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Thoughts from High Westmorland

Hope.

We all want it.

We all need it.

And Easter is all about it.

It is about hope that what we
see with our physical eyes is not
all there is.

Its about this life itself not being
all there is.

Its about a person called Jesus
Christ who said things like,
"In my Father's house there are
many dwelling places. If it were
not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for
you?" " (John14) and then dying
horribly but as if he meant it to
happen that way.

It's about a tomb that should
have been home to a dead body
being empty – against all the
odds. "He is not here; he has
risen!" (Luke 24: 6) those who
came to sort out the dead are
told.

Its about men and women, boys
and girls, rich and poor,
confident and diffident,
introverted and extroverted, the
sad and the happy testifying that
this promise of Jesus makes a
difference to how they live their
lives. It gives them hope and
changes the way they see things.
Hope is not something that is
easy to explain. When you are
living with hope in your heart
you do not think about it. It feels
like the most natural thing in the
world. When you feel hope – less
it is desperately dark and painful.
Ask anybody who has

experienced the pain of clinical
depression. You can feel as if
ever bit of energy and joy has
been snuffed out and all that you
are left with is a black, empty
cloud.

Yet celebrating Easter is not an
attempt to manufacture hope out
of nothing. The New Testament
is full of stories of different
people being surprised to find
that for them it mattered that
Jesus died and rose again. They
experienced it and it transformed
their lives. Others were told by
those that they trusted that they
had felt the guiding hand of God
and it made a difference. These
people lived here in our home
villages; we know them and we
know their families; they may be
us.

Just as it mattered to those in
the past that he did not just die
on a cross and that was the end.
It matters today. It is the
testimony of many down the
ages that living this life in the
prospective of eternal life makes
a person see things in a new
way. It helps to view life, its
triumphs and failures, in a
different light. It gives hope that
you can forget the baggage of
what other people think and
concentrate on doing what the
one who made you created you
to be. It gives a hope so rich that
it transforms our every day life.
May I wish you a very happy and
hopeful Easter!

**The Licensing of Rev. Martin Dew as House for Duty
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday 5th April with Palm Crosses

Bampton	9.15am	Family Service	Beverley Lock
Shap	11.00am	Family Service and Baptism	Beverley Lock
Orton	9.30am	Matins	Reg Capstick
Tebay	3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Beverley Lock
Ravenstonedale	9.15am	Holy Communion	Carole Marsden

Good Friday 10th April
Devotional service/litany
at Brampton with David and Kathy Jenkin and Orton with Beverley Lock both at 10.00am.

Good Friday Walk
This leaves St Michael’s Church Shap at 12.00pm and proceeds to Shap Abbey for a short service and we have our packed lunch. We then return via Keld Chapel for a short service and Hot Cross buns, to Shap arriving back at about 3.00pm.

Maundy Thursday 9th April
Shap/Bampton Joint ‘service at table’ at Bampton with Chris Jenkin at 6.00pm.

Orton/Tebay/Ravenstonedale Joint ‘service at table’ at Orton with Beverley Lock at 7.00pm.

Easter Eve 11th April
Orton, Ravenstonedale and Tebay
Orton Farmers Market coffee morning
Children activity at 3.00pm with Carole Marsden
Service of Light at 4.00pm with Carole Marsden

Bampton
Service of Light at 6.00pm with Beverley Lock

Shap
Service of Light at 7.30pm with Beverley Lock

Easter Day 12th April

Orton	10.00am	Holy Communion CW	Ian Elliott
Tebay	11.15am		Beverley Lock
Ravenstonedale	9.15am		Beverley Lock
Shap	11.00am		Chris Jenkin
Bampton	9.15am		Bishop Alex

Notes from The Herald, April, 1909

Fine days and frosty nights but there was no grass until the fourth week’s showers and springlike weather.

Tebay LNWR Temperance Union had a lot attending there concert in the decorated Station Hall. Mr. Mellor (Station Master) presided. There was an art display in one waiting-room and a shooting gallery in another. Events included a Doll-Dressing Competition for gentlemen, won by Mr. R. Harrison. Proceeds of the evening went to the Piano Fund.

Tebay Church had 126 to its Easter Communion when the collection was for the Vicar. Tebay Primitive Methodist Sunday School Anniversary on Good Friday began with a procession from the Station led by the Tebay Temperance Band. There was a service and recitations at the Chapel then tea and games.

Tebay Parochial Committee met in the school on Saturday 10th, and agreed to stop fly tipping on the village green.

Tebay Gill’s farmer under notice to quit for neglecting the land after years there. He hit its owner when he called; the owner sued but lost the case.

The Junction Hotel’s licence has been transferred temporarily to a Windermere man.

Married at Tebay Church on 4th, Frederick Marshall of Appleby to Elizabeth Bell, Tebay and at Union St. Wesleyan Chapel, Accrington on the 17th, Joseph Pattinson, late of Tebay to Eleanor Jane Wallace of Accrington.

Tebay Church Sunday School gave a concert and operetta “Mr. Nobody” in the Parochial Institute on Wednesday 13th. The Church’s Annual Vestry Meeting on 14th heard that income had risen since 1908.

Orton Church had two Communion services on a fine Easter Day. The choir sung. Orton Vestry meeting on the 19th heard that there was £18 in hand “very good” (in 2009 = £720)

Died at Daniel Hill Orton on 25th March, Thomas F. Bourne, infant – at Beckland near Orton on 17th, Robert Willan, 79.

Ravenstonedale Band of Hope’s last concert this winter was on Friday 9th, playing to a large audience in the Parish Room. Dr. Barnardo’s Homes Evening was on 7th with the Vicar in the Chair. Ravenstonedale Congregational Church’s Pastor for eleven year, the Rev. George Manning has resigned to their regret.

Wrestlers from Orton and Tebay now go to the newly started Shap CW Wrestling Academy.

Joke: 1st Tramp _ Yon dog’s wagging his tail – let’s go in!
2nd Tramp- Aye, but he’s growling too. Which end’s right?

Thank you Jeremy Godwin for sending the Notes.

Quotes from other Church Magazines thanks to David Kennedy

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a last chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water". The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus"

The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet next Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR APRIL 2009

<u>Sunday 5th April</u>	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Red
ORTON	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Reg Capstick	Liturgy of the Palms, Mark 11 1-11
Sidesman	Mary Jenkin	Prayers	Angela Milburn	Reader Colin Wren
TEBAY	3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Beverley Lock	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Holy Communion	Carole Marsden	As above
Readers				Michael & Sally M Gibson
<u>Sunday 12th April</u>	<u>Easter Sunday</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Gold
ORTON	10.00am	Holy Communion	Ian Elliott	Acts 10, 34-43, John 20, 1-18
Sidesman	David Aspden			Reader Ronnie Elliott & Jackie Huck
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	As above
Reader				Hilary Law
<u>Sunday 19th April</u>	<u>Second Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	White
ORTON	9.30am	Family Service	Chris Jenkin	Acts 4, 32-35, John, 20, 19-end
Sidesman	Malcolm Coates	Prayers	Janet & Laura Day	Reader David & Meryl Aspden
TEBAY	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Chris Jenkin	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Holy Communion	CW Ian Elliott	As above
Reader				Janet Paxman
<u>Sunday 26th April</u>	<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	White
ORTON	9.30am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	Acts 3, 12-19, Luke 24, 36b-48
Sidesman	Chris Bland	Prayers	Chris Bland	Reader Sandra Ward & Brian Lock
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	
RAVENSTONEDALE	6.30pm	Evensong	Beverley Lock	As above
Readers				John & Tosca Bull

<u>Sunday 3rd May</u>	<u>Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	White
		Acts 4, 5-12, John 10, 11-18		
Joint service for the Benefice				
TEBAY	10.30am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock and	Reg Capstick

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR APRIL 2009

Methodist Chapel		5th	12th	19th	26th	3rd
Tebay	10.30am	T Longworth	P Dew	E Hodgkiss H	LA	P Dew HC
	6.30pm	*	*	*	*	Circuit Service
Orton	10.30am	P Dew J Skinner	D Askew FS C Jenkin	10.00 am J Edwards H P Dew	10.00 am L Morton K Hewitson	10.00 am LA CS at Tebay
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30am 2.00pm 6.30pm	* P Dew LA	* D Birkbeck *	* E Hodgkiss H LA	* C Whightman CA C Whightman CA	FS * CS at Tebay
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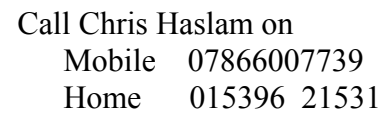
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A view from Tebay

by Reg Capstick licensed Reader

Last Sunday morning I decided to get up at 7.30 to watch the repeat of Saturday night's "Match of the Day" to enjoy seeing Liverpool thrash Man. United. (As a Newcastle United supporter I have to find enjoyment where I can). Before getting out of bed I switched on Radio Four to listen to a regular programme called "Sunday", which has interviews with all sorts of people - mainly Christians - discussing matters of Faith. Two items struck me from last Sunday's programme. The first was an interview with Cardinal Cormac Murphy CTConnor, soon to retire as head of the Roman Catholic church in England. He usually talks a lot of sense and this was no exception. Just before I actually got up there was a shorter interview which struck me in a different way. It was about a new telephone service, in Belgium, which encourages people to "ring God". The idea seems so ridiculous I was chuckling to myself even as I lay there - the answering voice is sometimes male and sometimes female - and thinking that if I'd had a pen handy I would have jotted down the number and rung it just out of interest. Ringing God sounds a daft idea but getting in touch with God, finding out about God and his ideas and trying to put his precepts to work in our modern, mixed-up world, is not so daft.

We are now in the season of Lent, fast approaching Easter which in my opinion is the greatest of the Christian Festivals. The Lent Course which some of us have been following every Tuesday is based on Faith, Hope and Love, the three words written by St Paul, which were revolutionary when first written to the members of the church in Corinth, who were considered out of step with the true

believers. The message of those three words is surely as appropriate now as it was then.

The weeks leading up to Easter are busy in many ways in our communities not only in church and chapel. With signs of Spring all around us and the prospect of lighter evenings when the clocks go forward there is renewed hope in all sorts of ways. I was in Kendal at the weekend and saw the magnificent spread of Spring flowers in the cemetery below the castle. Cemeteries are usually linked with sad events but a stroll through that area at present is an uplifting experience.

As most people know, football is one of my great interests and I was delighted to hear that Lunesdale won a game last Saturday, having had two shattering defeats in recent weeks. With any luck I will be able to watch them play - and win - more often in the next week or so. I will also be attending Westmorland FA Cup Finals, which take place in April, in an official capacity. What with these events and church activities - leading services or assisting our Ministers - as well as attending meetings to do with the future of St James' there will be plenty to do.

In a village community such as ours there are many people who work tirelessly to keep local organisations thriving but I have noticed over the years that there is a little core of regulars who support virtually all the activities, either as organisers or simply helpers. One small example concerns the people who distribute the Parish Link throughout the village. Ann Lewis, now thankfully making good progress, had to give up delivering the magazine in the middle of the village and her "round" was taken over by Sharon Mason, to whom our thanks are heartfelt. I'm sure we can all think of people like Sharon who volunteer for things without fuss. Perhaps we

should make more of a fuss of them to display our gratitude. My gratitude also goes to two of our church members who have been running a St James' stall in Orton church during farmers market days recently. The money raised by this will contribute much needed funds as we try to make our church financially viable at this difficult time. The need for the church has been demonstrated recently at the well-attended funeral of Sid Davies and at the memorial service for Barry Hornby, when it was standing room only for a most uplifting occasion. There are two weddings scheduled for later this year and I'm sure these will be joyous events.

A different event is to take place in church on Tuesday 7 April when a video of Tebay's Railway past will be shown. This, we hope, will be the precursor to further use of the church as an exhibition centre to highlight Tebay's historical importance as a transport centre. We are seeking village encouragement for this idea, which has the full support of Beverley and also the new Archdeacon of Carlisle. Tebay needs St James' and St James' needs the people of Tebay for future development to succeed and retain its place, along with the Methodist Church, at the centre of community life.



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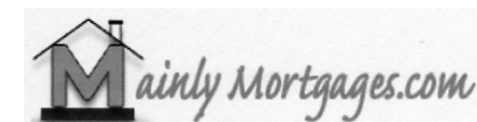
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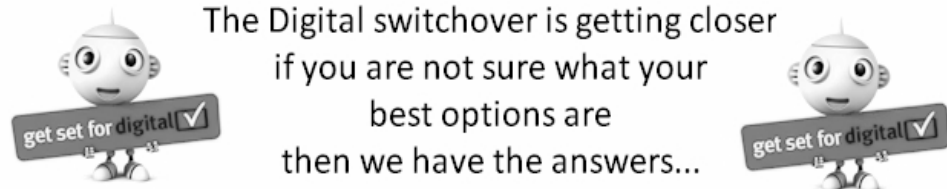
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Tebay Website

The Tebay website www.tebay.org is currently undergoing a complete revamp. We are looking for comments and feedback from local people as to what they would like to see on a village website. We would also like to hear from any local group, organization or business which would like to provide information about themselves for the website – either in the form of a link to their own website or information about themselves and their activities which we will include on the events calendar and local information pages.

We would also like people to comment on design and layout options and will be putting details of how to view the proposed new designs and layouts on the the present website (www.tebay.org) and so would like people to check in and follow the instructions how to view our ideas and to let us know what they think of them. Comments can be sent to Jamie (our new website developer) indigobanana@googlemail.com or myself whitevanwoman@tiscali.co.uk We hope to have the new website up and running for the Summer Term half term holiday (end of May).

We are also running a **competition** open to anyone living within Tebay Parish for a new photo of Tebay to appear at the top of the home page on the new website. The competition closing date is May Day (4th May) so we are hoping to get some lovely spring views of the village. The competition will be judged by a panel of local people and as well as having their photo on the website, the winner will receive a prize (details to follow). Posters with full details of the competition will be in the village noticeboards in the near future, and details of how to enter will also be posted on www.tebay.org I would like to urge people to start checking the current website to see how progress on the revamp is progressing and to let us know what they think. It is really important that we find out what people want and think of our plans. And next time you're out for a walk, take your camera with you and try to capture the picture that will represent the village on the website.

Comments, queries, feedback to :
Jessica Stam, 21 Whinfell Terrace,
Tebay
email: whitevanwoman@tiscali.co.uk

Tebay Methodist Church Special Easter Services

Good Friday
10 April
United Service
10:30am



Easter Sunday
12 April
Family Service
10:30am



Contact Phil Dew on 24275 for more details

Tebay Day Centre Report/Painting

Christine Nicholson, was a vibrant, optimistic, happy woman and this is how her family wanted her to be remembered. She died in June 2007 a day after her 60th birthday. Her husband George, approached Brenda Iveson, organiser of Tebay Day Centre where Christine had been a devoted and inspirational volunteer helper, for a way to create something as a lasting memory to his wife.

It was decided to commission local artist Pauline Henderson, of Orton, to paint a picture for Christine. Pauline was asked to portray Christine's love of the country, especially Smardale Viaduct and the Howgills.

So Pauline went to work, buying and treating a long, narrow piece of wood, resembling a wooden banner, then gradually drafting and building the picture. "It became a part of my life," said Pauline, "a labour of love. I felt I was looking into Christine's thoughts, painting as much about her as the landscape.

I spent a full day at Smardale, drinking in the atmosphere, then doing small cameo sketches. While I was painting I felt the light of Christine was coming through the painting, and when it was finished I missed it, as if I'd spent a lot of time in her company." The end result, after many hours of

work, is a beautiful rolling landscape, with depth and deep feeling. Vividly painted in acrylic. The Smardale Arches flow into the fells, with valley's of light in between and detailed areas of foliage, leading to the rock face of Smardale at the other end. Central rays of light spread across the painting with ivy leaves binding everything together, and the river of life flows through.

It also includes 'The Prayer For Courage'

'Lord help me to be unafraid
Of what the future holds,
And give me courage, strength and hope
As every year unfolds,
And let me keep your love and light
Forever in my heart.'

A coffee morning was held at Tebay Methodist Hall, (where the weekly Day Centre is held) on Saturday 7th March, when the painting was on show for the first time. George, and daughter Julie, who were present, were delighted with the painting, and felt that Christine would have loved it.

Born in Penrith, Christine's family moved to Berkshire when she was a child, but shortly after leaving school Christine returned to Cumbria, working as a hairdresser in Windermere. She met George at Cosmo in Carlisle, and they have two children Julie and Mark. George took early retirement, and they went to live in Newbiggin-on-Lune in 2000. They travelled widely in their camper-van, and enjoyed holidays in Austria and New Zealand. Christine was a member of the Methodist Chapel, and happiest walking on the Cumbrian fells.

"She lived life to the full," said George, "even in the March before her death we had a holiday in Lanzarote, and we had a helicopter ride."

Many of the people who attended the Coffee Morning, had their own personal memories of Christine, and greatly admired Pauline's painting. The event raised £390 which was for Day Centre funds, and the event was organised by Brenda Iveson and the other volunteer helpers.

Pauline has her own web site where her online gallery can be viewed at www.paulinehenderson.co.uk.

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ORTON & TEBAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Here are some new dates for your diary.

Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm in Orton Market Hall, Harry Hawkins will give a talk on 'Walls in the Landscape'.

Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm in Tebay Methodist Church, a Roman Centurian (Joseph Jackson) will come, in full uniform, to tell us how he came to be here in Cumbria and what life was like in the Roman Army.

Mid-June, date yet to be confirmrd, we will make a return visit to the Shap Wells Hotel, this time to look at the outside and the grounds with Steve Simpson.

Thursday 16 July Reg Capstick is devising a 'Treasure Hunt' around Tebay for us, meet at the Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

Monday 3rd August I will take you on a short walk around Appleby. We will probably meet at the Cloisters at 7pm I will confirm this later.

Non- members are always welcome at our meetings and walks £1.50 on the night. Annual membership from March to March is £5.00.

If you have any suggestions or would like more information please contact me, Wendy Higgins Programme Secretary 015396 24780. You can also visit the website www.otlhs.ukme.com

TEBAY'S RAILWAY HISTORY

Do you know a lot about Tebay's Railway History? Do you know very little and would like to find out more?



Do you want to bring the children and grandchildren and show them what used to happen in Tebay?

Come to St. James Church on Tuesday 7th April 7.00 pm

We are putting on refreshments and videos of Tebay in Steam in the "Railway Church".

Come and share your memories, come and find out more, come and enjoy a pleasant evening together. Come and hear about an exciting exhibition we would like to set up at the back of the church.



Easter Egg Decorating Competition 2009

The Barnaby Rudge Tavern
Friday 10th April

Judging starts at 1.00pm

Also Egg Rolling
(bring a spare hard boiled egg)

This years freestyle event:

Catapult and Catcher



Two people to a team, one with a catapult the other is the catcher, and a number of raw eggs!!!!!! The rules of the competition will be explained on the day.

Newbiggin-on-Lune

Newbiggin on Lune Methodist Chapel.

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- Sunday School – weekly at 10.30am

Youth Club – fortnightly on Thursdays; 6.30pm – 8pm (year 5 upwards). Snooker, pool, table tennis, playstation, football & hockey (term time only).

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** Jessie was in India as we went to
press, so details to be finalised.*



Back to the Start Laura

Laura Boustead has been singing ever since she was little and over the last few years she realised she had a gift for writing songs. As she has sung her songs in local chapels she has been encouraged by several people to put her songs on to CD. Just before Christmas Laura completed her CD having worked with SoundTree Productions in Darwen, Lancashire. The response to the CD has been positive and Laura now has her own website. You can listen to her songs at www.SongsByLaura.com. Copies of the CD are also available on 01539623608. Laura loves writing and performing her songs and hopes that they will bless others as they listen to them.

Ravenstonedale

Organ Recital

I realise that although I have asked Caroline Morris to spread the news a bit and some Kirkby Stephen people have been told, there may be some other Link readers who would like to know that Alexander Ffinch, now Organist at Cheltenham College, is giving an Organ Recital at Cartmel Priory on Easter Monday, April 13th 2009 from 1.10pm to 2pm. Alexander was brought up in Ravenstonedale and is known by many people in the area, his last Northern recital in Kirkby Stephen attracted an audience over 150 people. If there is a small space in the April magazine perhaps this information could go in.

Public Room, Ravenstonedale.

The Trustees of the Ravenstonedale Education Foundation are in the early stages of negotiation with the Local Education Authority to lease the Public Room on a full time basis to Ravenstonedale Primary School. As part of its remit the school will always make available a room within the building for Public use.

Caroline A. Morris (Chairman)

Lune Ladies

May 6th (Wednesday):-
afternoon trip to Fairfield Mill, Sedbergh. Meet at 1 pm, NOL Public Hall.
Suggestions for summer activities/ outings are welcome – ring Carole (23266) or Ann (23317)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch.

A record number attended the pancake lunch and the splendid sum of £400 was raised for St. Oswald's church funds. Many thanks to all contributors, helpers and consumers for making the occasion so successful. T.B.



Open House -

Every Wednesday morning, 10.30 – 12, in

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Tebay Primary School News!

“Albied” again!

After half term Albie came in to do a dance with Tebay school (you might have seen it in the chapel) He danced with the whole school and we all really enjoyed it, virtually all the parents came to see the assembly, people loved it... and so did we.

Nursery and reception danced to Caribbean music
YR 1 & 2 danced to “That’s not my name” by the Ting Tings

YR 3 & 4 danced to “Closer” by Ne-yo

Gymnastics Tournament

Children at Tebay School went to the Gymnastics Tournament at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School, organised by Mrs. Mc Whirter. Y1+2, Y3+4 and Y5+6 competed in the Key Steps 1, 2 and 3. All the Key Steps did Floor Exercise and Vaulting. The Floor Exercise for the older children included “round-off’s” and double cart-wheels. Everyone in Tebay school did FANTASTICALLY well and the parents who helped transport and watched us were brilliant. Each child had to perform to everyone and the judges! Y5+6 Key Steps 3 won so went onto the semi finals where they came

ST OSWALD’S CHURCH, RAVENSTONEDALE.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

will take place on

Monday, April 6th at 7.30pm

in St Oswald’s Church

All welcome.

Ravenstonedale Tennis Club



(please bring own brush etc.!!)

25th April

Meet at the courts

9.30 a.m.

Followed by the AGM

New members welcome

(Subs will be due. Prompt payment would be much appreciated by the treasurer.)

Gardening Club

On a Friday after school there is a gardening club.

Many children really enjoy going. Lots of parents have been collecting Morrisons vouchers for us and the club has just received a fantastic set of equipment, tools and seeds. The bulbs planted in the autumn have come through and make school look cheerful on the greyest day! A healthy, happy club! Reported by Megan Campbell

Red Nose Day

All of Tebay School are going to the Chapel Hall to perform. Many people will be involved in acts...from caretaker to children. The details of the event will feature in the next LINK.

Daniel Capstick 12.3.09

Orton

Orton Manor Court

In order to keep the village informed about the activities of the Orton Manor Court Committee, we intend to publish a short version of the Minutes of each meeting. So here is the latest:

Abridged Minutes of a meeting of the Committee, held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 5th March 2009. 13 members were present.

(a) Registration of Orton Manor Court land is still proceeding.

(b) Hanging baskets: there had not been many entries to the village competition last year, and it was decided not to hold a competition in 2009, though it was hoped that residents would continue to make the village beautiful with floral displays this summer. Three further hanging baskets would be attached to the Market Hall, on the west side.

(c) The Committee was told that the Toilets have been taken over by the Market Hall Committee, who await a cheque from Eden District Council. Considerable alteration will need to be made to allow legally-required disabled access.

(d) Recycling: the site for an enlarged recycling facility is still under discussion, and will be raised at the Parish Annual Meeting on 20th April.

(e) Trees felled at the corner of the Glebe field: the Committee took full responsibility for the decision to fell these trees (*see separate article*), but acknowledged failures to consult and inform the community. New trees are to be planted shortly.

(f) Silver Beck is to be cleared by a team of volunteers this spring, as Chapel Beck was last year.

(g) The next Committee meeting will be on Thursday 7th May

(h) The **Triennial General Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 22nd July**.

Orton Mothers' Union

Our next meeting will be at
Angela's house
Tuesday 7th April, 2pm.

Speaker
Avril Rutherford

A warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us.

Church Exhibition.

As a part of the Church Exhibition this year on 'Celebrations', it is proposed that the Baptistry will be decorated, in part, with photographs of any many Orton church baptisms as possible. Therefore, if you or any of your family were Baptised in Orton Church, at any time, we should be glad if you would loan us a picture of the occasion.

We will scan these pictures so that yours can be returned to you a.s.a.p., and it will be the scanned copies that will be on display, so no originals can be damaged or lost.

PLEASE write the name of the child/children on the back and the date of birth as well as the date of Baptism, and pass to Heather Ballantyne or Mary Jenkin – (phone 24410).

Orton & Tebay Local History Society

Bernard Thornborrow welcomed OTLHS members in Orton Market Hall to an evening of "Digging out your Roots" by Mary Jenkin. This was about tracing your family history and the problems you could meet.

For Mary it all started about 25 years ago when she decided to visit her parents, with 2 of her children, in Walthamstowe, East London. On leaving her mother handed her an envelope saying she thought Mary was the best person to give it to. Later, when Mary opened the envelope she found amongst its contents her Grandmothers Wedding Certificate that had survived the blitz and this started her on tracing her family tree.

Always start your family tree from what you know, was the advice. Ask living members of the family and get them to name people on photographs. A wedding Certificate can give you names and dates as well as a place of marriage, which can be a good start. Once you have a date and a place of residence a Census Record can help. This will give you the name, age, relationship to the head of the house, occupation and place of birth.

Mary told us how her family had a story of how her maternal grandmother had walked to London from Norfolk and this started the struggle to trace her roots in Norfolk. This brought to light the pitfalls of using transcribed census as the surname had been incorrectly transcribed and when the hand written document was viewed, after years of looking, she actually managed to trace, not her grandmother, but her great-grandmother.

Many pitfalls will be encountered. People who were illiterate relied on the census collectors to spell their names and this could vary from one census to another. Ages were often lied about and the family did not always admit illegitimacy. All this is made easier if your family had not moved around the country and then you can use local church and archive records.

Mary concluded by giving us all a few web sites and places that can be of help, some free and some need to be paid for. After answering many questions from the floor she was thanked by the Chairman Bernard Thornborrow for an interesting and informative evening.

The next meeting is the AGM at Tebay on 23rd March with Rev Beverley Lock speaking afterwards about the future of St James' Church, Tebay.

(If anyone would like a copy of the web-sites please e-mail otlhs@ukme.com)

Save our squirrels



On the 3rd of March 2009 there was a lady came in and she was called Miss Widjery, she worked at the 'Save our squirrels' company. She played this game with us which we had to get a house and a bucket of water and a card of something to eat. Then we had to have a person being a fox and that was Leah. If you got tug by her you got dead and had to go to the other side of the wall. Then there was a car that was Leanne. Then there was a squirrel's pox that is like chicken pox that was Carla. Then Jack B. was the gray squirrels who gave the red squirrels squirrel pox and took food off the red squirrels. And at the end of the day the year 3/4/5 had to make a squirrel mask and the year 6 had to make finger puppets, and were going to show a play but they did not have any time to show us their play. The year 3/4/5 when they had finished colouring they got the glitter out, it was chaotic; there was glitter all over the table where Leanne and Carla were working. They had glitter everywhere on their body and it was only Tuesday!

By Laura Stephenson year 5 By Kodi Elliott year 4

The R Factor



Willow structure
Gym Festival

Red Nose Day
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Mother's Day at St Oswald's
Mobile library
Rev Phil's Easter Video
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Book Club
World maths Day



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Football Club

At the start of this half-Term Mr. Paul Boustead and Mr. Wayne Hutchinson started an after school football club. It's on a Monday night after school, the first night we did musical chairs, in other words musical football without music, we had to dribble around in a square and when Paul blew the whistle we had to leave our football and run around Wayne, but while we were running around Wayne, Paul took a ball out, I won!

Then we had a game where you had to get as many balls as you can, there were all the balls in the middle, then one at a time you would run out, get a ball, turn round and dribble it back to your team, then the next person would go. When all the balls have gone you had to go to the other teams and get their balls and dribble it back to your team, but you wouldn't have a lot of balls because the other teams would have been taking yours while you took theirs.

After that we had a game, this was our line-up:

Kian.N: Goalkeeper

Sam H: Defence

Jordan C: Defence

Jessica C: Central Midfield

Ste O: Attacker
tacker

Matty O: At-

We won 5-0, I scored 3 and Matty scored 2. Then we had a Penalty Shoot-Out with Wayne in goal, Kian scored the winner for us.

Stephen Ousby Year 6

Maths Club

What is it? It is a club for the schools' mathematicians.
When is it? It is on every Wednesday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.
Why is it? A club for clever people.
Where is it? It is at Ravenstonedale School.
Who goes to it? Sam Morriss, Stephen Ousby, Billy D, Daniel, Rachel, Jack, Tom, Calum, Alice and Ellie.
Who teaches you? Rowan, and Claire with Mr Raw and Mrs Keogh.



By Sam Morriss, Year 6

World Book Day

World Book Day is about ... well, that's right, you guessed it ... BOOKS! We all can't wait! World Book Day has finally arrived! Class 1 look ridiculously funny in their funny hats. They have also brought in Dr Seuss books! When was it held? March the 5th
Did you enjoy world Book Day? Yes very much!

We also got some World Book Day vouchers where you get £1.00 off the next book you buy!

By Bethany Capstick Y5 and Georgia Hunter Y6.

Orton

Village Trees Felled

A note from Orton Manor Court

In mid-February, a great deal of distress and controversy was caused in Orton by the felling of a line of trees along the north-west boundaries of the Glebe Field opposite Mostyn House and the Old Vicarage.

The decision that these trees should be felled was taken by the Committee of Orton Manor Court, because they were causing considerable damage both to the dry stone boundary walls of the field and to the Hearse House. They were all self-seeded sycamores, which at some point had been pollarded, causing each of them to have a cluster of trunks. The subject was discussed at no fewer than five committee meetings from September 2007 onwards, and was also mentioned at the Annual General Meeting in July 2008. Consultation was held on which trees needed to be felled.

It is important to emphasise that the action taken was the responsibility of the entire Committee, not just of the person who volunteered to do all the hard work. As a result of the controversy, Mr. Rob Sim, the Arboriculturist of Eden District Council, visited the village and inspected the site, and declared that he was in total support of the action that had been taken. Indeed, since the pine tree at the corner of the field is the subject of a Tree Preservation Order, and its growth has been considerably damaged and distorted by the sycamores crowding it, he felt that the sycamores closest to it should have been removed some years ago.

From the start of the Committee discussions, it was insisted that after the trees had been felled they should be replaced by new trees planted a little further from the wall, but not so far into the verge that the view down the road is spoilt; these should be of native species such as beech, ash, horse chestnut and bird cherry. In recent weeks officers of Orton Manor Court have visited Weasdale Nurseries to consult them about ordering young trees. The stumps of the felled trees are to be destroyed, to ensure that they do not just grow up and cause the same trouble all over again.

However though the Committee stands by the decisions that it made on the matter, it acknowledges that it owes an apology to the village on two counts:

(a) Not enough consideration was given to those property owners who would be most affected by the removal of the trees; matters of privacy should have been considered, and the householders consulted in advance.

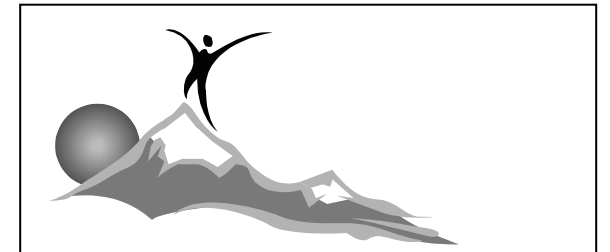
(b) There was no advance notice of the action given to the village as a whole, with explanations of the full plan including the planting of new trees. As a result the sudden disappearance of familiar trees, especially before the site had been tidied up, caused enormous shock and dismay to many residents.

We hope that we have learnt a lesson from this, and we are determined to handle such matters more sensitively in the future.

Christopher C. Jenkin

Minutes Secretary

Easter Day
SONRISE SERVICE
6.30 a.m.



As

usual the local churches between Tebay and Appleby are sharing in a short open-air service to greet the risen Lord Jesus on Easter morning. Easter is a little later this year than last, when, you may recall, the service was cancelled because of six inches of snow! (I wasn't there, but enjoying the warmth of Uganda.)

So set your alarm! Wrap up warm, and come out to Raise Hower on the east side of Orton Scar (just above the cattle grid on the way down to Appleby). And pass the word around to Christians from all churches.

Appleby Town Band will be there to accompany the hymns, and the service is being organised by the Revd. Phil Rigby. The speaker is Revd. Ian Elliott.

Rev. Christopher Jenkin.

All Saints Church Orton

'Songtime' Concert 2009

by

EDEN SINGERS

On

Saturday 18th April 2009 at 7.30pm

In Orton Market Hall

Tickets: £6 to incl Tea and Biscuits.
Available from members of Orton P.C.C.

All proceeds to Church Funds.

Children's Easter Activities

with Carole

**in All Saints' Church,
Orton**

Saturday 11th April, 3pm



Followed by
Service of Light



Orton

Do you live in the Orton area and are in need of practical help; transport perhaps to an appointment or would appreciate someone with a listening ear?

There are people at the Methodist Chapel in Orton who would like to offer their help and support, contact : Rev Phil Dew – Tel 015396 24372 or Rowland and Rachel Woof – Tel 015396 24372 / E-mail: randrwoof@talktalk.net

Experience a fun way of finding out about the events and people in the Bible with a series of interactive talks called

Walk Thru the Bible – New Testament

**At Appleby Methodist Church
On Saturday, 18 April 2009
From 9.15am to 5pm**

Cost is £7 per adult

Free for children with a paying adult

(not suitable for under 11s)

Bring a picnic lunch

All other refreshments and drinks are provided throughout the day

For a booking form contact Rowland and Rachel Woof, tel 015396 24372 or e-mail randrwoof@talktalk.net

**Orton Methodist Church
invite you to
Their Easter Services**



On 5th April 09
All Age Palm Sunday Service
10.30am
(followed by Sunday School at 12 noon as usual)

on 12th April 09
Easter Day Family Service
10.30am
refreshments

*pasche egg rolling and egg
hunt for the children
and young people afterwards*

Everyone Welcome

Please also note that Morning Services from and including Sunday, 19th April will begin at 10am, with Sunday School at 11.30am, unless announced otherwise.
Many thanks

Orton Farmers' Markets

The next three of these popular markets will be:
April 11th
May 9th
June 13th

Join us in All Saints for refreshments and a chat in a friendly atmosphere.
In March we raised £558. Many thanks to all for your continued support.
The Friends of Orton School also had a cake stall in Church which raised £180 for school funds.

STOP PRESS!

LONDON MARATHON 2009 In aid of ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY.

On 26th April, I will be running the London Marathon. I am aiming to raise a lot of money for the Alzheimer's Society. Please sponsor me!

Thank you

Menna Lewis
(Tel. 015396 24546)

You can now sponsor me on-line. Please visit:
www.justgiving.com/mennalewis1

Orton Church

Annual Exhibition.

Bank Holiday weekend

23, 24 & 25th May

Our theme this year is

CELEBRATIONS

All ideas to

Angela Milburn a.s.a.p.

Orton School News

Cake Stall

On Saturday the 14th March 2009, the same day as Orton Farmers Market in church, Orton school had a cake stall to raise money for KS2 Residentials. At the end of the day they counted all the money that we raised and it was £180. Lots of people came to help and get all of are delicious cakes. There was also a hamper to be won by one lucky person. This hamper had lots of things to help your garden grow and make it look pretty such as trowels, pots and candles. Thank you to everyone who baked a cake or bought one—we



Music

Singing with Mrs Lyndsley

Orton School have been doing some singing with Mrs Lyndsley from Warcop School. They will be performing at KSGS together with other schools from our small schools cluster in June.

Class 2 Performance

In class 2 they have been learning percussion music with Sarah Barkway. They performed their 'Willow Pattern' work to Parents and the whole school. They did a little play and music to accompany it. It was great.

Flute Exams

Last September some children started to learn the flute and clarinet. Now 3 girls; Lizzie, Jenny and Lauren are going to take a grade 1 exam. They have been practising very hard and are looking forward to it.

Key Steps Gymnastics Festival

On 6th March 12 children from Orton school went to KSGS to take part in a gymnastics festival. We had to do a floor routine and a vault. They were hard to remember and learning things like cartwheels and straddle backward rolls was tricky. In the vault the older children used a spring board which made it easier to jump.

Red Nose Day at Orton

On March the 12th it was Red Nose Day for Orton school. You had a choose out of wearing pyjamas or red clothes. In the afternoon, class 3 prepared 10p games for the 'Red Nose Fair'. There was hook the red nose duck, lucky dip, red penalty shoot outs, guess the name of the red ted, red nose hoopla, shoot the hoop, red welly wanging and a red nose cake stall.. Everyone had great fun playing all the different games. We raised around £76.00. plus £60 from selling red noses. The money goes to help children who can't go to school.



World Book Day

Recently we have been celebrated world book day.

We all dressed up as our best character from our favourite book. Some people were princesses, super heroes, little red riding and her grandma, a collection of animals, army men, fairies, nurses and loads more. We had a dressing up competition—the winners are shown in the picture below. We also had a 'Book Swap'. After school we had a book fair from 2:00 till 4:30 all the money that was spent on books added up to £148.

We had so much fun!!!!!!!

