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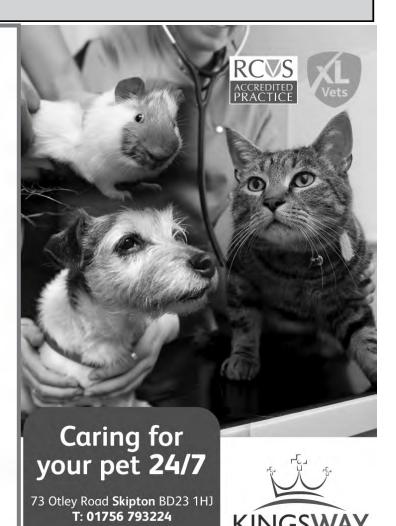


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#### **Birthday gifts**

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What's your attitude to birthdays? Do you try to forget when yours is, or do you make a big splash every year? Is it a joyful occasion, or something to be got through with as little fuss as possible? Do you like presents, or would you rather have experiences?

This month Christians celebrate the birthday of the church. It's marked at the festival of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, which of course means it moves around - this year it's on Sunday 9th June. We remember the story from the book of Acts in the Bible, when the Holy Spirit was given to Jesus' followers:

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested

on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:2-4).

Up to this point, the good news of Easter had been restricted to a small group of people who'd been Jesus's friends and followers during his lifetime. After the joy of his resurrection, Jesus spends time with them to help them process and understand just what it is that God's done for the world. After 40 days, he returns to his heavenly Father, having first told his friends to return

to Jerusalem and wait for power from on high to come upon them. And that's what happens at Pentecost. It's the moment when a small, still somewhat



confused, insignificant group of very ordinary people, with no worldly power or status becomes instead an inspired, energised community, with the confidence and courage to go and

tell the world that they've found something wonderful. The church, with its task of witnessing to the good news, is born.

Birthdays are often a time both for looking back and re-evaluating, and looking forward, making new plans.

How have you changed (for better and worse) in the years you have been on the planet? What do you want to achieve in the future? And what's true for individuals is true for the church too. It could be said of the church that it (we) needs to do the same – to look at our history (being honest about what's been good, and what's been less creditable), and to look forward, thinking about what comes next.

So if you're a part of the church or not, it's good to take stock and work out where next – for yourself, your family or any organisation you're part of. To look back at the times and places where we've not taken care of

ourselves or others; where we have not been as considerate or thoughtful as we could have been; where we've allowed ourselves to become lazy and self-serving and out of condition. To look also at the things we've done well, the gifts and talents we've made best use of, the times when things worked well, or we did the right things that resulted in our wellbeing and that of those around us.

Many of us are lucky enough to receive gifts on our birthdays.

Generally, it's not regarded as polite to ask for a gift - but Christians are positively encouraged to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and to experience the Spirit's power as real and vital. It's a gift that we need to help us change

and move forward in hope and courage and energy like those first Christians. The Spirit that was poured out on Peter, Mary, Andrew and the others on that first Pentecost hasn't gone away. But just like with our bodies, we're not always attentive to the Spirit's leading and guidance – and when we're not, it shows!

For some, receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit is a truly transformational experience. Others experience it as the inner peace and strength that enables them to fulfil the church's calling to love. As Paul puts it in his first letter to the church in Corinth:

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or

a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking,

it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Everyone needs the gift that enables us to love like that. The beginning of summer is a good time in the year to take stock of ourselves and the things we belong to – the hope (!) of better weather, the abundance of nature around us and longer days somehow make us feel that new things are possible. So if you decide to begin a new healthier eating regime, or to take up a pastime that will enrich you, or some exercise, or if you think it's time repair a relationship or to take yourself in hand in other ways I wish you every success. And if June is your birthday month too I wish you, along with the church, a very Happy Birthday!

> With every blessing Julie

#### **Dongola**

"One of the most attractive towns along the Nile, Dongola is considered the heart of Nubia" says Lonely Planet.

Dongola has a special place in my heart because of something that happened to me there in 2005. It's 380 miles from Khartoum, as far as Inverness or Brussels are from Bradford and it's a long, hot coach ride through the desert.

We arrived at the pastor's house to find that he and his wife, Anna, had moved out of their room so we could sleep there. They set up beds in the compound.

As soon as we were unpacked, Anna produced a large aluminium bowl and hot water. She "poured water into a basin and began to wash [our] feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around [her]". You can imagine that Maundy Thursday has a very special place in my heart. The faith, the joy and the exuberance of these Christians, living in a Muslim community is an object lesson to us all.

I was reminded of Dongola a few days ago by one of John Poole's letters. John spends a good deal of time in Sudan, helping dioceses with their finances and accounting. He writes:

The distance bishops travel in the Sudan are phenomenal, and that's why we have from time to time helped them get vehicles. Archbishop Ezekiel visits as the glue of the church, holding together distant congregations as one family in the diocese, organising staffing and overseeing standards.

Last year Abp Ezekiel flagged Dongola to us as one of his top priorities for help if we could give it. A hundred and fifty families worship there in a shelter made from wood and papyrus. It gave shade but wasn't waterproof, and was easily damaged by strong wind. Two years ago they started building a permanent place. They obtained a plot of land and have now got the walls up to roof level, having spent about £12,500 but now are stuck, still needing £4,400 to roof it and put windows and doors in. They need help to finish the construction and equip it.

For the congregation the church is a place of witness to believing in God through Jesus. Some local people have come to faith because of the work of evangelists and pastors, but usually they do not declare their faith openly, fearful of their Muslim community. This congregation hope that a good church centre will be a base to train local people to share the love of God through a variety of ministries.

Their situation is not uncommon in Sudan. There are no charities or trusts that they can apply to for grants. Everything is self-supported. In fellowship we can make a difference.

#### **Climate Change**

Pope Francis has issued an encyclical letter about it. The United Nations has published a report about it. Greta Thunberg, the teenage Swedish activist has campaigned against it. Demonstrations have been held in protest against it. A further demonstration is planned to take place on 26th June at Westminster to lobby the Government about it. We are warned of the danger of greenhouse gas emissions affecting our environment with one million species of our animals and plants being threatened with extinction. Amongst all of this activity and the media coverage which it has created, the article which has struck me most is one written by Mary Colwell in the 18th May edition of The Tablet. She writes of the 'swift-shaped hole in her heart' which is so painful that she wants to weep. The reason is of course that the swifts which she watches for at this time of the year have failed to arrive. She goes on to say that she just hopes they have been delayed and meanwhile 'anxiety grips my soul'.

I feel something of her anxiety myself. My boyhood years were spent with my sisters, cousins and friends with nature all around us. Within a short walking distance we knew where to find lapwings, moorhen, kingfishers, yellow wagtails, linnets, goldcrests, kestrels and perhaps a grass snake. We could say almost to the day when we would hear the first cuckoo and when the house martins would return to their nests under the eaves of our primary school. We collected frog spawn and caterpillars and watched these transform into adults. But with the town's population growing from its 2,500 in my day to a projected 21,000, much of the green field environment of my boyhood has been given up to houses and bypass roads. Habitats of fauna and flora will have been surrendered to the demands of human needs. I guess that this has happened throughout the country. Since arriving in Cononley I have also seen changes – we no longer see the number of swallows swooping up and down the lane, and the call of the cuckoo is now heard only occasionally and the spotted flycatcher has disappeared from the vicinity.

These changes are not confined to our own country. The recent report from the United Nations on biodiversity which was published on 6th May adds to the distressing catalogue of reading on the state of our planet, which Pope Francis has called 'Our Common Home'. At least there is a growing awareness of the scale of the change amongst people who realise that we are leaving a much depleted planet to future generations unless something is done. Never has the maxim of 'think globally, act locally' been more appropriate. Should we as Christians be taking some action locally to improve the habitat for the fauna and flora in the village? Mary Colwell throws us a challenge. She asks 'How many parishes have reached out to the wildlife organisations that exist in their area and asked them to do an environmental audit on church grounds? How many churches have bat and bird boxes, insect 'hotels', pollinator- friendly plants?

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Is your parish a beacon of right-relationship with nature, a place that attracts wildlife so that all around have a glimpse of what it looks like to love the Earth? How many sermons are on plastic pollution, over-fishing, choosing a lifestyle that reflects a holy approach to what goes into our shopping trolleys?'

So how about planning a site meeting in the churchyard with representatives from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust or other like-minded body to come up with suggestions how our churchyard can be used to encourage more wild life and

wildflowers? For my part and given permission, I will arrange to put up a few nest boxes in time for next year's breeding season as I have already done in my own garden. It will be a start.

Alan Ratledge





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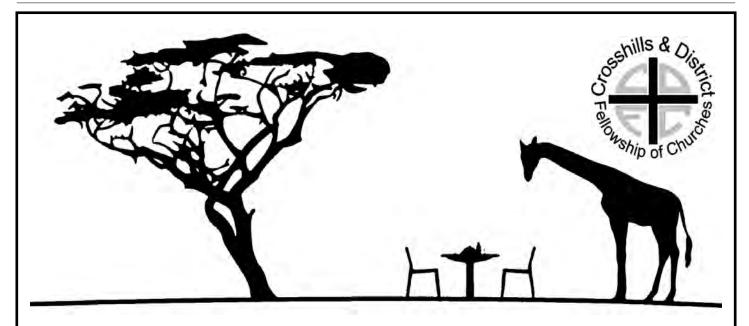
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# **Services for June/July**

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Date	Time	Church	Readings
2nd June 7th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am <i>11.00am</i>	St Andrew's Kildwick	Acts 16.16-34 John 17.20-end
9th June <b>Pentecost</b>	9.30am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Acts 2.1-21 John 14.8-17
16th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9.30am 11.00am	J .	Romans 5.1-5 John 16. 12-15
23rd June  1st Sunday  after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick	Galatians 3.23-end Luke 8.26-39
30th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	St John's, Cononley	Galatians 5.1,13-25 Luke 9.51-end
7th July  3rd Sunday  after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am <i>11.00am</i>	St Andrew's Kildwick	Galatians 6. [1-6], 7-16 Luke 10.1-11,16-20
14th July 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37

Please do not forget that the **Cononley Singers** will be singing at Cononley Gala on Saturday 15th June during the afternoon on the Sports Field.

We hope to see many of you there.

Ruby

## **Cononley Church Cleaning**

Week <b>Beginning</b>	
10th June	Sheila Birks and Joan Driver
24th June	Lesley Cooke & Janet Clifford
8th July	Pauline Link & Jean Field

#### **Rotas for June/July**

Date	Kildwick Readers	Kildwick Intercessor	Kildwick Communion	
2nd June 7th Sunday of Easter	Christine Anderton Tim Chapman	Sue Hargreaves	Sandie and Christine	
9th June <b>Pentecost</b>	Glyn Evans Anthony Luce	Chris Wright	Peter and Christine	
16th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	No service at Kildwick			
23rd June 1st Sunday after Trinity	Lesley Hudson Chris Wright	Peter Bannister	Jill and Sue	
30th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	KCB Service at St John's, Cononley			
7th July  3rd Sunday  after Trinity	Glyn Evans Anthony Luce	I LACIAV HILIOCON I		
14th July 4th Sunday after Trinity	Tim Littler Christine Anderton	Jill Wright	tba	

**Next Month...** Due to holiday commitments, the Summer edition won't be published until July 14th so this month we are including details for the beginning of July. **Chris Wright** 

# **KCB** service pattern – from January 2019

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Bradley	9.30am	No service	9.30am	9.30am	Joint service
Cononley	Methodists – 11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	Lay-led service - 11.00am	at 9.30am – venue
Kildwick	11.00am	9.30am	No service	11.00am	rotates

## Regular Events in the "KCB" Parishes

Monday	9.30am	Pre-School Music Group	Bradley Village Hall
Monday	2.00pm	Cononley Arts Club	Cononley Institute
Monday	8.00pm	Ditty Nitty Craft Club	Slater's Arms, Bradley
Tuesday	10.00am Not holidays	Chuffs Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Tuesday	7.15pm	Yoga Class	Bradley Village Hall
Tuesday	7.15pm	Choir practice	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Wednesday	9.30am	Midweek Eucharist	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Wednesday	10.15am	NottheKnot Group	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Wednesday	7.45pm	Cononley Singers	Cononley New Inn
Thursday	9.30am	Toddlers Group	Bradley Village Hall
Thursday	3.30pm Not holidays	MiniRingers Club	Kildwick Tower or Parish Rooms
Thursday	6.45pm as required	Bell Handling Practice	Kildwick Tower
Thursday	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Kildwick Tower
Thursday	7.30pm	Whist Drive	Bradley Village Hall
Friday	9.00am	Pilates	Cononley Institute
Friday	10.00am	Yoga Class	Bradley Village Hall
Friday	1.30pm	Keep Fit	Cononley Institute
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Saturday 15th June All Welcome 11.00am – late

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## **The Prayer Page**



For the Spirit of Peace that calms our mind and stills our life, we give you thanks. For the Spirit of Love that touches hearts and reaches out, we give you thanks. For the Spirit of Joy that lifts our soul and gives us faith we give you thanks. For the Spirit of Power, that gift of grace for this your church, we give you thanks. Amen

Make your presence through our worship, our prayer, known in this place, the reading of your Word. Within whose unity lies all that is Father, Son, Holy Spirit, you, perfect love, justice, peace As we gather together, your body, your church throughout and power. this world, fill our outstretched hearts with your spirit, encircle us Make yourself known to us with your love. in new ways, exciting ways, challenging ways. Empower us, Glorious Trinity! Amen

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Lord Jesus, I adore You, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. In the meantime. do not let me neglect the earthly task that You have given me. Let me work diligently

all my life with a greater appreciation for the present.

Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen





#### **News from CMS**

As you may now be aware CMS mission partner Tim Lee is going to be moving to an exciting new location and role this summer.

In August Tim, Kate and the family will be moving to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Tim will continue his work with Jigsaw 3 days a week, where he will continue to nurture Jigsaw to become a fully grown and established Philippino Christian children's and family's development ministry.

For 2 days a week Tim will take up an exciting new role with AsiaCMS based in Kuala Lumpur. Here he will support AsiaCMS to establish procedures, processes, compliance and structures for the Local Partner programme and also around receiving and sending people in mission to/from Asia. We are delighted that Tim will be able to work alongside our sister organisation in this way.

The current financial support from churches for Tim's work as a mission partner is sufficient as he steps into these roles, and therefore we hope that you will be able to continue your faithful support and prayers for him and the family.

Tim will be returning to the UK twice a year as part of his work with Jigsaw and plans to continue to visit the churches who support him during these trips.

We will shortly be sending out a CMS link letter from Tim where he will be able to explain more fully the journey that God has taken him and the family on in reaching this point.

If in the meantime if you have any questions please do get in touch.

Yours in Christ

John Orchard Church Relations Adviser



We meet together for "KCB prayers" each month to pray for an hour for our churches and communities as well as for wider concerns.

We normally gather at 7.30pm, on the fourth Monday of the month, but Bank Holidays tend to alter these plans a bit.

The dates and venues for the next three meetings are as follows: In June, KCB prayers will take place as normal:

Monday 24th June at 7.30pm. at St Andrew's, Kildwick In July the meeting will be at Bradley:

Monday 29th July at 7.30pm at St Mary's, Bradley In August, the 26th is a Bank Holiday so we meet on:

**Tuesday 27th August at 2pm at St John's, Cononley** 

#### **Christmas Bags for Manila**



It seems to be very early to be thinking about Christmas. How many shopping days to go, I wonder?...

However, it is not too early to be thinking about the Christmas bags that we send to the Jigsaw children in Manila. These bags were decorated in true "Chuffs style" last year – and filled with hair brushes, combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, small toys (for boys and girls), crayons and other items suitable for the street children looked after by the Jigsaw community.

We need these donations by the end of July. They will all be collected and put into bags, ready to start their journey to the Philippines. Their first stop will be the Jigsaw UK headquarters in St Ives (Cambridge not Cornwall!) They need to be there before the

end of August so that they can find a space in the container that will take the long sea journey to Manila. The "Jigsaw" children of Manila have so little. Our small gifts make an enormous difference to their lives.



#### What's on at the Institute?

The following events will take place at Kildwick & Farnhill Institute, Main Street, Farnhill.

#### **Songs of Jake Thackray**

Friday 7th June, 7.30pm

by John Watterson ("Fake Thackray")

Tickets £12.50, including a pie-and-pea supper (vegetarial option available)

The late Jake Thackray was well known in the late 1960s and early 1970s for his topical comedy songs performed on British television, his work ranged from satirical to bawdy to sentimental to pastoral, with a strong emphasis on storytelling.

For advance tickets, email KandFInstitute@gmail.com.

#### Perusing Peru,

Friday 25th October, 7.15pm,

by Paul Haywood

Tickets £7.00 including refreshments

Paul Haywood will give an illustrated talk on his recent travels in Peru.

#### **Cononley W.I.**



Such lovely summer days we've been having and this time of year brings a new twist to Cononley WI. We start planning for our Summer Lunch, Presidents Afternoon Tea and we have been asked to host the Federation Quiz in September. We are looking forward to welcoming the Guest Speakers at our meetings and going on our outings, no doubt we will be saying gosh where does the time go! So Cononley WI is going to be busy over the next few weeks but our doors are always

open to new members and visitors who will receive a very warm welcome.

We met on the first Thursday in May. It was an exciting evening and the Members had the opportunity to vote on the National Federation WI Resolutions - Don't Fear the Smear and the Decline in Rural Bus Services. Prior to the voting each Resolution was debated and it highlighted how both of the Resolutions affected us all in so many ways, from the young to the elderly. After the voting we all joined in and enjoyed our Jacob Supper - thank you to all the members who contributed such tasty food not forgetting our cuppa.

In June, Rosalie Storey a WI member and I are travelling to Bournemouth to attend the AGM, where we will be representing Cononley WI. At the AGM I also will be representing three other local WI Clubs. I will be voting on their behalf as per their instructions. At the opening of the AGM the members will stand and sing Jerusalem, what a privilege that will be!

On the 8th May, four of our members travelled to Leeds by train. May I say gosh it rained but the rain didn't deter us. We then caught the water taxi to the Royal Armouries, it was so exciting. The water taxi was great but the Royal Armouries – what an experience! So much to take in on the history of events and the artefacts are breathtaking. The entire experience left you feeling overwhelmed. We managed to find time to have a hot drink not forgetting the cake to warm us through whilst we visited the Royal Armouries then we had a delicious lunch before we caught the water taxi back to the train station. It was a throughly enjoyable day all down to the brilliant organisation of Carolyn Scarr, a long standing WI member, so many thanks Carolyn.

Four of our members joined Sutton-in-Craven WI, they had a lovely afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed tea and cake, "Apparently the Carrot cake was delicious", many thanks to Sutton-in-Craven WI for your warm invitation.

We are looking forward to our next meeting which will be held on Thursday the 6th June in the Village Institute at 7-30pm. Our Guest Speaker is from The Craven Guild of Hand Spinners, Weavers & Dyers - Spinning, Weaving & Dyers. It will be a most interesting and enjoyable topic.

Do join us - it would be good to see you - you will receive a warm welcome.

Warm wishes



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#### The Birds in Your Garden

#### **Breeding Bird Survey**





Cuckoo, by Pete Curran

Have you ever wondered where all the information that is used by the media and various environmental organisations comes from? One of the lesser known and most rigorous sources is the British Trust for Ornithology, who have recently published the results of one of their many surveys.

The Breeding Bird Survey (BBS), jointly run by the British Trust for Ornithology, is the main scheme for

monitoring the population changes of the UK's commonest breeding birds, which includes pretty much all our garden birds. It gives us the annual and long-term population trends for 117 bird and nine mammal species. The survey involves almost 3,000 volunteers who make one pre-season recce visit and two earlymorning spring visits to a randomly selected 1-km square, counting all the birds they see or hear whilst walking two roughly parallel 1-km routes across their square. We also record nest counts for any colonial nesting birds in the square, such as Rooks.

The 2018 BBS results suggest that the "Beast from the East" and adverse Saharan winds may have had a big impact on both resident and migrant birds in the UK.

The short, sharp impact of the snow and ice that came with the "Beast from the East" seems to have particularly affected some of our smaller birds, for example, the Goldcrest, the smallest UK bird, saw a population decline of 38% and the Wren and Long-tailed Tit were both down by over 20%, in comparison with 2017. As a group these birds are the real lightweights of the bird world, weighing in at between 5-10g. Their size means that they can be particularly vulnerable to cold weather, and even though the Beast was but a brief shock, it appears that was enough to hit these birds hard.

It looks as though the very cold spell also hit one of UK's most colourful birds, the Kingfisher. The sudden freezing of shallow water can prevent them from accessing the small fish they feed on, and in 2018 their breeding population was down by more than a third.

While all this was unfolding in the UK, our summer visitors were safely (?) ensconced in sub-Saharan Africa, thousands of miles from any snow and ice. However, when the time came to head back to the UK, the Sahara Desert was experiencing strong northerly winds. These hampered many returning birds which were consequently late back, or arrived in lower numbers. There appears to have been quite an impact on our aerial feeders with House Martins down by 17%, Sand Martins by 42% and Swifts by 20%.

It wasn't just the aerial feeders that were affected though; two of our commonest warblers, Whitethroat and Willow Warbler were down too, by around 20%. Whilst some of these birds may have been affected by the weather during migration, we can't be sure what effect conditions in their over-wintering grounds might have had too.

It wasn't all bad news though, as some birds apparently managed either to tough it out through the snow and ice, or find a lull in the winds to cross the desert.

The Cuckoo was one long-distance migrant that managed to time its flight across the desert to coincide with better winds. Not only did they arrive back on cue, they returned to breed in good numbers; up by 22% on 2017. A welcome break for a species suffering a long-term decline of 41% (1995–2017).

Mike Gray



#### **Cononley Art Club**

The Bank Holiday weekend Art Club Exhibition was a great success and we had lots of visitors to see us. We sold many paintings and cards and lots of refreshments.

We would like to thank all the people who came and hope that you enjoyed looking at our work.

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# **Cononley with Bradley Mothers' Union**

Our May meeting was held at Olive's house, where we spent an interesting afternoon. The arrangements for our summer outing were discussed. We are going for lunch at 'Country Harvest' on Tuesday 11th June and should be there for 12 noon. Please ensure that you have a lift if needed. Next we talked about future plans, as our present programme ends after the June outing. No decisions were made as some members were not at the meeting.

We then looked at Bible stories and texts which have meant a lot to us. We had a varied selection coming from both Old and New Testaments and the Psalms.

Let's hope we have a sunny or at least a dry day for our June outing!

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"Well, no, I'm not dressing like this to create common ground with today's youth culture – I've always worn a hoody."

#### The Summer Edition

Due to holidays, the deadline for the next edition is Sunday 7th July

(The Summer edition covers both July and August, so you'll have plenty of time to read it!)

Please let us have your material by then

– and we'll try to have the magazine ready for 14th July.

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