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Dear Friends,

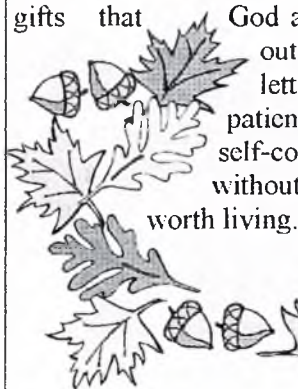
As the temperature drops and the sun, which has been with us a great deal more than usual this summer, begins to fade, we arrive at the season that poets wax lyrical about; the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.

That word mellow or mellowness seems more than any other to capture the feeling or atmosphere of this time of year; October and November. Although gathered early this year due to a long hot summer, October is generally thought of as the time of harvest; a time of gathering in the summer's bounty in preparation for the hardships of winter. These two months are a time to take stock; a time of winding down as growth in nature slows to a slight ebb and ultimately stands still.

With the clocks being put back an hour at the end of October and the nights drawing in, daylight activities become fewer and the mood becomes one of quiet reflection rather the frenetic activity of spring or summer. Our minds turn more to remembrance of times past; recent and more distant. Church celebrations with All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday take on a retrospective and reminiscent flavour, a time of mellowness.

Harvest in particular is probably one of the most popular festivals for this time of year—a festival of thanksgiving for all the good things that God has blessed us with! With that purpose in mind, I felt our harvest celebration needed a slightly different slant this year. Traditionally our thanksgiving has always been for the 'material' harvest; those gifts which God has given us to feed and sustain us physically. The gifts we bring to the church are usually fruit, vegetables, other foodstuffs and flowers. Our harvest displays in church are also made up of these items.

Where we seem to miss out, is in giving thanks for the many other spiritual gifts that God also gives us; those many qualities of life which arise out of our love for one another. St Paul lists them in his letter to the Galatians (ch. 5) *... Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Whilst it is true that we could actually survive without any of these (if we lived as hermits) life would not be worth living.



It is those spiritual qualities which all arise out of love, the gift of God, who is the source of all love, which gives colour and warmth to life, emotionally speaking. I felt therefore, that

as well as the traditional thanksgiving for our material harvest, we also ought to give thanks for God's gift of love. The difficulty of course is how we can represent the many tangible qualities that enrich our daily lives in a visible sense. One way we could do this, I feel, is to give thanks for some of those things which contribute to our day-to-day living with others; those aspects of our community of which we are a part. With this in mind, I have asked as many of the community groups I could think of to put a small display in church as a representation of their group, along with the more traditional harvest gifts. I hope that this may create a greater awareness for the many ways in which God contributes to our well-being as whole people.

Finally, as regards the traditional harvest gift, I would like to request that, if you bring any gifts, they should be tinned or dry goods, which we can then pass on to a charity which feeds and cares for the homeless. **And, more importantly, bring yourselves!**



Yours in Christ,

Paul

Seasonal Colours

Our wardrobe, as the season changes, often heralds a change in clothing, usually in thickness, but also often in colour. Spring and summer sees the bright yellows, blues, pinks etc, with autumn and winter seeing more greys, blacks and browns.

But did you know that the church also changes its colours to suit the season? We are currently in **green**, for Trinity. But soon we will see **purple** signifying the penitential (preparation) season of advent (used also for the penitential season of Lent). Look out also for the days when **red** is used for the major saints days (also used at Pentecost) to signify the Holy Spirit. Especially watch out for **white** because this tells us that the season is extra special for it is used for the major festivals, Christmas, Epiphany and Easter.

Dear Readers

It is good to have had some feedback on the stone quarries, and our thanks go to the contributors, who have helped widen the scope of what we could otherwise have produced. Another contributor is now working on the history of the Bell Lane shops for our next issue, and some of the ladies at the coffee mornings are adding their reminiscences. If any other reader has recollections of any of the shops when they were flourishing, we should be glad to learn of them. It may be that the article itself will stir some memories, so if you let us have them they can be published in the issue after.

You will appreciate that sometimes people are too busy to get information to us in time for publication, so if an item does not appear when we have said it would, that is probably the reason.

Please feel free to contact us with comments, ideas, information or whole articles. This is **your magazine**.

Stella, Jean and Valerie

PCC Jottings

September

Valerie Cook

- The application to English Heritage for work at St. Cuthbert's will be considered and a reply given by December.
- The roof work at St. Cuthbert's has been completed.
- The new notice board will be put up, as soon as the trees behind have been taken out.
- The Marsh family are to put a bench in the churchyard at All Saints' in memory of their son, who died at the age of 4.
- Home Start are interested in forming a partnership with us for the use of All Saints', and we shall meet with them soon.
- The Practice Nurse wishes to give free 'flu jabs to patients who attend the coffee mornings at All Saints'.
- There will be a special Christmas Coffee Morning at All Saints' on 4 December, with the choir of Bell Lane School.
- As a result of the concern expressed by PCC members about the misinformed correspondence in the local press regarding the use of the glebe land—Water Tower fields—the Rector is to write to the Diocesan Land Agent. He will ask him to send a copy of his explanatory letter, which clearly sets out the Diocese' position, to the local paper, so it can be published for all to read.

Ackworth Over the Years . . .

In the last issue we reported the unearthing of a Romano-British gold coin in Low Ackworth in the time of Revd. Saywell, and there were claims for a Roman bath. Just this year Harry Miles found at the end of Tanhouse Lane a lump of molten metal which archaeologists have recognised as Roman smelting iron, so keep your eyes open for more evidence of our Roman past.

We have details of conditions in Ackworth during John of Gaunt's management of the Duchy of Lancaster recorded in Green. In 1374 a man was paid 3d. a day for ploughing, 1d. a day for harrowing, 1d. also for making and carrying hay, 1 ½d. for reaping and 3d. for carrying. Earlier, these *operationes* had been performed in return for rations. This was of course in feudal times, so a bondman had to work for the lord of the manor, and now when he no longer wanted to work for his lord he had to pay him to get the work done. This benefited both parties. The bondman could work his own strips and the lord could hire a more willing worker. Some bondmen were allowed to rent land, thus being made free men as regards their personal liberty. A rent of 12d. For the Easter and Michaelmas terms is paid by John del Hole for *right of passage and pasture* on the moor of Ackworth at Brackenhill for his *beasts lying down or on foot*. The proceeds from 5 courts of the manor held during the year were £6l. 17s. 9d. The windmill was let to William Milner, an appropriate name—for miln-er and mill-er are the same word—for 43s.4d.. Outgoings relating to the windmill include 6s. for the wages of one man making *four postes* and *two saylewandes*. Charges relating to the park include 6s. 8d. wages for a carpenter cutting down several oaks and making a new *grange* (outhouse) for storing hay for the deer; 12d. for a man splitting 600 *lattes* (laths) for the walls and roof; 1s. 4d. For tarring or painting the grange all over; the cost of barley straw carting it and paying the thatcher 4d. per day for 6 days and his assistant 2d. per day.

Saywell gives details of a Poll Tax in 1379 to provide funds for the defence of the kingdom, during the reign of Richard II. 'At this date there was a taxable population in Ackworth of 83, of whom 77 paid fourpence, and 6 paid sixpence. The remainder were *villains* (labourers) and *borderers* (farmers). There were four *taylours*, one *smyth* and two *wrights* in the parish. 47 wives are listed. All persons over sixteen years of age were taxed. If we suppose 100 children under this age, Green says, it brings the total population of the place to 230 souls.

Green records that by order of Henry VI a survey of Ackworth was taken 17 Feb. 1425, listing fully the names of all tenants of every class with their holdings—*freeholder, bondmen, cottiers, leaseholders, tenants of the forlande*, tenants paying 'new' rent (chiefly on ground taken in from the waste). This is the first time that all have surnames. Some of these seemed to be altered names of places and others which are new may apply to places known under other names in older accounts. A villain was tied to his lord in various ways: he was not to let his son be tonsured (take holy orders) nor his daughter marry without the lord's leave (and payment), and if his daughter is seduced, he will have to pay *leirwyt* for her.



More hints from the Weekday Pages for Women with Homes

The useful lemon from July 1948: *A slice of lemon* rubbed over the temples is a frequent cure for headache. Half a teaspoonful of lemon juice makes an ideal toothwash, and nothing can ease chilblains like a lemon cut in two, sprinkled with salt and rubbed over the infliction. If the pulp of a lemon be rubbed over the scalp it arrests the falling out of hair, and in bath water the juice has a delightfully cooling effect on the skin.



And, in September 1948 a further tip: *Lemon*—to obtain a few drops of lemon—prick end of lemon with silver fork and squeeze out required number; the holes will soon close up and lemon can be kept for further use.

A cooking tip also in July 1948: *When making custard* never mix in the sugar until the custard is made and ready to leave cooking. Then sprinkle the sugar all over the top and do not stir in until nearly cold. This prevents that horrible layer of skin which the children so dislike. (And I always thought that was the best part)!

80 Years Young



In characteristic style, Heather Walters celebrated becoming an octogenarian by inviting 60 friends for a glass of wine and a piece of cake at The Brown Cow, stating that she did not wish to receive any presents, but donations to The Prince of Wales Hospice would be very acceptable. The result was that all her friends who called in enjoyed chatting to the birthday girl and other friends, and tucking into a buffet, as well as sampling the beautiful, exquisitely decorated cake and some wine.

Furthermore, the next day, Heather and Fred were able to take £240 to the Hospice, and they donated money to the Church Restoration Fund, as well.

Congratulations, Heather, on reaching your landmark, and thanks to you for celebrating it in such a public spirited way.

Ackworth Stone Quarries - Part Two

In the 17th and 18th centuries stone workers were largely masons, as it was easy to acquire stone from the hillside quarries. Around 1869 there was a change to pit quarries, as the freestone was worked out. This led to the employment of many quarrymen. Stoneleigh Hotel and Walton Hall, Wakefield, were both built of stone from Sam Seal & Sons quarry. In the heyday of the industry in the late part of the 19th century, 600 men were working in 12 quarries. 5 ale houses flourished in the village and from these 10 year-old lads kept the men 'moist'.

Ann Harrison's husband's grandfather, Robert Brown, who lived in Hessle Cottages on the Nostell Estate worked in the quarries, and he was a local preacher at The Primitive Chapel on Hillside, Moortop. His two sons, Jack and Francis, followed him into the quarries and Ann's husband, Ronald began working for Herbert Camplin at the age of 14. At 17 he moved on to work for Harold Parker, who taught him to drive the travelling crane, so for many years he was the crane driver at Parkers.

Jean Ketchell's father, Clifford, started working for Charles Camplin at Camplin Brothers in June 1928 as crane driver, working on a crane with a 75 ft. jib., the first of its kind in the area, that he went to buy with Charles Camplin in Leeds. His working hours were 7 am to 8.30; 9 to 12 noon; 1 pm to 5.30, Monday to Friday, and the full morning on Saturday, Every other Sunday five hours were spent cleaning the boiler out and getting the steam up ready for Monday morning. That makes an average of 52 hours per week, and the rate of pay was 3½d. per hour.

When one of the quarrymen's wives had a baby, the workforce was informed by putting either a pink or blue ribbon on top of the crane.

CharlesTown Estate was named after Charles Camplin, as the stone used in building the houses came from the Quarry.

The quarry owners were all Methodists, well known for their honesty, abhorrence of swearing, which was absolutely forbidden, and meanness. Wages were always very low and, of course in those days, there was no concern for any safety measures, or spending money on any device that might make the work easier. It was through going to the Chapel that Harry Miles, just 14, went to work at Ackworth Stone Company in 1945. Here there were 5 stone masons, 3 stone getters, a crane driver, blacksmith and 2 sawmill workers, with 4 young lads or girls for the other jobs.

Camplin Brothers, run by Herbert, known as 'Yarrow', and Percy Camplin, was

then employing 25—30 men, but one of the workers remembered that at the beginning of the century the workforce numbered 116. The four fine stone houses opposite All Saints' church were built for four Camplin brothers. Other quarries were W W Bowman, owned by Arthur Jenks and Rowland Parker. Firms had been closing down or were bought out by Camplins from as early as 1908. One of the brothers bought out Samuel Seal & Sons and it was later bought out by Harold Parker, who was always known as Tasil,



Harry remembers his first morning all too well. He was set to clean 2 saw-mills, one dry and one slurry. He had started at 7 o'clock working flat out to impress his boss, grandfather of the present Steve Parker, owner of Brackenhill Quarry, the last quarry in Ackworth. W W Westwood worked at Job Robinson & Sons, Elmwood Quarry, one

Of those which 'disappeared' and he invented the 'reemer', a simple device which enabled a straight cut to be made through a block of stone in the quarry, before it was blasted out. There was Camplin & Sons, Freestone & Doughty, from whose stone the Headlands houses were built, and at least eight others.

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Gilbert Camplin. The hard work exhausted him and he couldn't believe when he thought it must be lunchtime that it was only 9 o'clock! In order to cut through the stone they put sand on it to make the saw bite and dripped water over, as the saw cut through at 8" per hour. Ackworth Stone Company produced 2 or 3 loads of windowsills a week and Harry soon graduated from his menial tasks and spent 6 months here, making sills, all for 19s. 5d. a week. Just occasionally there was a little light relief for him—he made his first trip to Blackpool in the truck taking a load of sills, and was to make three more during his time there.

Waste stone was also collected in wagons from Burnley and other Lancashire towns. The stone was then crushed and moulded into scouring stones for cleaning doorsteps and sills. He remembers visits made by Sheffield steel works owners, small, bowler-hatted men, who came to order grindstones and Gilbert Camplin liked to give them the grand tour.

Ann Harrison Jean Ketchell Harry Miles

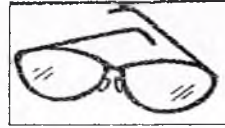
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The present Ackworth Ladies' Group started out its life as "The Young Wives", over thirty-five years ago. Mrs. Margaret Rhodes had recently moved to Ackworth with her husband George, who became the new curate. She realised that there were other young wives in a similar position to her - new to the area and eager to make new friends. As a result ten ladies met at her house in Moor Top Avenue in September 1967. This was the very first unofficial meeting of "The Young Wives". Speakers were arranged for October and November and a Christmas dinner booked for December.

The Mission Rooms (now converted to a house) on Wakefield Road then became the venue for further meetings. The minutes record that the first official meeting was held there on January 18th 1968 and the talk presented was entitled "A Visit to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party". At this meeting there were only eight members present. However, the group soon began to grow. It had a variety of speakers and the members went on various outings.

"The Young Wives" fulfilled another need at the time by forming a "Mothers' and Toddlers' Group", as there were no nursery facilities in the village. Mrs. Jean Moxon, our only original member, recalled how the children happily played with cardboard boxes until money was raised to buy toys.

In January 1971 the Annual General Meeting was held for the last time in the Mission Rooms. The minutes record that it was decided - "to hold all future meetings in the new Community Centre at Brackenhill School Rooms and to change our name from Young Wives to Ackworth Ladies' Group, so that the ladies who are not married, also older ladies, will be able to come and join us in our activities."

At Brackenhill the better facilities meant a more diverse range of speakers. Cookery demonstrations were included and there was even a sword dancing display! Numbers grew and the A.G.M. of 1976 reported attendances at meetings of between thirty and forty members. The committee at this time consisted of seven people.

When the Brackenhill Centre closed in July 1991 it was feared we would be without a place to meet. However, the group was fortunate enough to be offered the upstairs room of the Masons' Arms, free of charge. We remained there for a short time before moving to the upstairs room of the Boot and Shoe, our present venue, again offered rent-free. It was here that Ackworth Ladies Group celebrated its 25th Anniversary. A special cake was made and original

members of the committee were invited to a buffet.



Although now a smaller group than at Brackenhill, we still meet twice a month and have speakers on a wide range of subjects. This year's topics so far have included "Kew Gardens", "National Parks of North America" and "Great Grandma's Travelling Box". Outings have been to the theatre, Yorkshire T.V. Studios and the Flower Barn Manor and Chapel at Penistone.

Over the thirty-five years the aims of the group have remained the same - to provide opportunities for ladies to socialise, to enjoy talks on a variety of subjects and to go on a variety of visits. We have been known to allow the occasional man on our visits!! The group is informal and friendly and new members and visitors are always made most welcome.



THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND BARBECUE Ian and Stella Hall

A BBQ in aid of the Save The Children Fund was held on Sunday September 15th from 12 noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Standon It was a glorious September afternoon and the beautiful garden was decorated with balloons bearing the Save the Children logo giving it a festive appearance. There were several gazebos where we could shelter from the hot sun. As is usual on such occasions the two chefs were men! And they did a superb job of cooking the chicken, sausages and beefburgers to perfection.

Indoors, the committee members had made a wonderful display of various salad dishes and it was hard to choose which to take, without over loading ones plate! Then afterwards it was back into the house to decide what to have from the many delicious desserts committee members had provided; Tiramisu, lemon meringue and bread and butter pudding being amongst those ladening the table. Tea and coffee were provided for those with room left for them

Enthusiastic raffle sellers made sure the fifty or so guests parted with their money and there were some highly desirable prizes to be won. There was no ticket money to be paid but all were given an envelope for donations and the event raised £542.

The Ackworth Branch of the Save the Children Fund has won the Northern Region Championship Collection Award for 2003, and with such enthusiasm shown by its members it is not surprising. The award will be presented by Princess Anne in London on October 8th 2003.

DOES THIS RING A BELL?

Stella Hall



Clearing out some drawers prior to starting decorating we came across some handwritten notes on St. Cuthbert's Bells. We have forgotten who it was who gave them to us but would like to hear from anyone connected with the work done on the bells in the 1970's. This is a resume of these notes.

The bells had not been rung for 17 years although no one knew the reason why. It was said that the tower, bell mountings and frame were unsafe and that the cost of repairs would be several thousand pounds if done by a firm. Keith Watson who was a churchwarden then decided to have a go at restoration, and the rector Rev. A. Courtley put an S.O.S. in the Parish Magazine for helpers. Mr. Wilf Moreton from Wakefield gave an invaluable amount of time and advice in helping to restore the bells and in teaching the band of ringers. We also had help from Richard Appleyard, Neville Thomas, Roy Watson, John Brookes, Les Harper and others from the village. The work began in March 1975 on two or three nights a week.

WORK DONE All the ironwork was seriously corroded and had to be replaced. The four mounting bolts on each bell had to be replaced and all the clappers were removed and reconditioned. The headstock for number two bell had to be replaced, as it was rotten because of water from the roof dripping onto it. We were indebted to the local blacksmith, Harold Dawson, for all the new parts he made so promptly. He spent a lot of time searching scrap yards for the special steel needed to remake the long mounting bolts.

With the help of three newcomers to the village - Peter Barrow, Simon Reeves and Andrew Cawthra - the ceiling boards in the ringing chamber were removed to expose the main beam for examination by experts in treating woodworm. As a result all the woodwork in the tower was treated by a specialist firm. A new insulated ceiling was put in place to cut down the noise in the ringing chamber. and the tower, staircase and ringing room were all decorated. (cont. page 15)

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER DIARY



Week of

8	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (M U Corporate Communion) A S	
9	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week beginning

13	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry, St Cuthbert's
15	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
16	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week of

22	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
23	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week of

28	Wednesday		Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
30	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week of

4	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry, St Cuthbert's
5	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (M U Corporate Communion) A S	
6	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week beginning

12	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
13	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week of

19	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
20	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week of

26	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
27	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week of

3	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints
4	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
6	Saturday	2.00pm	Christmas Fayre	Bell Lane School

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER READINGS AND READERS



5	October Proper 22 Job 1:1 and 2: 1-10	Hebrews 1: 1-4&2 5-12	SC Fred Davies	AS Mary Walker
12	Proper 23 Job 23: 1-9, 16-17	Hebrews 4: 12-16	Jane Siddall	Ethel Smith
19	Proper 24 Job 38: 1-7	Hebrews 5: 1-10	Sue Hartley	Peter McWilliam
26	Proper 25 Job 42: 1-6, 10-17	Hebrews 7: 23-28	Keith Shaw	David Cook
2	November All Saints' Day Isaiah 25: 6-9	Revelation 21: 1-6a	Grace Riley	Stella Hall
97	9 Third Sunday Before Advent Jonah 3: 1-5, 10	Hebrews 9: 24-28	Lily Parker	Mary Walker
16	Second Sunday Before Advent Daniel 12: 1-3	Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25	Julie Cleland	Valerie Cook
23	Christ the King Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Revelation 1: 4b-8	Mary Woofinden	Ethel Smith

The new rota from Advent 2003 will not be ready until October.

Does This Ring a Bell continued

The money for materials was raised by Major and Mrs. Barron of Ackworth Grange and also by Mrs. Joy Watson who organised a raffle.

By the end of June all major repairs were complete and the tower declared safe by the architect and structural engineer. On July 11th 1975 a band of ringers from the area rang the first Quarter Peal. The training of the local band of ringers was under the direction of Wilf Moreton with help from Celia Marr, Philip and Carolyn Charlesworth and Gordon Corby. Starting with a complete band of novices was very difficult and would have been impossible without the time given and the patience of the instructors.

The new band of ringers consisted of Keith Watson, Richard Appleyard, Tony Hewitt, Simon and Gail Reeves, Peter Barrow, Andrew Cawthra, Allison Day Kathleen Rosewarne and Les Harper and the bells were first rung for a service with an experienced band supplemented by our own band on the 6th of October to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving.

(to be continued in next issue)

Ackworth Footpath Group



Fiona Davies

Since 1970, groups of Ackworth residents have walked the local footpaths on a regular fortnightly programme. Public footpaths remain in public use only if they are regularly walked, and this is the prime object of the group. However, there is more to it than this. The group has been referred to as a "mobile debating society" and interesting conversation is an added feature of our meetings. Neither are the footpaths totally Ackworth-based. We go as far afield as Heath Common, Badsworth, Upton and Haw Wood. At £1 per family group per year, this must be the best value exercise ever! We would welcome walkers of every age-group to join us.

The walks start from either Bell Lane car park or the Village Green at 2pm on every second Sunday, except during the month of August, and the programme is posted at the beginning of each "term" in the local post-offices, churches, chemist and supermarket.

The first walk of the autumn was on 7th September, so do join in from 5th October.

Ackworth Concert Society

Saturday 8th November at 7.30pm in The Meeting House,
Ackworth School

'Arcturus' (piano trio)
works by Suk, Dvorak and Beethoven

Saturday 13th December at 7.30pm in Badsworth Church

Anthony Thompson – Trumpet
Gordon Stewart- Organ



From the Registers

Baptisms

- 13 July Corban Rhys Nichol
27 July Christopher Maurice Scot McKenzie
Craig Peter Murray McKenzie
Tyler Reece Myers
10 August Katharine Laura Hamer
Georgia Elizabeth Darlison



Marriages

- 18 July Stephen David Owen and Louise Kathleen Hughes
20 July Adrian Murgatroyd and Joanne Dawn Myers
25 July Andrew James Storey and Chieh Ling Tsai
26 July Michael James Ashman and Amanda Jane O'Gorman
Mark Antony Richmond and Beverley Clair Lamprey
Blessing for Jamie Hurst and Jane Hurst
2 August Dean Jonathan Devine and Aimi Jane Thompson
3 August Matthew Langton and Claire Lorraine Edwards
16 August Mark Walshaw and Bernadette Marie Slatter
24 August Robert Charles Wortley and Joanne Tennant
31 August Michael Leslie Ryan and Louise Hirst

Funerals

- 30 June Edith Annie Moxon (90) 21 Chapel Garth, Moor Top
24 July Dorothy Jones (79) 8 Beulah Court, Knottingley
21 August Keith Lindsay (68) 31 Town End Avenue, Low Ackworth
28 August Ethel Anita Maul Gill 18 West View, Ackworth

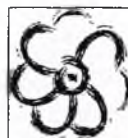
Correction

We draw your attention to a correction of an entry in the February / March issue. It was : Horace Edgar Fowler (86) of Hemsworth whose funeral was held on 7th November 2002. The name had been mistakenly given as Farler.

Toddlers' Group

For the time being there will not be a meeting of the Toddlers' Group. We are sure that many of you will know of David Morris's illness. As well as praying for him and the family, there will be many other ways in which we can help, if we are sensitive to their needs.

<i>Flowers</i>	<i>SC</i>	<i>AS</i>	<i>Brasses & Cleaning</i>
5th October	Jean Reast	Sally and Margaret Blanchard and Elsie Purr	SC
12th	Congregation	Flower Fund	Phyllis Asquith
19th	Congregation	Flower Fund	
26th	Congregation	Ethel Smith	
2nd November	Phyllis Asquith	Patronal Festival Flower Fund	
9th	Vacant	Joy Paterson	Vacant
16th	Vacant	Ada Pritchard	
23rd	Vacant	Flower Fund	
30th	Advent	Advent	



We wish to correct the flower rota entry for Sunday 31st August at All Santis' On that Sunday the flowers were done by Margaret Camplin and Jean Hancocks.

Phyllis and Ethel would be very glad to have more people contributing flowers, or actually arranging them as well.

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THE THREE R'S WALK Valerie Cook

There could not have been a greater contrast between last year's sponsored walk for the Restoration Fund—in continuous pouring rain—and this year's. September 13th was one of those halcyon autumn days, with a good warm breeze to make us feel really invigorated. Everyone who participated enjoyed it.

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you
In the hollow of his hand.*

With these words of an Irish blessing, Paul Hartley set out from St. Cuthbert's at 10 am accompanied by the Ward family, Doreen Seal and Moyra Burton, Pat Lancaster, Jackie, Paul and Michael Fox, Neil Gill, and Bill Branston. They made very good time on the first half, round by Sandygate Lane, to East Hardwick, down to the sewage works, along the river to Mill Lane and round the 52 steps to the cemetery, arriving at All Saints by 12.10.

After a half hour's break for a sandwich, drink and rest, the last 5 above kept Paul company on the second leg; down Rhyddings, across the field and along Rose Lane, round by Hessle, up to Purston and along the footpath at the top of Castle Syke, back to St. Cuthbert's., which they reached just after 2.35.

Meanwhile, yours truly set out from home at 12.30, walked up to All Saint's and embarked on the second leg at a brisk pace to catch the group up. The blackberries at Hessle were so luscious that I refreshed myself freely along the lane with the very ripest. However, I was within 100 yards of the others at the bridge on Went Lane, when I stopped to take more photographs. Then I lost sight of them in Purston and, because of a problem in the directions, I went rather a long way off the route. As a result of all this, I had a very brisk walk along Castle Syke, apart from some photo stops, a few trots down the main road and arrived to find them still recovering in the church porch. Paul greeted me with: 'Tomorrow's services will be taken from a prone position,' as he cooled his stockinged feet on the stone floor. We had all perspired freely, in a very good cause. We do hope those of you who sponsored us will pay up quickly.

Our congratulations to 12 year old Michael, who was not put off by his father's descriptions of last year's blisters, walked all 14.1 miles and announced proudly

at the end of the walk that he did not have any blisters. Unlike his father - and the Rector!

Across the meadows from Hessle and Pontefract from Castle Syke



Reflection seems to be one of those “buzz” words recently, appearing in every part of my life. I have written on many an occasions why reflections can be, and should be an essential part of growing, and the journey through life, so perhaps it should come as no surprise that reflecting has crept into my working life. I am now required to perform reflective practice, both as an individual, and as a team member. This means that I must mull over past cases and see where I, or the team could have done things differently. This then informs my educational needs for the future.

However, recently, I have had the chance to reflect on a distant and significant part of my past. I have recently enrolled on a course at Leeds, where I qualified twenty years ago. It requires that I spend several days at the University’s School of Medicine. For me this meant peeling back the mists of time and plunging into my past.

The most amazing thing was just how little had actually changed. As part of enrolling, I had to register as a student of the University again. This fact was greeted with howls of laughter at home, because it means that I am a student again, with student rights, i.e. student discount at the cinema, the right to vote in student elections, and I have a student ID card. This really did take me back, especially when I found that the room in which I was sent to register was exactly the same as the one where I registered in the late 1970’s— same decorations, same desk. Only the personnel had changed, and even they looked the same.

The Medical School itself was outwardly very much the same, and it was with a great intake of breath with which I entered the building. What would I find? Would it have been completely revamped? Would it have been simply redecorated? Or would it be exactly the same? In the event, it was a combination of the three.

The common room had been redecorated, with new floor and seating. The main teaching floor had been completely changed, the structure was the same, but the rooms were completely different, changed to match the new teaching styles of today. Gone was the TV in the corner, the microscope and the Bunsen burner in the cupboard; to be replaced by DVD players, computers by the hundred, and computer projection screens.

However, I was able to find the little nooks and crannies which I remember so well; those corners of the building which were tucked away, where I spent many

an hour with friends discussing the finer points of anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, and life in general. These places had not changed at all. The decoration, the chairs and the tables were all exactly as I remembered them.

So what effect has this reflection had on me? This experience was not mere reflection or memory, this was solid, physical, able to touch reflection, and it has had a profound effect. Whilst walking around the University, and sitting in those places in the Medical School, many ghosts, and voices visited me from the past. Remembering the good times, and the bad.

My five years at Medical School were the foundation of my adult life. It was there that I suffered losses—innocence, adolescence, my father. It was there that I gained much—knowledge, friendship, maturity, the ability to cope with life, and the future.

These and many more images crossed my mind. Many and varied emotions flooded back, in a very real and almost concrete sense, and I felt myself being pulled from my present, back into the past, a very significant part of my past. And in the midst of all of this emotion, I remembered why I was there.

I realised that I was in my past, preparing for the future. I was there to learn again, and that learning and gaining more knowledge would help me to grow again, and help my journey into the future.

During that week I almost suffered a relapse, sinking into my past; it was a near miss. I know that my past is important to me, but the future is more important. My past was spent without a close and living relationship with God. My future is firmly rooted in the Word of God. In this sense I have more confidence in my future than my past.

I believe that the past is important, but that we shouldn't allow it to overwhelm us, because God is concerned not with our past, but our future, with him. I pray that all of us will reflect on our past, and whilst sitting in our past, we

Our Lady of Lourdes

Father Tim Swinglehurst has found it possible to reinstate the celebration of Saturday Vigil Mass.

Ackworth Parish Council

The next two meetings of the Parish Council are:

Monday 10th November

Monday 8th December Both at 7.30pm at The Parish Rooms

The Trans-Pennine Rally

A few Sundays ago, Valerie asked me, "Why don't you write something for the Magazine?" After I had overcome my surprise, I asked her what she had in mind and, to my even greater surprise, she said, "Why not the Trans-Pennine Rally?"

No doubt this was fresh in her mind because the event had just taken place and she and all our other reader colleagues are extremely obliging in exchanging 'duties' with me at the 8.30 am service, for which, of course, I am extremely grateful and thank them here.

The Historic Commercial Vehicle Society, a national charity dedicated to the preservation and study of old commercial vehicles, organises a series of rallies throughout the year, together with regional meetings. Perhaps the best known rally is the London Brighton event, which takes place on the first Sunday in May. This is followed by the Tyne-Tees rally on the first Sunday in June, which goes from Stockton on Tees and eventually terminates in a South Shields coastal park. The Trans-Pennine takes place on the first Sunday in August. This goes from the rear entrance of the car park of Birch Services on the M62, over the non-motorway roads into Yorkshire and ends up on The Stray in Harrogate.

On fine days, such as this one turned out to be, quite a few people gather on laybys and pavements along the route to see nostalgic processions of old 'commercials', which can include buses, charabancs, lorries, gulley emptiers, overhead lighting service wagons, mild floats, ice cream vans, hearses, ambulances, steam traction lorries, refuse collecting vehicles and London-type taxicabs, to mention but a few.

This year I have been privileged to have my 1935 Austin ex-London taxicab selected to take part in all three of these rallies and, as a bonus, in warm sunny weather each time. On the Trans-Pennine this year my co-driver and companion was Graham Buckley, and we were accompanied by Bob and Pat McPhail from London, who had motored up from West London the previous day and stayed with Vera and me over the weekend. They were in their immaculate 1972 Austin FX4, diesel powered, ex-London cab. Incidentally, Bob is the Vice Chairman of the London Association, as well as being a

Vintage Taxi
member of the HCVS.



cont. opposite

Who was to blame?

Whilst serving at the Canadian Forces Base in Lahr, Germany, I went with three other nursing sisters on a safari in East Africa. On New Year's Eve 1972 we flew from Munich in freezing temperatures, arriving in Nairobi, Kenya, in mid 90's F temperatures. We spent our first night at the Nairobi Hilton Hotel. After breakfast New Year's Day 1973 we walked outdoors in beautiful warm sunshine.

Leading up to the main doors were a number of wide steps. Sitting, evenly placed on each step was a number of deformed children. Some had paralysed legs, necessitating the children to drag themselves to move. Others had misshapen arms. All were pathetically thin and dressed in rags. They quietly held out their begging bowls. Their beseeching eyes and poor little twisted bodies caused everyone to feel guilty and give them some money.

I was surprised to see so many crippled children in one place, so I asked our guide how they had gathered together. "Each morning their fathers bring them," he said. I then asked how they had acquired their deformities and he replied with the terrible words that when they were babies their families had deliberately caused their injuries, because a pathetic crippled child could beg sufficient money to support a whole family.

My faith took a nose dive. How could the Lord condone these dreadful deeds? Then I paused to think. This was the only way these desperately poor people could survive.

My friends and I had spent hundreds of dollars for our vacation—money that would have fed these families for weeks, so who was really to blame?



June Cartwright

One doesn't have to possess an old commercial vehicle to be eligible for membership of the above mentioned organisations. Enthusiasm for and sympathy with the causes of old commercial vehicle preservation are all that are required. I will be happy to provide further information. See me one of the Sundays when I'm actually at church!

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THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH
St Cuthbert's and All Saints'
Sunday Services – October 2003



5th October Proper 22

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.00pm	Harvest United Service	Methodist Church

N B There will be no evensong service at All Saints' on this day

12th October Proper 23 Harvest Festival

8.30am	Holy Communion - BCP (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Harvest Thanksgiving (Celebration of Community) S.C.	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

19th October Proper 24

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

26th October Proper 25 (Clocks go back)

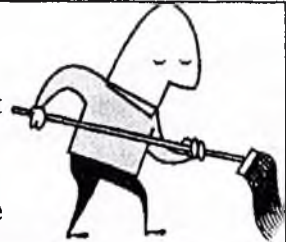
8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

Note that Evensong reverts to 3.30pm for winter

CHURCH CLEANING

Both churches need people to clean them, and it does not have to be a woman!!!

Paul Hartley would be glad to hear from anyone who cares for the building and likes to worship in a clean church, or let others do so.



It could be that a group of a few or several people would be willing to clean various parts of the church. Do talk about this to others and let's see if we can come up with a solution to this serious problem.

THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH
St Cuthbert's and All Saints'
Sunday Services—November 2003



2nd November All Saints' Day

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Holy Communion (Patronal Festival)	All Saints'
5.00pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	St. Cuthbert's

9th November Remembrance Sunday

8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints'
10.00am	Holy Communion (said)	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	Remembrance Sunday Service	St. Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

16th November The Second Sunday before Advent

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

23rd November Christ the King

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion with Baptism	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

30th November First Sunday of Advent

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Open Door	All Saints'

7th December Second Sunday of Advent

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
4.00pm	Evensong	All Saints'

Make a note in your diary!

**The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday
 6th December at 2pm at Bell Lane School.**

