

THE WORD



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I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
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200 TODAY!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBIN MYERS of YR 10 who has come up with the winning design, which will be featuring in future editions. Commiserations to everyone else who managed to enter a design, better luck next time! Robin wins the £5 prize and joins a prestigious list of previous winners.

STAND BY!

ARE YOU READY FOR IT?



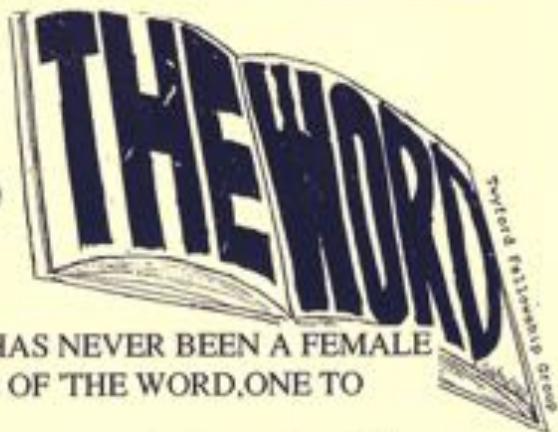
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DO YOU REMEMBER?

THE OLD 'WORD' LOGO'S ?

HERE ARE A COUPLE THAT USED TO BE ON THE FRONT PAGE.



1 INTERESTING POINT-THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A FEMALE DESIGN ON THE FRONT COVER OF THE WORD, ONE TO REMEMBER FOR NEXT TIME.

In total there have been 6 different front cover designs not including the new one on today's issue. Here are their names: MARK DISHLEY, OWEN WILKINS, IAN MUXLOW, ROBERT VINCE, CHARLES KINGSTON AND MR LUMLEY.



Captain Christian!



The Design a Vestment Competition.

The design you see on the Headmaster's communion robe was designed by Jill Little a few years ago.



Mrs Clarke, who used to help run TFG and who also went on our Group weekends away.

HAVE A NICE HALF-TERM.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF 'THE WORD'.

It all started from a suggestion by James Kingston that something was needed to reflect the prayer lives of TFG. In this 'THE WORD' was born. Having decided upon the name, which seemed to be one that reflected everything to do with the Christian faith, the first ever edition appeared on September 16th 1988. Mr Lumley was the editor and true to form managed to produce the first copy upside down! 'THE WORD' featured items on things such as Bible readings, book reviews, jokes (by tradition very bad ones), and general news about TFG meetings and what was happening within Twyford's Christian community.

Front page headlines in 'THE WORD' have told the stories of a large number of Christians and how their own lives have changed as a result of finding Jesus and getting to know him. Features such as 'Me and my Church', 'Design A Word' competition and news on Christian Concerts have also adorned the front page. Each one attempting to show the joy and love of following the Lord's path.

'THE WORD' itself is only a small reflection of all that happens within TFG. From the beginning there have been meetings for all year groups to partake in. These began in A21, then moved on to the hall, the Chapel and are now held in the basement underneath the Elms. Communion which once took place in the hall is now regularly taken on a Thursday morning by those who wish to come along. TFG weekends away have also played a major part in the life of TFG as a whole. These began in 1987 with a trip to Ely for the junior years and a retreat to Harrow for those in the Sixth Form. Since then both the numbers going have greatly increased and the venues have frequently ^{changed}. Many other things have changed along the way as well. Most notably the faces that have come and gone and hopefully benefitted from being part of Twyford and all it has to offer. Some faces though do stay the same and have been a major part of TFG as a whole in helping to run meetings and supervise weekends away. Yet through all of that Mr Lumley has remained. The backbone of TFG, and for this 'THE WORD' thanks him greatly. Long may his influence remain a central part of the Fellowship group. Mr Frost however.... well what can you say? He can't drive properly, can't shave regularly, can't dress in a civilised manner, can't teach even some have said! Yet still he remains a man of Christ. Despite the hard work there are times when you really appreciate

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR-

- Those involved in the train crash last week.
- The Good News street party on Saturday, that it will be a huge success and a fun time will be had by all.
- Father Andrew as he makes his final preparations for his move to All Saints church, Hillingdon very soon.
- Half Term, a good time will be had by everyone in the school.
- Mr Lumleys back, as he is an irritating pain (sorry about the punctuation error).
- The music competition this week

GIVE THANKS FOR-

- A good time was had by all who went to the EPONYMOUS concert last Saturday.
- The Words 200th edition this week, and for all those who have been involved in its production since its first edition.
- A successful half term that was had by all and the welcome break that most of us need.

PARTIES ON A PRECIPICE

Children who attend them and adults who organise them do not realise the Halloween Party's hidden dangers.

On the face of it, Halloween is just harmless, childish fun. It is an opportunity to dress up, play games and inflict 'trick or treat' on the neighbours. And it is probably true that no one who has been involved has ever suffered direct harm as a result.

Yet an eminent psychiatrist, Dr David Enoch, warns that despite its fun side, Halloween is the periphery of something far more serious and it can place people in jeopardy.

Dr Enoch, formerly Senior Consultant Psychiatrist at the Royal Liverpool Hospital and the University of Liverpool, states that Halloween lends respectability to an occult world that can inflict forces into people's lives that they don't understand and often can't combat.

As a child Audrey Harper used to call the motion of the children's home where she lived a witch. She says, 'I used to imagine her on a broomstick. That was the childhood picture I carried with me.'

She witnessed real spiritual powers being exercised by the witches as they cast spells. On one occasion she witnessed the death by heart attack of a previously healthy person who had been cursed.

Eventually Audrey herself became a witch. 'I made a blood covenant with Lucifer.' She began to learn signs, symbols and spells. 'I also took part in the desecration of Christian churches.'

But in her early twenties, Audrey became personally involved with witchcraft and learned that modern day witches are far removed from story-book tales.

She says, 'People laugh at witches. They think it's all about old women on broomsticks. But it is one of the most dangerous things I could ever imagine. I lived for years in torment. We did some dreadful things and I tried to kill myself when I remembered what I had done.'

Audrey is not an isolated case. Estimates indicate that there are as many as 30,000 witches in Britain. Rev Kevin Logan, a Church of England minister in Lancashire, regularly counsels youngsters caught in the grip of the occult. He believes that there are 30 witches centers in North East Lancashire alone.

Today's Halloween, with its 'trick or treat' pranks, ghosts and witches costumes and pumpkin lanterns, seems a far cry from secret rites to appease ancient pagan deities. But that is what lies under the surface.

'To teach children that witches are harmless, fuddy-duddy old ladies when in reality they are not, is quite wrong. Halloween teaches that the occult is acceptable, harmless and of no consequence, when in fact it is the opposite of all three.'

It is serious - deadly serious. ■

COMPETITION:

THIS PARTICULAR ARTICLE HAS APPEARED IN AN ISSUE OF THE WORD BEFORE. BUT CAN YOU TELL ME WHICH ONE? TO WIN I NEED TO KNOW THE NUMBER OF THE ISSUE AND THE DATE IT WAS PUBLISHED.