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This month we celebrate or should that be commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. There will still be some residents in our villages who will have some memory of that day. I am sure it is one of those events when people can remember exactly where they were and what they were doing. (In my lifetime other such dates include 9/11 in 2001, 22 November 1963 or 7th July 1988 (Piper Alpha explosion in North Sea when 165 men were killed).



Editorial

The estimates of people who died in the Second World War range from 50-55 million civilians and 21-25 million military deaths. A very sobering set of numbers but we must never forget these people were mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters.

As the number of people with firsthand memories of that time grow smaller so those of us who knew people with that first hand knowledge and experience must find ways of passing these to the next generations so that we do not forget the sacrifices made and we remember them with gratitude.

Let us keep before us the Kohima Epitaph, as follows

‘ When you go home, tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, we gave our today’

I have been using pictures of seasonal flowers as the theme for our magazine’s cover. Keeping the floral theme I have looked at flowers that have been used to symbolise peace in a number of different cultures across the world.

Lavender is often associated with peace and tranquility due to its soothing scent Its one of the most well known flowers that symbolise peace. Lavender has an aroma that helps you destress and brings some peace after a busy day

Peace Lily –the name says it all. It’s one of the favourite flowers that symbolise peace. The white blossoms of the flower also represent innocence and harmony while its leave represent resilience and strength

White Rose– as far back as Victorian times white roses were given as gifts to symbolise love, peace, and an unbreakable bond.

White Poppies have come to symbolise the belief that killing is not the only way to resolve conflicts and that war is a bad thing.

The Lotus Flower Buddhists believe the Lotus Flower represents peace, inner calmness and wholeness. This lovely flower can be seen as allowing any negativity to flow through you without changing your position.

Apple Blossom The blossoms in spring and early summer are associated with peace and fruitfulness. In addition to the connection with peace the apple blossom symbolises rebirth and fertility.

I was there David Keene

VE Day 8th May 1945 .

I had returned to London having been evacuated to Dorset.

Our home had been bombed and we had lost two bedrooms so the end of the war was particularly meaningful to my family.

On VE Day we went first to thronging Trafalgar Square, armed with my autograph book. I approached the many soldiers from all over the world who had generously come to our aid to defeat the Nazis. They were very happy to share their stories with this small boy and to write in his book.

My parents and I moved on to Buckingham Palace to see our much loved and brave King and Queen, who had stayed with and comforted their people during the war. There were roars of applause as they appeared on the balcony. The normally reserved people so openly expressed their joy.

Thank you, for letting me share these memories with you all.

I remember John Finney

On D-day I was living with my mother at my grandparents in Leek in Staffordshire. We had been evacuated from the Leeds area but Dad stayed up there because of his work.

I can remember the thrill of the wireless broadcast that June morning - there was a commentary which was given from the beaches in Normandy with the roar of planes and the crackle of gunfire in the background. I was stunned by the numbers - the thousands of landing craft and ships involved, the hundreds of thousands of men involved. As a 13 year old I carefully wrote it all down in a notebook.

It was just after my birthday ten months later that the war reached its bitter conclusion with the assault on Berlin. The wireless had been our companion all the way across France and into Germany. We knew less about the titanic struggle of the Russian armies but could follow the maps in the skimpy newspapers (far more German soldiers were killed by Russian forces than in the west),

I still remember the thrill of hearing the broadcast a couple of days before VE day - the strong voice of the announcer proclaimed: 'Hitler is dead'. The signing of the capitulation on VE day seemed so inevitable that many people felt less jubilant than the crowds on the wireless. By this time my mother and I were living with my father in Wakefield and the news was greeted with normal Yorkshire emotion. We were given a day off school! In my life it meant surprisingly little change - rationing was still very tight ... I still had to go and do drill with the cadets ... And two years of National Service beckoned for when I reached 18

Dancing in the street Muriel Keene

I lived in Derbyshire a small town Belper. Our house always full of various evacuees etc! We lived in a large house near the main street my aunt, my mother's youngest sister lived with us also my grandparents. My young aunt was full of fun I well remember VE Day everyone was so happy. Everyone began instant parties. In the late afternoon I remember, with other members of my family, pushing our large piano into the middle of the street. What happened to the traffic I don't know!

My aunt and others played the piano into the early hours with everyone dancing, eating, drinking, fetching more if anything ran out. I remember it well. I was about nine.

Hats Off Audrey Twemlow

My late Mother-in-Law had a phenomenal long-term memory which escaped some of the ravages of her Dementia. She told us of VE Day. She attended school in Newcastle under Lyme. The uniform code was very strict. Girls were required to wear their hats at all times when travelling to and from school. In a small act of celebration, or rebellion Audrey and her best friend Mary threw caution to the wind and removed their hats on the bus on the way home. She described her absolute horror when they realised one of the teachers was also traveling on the bus. Detention and other sanctions were surely headed their way.

But no! A nod of the head and a slight smile. It was VE Day after all.

Jennie Bartlett recalls

I was coming up to my 7th Birthday and my mother was expecting her 4th baby in July when I caught Measles ! I was dispatched to my dearly loved great aunts Min and Flo so that no one else got it, especially my Mother, leaving a younger sister and brother at home. I think I was spoilt rotten which was lovely, tinned fruit being very much on the menu, otherwise I remember having to be kept in the bedroom with the curtains nearly closed. But on VE Day I must have been nearly better because I was allowed to sit up in bed and was given a Union Jack to wave! The down side was that I had to leave my much loved Teddy Bear behind, destined for the bin I think, in case I took the germs home.

David Bartlett recalls

I was nearly nine, but don't recall anything specific, except that there was a great sense of freedom and relief, as there was no longer the threat and danger of the doodle-bugs (pilotless planes filled with explosives) or the V2 rockets, which had plagued us in the London area for the previous couple of years. And my father no longer had to go out on Home Guard duty. And no more black-out, which had been compulsory for the duration of the war.



VE DAY
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8 MAY 2025

VE DAY 80

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Muskham History Group

Selecting a speaker and topic to present a historical talk is a little like selecting a book from a library. There are lots of books; lots of topics with lots of searching required and if you enter the library unarmed, the process can be quite time consuming and overwhelming. So, the best idea is selection by recommendation.

The 'History Group's' talk for May is just that. Our speaker ,who comes highly recommended is to be **John Whitfield**, a lecturer whose extensive repertoire ranges from Politics, Military, Period and Genealogical history. The topic we've chosen is 'Women Pilots of WWII'

To be held at the MRCC on Monday May 19th at 19:30
Everyone is very welcome.



Plants to raise money for local Charities

I will be growing a variety of **Tomato** Plants

(Tumbling Toms (suggested donation £1.25 seeds expensive)

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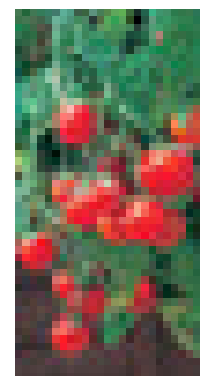
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Kia Ora *

It is good to be able to introduce myself as your Area Dean for Newark and Southwell. I arrived in Southwell 6 years ago, having moved from New Zealand.

Area Deans look after our local clergy and the churches that are in vacancy supporting our brilliant church wardens. Alongside those responsibilities I also look after wellbeing and learning and development for the diocese.

Fairly recently I hung out the washing and ten minutes later it poured down with rain soaking the lot. Annoyed I left the whole lot on the line, and when the wind picked up and the sun came out it was dry again.

What looked like a terrible decision actually worked out just fine. All it took was time. Sometimes when things don't look like they are working out it is simply because we haven't given them enough time, and we haven't given God space to work. Now I'm not holding God responsible for my washing, however what I want to say is that God is always working whether we see Him or not, whether we acknowledge Him or not.

The Bible in Romans 8 tells us: 'we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.'

What does this tell us? Well that in ALL things, which means in everything God is working for our good. Life may have dealt us a tough hand right now, but God is still good and He really cares about what happens to us. When we love God we are part of His family. Can you imagine someone in your family going through a tough time and not caring about it? For God it would be unthinkable not to care about us. He created us, He listens to our prayers, and He has plans for our lives. There may be times when it feels like He isn't answering prayer or He is a long way off; yet our feelings are not as reliable as God who is constantly working on our behalf.

Our outlook might be like washing in a shower, but when the sun comes out it is as if the shower never happened. We didn't see the sun behind the cloud because we were focused on the rain. When we focus on God rather than our current troubles, we see He is always working for our good. It's a reason to be hopeful!

Sarah Patten



*In New Zealand, "kia ora" is a widely used Māori greeting that translates to "be well" or "have life". It's used as a friendly hello, goodbye, or even a way to say thank you. It's essentially a more evocative and culturally significant way of saying "hi" or "hello" .

Who dunnit?

This year, in one of my churches we put on a holiday club for sixty-five youngsters. We called it Easter explorers and I challenged the younger people to solve a conundrum: who moved the stone? The children were greeted on Day One with an empty tomb and a rolled away stone, six clues to various suspects were dotted around the scene and it was all cordoned off with crime scene tape. After we'd had some fun with paper CSI suits and evidence bags, we interrogated the suspects and weighed up the evidence.

Jesus was crucified and the eye witness testified that Jesus was definitely dead (blood and water flowing from his side was a sign of clinical death). He was laid in a cold tomb for over thirty-six hours and a large stone was rolled over the entrance. When the women returned on the third day to anoint his body they found the stone rolled away, the tomb empty and Jesus' body had gone (the grave clothes he'd been wrapped in were neatly folded). So, who moved the stone?

The disciples thought the body had been stolen by the temple authorities of the day; but why would they take the body of Jesus? Can you imagine the problem they'd have if people thought he'd come back from the dead; a problematic character alive would become a cult hero if his body could not be found, and if they had taken it, as the church grew they would simply have to produce the body to stop it's growth!

The soldiers guarding the tomb were also accused. But why would they steal it? The soldiers would have been severely reprimanded for the loss of the body, it could possibly have costed them their lives!

The authorities thought the disciples might have stolen it to claim that he had risen from the dead. But if that were true, why would so many of them endure gruesome deaths, martyred, for what they knew was a lie?

I'm not sure who else could be accused?

We all have to make up our own mind about what happened. Perhaps you think it was all just made up. But think about it like this, the alternative to believing in God is to believe that nothing created everything; that no life created life; that no substance created substance; that nothing created everything. (I for one don't have enough faith to believe that!)

On the other hand, maybe it was all true. If so, it's monumental. It changes everything. It affects us all. Death that was once a full stop is now merely a comma. The death we all face has lost its sting. That loved one we once lost can be reunited with us in a new life that is pain free, suffering free and for ever (it's written about in the last book of the Bible, Revelation.) It's what I believe and it's like rocket fuel to my life!

I could be mistaken, if so, I'll get to the end of my life and might be faced with nothing (which if true, by the way, will be what everyone faces - so I'll have lost nothing!) but at least I'll have lived a hopeful life. On the other hand, if it's all true, then I'd hate to miss out!



Happy Easter folks. Death is no longer the end, it's been beaten - there is hope and you can find out more about that hope in your local church - we'd love to see you!

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peter.hibberts@methopdist.org.uk; 01636 812166; 07561 665585**

ST.WILFRID'S CHURCH, SOUTH MUSKHAM

Tea/coffee/ cakes will continue in Church on the **fourth Friday** of the month from 2.30 to 4pm.

Our next get together will be 23rd May.

Everyone is welcome including well-behaved dogs. Do come along and join us. It is a very informal get together. If you have not been before, be brave and give us a go!

Our next service is 11th May at 9.30am

**Churchwardens Jenn Pell
701978 and David Watson
07989 959339**



Assistance in an Emergency – Community Plan

You may have noticed a recent request for volunteers relating to the North Muskham Emergency Plan and many thanks to all those that have volunteered. Clearly this is something we hope to never have to initiate!

As part of the plan, the Parish Council (PC) is trying to compile a list of individuals who might need various levels of assistance in an emergency. Whilst the emergency services and local county councils are the primary responders there may still be immediate local assistance required in helping to evacuate or provide other assistance during an emergency. It may even be just a case of communicating and reassuring individuals; this was found to be the case during the floods last year.

If you feel that you might need assistance then please submit the simple form overleaf. Due to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) the individuals themselves need to put their names forward rather than be nominated. If you are aware of someone whom you think would need assistance, could you please speak to them and ask them to complete and sign the form.

People may be vulnerable for a specific period of time ie after an operation etc. This scenario can also be included by letting us know at any time and you will be added to the list for the period you specify.

Some people will remember the successful 'buddy system' that was set up during the covid epidemic and the organisers have agreed to repeat this scheme, should the need ever occur again.

The completed forms will be held securely by a very small number of individuals and only used during a genuine emergency.

The PC will do it's best to organise local assistance and guidance but this cannot be guaranteed and should not be relied on as a primary source of support. The PC cannot be liable for any damages or breakages should they be asked to help move furniture or other items or in any other way.

Completed and signed forms can be emailed northmuskhampc@hotmail.co.uk

Or posted to

North Muskham Parish Clerk

1 Village Way

Farndon

NG24 4SX

Or deposited directly in the letterboxes of either:-

1) Ramblers, Ferry Lane, North Muskham

2) 4 Edge Close, Lake View, North Muskham

North Muskham Parish Council – Emergency Assistance List

First name	
Surname	
Address	
Home telephone number	
Mobile telephone num-	
Email	

If an emergency occurred in the village such as flood, fire, isolation would you potentially need help with any of the below (please tick): -

Assistance:	Tick
Regular contact and updates during an emergency	
Shopping & grocery collection	
Prescription & drug collection	
Getting to appointments with GP or hospital	
Moving furniture/upstairs or safe area	
Evacuating from residence	
Cleaning up afterwards	
Other	

Temporary Dates assistance	From:	To:
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I confirm that I am happy for North Muskham Parish Council to hold this record for use during an emergency only and not to be shared with any third party or emergency responding organisation, without my further express consent.

Signature	
Date	

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Saturday 17th May**

**Future date
21st June**



St Wilfrid's Church, North and South Muskham are collection points for Newark Food Bank. If you have any contributions please leave them in church.

The items urgently needed: - Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Corned Beef, Tinned Chicken in Sauce, Tinned Minced beef & Onion, Sponge Puddings - Tinned or Microwaveable, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding

Other Items

Nappies Size 4 or larger

A regular update of specific items needed can be found on the website:

<https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

If you would like items collected, please contact Ann.

Many thanks - Ann Willey, 01636 605477



South Muskham and Little Carlton Parish Council

– May 2025

Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Catanach, presented a gift and card to Councillor Ron Gill at the April meeting as a 'Thank you' for achieving a remarkable achievement, 50 years of service to the community. In acknowledging this achievement, Councillor Catanach, said:

'We thank you for your unwavering commitment, passion and common sense that you have brought to the Parish Council.

Your impact goes beyond these tables. The mentorship and guidance you have provided have shaped how this Parish Council operates and delivers to our Parishioners, has set precedents as to the values we uphold and leaves a lasting legacy that resonates far beyond achievements on paper.

Your kindness, wisdom and generosity have been a beacon light for us all.

I understand you have already received an invitation to attend one of His Majesty's Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace later this year in recognition of this milestone and service to the community.

We are honoured to have shared (some) of the journey with you and look forward to years to come'.

Highways

Members are endeavouring to amend the start of the 30mph zone on Bathley Lane, Little Carlton, due to the speed of traffic approaching the corner. Discussions are ongoing with Via East Midlands.

Thanks were extended to Newark & Sherwood District Council's Waste Team for litter picking on the A616 on two weekends in March. A request has been made to National Highways to clear the litter on the A1 when the closure recommences in May on the northbound carriageway.

A request has been made to 'side up' the footpath from Church Lane to North Muskham as it has become significantly overgrown.

Additional Dog Bin

Members are looking to identify a suitable location on Crow Lane for an additional dog waste bin.

Neighbourhood Plan

Unfortunately, the only person that came forward to assist the Parish Council in developing a Neighbourhood Plan for South Muskham & Little Carlton, in conjunction with North Muskham, didn't live in either South Muskham or Little Carlton.

The Parish Council are considering their options as Members felt it important that a Neighbourhood Plan of some form would be beneficial for the communities. It will be looking to develop a Plan, but not on a joint basis with North Muskham.

GNR Solar Park

The Parish Council submitted a response to the Phase 2 Community Consultation, a copy of which can be viewed on the Parish Council's website – www.smlcpc.org

The Joint Parishes Action Group (JPAG) has also submitted a combined response to the Consultation. Again, a copy is available to view on the Parish Council's website.

Public Space Protection Order – Beckitt Field

Signage will soon be put up at Beckitt Field, Little Carlton, to reflect that dogs are now allowed on the field, provided that they are kept on a lead. Previously dogs had been banned from the field.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will be held on Wednesday, 21st May 2025 at 7.30pm in the South Muskham Village Hall.

Should you need to contact the Parish Council please either email Jayne at clerk@smlcpc.org or call her on 07946 601364. Documents can be found on our website www.smlcpc.org

Sunday 4th May Worship Service at St Wilfrid's North Muskham .

Refreshments from 9.15am.

We extend a

Warm welcome to all.

Opportunity to recharge your batteries and leave feeling more optimistic.

Refreshments to support ,

Social contact and conversation.

Hymns some old and some more modern.

Interaction around small tables as much or as little as you feel comfortable.

Prayer and quiet time to reflect .

We will also have a short commemoration time in honour of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day—8th May 1945



Summary of North Muskham Parish Council Meeting- 14/04/2025

1. The clerk confirmed receipt of a grant awarded towards the refurbishment of the play area. It was confirmed that the repairs would be undertaken the week after Easter.
2. The clerk confirmed that the Notts Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve had been successfully accepted as a Designated Community Asset.
3. Two planning applications were determined, with the Ashiana additional rooms application, determination being held until councilors could meet with the agent regarding parking.
4. Vacant plots at the allotment have been filled and the container will be painted.
5. It was confirmed that the Chair and Vice Chair will be meeting with Elements Green to explore potential areas of common ground within the submission from the Joint Parish Council Action Group. It was also noted Elements Green are to submit the Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate in May and not August as published.
6. The Vice Chairman updated the meeting regarding the further Emergency Planning measures taken and progress with the Village Neighbourhood Plan, confirming that the steering group had agreed that the plan would apply only to North Muskham.
7. The owner of the land north of the village outlined his intentions for the land which included significant measures to improve the habitats and condition of the lakes and answered various questions from the Council and residents present. The PC agreed to work with the owner wherever possible and for there to be regular contact and communication.
8. 80th Anniversary VE Day event was confirmed for the evening of May 8th at the Muskham Ferry and to include a VE Day quiz, a fish and chip menu and lighting of the "national" beacon at 9.30pm.
9. Documents of the John Smith charity had been received and contact would now be made with its remaining representatives at Holme, Bathley and North Muskham.
10. The Chair reported that the first meeting of the Steering Group for the community cafe/hub would take place later in April.
11. Thanks were expressed for the volunteers who had helped with the village litter pick earlier in April and a further litter bin for the play area was agreed.
12. The PC representative on the District Health Consultative Group reported on matters discussed at the last meeting including an analysis of GP, phone and physical appointments. It was reported that the Pharmacy at Evans in Newark can now prescribe anti-biotics etc, mental health issues can now be attended to via 111 and Newark Community Dental Services are now available on Portland Street for those having difficulty getting dental appointments.
13. The PC health representative confirmed that she will be arranging a Dementia Friends course in North Muskham.

Ian Harrison
Chair of Nth Muskham PC
Tel 07891 057812

Church of England Services May 2025

Sunday 4th May Refreshments from 9.15am	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	Worship Service
Sunday 11th May 9.30am	St Wilfrid's South Muskham	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th May 9.30am	St Wilfrid's Kelham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th May Messy Church 3.00pm	St Wilfrid's North Muskham	
Sunday 18th May Messy Church 4pm	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	
Sunday 25th May 9.30am	St Michael's and All Angels Averham	Holy Communion



Thursday Evening Prayer 6pm

via Microsoft Teams

Please contact

**Philip Staniforth for the Teams
Link**

philip@stanca.co.uk

The **Methodist** Church

Methodist Church Services		
Sunday 4th May	Café Church Rev P Hibberts	2.00pm
Sunday 11th May	Rev B Morley	10.30am
Sunday 18th May	Café Church Rev. K Hart	2.00pm
Sunday 25th May	Mrs G Hobbs	10.30am



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May 2025 Update on the Neighbourhood Planning (NP) project

Following the formation of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NSPG) in 2024, here is an update on the current position.

The group meets monthly and reports to the Parish Council. The main objective is to provide a plan for the future allocation of land within the parish of North Muskham and will include a vision of how the village should develop in the future.

Any plan, if approved by Newark & Sherwood District Council (NSDC), will recognise that specific land is allocated for a particular purpose and generally cannot be used for another purpose. Examples of allocation are a green space (an area for public leisure), commercial (such as a café/shop or industrial unit), community (such as a village hall), or housing. The production of a plan is regulated by certain NSDC and national government rules and the plan is produced with the guidance of NSDC. Any plan must be the result of full consultation with parishioners and will only be valid if more than 50% support it in a final vote organised by NSDC. It is open to all parishioners of voting age.

Before a plan can be constructed the area covered had to be decided. The area will be the whole parish of North Muskham. Our neighbouring parishes will be informed of any actions deemed relevant to them.

Anthony Northcote has been appointed as consultant to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. He lives locally and has wide experience having worked on over 30 previous plans around the UK.

As of May, the NP Group is now in a position to commence work on the main element of the plan. This is expected to take at least a year because of the need for several consultations and the collection of resulting information and evidence.

Significant updates can be found by accessing the 'Neighbourhood Plan' tab on the Parish Council website www.northmuskhamspc.gov.uk. Announcements and developments will also be posted in the Muskham Magazine.

In addition to the main objective of land usage, the group is working on other key supporting elements. These include the management of an evidence base for relevant information and the management of consultation with parishioners in a way that enables all opinions to be submitted including from those who may have no access to social media or digital messaging systems.

The group hopes to organise an initial public exhibition at the North Muskham Fayre on the 21st June. This will provide more information of the benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan and how it works.

The group will update you regularly as the plan progresses and very much hope you will provide feedback when the consultations commence.

Gary Hobbs Chair

Wordsearch for May 2025

The Nicene Creed is one of the most important documents in the world. It has shaped Christian belief for the past 1700 years, affecting hundreds of millions of lives. So here is a bigger Wordsearch than normal, in honour of the brave man who gave it to the Church!

This year is the 1700 anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Athanasius is the theologian behind that creed, and his feast day falls on 2nd May.

Athanasius (296-373) was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, and entered the ministry. He was 29 years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first great ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325. There he saw the Council debate the Person of Christ. How was He the Son of God and also Man?

Did He really exist before He was born? If we worship Him, does that mean that we are worshipping two Gods?

When the heresy of Arius, which taught that Christ was not divine, and not eternal, later threatened the church, Athanasius worked with his bishop, Alexander, in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

For the next 45 years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of 17 years in flight and hiding.

Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism (lessening of the Person of Christ.)

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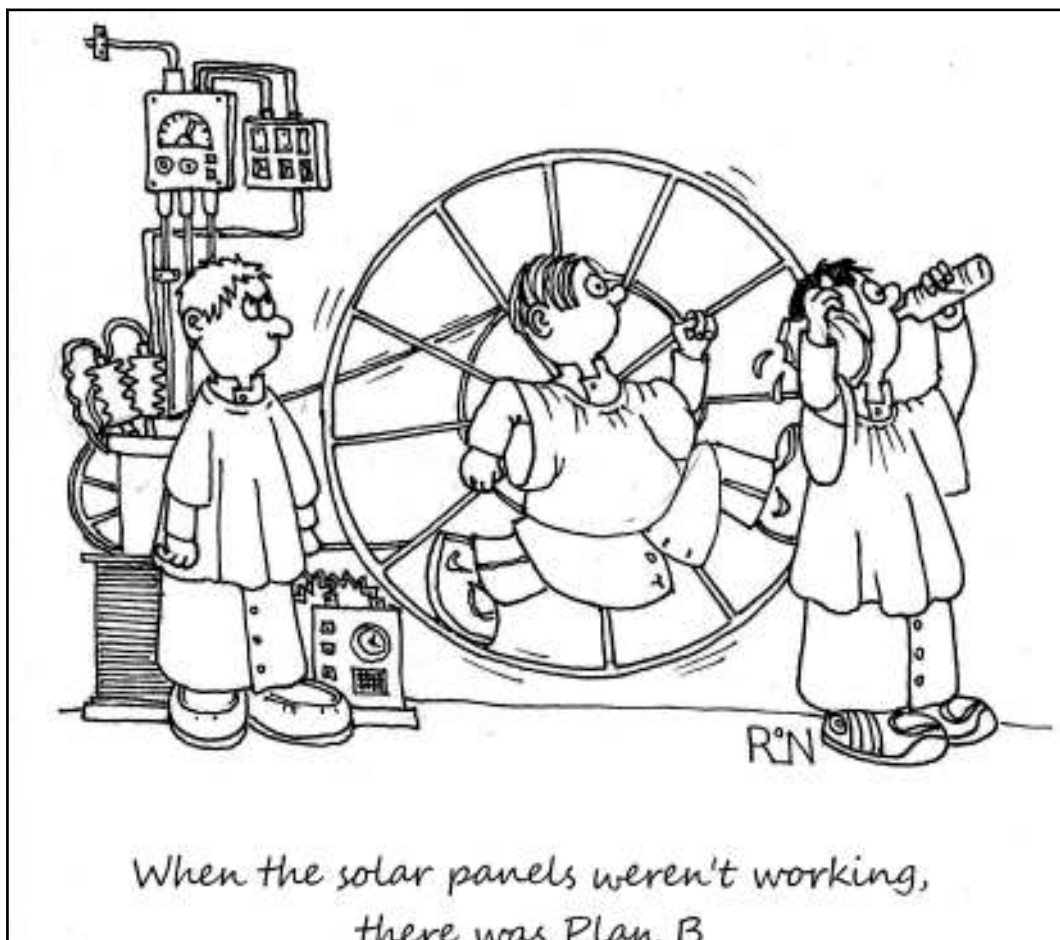
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