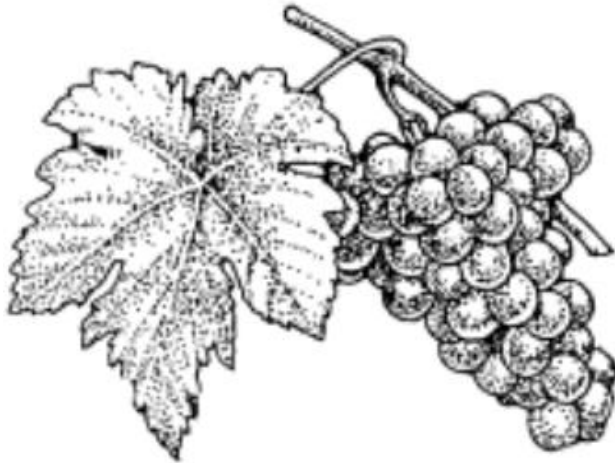


GROVE VINE

**The Magazine of
Grove Methodist Church
Horsforth, Leeds**

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**The Grove Methodist Church is called to respond to the
Gospel of love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in
worship, service and mission**

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Regular events

Sunday

- 10.20 Creche (0-3yrs) 216 0678
- 10.20 J Team (tots to 12s) 258 8803
- 10.30 Worship
- 6.00 Worship (alternate Sundays at Central Methodist Church)
- 7.30 Studio Dance SNYG 258 9093

Monday

- 12.15 Luncheon Club 258 3807
- 1.30 Network Women's Fellowship 258 2285
- 6.15 Beavers 258 1814
- 6.15 Cubs 258 2836
- 7.45 Scouts 228 9968
- 7.45 Flower Guild (3rd Monday in the month) 258 4520

Tuesday

- 9.00-9.30 Prayer Group 258 8803
- 9.15-11.45 Pre-school 258 9093
- 10-11.30 Coffee in the Centre small hall 258 3568; quiet room available for prayer. Jean Kemp's hand-made greetings cards will be available on the first Tuesday of each month
- 6.00 Rainbows (5th Horsforth) 259 0555
- 6.15 Brownies (5th Horsforth) 258 3670
- 7.45 Guides (5th Horsforth) 202 9010

Wednesday

- 9.15-11.45 Pre-school 258 9093
- 1.30 Line Dancing 258 7444
- 6.00 Rainbows (14th) 258 5519
- 6.15 Brownies (14th) 250 4907
- 8.00 Explorer Scouts 258 0882
- 7.30 Wednesday Break (fortnightly - 225 2734)

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Where two or three are gathered...

was exactly the situation Jenny and I found ourselves in a couple of Sundays ago on Cyprus.

We were staying at an hotel about a mile's walk from a village, or a bus ride out of town and, come Sunday morning, we didn't fancy the uphill walk in that heat, so we took a bus to the next village having seen a Cypriot Orthodox church there dedicated to St. George.

We walked in, and saw the one other member of the congregation, a local lady reading her prayers from a book and telling her beads off with each prayer.

Well, where two or three are gathered.....

After, perhaps, another ten minutes it became obvious that there was no priest, nor did it seem likely that there would be one in the foreseeable future.

There was, however, peace.

There were also plenty of wall-paintings and icons, several of which were interesting and unfamiliar.

In this village Church where two-thirds of the congregation were British Methodists incapable of reading prayer book or hymnal, there was peace, there was devotion, and there was God.

As we left we discovered that the church was dedicated to the memory of General George Grivas, the commander of the EOKA terrorist and guerrilla movement. Would he have been annoyed at our British presence there? Who knows?

I do know that in a place of apparent isolation, difference and a memory of violence, rivalry and hatred, there was peace, there was devotion, and there was God.

Rev Ali Jones

From the Editorial Group

Thank you for your interesting articles and reports. Keep them coming. **Please note that this edition is for July and August and as the editorial teams alternate, the September issue will be prepared by Gordon, Mary and Margaret and you should send items to them no later than the 24th August.**

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Flower Rota for July / August

3rd Mrs D Wormald & Mrs J Douglas
10th Mrs M Butterworth, Mrs J Tallantire &

Mrs A Lawrence
17th Mrs J Depledge & Mrs W Hartley

24th Mrs M Simmons, Mr & Mrs R Revell &
Mr & Mrs P Abel
31st Mrs P Lowe & Mr & Mrs B Ball

7th Mr A Abel & Mrs J Newby
14th Mr & Mrs JA Emmott & Mrs G Pagden
21st Mr J Maud and Friends of Nell Gaunt & Joyce Wrench

28th Mrs J Fox & Mrs B France

Church Family News

Please remember in your prayers: Ros Ansell, Pat Blackah, Tony Emmott, Wilf Hoyle, Robert Lawson, Stan Ramsden, Peter Reasbeck, Margaret Reasbeck, Petra Rogers, Chris Shagouri, Eileen Stones and John Whitaker, those recently bereaved, friends who are housebound, and those who are caring for loved ones, who all need our prayers and help at this time.

Sunday Services in July

3 rd	9.00	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	10.30	Mr P Mawson – Family Parade
	6.00	United Service at Central
10 th	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones
	6.00	Circuit Service at St Marks
17 th	10.30	Mrs Anne Blackburn
	6.00	Rev. Alistair Jones
24 th	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	6.00	United Service at Central
31 st	10.30	Mr Ian Batty
	6.00	Mr Stuart Westerman

Sunday Services in August

7 th	10.30	Mrs Kirsty Butler – Family Service
	6.00	United Service at Central
14 th	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones – Holy Communion
	6.00	Rev. Godfrey Nicholson – Holy Communion
21 st	10.30	Rev. Alistair Jones
	6.00	United Service at Central

28th 10.30 Rev. P Reasbeck
6.00 Rev. Alistair Jones

If you are unable to get to church because of transport problems, please phone the Hearn's on 281 8176; they will be happy to arrange a lift for you.

Stewards on Duty

July 3 rd	Cynthia Hatton David Buckley	July 10 th	Carole Abel Andy Walker
July 17 th	Margaret Bosomworth Kay Bassett	July 24 th	Gordon Mellor John Bussey
July 31 st	Andy Walker Carole Abel	August 7 th	Betty West Carole Abel
August 14 th	John Bussey Gordon Mellor	August 21 st	David Buckley Margaret Bosomworth
August 28 th	Cynthia Hatton Andy Walker		

From the Church Registers

Funerals: 8th June Harold Haw
9th June Tony Laycock
16th June Joan (Joni) Obridge

Please remember their families in your prayers

The Rev'd John S. Southall - Can you help ?

The Grove Church was the last appointment for the Rev'd John S Southall before he stepped down as an active Methodist Circuit Minister. He and his wife continued to live in Horsforth and worshipped at The Grove until his death in 1962 at the age of 85 years.

His granddaughter, Elizabeth Booth, is researching her grandfather and grandmother and would be interested to know of anyone who might be able to tell her about their life in Horsforth.

If anyone is able to help, then a link may be made through the Church Council Secretary, Peter Mawson, by e-mail at:
council@grovemethodist.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Israel 2012

The Rev'd Marian Jones is currently organising a Pilgrimage to The Holy Land between the 24th April and the 3rd May 2012.

Please contact Marian directly or Janette Mawson for further details:

Marian Jones - Tel: 0197 8810292 email marian.jones@methodist.org.uk

Janette Mawson – Tel: 0113 2503264

Rawdon Amnesty Series - 2011

All events will take place at Rawdon Quaker Meeting House, Quakers Lane, Rawdon.

“Much Ado About Nothing” – Friday 8 July at 7.30 pm

Theatre of the Dales give a forties twist to this joyful tale of love found, lost and found again – a perfect outdoor summer's entertainment. Some seating, but feel free to bring a cushion, blanket or deck chair.

“The Kenwood-Herriott Duo” - Saturday 30 July at 7.30 pm

We look forward to a virtuoso mix from Elizabeth (oboe and cor anglais) and Richard (piano) Kenwood-Herriott, including music for piano by Ralph Vaughan Williams and the oboe sonata by Edmund Rubbra.

Horsforth in Bloomin' Litter

Yorkshire in Bloom judges will be in Horsforth on Tuesday 19th July assessing this year's efforts. Horsforth has faired very well in the past and to ensure that the town is successful again this year, Churches Together in Horsforth are organising a litter pick.

If you are interested and can help, please meet at Central Church at 10.00 am on Saturday 16th July.

An extract from the Longbottoms' Blog

Graham writes:

After several weeks of preparation the week of Physical Science & Microbiology started at Helena Goldie College of Nursing on Monday. There were really too many new and difficult concepts for the students to take in over one week, especially when the week was shortened by the Queen's Birthday, a public holiday here. After the four days I thought that the task was complete, but it soon became clear that it was my job to prepare examinations in the two subjects and then mark them in August. Inevitably one asks the question about the usefulness of some of the aspects of physical science for nurses here in the Solomon Islands. However, my remit was to help the 19 students to understand what has been given to us in the syllabus.

On returning to the hospital every afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock it was like entering another world! Jenny was as always busy with general ward & the out-patient department, in addition to the housing committee and numerous other matters which need attention before our holiday. Jenny has two more tours to fit in this month.

Annette has had a good first month and is now coordinating patients from Zone 3 (our catchment area) to be referred to Honiara for the visiting team of E.N.T. surgeons from Australia later this year.

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Jesus Christ
Unwanted as a baby
Fugitive as a child
Misunderstood as a boy
Rejected in His home town
Laughed at by the religious leaders
Betrayed by His friends

But then He arose
And since then the initiative
is in the hands of those
who follow Him
To make every baby wanted
To give every fugitive a home
To give everyone a purpose

Condemned by the government to die
Forsaken by god to die on a cross.

for living
To make every town a place
where He is worshipped !

More events to get you out in the Park this Summer



We are from churches and youth groups which meet in Horsforth, think Horsforth is great and, working as Horsforth Churches Together, want to make a positive contribution to the everyday life of the town.

HOPE IN THE PARK

Sunday 3 July 2.00 till 5.00 pm

Live music, BBQ, storytelling, crafts, sports, bouncy castle, face painting, reflection tent, chill out area and activities for tots – **all free.**

Sunday 10 July 3.00 pm

Churches Together celebration service by the bandstand

Band Concerts in Hall Park

Sunday 27 July

James Farrell Concert Band

Sunday 14 August Tenderloin Ragtime Orchestra

Both concerts at 2.30 pm.

An Open Invitation to all Church members

Baxter Fensham Ltd, who are the new residents in the old Manse building, would like to invite you all to an Open Day on Tuesday 19th July between 11.30 am and 1.30 pm. Drinks and refreshments served.

Come and see the alterations and improvements and see what a wonderful building it really is.

A Pastoral Letter from the District Chair

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For Such a Time as This

Gardeners are addressing the damage to plants of the unusually cold winter. Some trees and shrubs have not survived; some may require more patience and nurturing on our part if they are to thrive again. When do we simply give up, and dig it out or chop it down?

A number of stories in the gospels relate in some way to particular times and seasons. Some of these may sound more reasonable than others. A story of grain ripening in the fields until harvest time still speaks to us, even if harvesting grain in 2011 looks very different from the methods used in 1st Century Palestine. Looking for fruits on a fig tree, or grapes on a vine, are also very natural images drawn from Jesus' own contemporary context. But what do we make of the fig tree being cursed for not bearing fruit, because it was not the right season for it to do so – that seems a bit harsh! And what about the story of the landowner building large barns to store his grain at harvest so that he and his family would be comfortable for the coming years, which sounds a commendable action – but is held up as utter folly, given the wider perspective of the day of judgement.

Jesus challenged the religious leaders of the day for being better at forecasting the weather than interpreting the signs of the times. He wept over the city of Jerusalem, with the cry, “If you, even you, had only recognised on this day the things that make for peace!”

The ability to recognise the season we are in, and to interpret the signs of the times, requires deep listening and attentiveness to the many clamouring voices around us, and to the silences, and to the deepest questions of what it means to be human beings alive today. Such attentiveness to the moment, and knowing when to speak, or when to take action, demands wisdom. If we are to respond in the right way at the right time to the signs of the times, we need to be travelling light, attuned to the 'now' of God's Spirit moving. Women's Network has grasped this moment to become a renewed movement for women in the Church, as Methodist Women in Britain [MWiB]. The theme of their launch event in Southport is **For Such a Time as This**. As we celebrate the new season they have discerned, let us also be attentive to the time and season that is ours to recognise, and act upon.

Liz Smith, Chair

Following on the second series of modern hymn writers, this month we are beginning a new series looking at the nine churches in our Wesley Circuit.

We are asking each Church to contribute an article giving a thumbnail sketch about their church, its strengths, its opportunities for fulfilling its mission in the community, and so on.

The first is written by Alan Talbot and features Trinity Church in Bramley.

The Methodist Church in Bramley

The first Methodist Chapel in Bramley was built in 1777, on the site of the existing Trinity Methodist Church and from this date the message has been preached for over two hundred and twenty years.

Due to a steady growth the chapel was enlarged in 1802 and the Society also grew in importance for in 1811 Bramley, which had been connected with and was part of the Leeds Circuit, became the Head of a new Circuit which embraced Armley, Pudsey and Horsforth (large circuits?).

To accommodate this, two preachers' houses were built in Wesley Terrace in 1810 called Wesley Villas and still exist today. In 1823 the old chapel was demolished, and a new Wesleyan Chapel was built and opened in 1824. Some twelve years later the Sunday school building was enlarged

by adding an upper storey, which became the old church as most of us knew it for it was not until 1873 that the Superintendent Minister at the time, Reverend John Russell, first named our historical chapel “Brunswick”.

There were three Methodist chapels within a stone’s throw of each other in the centre of Town Street, viz Moriah, Wesley Place and Brunswick. In 1956 these three congregations came together under the one roof – the new United society intended to build an entire new chapel, but it was impossible to raise sufficient money to build and this is when ‘Brunswick’ Chapel was re-named Trinity. Alterations were carried out, removing the balcony and pitching the roof as we know it today, and the new church was re-opened in 1967.

By the mid 1990s it became apparent that the church was again in need of modification. After many years of contemplation and various schemes, the re-development of the building, as we know it today, was completed in 2009 and opened Wednesday the 1st July.

Since the latest redevelopment the church has grown in many ways. Its church membership and Sunday school have grown, and we have seen an increase of activities which have had an outreach effect in the neighbourhood. The monthly community lunch, the weekly mums and tots, (Trinitots), the art groups coupled with the three weekly coffee mornings have brought the church to the forefront of the community. A large contributing factor to this is its easy access and inviting appearance, which has resulted in a number of community based activities using our modern premises.

The church’s main function is to be a House of God and to receive into its fellowship the people of Bramley, through its worship, prayer and praise these goals are being achieved. We must not forget our past brothers and sisters who, over many years, have developed the chapel in Bramley, giving of their time and talents, as has recently been demonstrated during the past re-development.

Alan Talbot

An Invitation from Elizabeth and Arthur Hoyle

It is now over 43 years since we emigrated to Guiseley from Horsforth. At that time Elizabeth had lived with Rheumatoid Arthritis for 7 years, so this year it 'celebrates' its Golden Jubilee!!

To mark this event, and also my 65th birthday year we are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 16th July at our (relatively) new home, The Laureates, Shakespeare Road, Guiseley, LS20 9BR. 10.00 am to 12 noon. Coffee and cakes will be served and there will be an opportunity to make a donation to Arthritis Research UK, which celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year.

We look forward to welcoming friends, old and new. For further details, please ring Elizabeth or Arthur on 01943 872549.

Safeguarding Children

As you will all be aware, the Church is dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment for any and all children who spend any time on church premises.

Therefore the denomination requires that certain people in particular rôles must undertake a basic training session entitled 'Module A'. As I say, these are a MUST, not an option.

The list of people includes

Children's holiday club leaders/helpers

Junior Church leaders

Uniformed organisation leaders (including those of sponsored groups)

Choir, music group leaders and key musicians

Pastoral visitors with face to face children's work

Parent and toddler group leaders

Church and circuit stewards

Property stewards

Church Council and Circuit Meeting secretaries

Local Preachers

Worship Leaders

Safeguarding Reps

At the moment we have two sessions planned in the near future, and sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. If you cannot attend either of these

do not despair! The circuit will be offering other sessions as well. These sessions are short, pithy and informative. They are not a major imposition. Through them we will be better informed and properly certified for the wider church.

It must be pointed out, since some have already asked, that other organisations' training courses are NOT regarded as equivalent, and therefore do not void the requirement for attending these sessions.

Christian Aid in Horsforth

Sincere thanks have been expressed, by the Grove organiser Barbara Buckley, to all those who took part in the Christian Aid house-to-house envelope collection in Horsforth. The fantastic sum of £1,452.48 was raised – It was also very pleasing that a further £162.40 was donated to Christian Aid from the funeral of Trevor Whitaker.

The Keighley & Worth Valley Railway A Hobby?

First a few facts :- A 5 mile long branch line railway with six stations that climbs 300 feet from Keighley via Ingrow West (Vintage Carriage Trust Museum and the Bahamas Museum), Damems (Born & Bred), Oakworth (Railway Children station), Haworth (Brontes and main Railway workshops) to Oxenhope where we keep and restore our carriage fleet.

There are some 4,500 members of the KWV Railway Preservation Society from which about 350 are active volunteers who give one day a month (and a hardcore of about 50 who give many more) to run the Railway. There are only 4 paid members of staff, two in Haworth office and two Fitters in Haworth Workshops.

We run an advertised service on about 180 days a year but works trains are run on many other days since as well as overhauling Steam and Diesel Locos, Diesel Multiple Units etc and all the coaches, we also have to relay track, inspect and repair bridges, tunnels, station buildings, drains and ten miles of walls and fences.

All the operating and “Safety Critical” staff have to pass exams before they can help to operate the railway and the railway has a Safety Management System which can be checked by H.M. Railway Inspectorate at any time. Quite rightly we have to demonstrate that we have systems in place to cover the myriad of regulations that seem to grow frequently in number and complexity.

We have now run the railway since reopening on 28th June 1968 longer than either the Midland Railway, the LMS or even British Railways, We have twice examined whether it would be possible to run a commuter railway, but if we had to pay staff for such an operation it would be impossible without very large external funding.

We are often asked how we manage to fund our hobby :- First we never ever buy anything we do not have funds for ! We issue about 110,000 tickets /year, sell books, videos, memorabilia etc in three shops, have buffet facilities at Keighley, Oxenhope and an on train buffet car which also serves Real Ale, run Wine & Dine and Sunday lunch trains plus private charters. We also run Special events such as Steam & Diesel Galas and have run children friendly events such as Thomas The Tank Engine.

We co-operate with Haworth village to help transport visitors to Haworth for the Wartime Weekend . Money from filming such as “The Railway Children” ,“ Yanks” and “ Born & Bred” is very hard earned !!

Finally, all our members have to pay to be members to take part in this hobby/(obsession) ! It is impossible to give more than a brief outline in this article so why not come along and see for yourself how our hobby brings to life a part of British History.

Contacts:- www.kwvr.co.uk Tel 01535645214 or even William H (Bill) Black.

Regular events (contd.)

Thursday

9.30-11.30 Tots & Tykes (0-4 years) 293 8458
11.00 Bible Fellowship 258 3239
6.15 Beavers 239 7327
6.00 Cubs 258 9865
7.45 Scouts 216 9006
7.45 Grove Ladies Group (1st and 3rd Thursday) 225 2734

Friday

7.45 Choir Rehearsal 259 1580
Walking Groups Thurs. 258 6579; Sat. 258 4520

Items for next month's magazine should be submitted to Gordon, Mary and Margaret by 24th August. Please include items up to 3rd October. Email would be appreciated!

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