

Community Litter Pick

Saturday 7th October
10.30am, Everyone Welcome



Please meet in the Village Hall carpark from 10.30am to collect equipment.
All volunteers are welcome in the village hall cafe for free cake and drinks between 11.30am and 12.30pm.

Here's an opportunity to keep our lovely village tidy by litter picking for an hour or so, or for the more green fingered (or fastidious), we'd like to do a spot of weeding in the Memorial Garden ready for Remembrance Sunday. The Sadberge tradition of free drinks and cake will continue to be observed for all participants. Many thanks and hoping to see you there, **Emma**



And another request from Emma:

The annual Pumpkin Trail will take place on Tuesday 31st October from 4.30 till 8pm. Emma is looking for villagers willing to put sweets outside their house and appear on the map of the trail. If you can help with this or would just like a map, please contact Emma on 07725 443409

Sadberge Parish Council



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Come to our next meeting
on October 3rd at 6pm
in Sadberge Village Hall

St Andrew's, Sadberge



Roundabout Newsletter

October 2023

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Season of mists

October is seen by many to be a time of real seasonal change both in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. South of the equator, spring is beginning to bloom in all its glory, days are getting longer and more pleasant. For us here in the north, autumn is really beginning to kick into gear, the weather is turning cooler and nights are getting longer with each passing day.

British Summer Time ends on the last Sunday in October, so remember to put your clocks back on the evening of Saturday October 28th this year.



Some of us enjoy the dark Autumn and Winter evenings because we can stay cosy and warm indoors; others are more reluctant to venture out to meetings, activities or other commitments (especially in the dark, the rain, the fog, the frost).

The Autumn weather can certainly present challenges especially when fog descends. William Davies of Twyford Hampshire discovered this firsthand as he was travelling home on horseback. Fog descended and William found he was completely lost. Suddenly he heard the bells ringing from his local church and realised that he was going in the wrong direction; he turned his horse around and arrived home safely. In the light of day he was to discover that he had been very close to the deeply dug clay pits where, if he had continued, he would have almost certainly plunged to his death. William died in 1754 but left money in his will to pay the bell ringers of Twyford to ring the bells at 6.30am and 7pm on October 7th, the day he was lost. The fund has long since run out but the tradition continues.

It has always been easy for us to take street lighting for granted, and more recently we have come to depend on torches on our mobile phones to aid our journeys in the dark. We rarely give a thought to the *Cat's Eyes* which can be found on all of Britain's important roads.



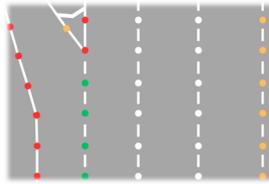
Cat's Eyes were the invention of a Yorkshireman, Percy Shaw, who used to drive home in the dark aided by the reflections in his car headlights from the metal tram tracks in the road. One evening in 1933 the fog was so dense that he could no longer see the road or the rails in front of him. It was then that Percy had the good fortune to see the reflection of his headlights from the eyes of a stray cat sitting by the roadside.

Percy was aware that with the increasing numbers of vehicles on the roads, car headlights alone would not be enough to keep motorists safe, and it was his encounter with the cat that inspired Percy to invent the device which he patented in 1934.



The invention consisted of glass beads sitting in a block of rubber on a metal base which was recessed into the road - even if vehicles drove over it the glass beads would drop down below the road surface undamaged. The idea took several years to ensure that *Cat's Eyes* could withstand all weathers and heavy traffic, and in 1937 Percy won a contract from the government for his invention.

Percy further developed the idea to make sure that *Cat's Eyes* were self-cleaning with the help of rain. The cast iron base collected the rainwater and as vehicles ran over it, the weight pushed the dome down and the water automatically washed the glass beads, keeping them clean and us motorists safe. Today we have multiple colours of *Cat's Eyes* to help us navigate our motorways and ever more complex road networks.



So many inventions aid our daily living from the moment we get up to the time we get to bed, let us be thankful for them all and for their inventors.

Rev. Sue Chew, Associate Minister

Church Services for Autumn 2023

(unusual services, events and times appear in red)

Service	Date	Other Details
Sung Holy Communion	October 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd and most Sundays	St Andrew's Sadberge - 9.15am
Choral Evensong	October 22nd	St Andrew's Sadberge - 6pm
Service of the Word	October 29th	9.15am - All Souls, All Saints
Remembrance Sunday	November 12th	St Andrew's Sadberge - 10.15am, and then at the Memorial Garden for 11am
Advent Carol Service	December 3rd	St Andrew's Sadberge - 6pm

Every year at the end of October or beginning of November during the festivals of All Souls and All Saints we remember loved ones departed from this life.

During the morning service on 29th October the names of those lost to us will be read out in church. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in that service, then please give their names to Millie Scaife no later than 23rd October - thank you.



It was great to see so many villagers in church for our Harvest Festival Service on 24th September. Thanks to everyone involved in making church look so beautiful, and the donors of the excellent lunch (not forgetting the washers-up!) And many thanks to everyone who donated food and produce which was very gratefully received by the Darlington Women's Refuge and by the Food Bank at St Andrew's Haughton.

Sadberge Art Group

There's an inspiring exhibition of paintings on show in St Andrew's Church this week. On the theme of *The Countryside* the exhibition is the work of the Sadberge Art Group. If you didn't catch the exhibition at the Harvest Festival, church will be open on Sunday 1st October from 8.30 to 10.30am as usual, but also on Wednesday 4th October between 11am and 1pm so you can study the paintings at your leisure. The invaluable Denise and Edith (who have provided the 'first Wednesday' coffee and cake throughout Spring and Summer - many thanks to them) will be there to feed the body after the Art has fed the soul. If you would like to join the Art Group it meets in the Village Hall every Thursday from 2.00pm.



Choral Evensong - Sunday 22nd October



When I was a choirboy Sundays in Church meant *Mattins* (Morning Prayer) and *Evensong* (Evening Prayer). These two lovely services, dating back to monastic times, have fallen out of use over the last 50 years but Evensong (which has always been sung in Cathedrals) is making a comeback in parish churches across the country. It's a beautiful restful service preparing the worshipper or listener for the drawing in of the night - one of the prayers reads *Lighten our darkness we beseech Thee O Lord*. Please join us on Sunday 22nd October at 6.00pm - and as an added inducement, the service will be followed by tea and cake!

Richard Bloodworth (organist)

This issue of *Roundabout* is sponsored by
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Bob Chapman

The Chapman Family would like to say a huge thank you for all the lovely cards and messages of condolence we received. Also for the kind *donations* to St Teresa's Hospice and the British Heart Foundation in memory of Bob. £837.16 was raised and we think for the first time Bob would have been lost for words by the kindness and generosity of everyone.

