

### October 17th/18th

A reunion is being arranged for what was the Haworth and Oakworth Circuit Youth Fellowship. This fellowship met at Lees Methodist Church in the 1950s, 60s and 70s and was influential in many young people's lives. The Reunion is being held over the weekend of 17th/18th October culminating in a service at Lees Chapel followed by lunch on Sunday 18th October. If you were part of the Fellowship, or know someone who was, please get in touch with one of the following for further details:  
whaleykm@hotmail.co.uk  
jbinns39@gmail.com or  
Revd Mollie Greenwood on 01756 791011.

### Saturday 10th October

10am -12 noon Judith will be holding another Coffee Morning Christmas Fairtrade stall at Ilkley Road Methodist Church.

If anyone is unable to make it and is interested in ordering anything, please let Judith know on judemfol@hotmail.com and she will dispatch a catalogue.

### September was an

unusual month in that we held two Circuit Meetings. Now in the course of things, one meeting in a month is more than enough but at the beginning of the month the Circuit needed to make some decisions on staffing. Rev Sandie Exley-Watts had let the Circuit know that at the end of this year (Aug 2016) she would be retiring and Deacon Claire Gill had asked that she should be released from her present appointment a year early so that she could move into a new appointment, this was for personal reasons. The Meeting agreed on both counts and we have begun the long task of seeking two new ministers - a presbyter and a deacon - to replace Sandie and Claire. At the end of the month we met again, this time to consider other business. Two new policy documents were agreed (Benevolent Fund and Property Group) which can be seen on our website. It is hoped the setting up of The Property Group will help churches and the circuit to manage all aspects of property in a more creative way. Releasing much of this work from the Circuit Leadership Team means that they can focus on

the Mission and growth of the Circuit.

During October all our churches will be engaged in Church Council meetings. This autumn why not take time at your church council to have a conversation about how we share our faith and who with. Perhaps we might ask of ourselves and of our churches are we as effective as we could be in telling of God's love? In Paul's letter to the Romans he asks how will people come to know God unless they have heard of him. Many people may think they know God, whilst in reality they have not truly encountered the God who grants freedom, the God who says Yes rather than No. For much of my childhood I thought that God was a killjoy who stopped me from doing things. As I grew into a teenager I thought that to be a good Christian I needed to not drink, not swear and not be dishonest. As I have matured in years and in faith I realise faith is not about what God limits us doing but about how God enables us to become the best we can be when we walk alongside him in faith and trust. As we walk towards the darker months of Autumn and Winter be encouraged that God is a God of endless possibilities.  
**Revd Ruth Crompton**

### Diary Dates

**Friday 2** 7pm Quiz and Karaoke night to be held by St Andrew's at Cowling Village Hall. For tickets please contact Philip Boocock on 01535 633314

**Tuesday 6** 2.00pm at Hetton Methodist Chapel start of mission shaped intro. Also 7.30pm at Newby Methodist Church Please contact Deacon Maggie Patchett if you are interested in attending at any of the venues:  
deaconmaggiep@gmail.com  
07753 110388  
See September Circuit Newsletter for more details.

**Thursday 8** 7.30pm at Silsden Methodist start of mission shaped Intro.

**Sunday 11** 4pm A Service at Farnhill Methodist to mark the building's closure.

**Saturday 17** Study day around "Work Life Balance" held at Baildon Methodist Church.  
Contact the District Office to confirm a place.

**Monday 26** 2pm Family Film Fun at Silsden Methodist Church. Free event.

**Thursday 29** 1.30-3pm Goldies UK at Silsden Methodist Church (see notice overleaf).

## Oakworth Methodist Church



Lidget, Keighley Road,  
Oakworth, Keighley,  
West Yorkshire, BD22 7HN

# MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

### Mission Possible Appeal Launch Event

Saturday 3rd October 10.00 am to 2.00 pm



### Evening with Ian Dewhirst

*Local life between the two world wars*

Thursday 8th October 7.00 pm

Pie and Peas served at 7.00 pm



Join us for

TEA AT THE  
*Ritz*

*An afternoon of  
elegance and relaxation  
in pleasant surroundings  
with delicious food  
and beautiful music*

*on Saturday 17th October at 2pm or 4pm*

For full details see: [www.OakworthMethodists.org](http://www.OakworthMethodists.org)

Donations for the Mission Possible Appeal  
gratefully received at all events

Booking essential for Ian Dewhirst & Tea at the Ritz

Contact David on: ☎ 01535 215784

or [David@OakworthMethodists.org](mailto:David@OakworthMethodists.org)



## 'Goldies' arrives in Silsden

The Golden-Oldies Charity reaches out to older isolated people across Southern England and Wales with its fun singing and activity sessions.

From four sessions in 2008 taken by the founder in sheltered housing community rooms in the Bath area, there are now over thirty dedicated session leaders bringing enjoyment at over one hundred and thirty locations.

Earlier this year Goldies was approached by Revd Ruth Crompton who enquired if it would be possible to introduce the work of our charity in West Yorkshire. Following a meeting with myself, Ruth, Vanessa Iliff and Andrea Pickersgill from Creative Support, it was agreed that a taster session would take place at Silsden Methodist Church to illustrate the work of our small charity.

**We have great pleasure in inviting you to attend the session which will take place at Silsden Methodist Church (Kirkgate, Silsden BD20 OPA) on Thursday October 29th. We will serve light refreshments from 1.30pm and the session will run from 2.00pm until 3.00pm.**

Please RSVP to Vanessa Iliff either by email [vanessailiff1@gmail.com](mailto:vanessailiff1@gmail.com) or post to 43 Waterside, Keighley BD20 0LQ. Thank you.

I will be attending myself to lead what will be our first Goldies session in the Bradford area. We hope this will be the start of Goldies across the area!

We also hope that you will be able to attend, to learn more about the work of our charity and how it is having such a positive effect on the lives of older people, in particular those who live in isolation.

It would be wonderful to see you on Thursday October 29th and if you have a moment to spare please look at our website [www.golden-oldies.org.uk](http://www.golden-oldies.org.uk) which will give you a much clearer idea of our work.

With kind regards,

Greville Jones - Founder & Chief Officer

Patricia Henny was received as a fully-accredited Methodist local preacher at an accreditation service at Ilkley Road Methodist Church. Circuit superintendent minister, the Revd Ruth Crompton, presented Patricia with a music copy of Singing the Faith.

Please submit any items for the November newsletter by Monday October 19th to Gerald Crompton (Editor) [news@airedalemethodists.org](mailto:news@airedalemethodists.org) or phone 01535 652353 or post to 55 Woodside Road, Silsden, Keighley BD20 0BN. If you would be like to receive the newsletter by email please send a request to the Editor.