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Thoughts from High Westmorland

By Rev Martin Dew

The Cracked Pot (*A tale from India*)

You probably won't be surprised that occasionally Beverley and I are asked how we feel our ministry is going. It's nice to be asked of course, but it's also important that we regularly reassess that we actually are doing God's will. But what if I should ask the same question of you? How is your Christian ministry going?

Some people may question if they even have one, thinking that they "wouldn't be any good at that type of thing". Over the years I've lost count of the number of people who have told me that God couldn't use a flawed or inadequate person like them!

If you feel you are such a person, then I have some news. Our Lord is calling all Christian believers into some sort of ministry, including you, because God can use, and wants to use all of us, no matter how poorly we may rate ourselves.

As some of you may know, for a good number of years, Liz and I have been involved with the Good Samaritan Orphanage in Vellatur, India. One unexpected outcome of this involvement is that we have become more aware of Indian culture. Over many centuries it has been heavily influenced by Hinduism, much in the same way Western culture has been influenced by Christianity.

In the same way as Jesus used parables, Hindus use a great many stories in attempt to show something of God's nature. We in the West might tend to dismiss these stories as just pure myth and assume that they have little value for Christians, but this may be a mistake.

For example:

A water bearer had two large pots hung on each end of a pole, which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house; the cracked pot arrived only half full. Every day for many years, the bearer was only ever able to deliver one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was very proud of its accomplishment, but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was only able to accomplish half of what it had been made to do.

Finally it spoke to the water bearer. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "For all these years I have only delivered half my load because of this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way to your master's house. Because of my flaw, you have to do all this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts.

The water bearer laughed and then said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." As they went back up the hill, the cracked pot did indeed see many beautiful flowers on the side of the path but by the time they had returned, he still felt bad because half his load had leaked out again.

*The bearer said to the pot, "Didn't you notice that the flowers only grew on **your** side of the path? I have always known that you have a flaw and every day while we walk back it is you that water those beautiful flowers. All these years I have been able to pick those flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, my master would not have this beauty to grace his house."*

Each of us has our flaws. We are in a sense, all cracked pots. But if we will allow him, the Lord will use even our flaws to grace His Father's table. As we seek to minister together, and to each other, God calls you and me to the tasks he has appointed for us. Therefore, don't be afraid that you are not up to the task. Go on boldly, knowing that in our weakness, we find His strength.

No matter how flawed or inadequate we might believe ourselves to be, we too can bring beauty to His pathway!

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Notes from The Herald, October 1910

The weather was fine till the final week, getting cooler. There were Harvest Festivals all over the district.

Orton Harvest Festival at Orton Wesleyan Church on 2nd, Mr. I.G. Sim of Penrith preached.

The Motor Union is to erect a "Danger" sign on the road between Shap Tollbar and Orton. "The Field" thinks the motor will supplant the horse!

Wanted to winter: 30 Rough Hogs to 5th April - A. Davies, Daniel Hill, Orton. Farm Sale at Orton Hall on Wednesday, 5th at 12.30, cash only. Wanted: Winter Eatage for 40 rough hogs - E. Beck, Gaisgill.

Tebay An anonymous passenger has sent £100 (equivalent to £4000 2010) for the widows of those killed by the runaway truck near Tebay. Tebay Church's annual high spot, the Parochial Gathering Concert and Dance was in the Institute on the evening of 27th September. It began with the Vicar's review of the year "The parish is very helpful; the Church Council and the Sunday School are good; the churchyard needs extending and we need a new east window. Also the village needs street lighting. The village wants to use the footpath through the churchyard at all hours. (At present it's locked at 8p.m.). A lot stayed for the Dance - M.C. Mr. J.G. Fairer, music by Mr. I. Capstick.

The vicar of Tebay led Gt. Musgrave's Harvest on 9th. Tebay Primitive Methodist Chapel held their Harvest Weekend on 1st to 3rd October. In that week Mr. and Mrs. John Brunskill's 3rd daughter, Mary

married Mr. H. Nelson from Co. Durham. They honeymooned in Harrogate.

Tebay Church now has five services on Sundays.

Tebay's new mail carrier (Kirkby Stephen to Tebay) flit from Flakebridge to K.S. on 25th, following the van on his bicycle. At Potlands his front wheel fell off and he suffered a broken nose, cuts and bruises.

Ravenstonedale The Church Harvest Festival was on 23rd and 25th September - the anthem soloist was Mr. John Hunter. A meeting in Ravenstonedale Endowed School resolved to found a C of E Men's Society for Ravenstonedale Church. The Conservative's AGM was in the Concert Room at Coldbeck in early October, a whist drive and dance followed. Married at Bishop Auckland on 15th -Edward Greyson to Ellen McNeill of Sandwith, Newbiggin on Lune.

Died at Thornton Heath, Surrey (now London) on 21st, Thomas, son of the late Ellen Shaw of Ravenstonedale.

To let: Murthwaite Farm and 1 cattlegait in Murthwaite Park occupied by Thomas Mason.

Buried in Ravenstonedale Congregational Burial Ground on 25th, Mr. Edward Rudd who died on 21st aged 85. He had lived there for years but was an incomer!

Joke:

She: Did your Pa say you were too young?

He: Yes, but he said I'd age fast once married and having to pay your bills!

Thank you to Jeremy Godwin for the Notes.

"Remembering" Service

**St Michael's Church Shap
2 o'clock on 31st Oct.**

for anyone who has lost a someone and would like to rememeber them.

PARISH REGISTERS

The funeral of Raymond Hunter of South Stainmore took place on September 1st 2010 at St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale.

The marriage of Catherine Janet Brownrigg and Matthew Robert Wray took place on September 4th 2010 at St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale.

Mary's Multi-Vehicle Charity Challenge



Orton pensioner and grandma Mary Jenkin, aged 63, has undertaken an unusual challenge on behalf of a charity: she aims to drive as many different kinds of vehicle as possible before the end of October.

The charity for which she is aiming to raise funds is Kasese Street Kids, which is building a hostel and training centre for Street Children in Kasese, western Uganda. She and her husband, retired vicar Christopher, have raised £18,000 with the help of very generous friends and neighbours. This has built and roofed the new hostel, but another £12,000 is needed to complete it. (See <http://kasesestreetkids.blogspot.com>)

Mary has already arranged to drive a tractor, a digger, a quad bike, a dump truck, an HGV (not on the public highway – she has no HGV license), and an Ullswater steamer. She has at time of writing driven a ditch digger and a coach.

She is negotiating arrangements to drive a fire engine, a shipyard crane, a tank, and (hopefully) an airport mobile gangway and perhaps other airport vehicles.

All other offers and suggestions will be gratefully received – and so will all donations and sponsorship. (Tel. 01539 624410)

(Pictured: Mary driving a tracked ditch digger courtesy of Border Construction)

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR OCTOBER 2010

<u>Sunday 3rd October</u>	<u>18th Sunday after Trinity</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Green
ORTON 10.30am	Harvest HC Martin Dew	Deuteronomy 28 1 - 14, Luke 12 16 - 31		
Sidesman Gerald Weston	Prayers Sandra Ward	Readers Meryl Aspden, Ronnie Elliott		
TEBAY 3.00pm	Harvest Songs of Praise B Lock			
RAVENSTONEDALE 9.15am	Morning Prayer Chris Jenkin	Lamentations 1 1-6, 2 Timothy 1 1-14		
		Readers Dick & Janet Barlow		

<u>Sunday 10th October</u>	<u>19th Sunday after Trinity</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Green
ORTON 8.30am	Holy Communion Ian Elliott	Jeremiah 29 1, 4 - 7, 2 Timothy 2 8 - 15		
Sidesman John Falshaw		Readers John Falshaw		
TEBAY 4.00pm	2@4 Ronnie & Ian Elliott			
RAVENSTONEDALE 11.00am	Harvest Martin Dew			
		Readers Hilary Law, Tom Oldham		

<u>Sunday 17th October</u>	<u>20th Sunday after Trinity</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Green
ORTON 10.45am	Family Service B Lock & S Ward			
Sidesman Chris Bland	Prayers Tracy Day	Readers		
TEBAY 11.15am	Morning Prayer Reg Capstick	Jeremiah 31 27-34, 2 Timothy 3 4 - 4 5		
RAVENSTONEDALE 9.15am	Holy Communion Beverley Lock	As above		
		Readers M & S Metcalf Gibson		

<u>Sunday 24th October</u>	<u>Last Sunday after Trinity</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Green
ORTON 9.30am	Morning Prayer B Lock & P Dew	Joel 2 23 - 32, 2 Timothy 4 6 -8 16 - 15		
Sidesman Mary Jenkin	Prayers Chris Bland	Readers Susan Bassnett Jackie Huck		
TEBAY 11.15am	Holy Communion Beverley Lock			
RAVENSTONEDALE 6.30pm	Evensong Diana			
		Readers Caroline & David Morris		

<u>Sunday 31st October</u>	<u>4th Sunday before Advent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Green
ALL SAINTS DAY				
Joint Benefice Service at 10.30am in All Saints Orton with Beverley Lock				
Sidesman Jim Milburn	Prayers David Aspden	Readers Mary Jenkin & Brian Lock		

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR OCTOBER 2010

Methodist Chapel		3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Tebay	10.30am 6.30pm	G Peterson *	P Dew *	A Burton *	LA *	K Coward *
Orton	10.30am 6.30pm	10.00 am D Askew P Dew HC	10.00 am W Riley P Rigby	10.00 am LA P Dunstan	W Ousby C Staley	P Dew FS C Capstick
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30am 2.00pm 6.30pm	* L Whitfield HF L Whitfield HF	* P Dew HC *	* T Dent LA	P Jackson *	* P Dew *
Ravenstonedale	2.00pm 6.30pm	P Dew HC To N on L HF	P Dunstan C Staley	D Askew G Peterson	P Dew LA	W Capstick P Dunstan



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Thoughts from Tebay

Elizabeth Crossley

Taking 'O' levels in 1960 we
studied Keats as the poet and of
course one of his most famous
poems - 'Ode to Autumn' -
'Season of mists and mellow
fruitfulness' and at this time of
year it is so appropriate as we
have misty mornings when we
cannot see the Howgills until the
sun has burnt away the mist. We
are looking forward to autumn
and all our Harvest services in
our three churches. 'All is safely
gathered in, e'er the winter storms
begin' and this year especially the
grass has been cut several times
for both dry silage and the silage
stored under plastic. Damsons
and plums have grown in
abundance and we are waiting
another two weeks or so for our
sloes to ripen and we can make
sloe gin ready to drink at
Christmas and then really get on
with the chutney making. This
year we have had five ducks all
sitting on a clutch of eggs - we
really did have to walk the field
to find them all and for the first
time they all hatched (46 in all).
It really is a full time job to feed
and water them all during
daylight hours (watch this space
for when the 'for sale' notices
arrive as we really do not need
quite so many!)

At this moment we have the
builders in to refurbish the last
room - to take away the cobble
fireplace and to expose whatever
is behind it. It is strange how
generations alter the whole
pattern of architecture of rooms.
We know that our present lounge
used to be the Farm Dairy and
was used to store dried goods -
we know there has always been a
chimney in the wall, we know
that there is a lintel somewhere
but we have no idea what size the
opening will be and then what we
are going to do with it- hopefully

a fire basket and back. As I type
this I keep going into the room
with my camera to save a record
of the past.

I hope many of you will by now
have had a half hour to spare to
visit the railway exhibition in
Tebay church. It is well worth
the visit and very informative
when you stand and read the
history of the railway at Tebay
and how the village grew up
around the station. In it's hay day
there were 17 shops in the
village, selling everything people
could possibly have needed in the

day to day running of their lives
and the station was so big that
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of the platforms. I often wonder
when I look out of my kitchen
window what it must have been
like to watch the trains puffing
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Harvest at St James, Tebay this
year will be on Sunday 3 October
at 3pm when we will have a
'Harvest Songs of Praise'. I hope
to see many of you at that
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Tebay and Orton Distinctiveness Project

Community Heritage Festival

Would like to help plan a Festival next May?

Would you like fire jugglers? Medieval Stocks? Arts & Crafts? A May Pole?
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7.30pm Monday 18 Oct at the Cross Keys Hotel, Tebay.

Pictures speak 1000 words

We would like to collect old pictures and take updated new ones for the 'Then
and Now' photography and community record project. Come along with your
photos (either printed or in digital form), views of farming heritage, local
landmarks, WW2, the building of the motorway etc would be fabulous so we
can make a record of how things have changed.

We would also like to start making voice recordings of people's memories of
the area.

All are welcome so feel free to join us with your photos ideas and memories.

2pm Wednesday 17 November in the meeting room at Orton Vicarage.

Witches and Boggles

Would you like to add ghost stories about your house or local area to the local
heritage record? Contact Annie and we can add your story to the project.

Archaeology Project

The Community archaeology project is well underway. It's not too late to join
in, contact Annie and find out how you can help.

Contact Annie Hamilton-Gibney at: ACT, The Old Stables, Redhills,
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Information about the upcoming projects will be available on our web
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And look out for the new Tebay and Orton Distinctiveness Project on
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Tebay

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There is lots of discussion in Cumbria about the lack of affordable housing, especially in rural areas with the high price of houses, growing number of holiday and 2nd homes and the resulting effect on rural communities.

In October Cumbria Rural Housing Trust is carrying out a housing needs survey of the parish, with the support of the Parish Council. The results from the survey will be essential to ascertain what the local affordable housing need is, if any, and who needs it.

In order to get a true representation of the type of housing needed in Tebay please spend a little time completing the survey as fully as possible. All information gathered is treated confidentially and anonymity is assured.

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No Coffee Morning will be held this year at Primrose Cottage. As the Day Centre and Tebay Over 60's rely heavily on the money usually raised, I am making a monetary donation and would be grateful if anyone else would like to join me by leaving something here at Primrose Cottage.
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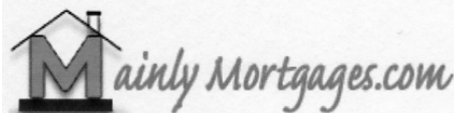
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Tebay Community Primary School News

The end of the Summer Term



Mrs Robson and a fond farewell...

After many happy years Mrs Robson, the Stepping Stones teacher, said farewell to Tebay School. This allows Mrs Robson to keep her busy commitment to teach at Kirkby Lonsdale and Tebay to offer Nursery provision every morning. Parents and staff presented Mrs. Robson with a garden seat, other gifts and handmade best wishes created into books. The Nursery children performed a special "Ginger Bread Girl" play, Julia Capstick created a decorated cake and Tom Skelthorne, ex-student of the school, serenaded her with

Leavers Service

The children in Y6 presented their memories of the school, in a series of plays, readings and a song they created themselves. Bibles and Thesaurus were presented, along with cups. Mrs Law received a thank you for all her hard work with the Stepping Stones team. The Infants cheered us up with a pirate song!



"Our World" Window Project

Karen Mc Dougal, a local artist, has been working with the Day Centre and the children of the school to create wonderful windows in the school hall. They depict: our community, our country and our world, in beautiful colour. The designs have been created by everyone involved.

The Y5+6 worked alongside the adults in the Day Centre and everyone enjoyed the experience. Thank you to the parents who assisted and the sponsors.

Welcome to new teachers!

Tebay children welcomed three new teachers as they started the Autumn Term. Mrs Metcalfe is leading the Nursery provision, every morning from 9:00 to 12:00. She is also teaching the Infants two afternoons a week. Miss Seller is teaching the Y1+ 2 each morning and the reception join them in the afternoons. Both classes are enjoying a Food and Farming topic. Mr. Harris is a sports coach, he's teaching the Junior classes for Games, Gymnastics and Dance. Everyone has settled in with lots of enthusiastic smiles!

Carnival Time!

Everyone in the Juniors helped create stalls, all the KS1 children performed, parents ran and organised refreshments...a good afternoon was enjoyed, despite the drizzle and grey outside!

The Pirate Party!

Stepping Stones and Biggins joined forces for a fabulous Pirate Party near the end of term!

Do you enjoy reading?

Is there anyone who would like to come into school, regularly, to hear children read? There is something really special about sharing books and chatting about books...if you have any time, please contact school.
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Orton

UGANDA SLIDE SHOW

Mothers’ Union Open Meeting

Tuesday 5th October, 7.30pm All Saints’ Church, Orton

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Orton Farmers’ Markets

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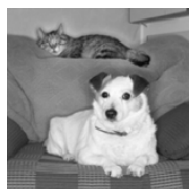


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Harvest Supper

Monday 4th October 7pm

In the Market Hall

highlights

community touring scheme

Objects Dart's Stories on a Shoestring

A charming puppet show for children and families for half term

Orton Market Hall will be presenting *Stories on a Shoestring* by Objects Dart, an enchanting puppet show for children and families during the school half term on Thursday 28 October with the performance starting at 2pm.

Stories on a Shoestring is showing as part of Highlights Community Touring Scheme's Autumn programme. It features a little puppet, made from the simplest of materials, who goes on a journey to find a friend his own size. Along the way he encounters well-known characters including the giant from *Jack and the Beanstalk*, the wolf from *The Three Little Pigs* and the fish which grants wishes from *The Fisherman and his Wife*. Will the little puppet find a friend? Will they live happily ever after?

Objects Dart show how you can make a puppet out of anything – pegs, rags, bottles and bags. They use brilliant object puppetry together with shadows, music, and storytelling to create a charming and original show for all ages about finding friendship and a home. Drew Colby of Objects Dart will be his performance with a workshop where children and their families can make their own puppets and try them out with guidance from a renowned puppeteer.

Sally Seed, promoter at Orton Market Hall said "We're thrilled to be bringing Objects Dart to Orton. We had our first puppet show through Highlights earlier in the year and it attracted a good audience and lots of interest, especially the interactive sections with the puppeteer. Drew's workshop on 28 October should make this a very special afternoon and will be ideal for under 10s. It's great that we can offer something for local youngsters to look forward to during one of the more dismal school holidays."

Date/ Time: Thursday 28 October at 2pm with performance followed by a workshop

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Leavers' Assembly

At the end of term we had a leavers Assembly nearly all the parents came. All the year 6 girls got a Bible and a gummy ball off the Reverend Phil Dew.

Jessica Cutts got the Kindest Sharing Caring Cup; There were lots of other cups to be awarded including the Handwriting Cup, and the Class 2 Environment Cup, these were given to children of all ages. When it was finished everyone was invited back to school for refreshments.

By Ben Capstick, and Thomas Matthews

Football

One Wednesday afternoon Asby School came to our school to play tennis no i'm sorry they came to play football. In our group there was a red team and a white team. I was in the white team that lost but we did our best, and had a fab time.

By Callum Staley

Builders work

In the summer holidays the builders began renovating at school to build a new classroom upstairs, and our old classroom is to become the hall.

We don't know what it's going to look like, but we will soon, as it will hopefully be finished after half term.

By Kian and Dominic



Manchester Museum

On Monday 13th September the whole of class 2 went on a trip to a museum in Manchester to learn about the Ancient Greeks and many other things from our history it was great fun, we saw mummified bodies which were green, huge skeleton dinosaurs, and lots of different animals in tanks.

After lunch a lady taught us what the Ancient Greeks were like many years ago, we got chance to look at different Greek pots which we could pick up and look at.

At the end of the day we all went to the shop where we could buy something to take home. It took two hours on the bus to get back to school, where we were met by our parents



By Leah Boustead, Hollie Boustead, Matthew Holmes, and Anoushka Tarney

Leavers Assembly

At the end of the summer term we had a leavers' Assembly at the church, where we gave out awards to children for different achievements. Then the leaving year 6 girls did a play for us, it was very funny.



By Carla Boustead & Jordan Cutts

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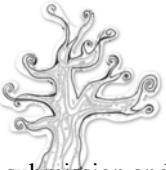
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Newbiggin-on-Lune public Hall

Halloween Wine & Savouries



Saturday 30th October

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Fancy dress optional
Tickets £9

Tel Marion 015396 23409 Or Anne 015396 23447



Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Children's Halloween Disco



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Saturday 30th October
4-6pm

Admission £1

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Newbiggin on Lune Methodist Chapel.

Come and join us for:-

- Sunday Services – weekly at 2.00 pm, until further notice.
- 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).

We are friendly and welcoming and would love you to come and spend time with us.

For more information **phone Andrea on 23477**

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Contacts:

Chairman : Pauline Capstick Mob: 07973 502355

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**All bookings should be placed with the Treasurer
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ST OSWALD'S CHURCH



Harvest Festival Service

at 11am on Sunday, October 10th



Harvest Festival Lunch

(Cooked lunch & a glass of wine)

at **12.30 pm for 12.45 pm**
in Newbiggin Village Hall

*Tickets-£7.00. (Children- £3.00)
available from PCC members
or The Black Swan Hotel shop*

*Proceeds from the sale of produce for
The Bishop's Harvest Appeal*

Donations of produce gratefully received



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Upper Eden Events

The new group entitled Upper Eden Events hosted their first event with a Roman Day at Brough Castle on Saturday 31st July. The day was a great success, attracting over 1100 visitors. Upper Eden Events has been developed to enable anybody in the Upper Eden area to run an event. Anybody who is interested in running an event and would like the assistance of Upper Eden Events should contact Upper Eden Community Plan project officer Libby Bateman on 07759665233 or projectofficer@uecp.org.uk.

Grey Squirrels are coming Back! It's Autumn again!

So please all **be vigilant** and if you spot a Grey Squirrel, please ring me (Frank) on **015396-23638**. This is the normal pattern of behaviour for Greys – they will seek new territory to colonise each year as more squirrels are born. They will then overwinter and next year breed. So we need to spot each one and prevent this from happening. Remember – Grey Squirrels can carry squirrelpox – deadly to the Reds, the Greys push the reds out of their feeding grounds – they are larger and are able to feed on more materials than the specialised Reds. So far, one Grey was seen and logged near High Chapel House. Maize feeders are deployed to locate the Greys and if they are found, they are culled. Make sure **your garden** is a **safe haven** for Red Squirrels by reporting any Greys. Frank

Annual Clothes Collection.

In aid of the **Air Ambulance
And Rdale School PTFA Fund**
Tuesday 19th October
Items need to be delivered
to Rdale school by **10 am**.
If you need them to be collected,
please contact Anne Capstick
tel – 23447 in advance.

INVITATION!

We'd like everyone to come to an Open Afternoon at

Ravenstonedale Endowed Primary School

Wednesday 10th November 1.30 – 3.00pm

To see our new school hall and class-room.

Refreshments will be served.

Ravenstonedale Endowed Primary school currently has a vacancy on the Governing Body. Being a governor is an excellent way to get involved in the community, broaden your skills and knowledge, and use your existing skills to the benefit of local children. You will need to attend an average of four meetings per term and be able to spend a little time in school, occasionally, to help you in your role. Training will be provided.

No special qualifications are required - you just need to be aged 18 or over with a real desire to help your local primary school.

For more information, please contact Mrs Tringham (Headteacher) or Mrs Boustead (Secretary) on the number below – or email
admin@ravenstonedale.cumbria.sch.uk

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Celebrating at NOL Methodist Chapel **Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend**

Saturday Oct 2nd 7.30 –
Concert with the Longton Family,
followed by supper.

Sunday Oct 3rd 2pm and 6.30pm - Services led by Liz
Whitfield from Beetham

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Saturday October 23rd 7.30 pm – *Special evening with*
Peter Jackson, blind pianist from South Wales.

Come and join us in these celebrations!

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THANK YOU FROM THE BLACK SWAN

We would like to thank everyone from Mostly Acoustic Cumbria and our friends and family for helping to make MACFest another huge success. We would like to particularly thank our wonderful staff for their very hard work and the long hours they put in. We hope that visitors and locals enjoyed the weekend music and activities.

We raised a total of £300 for The Friends of StOswalds Church in Ravenstonedale, which was made possible by the hard work of the ladies of the village with their craft stand and also Judith Doran, who baked and baked, making the most gorgeous cakes and scones.

I think it is important that we point out that MACFest is merely hosted and staffed by The Black Swan. All the arrangements for the festival, pricing of tickets etc are made by the Committee of MACFest and we at The Black Swan have no input into these matters.

Again, many thanks to everyone involved.

Louise & Alan, The Black Swan,
Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events

Autumn / Winter 2010 and
2011

Sunday Oct 10th
St Oswald's Harvest Festival
Service & Lunch

Monday Dec 20th
Carols in the Pub (Black Swan)
with Rev'd Carole Marsden

Saturday June 18th 2011
Barbecue & Fete
Elm Lodge, Ravenstonedale



Friends of St Oswald Church, Ravenstonedale

As you may have read in last month's Link, the Art & Crafts Exhibition and Flass Barbecue together raised about £1,625.00 for church funds which is very pleasing. It might, however, be of interest to some of you to know that the total running costs of the church are at present about **£350 per week (about £1,400 per month, £16,800 per year)**. This includes, electricity, heating, insurance, building maintenance, vicar's salary etc. We receive a grant of £500 from the Parish Council towards the upkeep of the churchyard and we are grateful for that.

The amount we raised from those two recent events, although very worthwhile, will **cover our costs for 5 weeks**. We have some reserves acquired over many years but the congregation becomes older and fewer and, as our Treasurer points out, these reserves are gradually being nibbled away as each year our annual income is less than our annual expenditure and costs will inevitably continue to increase as the years go by.

In an attempt to broaden the church's scope and make it more 'user-friendly' we are installing a toilet and eventually better kitchen facilities. Nonetheless the situation is of great concern to the Parochial Church Council (whose responsibility the church is) and we would like to feel that the church, as a building as well as a place of worship, will continue for future generations and to that end we have recently set up a **Friends of St Oswald Church** to try to secure a more certain future for this Grade I Listed building over the long term.

We have leaflets available (also in the church) and if you are interested in helping in any way however great or small to preserve the church building (this does **not** include the day to day running costs) or know of others who might be, please contact: -

Michael Metcalfe-Gibson, Treasurer of the 'Friends' or any member of the PCC for further information.

Thank you.

Caroline A. Morris (Hon Secretary) Ravenstonedale Parochial Church Council.

Open House at Low Chapel
Wednesdays from 10.30 to 12.00 noon.

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Different location – same welcome!

Fairtrade coffee and tea, with good chat.

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