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St John's Church is a community whose vocation is to extend to all people the same welcome that we ourselves have received from God in Christ. Our worship, enriched by our strong musical and choral traditions, is at the heart of our community's shared life. The gospel calls us to lives of discipleship, informed by reflection and marked by care for one another, by a passion for justice, and by a commitment to the service of our local and wider community.

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Foreword



Christ is risen! Alleluia!

In these days after Easter, we explore what it means to be part of the risen body of Christ in the world. Many of our readings in church will come from the Acts of the Apostles which describe the amazing impact that Jesus' resurrection had on his small group of disciples. When Jesus died on Good Friday they were divided, frightened and confused. As the good news of the resurrection spread,

they were transformed into a joyful community of people, overflowing with love for others.

The Book of Acts challenges us to consider how we should live as a resurrection people. How do we share good news with others? How might we be a blessing to Ranmoor and the wider community? I am enormously thankful for the many members of St John's who give so generously of their time and talents in the service of others. Some do this through their work. Others do it by volunteering. Most people live out their faith beyond the walls of the church and that is as it should be. But I am also very grateful to those who help out at St John's in different ways.

On Sunday 28th April, after our morning service, we will hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is an opportunity for us to scrutinise the work of St John's during the past year. It is also a chance for us to thank all those who have played a part in this. These include members of the Parochial Church Council which meets on the third Monday of each month. Some members of the Council will be stepping down this year and I hope that others will stand in their place. In particular, we need

new representatives to stand as members of Hallam Deanery Synod which meets three times a year. Please think prayerfully about whether you might consider this and come and talk to me if you would like more information. It is important that the Council and Synod fully reflect the breadth of our life at St John's.

One of the other ways that people express their resurrection faith is to take a step of commitment. Many of us will have been baptised as infants, when our parents and godparents made promises on our behalf. Confirmation is an opportunity for us to confirm these promises for ourselves. For some, it may also mean receiving Communion for the first time. In the next few weeks, we will be offering confirmation preparation. This is an opportunity to go over some of the basics of the Christian faith and ask questions. Anyone is welcome to join in confirmation preparation, even if you are already confirmed or choose not to be confirmed at the end. Please talk to a member of the clergy about this. The confirmation service will be held at St John's at 7.30pm on Ascension Day, 9th May, and everyone is welcome.

However you decide to live out your faith, I hope that you will find joy and new life in this Easter season. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Matthew



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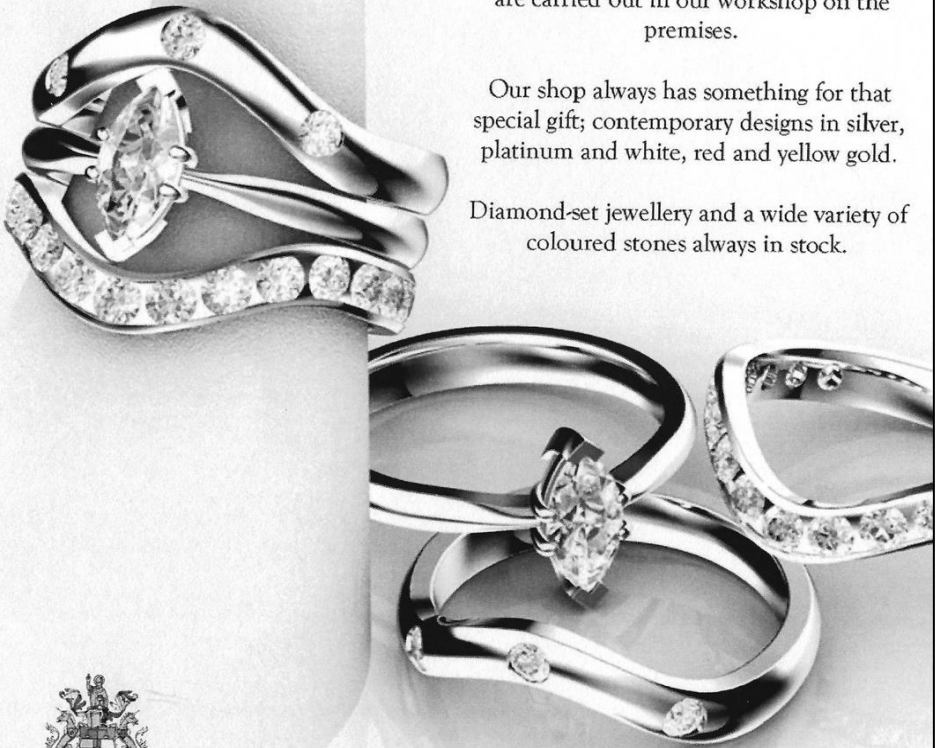
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From the Editor's Chair



By the time you read this, you may have been tricked into being an April Fool. I don't know if people, particularly young ones, do it these days but I can remember performing such tomfoolery in my school days (not involving teachers, of course!). For some reason, we had to do it before noon, otherwise the tables were turned.

I can also recall the media getting involved and I particularly remember seeing a "news" item on television showing spaghetti growing on trees! Well, I never! You could usually spot the spoof in the daily newspaper, but those were the days before fake news started appearing, although I was brought up not always to believe everything you read in the paper (with the caveat, depending on which paper you read!).

These days, it can be difficult to know what's true and what isn't. Wikipedia can't always be relied upon; BBC Verify even has its own Disinformation Correspondent. On a visit to the Czech Republic a few years ago, I recall visiting the Old Town Square in Prague and the following words of Jan Hus come to mind in his memorial: *"Seek the truth, hear the truth, learn the truth, love the truth, speak the truth, hold the truth and defend the truth until death"*.

Easter is with us, along with the resurrection of Jesus, and the words *"I am the way, the truth and the life"* still resonate with us all.

Philip Walshaw

Scissors Paper Stone

**A Study
in Stone**

**by Mary
Grover**

The stonemasons leaving their mark – usually their initials - on the fabric of St John's can have had no idea that, almost 150 years later, those marks would be a focus for investigation. This is just the sort of thing local historians - keen sleuths all - love to tackle. Step forward, Sue Roe, Alan Crutch and churchwarden Mark Gregory. It's easy enough, as Mary Grover says, to gather information about the people who donate money or land to an undertaking like the building of St John's. It's much harder to identify the people who give their strength and skill, for example, cutting, dressing, carving and fixing stone. They are generally forgotten.

Mark Gregory found nine marks left by St John's stonemason in the triforium, a gallery or passageway high up in the church. He had climbed up for the prosaic task of replacing light bulbs, but he came down bearing riches for Scissors, Paper, Stone. Six sets of initials, two with dates, one name and two symbols, all left by the men (it would have been men in the late 19th century) who put together the stones of St John's. The two dates, 1888 and 1892, are a few years apart, which may indicate that the masons were not all part of the same crew. For the most part, the marks are serif capitals, carefully incised by men whose experience of carving letters is evident. Only one – W Thornton – had the time or confidence to leave his name in full. Perhaps 'IW 1892' had less time, for he wrote in chalk. One mason left, not initials, but a cross and another drew a jug.

There is little chance of identifying either. Were they illiterate? Or did they choose to sign their work with symbols, and are those symbols in fact puns? The cross is similar in style to a St John's (or Maltese) Cross. 'Jug' is a synonym for 'pitcher', and pitcher is a name for a pitching chisel, which a stonemason uses to trim stone.

You can see all the marks at the bottom of this article.

How does a historian go about identifying people from so little information? There are no leather-bound ledgers, to list the craftsmen and labourers, carefully preserved by the church authorities or the contractors. The only clues lie in the marks themselves, and the only way to investigate is to match them with the records we do have: census and other official records available through sites like Ancestry and Find My Past; and local directories like Kelly's (think of a Victorian Yellow Pages or the Phonebook). In this case we are very lucky also to have the 'Friendly Society of Operative Stonemasons of England, Ireland and Wales', founded in 1833. Its papers, including membership and claims for injury or death, are held at the University of Warwick, which was kind enough to isolate the Sheffield records for us. The Sheffield Indexers, who transcribe and offer free access to local genealogical records, gave us the opportunity to make lists of local masons and other craftsmen. It can also be useful to check digitised newspapers like the British Newspaper Archive. (*Sheffield Libraries offers free access to Find My Past, Ancestry and the British Newspaper Archive*).

Identifying the masons is a work in progress. We are pretty sure that we now know who 'WBP' was. Working independently, Alan and Sue have uncovered a lot of information:

- William Baildon Palmer was born in Nottingham in around 1862
- His father was a coachman at Knowle Manor, a Grade II* listed manor house in Warwickshire
- In 1891 he was living with his wife Harriet at 278 Petre St in Brightside and is described as a stonemason
- He was still in Sheffield working as a stonemason in 1901, but by then

he had four children. The family lived at 35 Rushby Road (near where the Northern General now is)

- He died on 3 July 1904 at the age of 42. The cause of death is reported as phthisis, that is, tuberculosis, which was common among stonemasons (unsurprisingly given their working conditions).

According to the Operative Stonemasons, his family was entitled to £12 in benefit. His children were all aged under 12 at the time, and were to lose their mother two years later, in 1906.

How historians investigate depends on them. There are many resources online these days, and you can sit comfortably at your desk or curl up on the sofa, searching through census records etc. Satisfyingly quick and comprehensive as online research can be, there is something special about handling original documents at, say, Sheffield Archives or the Local Studies Library. You wait impatiently for the archivist to retrieve the records and then you turn the fragile pages and peer at the faded ink. Suddenly you find what you are looking for or you make an unexpected connection. Or not.

However they did it, the masons at St John's wanted to leave a record of their contribution, of their skill and effort. 'I did this,' their marks say, 'I climbed up here and did my job.' We owe it to them to uncover their identities.

If you want to know more about the masons who built St John's, Val Hewson will be giving a free talk in the church at 5.30pm on Saturday 7 September, as part of Heritage Open Days 2024. A list of all events in the Scissors Paper Stone programme is on page 12 of this month's *Inspire*.





*Images collected by
Mark Gregory*



Scissors Paper Stone Events 2024

Saturday 13 April, 4.30pm

Sheffield's Unsung Hero: John Newton Mappin – Brewer

Talk by Loveday Herridge (Local author, historian and member of Sheffield Visual Arts Group) with real ales and Victorian light music. Tickets £3, u18s and students free.

Saturday 15 June - Sunday 30 June

Sacred Stones Exhibition

Local artist Margaret Bennett's paintings in response to our church architecture. Church open Tuesday – Friday 3-6pm with refreshments at 4pm.

Saturday 15 June

Sacred Stones Opening and Concert

2pm: **The history of the first church** by Mary Grover – a Victorians Society talk. Tickets from victoriansociety.org.uk/south-yorkshire.

4pm - 7pm: **church open** with refreshments.

5.30pm: **Margaret Bennett introduces her exhibition.**

6pm - 7pm: **Concert by the Choirs of St John's** celebrating the builders of our church.

Saturday 29 June, 10am - 4pm

Open Church

Tours of the church, children's workshops and refreshments available.

Saturday 6 July, 4.30pm

The Stones of St John's

Talk by geologist Scott Engering. Tickets £3, u18s and students free.

Saturday 7 September, 4pm - 7.30pm

Heritage Open Day

5.30pm: **The life of Job Stone and other stone masons of Ranmoor:** talk by Val Hewson, local historian and Chair of Reading Sheffield. Free event.

Saturday 5 October, 5.30pm

Frank Tory, the sculptor who carved the ornamental masonry

Talk by Sylvia Dunkley. Exhibits from the Tory archives provided by Bob Hodges and Gina Hodges, great grand-daughter of Frank Tory. Tickets £3, u18s and students free.

Tuesday 19 November, 7.30pm

Who built St John's?

A look at the people behind the church's construction, by Mary Grover to the Ranmoor Society. Members only.

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Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May, 2023

HELP!

Help! Yes, that is what Christian Aid aims to bring to so many struggling communities throughout the world. No one should have to live on the brink of survival. During Christian Aid Week 2023, here at St. John's, we raised £4,000. £5 million was raised nationwide to help transform lives, and the aim is to raise another £5 million. The focus this year is on the small nation of Burundi in Central Africa. Christian Aid has been working there since 1995. So far, the key achievements have been in supporting sunflower farmers to get the best price, and in expanding renewable energy.

Over 8,000 sunflower farmers in Rutana are now connected to sunflower oil processors and have increased the price of seeds thanks to Warubizi Asbl, a non-profit organisation supported by Christian Aid. Warubizi helped them set up 11 cooperatives with about 400 people in each. They receive technical support to improve agricultural techniques and are provided with information and training on climate change resilience.

Christian Aid Burundi is working on a renewable energy pilot where the waste/ by-product from the processed palm oil is converted to biogas. Previously this was let into the lake and has harmed marine life, polluting the water and the soil. The end product of the biogas is used as fertiliser and over 2,000 families are benefiting from this. There is a plan to scale this up. In Burundi, malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, making survival a daily struggle. Jobs and food are hard to come by, and those who have homes often have no electricity or running water.

This year, you can help us support even more people living in poverty. With 7 days and so many ways to raise funds for our Christian Aid Week

appeal, everyone can join in. We need envelope distributors and/or collectors urgently, so please offer if you can spare a couple of hours. And support our Christian Aid week events programme. Walk the 70k challenge (starting with the Parish Walk on 12th May) (see separate article by Pauline Heath), or come to the Gala Concert (17th May) or to the Big Brekkie (18th May). The full programme will be in next month's Inspire and the Church Notices. And we shall also be including in *Inspire* next month the story of Aline, whose long and difficult journey out of extreme poverty began with a little support, knowledge and faith from Christian Aid supporters like you.

“When we see Christian Aid, we feel comforted; we feel we are not alone. You helped us to change our poor living conditions. I really thank you from the very bottom of my heart.” - Aline.

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Christian Aid's Challenge this year is to walk, run, cycle or do something else of your choice - however you move it's up to you! Invite your friends and family to join you to complete the challenge but please try and get some sponsorship for Christian Aid in the process.

You could join our walk around the Parish Boundary on Sunday 12th May when we will be leaving church at 1pm – that will give you about 9.5km towards your total!

Further details are available on the Christian Aid website – <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/70k-in-may>

You could also help us by delivering Christian Aid envelopes around the Parish and that would also help you in your quest to complete the challenge. Please contact me or Janet Anker if you would like to join us in doing this important work.

Pauline Heath

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

CALENDAR – APRIL 2024

Sunday 7th April – Easter 2

10.30am All Age Service

6.30pm BCP Communion Service

Wednesday 10th April

11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre

10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 11th April

8pm Organ Recital -The organists of St John's play duets and trios.

Saturday 13th April

4.30pm Scissors Paper Stone

John Newton Mappin, talk by Loveday Herridge with ales and Victorian light music. Tickets via ticketsource

Sunday 14th April – Easter 3

10.30am Parish Communion

4.30pm Organ Recital

Peter Taylor (baritone), Francis Wells (baritone) and Yang Guo (piano)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 15th April

7.30pm PCC meets in the annexe

Wednesday 17th April

11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre

12.30pm Lunch Club

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 21st April – Easter 4

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 24th April

11.30am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre

10-12.30pm Foodbank Collection from the Church Drive

12.30pm Lunch Club

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 28th April – Easter 5

10.30am Parish Communion

12noon – APCM and AGM in Church, following the morning service

12.30pm Sunday Social in the Parish Centre

4.30pm Recital: University of Sheffield Chamber Choir

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 29th April

7.30pm Sanctuary in the side chapel

Other services during the week:

Holy Communion: Every Wednesday at 11.30am in the Parish Centre

Choral Evensong: Evensong Wednesdays at 5.30 pm (Choral Evensong every other week in term time, see Music List for details)

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am in Church and on ZOOM

Footsteps: A Sunday school children's group that meets during the Sunday morning service.

Children are welcome at all of our services.

Lunch Club: meets every Wednesday in the Parish Centre. All welcome – please book with the Parish Office

Sunday Social: Meets straight after the morning service on the 4th Sunday. Please book with the Parish Office.

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The Parish Office is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 9.30am-2.30pm

Parish Registers

Please pray for those couples married recently:
Charles Anson and Kane Taylor

Please remember those who have died recently:
Lloyd Thompson

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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



St John's, Ranmoor

Organ Recitals

11th April	The Organists of St John's	play Duets and Trios for organ
2nd May	John Keys	(St Mary's, Nottingham)
6th June	Joshua Stephens	(Winchester Cathedral)

All recitals begin at 8pm

Entry is free with a retiring collection towards the maintenance of the organ.

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Young People's Page

The Further Adventures of the Elephant and Mouse



"Wake up," whispered the elephant. "Wake up. There's something I want to show you."

"What is it?" grumbled the mouse, rubbing its eyes with its paws. "Look," said the elephant. The mouse opened its eyes properly and was met with the golden and burning glare of a Truly Glorious Sunrise. "Oh," it

breathed. "It's beautiful."

"It's like the world is beginning all over again," the elephant whispered. "Do you think it actually might be?" the mouse asked.

I wasn't sure," and the elephant wrapped its trunk around the mouse, "but just in case this really is a brand-new world, I wanted to make sure we went into it together." "Always," agreed the mouse.



@littlepoppypoetr

Restaurant Review: Mavi Ruya, 593 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield 7



Old age really isn't a bundle of laughs. To be more specific, I'm defining "old age" as a time in one's life when going to a Greek or Turkish restaurant to join in communal renderings of "Happy Birthday" and perhaps view sundry items of china being smashed as an entertainment no longer has that intrinsic appeal. Pretty sad really. The reason for this mournful diatribe relates to an invitation to join a few friends for a taste of Turkish culinary expertise (my hopeful expectation!) at the newish Turkish restaurant Mavi Ruya, which in another era presented as Morrison's supermarket on Abbeydale Road. Quite a metamorphosis!

Having duly arrived at Morrisons – sorry, I mean Mavi Ruya (old habits die hard) one is faced with the ever present car parking conundrum - namely is it okay to park outside the establishment (it is after 6.30pm) or is there some subtle "residents only" rule which results in the dreaded ticket under windscreen wiper manifestation at some stage during the evening. Sometimes in life one has to take major risks, so car is parked more or less outside, fingers crossed, and into the huge

auditorium of the self-proclaimed “Biggest Turkish Restaurant in South Yorkshire”!



I guess the “Biggest Restaurant” boast is probably correct. Apparently, the building offers 200 covers arranged over two stories - all of which seemed to be in use as our modest entourage of six was received by a cheerful

waiter who guided us through the controlled melee to our (fortunately!) pre-booked table. Actually, the “melee” bit is rather too strong. Reality is lots of cheerful punters enveloping the many tables and chairs, whilst happily engaged in singing life’s favourite ditty namely “Happy birthday to you.” This seemingly essential refrain persisted throughout the evening at approximately half hour intervals. It seems as though every day is a multiple birthday celebration day! Why not? Cheerfulness has to be good - I guess - even if it makes conversation impossible!

The Meal

Decision making when dealing with a non-familiar menu can be tricky. Fortunately, help in the form of manager Islam Aslam proved useful in deciphering the nuances of an amazingly eclectic composite of Eastern promise. Actually, I was somewhat wary of using the phrase “Eastern promise” it feels as though it may contravene some negative element in our “woke” society. What do you think?

Moving on from any moral dilemmas, and accepting professional advice, I decided to start with Sucuk. This proved to be a very tasty Turkish pan fried beef sausage dish, served hot in a small iron dish of finger-burning capabilities which had the potential to radically modify any dispassionate consideration of the meal as a whole! Following this highly acceptable

starter, and again with advice from our attentive host, the Mavi Ruya Special, seemed a pretty reasonable option. The “Special “presented as a clay pot container with contents obscured by an impressive balloon bread cover. Beneath this bread cover (surgically removed by Islam) was an equally impressive melange of marinated lamb simmering in a jus of tomato, onion, mushroom and garlic - all resplendent under a formidable cheese topping. Flavour very good.

Those who are still nobly working their way through my variable quasi erudite meanderings are probably aware of the lack of any mention relating to my social companions endeavours with the vagaries of Turkish cuisine. This is totally because of the difficulties of menu interpretation, and the fact that I’m becoming bored with writing this review to the extent that a swift move to pudding and coffee seems appropriate. Pudding (for me) had to be warm Baklava - as a known familiar name from every Greek menu – which was really good -as was a small cup of extremely strong, but very delicious Turkish coffee.

Verdict

Well it certainly is a large venue! It is also a very lively venue – especially if you have an ongoing urge to sing “Happy Birthday to you” at half hour intervals! Cost is fairly high. The bill for six people came to £247.39, which included an “optional “service charge of 12%, and - of course drinks - namely 3 glasses of the House red wine, and one bottle of Efes draught (Turkish beer). Value for money? I think so - just about. The quality of all the meals were deemed, by all of our party, to be good. Service and ambience were also good -some reservations on the Happy Birthday bit - but still worth giving it a try. It’s a good idea to have a cheerful evening out occasionally – especially if you are a fanatical supporter of one of our City’s noble football teams and need some joy in your life!

Roy Stanley

St Matthew Passion



I was not able to sing with the choir in church on Sunday evening, 17th March when they presented a liturgical performance of the St Matthew Passion, along with Steel City Choristers and an orchestra led jointly by David Milsom and Maria Nikoleva (also members of our choir). However, I was in the congregation and enjoyed listening to a beautiful, meaningful and memorable performance in the wonderful setting of our church. It was great to see the church full and the overall sound was brilliant as the music resonated around the building. The standard of the two choirs, the many soloists and the orchestra was of the highest order. It was very moving and a tremendous exposition of the Passion story.

It was also a great experience for all the participants, especially the many younger members; the sense of community was wonderful and there was a family feel to the whole thing. The hard work and commitment by everyone to the hours and hours of rehearsals was unbelievable and, of course, much credit goes to Philip Collin, our Director of Music, not only for contemplating such an ambitious project and doing the meticulous planning, but also managing to pull it all off so magnificently. And, of course, we mustn't forget the genius of J.S. Bach!

Please see the inside back cover for other photographs. More images will be available on social media.

Philip Walshaw



‘Good News’

by John Green

It's the Easter season, when we celebrate the good news of the resurrection, but there doesn't seem to be much good news in everyday life, what with multiple wars, the cost of living crisis and fuel costs. However, the bigger picture featured in a special "Good News" edition of the **Sunday Times Magazine** in the New Year. The 31st December edition was devoted to good news from around the world on 'Animals, Conservation and Climate', 'Fighting Disease' and 'Society and Science' and was a welcome read, at an anxious time. Whilst we can get despondent about global warming and climate change, there is good news - from independent sources like the WHO, UN and Unicef. I've set out below some headlines drawn from a series of short paragraphs from the Climate and Disease sections.

Climate

- More electricity generated from wind and solar than fossil fuels in the EU in 2023 (33% cf 27%)
- 37 species of fish now in the Mersey which was considered dead, decades ago.
- England has banned plastic cutlery, balloon sticks and polystyrene cups.
- The Climate Trace database, launched by Al Gore at COP28, uses satellite tracking to measure emissions from individual polluting industries.
- Drones are to be used to drop/plant tree seeds in re-forestation projects around the world, such as the lost Koala Bear habitats in Australia. (*Drones can reach inaccessible areas*)
- Residents of Tuvalu in the Pacific islands at risk from rising sea levels, are to be granted the right to re-settle in Australia. (population 11,200)

- De-forestation in 9 Amazon countries is down 55% since last year (*possibly as a result of concerns about the effects of destroying rainforest to plant Palm Oil trees*)
- Europe is on target to reach the target of 55% reduction in premature deaths due to air pollution, by 2030.
- The UK has banned wet-wipes (*an infamous cause of “Fatbergs” in sewers*)
- Beavers are being successfully re-introduced, to help with flood prevention. The first baby beaver in London was spotted in 2023, for the first time in 400 years. Enfield Council started a re-wilding project in 2023.

Disease

- Breast cancer deaths have fallen by 66% in the last 30 years. 90% of women diagnosed at an early stage (*by screening*) survive for at least 5 years.
- A Malaria vaccine is now being rolled out worldwide (*with Bill Gates’ help*). 25 susceptible countries have not had a case for the last 3 years (5 of them for the last 5 years).
- Child mortality (deaths under 5) has fallen 59% globally in the last 40 years with some countries such as Ethiopia and Eritrea achieving a 75% reduction (*possibly famine related*)
- 2.1Bn people have gained access to safe drinking water in the last 20 years
- 2.5Bn now have safely managed sanitation. (*world population 8.1Bn in 2024*)
- Lowest level ever of people living in extreme poverty - 8.6%
- The number of nuclear weapons has fallen 80% since the Cold War era (70k in 1986 to 13k in 2022) (*but it’s still not zero!*)

..and Finally

- The ultimate in re-cycling - The Royal Mint is turning e-waste into gold. 7% of the world’s gold reserves reside in discarded electronics! (*author’s comments*)

I hope that's given you some re-assurance that we are making progress, whether in reaching net-zero carbon or in disease control and promoting health. It's good to see the national press writing about positive news rather than the usual doom-laden negativity. We'll have to make the most of them as I rather think the coming year is going to be the usual knock-about blame game between the politicians, as they struggle for our votes, whenever that happens. Happy Easter!

John Green



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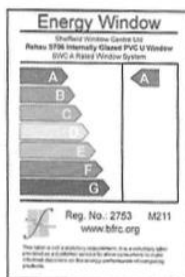
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Quiz: Fruit and Veg

compiled by Philip Walshaw



The answers to the first three clues below are fruit and the rest are vegetables. A prize awaits the person who submits the most correct answers. In the event of a tie, a winner will be chosen by a lucky draw. Send your entry by email to jpwalshaw@gmail.com or by post to 19 Cairns Road, S10 5NA to reach me by Monday, 15th April, 2024.

1. A green tin strangely reveals this fruit (9)
2. Endless tropical change (7)
3. Parent mixed up with last Greek alphabet letter (11)
4. Originated in an ancient spot at Oxford (6)
5. Found in Richard's garden (5)
6. Vehicle decay (6)
7. Danger! Apes about (6,3)
8. Spoil argument (6)
9. Eat all French vegetable (5,4)
10. Revised score went wrong (9)
11. So a bent chair gets reassembled (7,5)
12. North European vegetable (5)
13. Plimsoll family (7)
14. Choirs take mixed vegetables around the world (5,10)
15. E.U. bearing strange vegetable (9)
16. Pins back on golf course standard (7)

Answers to March Quiz: 1. Nicholas 2. Peter 3. Joseph (featured) 4. Francis 5. Andrew 6. Wilfrid 7. Christopher 8. Valentine 9. Nathaniel 10. Stephen 11. Augustine 12. Etheldreda 13. Benedict 14. Wolfgang 15. Beatrice

Entries were received from: Janet and Malcolm Anker, Pam and Ian Dall, Michael and Rosemary Hannon, Alan and Pauline Heath, Lynn and Steve Lawless, John and Brenda Staniforth, Janet Twigg and Barbara and Peter Wozencroft.

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