

# AROUND THE DALE

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## Scarecrow Festival

**This year the Clifton** Community Association organised a village Beer and Scarecrow Festival, culminating over the weekend of September 12th. What a week it was! From the moment the scarecrows were displayed there was a steady stream of people walking around the village, voting slips in their hands trying to select a winner. This created a terrific atmosphere where people were just 'engaging' with one another. It was a great experience. We had 42 entrants all of which were based on Disney characters/films. Our



own Sunday School pulled out all the stops to present a magnificent display of the life of Moses. Everything culminated in a weekend of celebration, which included a visit from the Circuit Bus and entertainment in the marquee on the green both Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday morning we had a joint service with our friends from St John's, which took the form of a 'Pet Service'. This was so well attended by villagers that we ran out of 'order of service' sheets. Pets even included a hen and all in all, we had quite a choir!

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*Next Circuit World Church Event*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015** from 4pm at

Illingworth Moor

Come and find out about the  
**Nigeria Health Care Project.**

Speakers, stall, refreshments,  
Circuit Service.

*Please book the date!*

# Snippets from Synod

**The recent Synod**, held at Woodhouse Grove School on 6th September, was a 'smorgasbord' of several things!!

**Living in 3 Dimensions:** Graham Horsley spoke most entertainingly about a new project: How we relate to the Baby Boomers! This is an age group that will respond, the last Christian generation. 50+% went to Sunday School, 75% say they are Christian and 10% go to church at least once a month. To reach them we need to put the boom back into evangelism! A contact point is 'who we were'. Remember the song 'Born to be wild'? We roared with laughter at a take-off of this, entitled Bored... Tubby... Mild!! (See if you can find it on Google). Baby Boomers were liberated in all sorts of ways, were activists and dreamers. Today they are 25% of the population, have 80% of the wealth and 40% of the property, for many a time of self-evaluation and maybe feeling guilty about their lack of involvement in community. To engage them we could start outside the church, challenge them to become involved, meet in small groups where relevant issues can be shared, such as 'parenting your parents'. Ideas for evangelism: look at the verbs in Luke 10 v.1-9.; Jesus taught by telling stories – don't explain an old parable – invent a new one! This is a brief recap of a most interesting session, go to [www.l3d.org.uk](http://www.l3d.org.uk) to find out more.

**Brrrr!!** The Chair of the District, Revd Roger Walton, had to take the Ice Bucket Challenge as at least 20 people signed up to sponsor him for £3 or more for Christian Aid in Syria/Iraq.

**Conference news:** Synod delegates received news of conference from a report published in the Agenda booklet, a leaflet, a video made by the York and Hull District (on YouTube), and comments from Revd Roger Walton noting how well conference had handled difficult topics.

The **Local Preachers' & Worship Leaders' Memorial Service** was held.

Revd Dr Barbara Glasson brought news of the WY District's link with the **Multan Diocese** of the Church of Pakistan, with an added extra – a live sound link with Bishop Leo who, with his wife, visited the District in October. Copies of their Prayer Handbook were available.

The setting up of a **West Yorkshire Youth Network (WYYN) Development Team** was agreed.

Revd Charity Hamilton, Learning and Development Officer, told us about the **Discipleship & Ministries Learning Network** operating in the Yorkshire Plus region.

**Other snippets:** The synod secretary, Revd Chris Hawke, raised the question: how can we best be God's people? – thinking about holding the holy, having the mark of God and living the life of God; and our buildings – are they where they should be?

Judith Robinson told us about the new **MWIB** appeal for the Dalit community in North India.

A real synod smorgasbord of thinking, learning, laughter, enthusiasm, worship and fellowship.

**Cathy Roper (Circuit rep.)**



**Most churches in the circuit** subscribe to the CCLI scheme whereby, for an annual fee, they are allowed to reproduce (but not photocopy) words from certain hymns and songs on song sheets or on projector screens. Some may also include the MRL licence, which allows photocopying of music and words as well.

However certain misunderstandings have inevitably arisen about the system. Full details are on the CCLI website but a few notes might be useful here.

**Firstly**, the CCL licence does not give permission to photocopy words, only reproduce them (i.e. retype onto hymn sheets or project onto a video screen). The original must be in the possession of the church or of a church member. The licence does not give a blanket permission to reproduce everything - only hymns and songs which are included on the CCLI list are eligible for reproduction. The author, copyright date, publisher and CCL licence number must be included when reproducing them.

**Secondly**, the church should have a representative who is issued with the CCL CD-ROM annually (do you know who your CCLI rep is?). This can be downloaded onto the rep's PC and gives all the details of the hymns, etc which are covered by the scheme. The representative must keep a record of all the hymns and songs which have been reproduced under the system: then, each year, they must submit a report to CCLI which lists all these items. (The CD-ROM has tick

boxes for each item used so that the report can be built up week by week).

**It is not sufficient** merely to quote the CCL licence number when reproducing the words. If CCLI do not know which items you have reproduced, then they won't be able to allocate fees to the author.

**Some churches** may also pay for the Music Reproduction Licence (MRL). This gives permission to photocopy and project music and words which are on the CCLI list, but with the same requirements as the CCL licence.

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## Luddendenfoot URC

**At the recent Circuit Meeting**, the Revd Justine Wyatt reported on the unique situation of Ministerial oversight provided by an arrangement with this circuit first made in the early 1980s.



Since that time tremendous changes have taken place. In 2000 the congregation left the old church building on Burnley Road and moved into the Civic Institute Building which was then  
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owned by Calderdale. In 2013 Luddendenfoot Community Association took over the management of the building by Asset Transfer from Calderdale. The church has become more community focused and have recently received a grant for working with isolated and vulnerable people by providing recreational and social activities. A grant of £10,000 has been received for redevelopment of the ground floor of the Civic Centre.

In conversation with the circuit it was felt that it was the right time for the United Reformed Church to once again provide some ministerial oversight for Luddendenfoot. A Transitional Ministry Post was created earlier this year. This post is for a limited period and is to explore the scope for development of ministry and mission of the church in association with the community.

It is hoped the covenant understanding situation will continue and grow. The URC Synod formally thanks the circuit for the provision of Ministry over a long period. Members also pass on their thanks.

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## Golfers Wanted



Are there any golfers who would like to join a Circuit Golf Society?

Contact Revd Paul Welch or Revd Francis Neil for more details.

## Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

Sunday 22nd February 2015  
at 10.30 am



Revd Will Morrey  
former president of Conference  
will be leading the  
Chapel Anniversary  
Morning Service  
*Everyone Welcome*

## Facing the Challenge

**At the recent Circuit Meeting**, an update was given by Revd Colin Sherwood. He reported that it was going well. They have two teams with the possibility of a third one. The chairman requested that the churches who have already completed 'Facing the Challenge' write a short report for the web-site.

It is hoped that Issue No. 7 of this Newsletter will come out shortly after the next Circuit Meeting. Please send material to [graham.smith@methodist.org.uk](mailto:graham.smith@methodist.org.uk)  
**by Monday 30th March 2015**

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