



Ackworth Parish Magazine



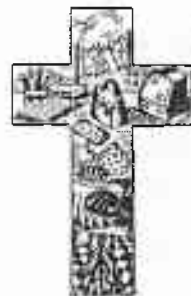
St George's Day in the United Kingdom remembers St George, England's patron saint. The anniversary of his death, which is on April 23, is seen as England's national day. According to legend, he was a soldier in the Roman army who killed a dragon and saved a princess.

April 2009/May 2009
50p per copy (£3 per year)

~ Ackworth Parish Church ~ Who's Who ~

| | | |
|--|---|------------------|
| <u>Rector:</u> | Rev'd Paul Hartley, The Rectory, Ackworth | 602751 |
| <u>Assistant Curate:</u> | Rev'd Dr Jenny Montgomery, 37 Highfield Road, Pontefract | 702726 |
| <u>Lay Readers:</u> | Dr. Paul Fox, 5 Andrews Grove Mrs Marie Lewis, 36 Flounders Hill | 613834 616074 |
| <u>Churchwardens:</u> | Mr Bill Branston, 8 Andrews Grove Mrs Lynne Ward, 83 Station Road | 610590 616384 |
| <u>Secretary:</u> | Mrs Caroline Longhurst 27 Springhill Avenue, Crofton | 01924 865026 |
| <u>Christian Stewardship:</u> | | |
| Treasurer: | Mr Bryan Lewis, 36 Flounders Hill | 616074 |
| Covenant Secretary: | Mr Donald Marshall, 17 Hill Drive | 700961 |
| Stewardship Recorder: | Mrs Sue Hartley, The Rectory, Ackworth | 602751 |
| <u>Car Lifts to Church:</u> | Mrs Ann Tait, 5 King's Close | 612613 |
| <u>Children and Young People:</u> | | |
| Junior Church: | Dr Paul Fox, 5 Andrews Grove | 613834 |
| Mums & Tots Group: | Mrs Jackie Fox, 5 Andrews Grove | 613834 |
| Children's Society: | Mrs Helen Parkinson, 48 Holly Bank | 614400 |
| The Howard C E School: | Miss Sue Jackson, Headteacher | 722275 |
| <u>Third World and Missions:</u> | Mrs Lynne Ward, 83 Station Road | 616384 |
| <u>Social Committee:</u> | Mrs Biddy Branston, 8 Andrews Grove | 610590 |
| <u>Church Flowers/Brasses:</u> | | |
| St Cuthbert's: | | |
| All Saints': | Mrs Jean Huncokes | 610887 |
| <u>Weekly News sheet:</u> | Mrs Maureen Richardson 45 Woodleigh Crescent | 612859 |
| <u>Parish Magazine:</u> | | |
| Publishing: | Mrs Stella Hall, 32 Station Road Mr Nigel Parkinson, 48 Holly Bank | 612003 614400 |
| Distribution: | Mrs Biddy Branston, 8 Andrews Grove Mrs Margaret Seaman, 20 Flounders Hill | 610590 611400 |
| Advertising: | Mrs Pauline Richardson, 35 Banks Avenue | 610168 |
| <u>St. Cuthbert's Bell Ringers:</u> | | |
| Tower Captain: | Mr Ian Hall, 32 Station Road | 612003 |
| Ring Master: | Mrs Stella Hall, 32 Station Road | 612003 |

Transforming Lives



In the last copy of our magazine I promised some information about 'Transforming Lives' so what is it? Is it some new slimming or fitness package? It sounds as if it might be. Transforming Lives is actually an initiative proposed by Wakefield Diocese with considerable encouragement to every parish to take part. Very often when confronted by diocesan initiatives I think 'Not another one!' but on this occasion I'm quite excited and feel that this process could really make a difference if each parish and each individual Christian within the parishes takes it seriously. This is a well thought out plan with good resources and good support.

Transforming Lives is a process of gradual change but can be split into three steps:

- God Transforms us
- We are part of Transformed congregations
- We want to Transform the lives of others and our communities

Transformation must start with us as individual Christians. To this end there is a strong focus on worship, bible study and prayer. As we are transformed our congregations will change and then in turn we will be able to share that transformation with others and especially with the communities in which we live and serve.

How do we begin to bring transformation? The process is an ongoing one but the principle is simple.



We start with God in prayer, waiting for him and his guidance. We collect information, we think about that information, we begin to make plans. We keep praying. We start to put those plans into effect. We review what we have done. We pray. The process is like a circle or possibly even more like a spiral.

As we look at this process there are some key areas to consider:

1. **Worship** - our encounter with God.
2. **Care** - for each other and 'fellowship'.
3. **Prayer and spirituality** - sustaining and strengthening our walk with God, individual prayer and prayer groups - growing as a disciple.
4. **Evangelism** and outreach – sharing the Good News.
5. **Community involvement and service** – building God's Kingdom.

What have we done so far? As a parish and in particular as a PCC we have agreed to engage with this process. We set up a working group which has now met three times. We set up a timetable for action. We have established outline aims and objectives. We carried out a **SWOT** analysis, a look at our strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats as a parish. We have undertaken a community audit. We have used the Lent worship material. We have made the materials available for those who wish to use them. We've talked about Transforming Lives from the pulpit. There are information boards in each church.

What next? We plan an 'Away Day' as a group to spend longer looking at the information about our community as we begin to make plans. We hope to offer more teaching. We hope to engage others in the process. We keep praying.

The diocese have produced a forty six page booklet about Transforming Lives. Compared to that it's hard to do it justice in a short magazine article. This is only a taster. Read the booklet. Look at our notice boards. Talk to the working group. Get involved. Above all, keep praying.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. *Romans 12.2*

Love in Christ, Jenny

Reflection on Selection

After ten years of soul searching, discussions with family, friends, Paul, Jenny and Marie, I had finally got to the point of going to a Bishop's Advisory Panel. The group of people who decide whether you are called to, and whether you are suitable for ordination.

To get to this far, I had had several discussions with the Diocesan Director of Ordinands at Church House. I had been interviewed by three people from around the Diocese. And I had met with The Bishop of Pontefract.

All these being favourable I was allowed to fill in the forms to apply for selection. This was a ten page document. I had already filled in numerous forms each as long as this, for the Diocese.

Before I arrived at selection I was asked to write a written reflection on mission (between 500 and 750 words). I had to prepare a five minute presentation on a subject of my choosing, but which must relate to one of the nine selection criteria. I also had to prepare an eleven minute group discussion which would follow on from my presentation.

I wrote a reflection on the role of children and young people in mission. I prepared a presentation on conflict management styles (related to the criteria of Leadership), and a discussion about conflict management in church. So armed, I drove to Ely on a cold December afternoon, to spend three days being tested.

On arrival we were greeted by the Panel Secretary who explained what was going to happen. It was going to be a busy three days. Part of which was a complex pastoral exercise. We were given a scenario reflecting some pastoral problem, to which we had to reply to someone by writing a letter. This was to be handed in no later, and no earlier, than 1:00 PM on the last day.

After this brief introduction we had a forty minute written exercise under exam conditions answering questions about ourselves, a personal inventory. Then Tea, where we were sat with the selection advisers, who watched our every move. Then evening prayer, and then for me at least, I slumped into bed. It having been already, a long day.

7:30 the next day was Communion. Then breakfast, and then a morning where we each took turns in presentation and leading the group discussions. I was in a group of five. The three selection advisors sat outside the circle and made copious notes and timed us to the second. No allowance made for a rambling preacher here. We finished late morning. So I wrapped up warm and went to clear my head by walking into Ely and wandering around the shops.

In the afternoon I had my first of three interviews. This was the Vocation interview. Here I was asked questions like, what sustains me spiritually, what is the role of my family in this process, and what are the differences in your calling to medicine, and your calling to the priesthood. The advisors gave no feedback what-so-ever, nor was I able to read their responses, something I can usually do with ease.

Then I got to grips with the Pastoral Letter I had to write, trying hard to use my best hand writing, which is pretty bad really!

Just before evening meal, I had the second of my interviews. This was the Pastoral interview. Here I was asked questions like, what was the difference in how you reacted to the deaths of your Father, and your Mother, how will you negotiate a role within your Parish, how will you deal with a new Incumbent.

Following tea, and evening prayer, I had a bath and slumped into bed.

7:30 next day was Communion again, followed by breakfast. I then had a break before my last interview. I chose to clear my head again with a trip to Ely Cathedral, which I found magnificent, especially the Lady Chapel, with a modern statue of the Virgin Mary receiving the news she was to bear God's son. I thought she looked like a cross between Charlie Dimmock and Princess Fiona from Shrek, and she looked quite cross at this alarming news.

Then followed the final interview,



which was Faith and Quality of mind. Here I was asked how many theories of the atonement I could describe, why did Jesus die in such an horrific way, how did he achieve salvation for us, what are you passionate about.

Then the final lunch, and short act of worship, handing in the final pieces of work, a cup of tea and a long drive home.

It was a gruelling three days, but vaguely enjoyable, especially when you know the result. However, I enjoyed the fellowship of the other candidates, and the support we all gave to each other. One thing we all recognised, was that we could not have coped without the prayers of our home parishes. For that I am deeply grateful. The three days were difficult, and prayer did not come easily, so I knew I was being carried by all your prayers during my selection. I would also like to say, don't stop praying.

Selection is only selection for training. I have three years of theology to study yet, and it will at times be difficult. However, I can at least rest for now, until September 2009. Then it all begins!

Many thanks for all your support and prayers.

Paul Fox



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!



ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

We are all aware that most of us live a busy life and never seem to have time for ourselves. There's cooking, cleaning, working and looking after the family. And there's always noise, no time in our life to be quiet. The television is on, the phone is ringing, there is someone knocking at the door or the baby is crying.

Here then is the opportunity to be still and quiet even if it is only for a short time. The Church will be open again for visitors on Saturdays from May from 10 am until 4 pm (providing we have no weddings on that day).

A chance maybe to light a candle or pick up a prayer card. See the amazing history of your Parish church. Enjoy sitting in the Church grounds. But most of all to be still in the presence of the Lord.

This is an opportunity too good to miss. Come, see and believe the difference it can make, it truly is amazing.

Maybe I'll see you there.

Ann Atack



MY HERO!

HERO: the dictionary definition is

'Superman, champion and idol, brave man admired for noble qualities.'

Ask someone 'who is your hero?' and you may hear familiar names like Nelson Mandela, Viv Richards, William Shakespeare, Mahatma Ghandi, Ludwig van Beethoven, Paul McCartney, Bill Gates or Elizabeth Fry. All of these are, or have been truly amazing people who have been an influence on the world in which they lived and there are hundreds of others I could name and perhaps we would not all agree as to who was or was not worthy of hero status!

I do believe that we all have at least one hero, a model for our lives, someone to look up to and aspire to be like. Sometimes, though, we can be unaware of the 'hero' status until it is too late to tell them and they are no longer around! It can often be that it is only in later life that we realise how much of an influence on us a person has been. Others may not even know this heroic person as a hero, he just looks like an ordinary 'man in the street' on the outside but there is a special quality, known by you, that singles him out from the crowd.

I would like to tell you about one of my heroes-my granddad. I went to stay with him (and grandma) in a village just outside York when I was 3 ½ as mum was in hospital. Looking after a lively and adventurous granddaughter was not an easy task for two people well into their seventies, I now realise, but they took me on.

Grandma loved cooking good, wholesome food-I can remember her fabulous rice puddings with an egg mixed in at the very end and she used to buy a Terry's chocolate cake when she went into York to shop. (Remember the Terry's shop?) My granddad must have decided to devote all his time to me! We went for long walks down the country lanes around his home, looking at farm animals and smelling the hay and watching the steam trains pass under the bridge on the way to York or Harrogate. He taught me the names of the trees and the wild flowers in the hedgerows. We fed the garden birds twice every day and watched them from the window- he even planted crocus in the lawn that spelled my name in flowers! He gave me knowledge, an interest and a love of the countryside and wildlife that has stayed with me all my life.

I spent hours with him, taking his pocket watch to bits and putting it back together again (surely it must have been an old one but it didn't seem like it at the time), doing jigsaws, reading books and practising my

letters. We played card games and dominoes and went to do 'woodwork' in the shed-me hammering nails into bits of wood, I'm now told! He made me a go-kart, which I loved and took all round the village and after tea we would lean on the wall outside and talk to Horace, the man who lived next door. My granddad could even peel an apple from the top to the bottom without breaking the skin. What a hero!

But best of all was Sunday, when I went with Granddad to Chapel. Grandma always went to the evening service, as she cooked a roast dinner for us, but we went to morning service. Everyone knew granddad, he was the Senior Steward and we went early to get the hymn books out and prepare Chapel for the visiting Preacher. How I loved those services! The hymns, the organ and the singing, the ladies of the choir, the seriousness of the Sermon and the smiles and the fuss everyone made of me in the Sunday School. That is where I first heard the wonderful stories from the Bible and began my spiritual journey, wanting to live my life as Jesus taught and striving to be nearer God. 'Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light...'

Which brings me to another hero, the greatest of all! What better example could any of us have than Christ's short time on earth to show us all how to live our lives? Look at that definition again:

Superman, champion and idol, brave man admired for his noble qualities.

If only we could be more thoughtful, more caring and considerate towards those in need, as he was. How he inspired others to leave their 'safe' lives and to follow him!

What a Superman he must have been! Let us look carefully at our lives and follow his example. If only we could be brave enough to stand up for what we know to be right when it is too easy, too safe to keep quiet.

I loved my granddad very much and I thank him, to this day, for the many things he taught me about life. He was a good family man, a religious man who worked hard for his church and community and loved doing so. He certainly had a big influence on me as a child, my values and the way I have lived my life. He died in 1957 and would never know how much of what he passed on to me lives on.

But, was he really 'a hero'? Perhaps not, looking at the definition above. Perhaps we all do share a view on 'hero' status after all? What greater hero has there been than Jesus?

Let us tell everyone about our hero! Let us shout about Him!

'You in your small corner and I in mine.'

Jane Gosney

MALACHI CHAPTER 3 VERSE 3

“He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness”

This verse puzzled some members of a Bible study group and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the members offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him work. She did not mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. She watched the silversmith; he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were the hottest to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot, and then she thought again about the verse that says, *‘He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver’*. She asked the silversmith if it were true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he had not only to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver were left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, ‘How do you know when the silver is fully refined?’ He smiled at her and answered, ‘Oh, that’s easy-when I see my image in it’.

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

Readings Rota for April 2009, May 2009

| Date | Liturgical Week | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel | St Cuthbert's | ser | All Saints' |
|----------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----|--------------|
| 05/04/09 | Palm Sunday | Isaiah 50:4 - 9 a | Philippians 2:5-11 | Mark 15:1-39 | Pauline Wong | | Mrs S Hall |
| 12/04/09 | Easter Day | Isaiah 25:6-9 | Acts 10:34-43 | John 20:1-18 | Anne Atack | P | Mrs M Walker |
| 19/04/09 | 2nd Sunday of Easter | Exodus 14:10-31 and 15:20-21 | Acts 4:32-35 | John 20:19-end | Jacob Place | | Dr McWilliam |
| 26/04/09 | 3rd Sunday of Easter | Zephaniah 3:14-20 | Acts 3:12-19 | Luke 24:36b - 48 | Jane Gosney | B | Mrs S Hall |
| 03/05/09 | 4th Sunday of Easter | Genesis 7:1 - 5 & 11-18; 8:6-18 & 9:8-13 | Acts 4:5-12 | John 10:11-18 | Anne Bullock | | Mrs M Walker |
| 10/05/09 | 5th Sunday of Easter | Genesis 22:1-18 | Acts 8:26-end | John 15:1-8 | George Scargill | P | Dr McWilliam |
| 17/05/09 | 6th Sunday of Easter | Isaiah 55:1-11 | Acts 10:44-end | John 15:9-17 | Jane Siddall | | Mrs S Hall |
| 24/05/09 | 7th Sunday of Easter | Ezekiel 36:24-28 | Acts 1:15-17; 21-end | John 17:6-19 | Sue Hartley | B | Mrs M Walker |
| 31/05/09 | Day of Pentecost | Ezekiel 37:1-14 | Acts 2:1-21 | John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15 | Keith Shaw | | Dr McWilliam |

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

APRIL 5TH
APRIL 12TH
APRIL 19TH
APRIL 26TH
MAY 3RD
MAY 10TH
MAY 17TH
MAY 24TH
MAY 31ST

LENT
EASTER DAY
EDITH SKIDMORE
FLOWER FUND
BETTY JOHNSON
STELLA & IAN HALL
MARGARET BLANCHARD
JEAN HANCOCKS
FLOWER FUND

ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

APRIL 5TH
APRIL 12TH

LENT
EASTER DAY



Following the sad death of Phyllis Asquith, Janet Bateman and Jean Clayton will be responsible for St. Cuthbert's flowers for the present. If you have planned to make a donation for flowers please see either of these ladies even if you had already told Phyllis. Thank you.

BRASSES



CHURCH SOCIAL EVENING

Fourteen guests turned out for a dinner at Ash's Balti's, Wakefield Road, Ackworth, on Friday the 20th of February. It may have been a cold winter's evening but the atmosphere was warm and friendly.

Ash's Balti is a small, cosy and inexpensive restaurant by the side of the car wash. It does not have an alcohol licence so it is a B.Y.O. (bring your own). Diners needed little encouragement and at the end of the meal the tabletop was a carpet of empties.

We were all seated together at one long table and with most people not having had a Balti before it was time to try and negotiate the menu. Starters were a mystery consisting of nibbles, sauces and dips. The main courses were pieces of meat or fish cooked in a balti sauce served on a thick oval cast iron plate so as to keep warm, together with assorted rices and poppadoms. A rough guide is the brighter the colour the hotter and spicier it is. Ice cream is recommended for dessert!

Lager and beer were consumed together with bottles of wine, (modestly priced wines would be a sensible choice as fine wine would be hard to taste). Jugs of cold water were provided for the non-drinkers. The restaurant was full and a good time was had by all with lots of laughter and good conversation.

Many thanks to the young, friendly, cheerful staff at Ash's Balti and to Mrs. Bidy Branston for organising the event. It is hoped to expand the Church's social calendar if events are well supported. Comments, ideas and suggestions should be given to the social committee. People, whether churchgoers or not will be made very welcome at these events. Look out for announcements in Church and on notice boards for future outings.

Phil Richardson



AN EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

THE PARISH REGISTERS Part one

"These valuable records, which begin February 10th 1558, are in a good state of preservation from the first, with the exception of a few places in the earliest book, where the entries have almost disappeared; but this defect is remedied to a great extent by a page for page paper copy on interleaves bound with the original parchment.

During the rectorate of Dr. Timothy Lee (1744-1777), more than ordinary care was shown in keeping the books. It was the Doctor who caused the copy to be made of the first book; and in his time the number of births and deaths, ages at death, and causes of death, are tabulated yearly, males being distinguished from females, and the entries being signed by him and the Churchwardens periodically. The death tables are interesting as showing the disorders most prevalent in the village. Consumption appears to have been peculiarly fatal. In one year, out of twelve burials of children from the Foundling Hospital, eleven are stated to have died from this cause.

In the second volume, which extends from August 1667 to March 1732, entries are made of the fact of pregnancy of women at the time of marriage, --'being with child'. Sometimes, when the birth occurred too soon after marriage, the words 'begotten in fornication' are added to the entry of its baptism.

We also perceive evidence of the existence of the Foundling Hospital in the following entry: 'June 1705, Thomas, a child brought to the parish in the night, was baptised'. The prevalence of the plague is shown in this register, as well as at Wakefield and others, thus— 'Richard Pickeringe and Frances Ledsome, married June 25th 1645, in which year there died of the plague in Ackworth 153 persons; Richard Pickeringe being then Constable'."

There then follows a substantial list of the prevalent surnames in the village and its surroundings in the registers from 1558 to 1717. These are just a few of them; Pearson, Wormald, Roberts, Heptonstall, Horncastle, Fernlaye, Heaton, Spink, Battye Townend and Warde.

**Will Writing and Estate
Planning
from
Collective Legal Solutions
01977 611833**



**collective
LEGALSOLUTIONS**

We offer a friendly and highly professional service in Will Writing and Estate Planning. Home visits are a pleasure at convenient times. **We can prepare Wills for people in all circumstances, from the very largest estates to the smallest.** We also offer Power of Attorney. **Our greatest concern is the care and attention we give to our clients.** CLS is a leading national company who prepare one of the largest volumes of legal documents in the country.

John Alder BA, BA (Hons), M. Ed
www.johnaldercls.co.uk

Bringing Care to Your Door and leaving Peace of Mind Behind


QUICK STEP

**'QUICKSTEP UNICLIC'
LAMINATE FLOORING
REAL WOOD FLOORING
MULTIFLOORS**

**QUALITY FLOOR COVERINGS
CARPETS
VINYL FLOOR COVERINGS
SUPPLIED AND PROFESSIONALLY FITTED
MOBILE SHOWROOM
CHOOSE IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME
TELEPHONE PAUL, SOUTH ELMSALL
01977 640099 or 07973 861993**

**20 YEARS
FITTING
EXPERIENCE**

**ALL
ACCESSORIES
SUPPLIED**



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



Pat Olbison

Traditional Joiner

Mission Room House

Wakefield Road, Ackworth

WF7 7AB

Tel: 01977 612733

Mob: 07779 485572

**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

ACKWORTH PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

For all your musculoskeletal problems
including: Low Back Pain, Neck Pain
including Whiplash, Arthritis, Sports
Injuries, Shoulder, Knee and other joint
problems.

John Lane, Chartered Physiotherapist,
Health Professions Council Registered.
Thorpe Lane Surgery, Thorpe Lane,
Thorpe Audlin
Tel: 07906 838846
Health Insurance Company Approved

ENGLAND & HINTON

Opticians

8 Bell Lane, Ackworth

613633



Sight tests by appointment
Family Eyecare

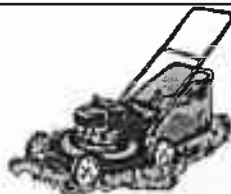


A S YAGER Opticians
32 Ropergate, Pontefract
702565

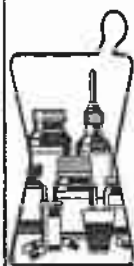
Sight Tests, Contact Lenses
Wide Range of Budget
and Designer Frames

**MORGAN
LANDSCAPES**

13 Birch Street,
Wakefield
WF1 5ER



Decking, Fencing,
Landscaping
& Garden Maintenance
"No Job Too Small"
Tel: 01924 387273
Mob: 07921 223453



**STEVEN K. F. LO
CHEMIST**

29 Barnsley Road
Ackworth
01977 613132

Friendly advice on all healthcare.
Monday - Friday 9am - 6:00pm;
Saturday 9am - 12:00pm

**BRACKEN HOUSE FISH SHOP
ACKWORTH**

Mob: 07796104648
After hours: 01977 610519



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



**ALL ROOTS
LANDSCAPE & GARDENING
SERVICES**

Heavy garden work, Fencing,
Patios, Paving, Tree Pruning
(all rubbish removed)
Lawn Cutting & Edging, Turfing,
Planting, Roots removed and
destroyed, a 'Tidy-up' or a Total
Redesign.

Call Phil at ALL ROOTS
01977 708117 or 07900904416

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



Personal service day and night
Contact Graham Waring

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

SIMPLE FOOTCARE

Corns and callus; nails and skin
By Keith Peatfield
01977 704508



8 Elm Terrace
SWALES YARD
Pontefract
WF8 1DG
(behind Malt
Shovel)

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



Tel: 791426 Mob: 07801336896

www.lancastermemorials.co.uk
FOR UNBEATABLE ALL ROUND SERVICE
AT THE LOWEST PRICES PRODUCING
OUTSTANDING QUALITY

Request a brochure or home visit or choose
from our showroom. Design your own stone
on our computer.

**OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE
THROUGHOUT YORKSHIRE**

L.D. Arbon, Craftsman, Joiner & Building Contractor

- Kitchens & Bathrooms
- Plastering & Carpentry
- Plumbing & Central Heating
- Painting & Decorating
- Loft Conversions & Extensions
- General Maintenance
- Tiling & Flooring



**With over 20 years experience I only offer
satisfaction guaranteed
I won't sacrifice my reputation by cutting corners...**

**Contact Lee on 01977 621295 or 07976 834841
Email: lee.arbon@tesco.net**



STEPRIGHT CARPETS

3 Station Lane, Featherstone, WF7 5EB
Tel: 01977 797777 or Mobile 07922 772319

ROLL END WAREHOUSE NOW OPEN

At last no more travelling into town to find your carpets
We have everything you need right here in Featherstone

We are a friendly, family run shop bursting with choice
We have everything from budget cord to luxury woven Wilton and everything in between

We also stock and supply a large range of TARKETT and BALTERIO
laminated flooring and accessories

SPECIAL PACKAGE DEALS FOR LANDLORDS FULL HOUSE DISCOUNTS

We can supply and fit carpet. For a full house for only £299

We offer a free Choose-At-Home service along with FREE measuring and planning

**DON'T FORGET, NEXT TIME YOU ARE THINKING OF FLOORING
Step into Stepright**

Tel: 01977 797777 or Mobile 07922 772319

A BROAD IN NORFOLK PART TWO

On the 26th of July we took advantage of another Broads Authority boat trip, this time on the battery powered 'Electric Eel', through the intricate dyke system and reed beds of How Hill Nature Reserve. Away from the busy river system it was an opportunity to see undisturbed wildlife close at hand. We saw plenty of wildfowl, damsel and dragonflies (three types), whirligig beetles, butterflies (Meadow and Hedge Browns) and much vegetation. We were shown Milk Parsley Frogbit, the home for Swallowtail Butterfly caterpillars, and deadly poisonous hemlock. After a short walk, mid trip, we entered a bird hide overlooking Reedham Water and were shown the site of an active Bittern's nest. We also saw Cormorants carrying out a mating ritual with a stick. On our return journey we saw a marshman at work cutting reed and sedge for thatch.

At the Nature Reserve we viewed Toad Hall Cottage, a tiny typical waterman's home now converted into a museum. Familiar objects of our youth, stone hot water bottles, a mangle, kilner jars, billycans, and chamber pots were on display. It was illustrated that it had been a hard life dependent on and controlled by the weather. Eel catching had been an occasional *enjoyment*.

Our final trip of the year (we have two planned for next year) was on the 15th of August. It was a Natural History trip on 'Helen of Ranworth', modelled on the design of a traditional reed-collecting lighter and usually used as a ferry. As had been the case on our previous trips it was under subscribed and we enjoyed the company of only two ladies and their very well behaved children, on a two-hour trip from Ranworth Staithe to Cockshoot Broad by way of the River Bure.

It was a beautiful warm and still day (Norfolk weather has been good to us this year) and no sooner had we set off than we observed a cormorant fishing underwater close by, and along the way numerous Great Crested Grebe, Egyptian and Grey Lag Geese. We passed by a sunken wherry, which was being used to shore up the riverbank. At our destination at Cockshoot Broad we disembarked for a short walk. Along a dyke we saw Brown and Norfolk Hawker Dragonflies flitting over the water laying their eggs and then reached a hide constructed of Norfolk reed. As at How Hill there were few birds on view but we were treated to a fly past at close quarters of a Kingfisher. On our way back we were shown a plant rarity, a Great Water Parsnip. Our return journey along the river was fairly uneventful, apart from our skipper shouting a warning to a pleasure boat driver who was speeding (three or four is the

maximum to protect the banks) and a glimpse of a Marsh Harrier alighting on a riverside tree.

Before leaving this picturesque Broadside village we visited the parish Church of St. Helen's, where we took note of a number of prayers, one of which we will share:



Broadland Prayer

O Lord you moved
on the waters of creation
establishing calm over chaos,
May these waters of Broadland
refresh the spirits
of those who sail on them.
May this landscape call to mind
your Son's ministry
in Galilee.
And may we show forth
your love to those who seek
your peace and presence here.

Amen

We climbed the tower, 89 steps and two ladders to gain a magnificent panoramic broadland view, extending from Norwich Cathedral in the south to Happisburgh Lighthouse in the north. We marvelled at the beautiful illuminated service book (The Antiphoner) written in Medieval Latin and still in excellent condition and the fifteenth century painted screen, reputed to be 'the most complete and best example in the country'. A visitor Centre, converted from an old coachhouse, stood nearby providing light refreshments and run by volunteers from the Broadside Benefice.

Sue & Colin Tanswell

FROM THE OLD MAGAZINES

HYMNS THROUGH THE AGES

" Of all the countries affected by the Reformation in the sixteenth century only two of them appear to have made in the last four hundred years any real contribution to the treasury of hymn writing that is Germany and England.

Martin Luther was the founder and inspirer of German hymn writing whilst in England many individuals wrote them in different periods.

All important English hymnals contain a good number of German hymns written for the Lutheran church. Luther's own hymn is 'A Safe Stronghold' from Psalm forty-six. Other notable hymns include 'Now Thank We All Our God', and 'Praise the Lord, the Almighty' and the passion hymn 'O Sacred Head, which is included in Bach's 'St. Matthew's Passion'. And of course at harvest time we usually use, 'We plough the fields'

Nearly all the hymns of the seventeenth century were originally poems such as John Bunyan's pilgrim hymn and George Herbert's 'King of Glory and 'Let all the world in every corner sing.'

Isaac Watts wrote some six hundred hymns of which some of the best known are, 'When I survey the wondrous cross' and 'Come, let us join our cheerful song' and perhaps the most famous of all known worldwide is 'O God our help in ages past'. However six hundred hymns written by Dr. Watts pales into insignificance when compared to the unbelievable number of six thousand hymns which during a long life of nearly eighty years poured from the pen of Charles Wesley. Some of his best known hymns include 'Hail the day that sees Him rise', 'Hark the herald angels sing'; and one often used at weddings, 'Love divine, all loves excelling'.

Other famous names among hymn writers include William Cowper ('O for a closer walk with God'), John Newton ('Glorious things of thee are spoken') and Bishop Heber ('Holy, holy holy').

HANDY HINTS

BEAUTY TIPS

A few beauty tips from the old magazines.

Add one tablespoonful of vinegar to the final rinsing water after shampooing dark hair. This will remove all traces of soap and give a gloss to the hair and help to prevent dandruff.

Always wear a light sun hat when out in strong sunshine if the hair has been colour treated.

As an alternative to vinegar, cold tea is an excellent after shampoo rinse. It makes the hair shine and feel soft. Simply massage it into the scalp and then rinse well.

To tighten up bags under the eyes, place a damp used teabag over each eye, then lie down and relax for about ten minutes. Remove the teabags and splash the eyes in cold water

. Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been. However if you are troubled by lines or wrinkles, apply a good quality mayonnaise to the face night and morning. This should help fine lines to disappear.

To make a home made face mask use the white of an egg. Beat the egg white until frothy; apply to the face and leave to dry. Wash off with warm water. However, if the skin is inclined to be dry, add a teaspoon of honey to the mixture.

Run out of cleansing cream? Simply soak some cotton wool in cold milk to effectively remove make-up. Milk cleans and tones the skin at the same time.

To soften hard skin on your feet and make stubborn toenails easier to cut, add some baking soda to warm water and soak the feet in it.

And finally, if you want to be a picture of health, you'd better have a happy frame of mind.



Special Events and Services

April 5th Palm Sunday

services at usual times: Blessing of Palms and procession from the monument at 10.15am @ St Cuthbert's

evening service at 6.30pm at All Saints

April 9th Maundy Thursday

Institution of the Last Supper at 7.30pm followed by The Watch until 10pm at St Cuthbert's.

April 10th Good Friday

10am Family Service at All Saints

12.00pm Co-op car park - Churches Together Act of Witness

7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Cuthbert's

April 11th Easter Eve

8.00pm The Easter Liturgy at St Cuthbert's including the lighting of the Easter Fire, Blessing and procession of the Easter Candle with renewal of Baptismal vows.

April 12th Easter Sunday

Usual service times with Judging of decorated eggs and egg rolling following the 10.15am service at St Cuthbert's

Easter Praise at All Saints at 6.30pm

(Please note there will be no Wednesday morning service at All Saints as the clergy will be taking their post Easter break.)

April 23rd St Georges Day

Holy Communion at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's

April 25th St Mark

Holy Communion at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's

April 26th Annual Parochial Church Meeting

following a shortened service of Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's at 11.15am approx.

May 14th St Matthias

Holy Communion at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's

May 21st Ascension Day

Holy Communion at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's

May 31st Pentecost Sunday usual service times

Pentecost Praise at All Saints

Holy Week and Easter

1st April 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church – Churches Together Lent study groups looking at 'Fresh Expressions'

Friday 3rd April 6.00 pm @ All Saints' Church – Stations of the Cross

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th April 7.30 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church – Meditations for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 9th April – Chrism Eucharist @ Wakefield Cathedral (time to be advised later)

Eucharist for Maundy Thursday with Foot-Washing followed by watch in the church until 10pm, starts 7.30 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church

Good Friday 10th April – Family Service 10.30 am @ All Saints' Church
Churches Together Service of Witness 12 midday in the CO-OP car park

Service of the Word 2.00 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church

Stations of the Cross 7.30 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church

Easter Eve, Saturday 11th April – Easter Vigil Service (first Holy Communion of Easter) provisionally 8.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church

Easter Day, Sunday 12th April – Eucharist 8.30 am @ All Saints' Church

Parish Eucharist 10.15 am @ St Cuthbert's Church followed by judging of decorated eggs and egg-rolling competition

Easter Praise 6.30 pm @ All Saints' Church

Please see weekly newsheet to confirm times.

From the Registers

Baptisms

22/2/09 Jasmine Lilly Haldenby Gray

Marriages

22/1/09 Matthew Power and Samantha Jayne Ward

Funerals

7/1/09 Margaret Esther Flanagan (71) 37 Doncaster Road Estate, Ackworth

16/1/09 Joyce Mary Dodd (88) 50 Pontefract Road, Ackworth

16/1/09 Mary Hook (87) 51 Mount Pleasant, Ackworth

19/1/09 Ada Lythgoe (94) 18 DeLacy Gardens, Pontefract

26/1/09 Christopher Mason (35) 5 Bankfield Court,

Wrenthorpe

13/2/09 Albert Edward Field (86) 87 Town End Avenue, Ackworth

16/2/09 Joyce Thornber (83) 12 Garden Street, Ackworth

18/2/09 Alice Sykes, 121 Wakefield Road, Ackworth

25/2/09 Margaret Lord (79) 7 Rhyddings Avenue, Ackworth

Mass Times for The Parish Of The Sacred Heart RC Father Anthony Fenton

Our Lady of Graces, Kinsley, Saturday, 6:00pm

Sacred Heart, Hemsworth, Sunday, 10:30am

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

| | | |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Sunday | 10.30am | Worship |
| | 6.30pm | Prayer Meeting |
| Tuesday | 9.30—11.15am Parents and Toddlers Group | |
| Wednesday | 9.30—11.15am Parents and Toddlers Group | |

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

Sunday Services for April and May

Sunday Services

| | | |
|---------|---|---------------|
| 8.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| 10.15am | Family Communion | St Cuthbert's |
| 6.30pm | Evensong (except third Sunday in month) | All Saints' |
| 6.30pm | Evensong with Healing Prayer (third Sunday in month) | All Saints' |

Wednesday Service

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

See page 25 for Special Events and
Services

Ackworth Community Church

We invite you to join us for a cuppa and a friendly chat.

Every 2nd Tuesday, 2pm - 3.30pm
April 14th, May 12th, June 9th
Community Centre, Bell Lane
No charge. Everyone welcome.