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PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment

to you, and in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

Here is a list of regular activities which occur in our church.

Please contact Group Leaders for details of their activities.

Sunday Services in Church

- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion or Morning Worship (2nd Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Joint Benefice Service (5th Sunday as announced)

Mondays in the Community Hall

- 6:00 p.m. Rainbows and Brownies
- 7:30 p.m. Guides
- 7:00 p.m. Beer & Banter Men's Group (1st Monday in the month
at The Four Sons, Clough Lane) - Alan: 07756 035591

Sept.- June

Tuesdays in Church

- 2:00 p.m. Mothers' Union (3rd Tuesday in the month)

Tuesdays in the Community Hall

- 12:00 noon Community Lunch (1st Tuesday in the month)
- 1:30 p.m. Reminiscent Cinema (1st Tuesday in the month)
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Tai-Chi
- 6:30 p.m. Cubs
- 8:00 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday Service in Church

- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th weeks in month)

Wednesdays in the Community Hall

- 6:15 p.m. Beavers
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nighters (1st Wednesday in the month)
in the Conference Suite.

Thursdays in the Community Hall

- Brighthouse Community Cinema (3rd Thursday in the month).
- See press for times and film showing.

Fridays

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (by Zoom). Alan:07756 035591



Rev'd Michelle writes 

And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you.

Last month I spoke about the hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness*. This month the hymn that has been going around in my head is *One More Step Along the World I Go*. I'm sure this one has stuck with me because of all the end of term assemblies and events I've taken part in recently. I've sung it several times in the last couple of weeks as part of these.

For our young people the long summer holiday which has now begun gives an opportunity to take stock after the ending of a school year and prepare for the next year. For some this might mean starting school for the very first time, for others it's preparing for a new school, class or teacher. For others who are older, it might mean preparing for college, university or to enter the world of work for the first time. It's a time of change and transition for many – a moving from the familiar old to the unfamiliar new.

For some of us it might be a long time since we were at school, but it's still a good idea during these long summer days to take stock of where we have been and where we are going. And to remember, as the hymn reminds us, that God goes with us in the changes and chances of life.

And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you

With my prayers and every blessing

Michelle

SERVICES AND CHURCH INFO

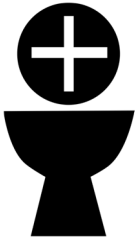
SUNDAY SERVICES at St. JOHN'S - AUGUST

Sunday 4th August - 11:00 - Trinity 10 - Holy Communion

Sunday 11th August - 11:00 - Trinity 11 - Morning Worship

Sunday 18th August - 11:00 - Trinity 12 - Holy Communion

Sunday 25th August - 11:00 - Trinity 13 - Holy Communion



MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - AUGUST

Wednesday 7th - 10:30 - No service this week

Wednesday 14th - 10:30 - No service this week

Wednesday 21st - 10:30 - St Matthew's

Wednesday 28th - 10:30 - St John's

FORTHCOMING UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE

- ◇ Sunday 29th September - 10:30 - Joint Benefice - St Matthew's
- ◇ Sunday November 10th - evening - Eucharist for Peace - St John's
- ◇ Sunday December 29th - 10:30 - Joint Benefice - St John's

Please join Rev'd Michelle live on St John's Facebook page for Morning Prayer at 8.30am every morning Tuesday to Saturday



or you can catch up later in the day on Facebook or via the link on the home page of our Website.

Daily Lectionary Readings August 2024

Monday 29-Jul	Tuesday 30-Jul	Wednesday 31-Jul	Thursday 01-Aug	Friday 02-Aug	Saturday 03-Aug
Psalms 44 1 Samuel 19.1-18 Acts 1.1-14	Psalms 48 1 Samuel 20.1-17 Acts 1.15-end	Psalms 119.57-80 1 Samuel 20.18-end Acts 2.1-21	Psalms 56 1 Samuel 21.1 – 22.5 Acts 2.22-36	Psalms 51 1 Samuel 22.6-end Acts 2.37-end	Psalms 68 1 Samuel 23 Acts 3.1-10
05-Aug	06-Aug	07-Aug	08-Aug	09-Aug	10-Aug
Psalms 71 1 Samuel 24 Acts 3.11-end	The Transfiguration 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Luke 9: 28-36	Psalms 77 1 Samuel 28.3-end Acts 4.13-31	Psalms 78.1-39* 1 Samuel 31 Acts 4.32 – 5.11	Psalms 55 2 Samuel 1 Acts 5.12-26	Psalms 76 2 Samuel 2.1-11 Acts 5.27-end
12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug	16-Aug	17-Aug
Psalms 80 2 Samuel 3.12-end Acts 6	Psalms 87 2 Samuel 5.1-12 Acts 7.1-16	Psalms 119.105-128 2 Samuel 6.1-19 Acts 7.17-43	Blessed Virgin Mary Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 1: 46-55	Psalms 88 2 Samuel 7.18-end Acts 7.54 – 8.3	Psalms 96 2 Samuel 9 Acts 8.4-25
19-Aug	20-Aug	21-Aug	22-Aug	23-Aug	24-Aug
Psalms 98 2 Samuel 11 Acts 8.26-end	Psalms 106* (or 103) 2 Samuel 12.1-25 Acts 9.1-19a	Psalms 110 2 Samuel 15.1-12 Acts 9.19b-31	Psalms 113 2 Samuel 15.13-end Acts 9.32-end	Psalms 139 2 Samuel 16.1-14 Acts 10.1-16	Bartholomew Apostle Acts 5: 12-16 Luke 22: 24-30
26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug
Psalms 123 2 Samuel 18.1-18 Acts 10.34-end	Psalms 132 2 Samuel 18.19 – 19.8a Acts 11.1-18	Psalms 119.153-end 2 Samuel 19.8b-23 Acts 11.19-end	Psalms 143 2 Samuel 19.24-end Acts 12.1-17	Psalms 142 2 Samuel 23.1-7 Acts 12.18-end	Psalms 147 2 Samuel 24 Acts 13.1-12

Join Michelle on line Tuesday - Saturday: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthedivinerastrick>

Or use the Church of England Daily Prayer: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

All readings in full can be found by downloading the 'Lectionary: from the CofE' App on your mobile or PC

PRAYER PAGE

Do you have a favourite prayer, or have you come across
a special prayer recently which you'd like to share?

I came across this prayer in the devotional app. 'Sacred Space'.
You can see why it 'struck a chord' with me... Pam

Everything has the potential
to draw forth from me
a fuller love and life,
yet my desires are often fixed,
caught on illusions of fulfilment.

I ask that you, God,
through my freedom,
may orchestrate my desires
in a vibrant, loving melody
rich in harmony,
in accordance with your will.

Amen

Coffee and Conversation

Next Date:
Friday 30th August
12:30 -1:30



**Come and join me each month
 for lunch/coffee
 in The Platform Café
 Railway Bridge View**



Very informal - may include:

exchanging news

prayer

**a discussion around the Gospel reading
 for the following Sunday**

Prayer Ministry



Prayer Ministry is offered monthly during the 11am Parish Communion Service.

An opportunity to bring concerns, people and situations before God in prayer alongside someone else.

Please come to the main door of the Lady Chapel after receiving communion if you would like to take part.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

Sunday 15th September

Sunday 27th October

Sunday 24th November

Sunday 15th December

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Phil 4:6)





MOTHERS' UNION MATTERS!

**Mothers' Union Matters....here at St John's,
around the corner and across the world!**

This month has been busy and full of interesting and spiritual activities!

On the first Monday in every month at midday, MU Prayers are said at either Halifax Minster or on ZOOM. It is a time when MU Members can get together to pray for those people and issues which are on their minds and indeed for those activities and outcomes for which we give grateful thanks and receive feelings of being blessed. At this Midday Service we remember different MU Branches across the world.... there is a Prayer Diary published and throughout the year, different Branches are prayed for, including our own, at some time. It is a wonderful experience to know that at midday somewhere across the world MU Members are praying for different Branches.

On Tuesday 2 July a small group of us went to St Paul's MU Branch in Birkenshaw for Afternoon Tea. That was great fun, and it was a change to be waited upon. They were fundraising for AFIA.... our caravans on the east coast for those families facing hardships and who have been referred by either a health professional or a professional agency of some sort.

Then on Wednesday 3 July another small group of us went to Pam Dimbleby's singalong Gilbert and Sullivan in Haworth. Mabel, a refugee from Nigeria, has come to live in Brighouse and our MU Branch was alerted to her being here, and on her own. Mabel came with us to Haworth and it was the first time she had ever been to a concert. Her enthusiasm was infectious and she thoroughly enjoyed the concert atmosphere and applauded loudly and exuberantly after each song. I think it enhanced the evening for everybody!!

On Tuesday 16 July we had our annual Summer Lunch in the Conference Suite...where each of us had brought items to eat and share amongst us all. It was a lovely occasion and the lunch was preceded by a Eucharist

Service in our Lady Chapel. In the Service we had considered the account of Samson and Delilah and how Samson's love for her made him blind and vulnerable to other temptations. Michelle asked us if there were temptations in our own lives and how we can guard against them. These questions continue to resonate with us.

Thursday 24 July saw a few of us, including Mabel, join in the fun at Thurstonland MU Branch who had hired a vintage double decker bus and we went on a Magical Mystery Tour. We didn't know where we were going ...and the scenery became ever more rugged and impressive as we crossed Marsden Moor and onto Saddleworth Moor ending up at Uppermill in Lancashire.



Mary Sumner

Looking ahead to Mary Sumner Day on Friday 9 August this is going to be celebrated at Holmfirth Church at 2.15. Quite a few cars are going from Rastrick with room for an extra three people in each. Please let me know if you can come. We should aim to be in the Church at 2.00pm. Each Branch will be taking their banners and it will be a really joyous occasion. If you would like to go into one of the nearby cafes to the church for a coffee or even a light lunch, I would suggest

leaving Brighouse at 11.30. I have provisionally booked a table at Beatties next door to Sid's Cafe of 'Last of the Summer Wine' fame. That would give us plenty of time before the Service begins and yet another opportunity to chat and to be together.

At our Branch meeting on Tuesday 17 September at 2.00pm we are having a talk by a Building Society on scams and fraud. Everyone is welcome, and let's beat these fraudsters.

Julia

MISSIONS AND CHARITIES

Tanzania Link Committee

Bishop Tony has now retired and his replacement as chair of the committee is the Archdeacon of Pontefract, the Ven Cat Thatcher.

Support for Nyakiswa girls

Both Kefline and Kamange continue to do well with their studies on the secretarial course at the Diocese of Mara Vocational Training Centre and will complete their first year in November. In order to continue our support for them, I am having a Coffee Morning with bacon butties at

8, Healey Wood Gardens
on Saturday 7th September
from 10.30am-1.30pm.

Everyone welcome.



Visit of Bishop George

Bishop George of Mara is visiting Leeds Diocese from September 24th – 29th

Thank you for your continuing support

Oriel

BRIGHOUSE CENTRAL FOODBANK

We are grateful for all your contributions to the Brighouse Central Foodbank. We are particularly short of the following at the moment:

- milk (UHT)
- custard
- rice pudding
- macaroni cheese
- small bags of sweets or small bars of chocolate
- microwaveable sponge puddings



Thanks, as ever, for your support. It is really appreciated as the Foodbank has never been busier.

Rosemary & Norman

ECO CHURCH



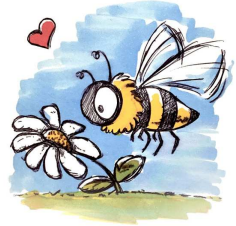
Eco Church, by *John*

Do you wish you could help to save creation? Fancy joining a team working towards making our church sustainable?

Norman, Rosemary, Pat and I are making steady progress towards our goal of gaining the Silver award by the end of this year.

But there's plenty to do, and we'd like to expand our group. Here are three examples of where we'd welcome help:

- Tending the church garden, in which we've planted lots of insect-friendly plants, but which is beloved by weeds...
- Joining our soon-to-be-formed Net Zero team. Our aim is to be gas-free by 2030. This would suit anyone with an interest in science, engineering, or finance.
- Engaging with councillors, our MP, or other local groups. A great role if you enjoy letter-writing or enjoy networking.



So, if any of these are 'you', please grab one of us and come on board!

Artwork: Richard Duijnste - Pixabay

The eco church committee have decided to discontinue holding a swap stall regularly every month but rather every 3 or 4 months (to fit in with other church activities). The next stall will be on the Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th November
Thank you for your contributions to date.

St. JOHN'S PANTOMIME SOCIETY

What's Happening in Pantoland....

You may well ask, or you may not give a fig, but, either way, I'm going to tell you.

We had an audition night for parts for this year's production of Dick Whittington and his Cat and we had a great turnout; sadly this meant that some people were disappointed as they did not get a part, but that's showbiz for you. The committee worked well into the night juggling people and parts until, they believe, they have made the best casting they could, taking everything into account. The cast is as follows:-



Dick (Hannah Berry), Alice (Natalie McKnight), Sarah the Cook (Elliot Austin), Tommy the Cat (Lydia Davies), King Rat (Felicity Austin), Alderman Fitzwarren (Sam Jones), Fairy (Jessica Davies), Jack (Mya Rickett), Captain Jib (Harry Bolland), Shipmate Jab (Connie Gates), Sultan (Yanis Coman), Sultana (Abigail Howard), Prunella (Phoebe Crossley), Native (Alfie Kershaw), Rat 1 (Elis Coman). The production team is headed up by Neil Denham (Assistant Director), Diane Davison (Musical Director),

Christie Hepke & Eleanor Readshaw-Senior (Choreographers) and Graham Readshaw (Producer & Director). They are backed up by the ever reliable back stage and front of house "volunteers" without whom we would never have a show.

During the off season we had a bacon booty morning which will, sadly, be our last, apart from the annual one on our Corporate Service day and we had a stall at Lane Head for the Brighthouse Gala. Whilst footfall was less than when held at Wellholme Park, we still made around £500 for panto funds.

Our thanks go to David James who informed us that Rastrick Big Local were closing up and we may well have a chance of a grant for panto; our application was successful and, subject to final agreement, it looks as though we will be receiving £1500 from them which will pay for a new piano for the hall (our existing one is some 30 years old and the normal life expectancy is between 5 and 15 years). There will also be money left over which will go towards a new spotlight and replacement of the antiquated fuse board at the side of the stage, all of which are beneficial to the church as a whole as it makes the venue more attractive for hiring.

Once again, may I remind you that the first meeting of anyone interested in being in our chorus takes place in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 4th September at 6pm when you will be given more information. We are particularly hoping to encourage teenagers to come along, swell the numbers and have a great time into the bargain.

Please make sure you purchase your tickets for the show once they go on sale in November, because everyone involved works extremely hard and deserves your support.

Finally, the pantomime society wishes to pass on their condolences to the Hannam family, Stephen, Lindsay and Max at this sad time whilst they are grieving the sad loss of Jean, a beloved wife, mum and grandma. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Graham Readshaw



What the Vicar got up to last month

Just a selection...



Coffee & Conversation at
Railway Bridge View



Enjoying pudding with Darrin
at the Safari Supper



Enjoying the July Community Lunch

Brighouse
ECHO
HALIFAX
Courier

Wrote the
Thoughts for
the Week
in the Echo &
Courier
this month.



Attended various End of Term events
at local schools.

...also went to this.



Open Garden

Saturday August 17th

In aid of the:
MU 'Summer of Hope'

7 Oaks Green Mount, Rastrick, HD6 3LS
10:00 - 16:00

This is to raise money for the women of
The Democratic Republic of Congo,
To fund a literacy programme
in order to help them learn to count and read
and avoid exploitation.

Coffee & Cake



The Brownies would like to thank everyone who supported them on Saturday 13/07 for their 'Coffee & Cake' morning. They were delighted to have raised £80.10 which will help with the Brownies Christmas party, which the brownies won't have to contribute – they have booked the same weekend next year – a successful outcome for a new project

Cheers,

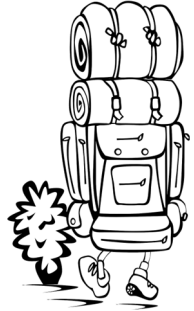
Cherry 

St. JOHN'S RUCKSACK CLUB

Date: Sunday 4th August

Leader: Helen Wilson

Contact: 07530 484592



Leave St Johns at 1.30pm

We will be parking in Emley village car park, I'll give full directions when we meet at St Johns.

The walk is 3 miles and is part of the Emley Village Trail. We're walking on tracks and through fields around the village with views of Flockton and of course Emley Mast. There are a few stiles and a little bit of uphill but fairly gently and not steep. (In case there is a rugby match again like there was for my walk last year, we should be back at the cars by 4pm)

Full day Walk: Saturday 24th August

Leaders: Sandra and Jenny contact 07531960738

Walk: 6 miles

Drive to Southowram village past the Cock and Bottle pub then the next turning turn right down Marsh Lane to park .

Walking down Trooper lane into Siddal (steep downhill) walking through the cemetery (Stoney Royd) , through Siddal and downhill to pick up the (steep downhill) Hubble Brook trail into Halifax. Then picking up the Magna trail up to Beacon Hill and visit the Beacon (uphill). From the beacon through the fields and lanes back to cars

Meeting at Church 9.30

Heavenly Rates

A man dies and goes to Heaven. St Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates.

St Peter says, "Here's how it works. You needs 100 points to make it into Heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points, depending on how good it was.

"Okay", says the man, "I've tried to be honest all my life and have never knowingly told a lie".

"That's wonderful", says St. Peter, "That's worth three points."

"Three points?" he says. "Well, I attended church all my life and upported its ministry with my tithe and my service."

"Terrific!" says St. Peter, "That's certainly worth a point."

"One point? Golly." How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for the homeless."

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points." he says.

"TWO POINTS!" the man cries, "At this rate, the only way I get to heaven is by the grace of God.!"

"Come on in!"

Coffee Morning

7th Sept.
10:30 - 1:00
8 Healey Wood Gardens

To support Kefline and Kamange
 in their secretarial course in Nyakiswa.

Everyone welcome

With bacon butties!



In my view

I have taken my driving test, and yet there are still accidents on the road. All drivers have taken their driving tests but there are still accidents on the road. I took my advanced driving test, but there are still accidents on the road; there are speed restrictions on the road and in our cars, but there are still accidents on the road. There is a newly issued Highway Code 2024, driving rules for roundabouts and traffic lights but there are still accidents on the road. When will we ever get it right?

Domestic abuse happens. It is unlawful, it is hurtful, life limiting, cruel to all members of a family. Domestic abuse happens. It is controlling and sapping. Rapes happen. There are Refuges where victims can escape to...but they leave behind their home, their pets, friends and neighbours and all their belongings, children's toys. Domestic abuse happens.

The Mothers' Union can help out in a practical way..... clothes are collected, hair products, soap and feminine hygiene items, toys. Some elements of dignity can be restored, and Refuges can offer a safe and secure place away from harm. There are charities which will look after the pets until a new home can be found. But domestic abuse still happens.

The MU has created a great many actions that can be followed, and here in Huddersfield many of the MU Branches are following a programme of commitments which when added up should make a difference to those who are living in an unimaginable torment.

We put up helpful posters at the back of toilet doors with emergency numbers on; we link with the many different domestic abuse organisations to see how we can assist practically; we share all that we have learnt in one Branch with other Branches, spreading the word. We have held conferences inviting all other Members, survivors, Crime Prevention Officers, MPs, Councillors and those with an almost

unspeakable story to tell. We held a special service in Huddersfield Parish Church inviting many different organisations...all linked to domestic abuse and held a 3-minute silent vigil outside. But domestic abuse still happens.

We have created shoe displays mirroring the shoes that victims wore and the things they said about their experiences. I have spoken on BBC Radio Leeds and on Look North about domestic abuse. Domestic abuse still happens.

Within our churches we talk about domestic abuse bringing it alive and current in our church life, we listen to helpful podcasts about being a bystander and wondering what help we can give when watching abuse unfold before us. We petition our local MPs, and those standing for election, assist in the prisons and speak to the chaplains there who are working with those who are abused. We are setting up a scheme to walk alongside those ex-offenders when they leave prison to find a welcoming Church. Domestic abuse still happens.

Above all, we pray. Prayer is above all and at the same time it underpins our consciousness. God is with us all in our anguish and feelings of hopelessness. He is crying with us.

Let's eradicate domestic abuse.

Julia

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The Brighouse Echo, 4 July*



Julia and Rev'd Michelle with the MU Gold Level Award

WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS

The meeting on 4th September is an update talk about
CROMWELL BOTTOM NATURE RESERVE



and the meeting on 2nd October is a talk
ANOTHER MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE
with Paul Armitage

Both these meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Conference Suite
and we would like to invite **YOU** to join us at either or both of these
meetings.



Eco Church - Swap Stall

The next
Eco Church
Swap Stall
will be on:

Sat. 9th. & Sun. 10th. November



Cherry



COMMUNITY LUNCH

The next Community Lunch is on Tuesday 6th August. 12:00
Hosted by Focus4Hope. *(Followed by the film 'Little Women')*



COFFEE & CAKE

The next Coffee & Cake
is on Saturday 10th August, in church. 10:00 - 12:00



AFTERNOON TEA

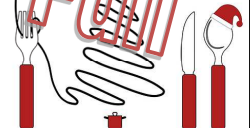
The next Afternoon Tea
is on Saturday 19th October, in church. 2:00 - 4:30



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The annual Christmas Lunch
is on Tuesday 3rd December, in the Community Hall.
Booking essential: £20

Now Full





Music News

The exciting news this month has to be the return of our lovely Conacher organ! Naturally we're going to celebrate, just as soon as it's back and has had time to settle in and any teething problems are sorted. Have a look for the poster on the following page.

Meanwhile, the Rastrick Voices will be rehearsing for this event, and here are the proposed rehearsal dates (*subject to change*):



- July 28th • August 25th
- August 4th • September 1st
- **August 11th (?)** • September 15th
- August 18th

All rehearsals are after the Sunday morning service.

Maybe by the time you're reading this, we'll already have heard the organ being played. SO much work went into making this possible, - all the fundraising, all the events, all the grant applications...

Special thanks to Graham Kennedy for his information evening where he explained just how the organ worked and what was going to be done. Graham has played a key role in the refurbishment, liaising with the organ builder.

I'm sad that Gordon Balmforth, who kicked off the serious fundraising with his 'Organist Entertains' and who arranged for THE CAKE won't be here to finally play it. I have some lovely films of Gordon playing the organ during lockdown, keeping it going for us, and which we used at the end of many of our on-line services during Lockdown.

We'll be thinking of you Gordon as it's played.

Pam



The cake! (Raffle)

St John the Divine

Join us:

Sunday 22nd September

in celebrating
the refurbishment
of our
Conacher Organ

11:00

**Celebration
Eucharist**

12:30

Light Lunch

2:00

Organ Concert

Join us for all
or part of
our celebrations

St John the Divine, St. John Street, off Gooder Lane, Rastrick, HD6 1HN

YORKSHIRE DAY



August 1st - YORKSHIRE DAY

There will be many celebrations taking place this week around our wonderful county.

If you've nothing better to do on 3rd August you could join the YDS meeting in Keighley Library from 2.00pm for a talk and a bit of fun with Yorkshire dialect.

John Hartley (1839-1915) wrote several poems in praise of Yorkshire - the place, the language, the lasses!

Here is one of his poems in standard English:

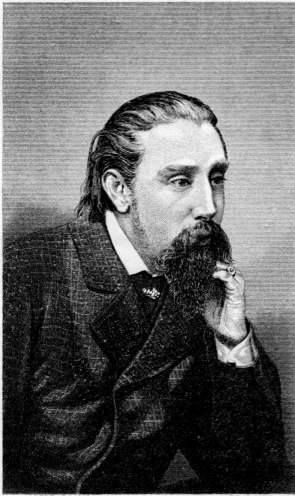
My Yorkshire Home by John Hartley: Clock Almanack 1903

Dear Yorkshire! When I ramble o'er
 Thy moors or meadows green.
 Or 'neath the shade of leafy tree
 Survey the sylvan scene;
 Watching the glist'ning river run,
 As it twines along its way,
 Fringing its banks with silver foam,
 Or hid by boulders grey;
 I ask myself, "Can any land"
 Thy varied charm excel?
 Or satisfy the heart's desire,
 Like thee, I love so well?

I've travelled far in other climes,
 Where wondrous sights abound;
 I've viewed the mighty cataract,
 And I've trembled at its sound;
 I've seen the snow-capt mountains
 'Neath which volcanoes bide,—
 A country's boasted show: — at once
 Their terror and their pride.

I've felt the ice-king's biting breath,
 I've trod the torrid zone;
 But found no spot so sweet as that
 I fondly call my own.

I've met strange peoples, many hued,
 Deck'd out in various guise;
 But Yorkshire's men and maids surpass
 All others in my eyes.
 True as the needle to the north,
 My heart still yearns for those,
 The brave, the fair, the good and true,
 Whose emblem is the rose.
 Then here's to Yorkshire's hills and dales!
 From them no more to roam,
 But sing my lays and end my days
 At Home — my own dear Home.



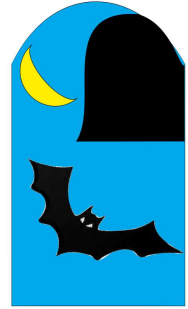
*Yours Truly
 John Hartley*

John Hartley, a local lad, was born in Halifax. He wrote the Clock Almanack for nearly fifty years. The 'almanack' part was cut to a minimum, as the publication consisted mainly of his stories and poems, written in Yorkshire dialect, aimed to appeal to the working and lower middle classes.

He was undoubtedly the most prolific 19th Century writer of Yorkshire dialect.

PUZZLE PAGE by the Bat in the Belfry

August, and I am sorry but I am on holiday, visiting my cousins in Transylvania, so no puzzles this month. Last month's answers, however, are below.



Last month's answers

24 – 13 Gardeners delight

Photo one - Alexanders - *Smyrniolum olusatrum*
 Photo two - Biting Stonecrop - *Sedum acre*
 Photo three - Bladder Campion - *Silene vulgaris*
 Photo four - Butterbur - *Petasites hybridus*
 Photo five - Carlina Thistle - *Carlina vulgaris*
 Photo six - Common Eyebright - *Euphrasia officinalis*
 Photo seven - Common Mallow - *Malva sylvestris*
 Photo eight - Foxglove - *Digitalis Purpurea*
 Photo nine - Herb-Robert - *Geranium robertianum*
 Photo ten - Lungwort - *Pulmonaria officinalis*
 Photo eleven - Snake's Head Fritillary - *Fritillaria meleagris*
 Photo twelve - Tansy - *Tanacetum Vulgare*

24 – 14 Mind Games 2

1) Frank is the visitor and Joe and Bill are the natives. The statement made by Joe cannot be correct, because if they were all natives none of them would say they were. Consequently, we know that Joe is a native. Frank, on the other hand, could not be a native, since if he was, it means that Bill is the only visitor. This would make Frank's statement true, which he could not make if he were a native.

2) Six. Since we know that they have 12 children, and only 9 common to them both, we can deduce that they came into the marriage with 3 children each.

3) Luckily for the dog, it was daylight.

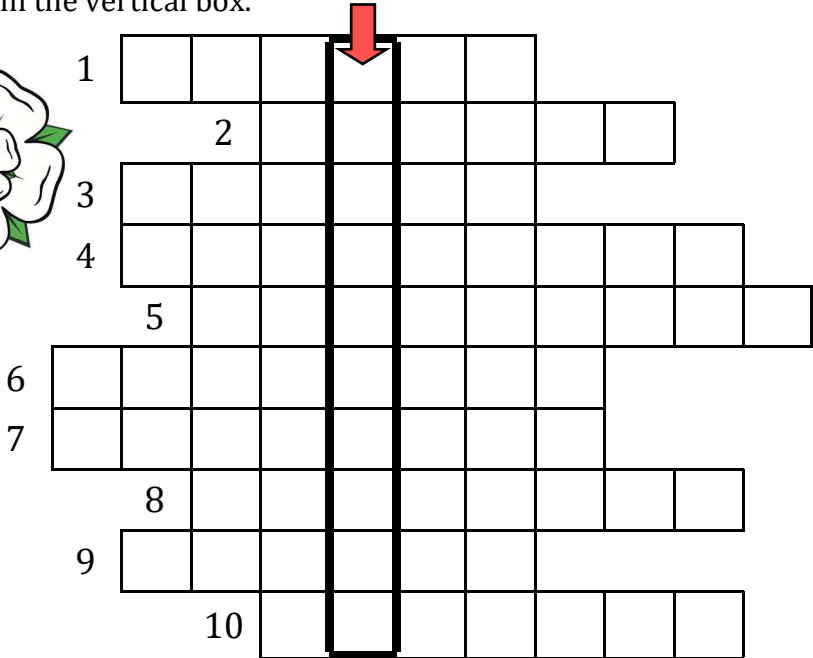
I'LL BE BACK NEXT MONTH

YORKSHIRE PLACES - ACROSTIC



As the Bat in the Belfry is on holiday in Transylvania, the Church Mouse has submitted this puzzle in his absence.

All of the answers are either cities, towns, villages or residential areas in Yorkshire. If you guess them correctly, you reveal a further answer in the vertical box.



1. Home of the original Calendar Girls
2. Home of the Black Sheep Brewery
3. Wharfedale town with its own cow and calf.
4. The castle here was once the childhood home of Richard III
5. The World Snooker championship is held in this city.
6. The lovely Minster here is also one of the largest parish churches in the UK
7. This residential area has extensive parkland and a Tropical World.
8. Small fishing village where 'Old Jack's Boat' was filmed.
9. Home of a former Variety Club which hosted famous acts including Roy Orbison, Morcambe & Wise and Shirley Bassey.
10. This village used to be know for its black swans and is the site of a Middle Iron Age chariot burial.

Answers next month

SHIRLEY...



We're all Going on a Summer Holiday....

In Bradford, Bowling Tide week was just as much a fixed point in the calendar as Christmas or Easter. It was the city's holiday week, when the mills closed and those who could afford would take time off for a week at the seaside. The less fortunate would make do with 'days out', which meant going to different parks or 'beauty spots' such as Shipley Glen or Ilkley Moor or just enjoying not being at work. The 'tide' - or fair - provided some diversion if you were staying at home. As a child I would be given a few coppers from my grandma or aunty and my mum

would take me with other neighbours and their children to enjoy all the fun of the fair. Sometimes a coach trip for a day at the sea side would be arranged by the Sunday School teachers. During the war years holidays away from home were rare. As travel became more accessible, a week in Blackpool or Scarborough, were enjoyed. I remember one holiday when I was about fourteen, when my parents, two younger brothers aged about three and five, and my grandma went to Butlins in Filey. What a treat. Each age group

was catered for. Whilst I made friends at the children's club, my parents found something for my brothers to enjoy and grandma enjoyed watching various activities going on.

I was in my thirties before I actually went abroad. It was a special offer cruise to the Canaries for a week late November, children travelled free! Since then, I have been fortunate to have lots of variety in my destinations, providing great experiences and now lovely memories. I have come full circle. I still enjoy my holidays by returning to more coach trips in Britain and visiting places which I missed while travelling further afield.



It would be lovely if some of our readers would like to share a holiday experience with us. They could be funny, scary, romantic or disastrous. I am sure their adventures would make good reading!*

Holidays are messy

Holidays are fun

Holidays are spending the day in the sun

Holidays are campfires, songs and late nights

Holidays if windy are spent flying kites

Holidays are sunshine and splashing in lakes

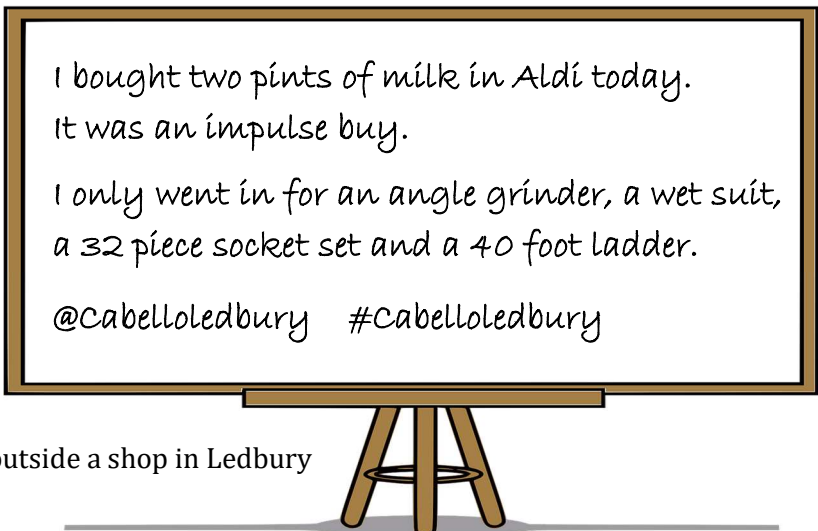
Holidays are rambles, watch out for the snakes

Holidays are spent with family and friends

Shirley

** I'll reserve a page in the September mag. for all your holiday stories - Ed.*

AND FINALLY



Seen outside a shop in Ledbury

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST



Sunday 4th August

Rucksack Club Walk - Emley 1:30

Tuesday 6th August

Community Lunch 12:00

Followed by the film 'Little Women'

Friday 9th August

MU Mary Sumner Day - Holmfirth

Saturday 10th August

Coffee & Cake in church 10:00 - 12:00

Saturday 17th August

Open Garden, 7 Oaks Green Mount 10:00 - 16:00

Saturday 24th August

Rucksack Club - Full day walk 9:30

September magazine deadline

Wednesday 28th August

ECO Church - in the Church Garden

Friday 30th August

Coffee & Conversation - Railway Bridge View 12:30

Items for the September magazine

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