

GROVE VINE

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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 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 (5th Horsforth) 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5th Horsforth) 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5th Horsforth) 202 9010

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

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Christmas is coming....

I know this to be so, because the Council have erected the Christmas lights. When I saw them I made some cynical remark, to which my dearly beloved responded with an amused “Bah, Humbug!”

Christmas is coming, to a world that faces the dire emergency of an Ebola outbreak. Christmas is coming, to a world that watches developments in Syria and Iraq with horror and anticipation. Christmas is coming to a nation that is wealthy beyond the dreams of most of the world, but moans about immigration. Christmas is coming to a nation that is wealthy beyond the dreams of most of the world, where the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer.

Christmas *is* coming. It is a message of hope. The hope of redemption. The hope of peace. The hope that we might just matter to God more than we matter to most of the world around us.

It is a message that defies reason and good sense, a message that was ignored two millennia ago in the same way that it will be ignored by most people in two months’ time.

It is the only message that counts for anything, though. Beyond poverty and pain, beyond war and prejudice, beyond bigotry and ignorance, it is a message that cries a loud ‘**NO!**’ to silence the vile murmur that is “Bah, Humbug.”

It is a message that may move us, might move the hearts of millions, so that it may not be the fatness of geese that we sing about, but the fullness of the hungry, the health of those who are sick, the peace of those in fear, and of justice to the persecuted.

Christmas is coming. So let it be. Amen, forevermore.

Ali (Rev Alistair Jones)

Thought for the month

Today Britain is home to many faiths, but I hope it doesn't lose its own – the Christian faith that inspired its greatest poetry, its finest architecture and its bravest battles in defence of freedom.

Sir Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi

From the Registers

Baptism: 12th October Anouk Langford

Church Family News

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

Sunday Services in November

- 2nd 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Family and Parade
 6.00 United Service at Central
- 9th 10.30 Mrs Kirsty Butler – Remembrance Sunday
 6.00 St Mark's Circuit Service
- 16th 10.30 Mrs Judi Swales
 6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
- 23rd 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
 6.00 United Service at Central
- 30th 10.30 Mr Stuart Westerman
 6.00 Horsforth Churches Together

Stewards on Duty in November

- 2nd Carole Abel and David Buckley
- 9th Michael Wallis and Margaret Shingler
- 16th Margaret Shingler and Michael Wallis
- 23rd David Buckley and Caroline Turner
- 30th Michael Wallis and Margaret Shingler

Carboy Charity Appeal – November/December



I am hoping that with the Sheffield Salvation Army Band Concert event, the talk on a visit to the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, the sale of charity Christmas cards, together with the loyal collectors of the tubes, we shall have raised **£2,000**. This is a wonderful sum and will be an amount greatly appreciated by The Leprosy Mission.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the charity through the years.

Nafisa from Nigeria is severely disabled because of leprosy



Surgery and physiotherapy will enable her to walk again.

I will be sending the orders for the cards this week so that anyone who has ordered a Nativity Calendar will receive it in time. Please let me have any catalogue orders and money as soon as possible. *Jack Myers*

Rick Rogers' Wedding Photos.

Gill and Albert Jewell along with several others from the Grove reported their pleasure at having attended Rick's Wedding at Wakefield Cathedral recently. Rick has agreed that anyone who would like to view his wedding photographs can find it on the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/rr020814>.

Ladies of the '13' Poppies

There are poppies growing in my garden, for the first time in memory.

Where they came from, I do not know, but came they did,
just like the red poppy signifying the loss of life during wartime.

God must have planted them there, via the birds of flight bringing
them on his behalf.

With each poppy seed dropped, as if it had jumped out of a plane in a
parachute, and carefully landed at the appropriate spot.

The poppies have grown tall and proud, with the flower of their inner
beauty opening up for us all to see during the merry month of June.

Some of the poppies are of the deepest pink, which symbolise true
love and friendship, for all to live in peace and harmony.

A few are of the brightest orange, in order to give us a positive energy
vibe 'to live life to the full', and to see it as a gift not to be taken for
granted.

While the rest are of the palest lilac, representing a true spirituality
and peace of mind, so badly needed today.

The beauty, of the '13' Special Operations Executive women, flows
into the psyche of us all, their beauty running deep to the very core of
their souls.

They gave their lives so fearlessly, protecting us and future
generations yet to come, just like a mother would.

The names of these poppies are:

Yolande Beekman, Denise Bloch, Andree Borrel, Madelaine
Damerment,

Noor Un Nisa, Inayat Khan, Cecily Le Fort, Vera Leigh,
Sonia Olschanezky, Elaine Plewman, Lillian Rolfe, Diana Rowden,
Yvonne Rudellat and Violette Szabo*

Look out for these poppies arriving in your garden, with the overall

message that they bring: 'love is the key to all harmony, for peace on earth and goodwill to all'.

Carol Blackburn, submitted by Carole

Abel

(* Violette Szabo's story was featured in the film 'Carve Her Name with Pride')

Horsforth WWI Trail

In the July Issue of Grove Vine, we gave information on each of those named on the Memorial Brass in the Church and who had given their lives in service of their country. Steve Brown of Horsforth Museum and Mark Saville have worked together to produce further information, including a leaflet on the Horsforth WWI Trail.

The Trail features premises linked to World War One and personnel and those premises demonstrated their link for a week in August. The displays are to be shown again in those same premises from Saturday 1st to Sunday 9th November. The Trail is quite straightforward and relatively easy to follow the information boards linking people and events.

1. Horsforth Home Interiors (by the Old Ball)
2. Hatfield's Newsagent
3. Carlton Cottage (a private house)
4. Lee House (Broadgate Lane corner)
5. Shoerenew (Cobblers)
6. Horsforth Library
7. Brownlee Stone Centre
8. St Margaret's School
9. Parkside (Financial Advisors)
10. Horsforth Flower Shop
11. The Grove Church
12. Medusa Bar
13. Café Marinetti
14. Horsforth Museum
15. St Margaret's Hall
16. The Cenotaph

17. Willow Green Allotments
18. New Road Side (the junction with Calverley Lane)
19. 2, Calverley Lane (private house)
20. Horsforth Cemetery

In addition, there will be a WWI Exhibition in St Margaret's Hall on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November – 10am to 4pm. Grove Church will mark Remembrance Sunday on 9th November. Also on that day there will be a re-dedication of the Memorial Trees in Stanhope Drive at 10.30am, followed by the Memorial Service at the Cenotaph. On Tuesday 11th November there will be a short service for Armistice Day at Horsforth Cemetery.

The Grove Pre-school would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who supported our recent Fundraising Fashion Show, which raised the amazing sum of **£362!** This means we have now beaten our target to raise **£2,000** towards the Centre refurbishment improving facilities for children. This would simply not have been possible without the generosity of everyone involved with the Grove. So, once again, a huge thank you for your kind support!

Samantha Walker

THANK YOU

Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London

I am writing to thank your congregation, at Grove Methodist Church, for the abundance of lovely harvest foodstuffs that were collected and given to our charity for older people. I came back after a long weekend, and all the fresh produce had been distributed to older people but the tinned and dried goods looked lovely and we will be distributing them to some very vulnerable people, who are not coping too well (and they are mostly elderly men!). They will be very grateful for this donation.

We may keep back some of the tinned items for our Christmas parcels for our oldest members; this is something we like to do every Christmas and is always much appreciated by recipients.

Also, a few lines to explain our work with older people.

We are a small charity, working with hundreds of older people, living in their own homes in inner-city Leeds. We offer a wide range of activities and support and advice services. Our main objective is to help older people who are lonely and isolated. We have 20 years experience of supporting older people and working collaboratively with other agencies who are concerned for the welfare of older people. We currently employ 6 staff – 3 full time and 3 part time and we have around 100 volunteers who assist with many aspects of the work. Thank you all for your kindness.

Very best wishes, Cherril Cliff, Manager

Exploring New Horizons

Since I joined Tenzing Explorers last September, I have participated in a number of activities which otherwise I would never have had the chance to do. These range from gill scrambling in Barbondale (near Kirkby Lonsdale), to piloting a glider over Sutton Bank and the Kilburn White Horse. These experiences, whilst completely different, were both amazing! The gliding was nothing like I had ever experienced and being able to see how the glider responded when I (or the pilot/instructor) nudged the controls was breath-taking.



In my fairly short time with the Explorers I have also been able to build and sail coracles. These were made from plastic piping and plastic sheet and we tested them on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal where, surprisingly, they floated whilst being a little unstable! Despite this no one managed to fall out or capsize the coracles, showing that the design was sound even if it needed a little improvement.

Later in the year, we went fishing, in a fish farm at Kilnsey. I had never fished before but we were fishing in a small pond crammed with hundreds of trout so it was inevitable we would catch something. The next week we took our catch and cooked them in newspaper on a fire – and they tasted much better than I had expected. The same could not be said when we cooked meal worm pancakes. Once you got over the fact that you were

eating worms, the taste was bearable but the texture made for interesting eating.

My first year culminated with a fantastic camp at Kandersteg International Scout Camp in Switzerland. And the next few months look packed with great activities – starting with a canoeing expedition in Scotland.

Ben Thompson, Tenzing Explorer Scout Unit



Grove Church



Christmas Bazaar

**The Community Centre, New Street
Saturday 15th November - 10am to 1pm**

Music by D'Ukes and Nev Kaye

Refreshments
Pates

Pickles, Preserves and

Bric a Brac

Tombola
Kitchenalia

Fashion Accessories

Wooden Crafts
Crafts

Christmas

Home Baking Stall

Chocolate Tombola

Raffle

Book Stall

Toy Stall

Face Painting

Santa's Grotto

.....GAMES.....

Bash the Rat

Feed the Clown

Catch a

Duck

Come and buy your Christmas Gifts here

ADMISSION FREE

Stop Press:

The Scout Group Stall will be selling Christmas Puddings and also publicising a new service being offered by a parent, to copy non-commercial video tapes to DVD. More information will be available on the stall – so bring any tapes along that you have recorded, in order to get them done by Christmas.

And Christmas Dates for your December Diary:

7th Toy Service

14th Nativity

21st Carol Service

24th Christingle

25th 10.30am Family Service

Creatures in the Bible Word Search

An easy puzzle this month! The table contains more than 50 names of creatures which are mentioned in the Bible. How many can you find?

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

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

Tony Orton

The Grove Church Council, 8th October 2014

Twenty four members were present and a further eleven members sent apologies.

In reviewing church officers, Council noted that several people had expressed an interest in the role of **data base secretary** and spoken to Barbara Collis. However, there is still a need for **volunteers** with basic computer skills, for co-ordinating use of the **overhead projector at services other than on Parade Days** if this is requested by the preacher. It was agreed that a second request would be placed in Grove Vine.

In Matters Arising from the previous meeting, an update was given on the completion of **Centre building work** to make the premises more effective in meeting the needs of young people and children. The Property Committee took the opportunity whilst builders were on site to undertake necessary additional tasks, the overall cost is likely to be around £8,000 - £10,000 above the previously agreed figure of £35,000. This extra work includes: update of old and unsafe water heater, replacement of inefficient wall heaters in Activity Room, replacement of dangerous entrance and fire exit doors in Activity Room, renewal of leaking soil stack, redecoration of new cupboards and male/female toilets and placement of acoustic panels/notice boards in the Activity Room as an outcome of research on reducing unacceptable noise levels and as agreed by Church Council some

time ago.

Items raised by committees included:

A trial discussion opportunity on service themes to be held after morning worship on 23.11.14 to see how this Moving Forward Together suggestion works in practice. (Worship Consultation)

Membership standing at 170 and adherents at 122. (Pastoral)

Appreciation for the work of Kathryn Bussey on her retirement from J Team. (Church Life)

A plea made that anyone intending to make use of the **Charity**

Window in 2015 should take their request to Barbara Buckley as soon as possible. (Church & Society)

The presentation of a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31.08.14 indicated a **deficit** of £1,573. (Finance)

Repairs to the stained glass **windows** and **alterations to pews** for increased disabled access proceeding, marking of **parking bays** agreed and need for a new church **boiler** identified. (Property)

The **draft Annual Report** for the year ending 31st August 2014 was tabled for information and a request made that any updating/amendment/additions by appropriate representatives should reach the Council Secretary by 31st October 2014 so that the Charity Commission deadline for submission of the report might be achieved.

Agreement was reached that donations to **Connexional charities** should be as follows: Methodist Fund for Church Property £100, the Fund for support of Presbyters and Deacons £100 and the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society £100.

Important issues from the District included information on the **proposed Circuit merger**. After discussion it was felt that now was the time for **everyone** to discuss the matter openly, honestly and transparently with members of Council and those not on Council. **Everyone** is encouraged to give their views to the minister and/or Circuit Representatives as a second Circuit meeting to discuss the issue will be held at the end of November. Representatives include the Senior Church Steward and Treasurer. (For those interested, a copy of the full Church Council minutes is pinned to the Narthex noticeboard under 'Church Items')

Under **Any Other Business**, items included :

- Agreement that the church will become a **Fairtrade** organisation in view of other members of Churches Together already having agreed.

- A donation of £1,000 to be made to ‘**Partner a Project in Uganda**’, All We Can (formerly MRDF), as requested by last year’s General Church Meeting and previously agreed by Church Council.
- On careful consideration, the refusal to a **request from KPP Architects**, Town Street, **to purchase part of the church garden** so that the company might extend its offices.
- On safety grounds, agreement to switch off the lift when not in use and display a notice to that effect.

Peter Mawson, Church Council Secretary

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Bible Society – Pass It On Campaign

A recent survey by the Bible Society showed that 80% of parents are keen for their children to know stories from the bible, and to assist them have created a modern computer app which can be downloaded from biblesociety.org.uk/biblebedtime-wia

The app allows parents to pass on the stories they learned when they were children in a very modern way. Each story has pictures which can be printed in black-and-white for the kids to colour in, then photograph and upload to incorporate into the story. The author, Martin Coleman, has a fantastic take on the words, and some quips and asides, such as the invention of sushi by Jonah when in the whale, or the “countryside” smell of the Prodigal son when he returns to his family!

The Pass-it-on campaign was introduced earlier this year due to the passionate belief in the power that stories have to enrich and enhance our lives, and the wish to keep the Bible alive for future generations.

Anne Blackburn

n.b. Jean Orton is working with others in Horsforth Churches Together to deliver the Bible Society’s nation-wide scheme ‘Open the Book’. They are going into local primary schools taking assemblies and bringing alive Bible stories.

Church Administration

From the 1st of November I have taken on the maintenance of church records concerning members and the wider community. I hope that all who use these records will co-operate in keeping them up to date!

Barbara Collis first started to keep the records in 1990, and has strived in that time to maintain their accuracy with patience and quiet good nature, The Church Council expressed their appreciation of the immense work that she, together with Gordon, has done in the last 24 years, but it is only right that the wider community are aware of the work that has been done, and share in the thanks that are expressed.

Keith Whitham



Jean Orton writes: At our recent Church Council meeting the decision was made to become a Fairtrade Church. We shall be joining the other churches in Horsforth in supporting an organisation which stands for compassion and justice throughout the world. This means that:

- Fairtrade tea and coffee will be used after all services and meetings for which we have responsibility;
- we shall encourage the use of other Fairtrade products (e.g. sugar, biscuits, fruit);
- we shall promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade fortnight and during the year whenever possible.

We are sorry that for some people this may involve the sacrifice of their favourite brand of tea or coffee, and that there may be a slight increase in the cost of providing refreshments, but Fairtrade does fight against the exploitation

of buying cheap goods at the expense of others. Also as Fairtrade products are being developed, they are becoming more and more popular. Try them!

Christmas time is Carol time. There are many lovely carols. We all have our favourites and one of them begins “*I saw three ships come sailing by*”. It makes a pretty picture and one to kindle the imagination, for there are three ships which have real significance for us at this season.

One is *wor-ship*, definitely a Christmas ship. In writing of the first Christmas St Matthew mentioned it: “and when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother and fell down and worshipped Him”.

Another ship sailing in at Christmas is *friend-ship*. For this is a time when we think of our friends and send greetings to those who live at a distance.

The third ship is *steward-ship*. A steward is one who is trusted to serve.

Serving was something that He who came at Christmas was emphatic about.

May these three ships come sailing into your hearts and homes this Christmas, bringing their precious gifts of joy and peace.

Sylvia Williams, Northowram Methodist Church, via Wendy Hartley

The Big Brownie Birthday

2014 is a special year for Guiding. The Brownie section is celebrating its centenary.

In May 1914 the President of the Girl Guides Association, Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, announced that it had been decided to form a younger Guides’ section as younger girls were accompanying their elder sisters to meetings. Members of this new junior organisation were known as Rosebuds and their uniform for navy blue with a woolly cap and a special rosebud badge was designed for them. However, before the name of Rosebuds was settled on, the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, suggested Brownies as he believed lively youngsters would not like to be thought of rosebuds but needed a more interesting name linked with being active. B-P had read Mrs Julia Horatia Ewing’s story “Tommy and Betty and the Wise Brown Owl” and he based the ideals and ways of this new organisation on this story.



One hundred years later, members of the Grove Brownie Packs have taken part in two large scale celebrations: **Saturday 17th May**, thousands of members of Girlguiding North East England Region (an area covering from the Scottish Border to Lincolnshire) gathered at Wetherby Race Course. The event known as Star Quest had something for

everyone, including circus acts and dancing, singing, storytelling, street performers, marching bands, stage bands, a talent stage and musical theatre and the Star Quest Trail. But, because it was a hot sunny day, the longest queues were for the ice cream vans! A memorable day had by all! **Saturday 14th June**, hundreds of Brownies from throughout Leeds set off for a Stay Away event at Flamingo Land. On arrival the Brownies were taken to their caravans or to the camping field if they were staying in tents. They were eager to try every ride they could possibly manage – with the scariest rides being the most popular. There were other activities arranged, including swimming, a zoo trail (which included finding those giraffes which had been sponsored by Girlguiding Leeds) and when the rides closed, night time activities included a show, camp fire singing and disco. The closing ceremony was actually held at 9am on the Sunday morning before Flamingo Land was open to the public and the Brownies were able to enjoy the rest of the day before returning to Horsforth. An action packed weekend – certainly enjoyed by Brownies and Leaders!

Judith Chaplin

Famous Methodists

Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon



Go into a bookshop and you will find several children's books – notably "The Illustrated Children's Bible" by Selina Hastings. However it is not this Selina Hastings but a modern British Author who has also written award winning biographies on Nancy Mitford, Evelyn Waugh and others. She has also written a biography on her father "The Red Earl" who just happens to be The 17th Earl of Huntingdon and thus the present day Selina Hastings is a direct descendant.

This Selina Hastings was born Lady Selina Shirley, daughter of the 2nd Earl Ferris in 1707. In 1728 she married Theophilus Hastings, the 9th Earl of Huntingdon. As a result of attending many services at which George Whitefield preached, Countess Selina grew to be a devout Christian and passionate about inviting others of British nobility to hear this preacher.

In 1739, Lady Huntingdon joined the first Methodist Society in Fetter Lane, London. When her husband died in 1746 she threw in her lot with

John Wesley in the work of the Great Revival. Whitefield was also associated and he became her personal chaplain. With his assistance she founded the “Countess of Huntingdon’s Connexion”, being a movement within the Methodist Church and partly to counter problems put in her way by Anglican clergy (though she preferred not to break away from the Anglican church entirely).

She was responsible for founding 64 chapels and she contributed to the funding of others but she insisted that they all subscribe to the doctrines of the Church of England and use only the Book of Common Prayer. She appointed Ministers to officiate at these chapels in the belief that she had the power to make such appointments. Following the expulsion of six Methodist students from St Edmund Hall, Oxford, in 1768, she founded a training college near Brecon. The college later merged with Westminster College as part of Cambridge University and the training college of the Presbyterian Church of England (later United Reformed Church). It is said that she expended £100,000 in the cause of religion.

Lady Huntingdon encountered further problems between the Church of England and her works. Nevertheless she persisted and until her death in 1791, she maintained an active control over her chapels and chaplains and she even petitioned King George III and made vigorous protest against the anti-Calvinistic minutes of the Wesleyan Conference of 1770.

In her Will, she asked that there be no biography of her and it wasn’t until 90 years after her death that one was written. There were various obituaries and tributes: Horace Walpole described her as “The Patriarchess of the Methodists” and a further tribute from the Roman Catholic, John Henry Newman “She devoted herself, her means, her time, her thoughts, to the cause of Christ. She did not spend money on herself, she did not allow the homage paid to her rank to remain with herself”.

Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, is named after the Countess to honour her contributions to Methodism and Huntingdon Street in Savannah, Georgia, recognises her association with the Wesleys and their work in Georgia.

You may have seen on the news, on 16th October, a statue was unveiled in the English Football Hall of Fame at Burton on Trent, dedicated to the first professional black footballer **Arthur Wharton**.

Arthur Wharton was born in the Gold Coast in October 1865 and came to England to train as a Methodist Missionary in 1882. Sadly he soon gave up this calling in favour of becoming a full time sportsman (in 1886 he set the then world record for the 100yds – 10 seconds – at an AAA Championship). He was a keen cricketer but football was where he excelled and he played as goalkeeper (but also in outfield) at various clubs, eventually Rotherham. There he met and married Emma Lister and became a publican at the Albert Tavern, Rotherham. Sadly he developed a drink problem and had to give up football, going on to work in Edlington Colliery. He died in 1930 and was buried in an unmarked pauper's grave – though this has now been rectified by his family.

Gordon Mellor

What's on?

Thursday 6 th November	7.45 in The Small Hall, History of Horsforth by Nancy d'Dombil. Ladies Group.
Saturday 15 th November	Grove Church Bazaar – see page 10.
Sunday 16 th November	Greeting Card Campaign – sending messages to prisoners of conscience around the world. Rawdon Quaker Meeting House 1-3.30pm
Thursday 20 th November	7.45 in The Small Hall, Riding for the Disabled by Helen Cox. Ladies Group.
Sunday 23 rd November	Piano Recital, Quaker Meeting House 7.30pm
Thursday 4 th December	7.45 in The Small Hall, Christmas Poetry by Pauline Newby. Ladies Group

Regular events (contd)

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 2520

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 December/January issue will be prepared by Paul and Jenny Redfearn and you should send items to them no later than 5pm on Wednesday 26th November. Please include dates up to Sunday 1st February 2015. Email would be appreciated.

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