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Foreword



This June is a busy month, full of comings and goings. Of farewells, welcomes and celebrations. Hang on to your hats!

We begin this month with a double celebration. On 5th June we mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. 5th June is also the Feast of Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples, empowering them to be the church. We shall be celebrating both

events at the all-age service at St John's in the morning. Afterwards, the whole community is invited to come and picnic in the church grounds as part of the national Big Lunch. In the evening, there will also be a celebration evensong.

On Saturday 18th June 2-5pm, St John's is helping with the Bishop's Garden Party at his home, Bishopscroft (Snaithing Lane, S10 3LG). This is the first such garden party to take place since 2018 and will have as its theme upcycling and the environment. All are welcome, and help with refreshments would be much appreciated!

The following day, 19th June, we will be saying goodbye to our Curate, Matt Wood, before he becomes Curate in Charge of Abbeydale and Millhouses. Matt's two years with us have been a wonderful gift and we wish him and Clare every happiness as they embrace new challenges.

The following Sunday, 26th June, Alison Wragg, who has been our Lay Reader, will be ordained Deacon in Sheffield Cathedral. Tickets are likely to be limited but there will be an opportunity to celebrate with Alison

before Evensong that day. We are delighted to welcome Alison back after her training as our new self-supporting Curate.

Authorised ministers like Matt and Alison are great gifts to the church but Pentecost reminds us that all Christians are empowered to live out their faith and share the good news of Jesus Christ. We all have ministries, whether outside the church or in it. This June we are encouraged to think about the gifts that God has given us and how they can be used in his service. There are all sorts of opportunities to volunteer at St John's. Please think about what God might be calling you to do. Please also think prayerfully about your giving to St John's. It costs around £4000 a week to run the church and with rising energy prices this is likely to increase. St John's has always been a very generous place and I hope that this can continue.

As you can see, there's a lot going on in June. And though we may sometimes struggle to keep up, in all these things there is a great sense of blessing. God has given us so much. How might we respond?

Matthew

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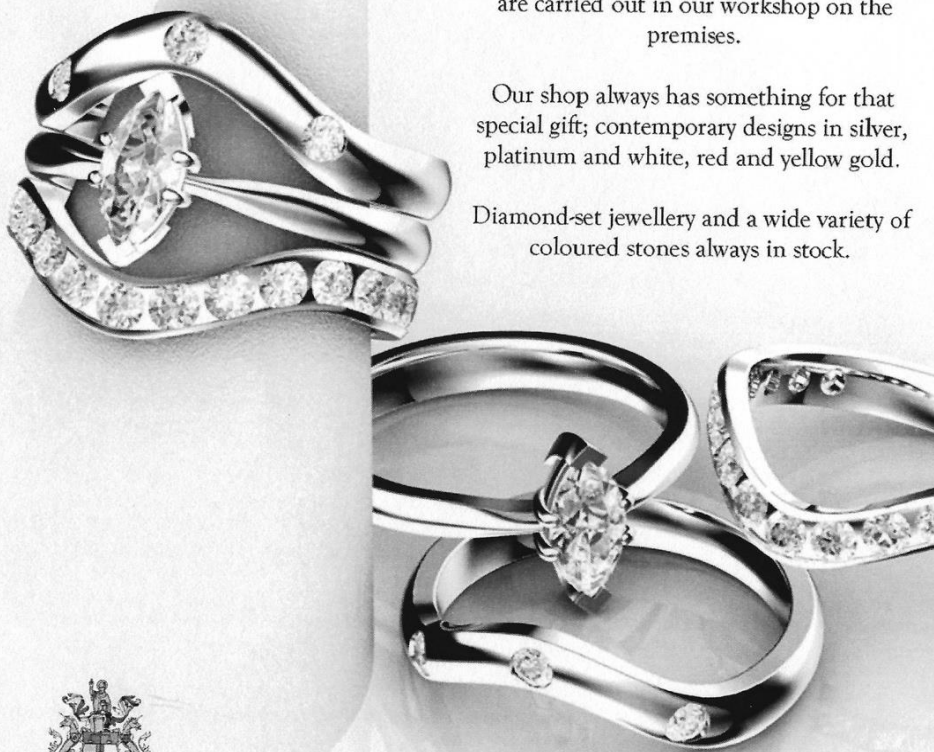
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From the Editor's Chair



A long time ago (I go back a long way!) I recall going to see a film called *The Longest Day*. The year was 1962 and it was the longest film I'd seen. It lasted 3 hours and it kept my attention. It must also have had the longest cast of film stars: John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Henry Fonda, Robert Ryan, Sean Connery, Richard Todd, Leslie Phillips, Paul Anka, Richard Burton...I could go on! Test yourself on who I've missed out.

The film tells the story behind the D-Day invasion of Normandy in the second World War and it takes its name from a comment made by General Rommel to his German aide saying that the first 24 hours of the invasion would be decisive; it would be the longest day. That occurred in the month of April and we will soon be approaching the longest day of the year (i.e. longest period of sunlight hours) on Tuesday, 21st June and the official beginning of Summer.

You will notice that the shorts have reappeared on my photo in readiness for this. I have a self-imposed rule that, once I start wearing the shorts, they stay on until the end of September (not the same pair!) but, as with my New Year's Resolution, I have already lapsed. I'm optimistic, though, that a good Summer awaits us, even though we're half way towards Christmas!!

Philip Walshaw

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Goodbye to Matt and Clare Wood

I recall one Sunday morning in April 2020 noticing an unfamiliar couple sitting in church several rows back from where we sit at the front and thinking: I wonder who they are? Have they been before? He has a good voice! I don't think they are a wedding couple!! Should I speak to them and welcome them or are they regulars I have just not met? Common thoughts when newcomers appear and you want to make sure they are welcomed! Then as the service ends, I am being asked: Janet, can I introduce you to Matt and Clare. They will be coming to Ranmoor for the next two years and Matt is to be our Curate when he completes his training...that is where my relationship with Matt and Clare began...



It is hard to believe we are now over two years on and saying goodbye as they move on to continue their ministry at St John's, Abbeydale and Holy Trinity, Millhouses. Clare will be continuing her work as a member of the Bishop's support team based at Bishops House in Ranmoor. Despite our sense of sadness and loss

as a church community as we manage this change it is also a time to celebrate their time with us over the last two years and thank them both for their contribution to the life of our parish. In writing this article I have spoken to several people about Matt's ministry and have integrated some of their comments into what I have written.

Matt's musical ability was one of my first memories as he joined us: the deep resonance of his bass tones singing *Slow Train* by Flanders and

Swann as part of the Christian Aid talent Show on Zoom: not to be forgotten - a very powerful first impression! Throughout his time with us his talent and confidence as a liturgical singer has consistently added huge value to our worship. Clare played a significant role in setting up Zoom at the beginning of the pandemic: regularly operating and refining the systems to enable everyone to stay in touch both for services of worship and social activities. Her role was invaluable. We have also appreciated the wide variety of contributions she has quietly made during Matt's curacy: her reading of lessons, her thoughtful prayers and her occasional preaching have enabled us to appreciate her wide variety of gifts.

During 2021/22 Matt has reintroduced Sanctuary as a monthly meditation group. His thoughtful and imaginative preparation draws on a rich variety of written and musical sources reflecting different dimensions of spirituality. These quiet times on a Monday evening have meant much to those who have attended. He always strives to ensure that his preaching is both biblically based and relevant to the issues of the day; it is both thought provoking and applicable to personal life. In the words of one member of the congregation: *"His preaching consistently challenges my thinking. He has enabled me to define my beliefs more clearly and increased the depth of my personal faith"*.

In responding to the different and unexpected challenges during his curacy he has introduced new ways of thinking and organising: engaging a wider and more diverse group of people reading in services and leading the prayers. He has a calm, relaxed, but undoubtedly persuasive way of getting you involved!!! Matt has shown a clear commitment to what it means in practical terms to our becoming a more inclusive church. For example, he supported the Lenten study group leaders looking at issues relating to sexuality. He paid careful attention to the different needs of people in the groups, responding to feedback and organising follow-up activities and feedback for those who took part.

He has introduced some imaginative new activities to draw in families and enable young people to get engaged and take on leadership roles. His opening of the *Ranmoor* Rex on occasional Saturday nights has given

great pleasure to children and families – as well as some of us older people enjoying films we had missed or wanted to revisit! Extensive publicity and the creation of a cinema style atmosphere with subtle lighting and all the usual cinema treats have brought many families in to church to enjoy the cinema. Working in close partnership with Philip, our director of music and the rest of the music team this seemingly light but persuasive touch is gradually bringing new children and families into St Johns.

Another example has been the Big Breakfast as part of Christian Aid week. The first of these events was memorable. I recall being part of an expectant group awaiting what we hoped would be delicious bacon sandwiches while sheltering in heavy rain under a relatively small awning. We were not disappointed despite being soaked to the skin! This breakfast has now become a regular feature of Christian Aid Week along with the sale of plants and books.

Many of us were concerned about the isolation of Wednesday lunch club members and other older members of our congregation during lockdown. Matt turned this concern into a practical proposal which resulted in a monthly delivery of afternoon teas throughout lockdown to 29 older people in our congregation. Another example of his leadership and ability to facilitate others to turn a real concern into practical action. One person commented that his sense of humour and easy manner has been particularly appreciated ... *“enabling me to relate to him and ironically enabling me to take him seriously when it matters.”*

In writing this article about Matt’s time with us as Curate it is vital to recognise that Matthew’s support and quiet, calm but firm leadership style have given him the freedom to both experiment, use and develop his gifts and contribute to our Mission here at St Johns. As we say goodbye to Matt and Clare, we are so thankful that Matthew is with us and will continue to lead us into the next stage of our ministry in this parish. We



will celebrate Alison's ordination as deacon on 26th June and look forward to her continuing ministry as a fully ordained member of the team.

Matt has brought energy, creativity and vision and will be greatly missed at St John's as he moves on to the next stage of his ministry. He has made a significant contribution during his curacy and we will now go forward and build on those initiatives. He and Clare will both be much missed at Ranmoor and we wish them well as they move forward to continue their mission in Abbeydale and Millhouses.

Our prayers for them all will continue.

Janet Atkinson

**Michael Jarratt:
An appreciation by Andrew and Sue Coombe, Peter
and Jackie Lowe**



After Geoffrey Needham retired in 1979, serving 20 years as Vicar of St Johns, a careful discernment was needed to find a worthy successor. We found a worthy successor in Michael Jarratt and Michael was installed as St John's Vicar on 28th March 1980, moving in to a newly purchased Vicarage on Fulwood Road.

In the ensuing 21 years Michael's tireless, unconditional devotion to his parishioners, his inquisitiveness, drive and compassion gave new life and

direction to the parish. His spirit, initiatives and ideas energised the congregation. Within months of arriving, Michael had delivered from the pulpit a stark, from the heart, sermon on his reaction to the level of giving at that time. He made plain he regarded it as inadequate. Just prior to Michael's arrival, the PCC had had the foresight to bid to purchase the former Vicarage on Ranmoor Park Road from the Diocese, subject to the parish raising the necessary funds. The building was in a poor state of repair. Michael quickly appreciated the building's potential as a parish resource, both for church and secular use and his vision and energy mobilised the congregation to set about raising the funds to purchase, repair and convert the building. The estimated cost for the project was £100,000, around £450,000 in today's money.

Undaunted, St John's parishioners formed action groups to work together to fund raise. It was a wonderful time of collective effort, goodwill and fun. One of the congregation's fundraising initiatives was named "The Great Fete". Jon Dougall's recollections of the fun of working together to make the Great Fete a success, follow this article. Thanks to the Great Fete, further barn dances, scrap metal collections and many other parish and community fundraising events the necessary funds were raised and the Ranmoor Parish Centre was officially opened in 1983.

With the full support of the congregation, Michael embarked on New York University's Doctorate of Ministry course from which he learned about the power of grass roots organising in deprived urban areas. From Michael's example, many of us were drawn into his parish project which highlighted the unfair disparities in health, educational attainment and life opportunities between communities on east side and west side of our City. This inspired us to offer our skills in person to community organisers in deprived parts of Sheffield and South Yorkshire in areas such as family welfare, substance misuse rehab, food and clothing donations and admin work in inner city churches.

He was a visionary and the Parish Project we now realise changed us forever. He could be an irritant, when he got under your skin. It took courage and fortitude to adopt that attitude in such a 'comfortable'

parish as Ranmoor. But it was what a true leader was called upon to do. Something which was there always; it was his wonderful pastoral care. He could be stubborn and, at times, appeared disorganised, but that was a mark of his intellect and the way he was always keeping so many plates spinning. He was a loving, caring parish priest, but never frightened to call you out or to raise the question of the 'elephant in the room'. He infuriatingly had absolutely no regard for personal chattels or wealth. He literally did on one occasion give a homeless person the coat off his back...which leads me to one of the many issues in which he was a pioneer. We can remember, vividly, collecting food, donations and other bits of personal comfort for the homeless of Sheffield and the shepherd's pie lunches we held for years on St John's Day, 27th December, in the old Parish Hall. Again, this was sometime before The Archer Project was established, somewhere I understand he continued to help with the breakfasts until shortly before Covid.

He was wonderfully supportive of our family, no doubt that we were one of many. How he managed to fit it all in, I do not know. I'm sure it was often at great personal cost to himself. I have not mentioned his wonderful sense of humour, nor his artistic skills, which he continued to develop in retirement. He was an exceptional parish priest, something which many across the City came to recognise over the years.

In 1990, the PCC decided to formalise what had hitherto been a temporary nave altar position with an idea to bring it forward together with a new communion rail, westwards, more towards the congregation. Our worship was Eucharist centred and Michael invited the architect Ron Sims to propose a reordering of the east end of the church to reflect this emphasis. Ron's scheme was to extend the chancel floor towards the nave and lighten the east end interior woodwork, organ casing and pipes and pave the nave aisle and narthex floors. This scheme is what we see today in St John's.

Michael's time at St John's was of dedicated service to others, given unconditionally. Always approachable, a sense of fun and of humour, down to earth and human Michael's ministry was selfless. It was a joy to work with him and to learn from his liveliness, sense of fun, his selfless

humility, his values and his faith. To mark the millennium, the PCC commissioned the marker stone opposite St John's south entrance and requested Michael to suggest an inscription. He chose "Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake" from 2 Corinthians 4.5.

Following his farewell service at St John's on the 4th March 2001, Michael went on to serve as parish priest at Worsborough. In recent months during his attendance at services at St John's, before he left Sheffield, we have been able to wish Michael a long and happy retirement in his new home in Surrey. Michael was a parish priest who changed lives, certainly ours and whose contribution to our parish and City we thank God for.

The Great Fete, 1981: Recollections

Jon Dougall

"Will you help me organise The Great Fete next August?" Andrew Coombe asked me early in '81. Up to that moment I had considered him to be a pretty close friend. I was aghast. Fortunately, my job at that time (selling) enabled me to marshal an impressive number of solid reasons why this was simply impossible. I reeled them off. I even included a dodgy long term weather forecast! He smiled irritatingly and said "I knew you would. Thank you".

Our lives during that lead in period to the fete changed a great deal. The fete was to be a large one. We were to have John Noakes of Blue Peter fame to open it. Main attractions included: Medieval Jousting, Hot Air Balloon flights, Archery, more than one Band (brass for the use of) and just to round off the day, a Sheep Roast and, wait for it, ... a Barn Dance!! I was appalled. Before I could say "don't you think we need some really capable professional organisers in to do this?" A management team was set up and initial 'Task Areas' identified. It took a surprisingly short time to appoint individuals to run these. Peter Lowe and Alan Taylor are names that come to mind. All of them depressingly cheerful, keen and obviously competent. The organisation began to take shape. "We need

a distinctive sign advertising the Fete in a prominent spot” said Michael Jarratt. Before I could stop myself, I’d suggested the railings at the front of the Nat West branch at Broomhill. “Brilliant” said Michael, “just get the all clear from the Manager, would you Jon”.

Les Chumley, the Nat West Manager, was a quiet cautious man. I knew him casually. And, as casually as I could, I made the request. I already knew that the branch had never allowed any advertising outside the premises before. Michael would have been proud of me. Short of saying we were doing a re-enactment of the last supper, I threw everything in. “Only six foot long this sign you say Jon”? “About that” I said as indistinctly as possible. He agreed it before going away for the weekend. I couldn’t wait to tell Michael, stressing how tricky Les had been. When I screeched to a halt outside the vicarage, I couldn’t help noticing that Michael was working on what appeared to be a huge wooden construction. Obviously a very large children’s feature for the fete. How imaginative I thought. Bad mistake. It was at least a twenty-five feet long advertising hoarding obviously destined for the Nat West down the road!!!

I honestly thought the railings might not be long enough!! Somehow, we man-handled this monster down to Broomhill and eventually secured it to the railings as planned. My feelings of unease were confirmed when Les Chumley returned to his branch on Monday. He wasn’t very happy. To my shame I put the full blame on Michael. “He has completely misled both of us Les” I said. Fortunately, Les had “further appointments” so I crept away.

This was a big green light for me. I think I realised then that the event was not only going ahead but would be a great success. So many people had become involved. Surprising talents came to the surface. An army of wives were playing an important part in the whole organisation. Some of them quite authoritative too!! Sue Coombe had a blanket responsibility over an increasing range of areas. We found her up a tree on Manchester Road one morning, attaching shocking pink *Fete* signs. She seemed to have, in platoon strength, a team of servile helpers. All over the city this fanatical bunch left, tied, stuck or suspended a very

large number of placards advertising, of course, the Fete. Oswald Mosley couldn't have done better!! It may have been Peter Lowe who suggested that at least three of us occupy his "spacious compact" caravan as a security base at the fete site, on the evening before the great day. I was just settling down on the top bunk with Peter and Andrew sorting out our two and a half hour security patrol roster below me when the vicar came into the caravan without a "bye your leave" and suggested "a quiet prayer session". Peter and Andrew bowed their heads. I sat up quickly to indicate I was eagerly bowing mine, and only succeeded in crashing it into the ceiling.

Have you ever wanted to take part in an episode of Dad's army? Well, we did on the evening of Friday 21st August 1981. The Great Fete Day dawned grey, windy and chilly. But in the nick of time the sun appeared sufficiently to encourage a steady stream of cars to Lodge Moor. The site looked highly inviting. Marquees erected, streets and avenues of stalls set out and manned by the huge Fete Team. Bunting and flags flying, bands playing. John Noakes turned up in a helicopter, opened the Fete in style and seemed genuinely pleased to be with us.

The jousting was a roaring success. "The Knights" were suitably convincing and very authentic. Those that get involved in fetes know that the events of the day become a blur. It is of course so important at the time. The Cause: Ranmoor Parish Centre Fund profited financially, but the main benefit as we all knew, was to the community. Local people coming together and making something happen that they believe in.

The Sheep Roast and Barn Dance were surprisingly well attended. An ideal way of "letting go" after a long, long day. But it's great afterwards, isn't it? Knowing you haven't got to do a security patrol at two thirty the next morning!

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

CALENDAR - JUNE 2022

Wednesday 1st June: 10-12.30pm

Foodbank Collection from the Parish Centre

Sunday 5th June – Pentecost

The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration

10.30am All Age Communion Service

Parish Picnic – straight after the morning service

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 9th June

8pm Organ Recital – Joshua Stephens

Sunday 12th June – Trinity Sunday

10.30am Parish Communion

12.30pm Matilda Jean Scott

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 15th June: 10-12.30pm

Foodbank Collection from the Parish Centre

Sunday 19th June – Trinity 1

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 26th June – Trinity 2

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 27th June

7.30pm Sanctuary

Wednesday 29th June: 10-12.30pm

Foodbank Collection from the Parish Centre

Other services during the week:

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Parish Registers

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Alicia Stockley and James Lennox

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Barbara Hickman

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Our thoughts and prayers are with all the friends and families of those names listed.

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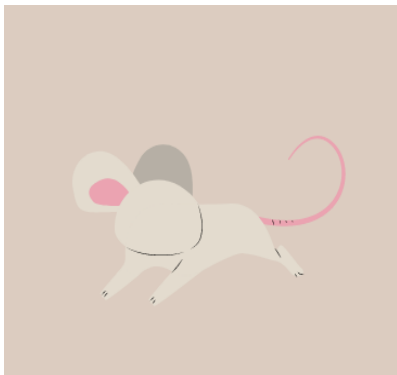
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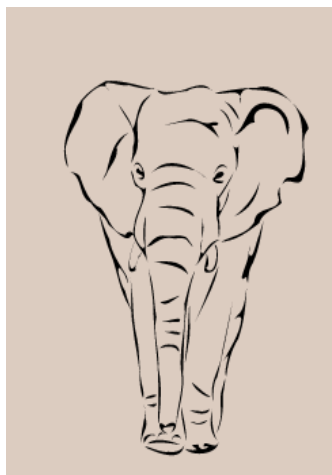
Continuing the Adventures of One Very Large Elephant and One Very Small Mouse: Episodes 23 and 24



"What do you think life would be like if I wasn't so little?" asked the mouse. "I'd hate it," the elephant replied immediately. "Why?" "Because you wouldn't need me as often." "Don't be silly," The mouse laughed and shook its head. "I don't want to risk it." The elephant was stubborn. "And besides," it looked a little embarrassed. "I

quite like it when you need my help." "You do?" "You spend so much time trying to be the bigger person," explained the elephant. "It makes me happy when you let yourself be small."

"Sometimes I get a little bit scared," the elephant admitted, "when you tell me you've made a new friend." "Why does that scare you?" asked the mouse. "Because there are so many funnier and prettier people out there than me." "Don't say that," said the mouse. "Well, I don't stay scared for very long." "No?"



@littlepoppypoetry

Restaurant Review: Omega at Abbeydale, Abbeydale Road South Sheffield 17



No doubt the discerning reader will have realised that this review is number three in the “Omega restaurant review” series. Actually, I doubt whether anyone realises this is number three or four or five or possibly even 25, or indeed cares what number it is, so why bother to start with a totally irrelevant piece of boring information? No idea really, I just pressed the keys and the words appeared on the screen! Actually, not strictly true. If one should randomly press the keys on the lap top (or whatever happens to be available) total gibberish appears. Try it, might raise a smile should the subconscious mind kick in!

Back to the Omega - it is absolutely excellent! Well that more or less concludes the review, although for those who may have a burning desire to understand why I feel so enamoured with this culinary establishment, read on.

The Omega (part two)

I guess many of those who enjoyed the culinary expertise provided by

the original Omega, which functioned for many years on Psalter Lane under the iron fist of the late great Big David Baldwin (now sadly residing in the big restaurant in the sky) felt dining out in Sheffield would have no further meaning. Wrong! Completely incorrect. The current version of the Omega (at Abbeydale Park) is very much the real deal. Hopefully the next bit of the review will be less “TripAdvisor” and somewhat more specific. For those who have never heard of “TripAdvisor”, you really need to get out more!

The Omega (part three)

Sorry about the “part three” bit. I couldn’t think of how to produce a reasonably smooth transition from the above rant into a (hopefully) constructive observation of my visit to the afore-mentioned establishment, which involved a Thursday evening booking (Fish night apparently) and included G plus three long standing Abbeydale Sports Club aficionados. The dining area at Abbeydale could be described as “cool” (as in “sophisticated”, not “Arctic winter”). To be somewhat more specific it presents as a fairly large room furnished with pleasant



linen-clothed tables each displaying the trademark Omega loaf of freshly baked bread (think original Baldwin’s Omega), comfortable dining chairs and a full length fully glazed wall overlooking the cricket and rugby pitches. If cricket, and or rugby is your thing this is close to perfection.

I’ve just read the last couple of sentences; it reads rather like an estate agent’s sales pitch, doesn’t it? Sorry about that. For some reason it is proving to be a real struggle to actually start writing about food, drink, ambiance, etc.

As mentioned earlier, Thursday night is fish night on which the Plat du Jour menu offers 2 courses for £19.00 or 3 courses £23.00 from which I decided to start with French onion soup (why not? It’s one of my

favourite dishes). This offering was good – onions properly caramelized, and the Gruyere cheese croutons floating on the surface a very acceptable alternative to the more traditional grated cheese. Main course had to be the lemon sole - usually a pretty pricey addition to any standard menu – which was beautifully cooked with lemon butter and peas and served with new potatoes. Slight problem with the potato element though. As it was “Fish night” all tables were served with a complimentary bowl of thin chips (surely everyone’s favourite food!) thus creating a major culinary logistic problem – is it acceptable to eat the new potatoes accompanying this dish as well as the chips? Why not, everyone present (on our table that is – not the whole restaurant!) is included in the chip eating extravaganza!



pudding had to be the steamed chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce and double cream. Yes, I realise that you are taking tablets to lower the cholesterol levels in your traumatised arteries, but double up on the dose and you should be ok. Final element was a good black coffee accompanied by a

small jug of hot milk. This is not included in the Plat du jour costings – thus involving an extra £2.50 outlay.

Verdict

Well, I guess I’ve said it all in the first few sentences of this diatribe – a really excellent meal, very well presented, amazingly good value for a modest financial outlay. Try it, very unlikely you will be disappointed.

Roy Stanley



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Phoenix Futures: A Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends at St John's Church,

We are most grateful that St Johns church is Phoenix Association charity's longest standing supporter. In turn our charity is able to offer help and support to people undertaking Phoenix Futures' residential rehabilitation programme in Sheffield.

Phoenix Futures have notified our charity that they have taken the decision to move their adult drug and alcohol residential rehabilitation unit later this year away from Storth Oaks, Graham Road, Ranmoor into a new facility in Derby.

This does not mean that Phoenix Futures are leaving Sheffield. They will continue operating as normal their National Specialist Family service drug and alcohol residential rehabilitation unit plus their supported housing services in our city and Phoenix Association will gladly continue our activities in support of those remaining services in Sheffield.

Our charity's aims of helping people rebuild their lives remain unchanged and we hope that our long links with St John's will continue and flourish.

With all good wishes,
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Quiz: London Underground Stations

compiled by Philip Walshaw



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1. Breadmaker's gift, we hear (5,6)
2. A number of hospital workers (5,7)
3. Rulers pass over (5,5)
4. Musical instrument in front of place of worship (9)
5. Batter metalworker (11)
6. Charred wood (5,3)
7. A number of trees (4,4)
8. Reconfigured only one test (11)
9. Dry bones reconstructed with me (10)
10. Paths made differently at this station (9)
11. Finish after 1.6 km (4,3)
12. Bird in front of quayside area (6,5)
13. Small foreign house (5,7)
14. Filling heavy weight (10)
15. Applaud poor actor, run of the mill (7,6)

Answers to May Quiz (Dogs): 1. Poodle 2. Great Dane 3. Bulldog 4. Cocker Spaniel (featured) 5. Dalmatian 6. Golden retriever 7. Saint Bernard 8. Pointer 9. Whippet 10. Yorkshire/Staffordshire Terrier 11. Corgi 12. Pekingese

Entries were received from: Janet and Malcolm Anker, Ann Bird, Ruth Cheshire, Pam and Ian Dall, Ian Downing, Michael and Rosemary Hannon, David and Caroline Hartley, Lynn and Steve Lawless, Sandie Parfett, Brenda and John Staniforth, Janet and Keith Styan, Joyce Twigg and Sam Wood.

The winners were Janet and Keith Styan, who receive a box of chocolates.

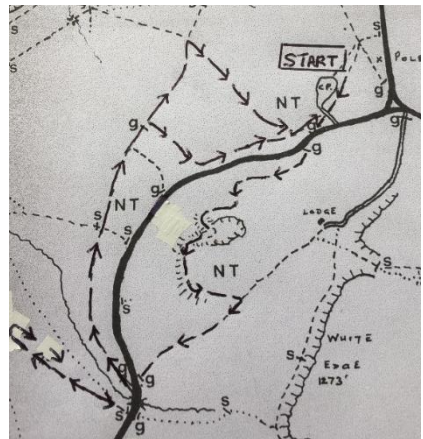
Jubilee Walk

with Philip Walshaw



As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there could be no more appropriate time to do the Jubilee walk. Never heard of it or know where it is? It's been around for many years and it is virtually on our doorstep: near to Fox House. This walk starts from the National Trust Long Pole car park at Longshaw, where you join the path that comes from the main building and follow it to the road that drops down to Calver. Across the road you will see a gate and footpath sign.

Follow this meandering path through a quiet, wooded area until you come out into open moorland. Turn right down the path to cross the road again (just above The Grouse Inn). You will see a gate and path that takes you back into the Longshaw estate, but slightly further down the road is a National Trust signpost bearing the name *Jubilee*. Keep following this path in a fairly straight line, ignoring the left turn down to the Haywood car park until you reach a rocky outcrop that gives commanding views down to Grindleford and beyond.



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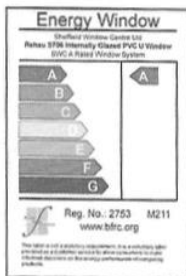
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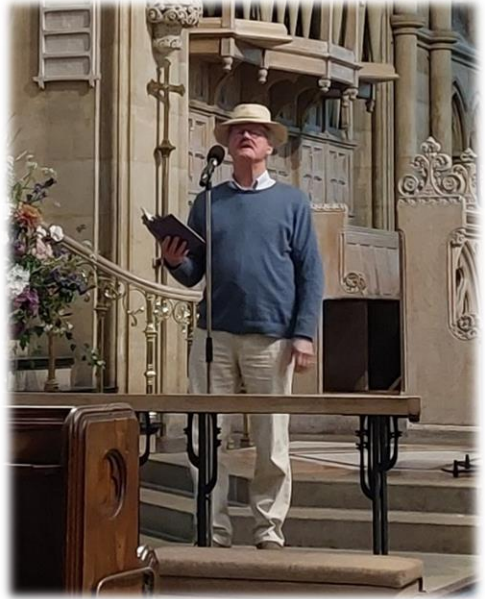
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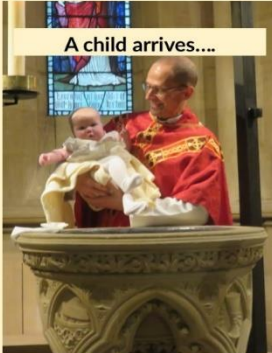
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