination and then leave uncovered.

Although you may have pruned wisteria in the summer now is a good time to cut back the side shoots and

shorten the summer-pruned ones to just two or three buds. Roses and clematis can be given a tonic of general purpose fertiliser later in the month to encourage healthy growth.

If you grow autumn fruiting raspberries, all the canes can be cut right back to ground level. Bare-root cane bundles for other fruit should be available soon for planting out.

Seed potatoes can be chitted in a light frost-free place. A cool conservatory is ideal. Just place the potatoes in old egg boxes for the shoots to develop. February is the time to enjoy the emerging bulbs especially snowdrops and the yellow aconites, which give such pleasure as harbingers of spring.



Recipe ~ Marmalade



This Recipe is from the All Saints Weston Recipe book first printed 1 December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend M Wilkinson in his mothers possessions and reprinted again. He dedicated it to

"Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

66 years later we are sharing the recipes again but this time in the magazine. Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

Ingredients

12 Bitter Oranges (Seville)
3 Sweet Oranges
2 Lemons
Sugar (according to method)

mins)

- Stand for 24 hours again.
- Then to every 1 lb of liquid add 1 1/2 lb of sugar
- Boil 3/4 hour
- Cool and put into clean air tight jars

Recipe provided by Mrs F Hill

Method

- To every 1lb of Oranges add 3 pints of water. Stand for 24 hours then boil for 3/4 of an hour (45



Poetry Request

Lochinvar by Sir Walter Scott



O, young Lochinvar is come out of the west,
Through all the wide Border his steed was the best;
And save his good broadsword he weapons had none,
He rode all unarm'd, and he rode all alone.
So faithful in love, and so dauntless in war,
There never was knight like the young Lochinvar.

He staid not for brake, and he stopp'd not for stone,
He swam the Eske river where ford there was none;
But ere he alighted at Netherby gate,
The bride had consented, the gallant came late:
For a laggard in love, and a dastard in war,
Was to wed the fair Ellen of brave Lochinvar.

So boldly he enter'd the Netherby Hall,
Among bride's-men, and kinsmen, and brothers and all;
Then spoke the bride's father, his hand on his sword,
(For the poor craven bridegroom said never a word,)
'O come ye in peace here, or come ye in war,
Or to dance at our bridal, young Lord Lochinvar?'

'I long woo'd your daughter, my suit you denied;—
Love swells like the Solway, but ebbs like its tide—
And now I am come, with this lost love of mine,
To lead but one measure, drink one cup of wine.
There are maidens in Scotland more lovely by far,
That would gladly be bride to the young Lochinvar.'

The bride kiss'd the goblet: the knight took it up,
He quaff'd off the wine, and he threw down the cup.

She look'd down to blush, and she look'd up to sigh,
With a smile on her lips and a tear in her eye.
He took her soft hand, ere her mother could bar,—
'Now tread we a measure!' said young Lochinvar.

So stately his form, and so lovely her face,
That never a hall such a galliard did grace;
While her mother did fret, and her father did fume,
And the bridegroom stood dangling his bonnet and plume;
And the bride-maidens whisper'd, 'twere better by far
To have match'd our fair cousin with young Lochinvar.'

One touch to her hand, and one word in her ear,
When they reach'd the hall-door, and the charger stood near;
So light to the croupe the fair lady he swung,
So light to the saddle before her he sprang!
'She is won! we are gone, over bank, bush, and scaur;
They'll have fleet steeds that follow,' quoth young Lochinvar.

There was mounting 'mong Graemes of the Netherby clan;
Forsters, Fenwicks, and Musgraves, they rode and they ran:
There was racing and chasing on Cannobie Lee,
But the lost bride of Netherby ne'er did they see.
So daring in love, and so dauntless in war,
Have ye e'er heard of gallant like young Lochinvar?

In these troubled times this poem reminds me of the futility of the rivalry of border families here in the UK. The separation of Scotland and England in the early 1300s and the 300 years of local warfare encouraged by the rival monarchies is still echoed in this poem by Sir Walter Scott.

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If you feel inspired please send in your own poem or request share your favourite poem, a seasonal recipe, write an articles or anything you wish to share. All items for the magazine are always welcome. Please email your items to: magazine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk

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