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This Month:

**The Battlefields of Belgium;
War Graves visited; Lights Out;
The Reverend & the VC**

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Copies of the magazine can be downloaded from the web site from the middle of the month of publication.

We are on Twitter: twitter.com/stmarywoodkirk

Wheelchair Access

A wheelchair is available to help people move easily between the church and Dewsbury Road. Just ask.

Troop Train.

*As we came down from Amiens
And they went up the line
They waved their careless hands to us
And cheered the Red Cross sign.
And often I have wondered since
Repicturing that train
How many of those laughing souls
Came down the line again.*

Vera Brttain.

Lights Out marks the beginning...

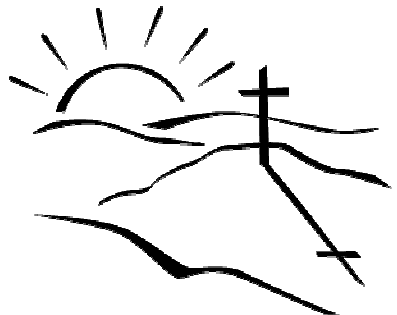
LightsOut's inspiration stems from the then foreign secretary Sir Edward Grey's famous remark on the eve of the outbreak of the First World War.

He said: "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our life-time". Britain declared war on Germany at 11pm on 4 August 1914.

Everyone in the UK is invited to take part in LightsOut by turning off their lights from 10pm to 11pm on Monday 4 August, leaving on a single light or candle for a shared moment of reflection on the 100 year anniversary of the First World War.

To spread the message of support, there will be an online Thunderclap across social media. Thunderclap is the first ever crowd speaking platform that allows a single message to be mass-shared and you can now sign up to and automatically share your support for LightsOut with DCMS and 14-18 NOW. By signing up, you will join hundreds of others sending out an automatic message to your friends on Twitter, Facebook or Tumblr at 10am on Monday 4 August, showing your support for LightsOut.

Millions of people are expected to participate in LightsOut and hundreds of local authorities, iconic buildings, national organisations including the BBC and Royal British Legions, parish councils and places of worship will also be getting involved. National landmarks buildings including Blackpool illuminations, the Houses of Parliament, Eden Project, the Imperial War Museums and Tower Bridge will also turn off their lights.



The 100th Anniversary of the First World War - The £2 Coin.

In 2014 the Royal Mint marks the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War with the first coin in a five-year series that will take us on a journey from outbreak to armistice. This official UK £2 coin remembers one of the most significant moments in British history with a design that recalls the spirit, and with hindsight, the poignancy, of the rush to enlist encouraged by Lord Kitchener.

In 1914 Lord Kitchener was appointed to mastermind a recruitment campaign that would go on to create one of the largest volunteer armies ever known in Britain. This design was selected to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War because the poster has come to be strongly associated with the outbreak of the war and is recognised by much of the population. It is intended to highlight the Government propaganda campaign to conscript army volunteers at the start of the war.

Though many posters encouraged the men of Britain to enlist, the image of Kitchener himself has come to stand for the call to fight for King and country that saw men respond in their thousands. It is to this instantly recognisable image that the experienced artist John Bergdahl turned to create his stirring design: 'Your country needs you!'.

The choice of Lord Kitchener's famous image may prove controversial with those who see the poppy as a more enduring and fitting image to commemorate the start of the deadly conflict.



The St.Mary's War Graves visited.

Michael Bartlett started by researching his own family, but has visited graves from some of the fallen from the Memorial Board.

I had been interested in visiting WW1 cemeteries for a few years but what made it definite was researching my family history. On my fathers side I found out my fathers half brother had been killed in WW1 and I found out the cemetery he was in along with a headstone.

My wife's grandmother lost her 10 days married husband in WW1 and we found out where he was commemorated, no known grave.

I and one of my sons booked late on a bus tour in 2012 and could not visit the cemeteries so we and my grandson who also wanted to go, booked early in 2013. This allows you to name, on the bus tour, cemeteries you would like to visit and they will arrange for a British Legion poppy wreath for you to leave in memory of your family.

We are hoping to go this year driving ourselves with grandson convincing his dad to come.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, the bus tour is organised from Castleford by ex-military and they are running three tours this year, normally two. The trips are Thursday to Monday and they stay outside Lille, and any profit goes to the British Legion.

In 2014, remembrance will be different for a lot of families. I thought some of your readers may be interested in my visits to various WW1 monuments and cemeteries in 2013. I noted the places we would be visiting and decided to visit the names on our Memorial Board who were in these places.

Some have headstones and some are just names on panels with no known grave. Here are the names and places:-

Jesse.J.Gill DOB 1893, 3 Leeds Road, West Ardsley.

Killed in Action 23/1/17 On The Menin Gate, Ypres panel 47.

No known grave.

Joseph Rigby DOB 1883 of West Ardsley

Killed in Action 14/3/17 on the Thiepval Memorial

Jack Tayler

Killed in Action 12/10/16 Thiepval Memorial

Colin.C.Sumpter DOB 1893

Killed in Action 14/4/18, wife Ethel of 4 Syke Lane West Ardsley.
On Pozieres cemetery panels.

Clifford Broadhead , whose story was in a previous magazine.
On Pozieres cemetery panels.

John Townend of Scarborough Street.

Killed in Action 25/8/17.

Buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery with headstone.

Charles Rodgers DOB 1890 born Morley

Killed in Action 28/11/17

Buried in Vlamertinghe new Military Cemetery with headstone.

Samuel S. Auty DOB 1898

Killed in Action 2/9/18, parents 55, Westerton Road.

Buried in Vaulx Hill Cemetery.

I intended to visit Tyne Cot cemetery and Memorial to see **John William Ainsworth** (read about John on P17) of Chapel street Tingley, and **Stead Bairstow** of Heybeck Lane but could not make it, maybe this year.

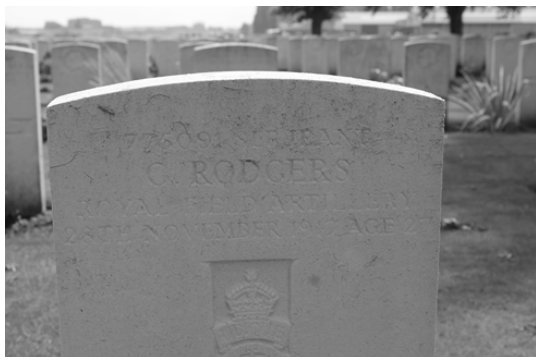
A Poppy cross was left with those we visited with the words:
2013 Woodkirk we Remember.

I hope this will mean something to some people.

See Pictures overleaf from some of the Graves visited.

Michael

I would like to pass on my own thanks, as well as, I'm sure, all those who have a connection to the memorial board, for Michael's touching tribute to the fallen.
Editor.



*Charles Rodgers
Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery*



*John Townend
Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery*



*Samual.S.Auty
Vaulx Hill Cemetery*



*Poppy Cross Tribute
left by Michael Bartlett*

St. Mary's Medieval Festival.

Celebrating Medieval times at our Church

This year on August 16th we are proud to announce we will be re-creating the Mystery Plays - some of which were written by our very own Black Canons, here at St. Mary's.

As part of the Medieval Festival, organised by The JORVIK Group, creators of the famous JORVIK Viking Festival, The Yorkshire Medieval Festival brings with it a wide range of events and activities across Yorkshire for all the family to enjoy. You could try your hand as an eagle-eyed archer, discover mighty birds of prey with falconry demonstrations, see brave knights battle in thrilling re-enactments and spend the day in some of Yorkshire's most idyllic settings, as Churches across the region engage with this fantastic event.

We are putting on 2 plays at 12pm and 2pm on the Saturday. The Play will be en-acted by the St. Andrews, Bruntcliffe drama group, these will be performed outside (or inside if it rains) our Church on the day - so don't miss it. The play being performed is called 'Noah's Flood' and will involve 8 or 9 cast members for this 15 minute production, repeated at 2pm. Our warmest thanks go to Mary who is organising the Drama Group.

We are also arranging other things for the day, including displaying the Medieval history owned by Peter Aldred as well a Longbow Archer, a display of medieval Paintings, produced by Hill Top School, topped off with a Peasant's Lunch of Pottage, Wensleydale Cheese and Spelt bread and a tot of Barley Wine. The Church will be open from 10:00am to 3:00pm for visitors to come along and experience our Medieval history - see the terraces built by the Monks, and the stained glass Monk's window. Learn about food of the time and also the life of the monks.

See: <http://www.yorkshire-medieval-festival.com/>

David



Imperial War Museum, London re-opens to the public.

To mark the start of the Centenary of the First World War, IWM London has opened permanent First World War Galleries.

Visitors can discover the story of the war through the eyes of people in Britain and its empire, both on the home front and the fighting fronts. They will see how the war started, why it continued, how the Allies won and its global impact.

The new galleries are part of the wider transformation of IWM London which includes a newly configured Atrium with iconic large object displays and a number of new exhibitions, public spaces, shops and cafes.

The £40 million transformation has been made possible by a number of funders, including a grant of £6.5 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £5 million from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Visitors can view over 1,300 objects on display, many of which have never been seen before. They range from weapons, uniforms and equipment to diaries and letters, keepsakes and trinkets, photographs, film and art.

The Museum is open daily 10am - 6pm. Closed 24, 25 and 26 December. Free admission.

Imperial War Museum, Manchester.

The Museum is running a series of Talks about life in World War 1.

The August talk is: Trench: Sunday 10 August, 2.30-3.30pm

Historian Dr Stephen Bull explores trench warfare from 1914 to 1918, from the construction of the trenches and their different types, to the new weaponry and tactics employed in defense and attack.

Dr Stephen Bull is the author of *Trench: A History of trench warfare on the Western Front*, published in association with IWM. He has worked at the National Army Museum, the BBC and is now Curator of Military History and Archaeology for Lancashire County Museums. Stephen is a regular on radio and television including the series 'Battlefield Detectives'.

Free to attend, but booking is required via quaytickets.com

The Battlefields of Belgium.

The Memorial Board in Church commemorates those who fell in both wars. Some of the names are known to some people, others are not so well known. One name appearing on the WW1 side of the board (the left side) is John W Ainsworth.

He is the Great, Great Uncle of Julie Mortimer and Great Uncle of Hugh Roberts, who was married to Brenda. In fact there are more connections with St. Mary's in the family, with one of John Ainsworth's sisters, called Elizabeth, marrying John Riley – who went on to be a Verger at St. Mary's. One of the collection plates, used every Sunday, is inscribed with 'Elizabeth Riley'.

Meanwhile another sister (there were 3 in total), Mary Emily, married James Roberts – who went on to become Mayor of Morley in 1944. Also Hugh's father, James Henry Roberts, was a member of the Choir. Brenda herself, has been coming to St. Mary's for 52 years, meeting Hugh at Tingley Methodist.

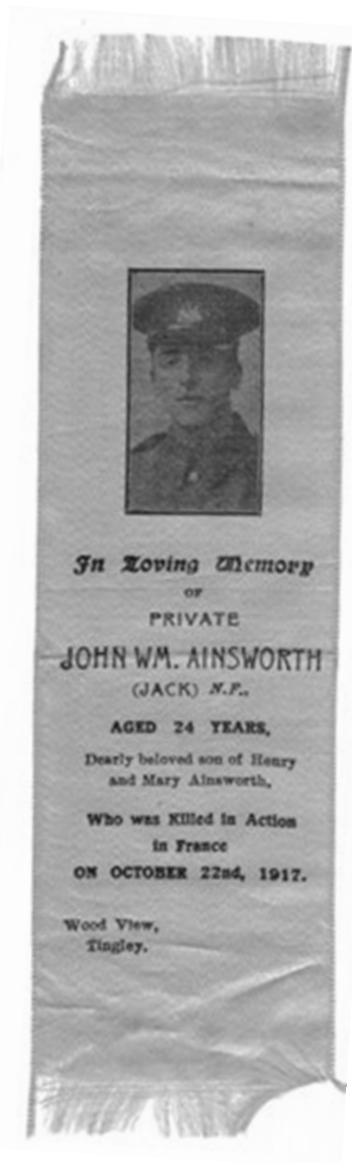
John W. Ainsworth - known as Jack - joined the Leeds Pals, which were a First World War Pals battalion of Kitchener's Army raised in Leeds. When the battalion was taken over by the British Army it was officially named the 15th Battalion (1st Leeds), The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment). Jack went out to Egypt in December 1915 and then on to France the following Spring, probably taking part in the Battle of the Somme 1st July 1916 in which he may have been injured. This possible injury is because he was then transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers (24th/27th Battalion). The battalion was in action North of Poelcapelle in very muddy conditions, but the battalion nevertheless took their objectives and cleared Requete Farm with the loss of four men. The following day (23/10/17), the battalion was relieved, but before or during this relief, 18 men from the battalion (including John) were killed. Only one of the fatalities over these two days has a



John W. Ainsworth

known grave (Bailey in Poelcapelle British Cemetery). All others are commemorated on the Tyne Cot memorial (see P20).

Brenda has four medals which were awarded to John Ainsworth (see pictures P19). The three smaller medals were known affectionately as 'Pip, Squeak and Wilfred'. When the WW1 medals were issued in the 1920's it coincided with a popular comic strip published by the Daily Mirror newspaper. Pip was the dog, Squeak the penguin and Wilfred the young rabbit. For some reason the three names of the characters became associated with the three campaign medals being issued at that time to many thousands of returning servicemen, and they stuck.



These are more properly known as:

The 1914 Star or 1914-15 Star, The British War Medal and The Victory Medal respectively.

These medals were primarily awarded to the Old Contemptibles (B.E.F.) and, by convention all three medals are worn together and in the same order from left to right when viewed from the front.



John Ainsworth's 1914-15 Star



Reverse showing name , rank and number, with West Yorkshire Regiment

The 1914-15 Star

Established in December 1918. Also known as 'Pip'.

This bronze medal was authorized in 1918. It is very similar to the 1914 Star but it was issued to a much wider range of recipients. Broadly speaking it was awarded to all who served in any theatre of war against Germany between 5th August 1914 and 31st December 1915, except those eligible for the 1914 Star. Like the 1914 Star, the 1914-15 Star was not awarded alone. The recipient had to have received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. The reverse is plain with the recipient's service number, rank, name and unit impressed on it. An estimated 2.4 million of these medals were issued.



John Ainsworth's British War Medal



John Ainsworth's Allied Victory Medal

The British War Medal, 1914-18

Established on 26th July 1919. Also known as 'Squeak'.

The silver or bronze medal was awarded to officers and men of the British and Imperial Forces who either entered a theatre of war or entered service overseas between 5th August 1914 and 11th November 1918 inclusive. This was later extended to services in Russia, Siberia and some other areas in 1919 and 1920.

Approximately 6.5 million British War Medals were issued.

Approximately 6.4 million of these were the silver versions of this medal. Around 110,000 of a bronze version were issued mainly to Chinese, Maltese and Indian Labour Corps. The front (obverse) of the medal depicts the head of George V. The recipient's service number, rank, name and unit was impressed on the rim.

The Allied Victory Medal. Also known as 'Wilfred'

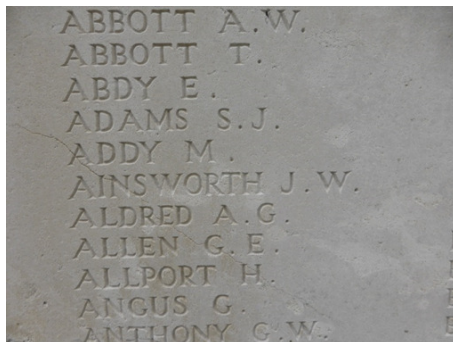
It was decided that each of the allies should each issue their own bronze victory medal with a similar design, similar equivalent wording and identical ribbon. The British medal was designed by W. McMillan. The front depicts a winged classical figure representing victory.

Approximately 5.7 million victory medals were issued. Interestingly, eligibility for this medal was more restrictive and not everyone who received the British War Medal ('Squeak') also received the Victory Medal ('Wilfred'). However, in general, all recipients of 'Wilfred' also received 'Squeak' and all recipients of 'Pip' also received both 'Squeak' and 'Wilfred'. The recipient's service number, rank, name and unit was impressed on the rim.

John Ainsworth's name appears on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. Also pictured is the Memorial Wall at the rear of the cemetery which is where JW Ainsworth is remembered.

Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, Ypres Salient Battlefields, Belgium.

Tyne Cot Cemetery is the largest British military cemetery in the world, and the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing commemorates 34,887 names of men from the United Kingdom and New Zealand Forces who died from the date of 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave. The location of this Memorial to the Missing is on the ridge reached by the Commonwealth Forces on 4th October 1917



Memorial Wall at Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

John's inscription on the Wall

during the Battle of Broodseinde Ridge. The Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot cemetery. John W Ainsworth is remembered on this Memorial (see picture).

The inscription carved on the frieze above the panels which contain the names of the missing is:

1914 - HERE ARE RECORDED THE NAMES OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ARMIES OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE WHO FELL IN YPRES SALIENT, BUT TO WHOM THE FORTUNE OF WAR DENIED THE KNOWN AND HONOURED BURIAL GIVEN TO THEIR COMRADES IN DEATH – 1918

5" Diameter Memorial Plaque:

The final medal awarded to John W Ainsworth is a Bronze Plaque:

The Memorial Plaque was issued after the First World War to the next-of-kin of all British and Empire service personnel who were killed as a result of the war.

The plaques (more strictly described as plaquettes) were made of bronze, and hence popularly known as the "Dead Man's Penny", because of the similarity in appearance to the somewhat smaller penny coin. 1,355,000 plaques were issued, which used a total of 450 tonnes of bronze, and continued to be issued into the 1930s to commemorate people who died as a consequence of the war.

It was decided that the design of the plaque, about 5 inches (120 mm) in diameter and cast in bronze, was to be picked from submissions made in a public competition. Over 800 designs were submitted and the competition was won by the sculptor and medallist Edward Carter Preston with his design called Pyramus, with a first place prize of £250.

The Plaque includes an image of Britannia holding a trident and standing with a lion. The designer's initials, E.C.R.P., appear above the front paw. In her left outstretched left hand Britannia holds an oak wreath above the rectangular tablet bearing the deceased's name cast in raised letters. The name does not include the rank since there was to be no distinction between sacrifices made by different individuals.

Two dolphins swim around Britannia, symbolizing Britain's sea power, and at the bottom a second lion is tearing apart the German eagle. The reverse is blank.

Around the picture the legend reads (in capitals) :
"He died for freedom and honour".

With very many thanks to Brenda for providing the medals and the background for this story. Also thanks to Dawn (and husband David) for the actual pictures from Belgium and the War records.

David



5" Diameter Memorial Plaque

The King's Shilling.

Between 1914 and 1918 more than 6 million men from Britain and Ireland enlisted to serve in WW1. Upon enlisting they received a King's Shilling - which was a day's pay for a Private. The expression 'to take the King's shilling', dating back to the 18th century - meant that a man had agreed to serve as a soldier or sailor.



Glyn

Church Volunteers - Can you help?

You may or may not know that there are several different 'activities' which take place in Church every Sunday - and you can be a part of it. If you are interested, why not chat to Churchwardens Brian or Gail about becoming involved?

Sidespersons: Responsible for handing out (and putting away) Hymn books and service sheets at the beginning and end of the Service, as well as taking the collection during the Service.

Readers: Responsible for reading either the Old Testament (first reading) or Gospel reading.

Intercessions: The volunteer talks about current events, people and those who have illness or have passed away, to concentrate our prayers on the most needy, both globally and locally.

Refreshments: Making the tea and coffee at the end of the Service is an important part of the Church social life and much appreciated by all.

Chalice Bearers: These have to be trained and licenced to carry out this task. Please see Revd. Amanda for more details.

David

Garden Party Winners.

The 'Marble Game' was won by our champion Helen Appleyard. She won £5 for a grand total of 97 marbles potted. The 'Choose a Flag' game was won by Joey Clough of the Scouts with the flag of Argentina (World Cup finalists too, by coincidence). He won £10. Congratulations to all the winners.

Sally Shaw

New Bishop Nick Installed.

Gail went to see the new Bishop...

On the 15th July 2014 Brian Gledhill and myself were kindly invited to Wakefield Cathedral to witness the Enthronement of the Right Reverend Nicholas Baines as the First Bishop of Leeds.

The service was wonderful, at 5:45pm a procession was lead into the Cathedral by the West Yorkshire Police Band. When everyone was in place we all faced the West Door, the Dean Jonathan Greener lead us in prayers for ourselves and Bishop Nick. Then came the arrival of Bishop Nick he strikes the door three times with his staff. The Dean says: 'Let the doors be open'.

The Dean and the people gathered to welcome the Bishop into the Diocese and Wakefield Cathedral Church. We sang the rousing Hymn 'Love Divine'.

During the serious part of the Service, Bishop Nicholas Baines makes his declaration and oaths of Allegiance and Due Obedience, also the oath of Fidelity to the Cathedral Constitution and Statutes.

The Oaths are then signed. The Archdeacon of Halifax and Archdeacon of Pontefract anointed the Bishop with the oil of Chrism.

The Mandate from the Archbishop of York is then read out and handed to the Bishop, The Dean gives the Bishop the Pastoral Staff, and the Bishop is vested in the new Diocesan vestments.

We were lead outside where the presentation of the Bishop is made to all gathered. He is welcomed by civic representatives and church leaders. We had some wonderful hymns, bible readings and then the School Choirs entertained us - the children were marvelous. The Bishop gave the blessing and we were all welcomed back into the Cathedral for food and drinks and to meet the new Bishop.

The children were from St. Michael's CE Academy Flanshaw, Dodworth CE Primary Academy and St. Helen's CE Primary School Hemsworth..

What a wonderful evening we had - the weather stayed fine and sunny. And we are now blessed with a new Bishop.

Gail

Revd Theodore Hardy VC DSO MC

This is the story of Revd. Theodore Hardy who was awarded the VC for his bravery under fire in WW1. He remained unarmed throughout.

Hardy was aged 51 when war broke out, and was priest at Hutton Roof in the Lake District. He volunteered at once but was turned down as being too old. Eventually, in August 1916, he was accepted for army service as a Temporary Chaplain to the Forces, 4th Class and attached to 8th Battalion, The Lincolnshire Regiment.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) on 18th October 1917:

Rev. Theodore Bayley Hardy. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering to go with a rescue party for some men who had been left stuck in the mud the previous night between the enemy's outpost line and our own. All the men except one were brought in.

He then organised a party for the rescue of this man, and remained with him all night, though under rifle-fire at close range, which killed one of the party. With his left arm in splints, owing to a broken wrist, and under the worst weather conditions, he crawled out with patrols to within seventy yards of the enemy and remained with wounded men under heavy fire.

This was followed by the Military Cross (MC) on 17 December 1917:

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in tending the wounded. The ground on which he worked was constantly shelled and the casualties were heavy. He continually assisted in finding and carrying wounded and in guiding stretcher bearers to the aid post.

Finally came the VC on 7 July 1918 for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on many occasions.

An infantry patrol had gone out to attack a previously located enemy post in the ruins of a village, the Reverend Theodore Hardy being then at company headquarters. Hearing firing, he followed the patrol, and about four hundred yards beyond the front line of posts found an officer of the patrol dangerously wounded. He remained with the officer until he was able to get assistance to bring him in. During



Revd Theodore Hardy

this time there was a great deal of firing, and an enemy patrol actually penetrated between the spot at which the officer was lying and the front line and captured three men.

On a second occasion, when an enemy shell exploded in the middle of one of our posts, the Reverend Hardy at once made his way to the spot, despite the shell and trench mortar fire which was going on at the time, and set to work to extricate the buried men. He succeeded in getting out one man who had been completely buried. He then set to work to extricate a second man, who was found to be dead.

On a third occasion he displayed the greatest devotion to duty when our infantry, after a successful attack, were gradually forced back to their starting trench.

After it was believed that all our men had withdrawn from the wood, Chaplain Hardy came out of it, and on reaching an advanced post asked the men to help him to get in a wounded man.

Accompanied by a sergeant, he made his way to the spot where the man lay, within ten yards of a pill-box which had been captured in the morning, but was subsequently recaptured and occupied by the enemy. The wounded man was too weak to stand, but between them the chaplain and the sergeant eventually succeeded in getting him to our lines.

Throughout the day the enemy's artillery, machine-gun, and trench mortar fire was continuous, and caused many casualties. Notwithstanding, this very gallant chaplain was seen moving quietly amongst the men and tending the wounded, absolutely regardless of his personal safety.

He was wounded in action when again trying to tend to the wounded and died a week later in Rouen, France, on 18 October 1918, two days before his 55th birthday.

He was buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France.

The small figure of Hardy was last seen crossing the River Selle on October 10 to join his men. A machine gun was heard and the padre was hit in the thigh. He was evacuated but a few days later, pneumonia set in and he died just three weeks before the Armistice - to the great sorrow of his men and the army as a whole.

One hundred and sixty three chaplains died in the war. There were other men of the cloth who lived exemplary lives at the front. But the respect and affection earned by Hardy was unique.

David

Sandra's Seasonal Suggestions.

Here are a few tips for August. Hopefully the garden is in full swing and produce should be coming along well. Tomatoes should be ripening, cucumbers swelling and, hopefully, pumpkins and squash. If you will be on holiday there are jobs to do before you go (see no's 7 – 10) There are more tips and advice on the BBC web site: - www.gardenersworld.com

1. Cut off all leaves below the first truss of tomatoes. This lets more light in to ripen the fruit. Continue to feed them and water little and often.
2. Pinch out growing tips on pumpkins once they have set 3 or 4 fruits.
3. Keep cutting off runners or diseased leaves from strawberry plants.
4. Water runner beans, celery and pumpkins if the weather is dry.
5. Sow green manures in vacant ground. Try Mustard or Rape but make sure you dig them in before they start to flower.
6. Sow Parsley seeds towards the end of the month. Sow in 3 ½ inch (9cm) pots ½ to ¾ in (1-2cm) deep. Once sown, place on a light windowsill or in the greenhouse and keep the compost just moist. Harvest as required through the winter.
7. De-bloom and harvest. Be ruthless. Pick all crops that are, or nearly ready. Remove spent and open blooms and the buds of edibles and ornamentals to ensure they carry on.
8. Automatic irrigation is the best way to keep your garden watered. It can be hidden easily and controlled manually or by a timer. Punch holes in the cap of a 1L bottle. Cut the bottom off, screw the top on and fill the bottle. Insert the bottle in pots or greenhouse borders next to plants.
9. Don't forget houseplants. Place some capillary matting on your draining board trailing into a full sink. Allow the matting to soak up the water then place your houseplants on top. Leave a space between each plant to ensure there is enough air circulating to avoid rotting.

Don't forget to feed the garden plants with a general fertilizer. However, if they are flowering or producing crops, give them a high potash feed. This encourages them to produce more flowers for when you get back (especially if you have de-bloomed) Make sure you follow the manufacturers advice.

I hope you have a happy and pleasant holiday and that everything in the garden is rosy when you return.

Sandra

St.Mary's and the Centenary of the First World War.

Dawn has been visiting our War graves...

Firstly may I say thank you to those of you who were kind enough to contact me with information about your family members from our First World War memorial, it was lovely to be able to hear about the information you had in your family 'archives'.

Well I am pleased to report that my husband and I were recently in 'France and Flanders' and visited a number of the graves of men named on our war memorial.

We were able to visit John (Jack) Ainsworth, Samuel Auty, Stead Bairstow, Dennis Beevers, Joseph Binks, Walter Binks, Arthur Bradley, Clifford Broadhead, Richard Burton, Ernest Chappell, Jesse Gill, Alfred Hall, Fred Hawthorne, Rowland Naylor, Charlie Rodgers, Willie Siddle, Harry Smith, Herbert Smith, Colin Sumpter, Fred Sykes, John Townend and William Ward.

It is always a privilege to visit and perhaps be amongst the first from our area to visit, but it is also wonderful when you visit and find that someone else has been, and in the case of A Hall at Lissenthoeke someone had visited and provided photographs which was brilliant.

Now at the moment I only have photographs of the headstones, or names inscribed on memorials to the missing, but I do hope over the coming months to be able to provide further information but this will take time. If you are interested in looking at what has previously been researched, you can find some information on the Wakefield Family History Society website.

I also thought you might be interested to see on a map where the photographs were taken, on this trip we were up to the north of the battlefields near and across the Franco/Belgian Border.

I look forward to seeking out further information for future articles.

Dawn



Prayerful Thought ...August - Hidden Treasure

Hello again, or as we have just enjoyed one of the greatest sporting events visiting Yorkshire in the 'Grand Depart', so perhaps that should be Bonjour mes amis!

Wow.....

Why is it that when someone else shows you something you find so much more to see?

I watched television on and off at various points through the two days of the Tour de France in Yorkshire and was so proud of being from Yorkshire, also, whilst I knew there were some lovely bits of it, I didn't realise there were that many lovely bits!

Now you may not be a cycling fan, and you also may have been a little annoyed if you couldn't get to where you wanted because of road closures over those two days, but my goodness wasn't it a marvellous sight. I saw communities welcoming complete strangers, I saw churches getting into the spirit of things by attaching a variety of 'jerseys' in yellow, green and red polka dots, and I thought the "Allez allelujah" banner on the top of York Minster was brilliant.

I bet some of you knew about these hidden gems in Yorkshire, the little villages and market towns that the tour visited. Harewood House looked fabulous and then places like Otley, Ilkley, Skipton, Hawes, Masham and Ripon and who could forget 'Le cote de Buttertubs' and 'L'abbaye de Fountains'. Then on day two there was more with York, Knaresborough, Harrogate, Blubberhouses, Hebden Bridge, Holme Moss, then sneaking into Derbyshire before finishing in Sheffield.

I am ashamed to say that I didn't realise how pretty the Dales are, although perhaps seeing them from a helicopter enabled more sweeping views than you normally get from ground level, but my eyes were opened, it was a bit of an 'Emmaus Road' moment when I saw this wonderful county through someone else's eyes and with descriptions and explanations from the commentators.

If you remember, the Road to Emmaus is the story of two disciples travelling to Emmaus, when they are joined by a 'stranger' and they talk to him about recent events in Jerusalem and Jesus' death, and of course after they share bread and wine, they recognise their travelling companion as Jesus, and they recognise that they understood the scriptures better after Jesus had explained things to them.

Those of you like me, who haven't really explored the Dales, can now understand better because the countryside was explained to us, the Dales were brought to life in a way that a guide book could not do as well.

One thing I have noticed during my studies, is that whilst I am

hopeless at remembering dates and facts, the more I am reading and learning, the more the scriptures are being opened up to me and I am enjoying finding interesting quotes and bible passages to include in my assignments. Although whilst I can refer to stories or passages, like using the Road to Emmaus story, I would be hard pressed without looking it up to say in which book of the bible the passage can be found (it's in Luke 24: 13 -32 by the way!).

Do you find it easier to learn something when being shown how to do it rather than looking it up in a book? The internet is great for that, as those of you who 'surf the net' may know. There is something called YouTube (I am sure there are other similar websites too) which enable people to post all manner of videos, and whilst with most online things there are inappropriate 'postings' it is possible to look up 'how to' videos. I did this last year when I was knitting with a different wool. The instructions said to cast on in a particular way which I didn't know how to do, and after finding the right video I was able to teach myself using a video someone had put on YouTube.

Jesus didn't have YouTube of course, but he took time with those two disciples explaining more about what had been said in scripture about Himself and how it had all led to his death and resurrection.

I am sure I am not alone in forgetting sometimes that we are not alone and God is with us or ahead of us guiding us into the way he wants us to go. For my theology course I have just completed a module on mission and ministry and one of the quotes I found was this;

"...if we truly believe in a God whose primary attribute is creativity and imagination (Gen 1:1 – 2:4a) not to mention one who moves mountains – then we can step out in faith into even risky spaces, confident in the knowledge that we are not alone, and that God may well already be ahead of us."

So where will you be guided over these next few weeks? Will you be able to get out and about and explore the local area so tantalisingly shown to us during the 'Grand Depart'? Will you be jetting off to some exotic foreign destination and exploring there? Perhaps you'll have a look at YouTube and discover that someone has posted a video of something you want to learn how to do and have a go? Or perhaps like those disciples on the road to Emmaus you will recognise that Jesus is wanting to talk to you sharing his knowledge so that you can understand the scriptures and are better able to see what the knowledge and love of God can do in your life?

Whatever you end up doing I wish you all a lovely summer and hope that the lovely weather continues so that we can be out there enjoying the wonders of this wonderful world that God has given us.

Dawn



15th Morley (Woodkirk St. Mary's) Scout Group.

Beavers end term on a High.

During July the Beavers had an evening with the Cubs to celebrate the Tour de France; we had a wonderful time with a party and games

Some of the Beavers went camping with the Cubs, Scouts and District. They had a great time in the big outdoors.

On the 18th July we held our annual BBQ - the parents and younger brothers and sisters were all invited. We had a fantastic evening, with lots of games, archery, wall climbing rope swinging and the always enjoyable game of football - which kept going for 3 hours!. This was our last evening together until we return on the 5th September 2014.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and for making it a very special evening,

A special thanks to all the parents and Leaders who helped to make the evening a success.

Have a wonder summer holiday and see you all back for another eventful term on September 5th.

Gail and Joanne

St Mary's Playgroup Update...

Well we are in our final term of the year and say goodbye to 20 children, all bound for school nursery. To help with their transition to nursery we had Mr Horton from Westerton Primary School come into playgroup to do a pre-nursery welcome session. We wish them lots of fun and happiness in their new adventure!

Following a recent parents' survey and further consultation with parents the decision has been made to change the playgroup opening time. Playgroup will commence at 9.30am and finish at 12.00pm with effect from 1st September 2014. Limited places are still available.

In September we will be looking forward to welcoming back some familiar faces that are currently at playgroup and saying a big 'hello' and welcome to the new children and their parents/carers. During the first term the children will be settling in and making new friends and our theme will be 'ourselves'.

Enjoy your summer holiday.

Becky



1st Woodkirk Rainbows News

Being so close to the church, Woodkirk 1st Rainbows helped them with the toilet twinning project in which money is raised to help pay for toilets in countries with poor sanitation. We aimed to raise £60 but, happily, we raised £80 instead, £20 above our target, something we were very pleased with. To raise this money we held a sponsored pyjama night where the Rainbows came to the meeting in their pyjamas with board games.

Staying within the community, we recently went on a trip to Tesco, as part of their initiative to help children to understand where food really comes from. The girls were given a tour of Tesco, including the warehouse, freezer and bakery. Different fruits, cheeses and breads were given to the girls to try. One of the youngest showed all the leaders up by trying everything. It was a very exciting trip for the girls as they love meetings away from the parish hall.

Woodkirk 1st Rainbows is in fear of closing down as one of our leaders, Elizabeth, is leaving to have a baby which will leave us understaffed. If you feel you would be up to becoming a Rainbow leader please contact Ruth Osenton-Brown (contact details in the back).

Also, our Young Leader in training, Catherine Brown, is leaving for university so we are needing another Young Leader to help out. If you are female and aged between 16 and 25 and are willing to give up an hour a week to help with a Rainbows unit, your help would be greatly appreciated. If it's something you feel you'd like to do, please contact Ruth.

Catherine & Ruth. 1st Woodkirk Rainbows

Brian's Humour Page

Assume - its makes an 'ass' out of 'u' and 'me':-

His request approved, the Fox News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the 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, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the Door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go.' The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.' 'Why?' asked the pilot. 'Because I'm a photographer for Fox Cable News,' he responded. 'And I need to get some close up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me is . . . You're NOT my Flight Instructor?

Judgement Day...

A man died and went to The Judgment, they told him:

"Before you meet with God, I should tell you — we've looked over your life, and to be honest you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We're not really sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?"

The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, "Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a person who was being harassed by a group of thugs. So I pulled over, got out a bat, and went up to the leader of the thugs. He was a big, muscular guy with a ring pierced through his lip.

Well, I tore the ring out of his lip, and told him he and his gang had better stop bothering this guy or they would have to deal with me!"

"Wow that's impressive, "When did this happen?"

"About three minutes ago," came the reply

Brian

Albert's 'Holiday' Quiz.

1. In the UK which Bank Holiday occurs earliest in the year?
2. In the USA which holiday is celebrated each year on the 4th of July?
3. What is a holiday called in the USA?
4. Which American singer had the nickname 'Lady Day'?
5. Which female American singer had a hit with 'Holiday'?
6. Which holiday isle is larger, Anglesey or the Isle of Wight?
7. Scarborough Fair was a 1970s hit for which duo?
- 8 In the 1963 film 'Summer Holiday' a red London bus took a group of teenagers on holiday from London Piccadilly to where?
9. Four songs from the film got to Number 1 in the UK. Can you name them?
10. Which Indian born singer was the star of this film?
11. 'Monsieur Hulot's Holiday' was a 1952 silent film starring which mime artist?
12. Which pop artists topped the charts with 'Last Christmas'?
13. Who won the 1951 best Actress Oscar for her role in 'Born Yesterday'?
14. For which 1952 film did Audrey Hepburn also win this award?
15. Where did Butlin's first holiday camp open in 1936?
16. To the nearest pound how much was a week's full board plus entertainment during the opening week? Was it a) £2, b) £12 or c) £22?
17. The 1930s saw the building in the UK of 169 what? Was it a) piers b) lidos or c) holiday camps?
18. Which singer/actor was the star of the 1942 film 'Holiday Inn'?
19. What name was given to the week's holiday given to industrial workers in the 19th and 20th centuries?
20. On a hot day in Paris, what can grow by as much as 6 inches?

Answers on page 38

Albert Shaw

Poetry Corner.

Vera Brittain was a British writer, feminist and pacifist, best remembered as the author of the best-selling 1933 memoir 'Testament of Youth', recounting her experiences during World War I and the beginning of her journey towards pacifism.

She wrote from the heart and based many of her novels on actual experiences and actual people. In this regard her novel Honourable Estate (1936) was in part more of a memoir. Brittain's diaries 1913-17 were published in 1981 in Chronicle of Youth. Her Daughter is former politician Dame Shirley Williams. Vera wrote this poetic lament, called "Perhaps" from her experience of losing her fiancé, Roland, to a sniper's bullet.

Perhaps (To R.A.L.)

Perhaps some day the sun will shine again,
And I shall see that still the skies are blue,
And feel once more I do not live in vain,
Although bereft of You.

Perhaps the golden meadows at my feet
Will make the sunny hours of spring seem gay,
And I shall find the white May-blossoms sweet,
Though You have passed away.

Perhaps the summer woods will shimmer bright,
And crimson roses once again be fair,
And autumn harvest fields a rich delight,
Although You are not there.

Perhaps some day I shall not shrink in pain
To see the passing of the dying year,
And listen to Christmas songs again,
Although You cannot hear.'

But though kind Time may many joys renew,
There is one greatest joy I shall not know
Again, because my heart for loss of You
Was broken, long ago.

Vera Brittain (29 December 1893 – 29 March 1970)

Diary for August

Sun 3rd	8:00am	Holy Communion (said)
	10:30am	Holy Communion (sung) Revd Amanda returns.
Wed 6th	9:15am	Church open for prayer
	10:00am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) Followed by refreshments.
Sun 10th	10:30am	All Age Service
	12 Noon	Holy Communion
Mon 11th	7:30pm	PCC meeting in Church
Wed 13th	9:15am	Church open for prayer
	10:00am	Holy Communion (Iona) Followed by refreshments.
Sat 16th	10:00am	Medieval festival (see article on P15)
Sun 17th	10:30am	Holy communion (sung)
Wed 20th	9:15am	Church open for prayer
	10:00am	Holy Communion (1662 setting) Followed by refreshments.
Thurs 21st	11:00am	Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge
Sun 24th	10:30am	Holy communion (sung)
Wed 27th	9:15am	Church open for prayer
	10:00am	Holy Communion (& Healing Prayer) Followed by refreshments.
Sun 31st	10:30am	All Age Holy communion (sung)

Diary for Early September.

Wed 3rd	9:15am	Church open for prayer
	10:00am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) Followed by refreshments.
Sat 6th	9:30am	Church and Churchyard clean up
Sun 7th	8:00am	Holy Communion (said)
	10:30am	Holy Communion (sung)
	12 Noon	Baptisms
Mon 8th	7:30pm	PCC

St Mary's Registers of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Baptisms: In July we welcomed 3 new members to our church: Charlotte Grace Wadsworth, Daughter of Mark and Emma from Tingley.

Elise Beau Gibson, Daughter of Carl and Janine from Tingley.

Olivia Rose Jameson, Daughter of Stephen and Gayle from Tingley.

Weddings:-

Stacey Stephenson and James Gaunt, from Tingley were married at St. Mary's on July 18th. Congratulation from the Church Family.

Amy Saville and Ricky Scott from Tingley, were married at St. Mary's on July 26th. Congratulation from the Church Family.

Funerals:-

Roger Targett from Dewsbury, will be sadly missed by all his Family and Friends.

Jeffery Gilbert from Woodkirk, Will be sadly missed by all his Family and Friends.

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1 New Year's Day 2 Independence Day. 3. A Vacation. 4. Billie Holiday. 5. Madonna. 6. Isle of Wight. 7. Simon and Garfunkel. 8. Athens. 9. Summer Holiday, Bachelor Boy, The Next Time, Foot Tapper. 10. Cliff Richard. 11. Jacques Tati. 12. Wham. 13. Judy Holliday. 14. Roman Holiday. 15. Skegness. 16. (a)£2 (One pound and fifteen shillings). 17. (b) Lidos. 18. Bing Crosby. 19. Wakes Week. 20. Eiffel Tower (expansion).

Albert.



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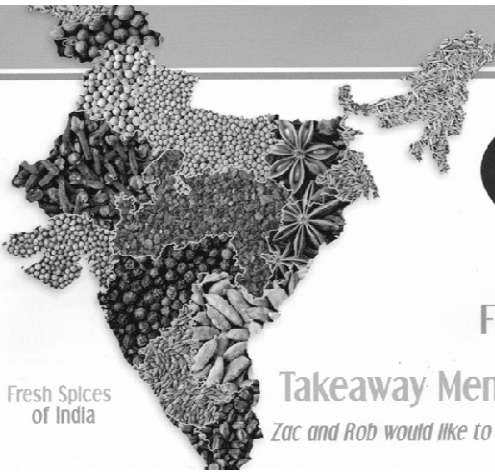
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Girl Guides	Tuesday 7:30pm Vikki Springett 07841 513530
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9:15-11:00am Sally Shaw 01924 475048
Rainbows	Thursday 5.30 - 6.30pm Ruth Osenton-Brown 01924 689992
Brownies	Thursday 6.30 - 7.45pm Hannah Tombling 01924 501892
Keep Fit Class	Thursday 8:00pm Margaret Hampshire 01924 476721
Young at Heart	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays 2:00pm Brenda Dixon 0113 253 4078
Beavers	Friday 5:00pm to 6:15 pm Gail Townsend 0113 252 8710
Cubs	Friday 6:30pm to 7:45 pm Marianne Ingham 07778 542302
Scouts	Friday 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Trevor Holdsworth 0113 253 0927
Explorer Scouts	Friday 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm Chris Ingham 07816 517838

Services

Main Sunday Service is 10:30am Parish Communion (except the 2nd Sunday of each month)

Services:

1st Sunday of the month:

- 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
- 10:30am Holy Communion (sung)
- 12.30pm Baptism Service

2nd Sunday of the month:

- 10:30am All Age (Family) Service
- 12:00pm Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month:

- 10:30am Holy Communion (sung)
- 12:30pm Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

5th Sunday (4 times per year)

- 10:30 All Age Holy Communion

Wednesdays:

- 10:00am Holy Communion

1st Thursday:

- 11:00am Holy Communion at Lydgate Lodge

Monday to Friday:

- 8:45am Morning Prayer

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Email: vicar@stmarywoodkirk.org

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