Methodist Post

Boston Spa • Clifford • Bramham

September 2017

Index of Advertisers

Please support our advertisers. To advertise in future issues, please contact Graham McGuire on 01937 844838.

Franks & Son 2
Andrew Morgan Opticians 10
Tony Barker & Sons 10
Peter Norman Plumbing & Heating 15
Gifted 15
Amanda Buch 15
Queripel and Kettlewell 16
Vanessa Jude 16
Douglas Yeadon Hardware 16
Sandersons 18
Kate Mell Flowers 18
Skelf Frames Ltd 21
The Central Garage 21
Kirby Builders Merchants 22
Bobbins 23
Spa Travel ..... Back cover

Cover photo: Iain Vernon

The pedestal flower arrangement on the front cover was by Margaret Lane, a member of the Deepdale Flower Group, of which several willingly contributed to the church's talent display for the Boston Spa Festival. We thank them all for their valuable help.

Judith Grimditch

Franks & Son

Plumbers, Heating Engineers
Gas & Oil Installation

9 Heathfield Lane
Boston Spa

Tel: 01937 843830
Mobile: 07802 762958

REGISTERED GAS SAFE

Ideas and contributions for future issues of the Methodist Post always welcome. For the October issue, please send copy to: jovernon1@gmail.com by 10th September. Thank you.

Saturday Morning Drop In – Boston Spa

Every Saturday morning, a small team of very dedicated church members take it in turns to provide the catering at 'Drop In' plus a warm welcome to all who come. Bacon sandwiches are normally on the menu, or you can enjoy a piece of cake with your drink. Conversation flows, and this is an opportunity to meet up with friends, and relax. Why not come and try it out one Saturday morning, forget Costa (we have a coffee machine too), and come to us instead. Come on your own, bring your family or bring your friends; it will be great to see you on Saturday between 10am and noon.

The Drop In Team

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter for the September magazine, Sue and I have just returned from a holiday in Cornwall. Now for those of you that know us, and our love of Northumberland, this may seem to have been a strange choice and, believe you me, when we arrived in the middle of a thunderstorm when it was beautiful 'up north' I really thought it had been.

Not only that, but driving the final leg of the journey I had chosen to ignore my satnav trying to take us off the M5 onto the A38 and the result was that a two-hour journey took us nearly five hours because of an accident on the road. To add insult to injury so to speak, as I was towing our large caravan, I chose to stay in the inside lane; of the three lanes, it turned out to be the slowest!

Every day of our lives we have to make choices, some are the kinds of choices which are easy to make and some are far more complex and potentially life changing. You choose a car or where to go on holiday, both of which I did recently. A choice of where to live can be fairly important, it may affect what friendships you establish and various important connections you may make in your life.

Certainly, for Sue and I one of the biggest most life changing choice that we made was to answer Gods calling on our lives, and the changes that has brought about as I came into the ministry.

In Matthew 4: 18-19 you will find four sentences that reflect how Peter was called by Jesus along with his brother Andrew to leave their jobs as a fisherman and to follow Him.

They chose to follow Him and the rest as they say is history.

All of us have to make the decision ourselves as to whether or not to follow Jesus, he will not force us; he will wait, with arms outstretched, to be asked into our lives.

But that is not the end of the story, for life is not that simple, and once you have committed yourself to be a follower of Christ every choice that you make should be made to reflect His glory in the world. How do we do that? How do we make those choices, what can we in our own small way choose to do that reflects the glory of God in the world?

Well it can sometimes be as simple as choosing to spend time talking with a friend or a stranger, standing up for justice, encouraging the weary, and in times when those we know are struggling holding them in love and prayer.

To what extent does the matter of choice arise in relation to religion? In the past, people tended to worship in the church to which they or their family belonged. Increasingly, however, we find that those who go to church make a conscious decision to belong to a particular type. They may choose to go to an Anglican church (whether high church, a charismatic church, an evangelical church), a Pentecostal church, Baptist church or indeed a Methodist church. They may choose a church where they like the Minister or they may like the time of the services which suits them.

All sorts of reasons, some important, some trivial affect the choices people make. But what about the more fundamental matter of whether to go to church at all; whether

to be a Christian? In some ways, this is a choice fewer and fewer people make today; because going to church is simply no longer within the horizon of possibilities for many people. It's just not one of the choices many people would consider making. Clearly this was not true in the past, and nor is it true the world over.

There have been times in history when choosing a particular religion has been dangerous. This was certainly true in the early period of Christian history, when those who chose to follow Jesus were persecuted. Jesus' earliest followers believed that there was something so special, so unique, about Jesus that it was worth facing persecution. They believed that he disclosed to them truths which are eternal. Jesus shares in the life of God in a very special way and he communicates that life to his friends. Followers of Jesus choose him because he brings God to us and us to God. As a result, the first disciples were willing to surrender everything, including their lives.

The reason to follow Jesus that his early followers found so powerful remains valid for us today. The figure of Jesus Christ remains for us the bearer of eternal life and our means of relating to God in an intimate way. And we should see our discipleship as a choice for Christ.

But we are lucky, here in the UK, in Yorkshire, that we do not live in an age, or place, when we are challenged by extreme persecution – it is most unlikely that we will have to give up our lives, or indeed very much at all for the sake of this choice. But there are certain basic things that discipleship today depends upon.

In the Acts of the Apostles the early Christians are said to have continually worshipped together, continually been celebrating the Eucharist together; they continually were learning the faith and growing in it, and continually enjoying fellowship with each other. These were the foundations of discipleship. And they still are. What is more we can put these foundations in place simply by coming together regularly Sunday by Sunday to worship. All of them are provided in the context of our weekly Sunday services.

I stress regularity of attendance, because this is a vital part of putting in a firm foundation. If we are intermittent in our church-going, as many sadly are, we undermine the foundation of faith in ourselves, in others, and in the whole worshipping community. In former days Sundays, along with greater Holy Days, were called Holy Days of Obligation. In other words, we should have a sense of obligation about being in church Sunday by Sunday. Not an external obligation enforced by a threat of punishment, but an internal obligation; the belief that through regular weekly attendance at worship we are maintaining the firm foundation that discipleship depends upon. This is the basic and irreducible minimum of being a Christian today, attendance at church every Sunday. It is not a lot to ask or expect of ourselves, and, of course, if we really cannot get to church on Sundays then let us make another day our regular weekly time of worship.

Of course, there are those who, for health reasons, can no longer attend worship on Sunday morning, or indeed any other day; this is why strong pastoral support is essential within our church communities.

So, if we have genuinely made a choice to be followers of Jesus Christ, then let's see that choice through, by making our weekly worship together the basis for our common life as Christians.

Making the choice to be a follower of Christ is the most radical thing that most of us have ever done; because once that choice is made life will never be the same again. Every choice that you make after that is made in the knowledge of that unconditional love and compassion that we receive from God.

As we move into the start of the new church year, in the Methodist Church, let us all consider the choices that we make, and how in the year ahead we can choose to reflect His glory here on earth and specifically in this community.

Steve

Peter James Smith 4th Feb 1932 – 12th June 2017

On 26th June the family, friends and colleagues of Peter Smith gathered together, with members of the church family, to celebrate his life in a Thanksgiving Service led by Revd Steve Jakeman.

James, Peter's son, talked about his Dad; sharing, with all of those gathered, stories about Peter – his great love and understanding of wood, and how the skill Peter had in carving and working with wood had been enjoyed by the whole family; including a beautiful handmade cot which slept a number of grandchildren and the wonderful doll's house that his only grand-daughter got to enjoy

James said that he believed his Dad got that understanding of wood from his own father and his grandfather, both named Fred Smith. They ran a building company, named Fred Smith & Sons, that built a substantial part of what is now a rather leafy Surrey town in the stockbroker belt called Tadworth.

James went on to explain that his Dad wanted to be involved in big projects working on both the design and planning and went on to study Structural Engineering, and he became a Chartered Structural Engineer specialising in reinforced concrete. Peter worked on projects like the Merrion Centre car park in Leeds, and the hospital in Liverpool. James said that his Dad had been involved in so many different projects both big and small that he wouldn't need a blue plaque – sports halls, swimming pools, car parks chemical plants, grain silos and even parts of their own houses which had been improved by their Dad, even part of Boston Spa Methodist Church was an example of his work!

James talked about his parents meeting in Devon, whilst both were down there on separate holidays, and how, having 'chased' Margaret back to the LGI, they married in 1963. Three children followed, Rachel, James, and Charlotte; all born in Manchester but raised in Yorkshire. James went on to say that his Dad was a dedicated father, spending time with his children. That he enjoyed sport, in particular cricket, loved being part of Boston Spa, and had a slightly surreal sense of humour – The Goons 'Ying Tong Song' being a favourite.

James ended by saying that his Dad would always be there – modest and moderate, wise and helpful, the Professor Dumbledore, the Isambard Kingdom Brunel of their family; Peter James Smith.

Boston Spa Church Rotas – September

	Door Stewards	Flowers	Church Stewards
3rd	Les Kellett	Julie Thompson	Heather Grant Bob Hutchinson
10th	David Bull	Jean Walne	Pauline O'Melia Barbara Hudson
17th	Barbara & John Hudson	Judith England	Jean Walne Pauline O'Melia
24th	Arthur & Jackie Faulkner	Judith Grimditch	Joan Dyer Heather Grant

Saturday Coffee	
2nd	Angela Coleman Barbara Hudson
9th	Heather Grant
16th	Brian & Jackie Marsden
23rd	Mike & Jean Walne
30th	Angela Coleman Barbara Hudson

Sunday Coffee	
3rd	Bob & Sheila Humphreys
10th	Graham & Kathleen McGuire
17th	Dennis & Carmen Ashton
24th	Roger & Christine Tunnicliffe
1 Oct	Julie Thompson, Val Woodhams

Busy Bees	
6th	Carmen Ashton
13th	Jackie Faulkner
20th	Judith Grimditch
27th	Wendy Wade

Cleaning	
28 Aug-3 Sep	Bob Hutchinson Wendy Wade
4-17 Sep	Jean & Mike Walne
18 Sep-1 Oct	Barbara Hudson Joan Dyer

Patio Flower Tubs

A big thank you to Beth Reading and the 1st Boston Spa Brownies who worked very hard planting the flower tubs which they have donated to the Church.

They greatly enhance the entrance patio and, as well as the brownies having fun, I believe they will all be awarded their planters badges.

Heather Grant

September Diary Dates

Sunday 3rd	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Revd Steve Jakeman
	6.00pm	Communion Service, led by Revd Steve Jakeman
Friday 8th	12 noon	Light lunches to be served prior to...
	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert *(see p.11)*
Sunday 10th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mr Mike Fitton, National UK Chairman of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, with Revd Steve Jakeman
Tuesday 12th	2.00pm	WFG: Speaker Revd Steve Jakeman
Wednesday 13th	7.00pm	Sacred Space – Reflective Worship
Sunday 17th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mrs Becki Stennett with Mrs Wendy Wade as Worship Leader
	6.00pm	Reflections Service, led by Revd Steve Jakeman
Tuesday 19th	10.30am	Evergreens Luncheon Club
Sunday 24th	10.30am	Communion Service, led by Revd Mark Stennett
Tuesday 26th	2.00pm	WFG: Speaker Miss Margaret Middlemiss
Wednesday 27th	3.30pm	Messy Church
	7.00pm	Sacred Space – Reflective Worship

Messy Church

Looking at the past – looking into the future!

To date, this year at Messy Church we have explored Passover, Easter and the Holy Spirit and Fruits of the Spirit; sharing together in crafts, song, prayer and talks relating to the theme for the month.

Messy Church starts back on 27th September, and the future for our church family over the next four months involves learning about 'Jesus the Vine' looking at the Lord's Prayer in greater detail, exploring the waiting game as we consider Advent, and then our celebration during the Christmas Tree Festival of 'Messy Christmas'.

Why not come and join us and become part of this different church family; you don't have to come and help, just come and enjoy, although we would love more people to come and support us. Someone to help set up and take down tables or help prepare and serve food would be brilliant, equally if you wanted to be involved in helping with crafts etc you would be very welcome.

Please speak to either **Sue (01937 842351)** or **Jean (01937 843900)** if you want more information.

The Messy Church Team

Clifford Methodist Church

The church is a bit tucked away at the end of Nursery Way,
or from the High Street, where a blue noticeboard points the way

Services in September

3rd	10.30am	All Age Service, led by Mr Donald Milne
10th	10.30am	Harvest Festival, led by Revd Steve Barlow
17th	10.30am	Communion Service, led by Revd Steve Jakeman
24th	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Mr David Mountain

	Door Stewards	Flowers	Vestry
3rd	Sheila & Katy Biercamp	Margaret Suggate	David Barrow
10th	Catherine Catton & Ros McCall	Mavis Rodgers	Jason Turner
17th	Carol Smith & Margaret Suggate	Catherine Catton	David Mountain
24th	Hazel Greenwood & Julie Norman	Hazel Greenwood	Carol Smith
Schoolroom cleaning – Jackie Turner			

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE will be held on Sunday 10 September at 10.30am led by Rev Steve Barlow. Please bring along all your usual harvest gifts.

HARVEST SUPPER will be held the following evening, Monday 11 September, 6pm for 6.30pm start. This will take the form of a Faith Supper so please let Kathryn Whaley know what you are able to bring along. Entertainment – music and singing – will be provided by Ken Waller. There is no charge for this event but a donation is requested and this will be sent to the Circuit charity – the Nepal Project.

Thought for the Month

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.

Saint Augustine

Birthday Greetings

Steve Jakeman
Julie Norman
Peter Norman

Left to right: Alison, Catherine and Carol

Strawberry Tea

On Sunday 2nd July, a Strawberry Tea was held at Clifford Methodist Church between 2 and 4pm. It was the first time this had been held in the schoolroom. Fifty people supported the event and the proceeds raised went to Action for Children and to church funds.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon with strawberries and cream, and homemade scones with jam. There was also birthday cake as we celebrated Catherine Catton's birthday.

Thanks go to all who helped to make the event a success.

Kathryn Whaley

Tots 'n' Toys

Come and have some fun at

Tots 'n' Toys

– a new Baby & Toddler Group

9.30–11am every Friday (term-time)
starting 8th September 2017
The school room, Clifford Methodist Church

£2 for 1 adult and 1 child, 50p per additional child (First visit is FREE!)

For further details, please ring

01937 845511

Methodist Women in Britain, Tadcaster Circuit

'Called to Proclaim – Dare to Speak'

Induction of Mrs Janice Clark as District MWiB President

Trinity Norton Methodist Church, YO17 7HY on Thursday 21 September, 10am
Preacher, Rosemary Wass (am), Godly Play with Tanya Short (pm)
Bring and share lunch

Andrew Morgan
OPTICIANS

170 High Street
Boston Spa, LS23 6BW
Tel: 01937 849933

A. J. Morgan, B.Sc., M.C.Optom.

Tony Barker and Sons
Funeral Directors in Boston Spa

Independent Family Funeral Directors in Boston Spa, Tadcaster and surrounding areas

ESTABLISHED OVER 100 YEARS

Private chapel of rest
Golden Charter prepaid funeral plans

Tel: 01937 842574 / 07773 226045
Email: nickbarker1@btconnect.com

24 HOUR SERVICE

Golden Charter
Later Life Planning

Lunchtime Concert

to be held on Friday, 8th September at 1pm

Light lunches will be served from noon
Concert admission is £5.

We shall be entertained by Sarah Ridy, a young lady who plays the harp and has, until she moved back to England very recently, been one of the Baroque harp tutors at the Koninklijk Conservatorium in Brussels. She will be playing the Baroque and the Gothic harp.

Sarah performs with numerous ensembles throughout Europe, in a variety of styles ranging from ancient music to modern folk. She enjoys travelling as part of her career, and has performed as far afield as Israel, Greece, Colombia, Croatia and USA. Sarah also performs solo concerts and is always excited by the prospect of exploring new repertoire for the baroque harp. We are delighted to have such a special musician perform for us. Please come and enjoy this rare opportunity to hear these harps played by an expert.

Our next lunchtime concert will be held on **Friday 13th October**, when we welcome **Dapper's Delight**. Tickets £5.

Our next evening concert will be held on **Friday 20th October**, when we welcome **The Elysian Singers**. Tickets £10.

Check our website for further details of all of our concerts:
www.bostonspamethodistchurch.org.uk

Boston Spa Festival

14th/16th July 2017

What an amazing weekend – not just for our church, but the village of Boston Spa. Our special thanks go to Sue Jakeman who was one of the movers and shakers for the whole festival, as well as being the driving force behind the involvement of our church. The three-day festival had something to offer for everyone and the village was buzzing, with visitors making the most of the glorious sunshine. Events included: a scarecrow trail; classic car rally; art exhibition; music; concerts; theatre; walks; open gardens and, of course, all kinds of refreshments were on offer throughout the weekend.

Boston Spa Methodist Church put on a special festival concert with Emma James on the Friday, and the very impressive 'Display of Talents' included bespoke dressmaking, arts & craft work, woodcarving, homemade preserves, etc. We are extremely grateful to all who displayed their work (some of which was for sale) over the weekend, allowing us and our visitors to appreciate the beauty of their work.

Then on the Saturday, the church was host to the first ever Literary Lunch where nearly 60 guests enjoyed a wonderful lunch and had the opportunity to hear from three local authors: Gill Belchetz *(A Game of Consequences)*, Ken Melber *(A Brush with Chaos)* and Richard Newman *(A Nun's Story)*. The church looked beautiful with the tables laid out for lunch, and really showed the versatility of our new sanctuary space. All in all, it was a very successful event with entertaining speakers, absolutely delicious food, and an array of drinks (of the non-alcoholic variety, of course!) served by our expert waiter, Steve. A very special thanks to Jackie Faulkner and her food preparation team, those talented people responsible for the lovely floral displays, and to everyone who helped to make it such a happy occasion.

And then on the Sunday morning we held a special Festival Songs of Praise Service and in the afternoon Steve led our first ever pet service "All Creatures Great and Small" *(see following page for a fuller report on these two events)*.

These events take a lot of organising, so a very big thank you to everyone involved for their efforts, as a result of which we were able to add the healthy sum of £1,175 to church funds. We look forward to next year.

Photos courtesy, Steve and Iain, clockwise from the top:
Diners enjoying the Literary Lunch; Emma James entertains at the Festival Concert;
Henry at the Pet Service; our amazing scarecrow; the three speakers at the Literary Lunch;
Leila Hallam with her 'Rambling Rose' stand; Steve, the drinks waiter.

Boston Spa Festival

Festival Songs of Praise Service

This was a fitting way to mark the Festival weekend by singing many of our favourite hymns and some less familiar ones as well. Our praise and thanksgiving started with that favourite of many, "Praise my soul, the king of heaven", selected by Arthur Faulkner. I am indebted to Dennis Ashton for his choice of hymn, as it introduced me to a hymn writer that I had not come across before. "Called by Christ to be disciples" was written by Martin Leckebusch, who also contributes another six hymns in StF. This hymn has a modern feel to it, asking us to use our gifts and talents in whatever walk of life we are in (StF 660).

We then sang that popular Graham Kendrick hymn, "Shine Jesus Shine", selected by Barbara Hudson, who expressed the view of most of us that it was such an uplifting lively hymn to show that in the midst of darkness, Jesus shines on us.

In true Methodist tradition, the service continued with a Charles Wesley hymn, "And can it be", followed by "The Lord's my Shepherd", but sung to the version written by Stuart Townend, selected by Joan Dyer, who said when she couldn't sleep, she thought of the 'shepherd', rather than counting the sheep! We also sang the two popular Sydney Carter hymns, "One more step along the world I go" and "I danced in the morning…" (selected by Angela & Les).

This was a lovely varied selection by our members who shared their personal thoughts and thanks to Molly for putting it together so well. The service ended with the widely loved hymn, "Amazing Grace".

Jim Murison

All Creatures Great and Small

Pet Service – Sunday 16th July

What a perfect summer's afternoon in Boston Spa to share in thanking God for the beauty of His creation! It is a wonderful privilege that we have been given to look after the world in which we live and having been created in God's image, we have inherited His nature that cares for our animals. Our pets provide companionship, amusement and unconditional love and this is why they are taken to hospitals and nursing homes to interact with people in need. We learn a lot about love from our pets and a lot of parents introduce a pet into their home to teach their children how to be responsible and caring.

So the blessings bestowed by Rev Steve, the lovely songs accompanied by Jackie and the certificates awarded by Arthur on such a beautiful afternoon were a fitting tribute to our much loved companions. A big thank you also to the ladies serving refreshments following the service – we were joined by two families with lots of children who tucked into the cakes with great gusto!

Henry (our six month old Golden Retriever), has his Certificate of Blessing proudly displayed on our notice board at home and I am sure that when I took him out the next day, he was much better behaved!!!

Leila Hallam

PETER NORMAN
Plumbing & Heating Limited
ESTABLISHED 1993

GAS safe REGISTER
APHC The Plumbers' qualification
City & Guilds Qualified

Mulberry Cottage, New Mill Lane, Clifford, LS23 6HN Tel: 01937 843935

Gifted
Fine and exclusive gifts for all occasions.
Free gift wrapping service
Open Monday–Saturday, 9am-5pm
182A High Street, Boston Spa, LS23 6BT Tel: 01937 541600
www.giftedbostonspa.co.uk info@giftedbostonspa.co.uk

Amanda Buch M.C.S.P., BSc(Hons)
CHARTERED MUSCULOSKELETAL PHYSIOTHERAPIST
Registered with the Health Professions Council
Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinic
Now at TrainFX Health Club, Thorp Arch Estate, Wetherby LS23 7BJ
Tel: 07968 051012 Email: amandabuchphysio@me.com
Evening and weekend appointments available
Registered with BUPA, PPP and all major insurance companies

Queripel and Kettlewell

Chartered Accountants, Chartered Tax Advisers and Registered Auditors

Preparation of Accounts
Tax Returns ❖ Tax Advice ❖ Tax Planning

Phone Paul Queripel on 01937 541770
The Barn, Hall Mews, Boston Spa, LS23 6AA

Vanessa Jude Supershop

Newsagents and deliveries
Confectionery ✽ Greetings cards ✽ Stationery
Mobile phone top-ups
Dry cleaning service

179b High Street, Boston Spa Tel: 01937 845779

DOUGLAS YEADON
HARDWARE *of* BOSTON SPA

for all your DIY and household needs

169 High Street, Boston Spa
Tel: 01937 842338
www.douglasyeadonhardware.co.uk

Arbeit macht frei ....

We had long wanted to visit Krakow, the historic capital of Poland for many centuries, and thought to be one of the most beautiful cities in Europe; so at last we did. It was a holiday of contrasts.

Krakow is in southern Poland, on the River Vistula and close to the Czech border. Dating back to the 7th century and on the site of a Stone Age settlement, it is the second largest city in Poland. It is the most important academic, artistic and cultural city in the country. The Wawel Hill with its Royal Castle looks down on river and city. The mediaeval 'old city' is well-preserved with remnants of the city walls and is surrounded by a strip of parkland. There is a large market square and an old Cloth Hall. Horse-drawn carriages ply round the old city. A horn-player from the Fire Brigade sounds the horn from the tower of the fourteenth-century Basilica of St. Mary on the hour as a reminder of the days when a horn-player would sound any necessary alarm to alert the people. In 1978, the Cardinal Archbishop of Krakow, Karol Wojtyla, became Pope John Paul II, the first-ever Slavic Pope and the first non-Italian Pope for nearly 500 years. The city is very welcoming to tourists and English is widely spoken.

But there is another side to the city, its memories of the Second World War. After the invasion of Poland, Krakow became the capital of the Nazi General Government in Poland. It survived unscathed. But its Jewish population was forced into a ghetto and transported to one or other of the camps, as were many others. The memories remain. We saw the open memorial square with its empty chairs placed at intervals.

We visited the Schindler Factory Museum (you remember 'Schindler's List'?) and the Jewish Quarter and ghetto. We pondered for a long time whether we ought to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau – and finally decided that we should. It was unforgettable and is still difficult to write about. A few of the many vivid memories will have to suffice.

Auschwitz had been a Polish army barracks before World War II and was taken over by the Nazis to become a forced labour camp. The typical barracks buildings were crammed with prisoners in appalling conditions. The ends of some of the buildings are now glazed across inside to show items taken from prisoners. One such area is filled with human hair, another with shoes, another with suitcases and other luggage.

Nearby Birkenau became the extermination camp. The railway was extended into the camp itself. We were told that, in those days, a long wall had numbered pegs. New arrivals – mainly women and children, and those incapable of work, were ordered to undress, hang up their clothes and remember their peg number before going into the "shower" building – in reality something very different. The gas chambers led directly into the crematoria. The Nazis attempted to destroy all traces at the end of World War II but enough physical and human evidence survived.

Of course, we can rationalise and tell ourselves that all this happened 75 years ago. But does our daily news really tell us that humankind has learned any lessons?

Dennis

WITH OVER 50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

Sandersons

... the first choice

- Residential removals
- Container storage
- Shipping
- Office removals
- Document storage
- Self store

Tockwith 01423 358934

www.sandersonsremovals.com

British Association of Removers

If you are moving, look for the badge

KATE MELL

FLOWERS

www.katemell.co.uk

01937 841415

Facebook.com/KateMell

Twitter.com/KateMellFlowers

160 HIGH STREET

BOSTON SPA | LS23 6BW

info@katemell.co.uk

Bespoke flowers for weddings, parties & functions, birthdays & anniversaries, business contracts, funerals & sympathy, Or.... 'just because'.

Pick up the perfect present for yourself or others from our range of gifts & interior furniture, to home and garden accessories.

Table Tennis News

– August 2017

Players enjoying cake at the AGM meeting

Membership remains full with twelve playing members meeting every Monday evening from 5.00-7.00pm.

The team finished fifth in Division 5 of the Harrogate League in 2016/17 and it has been decided that we will field two teams for the forthcoming season starting in September. So there will be a match playing at Home virtually every Monday evening throughout the season – our A team is very good and stands a good chance of promotion – as for the B team, they will have to play hard!

Last month we again hosted a visiting group from Wakefield with a Table Tennis Social evening – the sport, and the Pie & Pea Supper, were enjoyed by all.

The Club is now in its sixth year and we are becoming well known for the warmth of our hospitality, with many of the visitors impressed with our new extension and several asking to see the rest of the premises.

David Hovell

Boston Spa Church Family News...

Our grandson, **Joe Fraser-Turner**, graduated from St. John's College Oxford with a 2:1 having read English Literature. Being only 21, not unsurprisingly, he has no real idea about his future plans but before taking on a full-time job has said that he would like to do some volunteering work in England. He also wants to travel and is also considering doing a TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) course so he can finance himself whilst seeing the world.

John and Ursula Turner

Our granddaughter, **Ellie Brown**, recently graduated from Van Mildert College at Durham University with a 2:1 in Education Studies and Psychology. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time there and has made lasting friends and memories. She has been fortunate to secure a job at the university as Development Officer of the Van Mildert Association. *Jim and Eva Mills*

Gordon and Shirley Hurren have three granddaughters who have recently graduated:

Charlotte Hurren recently graduated from Leeds University with a Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery (MBCLB) and has been immediately allocated to duties at Bradford hospital, prior to possibly specialising later.

Philippa Franks graduated from Liverpool University with 2.1 degree in Media Communications. Having met a boyfriend at University she is staying in Liverpool and seeking a graduate job.

Ilona Hurren graduated from Ryerson University, Toronto, obtaining a Bachelor degree of Design in Fashion Communications & Marketing. In September she will be starting a Masters degree in Strategic Fashion Marketing in the College of Fashion at Holborn, London.

Ed: This is the time of year when many youngsters are at a crossroads in their life as they move on to further education or into the world of work. Our best wishes go to them all and we pray that they are helped to make the right decisions for their future.

Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan – Part 7

Christian and Hopeful come within sight of the Celestial City

Having arrived at the meadow *Bypath*, Christian and his fellow pilgrim, *Hopeful*, sought refreshment and seeing the great quantities of fruit that hung temptingly from the trees which adorned the river bank, they took their fill. Tired from the exhaustion of the last few days and with full bellies, they then lay down to sleep. So it was for the next two or three days after which, not wishing to be distracted from their true objective they set off once more for the *Celestial City*.

Thus by many more adventures and encounters some of whom claimed to be fellow travellers but offered distractions which Christian and his companion recognised as being contrary, they steadfastly kept to the narrow, but at times, difficult track. They encountered people blinded by the *Giant Despair* and by one, *Littlefaith*, who had been robbed of his purse and in consequence was about to give up his pilgrimage. At One day, they were overtaken by *The Shining One* who cunningly had transformed himself into an angel of mercy and who, having flattered them somewhat extravagantly, had led them from their path of righteousness and left them tied up in a great net of confusion. From this net they were rescued by a true Angel who told them that they had been misinformed by one named *Flatterer* who had appeared in disguise as an Angel of Light and whom they had mistaken for a good person by virtue of his fine apparel.

On more than one occasion they were joined by a traveller called *Ignorance* who, due to his lack of knowledge and understanding of the Holy Scriptures, had drawn erroneous conclusions and with whom they conversed at length but to little effect.

Presently, Christian and *Hopeful* arrived on the *Enchanted Ground* where, they had been warned by a group of caring *Shepherds*, that they would be in danger of falling asleep and losing track of their purpose. To counteract this, they sang hymns and when they tired of singing, they entered into a vigorous discourse in which Hopeful gave an account of his conversion to the true faith through 'justification' and how Christ had been revealed to him.

"I saw the Lord Jesus look down upon me" said Hopeful, "and He said *'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ*, and you will be saved". "To this I countered, 'but *Lord, I am a great, a very great sinner'* and He replied *'My grace is sufficient for thee'*. He then continued to describe in detail his joy. And so, with tear filled eyes, proclaimed that "then *was my heart full of joy… and mine affections running over with love to the name, people and ways of Jesus Christ"*.

By this and a further encounter with *Ignorance*, the two Pilgrims left the *Enchanted Ground* and entered the land of Beulah where, in the writings of Isaiah, it is proclaimed that, *"The Lord will delight in you"*. In this fair land, everything rejoiced; birds did sing, flowers of great beauty adorned the ground and a great peacefulness hovered over all who passed through. As they strolled through this garden of pure delight, they came upon the gardener and enquired as to whom the goodly vineyards and gardens belonged. *"They are the King's, and are planted here for His own delights, and also for the solace of Pilgrims"* he replied and in doing so *invited them into the vineyard and bid them refresh themselves with dainties* after which they lay down to sleep. And so it was that, in the depth of their sleep they did speak excitedly and at length, as was the *nature of the fruit of the grapes of the vineyards*.

Following their vivid dreams both Christian and *Hopeful* awoke and set their minds to their purpose for they were now within sight of the *Celestial City* of pure gold.

Condensed from an 1851 copy of the original (Pub: David Bogue. London)

Arthur Faulkner

SKELF FRAMES LTD

Picture framers with over 25 years' experience

Unit 15a, Station Estate
Tadcaster LS24 9SG
Tel: 01937 530623
www.skelfframes.co.uk

Also find us at Wetherby market every Thursday

THE CENTRAL GARAGE

for service you can rely on

A family business established 1926

- Tyres, exhausts, batteries and brakes
- Servicing and repairs – all makes
- Courtesy cars available
- MOT testing

153 High Street, Boston Spa, LS23 6BH

Tel: 01937 842283 Fax: 01937 849001

YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT SERVICE CENTRE

KIRBY BUILDERS MERCHANTS

YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT MERCHANT

Specialist supplier of natural landscaping materials including natural stone paving, decorative aggregates, hardwood sleepers and timber decking

- **Reclaimed Building Stone**
- **Logs and Kindling**
- **Bricks, Blocks, Sand and Cement**
- **Driveway Block Paving**
- **Timber, Plywood and Fencing**
- **Insulation, Plasterboard and Plaster**
- **Clothing, Tools, Fixings and Fasteners**

kbm natural stone
the finest... naturally

Inglebank, High Street, Boston Spa

Tel: 01937 843493

www.kirbybuildersmerchants.co.uk

Wetherby & District foodbank

Things are continuing to run quite smoothly at the Foodbank. The upgrade by Leeds City Council to the Distribution premises worked well and the Distribution Centre is very happy in the premises.

The number of people who require our services is not large, although there will be a substantial increase during the summer school holidays from families whose children have free school meals during school term time, but we are well placed to deal with these.

Yes, Wetherby & District is reasonably wealthy, but in spite of this we are sure there are people who would benefit from our services, if they would only come forward. If you know of anyone, please try and encourage them to talk to any of our members for information and advice on whether or not we can help.

By the time this goes to print, the Bramham Scout Challenge will be over. We had a stall there, not to supply food, but just to let people know that we are here to help in case of need.

The word Foodbank brings a modern twist to a condition that has always been present in our country but in olden days it was covered by people in villages and small towns looking after these people individually, churches, clubs, charities helping out, now villages, towns cities, etc have got so large, and people are so busy they find it much easier to put their trust and surplus food into Foodbanks for distribution.

Fortunately we, as Christians, do try to follow God's word and help others who are less fortunate than ourselves. May God bless you and we thank you for all the help you give us.

Wetherby & District Foodbank Steering Committee www.wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk

UPDATE: It would be very much appreciated if, when you are next contributing to the Foodbank, you would think of any of the following items: tinned sponge puddings, rice pudding, custard, coffee, milk (including powdered) and dried mashed potatoes.

Bobbins

Ladies & Gents
Specialist Alteration Service

166 High Street, Boston Spa Tel: 01937 844722

Spa Travel

No Ordinary Travel Agent

"Passionate travel people for people passionate about travel..."

We have been in business now for over 30 years providing custom bespoke holidays and, while we embrace the latest technology, we believe just four simple words are the key to our continued success.

Knowledge: Every member of staff is highly-trained and incredibly well-travelled: we believe that our clients deserve as much first-hand knowledge as possible and we are pleased to be able to give them just that.

Experience: Our staff members are passionate about travel and regularly attend training events, conferences and educational overseas visits to increase our knowledge. Between us, we have more than 100 years' experience in the industry.

Service: We feel that clients who put their trust in us deserve the highest levels of personal service and, quite simply, that is what we give them. Anyone can use the internet to make a simple booking, but we aim to give much more and call on our own extensive knowledge, personal contacts, specialist operators and experience to get the right holiday for each individual client.

Inspiration: Don't know where to go? Not a problem: we love a challenge and, after consultation to establish your requirements, we will come up with a selection of suggestions to inspire you.

Paul J Dayson

Partner

ABTA

85 High Street, Boston Spa 01937 845678 www.spa-travel.com