

New format Circuit News

BIG SING Do you remember the Big Sings? If you haven't been to one you don't know what you have missed! A really enjoyable way to pass part of a Saturday evening. Lively music, uplifting words, light but meaningful. Have we turned you on? - hope so, but also one final element **SUPPER**. We all enjoy eating together. The disciples enjoyed eating with Jesus, let's do it all together at Silsden, Saturday 21st February 7.00pm.

ANNUAL QUIZ The Annual Quiz, to which all the Circuit are invited, will be on Saturday 21st March 2015 at Bingley Methodist Church, starting at 6.00pm. Tickets cost £5, including a hot supper (gluten free and vegetarian diets can be catered for).

Whilst we invite you to bring teams of 6 people, further scratch teams can be arranged on the night so don't be put off, but places must be booked in advance for catering purposes.

Please book by contacting John Wyborn on 01274 567784 or by email johnnewborn@hotmail.com by Tuesday 17th March.

Welcome to our new-style monthly news sheet. It is a privilege to be able to take over from Maurice Baren as newsletter editor.

I don't feel able to commit time to compiling a lengthy publication so I aim to concentrate on brief items of information, especially upcoming events.

Please circulate as widely as you are able. Print as many copies (either colour or black and white) as necessary to give to anyone interested, display on noticeboards, add to your church websites etc. Please pick out items for your congregational notices as appropriate.

If you would like to receive a copy by email direct from me

then send a request to me at news@airedalemethodists.org

In the body of the email I will include the text of the newsletter for anyone unable to open attachments.

The news sheet will also be available to download from the circuit website www.airedalemethodists.org

For any church unable to access an electronic copy I will post out a physical copy if required.

Please submit any items for inclusion in the March edition by Sunday February 15th.

Send items by email to news@airedalemethodists.org or phone 01535 652353 or post to

55 Woodside Road, Silsden, Keighley BD20 0BN

Please let me have any feedback on what you would like the content to be and how readable/available the news sheet is to you.

Gerald Crompton



New book about Lees Methodist Church



Maurice Baren has written a 65 page book about the history of Lees Methodist Church. It covers the period from 1844 to the present day and includes numerous pictures—a real social history of a typical small Methodist Church over 170 years. The book, which includes many pictures, is now available priced at £7.00, £8.50 by post. All proceeds are for church funds. Cheques should be made payable to Lees Methodist Church and orders sent to Maurice Baren 4 Branwell Drive, Haworth, Nr Keighley BD22 8HG.

Forthcoming anniversary at Haworth

The church at Haworth is featured in the new Methodist Heritage handbook. The society was established 260 years ago as a house group within the Church of England & must be one of the oldest in the world which is still worshipping. We are willing to lead guided walks around the

village & give talks about the Revd William Grimshaw, the curate who encouraged the early Methodists & had the first preaching house built in 1758. He was a friend of John Wesley who signed the deeds. The Sabbath or Sunday School for adults as well as children was established later and its

185th anniversary will be led on Sunday May 3rd at 10.30am and 6pm by former minister the Revd Alf Waite.



In December we were all deeply saddened at the sudden death of Revd Lewis Burton. Our prayers are with Margaret.

We have heard that Florence Bramall of East Morton died in January. Florence was the first reader in the Keighley and Worth Valley Circuit and inspired several others to volunteer also.

Lent Groups around the Circuit

Beginning the week of Sunday February 22nd

Silsden	Sun 6-7.30pm using the film The Kings Speech (Film to be shown on Friday 20 th)
Cowling	Monday 2pm
Cullingworth	Wednesday 2pm
Crosshills	Wednesday 7.30
Bingley	Thursday 7-9
Long Lee	Thursday 2pm

The following two groups are using the Film The Way

Haworth	Sunday 6pm At Baptists
Oxenhope	Wednesday 2.30-4pm

Circuit Holy Week Services

Monday March 30 th	Bingley 7.30pm
Tuesday March 31 st	Lees 2pm
Wednesday April 1 st	Farnhill 7.30pm
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services	in home churches



the connexion is a new print magazine for the Methodist people. The first issue brings you news of people and projects in these islands as well as North Korea and Sri Lanka, showing how vibrant Methodism can be. It has a primary theme of evangelism (the 'e-word') and ways that Methodists can refocus on an area that many find problematic. The magazine has been produced in response to calls from many Methodists for improved communications and more news about what is happening across the Connexion. Two more issues will be published in 2015 - issue two in April and issue three in September.

Copies of the magazine are being distributed around the Circuit. You can also download a PDF of the magazine from www.methodist.org.uk

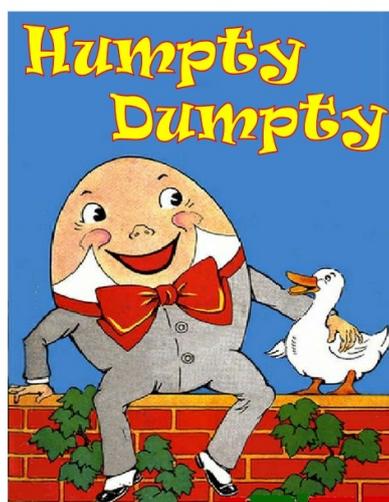
ACTION FOR CHILDREN

In December we had a one day store collection at Sainsbury's which raised £435.

17 people from 7 churches across the Circuit helped collect, giving one hour each. Many thanks to all concerned.

Friends,
I have a "useful quotes" website that I hope will raise funds for my church, St Andrews, Cowling. It would be of interest to anyone preparing a talk/speech/address and wanting a relevant quote for the occasion. The address is www.ednaquotes.co.uk Thanks for your interest, and please tell your friends.

Edna Smith



29th Oakworth Methodist Pantomime
Eight Shows: 14th - 21st February 2015

COME AND SING AND PERFORM IN A DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH

HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH

COWLING

FROM PHARAOH TO FREEDOM

A MUSICAL BY ROGER JONES OF

CHRISTIAN MUSIC MNISTRIES

Written in SATB with Soloists and Narration

The Story of Moses and the Passover in the Old and New Testaments

The Emphasis of the day is on fellowship

and spreading the Good News.....

Come and enjoy

Commences at 9.30am with a performance at 6.30pm

Singers £7.00 Audience £3.00

Music books, CDs (and SATB part CDs) can be purchased from sales@cmm.org.uk or 01527 576440 or on the day (there will be some to borrow)

Details and bookings (asap to guarantee a place)

Maurice Hatton/Denise Raby 01535 632611

7pm Saturday 14th Feb, Monday 16th Feb
Evening Tuesday 17th Feb, Wednesday 18th Feb
Shows Friday 20th Feb and Saturday 21st Feb
2pm matinees: on both Saturdays

Adults £7.00

Senior citizens £6.00

Children £5.00

Book online at www.OakworthMethodists.org

or at Oakworth Methodist Church—at rehearsals or on Saturdays 11.00-3.00 or 01535 642625 07925 257344

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