

# *News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield*



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## First Words...

- **Patronal Festival** – On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September we celebrate our Patronal Festival. We have services at 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 6.30 pm. Please come along
- **Emmaus Groups** – It's still not too late to sign up to an Emmaus Nurture Group. Details are available in Church
- **Volunteering** – We heard a lot about volunteering during the Olympic Games. There are great opportunities for volunteering in Ecclesfield. In this magazine there are details of a whole range of community groups – can you get involved?

*Daniel Hartley*



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### Patronal Prayer for St Mary's, Ecclesfield

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Front Cover – St Mary's viewed from the Priory and Old Hall gardens  
Back Cover – Jubilee Concert Poster



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## The Vicars' Letter

September always seems to mark the beginning of a new season. Schools go back, summer ends and autumn begins, and life goes back to normal. This summer we have witnessed the joy and achievement of the Olympic Games and as I'm writing this article we still have the Paralympics to look forward to.

Here at St Mary's, Ecclesfield, this September marks the launch of our "nurture" course and focuses our mind on Church growth. One of the things that impresses me most about the Olympic Games is the long term vision that is needed by coaches and competitors. The Olympics only take place once every four years and so there is a cyclical nature to the preparation. As one Games ends, so coaches and national organisers begin the search for those who will represent our nation in 2016. Of course there are many other events that athletes and competitors compete in, but the Olympics represents the pinnacle of achievement.

At times, in the Church, we worry about the future. We worry about decline and how we can turn this around. We employ strategies and look for growth. All of this is right and proper, but we need to look to the long term rather than the short term. We need to realise that our efforts lie more in the sowing of the seed than in the gathering of the harvest. Having a nurturing approach to those who make tentative steps towards faith is vital. It allows us both to welcome people and also to enable them to grow in faith.

*Daniel Hartley*



### *Book Sale and Coffee Morning*

*Saturday 8th September 10am to 12noon*

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### *Jumble Sale*

*Saturday 29th September 2.00 pm*

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## Timings and Life

It is said that every cloud has a silver lining. Well I would not know about that but I do know that, in recent years, through some difficult and sad times God has blessed me and given me things to be thankful for in those situations.

It is just a year since my brother John, sister-in-law and myself set out on a 25,000 mile round journey to New Zealand with three sad objectives in mind. We wanted to reach New Zealand before our very ill brother Robert passed away, we wanted him to know we were there and to be with him when he died and to be at his Service of Thanksgiving. We had a fifteen day window including four days travelling. Not much pressure there then God!

In the event we had six very precious days with Robert, during which we shared memories, some laughter and lots of tears. We were with him when he died and had one day after the funeral before returning home. Considering there was close family in South Island and travel for them was difficult because the earthquake had just occurred, this timing felt quite miraculous to us.

As I reflected on that journey and how we had been provided for both practically and emotionally, I was reminded how timing of events over the last five years or so had been quite remarkable.

I do not need to share details only to say that the emotional tensions and pressures were what made the following timings of the events so poignant for me.

I begin with in late 2003 some flats for the over fifty five age group were being built a few hundred yards from our home, just as it was becoming increasingly more necessary to be on hand for my dad as mum was suffering from Alzheimer's. As dad was profoundly deaf he could not converse on the telephone and so to find accommodation at that time in that place and that dad agreed to move him and mum to was nothing short of miraculous. As it became less tenable for us to look after mum at home she suffered a massive stroke and died a short while afterwards without ever knowing she had left her home. This was such a blessing and happened just two weeks after Robert and his wife, Jacqueline had visited from New Zealand. Dad was so relieved we had managed to keep her at home, he kept saying to everyone at the funeral "and we are glad she has gone". We knew exactly what he meant but were not sure everyone else did! Dad was 93 and they had been married for 65 years.

*Continues on pages 8 and 9*





## CHURCH

When someone says the word 'church' to you, what do you think of? A quiet building made of stone? A busy place with lots of happy people? Somewhere surrounded by gravestones or busy roads?

The Greek word for the church – ecclesia – comes from a word that means 'called out'. In other words, a church is a group of people called by God. The church is not a bunch of stones or bricks, it is a bunch of us!

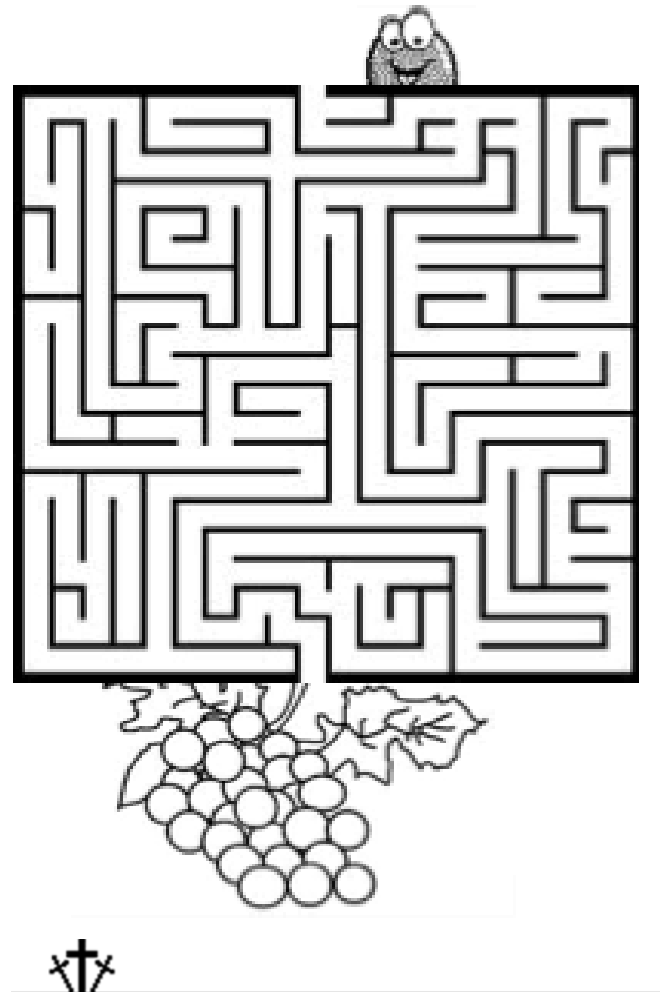
We are all called out to be a part of the Body of Christ and all of us have a job to do. We may not understand what that job is now but we will in time and with help.

In the New Testament, in 1 Corinthians, chapter 12 and again in Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 11, these types of calling or ministry are listed. We may be teachers or healers, prophets or administrators, but whatever role God calls us out to do we are not alone, because God is with us, giving us the strength and the tools to do the job.



## JOIN THE BUNCH

Poor little lost grape – can you help it find its way through this maze to join up with the bunch?



What did the green grape say to the purple grape?  
"You need to breathe"

A man decided to start a chicken farm and brought 24 to get started. A week later he bought another 24 and another 24 the week after that. When his friend asked how the farm was coming along the man replied, "Not one of them has grown yet. I wonder if I'm planting them too deep?"





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## Timings and Life Continued

A family wedding and dad's 100th birthday saw Robert and Jacqueline visit again two years running at Christmas, spending wonderful family time with us and dad. Another family wedding and Robert and Jacqueline spent five months with us in the summer before Robert was diagnosed with cancer in February 2010.

Now I come to an event which for us became so important. John our elder brother suffers with Parkinson's disease. He had been accepted for a deep brain electrodes operation and was going to have to tell dad he had PD, a thing he had desperately wanted to protect dad from. He need not have worried as on the eve of our son Ben's wedding, John and Robert and family were all travelling from France to be here for that event, when dad became ill and said he needed to go back to bed. He told me it was his last day and that we were not to grieve! He was a very pragmatic man. For all we had the concerns of the wedding and the feeding of twenty three close family members that night it was a very remarkable day for Jim, my father and me. Dad was so at peace and lucid. Dad was 101 and passed away peacefully at six o'clock that evening ten minutes before his boys arrived but he knew they were coming and had seen both of them within the previous couple of weeks. A Yorkshireman through and through he would have been thrilled that they had not had to make a special journey for the funeral! To say it was a unique time for us, dad dying, Ben's wedding, the Celebration Service of dad's life, the love we were shown by our daughter-in-law's family, and being altogether is an understatement. Had dad lived another day I would have had a dilemma about being with dad or at Ben's wedding. I was spared that decision.

John deteriorated quickly which meant he could not travel easily, so we anxiously awaited the operation which was done two months before Robert was diagnosed with cancer. Robert's cancer was the same dad had suffered from thirty five years earlier and so we had hopes for his recovery. Sadly Rob did not have that chance. The blessings for us in all this is that John was only able to visit Robert because of his operation, dad died never knowing that John and Robert were ill, and John and I managed to see Robert twice during his illness, both times at crucial times and were able to support and love him through it.

People who know us well know that we are a very close family. Jim and I were brought up by parents who put a rich value on family and keeping



close and supporting one another and so even when my two brothers settled abroad, we kept close and mum and dad were fortunately in a position to ensure that Robert and family came regularly home to the UK to visit and we spoke regularly on the phone. For some people it has been difficult to understand how we could be close yet 12,000 miles apart. So for the first months of Robert's illness we were being continually asked if we were going to go out to see him. We desperately wanted to be there, but I knew timing was crucial because of distance and cost. We waited, and waited, till one day we just knew it felt right to book flights. Robert's treatment had been delayed and so we booked to go. Within a short while Robert had a crisis and had a serious operation. We debated whether to bring forward the flights, but decided to trust. When we arrived in New Zealand, six weeks post-operative he and Jacqueline and two girls were a tired, worried and low spirited family. Within hours of our arrival moods had changed and in the two weeks we were there we were able to help bring him home and settle him in. Again a lot of tears but a lot of shared humour and love to lift spirits, again such bang on timing. It was twelve weeks later that we took the second journey mentioned above.

We spent so much more time with Robert in the last three years of his life than we could ever have hoped for and God's blessing in this for me has been those precious memories, time to say goodbye and to see my brothers, born thirteen months apart, able to share in each other's needs. I thank God that dad only spent one day, his last, in bed, that he only missed the last two Fridays shopping at Morrison's, and that he knew enough to say some careful goodbyes to all the family the week before he died.

There were a lot of tears, a lot of sadness, a lot of longing but also a lot to be amazed and thankful for.

I write this one year to the day after Robert died. I am still struggling with the loss of Robert, and the major part of my birth roots. So no major tragedy here in terms of age, but then Loss is not about age, it is about the loss of the relationship but in a snapshot of a difficult time in my life I recognise God's provision during those years, and I have been comforted as I have reflected on these particular timings and others during this time and I thank God that being brought up to be a close family, he provided the means for us to be together when we most needed to be.

***Judith Batty***



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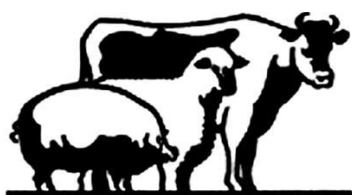
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# Will You Remember Them – Nigeria

## **Pastor and 18 members of congregation killed in armed attack**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August, a gang of heavily armed men surrounded, and then invaded, the Deeper Life Bible Church near Okene in Kogi state, southern Nigeria, while worshippers were attending an evening service. The church's power was cut off and the gunmen opened fire inside the church, killing 19 people, including the pastor. Many others were wounded in the attack and were rushed to different hospitals, reported Lt Col Gabriel Olorunyomi, head of a local army and police unit. The authorities are still searching for more victims who may have run into the bush nearby, he added.

It is not clear who carried out the attack, but militant Islamist group Boko Haram has made numerous raids on churches and other targets in Nigeria.

In April, Nigeria's security forces raided a suspected bomb-making factory in the Okene area, killing at least nine alleged Boko Haram militants. In Feb, Boko Haram said it had attacked a jail in Kogi, using bombs and heavy gunfire to free 119 inmates. But most attacks have been staged in the largely Muslim north of Nigeria. The group wants to establish Islamic law in the country, whose large Christian and animist population lives mainly in the south.

### **Please Pray.**

- 1 For comfort for the families and friends of those killed. Pray that they will be able to forgive those who perpetrated this terrible attack.
- 2 For peace for the surviving members of Deeper Life Bible Church, and courage to continue living out their faith.
- 3 For strength and wisdom for Open Doors teams working on the ground to provide emergency aid, social and medical services, and assistance in the rebuilding of churches burnt down in the violence.

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## Ecclesfield Scout Group – Cubs.

For several weeks in July some of the older Cubs have been working towards the Campers Badge. The first week they were sent outside with a couple of brave volunteer Mums and shown how to erect one of the large very heavy canvas tents (without it falling on them). As soon as the last tent peg had been finally hammered in they had to take it down again and pack it away properly, easier said than done. The second week involved cooking a meal outdoors on gas stoves. The Cubs had to peel and chop potatoes and carrots and boil them. The peeling bit was particularly difficult for some and the chopping bit was eventually managed successfully as at the end all fingers were still intact. The best bit was frying the sausages until black. For dessert a fresh fruit salad, apples, grapes, bananas, and two types of melon. They peeled, chopped, sliced and de-seeded and mixed together in an enormous bowl. Then the best bit, eating it. They had made enough for all the Cubs and the first course disappeared quickly, even the black sausages ‘best I’ve ever tasted’ was one Cub’s verdict and even Cubs who said they didn’t like fruit salad emptied their bowls. Unfortunately a few Cubs appeared to have sliced carrots in their fruit salad (don’t ask). They were told they were the lucky ones and not to say anything as everybody would want some. Week three was devoted to backwoods cooking, for those of you who don’t know what this is; it’s a method of cooking food on an open fire without using utensils. This evening’s menu was mashed potato with bacon and egg. The large potatoes were wrapped in tinfoil and baked in the fire. Potato was then scooped out and mashed, then potato skins were lined with bacon rashers and an egg broken in the middle, re-wrapped in tinfoil and put back in the fire until cooked, serve with mashed spuds... Dessert was chocolate banana, slit a banana lengthways and place 2 or 3 squares of chocolate in the middle and wrap in tin foil and pop on fire until chocolates melts and banana is soft, delicious, who needs Jamie Oliver? To finish off was the old favourite, toasted marshmallows on skewers. All the younger Cubs were allowed to come outside and join in this one.



Week four involved being shown how to erect a smaller modern tent. Then they were left to erect it entirely by themselves with NO ADULT HELP WHATSOEVER, It will leave it at that!! Finally a sleepover at the H.Q. putting into practice all they had learned. (Thanks go to Debbie, Alison and Charlotte) and lastly being presented with their well-earned Campers Badge.

**Well Done Cubs.**

***P Marsland.***



## Cubs Comments:

**Edward** – I like Cubs because you get to wear a smart uniform and do archery with a proper bow and arrow.

**Brooke** – I haven't been in Cubs long but I have been to Hesley Wood and did rock climbing and archery. The one I liked best was sledging, it was very fast and scary the first time and it was hard to push the cart back up the steep hill.

**Ceiron** – I like Cubs because I like camps and going to Castleton and we do exciting things.

**Adam C** – I like the sleepovers but I enjoyed going to Jodrell Bank the best. At camp I climbed to the top of the zip wire. It made me feel amazed.

**Daniel** – When we went to Walesby I really enjoyed the rifle shooting. I never thought I would be able to climb to the top of the climbing wall, it made we feel scared but also proud.

**Emily** – My favourite thing is camping and I enjoyed Jodrell Bank. I never thought I would ever climb to the top of the climbing wall but I did and it felt fantastic when I got to the top. I went on the Cresta run at Hesley Wood it was a little bit scary but lots of fun.

**Cameron** – I really enjoyed doing pioneering at Silverwood it was brilliant. It made we feel happy.

**Thomas** – I really enjoyed the visit to the fire station and the space centre at Jodrell bank. I never thought I would be able to do archery at Hesley Wood. I felt awestruck!

**Holly** – I like Cubs because you play games and work out stuff. I like the water game best when we get wet. At Cub camp I Loved the slides in the Swimming pool, playing with Edward and my other friends.

**Aiden** – My best things in Cubs are camping outdoors, walking in the caves at Castleton and rock climbing.

**Alfie** – I think Cubs is good because I get badges, meet with my friends and camp and have adventures. I never thought I would ever climb up the big rock in Hesley Wood., get a bull's eye in archery and do rifle shooting. All these things I did and it made me feel proud.

**Adam M** – I like being a cub because I like to meet new friends and achieve badges. At weekend camps we do lots of different things and water activities like canoeing and raft building. My best achievement so far had been to build a fire and manage to cook on it.

**Jonty** – I like being a Cub because you go on camps and get badge, I didn't think I would ever do pioneering and felt happy building a huge tower with wood and rope at the Silverwood camp.

**Ethan** – I like Cubs because we get to do stuff we have never done before like rifle shooting at Walesby, they are real rifles but it is safe because the instructor explains the rules and nobody gets shot. My best game is a water game when we stand in a circle and a Cub stands in the middle with a cup of water and when their number is called they get the water thrown on them.



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**ACROSS:** 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper.  
12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads.  
23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.  
**DOWN:** 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic.  
7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin.  
20, Mitre. 21, Slav.



## Quotes

With the National Day of Prayer and Worship at Wembley in mind...

<http://ndopwembley.com/>

- Prayer is the slender sinew that moves the muscle of omnipotence. - J Edwin Hartill
- Prayer is the rope up in the belfry; we pull it, and it rings in heaven. - Christmas Evans
- Most churches don't know that God rules the world by the prayers of his saints. - Andrew Murray
- I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes on earth. - Isaac Newton
- If you do not get all you ask, it is because the Saviour intends to give you something better.

## Miscellaneous musings on daily life...

- The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once...
- Ask advice, but use your common sense. Yiddish proverb
- Kind: someone who could tell you all about his operation – but doesn't.
- Government expert: one who complicates simple things.
- Farm: a portion of land covered by a mortgage.
- Nothing is as inevitable as a mistake whose time has come.
- I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop
- "They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge. " - Thomas Brackett Reed
- "He has the attention span of a lightning bolt." - Robert Redford
- Sharp tongues have a way of sharpening other tongues. - E Stanley-Jones
- Deficit: what you've got when you haven't as much as if you had nothing.
- If I understand what the economists are saying, the situation is hopeless – but improving. Herbert V Prochnow
- Some people just can't unbend and be human until misfortune has taken the starch out of them.
- Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.
- The average person works themselves to death so that they can live.



# Diary for the Month of September

## **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 am Parish Communion

12 noon Baptism Service

6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

7.30 pm PCC Meeting in Church

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

1.30 pm MU AGM in the Gatty Hall

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Ladies' Group - Coffee Evening

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

## **Patronal Festival of St. Mary's**

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am Holy Communion

2.00 pm Service at Hartwell House

7.30 pm Ladies' Group – The Revd. Daniel Hartley

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm Jubilee Concert in Church

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

## **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 am Parish Communion

12 noon Baptism Service

6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm Mission Team Meeting

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm Prayer Meeting in Church

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening / Clothes Swap

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm Ignatian Prayer in Church

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

7.30 pm Fabric Team Meeting



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Ray & Barbara Wragg / Lottery Winners

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Harvest Festival**

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

### **From the Registers**

#### **Baptism**

29th July

Jack Higgins

*May he know the love of God in his life and may all things of the Spirit live and grow in him.*

#### **Weddings**

28th July

Andrew Swift and Elizabeth Drajling

28th July

Daniel Scarborough and Leanne Kay

4th August

Oliver Baird and Kerry Beighton

4th August

Darren Baldwin and Katie Grady

10th August

Mark Herring and Kelly Fletcher

18th August

Jason Frost and Elizabeth Driver

19th August

Richard Craven and Amanda bateman

*May each be to the other strength in need a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy.*

#### **Funeral**

#### **Cremation**

2nd August

Elsie Pilkington 92

*Grant her, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace*

#### **Flower Rota**

2nd September

P. Prior & H. Rollins

9th September

Vacant

16th September

J. Baynes

23rd September

Z. Colton

30th September

Harvest Flowers





## The Gardening Year September 2012

**Strawberries:** - Strawberries are an essential ingredient of both great and small summer treats, whether a lunch at Royal Ascot races or a birthday party in the back garden. Yet they are by no means difficult to grow. Strawberries also give a quicker return than any other fruit, because plants set out in late summer will provide a crop the following June. In a large garden strawberries can be picked from May to October if a number of selected varieties are planted, and cloches are used to extend the growing season. There are two types those that carry a single crop in June and July, and “perpetual” varieties that begin to crop slowly in June reach a peak in August but then continue until October.

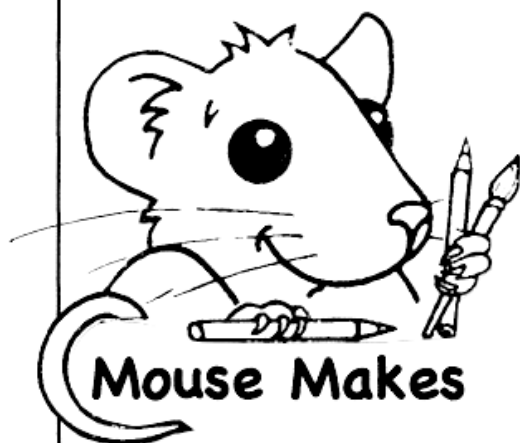
**Planning the Crop:** - Strawberries need a rich well drained soil in a sunny position. They do best in slightly acid soils, but they can be grown successfully in almost any well drained land. A soil can hardly be too rich for them. Before planting dig in well-rotted manure or compost at the rate of at least a bucketful to the square yard, afterwards rake into the surface 4oz. of general fertilizer to the square yard.

**How to Grow Strawberries:** - plant as early as possible from July to September, if the plants are to be protected by cloches from November for an early crop, or if a good crop is expected in the open in the first season. If planting must be delayed until March or April remove the flowers so that the plants get established to crop the following year. Plant perpetuals no later than August otherwise wait until March or April. Remove the first flowers from those planted in spring I prefer to plant strawberries in beds 4ft. wide then you can pick them from either side of the bed, set the plants 9-12in. apart in rows 12ins. apart for each plant dig a hole about 1½in. deeper than the root system. Then make a mound at the bottom of the hole and spread the roots over this so that the base of the plant is level with the surface as you replace soil over the roots water the plants in and keep watering during dry weather. When the berries start to develop during May for single crop varieties scatter slug pellets between the rows and tuck fresh straw under each plant to keep the berries off the ground. Alternatively, use black polythene or the strawberry mat sold by most horticultural suppliers, at the same time protect ripening fruit from birds by covering with netting supported by canes.

**Raising New Plants:** - layering runners is the simplest method of propagation, in August or September small plants will appear as runners from the Mother plant if you want to increase your stock choose the strongest runners from each plant and peg them into the soil with pieces of bent wire, if the soil is hard and dry sink 3in. pots into the soil fill with compost and insert the plants in these do not sever the runner from its parent until well rooted. The vigour and yield of strawberry plants soon decreases and all plants - including those raised from runners – should be renewed at least every 3 years with the new plants set on a fresh site.

*Colin Williams*

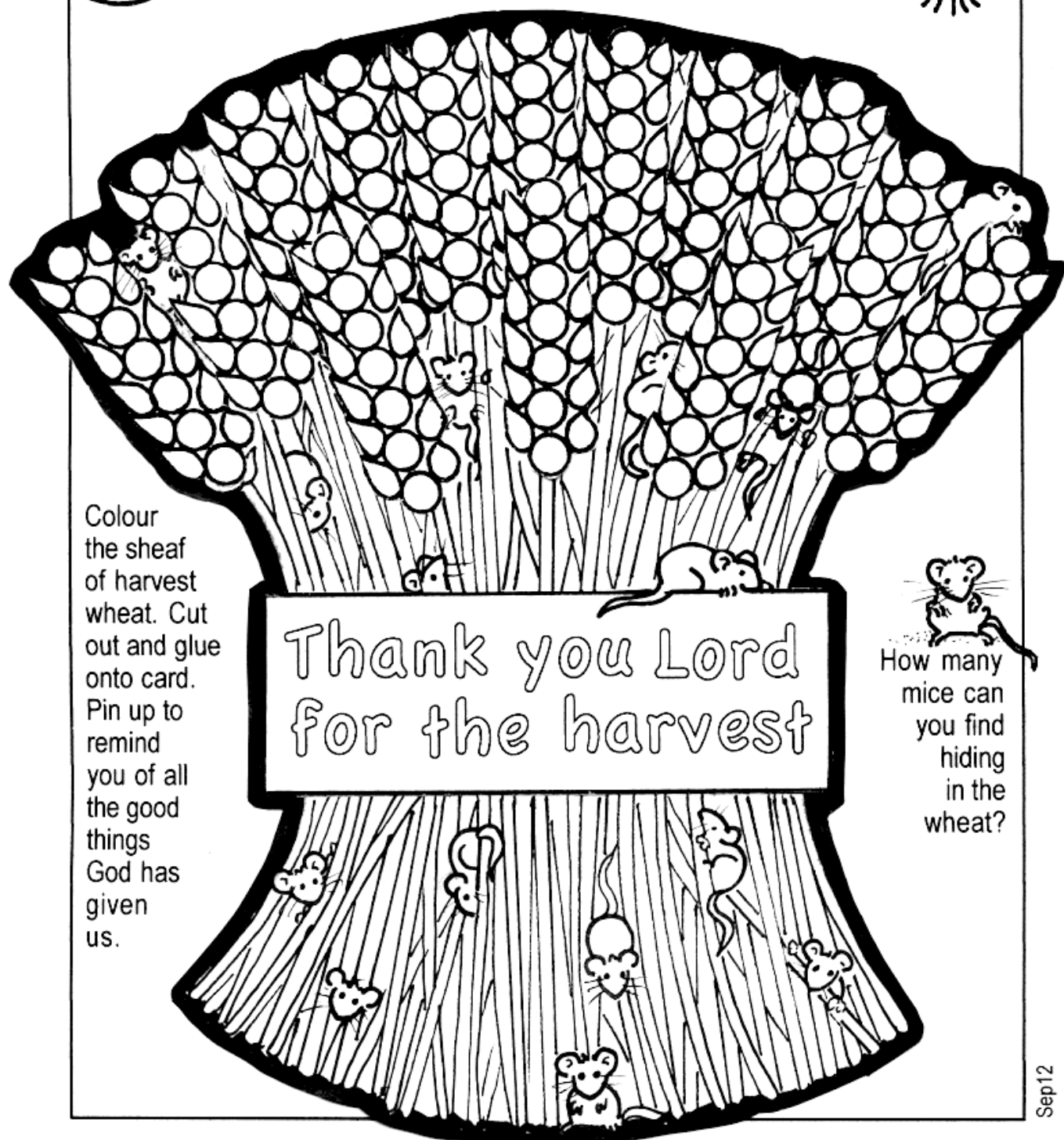





All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above:  
then thank the Lord,  
**O thank the Lord**  
for all his love.



*"The land has yielded its harvest:  
God, our own God,  
has blessed us."  
Psalm 67:6*



Colour  
the sheaf  
of harvest  
wheat. Cut  
out and glue  
onto card.  
Pin up to  
remind  
you of all  
the good  
things  
God has  
given  
us.

  
How many  
mice can  
you find  
hiding  
in the  
wheat?



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## 201st Sheffield Brownies

Over the last few weeks we have been busy and had lots of fun celebrating The Queens Diamond Jubilee and doing a special badge for this occasion.

**Brownies**

We raised money for one of the Queens charities, designed and painted our own beakers, made paper boats and sailed them carrying a 'Jelly Baby' (yes a few did sink) and we learnt and played new games from Commonwealth countries.



Designed and wrote a post card and posted them to a Brownie Unit in Bath and finished the Badge off joining with the 92nd Brownies for a 50's and 60's disco.

Moving onto June we took 13 Brownies Camping to Whiteley Woods for the weekend (in the rain), we had a wonderful time getting to know Brownies from all over North East England.

We took part in lots of crafts and activities, such as wall climbing, canoeing, archery, tracking, raft making and sailing, circus skills and many more. On Saturday night we had a camp fire and learnt new songs.

A wonderful time was had by all especially sleeping in tents and eating outside in the rain.

The Monday after camp we all came together as a pack to welcome the Olympic Torch through Ecclesfield what a special night for everyone followed by a picnic and games.

This will be the last news letter from me and Lynette as we have retired from the unit after a very special time in our lives meeting so many girls and young women through Guiding.

The 201st Brownies is now in the capable hands of Joanne, Debbie, Rebecca, Ayshell and Charlotte, we would like to wish them good luck and Happy Guiding.

***Margaret Myers***



## A Final farewell to the Olympics and Paralympics....

What a summer of sport it has been! As we say a final farewell to the best athletes in the world, did you know...

- The gold, silver and bronze hierarchy was first introduced in the 1908 London Olympics.
- William Shakespeare first published the word 'Olympian' in 1590.
- Every national flag in the world contains at least one of the five colours in the Olympic rings.
- 10,500 competitors from 205 nations competed in 26 sports in the 2012 London Olympic Games.
- 4,200 competitors from 147 nations are competing in 21 sports in the 2012 Paralympic Games – 29<sup>th</sup> August to 9th September
- An estimated four billion people, more than half (56%) of the world's population, watched the opening ceremony and other parts of the Games on television or other ways.
- 200 buildings were demolished to make way for the Olympic Park, including the 6,000-seater Kingsway International Christian Church, now meeting in Walthamstow instead.

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Rob Marshall has been leading pilgrimages to Iona for over a decade and is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's Thought for the Day. He is communications adviser for the Diocese.



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# Prayers and Poems Page

## **For just such as you**

For just such as you,  
standing on a precipice,  
stepping from pole to pole  
or hole to hiding hole  
For just such as you  
stagnant in this absence of dragons,  
crushed by inertia  
For just such as you  
I have come, because  
you are filled with light  
I am the light,  
and for just such as you,  
disinterred and dancing,  
I have come

*By Tim Lenton*

## **Can't all be all bad...**

Now Captain Mainwaring  
Was often hammering  
His poor 'Dad's Army' ranks;  
The same autocracy  
The same bureaucracy  
With which he ran his banks!  
A monstrous rule  
The pompous fool  
Though he could be quite rude  
For all his faults  
In bank or vaults  
He'd NEVER call you 'Dude'!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## **The Peaceful Park**

Slowly, the sun rises,  
It's glorious glow that makes the water  
shine.  
Vibrant flowers, purple, pink, yellow and  
blue,  
Bold green leaves rustle in the gentle breeze  
Overlooking the pond that ripples as the fish  
swim by,  
Golden scales on the fish's delicate body  
Shimmering in the water as it glides past.  
Black bugs scuttling away  
Thinking 'we are elephants  
That are so tall, we reach to sky'.  
Beautiful butterflies fluttering by,  
Being careful not to ruin their wonderful  
wings.  
Now the sun's glow is set steadily on the  
park  
The peaceful park is always silent.

*By Natasha of Upton-upon-Severn, Age 10*

## **Reflection, after the storm**

"Let's go to the far side of the lake."

He was with us.  
Although sleeping,  
He was with us,  
In our boat, in the storm.  
Yes, we were afraid,  
Yes, we woke him up,  
And yes, he spoke words of power,  
Demonstrated who he is  
By a mighty act of power,  
But we could have let him sleep,  
We faithless ones.  
He was with us.

We arrived on the far side of the lake,  
Just as he had said.

*By Daphne Kitching*



# Crossword Puzzle

## Clues Across

- 1** ‘A little later someone else saw Peter and said, “You — are one of them”’ (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3** Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9** They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10** ‘An athlete... does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the — ’ (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11** Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12** ‘Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour’ (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14** ‘The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus’ (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17** Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19** ‘It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ’ (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22** Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23** i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24** Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25** ‘Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist’ (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

## Clues Down

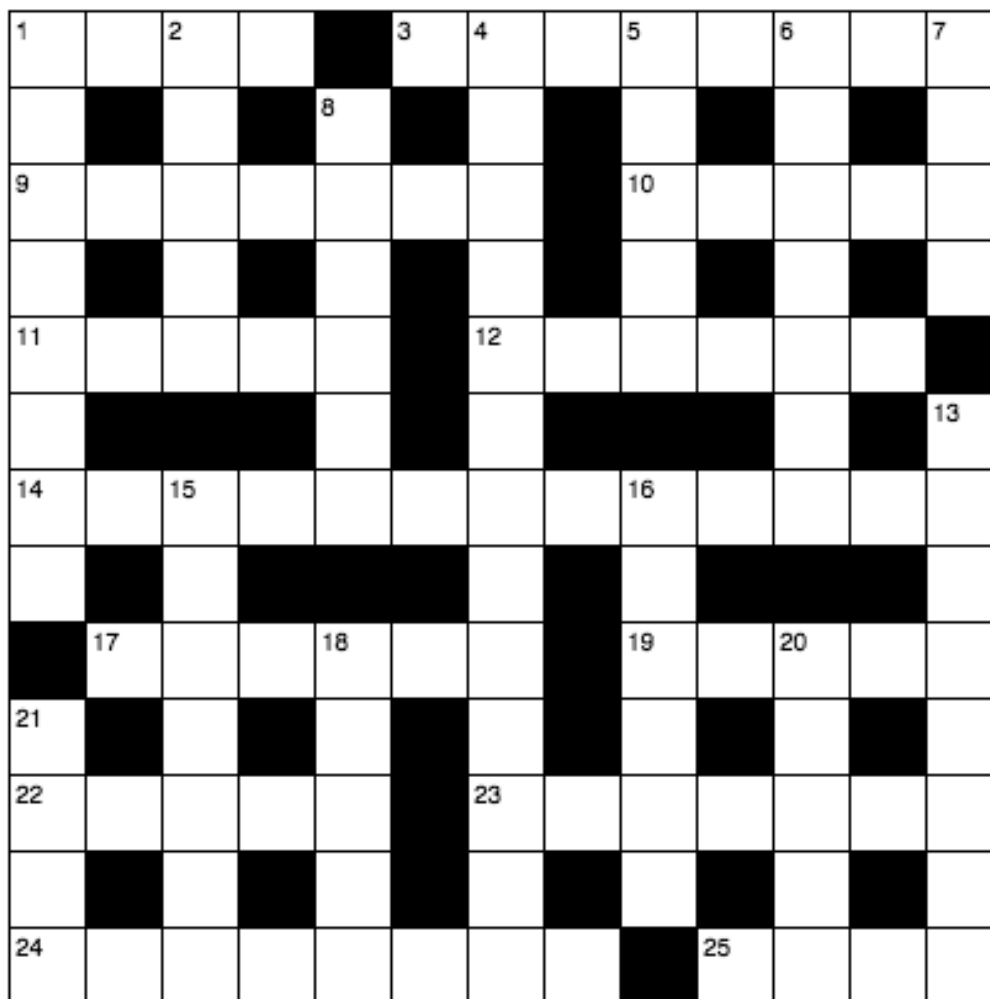
- 1** Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2** ‘Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed’ (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4** ‘I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is’ (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5** Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6** Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7** Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8** Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13** Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15** CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16** Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)



**18** One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)

**20** Episcopal headwear (5)

**21** Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 14.

## Mother's Union Garden Party - Wednesday 1st August.

Unfortunately the weather was against us this year and so the party had to be held in Church. It was very well attended by Members and also family and friends. Scones with strawberries and cream were served together with other cakes and drinks. We celebrated Dorothy Stocks 90th birthday and she cut her cake. Stan Graham attended, dressed in his kilt, for the special occasion of his 93rd birthday. There were two other members who had already celebrated their birthday the day before. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

The next meeting is the A.G.M. on Wednesday 5th September in The Gatty Hall at 1.30pm.

*Pam Prior*



## The Flying Bishop

The new Bishop wanted a bird's eye view of his new diocese, so he had an idea. He rang his local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, the bishop spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!"

At once the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the bishop spent several minutes enjoying the views, and looking for local landmarks. Finally he instructed the pilot, "Fly down the valley now and make low passes so I can take pictures of some of the best of the old parish churches."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm the new bishop," he replied happily, adjusting his camera, "and I want some good aerial views of my diocese."

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me is ... you're **NOT** my flight instructor?"

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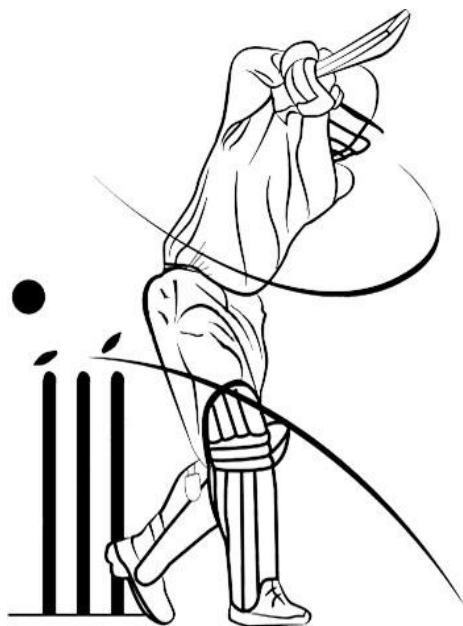


*Tea / Coffee*

*All Welcome*



# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



It was with great sadness that we heard the news of the death of our Club President, Stan Cave, at the beginning of August. Stan was a real gentleman, a friend to many, who gave sterling service to the club. His passing was unexpected and we extend our sympathy to his son John and all the family.

A curious season continues. From quite a low point only a month ago, by the middle of August the first XI had achieved joint second place in the Premier League which qualified them to enter the Yorkshire Council finals! They also beat Woodhouse Grange in the semi-finals of the Black Sheep Yorkshire Champions Trophy to reach the final against Wrenthorpe in their defence of the title. The second XI has struggled this season, partly through donating players to the first team, and were just above the relegation zone in Division 2 at the time of writing.

Both Divisions have a large group of clubs crowded together in the middle of the table with very few points separating them. So an unpredictable season, affected by the weather and a number of injuries, enters the closing stages with everything still to play for. It could be a really exciting finale. Do come and support your local club at Cinder Hill Lane. All local people are very welcome to use all the facilities in the pavilion on match days.

## Contacts:

Joe Webster, Secretary: 0114 245 2518

Steve Fletcher, Director of Cricket: 0114 245 2406

Andrew Robinson, Publicity and Fundraising: 0114 246 3646

## **Forthcoming senior matches at Cinder Hill Lane**

25 <sup>th</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Hallam
27 <sup>th</sup> August			Whitley Sixes Competition
1 <sup>st</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Aston Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> September	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Wath
15 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Darfield
16 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Wrenthorpe at Elsecar (Black Sheep Yorkshire Champions Final)

*Andrew Robinson*



# **Contact Numbers for Local Groups**

## **Ecclesfield Rainbows**

Gatty Hall  
Tuesday 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm  
Leader - Mrs B Travis  
Tel: 0114 245 3504

## **Ecclesfield Brownies**

Gatty Hall  
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Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson  
Tel: 0114 257 8609

## **Ecclesfield Brownies**

Gatty Hall  
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm  
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall  
Tel: 0114 246 8866

## **Ecclesfield Guides**

Gatty Hall  
Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm  
Leader - Mrs C Topham  
Tel: 0114 246 1289

## **The Grenoside Singers**

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## **Ecclesfield Cubs**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm  
Leader - Mrs A Hancock  
Tel: 0114 245 2780

## **Ecclesfield Priory Players**

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Monday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
Secretary –Carol Travis

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0114 246 0218  
Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm  
Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

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