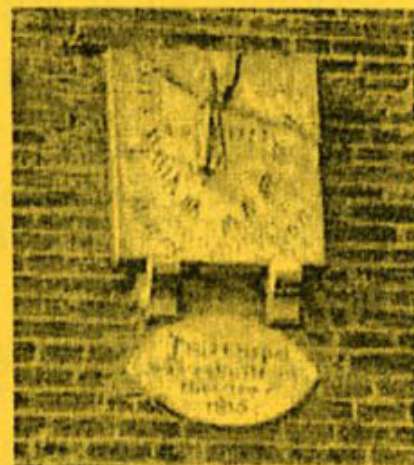


THE DIAL.
BULLETIN OF THE
“ Friends of Mount Zion ”



Mount Zion Methodist Church
Ogden, Halifax.

A Centre for Methodist Heritage

SPRING BULLETIN 2013

Welcome to the Spring Bulletin of the Dial

At the time of writing this, it's only a few days away from Mothering Sunday. Many Dad's will have taken their children to purchase cards and presents, at school and in uniformed organisations they may well have been making cards and gifts for their mums.

The history of Mothering Sunday, most Sunday people would worship at their nearest parish. It was deemed important for people to return to their home church (or Mother) church once a year. It became a time for family reunions when children who were working away from home would return home. Historians think it was the return to the 'Mother' Church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices being given the day off to go and visit their mothers and families. It was sometimes the case that Children as young as 10 would be sent out to work. That's quite a frightening thought to us these days. I certainly couldn't cope with my daughter leaving home at the age of 10.

Today Mothering Sunday has become more commercialised. I loved it when Sarah was at primary school and would come home with handmade cards and gifts, the ones that money can't buy.

Children love to make things and this leads into what will be happening at Mount Zion in the coming months. We are preparing for school children to come and visit us at Mount Zion to learn about the Wesley's, to learn about toys and games, what could and couldn't be played with on a Sunday

We are in the process of putting together a school package. The activities will be split into 3 groups: Making, Playing & Working. They will all do an activity within these 3 groups. Every child will make something in their group; each group will make something different.

The children will play with toys and play board games. Please have a look at see if you have any old board games that you would be prepared for us to borrow. When looking in a book of Victorian Games I realised that one of the games I used to play when I was little with my Grandma it was what she's played with as a child. My sister has found it and so we now have an original board game.

Those in the working group with do activities around the church and in the graveyard (if it's fine), they will also be able to sit and look at books when they have finished.

If you have any old toys or games that we could borrow that would be great.

We may need help on the day they come so if you would like to volunteer please let me know.

Please pray for the valuable work that we are undertaking at Mount Zion.

Paula Prosser

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Methodist Heritage Tour. Sent in to us by Betty Jagger

As a born and bred Methodist I have always been interested in Methodist history and heritage, and in particular the life of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. On two previous occasions, some years ago. Muriel (my sister) and I embarked on two heritage trails – one in London and the other in the Bristol area. When I saw an advertisement in the Methodist Recorder, for a tour of Central and Northern England I jumped at the idea of joining it

No Tour would be complete without visiting Epworth, in Lincolnshire, the home of the Wesley family. A guided tour of the Rectory, where the Wesley family lived, gave us an insight into the childhood of both John and his brother Charles. Sadly the Anglican Church where John Wesley's father was the rector was closed for renovations but we were able to see Samuel Wesley's tomb in the graveyard and it was afoot this that John preached after he was forbidden to preach inside the church. I was also interested to see the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church again as it was there that my niece was christened when my brother David and his family were living in Epworth. Another " son " of Epworth was Alexander Kilham. Soon after John Wesley's death Kilham and his followers felt that the clergy in the Methodist Churches had too much power and that the laity should have more say in making decisions. (It is said that Wesley was very autocratic !) Kilham was excluded by the Wesleyan Methodists and he and his followers set up a breakaway church, first of all known as Kilhamites and then the Methodist New Connection. Much later, long after the various strands of Methodism had been reunited (1932), the manse which had belonged to the Kilhamites was sold to become an old people's home (as they were referred to then). It was thought that it would be good to keep the Kilham association alive in name until someone realised that Kilham Old People's Home was not quite the thing !.

The second breakaway from the Wesleyan tradition was that of the Primitive Methodism. Hugh Bourne and his friend William Clowes felt that the Wesleyans were not evangelical enough and as a result they too were excluded. Up on the Cheshire hillside above Mow Cop it was easy to imagine the group of "ranter" holding their camp meetings and singing with such fervour.

Down in the valley we visited Englesea Brook Museum of Primitive Methodism and saw a wonderful display of old banners – the kind which used to be carried at Sunday School Big Sings and Whitsuntide processions. Opposite the old chapel was the Grave and tombstone of Hugh Bourne, who had lived nearby.

It was a long day's outing to Oxford from our base in Derbyshire, but very rewarding to see the colleges (Christ Church and Lincoln) where John & Charles Wesley had been undergraduates and where later they had been ordained as Anglican clergymen. It was here that the Wesley brothers and their friends set up the Holy Club with its ordered approach to Bible study, prayer and works of charity, thus earning them the nickname of "Methodists"—name which stuck! Christ Church College also has associations with Lewis Carroll, the writer of " Alice in Wonderland" His real name was Arthur Dodgson and he had been a student and a tutor of Mathematics at Christ Church, where the dean at the time was Henry Liddell who had an enchanting young daughter call Alice. It is thought that she became the inspiration for Lewis Carroll's book and that the little green door we saw in the gardens is the featured in his book.

Moving north, we visited High House Chapel (built in 1760) which also houses the Weardale Museum. What a wonderful reception we received from four of the members and what an extensive collection of Wesleyana and local history items were on display, including a 4 panal tapestry of local history, rather similar to the Quaker Tapestry housed in Kendal. (The chapel reminded me of Mount Zion with it's Hird collection!)

A final visit was made to Whitby, not of specific Methodist heritage interest but the Abbey with its ancient Christian heritage and its wonderful position on the headland could not be ignored. It was a hectic holiday, but I wouldn't have missed it for anything!.

Thank you Betty for sending this very detailed description of your Methodist Heritage Tour for us all to share.

Quiz Time.

1. What is the word for a male turkey.?
2. Which planet is named after a Greek god of the sky?
3. What is a group of bears known as ?
4. Tea bags were invented in 1903. When was instant Coffee invented ?
5. What are espadrilles ?
6. What kind of creature is a" cabbage white"
7. Which bank installed the first ATM machine in Britain in 1967 ?
8. Gamophobia is an extreme fear of what ?
9. What was the former name of Iran.?
10. What is the most abundant metal found in the earth's crust ?
11. According to the Bible ,what did Samson use to kill 1000 Philistines with ?
12. What was the name of the autobiography written by ex -prime minister Tony Blair.?

ANS TO QUIZ ON BACK PAGE 14

If you have some news of friends, a memory to share, a birthday or anniversary to announce, or just a greeting it give – Please send it to Dennis Fryer for inclusion in the next "Dial" My e-Mail address is dennis @fryer0.fsnet.co.uk.

Halifax Civic Trust Visited Mount Zion

The Halifax Civic Trust celebrating its golden jubilee in 20012 and visited Mount Zion on Saturday 1st December before holding its jubilee dinner at the nearby Moorlands Restaurant. Arriving for coffee and home made biscuits at 10.00am. About forty Members and guests enjoyed the hospitality of the cottage and then explored the chapel interior before listening to a lecture by the Halifax Civic Trust Chairman Dr John Hargreaves on the history of Mount Zion and its role as a Centre of Methodist Heritage. Members whose Halifax Civic Trust strapline is celebrating, enhancing, and safeguarding Halifax's outstanding built and natural environment were particularly interested in the recently restored Sun Dial, The Leeming Brothers' re-furbished chapel interior, the rare Belgian Annesens organ and the Hird collection of ceramics. For some it was their first visit to Mount Zion and they were impressed with the Quality of its preservation.

John A Hargreaves.

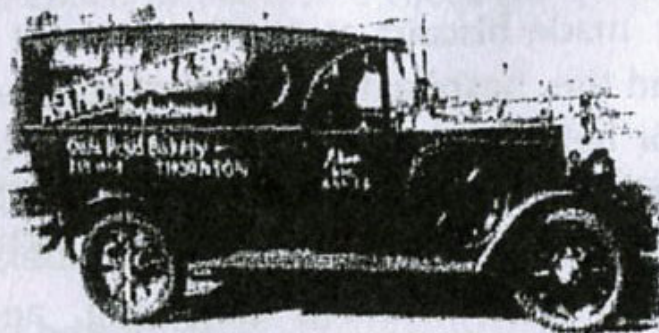
If anyone is interested John Hargreaves is running a five week WEA course Exploring Halifax History Out and About which starts on Wednesday the 17th of April at the Halifax Minster at 1-00pm. Will visit the Heptonstall Octagon in the second of the five sessions on the 24th April. 2013. Further details of the course may be obtained from Linda Croft on 01706 818103 or Elaine Beach 01422 379882



You'll never be old with a twinkle in your eye,
With the springtime in your heart as you watch the winter fly
You will never be old while you have a smile to share,
While you wonder at mankind and you find the time to care,
While there's magic in your world and a special dream to hold,
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SUN 8-00AM TO 4-00PM (LAST ORDERS 3-30PM)

Faith is greater than any bomb.

Faith is the most potent weapon ever devised.

Do not lose faith in mankind, and in the
purposes of the creator.

Do not lose faith in the future

Much is being done to promote brotherhood,
Understanding, and peace.

David E Lilienthal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FOR YOUR 2013 DIARY

Services on the first Sunday of each month at 2-45pm, But please check
The Service Plan on the Calderdale Methodist Circuit Website.

31st March 2013 Easter Sunday Rev Paul Welch.

7th April 2013 T B A

5th May 2013 GIFT DAY & SONGS OF PRAISE Led by Rev Paul Welch

2nd June 2013

7th July 2013 Sunday School Reunion

4th Aug 2013 T B A

1st Sept. 2013 Harvest Service

6th October 2013 Chapel Anniversary

HERITAGE OPEN DOORS

Saturday 8th June 2-00pm - 4-00pm

Saturday 13th July 2-00pm - 4-00pm

Saturday. 10th August 2-00pm - 4-00pm

CALDERDALE TREASURES REVEALED (Heritage Weekend)

Saturday 14th September 2-00pm - 4-00pm

& Sunday 15th September 10-30am - 12 noon & 2-00pm - 4-00pm

On all the above occasions there will be displays of Methodist
Memorabilia & refreshments will be available

Have a look around the large graveyard, beautiful Chapel and the
Hird collection, after which visitors can relax in the cottage with a cup of
Yorkshire tea, cake and biscuits, courtesy of the Chapel ladies

Working with our Youth.

It was very encouraging to receive a letter and a photograph from Marion & Clifford Rooks (Former members of Bethel) First of all telling us in her letter how they spent Christmas and taking their Daughter Susan and John her husband along with their family to the pantomime in the town all 14 of them, and how they enjoyed it. This brought back memories of panto's at Bethel where Susan's & John's children all took part, what happy times these were.



CHESTERFIELD

Brigade's rallying call for volunteers

So now back to the Photograph this is showing Clifford in the middle with John Cowie, Son in Law on the far right who is the captain of the 2nd Chesterfield Boys' Brigade which is based at Storrs Road Methodist Church and they are all members of this Church. Both Clifford & John are holding plaques mounted with the badges they gained whilst at 25th Bethel Halifax Boys' Brigade Company. Between them is John's son James he was one of the first boys enrolled in the 2nd Chesterfield Boys' Brigade Company to gain the highest award, The Queens Badge. To the Left of the photograph One of the senior members Luke Young who has recently gained the Highest award The Queens Badge. pictured with his certificate

Well done all of you Thank you for sending this article to me



HERITAGE & PROPERTY MATTERS.

Hello again Everyone.

Just to let you know that things are moving along quite well at Mount Zion with regard to the School Visits which we are hoping to start later this year. Rossalind, Paula, & Trica, are collecting all the things needed for use with the children in these school party's. If anyone can spare some time to help us on these School Trip days please contact us and we will let you know the dates of these visits once they have been arranged. Also help is required on our "Open Days" Please contact Ros (Tel 01422244860) for any further information.

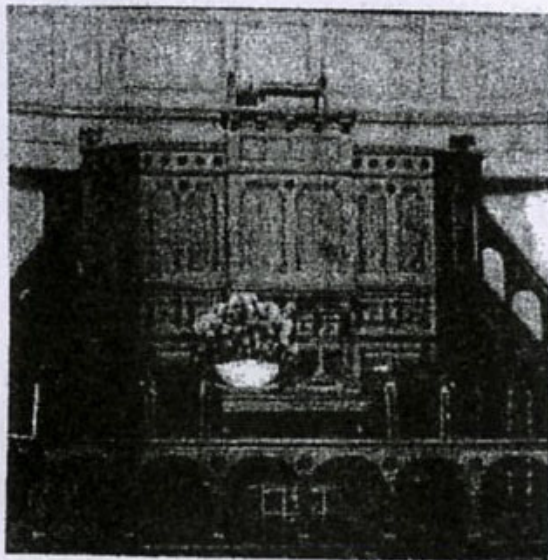
We have been able to start some of the repair work which was delayed due to the bad weather.

We had a meeting with Mrs Joanne Balmforth from the Methodist Heritage and she suggests we now come up with a scheme she can judge so we now need to check with Calderdale Planning and make sure that they approve it,

While Joanne Balmforth was looking around she made comment on the uneven flags to the footpaths and stated that these would need to be taken up and re-bedded for health and safety reasons. We are looking into this but we are aware this is a very costly job to do and at the moment we don't think any grants are available to help us to do this work. But we are making enquires about this.

We have two societies booked to visit Mount Zion Unison on April 18th & York Archaeology Society on the 23rd November 2013.

Thanks go Mrs S Freeman, who has offered to sew some pinafores and waistcoats for the children who come on school visits. Mrs Freeman is the granddaughter of Walter Robinson, the hero of the Pye Nest tram crash of 1907 who is buried at Mount Zion.



HEPTONSTALL
METHODIST
CHURCH.

Minister Rev A E Buglass
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55 Caldene Avenue.
Mytholmroyd HX7 5AJ.

Services and Sunday School at 10-45am each Sunday.

Contact: Miss Margaret Coupe. Senior Steward.

Tel 01422 842550.

PAST EVENTS.

We had a very successful Christmas Fair in November and hosted the Village Carol Service in December which was a most enjoyable event.

FORTH - COMING EVENTS.

The ladies Evening will meet in the Sunday School at
2-30pm as follows

Wednesday 10th April 2013

Wednesday 8th May 2013

Wednesday 5th June 2013

All Ladies are most Welcome – Please note new day and time.

Good Friday 29th March at 11-45 am Joint Service with the Anglicans in the Methodist Chapel, than distribution of Hot Cross buns in Weavers' Square.

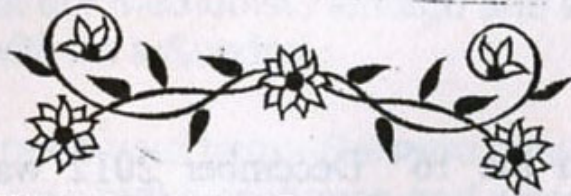
4-30pm: Service of Meditation at St Thomas' Church.

Easter Sunday 31st March at 10-00am: Joint Service in the Methodist Chapel followed by Procession through the village to St Thomas' for Holy Communion.

Saturday 18th May at 1-0pm – Sponsored Walk from the Sunday School

Saturday 8th June at 10-00am - Coffee Morning at 5 Southfield Heptonstall.

Sunday 16th June 10-45am - Sunday School – Anniversary
Led by Mr Roger Munday

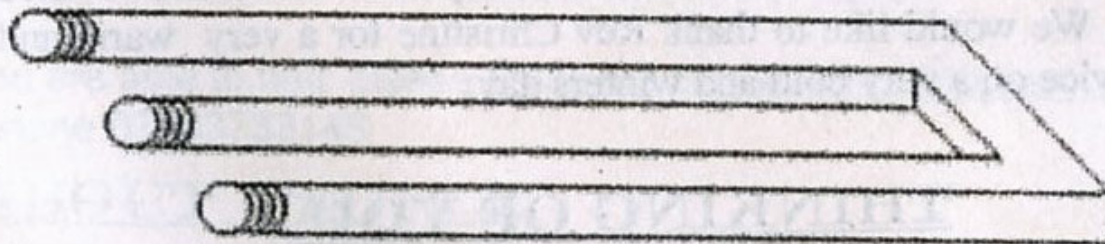


REMEMBER WE NEED YOUR VIEWS, ITEMS OR STORIES OR IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THIS ISSUE -GOOD OR BAD- PLEASE PASS THEM ON TO ME TO DEAL WITH.

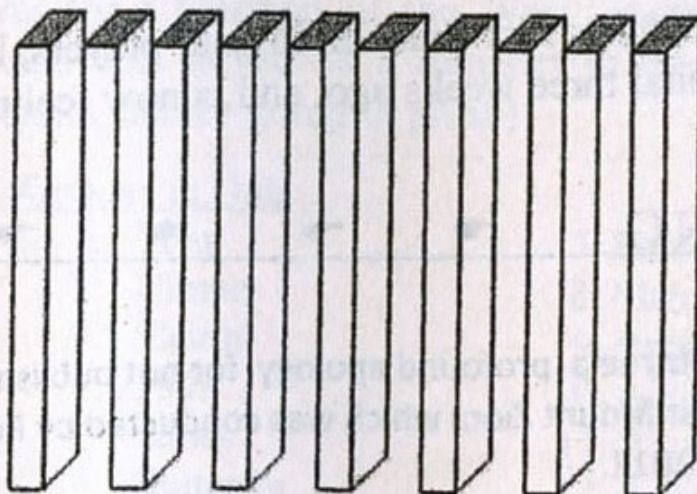
If this doesn't mess up your mind, I don't know what will!

1. Look from left to right from top to bottom.

The rod in the middle does not exist.



2. How many, 7 or 10. Count at the top and then at the bottom.



PAST EVENTS.

Our Service on the 1st December 2012 was conducted by Rev Paul Welch & the Organist was Mr Stephen Illingworth. The collection raised £87.00 and this was sent to Action for Children. This charity Sends suggestions to churches for activities at Christmas services And Ros & Elsie dressed up as two angels for one of the sketches, all was well received.

Our Carol Service on the 16th December 2012 was led by Mrs Kathleen Melling. Stephen Illingworth was working overtime accompanying the singing of our favourite carols.

Sunday the 6th January 2013 was the Covenant service, led by Rev Paul Welch with Stephen Illingworth at the organ.

We had a service for Mothering Sunday on the 10th of March which was Conducted by Rev Christine Perry. Christine fell down the outside steps alongside the manse and fractured a bone in her left foot On the 7th February and she is only just been able to put weight on this foot this week, but has continued to carry out her duties where possible. We would like to thank Rev Christine for a very warm and cosy Service on a very cold and winters day.

THINKING OF YOU.

We are asking you all to remember Mrs Una Gill in your prayers, Una has spent two nights in hospital three weeks ago, and is now feeling a lot better.

REMEMBERING

We Owe the Family of Muriel Crabtree a profound apology for not publishing Details of the funeral and burial at Mount Zion, which was conducted by Rev Paul Welch on Thursday 23rd February 2012.

We extend our sincere best wishes to all our friends, whether they worship with us now or in the past- whether they live near or far- and whether they are sick or well . We assure them that our thoughts and prayers are always with them.

Can you or your Church help Mount Zion please?

We are in the process of putting together resources for School Visits, to include talks about our Methodist Heritage and also looking at Toys that could be played with on a Sunday.

This is where we need your help:- Can you sew or are you a carpenter? Are you willing to help make costumes and wooden toys, as all that remains from our Sunday School is a Noah's Ark with a few flea bitten animals, and two slates. We will pay for the materials etc., if you can give your time.

We are also looking for older people to share with the children what they could and couldn't do on a Sunday. We are hoping to produce a DVD of people of sharing their memories, to show the children.

In your Church do you have any Certificates of attendance, old wooden toys or anything interesting or unusual for display, such as banners, ceramic fonts - it doesn't matter if they are damaged.

If you are able to help please email me paulaprosser@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 07563733148

ABOUT PEOPLE.

We have just heard of the death of the Rev Michael Townsend who was the Chairman of the West Yorkshire District for a number of years and served as a minister in the Halifax Circuit.(No further details before going to print)

Answers to Quiz

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| 1. Tom | 7. Barclays |
| 2. Uranus | 8. Marriage |
| 3. Sleuth | 9. Persia |
| 4. 1901 | 10. Aluminium |
| 5. Shoes | 11. An Ass's jawbone |
| 6. Butterfly | 12. A Journey |

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You are invited to become a "Friend of Mount Zion" and help us to
Maintain our Heritage work and a twice yearly Bulletin.
This year we are asking for you to join as a yearly member for which
The yearly subscription would be £5-00.

If you would like to hire the Chapel or cottage please contact the
Heritage secretary.

Mount Zion Methodist Church is situated 200yards West of the A629
Keighley Road. just north of Illingworth, Halifax. It also lies on the
Calderdale Way.

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Visitors are always welcome to our Sunday services held on the First
Sunday of each month at 2-45pm (Please Check this out on the Service
Plan on the Calderdale Methodist Circuit web.

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