

# Wardroper Wander - led by the Rev. Cutfield Wardroper, a characterful vicar from Farnley Tyas of the 19th century.

Listen up, you rambling lot!  
I am Reverend Wardroper Trot,  
My beard is long but my legs they are small,  
In fact, I'm the shortest and roundest of all!

I see you have boots for walking up hills,  
I am a man of much fancier thrills,  
Walking for pleasure? A crazy thought!  
I'd rather be carried by a fine, white horse.

For to travel to church on a fine, white horse,  
Is the only way to travel, of course!

And to this day,  
It's the only way,  
That I will go from place to place.

But if you must go on your own two feet,  
I'll lead the way for a rambling treat...



Each year at Whitsuntide,  
The village men all tried,  
To be the best,  
From all the rest,  
At climbing greasy poles.

A pole was set up in the square,  
And anyone who thought they'd dare,  
Would slip and slide up to the top,  
And what was the big prize they got?

A leg of tasty mutton!  
That fastened with a button,  
Atop the greasy pole,  
And the first person to reach it,  
Could take the whole thing home!

And I'll tell you a story about a ghost,  
While you have a little rest.

There once was a ghost of Woodsome Hall,  
Who was a great trickster and nuisance to all,  
And so he was turned into Red Breast Robin,  
For dropping the plates and tangling the bobbins.

How absurd,  
To turn him into a bird!  
And just in case someone forgets,  
The Farnley folk are called 'Robinets'.

In Ludhill farm there lies a tale,  
Of two young lads who lived inside.  
Their father was a firm old man,  
From whom they used to run and hide,  
He'd say "I'm at the end of my tether!"  
And whip them with a belt of leather.

So, one night when the moon was clear,  
The brothers had a great idea.  
They took the belt and with a 'plop!',  
Into the pond they let it drop.

So, all was well at Ludhill Farm,  
And the brothers came to no more harm,  
Until the summer sun, so hot,  
Dried the pond up, all the lot!



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