



Stewards for Creation

Churches are present in most rural communities and have a commitment to stay at the heart of rural life.

The task is to embrace the potential and opportunities afforded by the countryside through long-term commitment and innovation. The foot and mouth crisis demonstrated that churches are also able to deliver support swiftly and efficiently. At a time of unprecedented change in the countryside, CRC has published a ground breaking report highlighting issues shared by many rural communities and the response that the church can make. CRC seek to offer expertise and act as a catalyst for rural initiative. This activity is led by the Rural Renaissance Task Group.



"We welcome this timely and excellent report from the Churches Regional Commission and hope that it will broaden the discussion. Whilst the central role of the rural church is known and understood at regional level, Sowing the Seed begins to highlight the extent of the need and of the response."
comments Gordon Kingston, Rural Director, Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber.

In addition to publishing Sowing the Seed report on rural renaissance, CRC have also worked in collaboration with the Arthur Rank Centre, the churches' national resource for rural matters, to organise a conference focusing on church engagement in Market Town initiatives in our region (see review inside). A pilot project to improve the take up of farm and rural business restructuring services within a locality in North Yorkshire kicks off with the appointment of a Rural Development Officer this month (see feature inside). Our long-term goal is to see a model offered to churches and rural communities elsewhere in this region.

"Sowing the Seed is an excellent report which will be held up to the church as to what is required and what can be achieved and to regional agencies to determine overall rural strategy."

Gordon Gatward, Chairman of the Arthur Rank Centre.

This issue of Spirit Level will focus on rural social action: the issues identified in the report 'Sowing the Seed', examples of church in action, the response of CRC and partners in one particular area hard hit by rural crisis and some sources of information to help you to formulate a response in your own local community.

If your mission is urban, make sure you have seen a copy of Angels and Advocates, the sister report to Sowing the Seed published in November 2002. Tear off order form inside.

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As tough as old boots?



That's the call to farmers from the Farm Crisis Network (FCN) which helps farming families when things get tough. If you come across people in the farming community who need more help than you can give, FCN exists to provide that help. Problems vary with some facing radical change and stress with a home, an identity, a vocation and a family's past and future at stake.

FCN Co-ordinator Cally Barker writes:

Although the Foot and Mouth crisis has now passed, there are many farmers who are still in extreme difficulty, particularly the small tenant farmers. Those who weren't culled out during the epidemic are to some extent worse off than those who received compensation for their losses. Volunteers from Yorkshire Farm Crisis Network have also been supporting a number of farmers whose subsidy payments have been penalised because of discrepancies between their own cattle records and those held by DEFRA. This has caused

considerable financial hardship.

In general, most of the people the network supports are experiencing a variety of mutually enforcing problems. They are usually exhausted, beaten down and often depressed. Network volunteers have to understand the whole picture, which may be more than the farmer does and halt, at least temporarily, incoming pressure from creditors such as the RSPCA or DEFRA. They then help to identify a first move forward, for example by reclaiming VAT or clearing up a misunderstanding about subsidy payments. Often the farmer is linked in to professional help through the network. During all of this, the network tries to keep all the family in the loop and hold the space in which the family makes decisions, if they can.

A recent survey by Dr James Jones, Head of Farm Management at the Royal Agricultural College identifies continuing erosion of profitability in most sectors of farming, but especially in the dairy sector following reductions in milk prices. With farming incomes so low it is income from other sources that many farmers are increasingly having to rely upon.

(view the full article at http://www.rics.org/rural/farm_benchmarking.html. or succinct summary by Alan Spedding via email alan.spedding@btopenworld.com or on the Arthur Rank Centre website <http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/>)

FCN volunteers are drawn from the farming community and rural churches ready to 'walk with' farming people as they seek to resolve their problems with links to professional help where needed. Founded in 1993 as a partnership between the Arthur Rank Centre and the Agricultural Christian Fellowship, FCN seeks to serve and help farming families in need, of any faith or none. Many in the farming and rural communities are experiencing real difficulties at this time and FCN would be pleased to advise on how to approach this task and is available to provide specialist support to those who request it.

FCN Helpline staffed 7am – 11pm with answer machine out of hours: 07002 326 326

More information from www.farmcrisisnetwork.org.uk or via email on fcn@uccf.org.uk or telephone Cally Barker FCN co-ordinator on 01482 862974

Piloting Rural Development in the Dales

In the light of rural crisis, CRC have set up a pilot to give opportunities to rural communities in North Yorkshire.

The Church has established significant credibility through its ability to respond effectively to the needs of its rural communities, supporting local farming communities in the face of the foot and mouth crisis. Farm Crisis Network have led nationally on this issue (see article left) and identify that farmers tend not to access and benefit fully from the business advice and support services that are available to them.

In response, **Bob Barker** will take up post as Rural Development Officer in a pilot project focusing on the Swaledale, Wensleydale and Arkengarthdale area within the North Yorkshire sub-region.



Bob has himself faced difficult decisions over his own farm which he farmed with his family from leaving school. The support of a colleague helped him to realise his own capabilities which gave him the confidence to sell up and move into new areas at a time when, despite working longer hours, his business was in decline. However, his connections with the sharpe end of farming crisis continues as many farming friends experience the trauma of slipping into bankruptcy through no fault of their own.

"As an elected councillor, Bob Barker brings an invaluable link into local political networks as well as direct experience as a farmer of 27 years" comments Graham Brownlee of CRC. "He is an





Swaledale near Muker
image courtesy of Yorkshire Tourist Board

active Methodist with practical knowledge and empathy for the farming community, and we welcome him wholeheartedly onto the CRC team.”

This appointment aims to improve the take-up of services for farm and rural business reappraisal, restructuring and development; to advise and support harnessing the distinct contribution of churches and utilising their resources; to develop effective working relationships with statutory and commercial organisations and to encourage peer groups within the community to develop support and identify ongoing needs/priorities.

The Churches of Swaledale, Wensleydale and Arkengarthdale bring local presence, knowledge and people. Local leadership is central to this pilot initiative with the Swaledale Christian Council and a more informal group in Wensleydale. Local churches will provide an office location for the initiative, and local volunteers. The Management Group for this pilot also includes the Farm Crisis Network and the Churches Regional Commission who bring financial resources, contacts with key regional partners and a strategic engagement with policy and practice with the Yorkshire and Humber region.



The North Yorkshire Church Tourism Initiative

Launched in April 2002, the North Yorkshire Church Tourism Initiative is a pilot project that brings together a range of organisations to promote and develop the county's churches as places of spiritual, cultural and heritage interest. With support from its various partners the initiative seeks to blend an appreciation of cultural heritage with faith and mission and economic and social benefits for local communities.

advice and valuable opportunities to meet experts and share ideas. Following the success of the initiative's first annual conference, held in Harrogate in March, a second conference is planned for 27 March 2004.

Financial assistance is also available for churches involved in the project and, so far, over £20,000 has been allocated to local groups that are involved in interpreting and



Marcus James, Hannah Megson and Sarah Bell taking part in the children's story trail at St Gregory's Church, Bedale'

The initiative proved to be well timed. Coming in the wake of the foot and mouth crisis, the events of September 11 and severe flooding in many parts of the region, it has encouraged visitors to return to the countryside by exhorting them to leave the main roads and take the time to explore some of North Yorkshire's best kept secrets. The benefits of the project are especially visible in very rural areas where a welcoming church is often the main reason that visitors stop in villages that they would otherwise drive (or walk) straight through.

Over 230 churches are now actively involved in the initiative and the majority of these are in rural, or semi rural, locations. To encourage more visitors to seek out these 'hidden gems', the churches are featured in a set of seven free leaflets that are available from Tourist Information Centres, participating churches and Yorkshire Tourist Board's brochure order line (01904 707070) as well as from local accommodation providers and other visitor attractions. In addition, the project's website is now online at www.yorkshirechurches.com and this also includes details of service times and local events.

To help churches develop successful visitor initiatives, the project has run a series of workshops and information sessions at venues across the county. These have aimed not only to stimulate ideas but also to offer practical

presenting their churches for visitors. One church to have benefited from the initiative is St Gregory's at Bedale which is not only producing a new guidebook and visitor leaflet but which has also developed a successful story trail to encourage more children to explore the church. Designed and made by members of the congregation, the trail consists of five activities, which introduce children to the stained glass, wall paintings, carvings, tapestries and sculpture that can be found within the church.

Church Tourism Officer, Catherine Megson, who came up with the idea for the trail said: "The trail is a wonderful way of encouraging children to explore the church and to learn more about this amazing building. They can touch the carvings and sculpture and learn about the stories that are shown in the windows and on the walls - it's a brilliant way of bringing the building's history and heritage to life."

For more information about any aspect of the work of the North Yorkshire Church Tourism Initiative contact Zoe Kemp on 01977 614764 or email zkemp@ytb.org.uk.

The next issue of Spirit Level will feature a church based project promoting participation in an urban church within our region.

Review: Lord Haskins Report

Lord Haskins report, published on November 11th 2003 is a very comprehensive review with a lot of detail. The 33 recommendations for improving delivery of rural policies are well worth a careful read by anyone with an interest in the countryside. Key points include:

1. Improving accountability through a clearer separation of responsibility for policy and delivery functions.

Defra's prime responsibility should be the development of policy, and it should arrange for the delivery of its policies through national, regional and local agencies. The functions of the Countryside Agency should be transferred to the appropriate specialist organisations.

2. Bringing delivery closer to the customer by devolving greater power to regional and local organisations to deliver economic and social policy.

Regional Development Agencies should play a key role in the devolution of Defra's rural economic and social agenda including the existing business and farm diversification schemes and co-ordinating public sector rural business support and advice. Rural Community Councils should be enhanced. An integrated agency should promote sustainable use of land and the natural environment. The Government Offices for the Regions should be given a stronger remit to promote co-ordination of and monitor rural delivery and to promote rural proofing on behalf of Defra. Regional Rural Priority Boards, chaired by Government Offices for the Regions and including key regional and local bodies responsible for rural regeneration and service delivery, should be set up to provide strategic co-ordination and monitoring. Regional Rural Affairs Forums (RRAFs), comprising representatives of rural customers and beneficiaries, should become the forums in which national and regional delivery of rural policies is reviewed and reported on.

3. Make things better for the customer and get greater value for money for the taxpayer through a more integrated approach to regulation and through simpler services.

Defra should accelerate the development of a 'whole farm' approach that will ensure better co-ordination of government regulation and compliance, subsidy, advice and financial incentives linked to farm businesses. Create a farm advisory service in the light of the recent settlement on CAP reform.

A new land management agency bringing together English Nature, the Rural Development Service and most of the Forestry Commission and Countryside Agency's activities will encourage more joined up thinking about how our countryside develops. Moving policy delivery down to RDAs and Regional Government Offices should also help ensure they are applied with more local relevance and could reduce confusion about sources of funding for rural businesses.

The report is compelling in its analysis of the rural delivery landscape as confusing for customers and too bureaucratic and centralised to meet our future challenges. Secretary of State Margaret Beckett

Margaret Beckett promises a refreshed rural strategy in the light of the Haskins report to include: a review of funding schemes, an integrated agency for the stewardship of the countryside; embedding rural objectives into government policy; and new mechanisms for delivering services to rural communities.

The Government has a lot of work to do before the changes can be implemented including getting new legislation through parliament. Mrs Beckett has promised to publish a delivery plan next spring. I hope she doesn't hang around too long after that.

Alan Spedding provides concise briefings about current issues by weekly email as part of the FIRM project supporting those working in rural ministry with background information about farming and other rural matters. To subscribe or receive his summary of the Haskins report in full contact alan.spedding@bopenworld.com or visit www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk.

The full report is available online from Defra, along with other reports and resources on rural development: ww.defra.gov.uk/rural/default.htm

CRC PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM

I would like to order:

copies of the **Sowing the Seed** at £3.50 plus £1.00 p+p (Yorkshire & Humber church) £5.00 plus £1.00 p+p (Standard price).

copies of **Angels & Advocates** at £3.50 plus £1.00 p+p (Yorkshire & Humber church) £5.00 plus £1.00 p+p (Standard price).

copies of the **Angels & Advocates Summary** at £1.00 for 10 copies plus £2.00 p+p.

copies of the **Angels & Advocates Bible Study Packs** at £1.00 plus 75p p+p

copies of the **Sticking Together: a response to the debate** £4 plus 50p p+p

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20 New Market Street,
Leeds,
LS1 6DG.
T: 0113 244 3413
F: 0113 243 2038

Focus on Faith: the role of the church in the Market Town Initiative

The media spotlight on much of the regeneration work taking place in the United Kingdom is so often on urban areas, so a conference such as this highlighting the social action taking place in rural areas in ways that are responsive and unique to each market town was very welcome.

Historically the church has always had an important role to play in market towns both spiritually, with the physical resources of buildings, and with the human resources of ordained and lay people.

It was encouraging to observe how rural faith-based organisations can work just as successfully as urban ones in partnership with secular government initiatives for the regeneration of local communities.

This conference will have encouraged and inspired other rural ministries to become actively involved in regenerating their communities.

Written by Denise Trowsdale of SEARCH, also a member of the CRC Rural Renaissance Task Group

New Commission members appointed

The CRC has been further strengthened with the appointment of 8 new Commission members. The Commission maintains the aims and strategy of the CRC and holds the Board to account in delivering them; contributes to the collective evolution of CRC policy in the life and work of the region, reflects on it theologically and promotes best practice; undertakes particular responsibilities in one or more areas of policy, specifically through a Task Group, or in service delivery on behalf of the CRC; undertakes representation on external regional bodies, such as the regional Assembly and its Commissions; undertakes two-way communication with churches.

Sybille Batten is an active member of the RC Cathedral parish of St Marie's in Sheffield. As Regional Director for SOVA, which works to strengthen communities by involving local volunteers and staff in promoting social inclusion and crime, current involvement with the Area Resettlement Group and through previous roles in the Probation service, Sybille will enhance CRC's knowledge base of the voluntary sector, social inclusion and criminal justice.

Briony Broome takes an active interest in church – community developments such as Sheffield Churches Together and Sheffield Church Action on Poverty and is Director for Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care. Briony's vast experience will strengthen CRC's expertise in education, services for young people and older people.

Graham Di Ducia is a police Chief Superintendent and Divisional Commander Humberstone, and a steward at Willerby Methodist church in East Yorkshire. As vice-chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Drug Action Team and member of the North Lincolnshire Local Strategic Partnership, Graham brings a depth of knowledge on community safety and criminal justice to CRC.



Ven Malcolm Grundy is the Archdeacon of Craven with significant experience on rural issues. He is also the current chair of the North Yorkshire Tourism Initiative. He is also the author of books on community work and works management, chair of Craven Advocacy and involved with CVA and drugs projects.



Professor Simon Lee has recently joined Leeds Metropolitan University as Vice Chancellor having spent eight years as head of Liverpool Hope Community College, a church university college much involved in ecumenism and the community. He is a writer on churches and public policy and is involved in national church advice on law, ethics and public policy.



Ann Menzies-Blythe is Project Director at Wildwood, a church based re-cycling project in Bentley. Together with her experience as Deputy Managing Director of The Scotsman Publications and Sales and Marketing Director of Yorkshire Post Newspapers, Ann brings excellent expertise in social enterprise and marketing.

Rt Revd David Rosedale is the Bishop of Grimsby, chairs of the Diocesan Board of Education and the Ecumenical Mission Executive. David is also Deputy President of Churches Together in Lincolnshire and trustee of the Lincolnshire Community Foundation. His expertise in community and ecumenical initiatives will be of great benefit to CRC.

Ian Stockley is retired as Chief Manager, Agriculture with Lloyds TSB, but currently company secretary for 2 charities and Methodist Circuit treasurer. He is a Methodist Local Preacher and Company Secretary and Director of Farm Crisis Network. Ian's knowledge of rural affairs and finance will be invaluable to CRC.

Extending CRC's accountability

In addition to CRC's Commission CRC also benefit from a wider structure of accountability through the Church Leaders' Regional Reference Group made up of representatives of the highest level from Christian denominations within the region. The Group provide strategic advice on church priorities and guidance on key CRC activities. They can also usefully receive comment from their number including feedback on CRC.

Rev Dr Bill Allen is a Regional Minister with the Yorkshire Baptist Association. His responsibilities include the development and support of mission strategy with the Baptists churches in Yorkshire. He is also a member of the National Strategy Forum of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Prior to coming to Yorkshire he was Director of Pastoral Studies at Spurgeon's College in London.

Rt Revd John Rawsthorne is now in his seventh year as the Bishop of Hallam having previously been Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool for 16 years. He is also currently the Chair of the Standing Committee for Churches Together in Sheffield.

The Rt Revd John Packer read History and Theology at Oxford and taught at Ripon College, Cuddesdon before spending 15 years in parish ministry in the Sheffield diocese in a mining community and then in an inner city Local Ecumenical Project. Since then he has been Archdeacon of West Cumberland and the Suffragan Bishop of Warrington in the Liverpool diocese before coming to Ripon and Leeds and Diocesan Bishop.

Faith Matters: are you in the know?

On December 1st 2003 new regulations come in to force which prohibit discrimination against someone in employment and vocational training because of their religion or belief or sexual orientation. CRC is helping people to increase their understanding and tolerance of faiths – to become more literate about faiths through the publication *Religious literacy: understanding the region's faith communities* (available free from the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly on 01924 331555, or email at mail@yhassembly.gov.uk) and seminars on Faith Matters held across the region (see Events on rear page).

Also, a faith community can restrict employment to people of a faith only if there is a 'genuine occupational requirement' as to why that post requires a person of a particular faith such as a manager of a faith project. It is unlikely to apply to an ancillary worker such as a cleaner.

CRC are in contact with Faithworks who produce some good practice guides for faith based projects. "Christian Ethos Audit: to explore religious discrimination legislation and Christian ethos."

Faithworks also provide a consultancy service to advise and equip churches, projects and organisations to ensure that their employment practices reflect their Christian ethos and that they adhere to employment law including an event in January with CRC (see Events on rear page).

For more information on Faithworks, their consultancy, publications and training contact 0207 450 9071 or visit www.faithworks.info

Useful Information:

Rural Renaissance Task Group (CRC)

Convened by Howard Petch former Principal at Bishop Burton College, Yorkshire Chairman of the Farm Crisis Network and was awarded the CBE for services to the farming community in 2003, the Group also includes: Robert Templey, Jim Hope, Denise Trowsdale, Rt Revd Robert Ladds, Zoe Kemp, The Ven Malcolm Grundy, Revd Keith Phipps, Canon Leslie Morley and Revd Richard Rowling.

Other CRC Task Groups are social inclusion (see next issue of Spirit Level), inter faith, tourism and culture.

If you are interested in rural matters, or any of the other Task Group topics listed above and would like to be included on the email group or get involved in the Task Group itself, contact CRC admin@yorkshirechurches.org.uk or tel 0113 244 3413 and specify your area of interest.

Arthur Rank Centre

The Arthur Rank Centre is an ecumenical partnership between the churches, the Royal Agricultural Society of England and the Rank Foundation. It is the hub of Christian concern for the wellbeing of rural people. Programmes and projects translate that concern into effective action www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk

Farm Crisis Network

Contact: Cally Barker, Co-ordinator of Yorkshire Rural Support Network (East) and Farm Crisis Network tel 01482 862974 (see article 'Tough as Old Boots?' inside)

FIRM

Supports those working in rural ministry with background information about farming and other rural matters. It provides concise briefings about current issues by weekly emails. For regular briefings by email contact alan.spedding@btopenworld.com. Or via the Arthur Rank Centre website (see above)

FUNDING

A useful A-Z reference of sources is available online from <http://www.regenerationmagazine.com/attachments/a-zfunding.pdf>

Rural Affairs Forum

The Rural Affairs Forum for England is a national sounding board for Ministers to enable regular and direct contact with the main rural groups so that they know what is going on and what countryside people think. Visit: www.govh.gov.uk/yhraf/default.htm

The Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE)

Maintains a measured, impartial approach to the current and future challenges for rural Britain. www.rase.org.uk RASE also organise the Great North Meet held November 7th 2003.

More information from:

<http://www.greatnorthmeet.co.uk/> or briefing available from Alan Spedding (see FIRM above).

A comprehensive list of rural groups and associations is available online from

<http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/article.php?sid=154>

Purchasing locally produced food

Farmers Markets

You can buy direct from the producer at Farmers' Markets. Find your nearest market go to: www.farmersmarkets.net

Farm Shops

There are over 2,500 throughout the UK, many of which you will find at: www.farmshopping.com

On your doorstep

For other ways to buy locally grown, seasonal produce visit: www.bigbarn.co.uk

Quality assured food

Approximately 75% of our farming production is farm assured. This can be recognised by the British Farm Standard – otherwise known as the Little Red Tractor. Find out more at: www.britishfarmstandard.co.uk

British Farming

Find out more about what farmers do to grow the food you eat every day and to look after the countryside that we all enjoy. <http://www.cobritishfarming.org.uk/>

Events:

Yorkshire Funding & Information Mela

Monday 15 December 2003
Hanover International Hotel, Bradford
10.30am - 3.30pm

Find out what funding support and advice is available to you as a voluntary and community organisation or to you as an individual. The event is free and if you have a group of 25 or more then you may be eligible for a bursary towards a coach.

For further details please contact Nahida Zeb or Imran Hassian at QED on 01274 735551

Active Partners Benchmark Training

December 4th 9.45 – 12.45 Thirsk; December 10th 9.30 – 12.30, Rotherham. Other dates across the region in 2004. Measure and improve community participation in regeneration.

Members free; Community / voluntary £15.50; business £31. Contact Active Partners 0113 200 1390 email info@activepartners.org.uk

Rural Ministry Courses

11-13 May 2004 and 9-11 November 2004 at the Arthur Rank Centre and Offa House near Leamington Spa.

Aims to build confidence in the participants' ability to exercise ministry in rural contexts whether you have little or no experience of rural ministry or would like to share your experience with others and be refreshed yourself.

Cost: £150. Booking forms available. Via email info@arthurrankcentre or phone 02476 853060

Supporting the Rural Economy Open Days

February 2004 (Delivery-Learning by Example and Experience) May 2004 (Policy into Practice). A Beacon Council dissemination activity by East Yorkshire County Council. Cost: £80 Tel 01323 637711

Together for Peace

November and December 2003 and events thereafter. A city-wide festival in Leeds which seeks to examine the causes of conflict and search for solutions. Listing and further information from www.togetherforpeace.co.uk

Religious Literacy

Faith Matters is a practical half-day seminar looking at: why it is important to know about the region's faith communities; the new legislation – key implications; examples of good practice; and action steps for the future

Future dates include Thursday January 15th, Huddersfield; Wednesday 11th February Rotherham; Tuesday 9th March, Wakefield. Contact CRC 0113 244 3413 or email admin@yorkshirechurches.org.uk for application forms/information

Housing Seminar

19th January Oxford Place Methodist Centre (next to the Town Hall), Leeds. FREE.

Just ahead of Housing and Homeless Sunday, this seminar looks at key issues for housing and church contribution to housing policy, homelessness, urban housing and affordable housing in rural areas. This will be of interest to anyone with a church social justice remit, involved in developing church policy or local projects, partnerships or community action. Speakers are Tony Stacey, Chief Executive of South Yorkshire Housing Association and Robina Rafferty CEO of Housing Justice. Seminar ends at 12.30 with a free lunch.

Contact Churches Regional Commission for Yorkshire and the Humber (CRC) 0113 244 3413 or email admin@yorkshirechurches.org.uk for application forms / information

Faithworks CEO & HR Conference

Date: Thursday 29th January 2004 (10am – 4pm)
Venue: Leeds Church Institute, New Market Street, LS1 6BG

Speakers: Faithworks' Steve Chalke, Joy Madeiros and Dave Hitchcock. Cost: £25.00

To book your places, please email Faithworks' Resources Director, Dave Hitchcock, at dave.hitchcock@faithworks.info Tel 020 7450 9071.

In need of a carpet?

The Wildwood Project in Bentley are keen to provide free conference quality carpeting in French Blue to a suitable community project. The carpet is free (donated by Doncaster Racecourse) with delivery/fitting negotiable. Contact Wildwood on 01302 822228

Coming soon...

The publication of the first CRC Keynote Report, 'Sticking Together: community cohesion: a response to the debate'. Send your contributions and comments on social cohesion or any other relevant matter to the editor: gillian.murray@yorkshirechurches.org.uk Tel 0113 244 3413

Please let us know of information, sources of support and events of interest to others

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