

# HBC LADIES' NEWS

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## Welcome

Welcome to the sixth edition of the [HBC Ladies' News](#).

We continue from last month's edition the fascinating description of the life of George Müller from the 'Heroes of the Faith' blog from [canonjjohn.com](http://canonjjohn.com)

Many thanks to Ian Loe, for his article on Autumn berries and fruits which we can search out whilst walking down The Drift, Harston.

Also there is a new monthly article - [Lockdown Memories](#). What will you take from the Lockdown into the coming months to encourage you? Will it be a bible verse, a book, a piece of music, a conversation you have had, etc. Check out below the Editor's favourite piece of music during Lockdown.

## Next Month

We look forward to hearing from Geoff and Jane Mann about their involvement in **Good News for Everyone!** (formerly GideonsUK).

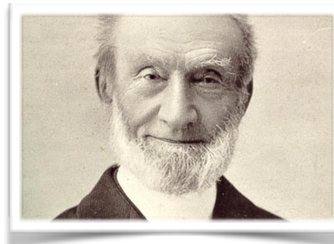
## A Verse to Ponder



During this time of uncertainty and changing restrictions, what an encouragement it is, to realise that Jesus is the same *yesterday, today and forever* and that he can be trusted.

## The Life of George Müller (1805-1898)

### Part 2



George Müller and his wife's work grew in an astonishing way, and they built a home for 300 children. Soon, however, even that was not enough, and more buildings followed in Bristol so that by 1870, 1,700 children were housed in five

purpose-built homes with a total of 500 rooms. By the end of Müller's life, his homes had housed 10,000 orphaned children. Müller's commitment was not simply to house children but to clothe, feed and educate them and ultimately, where possible, to



### Next Month (cont.)

Also, we will hear from Joan Goon with her key memory from the Lockdown that she will take into the coming months.

### Lockdown Memories

During the past few months, I have spent many a happy hour listening to Desert Island Discs whilst gardening. One piece of music I have enjoyed is from Vivaldi. Click to hear the piece on YouTube.

### Vivaldi - The Four Seasons - "Winter", I. Al. Non Molto

Winter can have some beautiful moments.

### Seen in the Garden

Beautiful gentian growing during the Summer in Barbara's garden.



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## The Life of George Muller (cont.)

find them jobs.

This achievement alone would justify Müller's hero status, but what is astonishing is that in doing what he did he never made requests for financial support. He simply prayed that God would supply all his needs and left it to him to supply them. Extraordinarily, God did just that regularly and for decades. Müller was a meticulous administrator and his detailed accounts reveal that in his lifetime he received £1.5 million pounds in money and gifts; a figure that today would be over £100 million. Always astonishingly generous, he refused donations for his own well-being and died in near poverty.

With time Müller prayed for someone to succeed him as a manager and, having found him, handed over the reins in 1875. He then began 17 years of missionary work across

the world in which he travelled over 200,000 miles teaching and preaching. Müller's funeral in 1898 brought Bristol to a standstill with tens of thousands of people standing along the route.

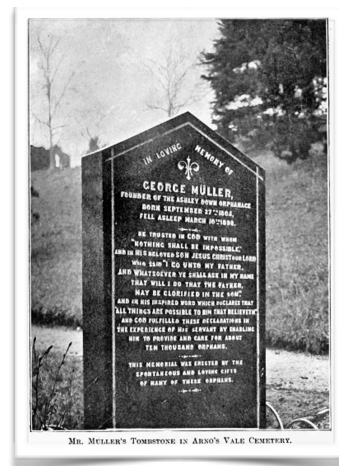


'This memorial was erected by the spontaneous and loving gifts of many of these orphans.'

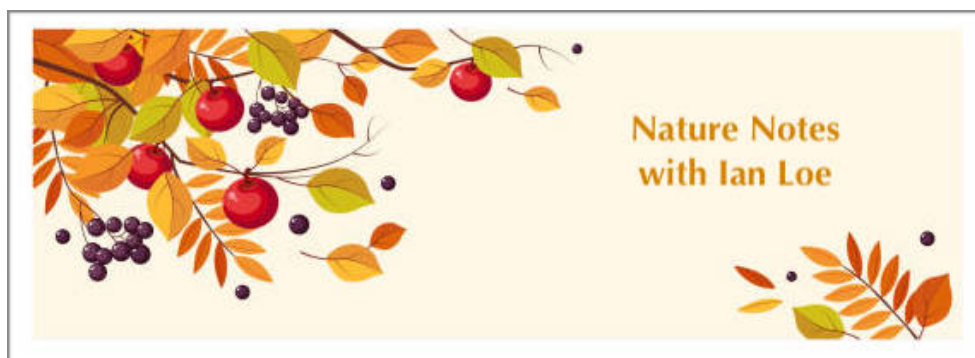
In a different form, his work continues today with the George Müller Charitable Trust.

Finally, Müller was committed to both preaching the gospel and doing good deeds. He clearly felt no tension between sharing the good news of Jesus and working to care for orphans.

George Müller's unique life demonstrated to his contemporaries that God could be trusted. It says the same to us today.



MR. MULLER'S TOMBSTONE IN ARNO'S VALE CEMETERY.



'The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' is now upon us. Fortunately we have only experienced an occasional mist but the splendour of mellow fruitfulness is abundant everywhere.

The purpose of these notes is to encourage us to take a short gentle walk along a well trodden Harston tract called 'The Drift'.

The track is old, perhaps ancient, and is included on the OS map of 1802. It runs due east from the A10 and starts more or less opposite Chapel Lane.

I have identified 27 different fruiting species most of which are easy to identify. In the more recent past a number of these fruits and berries were used by country folk for culinary and medicinal purposes, but much of this local knowledge is now lost.

I have selected a few of the most commonly seen examples and share a note for each that hopefully will not only be of interest, but will urge us to discover more

### *Dog Rose*

Rose hips ripen a glowing scarlet in the hedges. The fruits are rich in vitamin C, hence rose hip syrup.



### *Blackberry*

Still gathered for jam and pie fillings. Eaten by birds, mice and foxes.

### *Dogwood*

The black berries are bitter to the taste. The wood was once used in basket making and goads. The latter were used to urge animals on, including dogs hence dogwood!





### *Black Bryony*

The brilliantly coloured berries form garlands, hanging like necklaces in the hedgerows.

### *Guelder Rose*

The scarlet fruits are attractive to the thrush family and winter visitors such as waxwings.



### *Hawthorn*

Our commonest wild shrub, planted to form hedges. It provides the beauty of May blossom and a wealth of crimson haws in the Autumn. These are an important food source for birds.

### *Snowberry*

The puffy white fruits are unlike any other wild berry so are easily identified.



### *Blackthorn*

A fiercely prickly shrub that has blue-black sloes in Autumn. When fully ripened in October they are gathered (by some!) to make Sloe Gin.

**'He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty  
Who has made all things well.'**