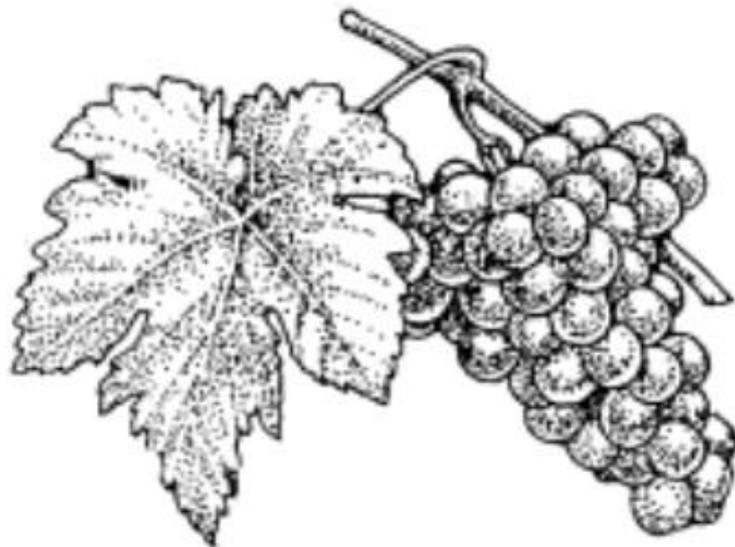


GROVE VINE

**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) 258 3509
- 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 9448
- 6.15 Beavers 258 1814
- 6.15 Cubs 258 2836
- 7.45 Scouts 228 9968
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month) 258 4520

Tuesday

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group 258 8803
- 9.00-12.00 and 12.00-3.00 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 (5th Horsforth) 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5th Horsforth) 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5th Horsforth) 202 9010

Wednesday

- 9.00-12.00 Pre-school 258 9093
- 1.30 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 258 5519
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 250 4907
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 225 2734

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It is that time of year again,

when the churches ordain ministers, recognising the call of God.

As this is issued, God willing, I shall be down in Cornwall, watching as Jenny is ordained as a Minister of the Methodist Church, along with others who trained with her, and those from other institutions.

The call of God is a powerful thing, and it reaches out and reels us in, into new work, new thoughts.



Gwennap Pit where Jenny's Ordination is to take place.

This year the Methodist Church has accredited three hundred local preachers, and many worship leaders. We have many, many youth and children's leaders, many pastoral visitors, many choir members and instrumentalists, and a host of people engaged in hospitality and prayer ministries. Every local church needs stewards, secretaries and officers. The call of God is there, as it is in ordination.

We need to listen for the call of God. If we think we have heard it we share that thought with others, asking their opinion and their support and testing of the call through prayer. If we truly believe we have heard the call, we can take it further. If not, we still keep our ears open!

Every individual is called by God, according to God's desire, not our preferences.

What are you being called to be and to do?

Be prepared to be surprised, because we worship the God of surprises!

God be with you,

Ali (Rev Alistair Jones)

From the Editorial Group

The prayers on pages 7 and 11 appear by special request. They were used by Albert Jewell at the recent MHA service, taken from Prayer Diary 2nd Edition 'Through all our life be near us,' published by MHA and reprinted here with permission.

We welcome contributions, requests and comments from you all. Please keep them coming. Note that the editorial teams alternate.....so, the September issue will be prepared by Gordon and Mary and you should send items to them no later than Wednesday 22nd August.

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Flower Rota for July

- 1st Mrs J Tallantire, Mrs J Douglas
- 8th Mrs J Depledge, Mrs D Wormald, Mr & Mrs R Revell
- 15th Mrs A Lawrence, Mrs W Hartley, Mr & Mrs B Ball
- 22nd Mrs M Simmons, Mr & Mrs P Abel
- 29th Mrs P Lowe, Mr & Mrs B Ball

August

- 5th Mr A Abel, Mrs J Newby
- 12th Mr & Mrs JA Emmott
- 19th Friends of Nell Gaunt and Joyce Wrench
- 26th Mrs J Fox, Mrs B France

From the Church Registers

Funeral: June 7th Harvey Liddell

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Ros Ansell, Mildred Butterworth, Mary Hart, John Hardaker, Jenny Jones, Nancy Mathers, Stan Ramsden, Margaret Reasbeck, Chris Shagouri and Eileen Stones. Let us continue to remember the families of Frank Bagshaw, Pat Blackah, Joan Hunter, Harvey Liddell and Alma Marsh.

Also remember friends who are housebound and those caring for loved ones. All need our prayers and help at this time.

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Sunday Services in July

1 st	9.00	Rev. George Bailey – Holy Communion
	10.30	Mr Peter Mawson – Family Parade
	6.00	United Service at Central
8 th	10.30	Mr S Westerman
	6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones
15 th	10.30	Mrs A Blackburn
	6.00	Circuit Service at Trinity. Farewell service for the Revs. Debora Marschner & George Bailey
22 nd	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	6.00	United Service at Central
29 th	10.30	Mrs M Tate
	6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Café-style worship

August

5 th	9.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	10.00	Rev. Alistair Jones
	6.00	United Service at Central
12 th	10.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones
19 th	10.00	Mrs J Swales
	6.00	United Service at Central
26 th	10.00	Deacon Jenny Jones
	6.00	Circuit Service at Woodside

Stewards on Duty in July

- 1st Cynthia Hatton and Carole Abel
8th Margaret Bosomworth and Gordon Mellor
15th Gordon Mellor and Betty West
22th David Buckley and Margaret Shingler
29th Carole Abel and Kath Ashby

August

- 5th John Bussey and Carole Abel
12th Betty West and Gordon Mellor
19th Gordon Mellor and Margaret Bosomworth
26th Kath Ashby and John Bussey

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The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Thank you for all your contributions to last Month's *Vine* which made it a truly memorable edition. We received one more which unfortunately missed the deadline so here it is – another memory of a meeting with the



Queen:

My mum met the Queen outside the steps of the Civic Hall in March 1996, with my Grandma (Watkins), when Her Majesty came to Leeds to open the Royal Armouries. Because my grandma was in a wheelchair, they were pushed to the front of the crowd and my grandmother was able to speak briefly to

Her Majesty. I'm told that my Grandma commented that she remembered how the King and Queen stayed in London during WWII. My grandparents lived near Heathrow, only just outside London.

My mother was only 6 when the Coronation took place. Her dad was doing well in his building business and the family had a TV, which meant that a lot of neighbours came round to watch the ceremony. After my Gran died, mum discovered a dress and matching hair ribbons in a coronation theme, motives and so on, which she must have worn for the street party (almost 40 years ago at that time (1992)). This, along with other suitable period garments, were donated to Castle Howard Costume Gallery.

Helena Watkins

As a follow-up to that you will have heard that the Queen is to come to Leeds this summer as part of her **Diamond Jubilee celebrations**.

Her visit is sure to shine all the more brightly for the people of Leeds as the city is the only Yorkshire destination featured on her national tour marking her 60 years on the throne.

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will stop off in God's Own Country on either July 18 or July 19, according to the packed itinerary published on The Queen's Diamond Jubilee official website.

It states: "These visits will give Her Majesty the opportunity to express her thanks to people throughout the country for their continued support and loyalty." (*Information quoted from the internet*) As we 'go to press' no other details are available.

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Prayer

God, you have high expectations of us and you
ask us to love in the way that Jesus loved us.

When we judge others by appearances, and forget to
look at their hearts, God of love, forgive us.

When we feel challenged by anyone who is different or
whose behaviour seems irrational, God of love forgive us.

When days don't go right and we feel powerless,
bruised and beaten, God of love, forgive us.

When we have forgotten your teaching and
make the easy choice, God of love, forgive us.

When we are selfish and greedy, taking for granted those
we love and those who love us, God of love, forgive us.

Help us to be honest with you about the times we
have let you down, so that we may receive your
forgiveness and make a fresh start.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Methodist Relief and Development Fund

Over 200 hundred years of experience in working overseas amongst different tribes and races has made Methodism very sensitive to ‘raw nerves’ in other cultures, and enabled MRDF to find the most effective ways of ensuring that the appropriate help reaches those in greatest need – but in such a manner that the recipients keep their dignity. MRDF seeks out local groups as partners, to support and empower them. There are no grand gestures, just many, many small miracles.

Within the last year MRDF began supporting five grass-roots organisations in Burundi. These new partners provide training in car mechanics, carpentry, bee-keeping and agriculture.

In Malawi MRDF’s partner offers young people training in mushroom farming, providing seeds and small loans. After just a few weeks they are making a living from selling mushrooms.

When Ruth Pickles, the Vice-President, visited Kenya she met members of the Keyanga Kokra group (MRDF partner for six years) and the Cheptikit and Totum women’s groups. In all these areas there was a chronic shortage of food. Since the members took part in agricultural training workshops and worked on demonstration plots they have learned to grow inger millet, cowpeas, pumpkins, sunflowers, kale, spinach, carrots and bananas, in addition to the maize and beans which was all they grew previously. Elisha Kemeruk said, “Before there was a shortage of food but now we can afford school fees, uniforms and books.” The women’s groups have passed their knowledge on to eight other groups in the area which they visit regularly to monitor their progress.

In Bangladesh MRDF partner CSKS rescues street children – offers them a safe place to sleep and opens the door to education, healthcare and support for the future. Their partner in India runs training courses in subjects such as fish farming, which help people to start small enterprises.

MRDF suggests that groups and churches can become really involved by joining their Partner a Project scheme. Through the scheme the progress of a community in the developing world can be followed and supported. Two new projects are READ which helps Dalit women in India overcome discrimination, and AMAPEF, which addresses poverty and disease in Mali. Interested? To find out more visit www.mrdf.org.uk/partner

Anne Blackburn

ON YOUR MARKS...GET SET...GO!



On 13th August we are hoping that lots of child athletes will be arriving to take part in the Global Games that will be taking place (every morning that week) in the Grove Centre.

The setting for our Holiday Club this year is a fictitious sporting tournament in Galilee in the first century AD. The stories will be based on significant events from the life of Jesus found in Mark's Gospel, including the calling of the disciples, the parable of the sower, some of the miracles and the transfiguration. The stories of Jesus will be brought alive from the glorious mud of a rugby pitch; to waves, wheels and skate boards! We hope that the children will discover and begin to experience what it is like to be a member of the team that has Jesus as the leader.



Letters have been given out to our uniformed organisations and to all the primary schools in Horsforth and we hope to have about 30 children (aged 6 – 11) with us from 10.00 until 12.30 each morning.

Please pray for:

- all the children who may be thinking whether to come;
- all the leaders as they meet and prepare the activities.

You are invited to the Closing Ceremony/Holiday Club Service in the Main Hall at 12.00 on Friday 17th August



The Grove Luncheon Club

“The Lord will always hover on a Monday.....”

Before 1996 the notion of a Luncheon Club serving lunches to people who belonged to the Grove and as an outreach to people who didn't, had been mentioned in the Neighbourhood Committee. However, it did not materialise as the staffing was a problem; the day the time and the format needed a leader. On 24th February 1996, a Vision Day, was held and one of the many ideas raised was again a Lunch Club. A small organising committee met consisting of Christine Bannister, Renee Collinson, Pam Beck, Jeanette Speight and Barbara Buckley. It was decided that the Ladies Network could be our first customers! This removed them from the Parlour which was over crowded by offering them a meal in the hall before their Meeting. I agreed to organize it and run it for an initial five week trial starting on 1st June 1998 working from what was the small kitchen. We had 4 Kitchen Staff and 4 Hall Staff. The Ladies were offered a meal of stilton & broccoli or mushroom soup followed by a corned beef salad and orange to drink. The cost of the meal was £1. The Ladies thought it was wonderful, and although it was very hard work for us, the idea stuck and we decided to carry on, We started our Luncheon Club on September 5th 1998.

We were pleased to provide the Harvest Tea in Oct 2000 and made a profit of £147-48! By June 2002 we had to move as the new build was upon us and the complicated arrangements to go elsewhere began. Amazingly, St James' church offered their new hall and kitchen for free! They were wonderful to us and the Ladies plus Lunch Club moved down. All our worldly goods were piled on our faithful trolley! What a time! The fellowship and friendship established was a true reflection of The Grove and St James'. We shall always be thankful to them.

We returned to a brand new kitchen and lots of space! The Ladies Network was very supportive making it possible to buy a fridge, plate warmer and eventually a dishwasher to furnish the new kitchen. Numbers increased and eventually we catered for 40 ladies and 8 staff.

Over the years things have changed but basically we are very much the same. We still have 4 people in the Kitchen and 4 in the hall and I am very proud to say that we have 5 Chefs Doreen Wormald, Jean Fox, Brian Whitham, Mary Mellor and myself who take charge of the menu, buying food, cooking and serving; 33 staff and, after hard work, dedication and

expertise, a 5 star kitchen was awarded on 22 May 2009. Amazingly we have never had to ask for staff – all have volunteered and they are wonderful. The Lunch Club has catered for Circuit Banquets, Harvest Suppers and Fundraising Sunday Lunches etc.

We are all very proud of how much we have achieved and are delighted with the new kitchen store. The kitchen is worthy of its 5 stars and is part of The Grove's excellent facilities. I think we have been excellent stewards of our money, time and talents. The ladies enjoy their lunches; three courses for £2-50 and each week a varied and well balanced and healthy menu is presented. We have a happy time of fellowship and all our staff enjoy their time together – lots of laughter and fun!!

The ladies' numbers are sadly declining and so now is the right time to ask, where do we go from here? If the church is not to lose the expertise it begs the question – is there someone who could expand the Lunch Club to another day, perhaps by making it a shoppers' cafe, for example, and opening it up to the public? Or even an extension to Monday's lunch by welcoming other members of The Grove and Circuit to share a meal in fellowship. We need to consider the future and move forward. Suggestions with practical applications would be welcome. For nearly 14 years we have given our best and now we say.....where do we go from here?

The heading “The Lord will always hover on a Monday” came from the Rev'd David Bannister who was dedicated, hardworking and very supportive. The Luncheon Club is very much a lasting legacy to David and Christine.

*Barbara Buckley
Luncheon Club Leader*

Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father,
We thank you for all the blessings of our daily life;
For good food, warmth and loving care.
Help us to respond with cheerfulness,
Kindliness and a readiness to befriend others.
Freely we have received, let us freely give
In the name of him who gave His life for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Surnames and their Roots (1)

How much information is there available on the origins of our surnames? Lots! In fact we could fill a page in each issue of Grove Vine for the next ten years and still only scratch the surface.

Leeds City Library has several tomes on the subject. Most of this information has come from the frequently quoted reference by Reaney & Wilson but there are others (Hanks & Hodges; McLaughlin and a Penguin dictionary) – all of them of doorstop dimensions.

It seems that there are four primary roots:

Location. The name is derived from the area or village e.g. Cawood, Bolton, Rawnsley (the last being an old place name in Yorkshire).

Occupation. It is easy to see where Carpenter, Baker and Fletcher had become commonplace.

Patronymic. That is to say the father's forename being used, such as James, Allen, Richardson and Williamson.

Nickname. A tall person might be Large or Long; a fat man might be Bradman or Bullock; a small man Short or Bass.

Location plays its part in other ways. For example McDonald in Scotland would be O'Donnell in Ireland. The Normans provided us with many following the Conquest, such as Pickard, Petty and Brittain. The father's forename can be adapted as in Richardson, above. In Wales the son of Hugh would be known as ApHugh eventually to become Pugh. Jewish immigrants called Levi might have later generations who became Lewis.

In general, surnames began to be used by the bureaucrats before the working classes and the poor and those in villages, etc. before those in isolated rural communities.

So, for each of those mentioned above there are examples as follows:

Location: *Murgatroyd*. The root of this name appears to have originated in the Rothwell and Halifax areas as "*Margaret's Clearing (Royd)*". The reference books don't say whether Margaret had a Fish & Chip Shop!!

Occupation: *Barker*. He would have been a tanner of leather – so called because he used the bark of a tree in the process.

Patronymic: *Pearson*. There are two roots here, i.e. the son of Piers (Peter) which is of Norman origin.

Nickname: *Grant*. Surprisingly this was likely to be derived from "Grand or Large" and you wonder whether dialect had played its part.

More names and their origins in the next issue.

Gordon Mellor

A ROYAL MUSICAL MARATHON

Starting from the bold central letter, see if you can trace a marathon route through 12 pieces of music associated with royal occasions. You can move by adjacent squares up and down, or right and left, but not diagonally. Every square should be used only once.

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You may find that the second route below is more to your liking. This time it involves 12 hymn ‘titles’ from H&P, but the same rules apply, again starting from the bold central letter. If you can complete this you can then use your solution to help you sort out the first marathon. Solutions to both puzzles will be in the next edition of the Grove Vine.

A	E	R	G	U	T	O	G	S	A	F	N	I
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J	E	H	A	M	O	M	I	A	Z	K	R	E
D	E	B	L	A	N	E	D	M	I	C	O	H
A	S	S	E	D	G	U	S	A	N	G	G	T
S	U	S	A	N	E	D	I	B	A	A	R	P
S	S	S	T	I	W	J	T	A	E	C	H	I
U	E	J	G	T	H	U	S	S	N	D	S	R
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A	L	E	C	X	E	S	O	A	M	A	O	Y
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U	M	B	A	D	I	V	I	E	W	N	I	S

[The first puzzle is reprinted from the June 2012 issue of *Church Music Quarterly*, the magazine of the Royal School of Church Music, by permission of the editor.]

Tony Orton

The Grove General Church Meeting 2012

The meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in the church to discuss items affecting The Grove. Having experienced 14 bereavements amongst members and adherents over the past year, the meeting began with a minute silence in their memory.

Thanks were expressed to retiring stewards Janette Mawson (Senior) and Andy Walker. Kath Ashby and Margaret Shingler were appointed as stewards and Kay Bassett had agreed to act as Senior Steward. New representatives to the Church Council are Kathryn Bussey, Janette Mawson and David Quick

The Church Treasurer, Philip Abel's, financial report for the year ending 31st August 2011 showed a surplus of £14,814. This had been achieved through special fund raising activities and increased regular giving in what was described as 'a good year'. The meeting was then provided with the Treasurer's forecast for the current year to 31st March 2012. He predicted that there should be an overall surplus at the end of the year. In a note of caution the Treasurer reminded the meeting that the church should not be dependent upon one-off fund raising efforts but needed a good level of regular giving if it was to meet the financial demands of maintaining sound premises and providing effective outreach.

The agenda item 'Conversation on the ministry and witness of the church' ranged over a wide area and included a number of separate issues. Acknowledging that The Grove's Third Annual Report outlined the next chapter in the life of God's people and their struggle to see God's mission enacted in The Grove in particular and Horsforth in general, the Chair, the Rev. Alistair Jones, noted that it was 'a tremendous product in enabling the name of The Grove to be heard'. The report was accepted with thanks.

The Secretary outlined progress on the current church initiative, 'Moving Forward Together', an attempt to consult with all Grove site users in order to ascertain their needs and aspirations. Focus Groups of people involved in church organisations had met, and were planning that a range of consultation methods to suit the various site users might be undertaken in the autumn period. Initial discussions had raised a number of ideas for action as well as identifying those things that the church was currently doing particularly well.

Horsforth Churches Together project, Hope in Horsforth, is a fortnight of mission activities involving the Horsforth Community. From 22nd September to 6th October all churches are to provide two activities that might be opened up to the community. The culmination will be a Farmers' Market held in The Grove grounds and church premises on the morning of Saturday 6th October. This will be followed by a 6.00pm tea and presentation of 'Impossible God', a nationally acclaimed production by Mark Topping, a Methodist and professional actor.

Also as part of this item there was a discussion on the church's prayer life during which it was recognised that praying together provides opportunities for sharing and can lead to growth. It was noted that the formal weekly occasions for communal prayer in the Quiet Room (behind the stage) include 10.00am on Sunday mornings and 9.00am on Tuesday mornings.

Under 'Any Other Business' note was taken that:

- Over the last three years, Community Fund Raising through Utility Warehouse (CFR) had benefited the church by £6,000. Ricky Hearn has effectively co-ordinated church involvement and over the last three months alone 11 people involved in CFR have raised £128 in commission for the church.
- The Christmas Bazaar is arranged for Saturday 17th November 2012.
- Leprosy Mission was a worthy cause that The Grove had supported keenly over many years and that if organisers were agreeable, a Leprosy Coffee Morning might be held at a summer or early autumn date.

The 2013 General Church Meeting is to be held in the Centre Main Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th April and all are welcome to attend.

Peter Mawson, Church Council Secretary

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Christian Aid House-to-House collection 2012

Very many thanks to all the wonderful collectors who worked so hard over those weeks in May. The amount collected was a magnificent £1783.53 well up on last year. Thank you to all of you who gave and special thanks to Chris and Caroline Turner who counted and banked it all for us.

Barbara Buckley

Charity Window – July & August

Sightsavers

Do you know that there are 45 million blind people in the world and that 80% of blindness is avoidable if the correct treatment is available?

Sightsavers is a charity working in 24 countries saving the sight of many people throughout the world. The main problems are trachoma, a bacterial infection, and river blindness which is caused by water-borne parasites. Over 84 million people worldwide are at risk from trachoma and over 120 million from river blindness, which has to date blinded some 300,000 people.

Prevention is a route being followed more and more. For instance, Sightsavers is screening children in Bangladesh, supporting the training of doctors in West Africa to specialise in this field, funding the refurbishment of an eye clinic in Zanzibar which treats cataracts. These can be treated successfully if spotted early as can glaucoma and many other eye conditions.

- Just 30p could protect a family from river blindness for a year.
- £5 will support eyelid surgery in cases of advanced trachoma.
- A Braille typewriter costs £290 but can enable a blind child to succeed at school
- For £17 sight can be restored in cases of adults with cataracts enabling them to regain their independence and be able to work again.

Health education is promoted to emphasize the importance of sanitation and hygiene to reduce the risks of infection.

Teaching skills to enable those already blind to be able to work again helps them to support a family and once again to be part of the community.

Thank you for helping to support this worthy cause with your donations via the carboy in the church narthex.

Kay Bassett

Harvesting Hope at The Grove

Saturday the 6th October Morning and Evening!

September and October are expected to be busy months in Horsforth with the Hope in Horsforth fortnight providing a wealth of activities and interest.

Saturday Morning, 6th October (9.30- 12.30p.m.)

The final weekend of “Hope in Horsforth” coincides with The Grove Harvest Festival, so it is very fitting that Horsforth Churches Together have requested use of the Grove premises on Saturday morning, the 6th October for the first Horsforth Farmers' Market; Café; and “Market of Ideas on looking after our planet”.

The Church driveway, car park, chapel and centre will be made available to welcome the Horsforth community to join us for an interesting morning of activity and friendship.

Saturday Evening, 6th October (6.p.m -9p.m.)

6p.m. **The Grove Harvest Tea** (pie and peas or jacket potato using as much produce as we can from the farmers' market) and open to The Grove Church, the Horsforth Community and beyond.

7p.m. Hope in an **“Impossible God”**, the nationally highly acclaimed play, written and performed by Mark Topping.

The implications of this very busy day for The Grove are obvious! It is our opportunity to serve our neighbours by providing an army of helpers to set up display areas; decorate the chapel with harvest displays ready for the Saturday morning opening; help in the café; bake buns and scones; welcome visitors; publicise the day; prepare the tea; sell tickets for the evening activities; and help wash and tidy up!

Most of all, please don't forget to put the date in your diary and join in the fun!

All help will be gratefully received. If you are available for any part of the day on Saturday the 6th October to help in any way, please contact:

Kay Bassett (2583346) or Janette Mawson (2503264)

Thank you.

Musings on the London Olympics

The **2012 Summer Olympic Games**, officially the **Games of the XXX Olympiad**, are taking place in London from 27th July to 12th August.

Are you going? Do you know someone who is? Perhaps you know someone who is going down as a volunteer helper for the duration.

Perhaps you went to see the Torch on its way through Leeds or one of our neighbouring Yorkshire towns carried by people who have been nominated as deserving the privilege of bearing the flame on its journey around Britain before it finishes up in London at the Opening Ceremony on the Friday 27th July, or perhaps you saw the excited crowds on television.



This was at York

I wonder if the Opening Ceremony will be a true reflection of Britain's way of life and if it will impress the rest of the world. I'm not sure that I'm convinced yet!



The Olympic Stadium

At the time of writing the teams are being chosen. Some athletes will be disappointed because they have not reached the peak of their fitness, others will be nursing injuries, while those who have made the selection will be excited and full of expectations for their participation. No one goes in for their chosen sport expecting to fail. For some even a silver or bronze medal will be a disappointment. Some of the sports such as the gymnastics have incredibly young competitors usually in their teens, whereas others require more strength or experience, such as the weightlifting or hammer throwing.



Athletics is the perfect expression of the Olympic motto ‘Citius, Altius, Fortius’ (‘Faster, Higher, Stronger’) – the competition requires athletes to run faster, throw further, jump higher and leap longer than their rivals. With 2,000 athletes competing in 47 events, Athletics is the largest single sport at the Games.

The purchase of tickets seems to have been rather a lottery, many folk getting tickets for sports they are not really interested in, many none at all. Several ‘rounds’ of applications have happened and recently a friend was delighted to say her son had just got 2 tickets for the 100m final. When I asked how much he paid she simply said, “Don’t ask!” Would you believe it, those with tickets for the Cycling Time Trial will find themselves, according to the tickets, going to the Time Trail! The Marathon, of course, can be seen free along a good part of its course.

There will be few people, I guess, who will not be watching at least part of the Games on TV, even those who claim to have no interest in sport will hardly be able to escape! I will not be one of those! For once we are going to be able to watch the full coverage in real time without the need to be up half the night or wait for recordings next day. We wish all those taking part to have a safe and happy time here in GB and for our own athletes good luck and a wonderful experience in whatever sport they are participating.

G.J.





A Prayer from the Methodist Prayer Handbook ‘Run The Race’

Let us run the race,
with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Let us run the race,
nourished by God’s Word.

Let us run the race,
spending time in God’s presence.

Let us run the race.
as we speak to him day by day.

Let us run the race,
as the Lord’s disciples.

Let us run the race,
offering and receiving forgiveness.

Let us run the race,
in praise and thanksgiving to the one who is our Saviour.

Let us run the race,
in faith, hope and love.

Let us run the race,
in the power of the Spirit.

Let us run the race,
as the children of God.

Let us run the race,
as the children of Grace.

Let us run the race,
confessing Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen

The History of the Grove Methodist Church 1759 -2012.

The writing of this booklet is virtually complete and it is expected it will be going to the printers sometime in July. Copies will be available for sale in late August or early September.

The booklet will be a 64 page publication with a full colour cover and black and white text and photographs and will be priced at £5 per copy. Full details to follow in the September copy of Grove Vine, but in the meantime if you wish to place an order please see Philip Abel or Gill Jewell. We are sure this is a publication that will stir memories and provide a fascinating insight into the history of our Church. *John Burland*

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Calling all able-bodied people!

In this month's letter for Grove Vine, Alistair has described how important it is that we all listen to what God is calling us to do. There are many ways in which we can be called. Sometimes it is to big tasks and sometimes to small, but all are vital if we are to keep moving forward as a church.

There are two tasks which are becoming vacant due to retirement of the holders, neither is overly large in scope but both are important:

Promoting what we are about is vital if our neighbours are to know what is going on and support our efforts. Chris Seller is our Press Officer who is doing just that. He retires in August and is willing to talk to anyone who might have an interest in taking over. And if you are worried that the job might be too big and too lonely then you needn't be because there is a small team to help you and a webmaster to put information on the internet. This co-ordinating task is vital as the interface between the church and West Yorkshire.

Mary Mellor is retiring as Minute Secretary of the Finance Committee in August. She would be delighted to talk to anyone with the slightest interest in helping out. It doesn't need a knowledge of finance, just a willingness to write down what is decided at the three committee meetings each year. It is an important role that helps to keep things going.

Should you have even the slightest inkling of a whisper then please talk to Alistair, the Church Minister, and he will fill you in with any further details you may want to know.

August buildings closedown

The Centre and parlour will be closed this year from Monday 20th August until Saturday 1st September. Please remove all equipment you may need before this period

May I take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me during this period over the years with various tasks including cleaning, decorating and repairs.

This has helped each year to make the buildings look like the day they were opened and it is with great pride I show visitors and potential hirers around the buildings.

May I ask for volunteers to once again assist me during this period. Once again there will be various jobs of cleaning, repair and decorating. Your help is so appreciated.

To help me plan better the various activities during shut down, could I ask that you contact me with offers of help.

Alan Firth Premises Manager

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Enjoy a free sunny (?) Saturday afternoon concert in Hall Park



8/07/2012

James Farrell Concert Band: Prom Concert

29/07/2012

Drighlington Brass Band

19/08/2012

Bradford Metropolitan Concert Band

2/09/2012

Yorkshire Imperial Urquhart Travel Band

Regular events (contd)

Thursday

- 9.30 – 11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4years) 293 8458
11.00 Bible Fellowship 258 3239
6.00 Cubs 258 9865
6.15 Beavers 239 7327
7.45 Scouts 216 9006
7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursday) 258 2097

Friday

- 7.45 Choir Rehearsal 258 9093

Walking Groups: **Thursday** 258 6579 **Saturday** 258 4520

Forthcoming Events in July

- July 7th Strawberry Tea at Central from 2pm to 4pm. Arranged by the Circuit M.W.i.B. Committee. Cake and Bring and Buy Stalls. Tickets from Muriel Christopher price £3.
- July 12th/18th Prayer Banner at various churches in the Circuit
- July 13th Friday. Quaker Meeting House Rawdon. Shakespeare on the
7.30pm Lawn “A Comedy of Errors” by Theatre in the Dales.
Admission free – donations to Amnesty International.
- July 14th Saturday. Olympics Sports Day at St Marks. 4.30 - 6pm.
- July 15th Circuit Farewell Service for the Revs. Debora Marschner and
6.00pm George Bailey at Bramley Trinity.
- Aug. 31st Welcome Service for Rev. Keith Hunt and Deacon Ellie
7.30pm Griffin at St Andrews Church Pudsey.

Items for the September Magazine should be submitted to Gordon or Mary by Wednesday 22nd August. Please include dates up to 2nd September. Email would be appreciated!

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