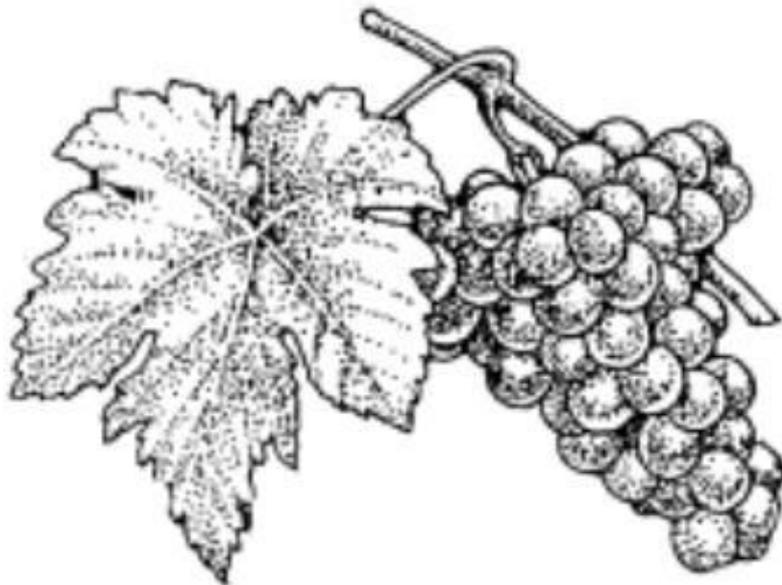


GROVE VINE

**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) 0113 258 3509
- 10.20 J Team (tots to 12s) 0113 258 8803
- 10.30 Worship
- 6.00 Worship (alternate Sundays at Central Methodist Church)
- 7.30 Studio Dance SNYG 0113 258 9093

Monday

- 9 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs) 0113 239 0335
- 12.00 Luncheon Club 0113 258 3807
- 1.30 Network Women's Fellowship 0113 258 9448
- 6.15 Beavers 0113 216 9006
- 6.15 Cubs 0113 216 9006
- 7.45 Scouts 0113 216 9006
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month) 0113 258 4520

Tuesday

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group in the Quiet Room 0113 258 8803
- 9 -12.00 Pre-school (2-under 5s) (Funding 3-4yrs)
0113 239 0335 and 12.00 – 3.00 Pre-school as above.
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre Small Hall 0113 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) 0113 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5th Horsforth) 0113 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5th Horsforth) 0113 202 9010

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Looking over the roundabout...

all is white or a grey mush as the white is churned by passing traffic. The business of life goes on, come snow or slush, sirens howl, cars crawl, and the workers on the traffic light installations shiver and continue in their tasks.

I am a lover of winter, of the bare trees and the harsh chills, the snowstorm and the crunch of the snowdrift's crisp covering as the boot pierces it for the first time. There is something stark and harsh that calls out to the Puritan in me. It is awfully offended by dirty slush, however!

The world would be a great deal simpler if it were only the white of snow and the majesty of bare tree-limbs. The dirt and the grey slush make it harder to deal with, let alone the chaos of uncertain and foolhardy green shoots pushing through the pristine blanket. Life is confused and confusing, lives are frequently chaotic and sometimes foolhardy, and we find ourselves dealing with situations that are far from straightforward.

In the coming months we will be subject to a barrage of party political propaganda. Let us never give in to those who suggest simple solutions, to those who suggest that by 'making hard decisions' they have made the right ones, or to those who blame others for having chaotic lives. Instead, let us try to find the delights that God has in store for us if we care for each other, the truths that may be found in the harshness of winter, the foolhardiness of spring, the warmth of summer and the maturity of autumn.

Ali

(Rev Alistair S Jones)

Thought for the month

Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back everything is different....

C.S.Lewis

Church Family News.....

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Chris Shagouri on January 16th. She was a very special lady whose faith shone through her. She had borne her illness with such fortitude and cheerfulness and will be sorely missed by all. "Gone to Glory". We remember Paul and their daughter Katie and son Simon and families in our prayers. A Service of Thanksgiving for Chris's life was held at The Grove on January 28th.

From the Church Registers

27th Dec. Wedding of Dean Michael Wearmouth and Kirstie Louise Hardman
31st Dec. Wedding of Christopher Hargreaves and Elaine Dixon

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

We remember also others known to us who face a variety of difficulties, health problems, undergoing hospital treatment, bereavement, anxiety about loved ones and loneliness.

Sunday Services in February

1st 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
10.30 Mr Tim Pearson – Family and Parade
6.00 United Service at Central
8th 10.30 Mr John Connor
6.00 Rev Keith Hunt
15th 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
6.00 United Service at Central
22nd 10.30 Rev. Peter Reasbeck
6.00 Rev. Keith Hunt
1st March 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones – Family and Parade
6.00 United Service at Central

Stewards on Duty

Feb 1st David Buckley and Margaret Shingler
8th John Bussey and Michael Wallis
15th Margaret Shingler and Caroline Turner
22nd John Bussey and Carol Abel

Benevolence

As you will be aware, at the end of Communion services we have plates for a retiring collection.

This collection goes into a fund that is managed by your Minister with the assistance of the Church Treasurer. This fund is disbursed when a specific need is discovered, and a donation from the fund can make a difference to the life of the individual or individuals involved. Recently one recipient said that they “didn’t know anyone still cared in that way.” As a church community we can make a difference to those who face significant financial challenges from time to time. It is not a stop-gap, nor a top-up, but it can change lives for the better.

Please consider your giving when you pass the plate on your way out or, if you wish to make a special donation, please send it to Philip Abel, indicating what it is for.

God bless you all.

Ali

The Grove Christmas Card

For many years we have operated a Christmas card scheme at church where we send individual donations to charity in lieu of Christmas cards. For much of this time, Barbara Collis has produced a lovely card each year with beautiful pictures and words and also kept the list of charities and Grove friends up-to-date.

Barbara has now asked to step down from this role and we need someone to take over in time for next Christmas. We send our very grateful thanks to Barbara for all that she has done to make this scheme so successful.

If anyone feels they could take on the job, please speak to Kathryn Bussey (2588803)

Fairtrade Fortnight is coming - 23 February - 8 March 2015!

Taken from the FairTrade website

<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>



We've come so far since the first Fairtrade Fortnight in 1995, educating the public on why to choose Fairtrade and increasing sales on Fairtrade terms for marginalised producers. Over the past 20 years, together we've made the Fairtrade mark the biggest and best known ethical label in the UK.

78% of the UK public recognise the FAIRTRADE Mark.

From UK sales alone, £26m of Fairtrade Premium [see below] was invested by producers in 2013.

But we know there is still a long way to go to make all trade fair – just 1.2% of cocoa and less than 10% of tea globally is traded on Fairtrade terms. 70% of the world's food is produced by 500 million smallholder farmers yet many of them remain trapped in chronic poverty while shoppers enjoy the fruits of their labour. Fairtrade ensures farmers across the developing world receive a fairer price for their work, as well as an additional Fairtrade Premium, used by farmers and workers to invest in their communities. The community then decides what the Premium is spent on, whether that's building a new school or hospital, or investing in better environmental business practices.

Adam Gardner, Fairtrade Foundation's Communities Campaigns Manager, said: 'The UK has one of the most powerful networks of Fairtrade campaigners in the world, raising awareness about Fairtrade values in their communities and driving positive change for smallholder farmers, and their families, in developing countries. It is thanks to the support of groups that currently more than 1.4 million farmers and workers around the world benefit from the Fairtrade system.'

'In 2015, we want to see more individuals and businesses buying and selling Fairtrade products in the UK. The more that people choose Fairtrade, the more farmers and workers will be empowered to improve their lives through the better terms of trade it offers.'

Fairtrade Fortnight is the highlight of the year for Fairtrade campaigners up and down the country. This year thousands of events will be held to amplify the campaign in many of Fairtrade's network of 600 Fairtrade

Towns, 1,350 Fairtrade Schools and 170 Fairtrade Universities, and 7,500 Fairtrade Faith Groups. Activities will include producer events, film screenings, tastings, and a 'Stock It' Challenge.

Today, more than 1.3 million people – farmers and workers – across more than 70 developing countries benefit from the international Fairtrade system.

Over 4,500 products have been licensed to carry the FAIRTRADE Mark including coffee, tea, herbal teas, chocolate, cocoa, sugar, bananas, grapes, pineapples, mangoes, avocados, apples, pears, plums, grapefruit, lemons, oranges, satsumas, clementines, mandarins, lychees, coconuts, dried fruit, juices, smoothies, biscuits, cakes & snacks, honey, jams & preserves, chutney & sauces, rice, quinoa, herbs & spices, seeds, nuts & nut oil, wines, beers, rum, confectionary, muesli, cereal bars, yoghurt, ice-cream, flowers, sports balls, sugar body scrub and cotton products including clothing, homeware, cloth toys, cotton wool, olive oil, gold, silver and platinum.

At Grove our Church Council has agreed that we should become a FT church to help Horsforth to achieve Fairtrade status. This means that:

- only 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.

FAIRTRADE FIGHTS AGAINST THE EXPLOITATION OF BUYING CHEAP GOODS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS.

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March.

A service will be held at 2.00 pm at Central Methodist Church.

This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Bahamas.

Oxford Place Children's Centre

Oxford Place Children's Centre is a warm, friendly and safe environment where children whose parents attending Court, in whatever capacity, can leave their children in the care of professional qualified staff but volunteers are required to support this work.

Oxford Place Children's Centre

New volunteers are welcome



**Do you have
one day a fortnight?
one day a month?**

**when you could volunteer
to help in the Centre**

**The Centre is open
Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 4.00pm**

**If you are interested in volunteering please contact Irene Hebden
on 0113 2604561
or speak to Gill Jewell for more details**

Singing the Faith Update

1. Large print copies of our new hymnbook are available from the Narthex for use in Church Services. If you would like to use one just ask when you arrive.

2. Donations towards the purchase of further copies of the words are always welcome. A dedication may be included in your copies if you wish. (See Tony Orton)

Line Dancing

The Line Dance Class was started by Jeanette Speight and me intending it to be for 6 weeks to raise money towards the Vision Fund. However, we are now in our 17th year and still going strong! We currently have 17 members, including three of the original members from the Grove. We meet each Wednesday at 2.00pm to dance for an hour (sometimes quite energetically) after which we have tea and biscuits and a natter. We regularly learn new routines.

We are a very friendly group - all of Grandma vintage - who enjoy each other's company. Our most senior lady is 87years old, but she certainly doesn't look it and she has lots of energy. (Dancing keeps you young and fit!) She was one of the Team who danced at the Harvest Tea.

During 2014 the Line Dancers gave £800 to the Church and £590 to 19 different Charities. These included £50 to Leprosy Mission, £40 to St. Georges Crypt, £70 to Marie Curie, £45.50 to Shirley Crawford for her work in Uganda and £50 to Jeanette's family for their Walk Appeal in memory of their Mum. We also gave £35 to my daughter Jaine to buy requested items to take with her on her trip to India, including 10 wind-up torches, to give to the Children's Charity she volunteered with while she was there.

We also enjoy dancing and socialising. Well done ladies. Carry on dancing.

Dorina Overson

From Jenny and Graham Longbottom's Blog



In August the highlight for Jenny and Graham was the thirteen day visit of their son Christopher and daughter-in-law Rachel. As non-medical people they were able to make a significant contribution to the work at the hospital as well as enjoying the Solomon Island experience. Graham had been at the annual National Health Conference in Honiara, leaving Jenny to host the acting Prime Minister and his delegation for the

presentation of \$2 Million (Solomon) awarded to the hospital by the government, courtesy of R.O.C. Taiwan. They were very grateful for this boost to the ailing hospital finances.

After nearly 4 demanding and challenging years the first Helena Goldie Hospital graduates received their 2nd part registration certificates and were presented with their badges and a lighted candle in a moving service at Kokeqolo church. Major examinations were held between October and November, ready for the long Christmas holiday. "As we reflect over the last few months, much has happened and yet there is still much more we would like to achieve."

Jenny and Graham have seen quite a change in Munda since they first arrived: mobile telephones and the airport upgrade have brought the outside world much nearer. There are more cars and seemingly more money, although it is not clear where it comes from as most people still do not have paid employment.

However the church still holds an important place in the lives of many people. Father's day was celebrated in September with several choirs and enthusiastic singing from over 80 children in the Sunday school, followed by lunch, speeches and presentation of flower garlands to the fathers.

They were grateful to receive a substantial supply of medicines brought by the last group of medical students from the University of East Anglia (Peter, Ben and Tom) as the supply of essential medicines from the National Medical Store in Honiara had reached the lowest level they could remember, with many items out of stock. Dr Fred Boseto, a Solomon Island surgeon now living in Australia, arrived on 19th September for his third visit this year ready to see 12 patients from Munda who needed surgery. He plans to visit four times next year.

Graham was invited to represent the hospital at the 10th General Assembly of the United Church of the Solomon Islands in October. The future of the hospital was discussed, with particular reference to the provision of medical

officers. Graham returned to Helena Goldie by canoe and found Jenny working with Eric Pana who was previously a general surgeon in Honiara but now lives in Australia. He had come to see his family and also to work at the hospital for a month. Gastro-enteritis remained a problem, bringing dehydrated and sometimes fitting children to the hospital. In addition there was a nationwide measles epidemic which caused Honiara to scale down routine medical services. A four month old boy who was discharged but died a week later and his cousin of the same age was currently on the ward fighting for his life.

In November the election was held and was mostly peaceful this year with most M.P.'s being returned, the biggest shock being that of the Prime Minister losing his Gizo/Kolumbangara seat and with riot police on the streets and church representatives calling for restraint.

Jenny and Graham sent their final blog on December 19th with Christmas greetings to everyone. They continued:

“As our time in Munda draws to a close it is also a time of anticipation and hope at Helena Goldie Hospital. With no new “missionary doctors” to continue the tradition, responsibility for health care at the hospital will pass into the hands of the Solomon Islanders themselves. We feel very proud of the nursing staff who already do most of the work in the nurse-led health care system, but they do need the support of medical staff.

. . . an older lady was admitted to the hospital with a stroke. She never regained consciousness and died after a few days. “The problem is, doctor, that her children are all educated and work overseas so there is no one to care for her,” was the indignant comment from the nurse in charge. “Like me,” I replied. So when we heard that [my] Mum was in hospital, being transfused and on oxygen, I knew that it was our call to return home sooner rather than later. So we are now back in Britain, six weeks earlier than planned, there being no time for farewells which are so much part of their tradition. Fortunately Mum is improving and we hope to visit Munda next year. Thank you to all who have been interested to read our blog. The needs remain, but we have been privileged to be part of the work in Munda. We now seek God’s guidance for the next chapter of our lives. As John tells us at the opening of his gospel, Jesus came to be the light of the world. Whether it is us, the people of the Solomon Islands or the readers of this blog, the light will shine in the darkness if we let it, and give us hope for the future.”

Latest news is that Jenny plans to return in July for 3 months and Graham will go with her for a month but is unable to get a visa to work, I understand, because he is of retirement age. Ed.

Shirley Crawford – Mama Shirls

Alison Roberts writes:

“Shirley gave a wonderful and moving presentation at The Grove Methodist Church recently to thank everyone for their support and to show them where their financial support is going. I for one was moved to tears and I suspect there were a few other 'damp' eyes in the house!! Shirley is so humble about the difference she is making but the proof was there to see in the before and after photographs of a little girl whose life was saved after one of Shirley's sponsors provided the money for life saving surgery on a tumour. It really was touch and go for a while but the photo of a lovely little girl smiling in the arms of her Mummy spoke a thousand words!!

Shirley has become involved with a charity called Bless a child Foundation which supports children and their families whilst they undergo treatment for cancer. Through Shirley's Church in Bradford she has been able to provide a car to transport these very sick children to hospital for treatment – before, they had to go on the back of a motorcycle or via public transport. There is one machine in Uganda which provides radiation therapy and it is in Kampala - there are something like 35 of these machines in the Leeds area alone!

Bless a child Foundation are hoping to open a second base near Shirley in Gulu to support children in the northern part of Uganda. watch this space.

Some of you might know Craig Robinson and may have seen his picture on Shirley's Facebook page or blog. Craig is part of the build team who have been out to Gulu and are going again this March. Now Craig and some of his mates are doing **The Three Peaks Challenge** on Saturday 14th February 2015 for the **Bless a child Foundation** and they are looking for sponsors. Even if you can only spare a small amount it soon mounts up. The Team plan to spend a few days in Kampala at the Foundation's house there which caters for 35 children and their carers. They are hoping to carry out a 'DIY SOS' project and supply and install children's play equipment amongst other things and this is what the sponsor money will be used for.”

Shirley also told about Simon who at 15 had made a very serious attempt to end

his life by a massive overdose. When he came round eleven hours later he was very angry at being brought round. There was no medical budget to give him the necessary treatment so Shirley took him to a clinic. He is now a changed person having been helped to discover God's way.

Simon has discovered God's love for him



Mama Shirls and friends

Scouts

The awards gained by Cubs for our December parade were the Chief Scout Silver Challenge, which is the highest award available in the Cubs section and was achieved by Daniel Shannon, Gordon Dickie and Paul Wordsworth.

Panda Alderson was presented with awards for: Climbing, Canoeing, Water Sports, Nights away, Hiking, and Arts and Crafts.

He was also presented with a moving on award.

He already has Yorkshire Challenge Silver and is not far from his Gold.

Congratulations to all these Scouts.

Graham Hoyle

News from Horsforth Churches Together



Chair people Our new Chair is Revd Nigel Sinclair from St. Margaret's and new Vice Chair is our own Revd Alistair Jones.

Primary School work Our Open the Book Assemblies, presenting Bible Stories in a dramatic way, continue regularly in 4 schools. A fifth school joins in with our special Rewind days when we Rewind what happened at Christmas or Easter through activities, craft, drama and video.

Park events These are continuing: Carols in the Park in December, Gala activities in June, and Hope in the Park activities by the cricket pavilion in September.

Foodbank Many thanks for all the tins, packets etc put in the trolley in the church porch. Horsforth Foodbank is based at Lister Hill Baptist church and feeds on average about 6 families per week. It opens on Wednesdays (2.00 - 4.00) and Saturdays (10.00 - 12.00). People are offered a cup of tea and biscuits on arrival and, as well as receiving food supplies, they are offered prayer support or 'signposting help' (information about other organisations which may specialise in the sort of guidance which could help their circumstances). A new warehouse has now been opened in Burley Road (on the no.50 bus route) and volunteers are being sought to help with sorting, stacking, and packing food and delivering to centres.

Horsforth Vale Welcome packs are being planned for the residents of the new houses. A map showing all the churches in Horsforth and other landmarks has been suggested but we still need a map maker.

Hustings Local candidates are pleased that the churches will be organising a Hustings before the general election in May. In the past they have valued the well ordered meeting and good atmosphere of the churches' event.

Café of Hope Another event is being planned (perhaps for June?) to give people the opportunity to hear more of what is happening and contribute ideas for the future.

Jean Orton

Utility Warehouse C.F.R.

A survey in last month's 'WHICH' magazine said Utility Warehouse was the best provider of Homephone/Broadband services. They were the recommended provider for these utilities.

We now have 21 people on the community fund raiser; 17 are members of the Grove and 4 are people I do not know, but continue to support the Grove through the commission we receive from their bills.

Shown below are the costs of their utilities:

Gas per kwh	4.075 pence.	Standing charge	£ 5.15 per month
Electric per kwh	12.626 pence.	Standing charge	£ 5.39 per month

Price decreases for Gas and Electricity are expected in the near future.

Homephone /Broadband

Line Rental £12.75 per month

Broadband £ 6.66 " "

Peak Saver £ 5.00 " "

The Grove receives commission on all bills of 3-4% and the total received so far is £ 2,400.00.

In the 1st year the Church saved £ 3,500.00 on their previous suppliers' bills, so we must have saved a considerable amount of money during the last 3 years.

Thanks to all members of the C.F.R. for helping to raise this money for the Grove.

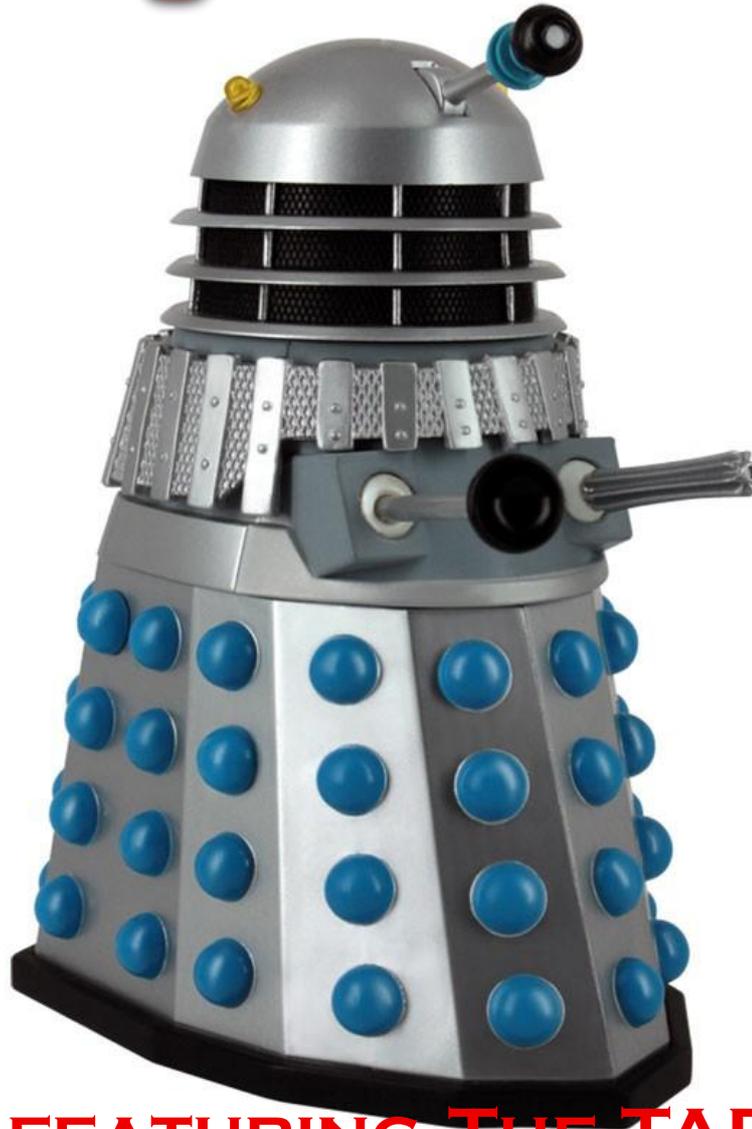
Ricky Hearn

Sponsored bike ride 2014

Many thanks to all who sponsored me on my cycle ride through Holland and Germany. The total raised was £1,761.00 and was split between Cancer Research and British Heart Foundation.

Your support was greatly appreciated. Thanks, Ricky Hearn.

The Daleks are coming to Horsforth



**ALSO FEATURING THE TARDIS
AND K9.**

**THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY,
SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY AT GROVE CENTRE, NEW STREET**

**For more information visit
www.daleksinhorsforth.co.uk**

Part of a 9th Airedale Scout Group Pantomime Production

Once again it's Showtime

Be aware, very aware that the Daleks are coming to Horsforth. This year the Scout Group is presenting "The Daleks Next Door". The pantomime will feature real Daleks, the Tardis and K9.

Tickets will be available in the Grove Centre after the Parade Service on Sunday 1st February. We have continued to maintain the existing ticket price at £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for concessions and children of 15 and under.

Performances will take place in the Grove Centre on Thursday 19th February at 7.30 p.m., Friday 20th February at 7.30 p.m., Saturday 21st February at 3.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. We look forward to welcoming You at what we know will be a great show and tickets are available from Eric or by contacting 0113 2585519.

Further information, including how to have your photograph taken with the Daleks, may be obtained by visiting the website www.daleksinhorsforth.co.uk.

Condensed Words Puzzle

In the hymn titles or first lines below, the vowels have been removed, and the remaining letters have been regrouped. In this way 'Amazing grace' could become MZNGGRC and 'Thine be the glory' could become THNBTHGLRY. Here are ten more hymns for you to identify:

1. KNWT HTM YRDM RLVS
2. SLN TNG HT
3. MYSN GSLV NK NWN
4. FRTH BTY FTH RTH
5. RDNR DNNM JSTY
6. CMD WNL VDVN
7. WY NM NGR
8. NTSB YSBRN
9. SCR D HDSR WNDD
10. CMC MMM NL

Tony Orton

What's on in February

Monday 9th 7.30pm Church Council in the Small Hall

Thursday 12th 2.00pm MWiB Circuit Committee Rodley

Preliminary notices

Friday 6th 2.00pm March Women's World Day of Prayer service at Central
Prepared by the women of the Bahamas.

Saturday March 21st 7.00 for 7.15pm. Leeds Wesley Circuit Missions
Banquet will be held at St Andrew's Methodist Church Pudsey.

Speaker: Judith Armitage on her Romanian Mission trip. Tickets available
from Gill Jewell £6.50. Lifts can be arranged.

*[We should be very happy to announce the dates of church committees or
forthcoming events if secretaries would give us the date, place and time of
meeting. Ed]*

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 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 March Issue will be prepared by Gordon and Mary Mellor and you should send items to them no later than 5pm on Wednesday 18th February

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