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Dear Friends,

Rather than a letter this month I thought it better to simply include my reports to both churches at their AGMs. I hope it keeps us up to speed with our two churches and the communities they seek to serve. Obviously, both reports are complementary as I seek to serve both Beeley and also Edensor and Pilsley.

May God keep us all in the joy, simplicity and compassion of Christ's Holy Gospel.

Yours ever,
David

Vicar's AGM Report at St Anne's, Beeley

We have a super lot of folk at our wonderful Beeley Church. And Beeley is a lovely community. It has been great during the last 12 months to have so many children and babies in church, as well as parents and much cherished older folk. The church is about relating to one another in the love of God and making everyone feel included.

I remember years ago taking one of my parishes on a weekend away in the Yorkshire Dales at Kettlewell. We had a great time with a variety of activities - abseiling, dancing, hiking, games, learning sessions and wonderful worship and food. All ages were present. The following Sunday at church one young boy called Oscar went up to Reg, age 92, and said "Hi Reg, you are my friend". The "Reg" was not said with disrespect but out of love.

We have plans. Our present proposals are to create a 'tea point' and to install a toilet and storage at the base of the tower. This will also free up the vestry to create a more soundproof area for children's activities during the Sunday morning service.

On Sunday 21 June at 2 p.m. everyone in the village and other friends are invited to a 'Working Party' in the churchyard. In particular we want to remove the vegetation around the church building and replace it with a strip of gravel. All villagers are most welcome. At 4 p.m. the young children and parents will lead a user-friendly act of worship in the church. Do please come! We want to make St Anne's at the heart of Beeley Village.

Thank you to you all for your friendship. And special thanks to the churchwardens, Vernon and Rupert and to Judith as PCC Secretary and Gloria as Treasurer. I also want to thank Ian who gives such splendid service to the church. I love it when Ian on a Sunday comes up the altar rail with the collection and tells me the number of people in the church: e.g. "14 adults and 8 children". Isn't that wonderful? And huge thanks to Gladys and Pauline for cleaning the church and keeping it in ship shape order. Please, please remember we are looking for more volunteers in all shapes and forms.

As I retire as Archdeacon later this year I look forward to getting to know everyone in Beeley.

David Garnett

Vicar's AGM Report at St Peter's, Edensor

A South London priest was appointed to another parish. He received a letter from a firm of furniture removers. It stated: "In the last year we have removed 40 South London priests to the satisfaction of all concerned".

I don't feel like that! So I want to thank you all for your care and support of both me and Susanne. We are very happy here. And I look forward to having more time for the parishes when I retire as archdeacon later on this year. My first priority will be to visit and network and get to know people better, both church and non-church folk.

The Churchwardens' Report has mentioned many of the highlights in the life of the church during the last year. We plan to have another 'Back to Church Sunday' on Advent Sunday and plans are afoot for a 'Flower Festival Extravaganza' from 4 to 13 December, with evening concerts, talks and events. The flowers will be on the theme of Christmas carols arranged by Robert Young of Darley Dale. The church will be open every day from 9.30 to 5.30 staffed by volunteers serving refreshments. Monies raised will be in

aid of the church roof, re-wiring and re-lighting, tea point and for the organ. Also for Ashgate Hospice, Alzheimer's and CHIPS working in Uganda.

There are also plans to set up a 'Friends of St Peter's' to stimulate a wider interest and support for the church. I am indebted to the work being done on this by Duncan Gordon, Roger Wardle and Clive Thrower.

Fundraising can be exhausting and the church roof has been a mega task. However, fundraising events do provide opportunities for building up social life and we have had lots of fun. I must say that future fundraising for new lighting and music will be a more inspiring project!

It is important that we have regular congregational giving to underpin the mission and ministry of the church. Please give by standing order or envelopes and Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer. Like any family we need a regular income so we can keep to budget.

Other important issues have been risk assessments for health and safety and the beginning of putting child protection policy in place. These are important issues, which we need to continually address.

I have spent quite a bit of time involving myself in the school with children and staff and as a school governor. I believe there is a growing ownership between churches and the school. I have received a lot of gratitude from the school for the welcome they receive in the church and for the worship. Apart from special services we have reinstated beginning and end of term services in church. We also need to take the church to the school. If there are any volunteers who would like to be involved in the school, such as listening to children read, please let me know. We need to build upon relationships in the school as well as in the church.

Quite a few people have expressed interest in Confirmation. Also for a Refresher Course on the Christian Faith. I look forward to addressing this in the autumn. At Beeley we have had Wine and Bible Study Sessions: these have been very rewarding (!) and I for one have learned a lot. Not least about being a parent in today's society.

William Temple once said, "The Church is the only society that exists for those who are not its members". That doesn't mean we should not care for one another: both old and young. Of course, we do. But it also means that we should be outward looking. Caring for those who are not members and

praying that more and more people discover a living faith for themselves and feel welcomed and included in church and other events.

The Duke, I think rightly, has urged us to produce a more user-friendly Service Booklet and Service and Notice Sheet. I hope you find today's monthly Service and Notice Sheet helpful. We plan to improve the Service Booklet and not least to ensure it is of a size so that it can sit on the pew shelf. This does not mean abandoning the Prayer Book Service, and BCP Green Books are available for those who wish it. I for one find the larger print in the Booklet most helpful and many new members have welcomed it as making worship more accessible. I have striven during the year to choose hymns which sit well with the readings and are, on the whole, well known.

I personally would love to see a children's choir, say once a month, and perhaps an adult choir some Sundays. It is always great to have the Derbyshire Singers on special occasions and I ask Joe and Lynn to pass on our gratitude. Apart from enriching our worship, choirs also open the doors of the church wider and bring more people in.

I would like to echo the thanks expressed by the churchwardens. And also to thank them for their sterling work. And to Liz Bradshaw for her work on the magazine.

I would also like to thank Andrew Fleming for his work as treasurer and Mark Titterton for taking on the task. Also to Joy Thrower for her excellent work as PCC Secretary following Christine Robinson. Joy has an eye for detail as well as the bigger picture.

A vicar was having trouble with his microphone. The congregation could hardly hear him. But they followed the service dutifully and gave their responses. Finally the vicar sighed, "There's something wrong with this microphone". "And also with you" came their response!

David Garnett

Pilsley C of E School

If any of our readers have 'vouchers for schools' from the various supermarkets, 'books for schools' vouchers currently in The Times newspaper, or any other type of voucher to help schools, Pilsley School would be delighted to receive them. They can be taken into school or given to Liz Bradshaw at church. Thank you.

Useful Telephone Numbers

St. Anne's

Wardens:-	Rupert Turner	01629 732794
	Vernon Mather	01629 732317
Treasurer:-	Gloria Sherwood	01629 732983

St. Peter's

Wardens:-	Elizabeth Bradshaw	01246 582421
	Duncan Gordon	01629 734099
Treasurer:-	Mark Titterton	01246 582245
	e-mail: mtitterton@btinternet.com	

An evening of Azaleas

in aid of the roof at St Peter's Church, Edensor

A walk in the Garden at Chatsworth
by kind permission of the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire

Tuesday 19th May 2009

6.30pm – 8.30pm

followed by a glass of wine in Flora's Temple

*for ticket enquiries, please contact Bridget Flemming
(on behalf of Edensor PCC) telephone 01246 583315
Tickets £10*

St. Peter's Church 100 Club March 2009

1 st Prize £30	No. 87	Evelyn Aris-Fowkes
2nd Prize £20	No. 37	Margaret Thomas

Funds to church this month - £46

The recession is changing our daily habits at home: -

More of us are taking showers than baths.

20 per cent more of us are using shopping lists, instead of impulse buying.

We are throwing less away – who wants to feed a dustbin?

We are eating out at restaurants less.

We are cooking soup – the sale of stock cubes has gone up.

The sale of mayonnaise and spreads has gone up – we are making packed lunches.

DATES TO NOTE

- 2 May SKIP: Edensor The Green 7.45-9.30
Pilsley Garage Yard 9.45-10.45
- 2 May Piano Recital – Isabel Chaplais. Bakewell Parish Church 7.30pm
Tickets £8 & £4 on the door.
- 4 May ‘Bank Holiday Fun’ Coombs Road, Bakewell, to launch the
‘Friends of Bakewell Church’. This event to be opened by Lord Edward
Manners and will contribute towards the Bakewell Church Roof
Appeal. For more details contact Chris Shepley – 01629 812988
- 12 May BEELEY WI Resolution Meeting
- 16 May SKIP: Beeley Devonshire Square 7.45-8.45
- 16 May The Peak Chamber Orchestra & The Gloriana Singers in
Bakewell Parish Church 7pm Tickets £5
- 18 May Beeley Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in the Village Hall –
Members of the public are welcome to attend.
- 19 May 6.30-8.30pm ‘An Evening of Azaleas’
A walk in the Garden at Chatsworth followed by a glass of wine in
Flora’s Temple. Tickets £10
- 20 May BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting 7.30pm in the Village Hall
‘Elizabethan Evening’ with Maureen Taylor
- 20 May CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Cavendish Hall Annexe
Resolutions Hot Potato Night
Competition: Quirky buns (6)
Flowers & Parcel: Mrs Symonds
- 25 May SKIP: Baslow Council Houses 7.45-8.15
Nether End Car Park 8.20-10.45
- 29 May St. Peter’s Church, Edensor – Matthew Parris 7-8pm. Tickets £10



MAKE IT; BAKE IT; GROW IT; SHOW IT

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



CHATSWORTH HORTICULTURAL & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 22nd August 2009

2pm in the Cavendish Hall

To request a show schedule please email Denna Garrett
(dennaharris@hotmail.com) / schedules will be sent
automatically to last year's entrants.



Ideas are such funny things. They never work unless you do.

I have received this letter from Christine and Roger Bemrose, which they asked to be included in the magazine. They write: -

Dear Liz,

Roger and I would like to thank all the members of the congregation of Edensor church for the lovely surprise buffet put on for us after the service on 16th March and the signed card. It was lovely and we both enjoyed it. Many thanks go to those who organised it and those who cooked for and prepared it.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our nine years with you all and will miss you very much. We do appreciate all your love and support given to us during that time.

We shall be back from time to time. Roger still has family in Chesterfield so we shall be up to see them and will certainly join you for a Sunday service when we can.

Our address in Norfolk will be: - 3 West Hall Road, Dersingham, King's Lynn, PE3 1 6JG and our telephone number 01484 544964. If you are in the area we shall be very pleased to see you.

So, we shall say au revoir rather than goodbye.

*Our very best wishes to you all,
Roger and Christine*

This was emailed to me and I thought it might strike a chord with some of you!

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture, or write a letter,
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference between want
and need?
Dust if you must, but there's not
much time,
With rivers to swim, and mountains
to climb;
Music to hear, and books to read;
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's
out there
With the sun in your eyes, and the
wind in your hair;
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come around
again.
Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go (and go you must)
You, yourself, will make more dust.

Tony Gray writes...

Spring colds? – Yes, a hot drink is a good idea. Colds are usually viral, not bacterial and therefore doctors do not, and should not, prescribe antibiotics. The answer is vitamin C. My remedy is: - 2 teaspoonsful of blackcurrant jam spiced with one of honey and a splash of ‘Famous Grouse’. Fill your mug with boiling hot water.

This works wonders so long as you keep taking it for 2 – 3 weeks. The very best blackcurrant jam can be ordered from me for just £2 per jar. Order now for next winter.

I’m all right Jack - Removing Wellington boots and other footwear can be a problem. If you are not careful, or even if you are, the heel comes apart necessitating the expense of new boots.

The St. Peter’s Boot Jack offers a simple remedy and is an essential item for every household. My market research reveals a top of the range price of £14.99 and more basic models at £8.99-£9.99.

My standard model is made by a 60-year-old craftsman, recently made redundant. It is priced at £5.99 – YES £5.99. If you buy two and sell one to a friend you will be doubly helping our Restoration Fund, which profits by £2 for each Jack sold. Available at church on Sundays.

Get gardening – and extend your life!

If you garden for three hours a week after the age of 50, it seems that you are likely to live two years longer than people who don’t take exercise. A recent survey in the British Medical Journal has found that high levels of physical activity in middle age (defined as three hours of sport or heavy gardening per week) will reduce your risk of dying to that equivalent to people who have always been active. So – it’s not too late to get planting!



Tea DOES taste better from your own cup

Guess what – you were right: your daily tea and coffee really DO taste better if you drink them from your favourite cup. Research has found that our enjoyment of the drink is bound up in the ritual of making it in our own special ritualised way. So scientists at Sheffield University conclude: “It might be irrational, but it’s absolutely true. Your daily brew tastes better from you own favourite mug.”

Protect wildlife - keep dogs under control in countryside



Peak District dog-walkers are asked to keep their pets on short leads to protect wildlife, lambs and calves while out in the countryside during the breeding season.

Peak District National Park rangers, the Kennel Club and rural police all remind pet-owners that by law, they must keep their dogs under control so that they do not scare farm animals and wildlife.

National Park field services area manager Jenny Waller said: “We are delighted to see people walking their dogs in the countryside, but we ask them to keep their pets on short, two-metre leads during this particularly sensitive time, from March 1 until July 31.

“Sheep and lambs can be badly injured by uncontrolled dogs during the lambing season. Ground-nesting birds like curlew and lapwing, and wild creatures such as hares, are also easily disturbed.

“Legally, you do not have to use a lead on public paths as long as the dog is under close control, but we ask dog-owners to be extra-vigilant in the breeding season, and always clip on the lead if you cannot rely on your dog’s obedience.

“For its own safety, never let your dog approach or chase wildlife and farm animals - your dog can get kicked, trampled or lost, and it could be shot for chasing livestock.

“If cattle turn on your dog, the best advice is to follow the Countryside Code - unclip the lead - don’t risk getting hurt by trying to protect it. Get out of the field as quickly as possible, then call your dog as soon as you are out of danger.”

Kennel Club communications director Caroline Kisko said: “Dog owners have a responsibility under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act to keep their dogs on a lead around wildlife between March 1 and July 31 and at any time in the vicinity of livestock. The countryside is for all to enjoy but dog owners must be respectful of this issue when walking their dog.”

At certain times, dogs are not allowed on some areas to protect sensitive breeding sites - owners should follow the signs.

To report worrying or suspicious behaviour involving dogs on farmland or moors contact the police on 0345 123 3333 or Peak District National Park rangers on 01433 670216 (weekends) or 01629 816290 (weekdays).

For more information: www.pawsonthemoors.org or www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

Maybe way Down, but certainly well Across!

This recession is doing odd things to us: for one thing, we are turning more to crossword puzzles for enjoyment. Crossword puzzles tick all the boxes, it seems, when it comes to entertaining ourselves on very little money. People in East Anglia are the most frequent crossword players, with 52 per cent of them attempting at least one crossword a week. It is reported that residents in the north east spend the most time attempting to solve crosswords – on average 61 hours a year. It is not known if they succeed in their attempts.



Let sleeping teenagers lie – in!

Next time your teenager sleeps and sleeps... and sleeps... let them. They really do need it in order to function at their best. Recent research has found that teenagers who spend more time in bed have much better concentration levels in school, and behave better in the classroom.

It also found that the brains of young people perform better after

I am in the morning. As one researcher put it: “Teenagers aren’t lazy. We’re depriving them of the sleep they really need through biological factors beyond their control. We are making teenagers ratty by getting them up early...”

And really, who wants a ratty teenager around?

The new road terror: pedestrians!

There is a new hazard on the road – the pedestrian. People who walk about with MP3 music players on headphones, straying into the road, unable to hear cars coming.

Now insurance companies say that more and more drivers are citing such people as a factor in minor accidents. One common scenario is when a pedestrian steps into the road, and a car slams on its brakes to avoid the person. But then another car slams into the car that has stopped....

People who text their friends while walking are another hazard. So beware anyone with headphones or mobile phones.... they may not see or hear you coming!

A look at famous conversions in the history of the Christian Church

By Dr Herbert McGonigle, Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology and Church History in Nazarene Theological College, Didsbury, Manchester.

William Tyndale: Every time we open and read an English Bible we should be reminded of William Tyndale (1494-1536) often rightly called ‘the father of the English Bible.’ Tyndale was born in Gloucestershire in England and had an excellent education in the local school. He went to Oxford University in 1508 and after graduation he studied further in Cambridge University.

At Oxford he made great progress in languages and it was his study of the Greek text of the New Testament that led him to understand Paul’s doctrine of salvation by faith. Although we can’t be sure of the exact date, it was while he was at Oxford that Tyndale experienced personal conversion. This happened as he carefully studied the New Testament. He began to see how the Roman Church had substituted medieval doctrines and practices in place of the true gospel. Tyndale was captivated as he read the Greek New Testament and he wanted to share his great discovery with others. He spent time back in Gloucestershire as a private tutor, still studying the Greek Testament and finding his faith confirmed as he began to read the writings of Martin Luther.

Believing he had a call from God to translate the Bible into English, and knowing the opposition he faced in England, he went to Germany. In 1526 his English translation of the New Testament was published and he began to work on the Old Testament. His enemies were still hunting him and he moved to Belgium. Betrayed, he was imprisoned and executed on October 6 1536 near Brussels. He was strangled and then burned, his last words being, ‘Oh Lord, open the King of England’s eyes.’

Tyndale had translated all the New Testament into English and much of the Old Testament. When the King James translators were working on the 1611 Authorised Version of the Bible, they used about 80% of Tyndale’s Old Testament and about 70% of his New Testament – without a single word of acknowledgement! Tyndale was scholar, theologian, translator and martyr. He loved the Scriptures and all his great mastery of languages was put to use as he translated the English Bible.

His style was vivid and memorable and so many of his phrases have become part of the English language. To Tyndale we owe the familiar phrases, ‘Let there be light,’ ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’ ‘The salt of the earth,’ ‘Fight the good fight,’ ‘Signs of the times,’ and many, many more. Every version of the English Bible we have today owes so much to the learning and genius and skill and courage of William Tyndale.

‘The trumpet will sound...and we shall be changed’

Michael Burgess, looking at great works of music

TQ – Tingle Quotient is an expression used to describe the effect music has on us. It could be a chord of music on the organ, a melody on the violin, the sound of voices singing, or the trumpet sounding. St Paul wrote that when ‘the trumpet does sound, we shall be changed’. He was describing the resurrection of the dead, but we know music has that power to transform us here on earth. It can send a kind of tingle or a shiver of excitement up and down the spine. What is called the Tingle Quotient.

It is not just music that produces this effect. It could be the sight of a sunset at sea or the beauty of a building or a painting. What we look at or hear has an almost physical effect on us. Something sublime unfolds before us, producing wonder and amazement, delight and a hint of glory. Music especially has this power. It can make the paradox of life meaningful and tolerable, particularly when we face tragedy and suffering. Nietzsche wrote, ‘Life without music would be a mistake.’ Music opens out for us a world of beauty and sound. St Thomas Aquinas said that it ‘bursts forth in sound from things eternal and exalts the mind.’

In this series we shall be looking at four composers who have special anniversaries this year. But more than that, their music speaks to us and moves our spirits to wonder and rejoicing. 2009 is the 350th anniversary of the birth of Purcell, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Mendelssohn, the 250th anniversary of the death of Handel, and the 200th anniversary of the death of Haydn.

Henry Purcell is the earliest composer in this quartet. He was born in London in 1659 and died just 36 years later in 1695. His obituary in the Flying-Post proclaimed him as ‘one of the most celebrated masters of the service of music in the kingdom, and scarce inferior to any in Europe.’ His epitaph in Westminster Abbey reads, ‘Here lyes Henry Purcell Esqre, who left this Lyfe and is gone to that Blessed Place where only his Harmony can be exceeded.’

I should imagine that most of us will know his hymn tune Westminster Abbey: a majestic, but buoyant and harmonically exciting setting for the words: ‘Christ is made the sure foundation.’ As the melody moves from bar to bar, it can produce that tingle down the spine.

For me that TQ came when I heard Dame Janet Baker singing 'When I am laid in earth' in his opera, 'Dido and Aeneas,' a work first performed at Mr Josias Priest's Boarding School for Girls in 1689. Purcell's wonderful music overcame the limitations of the

libretto, and this final aria rings out with great power and beauty. 'Remember me' the Queen of Carthage sings. It is because of the beauty and grace of all his music that we remember and give thanks for Henry Purcell.



Signs & symbols: the Chi Rho

The language of the early Christians was Greek, and so it is not surprising that many of the Christian symbols that we still use today came from Greek.

The Chi Rho is one of the earliest christograms that was used by the early Church. It comes from taking the first two letters of Christ in Greek, which is 'Χ', pronounced chi, and 'ρ', which is 'r', or pronounced rho. Together, one on top of the other, they form the monogram



You can see it on some silver spoons found at Mildenhall, and now in the British Museum, dating from about 350 AD.



Traidcraft

Bakewell Group

Sales have been good this month at £1,009 including £31 at the Methodist Church Coffee Morning, £79

after the Civic Service, £30 at the Bakewell Choral Society Concert and £45 at the Oxfam Holme Hall Coffee Morning.

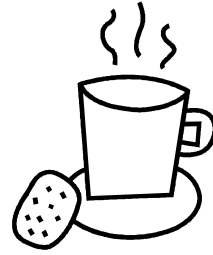
This year marks Traidcraft's 30th birthday. In 1979 from a small warehouse in Newcastle, the first imports – of jute products from Bangladesh – arrived, recognising that trade, not aid, is the most sustainable way to fight poverty. Thirty years later Traidcraft works directly with 100 fair trade producer groups in 30 countries and last year touched the lives of 3.4 million people.

Traidcraft Exchange, Traidcraft's charitable off shoot, provides additional support for producer groups and the communities where they are based. Any surplus money, which accrues to the Bakewell Group, goes to the Exchange and we have been able to send £2000 this month to help with this Development work. Many thanks to all of you who helped to make this possible.

Peter Bird (01629 813087)

Best biscuit for dunking

Do you like to dunk biscuits in your tea or coffee? Which kind of biscuit works best for you? In a recent survey, the chocolate digestive came out as by far Britain's favourite. It seems the mix of melted chocolate coating and soggy underside is irresistible.



The top ten dunking biscuits are: chocolate digestive, rich tea, HobNob, digestive, chocolate bourbon, chocolate HobNob, chocolate chip cookie, custard creams, shortbread, and ginger nut.

In tests, the chocolate digestive had the highest breaking point: it can survive eight seconds in tea, as compared with a mere three seconds for ginger nuts and Hobnobs. Physicist Dr Len Fisher of Bristol University advises: "The best strategy is a flat-on approach, biscuit-side down, to minimise the chocolate bleed into your cup, and to maintain the chocolate layer as a crack-stopper."

The McVitie's digestive biscuit was developed in 1839 by two Scottish doctors to aid digestion. Nearly 100 years later, in 1925, someone had the bright idea of adding chocolate. No one knows for sure when dunking first began.



Darn it – except that we can't anymore

A recent survey has revealed that many people in the UK no longer have

many handy skills once taken for granted.

The study, by internet search engine Ask.com, found that many Britons lack some basic skills once considered vital -- from sewing to DIY and even social etiquette. But could this change now that some of the long-forgotten arts of

domestic life might be seen as potential money-savers in the current climate?

A survey of 1,000 adults found that only 49 per cent of all ages could darn a sock, though this falls to 21 per cent of the under-30s and rises to 68 per cent of those aged over 60. Similarly, only 42 per cent of Britons (and 22 per cent of the under 30s) know how to knit, though a healthy 85 per

cent can, at least, sew a button and 91 per cent can iron a shirt!

Around the house, many seem to have forgotten basic DIY talents, as only 32 per cent can change a lock or tile a bathroom and, while 68 per cent can wire a plug, this falls to just 34 per cent of the under-30s.

Almost a third of this younger age group cannot even knot a tie in these times of open-collared and dress-down Friday working, while only 17 per cent of all ages can tie a bow tie. These days of emails and greetings of 'hi' rather than 'Dear Sir' mean that up to a third of the under-30s no longer know how to formally address a letter and less than half of this age group admit they can set a table properly for a four-course dinner.

And despite the popularity of Strictly Come Dancing, only 30 per cent of all British adults can dance a waltz, falling to 11 per cent of adults under 30 and rising to 65 per cent of those over 60.

It is not a lack of talent, mental agility or concentration that is necessarily missing, as there is no shortage of those who can master modern skills from computers to claims.

Seven in ten of all adults know how to set up a Facebook account, 92 per cent can text on a mobile without a problem and 56 per cent are familiar with the process of applying for benefits.

Scots are most likely to know how to darn a sock (62 per cent) and sew a button (91 per cent) as well as wiring plugs (79 per cent) and even lay carpet (43 per cent).

Londoners are best at knotting ties but the worst at car maintenance - those in the West Midlands are the best.

The search engine commissioned the survey after noticing a big rise in searches for "how to" guides online, from car maintenance to baking bread, possibly to save cash in the current climate.

Talk talk

Here's no surprise: girls tend to play less energetically than boys, because they are more interested in chatting. Research has discovered that from the age of 10, girls tend towards talking and socialising in small groups while boys tend to active games in larger groups.

Furthermore, researchers at Liverpool John Moores University warn that this trend could last their entire lifetime. No surprise there, either!

PENTECOST

31st May

Pentecost was the old Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which took place at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told his apostles that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles – but he knew they could not do the work themselves – they would need his help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the apostles and disciples of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR MAY 2009

St. Anne's, Beeley

Flowers

3 May	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Turner
10 May	9.30am	Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	Miss Abell
17 May	9.30am	Holy Communion		" "
21 May	9.30am	Holy Communion for Ascension Day (St. Peter's)		
24 May	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs M Fearn
31 May	9.30am	Holy Communion	(Pentecost)	" "
7 June	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Homer

St. Peter's, Edensor

Sidesmen

3 May	10.30am	Holy Communion		R A Gray/J Bowns
10 May	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Thomas/Jayne Boyd
17 May	10.30am	Matins		Mr & Mrs Gordon
21 May	9.30am	Holy Communion for Ascension Day		
24 May	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Jackson
31 May	10.30am	Holy Communion	(Pentecost)	Mr & Mrs Machin
7 June	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Wardle

Coffee

Cleaning

Flowers

3 May	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	-----	Mrs Nelson
10 May	Mrs Bradshaw	Mrs Machin/Mrs Thomas/M Pinder	wedding flowers
17 May	Mr & Mrs Dempsey	-----	" " (GS)
24 May	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Mrs Sherwood
31 May	Mrs Cooper/Mrs J Clarke	-----	wedding flowers
7 June	Pat Cree	Mr & Mrs Wardle	" " (DW)

Readings at St. Peter's

	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Reader</u>
3 May	Acts 4. 5-12	John 10. 11-18	Roger Wardle
10 May	Acts 8. 26-40	John 15. 1-8	Molly Marshall
17 May	Acts 10. 44-48	John 15. 9-17	Doreen Gaynor
24 May	Acts 1. 1-11	Luke 24. 44-53	Diana Walters
31 May	Acts 2. 1-21	John 15. 26-27 & 16. 4b-15	Margaret Thomas
7 June	Isaiah 6. 1-8	John 3. 1-17	Molly Marshall

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