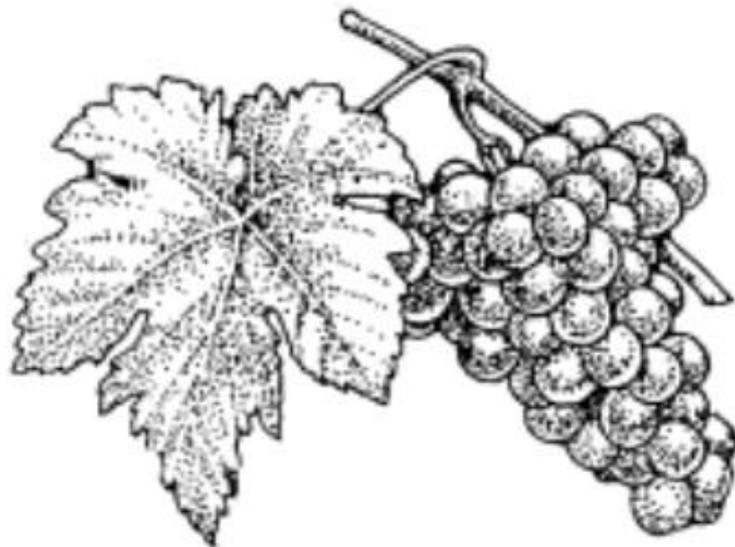


GROVE VINE

**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

- 9 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 239 0335
- 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 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 239 0335
and 12.00 – 3.00 Pre-school as above.
- 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

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Looking out over the roundabout....

Bramley seems to have disappeared in the mist. There can be a real feeling of being cut off up here, looking out over a sea of grey. It puts me in mind of the headline from the Daily Mirror eighty years ago:

Fog in Channel – Continent cut off.

It is very easy to fall prey to that style of thinking, as though we are the centre of the world, and all else is peripheral and secondary. The earliest known ‘world’ map is an Assyrian clay tablet, with Ninevah – the Assyrian capital city – dead centre. So it is not a new problem.

The reality is, however, that we are not cut off by mist nor surrounded by a moat, but we are part of the broad swathe of humanity we call Yorkshire. I am told that some people even cross the hallowed borders, if they have to! The issues to those around us are our issues – including Bramley, Pudsey, Stanningley, Swinnow, Farsley, Rodley, Guiseley, Yeadon and – you guessed it – Leeds.

As the winter approaches amidst a time of financial crisis, we are not immune and we will not hold back human need at any invented border. Jenny is seeing a significant increase in need in the city. Food banks are being prepared in the west, east and south of Leeds, and it can only be a matter of time before one is required in the north. One Citizens Advice Bureau advisor recently told me that with more welfare ‘reforms’ coming, they will be helpless in the face of a tide of debt, hunger and increasing homelessness.

One of my favourite poets is John Donne, who wrote:

*No man is an island,
Entire of itself.
Each is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were.
As well as if a manor of thine own
Or of thine friend's were.
Each man's death diminishes me,
For I am involved in mankind.
Therefore, send not to know
For whom the bell tolls,
It tolls for thee.*

Bells are ringing, let us listen for their call and, as we can, respond.

God's Blessings to you all,

Ali (Rev Alistair Jones)

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Bill Black, Renee Collinson, Tony Emmott, Mary Hart, John Hardaker, Kathleen Kitchingman, Nancy Mathers, Stan Ramsden, Margaret Reasbeck, Ros Revell Chris Shagouri, Eileen Stones and Christine Wilson. Also remember friends who are housebound and those caring for loved ones. All need our prayers.

From the Church Registers

Baptism:	Archie Llewelyn Elliott	October 21 st
Funeral:	Deaconess Ros Ansell	October 9 th

Sunday Services in November

4 th	9.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Mr Philip Maud - Scout and Guide Sunday
	6.00	United Service at Central
11 th	10.30	Mr Timothy Pearson
	6.00	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson
18 th	10.30	Rev. Adrian Burdon – Home Missions
	6.00	Circuit Service at St Andrew's
25 th	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	6.00	United Service at Central

Please note: Our first Christmas Service will be the Toy Service on 2nd December, at our Family and Parade Service. It is early in the month and a mention in November Vine will not go amiss. We will be accepting gifts of toys and books as usual and any contributions will be very welcome. They will mainly go to St George's Crypt, as in previous years.

Also note the other Christmas Services are:

9th December – Advent Service – 10.30am
16th December – Nativity – 10.30am
23rd December – Candelight Carol Service – 6pm
24th December – Christingle – 6pm
25th December – Christmas Day Service – 10.30am

Kay Bassett

From the Editorial Group

Note that the editorial teams alternate.....so, the December/January issue will be prepared by Philip and Gill and you should send items to them no later than Wednesday 21st November.

Please also note that we would welcome any reader submitting an item for publication – perhaps on a subject that you feel strongly about. If we can build up a short series of articles, perhaps under the heading: “What do you think...?”

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Gordon and Mary Mellor jgkm64@gmail.com 258 6199



Flower Rota for November

4th Scouts & Guides and Mrs C Sumpter

11th Mr & Mrs P Maud and Mr & Mrs N Kaye

18th Mrs J Douglas and Mrs M Allen

25th Mrs C Hearn and Mrs S Galbraith

Stewards on Duty in November

4th Cynthia Hatton and Betty West

11th Margaret Bosomworth and Gordon Mellor

18th John Bussey and David Buckley

25th Gordon Mellor and Margaret Bosomworth

UNMISSABLE

The Grove Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 17th November 2012

10.00am - 1.00pm

We are having the following stalls, and if you feel able to contribute to any of these, it would be really appreciated. Please get in touch with the appropriate people **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER.**

Refreshments – Jean Fox / Doreen Wormald

Cake Stall – Ladies Group/ Maureen Smith

Tombola – Pauline Quick

Crafts – Jean Kemp / Kath Spencer

Wooden Crafts – Bill Kemp / Trevor Fox

Fashion Accessories – Kath Ashby / Sylvia Parker

Bric a Brac – Sue & Don Galbraith

Lucky Jars – Tots & Tykes /Alison Maud

Raffle – Chris & Paul Shagouri

Pickles, Preserves & Pates – Barbara Buckley

Book Stall – Gordon Collis

Toiletries – Guiding/ Judith Chaplin

Toy Stall – Nursery/ Julie Marsey

Kitchenalia – Chris & Chris Seller

Many thanks

Jean Kemp

Changes

Your attention is drawn to changes to the telephone number for Rainbows on Wednesdays and the details on Pre-School for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as shown on the inside front and back covers.

Surnames and their Roots (3)

As stated this series could fill Grove Vine for years. However, we have tried to concentrate on names from this area. Here is the last batch – again with roots which originate from location, occupation, parent or nickname:

Blenkinsop: Probably Blenkyn (a given name) plus a valley where hops were grown.

Arkwright: Although more common in Lancashire, it is also found in West Yorkshire and is an occupational name for the maker of chests.

Cartwright: Fairly obviously, a maker of carts.

Wainwright: A maker of carts and wagons (presumably wagons were bigger than the carts made by Cartwright!).

Enright: Appears to be an Anglicised form of a Gaelic word for attacker!

Sugden: Very strong in West Yorkshire, originally old English from Sucga (a small bird or sparrow) and den (a valley).

Beckwith: A habitation name, originally in West Yorkshire, likely a beech wood. In the USA they have introduced some flamboyance in a fairly common name “de la Beckwith”!

Walker: Associated with textile workers, being someone who walked up and down cloth (laid on the ground) – to stretch it. Textiles are also responsible for **Fuller, Tucker, Shearer and Lister**.

Booth: Someone living in a small hut, especially a cowman or shepherd.

Collins: From the Middle English, Col being a pet name for Nicholas.

Crossley: Again from Middle English and a place name for a pasture (lee) marked by a cross.

Hardcastle: A habitation name from Hard (inaccessible) and castle (a stronghold).

Greaves: Someone living in the shelter of a thicket.

Metcalf: Probably Middle English and referring to Meat and calf, being a herdsman or slaughterer.

Wesley: A place name for a clearing from Old English, being West (area) and leah (a wood).

Lascelles: The bearers of this name date back to the 12th Century and appear to have a common ancestor in Picot de Lascelles who was a vassal to the Count of Brittany (c.1080). Roger de Lascelles held land in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire in 1130 and his descendant Edward (1740 to 1820) was created Earl of Harewood in 1812.

Gordon Mellor

All Things Bright and Beautiful

All of us spend a lot of time on the mundane jobs and the immediate concerns of daily life. I usually tackle the week's ironing on a Sunday night, sitting at the kitchen table with my press and tuned in to Radio 2 listening to Sunday Half Hour. In between the hymn singing, the narrative usually follows a theme and thus it was that recently the talk was about mental health. Five guide lines were given to keeping oneself cheerful and not getting ground down by events. I can't remember all five but one struck a chord – "Take up a Hobby". How true I thought!

In June, four years ago, on a bird watching holiday to Anglesey, I said to my husband Anthony: "The wild flowers are absolutely beautiful, but I don't know what half of them are called". So we bought a field guide. It seemed simple enough – but how wrong can you be! Invariably I would count the petals, check the colour and be confident I had found the right page in the book, only to find that the leaves of the plant in front of me at my nose bore no resemblance to the leaves illustrated in the book!

So we joined the Bradford Botany Group and a whole new world has opened up. Daunted at first by their expertise and the fact that they spoke of all plants by their Latin names, we soldiered on as raw recruits. We admitted to knowing very, very little – but we have received wonderful help and encouragement. We were persuaded to join the British Wild Flower Society and I have kept a diary for them of the flowering plants and grasses that I have identified. This has helped greatly with the Latin names as they are all listed alphabetically (with their English names in brackets). Considering we identified about 80 species on Anglesey when we started this new hobby, it amazes me – and probably surprises you – to know that my diary of recordings for just this year stands at 736.

With the Group we have visited many new places where we would never have set foot otherwise – some really close and others further afield. The wild flowers of the Yorkshire Dales are wonderful, especially in the endangered hay meadows.



On one trip around Malham Tarn we found the *Frog Orchid* – whose size is just the length of your thumb. We also saw the carnivorous round-leaved *Sundew*.

Frog Orchid

For their annual long weekend away we stayed with the Group in Hythe, Kent. One of the most interesting trips was to Samphire Hoe, just outside Dover. From all the spoil that had been dug out of the Channel Tunnel, a nature reserve now sits on what used to be the sea, nestled under the famous White Cliffs. Here, *Early Spider Orchids* and much more abound.



Wonderful finds can be uncovered, though, much nearer home. 200 *Southern Marsh Orchids* were blooming when we went on an evening walk to Horton Bank Country Park in Bradford, last June. We had no idea the place existed! What an amazing walk that was and I recorded 99 different species in 2 hours. We have so much on our doorstep if we but look!

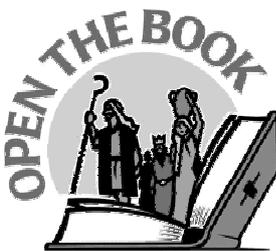
Southern Marsh Orchid

(Anthony has written about the birds to be found around Horsforth).

So, I can recommend jumping off the day-to-day merry-go-round and doing something you enjoy and find absorbing. It is a wonderful tonic and when you jump back into the daily routine, you will be all the better refreshed for it!

Rita Grainger

Open the Book



Horsforth Churches Together have started offering assemblies to our primary schools in Horsforth. We are helping children to enjoy Bible stories, and their messages, by presenting them in dramatic form using the costumes and props provided by the Open the Book scheme. Four assemblies were given at St Margaret's School in the summer term and now we are giving assemblies at Westbrook School, as well as St Margaret's. We have been asked to help at Newlaithes in December. In order for this work to continue expanding we need more helpers. If you would like to join the team, please contact Jean (258 9093) or Duncan (258 0510). It is a very enriching experience as the children are so responsive. You don't need to be an actor either. There are jobs for all and the props are brilliant!

Jean Orton



The Power of a Simple Gift - Christmas Shoeboxes

It doesn't seem two minutes since last November when I was helping to fill a van with nearly 200 shoeboxes to send to deprived children in Belarus. For the last

fourteen years I have co-ordinated the collection of Christmas Shoeboxes from Grove Church and Westbrook Lane Primary School, never ceasing to be amazed at the kindness and generosity shown.

The joy that these brightly coloured boxes, filled with small gifts, bring to these poor and unfortunate children in Eastern Europe cannot be underestimated. This is the story I found on the Samaritans Purse Website of one little girl who received a shoebox.

Olya is 5 and lives in East Belarus. Unfortunately she was neglected by her mother who drank heavily. When social workers found Olya there was no food in the house and the house was very dirty. Olya had no toys and didn't even have a bed to sleep in. Neighbours said that Olya never smiled. She was taken into care where she was well fed and looked after. Gradually she started to talk to her carers – but still never smiled. Then one day she was given a shoebox and miraculously she smiled for the first time. Now she sleeps every night with the doll from the shoebox next to her in her new bed. That is the power of a simple gift.

If you would like to show a child like Olya that people do care, please collect a leaflet from the Narthex – and fill a shoebox. **The deadline for this year's collection is Sunday 11th November.** Completed boxes can be left in the Narthex and I will collect them.

All loose change from the Charity Carboy for September and October will go towards the cost of postage and all donations are much appreciated.

Carol Hoyle

(Olya's story – with other similar stories – can be found on the Samaritans Purse Website: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

Scouting News

Work on gaining the Chief Scout's Award proceeds in all sections of the Scout Group and Explorer Unit.

Laura Patrick, of the Explorer Unit, has gained her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and has gone on to achieve the Queen's Scout Award – the highest that can be achieved. This follows the achievement of Ben Haslam who gained both awards last year. It is a long time since scouts from the Grove gained a Queen's Scout badge.

Gold Chief Scout badges have been awarded to Max Green, James Hardisty and Macauley Wilkinson, whilst 12 Cubs have gained the Silver award: Stanley Harrison, Charlie Heath, Eric Jiang, Richard Thompson, William Rowland, Matthew Smith, Ben Aveyard, Sam Green, James Shannon, Thomas Madeley, Charlie Hall and Connor Skelton-Bundy. Last but not least the Bronze award has been earned by these Beaver Scouts: Teddy Lewty, Jacob Pitts, Max Burley, Jake Wilson, Matthew Sunley-Calderwood, Paul Wordsworth, Daniel Shannon and Gordon Dickie.

Leaders have also been busy and 7 leaders have gained their Wood Badge. This marks the end of their formal training. Helen Haslam (Explorers), Brian Addison, Sue Barry, Simon Hewitt, Katie Whitham (Cubs), Graham Hoyle (Group) and Philip Maud are to be congratulated.

Group History

Many have not yet heard, or responded to, the appeal for reminiscences in the last edition, but I have received a number of messages and photographs from Ray Grasby who was a Scout and Rover Scout in the 1940s. Please encourage those who you know have information to get in touch with Keith, using the Group Website

www.9thairedalescoutgroup.org

Keith Whitham

Tony Orton's Solutions to Last Month's Musical Wordsearch

ACCENT	DIVISI	MELISMA	SHARP
ADAGIO	DOLCE	MINOR	SLUR
ALLARGANDO	FINALE	MODERATO	SOLO
BASS	FLAT	OPUS	TEMPO
CANON	FORTISSIMO	PHRASE	TENOR
CANTABILE	GRAVE	PIANO	TRANQUILLO
CON MOTO	GRAZIOSO	PRESTO	TUTTI
CONTRALTO	KEY	RUBATO	UNISON
DIMINUENDO	LENTO	SFORZANDO	VIVO

What Exactly Is A Carol?

This is a question I do get asked, from time to time. According to our best and biggest dictionary, ‘a carol is a joyous song, especially a Christmas hymn’. So now we know. And such a short and simple answer is just what everyone wants nowadays, when life often seems so complicated. But *is* it that simple, or does it raise too many other questions? For a start, *are* all Christmas hymns also carols? And then, *are* there carols which can be sung at times other than Christmas? And also, *how does* ‘The Coventry Carol’, which is about the slaughter of the children of Bethlehem by Herod, fit in with the idea that carols are joyous songs? Maybe we can’t avoid a longer answer, after all.

An excellent book on this subject is *The English Carol*, by Erik Routley (Herbert Jenkins, 1958). This is largely a detailed consideration of the origins and evolution of a multitude of carols, but it starts with a rejection of definitions of ‘carol’ which involve ‘joy’ or ‘celebration’, and traces the meaning of the word back to Greek origins, in particular to *choros*, which means ‘dance’. So, in that case, we can see straight away that carolling need not be confined to Christmas. We can dance at other times too. Indeed, versions of ‘This joyful Eastertide’ are to be found in many carol books (it is also number 213 in *H&P*). And the original *Oxford Book of Carols* (OUP, 1928) contained carols for all the seasons of the church’s year. ‘Tomorrow shall be my dancing day’, for example, tells of the nativity, baptism, ministry, passion, resurrection and ascension of Christ, all in the one very long carol.

But the history of the rise and fall, and subsequent rejuvenation, of carols is a complicated one, because it cannot be divorced from changing religious practices and fluctuating political conditions throughout the centuries. In this *Oxford Book of Carols* we find: ‘The carol was in fact a sign, like the mystery play, of the emancipation of the people from the old Puritanism which had for so many centuries suppressed dance and drama, denounced communal singing, and warred against the tendency of people to disport themselves in church on festivals’. Indeed, it was the Coventry Mystery Plays, as long ago as the fifteenth century, which gave rise to the Coventry Carol. That same century also saw the development of ballads as narrative poems for communal singing, and some of our oldest carols originated as ballads, for example ‘The Cherry Tree Carol’ (see *H&P* 195

for some recent Easter words set to the old tune). Then Puritanism returned in the seventeenth century, in the form of Oliver Cromwell, and joyous carolling was forced underground.

The 1928 *Oxford Book of Carols* claims that the true meaning of the word 'carol' was subsequently forgotten, and when books of 'Christmas Carols' began to be published in the nineteenth century, they were in fact not like the carols of old, but were hymns. So what *is* the difference? In his explanation of this, Routley emphasises again that carols predate hymns by some centuries, and that it wasn't until the eighteenth century that we, 'witnessed the invention of the English hymn as a vehicle of public praise'. Within his very detailed explanation of the issues involved he includes the following. 'Where a ballad is narrative, a hymn is dogmatic. Where a ballad is picturesque, a hymn is ecstatic. Where in a ballad the dialogue may be between Mary and Joseph, in a hymn it is between Christ and the human soul.' As examples of archetypal Christmas hymns he suggests: 'O come, all ye faithful', 'Hark! The herald-angels sing', and 'Christians awake'. Certainly, we can all appreciate that there is a huge difference of form and nature between these three much-loved hymns and the three ballad carols: 'The holly and the ivy' (the original version, not the travesty in *H&P*), 'The first Nowell', and 'God rest you merry, gentlemen'. Yet another ballad carol, 'I saw three ships come sailing in', is so incomprehensibly 'picturesque', it requires an explanation all its own.

Nowadays we sing Christmas items which originated in countries all around the world, as well as others written relatively recently. For these reasons alone, some items in our current Christmas repertoire might be difficult to classify as either hymns or carols. And the meanings of words change over the years, anyway, so does my dictionary definition concur with the present-day popular view of what carols are? Anyway, whatever it is we are singing, whether carols or hymns, or anything else for that matter, there's no doubt that they are all indispensable to our celebration of Christmas today.

Tony Orton

The Narthex Carboy

This month's charity is **Samaritan's Purse**. Full details are shown alongside the Carboy – or can be obtained from Carol Hoyle.

A Tale of Two Churches

On a recent Scottish holiday, we visited two Churches of “contrasting” history and style and which prompted further delving.

Plockton is a very picturesque seafront village in a sheltered cove of Wester Ross. The Isle of Skye lies just across the water. One of the visitor attractions is the Open Air Church, being the site of the village’s original Free Church of Scotland.

In 1843, the established Church of Scotland experienced a large withdrawal of adherents (known as The Disruption of 1843), leading to the formation of The Free Church. The cause of this schism was that worshippers were protesting at what they saw as state encroachment on the spiritual independence of the Church. In particular they objected to the patronage system which allowed rich landowners the right to appoint ministers without taking into account the wishes of the congregation.

The establishment of the Church in Plockton arose when one of 450 ministers (out of 1,200) had broken away from the main Church – mainly from the Gaelic speaking and Highland areas. The history of the Free Church of Scotland would require several pages as a separate subject!



Access to the original open air site is through a stone arch to an area about the size of a tennis court. The sides are banked up from the centre, using large stones on which the congregation would stand (facing inwards,

presumably). Knowing the area’s reputation for “variable” weather, we can assume the worshippers (probably crofters and herring fishermen) would need to be, shall we say, determined!



Eventually, they built their own Church, almost next to the existing Church of Scotland. This building is now apartments and in a strange twist, the Free Church now shares use of the original Church of Scotland building.

The open air original hasn’t been used for many years other than for a wedding in the 1990s. There is no record of the weather on that day – nor of any problems encountered by fancy shoes!

And, as a further point of interest to us at the Grove, the BBC reported in November 2010 that: “The Free Church of Scotland has voted to relax its rules to allow hymn singing and the use of instruments in its churches”. The voting was 98 in favour.....and 84 against!!!

New Abbey is a small village on the Galloway Coast, near Dumfries. Here you can find a more spectacular building (being featured on the website for “Undiscovered Scotland”).

In Yorkshire, we have spectacular Cistercian Abbeys – Fountains, Rievaulx, Roche, Bylands and, of course, Kirkstall. New Abbey boasts a Cistercian building with the name that conjures up a wonderful image: **Sweetheart Abbey.**



The Abbey is built of a dramatic red sandstone and is substantially complete, with the west front (pictured) still at its full height. It was founded in 1273 by Lady Dervorguilla in memory of her late husband John Balliol who died in 1268. He too was a generous benefactor and his name is better known today as the founder of Balliol College in Oxford University.

After his death, his wife had his heart embalmed and placed in a silver and ivory casket which she carried with her at all times. When Lady Dervorguilla died she was laid to rest and, on her instructions, beside the casket and in front of the high altar. There is today a monument to her where the altar would have been positioned.

Although we might find this devotion rather strange, the monks at the Abbey regarded it as “a testament to the enduring power of love”. Consequently they chose to name the Abbey *Dulce Cor* – Sweetheart.

As with Plockton’s Free Church there is a lot of history attached to Sweetheart Abbey. Not least is the fact that Lady Dervorguilla’s son, John Balliol became King of Scotland in 1292 at the behest of Edward I. However, it was a short reign of only four years, his being deposed by Edward because he was not compliant. And, towards the end of the 14th Century the Abbey found a new and powerful patron – Archibald, Earl of Douglas – who was known as ‘Archibald the Grim’ and ‘Black Archibald’. Despite these charming names, he is regarded as the second founder.

On a sunny day in October 2012, Sweetheart Abbey was just that!

Gordon and Mary Mellor

What do you think about...Fair Trade?

Last month we considered the role of Fair trade in respect of the 10 World Fair Trade Organisation standards and the sort of difference it makes as a **trading partnership** with producers in growing economies. It is the trading rather than the product that is different.

We were left with the questions about Jesus' response, the Christian's response and how we as Christians can be involved, assuming that as a first world country we cannot let the unfair trade practices of so many of the large profit seeking companies continue.

In the New Testament Jesus' priorities were and are to: preach good news to the poor; proclaim freedom for the prisoners; recovery of sight to the blind; release the oppressed and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

It can be seen in the many case histories that we read from time to time that the poor can be helped to develop their own skills with the support of the Fair Trade movement by creating cooperatives and ensuring fair and regular prices, thus reducing income insecurity, so that they can become more self sufficient, help their families to be healthy and educated, and support their communities

Education and self sufficiency enable freedom of choice so that they are not held in thrall to the big profit-making businesses. With no forced child labour children are free to enjoy their rights of childhood and education. All workers are free from fear of injury and bad working conditions. Oppression becomes a thing of the past.

Included in the Fairtrade price, there is what is called the Fairtrade Premium. This money goes into a communal fund for workers and farmers to improve their social, economic and environmental conditions. The use of this additional income is decided upon democratically by producers within the farmers' organization, or by workers on a plantation. The Premium is invested in education and healthcare, farm improvements to increase yield and quality, or processing facilities to increase income. As many projects funded by the Premium are communal, the broader community, outside the producer organization often benefits from Fairtrade.

At the recent Hope in Horsforth day on our premises at the Grove, Fair

Trade had a high profile in the café and stall which was put on by St Mary's Church. St Mary's, along with several other churches in Horsforth (together with some in our Methodist circuit), is a Fair Trade church. St Mary's has offered to run a stall for Grove once a month and it is hoped that this may start quite soon.

To become a Fair Trade Church Church Councils need to agree to the following:

- Use Fair Trade tea and coffee after services and in all meetings for which we have responsibility
- Move forward on using other Fair Trade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit
- Promote Fair Trade during Fairtrade Fortnight and during the year through events, worship and other activities whenever possible

This is a challenge: as Christians, can we rise to it?

'Universal responsibility is the key to human survival. It is the best foundation for world peace.' (Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama)

Also.....

WorkAid

WorkAid collects all sorts of items to enable people in third world countries to earn money and support their families.

They require gardening tools – in fact, tools of any type such as sewing machines, typewriters, fabric and haberdashery, etc.

If you are down sizing or clearing out and would like to contribute to this good cause, please contact **Carole Abel** (258 7744) or take direct to **The Live at Home Office** at Central Chapel.

Leprosy Mission

Jack Myers reports that last year £460 was raised for the wonderful work of this Mission. He says he would very much like to beat that total in 2012 and he now has available the catalogues of Christmas cards and gifts.

Forthcoming events

- Sun 4th Nov Ranters' Service at Central
6.00pm For those who like a good sing!
- Thurs 15th Nov "Living in Sweden" – Steve Fox
7.45pm Ladies Group
- Sat 24th Nov Christmas Fayre at Central
10.00 – 12.30 Cakes, books, etc. and Santa. – Teas and Coffees
- Thurs 29th Nov Christmas Crafts
7.45pm Ladies Group
- Sat 1st Dec Rodley Church Christmas Dinner
7.00pm Entertainment by Members of the Grove Choir.
 Tickets £7 from Cynthia Quayle (255 6668)
- Sat 1st Dec "Remember the Snow" – A freak storm engulfs a
7.30pm Yorkshire village. A play for 10 actors and a group of
 musicians and singers.
 Quaker Meeting House, Rawdon
 Entry Free – donations for Amnesty International

Regular events (contd)

Wednesday

- 9 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 239 0335
and 12.00 – 3.00 Pre-school as above.
- 1.30 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 239 0335
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 250 4907
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 225 2734

Thursday

- 9.30 – 11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4yrs) 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 Thursdays) 258 2097

Friday

- 7.45 Choir Rehearsal 258 9093

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

*Items for the December/January Grove Vine should be submitted to Philip or Gill by **Wednesday 21st November.** Please include dates up to Sunday 3rd February 2013. Email would be appreciated!*

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