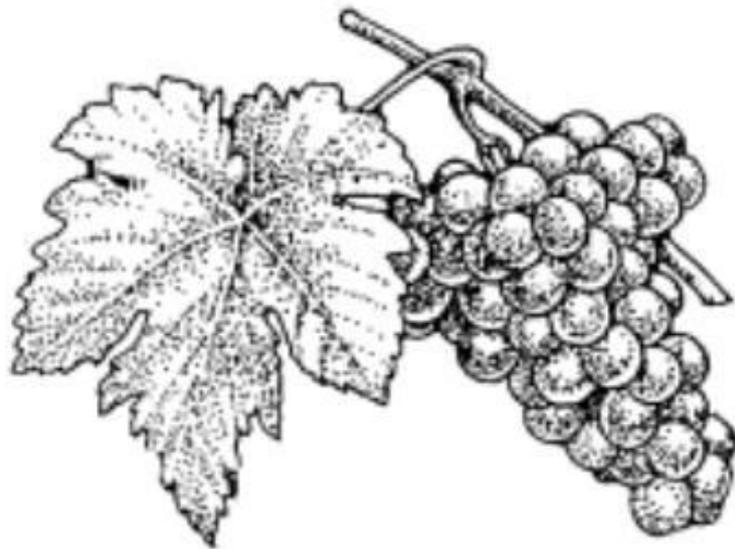


GROVE VINE

**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
- 12.00 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 (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 are
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 over the roundabout.....

can be quite relaxing, but it can also be disturbing. The occasional ‘whump’ of vehicle impacting vehicle has, thankfully, become less frequent since new lines were painted.

Have you ever felt that you were stuck on a roundabout? Round and round, with ever-present danger of collision and not an exit in sight! Well, occasionally you will find that someone has gone and painted new lines just when you least expected it. There may be a new rule of the road, a new way of going around the familiar obstacle course, and perhaps a reduced chance of collision.

The life of faith can be remarkably similar to my dear old roundabout. Just when we least expect it, the rules change, and something new is there to be discovered. There may be new guidelines on the road, and we may live in a little less fear of catastrophe. When Jesus came, he changed the rules. When Jesus went to the cross, he changed the rules. When he rose again, he changed the rules. Why do we assume that he has stopped doing so now?

The faith life we have lived up to now, the church we have known up to now, must always be prepared to change in line with God’s will. “*The Church of Christ, in every age beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.*” (S t F 415). That is what we sing, and if we want to bring the people of Horsforth closer to God, it is what we must be open to.

Christ rose from the dead and in that we may have hope. As we head into Lent, let us be ready to see what new things Christ holds for the Church.

Every Blessing,

Ali (Rev. Alistair Jones)

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Kath and John Ashby, Tony Emmott, Mary Hart, Nancy Mathers, Gladys Pagden, Stan Ramsden, Margaret Reasbeck, Ros Revell, Chris Shagouri, Margaret Simmons, Kathleen Taylor and Christine Wilson.

Sunday Services in March

- 2nd 9.00 Rev. Godfrey Nicholson – Holy Communion
10.30 Mrs Judi Swales – Family and Parade
6.00 United Service at Central
- 9th 10.30 Rev. Dr. Liz Smith
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones
- 16th 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
6.00 Circuit Service at Central
- 23rd 10.30 Mr Stuart Westerman
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones
- 30th 10.30 Mrs Anne Blackburn – Mothering Sunday
6.00 United Service at Central

Stewards on Duty in March

- 2nd Margaret Shingler and Cynthia Hatton
- 9th John Bussey and Carole Abel
- 16th David Buckley and Betty West
- 23rd Carole Abel and Margaret Shingler
- 30th Cynthia Hatton and Carole Abel



Music at the Grove
Saturday 22nd March – 7.30pm

The Phoenix Wind Band

Music from The Movies and Shows and Popular Classics

Tickets in advance £6 – or £8 on the day, from Chris Seller Tel: 258 2662

First Sunday in Lent March 9th

Please join us for a **Lenten Fast Lunch** in the Grove Centre after Morning Worship. It will be a simple meal, providing an opportunity for fellowship with each other.

Donations (in lieu of the price of a Sunday lunch) for **Water Aid**.

Calling all Bargain Hunters! Grove Pre-School's Nearly New Sale Tuesday 11th March 9.15 to 11.45am - in the Main Hall

Admission is free and refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go to the Grove Church for improvements to the facilities for young children. So do come along and grab a bargain! In advance of the sale, we would appreciate donations of good quality clothing for babies, children and adults – and any other saleable items. Bags can be left on the stage in the Main Hall before Monday 10th March.

Many thanks to those who supported our Valentine's Day Baking Sales held at Pre-School, Tots and Tykes, Horsforth Children's Centre and St Margaret's School. We raised a grand total of £184 for Grove Church!

Friends of Guiding Coffee Morning

Join us at Central Methodist Church on **Saturday 5th April
10am to 12noon**

On sale will be Jean Kemp's cards, bric-a-brac and cakes.
Plus a tombola stall.

My Favourite Garden



What to do on a rainy Bank Holiday Monday. Roads busy, don't want to go far. Check out The National Garden Scheme Yellow Book and explore.

We came across The Mill Race Garden and Nursery in Garforth. Park outside the Nursery and walk across the front of the detached house. Beautiful herbaceous

borders, a flower arranger's dream! For me that would have fulfilled the reason for the visit, but walk down the side of the house into the back garden and a whole new world opens up. A laburnum tunnel flows down the middle, with every type of garden leading from it – walled terraces, ornamental pond, vegetable plot, entertaining terrace, wild flower meadow, small woodland walk and two lakes at the bottom. Plenty of seating areas for quiet contemplation.

Even on a rainy day it was superb. There are over 3,000 varieties of plants and shrubs and on a certain day in the year the owner allows seed collection. There was also an Art Exhibition in one of the outbuildings and a beautiful cup of tea and home-made cakes in the conservatory.

Following this find we arranged for the Flower Guild to visit in June on a beautiful summer's evening. We were given a guided tour by the owner who is so knowledgeable about all her plants. Then of course you can visit the Nursery and purchase some of the unusual hardy perennial plants you have seen.

Keep a look out for Open Days in 2014, it is well worth the visit.

Trish Whitham

“The garden must first be prepared in the soul or else it will not flourish”

English Proverb

“The main purpose of a garden is to give its owner the best and highest kind of earthly pleasure”

Gertrude Jekyll

The Church Windows

6. The World War II Window

(Second right as you enter the Church from the Narthex).



The Blackburns were one of the founding families of The Grove, and in this window we see the generous giving of one of the family, Miss Winifred Mabel Blackburn. She was the daughter of John Blackburn, born the year her father Henry Webster Blackburn died. She wished to erect a window in memory of her parents John Hartley and Maria Blackburn, but as it coincided with the end of the Second World War, she agreed that it should take the shape of a memorial window to those from the church who served, and those (fortunately few) who died during those war years.

Miss Blackburn was the autocratic stalwart of the Sewing Meeting (to which you had to be *invited* to attend), and the memories of the Blackburns is that they always arrived late at the

services and with eyes closed in prayer. One could hear them creaking slowly into the Blackburn pew at the back of the church. This pew had to be removed when the Narthex was built.

In the top light we see the Crown and Cross. They often go together. As St. James said "*Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial...he will receive the crown of life.*" (1 v 12).

The two characters, Courage on the left, and Victory who is holding the laurel wreath high, are dressed in the usual heroic mixture of Roman and Medieval armour. They stand outside the city gates which they have successfully defended.

The sill on this window is used by the Guides for their memorials. The sill of the next window (under the Gallery) is used for Scout memorials.

Our thanks again to Gladys Pagden for allowing us to use this text from Frank Pagden's booklet.

My time on the Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze Award Scheme



A year ago I came up to my Dad, one of the Explorer leaders, about wanting to be signed up for the D of E (Duke of Edinburgh) without realising how mentally and physically challenging it is. I loved it. In the D of E you have to do a physical, skill, and service part as well as the expedition which I will explain about later. You have to do two of those for three months and one of those for six months. I chose to do skill and physical for three months and service for six.

For my skill I chose to sing at my first choir, the City of Leeds Youth Choir, for three months. The reason why I chose that for my skill is because I just love singing and I wanted to boost my confidence and to get to be a better singer. (Better than my Mum!)

I did J-Team for 'service' for six months. This later made me decide to do childcare and the workforce at Leeds City College so thank you J-Team; I wanted to do J-Team because I felt that it was time for me to give something back to my community. My time and now my talent! I ended up doing J-Team for six more months I liked it so much.

For my 'physical' I chose to go to the gym. I liked that less but I didn't mind as my Mum went to the gym with me so I wasn't alone. I have just finished that and have done it for three months. I'm not going to explain what I did and I'm sure that you all know what happens inside a gym but I chose that because I wanted to improve my fitness and actually get myself slightly more toned.

For my 'expedition' we went in two teams and one team went on the upper route (my team) through the moors and the second team went on the lower route. We started near a pub and camped at Sconce campsite. While on the expedition we investigated old buildings and stones and gates that we thought were historical. I loved that part as I just LOVE history. But the only downside is that my team kept on stopping because of my asthma (not fun) and a boy who was almost like me. The expedition was two days and one night long. It was fun though.

I would recommend the D of E to other young people and the age limit is up to twenty five. I won't be doing the silver or the gold awards simply because of my asthma. My health and my education has to come first but D of E was a huge journey for me and has greatly boosted my confidence (and has improved my patience for children) I am just waiting for my D of E to be signed off by my assessor – not naming names.

Juliet Kitching (Explorer Scout and Rainbow Young Leader) Aged 17 years

The Pearl

I yearn to know Your peace
Your parting gift – divine
I sought it by the tranquil lake
in prayerful solitude
I sought it in the timeless silence
of the mountain peak
But now I know that this
continuous quest of mine
lies not out there. It is within myself
I hear you speak.

For I have found this precious pearl
through many frictions formed.
Deep-anchored in your love it lies
a jewel, lustrous, rare
And nothing that in future I must face
no sorrow, loss, no pain, nor fear
no disappointment nor ingratitude
Experiences from which I can't escape
can take away this treasure I possess
These are but ripples on the surface of my life
for You are here.

Provided by Carole Abel

The Church Garden – Can you help?

I am hoping to start tending the church garden again, but I would value some help. No previous knowledge of gardening is needed, but muscle power and enthusiasm would be so appreciated. There is no need to be a church member. A parent of a child in the uniformed organisations – or someone who uses church premises – would be ideal.

Please phone Caroline Turner on 258 2520

News from the Longbottoms

After their holiday in November Jenny and Graham arrived back without their luggage (which had been left behind when their plane from Brisbane got rescheduled). Jenny immediately joined a medical team tour to Seghe and the people of Marovo Lagoon. The team performed over forty operations in the two weeks of the tour. Graham only made it on the last full day but the luggage had arrived and he spent the time in Honiara catching up on things.

Back in Munda they returned to find their home fine except for a non-working shower which was quickly replaced.

It was confirmed Drs Dina and Zotal and their children are leaving in early January after over 11 years service at the Hospital. They are sad to be leaving and will be greatly missed.

The steriliser broke down and surgical instruments, gowns and swabs had to be sent to the new hospital in Gizo to be sterilised, which made it difficult to do much surgery. Challenges continue to be considerable.

A farewell dinner took place before Christmas for the two doctors and the Director of Nursing who was also leaving. Unfortunately Graham couldn't be there as he had to escort a patient with a chest injury to Honiara to the National Referral Hospital where the man got good treatment and recovered well. A visiting paediatrician was able to escort a second casualty with a serious eye injury.

Many of the staff and patients returned to their families for Christmas; the wards were quiet. As in previous years Christmas was celebrated by staff and patients and Jenny gave a short talk on the meaning of the day.

After a peaceful day the evening entertainment was interrupted when two people arrived with injuries that needed attention.

Dr Dina led his last watch-night service before he and his family left on Jan 2nd for a new posting back home in India. The Director of Nursing, Chris Leve, left a day early, escorting an aggressive psychiatric patient with his police escort to Honiara, before continuing on his way to his new appointment at Gizo Hospital. So now Graham and Jenny are managing the hospital on their own and are very busy. Jenny covers the wards and is involved with student nurse reviews, and Graham splits his time between out-patients, operating theatre and admin. They ask for our prayers.

Three babies in maternity needed resuscitation after delivery; they survived but Jenny is very grateful for the skill of the midwives who continued to care for them.

In January there was a shortage of supplies and the government grant was delayed. With no money in the hospital bank account staff were not able to be paid. After two weeks, with some financial help from the M.P. who donated two weeks wages, and a local man who provided some cash and bags of rice for the staff, the grant came through on the 7th February. The Ministry of Health has promised more money which will help clear the hospital debt. That, and a reliable supply of water for hospital staff are aims among many that the Longbottoms hope to fulfil by the end of the year.

Jenny and Graham were delighted to welcome Julia, a Methodist Mission Partner from Fiji, for a six day visit. They enjoyed sharing with her on many different levels.

A visit from some AusAid representatives took place; they were keen to make sure their funding was being properly used for health care in the community. They felt that the islands benefit from the nurse-led system of health care which was a legacy from the British Protectorate at independence, the nurses being regarded as the best trained in the Pacific region. This is an encouragement to maintain standards in the school of nursing. Unfortunately a few students did not reach the required standard to enter their second year, but this sends a strong message to those remaining and continuing their course.

(Compiled from Jenny and Graham's internet blog)

Famous Methodists

Richard Scurrah Wainwright MP



Born in April 1918 of a wealthy Leeds family, Richard Wainwright is remembered as a long-serving Liberal MP for Colne Valley and Chairman of the party from 1970 to 1972.

Richard came from a committed Methodist family who attended the large Lady Lane Methodist Chapel which had been built in 1840 to hold 1700 people. When the chapel closed because of dwindling congregations in the late 1920s the Wainwright family moved their allegiance to Gipton, his mother opening a new chapel known as the Lady Lane Memorial Chapel to commemorate their previous ‘spiritual home’. The pastor of the old chapel, Rev. W.D. Lister, wrote later to Richard of missing the “lodging-house men” supported by the church, though glad that they were still looking after the poor, thus demonstrating “practical Christianity”.

Richard studied history at Cambridge University where his political interest was really sparked, joining the Liberal Club there despite the fact that it was not likely at that stage to lead anywhere in terms of future opportunities. But he made many interesting contacts with people who did go on to have high public profiles.

The main reason Mr Lister had written to Richard was to congratulate him on his trial sermon (at Skipton) to become a local preacher. He continued to preach the gospel throughout his life in churches and chapels around the country but mainly in his beloved Yorkshire. Although he never preached party politics from the pulpit he was not above using his appointments to gain respect in the areas needful for electoral success!

His pacifist position was confirmed at Cambridge under the influence of Canon Charles Raven, Regius Professor of Divinity, who was Chairman of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an ecumenical society of likeminded people still in existence today. In 1937 Wainwright joined the Methodist Peace Fellowship and a year later the Peace Pledge Union (formed by the Rev. Dick Shepherd in 1934). At the start of the Second World War, Richard faced a tribunal as a conscientious objector, stating that for the last seven years he had “regarded my life as consecrated to the service of Jesus Christ, and subject to the guidance of the Holy Spirit”. In later years his Research Assistant concluded that “it was his religious background that gave him his political perspective”.

During the war, as his alternative to military service, Richard qualified as an

ambulance driver with the St John's Ambulance Service, working until 1946 in hospitals in Normandy, Antwerp, the Netherlands and Germany with the Friends Ambulance Unit. After the war he trained as a chartered accountant in Leeds and developed many business contacts. His politics was always influenced by the poor housing estates in Leeds in the 30s.

In 1948 Richard married Joyce Hollis, a product of Harrogate Ladies College and a nurse, the families having known each other professionally since before the war. Richard owed his political fortunes over the years hugely to Joyce's support. At first they lived in Roundhay, later moving out to The Heath, a large house in Adel with sizeable grounds where he could develop his interest in gardening. As the family grew up and left home Richard and Joyce moved to a bungalow in the grounds, the old house becoming offices. Richard had a wonderful collection of delphiniums and they used to open the garden for the public to enjoy the flowers when they were at their best, walking round talking to their visitors.

Richard did not always have things easy. After twice failing to be elected to parliament for Pudsey in the 50s, where he honed his electioneering skills. He set up a base in Farsley Liberal Club and re-established Young Liberals in Horsforth. He pursued his ambition, successfully standing as candidate for Colne Valley in 1966. His position in the Liberal party meant that he was not able to put the same time and energy into his campaign in 1970 and his seat was heavily targeted and lost to Labour. Despite this setback, he was adopted to stand again in 1974.

The Wainwrights had four children but tragically Andrew committed suicide while still at university in 1974; his father was the one to discover him having seen flames in their Leeds garden. He left the decision as to whether he should continue the election campaign to Joyce, who firmly told him he should. It took all the strength he could summon to persevere but he regained the seat to hold it for another 13 years. Richard later thanked the press for their restraint in covering the tragedy but was never quite the same following Andrew's death, succumbing to periodic depression for the rest of his life.

Richard Wainwright was generous in his personal donations to political groups and charities. He and Joyce continued their support for Gipton Methodist Church, indeed it may not have survived without his quiet generosity. He was a governor of Ashville College, the Methodist school in Harrogate. Upon his death in January 2003 a Service of Thanksgiving took place at Leeds Parish Church, where so many of the people Richard had influenced paid eloquent tribute to his life. Joyce died in April 2011; her funeral took place at Gipton Methodist Church.

Information gathered from obituaries and Matt Cole's biography 'Richard Wainwright, the Liberals and Liberal Democrats', Pub: Manchester University Press 2011

Carboy Charity Appeal - March/April



SCOPE

This is a charity which aims to help disabled people with cerebral palsy and their families. It gives advice to parents of disabled children, details of special schools and learning opportunities to suit their needs. There are activity

centres around the country and homes offering respite care. Residential care and supported living is also available.

This organisation welcomes voluntary donations to assist them in their continuing work. It is a charity close to our hearts, as we have a granddaughter who has cerebral palsy.

Ricky and Christine Hearn

1914

You will all be aware of the intention to mark the Centenary of the outbreak of World War I in a variety of ways. Horsforth Museum, for example, is to mount a special exhibition.

We have our own memorial in the form of the World War I Memorial Window and the First World War Brass (please see the November Issue of Grove Vine for Frank Pagden's notes on this window).

We would like to publish in future issues any stories that you can provide – based on knowledge of family or acquaintances and which you think will reflect the sacrifice given by so many.

Please let any of the editorial team have your submissions. We are also preparing two articles on Revd. Philip (Tubby) Clayton and his establishment of Toc H.

Saints and Apostles Wordsearch

Can you find 20 saints and apostles in the table below.
The answers will be in the next Vine.

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[Adapted from the September 2013 issue of Church Music Quarterly, the magazine of the Royal School of Church Music: www.rscm.com]

Grove Editorial Team

In April 2009, we published the first issue of what we hoped would become a regular monthly magazine for Grove Church. We asked for suggestions for the magazine title. This competition was won by Bernice Sutcliffe – and Grove Vine was born.

Philip Abel was a member of the Editorial Team from the beginning but he has now decided to hang up his pen!

We would like to thank Philip for his valuable contribution and the work he has put into helping make the magazine what it is today.

But that means we are “short staffed”..... and would be very pleased to welcome new members to the team. If you are able to help and would like further details, please have a word with Gill Jewell or Mary and Gordon Mellor. Basic computer skills will help. Ideas are more important!

Singing the Psalms

This article has been prompted by a recent discussion in choir practice. At a time when the practice of singing psalms is declining in church services, we ought to be enquiring what has gone wrong?

The psalms were written to be sung; psalm singing has always been at the heart of worship throughout Jewish and Christian history. My sources emphasise this point. One of my seven references goes further in claiming that, 'Singing engages us more deeply with these profound and ancient songs of prayer and praise'. Our 1995 copy of the American *United Methodist Hymn Book* includes a strong plea, an exhortation even, that psalms should still be sung in modern-day worship. A new method of singing them, described as 'Call and Response', is explained in some detail in that hymn book.

The problem with singing the psalms is obvious. They are not metrical. The verses are of varying length and the English translations that we use do not rhyme or scan. So we either have to edit the words to fit the tunes, or create tunes to fit the words.

Another of my sources claims that three main ways have been used to try to solve the problem. Firstly, we have metrical psalms. In appearance and format these look like hymns, but the difference is that the words follow those of a psalm as closely as possible. So the psalm words are edited to fit the tunes. Most hymn books contain many metrical psalms. The construction of metrical psalms requires considerable poetic skill, however, and quality is hard to achieve. Whilst not being the worst example, one adaptation of Psalm 23 includes poetry which is clearly a case of forcing the words to fit the metre:

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*

The second method is plainsong chanting. In this, the original words are retained and the music is devised to fit the words. CDs of Gregorian chant are easy to obtain these days, so we know what it sounds like at its best. We are led to believe that this is how the monks and nuns of old sang the psalms. But, harmony was never a necessary part of plainsong, so all we

get is a single melody line sung in unison. Musically, this can be very unsatisfying, though plainsong can be effective in short doses, for example the unison singing of ‘O come, O come, Emmanuel’ at Christmas time.

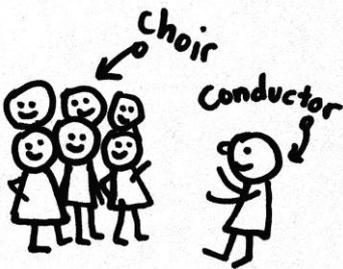
The third method is known as Anglican chant, an unfortunate description for those who worship within other denominations, but the reason is that it originated in the cathedrals and parish churches of England. The main differences with plainsong are that the words are structured and the music is harmonised. These are the chants which Methodism adopted a long time ago and which we still use today. They are to be found set to the psalms in *Hymns and Psalms*, and were found in even greater numbers in *The Methodist Hymn Book*, as well as being in the books of other denominations. Countless chants have been composed over the years. At the Grove we have always chosen the most beautiful and simple ones to use when we have sung psalms. So why is psalm singing on the decline? Why are there no chants in *Singing the Faith*?

No denomination that I know of has ever made a serious attempt to teach congregations how to sing chants. There is no mystery to it, after all. There is no requirement of great talent or skill which is possessed by only a few. Members of the choir will confirm that singing psalms to chants can be learned. All that is required is a helpful presentation format for the words and music (which hymn books don't provide), knowledge of a small amount of symbolism, and practice. Practising is vital for learning any skill. Why has this never been acknowledged with psalms? Why do hymn books present the psalms in such an unhelpful way? By failing to adopt the obvious way to learn chants we now find that the incidence of psalm singing is probably at an all-time low. Of course, we have plenty of metrical psalms, but they provide a different experience. And if we completely reject the singing of psalms in what is close to their original form, we are also set to lose a wealth of beautiful music, which was specially written to make the singing of psalms the worshipful and moving experience that it ought to be.

Tony Orton

A Meditation on Choir Practice

Written to celebrate Tony and David's 20 years as choirmaster and organist



Each Friday evening come rain or shine
The Grove choir practises till quarter past nine.
They've done it for years and, by and large,
For twenty with David and Tony in charge.
It's still the same format with gossip to share
And news to catch up on, then an opening prayer
Bulletins, hymn books – the sops start complaining

“With this lot to carry we don't need weight training”.

Quoth Tone “We'll look at the hymns – do we know these at all

Who on earth is the preacher? Of course, David Hall!

There's an introit, an anthem, a psalm is expected

It's a pity our canticles have been so neglected”.

“Ladies and gents” he proceeds, smiling boldly,

As his hand holds aloft a new golden mouldy.

“Tonight we should practise the easier bits

Of Purcell and Gibbons' greatest hits.

Not to mention the Stanford, before we sing through ya

Copies of Herriott's great Alleluia.

The notes are OK and the speed's getting faster

It's all going pear shaped, thinks Tone with a frown

And two people's copies are both upside down!

The fumes from the front row make David feel squeamish

For the sops are now on to Black Bullets from Beamish.

Under his breath Doctor O's heard to mutter

“I knew from the start I should just stick to Rutter!”

But all is not lost – two bars later, luckily

The choir has caught up with Dave ‘Fingers’ Buckley

And as they turn over the last music sheet

Conductor, choir, pianist all achieve a dead heat!

Moral

David, Tony – Come Sunday morning things are usually right

Just ignore what has happened on most Friday nights

“This was written some years ago by Jean Fox and read at last year's Women's Fellowship Christmas Party, Nothing changes.”



THE HOMEWARD PROJECT



Horsforth Live at Home is a community based service for older people, part of MHA, (Methodist Homes Association) one of the leading charities serving older people throughout Britain.

Our present services are delivered by a team of staff and volunteers and we are looking for more volunteers to form a team to support The Homeward Project which starts on the 7th April.

Horsforth Live at Home, the lead organisation will partner with the British Red Cross Service. Service users will be identified by GPs, hospital, integrated health and social care teams. The service user will then be fully assessed by staff and referred to the most relevant part of the project for support.

Funding for The Homeward Project will enable Horsforth Live at Home to expand its current provision in the community by developing a service designed to provide older people aged over 60 years, living in LS18 with support to primarily prevent hospital admission. This service will also include support at home upon discharge from hospital and a Bedside Befriending service in hospital.

Support may include collecting someone's prescription, going to the shop or sitting with the person. The support will not involve any personal care at all.

All volunteers will be trained and supported by Live at Home.

If you are interested in helping or would just like more information contact Tracy at Live at Home (tracy.brierley@mha.org.uk or phone 2591511).

News from the Scout Group

Congratulations to Tom Mather, Ian Addison and Rossa Daly on gaining the Gold Chief Scout Award. This was presented at the November Parade by the District Commissioner. In addition, Georgina Deacon and James Arnott have gained the Award and these will be presented soon.

At February Parade the County Commissioner presented the Award for Merit to John Bussey and Brian Whitham. Both have over 25 years service to scouting, John at the 9th and Brian at other groups in Airedale as well as the 9th.

Congratulations to Sheila Rowley, Sally Wolfe, Eric Douglass and Keith Whitham who have all become Grandparents in recent months. Their sons (Robert, Colin, Paul and Martin) were all members of the Group and all started in the Beaver Colony.

March 2014 marks the 30th Birthday of the Beaver Colony. It was started in 1984. Keith, Eric, Mary Mellor and Christine Ingleson being leaders, with Alan Birkinshaw and Peter Allen as helpers. At the time there was some opposition to the start of the section from others who could not see the benefit of a younger section. Fortunately sense prevailed and the Beaver Colony has gone from strength to strength. There have been three Beaver Leaders, Keith, Carol Hoyle and Amy Richards, with many adults assisting in various roles.

At first, the junior members were not allowed to be members of the Scout Association, did not wear a uniform and all wore the same colour scarf. This was very confusing at District events! Eventually they were allowed to wear a grey sweatshirt, to become members and wear the group scarf.

Despite opening a second section in 2009, the waiting list is still very long. No doubt it will soon be swelled by the addition of Edward, Jennifer, Thomas and Oscar (see third paragraph). Membership is constrained by the size of the meeting room and the number of children who can move into the Cub Section – which is also at capacity!

Keith Whitham

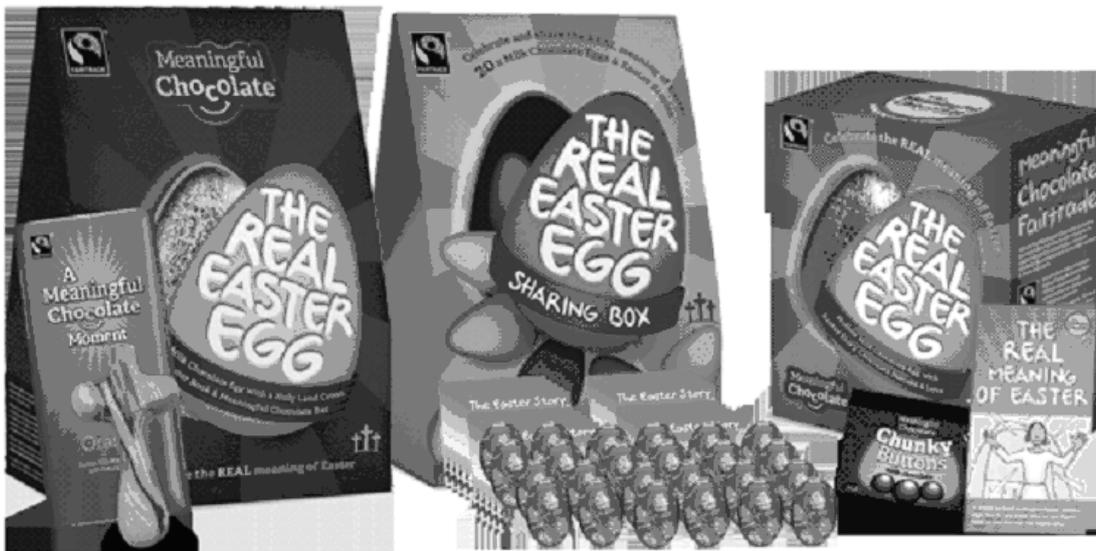
Notices for Sunday Mornings

If anyone has any notices to be read out at a Sunday Morning Service, please can you let the Steward on duty know before that Sunday. There will always be things that happen at the last minute, of course, (if on a Sunday Morning please hand it in by 10.10am). But it would be really helpful to get the information to the Steward for when they are compiling the Family News. If you do not know who is on duty then you can always pass the message via me as Senior Steward.

Thank you.

Kay Bassett

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Gill Jewell

What's on?

- Fri. 7th Mar Women's World Day of Prayer at Grove Church at 2pm
Speakers Mr & Mrs D Judson.
- Sat 8th Mar Concert by The Wesley Singers at Rodley at 7.15pm
arranged by Rodley Village Community Group
- Mon 17th Mar MWiB Circuit Service of Intersession at Grove Church
at 2pm. "Women in Ethiopia"
Speaker Mrs Janet Thompson
- Mon 17th Mar Circuit Meeting at Trinity at 7.30pm.
- Thurs 20th Mar Circuit Bible Study at Trinity at 7.30pm.
- Sat 5th Apr Friends of Guiding Coffee Morning (see page 5)

Easter Week Services:

- April 14th -16th 7.30-8.00pm Short Holy Week Services at Grove Church
- April 17th 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service
at Grove Church
- April 18th 11.30am Good Friday Walk of Witness from St Mary's
12 noon Service on the Green, followed by soup and hot
cross buns at The Grove.
7.30pm Good Friday Musical Service at Grove Church.
- April 20th 6.00am Dawn Service in Hall Park
10.30am Easter Morning Service at Grove Church
6.00pm United Service of Holy Communion. The Grove

Musings

Whether grey skies or blue, it's entirely up to you.
Bring a smile to your face that will make you feel great.
No down in the mouth, it's not good for you and will make you a grouch.
So give yourself a lift, think of something - or a gift to a friend or mate -
even go out on a date.
It's not always true when you're feeling blue; change the shade with all
your might and brighten your day and always see the light.
Truly it's entirely up to you.
Put all your grace into lighting everyone's face.
Remember, just a minute is a very long time.

Colin Lock

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.
- 2.00 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 239 0335
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 250 4907
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 225 2734
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882

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 (1st and 3rd Thursdays) 258 2097

Friday

- 7.45 Choir Rehearsal 258 9093

Walking Groups: **Thursday** 258 6579

Saturday 258 4520

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the April Issue will be prepared by Gill (please note Gill's new email address) and you should send items to her no later than Wednesday 26th March.

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