

Dear Friends,

The last few months have been very different since my wife Pat's latest bout of cancer was on the brain, meaning that she has lost her driving licence for two or more years. Having recovered she now commutes to Leeds daily by public transport, this means a drive to Moorthorpe at 6.40 every morning.

At this time of year it is wonderful, hardly any other traffic (although the rabbits and pheasants are real road hogs), blossoming verges, flowering fields and lovely views, I'm not looking forward to the winter months!

Whatever time we arrive at the station we are never the first, someone is always there ahead of us and, as I leave when the train pulls in, there is often someone who is running madly as they have left it too late. I've got to recognise the regulars and the late one is often the same as on the previous days. Why, I think, having missed the train before, are you still coming late?

We have been given a life which may be good, bad, indifferent, or in most cases a mixture of each, but we have been given a chance to make the most of what we have.

God has come to earth and lived as one of us to set an example of caring and sharing. By living His way and loving and helping each other, we create a society which gives every person the respect they deserve, the support they need and the fellowship of loving friends.

Some of us are there, some bright and early, but some are still leaving it too late. By not grasping the opportunity they grumble about the failures of society, the unfriendliness of neighbours, shopkeepers and bus drivers, and find themselves feeling it's not worth bothering, not realising that they are to some extent part of the problem.

As Edmund Burke said "For evil to flourish, all that is needed is for good people to do nothing."

Let us not be late, let us do something, if only living as God's people in a loving, friendly, caring way.

Let's make our village an early example for every community and the rest of society.

Steve Willimott

THIS AND THAT

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

CHRISTIAN AID - 2011

Thank you to all the willing collectors who helped again this year. The total raised was **£1527.18**

The amount Gift Aided was **£515.27** giving an additional sum of **£128.81** which can be claimed from the Inland Revenue. Therefore the total to Christian Aid is **£1655.99**.

This amount includes the sum of **£379.82** collected during a Sunday morning service at Doncaster Salvation Army Lakeside Community Church.

Another valiant effort. Well Done!!

Gordon & Pam Hair.

With apologies from the Editor for not publishing this sooner. GEB

Do you enjoy reading and talking about the books?

There is a reading group in Sprotbrough that would welcome new members. It meets once a month on a Thursday at 2.00pm.

Recent books discussed have been:

- A Week in December* by Sebastian Faulks
- The Island* by Victoria Hislop
- The Girl who loved Tom Gordon* by Stephen King
- The Collaborator* by Gerald Seymour
- The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James

For more details contact Betty Brockman (01302) 852046

PERUVIAN EVENING

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 6-8pm
Sprotbrough Methodist Church

Talk and photos of Helen Smyly's
recent visit to Peru on a Traidcraft
Meet the People Tour

- Peruvian Handicrafts
- Peruvian Style Food
- Fair Trade Stall

EVERYONE WELCOME



Sprotbrough Conservatives Fundraising Event

A talk on Old Doncaster &
Sprotbrough by Doncaster Estate
Agents Mr Barnsdale and
Mr Langford

Friday 23rd September
at St. Mary's Church Hall, 7.30 pm

Tickets £7

Phone: Liz Jones 858075
or Gill Blackshire 853717



The
Children's
Society

Wine & Wisdom 2011

This anxiously anticipated event
will take place this year on

**Friday 14 October 2011
at 7.30pm**

in St Mary's Church Hall.

Tickets priced £7 each
(maximum of 8 in a team)

can be reserved from
Betty Holden (852366)
or Victor Hext (854467)

Fuller details in October's Church and Community



**It can't be the
Christmas Fayre already?**

No, not yet!

**It's on the 26th November,
but we need your help again!**

Now the summer holidays are nearly
over, it's time to have a clear out.

We need good quality toys, nearly new /
collectibles and tombola prizes (for all
ages)

Help us to make this annual event an
even greater success.

Anything need collecting?.....Give us a
call: Issy 570431 or Helen 785240

Watch this space for
further news and requests

Many thanks



Sprotbrough Music Society

Presents

OPUS 1

(piano, violin and cello)

in

The Church Hall

on

Thursday 22nd September

Everyone Welcome

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CADEBY

*Friends of Cadeby Church
invite you to a*

Musical Evening

with the

Barnburgh Village Singers

Conductor: JULIA BULLARS

on Friday 9th September

at 7.30pm prompt



Admission £5
including glass of wine

Doncaster Repair & Support Service

Free Service Helping Elderly and Disabled

What Is The Service?

This a FREE service to help elderly and disabled people in Doncaster by carrying out minor repairs and maintenance jobs within people's own homes to help prevent accidents and maintain safety and independence.

Who Can Use The Service?

The service is available to the elderly and disabled who are unable to do the work themselves or who do not have any family or friends who could help them.

Will I Have to Pay?

There is no charge for the labour but you will have to provide the materials yourself, e.g. replacing a toilet seat, you would have to provide the new seat but our operative will fit it free of charge.

What Types of Jobs Are Covered By The Service?

Minor repairs and maintenance, e.g. bleed radiators, fit a curtain rail, fix a fence panel, put up a shelf, move furniture within the home, rewasher a tap, fit door chains and many more. If you are in doubt, contact the service and the operator will be able to advise you.

How Do I Contact the Service?

You can telephone the service on 01302 736574 or 01302 736567. You can e-mail the service on Yvonne.Charters@doncaster.gov.uk

What Happens When I Contact The Service?

You will be asked what type of work you require doing and if it's something we can carry out, then the operator will arrange an appointment with you for an operative to call and deal with the problem.

How Do I Know If The Operative Is Genuine?

The operative will show you an identification card. It is essential you see this card before you let anyone into your home. If you have any doubts you can contact the service to confirm the operative is who he says he is.

What Work Isn't Covered By The Service?

- Work above single storey height.
- Electrical work, other than changing plugs, fuses and light bulbs
- Work connected with the supply of gas
- Work involving the supply of water, other than replacing tap washers or bleeding radiators
- Garden maintenance
- Jobs that are likely to take more than 3 hours
- Structural Work.

"The Biggest Coffee Morning in the World"

Care for people living with cancer
by joining our coffee morning:

30
September
2011

St. Mary's Church Hall, Sprotbrough

Games • Plants • Cakes • Preserves
White Elephant • Tombola etc.

Please come and join us
ENTRANCE FREE

If you would like to help please come to a
Planning Coffee Morning at 11.00am
on **MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER**
at Copley House, Park Drive,

or ring
Betty Brockman
on 852046

The more the
merrier



NB. The date is Friday 30th September not the 24th as in the August Magazine and the planning meeting will be at 11.00am NOT 10.00am.

Memories of Walsingham - Elizabeth Peverley

Sitting in this Holy Place, like nowhere else on earth. The birds are singing in harmony with the voices of the people concelebrating mass. The sun is momentarily shadowed by a cloud and the breeze is stirring the long grasses between the new lavender bushes. Last year there were banks and banks of beautiful lavender that had been here for years. Perhaps the gardeners thought that like life we needed to re-assess the colour and style of the main picture. I missed the masses of perfumed colour as we came into the garden yesterday. Was I looking for the safety of sameness, the haven of peace in a troubled world and a troubled life.

Last night the sprinkling and healing and laying on of hands was a wonderful start to the few days in which I hope to unload some weight of problems and find some lightness of spirit, like the bells singing out over the Shrine, which is the centre and heart of the place. The stones are steeped in the voices of pilgrims down the ages, the whispered prayers and the great joyful anthems. Each person unique with unique lives and difficulties and yet each one here to stop and step back from this troubled world for a few days or hours. To kneel in quiet prayer, to share laughter, to meander through the gardens without a thought of "did I remember the teabags" to sit in quiet contemplation, in short just "to be" in the presence of God. It's a difficult concept to explain. One has to experience it.

To be able to put in a box just one moment of this day. The music and the sound of birds, the smell of the new mown grass, the scent of flowers as pilgrims brush past the roses, the sunshine, the intermittent drops of rain. Gods peace, so that as we go back to our homes we could perhaps, when we are feeling low, lift up a corner of the lid and breathe in the essence of Walsingham - priceless.

Walsingham is an Anglican Shrine in the depths of Norfolk to which thousands of pilgrims travel each year.

Poetry Corner

Butterfly Worship

*I missed you in the spring-time
O orange Tip and Holly Blue!
When gilly flowers and lilac bloomed.
Where were you?*

*I looked for you in summer-time,
Comma, Peacock, Tortoiseshell.
In cloudy days, without the sun
You like so well.*

*In autumn's short bright days
I saw you splendid Admiral
Where rosey sedum's heads
Held you in Thrall.*

M E Bellamy

A Sprotbrough History Trail

MOUNTING STEPS

Near the entrance to the churchyard are the stone built steps the wear on which is some indication of their age. They assisted a rider to mount or dismount from a horse.

ORNAMENTAL GATE

Opposite the Shire Stores in Main Street is a very ornate wrought iron gate about 300 years old. It is one of several which in earlier years adorned the gardens of Sprotbrough Hall.

THE OLD RECTORY

Near the junction of Main Street with Boat Lane is the Rectory, almost hidden by the trees which surround it. Built in the 1840's it is not the first Rectory to be erected on this site - there are records relating to two earlier ones. The architect for the present Tudor style building was the Doncaster born Henry Francis Lockwood, who became one of Yorkshire's leading architects. In the 1920's, Douglas Bader, the famous airman lived here for a short while.

BRINGING HOPE - Compassionate grief support

A ten week course for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Course starts: Monday 12 September 2011

Aims:

To help you explore your feelings in a safe place.

To help you understand something of the grieving process.

To offer hope and compassion on your journey through grief.

For Further information and to register a place please contact:

Jenny on 01302 853187

Copy for the magazine's October edition should be handed to the Editor, Betty Brockman, Copley House, Park Drive, Tel: 852046, NO LATER THAN Monday 5th September 2011 please.

Enquiries about advertising should be made to Vivien Jenkinson, Tel: 859453.

Mr Sprot's Page

motivationalquotes.com

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44



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Churches Together in Sprotbrough

October: The Month of the Bible

In this, The Year of the Bible, October will be the Month of the Bible when the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible (KJV) will be acknowledged.

Sprotbrough Park and Sprotbrough Road Methodist Churches will both have the text of the KJV on their screens during each main service in October and those taking services will be aware of its presence. St Mary's will make arrangements for the KJV to be available too, at its main services, and sermons will bear this in mind.

In addition, there will be one weekday event in each week in October in the **Sprotbrough Park Methodist Church** focusing on the KJV.

Thursday 6 October at 7.30pm

*Barry Parker will set us thinking on **Words We Have Loved**: an introduction to the KJV's revelation of the nature of God.*

Wednesday 12 October at 7.00pm

The Revd Frank Okai-Sam will lead prayer, using KJV as a stimulus.

Wednesday 19 October at 7.30pm

*The Revd Canon J Thomson will discuss **Reading the KJV***

Wednesday 26 October at 7.30pm

***The Procession to Calvary and the Passion of Christ.** A reading of the KJV version of the event by Victor Hext, illustrated by the Brueghel painting from Nostell Priory and other works of art, and reinforced by the singing of relevant texts by a singing group.*

CHATROOM 4 THURSDAY

A get-together for anyone and everyone to meet others and make friends.

Thursday 22 September 2011

2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

"A Visit to the Holy Land"

with

Maureen Newman

at Sprotbrough Methodist Church

NB. *The chatroom is not so well supported as the lunch on the alternative fortnightly Thursday but is a friendly get-together with refreshments and usually very worthwhile.*

MEB

Sunday t-Time

Sunday t-Time is a time when families, especially those with young children, can meet together for worship in an informal way. At each of the meetings there is a story linked to a parable or theme from the bible followed by a time of activities. These take place in St Mary's Church or Church Hall allowing everyone to choose how they spend there time.

In September there will be meetings on 4th and 18th September.

The Sunday t-Time Team