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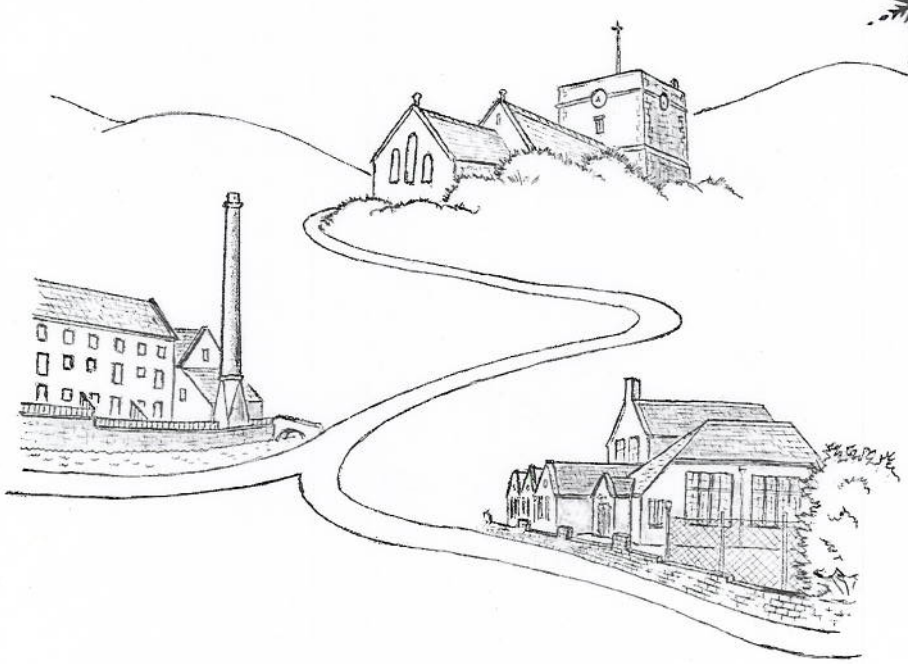
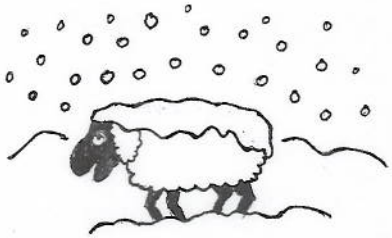
CHRISTMAS 2011





CHURCHES SCHOOL VILLAGE

Vicar's Letter

Can you say thank you too much? Probably yes if it becomes a platitude, or you don't really mean it but in this case I am saying it again, and I do! I am so thankful for all the help and support the Wright family have received through two family bereavements and also during my times in hospital, on and off, over the past couple of months. That warm welcome we received over a year ago on coming to the village has lived up to every hope and more, as we take our place as family in church and village life.

Why do I share little bits of where the Wright family are in life? Because our stories, our shared experiences, connect, they bring us closer together. Bereavement and illness usually create opportunity for the sharing of stories. The opportunity to share and listen to stories is a great privilege and a real pleasure. As I have come to know members of the community through life's huge milestones, I have listened to amazing stories involving all aspects of life.

November is a time of remembering, particularly in our memories of those who have died in service as they defended our freedom. Through December Advent takes us into a time of remembering the Christmas story and all that unfolds during what is, for most of us, an exciting time. The remembering is made all the more powerful when stories are shared and explored.

What are your stories? What stories come to mind in Advent and Christmas? Some will be hard to recall, some will bring great joy and fond memories I am sure. Where does God fit into our stories, our remembrance stories, our Christmas stories? Where does God fit into our stories of hurt, pain, dejection, suffering and distress?

"We live between the trees, in a world drenched by God. And some people seriously ask, you know, "Where is God?" Maybe a better question would be, "Where isn't God?" I mean his fingerprints are all over the world. Or may be it's his world and they're our fingerprints." (Rob Bell)

The wise men worked out their part in the Christmas story, over both a physical journey and a journey of time. What they found gave them great joy and great sorrow, captured by T.S Eliot in the last verse off his poem, Journey of the Magi:

"This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or death? There was a birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt.
I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death."

The wise men had played their part and had a strange glimpse of the future, but no one could comprehend the amazing way the story would play out. How this strange birth would bring about "The Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace…"

Your story IS unique to you and as it unfolds, I hope and pray that you recognise your unique fingerprints in God's world, those parts of your life that make a wonderful contribution to it!

May I wish you all an advent of hope and wonder, realised through your stories, and a Christmas of Joy and peace, whatever your circumstances.

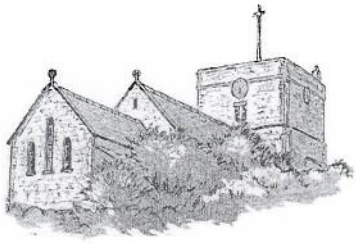
Nigel
The Revd Nigel Wright

How will you your Christmas keep?

How will you your Christmas keep?
Feasting, fasting, or asleep?
Will you laugh or will you pray,
Or will you forget the day?
Be it kept with joy or pray'r,
Keep of either some to spare:
Whatsoever brings the day,
Do not keep but give away

Eleanor Farjeon

Parish Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Oxenhope



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10.00 am:	Second Sunday:	Family Communion and Parade Service
10.00 am:	All other Sundays:	Parish Communion and Sunday School

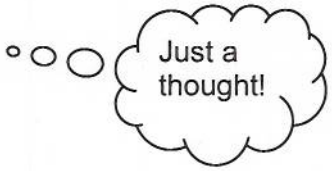
Weekdays:

1st Monday 8.00 pm:	Contemplative Prayer at West Drive Methodist Church
Tuesday 9 am:	Morning Prayer in Church (BCP)
Wednesday 7.30 pm:	Bellringers (new ringers welcome – contact Celia Holmes, tel. 643472)
3rd Wednesday 7.30 pm:	in Church: Women's Help Society (contact Pauline Bedford, tel. 648010)
Thursday 7.00 pm:	in Church: Choir Practice (new members welcome) (contact Brenda Emmett, tel. 642916)
Thursday 8.15 pm:	in Church: Short Service of Compline (Night Prayer)

3rd Saturday, 10-15 - 11.15am: Toddler Praise Contact Camilla Allen, tel. 646270 or Sue Gibson, tel. 642684

**The terms Vicar and Rector are working titles used to assist understanding of the working roles of the clergy team. The legal titles are as follows: Revd Nigel Wright is Resident Priest of the parish of Oxenhope and Peter Mayo-Smith is Priest in Charge of the parishes of Haworth with Stanbury, Crossroads and Oxenhope."*

"Advice is like snow; the softer it falls the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind."
Coleridge



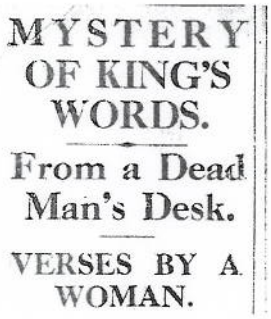
FROM THE METHODIST MINISTER

(Many of you will know that, shortly after Outreach went out in the Autumn, Neville became very ill and has now returned to South Africa with his family where he is currently undergoing chemo treatment. We wish him well and remember him in our prayers - Ed.)

Blessings and best wishes from a very warm (too warm) Ballito on the "Dolphin Coast" of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa - and yes, there really are dolphins, and whales too! We see them often when we walk along the sea front. Believe it or not, we'll miss the English winter and Christmas festivities. We wish you all a joyful Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.

Neville and Carleen Richardson

THE KING'S SPEECH - UPDATE


MYSTERY OF KING'S WORDS.

From a Dead Man's Desk.

VERSES BY A WOMAN.

Soon after my article on the forgotten story of the King's Speech was published in Outreach; Norma Mackrell handed me a copy of a cutting from her Grandmothers scrap book. The article can only have been written either on Christmas Day after the speech or on Boxing Day before the midnight news, as by this time the full story had come to light following a phone call to the BBC by the Author's brother.

The story however is interesting in it's own right – A woman Mrs. Allen had sent the words to the Times on the outbreak of the war 'as offering words of courage in this dark hour'. She told the reporter that 'the passage written on a postcard was found amongst the effects of a man now dead'. The man was Dr. Richard Glover – President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain who had heard the words quoted by a young singer Mme. Katherine Gerrish 25 years earlier. He had been so impressed that he had asked her to write the passage on a postcard. Upon his death the family found the card and, similarly impressed, had used it in their previous year's Christmas card, one of which was received by Mrs. Allen. At this time the full story had not come to light and the possible author was wrongly attributed.

This is an interesting account which substantiates the mystery and is also a reflection on changing times before laptops and mobile phones, where the main form of communication was word of mouth and newspapers were dependent on lengthy typesetting processes.

Mike Hopkinson
(With thanks to Norma and her Grandmother)

THE KING QUOTED HER LINES.

Miss M. L. Haskins, of Crowborough, Sussex, authoress of the lines quoted by the King in his Christmas Day broadcast. Miss Haskins is a novelist and poet

The Truth Revealed

SUPER - FAST BROADBAND

I have long been waiting for BT to install its new 'fibre optic' technology in the village, and finally I believe it has been made available on the Haworth exchange, which includes Oxenhope. Many residents may now be able to benefit from this super-fast fibre broadband internet. I would suggest that interested residents should go to www.BT.com/infinity to check for service availability.
For fairness, I should also mention that two other providers may also offer a service: PlusNet (www.plus.net) and Talk Talk (www.talktalk.co.uk). For those not already on the Internet who wish to order, the following freephone sales lines may be called:
BT 0800 800 150, PlusNet 0800 432 0200 and TalkTalk 0800 049 7802.

Ben Whitaker
Oxenhope Resident

Editor's Note: Contributions for the Spring/Easter edition of Outreach as soon as possible please and no later than **27th February 2012**. Many thanks!

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Oxenhope CE Primary School

I hope you have had a copy of the updated version of the Parish Plan through your letter box. If you have you should also have received a DVD of our 'Window on the World' visual arts project that our Year 5 and Year 6 children from last year worked on. This superbly finished product is the result of a great deal of hard work which started with teacher John Parkin and myself submitting an action plan to CAPE UK to secure the grant which enabled the children of the school to plan the project alongside the artist, Lucy Bergman, with whom they chose to work. The help and support of a number of parents, carers and members of the community gave the children their inspiration for the animations through the use of their stories, views and opinions of Oxenhope. Many of these people volunteered their voices to the project and parent John Drury gave his time and skills to provide the wonderful background music.

Following the 'big screen premiere' the children shared their work with the Parish Council who felt that the work really should be shared with you all. Thank you to Lucy, members of the Parish Council, Oxenhope Parochial Church Council and the Governing Body for collaborating to allow every home in the Parish to own a copy. Personally I feel that this project highlights the way our school is striving to strengthen links within the community, which is essential in continuing to enhance our work as the village school.

This term is now well underway and the children are engaged in exciting learning activities within their classes. We have welcomed a number of new staff members and children including our new children in Reception class. Mrs Nutting, Mrs Kinnaird, Mrs Reynard and our Year 5 and 6 buddies have helped all the children to settle in well. This fantastic group of children will also be joined by Mrs Sarah Brooks who has recently joined the teaching team. The school has an incredibly experienced team within this phase of the school and our provision is excellent.

If your child is due to start school in the next academic year it is worth noting that your preference form needs to be submitted to Bradford Council Schools Admission Team by 15th January 2012. Forms and booklets can be accessed from the Council directly and you can highlight your preferences online. As we are a Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School we require that parents/carers complete a supplementary form which is available from the school office. If you need any assistance with making your application or have any specific questions in relation to our school admissions policy we are available to help you with this.

Over the next few weeks there will be many more exciting activities and events taking place both in and outside school. Our first 'WOW week' of the year took place during the week beginning 7th November, our first 'outdoor Collective Worship event' is due to take place and the Year 2 and 3 children will be visiting our partner school, St Matthews CE Primary in Chapel Allerton, Leeds for the Christmas Experience event.

We also have numerous events organised by our very active 'Friends of Oxenhope CE Primary School' group. One of these events is their Christmas Fayre which takes place on Friday 2nd December from 2:30pm. Our Christmas Service at St Mary's Church is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 20th December at 9:45 am. We hope that you are able to join us for these community events.

Finally, can I suggest that if you would like to keep up to date with the work of the school and see lists of upcoming events you can visit our school website:
http://oxenhope.worthvalley.org.uk
which is updated on a weekly basis. The website also has contact details if you would like to get in touch or get involved in working with us.

A very happy Christmas to you all and best wishes for 2012 from us all at Oxenhope CE Primary School.

Dan Burns (Head teacher)

Winter woollies

Bears hibernate over winter and emerge a lot slimmer in the Spring - that's one answer both to obesity and keeping warm. Birds migrate south and others fly in from Greenland and Siberia so if it is cold here what must it be like up north?

However, what a lot would be missed. Last winter was remembered for all sorts of reasons (or was it the one before?). Well, it was a winter wonderland, the coldest for 30 years, enhanced by the lack of salt, hence few cars up the steep country roads and more parked in the village. So more walking, which seemed to bring out the community spirit and conversations.

Memories of past winters, especially the 1947 one around Oxenhope being the worst. Then the ground was frozen for months, milk from the farms had to be brought down from the hills by sledge, water froze and walking was only made possible on the tops of walls, over frozen snowdrifts, or along gullies formed by the wind. Cock Hill had snowdrifts up to 30 feet high and road gangs made up of the unemployed had to shovel (well they did in Denholme). As for keeping warm, a local farmer remarked that he went into his mistal with the cattle as it was warmer than his farmhouse.

Gone are the days when we raced about, sledged, slid and threw snowballs, much of it now banned under the nonsense of `health and safety.` It's this business of keeping warm that is on the mind of a few older residents. Brisk walks are out due to arthritis or other ailments or the risk of falling. The saying `it is not much fun when you get older` has got to be got around. But how old is old and let's find ways of solving the problem. Try singing `Always look on the bright side of life` for starters. Friends are invaluable and good company. Remember Ken Dodd is still working his socks off and he's no chicken. Thank goodness for the local Co-op: we shall never run short of six-packs and chocolates We don't have to go to work and get involved with the traffic. Television is an asset. Looking at the dreadful plight of stranded cars on the snowbound motorways is another reason for giving up the car. Computers are gradually being mastered and a few more home delivery vans have been spotted. Locals have been known to get on the buses because they are warm and into public libraries to read the newspapers. Some go dancing, others swimming, to computer or art classes. Others give of their time doing much needed voluntary work within the village. Then much time is spent on grandparent duty.

Damart is a byword in warm clothing, which brought up the topic of long johns, all in ones, eiderdowns and flannelette sheets, and the value of natural fibres such as wool. Not many years ago goose grease was used (watch out Canada geese!) and liberty bodices like straight jackets. Thank goodness for electric blankets, and those snuggle rugs sound a good idea

As for the freebies, be grateful and enjoy the freedom of your bus pass. Local tips include plastic magnetic double glazing, newspapers stuffed wherever, stews and homemade soups forever, bin liners under coats to keep out the wind chill, heated microwave pads and woolly hats. Still in the memories of many is the wool trade with work in the village. Then most wore woolly garments knitted in the home, often passed down the family or pulled back to make something else - and socks were darned.

Apparently knitting is making a come back, so watch out, you might get a Doctor Who scarf for Christmas, and can you remember how to do a weaver's knot? Synthetic fibres have taken over and central heating, so warm shops, cars and houses: lovely, but not so good for the environment. Coming down from the hill, Keighley is positively sub tropical. It seems to a few that the words "walk" and "wool" have gone out of fashion, substituted by "car" and "supermarket". So why not break the mould, think locally, go for a walk and count a few woolly jumpers grazing in the fields, warm under their fleeces. Now that will guarantee you a good night's sleep.

Sally O.A.P

Monday 12 December

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MEETINGS in 2012 are to held at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of every month in the Methodist Church on West Drive. Parish Councillors will be present from 7.00 pm for anyone wishing to discuss village matters. All meetings have a public participation time. When necessary there will be planning meetings on the fourth Wednesday at the Methodist Church from 7.30 pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Oxenhope Youth Club

Following a request to the Parish Council by local young people, we are delighted to announce that Bradford Youth Service has agreed to help establish a Youth Club in Oxenhope. The first session was planned on 10th November at the Community Centre, and initially the Club will run once a month, although it is hoped that this will increase to once-weekly sometime in the New Year. We are grateful to the West Yorkshire Police Community Trust for providing a grant towards the costs of this club. Young people interested in joining the club, or adults willing to get involved should please contact Cllrs. Hopkinson or Cusdin for more information.

New solar powered lights in Oxenhope Park

Two solar powered lights have recently been installed in Oxenhope Park along the footpath. The lights will come on at dusk for six hours, and then two hours before dawn. It takes approximately 6 hours of daylight to fully recharge the battery. The light is provided by an 8 watt LED array controlled in a prismatic bowl. These lights after being installed are almost maintenance free. They are the first type of this light to be installed by City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council. Comments made by people using the path after dark have been favourable, and have been pleased that this area is now illuminated.

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Neal Cameron, Chairman

HEIGHTS POWER': A SOLAR PV UPDATE

In the autumn edition I reported on my solar PV installation after its first five weeks of operation. I predicted a reduced return as winter approaches and thought that an update would be of interest.

Data so far since the last week in June:

Total energy generated	1410 kWh
Total revenue so far	£635 (43.3p kWh)
Total $C0_2$ avoided	2175 lb

Generation per complete month:

July	450 kWh	Sept	300 kWh
August	350 kWh	Oct	200 kWh

Overall the total generation has exceeded expectations and the installation is well on course to generate the estimated annual target of 2807 kWh - £1215. The figure for the first 4 months is approximately half of the expected annual estimate. These figures do not include 'avoided costs' – electricity can be used for free when the sun is out or 'exported to the grid. If this is taken into account the estimated annual return is about £1425.

As winter approaches the wind will increase and the sun will get less intense. I am tempted to save up for a wind generator, this is a sensible option for Oxenhope, but I suspect that it will be a few years before the various planning authorities engage in the full diversity of sustainable options!

Mike Hopkinson

PS From December this year the Government is intending to halve the Feed In Tariffs for all new contracts together with a requirement to meet strict insulation regulations. Existing contract holders will not be affected. All those wishing to follow the PV path will now need to carefully consider the investment and the payback period. Immediate industry comment on the news reported expected massive job cuts in the industry and numerous cancelled orders.

Oxenhope's Websites Meeting

Oxenhope School
7.30 - 9.00 pm Monday 9 January
Refreshments provided

Our parish council and village school would like to invite you to the above meeting. They both have separate websites but realise that there may be scope for integrating and joining up with other websites such as the existing Oxenhope Online website. This could be a good time to review and develop Oxenhope's online presence - building on the various websites currently in existence that have helped to promote our community so far. If you think there is scope for joining forces please come along to this meeting to explore possibilities and start the ball rolling. Please email Anthony Bennett, chair of governors at the school, to confirm your attendance or advise your thoughts if you can't make the meeting; governors@oxenhopeprimary.org.uk.

Christmas Cracker Jokes

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Q: Why does Santa have three gardens?
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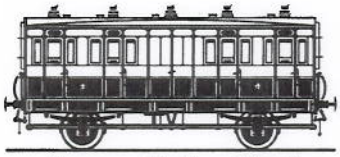

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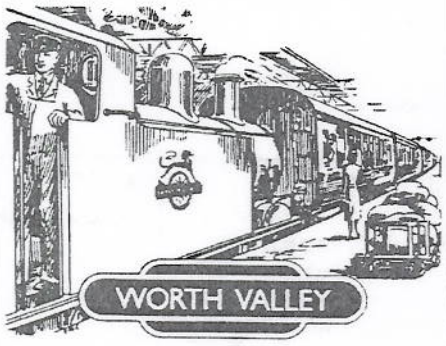

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Oxenhope Churches, Clubs and Other Activities

Antique and Collectors Society: Village Centre, fourth Thursday. (Jean Dunn 643638) 8.00pm
Ballet, Tap, Modern & Drama Classes: Boys and Girls accepted from age 3. (Sara Packham)
Baptist Chapel, Hawksbridge: Services third Sunday in month 2.30 pm. (Avril Foster 646158)
Bowling Club & Tennis Courts: Contact David Hemsley (642841)
Bridleways Group & Junior Riders: The Old White Lion Hotel, Haworth,
Tuesday nearest 21st of month 8pm (Peter Hill 644868, Jackie Butterfield 644375)
British Heart Foundation: Keighley and Worth Valley Branch (643868 / 643638)
Brownies: Contact Rebecca Olson (680265)
Cricket Club: Sec. Keith Yates (646109); Juniors Ian Dyson (649023)
Fitness Class: All ages and abilities welcome.
Sunday morning 10 am and Wednesday night 7.30 pm at Oxenhope Community Centre
(Contact Sam Reeday 07974 659824 for more details).
Football: Ray Broadbent (646957)
Gardening Club: Village centre, third Thursday 7.30 pm (Richard Berry 01535 647974)
Guides: Tower Room, St Mary's Church, Monday 7-9 pm (Sue Hall 01535 210483)
Karate Club: Village Centre, Tuesdays 7.30 pm (Kevin Allmond 647186)
Keighley and Worth Valley Railway: Volunteers welcome, any age. Ask at Oxenhope or Haworth stations (whilst trains running) for a Local Residents Railcard and save 50% on fares.
Kindermusik: Methodist Church, Fridays 10.00-10.45 (Stephanie Crabtree 01274 567071)
Library Bus: Monday: Best Lane 1.20-1.40 pm; West Drive 1.45-2; Gledhowe 2.05-2.20;
Marsh 2.25-2.35 (Bradford Central Libraries 01274 753600)
Line Dancing: With Cool Catz Monday night 7.30-9.30 Social Club (Ring Catrina 01535 604782)
Over Fifties Day Centre: West Drive Methodist Church, Monday and Wednesday10.30 am to 2.45 pm (includes cooked lunch) Contact: Philip Greenwood (645513)
Oxenhope Methodist Church:
Sunday Morning Worship 10.30 am
Women's Fellowship, alternate Thursdays 7.30 pm (Marion Greenwood 645667)
Oxenhope Millennium Village Green and Village Fete: Volunteers to assist at the annual Fete are always very welcome. (Ring Ann Barrans 644234)
Manorlands: Volunteers Co-ordinator, Linda Yewdall (272521)
Weekly celebration of Holy Communion, Thursday 2.15 pm
Coffee Club: Old White Lion Hotel, Haworth first Wednesday 10.30 am
Marsh Methodist Chapel: Morning Service 10.30am (Rev. Dr. Lewis Burton 646287)
The National Childbirth Trust Ante-natal classes, post-natal support, informal weekly meetings and occasional outings and socials (Carol Fellingham Webb 647130)
Odd Fellows: The Lamb Inn. Last Friday in month (George Sutcliffe 01274 560937)
Oxenhope Church of England Primary School: Head: Dan Burns (642271)
Friends: Please contact via the school.
Oxenhope Old Burial Grounds Trust: Volunteers welcomed. (Norma Mackrell 642325)
Oxenhope Preschool: Village Centre Playgroup: Monday to Friday, 9.00 -12.00 noon.
Playgroup Staff 0785 1702283 (mornings).
Mums and Tots (and baby clinic) - Wed. 1.15 -2.45pm
Oxnop Singers: Choir practice: Village Centre, Mondays 8pm (Helen McClorry 647434)
Parish Council: Village Centre, second Thursday 7.30 pm (Clerk, Mrs Elaine Pearson 647046)
Rainbows: Contact Lyn Leng (647945)
Roman Catholic Church: Ebor Lane, Haworth (Fr Ben Griffiths 643240), Sunday 10 am;
Confession: Saturday 10.30 -11am)
Yorkshire Countrywomen's Assoc. - Worth Valley Branch:
Village Centre 7.30 first Thurs. in month (Celia Holmes 643472)

OXENHOPE VILLAGE DIARY

December

01 - Yks. Countrywomen's Ass. Christmas Party.
08 - Parish Council Meeting
08 - Antique & Collectors Soc. Christmas Party, John Wallis, "End of the Pier".
08 - Methodist Women's Fellowship. Drop Farm Christmas Fayre - Cheese. Please bring a £2.00 Christmas .present.
15 - Gardening Club, Christmas Party & AGM.
17 - Toddler Praise, St. Mary's Tower Room, 10.15 - 11.15 am.
18 - Hawksbridge Baptist Church, Service of Lessons & Carols.
21 - St. Mary's Women's Help Soc. To be confirmed.

January

05 - Methodist Women's Fellowship, Reg Hindley, "Slides of Oxenhope".
05 - Yks. Countrywomen's Ass. No meeting.
12 - Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 pm.
18 - St. Mary's Women's Help Soc. at Margaret Hindley's House.
19 - Gardening Club, to be confirmed, Village Hall, 7.30 pm.
19 - Methodist Women's Fellowship, John Dinsdale, talk "Street Angels"
21 - Toddler Praise, St Mary's Tower Room, 10.15 - 11.15 am.
26 - Antique & Collectors Soc. Marie Stinson, "Nuns & Medieval Nunneries".

February

02 - Methodist Women's Fellowship, Games Night.
01 - Yks. Countrywomen's Ass. Mrs. Pam Spencer, "Poems & Yorkshire Dialect".
09 - Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 pm.
15 - St. Mary's Women's Help Soc. To be confirmed.
16 - Methodist Women's Fellowship, Talk by Andrew Wood.
16 - Gardening Club. To be confirmed.
18 - Toddler Praise, St. Mary's Tower Room, 10.15 - 11.15 am.
23 - Antique & Collectors Soc. Paul Bishop, "Miniatures", Village Hall, 7.40 pm.

March.

01 - Methodist Women's Fellowship. Sainsburys Bread Making Demo.
01 - Yks. Countrywomen's Ass. AGM.
08 - Parish Council meeting, Village hall, 7.30 pm.
15 - Gardening Club, Joe Maiden, "Vegetable gardening", Village Hall, 7.30 pm.
15 - Methodist Women's Fellowship, 50's Clothes.
17 - Toddler Praise, St. Mary's Tower Room, 10.15 - 11.15 am.
19 - Oxenhope Millenium Village Green Trust meet at the Lamb Inn, 7.30 pm. Everyone Welcome.
21 - St. Mary's Women's Help Soc. To be confirmed.
22 - Antique & Collectors Soc. AGM. Simon Tomson, "Medieval Gardens", Village Hall, 7.40 pm.

Christmas at St Mary's

Sunday 11th December
10.00 am Christingle Service
& Family Communion in church

Saturday 17th December
6.45 pm Carol singing at Oxenhope Railway Station just before the Carol Train departs
(Please note: the train itself is now fully booked).

Sunday 18th December Advent 4
10.00 am Parish Communion
6.00 pm Carols By Candlelight

Tuesday 20th December
09.40 pm School Christmas Service in church

Wednesday 21st December
10.00 am - 1.30 pm Children's Workshop in church preparing for the Crib Service
Requested donation £2.50

Thursday 22nd December
6.30 pm Carol Singing round the village.
Meet at the Christmas tree in the Rose Garden

Christmas Eve
4.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
10.00 am Family Communion
11.30 am (approx) Carol Service at Manorlands