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South Milford Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Sunday, 1st April

From 2 pm for refreshments

Hunt starts at 2:30 pm

St Mary's Church & Gardens

(inside the church if weather is bad)

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St Mary's Churchwardens Report

As the evenings grow lighter and we see the bulbs coming up we look forward to Spring and hope we have left the worst of the Winter behind us. It has now been three months since John and Yvonne retired and many of you have been asking when we will get a new Rector.

I can now give you details of where we stand with regard to finding John's replacement. Many people have been busy, together with St Wilfrid's, compiling a profile of both Parishes in the benefice ready for the position to be advertised. This has now been completed and has been approved by the Bishop of Selby and the Archdeacon of York.

The next step in the process is to advertise the position of Rector which will hopefully happen from the middle of March. The advert will be online and after six weeks the Bishop and the Archdeacon will compile a shortlist and arrange interviews. Both churches will have a representative on the interview panel.

The responsibility for the running of the church during an interregnum falls to the Churchwardens and the PCC, and this has been made easier thanks to the help of so many of the church family. We are very fortunate that the service pattern has continued without change since John's departure thanks to David our Curate and Margaret our Reader.

I hope that I have been able to answer some of your questions and look forward to the next step in the process. With God's help we will find the right person to join us and we put our trust in him.

God Bless

Jo



An Hour by the Cross

So, we've waved our Palm crosses on the Sunday before Easter Day. We've perhaps been to the midweek Eucharist three days later and heard a Bible reading of some of the events that took place during the early part of that week before Easter. If we've been to the Agape on the evening of Maundy Thursday, we might have heard the closing words of that celebration which tell us that after the meal, Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn and went out of the upper room to go up the Mount of Olives.

If Easter Day is the next time we meet in church, then we've missed the whole point of this very special time in the church's year. None of us like to face things that are unpleasant, things that make us uncomfortable, things that include injustice, cruelty, inhumanity, great pain and a lingering terrible death. These are the thoughts and feelings that go with the events we remember on Good Friday but if we didn't have Good Friday, then we wouldn't have Easter Day. No amount of chocolate eggs and baby rabbits can make up for what Easter Day really celebrates. To fully enter into this, we hold a special service on Good Friday, an hour by the Cross. We follow the events in the life of Jesus from the Thursday evening to mid-afternoon on Friday. We listen to the story and reflect on its meaning for us today. We have music and quiet time, readings and prayer – just one hour of our precious time to prepare us for the celebration of the Day of Resurrection. Do come at 2-00p.m. and make your Easter extra special this year.

Margaret

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Agape Meal – Maundy Thursday

Thursday 29th March at 7:30pm - 9:00pm

St Mary's Church

Westfield Lane, South Milford

Share in an Agape meal to taste something of the atmosphere of the Last Supper - we will share good food and the bread and wine. There is no charge but due to popularity, this is a ticketed event

Tickets available from St Mary's Church

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will find a warm, friendly and hospitable welcome.

Children`s Society News

The coffee morning and raffle in aid of the Children`s Society, on 8th February, was a success with those attending enjoying refreshments including cake and scones. The morning raised £40 for the Society.

All of the collecting boxes have now been received and the total is £585.52. With the money from the two and another donation of £18.59 I will be able to bank £644.11 for the Society.

Well done everyone, keep collecting, every
little helps.

Thank you.

Barbara Campbell

Box co-ordinator

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should feel
alone

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Candlemas Service on Sunday 4th February was another of those feel good events that should not have been missed. The church was lit by candles, and the readings given by various members of the benefice and was all most enjoyable.



Lent Lunches

On page 26 there is a list of the remaining Lent lunches followed by 3 pages regarding the Malawi Project. I have expanded the Messenger to 36 pages this month to cater for the inclusion of this very worthwhile project. As I go to press I have just attended the first Lent lunch at David and Barbara Campbell`s house which was very well attended and raised over £100 for the Malawi Project.

A Grand Day Out

Unfortunately no one appears to have had a day out, or at least, have not told me about it! Get busy and go out for the day and let us all know!

Church Hall Improvements.

The Ladies and Gents toilets at the hall are due to get a makeover with new wc`s; hand basins and tiling. All the rotting single -glazed windows are to be replaced with double-glazed uPVC windows in the near future. These are to be supplied and fitted by TWS windows of Garforth at a really good price courtesy of Tony Grindley a resident in our village.

The submission date for the next magazine is the 15th March 2018

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MARCH 2018 DIARY FOR THE BENEFICE

(MONK FRYSTON PARISH & SOUTH MILFORD PARISH)

EVERY MONDAY

8.00pm Worship Group Practice – St Mary's

EVERY WEDNESDAY

9.45am Holy Communion – St Mary's

10.30am Drop In – St Mary's Parish Hall for tea/coffee and biscuits

1.30pm Caterpillar – St Mary's for 'mums and little-ones'

7.30pm Mid-week Fellowship /United Community – 32 Sand Lane

FIRST THURSDAY OF MONTH

1st March (Thurs) 8.00pm Beer & Banter at The Thack

3rd March (Sat) 10.30am - 4pm Holy Spirit Day at The Classroom, New Road, Ledsham, LS25 5LP.

4th March 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am Holy Communion – St Wilfrid's

9.30pm Parish Communion – St Mary's

6th March (Tues) 1.30-3pm Teens and Tots at Grove House

7.30-9.00pm "Journey of Redemption" -Lent talk at Sherburn

The Ven Sam Rushton - A/deacon of Cleveland

7th March (Wed) 12.30-2pm Lent Lunch at 15 Hillcrest, Monk Fyston

11th March 4th SUNDAY OF LENT - Mothering Sunday

9.30am Morning Prayer – St Wilfrid's

9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary's

5.00pm Sunday Supplement - St Mary's

13th March (Tues) 7.30-9.00pm "Journey of Redemption" at Sherburn Catholic Church

The Revd Peter Barnett

14th March (Wed) 12.30-2pm Lent Lunch at St Mary's Church Hall, South Milford

18th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am Holy Communion - St Wilfrid's

9.30am Family Communion - St Mary's

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20th March (Tues) 1.30-3pm Teens and Tots at Grove House

7.30-9.00pm "Journey of Redemption" at Sherburn

The Revd Leslie Newton

21st March (Wed) 12.30-2pm Lent Lunch at Northfield Farm, South Milford.

25th March PALM SUNDAY

9.30am Parish Communion - St Wilfrid's

9.30am Morning Prayer - St Mary's

29th March (Maundy Thursday) 7.30pm Agape in St Mary's Church

30th March Good Friday 2pm in St Mary's Church - "An Hour by the Cross"

1st April EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion - St Wilfrid's

9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary's



A Poem for Palm Sunday

The Donkey by G.K.Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am
dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And Palms before my feet.

Karen Millen AW16 collection



The Mystery of Everything

This year's Lent Course is "The Mystery of Everything" based on a book by Hilary Brand which takes the multi-award winning film about Stephen Hawking, "The Theory of Everything", as its starting point.

We will explore ways in which the mysteries of the universe and of everyday life - and the acceptance that we have more questions than answers - can reinvigorate our faith and spiritual journey. Each session will include an extract from the film, group discussion and prayer.

21st February: The experience of wonder

28th February: The enigma of weakness

7th March: The complexity of relationships

14th March: The encounter with frailty

21st March: The hope beyond brokenness



There will be different people facilitating to bring different approaches to the course.

The course is not about science and religion but mystery, faith and relationships.

We will meet every Wednesday evening in Lent at 7:30 pm at 32 Sand Lane, South Milford

Just come along, if you're interested, to a many or as few as you can make, we're looking forward to some very interesting sessions and discussions with you!

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book you can do so on Amazon: The Mystery of Everything: A Lent course based around the film The Theory of Everything (Lent Book) (available at other retailers)

Rev. David Johnson

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WHEN WE MEET

NEW LIFE

This is a group of new parents who are at home during the day. We meet at 12:30 at St Mary's Church, Westfield Lane, South Milford.

We chat about how faith can help in our daily lives as we deal with the pressures of caring for newly born and pre-schoolers.

If you a new parent or carer of a tiny tot and want some support, emotional and spiritual you are more than welcome to join us.

OPEN HOUSE

Meets Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm at the home of David and Liz Johnson.

32 Sand Lane, South Milford, LS25 5AU

South Milford Memorial Park/ Playing Field



South Milford
Memorial Park | Playing Field

The committee has applied for a substantial grant to make the Park more accessible - the aim is to adapt one of the gateways and establish a new Trim Trail Path. The funding panel sits next month and we will report the result in the April Messenger

Ceri Loy <ceri.loy@btinternet.com>

PAT`S POURRI

Once upon a time Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.....BUT did he fall or was he pushed?

Now you may wonder what that is all about, but a few weeks ago my sister and husband, Wilf, on a visit from Berwick-on-Tweed, and I went on an adventure through newly-discovered villages in this part of North Yorkshire. Through Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Thorpe Willoughby, Wistow and lingering in Cawood. Cawood had been the proud owner of a castle many moons ago and in 937AD King Athelstan gave it to the Archbishop of York as a gift for overthrowing the marauding Vikings. It then became the official residence of the Cardinals/Archbishops of York. Because of the number of royals who visited it became known as "The Windsor of the North".

One of Henry V111`s friends, Cardinal Wolsey, resided there when Henry made him Archbishop of York in the spring of 1530, but by November that year he seriously fell from Henry`s grace. He was arrested, accused of High Treason and ordered to appear for trial in London. However, as he and the soldiers ordered to accompany him, travelled south, reaching Leicester, the Cardinal was taken ill and very suddenly died. Local history believes that the origins of the nursery rhyme were about the Cardinal and his fall from grace, hence the "great fall" of the rhyme. I can only think that any form of death was preferable to standing accused of treason before a court of Henry`s, don`t you?

Eventually, in 1646, Cawood Castle, along with many others , was demolished. The bricks were used to build houses but the huge stones from the gatehouse to the castle were taken to York and became the gateway to Bishopthorpe Palace, still the residence of the Archbishops.

The ruins of the banqueting hall are still there and you can walk up the drive to the stone arch entrance and look through the cracks of the old wooden doors! You can also walk through the parklands which belonged to the castle, and picnic in the grounds.

Pat Walker



You Can't Be Too Careful!

No doubt you have all seen, and possibly used, the service of the `gentlemen` who cruise around the village looking for any sort of scrap metal including old fridges etc. Well on Friday 2nd February they were passing the church so I hailed them to take away the old, heavy metal chairs from the Church Hall. The ones with the comfy red seats. Well, they took the red seats and backs off, tied them into bundles and put them in the back of the truck along with all the metal frames. As they drove off I warned them "don't go throwing them into a ditch!" What happened? See below:-



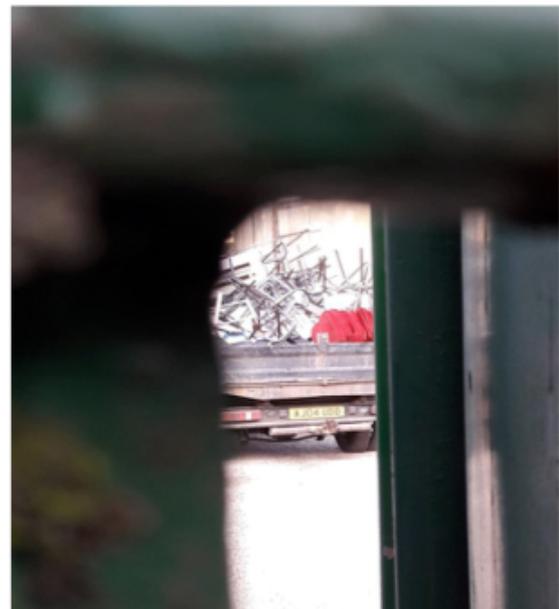
*By the side of
the road
between Wain
Gap and
Steeton Hall*



Aware that you are liable for ensuring that any `refuse` has to be responsibly recycled, as soon as Lester Hill rang me on Saturday morning that the seats from the church hall were scattered along Whitecote Lane I had no choice but to go and load them into my car and dispose of them myself. Another lesson learned! Who were they? Well look out for them and be warned:-



David Sample



Snippets from South Milford Primary School

Wear It Bad Day

In order to raise money to buy a school defibrillator we had a 'Wear It Bad' day on Friday 26th January. We asked for a minimum donation of £2. Throughout the day classes undertook 3-minute challenges. These were to help children understand that if a defibrillator is used and effective CPR is performed within 3-5 minutes of cardiac arrest, survived chances increase from 6% to 74%.

Our Junior Leadership Team held a cake sale at the end of the day and on Wednesday 21st February we will be creating a coin trail where children have been asked to bring along any spare change to help make our trail as long as possible.



Class Dynamix

We have been excited to welcome back into school Dan from Class Dynamix. Following his visit last term where he worked with a group of KS2 children to write our very own school song, he was here to produce the audio recording of it. All classes during the morning had the opportunity to record the vocals and as usual our wonderful South Milford children 'shone'. Dan was amazed at the quality of the children's singing and the enthusiasm the children had for the song. It is a wonderful song and we are so proud of it. A selection of children, whose voices stood out during the class recordings, spent time with Dan in the afternoon, recording further samples to add to the final mix. We can't wait to hear the finished track and the excitement doesn't stop there.... Dan has returned to shoot a music video to accompany the song! Who knows SMCPS might even make the I-tunes chart?

Young Voices

What an amazing time we had! 41 children and staff enjoyed a fabulous concert at Sheffield arena on Monday. The children were all amazing and they sang and danced with enthusiasm with over 5,000 other children. We are really proud of the effort they put into learning the songs and their behaviour throughout the long day of rehearsal and performance. We enjoyed the experience so much that plans are already underway to attend next year's concert! Who wants to join us...it is an experience you never forget?

Rule Of The Week

This half term we have focused on ensuring our school rules are followed by all members of school. Each week we have had a focus rule, from our '5 A Day', which all staff have been looking for. It has been great to see the whole school engaging in following our school rules.

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Arts Week

We have had an exciting week of events in our Arts Week. All the school community has been 'singing in the rain' in their wellington boots and with umbrellas. The week's experience began with a 'splash' of colour as children looked at the work of Pierre Auguste Renoir taking inspiration from the painting 'The Umbrellas'. It was definitely a week of great creativity.

Farmer Carl's Visit

Farmer Carl visited the Reception class. He brought along a two week old



Henrietta the hen and a two week old

The children had the opportunity to feed Dot the lamb. They all thought that Dot was gorgeous and loved the fact that Dot's tail wiggled and giggled as she drank the milk.



POPPIES IN REMEMBRANCE-1918

To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, All Saints Church, Pavement in the centre of York is to drape the exterior of the church with nets adorned with poppies. In order to achieve this the church is appealing for 80,000 poppies, to be created from wool, crocheted, felt or similar.

I was inspired to refresh my knitting skills and have a go! So far, I have managed 23. Is anyone in South Milford similarly inspired to contribute to what will surely be an impressive display?

I am prepared to collect and deliver to All Saints, on behalf of South Milford by the 1st September, so they can be attached to the nets.

Visit York in November to see your handiwork!

Susan Standley: phone 683252.



Garden Hints

Microgreens as a concept used to sound like a total nonsense to me. What`s wrong with a normal green?

Chefs use microgreens (i.e. tiny shots) for colourful, meal-improving garnishes, salads and to add nutritional value.

The flavours of each tiny plant are surprisingly powerful, and they add complex flavours of flavour to food and they are easy to grow all year round.

Plants typically used include rocket and nasturtium for peppery zing, mustard in a range of colours, purple basil, broccoli, peas, radish, amaranth and kale. There are many more (visit johnsonseeds.com for a starter kit). For DIY-ers, all you need is a waterproof tray (a large plate will do) spread with two to three layers of kitchen towel kept damp on a sunny windowsill.

Using compost instead of kitchen towel or supplementing with a weak liquid fertiliser can help boost growth, but isn`t essential. Sprinkle seeds on top and in about 2 weeks you`ll have leaves ready to cut on to the plate. Be vigilant about watering, let the seeds dry out and your heating will finish them off in hours!

A ceramic nibbles plate (£3 from Asda) is also a good thing to use. Alternating two plates provides a constant supply. Microgreens are easy to grow, look fantastic and taste good - what`s not to love?

David Sample

With thanks to Jack`s Garden Blog in the Saturday Telegraph

(David Mitchell is still out of action)





Journeys of Redemption

Church of St Joseph the Worker

Sherburn in Elmet

7.30pm – 9.00pm

Tuesday Feb 20

The Rt Revd David Wilbourne
Former Bishop of Llandaff

Tuesday Feb 27

Fr Michael McCarthy

Tuesday Mar 6

The Venerable Sam Rushton
Archdeacon of Cleveland and
York Diocese Warden of Readers

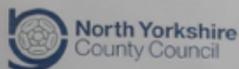
Tuesday Mar 13

The Revd Peter Barnett
Superintendent Minister for Goole and
Selby Circuit of the Methodist Church

Tuesday Mar 20

The Revd Leslie Newton
Chair of the Yorkshire and East
Methodist Diistrict

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Stories and Activities for Under 5s



Tuesday 10:30 to 11:30

Thursday 10:00 to 11:00

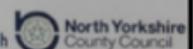
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SUNDAYS

March 2018

DATE	04-March	11-March	18-March	25-March
SUNDAY	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday	Lent 5	Palm Sunday
FORMAT	Parish Communion	Parish Communion	Family Communion	Morning Prayer
PREACHER	Rev David	Rev David	Rev David	Margaret Barr
READING 1	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Colossians 3:12-17	<i>No first reading</i>	<i>No first reading</i>
READER	Irene Lee	Pat Cromack		
				The Passion according to Saint Mark
READING 2	John 2: 13-22	John 19:25b-27	John 12:20-33	Margaret Barr
READER	Jo Fleming	Bill Rayner	Rev David	Jo Fleming
PRAYERS	Hilary Touimy	Glynis Hale	Rev David	
SERVER	Jo Fleming	Hilary Touimy	Glynis Hale	
CHALICE	Jim Barr	Jim Barr	Jim Barr	
ASSISTANTS	Jo Fleming	Hilary Touimy	Glynis Hale	
SIDESPEOPLE	Roger & Irene Lee	David & Jane Sample	Heather Rotherham Hilary Touimy	David & Barbara Campbell
REFRESHMENTS	Richard & Sarah Batty	Glynis Hale Maggie Hardstaff	Eileen Stothert Pat Walker	David & Margaret Gaygan

ST. MARY'S ROTA March 2018	MARCH 2018	WEDNESDAYS		
DATE	07-March	14-March	21-March	28 -March
Week	Lent 3	Lent 4	Lent 5	Weds. of Holy Week
PRESIDENT	Rev David	Rev David	Rev David	Rev David
PREACHING	Margaret Barr	Rev David	Margaret Barr	Rev David
READING 1	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9	Isaiah 49:8-15	Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28	Hebrews 12:1-3
READER	Hilary Touimy	Jo Fleming	Eileen Stothert	Margaret Barr
READING 2	Matthew 5:17-19	John 5: 17-30	John 8:51-end	John 13:21-32
READER	Margaret Barr	Rev David	Margaret Barr	Rev David
PRAYERS	Jo Fleming	Hilary Touimy	Rev David	Margaret Barr
SERVER	Margaret Barr	Jim Barr	Margaret Barr	Jim Barr
CHALICE	Margaret Barr	Jim Barr	Margaret Barr	Jim Barr
ASSISTANT				

Archbishop Justin's take on change.

In his recent address to General Synod, the Archbishop talked about the unsettling effects of change. As we are well on the way on a journey on the bumpy road of vacancy, that time between John leaving and the appointment of a new vicar, (and the changes they will inevitably bring); I thought it useful to relay some of ++Justin's thoughts. Most of what you read is adapted from that address.

Change unsettles. Change unsettles us individually and collectively, throws our compass into confusion, morally, and in attitudes.

In the Church of England, as every other church, we struggle with change and stability. Middleton and Walsh (in a book published in 1993 'The Truth is stranger than it used to be') wrote that "Christians need to indwell the biblical drama by serious, passionate study of the scriptures. This requires us to become intimately familiar with biblical text in order to gain a deep, intuitive sense of the story's dramatic movement and the author's plot intention. We have a mission given by God a call to make disciples, from Christ Himself, which must overthrow all particular interests, all personal desires. If we may develop a love filled, faithful improvisation we have the certain hope of a Church renewed and revived, serving the Common Good, lifting up the Glory of Christ and revealing the Kingdom. This requires taking the risk of improvisation that is creative, innovative and flexible".

These discussions and that quotation point towards a challenge that we deal with here, and is faced by every church, chaplaincy, Religious Community or any gathering of group of Christians. How do we reimagine the shape and reality of the Church, so as proclaim the gospel afresh in each generation?

The goals of the Church of England call us to spiritual and numerical growth, serving the common good and reimagining ministry.

Note the wording; we agreed to reimagine, not to tinker with ministry. I think it is arguable that although we have made a serious start to reimagining ministry, with numerous reports in every area from rural ministry through education to the ministry of the laity (so long neglected) and within renewal and reform, we have not yet fully lived a reimagining of ministry. Yet reimagining is demanded by the times in which we live, by our experience of church which is changing and developing, by the impact of an ever more effective contribution to the common good that we are making in an age of austerity and by the nature and turmoil of our society. We are seeing wonderful changes such as Fresh Expressions and Pioneer Ministry, innovations in training and so on. However, I often wonder, 'Is that it?'. Are we sufficiently attuned to the ever-present work of the Holy Spirit calling us on?

Faithful innovation and improvisation must cause us to look afresh at our structures and our habits. Our development of the ministry of all the baptised, as opposed to meaning only the ministry of the ordained or licensed, requires innovation, not merely a few tweaks. Our approach to safeguarding needs culture change. Our renewing of vocations, and their development and support requires both clear tradition and huge innovation. We must innovate, within the tradition, in our attitudes to episcopacy. The parish system and its links to natural communities, the issues of buildings, our attitudes to inclusion, all require faithful and faith-filled innovation and improvisation.

We have a mission given by God a call to make disciples, from Christ Himself, which must overthrow all particular interests, all personal desires. If we may develop a love filled, faithful improvisation we have the certain hope of a Church renewed and revived, serving the Common Good, lifting up the Glory of Christ and revealing the Kingdom.

As I mentioned you have just read snippets of the full address, it is well worth reading it in full remembering that each church member is responsible for the change required to make the church the place God wants it to be, even when we find it hard to see past what we want it to be, no matter what our tradition.

The full script of ++Justin can be found at:

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-and-writing/speeches/synod-archbishop-canterburys-presidential-address>

Answers to February Quiz



1. True - Originally the Roman calendar was only ten months. Two months were added at the end of the year, but later changed to become the first two months. This led to the inconsistency of the ninth to twelfth months actually getting their names from the numbers seven to ten.
2. Latin
3. Purification. The Romans held feast of purification during this month.
4. False - There is a legend that he wanted the month named after him to be the same length as the month named after Julius Caesar, but there is no evidence to indicate that this is true.
5. The birthstone for February is Amethyst
6. Every four years
7. No - Although 1900 is divisible by four, it was not a leap year. In years ending with 00, the first two digits standing alone have to be divisible by four. Thus 1600 and 2000 were leap years, 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not.
8. Candlemas Day
9. Dog
10. Eastenders

Ruth Richardson

History Time - March 2018

Yet another sweetshop! This section started in June 2014 when I set off on my quest to record all the sweet shops and businesses in South Milford over the years but I never went out as far as Battersby`s Roundabout!



*Battersby`s Roundabout with Filling Station and Shop in 1963
with many thanks to John and Peter of JP Plant Hire*

When JP Plant Hire bought Robt. Battersby & Sons business in 1974 it was being run by Michael Lund whose father, Charlie, had married Irene, the daughter of Robert Battersby. John and Peter `inherited` a lady called Joan Howcroft who had been working there since 1942. Joan used to look after the shop (selling sweets among other things) and filling station. Joan retired about 1980 and the Burma Oil fuel business was also ended, the dangerous canopy was demolished and it became the JP Plant Hire business we know now.

During World War 2 there was an underground workshop at the site equipped with lathes and other machines for producing shells for the war effort! Apparently the underground room is still there (minus the machines and shell casings!) but is now bricked up. It is probably full of ground water now, as are other local cellars, since the local collieries closed and so stopped the

water pumps which has raised the water table locally.

Another underground facility in that area is the underground coal train which used to transport coal from Allerton Bywater to Gascoigne Wood railway sidings. The tunnel passed very close to the Roundabout and, apparently, when it passed under the bungalow on the right in Common Lane just before the first railway bridge, the residents could hear the train underneath them every night and even hear the miners talking!



The roundabout itself has now become very congested and heavily used and there are plans afoot to upgrade it somehow. It certainly needs sorting, especially in view of the fact that the Sherburn Industrial Estate is being extended along the road to Cawood by the Half Moon and will provide 2000 jobs! Does that mean up to another 2000 cars?

R C Scriven:

Further to my article about Ronald Scriven last month and the fact that he often visited his uncle, Dr Radcliffe, well he apparently dressed as if off on a shoot. When he arrived in the village resplendent in his Norfolk Jacket the local youths would jeer at him. However, he turned on them and struck a pugilistic pose and they were frightened off!



Two examples of a Norfolk jacket. I assume that is Prince Charles holding his dad`s hand on the left.

Very smart they look to.



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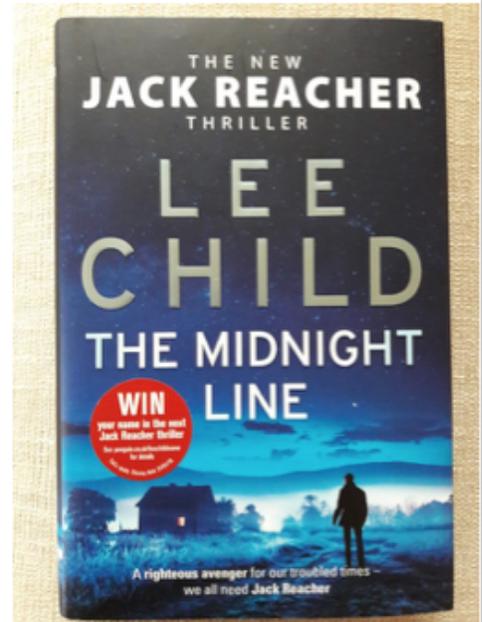
A GOOD READ

Either my readers do not read books or they do not think they are worth sharing. Is that the case? I wish you would share. So here I go with one of my own reads again:

“The Midnight Line” by Lee Child

Jack Reacher takes an aimless stroll past a pawn shop in a small Midwestern town. In the window he sees a West Point class ring from 2005. It's tiny. It's a woman cadet's graduation present to herself. Why would she give it up? Reacher is a West Pointer too, and he knows what she went through to get it.

Reacher tracks the ring back to its owner, step by step, down a criminal trail leading west. Like Big Foot came out of the forest, he arrives in the deserted miles of Wyoming. All he wants is to find the woman. If she is OK he'll walk away. If she's not.....he'll stop at nothing!



LEE CHILD is one of the world's leading thriller writers. He was born in Coventry, raised in Birmingham, and now lives in New York. It is said that one of his novels featuring his hero Jack Reacher is sold somewhere in the world every nine seconds. His books consistently achieve the number-one slot on bestseller lists around the world; are published in over 100 territories and two blockbusting movies have been made so far. Albeit with the diminutive Tom Cruise trying to play the part of the hero who is supposed to be 6ft 5ins tall! Much to the disgust and disappointment of the Reacher fans.

This is the 22nd book to be published in the series which started in 1997 and Jack Reacher is a few years older!

David Sample



Rotary News

The next round of the Rotary Young Chef competition took place at York College and Sherburn High student Max Burdekin was one of the competitors. The meal which he produced was as good as any other but as was feared his presentation skills left something to be desired. Nevertheless he put in a good effort and can be proud of his contribution. Speaking personally I would have considered the winning meal to be considerably less appealing than anything else on offer and so did others so it just goes to show how subjective judgements are not to be relied on.

The club will again be holding a programme of Car Boot Sales during the summer in conjunction with the Friends of South Milford School by kind permission of Millford Plants and these will be held monthly on the second Sunday commencing in April. Exact dates will be published later.

Interviews for candidates to be offered a place on the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and Youth Under Sail are to be held in the near future.

Harry`s History Time

Many years ago the roundabout at the end of London Road where my cousin keeps his heavy machinery was always known as Battersby's roundabout. Mr and Mrs Battersby kept a couple of petrol pumps and a little shop where they used to sell pop and sweets. Mr and Mrs Battersby had a son called Stuart. He eventually became manager of the Spa in Sherburn when it was on the other side of the road. This was in the old shop that had been Osbourne's men's outfitters, this now a dentist / estate agents.

My first driving test was on a tractor. The examiner stood in the stack yard at Bramley`s farm. He said drive to the pub in South Milford and return. Test passed. Next it was a motor bike. Twice around the green at High field Villas. Test passed.

Don Bramley`s dad, Jim, had a green Standard Vanguard car which was next to be used for my test, the examiner told me to turn left out of the farmyard and drive to Battersby`s roundabout and come back. Test passed.

Cars did not have indicators as they do now, we just relied on hand signals. Then when the indicator was introduced it was a semaphore about 6 inches long and came out at right angles to the car out if the door pillar behind the driver. There was hardly any traffic in those days.

Regards, Harry

The Walking Group

Date of walk: Saturday 24th March

Leaders: Sue and Ray Newton

Location: High Ackworth



A gentle 5 mile stroll around High Ackworth and East Hardwick.

A mainly level route across rolling farmland. The walk will take about 2 1/2 hours allowing time to either visit the Church, or the public hostelry at the end of the walk.

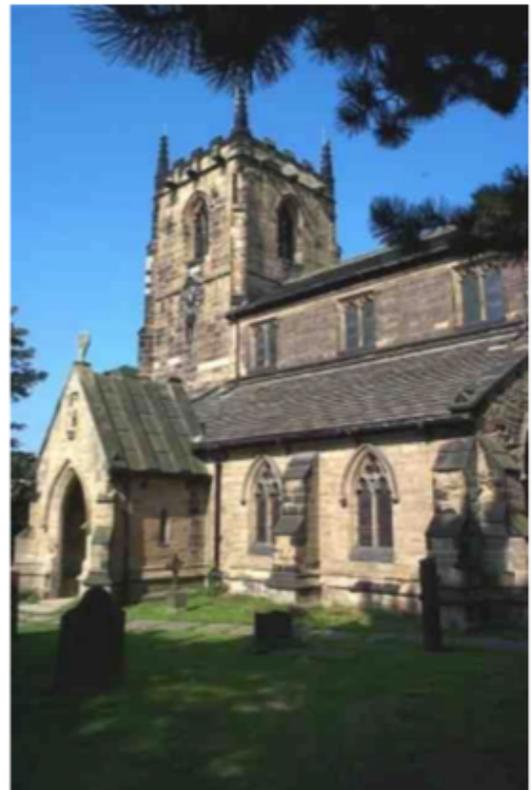
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Malawi, a largely agricultural country, is making efforts to overcome decades of underdevelopment, corruption and the impact of an HIV-Aids problem, which claims the lives of tens of thousands every year

A programme to tackle HIV-Aids was launched in 2004, with the then President Bakili Muluzi revealing that his brother had died from the disease

Malawi is one of the world's worst-hit by HIV-Aids and home to more than one million children orphaned by the disease.

For the first 30 years of independence Malawi was run by an authoritarian and quixotic President Hastings Kamuzu Banda, but democratic institutions have taken a firm hold since he relinquished power in the mid-1990s.

Most Malawians rely on subsistence farming, but the food supply situation is precarious because of the climate.

“Donate a Desk” Appeal

Many thanks to the congregations of St Wilfrid’s Church, Monk Fryston and St Mary’s Church, South Milford for their generous help in providing 50 double desks for Vikwa Primary School, Malawi



A newly built double classroom financed by The Zikomo Trust —just missing something to sit and write on!



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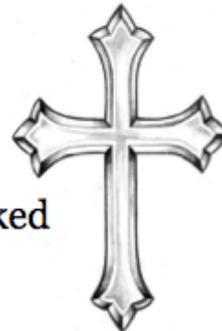
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Clarice Blackburn rip

As we go to press I have just learned of the sad passing of Clarice Blackburn. Clarice has been very helpful to me in the past due to her having worked at Milford Hall. (see p14 of March 2015 edition)



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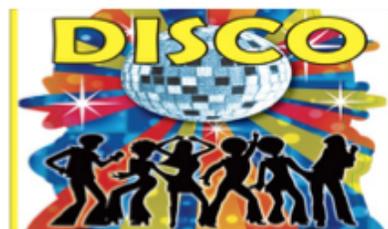
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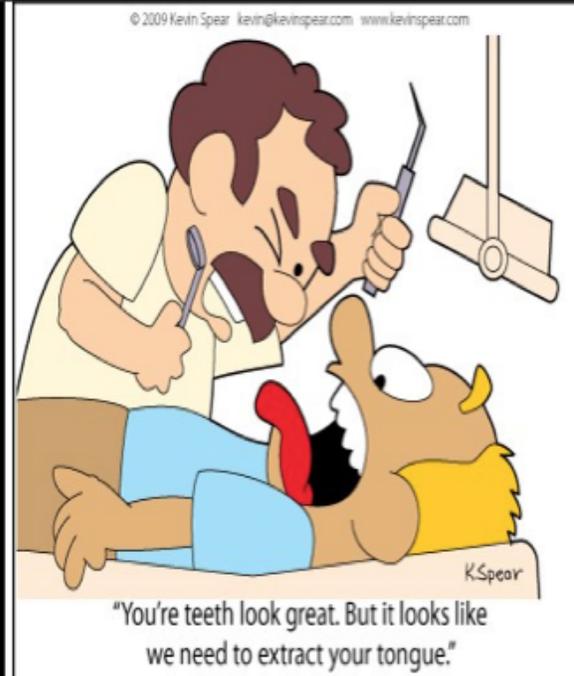
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