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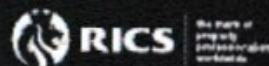
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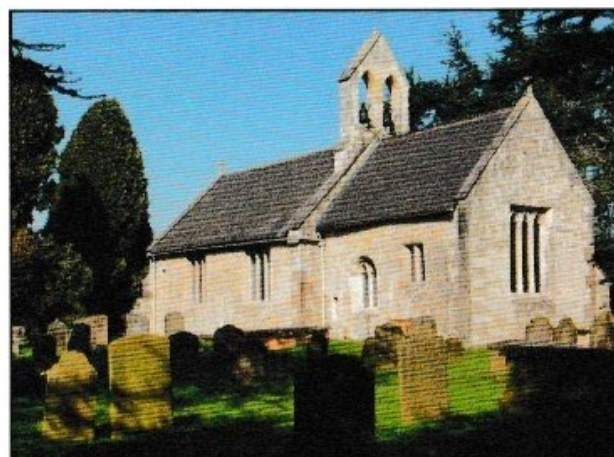
Welcome to the July edition of our parish magazine. We hope you enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the village last month and particularly the beautiful Flower Festival at All Saints' Church. There are photos from the festival in this month's edition, together with thoughts on the relevance Sea Sunday and an update from Manor C of E Academy. If you'd like to contribute to the magazine, please do get in touch. Whether it be your memories of the Jubilee, your summer holiday adventures or even your favourite recipe, we'd love to hear from you!

We wish you a happy and blessed month,

Kate Tattershall and Helen Fatkin
Co-Editors, poppletonparishmag@gmail.com

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

The baptism of **George Croft** at All Saints' church on 12th June 2022

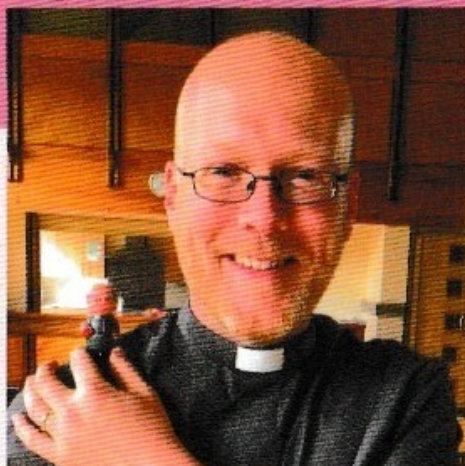
The funeral of **Denise Anderson** at St Everilda's church on 12th May 2022

The funeral of **Jessie Dalby** at York Crematorium on 26th May 2022

The celebration of the life of **Betty Routledge** at All Saints' church on 16th June 2022

Nether with Upper Poppleton—Services for July 2022

Date	What?	When?	Where?
Sun 3 rd July	Holy Communion	8.30am	St. Everilda's
Sun 3 rd July	Morning Worship	10.30am	All Saints'
Sun 3 rd July	Evensong	6.00pm	St. Everilda's
Mon 4 th July	Morning Prayer	9.30am	St. Everilda's
Weds 6 th July	Holy Communion	10.30am	St. Everilda's
Sun 10 th July	Holy Communion & Admission of Churchwardens	8.30am	St. Everilda's
Sun 10 th July	Family Service & Admission of Churchwardens (followed by a picnic – bring your own)	10.30am	All Saints'
Mon 11 th July	Morning Prayer	9.30am	Holy Redeemer
Weds 13 th July	Holy Communion	10.30am	St. Everilda's
Sun 17 th July	Holy Communion	8.30am	St. Everilda's
Sun 17 th July	Sung Eucharist	10.30am	All Saints'
Mon 18 th July	Morning Prayer	9.30am	All Saints'
Tues 19 th July	Bible Course celebration	7.30pm	Holy Redeemer
Wed 20 th July	Holy Communion	10.30am	St. Everilda's
Sun 24 th July	Holy Communion	8.30am	St. Everilda's
Sun 24 th July	All Age Communion	10.30am	All Saints'
Mon 25 th July	Morning Prayer	9.30am	All Saints'
Weds 27 th July	Holy Communion	10.30am	St. Everilda's
Sun 31 st July	Joint Holy Communion Service – no service at St. Everilda's or All Saints'	10.00am	Holy Redeemer



A word from Simon

You may remember in June's magazine that I wrote a little about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

I hope that you had a wonderful time celebrating. The events which took place in Poppleton – including the fabulous Festival of Flowers at All Saints' Upper Poppleton – were just brilliant and really added to the occasion. I know that the whole community is very grateful to all of those who worked so hard to make the four days so special and memorable.

Either side of the Jubilee celebrations, which fell during the school half-term holiday, I visited some of our local primary schools to reflect with the children on the Platinum Jubilee.

The question I posed to them to get them thinking was – What is the most valuable thing which the world affords?

Asking children such questions is always interesting. Children are very deep thinkers but they are also very honest. If I (the Vicar) was to ask a group of adults that question, they might feel obliged to say certain things but not so with children!

Their answers fell into a number of different categories.

1. **Material possessions / things which can be bought and sold**, including gold, jewels, skyscrapers and iPhones.
2. **People**, including ourselves, family and friends.
3. **Ideas / qualities / abstract nouns**, including friendship, joy, equality and peace.
4. **Faith-based things**, including God and Jesus.

The reason that I asked this question was because of some of the words which were spoken to our Queen at her coronation in 1953.

Part of the liturgy for the day went like this:

When the Queen is again seated, the Archbishop shall go to her Chair; and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, receiving the Bible from the Dean of Westminster, shall bring it to the Queen and present it to her, the Archbishop saying these words:

Our gracious Queen:

**to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God
as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes,
we present you with this Book,
the most valuable thing which the world affords.**

And the Moderator shall continue:

Here is Wisdom;

This is the royal Law;

These are the lively Oracles of God.

Then shall the Queen deliver back the Bible to the Moderator, who shall bring it to the Dean of Westminster, to be reverently placed again upon the Altar. This done, the Archbishop shall return to the Altar.

So, according to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Bible is the most valuable thing which the world affords. I suggested to the children that one of the reasons why this may have been said is because the Bible tells the Queen how she should be Queen. As I wrote in last month's magazine – and you are forgiven if you can't remember what I put – we read these words of Jesus from Matthew 20:

“...but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave;²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Bible – the most valuable thing which the world affords.

Over a period of 8 weeks, a good number of us met together in person and online to look at an overview of the whole Bible as we completed *The Bible Course*. Those who did the course really enjoyed it and learned a lot.

Across the 8 sessions, we looked at the Old Testament for 5 weeks and the New Testament for 3 weeks, taking in key events, stories and characters and reflecting on what the overarching message of the whole book is.

We were a very mixed bunch of people – some who were very new to reading the Bible, others who had read and heard many bits of the Bible over the years, others who had studied the Bible in depth for many years. I think it's fair to say that everyone found the course a really valuable thing to do.

We agreed that we would get together at some point after the course to celebrate what we had been doing and we would like to invite everyone to come along to this celebration which will take place on Tuesday 19th July at 7.30pm at Holy Redeemer on Boroughbridge Road (opposite the Texaco petrol station).

At the celebration, we will sing and pray and there will also be an opportunity for those who were part of the course to share their reflections.

Whoever you are, whether you were part of the course or not, whatever your knowledge / experience of the Bible is, I would encourage you to come along. I look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the most valuable thing which the world affords.

Rev Simon Biddlestone

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All Saints' Church - FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS



Over four days at the beginning of June the Festival of Flowers was held in All Saints' Church as we celebrated, as a nation and as communities, Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee representing 70 years on the throne and also as Head of the Church of England. In addition, 2022 is the 50th year since the enlargement of the churchyard and we now want to restore this wildlife area helping to make it a place of beauty, tranquillity & continuing life – *the wildlife restoration project.*

Over 300 people (including many of you reading this) visited the Festival, viewed the 17 beautiful and stunning floral arrangements and enjoyed the variety of scents wafting around the church. In amongst the bustle of daily life, it was a peaceful sanctuary with welcoming stewards and soothing background music. Many visitors commented on the skill and talent of the arrangers and their inspirational stories about what they were portraying in their arrangement and why.





A great 'thank you' to all those people who have given their valuable time to develop the Festival: Elizabeth & her talented team of flower arrangers, Hugh and the team of stewards who welcomed visitors and others involved in the advertising, arrangement of sponsors, setting up and opening and closing of the Church. An event like this doesn't just happen – so **THANK YOU.**

The event was sponsored by: The Parker Brothers, The Lord Collingwood, The Co-operative Food Store, Rowley & Sons, together with a number of families in the village – **thank you very much for your generous support.** In addition, thank you to all the visitors who made very generous cash donations in Church, towards the restoration of the wildlife area.





SEA SUNDAY

Wendy Prendergast shares her reflections on the relevance of Sea Sunday

What relevance is **Sea Sunday** to those of us living many miles from the coast? Why, on or about the second Sunday in July, does the flower arrangement at All Saints have things like shells, rocks, fishing nets as part of the arrangement?



Do we have paddy fields growing rice in Britain, or can we grow the many tasty spices used in the curry to go with our rice? Where was your car made and how did the oil (or biomass for electric vehicles) get here? Your fridge/freezer? We have heard much recently about the difficulty of getting wheat from Ukraine to Britain because of access to Ukrainian ports. Each one of us, in some way, is dependent on imported goods.



None of these items would reach us without container ships/tankers. These have to be crewed. Those who work at sea spend months at a time away from their families, in often difficult and dangerous conditions. When in port they are expected to make a quick turnaround to go on to another port.

This is why the 'Mission to Seafarers' is so important to them. They, with their chaplains, can be found readily in port and can support contact with families at home and be a place to relax briefly. Of course their work is more prominent in ports around the coast, but wherever we live, from Felixstowe, across Britain, through Birmingham to Liverpool, Southampton to Newcastle, we rely on seafarers working around the world through China, India, USA and everywhere else.

This is why the Mission to Seafarers draws our attention to their work on the second Sunday in July (this year the 10th). We need the seafarers and they need that brief, caring respite in port.

To quote from their website – 'More than 90% of the world's goods and fuels are transported around the world thanks to seafarers. Without them the world economy would grind to a halt. Day and night, 365 days a year, the Mission is on call providing help for seafarers in over 200 ports around the world.'

When you look at the flower arrangement don't just see the pretty shells and lovely colours. See also the grey, rocky roughness and the ugliness of a harsh working environment.



My Favourite Hymn

This month Beverly Hetmanski tells us about her favourite hymn, '*Shine Jesus Shine (Lord, the light of your love is shining)*' written by Graham Kendrick in 1987.

I have always thoroughly enjoyed the uplifting words of this hymn by one of the best religious song writers, Graham Kendrick.

Everyone always sings along enthusiastically when it is part of the church service and it is one of a few songs where people know just when to join in with the clapping.

It has been part of our Christian and personal lives throughout the years. The first time I heard it was in our previous church, St John's in Egham, Surrey. We were very involved in church life and our 3 children were all baptised there.

I had a very close Christian friend Suzanne who unfortunately lost her battle with cancer. When we were sitting together planning her funeral, she wanted Shine as the last hymn as she hoped that everyone would go out feeling uplifted and positive and they did.

I remember Jeremy (our previous vicar in Poppleton) doing a sermon on how even a little light can never be extinguished by the darkness and then we sung the hymn afterwards.

Our daughter had the song at her wedding and more recently at the baptism of our wonderful little grandson.

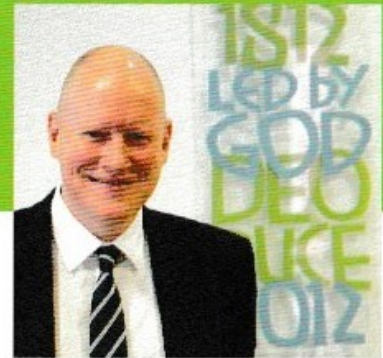
Jesus said in John chapter 8:

'I am the Light of the World, he who follows me will not walk in Darkness'

You can listen to Graham Kendrick singing *Shine Jesus Shine* by typing this into your internet browser:

<https://youtu.be/aREU7JLr5t8>

NEWS FROM MANOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



As the academic year draws to a close, we're delighted once again to hear from Simon Barber, Principal of Manor C of E Academy

It is good to be able to write to you again towards the end of the academic year, I hope this message finds everyone safe and well.

We have had a good year. Fortunately we have not had any closures for Covid this year, the GCSE exams are taking place as normal and many of the events, trips and sporting fixtures have resumed. That isn't to say we haven't continued to be affected by the after effects of the pandemic however. Student absence from school is 3% down on where we usually are, this is replicated nationally. There is a nervousness in some families, caused by the lockdowns and the big national focus on health and mental wellbeing, that has led to some families keeping children off school more than they used to. We are seeing much higher numbers of children who are anxious and worried, particularly about exams and going into unusual situations, and our pastoral team is supporting more children than ever before. The illness phase of the pandemic has passed, but the after effects of this period will be long lasting and an ongoing focus for all schools moving forwards.

It was great to see so many people at our 210 anniversary service at the Minster. Many thanks to the Poppleton parishioners who came along. The Archbishop spoke very well about the importance of the contribution that church schools have made to education nationally and of course Manor has played a significant part in that for such a long time. His final words were, "Thank God for Manor school", Amen to that!

Sadly this year will be my last at Manor, I am leaving to become Executive Director of Education at Minerva Learning Trust in Sheffield. I have enjoyed the last 6 years here immensely and have worked alongside some amazingly talented colleagues and supported some amazing students during that time. I have got to know many in the Poppleton Parish and have really enjoyed making these occasional contributions to your magazine. I will miss my friends here immensely when I move on.

Many thanks to all those who know and support our school, we are blessed to serve a wonderful community, and thanks again for the personal kindness and support I have received from so many.

Very best regards
Simon Barber

READING INTO JOHN part 55 To Jerusalem (Lk 7:36ff) part 2

John records a year in which Jesus' Galilean mission enjoys growing success – a year of grace (YG Lk 4:19), but at the end of which most of his followers desert him (6:66). To explain why, John retraces this year as one of growing hostility – a Year of Judgement (YJ, Chs 5, 7-12). Luke had portrayed this as a single visit to Jerusalem (Lk 19:41f). John portrays it as a series of 3 visits spread over the Judean religious year (Dt 16:1ff) – the Feasts of *Passover* (11:55), *Weeks* (5:1) and *Tabernacles* (7:2). Later John's editor deleted the title *Weeks* when he reversed chapters 5 and 6. With each visit John associates a healing sign of Jesus (5: 9, 9:7, 11:44) which illustrate the theme of the visit.

John's text had once read 6:1-72, 5:1-47, 7:19-24, 7:53-8:11, 7:1-18, 7:25-52, 8:12-30 (The passages underlined each filled a single side of a codex. Deleting *the Woman taken in Adultery* left the editor with 6 verses, which he inserted into the next passage). *Passover* marked the Israelites escape from Egyptian bondage (Ex12:1). After 50 days wandering in the wilderness they arrived at Mount Sinai (Ex 19:1) where, by the hand of Moses, they received their *Torah* (Mosaic Law). Thus a major theme of worship at the Feast of *Weeks* (7 weeks after *Passover*) was thanksgiving for the *Torah*. The Judeans, who call the *Torah* their spiritual bread, refer to this after Jesus has fed them miraculously (6:12f, 31f). And the core of the *Torah* is the *Decalogue* (Dt 5:6-21). The first 4 clauses concern Jews' relationship to God, the remaining 6 clauses their relationships to each other. Jesus sees this as encapsulated in a 2 part command – Love God, Love your neighbour (Lk 10:27). Strikingly the *Decalogue* does not actually mention the word *love*.

The Original Christian Gospel (OG) told of a woman it called a *sinner*. Whilst Jesus was dining with a Pharisee, she intruded and proceeded to anoint Jesus' feet with an expensive ointment. His host was shocked, but Jesus shielded her from criticism, seeing her as having undergone a change of heart. Luke paints a telling picture of this scene (Lk 7:36-30). Mark locates the incident in Bethany (Mk 14:3-9), on the eve the Passion. Jesus' body would lay unanointed in the tomb. So, to cover it, she anoints his head. Mary Magdalene (Mk 16:1) intending to do so, found the tomb empty. John draws upon these themes. The man's 38 year affliction (5:5) recalls Israel's wandering after receiving her *Torah* (Dt 2:14). The Judeans seek to kill him for flouting the *Decalogue* (5:18). He notes their lack of love (5:42) to the *Scribes* (8:3), experts on the *Torah*. The woman is defenceless, her guilt clear. They judge her worthy of death – his future fate (Mk 14:64). His stooping down and standing up again (8:6) anticipate his death and resurrection. Writing with his finger, he is inscribing the *new law* (Dt 9:10) revealed in the cross (15:13). They look to the past, he to the future. The Shepherd calls his sheep by name (10:3, 20:16). Some followers deserted him as he proclaimed his *new law* - befriending sinners (Lk 7:34), refusing to condemn Mary Magdalene (8:11).

Michael Fossett

VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Poppleton History Society		Meetings to recommence in October
Poppleton Probus Club		No meetings till September
Walk & Amble	7 July	Meet at 9.25am at All Saints Car Park
Poppleton Arts Society		Meetings to recommence in September
Tuesday Fellowship	5 July	Strawberry Tea Party 2.30 pm at the Methodist Hall
CAMEO		Meetings to recommence in September
WI	21 July	7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall "Yorkshire Food Finder" by Sue Nelson

SUMMER STRAWBERRY TEA



Sunday 3rd July 2022
2pm - 5pm

Coffee on the Green will be serving Strawberry Afternoon Tea in the new garden at the back of the New Community Hall of Poppleton Methodist Church.

This will include a choice of Sandwich, Fruit scones with Jam, Cream and Strawberries, two small pieces of Cake and a pot of Tea or a Cafetiere of Coffee. £10 per person

To guarantee a table, please phone Chris on 794566

Walk-ins available, if tables are free on the day.



You will be very welcome at our **21st Annual Art Exhibition & Sale** in the beautiful Tithe Barn

It will run over 3 days during the August Bank Holiday weekend, **Sat 27th Sun 28th and Mon 29th August 2022.**

It's a wonderful opportunity for local artists to show their work and for us all to go along to admire and enjoy it. All original art work. You may find a piece you love and want to take home with you. You'll also find lots of cards and delicious refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.

If you would like more information about becoming a member of the group, coming to paint with us and a chance to exhibit your work in future years please email June Hardy: junehardy28@gmail.com

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Parkinson's UK York Branch provides various therapeutic activities all specially designed for people living with Parkinson's, including Keep Fit, Pilates, Art Classes, Dance Classes, Outings and other social activities. They are all accessible, friendly and help to combat isolation and loneliness which often afflicts people diagnosed with Parkinson's, especially if they live on their own. Friendships are formed, and one of the best things is that problems, information, and advice can all be shared and discussed informally (often with great hilarity) with people who understand - because they are all 'in the same boat'. If you or anyone you know is suffering from Parkinson's do get in touch with the York Branch and find out how they can help you. There is no need to feel that you are on your own.

Issy and Arthur Sanderson



A prayer for all who suffer from Parkinson's disease

*Loving Heavenly Father,
I offer you this prayer for myself and for all who suffer
from Parkinson's disease:
When I freeze, unlock me,
when I shake, calm me,
when I feel weak, renew my strength,
in anxious moments, reassure me,
when simple tasks overwhelm, help me to persevere,
and when my voice grows weak, remind me to Think
Loud!
In all the frustrations of everyday living, grant me
wisdom and patience.
Above all, remind me to be unfailingly grateful for the
life I still enjoy, and for the support and encouragement
I receive from doctors, nurses, friends and family;
And help me to look out for others who are travelling on
the same bumpy road.*

By Arthur Sanderson

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Some of the therapeutic activities provided by the Parkinson's UK York Branch



Art Class

Keep Fit Class



Parkinson's Dance Class

- Slow Steps Dance Class
- PD Circuit Training
- PD Pilates Class
- Monthly Tea and Chat
- Monthly Social and Information Meetings
- Christmas Meal
- Summer Outings
- Coffee Mornings and lots more!

There are lots of opportunities to meet people and join in activities, access information and support.

If you or someone you know is living with Parkinson's and would like to know more about the therapeutic activities available, please contact:

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Hot meals on wheels lovingly prepared by Sue Cushing and carefully delivered to elderly and vulnerable folk in Poppleton every Wednesday by local volunteers, who will keep in contact and help out if you wish.

For details, contact Sheila Middleton (795826)

Pâté & Pudding Evening

A very big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Pâté and Pudding evening on the 18th June.

It was a lovely evening with lots of laughter and chatter and a wonderful array of pâtés and puddings! We also raised a fantastic £400 for SASH (Safe & Sound Homes), a charity working to prevent youth homelessness in North Yorkshire.



Thank you so much for your support.
The Social & Fundraising Committee.





Poppleton's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



On behalf of the whole village, the editorial team would like to say a very big "THANK YOU" to the organising team behind the very enjoyable Platinum Jubilee celebrations, including Sports Day. These events don't just happen and a great deal of effort and organisation goes on behind the scenes.

The big picnic and live music on the Green attracted over 700 people and it was a delight to be there. The Poppleton Jubilee Band were really playing the beats with the promised dancing on the street. Singing along with the Poppleton Village Choir to the Last Night of the Proms was uplifting and the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon was so good, it was covered on national news (well done to the public relations team!). Whether it was the atmosphere, drinks from The Lord Collingwood's bar or the Hog Roast that you enjoyed – it was a great night.



The following day, with the sun shining, heralded Sports Day – Poppleton's biggest and best afternoon out, with its long history. It was lovely to see so many families and people taking part in all that was on offer that afternoon – rides, stalls, maypole dancing, fancy dress, the band, races, cream teas, handicrafts, food, the Flower Festival, ice creams the list goes on as the organising committee had put on so much. It was a lovely afternoon and a delight to see over 1,000 people (probably a conservative estimate) having fun.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously. The envelope collection raised £993.75. As £510 of this was gift aided, that will generate a further £127. I know others donated online. In these times of an increase in our own cost of living it is heart warming to know that the world's poorest people are not being forgotten. This was a joint effort between All Saints, St Everilda's and the Methodist Churches and my thanks go to Lynda Salmon for all her help and to John and Sheila Middleton and their team for providing the Big Breakfast. This was a very enjoyable social occasion when members of our joint congregations met together before an inspiring joint service lead by Simon, our Vicar, and John Freeman, a Christian Aid speaker.



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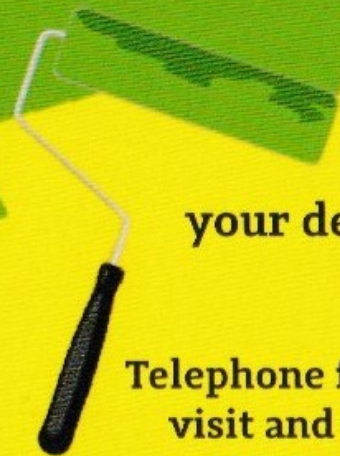
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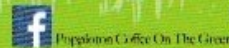
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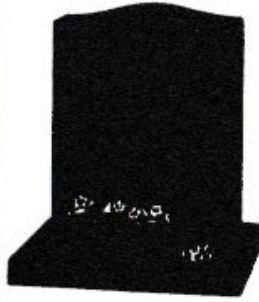


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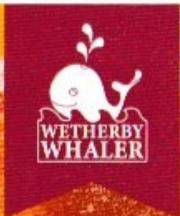
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May 2022 meeting

'**Ruskin, Turner and Us**' by Jonathan Brockbank

Turner's early landscapes followed the classical model: detailed figures in the foreground, a generalised treatment of the countryside, and a subdued, misty and atmospheric sky. He gradually took this model further, taking liberties with the topography, changing scale and lighting for dramatic effect and reducing the importance of figures and foreground details until they gave way to the drama of weather and the sky.

Ruskin's search for 'truth to nature' did not sit well with the work of the man who would be seen as a forerunner of Impressionism. He was drawn to the photographic realism of the pre-Raphaelites. In his eyes their works embodied both the truth to nature and the moral storytelling that art should deliver.

It became apparent as the talk progressed that the relationship between these two, half a century apart and following different paths, is worth studying as much for us today as it was for the Victorians.

AGM

The treasurer reported that our finances and membership numbers were in good shape but the expectation of increases in hall fees and payments to speakers in order to maintain the quality of our events made it prudent to ask members to accept a small increase in the annual subscription. New members were appointed to the committee whose work on our behalf was commended from the floor. Thanks were given to John Craven, an early member and longer-serving chairman, on his retirement from the committee. He replied with a special mention of the gratitude we owe to our founder, Leonard Robinson.

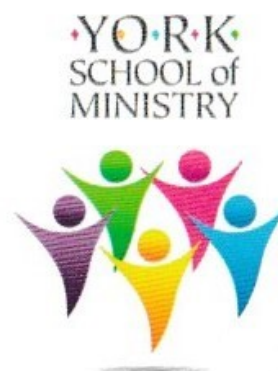
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PARISH WALKING GROUPS



A Jubilee walk from Bardsey

On a warm and sunny Platinum Jubilee bank holiday nine ramblers with three dogs set off from the village of Bardsey heading for Hellpot Woods, the path eventually leading through to Hetchell Woods Nature Reserve carpeted with wild garlic and overlooked by Hetchell Crag.

Emerging into an opening with a bridge crossing the Bardsey Beck we passed through a gate, climbed a bank and were met with our first view of Pompopali. Coffee was taken here while we discussed the differing theories of what this unusual site actually was: fortification, quarry or hoax?



Leaving Pompopali we climbed to Stubbing Moor following a Roman Road and then turned southwards on a coolly shaded bridle path into the valley of Norwood Bottoms until we had to leave for a section of farm track called Kennels Lane where a pair of Buzzards were spotted overhead.

Dropping back down to Norwood Bottoms again we crossed Thorner Beck on the aptly named Jubilee Bridge and after negotiating a set of steep and uneven steps we entered the village of Thorner.

Lunch was taken on the Thorner Millennium Green where several people were busy preparing for that evening's beacon lighting party. It was hard to believe we were only seven miles from Leeds City centre.

Turning north we left Thorner by Sam Sykes ginnel and returned to Bardsey along the Leeds Country Way passing through several fields, one of which contained a rather inquisitive horse.

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