



Dear Friends

How quickly the time passes. Can it really be the end of May, 2007! Mount Zion continues with its worship and heritage work. This last year has been a quiet year for a number of reasons, mainly other attractions being available for people and probably lack of vigorous publicity. It is always difficult to get the balance with publicity. Whilst we want visitors to come and share what we have we do not want to encourage vandalism and other such problems.

We are very grateful for all the hours of work going into Mount Zion's upkeep and management. We are commended time and again for our extremely good website, especially for those pursuing family history. We get hits from all over the world but especially from Australia and the United States. Equally we get commendations (on the whole) on the condition and care of the graveyard. We are very grateful to Anthony and Ros Greenwood and Julian and Elsie Patrick for the time and energy they put into the work of managing the graveyard. We apologize for the "heap of spoil" at the far end of the graveyard. We are making every effort to have it removed.

People continue to show interest in the Heritage side of our witness and we have acquired a number of additions to our collection (see separate item). We have welcomed one or two groups and have the accolade of the Wesley Historical Society

choosing us for the venue for their 2008 Annual General Meeting. We look forward to that group coming not only to meet, but to look at the collections we have.

We continue our witness with the 2.45 p.m. Sunday Worship and that remains fairly constant at an average of twelve. This time of worship is very important in the life of Mount Zion and continues to be a great blessing to us all.

If any of you have any reminiscences or stories to tell that would be useful additions to "The Dial" please send them on to me.

The Rev. Lisa Quarmby is leaving the Halifax Circuit in August, 2007, having had pastoral oversight for Mount Zion for the past four years. Unfortunately the Stationing Committee has been unable to find a match for the appointment at present so it may mean that the Circuit will have to cover a vacancy in staff for a year. The only hope at this late stage is that the Stationing Committee will pull a minister out at Conference in July, but that seems unlikely at present.

Thank you all for your continued support of Mount Zion. We will always be glad to see you at our events. Look at the website if you have access to the Internet and you will see what we are doing.

With God's blessing,
Irene Cunliffe



PAST EVENTS

Thursday, 25th May, 2006 – The Fellowship Group met at the home of Elsie Patrick. It is always good to visit Elsie's home because it affords beautiful views across Mixenden (the old and more picturesque parts) and we can enjoy her lovely garden.

Thursday, 8th June, 2006 – A coach party came from the York (South) Circuit. They spent the afternoon with us and after a short talk they spent time looking at the Hird and Mount Zion collections. This was a very enjoyable visit and the people who came were very impressed by what they saw. We received £56 in donations from the visitors.

In the evening a group came from Bradshaw . There was a good number and they had a tour of the building and a short talk before spending time looking at the collection before going for a meal. Donations were £16.30p.

Saturday, 17th June, 2006 – The first open day of the season took place. We had only a few visitors. We were competing with the World Cup on television.

Pray without Ceasing Event – The Halifax Circuit mounted a week of prayer for the Connexional event of "Pray without Ceasing". We began with a Circuit Service at King Cross on Friday, 23rd June and ended with another service on Friday, 30th June. During the week there were different kinds of prayer events.

Thursday, 29th June, 2006 – The fellowship Group met at Irene's home in Hebden Bridge. (Good views from there too!)

Sunday, 2nd July, 2006 – The Anniversary and Reunion took place. The preacher was Rev. Stan Brown, minister at Mount Zion in the late 1990's who is now Chaplain at Kingston-upon-Thames University. It was very good to have Stan back. He was a well-loved minister and was instrumental in setting up much of

the Heritage work at Mount Zion. We had a good attendance and there were visitors from around the Halifax Circuit who remembered Stan. He did not disappoint in that his preaching was both challenging and encouraging. Refreshments were served after the service. Stephen Illingworth was the organist. Collections amounted to £360 and there was £30 from the teas and stall.

Saturday, 15th July, 2006 – This was the second Open Day this year but again few attended.

Thursday, 27th July, 2006 – The Fellowship met at the home of Mary Dixon.

Saturday, 19th August, 2004 – Open Day – We were able to display some new acquisitions from the estate of the late John Bradley.

Monday, 28th August, 2006 – The Halifax Methodist Circuit walk (2nd day) visited Mount Zion. The Circuit walk was over two days and all the Churches (13) in the Circuit were visited. Refreshments were provided and a short service was held at each venue. The first part of the walk was on Saturday, 26th August. Mount Zion was a good venue for this and the group were in need of rest, having walked from Mount Tabor, via Illingworth, and were going on to Queensbury from Mount Zion where the walk would finish. It was a group of about 30 people and the service was a lovely experience. We have a photographic commemoration of the event.

Thursday, 31st August, 2006 – We welcomed our new Superintendent Minister, Rev. Albert Gayle, at Boothtown Methodist Church.

Saturday/Sunday, 9th and 10th September, 2006 – This was the Civic Trust Heritage Open Days weekend. We opened on Saturday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. and on Sunday morning from

10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. We had a good number of visitors and as always they are extremely interested in both the building and the contents. The HOD has grown immensely over the years and is now for four days, but we cannot sustain that length of time.

Sunday, 10th September, 2006 – The Harvest Festival Service was led by Betty Jagger from Wigton, Cumbria. It was lovely to have Betty with us to take the Harvest. We are glad to see her from time to time and friends visiting can catch up from her last visit. Stephen Illingworth was the organist. This year our Harvest Appeal was for the Blenheim Project in Bradford. This project gives shelter and accommodation for women and children who have been abused in a domestic situation. We collected £45 in donations and a lot of other goods like toiletries, household items, paint brushes and rollers, etc. The project was very grateful for our support. The collection amounted to £108.75p.

Saturday, 16th September, 2006 – This was the last of the Open Days for this year. Unfortunately I was unable to be there and I wish to thank those who managed this day. Over the season of Open Days we received £32.25p. from teas and the stall. Thank you to all who supported the Open Days.

Thursday, 28th September, 2006 – The fellowship group met at the home of Jill MacArthur at Bradshaw. We had a lively evening and were, of course, joined later by Alice, Stuart's guide dog.

Sunday, 1st October, 2006 – Chapel Anniversary worship was led by Miss Alison Dobson, a local preacher in the Halifax Circuit, with Stephen Illingworth at the organ. There was a good attendance and collections amounted to £105.

Thursday, 30th November, 2006 – The last meeting of the season for the Ladies Fellowship met at the home of Ros.

Sunday, 17th December, 2006 – The Carol Service took place led by Rev. Lisa Quarmby. The collections amounted to £75 and the retiring collection for NCH realized £60.

Sunday, 7th January, 2007 – This date was the final service at King Cross Methodist Church in the Halifax Circuit. There was a covenant service in the morning led by Rev. Judith Satchell, followed by lunch. The final service was held in the afternoon and the preacher was Rev. John Munsey Turner. It was a wonderful celebration of years of witness at King Cross. Mount Zion closed on this occasion to support King Cross.

Sunday, 14th January, 2007 – Covenant Service led by Rev. Lisa Quarmby. The collection amounted to £80.

Saturday, 24th February, 2007 – The meeting of the Heritage Forum of the Archives and History Committee met at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London this year. It was an excellent meeting and it is always good to have the opportunity of hearing about other Methodist Heritage sites and being able to network. (see further in Heritage matters)

Thursday, 15th March, 2007 – The Fellowship Group recommenced by meeting at the home of Mavis. It was good to have Mavis's presence as she can no longer attend the meetings unless they are at her home as she does not wish to leave Herbert alone late in the evening. We do tend to go on a bit – sometimes after 11 p.m. when we close!!!

Sunday, 18th March, 2007 – Mothering Sunday when the service was led by Mrs. Lynda King a Local Preacher in the Halifax Circuit who attends the Queensbury Church. Lynda took a very good service. The daffodils in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care were on sale. We realized £23.50p.

Sunday, 8th April, 2007 – **Easter Day** when the service was led by Rev. Lisa Quarmby and included the sacrament of the Lord's

Supper. There was a retiring collection for Network Easter Offering which raised £51. In the evening there was a Circuit Service at Illingworth Moor when the preacher was Rev. Ermal Kirby, who is lead chairman of the London Methodist District. The service was very striking and the preaching was in a league of its own. Ermal Kirby is a second Donald English. How we need such evangelists in present day Methodism. It was a very well attended service, which was heartening.

Thursday, 19th April, 2007 – The Fellowship Group met at the home of Pat.

Sunday, 13th May, 2007 – We had our Gift Day and Songs of Praise. The service was led by Rev. Lisa Quarmbly who also received gifts. The organist was Stephen Illingworth and he was worked hard by the choice of hymns. These had been chosen by members and friends. Thanks are extended to all those who gave donations to the Gift Day which totalled £410.

Thursday, 17th May, 2007 – We had our Fellowship Meeting at the home of Jill. We were pleased to have Cathy Fielding (nee Ayrton) with us. We had a new "recruit" – Yeoman Stuart's new Guide Dog. Stuart's Guide Dog Alice was retired during this last year and he now has Yeoman. Stuart had to train with Yeoman in Leeds and Halifax and it was quite a difficult time for him, but Yeoman is doing well and making his presence felt around the place. He is a retriever and really quite big. The first time he came to Mount Zion he watched what was going on and he can see over the top of the pew. He also liked to be in the aisle for the singing. He has now settled down very well and although he still watches the collection being taken he usually sits quietly in the pew. We hope Stuart and Jill will have a very happy time with Yeoman and in time will recover from the parting from Alice who had been so faithful to Stuart when she was working. She is retired with an elderly lady in sheltered housing in Leeds and she has settled well.

Thursday, 24th May, 2007 – Aldersgate Day – We had a service at 7.30 p.m. which was organized and led by Dr. John A. Hargreaves. This was a very memorable service (see further information in Heritage Matters). The collection was £103.

Collections – In addition to other collection we contributed £25 to Christian Aid and £60 the Methodist Homes for the Aged. Mount Zion friends sponsored two events during the year. Marjorie Spaven did a sponsored swim for Yorkshire Cancer Research and she raised £250 in her "Splash for Cash". She received a YCR tee-shirt but she has not worn it for Church yet!! Linda Crabtree, daughter of Dennis and Dorothy Fryer, ran the London Marathon 2007 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. She raised £1175 of which some £50 was from Mount Zion Well done Linda.



Heritage Matters . . .

We continue with our outreach through the Heritage of Mount Zion as well as continuing with a 2.45 p.m. Service of Worship each Sunday. There were the four Open Days on the third Saturday of June to September and we took part in the Civic Trust Heritage Open Days the second Saturday and Sunday in September. We have not had many visitors this year although as usual the Heritage Open Days drew quite a number in. We had some dreadfully wet weather and we had to compete with the World Cup. It is difficult to get a balance in advertising

because it is isolated and we would not like to encourage either vandalism or break-ins. The premises are alarmed but damage can so quickly be done. This year we had the roof of the out building stripped and it cost £1,300 to repair. Flagstones and roof slates are very vulnerable. Although the people at the Farm opposite the bottom of the track saw a vehicle being loaded and rang the police and gave chase the vehicle was lost and although later found by registration number to be a stolen vehicle. This happened in the early hours of the morning. I think this is the third time that roof has disappeared.

The property is in good condition both inside and out and this year we have at last had the graveyard wall repaired and after a quinquennial inspection of the graveyard all the wobbly crosses have been made secure. All is now completed and the graveyard is in good order. Our thanks go to Anthony and Ros Greenwood and Julian and Elsie Patrick for the mammoth task they do in that respect. We have purchased a new mower which is a sit on tractor type and it will also trim up to grave edgestones which will be a great advantage. We will have to consider the extension of the graveyard in the not too distant future. It is a well-used and well visited graveyard.

We are considering having the cottage walled garden made into a memorial garden. We have the finance although donations towards it would be greatly appreciated. We are looking at having raised beds along the wall sides, a pathway round and possibly two central beds with places for bench seats. We are considering ornamental slow growing small trees for the central beds. The pathways will be Yorkshire stone, which is the only material we can use at Mount Zion, but there are still some flagstones which were the pathway from the Chapel to the Sunday School under the grass and we can use those. On the raised bed walls there will be places for memorial plaques to be put. There will be a one off charge for these but they will remain in perpetuity. It will not be possible to bury ashes in the garden

because that will then make it "graveyard". There is a designated place for the burial of ashes in the main graveyard.

We are considering new doors for the Chapel and a new gate at the top of the lane. The property has had full Health and Safety and a Fire Risk Assessments done and we come up to the required standards.

I attended the meeting of the Methodist Church Archives and Heritage Forum in February. This year it was at Hinde Street Methodist Church in London. We had a good meeting and this year we had a talk about the Heritage Open Days. This was interesting but as Mount Zion has been involved from the beginning of these Open Days there was nothing new heard. In the afternoon we went to visit St. Marylebone Parish Church. We had hoped to see the new site of Charles Wesley's grave but the work was not finished. This is a magnificent building on Marylebone Road quite near to Methodist Connexional Offices. It was unusual in architecture for a Parish Church. It had a gallery all round and a second (higher) gallery along the back of the building. There was a beautiful east wall. It was somewhat "Non conformist" in feel having the gallery and lightish coloured pews. There were two magnificent crystal chandeliers. They were on a par with those seen in Buckingham Palace and some stately homes. They have a bronze plaque commemorating Charles Wesley. We were able to see this in a vestry but it is to be put on the wall in the Church.

It is always good to go on these days because of the networking which we can do. This year there was a lady from the Isle of Wight where they are opening a Church, which has a history of long standing.

In heritage terms this is an important year for Methodists and the wider Church. It is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley and the 200th anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Church. There are a lot of events at Mow Cop and

Englesea Brook. Englesea have a large number of old Sunday School banners some of which are from this area and I noticed in the Methodist Recorder that they are interested in acquiring contemporary banners. There is one at St. Andrew's which came from King Cross so I will enquire whether they would like it.

On Thursday, 24th May, 2007 we had a service at Mount Zion which was to commemorate John Wesley's Aldersgate experience but this year we included the witness through hymn singing of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. We had quite a good attendance at what was an excellent service. The preacher was Dr. John Hargreaves who is a local preacher in the Halifax Circuit and a historian of some note, especially about Halifax of which he has written a most interesting book. Dr. John is also secretary of the Wesley Historical Society. He gave a most moving and informative sermon and pointed out that Mount Zion began its long history with fewer people than it now has in membership. That certainly gives us something to think about! A lesson was read by Rev. Lisa Quarmby, the Prayers of Intercession were taken by Rev. Albert Gayle, Superintendent Minister and further lesson read by Rev. Stephen Bradberry who is Rural Dean of Halifax. He spoke to the assembled congregation and had brought with him a book, which he had found on his father's bookshelf when he was clearing out after his father's death. It was a New Testament with foreword by John Wesley. He has given the book to Mount Zion to add to its collection. We are most grateful to him for that and for his greetings from the Anglican Church in Halifax.

This year we have had many additions to our collection of memorabilia:

- ❖ Six Piece Hall Sing medals which came from Southowram Methodist Church. As there were two of each type for the three big sings I exchanged one set for medals from Miall Street (the forerunner of Trinity Methodist Church, Pellon Lane, Halifax,) and two (one band) for Salem Methodist Church. Salem was the first Church built to Methodist New

Connexion in Halifax, so I thought that it was appropriate to have those for the collection. These were exchanged with Gerald Hartley of Brighthouse who is an avid collector of Piece Hall Sing memorabilia.

- ❖ We have the use of a picture of the Piece Hall Sing, which is being cared for at Mount Zion for Southowram Methodist Church. This adds some colour and meaning to the whole area of the Sings.
- ❖ From the estate of the late Edna Bradley (widow of John Bradley) we have acquired a number of books, photographs and some ceramics. There is a bust of John Wesley and two standing figures, a beaker and a large jug. We are most grateful to their son David, for donating these to the Mount Zion collection. We also received some money, which we will put towards the upkeep of the organ.
- ❖ A collection of commemorative plates and beakers from the estate of the Rev. Beryl Dean. These are modern pieces. I will put a list on the website as someone else may like these for their collection. They came to Mount Zion to stop them being disposed of with the remainder of the estate.
- ❖ Three copies of "As Told by the Dial".
- ❖ A large Parian bust of John Wesley which came from King Cross Methodist Church, Halifax. King Cross has recently closed and they made an inventory of their possessions and this was circulated to the Churches in the Circuit for them to choose what they would like to have. I immediately put in a request for John Wesley. He was a gift to us and is a wonderful acquisition for the collection. I have always thought he would be lovely at Mount Zion. Thank you King Cross. I am now on the trail of the provenance of this bust.
- ❖ Some poems and a Sankey Songs and Solos book which belonged to the late Mary Ayrton but had come from Elsie Walker who had written the poems. Some of our older friends may remember Elsie Walker who was something of a character who was a member at Mount Zion.
- ❖ We have also acquired a tumbler, which is a commemorative piece from Piece Hall Sings.

Some of the ceramics, which were being repaired, are now back and one of the items is on display. This is a Sunderland ware lustre jug. This was in a dreadful state having no handle and a big hole in the side where the handle should have been. It now has a new handle and no holes. We have no other piece like this so I felt it should be on display.

A number of students have enquired about the three manuscript books of hymn tunes that we have dating 1825, 1832 and 1840. A disc of these has now gone to the Music Faculty of the University of Leeds. The students were very impressed with them and one was an organ scholar so was delighted to see the Anneessens organ and to be able to play it. He spent a whole day at Mount Zion.

A few groups have visited for afternoon or evening events. We still get innumerable enquiries through our website mainly regarding the graveyard and burials. The website has been a very useful reference for the Calderdale Libraries Archives as they can refer people doing family history to it.
www.mountzionhalifas.org.uk.



PEOPLE

JACK ILLINGWORTH

We send our greeting to Jack and assure him and Stephen of our prayers and love as Jack continues treatment and at the time of

writing is in hospital following a fall . Unfortunately he is now unable to come to Church but likes to be kept informed of what is going on at Mount Zion.

THE GILL FAMILY

Our greetings, prayers and love go to Una, her daughter Susan and son Ian. It has been a very difficult year for the family. Susan still continues with treatment for cancer and is just beginning some new treatment which is very much in its early stages of being used more widely. Ian's wife, Ingrid, died tragically on New Year's Day. Susan lives in Cambridge and Ian in Thornton Dale so it is difficult for Una to visit regularly.

MARION AND CLIFFORD ROOKS

Congratulations to Marion and Clifford (Friends of Mount Zion) who celebrated their Diamond Wedding. Some of us were invited to the "do" which was at the home of their granddaughter, daughter of John and Susan Cowie, in Chesterfield. It was a lovely event and all a surprise to Marion and Clifford who came into a full house after Church Service. Betty Jagger, Dorothy and Dennis Fryer, Vera Halliwell and Irene all were able to attend.

HERBERT WILKINSON

Congratulations to Herbert on attaining his 90th birthday. I don't know whether he has got over it yet because it went on for a few days (weeks) with family parties, gifts, cards, etc. He was quite overwhelmed by all that happened. He very proudly showed me his cards and some of his presents. His family had thrilled him with their gifts. They really are a thoughtful family. They bought a large standing bird feeder with lots of different branches on for different kinds of bird food and they had put it in the garden outside the lounge window. They also bought a bird bath which is outside the dining room window. He said he could just sit in the bay window and watch all the birds coming and going. (Just like Springwatch!!) Herbert is now unable to come to Mount Zion as his years are showing in some frailty of

mobility. Our greetings to him and to Mavis. Before the next "Dial" Mavis and Herbert will have had their Silver Wedding (in August) so early congratulations and greetings to them both.

PAT VARNEY

We send our love and greetings for a full recovery to Pat who has recently undergone surgery. At the time of writing she is has returned home.

ELAINE ROBINSON

We are sorry to hear that Elaine is ill at the present time and in The Dales at Calderdale Royal Hospital. Our greetings and prayers go to the family at this difficult time.

PETER MELLING

We were all delighted to hear that Peter has been given the Harold Brooksby Award. This is an annual award to someone who has given to the community a long and useful contribution. Peter has done a wonderful work for Guide Dogs for the Blind and along with Tony has visited schools, given talks and collected donations. Congratulations Peter and Tony. Peter received this award at a celebration on Monday, 11th June, 2007, at the Halifax Town Hall.

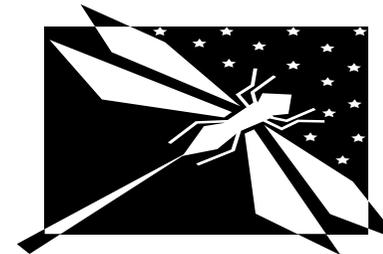
LINDA CRABTREE (nee Fryer)

Linda is a long distance runner as well as Secretary of the Halifax Harriers. She ran the London Marathon in April and this year sought sponsorship for Guide Dogs for the Blind. We all supported her at Mount Zion and our contributions went with others to make £1175. It was not an easy run this year due to the heat so even more congratulations to Linda.

YEOMAN

We have welcomed a new member into our Sunday congregation but he does not get a membership ticket!! Yeoman is settling in well after finding Mount Zion something of an experience. Yeoman is a golden retriever just under two years old and he is

the guide dog for Stuart MacArthur (and Jill, of course). He has a most appealing face and is so loveable. Jill says he is very loveable and loving moreso than Alice who was a bit more aloof. Aah aah!! He is a rather tall dog and standing up he can see over the top of the pew. At first he was more comfortable watching the collection being taken and going and sitting in the aisle for the singing, but now although he makes sure the collection is done properly he lies on the floor in the pew. It has been a very difficult time for Stuart and Jill to say goodbye to Alice who has faithfully served Stuart for some ten years or so, and also a stressful and difficult time for Stuart to go through the training necessary for Yeoman to gain his "colours". Well done.



Remembering

MARY AYRTON

On Friday, 10th November, 2006, Mary died at Ingwood Nursing Home. Mary had been ill for some considerable time and was eventually admitted to hospital from where she was transferred to Ingwood Nursing Home for care. Mary had been a loyal member of Mount Zion from her marriage to Douglas when she came to live at Ogden, until her death. She had been part of the "ladies" circles at Mount Zion and later was part of the Heritage Group. She was Network Secretary at Mount Zion and until a few years before her death she had a bring and buy sale at her home to raise funds for that work. She had been Communion Steward and the elements were always presented well on beautiful white crocheted cloths, which she ironed prior to putting them on the table. Although Mary had become frail both mentally and physically she was able to join the Fellowship Group from time to time and we had a party at Una's to celebrate her 80th birthday. The funeral Service was at Mount Zion and she was cremated at Park Wood Crematorium. Our condolences go to Cathy and the family. We are glad that Cathy is meeting us from time to time.

ETHEL MAY SUTCLIFFE

We were saddened to hear of the death of Ethel. She had been such a faithful soul to her Lord and Master always ready to say a word of encouragement to everyone she met – on the bus, in the supermarket, on the street. She died very peacefully at Calderdale Royal Hospital after spending a short time there. Ethel had been in ill health for some considerable time but she fought on stoically. She was able to take her last preaching appointment, which was at Mount Zion in November. Ethel's thanksgiving service was held at Illingworth on Tuesday, 2nd January, 2007, prior to cremation at Park Wood. There has never before been an Ethel and there won't ever be another I am sure. The service was very fitting – helium balloons, her coat of many colours, her 50 years Local Preaching Certificate and a photograph on the piano. The Boys Brigade flag was draped and

there were tributes from the BB which she supported so loyally, from the Circuit, from the Circuit Local Preachers, from Illingworth Moor and from the family. Never could there have been a better send off – the five helium balloons were let go at Park Wood – nor was it more deserved. I am sure we can all say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". Ethel will no doubt be saying "Hello brother/sister to everyone in heaven". Alleluia!

HAROLD MELLING

Harold died in March after a short illness. He had a fall and was admitted to hospital where he later had surgery to amputate his leg. He came through the operation with a "local anaesthetic" but very shortly after died from heart failure. He was well known to the Bethel people and to the Halifax West Circuit. He served as Church Steward and Circuit Steward and represented the Halifax Circuit at the West Yorkshire Methodist District Synod. On the closure of Bethel he and Annie went to join the friends at Illingworth Moor where he served as steward for some time. The friends at Illingworth cared for him with love after Annie died and the esteem in which he was held was very apparent at the memorial and thanksgiving service at Illingworth. He had enjoyed his 90th birthday in November, 2006, he had been able to look after himself in his own home and regularly attend Church until his admission to hospital. Our condolences go to Peter, Christine and the family.

ROBERT BUCHANAN (BERTIE)

We have just heard that Bertie has died in Overgate Hospice. Bertie was a member of Illingworth Moor but he was so well known in the community. For many years until his recent illness he was to be found sweeping outside the promenade of Shops on Illingworth Road. He had done this for years and it was his contribution to keeping the community clean and tidy. He was a regular contributor to the "Letters to the Editor" in the Halifax Courier. He will be sadly missed by all at Illingworth both Church and Community, but especially by his wife Kathleen. Bertie has cared for Kathleen with great devotion through her

illnesses and present frailty. It was only his admission to Overgate Hospice that stopped him doing that. We send our condolences to Kathleen.

"Death is the last great festival on the road to freedom"

*Go gently on your voyage beloved,
Slip away with the ebb tide,
Rejoice in a new sunrise.
May the moon make a path across the sea for you,
the Sun provide a welcome.
May the earth receive you and the fire cleanse you
As you go from our love
Into the presence of Love's completeness.*



Dates for your diary

The fellowship Group will meet as follows at 7.30 p.m.

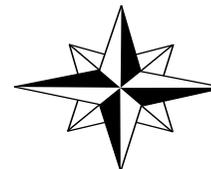
21st June – Mary Dixon
17th July – Irene Cunliffe
16th August – Elsie Patrick
20th September – Ros Greenwood
18th October – Una Gill
15th November – Mavis Wilkinson

Sunday 1st July, 2007 – anniversary reunion.

Sunday 9th September, 2007 – Harvest Festival

OPEN DAYS: 16th June, 21st July, 18th August and 15^h September, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Heritage Open Days Saturday, 8th 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 9th September, 10.30 p.m. to 12.30 p.m.



OGDEN WATER

Ogden Reservoir was completed 150 years ago. It was constructed to store water from Ogden and Skirden Cloughs, for supplying the growing populous of Halifax Borough. The foundation stone, the keystone to the arch of the overflow tunnel, was laid by the Mayor, Joshua Applyard, on 11th August, 1854. This was the first time the "New Borough" Coat of Arms had been used on any building or structure. There were great celebrations. Mixenden Brass Band led a large procession to the site, the Mayor and Corporation, Dignitaries, Contractors and Navvies.

The reservoir became a local attraction, the embankment a popular spot for promenading, especially on a Sunday afternoon, dressed in "best bib and tucker". Many lasting friendships were formed promenading at Ogden.

Do you remember the see-saw on the moor, drinking fountain with iron cup secured by a chain, the World War I tank, the swings and the donkeys – all long gone.

Why not come to a Sunday Service here at Mount Zion (2.45 p.m.) or one of our Open Days – look around the Chapel which is

In this small and unusual home Lelliott and a few neighbours joined together for the first Methodist Services. Other methods of spreading the gospel were camels pulling paddle steamers across the beaches. Adelaide is known as the city of Churches, so I decided to trace the Methodist movement a little further – though in holiday mode only!!

Methodism came to Australia in 1812, arriving in Sydney. The man responsible was Thomas Bowden. As the population grew and new settlements were founded, Methodists opened preaching places with Sunday Schools establishing their circuits and conference. I visited the Uniting Church of St. Andrew's, Glenelg, where there was a wall hanging of John Wesley with the uniting Church logo. This logo is different from ours. The cross is in the centre but the dove is depicted in red, which symbolizes the wings of flame of the Holy Spirit. At the centre of the logo is the cross of Jesus Christ redeeming the darkened world through grace and truth, binding people to Christ and each other. The wide U points to the fact that uniting as a semi-circle reminds us that the renewing of both church and world are as yet incomplete.

I spent many hours sitting on the jetty enjoying breathtaking views of the crystal clear sea, and the spectacular golden beaches.

The bush was also an amazing place, with its ancient gum trees - many thousands of years old – towering upwards to the sky. The aroma and scents were intoxicating. You are also aware of the red backed spiders and a snake or two (thousand!) lurking – so what is there to fear from a Mount Zion mouse. Wandering along the Bush Tucker Trail with its 40 acres of free-ranging animals in the wildlife park was a wonderful experience. Walking amongst the `roos, which bounce around you hoping for a bag of food, watching the koalas sitting serenely chewing on the eucalyptus leaves, spotting wallabies, wombats, pelicans and black swans, seeing the crocodiles at feeding time with their eyes

closed, jaws wide open looking lazy and contented in their heated pools, but I was careful not to be lulled into a false sense of security as they looked pretty dangerous to me, so did the dingoes who could easily see off a red `roo – all fascinating stuff.

Australia is said to be one of the finest, richest, most healthy and productive countries in the world with no severe seasons, the winter being mild and frost-free. The people are extremely friendly and laid back with their philosophy of "no worries". Their pace of life is slower than ours. Perhaps its down to heat or the feel-good-factor or even too many BBQs!!! I have never had so many snags (sausage) or chuck (chicken) in my life.

But home sweet home beckoned and it is good to be back in England now that summer is here and what a scorcher! Soon we will be shivering through another cold Yorkshire winter but there is no place like home and I do have wonderful memories of a most amazing trip to keep me warm until spring.

Nukinya (Good by in the Aboriginal language)

Thanks to Marjorie for this piece about her first visit to Australia. She was somewhat devastated when her family moved so far away but such a visit puts things in a different light. Marjorie returned home from this first visit in 2006 but she is going again for Christmas 2007 – we look forward to a second report!!! Marjorie gave me accompanying pictures but I could not reproduce them in the magazine. They will be in Chapel at Anniversary and Reunion.

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ELSIE WALKER a long time member of Mount Zion wrote this poem in December, 1988 to all at Mount Zion:

At the end of the Year

I wish to send my Mount Zion friends
A little friendly greeting
To let them know I think of them
Where ever they are meeting.

I wish for them in coming years
That they'll be richly blessed
In God's work in all they do
With health and happiness

And though I'm here in the "Norland Home"
I think of you all with pleasure
For I think of the years I've had with you
With memories I can treasure

I still get letters from a few members
Also scholars of days gone by
And I am glad to receive them
I'm always pleased to reply.

So carry on the good work
Although you are members few
God's blessing rests on the faithful
This is a promise true.

Thanks to Catherine Fielding (nee Ayrton) for giving us some of Elsie Walker's poems.

How times have changed!

Cost of a burial in December, 1931, all for under £48-0-0d.

New grave dug to depth of 4 interments & walled to top	£11-15-0
Cemetery Maintenance and Minister's fees at 5/- each	10-0
Teas for 45 persons at 2/-	4-10-0
School fee	2-6
	<u>4-12-6</u>
	<u>£16.17.6</u>
Oak coffin with carved mouldings, all fittings and Shroud, lining, etc.	11-0-0
Personal attendances, grave orders, obituary notices, etc.	1-4-9
Hearse and pair, Brougham and pair, 4 single broughams	8-12-0
	<u>£20-16-9</u>

END BITS. . .

For every ill beneath the Sun
There is a remedy or none,
If there be one, then try to find it.
If there be one, then never mind it.

Loving is giving, we all know that's true,
So here for a start is something to do -
Look outward - not inward- in each passing day
And the joy you give others will soon come your way.