GROVE VINE

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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 216 9006
6.15	Cubs 216 9006
7.45	Scouts 216 9006
7.45	Flower Guild (3 rd 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 (5 th Horsforth) 259 0555
6.15	Brownies (5 th Horsforth) 258 3670
7.45	Guides (5 th Horsforth) 202 9010

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So we're back from the road to Morocco

and very interesting it was too.

Our first Sunday there we hadn't identified a church to attend, but we had found one for the second. I went on the internet and discovered that they used 'non-traditional' music in worship, so it was with interest and some small degree of wonder that we arrived.

The congregation was fairly evenly split between black and white worshippers, with a very few of Arabic extraction. The service was conducted in French (unfortunately Jenny and I both studied German in school), and we discovered that non-traditional meant French folk music, gorgeously led by a small choir.

The service was a Catholic Mass, and there were some recognisable prayers that allowed us to feel a part of the communal worship.

It was, however, a reminder. We can never take for granted that what we do is familiar, accessible or recognisable to someone who walks into one of our services. We sit, stand, close our eyes and drop our heads at times without announcement. We sing songs with strange words, with tunes they may never have heard. We recite a prayer from memory. We read puzzling passages from books with odd names.

The welcome we extend to the world is not always easily understandable. In which case, it is hard to feel welcomed. Let's try to speak plain English, to make the Gospel understandable, and to accompany an open door with an open mind.

Ali (Rev Alistair Jones)

Sunday Services in July

7^{th} 9.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Family and Parade
6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones
14 th 10.30	Rev. Albert Jewell
6.00	Circuit Service at Trinity (Deacon Vicky Atkins)
21 st 10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones
28 th 10.30	Mrs Margaret Tate
6.00	United Service at Central

Sunday Services in August

4 th 9.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
10.30	Mr Ian Batty
6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones
11 th 10.30	Mr Stephen Barber
6.00	United Service at Central
18 th 10.30	Mrs Sarah Hudson
6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones
25 th 10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
6.00	United Service at Central

News from Shirley Crawford

If you are reading this you might or might not know that in January 2013 she left home, family and friends to live out a God-given dream to love Aids Orphans, Rescued Child Soldiers and war-affected children in Gulu, N Uganda. She gets to be Mamma Shirls + Nurse to these beautiful children and as she loves and cares for them, will make a difference in their lives.

As she has volunteered would you consider joining her in making a difference and supporting her financially – She needs £5,000 a year.

It only needs	140 people to give £3.00 per month	CAN
or	84 people to give £5.00 per month	YOU
or even	42 people to give £10.00 per month	HELP?
Barclays Bank	: 20-48-46 / A/c 80086339 / Mrs S Crawford / Ref v	our name.

Flower Rota for July



- 7th Mrs D Wormald & Mrs J Douglas
- 14th Mrs A Lawrence; Mrs M Butterworth and Mrs W Hartley
- 21st Mrs M Simmons; Mr & Mrs P Abel and Mrs M Christopher
- 28th Mrs P Lowe; Mr & Mrs B Ball and the Family of Mrs V Julian

Flower Rota for August

- 4th Mrs J Tallantire and Mr A Abel
- 11th Mrs G Pagden and Mr & Mrs J A Emmott
- 18th Miss M Bagshaw and Mrs J Newby
- 25th Friends of Nell Gaunt & Joyce Wrench and Mrs J Fox

Stewards on Duty in July

7^{th}	John Bussey and David Buckley
14^{th}	Carole Abel and Kath Ashby
21 st	Betty West and Margaret Shingler
28^{th}	Kath Ashby and David Buckley

.....and in August

- 4th Margaret Shingler and Cynthia Hatton
- 11th John Bussey and Kath Ashby
- 18th Betty West and Carole Abel
- 25th Kath Ashby and Margaret Shingler

Donations of Towels

St George's Crypt would like to thank all who gave towels. They now say they have enough. Well done members of The Grove.

Beryl

*Beryl**

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HOLIDAY – MAY 2013

Once again we have to thank Barbara and David Buckley for bravely taking 42 people to Raven Hall, Ravenscar for the 9th holiday and our 8th and we wouldn't have missed it.

Not only does Barbara do all the organising of transport etc., she also organises the weather. Her knees must be very sore in the days leading up to the holiday!!

Some were caught in long traffic jams on the A64 on the journey but all arrived safely. We met at 4.00pm in the George III room for tea and biscuits and to sing happy birthday to David (B). After our evening meal we had a short meeting in the Chapel, followed by a sing song.

Monday dawned warm and sunny. John Bussey took a group on a walk whilst others went to Scarborough, Whitby or stayed at Ravenscar. As I was unable to walk far on my crutches following my foot operation, Howard and I drove to Scarborough where he pushed me along Marine Drive in the wheelchair. We found a seat and sat for well over an hour watching all the families on the beach enjoying some unusually warm and sunny Bank Holiday weather. After our evening meal we were wonderfully entertained by Jean and Trevor singing beautiful songs, including Jean's school song.

Tuesday, another beautiful day, most of us went from Whitby to Pickering on the North Yorkshire Moors railway.

Wednesday was a free day for us although John took some walking again. We had an early evening meal before going to Whitby to see The Sound of Music, and on our return had Jean's lovely cake with tea or coffee.

Thursday wasn't quite as warm but still pleasant. In the evening after our meal, we had the long awaited "last night concert" with a cast of thousands!! Margaret Wilks and Muriel Christopher excelled themselves once again with their piano duet.

Friday,unfortunately, was the end of this wonderful time of fun, friendship and fellowship. We are all saving up for 2014 now.

Many thanks again Barbara and David for all you did to make our time together such a happy one.

Beryl Thompson

My Favourite Garden - Parceval Hall Gardens

My friend and I visited Parceval Hall Gardens near Appletreewick in the Yorkshire Dales on the first warm day of spring in April, such a relief after a long cold winter. I have been to the gardens at different times of year and it has always been a delight, with a special feeling of peace and tranquillity.

The house is Grade II listed and is currently owned by the Diocese of



Bradford and used as a retreat house. The gardens were laid out by Sir William Milner from 1927 onwards and are planted with specimens from China and the Himalayas. There are woodland walks, south facing terraces, a natural limestone rockery and a rose garden with a summerhouse.

We walked up through the woods to a shelter at the top, enjoying the birdsong. Curlews could be heard displaying over the moor above. It was clear a lot of new planting had been done and it will be interesting to see how it develops.

We sat on the terrace enjoying the warmth and afterwards explored the rock garden which must be at its best at this time of the year. It was full of colour, notably hellebores and trilliums.

After climbing some new wooden steps up to the top of the west side of the garden, we reached an impressive view of Trollers Ghyll. We retraced our steps down the road, enjoying the masses of narcissi and seeing that the bluebells were already lifting their heads. Spring was here at last!

We enjoyed a light lunch in the garden at the cottage at the entrance. A very happy and fulfilling visit.

Sensible shoes are essential and maybe a walking stick. Take great care in the limestone which is very slippery when wet. The garden is open from April to October.

This is a very special place. If you have never been you have a treat in store.

Margaret Bulman

Hymn Authors Wordsearch

Hidden within the grid are the names of more than 40 authors and translators of the hymns in *Hymns and Psalms*. How many of them can you find?

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Tony Orton

The Carboy Appeal

The appeal for July / August was to be for the RNLI – the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is the Charity that saves lives at sea.

As the Church will not be in use during these months this appeal has been cancelled and will be put on hold until next year.

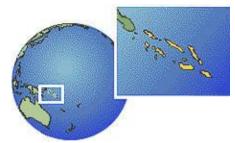
The September / October Appeal will be for Save the Children and will be in its usual place in the Narthex.

Barbara Buckley

Jenny and Graham Longbottom have written an account of the early days of Christianity in the Solomon Islands.

Head Hunting in the Solomon Islands - 1800 to 1931

In the early 1800's, British whaling ships moved from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean as the U.S.A developed. In so doing, they came across many of the islands in south-east Asia and the Pacific, including the Solomon Islands. In those days, the people of the Solomon Islands built

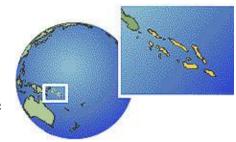


their canoes and houses with sharp stones as they did not have metal for knives. The British sailors on the ships traded knives & axes for supplies and favours from the local people. Those tribes that were quick to trade gained the advantage over their neighbours. In this way the tribes from the Roviana area became strong and were feared throughout this corner of the Pacific. Under the guidance of the local chief, war canoes (tomoko) were prepared which could seat 50 or 60 warriors and capable of crossing large stretches of open sea in search of skulls and slaves. The people were animist by belief, meaning that their lives were controlled by the spirits of their dead ancestors. The male skulls (the slaves collected were women & children) had a value for earthly power for the chief and also for a guarantee of passage into the next life. The value of skulls was as follows, in ascending order: pig, child, man, warrior, chief, white man! It is important to understand that these people were not cannibals.

Pioneer Missionaries - Rev John & Helena Goldie

In the second half of the 19th century, the sugar cane industry was developing in central Queensland. The main problem was the lack of labourers, so ships would sail to Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. On arrival at a convenient place, the sailors would conduct a fake church service on the beach, after which they would round up the men and take them back to Australia for several years, a practice known as Blackbirding. Many of these people came under the influence of the Christian gospel and were keen to see this established in their native lands.

It was in this way that the young Australian Methodist Minister John Goldie and his wife Helena came to be invited to the Solomon Islands. According to the records of the church, they were not in a great hurry to come here, but after much prayer and preparation,



they arrived on a small island off Munda Point – the very centre of head

hunting in the country. They were not sure how welcome they were, so they spent some time on the island. When they did come ashore, John was put to the test by being strapped to a tree overnight on Kokeqolo Hill. The arrangement was that if he survived the wild dogs, then the people would believe that his God had saved him. He did survive the night, but the locals were reluctant to change.

The first Governor General (Woodford), who established the British Protectorate in 1902, was determined to stamp out the practice of headhunting but he died before this was achieved. The Rev John Goldie was also keen to stop the practice, but after nearly 30 years of preaching and persuading, he too was unsuccessful. Finally the British navy achieved what the politicians and missionaries had failed to do, despite their best efforts.

Nowadays the people of Roviana look back on head hunting times with some dismay and most are grateful for the work of Rev John Goldie, his wife Helena and others who gave up comfortable lives in Australia for the bush and uncertainties of life in the Solomon Islands.

Part II will follow in the next edition of the Grove Vine

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Florence Bonfield, Renee Collinson, Tony Emmott, Mary Hart, Nancy Mathers, Stan Ramsden, Margaret Reasbeck, Ros Revell, Chris Shagouri, Kathleen Taylor and Christine Wilson.

From the Church Registers

Funerals: John Hardaker June 19th Eileen Stones July 1st Lillian Liddell July 3rd

Could you help our PR Team? Grove needs a Publicity Co-ordinator! This is exactly what it says – being part of the team and co-ordinating the work of those who are already working in it. You would not be alone! We have a tradition of being high-profile. Be a part of this fine tradition, and keep the Grove in the spotlight!

If you are interested, please contact either Kay or Alistair.

Christian Aid week 2013

Malnutrition and related causes lead to the death of 2.3 million children every year.

In the developing world this is the underlying cause of the deaths of 35% of all children under the age of five.

These are the sobering facts behind Christian Aid week- that time in the year when thousands of collectors trudge the streets in the hope of gathering in just a few of the envelopes that have been given out. This year we had a positive response from 1 in 4 of the envelopes posted through letter boxes: slightly more than last year, though it didn't seem like it! Anyone who has collected will tell you that it can feel a never ending and thankless task, asking for money.

Low spirits set in before you are half way round, particularly when it starts raining!

There's house after house with direct refusals. There's the dog that appears baring its teeth and barking furiously in the front garden just as you've left the house next door and you're approaching the garden gate. And then there are the twitching curtains where doors remain firmly shut.

Oh, and of course there are the reasons for not returning the envelopes:

- "My wife works for a charity and we do it all the time",
- "This is not my house".
- "Charity begins in this country",
- "We'll be all right thank you".

It can be a long and depressing evening.

But then there are the gems:

Like the Muslim family who disappear for ten minutes collecting loose change from the family and then smile giving it to you, thanking you for calling.

There are the elderly ladies who are ready for you to call to collect the coin filled envelope. They appreciate the opportunity to chat and off-load their worries about burglaries in the street.

And there is the worshipper who has not managed to get to church for some time and is keen to invite you in and rebuild links.

These lift the spirits and then you recall yet more facts:

△ One in eight of the world's population still goes to bed hungry. The U.N's Food and Agriculture Organisation recently cited \$50.2 billion per annum on top of the existing funding, as the cost of creating a "world free from hunger" by 2020.

Perhaps this once a year task helps after all!

Why not join in next year – try a street, half a street or half a dozen of your neighbours. Talk to Barbara Buckley and she can tell you more!

Who knows, you might find there are gems hidden within your round!

Peter & Janette Mawson

Being a Christian Aid door-to-door collector can be a mixture of frustration, disappointment but often surprised satisfaction.

This year I had more envelopes to deliver (and collect) than ever before – but I kept telling myself I needed the exercise!

More than half the people to whom I had delivered envelopes on the Monday and Tuesday said they hadn't received one – (or couldn't find it). One cannot argue the fact that they HAD had one – because I, personally, had delivered them. Best just to smile sweetly and ask if they would kindly put something in the open envelope (especially as I was running out of spares!)

Being a collector has its laughs. I had to smile when a young man answered the door - obviously straight from the shower — with his towel nearly sliding from his waist as he struggled to put money in my open envelope.

One lady, with her dog in the garden, gave me her sealed envelope and then said "He wants you to throw his ball" - which I did. Of course he kept bringing it back to be thrown again and then the ball started to roll down the drive and down the road, so I had to rush after it. Thank goodness for strong, flat shoes! Well I couldn't play with the dog any longer, as much as I would like to have done, so I said I would have to press on.

Some lonely people just like to chat – some give a downright "No" - some prefer to give to other charities. Fair enough! But the one that gave me the biggest laugh was a plaque next to the door I was about to knock on, which said:

No Hawkers

We don't want A Vacuum Cleaner Double Glazing or A Religious Talk Do not ring - Do not knock In fact - Do not come at all.

(or words to that effect)

Do have a go next year - it can be very rewarding.

Pauline Low

Every year I am amazed at the excuses for <u>not</u> putting money in a Christian Aid envelope! Janette, Peter and Pauline have mentioned a few. - New ones?

I pay on-line; feed those at home first; and the old one---I haven't got an envelope, when you know you put one through the night before!

This year was epic!!

Standing at a door which I'd knocked on and "belled", I caught sight of a beautiful bird - a kite!! It was right above me and soared and swooped. A man answered the door with a typical 'What do you want' to which I answered "O look up there"! He looked at me as though I'd gone mad and then followed my hand. His face was a picture - "It's a Kite" I said. His eyes opened wide, as did his mouth. "I've never seen one of those before" he said "Anyway what do you want"? The Christian Aid Envelope "I said. "Not got one" he said. Grasping the one from my hand, he said "Wait there". Doing as I was told, for once, he returned with a flat envelope. Smiling he said, "There's a note for you - just for the Kite really. I've never seen one in my life before!!"

Thank you to all my collectors. They are priceless - We've collected £1,870-41 this year!! Amazing!! Thanks to Chris Turner too who in very difficult circumstances with Caroline in hospital has counted and banked all our money.

Yes, join us next year it is an experience! Many thanks to all.

Barbara Buckley

Have courage for the great sorrows of life, and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake!

Victor Hugo

Bible Society

I can't tell you the name of my colleague who leads our work in Iraq. Identifying him is too risky – so let's call him Simon. As we sit together and talk, Simon starts flicking through pictures on his iPad of the brave volunteers who work with him to deliver Bibles and humanitarian aid in Baghdad.

He shows me a picture of three people, and points out the man in the middle. He tells me he's a Bible Society volunteer, a young, bright, attractive man who's also an Orthodox priest. Then, Simon corrects himself. He *was* a lovely man, he says. He was killed because of his faith and work. I'm shocked, but Simon carries on. He says there are so many killings now. Martyring Bible Society volunteers doesn't have the effect the extremists want – it doesn't stop them. So the terrorists are murdering Christians in the most brutal ways in order to provoke a reaction.

Simon shows me a picture of another man. He tells me this man is still alive. In fact, he wasn't at home when the extremists burst into his living room. But then Simon sweeps across his iPad to bring up an image of a young teenage girl lying on the floor, having been shot. And a slightly older teenage boy lying on his side on a coffee table, covered in blood. The father was out, so they killed the children. This is a lawless, violent culture and extremists roam unchecked.

Simon says on one occasion: I am travelling in Iraq when I am suddenly pulled out of the checkpoint line. The officials open my bag and find children's Bibles. So one man takes me to an office and starts asking me questions. As the questioning goes on, he says to me "Can I tell you something?" - and this man called Mohammed, tells me his story. He used to work in another government office but it was closed down, and for three years he had no job and no money. Mohammed and his family became desperate. One day his son came home with a box of food, with a children's Bible inside. (I remembered that we used to help a Church in this area, so I know it's come from the Bible Society).

Mohammed wondered,"Why are they helping us when I am a Muslim and they are Christians?" So he started to read the children's Bible that night. The next day he went to the church and asked the pastor to give him a full Bible. Over the next six months he read it from beginning to end. After telling me this, he let me go and told me to call him any time I was

travelling through the area. He said "Remember you have a brother here." I asked him what he meant? He whispered in my ear, "I am a brother in Christ and my wife is a sister in Christ."

At that moment, God showed me the fruit of what we are doing. Sometimes it's not easy, but that was good news. I hugged him.

We messaged and talked on the computer, but we were always careful. He told me that Jesus had changed his heart and life, and he asked me to pray for his family. Then one day I sent a message and I didn't hear from him.

After four or five days I received a call from his cellphone after midnight. But it was a woman's voice. She said, "I am Mohammed's wife," and she started crying. I asked her to tell me what happened. She told me Mohammed was killed by his relatives after he shared the Gospel with them. His cousins gave him two days to turn back, but he wouldn't forget Jesus. Alisha (his wife) has led 10 women to Jesus since her husband died. I gave her digital Bibles and they listen on headphones under their clothes, no one knows what they are doing, they meet secretly for Bible studies.

Alisha told me, "The way Jesus saved me, I will never forget that." Every time I call her to encourage her, she encourages me more. She is amazing. Please, please pray for her. This is what the Bible Society does in places like Iraq.

Ann Blackburn

Scout News

The scout group's annual bulbs sales are now current with order forms available on the premises and the website:

www.9thairedalescoutgroup.org

Orders should enclose payment and be with David Rowland by 19th July.

Three cubs have achieved their Silver Chief Scout Award. Ben Hancock and Ethan Dawrant were presented with their award at the St George's Day parade in a packed St Margaret's church, and William Evans received his badge at June Parade. In addition, Nicki Bagnall received her Wood Badge from the County Commissioner on St George's day, marking the end of her formal adult training.

The Scout Group AGM will be held in the Parlour on Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm. We welcome all who are interested in the success of the Group.

Keith Whitham

Café Of Hope Report - Celebrating Hope and Shaping our future

The Café of Hope was a great celebration of the shared work and witness of the Christian community in Horsforth. Amongst the 107 attendees were Christians from nine of the local churches, and some who worship at several other churches but live in the town. The evening was split into two halves. The first half gave the opportunity to hear stories of what God is doing amongst us. It was very inspiring to discover just how much is going on and has been made possible by working together.

The success of Hope in Horsforth as a mission fortnight was evaluated in several ways: 2,000 people had attended one of the various events, each of the 20 individual events had reported a positive outcome, and it was during the fortnight that the now monthly Farmers' Market was launched and continues to be hosted by the church community. We heard how the Primary Schools team work has gone from strength to strength, growing from working in one school to now regularly doing assemblies in four, in the space of one year. Hope and Carols in the Park events continue to grow in size with a vision to be the church community where the people are. Liz Driffeld from Live at Home, Dave Brear from Teen Challenge and Jack Garford from Horsforth School CU shared powerful stories of how the work of volunteers is bringing hope and the healing message of Christ to many.

The second half of the café was dedicated to asking the question, "What are the opportunities for us working together to make Christ known today?" The room was a buzz with conversation, with 71 feedback forms handed in alongside the content of groups discussion written (with permission) on the table cloths!

There were lots of hopes shared and opportunities talked about. These included a very significant response to the idea presented of a Horsforth foodbank. There was also a lot of thought given to the idea of running something similar to Hope in Horsforth. The feedback was all positive and affirming. However views expressed varied in nature. People wrote 'bigger', 'shorter', 'more spread out', along with 'every 2 years' to 'every 3 years' or 'every 5 years' whilst acknowledging the importance of consolidating what we already do; leaving us still with much to be encouraged by, but also much to discern.

A reviewing team has met to process all the ideas and ask how we respond

to the Café of Hope, and suggestions will be brought to the Churches Together meeting in July.

Duncan Stowe

Volunteers are diamonds to the Queen

MHA's 4,000 volunteers have received royal approval. The Charity is one of only 60 organisations – one for each year the Queen has reigned – to be approved by Her Majesty for the prestigious Diamond Jubilee Volunteering Award, equivalent to a corporate MBE. So all the volunteers at the Horsforth Live at Home Scheme are now proudly wearing theirs.

Carole Abel

Concerts at the Grove 2013/2014

The "longest day" has passed as this report is prepared, and one is reminded of a family saying at this time "Well the nights are drawing in – first flakes of snow soon!" And the weather forecast for Sunday 23rd June includes the possibility of hail. So it is not too early to write of Autumn!

As long ago as December 2012, Carole, Liz and Chris got together to consider the possibility of planning a series of concerts in our refurbished Church, so we thought we should tell you now how far we have progressed. The season opens on Wednesday 23rd October 7.30pm with a recital by Simon Lindley, Master of the Music at Leeds Minster and Leeds City Organist. He says he cannot wait to get his hands (and feet) on our wonderful Rushworth and Dreaper 3 Manual organ again! On Saturday 7th December 7.30pm "The Wesley Singers" pay a return visit with "A Christmas Celebration". Liz will bring her "Threedom Wind Trio" John Mellor -clarinet, David Baker- bassoon plus Liz-oboe in April 2014. Liz has also arranged for Craig Ogden, internationally celebrated classical guitarist to give a solo recital for us at 3.00pm on Sunday 18th May 2014. He will be in Leeds to play the Villa Lobos Guitar Concerto with his friend Martin Binks and the Leeds Symphony Orchestra at St Chad's, Headingley on Saturday 17th May 2014.

Chris is in negotiations with the Leeds College of Music for a concert by their "Big Band" (jazz and swing) in February/March 2014. Watch this space! Please put all the above dates in your diaries! *Thankyou*.

Audio Visual Operating Rota

I hope that you have seen a presentation given on our new projection system on a Family and Parade Sunday and experienced the improved quality of the picture and colour definition it now portrays to the congregation.

At present we have a 4 person rota to produce and present the Order of Service on screen and we are looking for more volunteers to assist us. The projector can be operated from either the front left side pew or from the balcony and you would need either a home computer or laptop to produce the presentation on, prior to using either your own or the Church's computer on a Parade Sunday.

Of course full training will be given and assistance will also be available if needed during the Service.

If you are interested in joining the team then please contact me by email: howardthompson@hotmail.co.uk or ring me on: 07714695355.

What's on?

Sat July 6th Coffee Morning at St Mark's 10.00am to 12.00noon.

Rawdon Amnesty Concert Series – 2013

Sunday July 14th The Taming of the Shrew by Theatre of the Dales Sunday July 28th Ilias Devetzoglou & Miaoyin Qu (Violin & Piano) Both events will take place at Rawdon Quaker Meeting House at 7.30pm. Admission Free. Donations to Amnesty International.

Sat Aug 10th M.W.in B Afternoon Cream Tea at St Andrews 2pm to 4pm Cake Stall and a Bring & Buy Stall.

Sat Aug 17th Cream Teas at St Marks 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

A date for your diary - Grove Harvest Weekend.

Saturday 5th October Family Ceilidh 5.00 to 8.00pm in the Centre Live music plus refreshments – all ages welcome

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Sunday 6th October Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the Church.

More details later.

Regular events (contd)

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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 (14 th) 239 0335
6.15	Brownies (14 th) 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 216 9006
6.15	Beavers 216 9006
7.45	Scouts 216 9006
7.45	Grove Ladies Group (1 st and 3 rd Thursdays) 258 2097

Friday

7.45 Choir Rehearsal 258 9093

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

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