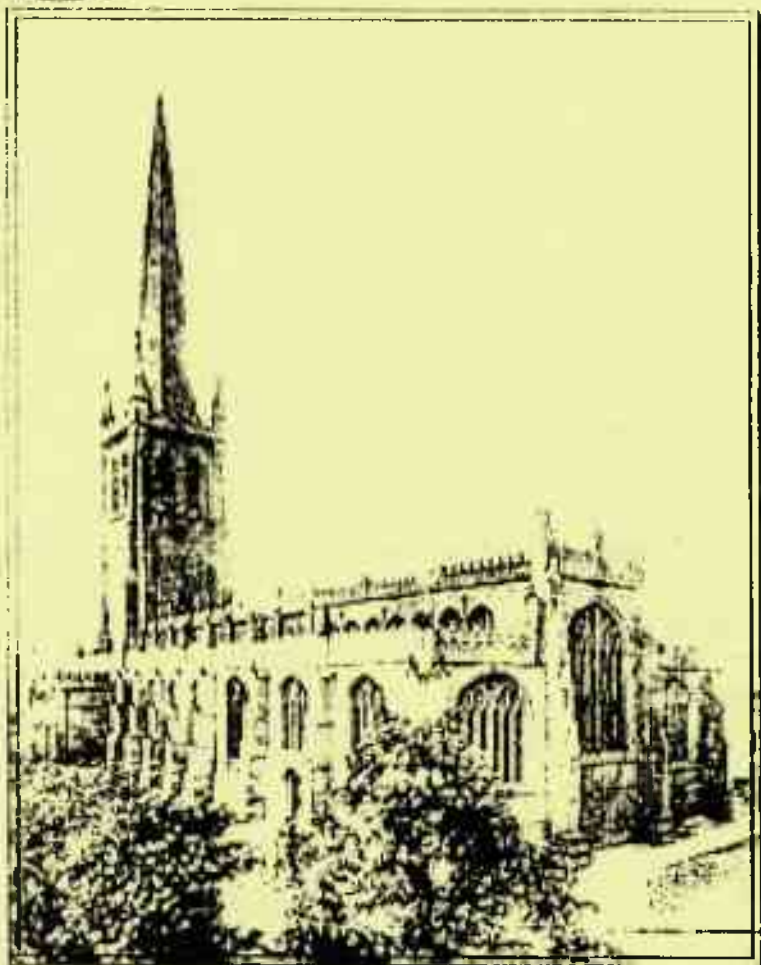




# Ackworth Parish Magazine



WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL

**June 2005/July 2005**  
50p per copy (£3 per year)

**~ Ackworth Parish Church ~ Who's Who ~**

<b><u>Rector:</u></b>	Revd. Paul Hartley, The Rectory, Ackworth	602751
<b><u>Lay Readers:</u></b>	Dr. Paul Fox, 5 Andrews Grove Mrs Marie Lewis, 36 Flounders Hill	613834 616074
<b><u>Churchwardens:</u></b>	Mr Bill Branston, 8 Andrews Grove Mrs Lynne Ward, 1 Orchard View	610590 616384
<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	Mrs Caroline Longhurst 27 Springhill Avenue, Crofton	01924 862900
<b><u>Christian Stewardship:</u></b>		
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mr Bryan Lewis, 36 Flounders Hill	616074
<b>Covenant Secretary:</b>	Mr Donald Marshall, 17 Hill Drive	700961
<b>Stewardship Recorder:</b>	Mrs Sue Hartley, The Rectory, Ackworth	602751
<b><u>Car Lifts to Church:</u></b>	Mrs Ann Tait, 5 King's Close	612613
<b><u>Children and Young People:</u></b>		
<b>Junior Church:</b>	Dr Paul Fox, 5 Andrews Grove	613834
<b>Mums &amp; Tots Group:</b>	Mrs Jackie Fox, 5 Andrews Grove	613834
<b>Children's Society:</b>	Mrs Helen Parkinson, 48 Holly Bank	614400
<b>The Howard C E School:</b>	Miss Sue Jackson, Headteacher	722275
<b><u>Third World and Missions:</u></b>	Mrs Lynne Ward, 1 Orchard View	616384
<b><u>Social Committee:</u></b>	Mrs Bidy Branston, 8 Andrews Grove	610590
<b><u>Church Flowers/Brasses:</u></b>		
<b>St Cuthbert's:</b>	Mrs Phyllis Asquith, 70 Pontefract Road	704732
<b>All Saints':</b>	Miss Ethel Smith, 'Solentia', Wakefield Road	611258
<b><u>Weekly News sheet:</u></b>	Mrs Maureen Richardson 45 Woodleigh Crescent	612859
<b><u>Parish Magazine:</u></b>		
<b>Publishing:</b>	Mrs Stella Hall, 32 Station Road Mr Nigel Parkinson, 48 Holly Bank	612003 614400
<b>Distribution:</b>	Mrs Bidy Branston, 8 Andrews Grove Mrs Margaret Seaman, 20 Flounders Hill	610590 611400
<b><u>St. Cuthbert's Bell Ringers:</u></b>		
<b>Tower Captain:</b>	Mr Ian Hall, 32 Station Road	612003
<b>Ringin Master:</b>	Mrs Stella Hall, 32 Station Road	612003

## Dear Friends,

June and July mark two very important events in the life of this parish, both being very similar in nature and both being on the first Sundays of those months.

On the 5th June, the Bishop of Pontefract, the Right Reverend Anthony Robinson, will be confirming ten new communicant members of our church, Mrs Janice Parry, Rebecca Clark, Richard Clark, Claire Davies, Samantha Davies, Briony Lewis, Edward Parkinson, Jacob Place, Matthew Roberts, Ellie Sidall. Please pray for them as they prepare for this very special moment in their lives and please come and support them by your attendance at the service (10.15am St Cuthbert's) and share in the refreshments after the service.

A month later on the 3rd July at 11.00am at Wakefield Cathedral, Dr Jenny Montgomery will be ordained deacon and will begin her duties as non-stipendiary curate of this parish. Please also pray for Jenny and her husband Mike for that day and for all that lies ahead for them.

In terms of importance for the parish it is for us years since we last had a confirmation in our own church and as regards a curate, I am told that it is over 30 years since we last had one in Ackworth. As regards these two events being very similar in nature, some might think this is an odd thing for me to say! Well, not really, as both involve the answering of God's call to serve his body on earth, the Church. Both are milestones in that ongoing journey of faith; a journey undertaken in obedience to Christ. Both involve the laying-on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by a Bishop and both are beginnings of new phases in the Christian discipleship of those being commissioned. Whether it be to ordination or to take a fuller part in the life of the church, all are called.

We are all familiar with what it means to be confirmed and what it will mean to those candidates as they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit on Sunday 5th June. Certainly after an absence in this parish of over 30 years, the offering and subsequent ministry of a curate and deacon will not be a familiar experience, I would therefore just like to say a few words about Jenny's future position and role within our parish.

The first thing you may already have noticed is that Jenny is to be 'non-stipendiary'; in other words she is not paid for the work she will be doing for the church! Being many years before retirement age she also has the demands of a paid position to uphold also. Being a doctor, those demands are great and involve a high level of responsibility. This means that Jenny will only be working part-time in the parish, so do not expect to see her doing anything and everything.

Secondly, the arrival of a Curate does not mean we will have an 'extra pair of hands'. Although I know from what I have already learnt about her, Jenny will be very hard working and dedicated to her ministry, a curacy is a TRAINING position. First and foremost she will be with us in Ackworth to be trained as a future incumbent with all the roles and responsibilities that, that will entail. I know that you will all pray for her and support her in her time with us, but please remember that her time in the parish will be limited and a major proportion of that time will be spent in learning.

God's call is not just something experienced by those taking up the ordained ministry. Those members of our own congregation who will be confirmed in June are also responding to that same call through Jesus Christ to follow him, serve him, love him and grow closer to him day by day. In a recent article in the Sunday Link, Helen van Koevering wrote on the title 'Vocation is about ... Becoming'. She commented on the fact that although God's call is to everybody to serve him in different ways, we are all called to one purpose; to be more like Jesus in whatever we do. Whether that is to the ordained ministry, confirmation or as in the recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting to share in the ministry of your own church as Warden, Deanery Synod representative, to be a member of the PCC or as a sidesperson. Following the elections at that meeting I am sorry to say that we still have three vacancies on our PCC. As I commented at the end of that meeting, it is a great shame that such opportunities to serve God and his Church are not taken up. God's call to become more like Jesus Christ is a call to every follower of his ... are you answering your call?

I leave you with that well-known and inspiring prayer by Richard of Chichester, a prayer for all who are called to become like Jesus:

O, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother  
May I know you more clearly  
Love you more dearly  
And follow you more nearly  
Day by day ... Amen

Yours in Christ

Paul



**PONTEFRACT MUSIC CENTRE**  
**SENIOR STRINGS CONCERT**

**AN ACKWORTH PREMIERE YOU MUST NOT MISS!**

A SUPERB EVENING OF QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT AND ALL  
PROCEEDS TOWARDS THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.

The group represents the pinnacle of music centre achievement for string players in Pontefract. They perform to a high standard at concerts locally and have taken part in four foreign tours, performing in churches and other prestigious venues. They have taken part in many fund raising events and been involved with a number of charities, most recently, the Prince of Wales Hospice in Pontefract.

**THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2005, 7.30PM**

The evening will include works from Pachelbel, Jenkins, Bach, Vivaldi and others.

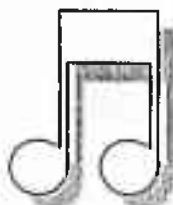
£3 or £2 concessions. (Refreshments)

Tickets on the door (if room) or from:

Pam Lunn 615032

Helen Parkinson 614400

Lynne Ward 616384



## THE CHALICE

The following extract is a response to the question of when were chalices first used and the reason for their use.

"When the human mind cannot know for certain, it begins to frame legends and theories; and it was only to be expected that the Cup which our Lord used at the Last Supper should gradually acquire its own legend. This is the Legend of the Holy Grail.

*Grail* means *Cup*, or *Dish*, or *Chalice*; and the story goes that Joseph of Arimathaea brought it to England, with some of the saving Blood of Calvary. The possession of this Holy Grail was said to bring life and peace to the human soul; but it could only be seen by the pure in heart, and many stories are told of the adventures of those who sought it. \*

Passing from legend to theory-it has been suggested that the very first chalice of all, our Lord's, was made of glass. Glass was precious in New Testament times, and the "Goodman of the house" where the Last Supper was held might very well have possessed a glass cup or chalice for religious ceremonies. This theory, however, belongs to the realm of "might have been". It is true that in the earliest times, Christians used glass chalices on which were inscribed the words "Drink and Live", but for this particular theory there can be no proof, one way or another,

Passing from theory to fact- many things are known for certain about the chalices of former days. We know that horn and wood as well as glass were used for making chalices, because there were laws passed by the Church forbidding the continued use of these materials. Some chalices, too, were made of brass or earthenware, but" gold and silverware quickly superseded all other substances. Precious jewels were early used to adorn them, and just as travellers and crusaders often vowed a chalice to their church for their safe return home, so women of the Middle Ages would give their gems to make a chalice more lovely still."

\*How true this is. I well remember being thrilled by the stories of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and their attempts to find The Holy Grail.



## A GREEN HILL, NOT TOO FAR AWAY

We spent Easter in Norfolk and on Good Friday we were surprised to be confronted by a traffic jam upon entering the nearby town of Sheringham. Using our local knowledge, built upon almost a twenty year familiarity with the area, we found our way, via the back streets, to a usual parking place. The cause of the traffic hold up soon became apparent, when we found that the town centre had been closed off for a Salvation Army Service. It was good to note that there was a good sized gathering and that passers by were respecting the solemnity of the occasion.

A little while later, when returning to our car we were again surprised to be confronted by a man, carrying a large wooden cross, heading a procession of perhaps two hundred people, with assorted children and dogs, heading out of the town towards the cliffs. As we left the town this man could be seen near the top of a prominent *green* hill followed seemingly in single file by his followers, still ascending, it was a most spiritually uplifting experience.

On Easter Day we attended the Holy Communion and Junior Church at St. Peter's Sheringham, it was the day after the clocks went forward and we had forgotten to check the time of the service. To be on the safe side we arrived at 09.55 to find that the church was already three quarters full, numbering upwards of two hundred worshippers. A lovely choral service, in beautiful surroundings, led by a good-sized choir and with a stimulating address, we were quite surprised to realise that it had taken one and a half hours. We had renewed our baptismal vows, turning towards the font, and listened to an anthem. At the end of the service those with the ability to read music were invited to join the choir in the chancel to sing the Hallelujah Chorus. The Junior Church children had produced a seasonal painting for display and were each given a chocolate Easter Egg, the younger members of the choir being teased, by the vicar that there would not be enough to go round. Of course they were not to be disappointed.

The size of the congregation brought back memories to Colin of his youth as a Server in a church in Shrewsbury where such numbers were commonplace and where Sub-Deacons were also used to speed up the delivery of the bread and wine.

Two occasions to savour :

Sue & Colin Tanswell

## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

JUNE 5 <sup>TH</sup>	Peggy Huby
JUNE 12 <sup>TH</sup>	Flower Fund
JUNE 19 <sup>TH</sup>	Flower Fund
JUNE 26 <sup>TH</sup>	Margaret Blanchard
JULY 3 <sup>RD</sup>	Sue Tanswell
JULY 10 <sup>TH</sup>	Flower Fund
JULY 17 <sup>TH</sup>	Betty Johnson
JULY 24 <sup>TH</sup>	Flower Fund
JULY 31 <sup>ST</sup>	Flower Fund

## ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

JUNE 5 <sup>TH</sup>	Elaine Roberts
JUNE 12 <sup>TH</sup>	Phyllis Asquith
JUNE 19 <sup>TH</sup>	Mrs. Barnard
JUNE 26 <sup>TH</sup>	Heather Walters
JULY 3 <sup>RD</sup>	Margaret Barrow
JULY 10 <sup>TH</sup>	Vacant
JULY 17 <sup>TH</sup>	Janet Bateman
JULY 24 <sup>TH</sup>	Ann Hurst
JULY 31 <sup>ST</sup>	Vacant

## BRASSES

JUNE	Mrs. Stolt
JULY	Mrs. Stolt



## LOADS OF MANURE

Large quantity of well-rotted manure available to anyone who has a trailer or is willing to bag it for themselves. Access for cars is possible. Free apart from donation to Church Restoration Fund.  
Ring 01977 795450 if interested!





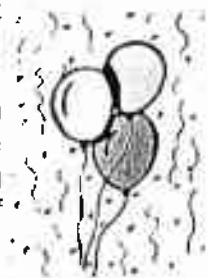
## RACHEL HENRIETTA BALL

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July this year Etta Hall will be celebrating her hundredth birthday.

Etta's mother was Sarah Jane Guy (Desborough) and her father was Guy Richard Guy. She was born in Brackenhill in 1905, the eldest of seven children (five boys and two girls). Etta is the only remaining one after the death of her sister Nellie. She married Fred Ball and went to live in Mansfield where her husband was the manager of an electrical shop later moving to Bradford. However during the Second World War when her husband was in the army she and her son Ian moved back to Ackworth and Etta taught at most of the schools there during the war.

After the war they all moved to Cleveland View.

Etta has written a small-illustrated history of her life in the twentieth century, which has been printed by The Ackworth Heritage Group and is a very interesting read especially for people who have spent most of their lives in Ackworth



Etta enjoys reading the magazine and keeping in touch with village life here in Ackworth.

We hope that she will have a very happy birthday and look forward to hearing all about the celebrations later.

## WEST YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

If you would like a home fire safety check carried out in your home and smoke detectors fitted if and where necessary .....

**ALL TOTALLY FREE OF CHARGE.**

Then please ring the free-phone number: **0800 5874536**

Please give your name, address and telephone number and we will ring you to arrange a visit.

We attend your homes by pre-arranged appointments only.

Remember it is a totally free service provided by the fire authority.

**IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE FITTED AND WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS.**

## IMPORTANT

\*Are you in receipt of State Pension or another Social Security benefit?

\*Are you paid by Direct Debit into an account?

Be warned! If you change the account you are paid into there may be problems if the DSS is not given lots of time to make the change. They will not pay you by Giro or Order Book. All they will do is suspend payment until the account change is processed. If you can, try to get a Post Office Account opened (the special one for pensions/benefits) so that you will not need to change the account. That way you will avoid the problems I have had recently.

If you depend upon such payments this sort of problem can cause serious hardship. If you do have to change bank account keep a close watch on the correspondence you get from the DSS. You should receive something from them acknowledging the change; if you do not-please check! Mine was lost in transit between the local office and the office that was supposed to process it. This can lead to further problems, and so on.

Emil Brown

## A CYCLIST'S PRAYER

Thank you again to Margaret Canning who sent in this poem after reading last month's Motorist's Prayer.

The day is over; I've reached my rest,  
I look back on my journey and think myself blessed.

During my ride I've had uphill climbs,  
But I've had some wonderful times.

I've pedalled along with the wind at my back,  
Revelled in riding on road, lane and track.

I've needed my cape to shelter from showers,  
And enjoyed the beauty of fresh spring flowers.

As I've pedalled along to my journey's end  
I've met so many people that I can call friend,

So now that I'm ready to take my rest,  
I look back on my journey and think myself blessed.

## A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND

If you want someone who will bring you the paper without first tearing it apart to remove the sports section---get a dog.

If you want someone willing to make a fool of himself simply over the joy of seeing you---get a dog.

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him and never says it is not quite as good as his mother made it---get a dog.

If you want someone to scare away burglars, without a lethal weapon---get a dog.

If you want someone who will never touch the remote, doesn't care for football, and who will happily snuggle up to you to watch a romantic film on TV---get a dog.

If you want someone who is content to get up on your bed just to warm your back or feet, and whom you can push off when he snores---get a dog.

If you want someone who never criticises what you do, doesn't care if you are pretty or ugly, fat or thin, young or old, who acts as if every word you say is especially worth listening to, and who loves you unconditionally, perpetually---get a dog.

But, on the other hand, if you want someone who will never come when you call, ignores you totally when you come home, leaves hair all over the place, walks all over you, runs around all night, only coming home to eat and sleep, and acts as if your entire existence is solely to ensure his happiness, then my friend---

Get a cat! (Any resemblance to a man is purely coincidental)



## WANTED!

Cuddly toys and books and help for  
Ackworth Gala June 25th.

Cakes, buns and scones and help for  
Ackworth Show 9th and 10th July.

For more details and offers please ring Bidy on  
610590.



## June and July 2005 Readings and Readers

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
05/06/2005	Proper 5	Genesis 12:1-9	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Mrs Woofinden	Mrs M Walker
12/06/2005	Proper 6	Genesis 18:1-15	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35 - 10:8[9-23]	George Scargill	
19/06/2005	Proper 7	Genesis 21:8-21	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
26/06/2005	Proper 8	Genesis 22:1-14	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:-40-42	Sue Hartley	Mrs S Hall
03/07/2005	St Thomas	Habekuk 2:1-4	Ephesians 2:19-22	John 20:24-21:9	Mr Shaw	Mrs Backhouse
10/07/2005	Proper 10	Genesis 25:19-34	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Jacob Place	Mrs M Walker
17/07/2005	Proper 11	Genesis 28:10-19a	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Susan Clarke	
24/07/2005	Proper 12	Genesis 29:15-28	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Miss Parker	Dr McWilliam
31/07/2005	Proper 13	Genesis 32:22-31	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21	Mrs Woofinden	Mrs S Hall



## ICING ON THE CAKE

Celebration Cakes made to order  
Christenings, Birthdays, Anniversaries.  
Wedding Cakes to compliment  
your wedding theme.

Sugar Flowers ~ Icing accessories sold  
17 Gillygate, Pontefract. WF8 1PH

Tel: 01977 792222

[www.weddingcakesandmore.co.uk](http://www.weddingcakesandmore.co.uk)

**PETER HANBY  
PAINTER  
AND DECORATOR**  
30 Denton Gardens, Ackworth



**Painting, Decorating and  
Public Works Contractor**  
611446

**J C POWERCO  
HILLSIDE  
BARNSELY ROAD  
ACKWORTH 612319**



Lawnmowers, Chainsaws,  
Cultivators, Shredders etc.  
Sales, Service, Spares.  
All leading makes.

**Nurseryman and Florist  
JAMES LAMPREY & SON**  
Pontefract Road  
High Ackworth



**Shrubs, Trees, Plants, Cut Flowers,  
Floral Tributes, Fresh Produce**  
794387

## **Sun Glow Reiki**

**Hand on healing for  
Mind ~ Body ~ Spirit**

**In the comfort of your own home**

**A very beneficial therapy, that works  
alongside conventional medicine.**

**Gentle yet powerful.**

**01977618768/07815669795**

**Animal Healing, too.**

**ENGLAND & HINTON**

**Opticians**

**8 Bell Lane, Ackworth**

**613633**



**Sight tests by appointment  
Family Eyecare**

**JB Counselling and  
Bereavement services**

**Confidential and  
Professional**

**Phone  
07941359040**

**Roger Beilby** Est. 30  
Years

**Master Interior Decorator**

**Specialist Wallpaper  
Hanger**

**Tel:  
01977 515411  
Mobile:  
07891 527411**



**Water Colour Painting Classes  
Available with renowned Ackworth  
Artist**

**Bill Church  
Ring 611531 for details**



### **A SEASIDE VISIT RECALLED**

The article in the last magazine by Margaret Canning reminded me of an episode in my youth.

Living in Hull, it was near enough to the coast to cycle there on every sunny Sunday. My sister had knitted a bathing costume; it was very smart, orange trimmed with brown. One Sunday she said that I could take it with me. I should have smelt a rat, she wasn't all that generous, but I didn't, I just thought "how kind".

When we got to the coast, I went straight into the sea, and you probably know what's coming next. The neck of the costume fell to my waist and the legs to my knees. I dare not stand up and I crawled from the sea and up the sands on my hands and knees.

When I got home and told my sister what had happened, she said, "Yes, I thought it might!"

Neva Meadley

Thank you for your article. It is very encouraging to get a response from the readers. Keep them coming please!

## From the Curate

Hello. My name is Jenny Montgomery and in July I will be coming to serve as Curate at St Cuthbert's with All Saints, Ackworth. I am fifty-one, married to Mike Anderson and work as a part-time GP in Pontefract, as I have done for the last twenty-four years. I will continue to work as a GP while serving my title as a NSM Assistant Curate. I am from Northern Ireland and my parents and elder brother still live there.

I originally gave my life to God in my early teens but then lapsed for many years. However, about eight years ago God called me back. I never expected to be called to ordained ministry but was challenged about God's purposes for my life and he made it very plain to me what he wanted. After a lot of thought and prayer, I applied for training and was accepted.

I have trained on the Northern Ordination Course which is a part-time course preparing women and men for ordained ministry, whether full or part-time. I am currently completing my Masters degree in theology. For my dissertation I am exploring the healer/priest role.

Following my ordination on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, I am very much looking forward to the new challenges God has for me. He has been utterly faithful and it is only by his grace that I have been enabled to fulfil his plans.

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29.11, NRSV)*

With love in Christ  
Jenny



**A S YAGER Opticians**  
 32 Ropergate, Pontefract  
 702565

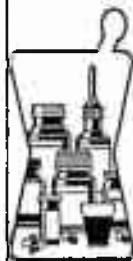
Sight Tests, Contact Lenses  
 Wide Range of Budget  
 and Designer Frames

**Philip & Robert  
 Howard  
 Solicitors**

9 Bell Lane, Ackworth



Telephone 618287  
 For all your  
 Legal Requirements



**STEVEN K. F. LO  
 CHEMIST**  
 29 Barnsley Road  
 Ackworth  
 613132

Friendly advice on all healthcare.  
 Open daily 9am - 6 30pm;  
 Saturday 9am - 1pm

**BRACKEN HOUSE FISH SHOP  
 ACKWORTH**

Mob: 07703 258725  
 After hours: 01977 610519



Opening Times  
 Tues 11.30 - 1.30 & 4.30 - 9 pm  
 Thurs 11.30 - 1.30 & 4.00 - 9 pm  
 Fri 11.30 - 1.30 & 4.30 - 7.30  
 Sat 11.30 am - 1.30 pm  
**Satisfaction Guaranteed**

**Best foot forward!**

Excellent footcare  
 and quality service  
 in your own home.



Please ring  
**Janet Naylor, 01977  
 700566**

Qualified chiropodist,  
 N.A.Ch. Pod., G.C.S.Ch.

Granville Brooks  
 Funeral Service  
 36 Green Lane,  
 Featherstone 791869  
 or Pontefract 702583



Personal service day and night  
 Contact Graham Waring



## COWSLIPS AND CUCKOOS

This was the title given to this year's second walk with the Friends of Brockdale Nature Reserve on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

We set off to go to the car park to meet up with the rest of the walkers. Unfortunately we thought that it was on the road from Wentbridge to Kirk Smeaton but we found no one there. We waited until 6.55 before deciding that we were in the wrong place! So back into Wentbridge and up the lane towards the Church- no one there either. We continued up the lane until we found ourselves ready to join the A1. Obviously wrong again. We decided that perhaps someone in The Blue Bell would probably know the location of this elusive car park. Another blank. Back to where we first started –still no sign of anyone so we decided to go on our own Nature Walk!

A steep descent lay ahead- but what a joy to see carpets of cowslips and early purple orchids everywhere. Apparently next month will bring four other varieties of orchids too.

Reaching the bottom of the hill we heard far off voices and eventually realised that the rest of the group was approaching the bridge over the River Went by another route. Of course they had gone to the proper car park.

Lead by Joyce Simmons we walked for almost two hours, looking at various plants such as the Goldilocks Buttercup and saw the leaves of the plant Hounds tongue and White Cromwell that have yet to flower sometime in the next two months.

The place was alive with birdsong –but not however the cuckoo of the title! We did see a goldcrest, which certainly wasn't bothered by the intruders and gave a great display Britain's smallest bird at 9cm., it certainly is very attractive. Binoculars were in action everywhere. However I find that by the time I have managed to focus on anything but an inanimate object the "subject" has disappeared so we were content to watch it hopping about from branch to branch before alighting close by in a bush.

Forget the exercise bike or the gym- join in with next month's walk for a real keep fit programme that is full of interest The title of next month's walk on June 1<sup>st</sup> is "Warblers and Orchids".

Stella Ian & John

**FAIRTRADE**  
Third World Products  
Fina Petrol Station,  
Wakefield Road, Ackworth.



Tea, Coffee, Dried Fruit, Nuts,  
Gifts etc  
Weekdays 2 pm - 5 pm  
(Wed ~ Closed all day)  
Sat 10 - 12 noon

**K. J. PEATFIELD**  
Podiatrist



8 Swales Yard,  
Pontefract  
WF8 1DG  
(behind Malt Shovel)

State Registered Chiropodist  
Tel: 704508

**GPS**  
The Workshop  
55 Wakefield Road  
Ackworth



Ironmongery, timber,  
plywoods, fixings.  
General DIY goods  
613961

**The Brown Cow**  
Pontefract Road, Ackworth.  
Tel: 01977 704753



Freshly prepared  
and cooked...  
Lunches ~ Mon. to Sat.  
12 noon - 2 pm  
3-course Sunday Lunch £6.95  
Tea-time specials  
Friday 6 - 8 pm



**THE CARD GALLERY**  
**ACKWORTH**  
THE ONLY PLACE TO GO FOR  
HANDMADE GREETING CARDS  
AND VERSE CARDS FULL OF  
SPECIAL SENTIMENTS  
COME AND SEE US ... YOU  
WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED  
01977 611532



78 Pontefract Road,  
High Ackworth  
791426

Premium hand finished  
memorials  
at competitive prices

## WHY DO WE SAY THAT?

In Tudor England in the 1500s life was much harder and inconvenient. Imagine life without the luxury of instant hot water and long soaks in hot baths or the handy invigorating shower.

In those days most weddings took place in June because people had their yearly bath in May and usually smelled pretty good still in June. However to mask any smell that there may have been a bride carried heavily scented flowers as she got married.

**So began the custom of brides carrying a bouquet at their wedding.**

When the day for the annual bath came around a big tub was filled with hot water. The head of the household had the privilege of the fresh clean water, and then all the other sons and men, then it was the turn of the women and finally the children and last of all the babies. Of course by then the water was so dirty that one could actually lose someone in it!

**Hence we get the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water"**

The houses had thatched roofs then with thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. This was the only place for animals to keep warm, so all the dogs, cats and other small creatures (mice, bugs etc.) lived in the roof. When it rained heavily the roof became slippery and on occasions the animals would fall off the roof.

**From this we get the expression "It's raining cats and dogs"**

Of course the ordinary people of that time could not afford any floor covering. This was the prerogative only of the rich and so the floor was dirt.

**So originated the saying "Dirt poor"**.

Some of the wealthy people had floors made of slate. Of course these would become wet in winter and when it rained they became very slippery. To counteract this they used to spread thresh (straw) on the floor so that they could keep their footing. As the winter wore on they kept on adding fresh thresh so that eventually when one opened the door the thresh would start slipping outside. To counteract this a piece of wood was placed in the entranceway.

Now we have the meaning of the word threshold.

Finally we have the origin of another saying. Bread was a very important food then. It was divided according to status. The workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and the guests got the top, or upper crust.

Hence the saying "The upper crust".

## WAR TIME ECONOMY

This year when there will be many events to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the end of World War 2. We have some memories of what it was like to live through those war years and of the austerity of those times. Margaret Canning sent in these recollections.

Leaflets were issued to housewives giving tips and recipes for just about everything. Waste paper had to be recycled. This was because wood pulp for papermaking had to be imported from Scandinavia.

1. "Dig for Victory". Potatoes could be eaten instead of bread, so that less grain would be required. as the hard wheat needed for bread making had to travel across the Atlantic. So did eggs, and so that is why Canada and the USA sent us dried egg and dried milk. After the moisture was removed less space was needed for storage on the ships and it weighed less of course.

2. Rationing began in January 1940 and nutritionists worked out a diet to keep the work force fit and healthy to work the long hours needed for Britain to win through. After four or five years on a low protein diet with little or no fruit many people suffered from boils or dry skin.

3. Fruit was scarce and many rented an allotment to grow marrows and rhubarb with which to make jam. Hedgerows provided blackberries and crab apples. The latter were useful in providing pectin which helped to set other fruits such as tomatoes and rosehips when jam making. Elderberries made a syrup which was used as a cure-all for coughs, colds and sore throats There was no national health service and a visit to the doctor meant a bill.

4. Tea was a pitiful two-ounce ration. We were told to look to the hedgerow again as teas could be made from the first buds of the blackberry leaves, the flowers of the red clover, camomile, mint and nettles. Roasting and grinding the roots of dandelions made coffee. To save sugar saccharine was used.

5. Fat was precious. Pastry was made with as little as possible and grated raw potato or oatmeal was added. Pastry was so "short" that it had to be eaten as it came out of the oven. Cold mashed potato had to supplement the fat in cakes and carrots helped to sweeten them. Parsnips kept cakes moist. Dried eggs helped with baking.

6. Wild watercress was gathered from the streams. Game was not

rationed and hares, rabbits and pigeons were often for sale in the market place. It was essential to grow all the vegetables one could in the back garden or allotment. Up to twenty hens could be kept but it meant forgoing one's egg ration although a small amount of hen food was received! When harvest was over women and children gleaned in the cornfields to gather a little extra corn which made it possible to rear a cockerel for the Christmas dinner.

## HESSLE

The following extract from "Saywell" is about the hamlet of Hessle just off the main Wakefield -Doncaster road.

"The following notes respecting this hamlet will no doubt be interesting to Ackworth readers.

The name Hessle is of Danish derivation, and indicates that its origin was probably due to Danish settlers, and if so, its existence may be traced to a period or decade later than Saxon times, but sufficiently remote to entitle it to the claim of being very ancient. In 1402, we know the name was spelt "Hesill", which may have been derived from the Danish *Has*=water, and *ille*=a village; there is certainly an abundance of good water still in the hamlet. Or, it may have taken its name from the Anglo-Saxon *hase*=the modern hazel, a word common to all the Aryan languages. It is generally supposed that a small church existed here, in connection with Nostell Priory, but there is no trace remaining. Tradition says there used to be in one of the old houses an oblong stone trough, in which baptisms by immersion took place.

The hamlet was certainly at one time larger than it is now. The leather, or fell-mongering trade was its chief industry, but in 1740 (the year in which the bridge over Nostell lake was built) when the old coach-road from Wakefield to Doncaster, through Nostell, was diverted, the leather trade was principally carried on at the top of Constitution Hill. The water for tanning purposes was pumped by wind power from the valley at Hessle. In later years, nearly every farmhouse in the hamlet had its malt-house and kiln for brewing purposes.

An old milestone stands near Nostell Avenue, bearing the date 1722. The old coach road appears to have entered the Nostell domain at Foulby, on thro' the Park, north of Nostell up the east avenue, cross-

ing Brackenhill Common down to Kinsley Green, where the "brook or watercourse was ford", forward to Moor Top on to the main road. Although overgrown with grass, it is easily traced. About a quarter of a mile north of the said ford is a county bridge, which is the boundary between Ackworth and Wragby parishes."

This is a very different Hessle from the one that can be seen today! Has anyone any memories of Hessle in days gone by that we can share?

As a child I remember a row of cottages standing where today there is a yard for exercising horses. I recall one of the residents walking to our farm in West Hardwick every evening with his metal milk can for his fresh milk.

Also I remember a cottage near the end of the road across the common near the main Wakefield road, which was empty apart from a mattress in an upstairs room. It was quite an adventure to go exploring an uninhabited house. Today all that reminds me of its existence is a lilac bush growing in its former garden.

At the other end of the common, where today there is a farm, were three cottages for the men who worked on the farms at West Hardwick. In one of them I was told lived the Leatham family, whose two sons were unfortunately killed, along with others, when investigating a bomb which had been dropped near by.

### The Last Laugh

Maybe it was a bid to boost attendances or more likely just a rushed attempt at signwriting, but one Yorkshire church posted the following notice: "The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they can be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon."

### St Cuthberts Forthcoming Event



Antiques Road Show  
Wednesday 20th October 2005  
7pm to 9pm  
Bring your own for a valuation by the experts.  
Further details: 619356/613178

## Special Services

June 5th	10.15	Confirmation and Holy Communion followed by refreshments and meet the Bishop.	St Cuthbert's
June 29th	9.30am	St Peter and St Paul Holy Communion	All Saints'
July 3rd	11.00am	Ordination of Dr Jenny Montgomery (no 10.15am service at St Cuthbert's)	Wakefield Cathedral
July 3rd	6.30pm	Parish Communion to Welcome our new Curate, followed by refreshments (no Evensong at All Saints')	St Cuthbert's
July 25th	7.30pm	St Thomas the Apostle Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

March 13th Luke Edward Berry & Daniel Ellis Hodgson  
April 10th Ruby Sienna Greenwood  
April 24th Marissa Rebecca Preston & Joshua Michael Rimmer

### Marriages

April 2nd Mungo Craven Chambers & Rebecca Galvin  
April 9th Anthony Varley & Emma Jane Dunbar

### Funerals

March 4th Lobbrecht Whichelo (68) 2 Andrews Grove, Ackworth  
March 17th Harold Scott (89) 85 Bell Lane, Ackworth  
March 21st Mary Cuthbert (71) 40 Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth  
April 7th Rita J Owen (80) 5 Boycott Drive, Ackworth  
April 8th Malcolm Jennings (63) 1 Boycott Drive, Ackworth  
April 11th Eileen Cording (73) 151 Wakefield Road, Ackworth  
April 14th Allan Bedford (73) 10 Gilbert Wilkinson House, Pontefract  
April 27th Richard A Novelle (56) Woodview, Castlehill Rd,  
Womersley

## **Sunday Services for June and July**

### **Sunday Services (usual pattern)**

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong (except last Sunday in month)	All Saints'
4.00pm	Open Door Service (last Sunday in month)	All Saints'

### **Wednesday Service**

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
--------	----------------	-------------

## **Ackworth Youth Choir Concert**

### **AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED**

9th July 2005 St Cuthbert's Church High Ackworth 7.30pm  
Come and enjoy a full and varied programme from this award winning youth choir in the beautiful Parish Church. Proceeds to restoration fund. Refreshments.

Further details contact Doreen Seal 01977 613178



## **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

**Sunday 9.00am Mass**

## **ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH**

<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>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30—11.15pm	<b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b>

All services and meetings are held at the Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane.