

GROVE VINE

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

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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)

Monday

- 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 -9.30 Prayer Group in the Quiet Room 0113 258 8803
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre Small Hall 0113 440 6480;
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

Wednesday

- 2.00 Line Dancing 0113 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 0113 239 0335
- 6.30 Brownies (14th) 0113 250 4907
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly) 0113 225 2734
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 0113 258 0882

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Looking over the roundabout....

it is miserable and grey. Yet somehow I feel moderately positive.

Life can be strange at times, and the ability to find light amidst the darkness is, perhaps, one of humanity's greatest gifts.

We are bombarded by negativity.

Fear of terrorism, fear of epidemic, fear of remaining in the EU, fear of leaving it, obesity one day, anorexia the next, Russia, North Korea, Islamic State..... take your choice of fear.

We live in a world where people ask the question 'How can God permit this?'

God permits it because we are not robots without free will, we make our decisions, and others make theirs and we live with the rather chaotic outcome.

The ability to find light amidst the darkness is, however, ours.

We love because God first loved us. In the darkness, the light is that of God. We can hope.

Hope is a great power. It has motivated movement after movement, and has brought us votes for women, freedom out of slavery, and laughter amidst the tears. Embrace the hope, rejoice in the hope, because God is worthy of that hope.

God bless you all,

Ali

(Rev Alistair Jones MA)

Thought for the month

Forgiveness is the most important single word in conflict resolution
..... it means searching for a new way, together.

Jonathan Sacks, former Chief Rabbi

Church Family News.....

From the Registers

Funerals

9th January Mrs Rene Exley

20th January Nancy Mathers

It is with sadness on going to print that we announce the death of Margaret Bosomworth but we give thanks that she is released from earthly pains.

Please remember in your prayers: Simon Benson, Florence Bonfield, Tony Emmott, Mary Hart, Ros Revell, Kathleen Taylor, May and Harry Tripp and Christine Wilson.

We also remember those who have lost loved ones recently: Christine Mathers; Peter Reasbeck; Kath Ashby; the Abel family; the families of Rene Exley, Isobel Hill and Margaret Bosomworth.

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Sunday Services in February

7th 9.00 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
10.30 Rev. Daniel Woodhouse - Family and Parade
6.00 United Service at Central
14th 10.30 Rev. Madeleine Andrews
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones
21st 10.30 Rev. Alistair Jones - Holy Communion
6.00 United service at Central
28th 10.30 Rev. Peter Reasbeck
6.00 Rev. Jo Lightowler

Stewards on Duty in February

7 th	Caroline Turner	Michael Wallis
14 th	Philip Maud	Carole Abel
21 st	Margaret Shingler	John Bussey
28 th	Tony Orton	Carole Abel

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“Happier” New Year

What happens to clothing, tents and cooking equipment donated to the refugee crisis appeal?

It needs sorting and boxing up in local churches like St James (Horsforth), St Luke’s (Beeston) and Mill Hill Chapel (City Square) before being transported to local warehouses in Meanwood Road and now the old Richmond Hill Sports Centre, Leeds 9.

The generosity of Leeds people has been superb and literally ‘mountains’ of donations have been processed. It is important that items are boxed and labelled clearly as workers ‘in the field’ do not have time to sort through donations.

The temporary camp in Calais was the obvious need in the autumn but an overview of the growing crisis enabled other locations to be served.

(1) There is a holding centre in Wakefield that housed 300 men before they were allocated new homes around the country.

(2) The ‘forgotten’ refugee camp in Dunkirk (so called as it did not receive the publicity that Calais did).

Here at Grove I asked for donations to cover transport hire and costs to move donated items. Your generous response (£600) has paid for the fuel as I have made many journeys across Leeds in the old Woodhouse Grove School transit van. I have also been to Wakefield twice.

The majority of your money financed the hire of a van for a local volunteer to go to Dunkirk and spend time distributing much needed supplies to the growing number of mothers and children there. It is important to see what happens at the other end of the distribution route.

Thank you to all who contributed and I hope you feel that together we have made a small contribution to a massive problem.

Phil Maud



Carboy Charity Appeal 2016

January	}	Pituitary Foundation
February		Evelyn & David Whiteley
March	}	Divided between Mesothelioma
April		Society and Macmillan. Paul Douglas will also run the Edinburgh Marathon
May	}	Parkinson Society
June		Ian & Pauline Low
July	}	MAFF
August		Philip & Carole Abel
September	}	Yorkshire Air Ambulance
October		Gladys Pagden
November	}	Diabetes
December		Bryan & Katie Whitham

We are so grateful to all who organise the Charity Window display and those who donate into the Carboy.

Barbara Buckley

Carboy Charity Appeal March & April

Our son, Paul, is once again running the Edinburgh Marathon. This year Paul is raising monies for Mesothelioma UK and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Mesothelioma is a form of cancer caused by exposure to asbestos affecting the mesothelium, a thin membrane that surrounds the chest wall, the abdomen, the heart and testicles as well as the organs found within these cavities such as the lungs and intestines.

Macmillan provide round the clock support to those with cancer and also

to their families as they try to adjust to the traumas of coping with the illness.

Practical support is provided to help deal with the side effects of treatment. Macmillan help to obtain the appropriate grants and benefits and give full support helping those concerned to understand what the future may hold.

Linda and Eric Douglass

The Carboy Charity Appeal in the Narthex in Nov/Dec raised £60 for the Oxford Place Children's Centre. Thank you so much for your support

Jenny Jones and Gill Jewell

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A Lenten Fast in aid of Water Aid

After the morning service on the first Sunday in Lent 14th February 2016 in the main Hall, soup, bread and water will be served. A donation in lieu of your Sunday Lunch would be appreciated. Rev. Madeleine Andrews will be preaching on this Sunday and is delighted to include Water Aid in her theme.

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Grove Fellowship Holiday 2016

2016 will be the 12th year that we have gone to Ravenhall Hotel, Ravenscar, for the fellowship holiday. On average, each year 40 folk have enjoyed a wonderful break at this beautiful hotel, with marvellous facilities and stunning setting.

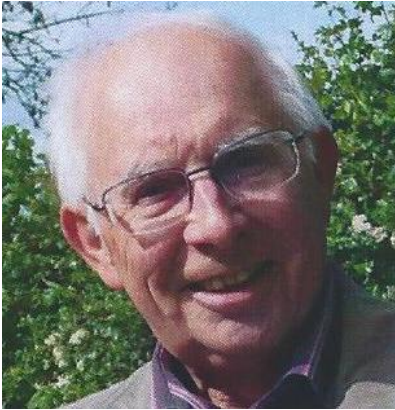
The dates are from Sunday 1st May 2016 to Friday 6th May 2016 inc.

The cost includes dinner, bed and breakfast and a few rooms are available. If anyone would like to come, please ask Barbara Buckley for further details.

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John Edward Ashby (1947 – 2015)

I first met John in 1977 when he and Kath with their son Richard moved to Horsforth from Halifax and joined the congregation of Lister Hill Baptist Church. John and Kath had worshiped at an Anglican Church in Halifax and made many life long friends there, some travelling long distances to be at the Thanksgiving Service at Grove to celebrate John's life.



John was an engineer at British Telecom and as well as our careers being similar we found we had other interests in common. Initially, photography and computers but later we studied together for our Amateur Radio Licences, a hobby John kept for the rest of his life. When he was not well enough to go out he would speak to people around the world. He was a hobby and gadget man, restoring Kath's late father's classic Alvis car, collecting cameras - Leica, Rollie, Bronica etc., buying, selling and learning to play various musical instruments. This was what you saw but was not the whole man.

John was a small man with a big heart and an enormous capacity to love and care for people. He had a strong Christian faith and lived his life in a quiet practical way. Although Kath, Richard and later his daughter-in-law Emma were always his priority no-one was ever excluded. You may have noticed when having a coffee after a church service John never chatted with his close friends, he looked for those standing alone on the fringe and went to have a chat with them, probably giving them a hug when it was time to go.

When John retired from BT in 1994 wanting to do something satisfying, not looking for financial reward, he went to nurse disabled adults at Littondale making it clear he wanted to help the residents live as normal a life as possible. He took them to High Street stores so they could choose and buy their own clothes, pub lunches in the Dales became common outings, trips to Blackpool Illuminations and holidays abroad as far as the Canary Islands.

John made a life long friend of Allan Lodge one of the residents and encouraged him to come to the Grove Parade Service. Allan became a member of the Church, enjoyed singing the hymns with gusto, making many new friends who chatted with him and sent him cards and gifts for his birthday and Christmas. You can see what happened when John touched your life.

John was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2005 and operations, radiotherapy and chemotherapy followed at St James's and Christies in Manchester. Only family and close friends knew the side effects he put up with, he didn't talk about them. On good days he learned to sail on Yeadon Dam, had trips to York Railway Museum, loved to visit Worth Valley Railway enjoying behind the scene tours with Bill Black. His special outings were bird watching with Kath in the Knaresborough and Ripon area. His last words to me were 'Hi Bro' and I replied 'Hi Bro'.

Grove Church was packed to capacity for the Thanksgiving Service, an indication of the many lives John brought love, joy and happiness to.

Gordon Collis

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9th Airedale Scout Group Pantomime

It is hard to believe that almost a year has passed since our last show. The Show last February was a great success and this year our follow up production is STARGAZER May the Force Be With You.

Performances are at 7.30 p.m. on the 18th, 19th and 20th February at the Grove Centre, with a matinee on 20th February at 3.00 p.m.

Tickets are £4.00 with concessions £3.00 and these can be obtained from Eric (2585519) or any Leader.

We look forward to welcoming you to what we are sure will be a super show.

*Eric Douglass
Chair, Scout Executive*

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December 2015 Puzzle Solutions

Crossword

Across: 1 Gladsome, 5 Manger, 9 Emperors, 10 Almond 12 Claus, 13 Charlotte, 14 Timbre, 16 Thimble, 19 Angelic, 21 Costly, 23 Ascension, 25 Trust, 26 Exodus, 27 Almighty, 28 Herald, 29 Assessed.

Down: 1 Greece, 2 Appearing, 3 Sores, 4 Miracle, 6 Alleluia, 7 Ghost, 8 Redeemer, 11 East, 15 Bilingual, 17 Bulrushes, 18 Nazareth, 20 Crib, 21 Candles, 22 Stayed, 24 Choir, 25 Tribe.

Cub Scouts 1916 - 2016



As a young boy Robert Baden Powell loved the outdoors including camping and climbing with his four brothers.

When he left school he joined the army and became an officer.

He trained his men with games and competitions. He used one of his tricks to save a town called Mafeking in South Africa by building imitation forts to draw the fire of the enemy. He would also recruit corps of boys to act as messengers and orderlies, releasing men to fight on the front line. The enemy was sufficiently discouraged to abandon any hope of taking the town.

On his return Baden Powell wrote a book about training in the army called 'Aids to Scouting' which boys liked to read and do skills for themselves.

In 1907 Baden Powell ran a camp for 20 boys at Brownsea Island Dorset. They enjoyed games and activities at the camp so Baden Powell wrote another book called 'Scouting for Boys'.

Boys all over the UK formed themselves into groups of Boy Scouts and asked adults to run scouting activities for them. Before long younger brothers of these scouts began joining in the fun of scouting. In 1916 Baden Powell started a special section called Wolf Cub Scouts for boys aged 8-11. Scouting grew & grew and in 1920 Baden Powell became the world Chief Scout, 9 years later he became Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell. In 1941 Lord Baden Powell died, scouting continued to change with the times and in 1967 wolf cubs became cub scouts. Venture scouts were introduced to replace rover scouts & senior scouts and in 1986 beavers became members. The scout association welcomed girls in 1990.

In 2016 we celebrate 100 years of cub scouting. Lots of exciting activities are planned, including a joint South & Central Yorkshire Cub Centenary Adventure Camp – PackMania 2016 at Hesley Wood near Sheffield. This will be an opportunity to experience everything which is cool about cub scouting in one weekend.

There are now over 31 million young people from all over the world who joy the fun, friendship & adventure that is Scouting.

Julie Tait

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Musical Workshop

with



John Bell

(John Bell has contributed to over 50 hymns in
Singing the Faith)

Why do God's people sing?

Tuesday 1st March 7.30 – 9.30pm

Tickets £10 including refreshments

Leeds South Oasis
at Hunslet Methodist Church
Telford Terrace
Leeds
LS10 2HR

Please book on 011332794816 or 17500424891
Email: admin@lswmethodists.org.uk

Favourite Hymns

Backwards and Forwards

Towards the back end of last year I was invited to my nine year old granddaughter`s class school assembly. Traditional assemblies take place in her school.....but not this one. It was all about the work they had been doing on the ancient Egyptians and their way of life. Not one word was uttered by any adult during the full half-hour of its duration, nor was one word uttered directly about religion. Yet it was full of Christian virtues - getting along together, happily singing and dancing, giving everybody a chance to contribute, and thus bestowing on all, both taking part and watching, that word GOOD.

It took me back to being nine myself. I was in Miss Lilywhite`s class and we all loved young Miss Lilywhite though she was the complete antithesis of her name as she had the most beautiful head of dark black hair which shone navy blue whenever the sun streaked across it. Apart from that the only other thing I remember her for is that after every daily nine o`clock assembly she would march us back to our classroom and the first thing we did was get our hymn books out and turn to the one we had sung that morning. Then she would run through the words and tell us in simple language what we had been singing about. This could become rather tedious day after day! I had a favourite hymn though because I liked the catchy first line of it which seemed to jump about all over the place, so the morning she explained the words of "Father Hear the Prayer we Offer" [StF 518]. I must have been paying attention because those words have remained firmly with me. They have come to mean to me a helpful "passage though life". The first verse makes a child understand that you don`t always get what you pray for, but not to give up because in growing up you realise that even adults don`t always get what they pray for. Then as the hymn develops it warns that life`s journey will not always be plain sailing - there will be obstacles in the way. Lastly, at the end of the hymn, it urges us to be strong in the face of dark times, to let Him be our guide in times of uncertainty, and finally to be secure in the knowledge that He is always at our side.

Remembering back I am not the only member of this church to whom this hymn is special as many years ago I sang it here at the thanksgiving service for one of our very loyal and well-loved members.

It was, I believe, Winston Churchill who said "It is only by looking backwards that we can see the way forwards". The old familiar sayings "once bitten, twice shy" and "you learn by experience" bear this out. I am much more inclined to look backwards rather than forwards, but as we were reminded at our Church Anniversary in January, we should not be pessimistic about the future: things will undoubtedly be different but that is not to say they will be worse. Life is always on the move whether we like it or not! A good thing to remember for 2016!

Rita Granger

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**A date for your diary
23rd APRIL 2016
IN GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
at 7.30pm**

A welcome return visit of the Sheffield Citadel Salvation Army Band, as part of their 135th Anniversary Celebrations – an event to look forward to.

Tickets will be available early February, when they can be collected in the Main Hall after the morning service on Sundays. As always the tickets will be free, but there will be a collection during the performance which will be given to Salvation Army charities. Please get your tickets when they are available and make this a very special event.

Thank you for your support.

Jack Myers

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Horsforth Live at Home Scheme . . .

. . . is hoping to start up a new Men's Group in the near future. If you are interested in attending or volunteering to help run this group please phone Sally Metcalfe at Horsforth Live at Home Scheme on 0113 2591511.

Margaret Reasbeck (1933 – 2015)

A regular member at Grove over the past 17 years, Margaret was born in Keighley but brought up in Bournemouth before training as an RE teacher at



Homerton College, Cambridge, and King's College, London. Marrying Rev John Dover she lived in Leeds, Cantley, Scarborough, Cambridge and Doncaster. Four years after John's death Margaret married Rev Peter Reasbeck, living in Chapel Allerton and Runcorn before they moved in retirement to Brownberrie Walk in Horsforth and so became members of the Grove family.

At her thanksgiving service on 17 November we sang 'For all the saints who from their labours rest', for Margaret was assuredly amongst that number, and 'May the mind of Christ my Saviour Live in me from day to day', because in Margaret's case it certainly did. She had a deep and practical spirituality together with a many-faceted creativity expressed in her love of music, singing, painting, pottery and spinning. Most of all she was truly self-effacing ('Him exalting, self-abasing') through whom God was able to work through her pastoral sensitivity and concern for others.

Latterly, Margaret's life was progressively affected by Alzheimer's disease but she retained her social graces and selfless spirit till the end, receiving wonderful care first in Sunnyview in south Leeds and then at Methodist Homes' Glen Rosa in Ilkley. She was much loved in both homes, as she was by all who knew her.

Margaret was a dedicated member of two families. Her human family meant so much to her. Daughter Jane and her two sons live in Toronto where Margaret and Peter were able to make many enjoyable visits. Son David, who has four daughters and one son, lives more locally in Hawksworth Wood. Jane contributed a moving tribute to her mother on behalf of the family in the thanksgiving service, in which appropriately music also played a major part through the choir anthems, the organ playing, the solo singing of 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' and the oboe solo by Elizabeth Kenwood.

But Margaret was, and remains, a member also of God's family, the church militant here on earth and triumphant in heaven, and in that we all rejoice. As we sang at the service:

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast.
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host.
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia!

Albert Jewell



Methodist Summer Fellowship

A gathered community of faith where
"all are invited, all are included and all are equal"
Saturday 29 July - Friday 4 August
2017



"It's my first time. I can't believe it, I've been a Methodist for nearly 70 years. I wish I had known about this before!"

Ann Carver

"Mum when we come again, can we come for two weeks?"

Ben, Age 11

For a conversation with someone who's been there please contact:

Gill or Albert Jewell

methodistsummerfellowship.org

*all ages
conversation
bible study
keynote speakers
prayer
song
young people's activities
worship
sport
fun
relaxation
challenge
laughter
community
discipleship
communion
reflection
fellowship
formation
art
friendship
learning*

Questions about Copying and Projecting Hymns

Question: Is it true that there are some hymns which we are forbidden to show on our screen?

Answer: Yes, here are four examples -

All for Jesus - all for Jesus, this our song shall ever be
Come and join the celebration
Lord of creation, to you be all praise
Morning has broken like the first morning

Question: Why can't we show these hymns on screen?

Answer: Because they are all copyright hymns, and none of them is covered by a licensing scheme. We can't photocopy them either.

Question: So, buying a hymn book doesn't permit us to copy or project?

Answer: No, it doesn't. It only permits us to sing from it.

Question: When does a hymn cease to be copyright?:

Answer: Not before seventy years after the death of all the authors.

*Question: How many hymns in **Singing the Faith** are we not allowed to project or photocopy?*

Answer: Currently about ninety, but the number should reduce over time.

Question: Has the adoption of a new hymn book created this problem?

Answer: No – all of the above four hymns are also in *Hymns and Psalms*, as are other 'forbidden' hymns. But the problem is a bit more acute with a new hymn book because it contains so many recently-written hymns.

Question: When can we copy and project a copyright hymn?

Answer: Only when it has been placed under the protection of a licensing scheme to which we pay annual fees. We currently pay fees to both of the licensing agencies.

Question: Why aren't all copyright hymns within a licensing scheme?

Answer: I suspect there are many reasons, and I may not know them all.

Question: *Is there any other way of extending the number of hymns we can copy and project?*

Answer: It is possible to approach a publisher about an individual hymn and, if permission is granted, to pay the requisite fee. This is time-consuming and can be expensive, but we have occasionally done it.

Tony Orton

Large Print Hymn Books

In answer to a question I have been asked several times: Yes, we do have some copies of the Large Print edition of *Singing the Faith*. You only have to ask when you arrive at church.

Tony Orton

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MHA (Methodist Homes) reveals that it has been working with the cast and crew of *Emmerdale* on the storyline which reveals that Vicar Ashley Thomas (played by actor John Middleton) has been diagnosed with Dementia. MHA has provided advice and guidance to the ITV drama on its scripts and facilitated visits by John to the specialist unit Kitwood House in Glen Rosa, our care home in Ilkley.

Lord, we pray that all who live and serve in all our MHA communities may know the joy, the hope, and the peace that is found by coming into your presence and resting at your feet. Help us to make time for you and in doing so, grow in our discipleship as we reach out in love to those around us, secure in the knowledge that through your mercy and grace you journey with us every step of the way. Amen.

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Lent 2016 - Dates to remember

10th February - There will be a Service for Ash Wednesday in Grove Church at 7.30

Horsforth Churches Together *Together in our community*

Horsforth Churches Together will be hosting Lent Talks on the theme of the Kingdom of God at **7.30 pm** on the following dates:

Thursday 11th February Susie Hart 'A place for the disabled in the Kingdom of God' - at Cragg Hill Baptist Church

Monday 22nd February Mark Dawson 'Fairtrade and the Kingdom of God' - at St James Parish Centre

Wednesday 2nd March Mark Roques 'Work and The Kingdom of God' - at Lister Hill

Wednesday 9th March John Battle 'From neighbours to brothers & sisters' - at the Grove Centre

Thursday 17th March Rev Stephen Brown 'The Kingdom of God in Film' - at St. Margaret's Parish Centre

What's On

Monday February 8th 7.30pm Grove Church Council in the Small Hall

Sunday February 14th WaterAid lunch at Grove (see p.7 for details)

Tuesday March 1st 2.30pm Daffodil Rally Batley Central Methodist Church. Preacher: The Rev Steve Wild, President of the Methodist Conference

Tuesday March 1st 7.30 – 9.30pm Musical Workshop led by John Bell at Hunslet Methodist Church (see p.11)

Friday March 4th 2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer at Grove The service this year is prepared by the women of Cuba. All welcome.

Saturday April 23rd 7.30pm A welcome return visit of the Sheffield Citadel Salvation Army Band, as part of their 135th Anniversary Celebrations (see p.13)

Regular Events (contd)

Thursday

9.30 – 11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4yrs) 0113 293 8458
11.00 Bible Fellowship 0113 258 3239
6.00 Cubs 0113 216 9006
6.15 Beavers 0113 216 9006
7.45 Scouts 0113 216 9006
7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursdays)
0113 258 2520

Friday

7.45 Choir Rehearsal 0113 258 9093

Walking Groups: **Thursday** 0113 258 6579
Saturday 0113 258 4520

From the Editorial Group

Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... the March Issue will be prepared by Paul and Jenny Redfearn and you should send items to them no later than 5pm on Wednesday 24th February.

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