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2019 brings the 30th anniversary for the Tredegar House Folk Festival, the festival started in 1988 but had to miss a year due to the foot and mouth outbreak in 2001.

mouth outbreak in 2001. During the early years the festival was primarily a dance festival with multiple local and British teams taking part in free displays on the Saturday / Sunday afternoons (24 teams in 2018), joined by at least one international side. This year that side will again be Matenik from Prague in the Czech Republic. They are old friends of the festival, and their colourful costumes, lively dances plus a superb band of musicians always adds to the atmosphere. Over the years the music side of the festival has expanded greatly thanks to the support of the Arts Council of Wales, and we have a reputation for featuring up and coming acts (often just as they receive a BBC Radio 2 folk award), while headlining the concerts with some of the finest talent around...which is often from

This year on such a special anniversary there will be a major concert on each of the three days of the festival, plus a free Saturday afternoon concert run by the Lyceum and Llantrisant folk clubs which will include spots for local singers/musicians. Across the weekend there will also be workshops as well as impromptu and organised music sessions.

right here in Wales.

At the time of writing, proposed acts for the main concerts are, Friday evening: Brooks Williams (one of the greatest acoustic country blues players), Will Pound and Eddy Jay (greatest harmonica player of his generation and the nation's

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number one accordion player, these two get phenomenal

sounds from their instruments), plus Bob Fox (more than 40 years on the folk scene, latterly known as the Songman in War House). Saturday evening: Patty Gurdy, who is flying in from Dusseldorf and playing solo (known for her soaring vocals), Rob Lear Band, The Hut People (accordion and amazing percussion...they will also hold a workshop), and headlining will be Alaw comprising Jamie Smith (accordion), Oli Wilson-Dickson (violin) and Dylan Fowler (quitar). Jamie and Oli are the front line of the awesome Jamie Smith's Mabon and Dylan has developed an international career. Sunday afternoon: Jez Lowe (his songs are sung by many other performers), Frank Hennessy (presenter of BBC Radio Wales's Celtic Heartbeat show and a

distinctive singer songwriter),
Belshazzar's Feast (Paul
Hutchinson accordion and Paul
Sartin oboe, violin and vocals),
they have played together for
over 10 years and are known for
their impressive musicianship and
sense of humour, and Calan (five
brilliant young and original
talents...the new Welsh
supergroup).
Ceilidhs are held Friday and
Saturday evenings, and a

Saturday evenings, and a children's entertainer is on site Saturday /Sunday afternoons, plus this all takes place in the gorgeous surroundings of Newport's Tredegar House (NT car parking charges apply). All that is needed now for a perfect weekend for the whole family is some dry sunny weather (all events will be under cover should it be wet).

For more details, and ticket prices for the whole weekend or individual concerts and ceilidhs, visit the website: www.tredegarhousefestival.org.uk



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Holy Saturday 20th April

8.00pm The Easter Vigil at St. Basil's Bassaleg

Easter Day 21st April

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Veterans and pensioners Christmas meal 2018

It is hard to believe that this was my eighth year organising and raising funds for Veterans and Pensioners from across South Wales.

On Thursday the 13th December the staff canteen was transformed by volunteers from IPO, the Welsh Government and ONS, as over 60 volunteers descended on the canteen to help rearrange tables and chairs. dress the tables and lav them ready for our guests to arrive. It always amazes me to see how quickly the room is transformed. Our quests started arriving by car, minibus and taxi (some a little earlier than expected (at 14:00 instead of 15:00, but they were given tea/coffee and looked after by the volunteers). The volunteers welcomed all of the veterans and pensioners with a glass of Bucks Fizz or orange and lemonade. With coats and jackets taken, they then chose where they wanted to be seated. Some waited to see friends who they had not seen since last year and eyes glowed and the smiles spoke volumes at seeing each other

It was only a short time later that the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress arrived. Speeches were given by the Deputy Mayor and Mrs Joan Reynolds and I thanked the catering staff and the volunteers for helping make the event possible. A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Joan Reynolds for putting together the list of attendees (no small task, as she worked long and hard to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to attend, even with some very late

replies.) I also paid thanks to our guests for attending and hoped that they enjoyed the afternoon. Everyone stood for the prayers which were read by Mrs Joan





Reynolds of The Royal British Legion, with shivers running down my spine and I am sure that I was not alone in feeling emotional; the room fell silent for the minute's silence. The bugle was played by Mr Bill Baber. Everyone returned to their tables for the start of the festivities. The catering staff provided yet another brilliant meal again this vear with a four course dinner that would outshine even a five star restaurant (this coming from so many of our quests), they said that the meal was faultless and that they were all so grateful for the courtesy and kindness shown by the staff waiting on them. John Pullinger, lain Bell, Jan Jones, Nick Barford and Scott Howell were a huge hit, not only with the staff for joining in, but also the pensioners and veterans. Well done to you all for taking time to come and support all the other volunteers.

The entertainment was provided in the form of The Cats Pyjama's

Bristol), three very talented voung ladies and the ONS Choir. Again everyone was in awe of the talent and I have been asked for them to come again in 2019. I hope that this will be possible and will be asking to book them both again for 2019. Even though most of our guests had started leaving around 19:00, the canteen erupted when the Welsh national anthem was sung by the choir with everyone left joining in. Scott Howell took charge of the huge free raffle and did an amazing job (maybe he will add this to his busy calendar each year, fingers crossed). He helped

wherever he could and did so

with great gusto, much to the

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All the veterans and pensioners

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were presented with a fabulous goodie bag that had been donated by NGARA Media UK, based in Cwmbran.
Lastly, my ever grateful thanks go to all the staff who volunteered to wait on the tables, help set up the canteen, cook and serve the meal and entertain our guests. I know a lot of you said that I did an amazing job again this year, but it would not have been at all possible without your fabulous help and support.

2019 is already in my diary, some invites have already been sent to ensure that dates are marked on calendars and I look forward to seeing everyone there again.

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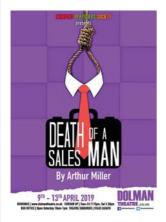


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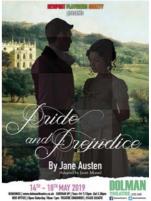












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What do Scouts do in the Winter?

It's Friday night. It's miserably dark and a few degrees above freezing outside the Scout Hall. A few feet away, on Cowshed Lane, I can hear small groups of people hurrying through the torrential rain between the TA and the Ruperra. But instead of a warm fire and a cold pint, I've got six disorderly stacks of paperwork in front of me. And I couldn't be happier.

Five of the stacks are for 1st Bassaleg Scout Troop's upcoming events - some of my favourites. The last is a pile of slips from our Scouts telling us what they liked last year and what they're looking forward to soon; it looks like they're as excited about what's coming up as I am!

"I like climbing, archery and pretty much all of the activities. I'm enjoying the 6 week archery course," says Morgan (11). That's just as well: climbing and archery evenings as well as a six week Master of Arms course are responsible for three of the wadges of permission and booking slips in front of me. "I am looking forward to Winter Camp as it was such fun last time" says George (12). Last vear the theme was 'Harry Potter' which must have been good because halfway through,



I was asked if we were using real Cornish Pixies by one of the adults. This year, we're going to Dol-y-Gaer Hostel in the Beacons for a Taskmaster challenge weekend which Emily (10) says she and her friends are looking forward to. Hannah (11) seems to "love camps because everything is amazing apart from the washing up." Our County Camp in Monmouth in May certainly should be amazing with a thousand people on site and dozens of activities to trv. Axethrowing, inflatables, the spider tower, sumo suits, shooting, abseiling, zip-wire, cratestacking.

and crafts... Perhaps the Cubs and Beavers who are coming with us will enjoy the washing up relay more than Hannah does!

bungee-running, arts

Fraser (11) talks about the "outside activities like lighting fires." because he loves the ideas and fun behind them. Just like Summer Camp at the seaside, a night hike in the spring, our Adventure Camp in the Autumn and the many things we do on a Friday night, I don't have a bundle of forms for this on the desk. But I will! All of our Scouts write about the new and exciting things they want to do - outdoors, if possible. Two of the girls sum up why I couldn't be happier deep in the planning for the year. Molly (11) says "I like Scouts because everyone is friendly and kind." Ellie (13) keeps it simple with "I like Scouts because it's fun and ... um ... veah." Fun and friendship is what it's all about, for those of us who volunteer as adults as well as for all of the Beavers. Cubs and Scouts involved. For information on joining the adventure, contact Chris on 07988 706402 or



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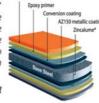
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Since the publication of that survey. known as the 'Twmbarlwm and Mynydd Maen Scoping Study', funding has been put in place and CTS are now hopeful that some of the proposals we put forward to the survey will be implemented over the next few years.

The overall project is referred to as 'The Adventure Triangle', it takes in the mountain ridge running from the A467 Hafodyrynys - Pontypool road to Twmbarwlm and along the Monmouthshire Brecon Canal.

Proposals in this project include the development of 'physical links and key connections between Cwmcarn over Mynydd Maen and Twmbarlwm' to Torfaen.

To put it simply the idea is to encourage more people to make use of the mountain ridge for recreation by linking the common and Twmbarwlm to the Cwmcarn Visitor Centre and Forest Drive and to Blaen Bran in Cwmbran. There will be improved signage and track repairs done to aid cross-common cycling, horse riding and walking routes to link Blaen Bran and Cwmcarn.

As far as the Society is concerned, we are now more optimistic that some plans that we have had in place for years will now come to fruition. Indeed some projects have already been put in place.

Projects include everything from landscape repair and erecting new signs to addressing illegal off-roading and anti-social behaviour. To help achieve these aims we will be calling for a great deal of volunteer help in the months ahead. So please watch this space for further information and regularly check out our website and Facebook page. If you are interested in volunteering, come along and meet us - there's plenty of opportunity to do so at the other events we hold. For instance, just around the corner it's the annual tradition of tramping up to

Improved paths and signs can only encourage more events like the St David's Hospice Twmbarlwm Trek.

> Twmbarlwm on Good Friday (April 19th) - what we now call our Hot-Cross-Bun Walk. Again this year there will be organised walks from the Stony Bridge in Pontymister, Cwmcarn Visitor Centre and Cwmbran.

We also have a couple of our popular historical talks planned. There will be a talk at Crosskeys RFC on the History of Newport Castle (TBC) and later in March there will be a fascinating talk on the famous Bowmen of Gwent and the part they played at the Battle of Agincourt.

There are also walks planned - one around the Forest Drive, one to Pwll Tra and another to Llanderfel Chapel. Each of these walks is always very popular so please keep an eye on our website for announcements.

Many members come along to these events, it's always a good time to catch up with news of what the society is up to, and with all the work we anticipate in the future we need all the help we can get.

Terry Evans (Chairman CTS)



Some much needed repair work will need to be done to the

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CTS meet at the car park below Twmbarlwm's summit for a litter pick and volunteer workday on the last Sunday of every month to which everyone is invited, it's not all hard work and it's a great opportunity to find your way around up there. We organise walks and other events up the mountain and at Crosskeys RFC throughout the year so watch our website and Facebook page for details.

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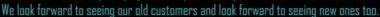
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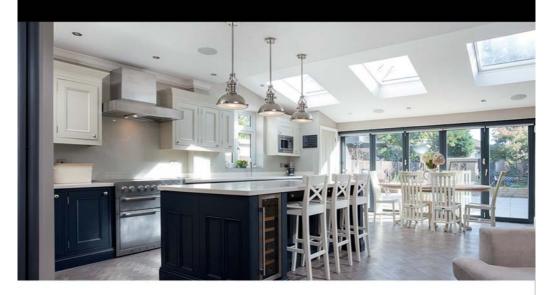


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Oxford House Industrial History Society

After a few years in the increasingly crowded Oxford House complex, in 1974 the society was offered an empty classroom in the old **Pontymister Secondary** School for their Friday evening lectures. This extended to being given the use of an outside building, previously the pottery room, as the first Museum enabling various bits & pieces to be transferred from the garden of Oxford House. This was officially opened by Winford Vaughan Thomas with Saturday mornings becoming the regular opening time. Although suffering an influx of two feet of water during the 1978 Risca flood (the building was next to the river wall) most of the contents survived intact

The Chemist Shop contents which had been saved from a skip in Cardiff were enabled to be put together in another empty classroom in such a way as to recreate, as closely as possible, it's original look. This was also opened on Saturday mornings.

An old railway wagon was placed in the school yard and used for storage. There was much mindless vandalism at this time and the Society were aware of the two remaining gravestones in the Miners Cemetery at Greenmeadow. These were of great historical importance but very vulnerable,







so a few Society members took the decision to rescue them and store them in the railway wagon. They are now incorporated into the memorial wall at the back of the cemetery.

There followed a very settled period of time at Pontymister which ended in 1990 when we were informed that the school buildings were to be demolished, Lidl and it's car park now occupy the site. The Society returned to Oxford House for their Friday evening lectures but what about the Museum and Chemist Shop. Islwvn Borough Council offered free storage in an empty industrial unit in Pontllanfraith but the Society had to arrange transportation and do the physical moving.

Over three years later the council acquired the old Risca Miners Institute using European Heritage funding by allowing the Industrial History Society to install the museum on the ground floor and using it for their weekly lectures whilst the upper floor was converted for use by other Oxford House groups. This has been the Societies home since then. The Oxford House Industrial History Society meets on the ground floor of the old Risca Miners Institute (Risca Museum) in Grove Road at 7pm on a Friday evening. The new season started on January 4th and future illustrated talks includes the Llanerch Colliery disaster. Neath Abbev Ironworks and the History of Risca Type. The full programme is available on our website -

www.riscamuseum.org.uk

Anyone interested in local or industrial history, or who just enjoys listening to a good speaker delivering an expert presentation, will enjoy the evening, if you are interested just turn up at 7pm any Friday evening.

PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT WHEN YOU'VE REACHED YOUR HAIF CENTURY

When people reach their 50s, they often begin to realise that retirement, in whatever form they decide to take it, suddenly feels an awful lot nearer. If you're in that age group and haven't yet given the prospect much thought, now is a good time to start thinking about the years that lie ahead.

Plan ahead

When do you envisage starting your retirement? Having an approximate date in mind will help you work out a budget for your later years. Typically, retirees need more money to spend in their active years on things like travel and hobbies. Later in retirement they tend to need less income, with their spending levels likely to increase towards the end of their life if they need residential or nursing care.

Get a pension check

Now is the time to review your pension arrangements to see if they are on track



to provide the level of retirement income you'll need. At this point, if it looks as if you need to save more to reach your target income, you still have a few years in which to step up your contributions if your earnings will allow.

You should also keep track of any pensions you may have accumulated with past employers and take advice about whether it would be in your best interests to consolidate them into just one plan.

It also makes sense to get a state pension forecast, and to check when you will receive it, as the state pension age is increasing to 67 between 2026 and 2028.

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Whilst it has been a busier winter than in previous years we anticipate the housing market to move up another notch in the Spring. The longer days and (hopefully) better weather traditionally encourages those that are considering moving to start the process and begin to prepare their homes and look around the market.

Top Tips to Sell Your House This Spring

- 1. First Appearances Count prepare the exterior of your house and garden to make it appealing
- 2. Have a Spring Clean Mess and clutter doesn't sell houses but brighter and more spacious areas does
- 3. Finish off any Jobs get the professionals in for plumbing, building and electrical work and decorate in neutral colours
- **4.** Warm, Welcoming Homes Sell open the curtains, turn lights and heating on if necessary. Polish and flowers can also help!
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Whist Drive

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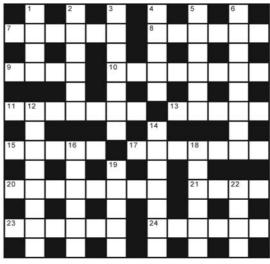
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- 9 Clarified butter (4)
- 10 Undomesticated animals (8)
- 11 Left out (7)
- **13** Furious (5)
- 15 Apart (5)
- 17 Dental practitioner (7)
- 20 Across the country (8)
- 21 Simple (4)
- 23 Abandon (6)
- 24 Guest houses (6)

Down

- 1 Quick (4)
- 2 Concrete (6)
- 3 Full of people (7)
- 4 Ruff (5)
- 5 Taken without consent (6)



- 6 Acts (8)
- 12 Errors (8)
- 14 Having a strong constitution (7)
- 16 Determined (6)
- 18 Pact (6)
- 19 Bring together (5)
- 22 Flat fish (4)

Sudoku

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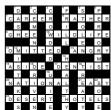
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Sudoku Solution

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(continued from the previous issue) ... So, let's take these two questions one at a time.

First, what is being denied in verse 17 when Jesus says, "...flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee - flesh and blood has not revealed to you that I am the Messiah and the Son of God"?

The phrase "flesh and blood" is used four other times in the New Testament.

Speaking of the resurrection body, the Apostle Paul says in I Corinthians 15:50, "...this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood** cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."

The meaning seems to be that ordinary human nature will not be raised from the dead. There will be a change. There will be a spiritual body, similar, yet different. "Flesh and blood" is man in his present limited, ordinary state.

In Galatians 1:15-17, Paul speaks of his own conversion: "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with **flesh and blood**: neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia..."

This is a remarkable parallel to Matthew 16:17. God "reveals" His Son to Paul, and Paul doesn't confer with "flesh and blood" - that is, Paul doesn't confer with man. He goes away to Arabia.

In Ephesians 6:12 Paul tells us, "...we wrestle not against **flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*."

So "flesh and blood" is the merely human non-supernatural forces in the world. These are **NOT** our real enemies; the real ones are supernatural.

In Hebrews 2:14 we read concerning the incarnation of Jesus: "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of **flesh and blood**, he also himself likewise took part of the same..."

In other words. Jesus Christ took on human nature and became a man.

So, what we can conclude from all these uses of the phrase "flesh and blood" is that it is simply a way of referring to ordinary humanity - finite, limited, natural.

So, when the Lord Jesus denies that "flesh and blood" has revealed His true identity to Peter, what He's saying is that mere human powers by themselves cannot recognize the true glory of Jesus Christ. Neither your humanity nor that of anyone else has opened the eyes of your heart to recognize the truth and beauty of Jesus.

This was the teaching of Jesus that the Apostle Paul unfolded in I Corinthians 2:14, "...the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned."

The "natural man" in I Corinthians 2:14 is basically the same as "flesh and blood" in Matthew 16:17. Flesh and blood cannot reveal the true spiritual reality of Jesus Christ and the "natural man" cannot know the things of the Spirit of God.

Why not? Because (as Paul says) apart from God the Holy Spirit we inevitably assess heavenly things as "foolishness..." Apart from the work of God in our hearts we don't like the humiliating implications of Christmas. What are the humiliating implications of Christmas? How about...that we're under a curse and we need a Saviour...that we're dirty and we need a Purifier...that we're lost sheep who need a Shepherd...that we're sick and need a Physician...that we're rebels who need a Mediator and Reconciler.

The inevitable reflex of our natural antipathy toward this truth is blindness. Why is it that flesh and blood cannot see the light of the glory of God in Jesus Christ? Jesus said in John 3:19, "...light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." We inevitably love darkness; that's why we cannot see the light. Nobody is spiritually blind against his or her will. The blindness of fallen flesh and blood is simply this: fallen flesh and blood hates the light.

And so, Simon Peter didn't confess the truth of Jesus by means of his own ability. Flesh and blood could never reveal such a wonderful thing as the true Messiahship and Sonship of Jesus Christ. Something more than flesh and blood is required in order to recognize Christ for who He truly is.

Anybody in this room who has recognized in Jesus the glory of the Son of God and acknowledged Him as the Fulfiller of all of God's promises - the very Messiah - has done so because something more has been at work than flesh and blood. That leads us to the second question.

What does Jesus mean in Matthew 16:17 when He says, "...flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven"? How does God reveal the true identity of His Son to a person?

Christian friend, what happened in Peter's heart and your heart that can be called a revelation of the Son of God? Did God speak to you in a dream and tell you to believe the Bible? Did thunder strike when you were reading a certain verse about the deity of Jesus Christ?

I've got to tell you that I'd be very suspicious of such things, because in themselves they do not honour Jesus Christ. If Christ knocks at your door and you don't recognize Him and welcome Him as Christ because of His own glory, but you only let Him in because someone calls you on the phone and tells you that He's coming and that you'd better let Him in, then you've not really recognized Christ for who He is. It is really no honour to Him to gain admittance on the word of another.

Is this the way that God revealed the Son to Peter? Was Peter looking at the work of Jesus and listening to the teaching of Jesus and seeing nothing but a prophet and a rabbi and a friend until God came to Peter in a dream or a vision and said that, contrary to all appearances and evidences, this Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God? And was Peter's confession then based on this new information, so that it meant something like this: "Jesus, personally I just don't see the marks of divinity in you, and I don't see the works of a Messiah or any evidence that you're the Son of God, but on the basis of the dream I had last night, I'll believe it anyway; You're the Messiah, the Son of the living God" - is that how it went down?

Listen to me now - if that's what happened, then the confession of Simon Peter really isn't much credit to Jesus, now is it? If the recognition of Jesus of Nazareth's true dignity and glory as the Son of God is based on some separate information than what it is that we see in Him, then our confession doesn't glorify Jesus.

I cannot imagine that this is what Jesus meant when He said that His Father had revealed Jesus to Peter. So just what *did* Jesus mean?

Let me give you just one illustration from many possibilities (Matthew 11:21; 14:33; 15:13-14; 21:38; 23:16; etc.) of how Jesus expected people to recognize Him for who He truly was. In Matthew 11:2-3, John the Baptist, from his prison cell, is struggling with doubts about Jesus. John sends his disciples to ask Jesus, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3). In other words, "Are you really the Messiah?" - the very question that Jesus says you can only answer willingly if God reveals it to you.

But how does Jesus answer John's question? Does He say, "Pray, John, for a special revelation, and God will tell you if I am the Christ"? No! He says, "Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me" (Matthew 11:4-6).

Now, if you can only recognize Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God by means of a divine revelation of God, why does Jesus answer John's desperate question with a human report of His power and His preaching?

The answer is this: the absolutely indispensable work of God in revealing the Son both then to John the Baptist and Simon Peter and today to me and you is **NOT** the adding to what we see and hear in Jesus Himself; it is the opening of the eyes of our hearts to taste and see the true divine glory of what is really there in Jesus Christ.

When people have doubts about the truth of Jesus Christ, don't send them away to seek special messages from God. Point them to Christ. Tell them what you've seen and heard in His life and His teachings. Why? Because *this* is where God breaks in with His revealing power! God the Father **loves** to **glorify** His **SON**! He loves to open the eyes of the blind when they're looking at His **SON**!

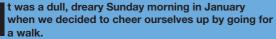
God the Father doesn't reveal His Son to me by coming to me and saying, "Now, look here, I know that you don't see anything magnificent in **MY SON**; you don't see Him as all glorious and divine and attractive above all worldly things; you don't see Him as your all-satisfying treasure; and you don't see His holiness and wisdom and power and love as beautiful beyond measure; but you just take **MY WORD** for it; He **is** all that; just believe it."

NO! ABSOLUTELY NOT! Such faith as that does NOT honour the Son of God. It cannot glorify the Son. Saving faith is based on a spiritual sight of Jesus Christ as He is in Himself, the all glorious Son of God. And this spiritual sight is given to us through this inspired Word - the Holy Bible. And the eyes of our hearts are opened to recognize Him and receive Him not by the wisdom of flesh and blood, but by the revealing work of His heavenly Father.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Corinthians 4:6).

So, how shall you prepare your heart this Christmas to receive Christ? Fix your gaze on Him in His Word. Look to Christ! Consider Jesus. And pray, beyond the power of your own flesh and blood, that God would give you eyes to see and ears to hear that you might cry out with Simon Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Sugarloaf Mountain



I was thinking of maybe a stroll along the canal or a quick trip to the Heritage Coast for a meander along the beach, followed by a nice cup of coffee somewhere. I don't quite know how it happened but I was persuaded that it would be a good idea to tackle Sugarloaf Mountain again. It had been at least six months since we first walked up the mountain, it was one of the hottest days of 2018 so it was a different walk this time with the rain, mist and even a smidgen of snow at the top. I was impressed by the number of people we encountered early on a January morning, all enjoying their walk to the summit,

some finding in easier than others! As for us, we would most certainly not be classed as mountain walkers, we much prefer the flat. The final assent to the summit on both occasions proved to be a little challenging but the rewards far outweighed the physical discomfort. I love my regular gentle strolls along canal paths or through pretty parks, often followed by a coffee and slice of cake but the expedition to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain was well worth the effort, mainly for the views but also for the sense of achievement.

My advice is to take it slowly and when you are in desperate need of a rest just stop and pretend that you want to take in the view, even if it is after every 10 steps. A flask of coffee and a snack is a must.



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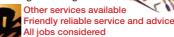
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(Part 5)

We will now continue discussing the Naval career of George Strong Nares, following his progress after his 1869 transit of the Suez Canal, which so upset the French nation.

As previously related he was promoted to Captain in December 1869, then commanding *HMS Shearwater* (1871 – 1872) he continued hydrographical work. This included an oceanographic research of the sea currents around Gibraltar. This experience lead to him being next appointed to *HMS* Challenger, a steam assisted 2,306 ton corvette, which was sent on a three year voyage circumnavigating the world carrying out oceanographic exploration.

This voyage was the first time that the world's oceans were systematically investigated for scientific purposes. The crew included a team of civilian scientists as well as officers experienced as naval surveyors. Challenger spent the first year in the Atlantic, then in 1874, travelling between Cape Town and Australia, she investigated in a southerly direction visiting Marion, Kerguelon and the Heard islands. She next ventured south as far as 66° 40' S. 78° 22' F. where ice prevented further progress. Challenger became the first steampropelled vessel to cross the Antarctic Circle.

On this voyage Nares took his nine year old son, William Grant Nares with him, accompanied by a tutor, Adam Ebbels, who unfortunately died later in the voyage. Another unique feature of the expedition was the innovative extensive use of photography as a means of recording records, which ensured it a place in history. Nares published a two volume book in 1878, entitled 'Voyage to the Polar Sea', which is now highly valued for its early photographs.

In 1874, Nares was recalled and appointed to command the *Alert* and *Discovery* vessels during the British Arctic Expedition. He was an ideal choice for this because of his past experience in both Arctic and Antarctic expeditions. He was then in the prime of his life and one of the most experienced surveyors existing at that time. The ships attempted to reach the North Pole by sailing into the Arctic

Ocean, via Smith Sound, which separated Greenland from Ellesmere Island. This attempt failed and the *Alert* only managed to reach Floeberg Beach at 82° N, on the north-east tip of Ellesmere Island, one of the highest Northern Latitudes reached at that date.



This voyage lasted 18 months but was blighted by an outbreak of the highly dreaded disease – scurvy. This outbreak, particularly amongst sledging parties, became so severe that it was decided to make an early return in autumn 1876. This decision probably saved many lives amongst those affected. Nares was severely criticised for



allowing scurvy to develop, he pointed out that he had regularly issued rations of lime juice the recognised preventive. It was later discovered that it had been boiled before being bottled to enhance the storage. The boiling caused the loss of much of the vitamin 'C' content, making it practically useless.

Nares was made a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1875 and in 1877 awarded the gold medal of the Royal Geographic Society and also the Societe de Géographic de Paris. In 1876 he was knighted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, then in 1878 he was appointed again to the Alert to carry out further surveying work in the Magellan Straight. After one season, he was recalled and appointed Marine Adviser to the Board of Trade. He served in the Harbour Department from 1879 to 1896. He was a Conservator of the River Mersey

from 1896 to 1910. He officially retired from active Naval service in 1886.

Nares was made a Rear Admiral in 1887 and placed on the retired list of Vice Admirals in 1892. One point of interest is that Nares was a member of the 'Ship Committee' for Captain Scott's ill-fated Antarctic expedition. Nares died in 1915 and his wife, Mary Grant, in 1905. He was buried at Long Ditton Churchyard on the 19th January 1915. Two of his sons also entered the Royal Navy and one of them, Vice Admiral John Dodd Nares (1877 to 1957), became Assistant Hydrographer and Director of the International Hydrographic Bureau at Monaco. Nares certainly left his mark on the world's geography because his name was so frequently used in naming many of the regions that he encountered. Examples of this are Nares Harbour in the

Admiralty Islands, *Nares Deep* in the North Atlantic, two Capes in the Canadian Arctic, *Nares Land* in northern Greenland, *Nares Straight* between Ellesmere Island and Greenland and *Mount Nares* in Victoria Land in the Antarctic, etc. etc.. (The End)

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