

# **GROVE VINE**

**The Magazine of  
Grove Methodist Church  
Horsforth, Leeds**

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**The Grove Methodist Church is called to respond to  
the Gospel of love in Jesus Christ and to live out its  
discipleship in worship, service and mission**

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## **Regular events**

### **Sunday**

- 10.20 Creche (0-3yrs) 216 0678
- 10.20 J Team (tots to 12s) 258 8803
- 10.30 Worship
- 6.00 Worship (alternate Sundays at Central Methodist Church)
- 7.30 Studio Dance SNYG 258 9093

### **Monday**

- 12.15 Luncheon Club 258 3807
- 1.30 Network Women's Fellowship 258 2285
- 6.15 Beavers 258 1814
- 6.15 Cubs 258 2836
- 7.45 Scouts 228 9968
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month) 258 4520

### **Tuesday**

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group 258 8803
- 9.15-11.45 Pre-school 258 9093
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre small hall 258 3568; quiet room available

for prayer. Jean Kemp's hand-made greetings cards will be available on the first Tuesday of each month

- 6.00 Rainbows (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 202 9010

### **Wednesday**

- 9.15-11.45 Pre-school 258 9093
- 1.30 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14<sup>th</sup>) 258 5519
- 6.15 Brownies (14<sup>th</sup>) 250 4907
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882
- 8.00 Wednesday Break (fortnightly - 225 2734)

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# The Minister's Missive

## The last word

Ministers and their families come and go. Methodist congregations are quite used to a regular transition and often benefit from the differences in style and theological positions. It is certainly far healthier than the situation, which was the norm in the Church of England, where the appointed vicar would arrive, be installed and stay until he was carried out in his box.

For those moving on, it has always been a combination of excited anticipation and trepidation. Getting to know new people and discovering new places is exciting, but there is always a sense of having to start again. Preparing for retirement has magnified all this for me, because, for the first time since I began work I shall not be stepping into a role. I know what I am leaving, but I do not know what I am going to.

The last weeks of farewells and goodbye haven't helped either, because those who have wished us well are the very people we shall miss. Ministers are in a very privileged position in that they share with people at some of their most significant moments in life, times of great joy and happiness and times of great sadness, and plenty in between. These can be moments of great significance for the minister, because you discover the love and grace of God at work and the things that really are important in life. It can also make you a little impatient when churches get hung up on what can seem peripheral and trivial matters.

Pat joins with me in thanking all of you for the special "goodbyes" and the expressions of good wishes for the future. Our new address is: 1 South View, Claverton Road, Bath. BA2 7AE. We look forward to seeing any of you who venture westwards.

I leave the last word to the Bishop of Durham who, at the recent General Synod of the Church of England during the debate about women bishops, was obviously trying to encourage delegates to remember what really mattered telling them about a conversation with a person seeking to discover more about the faith. At the end of their discussion the young man concluded, "If Jesus rose from the dead then everything else is rock and roll".

*Greg*

## From the Editorial Group

Your items make every issue interesting ... Please keep them coming in.

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## Flower Rota for August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs P Low and Mr & Mrs B Ball  
8<sup>th</sup> Mr A Abel and Mr & Mrs J A Emmott  
15<sup>th</sup> Mrs J Newby and Mrs G Pagden  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mr J Maud and Friends of Nell Gaunt &  
Joyce Wrench  
29<sup>th</sup> Mrs J Fox and Mr & Mrs C Stocks  
Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Mrs B Buckley and Mrs R Collinson

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‘Keep close to Nature’s heart...and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.’

*John Muir*

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## From the Church Registers

### Baptisms

4<sup>th</sup> July Carter David Blyth son of Gavin Blyth and Suzanne Dee

### Funerals

26<sup>th</sup> July David Rigg at Rawdon Crematorium

## Sunday Services in August

1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Mrs S Hogarth
	6.00	Mr G Bailey
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Rev. D Hall – Holy Communion
	6.00	United Service at Central
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Mrs K Nicholls
	6.00	Dr. Robert Moore
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30	Mrs K Butler
	6.00	United Service at Central
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Mr S Barber
	6.00	Mr N Greenwood

If you are unable to get to church because of transport problems, please phone the Hearn on 281 8176; they will be happy to arrange a lift for you.

***Please note:***

***The Welcome Service for our new Minister, Rev. Alistair Jones will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm.***

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## Church Family News

**Please remember in your prayers:** Poppy Busfield, Stan Ramsden, Eileen Stones, Chris Shagouri, Vera Julian, Wilf Hoyle, John Maud; those recently bereaved, friends who are housebound, and those who are caring for loved ones, who all need our prayers and help at this time.

*Chick Sumpter* has written a letter she wishes to share with you:

“For some weeks now I have wanted, but not felt able, to write a few heartfelt words in recognition of all the truly wonderful messages and cards of sympathy I received following the passing of Terry.

It is very clear to me and a source of constant gratitude that these were not just words but an expression of genuine warmth, intertwined with regret and concern for my wellbeing.

We all know that the passing of a dearly loved partner is difficult beyond belief. But, if indeed a man is measured by his friends and the company he chooses to keep, then Terry and I were truly blessed.

Thank you so very much, I will always be grateful to you all.”

## **Stewards on duty**

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> David Buckley  
Kay Bassett

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Betty West  
Andy Walker

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Hatton  
Kathryn Bussey

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Mellor  
Kay Bassett

Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Carole Abel  
David Buckley

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## **Recycling for Hearing Dogs**

The hassle free way to raise funds to help train Hearing Dogs. Please let Margaret Bosomworth have your old mobile phones and used print cartridges (not Epson). Margaret will arrange for them to be despatched to the charity. Tel: 228 4777.

## **“And so we say farewell.....”**

Do you recall the old travelogue films shown at the cinema? Those where the glorious technicolour film would take you off to some south sea island – always ending with the baritone American voice saying “and so we say farewell”. The same voice would add that the people hoped you would return some day.

Well it was a bit like that when we came to bid farewell to Pat and Greg. Not that Horsforth is a south sea island but they have made themselves at home here and have really got to know us all and the Yorkshire countryside.

We managed to keep our emotions in check (just about). Even so, the good wishes were many and the obvious warmth and friendship was truly heartening.

There were lots of presents and presentations at the Party on the Saturday night and everyone was royally entertained. Similarly the morning coffee following Greg’s last service on the Sunday seemed to be better supported and for a longer period than usual. Perhaps Betty West’s cakes helped!!!

So, Greg and Pat, you go with our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement and you know that you will always be welcome to return to *our* south sea island.

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## **Think on These Things**

In a recent service the preacher gave us five illustrations of people who are living out their Christian faith in practical ways. I wanted very much to remember them in my prayers, so I asked for the info and here it is:

“200 metres from the Gaza Strip on the richest side of the border in Israel, stands Sha’ar HaNegev High School. It is regularly in the path of missile attacks by Hamas militants across the divide. In the worst of the unrest, the 1,200 pupils must take cover in a bomb shelter, up to 5 times a day. And yet, Aharon Rothstein, the principal, refuses to build his school in a safe zone. Instead, every year he meets with two Palestinian counterparts in Istanbul to compile a citizenship programme which will be taught to the rich and the poor on both sides of the fortified fence.

Tumiar is a minister in the Methodist Church of Indonesia, supported by the Methodist Church in the UK to study agriculture and mission. She makes her difference in a small way by advising people in country churches how to make their pigs grow fatter more quickly so that they can feed their families.

Following the earthquake that devastated Haiti, local people are slowly rebuilding their lives. Many of the defunct systems, e.g. electricity, fuel and telecommunications are up and running. Small businesses – e.g. corner shops, bars and barbers have sprung up in the makeshift settlements. But more importantly, faith in God is as strong as ever.

And when so often, Muslim, Jew and Christian see only differences, last month in South Leeds, Sister Agatha of the Bar Convent in York began her MHA Multifaith Housing with Care Project. This scheme brings together the three Abrahamic faiths – Islam, Judaism and Christianity – in a housing development that supports in one place people of various faiths and cultures.

John Lynes is an elderly, stooping 81 year old who walks with a stick. At the age of 74 he visited the occupied West Bank of Palestine and was concerned at the level of violence and disruption to everyday life. His response was to become a member of the Christian Peacemaker Team. As a member he returns every year. He stands between the two sides and feels that, as an observer of daily living, and who is simply there to be seen, he can reduce the intimidation and violence. Of course this puts him in the way of violence. In the past he has been pushed down and stamped upon, kicked and stoned. He has been badly injured and hospitalised. Yet he continues to stand as a sign to his faith that there is another way.”

*Betty France*

## Report on our current financial position

Can I just give you a brief update on this current year and the budget for next year?

Our Collection and Pledged Giving is slowly creeping up and we could be very close to equalling last year's totals, which whilst being a positive trend is not really what we need to achieve.

Forecast Income ( to 31 Aug 2010 )	£ 96,000
Forecast Expenditure	£ 98,000
Deficit for the Year	£ 2,000

Unfortunately we are facing quite a large increase in the Circuit Assessment next year (up £5,800 11%) and we shall need a permanent increase in our income to keep pace.

Budget figures for the year (to 31 Aug 2011) are as follows:

Income	96,000
Expenditure	102,000
Deficit	6,000

This only covers our normal day to day expenses and leaves us nothing with which to make improvements, nor to increase our community giving. We are going to have to take a very radical look at our Income and Expenditure and, although the Church Council is leading the way forward, it is going to depend on all of us to do what we can.

*Philip Abel*  
*Treasurer.*

## **You could say that *running* is in my blood**

*Some of you will know that Mary and Gordon's daughter -in-law is a marathon runner. On July 31<sup>st</sup> she will be running for Great Britain at the European Athletics Championships. So we asked what it takes to become a marathon runner and to represent your country.*

“You could say that running is in my blood. My dad was a very good runner – representing Scotland at cross country – and still runs a lot now at age 60. My dad’s passion for running is a real inspiration but, as a parent, he was never pushy and let me decide for myself whether I wanted to take up the sport. I first started running seriously when I was in high school in Oban and it’s safe to say I found balancing training with school work tough – it wasn’t unheard of that teachers would tell my dad (who also taught at the school) that I had nodded off in class!

As a junior, I represented Great Britain at the European and the World Cross Country Championships. As a senior I represented Scotland at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne and have also represented GB at the European Cross Country Championships, the World Half Marathon Championships and the World Road Race Championships. Following a good run in this year’s London Marathon, I have been selected for the GB team at the European Championships in Barcelona.

The European Cross Country was a particular highlight as the event was in Edinburgh and the home support was really special. The team (including Paula Radcliffe) won the Gold Medal.

The rewards don’t come without a lot of hard work. Marathon training involves a peak of 90 to 100 miles per week, made up of a mixture of endurance and some faster track based training. I also work part-time doing a PhD at Leeds University, so I often run first thing in the morning and then again in the evening. Although I’m a member of Leeds City Athletics Club, a lot of my training is done on my own (although our dog Piper loves to join me too!). But it is good to train with a group whenever possible.

People also often ask me whether I have to eat certain foods or have a very strict diet. The truth is that although I am reasonably careful and try to have a balanced diet, the main thing is just to try and make sure I eat enough to have sufficient fuel to do my training. All the miles under my belt do allow me to have the odd treat now and again.

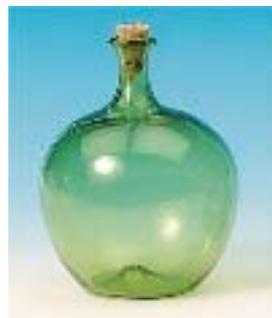
There are times when it is hard to maintain motivation to go out and train but running has given me an awful lot. I have travelled to some great places – Australia, Japan and Canada to name a few. There is a pride and sense of achievement at running in major international events and I have gained some great friends through the sport. It never ceases to amaze how much other people enthuse about my achievements and the support they show for me. It helps me realise that I am lucky to have a talent for running and I should do my best not to waste it.

As for what is next after Barcelona, my dream would be to run at the London Olympics. But if this proves to be beyond me, Glasgow hosts the Commonwealth Games in 2014 and that too is a huge ambition.”

*Susan Partridge (Mellor)*

## A Good Idea

Once upon a time there was other than stand in the change from members of show that the simple idea paid dividends and raised The first carboy contained April/May carboy raised June/July collection for MHA will be published in the next issue. Also the next carboy in August/September will raise funds for The Bible Society. So do remember to bring your small change for these deserving charities.



a carboy. It didn't do much Narthex and receive loose the Grove. It just goes to from Barbara Buckley has sums for worthy causes. £36.55 for Water Aid. The £13.37 for JMA and the

# Barista Champion

David Maud is the Leeds Area “Costa Barista” Champion. He recently competed at the Headingley Branch, making four different drinks to brand standard, answering questions about the company and talking about his love for the job. He now goes forward to the National Competition, in London, to face 14 of the best from around the country. There he will be asked to make a selection of Costa coffees and his own “signature” drink. Any ideas for coffee and (a magic ingredient).....? will be gratefully received by David.

He has learnt quickly from his manager (a real coffee geek in the nicest sense of the term), does one of the best “flat whites” in Leeds. Better still he could go on to the International Competition to win 2 weeks in Chile to see where the beans come from! Catch him at work on New Road Side. He hopes to move to the LGI branch in October, where he wants to wow his medical tutors with his coffee making skill. Not bad for a gap year job... and not bad for a lad who hasn't had a hot drink since his baby milk bottle! Fortunately, he takes pride in making good coffee for others!

*Phil Maud*



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*The word Barista comes from the Italian for “bartender” and is a person, usually a coffee-house employee, who prepares and serves espresso-based coffee. The role requires a knowledge of the correct operation, maintenance and programming of the machine, grinding methods, water temperature, milk frothing, latte art, roasting and plant cultivation and how clean the machine is.*

## Did you know it was there?



Following Margaret's pieces in December and July issues, we now have a few further articles that pose this question. This month.....

### Wharram Percy

On a remote site between Beverley and Malton lies a deserted medieval village, flanked by the steep chalk slopes of the Yorkshire Wolds.

Wharram Percy is perhaps the best known such village in England – best known because of the research carried out by combined teams of archaeologists, historians and botanists following identification of the site by Professor Maurice Beresford of Leeds University in 1948. Even so, the site is little visited but is cared for by English Heritage.

When we think of the Middle Ages we tend to think of Dukes and their armies and rich land owners and abbots and the like. Little was known about the common man and their everyday existence. Wharram Percy yields information on the medieval life of the peasant.

It is possible to get an idea of people's health and diet from the excavated bones and even to tell that there was a bigger proportion of left handed people than exists today. Apparently babies were breast fed and almost as healthy as today's. In later life, malnutrition and disease became more apparent.

By the late 15<sup>th</sup> century, houses were being abandoned and the church was demolished to make it smaller. Was the village victim of a raid from Scotland? No, being rather hidden from view. Was it the Black Death? Apparently not. The cause of the abandonment would seem to be sheep – or at least Baron Hilton who drove out the last of his tenants to create more room for his four legged money box.

Only the ruined Church of St Martin (pictured above) is easily visible above ground but the layout of the village can be seen on the hillside. English Heritage has installed very informative panels on the site and it can be reached from the B1248 – clearly signposted.

## What's in a Name?

Take an apple –  
The French call it un pomme  
The Italians call it le mele  
The Spanish call it manzana  
It's still an apple!

It's the same with God –  
The Muslims call Him Allah  
The Jews call Him Jahweh  
The Christians call Him Fa ther  
He is still the same being

Some people use their religion as an excuse for hatred and violence, but we are all brothers and sisters in the family of the one true God, whatever our colour, customs or country. Don't you agree? *Betty France*

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A little couplet found on a sundial:

'Time flies, suns rise, and shadows fall—let them go by for love is over all'.  
*Carole Abel*

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All our copier paper comes in boxes. Good to see the suppliers have a sense of humour:

'This is the bottom of the box. If you are reading this, the box is upside down or you need a hobby!'

## Events in August

There is no events sheet for this month.

Items for the September issue should be sent to Trish Whitham (2586316) or e-mail to: [patricia.whitham@ntlworld.com](mailto:patricia.whitham@ntlworld.com) by 6.30 pm on Tuesday 24th August.

No midweek services until 2nd September.



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### Regular events (contd.)

#### Thursday

9.30-11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4 years) 293 8458

10.30 Bible Fellowship 258 3239

6.15 Beavers 239 7327

6.00 Cubs 258 9865

7.45 Scouts 216 9006

7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) 225 2734

#### Friday

7.45 Choir Rehearsal 259 1580

Walking Groups Thurs. 258 6579; Sat. 258 4520

*Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Philip and Gill by 25<sup>th</sup> August. Please include dates up to 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Email would be appreciated!*

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