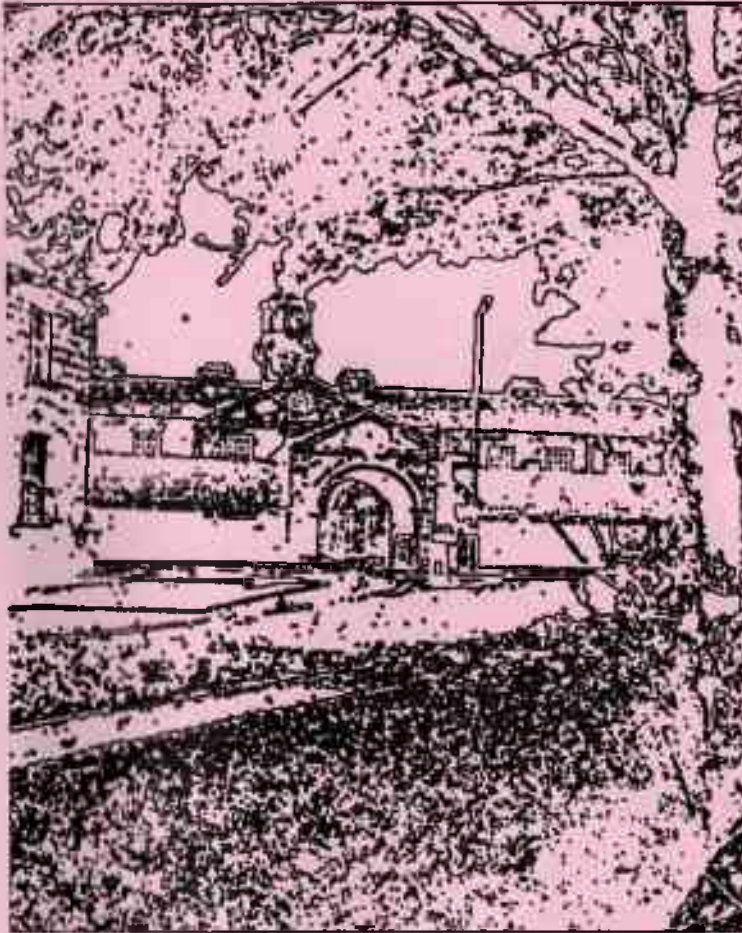




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## From the Rector

For this issue of the magazine I have used some of the report I gave to the APCM on the 25th April. I felt that it was important to ensure that more members of our congregation and parish were made aware of what we have been doing during the past 12 months or so and what we hope to accomplish during the next year or so.



I should like to begin by saying a heartfelt 'thank you' to all groups, committees and individuals who have worked tirelessly over the past year to maintain our churches' ministry to our community. Secondly, since last years APCM we have seen the passing of five much loved and sorely missed members -Betty Haskell, Maud Hardy, David Morris, Donald Jowett and Fred Davies. All will be remembered with gratitude and affection.

I would like you to read a passage of scripture from St Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 12 verses 3 – 8. St Paul likens the church to a human body with many parts, all working towards the same end. The reason I have chosen this passage is mainly in response to the way our body - this church - has functioned during the previous year and how we need to act in future if we are to achieve our aim to serve our community and grow!

In simple terms the many committees and groups who work hard to enable our church to function could be seen as the limbs and organs of our body, each with a different task and each necessary to the good health of the whole.

Equally important are those who do not work on any group or committee, or perform any particular task within the church, but attend its worship; these are its life blood.

Therein lies my first plea; please attend your churches and celebrate their life in worship. In the last year, we have been introducing new and, we hope, exciting new services for festival days (Harvest, Advent, Christmas, Easter etc) in order to try and attract new members and create greater congregational participation. If you haven't experienced one of these services yet—do come along and try them! We are extending the range of new services, too.

We need the help and support of all the church membership if such work is to be successful. As mentioned in past issues, we also need help to man a rota to open St Cuthbert's as a condition of the LHF grant. We HAVE to submit a plan of opening by this autumn to secure the offer of £140,000. Unless we fulfil this condition we will lose the grant. The Fabric and Fundraising committees have done a considerable amount of work for all this. We need your help for about 2 hours every few weeks - that is all that is needed. The more help we get the easier the commitment for all concerned.

Another aspect of the terms and conditions attached to the LHF grant is what is an 'access audit'. Due to the new disability discrimination laws which come in the force this October, we must do a comprehensive assessment of how we are prepared to meet the needs of a wide range of physical and mental disabilities and consequently make

adjustments and alterations where necessary! Hence, the offer of the lottery grant is not simply a matter of being given the money on a plate, but requires a great deal of hard work involving giving: of time, talents and finance (we need to raise an extra £42,000 to match their offer!)

Whilst on the dreaded subject of money, we also need to raise more this coming year for the day to day running of our church buildings and ministry. The amount we pay to the Diocese - the share - has risen by 12%. We all need to increase our level of giving proportionately, to support this extra expenditure.

All our other groups / committees constantly need the help of other church members. To return to St Paul's image of the body as the church, they all need new blood.

- Your PCC needs new members to spread the load.
- The Social committee is always glad of more help and fresh ideas to improve the life of our church and hopefully to generate a little extra finance.
- The young people's and children's groups who have maintained a care and nurture plan for our young people - which is the envy of the Deanery - need new helpers to the spread the load. All they ask is a genuine interest and a willingness to offer some time - they will train the new recruits!
- The publication of the Parish Magazine is no mean feat, particularly now it enjoys a wider circulation and incorporates more copy. They are very grateful for any assistance, whether that be producing an article, or help to photocopy or deliver issues.
- The Third World committee would welcome more volunteers.

Just as every limb and organ of the body needs blood for its function, so every group, committee, even the church as a whole, needs your help and support if it is able to function and make a difference to the lives of its members and to those of the wider community it exists to serve!

**Yours in Christ,**

**Paul.**

## **ACKWORTH HERITAGE GROUP**

**On June 17<sup>th</sup> we will be arranging a visit to the Hermitage in Pontefract.**

For those who haven't been yet, this is a fascinating opportunity to see this famous feature, buried as it is below the Pontefract General Infirmary.

**Details will be issued on a poster nearer the date, but all are welcome to come along.**

**Stephen Carlile**

**GOLDEN BLISTERS, or MY MARATHON****Rachel Stott**

On Sunday 18th April 2004, I embarked on the final stage of my journey into the unknown - about 18 miles and 385 yards further than I had gone before. This time last year, the strange notion took me that in order to get through those first two to three months of discomfort that generally come with starting to run, I should run the London Marathon.

I'd tried to take up running to get fit before, but each time failed after the first couple of weeks of struggling out onto London's busy and polluted streets. I always seemed to be able to find some excuse for not going (home too late after work, catching up with those friends I hadn't seen in a while, not had the right amount to eat that day, too tired, strange twinges in my legs, weather...).



Anyway, armed with a new fiancé who was rather a whiz on the running scene, I decided to give it another shot. Both Greg and I entered the marathon through the lottery that is the ballot and I started to go out running. At first this was easier said than done - the gasping for breath, the red face, dripping sweat and that was all in the first five minutes after leaving the flat. However, I persevered (with some help from my friends) with the thought of the finishing line on Pall Mall in mind.

Then - some good news and some bad. I had received a place in the ballot, but Greg hadn't. Only about one in five people who apply actually get in through the ballot system and Greg and I had decided that we wanted to raise money for the restoration of the Ackworth churches (we have a particular interest in making sure that St Cuthbert's is still standing on 3 July 2004), so it wasn't really practical for Greg to apply for a place via a charity.

Next came the winter months. London in the winter is a cold, dark and dreary place. I spent most of my training time dragging myself to the gym to run on the treadmill. Running on treadmills has to be one of the most boring things anyone would ever do voluntarily - particularly as the way the gym was set up, all I could see was me (with the TV being just at the point that if I turned to watch it I invariably fell off the running machine). This is when my training schedule and I had a parting of our ways.

I'd read all the books and had the pep talks from Greg, but nothing had prepared me for trying to juggle increased mileage and work commitments. Something had to give and, despite my best intentions, it wasn't the work. As I came up to the start of the mara-

thon, my longest run had been 8 miles on the roads in and around Ackworth.

So, April 18th came upon me rather more quickly than I'd hoped. Getting up early to head out into the rain soaked morning, I really did wonder what on earth I'd gotten myself into. I journeyed across London to Greenwich and joined the other 20,000 people who were starting at the same place as me. After some confusion about where I should be, a friendly fellow marathoner and I decided we'd just join the mass of people, and pretty soon I was crossing the start line.

I was really surprised about how quickly the first mile came up, which should have been a warning - everyone I had spoken to said "Don't go off too quickly at the start!" In fact I set a personal best for the first 10km, coming in in an hour... After 9 miles my first blister burst (unpleasant feeling as the fluid seeps through your socks) and after 12 miles I stopped at the St John's Ambulance to get myself padded up (wonderful, wonderful people). At about 14 miles I really did wonder if I could make it all the way round but once I'd done 16 miles and could count down from 10, things got a little easier.



The London Marathon is an amazing event. Thousands of well-wishers come out with bags of sweets, encouraging words, flags and even brass bands, steel bands, reggae bands and Elvis look-alikes! Despite the incredible downpours of rain (running along the Embankment the "showers" more closely resembled hail - thanks to the onlookers who lent me their brolly) everyone was genuinely supportive. The cheering is almost enough to get you round on its own.

But the main thing that got me to the finish line to collect my medal (apart from sheer determination not to fail) was the thought of the £2,500 that friends, colleagues, relatives and people in Ackworth had pledged if I completed the course. Only a small drop in the ocean of what is needed, but hopefully a small contribution to saving the churches for another 700 years of service to the community.

Being realistic, I'd hoped to make it round the course in less than six hours. Unfortunately I just missed out - maybe next time...

For those of you who would like to donate money to the church restoration fund, please send cheques to either the Rector, Treasurer or Churchwardens, made payable to "Ackworth PCC" with "Restoration Fund" written on the back.

*We thank Rachel for her tremendous effort on behalf of the Restoration Fund. Her words give us some idea of the anguish and pain to be endured and the sheer determination she needed.*

## Congratulations!

Phyllis Asquith celebrated her 90th birthday on 2nd April and over the following few days. Beginning with a bouquet from the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association the day before through to a special buffet and another bouquet given by the ladies of the Ackworth Social Centre on the following Tuesday, it was a grand celebration. The warmth engendered by this great occasion led to over £100 being raised for Leprosy treatment at this meeting. Her daughter Elaine organised a special family lunch party at Rogerthorpe Manor on the Saturday, as a surprise for Phyllis.

On Sunday we sang 'Happy Birthday' in the service, and the children presented her with flowers, chocolate, sherry, a china mug with a picture of a church and a beautiful hand-crafted card in which they had written 'To Our Very Special Friend'. Each of them gave her a kiss and a hug. All the congregation could enjoy a special cake that Margaret Seaman made to mark the occasion.

Since then, Phyllis has been very ill with pneumonia, but at the time of writing she is recovering. Her usual indomitable spirit carries her forward once more. She had hoped to write in the magazine, but asks me to thank everyone involved: those who planned and organised and all who contributed in any way. She was surprised and delighted. I am sure that the warm memories Phyllis had of her birthday celebrations helped her fight against pneumonia.

Valerie Cook

<i>Flowers</i>	<i>SC</i>	<i>AS</i>	<i>Brasses</i>
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### *June*

<i>6</i>	<i><u>Trinity Sunday</u> Elaine Roberts</i>	<i>Congregation and Peggy Huby</i>	
<i>13</i>	<i>Phyllis Asquith</i>	<i>"</i>	
<i>20</i>	<i>Nora Barnard</i>	<i>Ethel Smith</i>	
<i>27</i>	<i>Heather Walters</i>	<i>Flower Fund</i>	



### *July*

<i>4</i>	<i>Margaret Barrow</i>	<i>Sue Tanswell</i>	
<i>11</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Flower Fund</i>	
<i>18</i>	<i>Janet Bateman</i>	<i>Flower Fund</i>	
<i>25</i>	<i>Anne Hurst</i>	<i>Betty Johnson</i>	

## FROM THE OLD MAGAZINES

*Trawling through the old Parish Magazines of 1952 I discovered that the monthly 'Handy Hints for Women with Homes' has been replaced by a page each issue devoted to women. These are two extracts from them, which again give us a glimpse of the very different life style of fifty years ago. The first one, 'Picnics without tears' is quite topical with this season already here.*

'The most important thing about taking children out on an excursion is not to do too much. Most unsuccessful outings are so, just because they are too long. Tired children soon become cross children. The next thing is to share out the weight that has to be carried. A good plan is to give each child a small knapsack with packed lunch, a pair of socks in case of wet feet, and for girls a spare pair of knickers (for a hundred reasons). Mother carries a larger haversack for extras—the drinks, a first-aid kit, a face flannel, and the fruit. One thing Christian picnickers must not forget is our Lord's words to the five thousand holiday-makers in Galilee, "Gather up the fragments that remain"—we must not spoil God's beauty with our litter. Remember, too, the parable of The Lost Lamb, and wherever you go be sure you Shut the Gate.'



*The second extract reminds how austere conditions were in Post War Britain when there was no throwaway society as there is today. Its title — 'Waste Not, Want Not' — sums up the attitude of people struggling with shortages still.*

'Even onionskins can be useful. So if you are pickling onions this autumn don't throw away the skins. They boil up to make a lovely golden dye, which can be thinned or intensified to the shade you want. They are wonderful for turning old sheets into properties for Christmas plays, they will brighten up tired net curtains, and perhaps most useful of all to the mothers of growing girls, they can be used to freshen white socks which have become discoloured through being stained by the insides of sandals. Boil them with onion skins and they become serviceable school wear.'

**Stella Hall**

## The Churches' Good Fairies

We are so grateful to all those who did and those who now clean both St Cuthbert's and All Saints' churches. It is good that so many people are helping in this way; and it makes us realise how great our debt is to those who soldiered on in the past.

Pat Lancaster, Pauline Richardson, Biddy Branston, Margaret Seaman, Dorothy and Bill Greiff, Stella Lee, Margaret Lloyd, and Pam and David Lunn all clean at St Cuthbert's, where there is still one vacancy on the rota. Several of these had served previously. At All Saints', Ivy Hollingsworth, Moyra Burton, Mary Walker and Lynne Ward are cleaning, and the Thursday coffee morning ladies always clear up well. Still, it would be good to have a little more help here, so making the load lighter for everyone.



Maureen Richardson has retired after many years of service at All Saints, either by herself, or with help from her brother. Jackie Fox, Linda Steer, 'The Featherstone Ladies' Barbara and Mike Firth, Elaine and Michael Oakes, Ivy Sanderson and Erica Davies and others, going further back, have been stalwart church cleaners in the past.



St Cuthbert's has always had loyal cleaners of its brassware: Phyllis Asquith, Pam Sutcliffe, Vera and Peter McWilliam, Nora Barnard, Mrs Kirk and Mrs Pogson., as well as some who also did general cleaning of the church.

My sincere apologies to anyone whose name I have not been given for any of these lists.

**Valerie Cook**

### Dear Readers

This is really beginning our *Ackworth Over the Years. . . Feature!*

We are collecting information on all the schools in Ackworth, past and present and would welcome more contributions. Please let us have any facts, recollections, or views on any of these establishments. Whether you loved or hated it, school was very important to you—in the end! It would be good to share memories—both good and bad—and this would be of interest to younger residents of the village, so we are appealing to the present day schools as well.

It might come as a surprise to some readers that the total tally of schools in the village over the years has been ten official ones, plus a number of small schools, run usually by one lady.

**The first school** was for twenty boys in the schoolroom at the centre of the Mary Lowther Almshouses set up in 1741. William Holmes was the first master and first tenant of the house built behind the almshouses specially for the teacher. In the name of the Charity he got free living and was paid £16 per year, on the understanding he would give free lessons.

The Lowther family, who lived at Ackworth Park, were great benefactors to the village. Six poor women were housed in the almshouses. There have always been nine trustees to oversee the administration, Mary Lowther herself being one originally and, though the Charity has changed in many ways over the years, it still exists.

Please let us know if there are any different types of article you would like to have in your magazine. Do feel free to pass on any comments.

**Stella, Jean and Valerie**



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## Ackworth Over the Years . . . .

Rev. Saywell records the celebrations for the marriage of the Prince of Wales:

'In common with the rest of the nation, Ackworth was *en fete* on the occasion on the marriage of H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, and heir apparent to the English Throne, to the Princess Alexandra C.M.C.L. Julia, eldest daughter of the King of Denmark, March 10, 1863. Mrs. William Hepworth of the Lodge gave a dinner to all the aged people of the parish, from seventy years old and upwards, and the Church choir. A meat tea was enjoyed under canvas in Hague's Croft by the inhabitants of High Ackworth, and there were dinners at the 'Boot and Shoe' and 'Angel' inns for the people of Moor Top; whilst the villagers of Low Ackworth were regaled with a meat tea in then Public Rooms. The cost of the festival was raised by subscription.

The day 'was observed in Ackworth as a general holiday. Banners were displayed; merry peals rung on the Church bells; and commemoration trees planted at Ackworth School. The following formula was pronounced on the occasion:

*May the earth nourish their roots;  
May the dews cherish their branches;  
And my the sun ripen their fruits.  
May the union this day commemorated,  
be blessed with the fatness of the earth,  
the dew of heaven, and the refreshing  
beams of the Sun of Righteousness.'*



The log book of the National School records:

March 10 Holiday. Marriage of Prince of Wales. Children assembled in the afternoon for buns, oranges and medals.

March 11. Tea and cake in the afternoon.

And later in the month:

March 27. The attendance this week has been unusually thin in consequence of more than half the children having the measles.

March 30. The visit of a Government Vaccination Officer to Ackworth, who examined each child's arm in the schools, caused quite a scare in the village.

To be a little more in-keeping with the season:

'Towards the end of May in this year, a most destructive storm of hail-stones visited Ackworth and district. The stones were as large as pieces of lump sugar. The sails of the Ackworth wind-mill were much damaged, and an extensive destruction of conservatory and window glass took place. So violent and prolonged was the storm, that the cottagers, in great alarm, betook themselves to prayer. (Description of one who witnessed it).

We are now turning from Bell Lane to Wakefield Road in our survey of Ackworth over the years. Below we bring you recollections of two people born here.

### THE SIX SHOPS

The six shops as they are known are on the Wakefield- Doncaster road between the Boot and Shoe and the Angel Inn public houses.

This row of shops had two private houses at the end nearer The Angel. The first one was occupied by Mr. and Mrs Geoff Camplin and family. They had lived in the village for many years and were members of the Camplin Quarry owners. In the second house lived Mr. and Mrs Hopwood. They had an evacuee girl living with them during the war years who was called Mary Chambers. Mrs. Hopwood was the village midwife for many years and was also a staunch Labour Party Councillor.

The first of the shops was a fruit and vegetable one owned by the Clarkson family and later known as Wigglesworths.

The second shop was a newsagents owned by Mr. and Mrs. Senior who also sold sweets, cigarettes, greetings cards and fireworks for Bonfire Night. Their daughter Florence was a school teacher.

Shop number three had various owners. I remember it as a gent's hairdresser with Mr. Sid Edwards as the barber. Later on a Mr. Parkes took over. Both men were old Ackworth residents.



Shop number four was a family butchers known as Horburys. They had a daughter called Marie.

There were a number of different owners of shop number five but it finally ended up as the post office.

For many years shop number six was a butcher's shop run by a Mr. Whiteman and I believe it was owned by the Pontefract Co-op.

If anyone has any extra information about these shops it would be good to know. These are my memories as a boy and some people may disagree with them.

**Tony Hewitt, Little Smeaton**

## MY MEMORIES BY TONY'S SISTER

Opposite the six shops was Robinson's garage owned by the two brothers Bernard and Billy Robinson. Next there was a fish and chip shop (Tony remembers this). Then, as I recall was Walt Seal's wet fish shop. Harry Wigglesworth's cobblers shop was next door to this. (Jack Turton later owned it.) On the next row of houses on Wakefield Road where Tony and I were born was Harry Kirk's. It was the end house and was a joiner and undertakers. This was later taken over by Billy Oates. At the far end of the row was the post office where Mr. and Mrs. Penn worked. They had a daughter called Rosie.

Approaching the six shops from the Boot and Shoe was Ketchell's bakery, later to become Hinnitt and Ketchells. Further along was Mr. Ward who was a plumber. Next was Mr. Woolley who was a chiroprapist. In the end house lived Mr. Wilson who also was a plumber.

The Mission Room, now a private residence, hosted lots of events. Sunday School was held there and the Harvest Supper as well as many other functions. Mr. Whiteman (from the Co-op butchers) used to play his gramophone records for dances, which, as I recall were enjoyed by lots of Ackworth people and by those from the surrounding areas.



These are some of my early memories of the Ackworth in which I grew up, complementing my brother's recollections.

**Dorothy Gill (nee Hewitt) Purston**

## COPY FOR AUGUST SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE

Please let us have ANY MATERIAL for the next issue by **Thursday, 8th July** at the very latest.

It is a great pity if articles miss the production time for the magazine as, with it being bi-monthly, it will be too late to print some items in the following issue.

It would be good to hear more about events in the village—both to advertise them and to let those who did not attend know how much they have missed.

**JUNE AND JULY DIARY**

	<i>Week of</i>			
2	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
3	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
	<i>Week beginning</i>			
7	Monday	7.00/7.30pm	Deanery Synod	
9	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
10	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
	<i>Week beginning</i>			
14	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry, St Cuthbert's
16	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
17	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
19	Saturday	2.00pm	<b>Village Gala#</b>	<b>Carr Field</b>
	<i>Week of</i>			
23	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
24	Thursday	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>		
		10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
	<i>Week of</i>			
29	Tuesday	<b>Saints Peter and Paul—Apostles</b>		
		7.30pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Cuthbert's
30	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
1	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
		10.00am—3.30pm	Mothers' Union Quiet Day	St Cuthbert's
	<i>Week of</i>			
5	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry, St Cuthbert's
6	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
7	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
	<i>Week beginning</i>			
11	Sunday	<b>11.30 onwards</b>	<b>Parish Picnic Lunch #</b>	<b>Rectory Garden</b>
14	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
15	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
	<i>Week of</i>			
21	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
22	Thursday	<b>Mary Magdalene</b>		
		10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
		7.30pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Cuthbert's
	<i>Week of</i>			
25	Sunday	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Open Air Songs of Praise#</b>	<b>Ackworth School Car Park, Station Road</b>
28	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
29	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
	<i>Week of August</i>			
4	Wednesday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said)	All Saints'
5	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

# see details elsewhere in magazine

## JUNE AND JULY READINGS AND READERS

	<b>June</b>		<b>S C</b>	<b>A S</b>
6	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31	Romans 5: 1-5	Grace Riley	Valerie Cook
13	<b>Proper 6</b> 1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a	Galatians 2: 15-21	Jacob Place	Mary Walker
20	<b>Proper 7</b> 1 Kings 19: 1-15a	Galatians 3: 23-29	Mary Woofinden	Stella Hall
27	<b>Proper 8</b> 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14	Galatians 5: 1, 13-25	George Scargill	Peter McWilliam
	<b>July</b>			
4	<b>Proper 9</b> 2 Kings 5: 1-14	Galatians 6(1-6) 7-16	Jane Siddall	David Cook
11	<b>Proper 10</b> Amos 7: 7-17	Colossians 1: 1-14	Sue Hartley	Stella Hall
18	<b>Proper 11</b> Amos 8: 1-12	Colossians 1:15-28		Mary Walker
25	<b>St James the Apostle</b> Jeremiah 45: 1-5	Acts 11: 27—12: 2	Ann Atack	Valerie Cook
	<b>August</b>			
1	<b>Proper 13</b> Hosea 11: 1-11	Colossians 3: 1-11	Keith Shaw	Peter McWilliam

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

14	March	Olivia May Phoenix
28		Kaitlin Jane Varley
		Jack Thomas Baxter
25	April	Alicia Ann Dupow



#### Funerals

3	March	David Charles Pease (57) 11 Oddfellows Clubhouses, Brackenhill
15		Harry Dawes (91) 18 Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth, Moortop
22		Roy Ferris (57) 56 Mill Lane, Ackworth Moortop
1	April	John Lawrence Earl (72) 46 Chiltem Drive, Ackworth Moortop
5		Janet Mary Lunn (65) 28 Ackworth Road, Purston
27		Florence Cowey (82) 8 Quarry View, Ackworth Moortop

## IT'S OPEN AND THAT'S OFFICIAL!

### COLLEGE LANE SURGERY OPEN MORNING 17th APRIL

A crowd of people, including medical and administrative staff, plus patients of various ages gathered in the reception area, where Dr Hannay took us through each stage of the new building, from planning to completion. He thanked everyone concerned, especially the surgery staff, who had experienced so many disruptions.

The ceremonial ribbon was cut by a long-term patient, Amanda Pearce, who was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

A tour of the building proved very interesting. From the entrance one walked into the very comfortable waiting room, large enough to accommodate all and sundry. On the ground floor are rooms for the doctors, nurses, midwife, clerical staff and treatment rooms.

A very welcome lift carried us to the first floor, where there are more consulting rooms, treatment rooms, a children's play room, a shower room and what appeared to be an operating room for minor surgery and finally a very comfortable room for the staff to relax in. Two empty rooms up there give scope for future plans for patient care.

The one outstanding feature is the amount of space, the capacious rooms furnished with first class modern accoutrements. It was nice to see water colours by the late Bill Guest adorning the walls.

A buffet lunch, which was provided in the waiting room was enjoyed by all.

Ackworth might not have a sports centre, a community hall or a working library, but it does have a medical centre *par excellence*.

June Cartwright

**Unfortunately, a press release from the Practice Manager with more details has not arrived in time.** However, here are some other comments from the morning:

It's huge, even the size of some of the consulting rooms!

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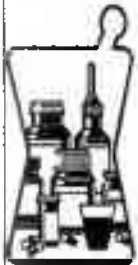
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## YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION      Jean Reast

The Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association was formed in 1983 to further the interests of Countrywomen throughout the whole of the original (pre-1974) geographical county of Yorkshire, and an inaugural meeting was held and a branch was formed in Ackworth in November 1994.

The aims of the Association are to further the skills, knowledge and social activities of its members and to preserve the heritage of Yorkshire: it is run by members for members, is non-sectarian and non party-political, and is rural in principle and open to groups and individual members. The Association is administered by a Central Committee, meeting monthly at County Headquarters in York, and comprising twelve elected members - four from each of the three Yorkshire Ridings - plus three co-opted members, one from each of the three Ridings. The Yorkshire Ridings - North, East and West - each have their own administrative Committee, upon which serve the Central Committee members from these Ridings, plus an agreed number of invited members. Each Riding Committee organises activities for its own members, and the Central Committee administers the whole Association and organises county-wide activities and events, competitions etc. The Association's magazine "The Yorkshire Countrywomen" is published quarterly. This is a good read, with news of county meetings and activities of those of the branches. The affiliation fee to the Association is £1 per year per member and each Branch levies a subscription to cover its own running costs. Assets of a Branch are vested in the Branch individually, and are not subject to control by either the Central or a Riding Committee. There are now 125 Branches and some have 10 members and some 100, the others somewhere in between.

When the Ackworth Branch was formed in 1994 there were nine ladies present at the first meeting and now, nine years later, the Branch has over fifty members. Meetings are held in the Community Hall, Station Road, Low Ackworth, at 7.30 pm on the first Thursday of each month. There is an interesting and varied programme of talks, demonstrations, social events and outings, ranging from visits to gardens and historic homes to ballet, musicals and special services in York Minster plus shopping time! The Ackworth Branch also supports village appeals and has held coffee mornings, a garden party, flower arranging demonstrations etc. to raise money for the Restoration Appeal of St. Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches and also the Restoration Appeal for the Methodist Church, Ackworth Riding for the Disabled, and has made donations towards the maintenance costs of the Community Central in Low Ackworth, as well as national charities such as Macmillan Nurses and the Leprosy Mission.

Specialist day classes arranged by the Central Committee are also held at various venues in Yorkshire on a variety of subjects such as public speaking, Christmas cracker making, tassel making, furniture restoration, goldwork, patchwork cushions, calligraphy and any other subject where there is a demand from members. Members can also attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at Askham Bryan Agricultural College and there is usually a well known Yorkshire person as a Speaker in the afternoon. This year the Speaker will be Beryl Bamforth, one of the 'Calendar' girls. Other Speakers have included Lord Brian Rix, Sir Bernard Ingham and the weatherman Ian McCaskill. Holidays, too, are arranged, both in England and abroad, as well as outings to race meetings and the Great Yorkshire Show. An annual 'Gardeners' Day' is also held at Askham Bryan College.



From a small beginning nearly 10 years ago the Ackworth Branch has grown steadily and provides plenty to interest ladies from the village and neighbouring villages as well.

### Social Events in Ackworth

#### **VILLAGE GALA - NOW on 19th June on the Carr Field!**

**Please support the church with our Book Stall and Cuddly Toy Tombola!**

**Bring clean cuddly toys and books which are in good condition to church as soon as possible, or give to anyone on the Social Committee.**

**ALSO: please sign up in one of the churches to help on a stall for an hour. Full details will be in the churches and weekly newsletter.**

#### **ACKWORTH SHOW - 17th and 18th July at NOSTELL**

**Come for a good day out!**

**The church will have a Coconut Shy, so you can try your skill—or luck.**

**At any rate you can succumb to temptation at the Cake Stall!**

**Home-made cakes or biscuits for this and, once more, an hour of your time on one of the stalls, if you can, please!**

## News from the Methodist Church

As many of you will have noticed during April, we have begun restoration work on our Church roof and our Hall roof and skylight. Our entire redevelopment work covers the church buildings as well as additional buildings to be created at the rear, so we are planning projects which are either wholly contained, or will not need to be amended by later work.

As most of the work involves the interior of the buildings, we need to ensure that the roofs are completely secured and weathertight to avoid damage to new work on joists and floors within.

Our initial inspection of the hall roof showed that it had some sealant covering which made it more tricky to remove, but after consultation with Mr David Quick, our architect, we asked for quotes for work to be carried out on the roofs and the remaining turret.

At the end of March, the scaffolders arrived to erect scaffolding around the buildings, before the builders arrived. The tiles were then removed and new tiles put in place before the hall skylights was replaced. While the roof has been open, we have also had insulation lagging laid down to keep heating costs to a minimum while providing winter warmth for all the groups that come to Ackworth Methodist Church during the week. The good news will be that it will be finished for our May Day 'Garden Fair'.



How has this latest work been funded? With our own fundraising efforts and generous contributions from around the village, we have been able to join with an advance from the Methodist division in Manchester to produce nearly £30,000. Furthermore, applying to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, connected to the Landfill Scheme, we have been awarded a £5,000 grant toward redevelopment. This latter body has made a welcome input to improving our church, when so many grant-making bodies are reluctant to help religious organisations, and we are wanting to publicise their help, as well as thank the other people who have given of their time and monies to our projects.

Each church in Ackworth can provide something for our community, both religious and secular, with the many groups taking advantage of our facilities, and the work we are carrying out will provide more for the community.

If you would like further information, or to see our plans for the buildings, or if you can make any contribution of help, advice or monies, please let me know.

**Harvey Jubb c/o 704918**

## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The NCO supported local children's charities with their concert in the Meeting House at Ackworth School on Good Friday. More than 100 players, all under 13, dressed uniformly in orange and white, almost filled the hall, consigning the audience to the back of the room and balcony. We were in the front row, only a couple of feet from the elbows of the conductor and leader, so in no time we almost felt part of the orchestra and experienced, at close quarters, the levels of concentration required to perform to this standard.

Within the first few bars of Rossini's 'The Thieving Magpie' we were aware that this was talent at the highest level. In order to qualify for the NCO each child must play an instrument to grade 8 distinction standard. We were introduced to two of the youngest players: Danielle, a 10 year old trumpeter and 11 year old Carl, whose tuba weighed more than he did, now in his second year in the orchestra.

Being a Shropshire lad himself, Colin was taken by the rhapsody inspired by the poems of A E Houseman, composed by George Butterworth, who tragically died on the Somme in 1916.

Further links with the Great War were offered in 'Behind the Lines' composed by Cecil Coles, whilst he was serving in the trenches. This was one of the highlights of the evening, a new piece in the repertoire. A spirited performance of Borodin's 'Polovtsian Dances' concluded the first half.

After chatting over refreshments in the interval, we were brought into the modern era with two compositions by John Williams, his 'Superman' suite, noted in the programme as a demanding piece for all sections of the orchestra and then 'Hymn to the Fallen', by the woodwind section, the lovely theme music from the film 'Saving Private Ryan'.

Sibelius' 'Romance in C' gave us the calm beauty of the composer's Finnish homeland, before the rousing conclusion of Tchaikovsky's '1812 Overture' written for the jubilant Russians to commemorate Napoleon's retreat from Moscow.

The Chairman of the local Rotary Club paid tribute to the talent, commitment and discipline of the young performers. We hope they enjoyed their time in Ackworth as much as we enjoyed hearing them perform. Now we look forward to the concert given by an older section of the NCO on 28th August.

Sue Tanswell

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**EGG-CITING TIMES****Ann Atack**

Easter Sunday saw many 'egg-cited' children in St Cuthbert's church. Two competitions were organised for them. Leaving their decorated eggs inside, off they went to see who could roll their hard-boiled egg the furthest down the church path. Cheered on by families and friends, the final winner was 8 year old Ellie Siddall. By the time this was over, after some intense examination and exercising of his critical faculties, the judge had passed the results of the decorated egg competition to Bill Branston .

Winners: 3 years to 5 years: Andrew Morris  
 5 years to 8 years : James Morris  
 9 years to 12 years: Zoe Gardham  
 12 + : Gemma Fox

Well done to all who entered.

**Easter Decorations**

This year saw both our churches beautifully decorated with flowers. Also, down at St Cuthbert's there were four Easter Gardens—one very large one made by the Fox family and three small ones made by children on their Easter activity day. Various other Easter features from that included a prayer tree.

**Palm Sunday to Easter Day**

A total of 15 services and an activity day, Bible study and coffee morning saw both churches well attended during Holy Week. Thanks to Rev. Paul Hartley, Paul Fox, Marie Lewis and all who contributed to a week of wonderful and varied worship.

**Easter Coffee Morning****Valerie Cook**

Easter was celebrated at All Saints' coffee morning on the rather cold Thursday in Easter week. However, a good number of folk turned out to enjoy the usual good fare and some special Easter treats. As well as the usual friendly chat, Paul Cooper played the organ and at the instigation of Ann Atack most people chose a favourite hymn, which was sung with as much voice as could be mustered.

These special festal coffee mornings are becoming a feature of the social life of the church. This particular week marked the coffee morning's contribution to Repair, Restoration, and Re-Ordering Fund reach £11,480—a truly magnificent sum!

## GOOD FRIDAY IN BAKEWELL

We set off early for Bakewell, a favourite destination of ours, early on Friday morning when it was still very chilly after the overnight frost. It was a glorious drive cross country through the reservoirs with hardly any vehicles on the road. We saw the grouse on the moors enjoying the sunshine and freedom from the guns of earlier months. We arrived in Bakewell and were enjoying a leisurely saunter through the town when we noticed a police car with its lights flashing. Surprised to see that no one was getting out of its way we looked closer and saw that it was at the end of a procession headed by a man carrying a large cross. We followed and found ourselves seeing the Association of Bakewell Christians on their way to the Municipal Gardens. Apparently the Anglicans formed one procession, the Methodists a second and the Catholics a third, and they all converged at the Gardens.

On the way there people were giving out leaflets explaining very simply what they were doing. We joined the crowd at eleven o' clock for an outdoor service in beautiful warm sunshine. The town's Silver Band provided the music and there were loud-speakers so that the readers could be heard clearly. The service lasted about twenty-five minutes and was composed of readings, prayers and hymns. The town came to a standstill for a while whilst all the processions were taking place and it was a very moving experience. Apparently something similar occurred on Palm Sunday when they also had a donkey for the journey. A date for next year's diary, I think!

Stella Hall

### The Old Testament Comes to Light

An interesting article is to be found in an old Parish Magazine from 1950 relating to the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and their importance. Here is an extract from the copy.



“What is to be the most important discovery ever made of Old Testament manuscripts was the finding in a cave by the Dead Sea in Palestine of a number of ancient documents in Hebrew, including the entire book of Isaiah written as early as the first century B.C. This is amazing, for with a single exception there are no Hebrew manuscripts of the Old Testament earlier than the 9<sup>th</sup> century. The exception is a tiny fragment containing the Shema and the Ten Commandments, now in the public library in Manchester.

“Although the manuscripts were found as far back as 1947, it has only now that one has been able to piece together the whole story. A goatherd searching for a stray goat on a rocky hillside located a cave. He returned later with a friend and



in the dim interior they found some large jars on the floor, some of which were broken. Inside the jars were scrolls wrapped in linen to keep out the damp. They seized a number of the scrolls and went off hoping to realise a good reward for their finds.

“Since then the cave has been thoroughly examined. It is believed to have been the storage place of some 40 jars containing about 200 scrolls put there for safety in a time of crisis. It would appear to have been disturbed once before during the Roman occupation of Palestine.

“Eventually the scrolls arrived at the American School of Oriental research in Jerusalem and Dr. J. C. Trever was amazed to find five scrolls wrapped in newspapers. They were not only very old, but extremely brittle, and had to be handled with care. Dr. Trever was astonished to find that they contained passages from Isaiah. The scroll was over 23 feet long and over 10 inches broad and contained 54 columns of beautifully preserved Hebrew writing. Seventeen sheets of parchment were carefully sewn together to make the complete scroll.

“There were other scrolls, one of them being the book of Habakkuk and a Sectarian Document, which appears to be a manual of discipline of a comparatively unknown little sect or monastic order, possibly the Essenes. Still another contains hymns similar to the Biblical psalms, and the text of another gives a colourful description of a war between the Jews and undetermined enemies. There were eight scrolls in all. The scrolls which found their way to the Hebrew University include portions of Genesis, Deuteronomy, Leviticus and Judges. They are being studied by experts in this country as well as in America and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem”.

**Stella Hall**

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## Friends of Ackworth RDA

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People with appropriate riding experience who become Friends, and who want all the fun of owning a horse with a fraction of the responsibility, can become 'shareholders' and help keep our horses exercised between RDA sessions.



We hope to organise some social events for Friends and will keep everyone informed of our activities by regular newsletters.

By the way, if you already own a horse and want somewhere to school it, you can hire our arena. If you'd like to know more, contact Anne Cook on 610637; Teri Robinson on 614215 or me on 795450.

**Alison Harris**

### **Sunday July 11th**

**Make a note in your diary—for the Faith Picnic—after morning service,  
in the Rectory Garden.**

**Bring a contribution to the Picnic and  
have an enjoyable family friendly picnic!**

### **Sunday July 25th**

**Come and join in the Open Air Songs of Praise, organised by  
Churches Together in Ackworth**

**At 2.30pm on the Inns Yard Green at the top of Station Road  
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~~~~~ Come to Ch\*\*ch. What is missing? ~~~~~

## St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Sunday Services – June and July

### 6th June Trinity Sunday

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

### 13th June Proper 6

|         |                               |               |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion - B C P (said) | All Saints'   |
| 10.15am | Family Communion              | St Cuthbert's |
| 6.30pm  | Evensong                      | St Cuthbert's |

### 20th June Proper 7

|         |                                    |               |
|---------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion (said)              | All Saints'   |
| 10.15am | Parish Communion and Junior Church | St Cuthbert's |
| 6.30pm  | Evensong                           | All Saints'   |

### 27th June Proper 8

|         |                               |               |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion - (said)       | All Saints'   |
| 10.15am | Parish Communion with Baptism | St Cuthbert's |
| 4.00pm  | Open Door Service             | All Saints'   |

### 4th July Proper 9

|         |                                    |               |
|---------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion (said)              | All Saints'   |
| 10.15am | Parish Communion and Junior Church | St Cuthbert's |
| 6.30pm  |                                    |               |

### 11th July Proper 10

|         |                             |               |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion B C P (said) | All Saints'   |
| 10.15am | Family Communion            | St Cuthbert's |
| 6.30pm  | Evensong                    | All Saints'   |

### 18th July Proper 11

|         |                                    |               |
|---------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion (said)              | All Saints'   |
| 10.15am | Parish Communion and Junior Church | St Cuthbert's |
| 6.30pm  | Evensong                           | All Saints'   |

### 25th July St James the Apostle

|         |                               |               |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion (said)         | All Saints'   |
| 10.15am | Parish Communion with Baptism | St Cuthbert's |
| 4.00pm  | Open Door Service             | All Saints'   |

### 1st August Proper 13

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