



Ackworth Parish Magazine



August 2009/September 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	707226
<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>		
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mrs Ann Tait, 52 Banks Avenue	615574
<u>Covenant Secretary:</u>	Mr Donald Marshall, 17 Hill Drive	700961
<u>Stewardship Recorder:</u>	Mrs Sue Hartley, The Rectory, Ackworth	602751
<u>Car Lifts to Church:</u>	Mrs Ann Tait, 52 Banks Avenue	615574
<u>Children and Young People:</u>		
<u>Junior Church:</u>	Dr Paul Fox, 5 Andrews Grove	613834
<u>Children's Society:</u>	Mrs Helen Parkinson, 48 Holly Bank	614400
<u>The Howard C E School:</u>	Miss Sue Jackson, Headteacher	722275
<u>Third World and Missions:</u>	Mrs Lynne Ward, 83 Station Road	616384
<u>Social Committee:</u>	Mrs Bidy Branston, 8 Andrews Grove	610590
<u>Church Flowers/Brasses:</u>		
<u>St Cuthbert's:</u>	Mrs Jean Clayton	704042
<u>All Saints':</u>	Mrs Jean Hancocks	610887
<u>Weekly News sheet:</u>	Mrs Maureen Richardson 45 Woodleigh Crescent	612859
<u>Parish Magazine:</u>		
<u>Publishing:</u>	Mrs Stella Hall, 32 Station Road Mr Nigel Parkinson, 48 Holly Bank	612003 614400
<u>Distribution:</u>	Mrs Bidy Branston, 8 Andrews Grove Mrs Margaret Seaman, 20 Flounders Hill	610590 611400
<u>Advertising:</u>	Mrs Pauline Richardson, 35 Banks Avenue	610168
<u>St. Cuthbert's Bell Ringers:</u>		
<u>Tower Captain:</u>	Mr Ian Hall, 32 Station Road	612003
<u>Ringin Master:</u>	Mrs Stella Hall, 32 Station Road	612003
<u>Hand Bell Ringers:</u>	Mrs Jane Gosney, 5 Wenthill Close	793579

Dear Friends

Suffering the worst financial crisis since the 1920's, we are also thrown into a crisis of confidence as regards the governance of this country where again money seems to be the cause of much pain and anguish with the question of trust in our MP's is precipitated by the recent expenses scandal. Added to the recent protest on 'Armed Forces Day' (26/6/09) regarding the pensions of war veterans, it seems that the old 'root of all evil' and its master the devil is beginning to get a foothold within the lives of individuals, our nation and, in fact, our world.

I can think of no better passage to offer us some insight in the present sufferings and disruption brought about by this summer of discontent than one which includes the saying 'root of all evil'. A passage which I deliberately, and many others unwittingly, misquote; money is not the root of all evil, but 'the love of money is the root of all evil'; a subtle but significant difference. Money itself is not evil, but the way it is used.

We should ask ourselves the question, regardless of how much money we have, as to whether we are in control of that money or whether it controls us. Where money is in control, there we see much suffering and despair. The passage I refer to of course is the famous incident where the Pharisees question Jesus about his attitude towards authority. The passage, which I leave you to read for yourself is from Matthew 22:15-22.

Few, if any have not been affected to some degree by the recent financial catastrophes; the collapse of major financial institutions; rapid rise in unemployment, the drastic shrinking of savings and investments; dwindling pension funds and so on. Many have suffered severe hardship and privations and feel at the end of their tether. Now whilst we cannot ignore such suffering, by which all of us have been touched, we should never forget Jesus' reply to those Pharisees; 'Give to Caesar, what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. No matter how difficult life becomes we still have the greatest gift of all, which comes for God, upon which nobody can put a price and which we can all share freely, particularly with those whose suffering is greatest ... LOVE.

Yours in Christ, Paul.

In Memoriam
Phyllis Asquith
1914—2009

Phyllis was born at Upton and spent her early days on Beacon Farm the family business. A member of the Methodist Church up until she married Austin in 24th June 1939 at Arkendale Church when she moved to Ackworth and joined the Church of England.

Living initially with Austin's parents, Austin become postmaster in 1957 and Phyllis helped him out in the shop. She has seen the birth of their only child, Elaine, and two grandchildren - Andrew and Matthew. In her younger days she also rode with the Badsworth Hunt.

Since her arrival in Ackworth, Phyllis has been an active and committed member of the Church. A member of the Mothers Union since her early 40's; she also served 48 years on the PCC. In later years she was also one of our Church's representatives on Churches Together and for many years was a sidesperson in our Church.

Indeed, this Church has benefited from many decades of her devotion and generosity both financially and via the many hours she gave each week cleaning, polishing brasses and beautifying the Church with flowers. There were some weeks when she should not have been there with her health problems but the fact that she was rarely absent spoke something of her independence and determination as a person and of her faithful service to the church which she loved dearly.

Phyllis will be sadly missed by many, though her presence will long continue in this church to which she was so devoted.

God bless you and keep you,

Paul

Transfiguration

It's a shame, isn't it. The 'Transfiguration of Our Lord', as the lectionary puts it, was one of the most amazing events during Jesus earthly life and yet the celebration of this event is relegated to a day in August when its very likely half the church will be away on holiday. We don't make a lot of this event but yet it can be such an inspiration to us in each of our own Christian journeys. Mark's account puts it like this:



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Somehow within the church we seem to have lost the mystery of this event. Maybe we need to recapture the wonder. It's possible to make funny jokes speculating on the possible contents of the picnic Jesus and his disciples took with them which made them hallucinate. However, once we get beyond all the jokes this is an incredible description of an incredible event. As I read this text I find myself awestruck and envious. Just see the picture. Imagine the glory and dazzle. See the two men talking with him. This is an awesome event. Jesus was revealed in his glory, first to the disciples but also to us through the word pictures painted by the gospel writers. We all need glimpses of glory otherwise life would be so drab. We need party frocks and lights and glitter – in our spiritual life as well as elsewhere.

I find myself envying the disciples – they were actually there to see this. They might have been drowsy but still they saw Jesus transfigured, they saw two old testament heroes talking to their friend. It's easy to make

jokes about Peter, jumping in with both feet as usual but would we be any better. Actually it's no wonder that he is described as:

not knowing what he said

His suggestion:

let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses,
and one for Elijah

reflects his desire that this moment continue. It was just so special that he didn't want it to end. Maybe you've had times like this, times when God is so close, times when all you want to do is hold onto the moment and bask in it. I'd love to think that at times our worship might be like this.

However, they had to come back down the mountain and so do we. Having glimpsed Jesus' glory they now had to deal with everyday life. We might hope that this experience changed them. Jesus warned his disciples not to tell others about what happened but can't you just imagine the talk among these three?

There are so many ways in which we can think about this episode but for me two words sum it up – mountains and valleys.

Mountains represent the 'Wow' moments in our walk with God, the times when we glimpse the glory and are transfixed by it. They often are the 'set-apart' times, perhaps with just a few others, off somewhere with God. These can be wonderful times but are not the whole of our Christian journey.

Jesus came back down the mountain with his disciples into the valley. He didn't stay up there and leave them to come down alone nor did he leave them there drifting around in a fog. While we need the mountaintops we also need to come back to the reality of everyday life knowing that Jesus is still with us. The disciples came down the mountain to mess and confusion but they didn't have to cope alone. The same One whom they had seen in all his glory was still with them in the gloom and the mess. Enjoy your mountaintops but also remember Jesus' promise:

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

With love in Christ

Jenny

Pastoral Care in Ackworth:

There is concern that there are some adults in our community who would appreciate an occasional visit and chat with a 'friendly face', help with shopping or chores, help with attending appointments or getting to village social events, but "everyone is too busy nowadays" and anyway, "who do we ask?" they say. Families, however willing and able, can be spread far and wide these days, so are unable to give support they would like to. There is also a fear of asking for something from a 'stranger' and a concern for privacy and self-respect.

On the other hand, there are people in Ackworth who are also willing and able to visit and help someone who may be in short-term (or even long-term) need of some informal help.

The Pastoral Care group has been trying to address this dilemma, aware that informal and supportive friendships are very important in church life, but wanting to ensure that any gaps are filled. The group is aware that Pastoral visiting is something that should be done quietly and 'not for glory' but to help someone who is needing support. The group is looking at 'overall need' and is mindful of current legislation, good practice and boundaries, also hoping to better equip people for this and generally support those who visit, in a variety of areas of support offered.

A simple questionnaire regarding pastoral visiting is being prepared that is to be distributed in various places in Ackworth, for example at the weekly coffee morning at All Saints Church. It would be useful to find out whether people might use, support, offer help or refer to the service but if not, why not? We need to know the views and opinions of community members before we set our plans in motion!

Consideration of our pastoral networks is a very important part of the 'Transforming Lives' initiative so please help us to take this initiative forward.

Jane Gosney on behalf of the Pastoral Committee

BEING BLIND

This a poem by a child describing what it feels like to be blind.

I see with my ears,
I hear the leaves in the tall trees
whispering in the night,
I hear the sea, dark and deep,
And the splash of dolphins leap,
I hear the flames crackling
And the window frames rattling in the wind,
I see with my ears.

I see with my nose,
I smell the blossoms pearly-grey
And the hay new mown,
I smell the ploughed earth,
Cows in the byre, the smokey fire,
I smell grandpa's pipe.
Gran's lavender room and mum's faint perfume,
I see with my nose.

I see with my mouth,
I taste the strong black coffee
And thick brown toffee between my teeth,
I taste the yellow of lemon, the green of
The melon and the red of tomato,
I taste the orange of carrot, the purple of plum,
The gold of the sun on my face,
I see with my mouth.

I see with my hands,
I feel the sharp edges,
Slippery floors, smooth ledges,
I feel lemonade in cool canisters,
Hard wooden banisters,
I feel hands to hold,
Arms on shoulders, faces to touch,
I see with my hands.

BEING TRANSFORMED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Hello friends, I hope you are having a nice summer. Easter has long gone. A time now to reflect about Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Time to think about what Jesus has done for us. 'Christ died for our sins' (1 Cor. 15 v3). Jesus himself prophesied 'the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep' (John 10 v11).

Marie shared with us one Sunday about the good shepherd laying down his life for us and taking upon himself the sins of the world and how we are to bear with one another in love. Forgiving one another as Christ forgives us. This is what transforming lives is about, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of our sins.

We as a church have just finished working on the Transforming Lives project initiated by the Bishop, which you will have heard a lot about. You may be wondering what the phrase means. Transformation is an inward renewal and reshaping of the mind in which a Christian's inner person is changed to be like Jesus Christ. 'Be transformed by the renewing of your minds' (Romans 12 v.2). As we grow in Christ we see ourselves being changed from the inside of 'our heart' from Christlessness to Christ likeness.

In order for us to be transformed we need to be born again. Jesus says, 'The truth is no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit' (John 3 v. 5). Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from Heaven.

Regeneration is spiritual rebirth, producing a new being, in the life of a believer, (Titus 3 v.5) and the new order that will begin at Christ's return. Matthew 19 v. 28 tells us that it is not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but by his mercy he has saved us. It is a radical new beginning in Christ, rather than a mere restoration of previous conditions. This renewal involves a mighty change in a person and this is done by the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity that has the power to break the dominion of sin in our lives, placing us in an attitude and a desire to please Christ.

The ultimate goal of regeneration is the creation of a new Heaven and a new Earth that will be totally righteous and without sin (2 Peter 3 v.13). Jenny spoke to us about this earlier in the year, in January.

Transforming lives is about making disciples in our village and the world. When this transformation takes place in our hearts we will see the will of The Father.

St. Paul wrote, 'Everywhere you go tell them about Christ and teach them with all wisdom so that we can present them to God perfect in their relationship with Christ' (Colossians 1 v. 28).

I pray that everywhere we go as a church we will teach the message of Christ's salvation and the forgiveness of sins.

May God bless you.

Pauline Wong

JUST A THOUGHT

Free cheese is only found in mousetraps. (Russian proverb)

The Essential Hyphen.

A **man-eating fish** is likely to terrify swimmers, whereas a **man eating fish** is probably just putting salt on his chips.

Why is it that opportunity knocks but temptation feels free to walk right in?

Church Notices

We need ladies who will sing in the choir very badly. (I'm an obvious candidate for that!)

No Parking except Sundays. Violators will be given sermons.

A smile costs less than electricity and gives more light. (Scottish proverb)

Effort

Do what you can,
Being what you are;
Shine like a glow-worm,
If you cannot like a star.
Pull like a pulley,
If you cannot like a crane,
Be a wheelgreaser
If you cannot drive the train.

One Counts

In 1645 one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of this country.

In 1649 one vote decided the execution of King Charles the first.

In 1776 one vote gave America English, instead of German as the national language.

In 1923 one vote made Adolph Hitler the leader of the Nazi Party.

How important one person is –and it could be you.

FIFTY- FIVE YEARS LATER

During my schooldays, a long time ago, I had two memorable experiences related to the sport of gliding. Whilst in the Combined Cadet Force I was selected to *pilot* the Unit's Grasshopper glider across the school playing field, designed for basic instruction, the glider's controls could be pegged, depending on the experience of the student, to prevent taking off. I was only at that time required to keep the wings level as the machine skidded along the ground. Unfortunately for me and the glider, the master in charge of controlling the strain applied, tug of war fashion by two groups of fellow pupils, was distracted and the elastic ropes (bungees) were stretched too far and I became airborne, unable to alter the pitch of the glider I came down to an almighty clunk. I was unharmed although I remember that a comb in my back pocket punched a hole in the wooden seat! The glider was in need of some major repairs and was not used again during the short time I remained at school.

At about the same time, probably before, I was away on a training course at RAF Locking near Weston-Super Mare, where I was almost swept out to sea whilst swimming, but that's another story, when the master in charge of the CCF phoned my mother offering me a place on a gliding course, as someone else had withdrawn. She declined the offer without reference to me giving some lame excuse about laundry arrangements. When I returned home and learned of this missed opportunity I was not best pleased as everyone who attended the course was given the opportunity for a solo control flight (Silver C Certificate) and I knew of no one who had failed to achieve this qualification.

My family must have been made aware of my disappointment, probably bored by my frequent references to it, and unbeknown to me arranged for me to have a winch launched glider trip for my 70th birthday present. I took advantage of this trip on June the 4th, having delayed it to await warmer weather, at Saltby Airfield near the village of Skillington, the home of Buckminster Gliding Club, just off the A1 near Grantham. This airfield had been the home of the US Air Force during WW2 where troops carrying 'Horsa' gliders had been launched for some famous missions and also had provided 47 aircraft in support of the D Day landings, only one of which failed to return.

It looked as if our plans for suitable weather were to be thwarted, as the forecast was poor, it would be cold and raining. A pre-journey phone call confirmed that launching was still expected and we set off for

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

AUGUST 2ND FLOWER FUND
 AUGUST 9TH MOLLIE GARDHAM
 AUGUST 16TH FLOWER FUND
 AUGUST 23RD JEAN HANCOCKS
 AUGUST 31ST ALAN CAMPLIN
 SEPTEMBER 6TH FLOWER FUND
 SEPTEMBER 13TH WENDY LAYBOURN
 SEPTEMBER 20TH FLOWER FUND
 SEPTEMBER 27TH FLOWER FUND

**ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS**

AUGUST 2ND BIDDY & CLARE BRANSTON
 AUGUST 9TH WEDDING FLOWERS
 AUGUST 16TH MARGARET LLOYD
 AUGUST 23RD JEAN CLAYTON
 AUGUST 30TH VACANT
 SEPTEMBER 6TH STELLA LEE
 SEPTEMBER 13TH VACANT
 SEPTEMBER 20TH VACANT
 SEPTEMBER 27TH VACANT

Readings Rota for
 August 2009, September 2009

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
02/08/09	Proper 13	3 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Ephesians 4:1-6	John 6:24-35	Keith Shaw	Dr McWilliam
09/08/09	Proper 14	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51	Pauline Wong	Mrs S Hall
16/08/09	Proper 15	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58	Anne Atack	Mrs M Walker
23/08/09	Proper 16	1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69	Jane Gosney	Dr McWilliam
30/08/09	Proper 17	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Anne Bullock	Mrs S Hall
06/09/09	Proper 18	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37	George Scargill	Mrs M Walker
13/09/09	Proper 19	Proverbs 1:20-33	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
20/09/09	Proper 20	Proverbs 31:10-31	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37	Sue Hartley	Mrs S Hall
27/09/09	Proper 21	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10 & 9:20-22	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50	Keith Shaw	Mrs M Walker

AN EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

THE WESLEYAN CHAPEL

The rise of Methodism in Ackworth is somewhat obscure. Originally this village formed part of the Wakefield Circuit, and became part of the Pontefract Circuit, when the division took place in 1796.

The first Chapel was built in 1791, and was opened by John Nelson; it had at first a front gallery, which was subsequently extended along the sides of the Chapel, and contained ninety sittings in the gallery, four pews in the body, and about a hundred free seats. In 1791, Mr. Robert Ranson, of Ackworth, conveyed a plot of ground containing 433 square yards with the Methodist Chapel thereon for the amount of £22, to the trustees.

In 1821 the Chapel was re-conveyed and over the door of the Chapel was placed a stone, two feet by one and a half by Mrs. Nelstrop, which bore the following words: -

Sinners obey the Gospel word,

*Haste to the Supper of my Lord;
Be wise to know your gracious day,
All things are ready, come away.*

1790

Upon the building of the new Chapel, this stone was placed in the back wall of the vestry where it still may be seen. The foundation stone of the present beautiful chapel was laid on Good Friday, April 2nd, by William Peel, Esq. Of Ackworth Park. There was a large company present on the occasion. The Architect was Mr. Wilson of Bath; and the builders were Messrs Simpson and Wilson of Ackworth. The Chapel with the schools attached, cost about £1,500. Mr. Peel headed the subscription list with £300, and presented the organ. The following inscription was placed in a bottle under the stone: - *'The foundation stone of this Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was laid by W. Peel. Esq. of Ackworth Park, on good Friday, April 2nd. 1858.*

The scroll also bore the names of the President of the Wesleyan Conference (Rev. F.A. West) and the Secretary of the Conference (Dr. Hannah). The Chapel was opened in the following year, when eminent ministers conducted the services. The Chapel has recently been renovated at a cost of over a hundred pounds (August 1882).

the 74-mile journey. Sat Nav led us up a farm drive, with no airfield in sight, but we eventually found it next door behind a copse of trees. I expected that there would be numerous other people taking to the air but I was the only one. After coffee in the clubhouse we found our way, following directions to an old double-decked bus parked far away at the end of a long runway. There was no one else around! After a few minutes wondering if we should have been somewhere else being briefed, we noted a light single engine aircraft taxiing towards us. The pilot hopped out and we found that we had met him earlier in the clubhouse where we reminisced over mutual National Service experience. Eventually others arrived, including a retired farmer and a former German Prisoner of War towing gliders behind a four by four and a pick-up truck. By now the sun was breaking through the clouds and it was quite warm. Someone seemed to know why I was there and after filling in a form to confirm that I had no medical problems I was introduced to my instructor. He was Les the Chief Instructor and apparently the best possible person to find the thermals, currents of warm air rising from the ground necessary to keep us aloft for more than a few minutes. (The brochure estimated a flight of 10 to 15 minutes.)

I was then introduced to the glider, German made, about two years old and costing £K80. I was fitted with a parachute, climbed aboard and given a very brief briefing. I was shown a number of instruments but I was only interested in the speed and height gauges. One warning, do not touch that purple lever or the canopy. With fly off I had been briefly told how to land if I had to use the parachute. I doubt my suspect knees would have taken the shock of landing, but no one told me, until I asked, how to get out of the harness, or come to that how to open the parachute, but I wasn't planning to bale out!

The take off was quick and steep and in no time we were at a thousand feet with the lovely green Lincolnshire countryside below us. Les pointed out some landmarks and kept up a running commentary, which was good. True to his reputation he quickly found a good thermal and we were soon at two thousand feet. He asked if I were bored and I assured him that I could stay up as long as he wished. I then asked him what was the longest flight he had ever undertaken. He said ten hours but we wouldn't be staying up that long. We reached three thousand feet, just below the cloud base and I noted a bird of prey circling in the same currents. He said it was a buzzard and we kept it company for many minutes as it seemed to like showing off its aerial skills. Losing lift we sought another thermal passing over Belvoir Castle. Les then asked if I would like to take control of the glider. Remembering previous air experience in Tiger Moth and Provost aircraft, also in the CCF, it did not

take long for me to remember what to do. We flew along in level flight until we were beneath a dark cloud when I was instructed to drop the right wing and turn sharply to the right. Apparently it is a rule of the sky that you always climb in a clockwise direction. I had previously been warned to keep a sharp lookout for other aircraft in all directions, not an easy task with my arthritic neck. In what seemed no time at all we had climbed five hundred feet and Les assured me that it was all my own work. In two sessions I was in control for about ten minutes. We had by now been aloft for three quarters of an hour and another passenger must have been due as Les decided we must land. But first he showed me the glider's turn of speed accelerating to one hundred miles (or was it knots) in a dive. We landed fairly smoothly although the surface of the runway had weeds growing out of the cracks and was a bit rough. I was glad that my 10-15 minute trip had taken 50 minutes. The next passenger turned out to be a young lady who was an international half marathon runner. I told her that I had followed the same pursuit but not to the same standard.

We stayed a while afterwards as spectators watching as some gliders were launched behind the light aircraft (tug) and one carried out aerobatics. I am rather glad that my trip was more sedate. As we left the airfield we stopped to see a memorial and to remember the men of the various RAF/USAF units who had gone to war from this place 65 years, almost to the day since D-Day.

Would I do it again? Yes Sir. Had I been much younger I might have been tempted to try for that Silver C Certificate. It's not that an expensive sport, unless you buy your own glider. Launches cost £26 by tug or £7 by winch. Club gliders can be hired at 25p per minute (an extra gauge showing elapsed minutes might be useful here). The annual subscription is only £140, cheaper than golf!

Colin Tanswell

**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



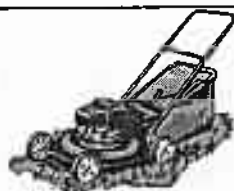
Sight tests by appointment
Family Eyecare



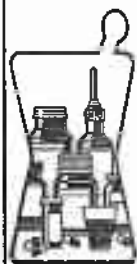
A S YAGER Opticians
32 Ropergate, Pontefract
702565

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



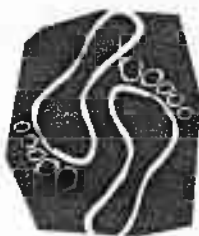
Personal service day and night
Contact Graham Waring

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 704735



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
Tel: 01977 704735



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

Lancaster
Memorials Ltd

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**



STEPSRIGHT 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 Stepsright**

Tel: 01977 797777 or Mobile 07922 772319

OBELISK OPENING CEREMONY

SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2009

On a hot sunny lunchtime at 1 o' clock sharp Harry Miles, together with a representative of Ackworth Heritage Group, cut the ribbon to mark the completion of the renovation of the obelisk by the Quaker School. There was a good turnout of local residents, most with cameras or mobile phones, to watch people dodging traffic to get their photos taken.

Harry is a popular, well known longstanding Ackworth resident who is often seen walking his dog up to the seat by the obelisk. He reminisces about his working life, mainly in the Ackworth stone quarries where everything was done by muscle power, crowbars and big hammers. He also has memories of extra direction and distance markers being put on the obelisk during the early part of the 2nd World War to confuse any possible German invaders.

After the ceremony refreshments, including a fine selection of cakes and buns were provided at the Wesleyan Chapel. Many thanks to the ladies involved.

And now for a selection of the people who deserve a pat on the back for their hard work with this project.

Firstly to the anonymous benefactor who funded Harry Miles book of photographs that started the obelisk project.

Thanks to Richard Jacques from English Heritage for advising on how to restore the obelisk together with architect Robert Mortimer. To the Leche Trust for a grant. To Paul Platt who topped up the funds from Wakefield Highways Department. To Colin Beal, the contractor and his workers who did a good job. To the people at Ackworth Heritage Group who raised funds selling raffle tickets and tea and cakes and running Village Green events as well as sorting out the paperwork.

And finally to Pauline Lockett, without her 'never give up' attitude the obelisk would not have been restored, (her husband, Peter, has a selection of good photographs of the obelisk in pristine condition with good light and foliage behind).

My apologies to anybody that I may have missed. Sadly the press coverage of the event has been disappointing.

Phil Richardson

AN EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

THE WESLEYAN CHAPEL

'The rise of Methodism in Ackworth is somewhat obscure. Originally this village formed part of the Wakefield Circuit, and became part of the Pontefract Circuit, when the division took place in 1796.

The first Chapel was built in 1791, and was opened by John Nelson; it had at first a front gallery, which was subsequently extended along the sides of the Chapel, and contained ninety sittings in the gallery, four pews in the body, and about a hundred free seats. In 1791, Mr. Robert Ranson, of Ackworth, conveyed a plot of ground containing 433 square yards with the Methodist Chapel thereon for the amount of £22, to the trustees.

In 1821 the Chapel was re-conveyed and over the door of the Chapel was placed a stone, two feet by one and a half by Mrs. Nelstrop, which bore the following words: -

Sinners obey the Gospel word,

*Haste to the Supper of my Lord;
Be wise to know your gracious day,
All things are ready, come away.*

1790

Upon the building of the new Chapel, this stone was placed in the back wall of the vestry where it still may be seen.

The foundation stone of the present beautiful chapel was laid on Good Friday, April 2nd, by William Peel, Esq. Of Ackworth Park. There was a large company present on the occasion. The Architect was Mr. Wilson of Bath; and the builders were Messrs Simpson and Wilson of Ackworth. The Chapel with the schools attached, cost about £1,500. Mr. Peel headed the subscription list with £300, and presented the organ. The following inscription was placed in a bottle under the stone: -*'The foundation stone of this Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was laid by W. Peel, Esq. of Ackworth Park, on good Friday, April 2nd. 1858.*

The scroll also bore the names of the President of the Wesleyan Conference (Rev. F.A. West) and the Secretary of the Conference (Dr. Hannah). The Chapel was opened in the following year, when eminent ministers conducted the services. The Chapel has recently been renovated at a cost of over a hundred pounds (August 1882).

From the Registers

Baptisms

- 3 May Daniel Luke Briggs
10 May William Andrew Healey
25 May Isabella Mae Hardman
14 June Alexandra Whitworth, Daniel Nicholas
Whitworth and Jason Clement Whitworth
28 June Ellie Williams, Lornah Andrea Bahati

Marriages

- 2 May Craig Robert Swales & Louise Marie Beresford
23 May Christopher Lee Bond & Nicola Anne Bradley
24 May Simon William Bradley & Sally Ann Atkinson

Funerals

- 7 May Nora Louise Rendell (90) 4 Middle Lane, New
Crofton
13 May Jack Greenwood (89) 62 Town End Avenue, Low
Ackworth
29 May May Thomas (90) 96 Pontefract Road, High
Ackworth
23 June Rebecca Smith (27) 1 Princess Cottages,
Purston Lane, 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 August and September

Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong (except 3rd 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'
--------	----------------	-------------

Special Services & Events

- 15 August Blessed Virgin Mary - 10.30 am Holy Communion - SC
- 24 August St Bartholomew - 7.30pm Holy Communion - SC

From Lunchtime Tuesday 1st September - 4th September Paul and Jenny will be at the triennial Clergy Conference

- 21 September St Matthew - 7.30pm Holy Communion - SC
- 29 September St Michael and All Angels - 7.30pm Holy Communion - SC

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!

