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# from the curate

Time is a funny thing. Some days I still feel like the new deacon – figuring things out, learning names, adjusting to new rhythms. But in other moments, it feels like I’ve been here for years. I suppose that’s what happens when you find yourself in a place that welcomes you so warmly. Over the past twelve months, I’ve had the enormous privilege of getting to know these parishes – sharing in your worship, your joys, your sorrows, your stories. And I’ve felt something of that mysterious bond that grows between people when they walk together with Christ.

As I prepare for the next stage of this journey – to be ordained priest on 29th June (God willing) – I’ve found myself reflecting and praying through the words of the ordination service.

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There is a powerful moment at the start of the Liturgy of Ordination, just before the Bishop prays for the candidates, when we are reminded of the nature of priestly ministry. It’s a long and rich description, full of images and responsibilities: shepherd, watchman, steward, teacher, guide. Priests are called to “search for God’s children in the wilderness of this world’s temptations,” to “resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor,” to “baptise new disciples” and to “preside at the Lord’s table.”

But in the midst of all these phrases, one line has particularly caught my attention: “With all God’s people, they are to tell the story of God’s love.”

It’s easy to think of priesthood in terms of tasks and roles, but this line reminds me of the heart of the calling. Everything else – preaching, blessing, baptising, guiding, admonishing, comforting (perhaps even PCC meetings) – can be summed up as different ways of telling the story of God’s love. It’s a story that is older than time and always new. A story of a God who creates, who redeems, who walks alongside us, who gives himself for us, and who calls us home. And it’s a story not just told from pulpits or altars, but in the everyday moments of parish life – in quiet visits, shared meals, hard conversations, acts of care, and the steady rhythm of prayer.

Of course, telling this story comes with deep responsibility. Later in the service, the Bishop speaks directly to the candidates, saying:

“Remember always with thanksgiving that the treasure now to be entrusted to you is Christ’s own flock, bought by the shedding of his blood on the cross. It is to him that you will render account for your stewardship of his people.”



That's a weighty thought – to render account to Christ himself for how I care for his people. And it's made all the more daunting when I remember just how much God loves his people. The value of something is seen in what someone is willing to pay for it – and God paid the highest possible price for us. Christ's blood is of infinite worth. And so, the people of God – every single one – are of infinite worth too. That's the treasure entrusted to the priest: not gold or silver, not buildings or programmes, but people. Beloved, chosen, precious people. To care for them with love, patience, truth, and compassion is a sacred trust.

The truth is – I can't live up to that on my own. And the service doesn't pretend otherwise. Immediately after this solemn reminder, the Bishop continues:

"You cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God."

That line brings comfort and challenge in equal measure. I am not expected to do this alone. The calling is not to be strong enough or holy enough by myself, but to remain open to the grace and power of God. That means prayer. That means humility. That means trusting the Spirit who equips the called, rather than calling the equipped.

And so I ask, as simply and sincerely as I can: please pray for me. Pray that my heart may daily be enlarged, that my understanding of the Scriptures may be deepened, and that I may be faithful in telling the story of God's love – with my words, my actions, and my life.

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Pray that I may lean not on my own strength, but on God's grace. And pray too for all those being ordained this Pentecost – that we may be good stewards of the treasure entrusted to us, and walk always in the way of Christ.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything – for your welcome, your support, your patience, and your prayers over this past year. I'm genuinely excited to serve the remaining two years of my curacy in these parishes. I am convinced that God is doing something special in Tarleton and Rufford, and I can't wait to see what he has in store for us next.







**Fr. Joe was one of the deacons of the mass at this years Chrism mass. His duties included presenting the Oil of Chrism to the Bishop and clergy to be consecrated. This Oil will be used in June at the Confirmation and at his Ordination.**







Pictured on the Altar are the Chalice & Paten that Bishop Philip will present to Fr Joe as part of his Ordination. These items, along with the Icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Christ Child that Fr Joe is holding are a gift to him from the Parish. Last year he was presented with an Icon of the Blessed & Holy Trinity: so now he has Icons of the Patrons of both his Title Churches.

### HEALING & WHOLENESS

There will be no Healing & Wholeness Service in June.  
The July Service will be at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton at 2.30pm on July 31st



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# Mothers Union

Mothers Union members bunched daffodils for Mothers day and these were handed out by the Rose Queen and her retinue. Four of our committee members attended a very interesting talk at Eccleston Church on Domestic Abuse awareness, later handing leaflets out to the public.

Thanks to Ian and Sue Wells for stepping in at our last meeting with a talk and songs, "Celebrating Mary in Song And Word ". 14th May saw Mothers Union Deanery Festival at Holy Trinity in Tarleton. The service was led by Fr Mark, followed by lots of lovely cakes shared with other branches. Our next Prayer meeting will be on 2nd June at 2pm. Lynn Birchall will be the speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday 11th June at 2pm. God Bless You All.



## THE LEPROSY MISSION

### WEEKLY PRAYER PATTERN:

June 2-8: Hungary, only East European donor country; 9-15: Global Voice – speaking internationally to governments; 16-22: Democratic Republic of Congo, that a local board may be set up in spite of conflict in the area; 23-29: Indonesia: for the local organisation Yayasan NLR Indonesia, dealing with the third highest number of cases in the world; June 30-July 6: for churches round the world supporting the work; 7-13: Chad: for their work with those who have mental problems as a result of their physical state; 14-20: Northern Ireland: praise God for increased activity and prayer; 21-27: for partner organisations, American Leprosy Missions and Effect Hope;

28 July-3 August: India: Healthcare.  
Sue Wells (01772) 813267.

### THE SILENCES IN WORSHIP

Before worship, after being greeted, sit or kneel in silence and talk only to God about what you will need to confess later.

During worship, listen to God as he is declared in the Liturgy of the Word. At the peace, greet your fellow worshippers with just 'Peace be with you.'

After worship, talk to those around you, especially any you don't recognise as regulars to make them feel welcome.

***Ian Wells, LLM Emeritus.***

# SERVICES & DIARY DATES

## SUNDAYS IN JUNE

June 1st  
8am Tarleton  
9.15am Rufford  
10.45am Tarleton

### June 8th PENTECOST

10.30am Confirmation with Bishop  
Phillip at Tarleton

### June 15th ~TRINITY SUNDAY

8am & 10.45am Holy Trinity Tarleton's  
Patronal Festival; Preacher: Fr Ben  
Eadon, Priest Administrator of the  
Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham  
9.15am as normal at Rufford

### June 22nd

8am Rufford  
9.15am Rufford  
10.45 Tarleton

### June 29th

8am Rufford  
4pm Ordination Service at Holy Trinity,  
Tarleton - Celebrant: Bishop Phillip;  
Preacher: Revd Dr Tom Woolford  
At this service Fr Joe will be Ordained  
Priest

## Dates for your diary

SATURDAY, JUNE 14th  
Tarleton Ecumenical Walking Day

JUNE 28th/29th  
Rufford Open Gardens

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th  
Tarleton Rose Queen

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th  
Fr Joe's Priestly Ordination at Tarleton

TUESDAY, JULY 1st  
Fr Joe's First Mass at Rufford

SUNDAY JULY 6th  
10.45am Tarleton Rose Queen's Service

SATURDAY JULY 12th  
Proms & Prosecco Concert at Rufford

## Saints Days etc

June 19th  
Corpus Christi Mass & Benediction at  
Tarleton (No service at Rufford)

July 3rd  
Thomas the Apostle at Rufford

July 22nd Mary  
Magdalene at Tarleton



## **JUNE 28/29th Weekend**

The last weekend in June will be full-on in the Incumbency .

### **Ordination**

The weekend comes to a climax at 4pm on Sunday when Philip, Bishop Of Blackburn will conduct the Ordination of Fr Joe as Priest at Holy Trinity, Tarleton. The Preacher at this service will be Revd Dr Tom Woolford.

### **Weekend in Rufford**

Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens

There are six gardens to visit all within walking distance of each other. A pleasant amble will ensure an enjoyable time with Scarecrows to find and tea and cakes served in the Church Hall.

Tickets (including Map and information leaflet) are available from Sephton's Garage; Rosebud's Farm Bakery; A Kut Above (Hairdresser above the pharmacy) or at any of the gardens on the day.

What is not to enjoy about "An English Country Garden"?

### **Saturday in Tarleton**

Rose Queen Day

During the afternoon Isabelle Crawford will be crowned Rose Queen at Tarleton Holy Trinity School Grounds.

In what is always a great afternoon, there will be stalls selling fruit, veg and cakes. As well as a Burger & Hot Dog Stand , alongside Ice Cream and Candy Floss. Activities during the afternoon including throwing wet sponges at the Rector.

### **Rose Queen Day Cake Appeal**

**Each year we serve delicious home baked cakes in our Tea Room and sell them on our ever-popular Cake Stall and once again we are asking for your help.**

**We would be very grateful of support to meet the demand with any offer of a cake, cakes or homemade biscuits. They would be welcomed with open arms on Friday evening or all day on**

**Rose Queen Day June 28th**

**or please speak to Janet Lynd on 07971881441**

**Thank You!**

**ANY OFFER OF HELP ON THE DAY WOULD BE GRATFULLY RECEIVED**



# **Rose Queen Day 2025**

**Saturday 28th June**

**THE ROSE QUEEN COMMITTEE ARE DELIGHTED TO  
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**ISABELLE CRAWFORD**

**Isabelle will be supported in her year of office by her Herald: James Pye,  
Crown Bearer, James Crawford and Retinue, Hans & Bjorn Rasmussen, Orla  
Palmer & Juliet Palmer, Edward Champion, Rachel Ferrington, Isabelle Webster  
and Archie Rimmer.**

**1.00pm, Adults £1 Children FREE**

**There will be all the usual stalls, open from 1pm, Delicious Homemade Cakes,  
Field Fresh Local Salad & Veg, Books, Bric a Brac, Plants, Tootsies Ice Cream,  
Candy Floss, BBQ fare and Mouth-Watering Refreshments.**

**Entertainment will include Hesketh Bank Band, Inspiration Dance, the pupils of  
Mere Brow, Holy Trinity and Sunday Club, Tombola, Raffle, Coconut Shy, Stocks,  
Football Challenge, Maypolers, Hook a duck, Bouncies, Displays and more!**

## **Programme of Events**

**1.00 pm Gates & Stalls Open**

**1.15 pm Hesketh Bank Band start to play.**

**1.50 pm Procession of Queens and their Retinues**

**2.00 pm Crowning of Tarleton Rose Queen**

**2.15 pm Entertainment**

**2.30 pm Queens process for tea**

**3.25 pm Tarleton Queens will process back to the stage.**

**3.30 pm Entertainment**

**3.50 pm Announcements of winners**

**3.50 pm Raffle Draw**

**We would welcome any offers of help, please contact**

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### Open Table

Every Monday 5-5.30pm

All members of our community are welcome to join us for a free homecooked hot meal. No need to book please just turn up!

### CAP Debt Help

Every Wednesday 1.00-2.00pm - no appointment necessary

Each Wednesday we operate a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) debt centre drop-in, from 1-2pm. Free benefits checks are available, information and advice on how to budget and tackle debt is available too. If you want to tackle your debt - come along and find out how CAP can help. No appointment necessary.

### Money Management Coffee & Cake

Every Thursday 12.00-1.00pm - no appointment necessary

Come for an informal chat with a friendly trained Money Coach - coffee & cake are free!!

### Bereavement Cafe

Every 2nd Wednesday of each month 2.00-3.30pm

No appointment necessary. A warm, friendly and safe space for grieving people to connect with others and find comfort.

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### Mental Health Drop-ins

Every Tuesday from 10.30am to 1.30pm - no appointment necessary.

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# SCHOOLS

## **Tarleton Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Primary School, by Mr Stephen Smith**

I am writing this entry towards the end of May. We can now breathe a slight sigh of relief as Year 6 children have now completed their SATs tests. Mr Skinner and I thought that the children really 'pulled out the stops' in the final days leading up to SATs week...and this group of children were the calmest I've seen in Year 6 (during SATs week) for quite a while. It's going to be a long wait for Year 6 until the beginning of July until the results come through.

As always, we've packed a lot into the recent months – and there's a lot still to do before we break up for the summer term. As well as SATs – we've had football competitions, swimming galas and of course our Spring Fair which took place during the Tarleton Scarecrow festival. We managed to fit in all the Governor Meetings, an extra Budget Setting Meeting and an Induction Evening for our New Reception Children who join us in September.

Six of our THT children will be confirmed by Bishop Philip in June – it is always a lovely service, this year being held at our own Holy Trinity Church. Bishop Philip is so inspirational and has an amazing way with children of all ages!! Congratulations and well done to: Ella, Harry, Lily, Ben and Elena in our Year 6 class, Max H in Year 5 and Ronan – one of our former pupils. We wish them well as they start the next phase of their lives as Christians.

As we move into the latter part of the school year we are very much looking forward to some other village events which will take place during June and July – Rose Queen Day, 'Walking Day', and we still have our own extra things to fit in – Sports Day, the Teddy Bear's Picnic, the Year 6 Residential Trip to name but a few.

It's going to be an emotional end to the Year. I will be saying 'Goodbye' to two of my closest Headteacher colleagues – Mrs Ellery at Rufford CE Primary and Mrs Livesey at Mere Brow CE Primary. I have known them both for a very long time and we have worked together on so many occasions during a variety of events. Believe or not – I first met Mrs Livesey in 1988 – when we both studied together at Edge Hill (College as it was back then) to become teachers. Everyone at THT wishes them well and hopes that they have a lovely and relaxing retirement!! I am a bit jealous – but I'm not for retiring yet...

Our very own Mrs Simpson is also retiring – and we shall be saying our fond farewells to her after 19 years of working at THT!! She will be sorely missed – although I have a sneaky feeling she'll be back teaching at THT – as she won't be able to keep away!!

...And whatever we do towards the end of the year – we will make sure that our Year 6 pupils have a fantastic end to the Year. They have been a resilient bunch – who have very much followed the guidance of our school vision – 'We can do all things, through Christ who strengthens us'. (Philippians 4:13)

I hope to see you either at Walking Day or Rose Queen Day...or both!! Say 'Hi' if you see me!!  
Speak to you all soon.

# SCHOOLS

## ***Tarleton Mere Brow Church of England (Aided) Primary School, by Mrs Sandra Livesey***

As I prepare for my retirement this summer, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the governors, clergy, and the entire parish for their unwavering support over the past 14 years. It has been a truly rewarding journey, and I will cherish the memories we've created together.

May started off with a busy schedule, highlighted by our recent SIAMs inspection. Although we await the formal report, we are delighted with the positive verbal feedback we've received. It's been wonderful to see the children, staff, governors, and parents come together to showcase the vibrant spirit of our school and how our golden values shine through in everything we do.

In celebration of VE Day, our Year 5/6 students participated in a memorable event, escorted through Mere Brow by a town crier. We proudly waved our flags and observed a moment of silence during the flag-raising ceremony. The children then performed three lovely songs, including the official Royal British Legion song for schools, bringing joy to everyone in attendance.

We couldn't be prouder of our Year 6 students during SATs week; they demonstrated incredible confidence and resilience, showcasing the skills we've nurtured throughout their time with us.

As we approach the end of this half term, we look forward to our Sports Day, an event that always brings excitement and competition to our school community.

In our final half term, we have many enjoyable events to anticipate, including walking days and the celebration of the Rose Queen. There will also be an end-of-year show, along with some heartfelt activities as we prepare to say goodbye to our leavers.

Additionally, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge Mrs. Nightingale, a dedicated Teaching Assistant in Early Years, who is also embarking on her retirement after 22 wonderful years at Mere Brow. Her contributions have been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed by all.

Thank you once again for all the memories, support, and kindness over the years. It has been an honor to serve this community.





# SCHOOLS

## **Tarleton Rufford Church of England (Aided) Primary School, by Rachel Elleray**

We have had a busy time in school over recent weeks with many more exciting events planned before the end of the academic year!

Wearing their new kits, kindly sponsored by Rawcliffe's Haulage, our Year 3 & 4 football team for won the WLSP Football Tournament playing brilliantly as a team winning 8 games, drawing 1 and losing just 1! We are all very proud of them.

Our girl's football team played in a friendly event at JMO with over 200 other girls from local schools. They played around eight games in total and really enjoyed the morning.

Before we broke up for the Easter holiday we held a special activity day to explore the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Staff arranged some very meaningful activities for the day. The children sang to celebrate Palm Sunday, had their feet washed and shared bread and wine (Vimto!) to re-enact the events of Maundy Thursday, made crosses for Good Friday and decorated eggs for Easter Sunday. It was a very enjoyable day and it really helped us all to have a greater understanding of the events and emotions of Holy Week. We were treated to two lovely class worships during Lent as our infant children led the school in giving thanks for mothers and our mother church to celebrate Mothering Sunday, whilst Maple Class focused on the symbol of the cross in their Easter worship.

On the 8th May, Year Six and Worship Group led a special outdoor service to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day with each class contributing their thoughts and ideas about ways in which we can all embody the values of unity and kindness in our daily lives and work for peace. These thoughts were then displayed on the bunting in our Remembrance Garden. We gave thanks for the

bravery shown by countless individuals who fought for our freedom during the Second World War. Children also took part in the VE Day Parade Service at St Mary's Church on 11th May.

As I write, our Year 6 pupils have just completed their SATs tests. We are very proud of their hard work and determination over their school careers and especially of how they have all pulled together and supported each other throughout the week. They have definitely '*Let their light shine*'

When we return for the final half term of this academic year we will begin a series of transition afternoons and experiences to prepare the children for moving on, whether this be from primary to secondary school, from pre-school provision to joining us in Nursery or Reception or simply moving year groups.

In June it will be the 200th year anniversary of school! We will be marking this with a special afternoon of memories, activities and celebrations. Sport's Day is planned for 25th June and a whole school Art Day followed by an exhibition of the children's work on 8th July.

We have a lot to be thankful for and to look forward to before the end of the academic year.

This will be my final contribution to the parish magazine before my retirement as Headteacher in the Summer. After 31 years at Rufford C.E. School I will take with me so many happy memories and friendships. Rufford School really is a very special place full of very special people. I will miss being involved each day but I know it will be in very good hands with Mrs Sarah Cookson and the wonderful staff team.

**Thank you all for your support over the years and God Bless.**

# SCHOOLS

This year's Headteachers and Clergy Conference was something of a swan song for two of our Headteachers who are retiring at the end of the Academic Year. Fr Mark writes, "It will be very strange without Mrs Livsey and Mrs Elleray.

In the days following the Conference the Governing Bodies of Rufford CE School and Tarleton Mere Brow CE School interviewed candidates and appointed new Headteachers for the two schools.

*We look forward to welcoming : **Sarah Cookson at Rufford, and Jess Rowe at Mere Brow.***





# SCHOOLS

Hi, my name is Jess Rowe, and I am thrilled to share some exciting news about my new role at Mere Brow CE Primary School. I have had the pleasure of teaching here since 2013, and for the last few years, I have served as the assistant head while teaching Year 5 and 6. Now, I am beyond excited to step into the position of headteacher and look forward to being even more involved in our wonderful school community.

Music is a particular passion of mine, and it has always felt like a great strength at our school. Our children work incredibly hard on their nativity and end-of-year productions, and I have cherished the opportunities we've had to partner with our church schools for various events, including singing together. Some of you may remember me from my time running the young people's choir at Holy Trinity 'Simply Hosannah' a while back!

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Mrs Cookson on her new headship at Rufford CE. I'm excited about collaborating with her and Mr Smith at Tarleton Holy Trinity through our Church partnership.

As I take on this new responsibility, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our current headteacher, Mrs Livesey. Her amazing leadership has had a lasting impact, and she will be greatly missed. She certainly leaves some big boots to fill, but I am committed to ensuring our children continue to let their lights shine brightly at Mere Brow. Here's to new beginnings!



# SCHOOLS



Hello everyone, my name is Sarah Cookson and I am honoured and delighted to introduce myself as the new headteacher of Rufford CE Primary School.

Living locally, it is such a privilege to be a part of such a warm and welcoming parish community. I look forward to working closely with the dedicated staff team at Rufford, parents and parishioners to continue to support to our children's growth both academically and in faith. When we work together, amazing things can happen for our young people and community.

I am passionate and committed to continuing the fantastic work of Mrs Elleray and the team at Rufford, where they have created an inclusive and nurturing environment for all to let their light shine brightly. I am incredibly excited to begin this new chapter, as I move on from my deputy headship at Hoole St Michael. I wish Mrs Elleray the warmest wishes for the future. May her retirement bring joy, relaxation and lots of new adventures!

Fr Joe and some of our young people at the Diocesan Abide event- Rocking out to a DJ ahead of the Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Philip.





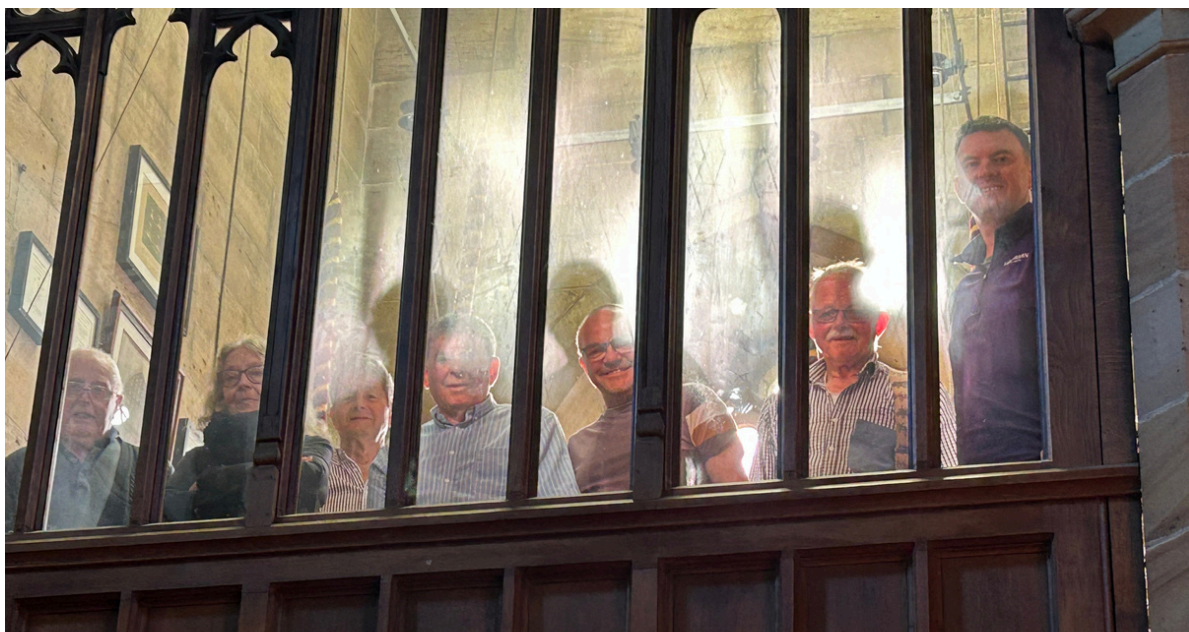


Palm Sunday again this year saw a donkey at Rufford and Tarleton. Thanks Boo for joining us to mark Jesus triumphant entry in to Jerusalem



Patrick Hurley MP attend Holy Trinity Tarleton School's Easter Service. He is pictured with the Headteacher , Mr Stephen Smith .





Recently Tarleton's Bell Tower had a visitor, Richard, from Honolulu, Hawaii. He was born in Durham and his parents now live in Hillside, Southport and he was visiting them. He has been ringing for about 20 years and currently rings in Honolulu. He went there when completing his Masters and the rest is history.

Apparently he rings the bells furthest west, east to the international date line.



It was good to have Dr Joel Gillan with us in the weeks before Easter





It is wonderful to see our bird boxes at Rufford in use

The Bug Hotel in the Church Hall grounds has been named "Bug-ingham Palace".

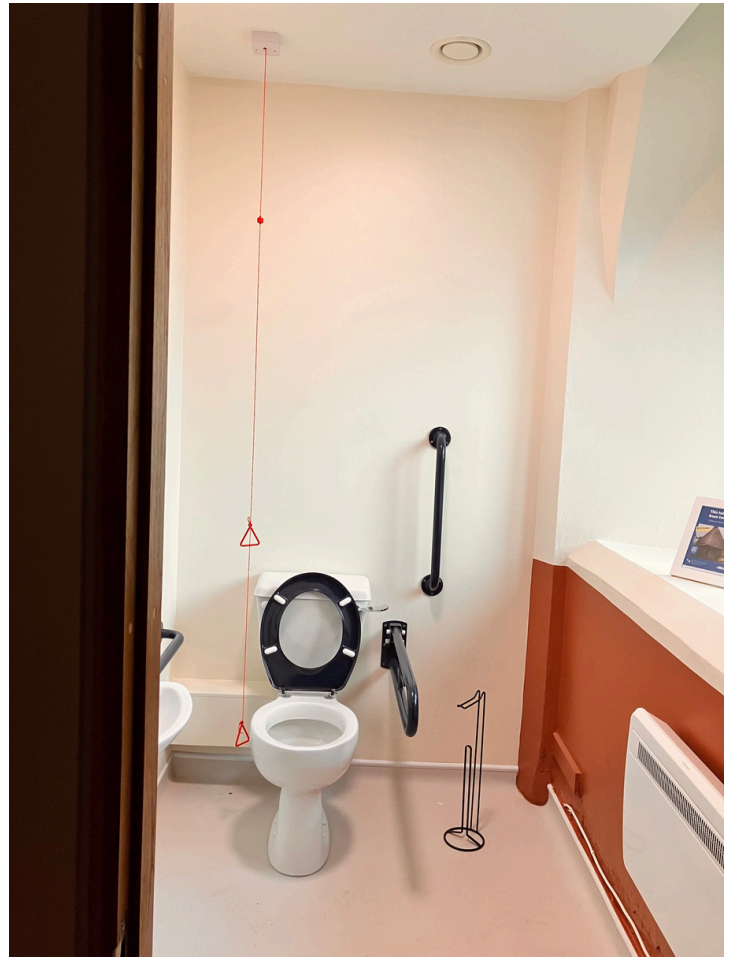


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As we mark the new renovations at Rufford Church, a look back to Harvest in 1820s.  
Thanks to Lawrence Chritchley for the photo.







The Phase 1 works at St Mary's, Rufford have been completed. The works carried out by Rosslee, under the direction of our Architect Mike Darwell will make the church much more disabled friendly. There is not now only step free access to the west door, but the church contains a fully accessible toilet.

Welcoming the news, Fr Mark said "I am grateful to the Church of England and others who contributed to this important work. Thank you! However, We know need to carry on raising funds to ensure the works at the high level of the tower and spire are completed within the next 10months".







Thanks to the local Tesco for supporting the Rufford Lent lunches.



Brenda Casslack dressed up for VE Day Pop-up Cafe at Rufford Church Hall

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# SAINTS

## 6th July Thomas More and John Fisher

Thomas was born in London (7th February 1478CE). He studied at Oxford and embraced the Law as a profession, training at one of the Inns of Court, where he remained until 1502CE. So successful was he that eventually he succeeded Cardinal Wolsey as Lord High Chancellor of England, from October 1529 to May 1532CE, being the first layman called to that office. His reputation was European, and his writings were distinguished alike by their learning and their orthodoxy. Thomas opposed the Protestant Reformation and in 1521CE, assisted Henry VIII to respond to Luther's criticisms with the "Assertio septem sacramentorum" (Defence of the Seven Sacraments). Pope Leo X rewarded the English king with the title "Fidei Defensor" ("Defender of the Faith") for his work. Thomas antagonised the king by opposing both his divorce and the issue of Royal Supremacy and was later executed. Pope Pius XI canonised Thomas in 1935CE as a martyr and Pope John Paul II in 2000CE declared him the patron saint of statesmen and politicians.

John was born (19th October 1469CE) in Beverley, Yorkshire and educated at Cambridge from the age of 12 or 13. After resigning as Vicar of Northallerton, Yorkshire he rejoined Cambridge University to become Proctor before becoming chaplain to Margaret Beaufort (mother of Henry VII). As Vice-Chancellor his strategy was to assemble funds and attract to Cambridge leading scholars from Europe. John was appointed bishop of Rochester, at the personal insistence of Henry VII. Thirty years later John became Queen Catharine of Aragon's chief supporter against Henry VIII's attempts at divorcing her. In March 1534CE, a special 'Bill of Attainder' against John and others for complicity in the matter of the 'Maid of Kent' was introduced in Parliament and passed. The same session of Parliament passed the 'First Succession Act'. John refused the oath and was imprisoned in the Tower of London on 26th April 1534CE.

They were both beheaded on Tower Hill, July 6th, 1535CE. At his execution, Thomas was reported to have said: "I die the King's good servant, and God's first." John died reciting the words of the 'Te Deum'. Both were buried in the Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula in the Tower, being the former parish church of the Tower. Thomas's head was placed by his daughter in the Roper Vault of St Dunstan's Church, Canterbury. John's head was eventually thrown into the Thames.

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# SAINTS

## 22nd June Alban 1st Martyr of Britain

Alban is known as the first Martyr of Britain, though his very existence has been disputed for many years. It is assumed he suffered in the persecution under Diocletian (probably 303CE), though the Edicts of persecution were only rarely enforced in the provinces at that time. The earliest mention of Alban's martyrdom is believed to be in Victricius's 'De Laude Sanctorum'

(The Praise of Saints), 396CE. The date of Alban's execution has never been firmly established. Original sources and modern historians indicate a range of dates between 209 and 313CE. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle lists the year 283CE, but Bede places it in 305CE.

Alban was converted to Christianity following his sheltering of a priest who was fleeing from persecutors. Though tortured Alban refused to submit to demands he should return to pagan ways and declared, "I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things." (The words are still used in prayer at St Alban's Abbey). Alban was sentenced to be beheaded. On the way to be executed Alban caused a fast-flowing river to dry up so they cross over on dry land. When Alban reached the summit of the hill, he prayed God would give him water and a spring immediately sprang up at his feet. St Albans Cathedral now stands near the believed site of his execution, and a well is at the bottom of the hill, Holywell Hill. In art, Alban is usually represented with a cross in one hand and a sword in the other, with a river or spring in the foreground. He is the Patron Saint of the Liberal Catholic Church worldwide.

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June this year has more activities than normal and as a consequence only one hymn per event will be reviewed.

## **8<sup>th</sup> June PENTECOST / WHIT SUNDAY**

Breath on me, Breath of God - Edwin Hatch 1853-1889

This hymn capitulates the meaning and expectations of the coming of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus. All the verses begin with the line 'Breath on me, Breath of God.' Then the following second line of each verse gives the actions that the Holy Spirit will impart to the believer.

Verse 1 - Fill me with life anew.

Verse 2 - Until my heart is pure

Verse 3 - Till I am wholly Thine

Verse 4 - So shall I never die

This hymn is a prayer for renewal by God's Spirit, a renewal that is to be expressed in a life of love, in purity of heart and will, and in intimacy with God that heralds the perfection of eternal life. In both Hebrew and Greek the word for 'spirit' is the same as 'wind/air/breath'; thus in this text the Spirit of God is referred to as the Breath of God.

Dr. Hatch, born in Derby, was a Professor in Toronto, and head of Quebec High School. In 1867 he was chosen as Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, Oxford; Rector of Purleigh, 1883; Reader in Ecclesiastical History, 1884. After his death his poems were published by his widow in *Towards Fields of Light*, 1890. They are a beautiful supplement to his theology, and reveal the depth and tenderness of his own religious life.

## **8<sup>th</sup> June CONFIRMATION**

On this Sunday the Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt. Reverend Philip North, will confirm all young and older candidates at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton, at 10.30am.

Please note that the service this Sunday starts at 10.30am.

O Jesus, I have promised - John Ernest Bode 1816-74

This hymn was written in 1866 by John Ernest Bode for the confirmation service of his two sons and daughter at Castle Camps in 1869. He was educated at Eton, Charterhouse, and Oxford. Rector of Castle Camps, Cambridgeshire, 1869-74; and a Bampton Lecturer, 1855. John also published 'Hymns from the Gospel of the day for each Sunday and Festivals of our Lord, 1860.

This hymn is perhaps the most often chosen at confirmation services.

## **15<sup>th</sup> June TRINITY SUNDAY**

Thou whose almighty word – John Marroitt 1780- 1825

This hymn for the Holy Trinity commences with a verse to the Father, the God of creation; 'whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard.'

The second verse is to Jesus; 'who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight.'

The third verse is to the Holy Spirit; 'Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove.'



# HYMNOLOGY

The final verse sums up the Holy Trinity ; 'Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity.'

Many an old folk-tune can be found in modern hymn-books and some sections of the Church delight in singing certain hymns to popular tunes not originally composed to sacred words; but to use the National Anthem for such a purpose is surely most incongruous. Thou whose almighty word was as one time sung to the tune of 'God Save the King.' One is glad the association was not perpetuated and the tune Moscow has been substituted.

The Rev. John Marriott was the son of the Rev. Dr. R. Marriott, rector of Cottesbach in Leicestershire, where John was born in 1780. He received his early education at Rugby School. Proceeding to Christ Church, Oxford, he acquitted himself with much distinction by taking First Class Honours.

Upon leaving the University, Marriott became private tutor in the family of the Duke of Buccleuch. While so employed he made the acquaintance of Sir Walter Scott, who dedicated to him the second canto of 'Marmion'. His tutorial duties coming to an end, Marriott was presented by the Duke with the living of Church Lawford, near Rugby, which he held for the rest of his life.

The ill health of his wife, however, made it necessary to live in the warmer climate of the south, he continued as rector of Church Lawford but acted as a curate in various Devonshire parishes, including Broadclyst, near Exeter, where he died in 1825.

## 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI

The institution of Corpus Christi as a feast in the Christian calendar resulted from approximately forty years of work on the part of Juliana de Cornillon, born in 1191 in Liege, Belgium. She always longed for a feast day for the Eucharist outside of Lent in its honour. She petitioned numerous senior bishops and the feast of Corpus Christy was eventually proposed by Thomas Aquinas to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast emphasising the joy of the Eucharist. The pontiff established the feast of Corpus Christi to the Thursday after the Most Holy Trinity.

The institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper is observed on Maundy Thursday in a sombre atmosphere leading to Good Friday. The liturgy on that day also commemorates Christ's washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the priesthood, and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Corpus Christy is observed by the : Roman Catholic Church

Lutheran Churches  
Anglican Churches  
Western Orthodox Churches

Bread of Heaven, on thee I Feed – Josiah Conder 1789-1855

One of the most beautiful Holy Communion Hymns Bread of Heaven, on thee I Feed was written by Josiah Conder, with the words from St. John's Gospel, 'I am the living bread which came down from heaven. Whoso eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life. I am the true vine.'

Josiah Conder, the son of Thomas Conder, an engraver and book seller, was born in 1789 at Falcon Street, London. Brought up in an atmosphere of erudition, he grew into a man of great literary ability, and through untiring industry became famous as an author, editor and publisher. He died in 1855.

## **28<sup>th</sup> June ROSE QUEEN**

On Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June Isabelle Crawford will be crowned at Holy Trinity Church, as Rose Queen for the year 2025/26. Isabelle and her retinue will receive the crown from the retiring Queen, Hannah Chapman. Full details regarding the afternoon ceremony will be published separately. Rose Queen Sunday will be marked on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. A day when we can celebrate and rejoice with Isabelle, her family and friends

For the beauty of the earth. - Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1835-1917

The hymn chosen to contribute to the fun and meaningful afternoon extravaganza and entertainment is For the beauty of the earth. In the spring of 1863, Folliott Pierpoint age 29, sat on a hilltop outside his native city of Bath admiring the country view and the winding River Avon, inspired by the view, to think about God's gift in creation and in the church, Pierpoint wrote these verses when the sun was shining and the primroses and violets were in full bloom. He said that his fingers had 'wings of joy' as he wrote these words. Originally the hymn was intended

## **29<sup>th</sup> June ORDINATION OF PRIESTS ST. PETER & ST. PAUL**

This afternoon at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton, at 4pm. Father Joe. will be ordained as a priest in the Church of England by The Right Reverend Philip North, The Bishop of Blackburn. The ordination will permit Fr. Joe to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please support Fr. Joe by participating in his ordination at Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton at the 4pm. Service.

And now, O Father, mindful of the love. -  
William Bright 1824-1901

This hymn for Holy Communion appeared in the Monthly Packet, 1873, and in Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875. He wrote numerous hymns but this is the only one in our current hymn-book.

He was born at Doncaster on 14 December 1824. He was the only son of William Bright, Town Clerk of Doncaster. Bright entered University College, Oxford, of which he became Fellow and Tutor. He took Holy Orders in 1848, and was for some time tutor at Glenalmond. In 1859 he returned to Oxford and in 1868 was appointed Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Canon of Christ Church. He died unmarried at Christ Church on 6 March 1901 and was buried at Osney Cemetery, Oxford.



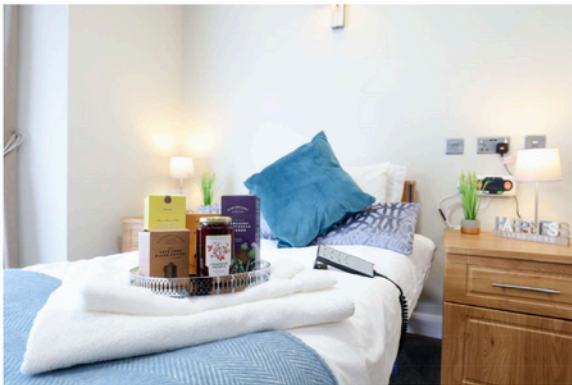


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# RECTOR FORSE'S LETTERS

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### RECTOR'S WEEKLY NEWS - 4<sup>th</sup> July 1946

My dear Boys and Girls,  
Truthfully speaking, the notice at the head of this letter (ISSUED WEEKLY SINCE MAY 1940) is not quite correct, for I did not issue a News Letter last week nor the week before, but as I have never failed for the past six years to issue it every week until now, I thought that I could honestly continue to use the heading. Well, we are now getting to the last issue, which, as I have said, will be a bumper one. The lads are now coming home demobbed in quick succession and it really does look as if practically all those who were in the Forces for the last two years will be home by Christmas. One last request. Do please, one and all, who are still in the Forces write to me so that my final issue can really be a bumper number, and one to be kept as a souvenir for all time. With all my love and every Blessing, ever your sincere old friend and rector,  
L.N. Forse.

#### Home Front News

Mr James Bentham (Fred's father), Kearsley Avenue died on Saturday and was buried in Tarleton churchyard on Tuesday. He was 64 years of age.

Mrs Greenwood of Hoole (Nee Mary Howard, Barron's Farm, Tarleton) has presented her husband with a son.

Young Vincent John Stringfellow (Jack) of Chapel Road, H.B., fell into an ammunition pit at the Army Camp near his house while playing with some of his mates. There was water in the pit and Jack was nearly drowned. A soldier at the camp got him out. He was taken by ambulance to Preston Infirmary and was unconscious for three whole days. He is now slightly better.

Joe Leather of Town Lane, Hoole, was married on Saturday to Molly Barker, late of Hoole, now of Bretherton.

William Stezaker of Park View, Liverpool Road, Rufford was married last Wednesday to Madeleine Bellot of Brussels Belgium, at Rufford Parish Church. He met her when he was stationed in Brussels. He is now demobbed. The bride was given away by Mrs J. Ashcroft of Rufford and the best man was the bridegroom's nephew Ronnie Stezaker. Walter Rawsthorne has now been demobbed and is living with his Belgian bride over Clegg's shop in Hesketh Bank. During a gale last week one of the clerestory windows in the parish church blew right in, fell on the floor of the Church and not a pane of glass was broken. The only sign of Victory Day being kept in Tarleton was a few flags displayed here and there in the village, including those at the Church and the British Legion.

Owing to the inclement weather the Church Sunday School was unable to "walk" on Whitsunday afternoon. However, the Rufford band played the hymns and other music in Church for the Service. The weather was again very wet for the Methodist Sunday School Tea Party. It rained all day, especially hard in the afternoon, but Mrs Knight again very kindly gave the children an afternoon at the cinema. There was no procession around the parish. Teddy Silcock, eldest son of Herbert Silcock, the proprietor of the Fun Fair which comes to Tarleton for the Tea Parties (Church and Methodist), was married on Wednesday by the rector in Tarleton Parish Church to Anita Williams, whose family have the shooting gallery on the fairground. Reception and Wedding Breakfast in the Schools afterwards. Honeymoon in the Isle of Man. A large number of people, friends of both families and local people attended the ceremony. Hugh Iddon, opposite Howards and works for Mrs Howard at Barron's Farm was married on Wednesday at the Methodist Chapel to Alice Hague, daughter of Mr Joe Hague, Carr Lane. Reception at Garlicks.

Start has already been made of building the 36 houses in Sutton Avenue.



# RECTOR FORSE'S LETTERS

They will, of course, be Council houses to rent. Richard Iddon, the builder, has been given the contract for draining the new portion of the Churchyard. The work must be done before the land can be consecrated.

Stanley Banks, Carr Lane, is in Preston Infirmary. He has had an operation for hernia. He is doing well. Hesketh Bank Musical Festival was held in the C. of E. and Methodist Schools at week.

Another Teddy Silcock, a son of Mr Edward Silcock, brother of Herbert above, who is also the proprietor of a Fun Fair, is to be married at Tarleton Parish Church on July 12<sup>th</sup> to Estelle Shaw whose people are also in the same line of business. Mrs Edgar of the Lock Cottages, Sollom, fell into the canal on Thursday and was drowned. Verdict at inquest 'found drowned'. She was buried at Tarleton on Saturday.

Hesketh Bank Welcome Home Committee distributed their gratuities to their ex-Service men on Saturday afternoon. £21 to each man and woman, irrespective of the length of time spent in the Services; and £42 to every widow of a Hesketh Bank man who died through the war.

Last Saturday afternoon the Croston Welcome Home Committee held a Garden Party at the Rectory on behalf of their Fund. The rector of Tarleton lent some of his many decorations. Also on Saturday afternoon the Tarleton Church Sunday School teachers held a Garden Party on the Rectory lawn. Maypole, Morris Dancing, Rufford Band, Fortune Teller, Whist Drive and tea on the lawn. Proceeds for Sunday School Funds. A very good attendance. Opened by Mrs Bridges of Lathom. Also on Saturday afternoon last Patrick's Circus visited Tarleton. So as not to clash with the Garden Party the Rector arranged with Mr Patrick to erect the Circus on the field next to the rectory lawn. A bridge was thrown across the ditch; the circus opened for first house

at 5.30 after the tea on the lawn and when the Garden Party was practically over. So, all the Garden Party went across to the first house at the Circus. The second house was at 7.30. Quite a good show, performing horses, dogs etc. Acrobats, clowns etc. Zoo attached containing lion, monkey, peacocks etc.

John Counce has written to say that he expects to be home on leave about June 25<sup>th</sup>. Jimmy West has also been demobbed.

A troop of Boy Scouts are coming to Tarleton to camp at the end of July. George Burns returned home demobbed, on Monday last. Hesketh Bank Sunday School outing to Southport took place on June 19<sup>th</sup>. A very fine day and tea in the Temperance Institute. While Nurse Freeman has been away ill we have had a supply nurse. This nurse while driving her car to Mere Brow, somersaulted into Runner Platt. The nurse was unhurt and the car is now once more on the road. Lewis Clark has been demobbed.

A private car going through Rufford, when near Nansen's Café in trying to avoid a runaway horse, crashed into a lorry coming in the opposite direction. The car was completely concertinered, but the driver, though badly cut, was taken out alive.

Mr John Forshaw of Holmes, died on Thursday and was buried in Tarleton Churchyard on Saturday. The infant son of James Sharrack and Winifred Mary Abram (Jimmy Abram and Winnie Laing) was christened on Sunday in Tarleton Parish Church with the names Christopher James. The infant daughter of Richard and Doris Parkinson (Dick Parkinson, Hesketh Lane and Doris Wignall) was christened on Sunday in Tarleton Parish Church with the name Joan.

# RECTOR FORSE'S LETTERS

The following is the third list of Subscribers to Miss Evelyn Webster's Testimonial from those serving in the Forces in recognition of their appreciation of her services in sending the NLs each week: Harry Devitt; Robert Hull (joiner); John Ball; Commander Caunce; Kenneth Robshaw; Albert Beaconsall; Joseph Rimmer; Alec Barnish; Ted Barnish; Frank Hewitson; Nicholas Dewhurst; Agnes Swift (nee Rigby); Eva Foulds; Frank Foulds; Ken Ogden; Ronnie Iddon; Jackie Sutton; Robert Bond; Harry Harrison; Harry Whitehead; James Parkinson; Robert Latham; Will Ellison; William Parkinson; William Benjamin; Tom Dickinson; Robert Edmondson; Jack Marsden; Jimmy Sutton; Richard Blundell; Abel Bickerstaffe; Dick Gabbott; Howard Gabbott; John Rimmer; Mrs Darrell (nee Ball, Hoole); Herbert Parkinson; Eric Abram; Pamela Fairey; Jack Clemmy (RAF friend of Tom Parkinson who was killed in Corsica); Arthur Barron; Philip Rigby; Robert Iddon (Bretherton); William Iddon; Alan Barnes; Dick Townsley; Robert Ball (Newarth Lane HB); Aubrey Smith; Tom Spencer, John Spencer.

## Extracts from Letters

Major Eric Hind writes from Bombay: "I am shortly to be released from the Army and write to thank you for the famous NLs you have sent. I have read it in the jungles of Mateya, Sumatra and Burma and it has quite honestly enabled me, for a few seconds to forget the dangers around me and transport me back to that long, straggling, peaceful and typical Lancashire village where I have spent the happiest days of my life. I have often thought of writing and suggesting something which I feared you would consider facetious. It is that you change the order of your initials from L.N. to N.L.; N.L. standing for News Letter of course." (No, Eric, my initials in the order given me at Baptism stand for something even better, and more appropriate – the old Loyal Norths, a regiment I served for 25 years.)

LAC Eric Bell writes from BAOR: "All the Units on this 'drome are being disbanded at the moment. I believe the Army is taking over and using it as a camp and as an airfield for Army light "spotters". My own view is that it is rather a waste of such a fine airfield when "Spotter" planes can land and take off in a cabbage field. I know that quite a few Tarleton boys were posted in and around Lubeck and I am wondering if there are any here now. I'm a bit stumped for what to say next, but if my letter has done nothing else, it will, at least, let you know that I am still alive and kicking." Dvr John Caunce typewrites his letter from C.M.F. "I am still working in the office, so this accounts for this typewritten letter. I shall be able to help you with your typing when I get back. I played football about a week ago and as usual I hurt myself, but I am better now and I shall be playing again on Monday night. I have not met any Tarleton lads since I met Ronnie Iddon but I am keeping my eyes skinned for any I may see. Remember me to all my Tarleton pals in the forces, and to any who have been demobbed."

L/Bdr Nicholas Taylor writes from CHAUBATTIA, India Command, "At last I have received some very good news. I have to pack my kit and proceed to Homeward Bound Depot at Deolali. I hope to be home on a short disembarkation leave, prior to being demobbed, at the end of June." Dvr. Robert Iddon (Bob, used to work for Jack Mee), writes "Just a few lines to thank you for NL which I have received since arriving in Japan. Life in Japan has not been too bad so far, and I think it is much better than India. We are in Barracks about five miles from Kure. I have also been to Hiroshima, the city where the first atomic bomb was dropped.

. It doesn't seem possible that one bomb could do so much damage. All that is standing is a few concrete buildings; all the rest is flat. Every bit of land here is cultivated, even on the steep hillsides. Another thing that is very beautiful here is the cherry blossom; some parts of the countryside are covered



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with it. I went to church on Easter Sunday in a nearby hospital and we had a very nice service." Submarine Stoker Jack Twist writes from HMS Submarine TAPIR "For the last few months we have done nothing but move around. We are now in Australia and our submarine is due to leave Sidney for England in July. It will indeed be great to see the old village once again. I am pleased to say that I have been receiving the NLs OK. We have been in nearly all the ports in Australia. This is a great country and the people have treated us swell; still I don't think it is as good as England. Please give my kind regards to all in H.M. Forces and all my other friends in Bretherton and Tarleton. Corpl. Hugh Melling, RAF writes from BCOF, "Just a line to let you know that I am still alive – and in Japan at last. I landed at Kure on the 19<sup>th</sup> after three weeks on the boat, and then a couple of hours on the train and am now at Iwakuni about 15 miles from Hiroshima. Now that I have seen what the Atom bomb did to Hiroshima, I can quite understand why the Japs packed up. The place is absolutely flat. I did not see a single building standing. The Japs, however, are making great strides towards reconstruction. Temporary wooden buildings are being erected all over the place. The people themselves seem quite happy and willing to co-operate. I suppose they do resent our being here, but don't show it. I can assure you that Japan is 100 per cent better than India, and it doesn't smell. Remember me to all Tarletonians still in the Forces and those demobbed." Pte. Arthur Barron (Hesketh Lane) writes from BAOR "As you know I have been in the Infantry all my service, but am shortly going to in the CMP. I was ordered to go in them and am not looking forward to being a Red Cap after being in the Infantry for such a long time. I am now stationed at a place called LUCHOW, some 50 miles from Luneburg. The worst trouble with this place is that it is too far from any big town, but we can get into Luneburg at the week-ends. It will be a while yet before I get the one-way ticket. Give my best wishes to Jack Hodge and say that I hope we shall meet in Civvy Street before long."

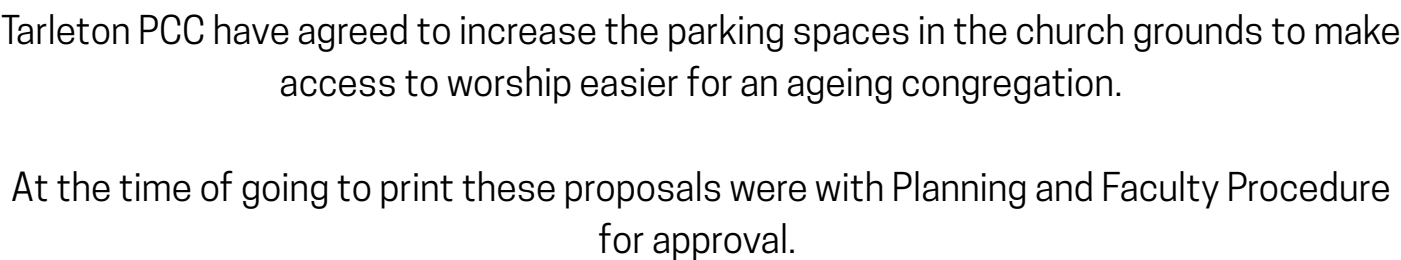
Dvr. Billy Whittle writes from B.A.O.R. "I have learned with some regret your decision to cease publication of the old N.L. it sure gave the lads a lot of real pleasure to read of the happenings that went on in the village. Often it was the means of two local lads bumping into one another over here. Out here the lads are either 'group happy' or are wondering where they will be posted to. Tomorrow all the Company is on parade in full war paint as the C.R.E. is coming along with a bunch of 'Brass Hats' from GHQ. Why all this fuss and bother over celebrating V. Day I don't know. It's a waste of good time and energy. I think if they gave us all 5/- and told us to celebrate in our own fashion we would be happier. I wouldn't mind betting that the sight of us trundling up and down the street amuses these Jerries."

Pte. Arthur Barron (Chapel Cottages) writes from Southampton, "I do hope that it will be possible for me to receive the final publication of the NL. It will interest you to know that Colonel Jones of Bank Hall, is stationed here and, as you know, the Company tailor sees quite a lot of his superiors. I am at last able to say that, with God's help, I shall soon have finished with this life. I should leave here on June 20<sup>th</sup> and hope to resume my duties as a tailor in Tarleton."

AC Harry Moss writes from Emsworth, Hants, "This will be the last letter I shall write to you before I finish my service with the RAF. Looking back I don't think that I would have liked to have missed all the experiences I have had. Bad times there have been and plenty of them, but these are all easily forgotten and submerged in the memories of all the happy times. My only trouble now lies in my future; whether to return to my dry-as-dust and uninspiring job at B.T.R. Leyland, or launch out in some other direction. As regards civilian life my only fear is that the 'every man for himself' attitude should once again be resorted to in order to exist and also, the graft that seems sometimes so apparent, which almost makes one lose faith in humanity." Wren

Muriel Hind writes from Inskip, Lancashire: “I was very sorry to hear that the NL will no longer be continued, so I feel this is my last chance to thank you very much for each one I have received.” Jimmy Latham, Moss Lane, writes from home, “I am returning to my old employment at Henry Alty’s, prior to making another attempt to join the Fire Service. I cannot say that I have not liked my Service experience with its chances to see new places and people. I made some good friends whilst in the Navy.”

Bert Hawke writes from 7, Hadassah Grove, Lark Lane, Liverpool 17, “I have not been to Tarleton since my demobilisation, but I will certainly come and see you when I do make the trip.”





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