

Brain of Beetham - 'Captains'

This month's challenge from our Quiz Master, Clive Holden, is all about Captains:-

1. Whose enemy was Cut-Throat Jake ?
2. Which Captain lost his ship after a valiant struggle almost 70 years ago ?
3. Which Captain gives his name to a bottle of rum ?
4. Which poet claimed to be the captain of his soul ?
5. Which Captain might have sat on your shoulder?
6. Who captained the USS Enterprise (NCC-1701) ?
7. Which Dickensian Captain triumphed at Epsom in 1922 ?
8. Which Captain was nobody ?
9. Which Captain is the alter ego of Steve Rogers ?
10. Which cricketing captain was 'round the corner' ?



Here are the answers to last month's 'Brush up your Shakespeare' round, with background information from Clive:-

- 1) The song 'Brush up your Shakespeare' is in 'KISS ME KATE' by Rodgers and Hart, based on 'THE TAMING OF THE SHREW'.
- 2) ROMEO loved Rosaline (but quickly forgot her when he saw Juliet).
- 3) 'Dost thou think because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cakes and ale ?' was spoken by SIR TOBY BELCH to Olivia's kill-joy steward MALVOLIO in 'Twelfth Night'.
- 4) FALSTAFF, in 'HENRY IV Part 1', decided that "The better part of valour is discretion" on viewing the dead body of Sir Walter Blunt.
- 5) CASSIUS, one of the murderers of JULIUS CAESAR, was said to have "a lean and hungry look"
- 6) 'WHAT YOU WILL' is the alternative title of 'TWELFTH NIGHT'.
- 7) OTHELLO, after his arrest for murdering Desdemona, claim he "loved not wisely but too well" before stabbing himself.
- 8) GUIDERIUS (and his brother ARVIRAGUS) sing "Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney sweepers, come to dust" in a song after the death of Cloten in 'CYMBELINE'.
- 9) THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE were the twins ANTIPHOLUS OF SYRACUSE and ANTIPHOLUS OF EPHEBUS, and their respective attendants the twins DROMIO OF SYRACUSE and DROMIO OF EPHEBUS. Based on 'The Comedy of Errors', the musical 'The Boys from Syracuse', by Rodgers and Hart, was written in 1938 and made into a film in 1940. 'O Dromio, Dromio! wherefore art thou Dromio?' is not a quotation from this play...
- 10) ANNE BULLEN, who appears in 'KING HENRY VIII' is known to us as ANNE BOLEYN.

A supplementary 'Shakespeare' question: 'What ? Shakespeare dead ! Dear old Bill'
Supply the next line!

Clive Holden

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, BEETHAM

SEPTEMBER 2021

'Angel Voices Ever Singing'

**A Celebration of the
Patronal Festival of St Michael & All Angels
and Beetham Harvest Festival**

**with Angel-themed Flower Arrangements
and School Displays of Angels**

As life in the parish slowly begins to open up we are once again able to start planning some events in the church*, so please do join us for our Michaelmas & Harvest celebration:-

Saturday 25th September, 3pm ~ Organ Recital by Geoffrey Field

Sunday 26th September, 11am ~ Eucharist with the Rural Dean

Sunday 3rd October, 11am ~ Harvest Festival Eucharist

Sunday 3rd October, 6pm ~ Harvest Choral Evensong



The September Gateway also marks a number of other special occasions, one of which is the decision to return to the full paper copy distribution of The Gateway. The last paper edition was delivered in April 2020, and thanks go to all those who have continued to support us online. The magazine will continue to be emailed to all who would like an online copy, and it will be available in full colour on our website at www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk as usual. Articles for publication are always welcome and details of deadlines can be found on page 11

Beetham extends a warm welcome this month to the new Headteacher at Beetham CE School, Abi Johnson. You can find out all about Abi on page 5 and we look forward to meeting her over the coming months as she settles into our community

* subject to any restrictions at the time of the event

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Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman

Dear friends

I'm sure most of us, either knowingly or inadvertently, will be familiar with the rather iconic song released by the German disco group Boney M which held the number one position in the charts for five weeks in 1978, 'By the Rivers of Babylon'. A song that still to this day, quite amazingly, remains one of the United Kingdom's best-selling singles of all time.

Unlike many pop singles it takes its inspiration and focus from the words of Scripture and particularly verses from Psalm 137. A hymn of the Old Testament which echoes the lamentations of the Jewish people following exile into captivity into Babylon in the year 586 BC. In context, the people are dazed and confused, bewildered, and seemingly struggling to cope with the taunts of their enemies who had extricated them from their homes and from everything that had once held dear. 'By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.'

In their misery the people seek to remember the joys of the past, the norms of life they had perhaps once taken for granted, recalling the times they lived in relative peace and prosperity in Jerusalem and wishing that their experience of life could return to the settled understanding of what they once knew. Even though they seek to trust in the sure and certain faithfulness of their Lord and God, the exiled Israelites struggle to find reasons for joy and confidence. Hence, the psalmist poses the query: 'how can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?' Amid their turmoil and distress how can God's people raise a song of happiness, trust, and praise? What might it look like for them to serve God even when they are faced with circumstances which seem too arduous to bear?

Though our circumstances are altogether different, the psalmist's cry raises an important question that we have been or will be asked to consider over the coming weeks and months as we emerge cautiously, God willing, from this time of pandemic. How when the world seems so different can we each seek to sing the Lord's song? How in this 'strange' land, in a world that has been left shaken and disorientated by the events of the last eighteen months, can we live and thrive as people of hope committed to seeing God's ways of justice, righteousness, mercy and peace established in our own day?

In responding to this time of challenge and opportunity there will, of course, be a mixture of reactions. It has become an oft repeated phrase that so many of us want to return to a sense of normality, to enjoy once more those blessings of life that bring happiness and purpose. And yet, despite the resumption of so many aspects of our common life that bring us contentment and comfort, there comes the understanding that the lasting lessons of this season will be borne out both in our choices and decisions both now and into the future. In hoping and working for a more just, equitable and more godly society which takes seriously the demands of the times and our duty of care to each other and our stewardship of the world, its environment, and resources.

To sing the Lord's song in a strange land means approaching such a task with both sincerity and humility. Alert to the cares of those around us and underpinned by a quiet yet determined trust in the God from whom all good things come. Confident that by signing his song, our words and deeds will echo with the glad tidings of his compassion for all, evidenced particularly through our special consideration for the last, the least and the lost.

This month, may you find space and grace in considering what song you might singing in your life at the moment. And in reflecting on all this, may we each know the Lord's presence amongst us, not simply through perceiving the gifts of the eternal in the ordinariness (and perhaps the strangeness) of our everyday, but in knowing encouragement in our efforts to sing the lyrics of his love through all that we do and say.

With every good wish for God's blessing,

As ever,



Contact Andrew

As always, please do be in touch if you would like someone to talk to, if there is anything I can remember in my prayers, or if you need anything pastorally, prayerfully or practically. I am of course willing and able to visit as appropriate by request. Please feel free to get in contact about visiting or holy communion at home or any other matter. May the Lord bless and keep you and yours. **Andrew**

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Beetham Church Online Services

With attendance at the Sunday public worship in church increasing, from September there will no longer be a Beetham & Arnside weekly online audio service

Our grateful thanks go to The Revd Andrew Norman and to organist Geoff Field, who have been recording these services every week since 26th April 2020 (a total of 71 audio services!). Thanks also go to all the members of Beetham, Arnside and Storth congregations who recorded readings, intercessions and reflections. It is intended that there will still be some online YouTube recordings made for future special occasions

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Baptism

Liam James Edward Davies

was baptised on

Sunday 8th August

We welcome him into our Beetham Church family

Baptism

Ada Katherine Abbit

was baptised on

Saturday 31st July

We welcome her into our Beetham Church family

Wedding

The marriage of

Lauren Dainty & Timothy Abbit
took place on Saturday 31st July

We wish the happy couple Faith, Hope & Love
in their future lives together

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outside St Thomas' (weather permitting)

Bishop James will be preaching

All are welcome

Church Reordering Open Day

Architect plans were put on display in the church for an Open Day on 18th August, where anyone could come and talk to committee members about the proposals for creating more practical space and storage in the church. Ideas include moving a small number of pews to improve the worship and social areas in line with latest health and safety standards, and reusing existing wood to make much-needed cupboards for the nativity and the many items that are currently stored under pews.



The proposals will remain on view for the next few weeks and all are welcome to fill in the feedback

forms available at the back of the church before the final plans are drawn up for approval

Church Work Party



Thank you to the members of the Church Fabric Committee for their latest work party in the churchyard on 18th August. The hedges and shrubs look much better for their haircut, and - after picking the blackberries - the untidy brambles have been fully pruned back

BEE FOLKLORE: A SHORT AND SWEET EXPLORATION OF BEES THROUGHOUT TIME

We have finally become the owners of bees this summer. Long has the hive awaited new occupants and attempts to lure them in were unsuccessful. Until the sultry days of early summer prompted swarming and the need to rehouse the newly homeless bees. For me it has and will forever be a great learning curve caring for these amazing creatures. [I know they are insects but I felt that rather diminished them...cue for more affronted insects I expect]. For the purposes of the Gateway and my own interest I have taken a look at bee folklore; just a quick peak as their presence on the planet has been forever and I only have less than a page!

Bees have been part of myth and folklore around the world since the 7th century. Aristaeus was the Greek god of beekeeping, and in Egyptian mythology when the sun god Ra cried his tears turned to bees as they hit the sand. People of the Kalahan desert, the San people, tell of a bee that carried a praying mantis across a river. The exhausted bee left the mantis on a floating flower but before leaving planted a seed within its body. It is said that this seed became the first human.

Bees have symbolised wealth and good fortune throughout the ages. Charms in the shape of a honeybee are said to attract wealth. They also had a role to play around Christmas time, when it was believed that bees left their hives on Christmas morning, to swarm and then return. Far too cold here for that! Instead here in Blighty, farmers would bedeck their hives with holly and listen as they hummed in honour of the Christ Child. In Ireland they too believed the bees hummed a song of praise to Christ, but only those who had lived a blameless life could hear them.

In Scandinavia some believe that bees transport their prayers to loved ones. Many European countries still traditionally pour melted wax into a dish of cold water whereby fortunes may be told.

Neither myth nor folklore but interesting to Harry Potter fans, J.K. Rowling also used a little beespiration when creating Professor Dumbledore, for it is derived from early English dialect pronunciation for the bumblebee.

Quite another well known writer, Mr W. Shakespeare gave bees an important part in Henry V. 'For so to work the honeybees, creatures that by a role in nature teach the act of order to a peopled kingdom.....' A very insightful piece of writing.

Perhaps the most familiar tradition which is centuries old is 'telling the bees'. Bees were, are, considered as extended family members and as such were kept up to date with family news. Especially concerning family bereavement. It was thought that not keeping them up to date with family news would result in endless calamities. Little ditties were often sung to tell the bees. In Nottingham the wife or husband would gently tap on the hive and sing, 'the master's dead but don't you go, your mistress will be a good mistress to you.' Vice versaIn Germany it was, 'little bee our Lord is dead; leave me not in my distress'. This was often accompanied by draping the hives in black. On a lighter note bees got to hear good news too, with wedding cake and white fabric for weddings.

Victorian biologist Margaret Warner Morley wrote of so many catastrophes occurring across the land should the bee niceties not be adhered to in her book, The Honey Makers, 1899. A must read for beekeepers and something for their Christmas stockings.

Folklore anecdotes range from bad to good luck. It was thought you sold your luck if you sold your hives, so better to gift them. Should bees fly into your house, expect an unknown visitor; if they rest on your roof, buy a lottery ticket! All tales aside, we humans and the planet rely upon bees for our survival. 70 of the top 100 crop species that feed 90% of the human population rely on bees for pollination. Without them these plants would cease to exist and a downward spiral would cripple the food chain. So I am happy to tell the bees all, over my morning cuppa and evening cocoa; to swathe the hive in bunting, holly or whatever to highlight that it has never been more important to cherish bees and celebrate the deep connection we humble humans share with them

Tess Rowlands

Meet Abi Johnson, our new Beetham CE School Headteacher

Hello everyone. I would like to introduce myself to everyone in the local community. My name is Abi Johnson and from 1st September 2021 I will be the headteacher of Beetham CE Primary School. Previous to this, I was a teacher at Grange CE Primary School where I have been for 16 years since I qualified from the University of Central England in Birmingham. I have taught many different year groups during my time teaching and also led a variety of different subjects including PE, Science and Global learning.

When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family; my husband and two children Lucy and Toby (who will also be starting Beetham with me in September). We enjoy spending time in the lakes, riding our bikes and, when possible, travelling the world.



Abi with Beetham School Chair of Governors, John Lomax

What struck me about Beetham CE School was the friendly, community feel that you get from the moment you walk in. The smiling faces and happiness of all the children and staff. I believe that creating strong links with the school, church and local community are vital to a successful school and wish to continue the links already established. I am really looking forward to beginning my new role at Beetham CE Primary School and leading the school on its continuing path in education and preparing children for the world around them.

Abi Johnson



'WE ARE ALL A LITTLE WEIRD AND LIFE'S A LITTLE WEIRD, AND WHEN WE FIND SOMEONE WHOSE WEIRDNESS IS COMPATABLE WITH OURS, WE JOIN UP WITH THEM AND FALL INTO MUTUAL WEIRDNESS AND CALL IT LOVE...'

DR SEUSS

.....OR BAND! Now I am not saying we are weird in any way. In fact I chose that quote as it encompasses all we try to do. For love, substitute music, or interchange the words. For there is great love for music in and around Beetham and unparalleled camaraderie when playing together. Be it as a band or duo or even solo. Music is a lasting friend. It is non judgemental, very forgiving, always rewarding, a place to go to, alone or with friends.

Above all it will always be with you. So why not begin to make your own music with us. Very soon we will be back playing in the same space and anyone is welcome and encouraged to come and give it a try. Dare I say the festive season is just behind the curtain and there is never a better time to join any musical group. The tinsel magic draws you in and the familiarity of the tunes makes all seem possible. We are, as I have mentioned before, so very friendly, welcoming and accommodating

As always should you wish to know more about how fantastic it is to be in Beetham Community Band call, 015395 63254 and ask for Tess

School Corner

A look back at the 2020/21 end of term school leavers celebration in The Old Post Office Tea Room, and the last day of term at the Lakeland Maize Maze in the sunshine!



Beetham WI meets again

WI members have been keeping in touch during the pandemic and at last have started meeting up again. We had tested the water with a couple of outdoor gatherings this summer outside at the pub in Beetham and were blessed with good weather on both occasions.

Just recently we were able to meet inside, under strict conditions, so got together at the M:Hub for our first "proper" meeting since March 2020. Our speaker, Sue Tyldesley, introduced us to the wonders of encaustic art. With an iron, hairdryer, hot plate and some colourful wax she produced some amazing pictures in a matter of minutes and made it look so easy. Though she had brought some extra equipment only a limited number of people could have a go at creating their own wax masterpieces but we were all entertained watching them!



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Also recently quite a few members met for coffee outside at Farleton Fisheries and we look forward to our more regular get-together at the M:Hub on the first Tuesday of each month.

Guests are always welcome. Look out for information on our Noticeboard in Beetham village or contact the Secretary on beethamwi@gmail.com



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The central hub of our extravaganza will be a **magical garden filled with giant illuminated flowers and wildlife**. We are inviting the public to explore this world of wonder as they enter the garden and shrink to the size of an ant! **Could you be a marshal at Abbott Hall park on Saturday and Sunday?**

There is also a **street party** happening in the centre of town on **Saturday**. **Would you like to be a marshal there?**

If you can join us, get in touch with Penny Severn, Volunteer Coordinator on the Torchlight committee, on penny@kendaltorchlight.co.uk

In line with our environmental commitment as a Gold Award Eco Church

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and

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on

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Free Exchange Goods:

- **Bring any household items / toys / furniture etc you no longer need but that are still fit for purpose and in good condition.**
- **All items are taken as seen and no money exchanges hands.**
- **If you bring items please make sure you check by 11.30 whether or not they have been taken, if not please take them home with you!**
- **For large items – furniture / garden play equipment etc. – bring a photograph and a 'phone number which we can display for you**

You can also find out all about the new Parish Council project "Greening Levens"

Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on
Monday 6th September at 7pm
(contact the Parish Clerk for venue)

Members of the public are welcome to attend
Minutes of previous meetings can be found
on the website at www.beethampc.co.uk

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in
The Athenaeum, Leasgill

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Talk – Coffee – Questions

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14 October
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