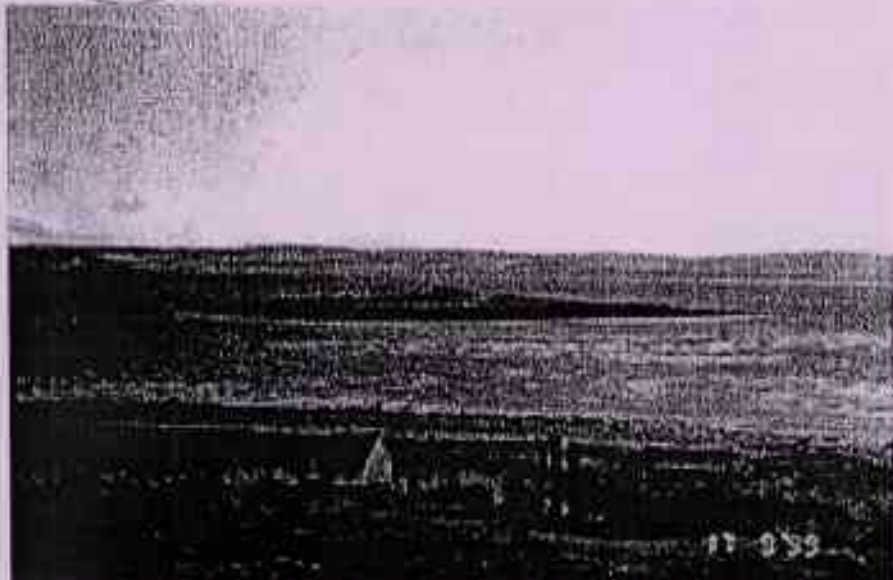




# Ackworth Parish Magazine



*The Hermitage of Sts. Aidan and Cuthbert  
off the coast of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne*

Leave me alone with God as much as may be.  
As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore,  
Make me an island, set apart,  
alone with you, God, holy to you.  
Then with the turning of the tide  
prepare me to carry your presence to the busy world beyond,  
the world that rushes in on me  
till the waters come again and fold me back to you.

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Dear Friends

As I write, two events of global proportions seem to be foremost in the public and media's attention; one a commemoration of a past event, what has become known as the V45 celebrations - the 60th anniversary of the end of the 2nd World War spanning VE and VJ days and what could be another major event in the world's history looking to the future; the G8 summit at Gleneagles in Scotland.

These two events embodying major Christian values are a remembrance of the past when peace was established in a global sense, the second looking in hope to the future to a point when poverty maybe eradicated in our world and justice for all people may not just be an impossible dream.

Apart from the global dimensions of these two events what other ways are they connected and in particular what have they to do with the Christian faith?

The commemorations of the end of WWII is, or should be a celebration of peace and reconciliation. After 7 years of war, a peace had been established in the world, It is peace and goodwill that sets the tone of such commemorations. In one of his many famous speeches, Churchill used the words; *"In war, resolution; in defeat, defiance; in victory, magnanimity and peace, goodwill"*. The first action of the war cabinet on the announcement of the signing of the peace treaty in Europe was to attend a service of thanksgiving; a service which embodied the Christian values of reconciliation; forgiveness for the past and the hope of peace for the future, not triumphalism!

Peace is what might be described as one of the kingdom values, it was our Lord's desire for his disciples (i.e. *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives; do I give to you"* - John 14:22) and Jesus himself was given the accolade of 'Prince of Peace' in the prophecy of the advent of the messiah in the book of Isaiah (9:6) PEACE is one of the primary signs of the breaking in of God's kingdom.

The other major sign of God's kingdom being established in our earthly kingdom is justice for all. Despite the complexity of all that the G8 summit is hoping to achieve (i.e. 100% debt relief, doubling of aid, removal of trade subsidies, right to education and health etc). It could all be encapsulated in one word. God's desire for all his children and another major indicator the incoming of his kingdom - JUSTICE. Isaiah was one who had a great deal to say about justice - God's desire for his kingdom - ushered in by his messiah. (For more on this, read chapter 61 particular verses 1 & 2 a 'mantle' adopted by Jesus in Luke 4:18).

Justice in the shape of that whole package of relief measure that the G8 leaders are hoping to achieve is, despite its appearance, not something that the rich nations can benevolently gift the poor two-thirds world; justice is their right! In trying to redress some of the imbalance between the rich and the poor we are only paying our debt to them; not cancelling their debt!

I am reminded of the words we say in our communion service every week; *'All things come from you and of your own do we give you'*. We are only giving back what we owe! As we were reminded by one speaker at the 'Live 8' concert, we got rich to begin with off the backs of those now poor nations by pillaging their resources; gold, precious stones, mineral, spices - even the people themselves; when there was nothing else to plunder we took men, women and children as slaves. Consider how long ago this happened and how much interest needs to be added to our debt to them.

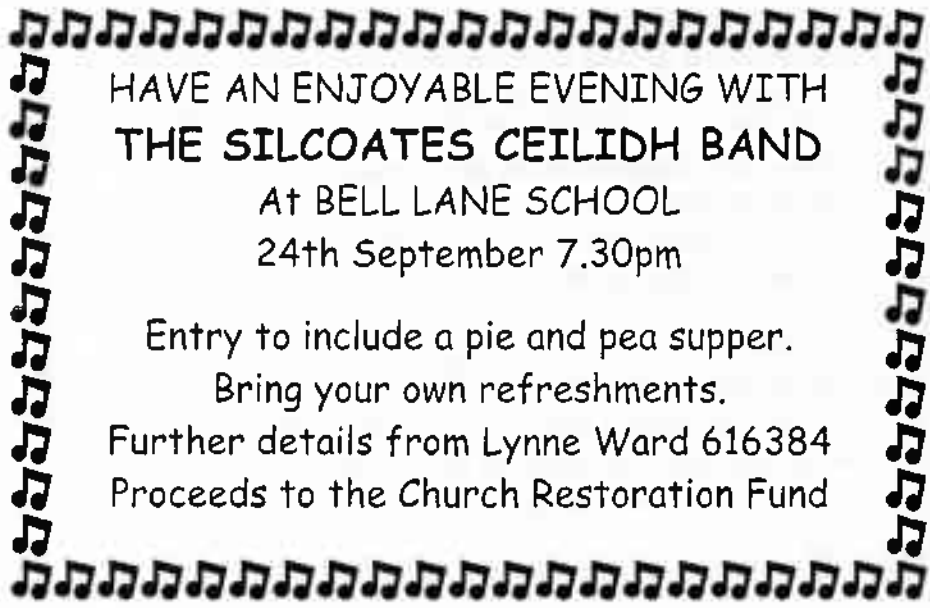
Not only do we owe a great debt to those whose poverty we had a hand in creating, the most precious and paramount quality of our faith, the prime element of our Lord's teaching - LOVE, demands that we eradicate this blight of poverty which continues to exist to our shame. The second greatest commandment of all *'Love thy neighbour'* demands that we consider the question "Who is my neighbour". The answer from

our Lord's teaching was clear - any fellow human being in need. Clearly we are not obeying that command when there is an increasing sector of the world who we refuse to recognise as neighbours by our actions, or more correctly, our inaction. If we recognised them as neighbours and loved them, we couldn't possibly allow them to live in such abject poverty.

And so, we see a steady increase, a build up of people who have no hope, no belonging and no status which begins to threaten that other kingdom, value of Peace something fought hard and at great loss for 60 years ago. As Christians it is our prime duty to work hard for the establishment of God's Kingdom here on earth; to prepare people/our world for our Lord's return, when the ideal for God's creation will be realised. Let us pray for them, for our world leaders, remember that great desire we ask for in the prayer that Jesus himself taught us; *"Thy Kingdom come"*.

Yours in Christ

Paul



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## Prayer

Rev'd Dr Jenny Montgomery

When Paul asked if I would write something for the parish magazine he gave me a free hand to pick my subject. At first I was daunted by the enormity of this but decided to write about something dear to my heart and which should be at the root of all that we do as Christians in the service of God, namely prayer. In Matthew 7 Jesus himself tells us that we must ask:

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Jesus brother James says:

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Prayer matters and each of our prayers matters. Prayer is always answered. This does not mean that we will always get what we ask for but we will always get an answer. The closer we are to God and the more we are praying in the Spirit the more likely it is that we will get the answer we expect.

What does this mean for each of us as individuals and for all of

us as the Body of Christ in Ackworth? This is vital stuff and must be at the centre of all that we do.

Firstly, as individuals we should be faithful in daily prayer. Each one of us needs to set aside time to be alone with God to talk, to listen and to let him speak to us. I believe that reading scripture should be a part of this daily prayer time. The bible is one of the ways in which God is able to speak to us. Prayer is a two way traffic. All too often we come to God with a list of demands but find it hard to be still and listen. Listening to God takes practice.

Secondly, we need to be a prayerful church. We pray during our worship together and use this space to bring our needs and those of our community before God. If anyone needs prayer, tell us. The collects, the set prayers we use matter. They are a way of tying together our thoughts and bringing them into some sort of framework. As part of being a prayerful church, it is important that we are comfortable with asking for and receiving prayer. It should become natural to see people in church before or after services praying together. God does amazing things.

Just about six weeks ago I noticed at the Peace that one of my friends in church seemed to be in pain. She has a back problem which gives her a lot of bother. After the service I prayed with her. There was nothing mystical about this but I laid hands on her and asked God to relieve her pain. Joanne didn't get a permanent cure but she did have three days of freedom from pain for the first time in two years. I have no special gift but simply asked as Jesus tells us to.

We need to pray about the decisions we make as a church family. In Psalm 17 we read:

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who  
build it labour in vain.

This should be our guiding principle in all that we do. This applies most especially to the PCC and those who serve on the various committees but every member of the church family matters and should be asking God about our future. This is particularly true when we embark on any form of mission. My previous church has run Alpha for some years. However it was not until a group of us started to meet regularly to pray into it that we started to see results in terms of new believers and new ministries.

Paul and I, either together or separately pray in church every weekday. As part of my commitment to All Saints, on a Friday I pray there rather than at St Cuthbert's. Absolutely anyone is welcome. In fact, it's a real encouragement to us when someone joins us. We read scripture together and pray for the needs of the world, the church, the community and those in special need. It lasts about twenty minutes. Please come and join us whenever you can.

There's much more to say about prayer but I don't think I can take over the whole magazine. Before I finish, can I suggest a special ministry for the housebound. You have time. You can be our powerhouse of prayer. If anyone out there would like to talk to me more about this please ring. I'd love to come and see you.

With love in Christ

Jenny



## FROM THE OLD MAGAZINES OF 1945

These are three short extracts from the magazine relating to marriage-----

The first is a verse, which was to be found in the Kissingland Register, dated 1571----

The grace of God and a loving wife,  
A contented mind and a quiet life,  
A good report and a friend in store,  
What should a man desire more?

The second concerns a marriage certificate----

Here is a queer certificate of marriage in rhyme, by no less a man than Dean Swift, but how came it that it took place outside a church?

"Now none but He Who rules the thunder  
May put this man and wife asunder;  
For. neath an oak, in stormy weather,  
This man and maid, I joined together.

(Or was the oak an oak beam?)"

And lastly an old custom at weddings---

"There is a delightful old marriage custom which deserves to be remembered if not revived. A pair of gloves, it is recorded, was presented to the Reverend Walter Bayley, Vicar of Ducklington, near Witney, in 1682, by a happy couple who had not after a year repented of their marriage. It is stated that the parson could claim the gloves in such circumstances. In these days we imagine income tax would be demanded on the gloves.!"

## RED KITES

We recently spent a week in Mid Wales where we particularly enjoyed seeing many different birds, the most spectacular of these had to be, of course, the red kite. They were to be seen everywhere, high in the sky making their very distinctive cry. In the place we were staying, Llanwrtyd Wells, the smallest town in Great Britain, there is an enormous bronze kite presiding over the town centre. Enjoying watching these magnificent birds from a distance we decided to see them closer at hand and so paid a visit to Gigrin Farm where there is a feeding and rehabilitation centre.

There are several hides from which one has a wonderful view of these fascinating birds. Feeding takes place at 3pm in summer and 2pm in winter (the birds don't understand about clocks going back and forward.) There is a set procedure when feeding time grows near. Various other birds begin to appear prior to the tractor appearing with the raw meat. First to arrive are the rooks and crows who position themselves on all the fence posts. Then the buzzards arrive on the ground and then the kites begin to wheel about in the sky with their distinctive colour, shape, size (they are about one third bigger than buzzards) and cry.

We held our breath as a foolhardy squirrel ran the whole length of the field with all these predators around and then a rabbit decided to chance his luck! Fortunately for them the birds were too intent on their routine. When the tractor arrives and the meat is shovelled off at various points, the crows descend upon it first and this shows the kites that all is safe. The kites swoop in and grasp the meat in their talons, before making off with it held tightly beneath the tail. Others swoop low over the heads of the crows or ravens and will try to make them rise with their food so they can chase and rob them in mid flight. When they have their meat they find a clear airspace (otherwise other kites would steal from them) and eat the meat whilst flying. The second time we visited the site we also saw a heron joining in the feeding orgy, waiting in a tree until it felt safe to come down. The buzzards stayed in one place all the time, expending little energy in gaining their meal compared to the fantastic acrobatic displays from the kites.

All the kites seen here are native to Wales and not introduced from the continent. DNA results have revealed that all the birds tested were descendents of a single female. From the start of this project in 1993 the number of kites has risen from a dozen to over 400.

## THE BLACKOUT

As this year we remember VE and VJ Days we take a look back to those war years, which ended in 1945. Thank you to Margaret Canning for her memories of "The Blackout"

In the late 1930's everyone realised there was going to be a war with Germany, so the British government started to prepare early.

Two days before war was declared the blackout restrictions began. On September the first 1939 all streetlights were turned off. The public was deluged with official leaflets giving advice on personal and home protection. Civil Defence Public Information Leaflet Number two was "Masking your windows." Strips of gummed brown paper were stuck over the window panes in a criss-cross pattern to stop shards of glass from spreading in case of bomb blasts.

Miles of black cotton lining was made into curtains. People went scurrying to buy blackout paint, drawing pins, rolls of gummed brown parcel tape and black paper blinds. Not a chink of light must show.

Trains kept running but they were very overcrowded and slow. If the carriages had any light at all it was a dim blue pin-point of light. Signs bearing the names of towns and villages were removed causing confusion and difficulty to passengers. Porters had to call out the name of the station as the train drew to a halt.

The speed limit on cars and buses was 20 mph. Their headlights had the top half blacked and the lower half screened by horizontal shades. Bumpers and running boards were painted white.

Buses also had the inside of the windows fitted with black blinds and each alternate light bulb was removed. The restriction on the number of passengers allowed to stand was lifted.

Sign posts were removed from road junctions to confuse the enemy if we were invaded. White bands were painted round tree trunks and telegraph poles and the public was requested to paint the kerb stones white. Later, white lines were painted down the centre of the road. The tops of post boxes were painted with a special yellow paint, which would change colour in the presence of gas. Memories of the gas used in the First World War were still fresh in peoples' minds.

Torches were allowed only if they were permanently pointed at the ground and covered by two layers of tissue paper. During the first few weeks of the blackout most pedestrians walked into at least one lamp post!

## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

AUG 7 <sup>TH</sup>	MOLLIE GARDHAM
AUG 14 <sup>TH</sup>	JUNE BACKHOUSE
AUG 21 <sup>ST</sup>	JEAN HANCOCKS
AUG 28 <sup>TH</sup>	PAUL COOPER
SEPT 4 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
SEPT 11 <sup>TH</sup>	MARGARET CAMPLIN
SEPT 18 <sup>TH</sup>	WENDY LAYBOURN
SEPT 25 <sup>TH</sup>	PHYLLIS & RUTH HARRISON

## ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

AUG 7 <sup>TH</sup>	MARGARET LLOYD
AUG 14 <sup>TH</sup>	HEATHER WALTERS
AUG 21 <sup>ST</sup>	BIDDY BRANSTON
AUG 28 <sup>TH</sup>	MRS. BARNARD
SEPT 4 <sup>TH</sup>	JOYCE DODD
SEPT 11 <sup>TH</sup>	STELLA LEE
SEPT 18 <sup>TH</sup>	MOLLIE GARDHAM
SEPT 25 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT

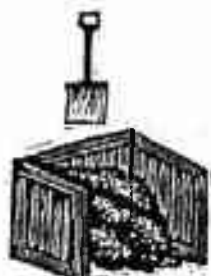
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### Summer in Brockadale

Coleridge was right when he wrote on May 9<sup>th</sup> 1826 "Summer has set in with its usual severity." However, despite our three walks this year having a high degree of precipitation – good for growing, bad for walking - summer has come to Brockadale.

A peregrine flew south/north just as we were gathered in the Car park to begin our June walk. Although the cliffs are not high, as that was the second sighting, we hope that they will prove acceptable as a habitat. Next year may be exciting.

After much searching in the extremely damp grass, two rarities were spotted again: moon wort (*Botrychium lunaria*) and adder's tongue (*Ophioglossum vulgatum*). As moonwort is a plant of high grasslands, growing in Scotland as well as the Alps, while adder-stongue likes low grassland, growing, in the main, further south, it is rather amazing that they are found within a few yards of each other. As they are both only about four inches high and almost totally green, (they belong to the ferns and mosses family) it takes an expert eye to spot them, but adder's tongue is probably the easier as it has a central frond which looks vaguely like a plantain. Good luck!

Our most exciting avian news is of the nuthatches, which have nested in the Dale for the first time since records began fifty years ago and have successfully brought off a brood. Although nuthatches are not new to Yorkshire, as they prefer big old timber and nest where they feed, they have not been tempted previously by our younger,

sprightlier trees. The Dale trees, traditionally chopped for burning, but now ageing enough to drop branches naturally, are now candidates to fulfil the house-hunting criteria of these pretty blue and gold birds. The pair worked hard, plastering a tree hole with mud until they had barely enough room through which to squeeze; presumably they lost plenty of weight later when they were feeding the chicks, as they then shot in and out as if in competing in the Olympics.

Last autumn, a local farmer was forced to tip a load of unsaleable grain, which the resident yellowhammers fell on in flocks. They've over-wintered so successfully that many have stayed to breed, as did quite a few corn-buntings. Yellow hammers like the ground cover north of the river.

By deep mid-summer, when you are reading this, the meadows in the Dale will be purple with the clustered bell flower (*Campanula glomerata*), harebells (*Campanula rotundifolia*), two kinds of scabious: (the field *Knautia arvensis*) and the small) and two kinds of knapweed: common (*Centaurea nigra*) and the greater (*Centaurea scabiosa*). There will also be the yellow flowers of the kidney vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria*). Its long flowering period, from June to August, is due to its neat trick of blooming first on one side and then on the other, to look rather like a pair of kidneys.

Dragonflies will be about in the stiller stretches of the river. Expect the beautiful banded demoiselle (*Calopteryx splendens*) and the common hawkler (*Aeshna juncea*). Dragonflies are well named, as they are ferocious hunters of other species, devouring them in flight. Some reach speeds of up to sixty miles per hour.

The speckled wood butterfly (*Pararge aegeria*) can be found sunning itself along the butterfly ride. The upper wings are a very dark brown with pale markings, the under wing is redder. By July it will have produced its second brood. But what really makes high summer for me is walking in the meadow grasses, disturbing the butterflies which rise in clouds of colour. The common blue (*Polyommatis icarus*), the ringlet (*Aphantopus hyperanthus*) and the marbled white (*Melanargia galathea*) will all be about in the July and August heat. Just by thinking about them, I can smell the heat that comes in the silence of an afternoon in high summer, with everything in nature waiting for the cool of the evening. There is a French saying

(although I would not agree with the second line):

The morning is for God;  
The afternoon is for the Devil;  
But the evening is for the angels.

As usual there will be walks on the first Wednesday of the month: July 6<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 7.0 pm, but the last on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> will start at the earlier time of 6.30. Everybody is welcome, as are volunteers to help to dig and delve on the third Sunday of each month. Please ring 620725 for further information about either.

There is also a mini-beast hunt on July 10<sup>th</sup> from 10.0am to noon, designed for children interested in insects. Sweep nets and drinks, etc. will be provided. Please bring along any budding entomologists.

If none of these dates suit, then just sit in the sun and with A E Housman let your mind meander among;

The idle hills of summer,  
Sleepy with the flow of river.

Cynthia Day  
June 2005

## THANK YOU

To Pontefract Music Centre, Senior Strings and Ackworth Youth Choir who last month helped support the Church Restoration Fund by holding outstanding and professional performances at St Cuthbert's which were very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.



# August and September 2005 Readings and Readers

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
07/08/2005	Proper 14	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33	George Scargill	Mrs Backhouse
14/08/2005	Proper 15	Genesis 45:1-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28	Jane Siddall	Mrs M Walker
21/08/2005	Proper 16	Exodus 1:8 -2:10	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20	Sue Hartley	
28/08/2005	Proper 17	Exodus 3:1-15	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28	Ann Atack	Dr McWilliam
04/09/2005	Proper 18	Exodus 12:1-14	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20	Mr Shaw	Mrs S Hall
11/09/2005	Proper 19	Exodus 14:19-31	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35	Briony Lewis	Mrs Backhouse
18/09/2005	Proper 20	Exodus 16:2-15	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16	Susan Clarke	Mrs M Walker
25/09/2005	Proper 21	Exodus 17:1-7	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32	Miss Parker	





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### **TONGUES IN TREES**

Being "green" is obviously nothing new! Reading through "Saywell" I came across this piece written nearly 150 years ago in 1858. Someone was obviously upset about the treatment meted out to a particular tree and wrote a letter to a local paper( not mentioned by name) thus-;

Sir, -Your columns are, I dare say, open to the complaint of a distressed tree, as well as to the grievances of your own countrymen. Well, Sir, I must tell you that for scores of years past I have looked upon the inhabitants of Ackworth, and have been looked at and admired by the fathers, and grandfathers, and great-grandfathers of the present people of Ackworth. I hardly know how old I am, but I think I may safely say that I was here when Anne became queen, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1702. Not that I care so very much for those who have not seen me, it is solely on account of the good

people of Ackworth, that I am now in distress. Sir, I must tell you that I had hoped to grow old, and die in peace, of natural decay in fact, to which trees are subject, no less than men. But I am, I fear, doomed to disappointment. The parish surveyors of the highways have been and cut off some of my principal roots, and I consider myself much damaged by this cruel treatment. I certainly should have liked to have flourished as long as possible; I moan for myself; but chiefly I am stricken with sadness at the thought that with the loss of so much principle of life, I cannot expect to grow old and look smilingly upon my Ackworth friends so long as I otherwise might have done. I have one consolation, however. I hear the sighs of those who come beneath my shade, and I thank them for their sympathy with me in the loss of my roots. No good can arise from this cruel treatment of me. Where there is mischief in the heart, and a knife in the hand, ancient village trees, like myself, may sing out, "Woodman, spare that tree;" but to little use if our friends among mankind won't come and protect us.

I am, Sir, with great respect and sadness at heart,

Your humble servant,  
THE TREE ON ACKWORTH GREEN.

### JUST ONE STEP

One step won't get you very far-  
You've got to keep on walking.  
One word won't tell folks who you are-  
You've got to keep on talking.  
One foot won't make you very tall-  
You've got to keep on growing.  
One trip to church won't tell you all-  
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## ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY SEASON 2005—2006

October 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 sees the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> season of concerts promoted by the Society. Throughout the years, we have endeavoured to provide a wide range of high quality music performed by talented musicians of local, national and international repute.

The first concert is being given by the world famous baritone Willard White whose visit, two years ago, was much appreciated and enjoyed by people from this area of West Yorkshire and from further afield. The Society provides concerts at reasonable prices in venues which do not entail travelling to large cities.

This season we are using a variety of venues, namely, the Civic Centre in Castleford, the Meeting house at Ackworth School, Featherstone Library and Community Centre and the Ackworth Methodist Church. We warmly welcome our audiences and provide interval refreshments, when we hope that people will see existing friends, and, hopefully make new ones.

There are facilities for the disabled (with the exception of the Ackworth venues). A carer accompanying a disabled person comes free of charge.

Members are happy to give help when needed. A loop system is provided at most venues and large print programmes are available.

After the Willard White special concert the season proper begins on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

See opposite page for this seasons events.

We hope that one, or more, of these concerts will appeal to you and we look forward to seeing you during the season.

As always, we appreciate the support of the concert-goers and welcome comments and opinions on the concerts. These are discussed at our meetings and help us to plan future programmes,

Brochures are available in both churches and at the Ackworth Post offices,

**HAPPY CONCERT GOING!**

Mollie Gardham on behalf of the Society

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER  
2005 at 7.30pm  
CASTLEFORD CIVIC CENTRE

WILLARD WHITE

The world famous bass-baritone  
will give us an evening of music  
from well-known operas and  
musicals

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER  
2005 at 7.30pm  
The Meeting House,  
Ackworth School

ST. PETER'S SINGERS &  
ORCHESTRA  
Directed by  
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SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY  
2006 at 7.30pm  
Methodist Church, Ackworth  
NORTHERN SAXOPHONE  
QUARTET

By popular request an evening of  
Jazz Music by Phil Woods, Steve  
Smith, Chick Corea and others.

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 2006 at  
7.30pm

Featherstone Library and  
Community Centre  
QUINTESSENTIAL  
Vocal Quintet

We shall hear "a thrilling  
performance spanning three  
centuries of song"

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER  
2005 at 7.30pm  
The Meeting House, Ackworth  
School

THE GARDEN CONSORT

A return visit of this versatile  
group of singers from the Royal  
Opera House, Covent Garden,  
who will present an exhilarating  
mixture of opera, operetta and  
lighter music

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SATURDAY 14th JANUARY 2006  
at 7.30pm

Featherstone Library and  
Community Centre

MARCIA CRAYFORD—VIOLIN  
HELEN CRAYFORD—PIANO

Their programme will include  
works by Lili Boulanger, Claude  
Debussy, Sir Edward Elgar and  
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SATURDAY 18th MARCH 2006  
at 7.30pm

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## **RACHEL HENRIETTA BALL**

### **100th BIRTHDAY**

On the 12th of July, Etta enjoyed her birthday with her family in Bollington where she has lived for the last ten years. During the day she received many visitors including the Mayor, Sandra Edwards and the Minister, Rev. Mark Broadhead from Macclesfield Methodist Church, and she proudly showed them the Queen's message.

Her granddaughter, Alex was on hand to help with the numerous cards, flowers and gifts which arrived from near and far, and Etta particularly enjoyed being remembered by all her friends in Ackworth.

She would really like to thank them all personally but is unable to write letters now due to her failing eyesight and so hopes that they will see this in the magazine. During the week she had many visits from family and friends including some from Ackworth. Thank you all for making her birthday such a joyous occasion and for rekindling many happy memories.

### **ENGLISH ON HOLIDAY**

Thank you to the reader who sent in these instructions found in-hotels, restaurants and shops abroad.

Tokyo Hotel-It is forbidden to steal towels please. If you are not a person to do such a thing is please not to read notice.

You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

Leipzig Hotel Do not enter lift backwards, and only when lit up.

Bucharest Hotel The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time you will be unbearable.

Paris Hotel Please leave your values at the front desk.

Athens Hotel Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 am daily.

Yugoslavian Hotel The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

Moscow Hotel situated across from a Russian Orthodox Monastery. You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists, and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

Another hotel said- if this is your first visit to the USSR you are



welcome to it.

Swiss Restaurant-Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

Mountain Inn-Special today—no ice cream.

Norwegian cocktail lounge-Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.

Hong Kong Tailor shop-Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

Soviet Weekly-There will be a Moscow Exhibition of Arts by 15,000 Soviet Republic painters and sculptors. These were executed over the past two years,

Hong Kong dentist-teeth extracted by the latest Methodists.

Rome Laundry- Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

Copenhagen Airline-We take your bags and send them in all directions.

Thailand Donkey Rides. Would you like to ride on your own ass?

Japanese air conditioning- Cooles and Heates:If you want just condition of warm in your room, control yourself.

Now go on those foreign holidays with confidence. You have all the information you need for a trouble free break.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Ackworth's contribution to this event has now been finalised for 2005. With the collections at the Co-op Supermarket, the churches' gift days, and the three money-raising efforts the total raised was £2,245.37. The Musical (organ) Marathon at All Saints' Church made £125.14 towards the grand total.

## **GRACE**

O Lord, we thank you for this food we are privileged to eat  
And we beseech you to help us speak the right words-  
That we might not have to eat them later on.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the readers who have replied to articles in previous magazines. Thanks to J. Fletcher for some short articles for future issues and Terry Williams who has sent in some information in response to Emil's article in the last magazine. Finally thank you to Ann Harrison for the following memories of Hesse.

### Hesse

My late husband Ronald Harrison was born in Hesse and his grandparents Robert and Elizabeth Brown lived there too. Robert worked in the stone quarries and was also a local preacher at the Primitive Chapel on Hillside.

Three generations of Ron's family lived at Hesse and my late father in law George Henry Harrison was secretary to the Ackworth Show for many years.

The cottages at Hesse were very cosy and they all had roses round their doors. They all had large gardens where they grew flowers, vegetables and fruit. They had apple, pear and plum trees. They were very self sufficient and kept pigs, geese, ducks and hens. Ron used to have a pony which he called Dolly. Everyone kept dogs and cats and other small pets.

Ron's Aunt Rose (Miss Brown) had the grazing rights for Hesse and Brackenhill Commons. Everyone helped each other in the small community at Hesse and my husband's family said it was a lovely place to live. You were in another world when you lived in Hesse.

Ann Harrison

### GLADYS DUNN

Gladys Dunn was new in town and decided to visit the church nearest to her new home. She appreciated the pretty building and the music by the choir but the sermon went on and on. Worse, it wasn't very interesting. Glancing round, she saw many of the congregation nodding off. Finally it was over. After the service, she turned to a still sleepy-looking gentleman next to her, extended her hand and said, "I'm Gladys Dunn".

He replied, "You and me both!"

## ***Special Services***

- Aug 6th 10.30am Transfiguration of our Lord - Holy St Cuthbert's Communion
- Aug 15th 7.30pm The Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy St Cuthbert's Communion
- Sept 21st 9.30am St Matthew - Holy Communion All Saints'
- Sept 29th 7.30pm St Michael and All Angels - Holy St Cuthbert's Communion

### **St Cuthberts Forthcoming Event**



Antiques Road Show  
Wednesday 20th October 2005  
7pm to 9pm  
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## **From the Registers**

### **Baptisms**

May 29th Alicia Marie Coop

### **Marriages**

May 14th Timothy Charles Hampson & Vicki Grace Dyson  
May 21st Adrian Paul Harman & Lisa Joanne Claridge  
June 10th Christopher James Young & Rachel Claire Wilstrop  
June 11th Anthony Harris & Nicola Astle  
June 18th William Edward Walker & Ruth Kinsey

### **Funerals**

May 23rd Margaret Wood (64) 20 Garden St Ackworth  
June 21st Herbert Robinson (82) 90 Station Rd Low Ackworth  
June 27th Ada Bradley Cook (91) The Coppins Brierley  
June 28th Olive Wood (94) 'Kildare' New Road Badsworth

## ***Sunday Services for August and September***

<b>Sunday Services</b> (usual pattern)		
8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
	(except last Sunday in month)	
4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'
	(last Sunday in month)	
<b>Wednesday Service</b>		
9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'

## ***Special Events***

Aug 14th	Sunday	V.J. Day Celebrations - Village Green and St Cuthbert's
Aug 14th	1.30pm	March from Village Club to
	2.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving at Moor Top War Memorial
Sept 7th	7.30pm	Ackworth Churches Together Meeting at St Cuthbert's
Sept 15th	7.30pm	Diva Fashion Show at the Howard School
Sept 24th	Saturday	Ceildh/Barn Dance (venue to be fixed)
Oct 1st	10.00am	Parish Walk (advanced notice)

<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Church</b>		
<b>Sunday 9.00am Mass</b>		

<b>ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>		
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<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am	<b>Worship</b>
	6.30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30—11.15am	<b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b>
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**All services and meetings are held at the Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane.**