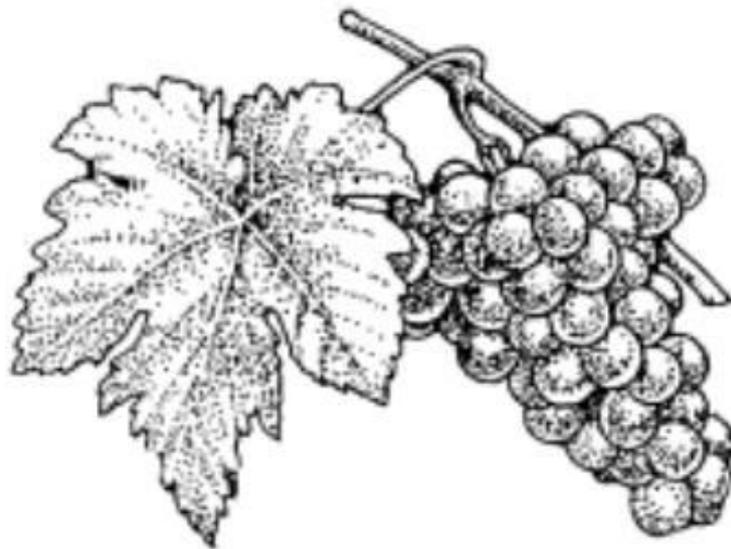


# **GROVE VINE**

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

**July and August 2014**



**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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month) 258 4520

### **Tuesday**

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group in the Quiet Room 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 (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5<sup>th</sup> Horsforth) 202 9010

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## There are new signs on the roundabout...

.... and they took us rather by surprise. The roundabout is going to have traffic lights, and the signs signal that change.

The roundabout that I wrote of a month ago turned out to have some unexpected signs as well. Completely contrary to our expectations, the signs we – and others whose opinions we respect – have seen are suggesting that we stay in place. Therefore Jenny is offering two more years to the District, and I am offering two more to the Circuit.

The Senior Church Stewards of the three churches I minister to will be undertaking soundings to gauge opinions prior to this proposal going to Circuit Meeting. I know that some of these opinions may well differ, but I ask that together we strive to find what God is actually calling us all to, in Horsforth, Rodley and beyond.

To quote Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith,

*Past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*  
(Singing the Faith, 470)

Let us uphold one another in prayer, and dedicate ourselves anew to loving those around us into the Kingdom of God.

With every blessing.

*Ali* (Rev Alistair Jones)

### Thought for the month

And, in the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years.

Abraham Lincoln

## From the Registers

1<sup>st</sup> June Baptism of Ted James Hunter  
11<sup>th</sup> June Funeral of Donald (Don) Benn

## Church Family News

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

## Sunday Services in July

6<sup>th</sup> 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion  
10.30 Mr Peter Mawson – Family and Parade  
6.00 United Service at Central  
13<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Mr Stuart Westerman  
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion; Healing & Wholeness  
20<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion  
6.00 United Service at Central  
27<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Mrs Anne Blackburn  
6.00 Mr Philip Maud

## and in August

3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion  
10.30 Rev. Peter Reasbeck  
6.00 United Service at Central  
10<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Locally Arranged Service  
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Café Church  
17<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion  
6.00 United Service at Central  
24<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Mrs Moira Hunt  
6.00 Rev. Keith Hunt  
31<sup>st</sup> 10.30 Mr Philip Maud  
6.0 United Service at Central

## Christian Aid Collection

The House to House Collection for 2014 from the Grove is a wonderful £1,936.94. This is up on last year and reflects the marvellous efforts the Collectors have made. Grateful thanks to everyone and to Chris and Caroline for counting and banking the money. *Barbara Buckley*

## Stewards on Duty in July

- 6<sup>th</sup> Carole Abel and David Buckley  
13<sup>th</sup> David Buckley and Margaret Shingler  
20<sup>th</sup> John Bussey and Margaret Shingler  
27<sup>th</sup> John Bussey and Carole Abel

## and in August

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Shingler and Caroline Turner  
10<sup>th</sup> Caroline Turner and David Buckley  
17<sup>th</sup> David Buckley and John Bussey  
24<sup>th</sup> John Bussey and Carole Abel  
31<sup>st</sup> David Buckley and Margaret Shingler

## Tuesday Coffee's Silver Anniversary

Yes, we have been in operation for 25 years. One of the suggestions from the 1988 Stewardship Campaign was the outreach of a coffee morning in the Parlour with the Church open for prayer and meditation. So it was, that under the direction of Ernest Bainbridge and Jean Fox, we welcomed our first customers – our Minister, the Reverend Frank Pagden and his wife Gladys. Since then, first Ken and Betty France, Barbara and Gordon Collis and finally Jean Fox took over the leadership of the group.

Our aim is to provide a friendly and welcoming outreach link to our community. Any profit we make we donate to Church funds and different charities.

To celebrate our Anniversary we welcome all to our

**Special Cake and Coffee Morning**  
**on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – from 10.00 to 11.30am.**

*Jean Fox*

*Lord, make old people tolerant,  
Young folk sympathetic,  
Great folk humble,  
Busy folk patient,  
Bad folk good,  
And make me what I ought to be.*

## Carboy Charity Appeal – July/August



### The PSP Association

Never heard of it? Neither had we until John's sister Margaret was diagnosed with the condition. Many of you will remember Margaret and Peter Grant who attended the Grove and were choir members until their move to Driffield in 1996. This is a shortened version of an article which appeared in the Driffield Times and

which we hope will explain more about PSP.

“A Driffield man has spoken about the devastating effects of a rare neurological condition affecting his wife in a bid to highlight research into the illness. Former primary school teacher, Margaret Grant, was diagnosed with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) in 2011 after multiple falls and changes in her co-ordination. It was initially thought that she had suffered mini strokes until PSP was diagnosed.

Peter said: ‘We were put in touch with St Catherine’s Hospice in Scarborough and we receive fantastic care including regular visits from a specialist neurological nurse. Our house has been adapted to cater for Margaret’s needs and we attend the monthly PSP local group in Pocklington. Margaret now has a carer to help with showering and dressing and is in constant risk of falling. Her speech is deteriorating and we are hoping for some speech therapy. We are supported by folk from our church, who sit with Margaret while I go out. They have helped raise over £1,000 for the PSP Association’.



PSP is a Parkinson’s – like condition, caused by the progressive death of nerve cells in the brain, leading to difficulties with balance, movement, vision, speech and swallowing. The average life expectancy from the onset of symptoms is seven years.

The PSP Association is the only national charity representing the needs of people living with PSP. It provides advice, information and support to the sufferers and their families, carers and health care professionals.

**And...**

.....We are also raising money for the PSP Support Group in Pocklington. Everyone is invited to a **Coffee Morning** at our house, **4 Brownberrie Avenue, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 12noon.** We hope you will support us. *John and Kathryn Bussey*

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## **An Evening with Stuart Townend – 21 May 2014**

For some regular worshippers, the mere mention of modern hymns can create anxiety. Traditional hymns, the ones we've always known, are the ones that are the most comfortable. And modern hymns can often seem so trivial, lacking the substance of a good old hymn of five verses, each of eight lines, sung to a solid and familiar tune.

So, for the seven of us from the Grove, who attended 'An Evening with Stuart Townend', we really didn't know what to expect from this contemporary hymn writer. But apprehension soon gave way to the certainty that we were in a good place - a joyous place where we were being inspired to sing praises to God and to enjoy new hymns.

We are all familiar with Stuart, whether we realise it or not. We all know at least some of his hymns, for example 'In Christ alone', now one of the nation's favourite hymns. Then there's 'How deep the Father's love for us', and the modern version of 'The Lord's my Shepherd'. We have also recently sung 'See, what a morning', an Easter hymn surely destined to become a firm favourite. And not long ago we sang, 'Speak, O Lord, as we come to you'. We may also have seen him on the BBC's '*Songs of Praise*'. There are fifteen of his hymns in *Grove Praise* and *Singing the Faith*.

Stuart's hymn writing comes from a deep personal faith, and knowledge and love of the scriptures. He has the desire not to glorify himself through his God-given gifts, but to share the word of God with others. Because of that, his words, and often his music too, are now loved by Christians of all ages, and all around the world. The style of his music is adaptable for instruments of all kinds, whether they be organ and choir, or keyboard, guitar and percussion. Sometimes, his hymns are the product of collaboration with other talented writers, such as Keith Getty.

At this event, held in the hall at Otley Methodist Church, there were nearly 400 people present, the vast majority well over pensioner age. The place was packed out. The event was amazing for that alone. And, believe it or not, we spent most of the time learning to sing hymns we'd never sung before. Stuart sang and played, and we copied what he sang, and before we knew it we were singing a whole new hymn. This routine was repeated at least six times, and most of the hymns were very new indeed!

He did talk to us as well. As a Worship Leader at the Church of Christ the King in Brighton, he was well able to inspire us with his little 'sermons' as well as his music. And of course we prayed together. He told us he believed that singing hymns is how many of us learn our theology, so having good hymns is vital. He explained that his intention was to write hymns which were 'meaty' and 'mighty', but in a contemporary style, and with music that we all wanted to sing. Not for him the shallow worship songs of which we are entitled to be critical.

At the end, those who wished were able to have a quick word with him, as he autographed the CDs and songbooks which we had purchased. Well, we all have to earn a living. And one of us was able to tell him that she taught him when he was at primary school in Sowerby Bridge! Yes, he does have Yorkshire roots. I think this meeting clinched our view that here is a sincere, modest and humble man with enormous talent, which he is devoting to explaining and spreading the Christian message.

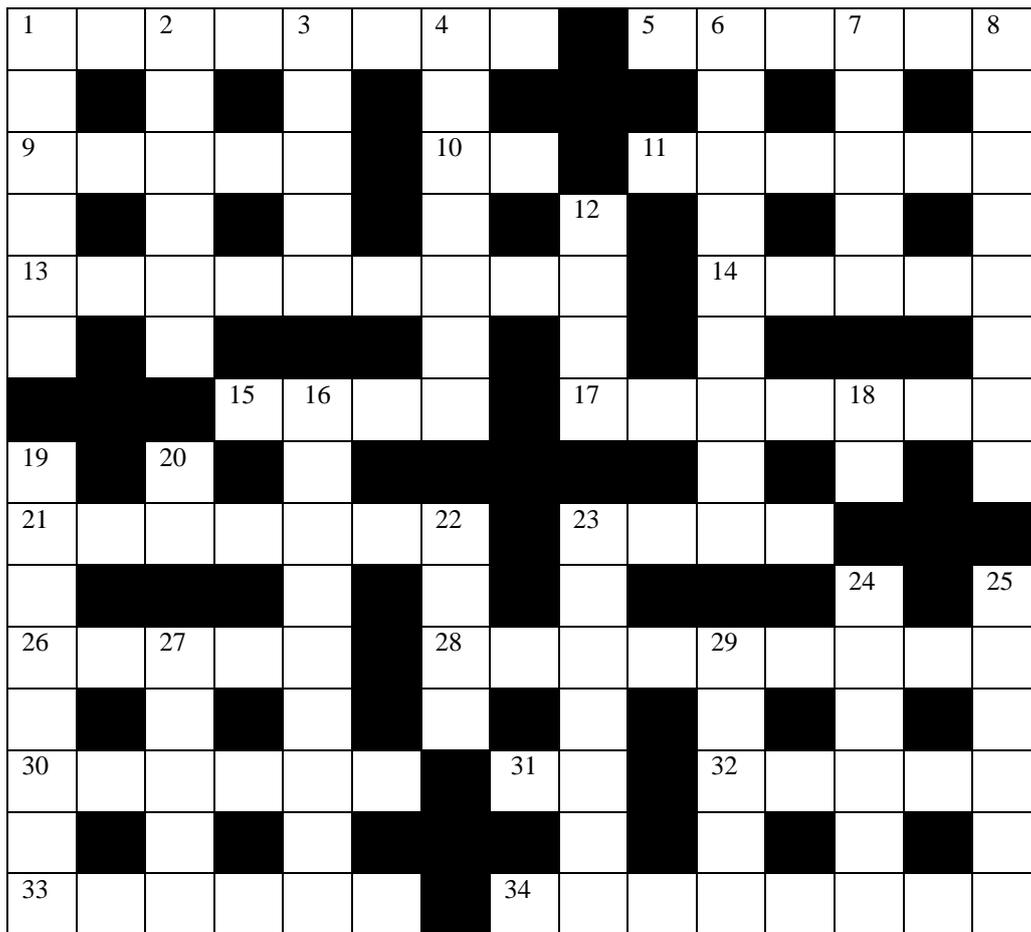
In his own words, taken from his website: "It is so important that our lives are built not on our feelings or circumstances, but on the word of God, and songs can really help us to meditate on and retain truth. I know from the correspondence I regularly receive that if you can express in songs the profound truth of the gospel in a poetic yet accessible way, they really can have an impact in people's lives."

Let's try to look forward to learning more of his hymns.

*Kath & John, Janette & Peter, Phil, Jean & Tony*

**Harvest Supper and Concert**  
**Showcasing the talent at the Grove**  
**4<sup>th</sup> October – Tickets £6 from the Stewards**  
**and on 5<sup>th</sup> October – A table will be provided in Church for**  
**Members to display their crafts, art and photographs, etc**

## Summer Crossword Puzzle from Tony Orton



### Across

- 1 Replacement disciple (8)
- 5 Knowledge of spiritual mysteries (6)
- 9 Essential customs or conventions (5)
- 10 Creature in the manger (2)
- 11 Strictly narrow (6)
- 13 Seen and heard at Parade services (9)
- 14 Lewis's hero through the wardrobe (5)
- 15 Musical instrument (4)
- 17 Liquid containers (7)
- 21 Holder of unorthodox opinions (7)
- 23 Sunday before Easter (4)
- 26 Ancient musical instruments (5)
- 28 A descendant of Jacob (9)
- 30 Soldiers did this to Jesus (6)
- 31 Newer part of the Bible (2)
- 32 Trading country in Jesus' day (5)
- 33 A prophet in the reign of David (6)
- 34 A famous slave (8)

### Down

- 1 Wealth regarded as a God (6)
- 2 Peter failed this number of times (6)
- 3 Urgency, as in fleeing from Herod (5)
- 4 Disciple, or prominent convert (7)
- 6 A disciple of Jesus (9)
- 7 Garment for praying (5)
- 8 A worshipper of the devil (8)
- 12 Sacrifice - or celebration food (4)
- 16 Uriah's wife (9)
- 18 Tells us of times long ago (2)
- 19 Paul wrote him a letter (8)
- 20 Abraham's birthplace (2)
- 22 He killed his younger brother (6)
- 23 Person of extreme strictness? (7)
- 24 Is it a star or is it a hat? (6)
- 25 Trees from Lebanon (6)
- 27 All sing! (5)
- 29 Elijah (5)

## York Gate 2014

Having been awarded a gold standard in The Leeds in Bloom competition last year, York Gate has aspired to even greater things!

Shanet Alexander, who began as a volunteer at the garden and is now employed as a gardener part-time, was challenged to design a garden for the Harrogate Spring Flower Show on the theme of 'The Essence of York Gate'. The charity Perennial, which gives assistance to horticulturalists who are in difficulties and which owns York Gate, celebrates its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and it was chosen as the charity of the Show. Shanet designed a garden which incorporated, on a very small scale, reminders of the garden; echoes of the themes of circles, patterned paths, millstones and hedges; planting reminiscent of the Herb Garden, the Dell, the hot border and the water feature and other nuances for those who know the garden.

Shanet had never designed a garden for a competition before and she started in the autumn to research for the plants and plant the bulbs she needed. Leeds Council Red Hall Nursery kindly offered space to house them undercover through the winter months and YG volunteers helped to keep them looking good and prepared other artefacts e.g. old garden tools for a display and preparing containers to be used.

There was less than one week to get the whole garden built, first by hard landscapers, building up the paths and walls, and then Shanet and a horticultural friend with some help from the volunteers had three days to do all the planting, final trimming, and manicuring to present a perfect garden for the judges the day before the Show opened to the public.

The day of the opening arrived and the garden designers and helpers got there early, hearts in mouths, to find out what the judges thought of their efforts. York Gate Show Garden had hit the jackpot! The garden had won a Premier Gold award, The Newby Cup for planting and . . . Best in Show award for gardens!!



from this...  
...to this



**I have a suggestion** – go to see York Gate Garden itself in Back Church Lane, Adel. It is open until the end of September: June, July & August on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Sundays 2pm-5pm; September on Thursdays and Sundays 2pm-5pm; Summer evenings Weds June 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30-9pm; Bank Holiday Mondays 2pm- 5pm. Much work has been going on to make it a delight once again this year. *Gill Jewell*

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## **PAT(Portable Appliance Testing)** **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Main Hall – 9.30am to 6.00pm**

I recently heard a moan about PAT, the gist of which was ‘it is a waste of time’. So I thought we should look at some facts!

There is no Government Statute but there are several Acts of Parliament providing regulations which must be followed. For example: *The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974. The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998, and The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.*

There are other regulations that a failure to test electrical equipment could fall under. For example: *The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 Health & Safety (Offences) Act 2008 and even The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007!*

Furthermore the Methodist Church GB on its website states: **‘the law makes it clear that churches must conduct regular, thorough, physical examinations of all portable appliances’**. It is pretty serious and quite clearly, the testing saves lives and helps prevent fires. So... **PAT is not a waste of time, is it?**

My experience in carrying out tests at the Grove has turned up one or two potentially very serious defects. I walk on the safe side and advocate regular testing – the frequency of which is governed by the item itself. Say, a computer that never leaves an office requires once in 5 years testing. But a computer placed in a children’s group, with many users, requires much more regular testing. Extension leads need regular testing.

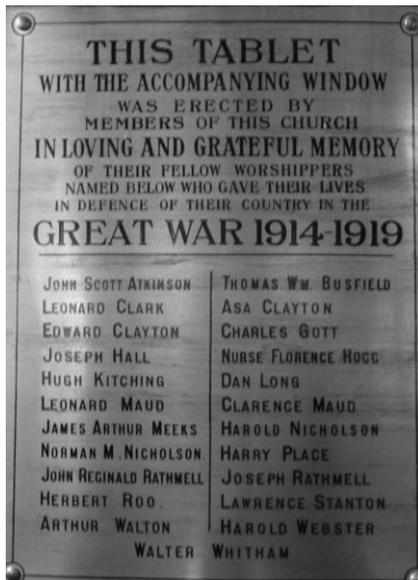
Think of PAT testing as helping ‘**Prevent A Tragedy**’. Bring any electrical equipment you use in our buildings for inspection. I will also show you how to inspect your own equipment so that it remains safe. You may leave the item or get it from your store any time in the week to 26<sup>th</sup> July. Put it on the stage and collect later. If you have any personal items for testing, then I can do them but a small charge will be made.

*Alan Firth*

## August 4<sup>th</sup> 1914

Everyone will be aware of this being the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. We have also recently commemorated the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day. It causes us all to reflect on those momentous occasions and the horrors of war. There follows a piece to mark WWI and how it affected Grove Church and a further item on Toc H. Also Mike Depledge was asked for his reflections on his father's service at sea.

I am very grateful to Steve Brown of Horsforth Museum who has kindly let me have extracts from his WW1 records. These records



represent an extraordinary amount of work on his part. He has traced details of all 237 whose names appear on the Horsforth War Memorial! His records show details of age; regiment and details of the date and where they fell. The Memorial Brass in the Church names those at The Grove who gave their lives.

As I read the information, two things stood out for me – none of those listed are of officer rank despite the proportion of officers killed and, worst of all, how very young they all were. It seems entirely appropriate that we should, at this time, be thinking of them as *individuals*.

**John Scott Anderson** – Aged 28, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, died 30<sup>th</sup> December 1917 of wounds at 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele).

**Thomas William Busfield** – Aged 36, Lance Corporal, South Lancashire Regiment, died 18<sup>th</sup> February 1917 in the trenches at Ypres.

**Leonard Clark** – Aged 29, Private, West Yorkshire Regiment, died 25<sup>th</sup> October 1916 on the line at the Battle of The Somme.

**Asa Clayton** – Aged 23, Lance Corporal, Duke of Wellington's W.R. Regiment, died 10<sup>th</sup> August 1917 in the trenches at Passchendaele.

**Edward Clayton** (brother of Asa) – Aged 21, Driver, Royal Field Artillery, died 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1917 delivering ammunition at Ypres.

**Charles Gott** – Aged 26, Trooper, Household Battalion, died 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917 at the Battle of Arras.

**Joseph Hall** – Aged 23, Lance Corporal, West Yorkshire Regiment, died on his first day at the front, 25<sup>th</sup> April 1918 at the Battle of Kemmel Ridge.

**Florence Hogg** – Aged 24, Nurse, Voluntary Aid Detachment, died 31<sup>st</sup> October 1918 in Shrewsbury, of the Flu Pandemic, (see also below).

**Hugh Kitching** – Aged 25, Sergeant, West Yorkshire Regiment, died 9<sup>th</sup> October 1917 at Passchendaele.

**Dan Long** – Aged 23, Driver, Royal Field Artillery, died 25<sup>th</sup> June 1920 in the UK – cause unknown, (see also below).

**Leonard Maud** – Aged 24, Private, West Yorkshire Regiment, died 7<sup>th</sup> March 1917 of his wounds at the Battle of The Somme.

**Clarence Maud** – Aged 18, Gunner, Royal Field Artillery, died 28<sup>th</sup> September 1915 of wounds at the Battle of Loos.

**James Arthur Meeks** – Aged 22, Corporal, Royal Field Artillery, died 16<sup>th</sup> April 1918, defending Ypres during German Spring Offensive.

**Harold Nicholson** – Aged 24, Rifleman, West Yorkshire Regiment, died 11<sup>th</sup> April 1917, attacking German positions at Arras.

**Norman M Nicholson** (brother of Harold) – Aged 20, Private, Army Service Corps, died 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1918 in Kalamaria, Greece.

**Harry Place** – Aged 25, Private, Duke of Wellington's W.R. Regiment, died 21<sup>st</sup> April 1918 of wounds at Bethune in the Spring Offensive.

**John Reginald Rathmell** – Aged 20, Gunner, Royal Artillery, died 25<sup>th</sup> July 1916, possibly of an accident at the Battle of The Somme.

**Joseph Rathmell** – Aged 24, Rifleman, King's Royal Rifle Corps, died 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916, attacking German positions on the Somme.

**Herbert Roo** – Aged 19, Private, Northumberland Fusiliers, died 24<sup>th</sup> September 1917, supporting Australian Troops at Ypres.

**Lawrence Stanton** – Aged 21, Private, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, died 21<sup>st</sup> August 1915 in an attack on West Hill, Gallipoli.

**J Arthur Walton** – Aged unknown, Rifleman, West Yorkshire Regiment, died 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1916 assisting Ulster Regiment at the Somme.

**Harold Webster** – Aged 19, Private, Durham Light Infantry, died 5<sup>th</sup> November 1916 at the Battle of The Somme.

**Walter Whitham** – Aged 20, Ordinary Seaman, serving on HMS Victory Barracks, Portsmouth, died 15<sup>th</sup> April 1916, cause unknown.



Steve Brown was concerned that these 2 names did not appear to have a War Grave. His persistence with the War Graves Commission led to the erection of these stones in Horsforth Cemetery.



## Providence, Coincidence, Superstition and a Lot of Luck



For generations, the male members of my family had been ship owners and master mariners sailing out of Goole. Inevitably, my father was destined to go to sea. At sixteen he was indentured to the Coronation Steamship Company. He then joined SS Temple Pier and set out on a three year voyage around the Far East, carrying cargo between many Asian ports. In 1939, he joined SS Thomas Walton, carrying iron ore between Narvik, Norway, and Port Talbot. On 7<sup>th</sup> December 1939 his ship was torpedoed by U-boat U38, inside Norwegian waters. The ship sank quickly and thirteen members of the crew of forty three were drowned.

A passing merchant ship stopped and picked up the survivors. At that point, U38 tried to torpedo this vessel as well. But the ship was in fact a German Merchantman, the SS Sebu. The survivors, having been pulled from the sea were well treated by the German Captain and were landed at the nearby port of Bodo, from where they took a ship back to Britain. Had they been taken to Germany, they would have been Prisoners of War for six years. Judy and I have been to Bodo. It is an austere place but no doubt would have been a welcome sight for the crew of SS Thomas Walton. We have also sailed over the grave of the Thomas Walton. It was an eerie feeling, so close to my father's old ship. He used to say his binoculars and sextant would still be hanging in his cabin! We were there on a sunny spring day. What it would have been like in a lifeboat on a dark cold December night....!!

He joined the SS Francis Dawson in January 1940. Most of the rest of the war was spent on this ship and a number of others, on North Atlantic convoys. His luck continued when one of his ships was strafed by an enemy aircraft whilst in the Bristol Channel and two others were sunk shortly after he had left them.

My father stayed at sea until 1950 when he became a Humber Pilot, thus spending more time at home. I have many happy memories of being on the river with him.

I am writing this on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2014, 70 years on from D Day, when my father was involved and exactly 33 years since he died. My mother and he were on holiday in Jersey when he was taken ill. They had travelled by ferry and although not a fine merchant man and he was not on the bridge, my mother said he was happy to be at sea again. I had gone to Jersey and managed to speak to him just before he died and I arranged for his body to be flown home – he would not have liked that, he was a sailor and hated the idea of flying. In common with most of the events of his life the timing of his funeral was governed by the tides, so as to allow work colleagues to attend.

Finally, **Superstition** – Thompson Depledge (his grandfather – it seems a gnarled old salt who kept a monkey as a pet and chewed tobacco) was captain of the SS Westerdale which sank in heavy weather in the North Sea in September 1929. As already mentioned, my father's ship was sunk in 1939. Apparently prior to each occasion, members of the family had been singing "Eternal Father Strong to Save" and this had been taken as an ill omen. Consequently it was agreed within the family that no one would sing or listen to this, the Sailors' Hymn. I was instructed to stand in silence whenever it was sung in church or school and to turn off the radio and TV when played on air. My mother subscribed to the view that it was a *good* omen as both lives had been saved. I tend to agree with her – but my brother still follows my father's instruction!

*Mike Depledge*

## **Horsforth Town Council WWI Commemoration**

At 3pm on 27<sup>th</sup> July, Horsforth Town Council will hold an event in Horsforth Hall Park at the Band Stand. It will include readings, a brass band and community singing of the great and popular songs of the time. All are welcome to come and share in this remembrance.

## More on TOC H

It was pleasing to hear that the May article on TOC H had aroused memories for several members. Dave Hodgson also recalls that there were two outstanding Scout Troops in Scarborough during WWII, one of which was the TOC H Troop. It is worth reflecting on the man who seemed to be at the centre of the original development in France and in the Movement's work after WWI.

That man was **Revd. Philip (Tubby) Clayton.**

Philip Thomas Byard Clayton, known to his friends as Tubby, was born in 1885 in Queensland Australia. At the age of two his parents returned to England and he was educated at St. Paul's School in London and then at Exeter College, Oxford where he gained a First Class Degree in Theology. While reading for orders he became involved with boys' club work in Bermondsey. In 1910 he became curate at St Mary's, Portsea, until early in 1915. At this point he went to France as an Army Chaplain.



In December 1915 he became involved in the opening of the house in Poperinghe (Grove Vine, May 2014). It was considered that the character of Tubby Clayton transferred itself to all ranks who visited the house.

Immediately after the war he helped prepare men – many of whom had committed themselves to ordination during the conflict – at a theological college in Cheshire. However, it was the rebirth of TOC H that was all consuming.

Tubby Clayton remained active within the movement. In 1922 he was asked to be vicar of All Saints by the Tower – where he stayed for 40 years. He worked hard for the church and campaigned for environmental improvement. In 1932 he went to West Africa and was deeply moved by his experience of leper colonies. On his return he encouraged volunteers through TOC H to work unpaid with lepers. During WWII he spent much of his time at sea in his role as Chaplain to the Anglo-Iranian Line.

In 1962 he resigned as vicar but remained on Tower Hill until he died in 1972 aged 87. When he first opened Talbot House in Poperinghe he could not have imagined the impact it would have on so many lives.

*Gordon Mellor*

# The Church Windows

## 10. The Martha and Mary Window

(In the corner of the back wall in the Church)



This is the first of a series of smaller single windows. This one tells the story of Martha and Mary. They, with their brother Lazarus, were close friends of Jesus and lived in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem.

The sisters were very different in temperament. Martha, seen here with an armful of pots and pans, was the practical housewife and Mary was the more emotional, impulsive kind. On one visit that Jesus made with his disciples, Martha rushed around getting everything to feed and house them, while Mary sat down to listen to Jesus.

So you see Martha complaining to Mary that she is being left to do all the work, and there is still only a glass of water and a bit of fruit on the table. While Mary is clearly entranced by everything Jesus is saying.

When Martha complains to Jesus about it, Jesus replies, in the words of the window: ‘ Mary hath chosen that good part’ (Luke 10, 38-40).

As the brass plaque below and to the right informs us:

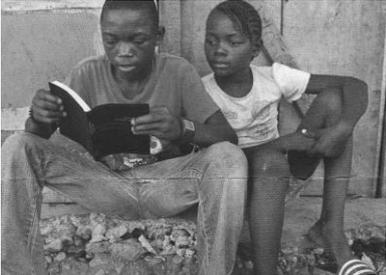
*“In affectionate remembrance of Maria Sackett of Horsforth,  
born August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1830, died June 11<sup>th</sup> 1884,  
in appreciation of her many Christian virtues  
this window was presented by the lady members of this chapel  
and of the Sewing Meeting of which she was President.”*

That this Martha and Mary window should come from such a source is obvious, for the ladies knew that rushing around busily as they often are, it is good sometimes to pause and put the daily chores aside for a while, and listen to the words of Jesus.

*Our thanks again to Gladys Pagden for being able to use this text from Frank Pagden’s booklet.*

## Can You Help The Bible Society?

There will be Coffee Mornings at Central Methodist Church on 12th July, 15th September and 1st November. Offers of cakes or bric-a-brac for the stalls would be much appreciated.

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| <p>Bible Society makes the Bible accessible to millions around the world. A recent translation is the New Testament in Congo Brazzaville. Here is 12 year-old Loub, happily showing his precious new Bible to a friend. He is reading it in his own language, Beembé.</p>               |    |
| <p>People in China are desperate to read the Bible. Literacy classes have been run by the Bible Society. Here is Han who now has her own Bible. 'I wanted to learn to read so ... I could understand the truth and work more for God'.</p>  |   |
| <p>The Proclaimer is a robust, solar powered audio Bible with the ability to be wound up manually with a handle for late night listening. It enables people who can't read and are living in remote, rural areas to listen to the Bible. Here are some eager listeners in Ethiopia.</p> |  |

*Jean Orton*

## A Night to Remember

June 14<sup>th</sup> was truly a night to remember! This was the fifth visit to the Grove of the Sheffield Salvation Army Citadel Band – and they give us one of their best performances. Over 200 tickets had been issued -all free! The Grove Treasurer expressed his anxiety at these free tickets when he knew that the bus coming from Sheffield would have to be paid for. Would the people turn up on the night? No need to worry. Although some didn't make it, many did – almost a capacity audience.

An overhead presentation of the work of the Leprosy Mission was able to show how much this Charity does. A fantastic sum of £1,400 was given in the offertory, received by Mr James Greg, the Leprosy Mission Co-ordinator. A truly wonderful amount. My thanks to all who worked on the night and made the event run so smoothly.

A further event for the Leprosy Mission will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm. There will be a talk on a very memorable occasion when I was privileged to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Please put the date in your diary.

Meanwhile..... many thanks to all collectors who have added so much over the years. If you would like to be a collector, please let me know.

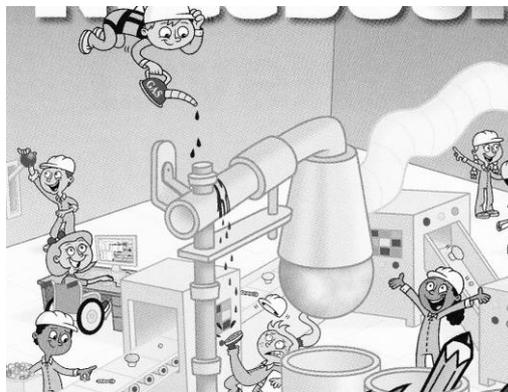
*Jack Myers*

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## **GROVE HOLIDAY CLUB - Main Hall .. 11-15 Aug**

'Mega Makers' is the title of this year's holiday club. We shall be using the Scripture Union ideas and inviting children to enter our inventor's workshop to experience the mega machine making big things out of little things! We also hope they will make some mega discoveries about God . Our stories will come from Matthew's gospel and the DVD will open our eyes to some amazing miracles in the natural world.

We hope to welcome about 30 children, aged 6 - 11, every morning from 10 a.m to 12.30 p.m. For more information contact 2589093.



You are invited to the Closing Ceremony/Holiday Club Service

in the Main Hall at 12.00 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August



## Famous Methodists

### Paul and David Austick

Unfortunately we cannot trace a picture of either but many of you will recall that Austick's book shop was probably the first port of call for books and maps – long before Borders came and went and Waterstones had become established in Albion Street. Austicks had, at various times, nine shops including The Headrow; Cookridge Street; Great George Street; opposite the University and in Harrogate. It seems that there is still a book supplier at Trinity University, trading as Austick.

**Paul Austick** – the Yorkshire Post in its obituary describes Paul Frederic Austick as “a member of the noted Leeds family of book sellers and a staunch Methodist who has died aged 85”. This was on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010. He was born in Meanwood and was the younger son of Hilda and Bertie Lister Austick. His father was a partner in Massey's Book shop in the Headrow and was a Pastor at Dewsbury Road Congregational Church. These two aspects of his father's life set the tone for Paul's own life – his faith in particular having a great influence on him.

Massey's went into liquidation in 1928 and his parents started their own business – Paul playing behind the counter while his mother served in the shop and his father carried on the business of supplying other shops and public libraries. By then his father was a Methodist Local Preacher and a Sunday School Teacher until his death in 1938. Mrs Austick then continued the business with help from her sons.

Paul won a scholarship to Leeds Modern (Lawnswood) and was evacuated to Ilkley during the war but cycled home each weekend to help in the shop and undertake duties as a patrol leader in the Scouts. On leaving school he worked at a firm of accountants but was called up in 1944 and sent to India with the West Yorkshire Regiment, becoming acting Captain. On return the lure of bookselling meant that he joined the family business in 1950 when the University shop was opened.

He worked hard for the Book Sellers Association and helped set up the Puffin Children's Book Club – encouraging thousands of children in their reading. He was also a member of the Chamber of Trade in Leeds and encouraged shop keepers concerned about the change to decimalisation of the currency. Significantly he also campaigned against Sunday Trading and Out of Town Supermarkets!

Ill health forced him to retire but he continued his work within the Methodist Church. He worked at Oxford Place, Woodhouse Moor, was a Sunday School teacher, a Scout Leader and a Youth Leader. In later years he was a Steward at Timble, near Otley and where his family had lived from the mid 1970s. For many years he was also Chairman of the Leeds Committee for UNICEF and on the UK Board for UNICEF. His experiences of life in India during army service had made him concerned to help those unable to help themselves. He left a wife, son and two daughters and his funeral was at Otley Methodist Church.

**David Austick** – I am very grateful to Michael Meadowcroft who has allowed me to use extracts from his obituary written for The Independent Newspaper in February 1997.

David Austick was the older son and he too was devoted to the family bookselling business. Apparently one of the early “Saturday boys” in the shop was a certain **Alan Bennett!** David also became passionate about the Liberal Party and latterly the Liberal Democrats. Much of that passion was aimed at electoral reform and particularly the Electoral Reform Society which he virtually rescued from economic disaster in the 1980s.

In the late 1960s, David Austick went to see Michael Meadowcroft, saying that he had built up a business and that now it was time to put something back into the City. As a result of this meeting he became a candidate for Leeds City Council and was eventually elected to a ward in South Leeds. His name was well known from the bookshop connection – perhaps it was that which helped him scrape home with a majority of three!

Michael Meadowcroft says “he was an assiduous, if somewhat pedestrian councillor and acquired a reputation for overlong speeches”. However his sincerity was never in doubt. He served Leeds City Council until 1975 and West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council from 1974 to 1979. He was elected to Parliament as a liberal in 1973 following the death of the Ripon MP but he lost the seat in the February 1974 General Election. During his short time in the House he spoke mainly on social security and health issues but said it was a struggle to cope with the rough and tumble of Parliamentary debates.

Once convinced of a course of action he became single minded in his approach. He had been a conscientious objector during the war and was a European Federalist. All of this political activity tends to overshadow his commitment to the City of Leeds and to his faith. *Gordon Mellor*

## What's on?

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Thredom Reed Trio Plus Two in the Quaker Meeting House, Rawdon. Quintets by Mozart and Beethoven and other pieces.
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 10-12 noon Central Methodist Church Coffee and Cake in aid of the Bible Society.
- Weds 30<sup>th</sup> July 10-12 noon Coffee Morning in aid of PSP Support Group at 4 Brownberrie Avenue.
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## Mama Shirls



This sick baby's Mother could not afford medication for epilepsy so Shirley paid from UK donations.



Full attention from the boys!



Mama Shirls helping??

## Regular events (contd)

### Wednesday

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| 9 -12.00 | Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 239 0335<br>and 12.00 – 3.00 Pre-school as above. |
| 2.00     | Line Dancing 258 7444  |
| 6.00     | Rainbows (14 <sup>th</sup> ) 239 0335  |
| 6.15     | Brownies (14 <sup>th</sup> ) 250 4907  |
| 7.30     | Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 225 2734   |
| 8.00     | Explorer Scouts 258 0882   |

### Thursday

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| 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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays) 258 2097 |

### Friday

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| 7.45 | Choir Rehearsal 258 9093 |
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Walking Groups: **Thursday** 258 6579

**Saturday** 258 4520

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## From the Editorial Group

**Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the September Issue will be prepared by Paul and Jenny Redfearn and you should send items to them no later than 5pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

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