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St Nicholas' Church, Bransdale



St Michael's Church, Edstone



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals: *We pray for the family and friends of:*

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| 13 th December | Daniel Foster - Interment of ashes at All Saints' Churchyard |
| 15 th December | Howard Dennis Featherstone (60) at St Mary's Farndale |
| 21 st December | Kathleen Isabel Dowson (94) at All Saints' Kirkbymoorside |
| 31 st December | Charles Richard Dowslan (67) Octon Crematorium |
| 30 th January | David Windress (77) St Aidan's Gillamoor |

JUST A THOUGHT

Dear friends,

How strange it is to be still in this state of semi-animation that is another lockdown. Some, who have had no option but to keep going, are worn out, many are facing insecurity and all of us are set adrift from normality.

Our communities have shown great care and commitment to each other and shared the burdens of care where there has been loss and managed to still bring cheer and comfort in so many imaginative ways. We are all so grateful for the patience and encouragement we have received from each other and the simple joys of life.

Lent begins this month with Shrove Tuesday on the 16th. It seems a lot to ask to say, 'Give something up for Lent,' when we are already doing without so much, so perhaps this time we can be more imaginative and 'Take something up' for Lent. I don't mean a hobby necessarily, plenty of us have been doing that, but perhaps a kindness, or a sorting out, that Spring clean of hearts as well as house and garden that we put our energy into.

Maybe this Lent there's a long neglected friendship that could receive a letter or a phone call, an extra tin of something to leave in church on our open days for the food bank, join in (as muted as you like) to the Parish zoom services or weekly Reflection emails, pray for our communities, shop workers, teachers, whatever bothers you or, even better, give thanks for anything and everything that lifts our spirits.

God is beside us every breath and moment of the day, may we learn to look and see and know ourselves held in his love.

May we all be blessed in the days and weeks ahead.

Reverend Bridget

READING'S FOR FEBRUARY

7 **Second Sunday before Lent:**

Readings: Colossians 1.15-20
John 1.1-4

14 **Sunday Next Before Lent:**

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12
2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Mark 9.2-9

17 **Ash Wednesday:**

Readings: Isaiah 58.1-12
2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
John 8.1-11

21 **First Sunday of Lent:**

Readings: Genesis 9.8-17
1 Peter 3.18-end
Mark 1.9-15

28 **Second Sunday of Lent:**

Readings: Genesis 17.1-7,15-16
Romans 4.13-end
Mark 8.31-end

MARCH

7 **Third Sunday of Lent:**

Readings Exodus 20.1-17
1 Corinthians 1.18-25
John 2.13-22

There are no church services in the parish due to Covid restrictions.

All Saints' Kirkbymoorside and St Michael's Edstone are open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays 9:00am-4:00pm

There are two online services each Sunday— a Zoom Communion Service at 10.30am, as well as the Reflective Service available online for those in isolation. Details of both services are available from Tania, Parish Administrator (email: kmsparishoffice@gmail.com) or from Katrina, PCC Secretary (email: katrina.mallories@gmail.com)

**Details are also published weekly on the website :
kirkbymoorsideparish.org.uk**

Love

He held her close in his arms' embrace,
Their eyes and their lips did meet,
He looked down into her lovely face,
And her heart did faster beat...

They went to the kirk and it came the
day,
And the book the priest did take;
He in his kilt was so bright and gay
As his promise he did make.

She stood at his side so white and fair,
Her white fingers fair to give,
The priest handfasted them then and
there,
And he blessed them long to live.

O God give the joy and God the love
To those who are lovers true,
Shed down benediction from above
As in one are joined the two.

From Prayers of the Western Highlanders

MOUNTAINS MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER

The natural environment can make a real impact on your mood. Mountains can leave you feeling more optimistic, while the ocean can help boost your inspiration.

A recent study at Goldsmiths University of London found that water is most effective at increasing positive emotions, such as happiness and inspiration. Woodlands can help you forget your worries, and fields and meadows can enhance your energy levels.

SURPRISE VIEW ADVERTISING

For many years Carol Bishop has undertaken the job of writing to each of the businesses who kindly advertise in Surprise View. This is a very necessary job as without advertising our lovely magazine would certainly lose money. Carol has now decided to 'hang up her computer' and we want to put on record our sincere thanks to her for doing this unseen job for so long.

For anything regarding advertising please contact Pam tel. 01751 432253 or email pamsails4@gmail.com

Anne and Les



THANK YOU

We know it's a little while since Christmas, but we wanted to say a huge thank you to all those people involved in decorating All Saints' for Christmas. It always looks lovely every year, but this time seemed even more so and was a brilliant boost for us all. Everything looked amazing from the Christmas tree to the pillar decorations to everything..... Very many thanks to all of you for giving us all such a lift at this very difficult time.

Anne and Les



CALENDAR

I would like to say "thank you" to all the ladies who knitted the exhibits in the 2019 "All Creatures Great & Small" exhibition at the church, which then became a calendar for 2020, bringing a smile and pleasure each month during the year. Their imagination and artistic skills brought enjoyment all year long.

Geraldine Pewtress

CHRISTMAS THANKS



Carol and Kathy would like to thank all the people who donated poinsettias to the church for Christmas, the church looked lovely.

Our thanks also go to Liza and Barbra for helping us decorate, Joyce for the flower decorations, Richard and Joan for decorating the tree and John Farrow for collecting the greenery.

We thought we would do the same thing for Easter if anyone would like to bring daffodils,

you could also include a card to remember someone by if you wish".



IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO LOVE – YOU NEED TO BE LOVED

Sometimes we can be inclined to give and give and give to others – without asking anything in return. We may think that this is a sign of generosity – of great strength. But it can also be one of pride – we want to be seen as the one who does not need help. Or it can be a sign of very low self-esteem – we do not think we are worth receiving anything from others.

Whatever the reason, when we keep giving, without also receiving, we put ourselves in danger – we will burn out quickly. It is as important to know when we need to TAKE attention and care, as when we need to give it to others. If you do not pay careful attention to your own needs – whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual – you will not last the distance.

If you want to remain a joyful giver for years to come, you need also to be a joyful taker and accept God's love, given to you through other people.

**EXTRACT FROM THE CHURCH MAGAZINE FOR THE
PARISH OF KIRKBYSMOORSIDE AND GILLAMOOR
OCTOBER 1931**

“To beautify the place of my sanctuary and to make the place of my feet
glorious”

It is now proposed, with the Church Council's unanimous consent, to go forward steadily with the work of furnishing our present North East Chapel as a properly-equipped Side Chapel. Built by the Patron at the last restoration of the Church this chapel has since been supplied with delightful Screens by other kind friends. But it contains only seating facing south, and is adaptable only for the general services of the Church and for these is now but rarely wanted or used. As it now is it stands an unfinished part of the Church's interior. So we now propose to take up the work where others left off, and to do a piece of work which will add to the beauty of our old Parish Church and make extra provision for our Worship and Teaching. We have no doubt that, as now the usefulness and need of this Chapel are felt, we shall all move happily and eagerly forward to a work which will be definitely our contribution to the beautifying of All Saints. Now as to the manner and cost of this work. Every suggestion will be welcome as will every gift. We are assured that in due time the East window will be beautified as a memorial gift. The G.F. Society have accumulated a sum of £50 for other work. Would other Church people in memory of their loved ones care to make any particular gift in kind as a memorial to them? There is no more fitting memorial. The Vicar will be pleased to talk over this matter with anyone and advise. We take up this work at a time when it is good for our Church-life that we do so. It is an opportunity for once again concentrating our thoughts and activities on God and His House, on the need of Him and a lovely house, and so forgetting somewhat our present cares and selfishness.

HOW TO HANDLE TEMPTATION

"I can resist everything but temptation" (Oscar Wilde). During Lent we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11), when *'He was led by the Spirit. to be tempted by the devil.'* (1). Temptation is a test of obedience whether we do things our way or God's way. After 40 days of fasting Jesus was tired, hungry and vulnerable. Like Him, the Devil will attack us at our most vulnerable moments, especially during this pandemic.

The first temptation was to turn stones into bread: Jesus' ministry was not about meeting His own needs but being nourished by God's Word. *'We do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God'* (Deuteronomy 8:3). Like Jesus, we are called to make God our priority and trust Him completely.

The second temptation was to put God to the test: Jumping off the Temple pinnacle would have been a dramatic way for Jesus to gain popularity, but this is not God's way! *'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'* (Deuteronomy 6:16). We too need to learn this lesson!

The third temptation was to worship Satan: Finally, the devil took Jesus to a mountain to offer Him worldly power. In contrast, His calling as Messiah was marked by suffering and honouring God. *'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only'* (Deuteronomy 6:13). This is often our experience in living for God.

Jesus stands with us in our temptations. As we claim the promises of Scripture, we will find strength in the power of the Spirit and the victory of the Cross.

'If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest!' (Corrie Ten Boom).

IT'S ALL IN THE SPELLING...

- G - God
- R - Ran
- A - Alongside
- C - Carrying
- E - Everything

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

I appreciated your recent concern when you heard one of our parishioners had slipped on a gravestone. Your desire to help was entirely commendable, and I do know that sending your own church's health and safety officer to give us some advice was kindly meant. But the 200-page report was not welcome. If we implemented even half of your officer's suggestions, life would become unbearably safe.

St James the Least of All has survived perfectly well for the last 600 years without gutter cleaning inspections, path degreasing and electrical safety certificates, so I think we may survive a little longer without them. As far as I am aware, the only disaster to hit us was when Cromwell's soldiers stabled their horses in the nave – which I suspect a few of our oldest members still clearly remember.

The shock the sidesmen sometimes get when switching on the lights occurs only occasionally, is relatively mild and soon over – and if it happens when preparing for the 8am Service, helps to wake them up. The weight of the Duke of Clumber's marble sarcophagus *is* slowly detaching the south aisle from the rest of the church, but it is very slow – and the pews in that area are used only once a year when his relations visit from America to commemorate his death at Agincourt – which is probably just beyond remembrance of the oldest of our congregation.

Leaks from the ceiling in the north aisle are solved with a row of buckets – and even you must concede that the fungi on the oak beams look really rather attractive when the sun catches them. The sapling growing out of the spire is certainly an issue – although it looks so attractive in Spring when in blossom. As for our fire extinguishers, they were serviced when my predecessor-but-two was in office, and I have the certificate to prove it.

So, do thank your health and safety officer for all his work and tell him we will bear his recommendations in mind. Also tell him I was so sorry he slipped and broke his leg in our choir stalls while he was with us. But that bit of floor has been out of alignment since 1748, and it seems a shame to disturb it now. If only he had arrived encased in bubble wrap, it would never have happened. Perhaps you could put that on the agenda of your next health and safety meeting.

Your loving Uncle, Eustace

FOLLOW A NEW PILGRIM PATH

In the south of England, a new pilgrim path is emerging. Winding through downland, weald and shoreline for 250 miles, the Old Way from Southampton to Canterbury is derived from the oldest road map of Britain: the Gough Map, c.1360.

Like the Santiago de Compostela in Spain, this ancient route has lain dormant for years. But it has been recently rediscovered by the British Pilgrimage Trust, who have used the Gough Map's key anchor waypoints (corresponding to settlements like Southampton, Chichester, Arundel, Battle, Rye etc) to create a new pilgrimage route with ancient roots.

In unison with the Old Way's development, the British Pilgrimage Trust are also reintroducing another ancient – and similarly dormant – tradition. The offering of 'sanctuary' hospitality to pilgrims along a pilgrimage route was, up until the English Reformation of 1534, common practice. Monasteries throughout the country would have had a room or building reserved specifically for travellers, who would rely on these sanctuaries in order to make pilgrimage. When pilgrimage was banned in 1538, and monasteries demolished, these two practices – making pilgrimage, and providing sanctuary – ceased, lying fallow for hundreds of years.

It is natural, then, that with the re-emergence of pilgrimage in the UK, the provision of sanctuary should likewise become common practice again. The BPT has worked with 13 churches along the Old Way, who will offer overnight sanctuary to BPT pilgrims walking the route, in exchange for a donation (between £5-£10 per pilgrim for one night) to their church. In Spring 2021, Covid-19 permitting, the Sanctuary Project will launch.

The BPT is looking for more churches, based along this route and in other locations across Britain, to take up this project. This is a fantastic opportunity: not only will the project enable pilgrims on lower incomes to make pilgrimage, but it will also bring a new type of visitor and donation to churches.

To find out more about the BPT's Sanctuary Project, visit: britishpilgrimage.org/sanctuary



THE BRITISH CHURCH IN 2021

The fourth edition of *UK Church Statistics*, No 4, 2021 Edition, has now been published. Although this is a pre-Covid-19 assessment, the findings will still be of interest.

The book looks at the 228 denominations in the UK. Although 39% of the denominations (which are responsible for 82% of the total membership) are declining, still some 50% of all the denominations were showing some, if small, growth.

That so many groups of Christian churches are growing amidst general decline is significant. What is helping that growth? It was found to have been caused by the enormous numbers of immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, students coming into the country. Some of these come from countries with Christian traditions or backgrounds. These 'Diaspora churches' include Iranian Latvian, Romanian, Sri Lankan, Syrian and Turkish churches, made up of immigrants to the UK.

Dr Peter Brierley may be contacted on peter@brierleyres.com.



SIR KEIR STARMER PRAISES CHURCHES

Christianity has provided a blueprint for social improvement, according to the Labour Leader of the Opposition, Sir Keir Starmer.

Writing in a recent issue of *Church Times*, he said, “For all the loss and difficulty, we should not let this year be defined by pain. Throughout the pandemic, we have also seen the best of humanity.”

Sir Keir said that during this past year “religious institutions and local communities have banded together for the common good, showing us the very best of Britain.” And he went on to say that “the best of British values” that have surfaced during the pandemic “are also the best of Christian values.”

NATIONAL NEST BOX WEEK – TIME TO HELP YOUR GARDEN BIRDS

Our birds are short of nesting holes, and no wonder: gardens, parks and woodland are much neater than they used to be, and modern homes offer few crannies for nest building.

National Nest box Week, which is celebrated from 14th February each year, aims to encourage us to put up more nestboxes, and to consider planting shrubs or trees with fruit that birds eat. These can make all the difference to birds struggling to survive, especially blue tits, great tits, house sparrows, robins and starlings.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) offers a variety of ideas for building and placing nest boxes. Go to: <https://www.nestboxweek.com>



PRAY WITH GRANNIE



A small boy went to church with his grandmother and joined her when she quietly slipped off the pew to kneel and pray. He even copied her example of burying her face in her hands. But after a few seconds his curiosity got the better of him. “Who are we hiding from, grannie?”

A FEBRUARY ROSE

My love, she likes a red, red rose
Of deep magenta hue,
A gift for Valentine that shows
That someone’s love is true.

But think on this, my bonnie lass,
As you admire the bloom –
That flower’s been forced on under glass
You ought to wait till June!



By Nigel Beeton

THE BIRDS AND BEES

Here is some good news: all new major roads will have wildflower-friendly verges that could boost our numbers of birds and bees.

Highway England has said that vibrant road verges will be created as standard on new roads over 300 miles in England, using low nutrient soils which will be seeded with wildflowers or left to grow naturally.

A staggering 97 per cent of our meadows have been destroyed since the Thirties, due to modern agriculture. This means that the 238,000 hectares of road verges across the UK could become a vital habitat for pollinators.

The Government has pledged to build 4,000 miles of new road by 2025.



REMEMBERING JOHN KEATS

It was 200 years ago, on 23rd February 1821, that John Keats, the Romantic poet, died in Rome of tuberculosis, aged 25.

Keats was a generous, likeable and hard-working man who had much experience of suffering in his short life. He also had a love of civil and religious liberty. Most of his best work was done during the year 1819, when he was already sickening after an exhausting walking tour of the Lakes and Scotland the previous summer.

In that same year he had also been nursing his brother Tom through tuberculosis – the disease that killed their mother. But in 1819, after Tom’s death, he moved to Hampstead and fell in love with a neighbour, Fanny Brawne, who was 18.

By this time Keats was devoting himself to poetry, having originally trained as a surgeon following his mother’s early death. He is most famous for his Odes, all of which (except the one to Autumn) were composed between March and June 1819. All of them ponder the clash between eternal ideals and the transience of the physical world.

His most famous lines: “Beauty is truth, truth beauty, – that is all / Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.”

ALL SAINTS'100 CLUB

The purpose of the 100 club is to raise much needed funds for the upkeep of All Saints' Church and Churchyard.

Joining the 100 Club is a fun way of supporting your Church. By paying £5 per month either by standing order, cheque or cash. You will be allotted a number which will go into the bag for the monthly prize draw. Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Office

Prize money of 30% of the total contributions for the month will be shared between 1st& 2nd lucky winners. 75% & 25% each. Winners' names will be published on the Church notice board.

The remainder of the money will help the Church to carry out the repair and maintenance of the Church and Churchyard.

The winners of January draw

First Prize	No 5	Lilla Clark	£40.50
Second Prize	Nn 25	Alison Tweddle	£13.50

WANT TO FEEL BETTER? CUDDLE YOUR PET

If you think you feel better after cuddling your dog or cat, there is a good reason: you really *do* feel better.

After only three minutes of cuddling your pet, your levels of oxytocin, the 'love' hormone, increase, according to a recent study from Australia's Monash University. And just five minutes of cuddling will also raise your levels of the two wellbeing and happiness hormones, endorphin and dopamine. So says a recent report in the Journal of Psychosomatic Research.

In her recent book, *Your Pet, Your Pill*, vet Margit Gabriele Muller says that caressing a dog or other pet provides exactly the same health benefits as skin-on-skin contact with another human. The hormones that are released "are the same as when you're breastfeeding or cuddling a partner."

Furthermore, a study at Liverpool University last year found that dog owners are four times more likely to be fit than other people.

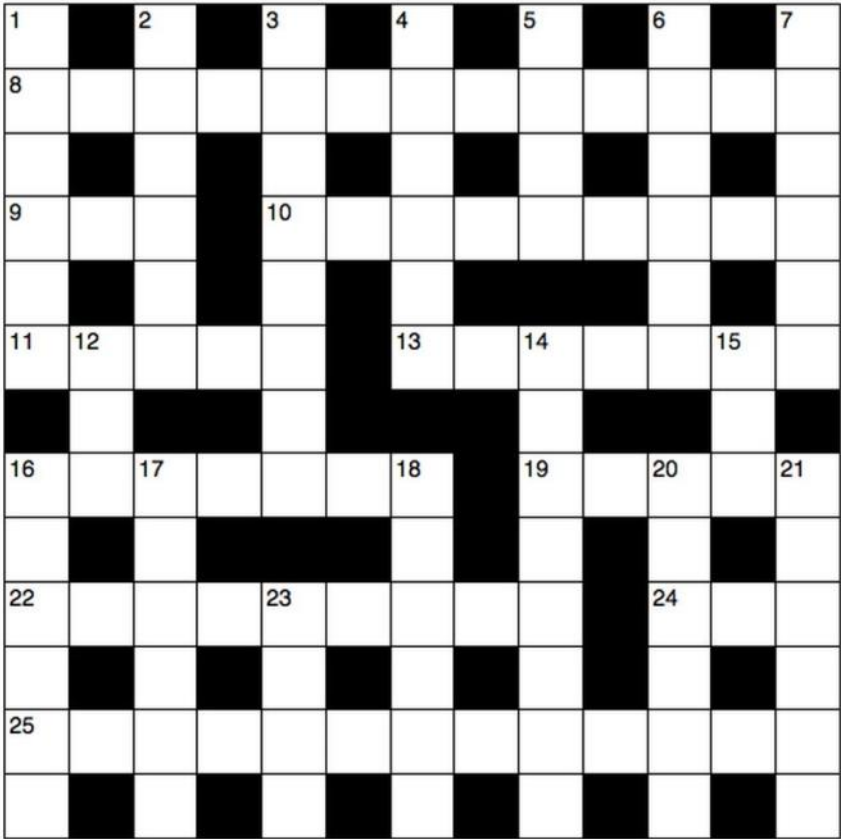
FEBRUARY'S CROSSWORD

Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)



DECEMBER'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Depend. 4, Canopy. 7, Beak. 8, Irritate. 9, Zedekiah. 13, Ate. 16, Job's comforter. 17, NAE. 19, Lang Syne. 24, Blockade. 25, Five. 26, Enigma. 27, Drench.

DOWN: 1, Debt. 2, Peaceable. 3, Drink. 4, Curia. 5, Nuts. 6, Put it. 10, Excel. 11, Is man. 12, Hoofs. 13, Attention. 14, Ezra. 15, Ijon. 18, Aslan. 20, Abana. 21, Greed. 22, GCMG. 23, Leah.

THE UNITED CHARITIES TRUST OF KIRKBYMOORSIDE

The aim of the charity is to make small financial grants to help the sick and elderly of Kirkbymoorside at times of need.

If you know of anyone needing a little help please contact one of the following trustees:

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USED ITEMS BEING COLLECTED FOR CHARITIES

Used Postage stamps are being collected for the **Leprosy Mission** (there is a box at the rear of All Saints')

Bras which are dead, dying, unloved or downright uncomfortable raise funds for breast cancer research and go to help support small businesses in countries such as Togo, Ghana, Kenya and other African countries where local family businesses give them a new lease of life keeping themselves out of poverty and providing bras for local women in areas where they are too expensive to make new locally. A ton of bras raises £700 for research.

Any items left at the back of All Saints' and will be passed on

Anne Warriner 01751 432915 or

e-mail john.warriner252@btinternet.com

SMART BIRD

Ravens have been found to be among the cleverest animals in the world. These largest members of the crow family can even score as high on intelligence tests as chimpanzees.

Ravens can remember where food is hidden, can use tools to get at it, follow human faces with their eyes, and understand what people mean when they point. All in all, researchers praise their “general, sophisticated cognitive skills.”

The study was carried out at Osnabruck University in Germany.



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