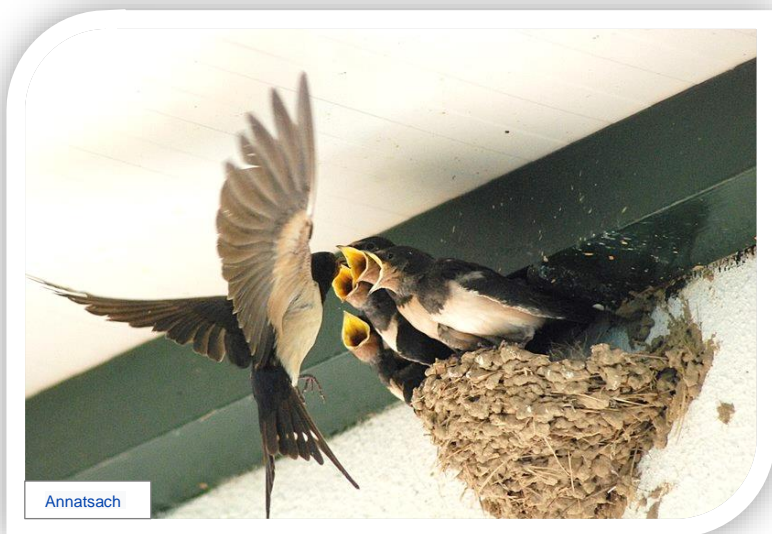


Buxton United Reformed Church
Hardwick Square East



August/September 2023

I thought that I would share with you some amazing facts for the magazine in August that may cheer your soul – so here goes!

- Folk in Cromer have been privileged to have 8 Rainbow birds, normally seen in Africa, nesting in a quarry for the second year running probably as a result of hotter summers in the British Isles.

Mike Edgecombe representing the RSPB said

“Bee-eaters have generally turned up in the UK on a very ad hoc basis, so far never reusing the same nest site twice. We can’t be certain if these are the same birds that raised a successful brood here last year, but it is a real possibility. If that’s the case, this could be the start of bee-eaters properly colonising the UK and a sign that they may become a regular feature of the great British summer.”

Bee-eaters typically migrate north from southern Africa, to breed in the southern Mediterranean and northern Africa.



Jim Bendon

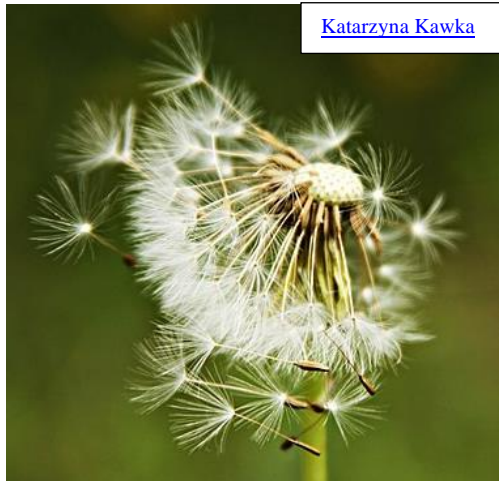
They have historically been occasional visitors to the UK when lost off their usual migratory route.

Mark Thomas, the head of investigations at the RSPB, said: *“Bee-eaters are like*

no other bird you're likely to see in the UK. Not only are they indescribably beautiful, in their ice-lolly colours, but they put on a great show as they leap from a favourite perch to catch flying insects mid-air."

- I wonder if as a child you thought of counting the parachute seeds of a Dandelion clock.

I did just that a while back and from one clock I counted exactly 200 parachutes. Just thought you might like to know!



- How about the news that a previously unknown type of dinosaur's remains has been found on the Isle of Wight in rocks dating back between 66 and 145 million years on a site known as the Wessex Formation. It is the first new species of armoured dinosaur to be found on the island since 1865 and belongs to the same family as the ankylosaurs. Though fearsome in appearance with its blade-like armour, the giant reptile ate only plants
- Peter bought me a new soft Swiss toothbrush some while ago and to my surprise it boasts of having 5,460 bristles in a toothbrush head measuring 2cm x 1cm but that is nothing compared to Sea Otter's underfur hair which is so fine that it has the astounding 170,000 to 1,000,000 hairs per square inch, more than any other animal on Earth. Now that is really amazing.

- Recently a very large black pig fell into a ditch and neither the farmer nor the fire brigade could get it out even using slings. In the end the farmer fed it Turkish Delight and the pig was enticed out of the ditch on its own!



- Our friend Maurice in Ireland was filled with joy at having a swallow's nest in his barn with five hungry baby swallows. Now that cheered his heart. They always seem to give joy to folk seeing them return after traveling over 12,000 miles round trip from Africa to have their family in the British Isles.
- Yolanda our daughter phoned us up the other evening very excited. She found a hedgehog nest in her back garden with two hoglets. Now we recon that is very special.



Yolanda's garden is small 4mx5m but obviously the hedgehogs thought it was just right for them to make a home in!

- And finally, to finish, if I said there is a lovely piece of music called “Gadfly” – those of you in the know would say “Gadfly!” that is the name for the horse fly!



Yet it is a really lovely piece of music composed by Dmitri Shostakovich and is 3.17mins long when played by André Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra. Click onto the connection below if you would like to listen to a beautiful 3.17 mins of music.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vllxUPU_yr4

Eileen Blane

Food, glorious food!

Please put these dates in your diary.

Soup, bread and cheese lunch following **Caroline Andrew's service and before the church meeting about the future of High Peak Homeless Help on 10th September.**

Bring and share **Harvest Lunch** after the **Harvest Service** on **24th September.**



Debbie and Phil Delight's hiking in France's epic wilderness — the Tour of Queyras

This is a walk that Phil and Debbie have just completed in the Hautes-Alpes Region of France. For just over 110 kilometres (64 mi), the Tour du Queyras takes you on a hike in an exceptional mid-mountain setting. From larch forests to green mountain pastures, you cross the highest valley of the Hautes-Alpes and walk alongside magnificent summits. You're never far from a lake or a mountain stream, and the abundance of water mixed with vibrant mountain vegetation gives the landscapes breathtaking colours.

You don't have to be a mountain climber to do the walk, just a good strong walker with plenty of energy, who enjoys wonderful scenery.



It also helps if you don't mind sharing a typical mountain hut with multiple bunks all joined together. Don't ask about privacy! By the way Phil and Debbie, who did you share bunks with?



We are glad you have had a wonderful time Phil and Debbie. Enjoy the rest of your holiday.

From Macclesfield with love

Macclesfield Ukrainian Aid Appeal

When I think of Macclesfield I think of a journey over the Cat and Fiddle, The Old Silk Road, historical buildings related to the weaving of silk, a route through to Wales and maybe you could add more. But did you know that it has become a base camp for an operation driving medical, humanitarian and military aid to the front line in Ukraine, using vehicles that will then be left in the country to serve as ambulances, supply trucks and gun platforms?

So far Macclesfield Ukrainian Aid (MUA) has transported more than £1.5 million worth of essential supplies in convoys overland to Ukraine in 75 vans and lorries.

The MUA is based at a welding company on an industrial estate set up by Anne Handcock a retired nurse and her son Tom, the welding company owner. Anne's father was Ukrainian and the family appealed for aid on social media at the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine last year. The response for aid poured in. Surplus medical supplies including out of date medicines, infusion kits, oxygen masks, hazard suits, scanners and even a whole operating theatre was donated. Tom says we felt we just had to do something. The response has been phenomenal.

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Separately Jonathan Verney a businessman from Chester began sending second hand vehicles out to Ukraine. He felt compelled to help Ukraine because a month before the invasion he had been in Mariupol negotiating the construction of a recycling plant. He happens to be the great nephew of Florence Nightingale so that probably had played a part in challenging him to do something.

Soon Tom and Jonathan linked up and end of life vehicles were bought and delivered to Tom's workshop where they were made road worthy and loaded with supplies bound for Ukraine.

For Tom it is the most satisfying thing he has ever done.

The vehicles are driven in convoy across Europe and the supplies and vehicles are distributed to predetermined towns with much appreciation from the local folk. The volunteers make their way back to Macclesfield by sleeper train to start the process all over again. As Tom says *"I am aware that what I am doing is a drop in the ocean, but so many others are doing the same that these drops are becoming a tidal wave."*

For more information and to donate to Macclesfield Ukrainian Aid, go to www.ukrainianaid.org.uk

Taken in part from an article in the Saturday colour supplement of 1st July 2023 written by Martin Fletcher.

"A soldier thanked us for our work; a policewoman hugged us; grown-ups gave us pizza and a young girl gave us a bunch of dandelions."



Please pray for:-

The reorganisation of the North Derbyshire Resource Area with the forthcoming closure of Rose Hill Church on 3rd September and for St Andrew's Chesterfield becoming the Resource Church for North Derbyshire. Pray especially for Rev Caroline Andrews at this time implementing change and for the people at Rosehill finding it like a bereavement closing their church.

For the move of Camilla Veitch from Wirksworth to another church in an area near the Welsh boarder.

The work of Macclesfield Ukrainian Aid. For the generosity of people in giving time and money to buy and renovate end of life vehicles, for the providers of provisions and the drivers travelling with the much-needed aid to Ukraine.

For Eileen Blane's road to recovery following her total ankle replacement. Also, with thanks to God for the wonderful care given to her especially by Peter and Yolanda and support from other folk.

For the Saturday Coffee Morning restarting on 2nd September after a break of two months.

For the future of High Peak Homeless help and the church meeting on 10th September to discuss the way forward for the organisation.

Dates to Remember

Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.
Join us at 7:30 to 9:00 pm:

Church Meeting:- Sunday 10th September after the morning service.

Elders and Leaders Meeting:- Tuesday 12th September at church

Contributions for the magazine

We really do appreciate your contributions so please keep them coming.

Contributions please for the next magazine to

Eileen and Peter Blane by 25th September 2023.

To ensure your magazine is as informative as possible please keep us up-to-date with news and events.



We are producing only a limited number of printed magazines. An electronic version is available to read on the church's website: www.buxtonurc.org.uk

Buxton URC Sunday services (normally at 10:30am)

6 th August	10:30am	Sunday Night Live with Pam Rhodes
13 th August	10:30am	URC National Service
20 th August	10:30am	Roger Horne
27 th August	10:30am	Eileen Blane
3 rd September	10:30am	To be arranged
10 th September	10:30am	Rev Caroline Andrews followed by Church Meeting
17 th September	10:30am	Disability Awareness Sunday
24 rd September	10:30am	Harvest followed by bring and share meal



***Waste Not Want Not
At Buxton United
Reformed Church.***

***Please join with us for
free coffee, cake and company***

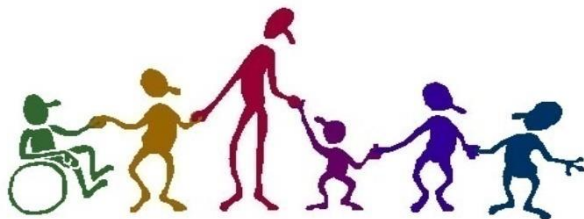
On Saturday 2nd September



***Between
10am and 12midday
in the church***

***Love in the
community***





Buxton United Reformed Church

Website: www.buxtonurc.org.uk

Minister for the North Derbyshire Resource Area
(which includes Buxton URC): **Rev. Caroline Andrews**

We warmly welcome everyone who wishes to join us for
Sunday worship

Details of services, including times, can be found inside this
magazine and on our website.

*We offer a sincere, loving welcome to all in
Christian Worship.*

Activities for young people

- **Rainbows:** for girls aged 5-7 Tues. 5 - 6pm
Leader: Stephanie Sterndale (Tel. 07967205209)
- **Brownies:** for girls aged 7-10 Tues. 6 - 7:30pm
Leader: Cath Sterndale (Tel. 07973670595)
- **Guides:** for girls aged 10 to 14 Tues. 6pm
Leader: Stephanie Sterndale (Tel. 07967205209)