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Thoughts from High Westmorland

By Rev Beverley Lock

When we are on holiday my family enjoy walking.

On our wanders we have often taken a detour into a local church or chapel. Religious building so often tell you a lot about the community. They have stood in that place for thousands of years and have collected so many stories together of people as they have passed through. Some are physical in stone tablets or pictures; some are just a little inscription in the corner of a fine window. The building seems to pick up the imprint of so many who have been born, grown, married and died within the area.

I love what you can tell of a place in the way they are furnished and in their atmosphere – you touch the stone touched by a child in the 11th century and feel the same roughness or smoothness as they felt. You see the font where men who lived in age of Tudor kings had their babies baptised. On these walls here are the tall monument to past Squires and famous sons of the parish. Here are those lovely little stories enshrined in the “bread shelf “ or the “Vicar’s wife’s bench” that intrigue us; leaving us wanting to know more. Sometimes it is the lack of information about hidden groups like women or the poor that speaks volumes about the change in social attitudes. All these wonderful stories tell of folk who have passed through this building on their life’s journey.

Whether you share the Christian faith or not these buildings are “touching places” with the past. Here in the style of the architecture and

the simplicity or grandeur of the walls and windows are the stories of the fortunes of these parishes.

If we have eyes to see, and know how to read the signs, so much can be understood about from where the community has grown and developed by looking at these buildings.

That is why Churches Trust for Cumbria has run a course at Tebay church helping local people to help visitors to understand what their building means. Folk came from a large area to spend a day thinking about how we tell our community stories through our buildings.

We are so lucky to have some beautiful churches and chapels in our area. If you have visitors staying now Spring is just around the corner, do bring them to these beautiful buildings. They belong to the whole community and it is good to share them.

One final thought: If you live in this area – are you going to leave part of your story in these buildings? What 21st century contribution will be there for the visitors of the future to enjoy?

A meeting of the Joint Warden, Secretaries and treasurers
for the High Westmorland Parishes
will be at 7.30 pm
on 2nd March
at Bampton Church Hall.

PARISH REGISTERS

The funeral of Fred Winston Bainbridge took place at All Saints Church Orton on Wednesday 19th January 2011.

The funeral of Alan Howe took place at St James' Church Tebay on Tuesday 8th February 2011

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We have a District Council meeting on Thursday at which we will debate the proposed savings cuts. These are of great concern to me especially those affecting rural swimming pools and the Eden arts budget and I will endeavour to propose that these cuts are delayed. I know that cuts have to be made but it seems disproportionately again that rural areas are affected.

We now have an interim Chief Executive for the next nine months at Eden of which I was on the interviewing panel. The calibre of applicants was absolutely amazing and I am sure that every one of them would have been suitable. A lot is expected of this new person - a bit like President Obama! In the nine months, the hope is that he will improve the finances and morale of the council and prepare it for the prospect of shares services and the possibility sharing of a Chief Executive with another authority. Time will tell.

As a result of the District Council Meeting on 10 February, a surprise amendment by Council leader, Gordon Nicholson, was carried which delayed the proposed cuts for six months until the council meeting in September. This means that Eden Arts and the Rural Pools budget and others will not be cut immediately. Maybe it was a bit of 'politicking' on his part with the elections coming up in May but I am sure those organisations who have a six months 'stay of execution' will be very relieved as I was.

Margaret Wilcox

Desert Ultra- Marathon in aid of Facing Africa

On 31 March I will be flying out to Morocco to take part in the **Marathon des Sables**.

First conceived in 1985 by Frenchman Patrick Bauer, the event has grown in popularity and has been embraced by the British, who now make up around 20% of the 800 participants.

Based in the Sahara desert, it involves running the equivalent of 6 marathons over the course of 7 days in temperatures up to 40C, whilst carrying all the food, clothing and equipment needed for the week, other than water, which is rationed. The terrain ranges from salt plains, dried river beds, flaky mountains to classic "Lawrence of Arabia" sand dunes, with the organisers providing 8-man bivouacs to give some shelter from the night-time cold. Day 4 involves a single 50 mile stage.

In addition to the mental and physical challenge, an extra dimension is provided by the fact that I am taking part in the Marathon des Sables to raise money for a charity called **Facing Africa**.

Established in 1998, Facing Africa is a UK charity that funds teams of volunteer consultant surgeons from the UK to carry out facial reconstruction surgery on severely disfigured and desperately poor African children suffering from a gangrenous infection called Noma. Since its inception, Facing Africa has transformed the lives of over 2000 children in Ethiopia and Nigeria. Some readers may recall seeing a BBC2 documentary transmitted last year entitled "Make me a new face" presented by Ben Fogle and featuring the work of Facing Africa. For those who are interested, I have DVDs of both the full 60 minute documentary and a shorter 20 minute "edited highlights" version.

As the clock ticks down to the event itself, my fund-raising effort is gathering momentum. If anyone would like to make a donation, then a cheque made payable to Facing Africa and accompanied by a name and address will qualify for an additional 28% Gift Aid tax relief.

Alternatively, if anyone would like to learn more about the charity then the website www.facingafrica.org is well worth having a look at.

In addition, and as the final fund-raising activity of the campaign, I will be giving a presentation at Orton Market Hall on Thursday, 12 May 2011 at 7.30pm entitled "**From One Extreme to Another**" described by the critics as "*an interesting and entertaining evening providing an insight into an enthusiastic amateur's adventures in climbing the iconic 22,000ft Himalayan peak Ama Dablam and the success (or otherwise) of an attempt on the infamous desert ultra-marathon, the Marathon des Sables.*"

Tickets are limited and are now on sale at £5 each available at Orton Village Stores & Post Office, or direct from me using the contact details below.

And finally, I have been allocated a small pitch at Orton Farmers Market on Saturday 12 March 2011 when I will be delighted to talk you through the charity and the challenge, sell some tickets to the presentation evening and invite you to take part in the "guess the weight of the rucksack" competition!

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<u>Sunday 6th March</u>	<u>Sunday before Lent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Green
ORTON	9.30am	Holy Communion	M Dew	Exodus 24 12-18, 2 Peter 1 16-21
Sidesman	Jim Millburn	Prayers	Ronnie Elliott	Readers Brian Lock & Jackie Huck
TEBAY	3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Beverley Lock	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Reg Capstick	Readers Hilary Law & Tom Oldham

<u>Sunday 13th March</u>	<u>1st Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
ORTON	8.30am	Holy Communion	Chris Jenkin	Genesis 2 15-17, 3 1-7, Romans 5 12-19
Sidesman	Colin Wren			Readers Colin Wren
TEBAY	4.00pm	2@4	Ronnie & Ian Elliott	
RAVENSTONEDALE	10.00am	Holy Communion	Chris Jenkin	Readers M & S Metcalf-Gibson

<u>Sunday 20th March</u>	<u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
ORTON	10.45am	Family Service	Beverley Lock.	with Class 2Orton school
Sidesman	Mary Jenkin	Prayers		Readers
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	I Elliott R Capstick	Genesis 12 1-4a, Romans 4 1-5 13-17
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	Readers David & Caroline Morris

<u>Sunday 27th March</u>	<u>3rd Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
ORTON	9.30am	Morning Prayer BCP	Martin Dew	Exodus 17 1-7, Romans 5 1-11
Sidesman	Chris Bland	Prayers	Colin Wren	Readers John Burra & David Aspden
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Martin Dew	
RAVENSTONEDALE	6.30pm	Evensong	Martin Dew	Readers Clare Stafford & David Vigar

<u>Sunday 3rd April</u>	<u>Mothering Sunday</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
ORTON	10.30am	Joint Family Communion with Chapel	C Jenkin	Exodus 2 1-10, Colossians 3 12-17
Sidesman		Prayers		Readers
TEBAY	3.00pm	Songs of Praise & Baptism	B Lock	
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A Thought from Tebay

by Elizabeth Crossley

How many times have we heard Bible stories in school assembly, in Sunday school, in bible readings and also in sermons from the pulpit? Time and time again and when we hear them (especially the more popular and well known ones) we think to ourselves - yes, I understand that story and the meaning behind it. Well at times we think we know and understand the meaning but until we really experience one of these stories for ourselves we only then begin to realise the actual meaning behind it.

Two weeks ago at 9am I had just walked onto the yard when I noticed one of the ducks on the other side of the gate, by the grass verge. I went through the small gate to usher her back when my foot went from under me as I slipped on some ice and I ended up sitting outside the farm gate on the very hard and very cold concrete, i tried to get up by pulling myself up on the gate but could not put either knee on the ground and so I sat there - fortunately I had on a thick coat. It was a Thursday morning so I knew I would not have long to wait because I knew the bin men were on their way, it was also the day for the kerb side paper collection, the post had not yet arrived and the coal was also due. I thought five to ten minutes -yes I could handle that even though the concrete was both hard and cold but maybe someone might pass in their car.

Sure enough a car approached from the Kelleth direction - a 4x4 pulling an empty trailer. The driver looked at me and carried on. A few minutes later another car approached from the Kelleth direction - a large red one and the

driver again looked at me and carried on. I then heard a tractor approaching from the direction of Rayne bridge and I thought this farmer will stop and he slowed down and looked at me and carried on. I didn't know whether to scream or cry. Why did those three people think I was sitting on the concrete outside the gate with my sticks beside me at 9am in thr morning? It was only ten minutes past nine and they had never seen me doing this before. I was now longing to see the bin men or paper men or postman or coal man. Another vehicle approached from the direction of the bridge - a Siemans van which passed me and then reversed and the driver said 'I thought you shouldn't be sitting on the ground like that - can I help? As he was bringing his van close to the gate my face started to be washed by a black Labrador -I was just his right height. His owner, a young lady who I see passing walking the dog also stopped, called the dog off and said to the driver 'Come on - we can manage to lift her back onto her feef which they duly did. I was so relived and thanked them profusely and then they saw me through the small gate and up the yard.

I had a large cup of sweetened tea and sat down on a comfortable

chair and thought about my experience. I'm sure you can guess which bible story I was thinking about-The Good Samaritan. The traveller had been mugged and robbed and left by the side of the road and people of his own faith had walked past and ignored him until the Samaritan who were disliked by the Jews all over Palestine stopped and dealt with his wounds and took him to an inn and paid the landlord to look after him. Three people who live fairly locally and pass my house several times a week or every day just carried on driving. The van driver who didn't know me at all stopped, together with the young lady and her dog.

In this day and age why do we ignore people who obviously need help? If I had been in one of those cars I would have stopped -I could not have lifted anyone off the ground but I would have made sure that I stopped the next vehicle to pass by. We sometime think that some of the stories in the bible are not relevant in todays world -I think they are - the Good Samaritan is relevant today as it was when it was first told over 2000 years ago.

In a small community like this - who would you say was my neighbour?



Friends Of Tebay School

Would like to thank everyone who supported the Bingo on 12th Feb

A total of £309 was raised for funds towards school trips and equipment for the benefit of the pupils education.

Notes from The Herald, March, 1911

Middling first half, then fine but cold.

Orton While feeding cattle on Orton Hall Estate, John Winder (Low Chapel) was invaded by calves; in chasing them off he was gored by his fork. His main injury was shock. Died at Rampshaw on 22nd, Sarah Ann Dodd aged 62.

Tebay Trout fishing opened on the Lune on 2nd, good fresh of water. Mr. William Taylor was out early and caught nine, all well fed. Looks likely to be a good season. Tebay Church of England Temperance Society's annual Social was on Tuesday 1st. It was held in the Parochial Institute with the Vicar in the Chair. Dancing till 11p.m. Tebay Mart's Special Sale of Store cattle and sheep on 6th - Sisson, Penrith were the Auctioneers. Married at the Independent Methodist Church, Chorley on 18th February, Albert Widdop to Georgina Kirk, niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burrow, Co-op House, Tebay. Died at Old Tebay on 24th February, John Wills, 84. He died in the house where he was born. Latterly a gardener he knew Tebay before the railways came; he became a foreman platelayer with NER. He was buried at Grayrigg with his wife who died some years before. There was a Church Parade of the Tebay Boys' Brigade to Communion at Tebay Church on 5th.

Ravenstonedale There was a concert on Friday, 24th February in the Endowed School. It was packed being the annual Band of Hope event. The producer was Mr. John Fawcett, Croft House, in the Chair was Rev. J.A. Patrick. The programme included "Minding the Babies" (a comedy sketch).

Bybeck's farmer, Mr. Metcalfe, has died recently; his widow's farm sale is on Wednesday 29th March - lunch at 10.30, sale at 12.30. Sale of 45 shorthorns, 80 poultry, 1 cur dog. In Court again, William John Bainbridge, shoemaker, for arrears of upkeep for his wife Agnes - now two years (£6.17.0) behind. Is supposed to give her 7s6d per week; adjourned to see if he does.

Concert in the Endowed School on

Thurs. evening,23rd, by Kirkby Stephen Wesleyan Choir. Held for the Ravenstonedale Wesleyan Chapel re-seating and renovation fund. Followed by supper in the Chapel.

RDC(Kirkby Stephen Townhead Bridge, Ravenstonedale, to be heightened? - sent to Ravenstonedale Parochial Committee for comments.

Newbiggin Mr. Thomas J. Dodd, postie, died of a seizure. He went to work as usual 7a.m. on Saturday, 25th February had a seizure at home that evening and died in a coma at 4.30a.m. on the 26th. He was 52, quiet and helpful. He had lived with his mother whose death five weeks previously had hit him hard.

Joke

Boy to visitor: Been fishing there long?

Reply: Two hours

Boy: Caught anything?

Reply: No, why?

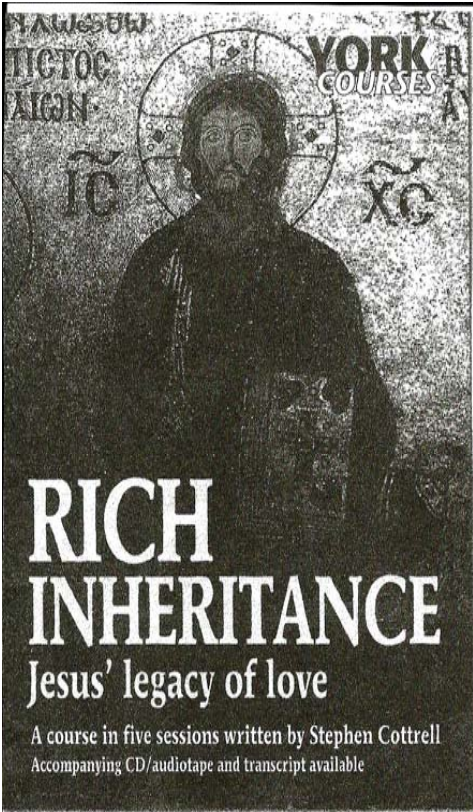
Boy: Because there has been no water there till last night's down-pour.

Thanks to Jeremy Godwin for the Notes.

Jeremy has also sent the following:

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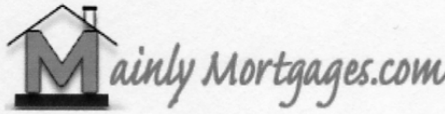
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Tebay Community Primary School News

Y6 Ski Trip...Reported by Megan and Dee

Every child in Y6 was given the opportunity to learn to Ski on the Dry Ski Slope in Kendal, then attend the Cumbrian Ski Course, travelling to the Alps for a week of real snow! On 15th January, at lunchtime, ten Y6's and Mr Coleman (our Headteacher) set off to Northern Italy. We were the last school on the bus. We travelled with lots of other schools: 143 children and 15 teachers in total on three buses. To pass the time we watched films from the DVD player. The ferry crossing wasn't very rough despite lots of rain. Most of us had delicious chips. We slept through France and had breakfast at a services. Our travelling time on the bus was a whopping 26 HOURS!

The resort we stayed at was Prato Nevoso, the hotel was called Hotel Galassia. It was a pleasant hotel which had a massive sports hall, a disco, an annex and a swimming pool. We slept in dormitories of four. Our meals consisted of pasta, pasta, pasta and rice. Breakfast was continental and we had a choice. We did lots of activities at night time including: a disco; where Mr Coleman tried to do break dancing and dancing with a mop; a karaoke, which was fantastic; film night, we watched How to train your Dragon; bum boarding and shopping to buy presents to take home. We all made lots of new friends.

We went to "ski fit" to get our ski's, boots, poles and helmets fitted. It took a long time but it was worth the wait. Our school was in two different ski groups: three of us were in Group 5 with Paulo; the others were in Pierro's Group 6. Ski-ing was for four hours a day: two in the morning, two in the afternoon. We also did night ski-ing. We were the first ski course to do it. There were flood lights to light the slopes. Most of us were excited but nervous. After we finished night ski-ing we were a bit cold but we had a great time. We had a presentation evening on the Friday. Our instructors met us in the sports hall to receive our medals and certificates. Earlier that day we did a slalom race. Deanne won in her group. On our last morning, Saturday, we had three hours ski-ing and we went on a different chair lift.

After packing our bags we set off home. We returned through the channel tunnel. Because we were the last ones on the bus we were the first ones off!

The ski trip was amazing and we would love to have chance to go again.

Chinese New Year

Children in Stepping Stones have been busy celebrating the Chinese New Year: writing in Chinese, trying out food, making kites and a dragon to dance under. A great time was had by all!

Indian Interest in the Infants

The Infants have been wearing Sari's and exploring artefacts from India. The art work inspired by the topic is beautiful!

Junior Sports Events

Sands Centre Football Tournaments

Both boys and girls sent a football team to play at the Sands Centre. The atmosphere was friendly and competitive. The girls managed five matches and scored some fantastic goals!

Hunter Hall Cross Country

A group of children ran extremely well, on a hilly course at Hunter Hall. All came back muddy but happy.

Quick Sticks Hockey

Y3+4 had a fantastic time at the Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Kirkby Stephen!

Tebay

World Women's Day of Prayer

4th March at 2.00pm

St James' Church
Tebay

Preacher

Barbara Capstick
from Chester.

Refreshments will be
served after the
service

ORTON AND TEBAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

THURSDAY 24TH MARCH TEBAY METHODIST HALL
7.30p.m.

Annual General Meeting. Review of the year, a look at the year to come and an update on the Victoria County History Project. Reg Capstick will tell us more tales of Tebay

THURSDAY 14TH APRIL ORTON MARKET HALL
7.30p.m.

Alan Cleaver will give a talk on Local Myths and Mysteries.

THURSDAY 12TH MAY

Ian Allonby will take us on a walk around Crosby Garrett Church and village. Meet at the Church at 7p.m.

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Comp. A honey pot
MAY 21st Mrs. Gwyn Moseley Nurse Practitioner
Comp. List of First Aid things in a box
JUNE 15th WI Evening Trip
Comp. Nice Watch
JULY 20th John Dalton Flower Arranging
Comp. Arrangement in an egg cup
AUGUST 17th Pat Eady. Baking 'Pat's Pantry'
Comp. 3 scones
SEPT. 21st W.I. Adviser Noreen Leese
Comp. Picture of a W.I. event
OCT. 22nd 'Shirley Lingerie'
Comp. Nicest bra
NOV. 16th Mona Kent Christmas Baubles
Comp. Neatest darn.
DEC. 21st Christmas Party
Wendy Higgins Slide Show
Comp. Homemade paper hat.

This is a round-up of our WI meetings for the year, but do you know about the many other events and activities, available for WI members? Do you enjoy Theatre Visits, Concerts, Shows, Holidays, Talks, Outings? Would like to be a better cook, learn a new craft, develop a flare for art or writing? Do you like Walking, Swimming, Playing Games? These are just a small selection of the many local and county events on offer for WI members. So, when you're sitting at home, tired of the telly or wondering what to do with your day, we're out enjoying ourselves with friends, or looking forward to the next special date in our diary's. Jealous? No need to be, Tebay and Orton WI will guarantee you a warm welcome, and if you're new to the area you'll soon make friends. So - why not give us a try. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday in each month at Tebay Club, 7.30pm - 10. For further information contact President Ann Mooney 24405 or Secretary Jackie Huck 24266.



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015396 24967

MONDAY	9.00a.m. - 1p.m.	1.30p.m. - 5.30p.m.
WEDNESDAY	9.00a.m. - 1p.m.	1.30p.m. - 5.30p.m.
FRIDAY	9.00a.m. - 1p.m.	1.30p.m. - 5.30p.m.

Orton

CEILIDH

with Duo from the
Eden Ceilidh Band
Orton Market Hall

Saturday 26th March

7.30 pm start
Adults £6, Under 16's £3.00

Tel. 015396 24258
Bring & Share Supper, BYOB
In aid of Autism Support.

Orton Mothers' Union

Our next meeting will be
Tuesday 1st March,
2pm
in Westmorland House.

'Wave of Prayer'

followed by
a cup of tea and a chat.

We always welcome
anyone who would like
to join us.

Orton

THE ORTON SCARECROW COMPETITION 2011

We hope you've been thinking about the Scarecrow competition, and have lots of ideas. This years theme is 'Childhood' in line with the Church Exhibition, which will be held on the weekend of 28th - 30th MAY. The subject lends itself to many interpretations, 'schooldays' 'playtime' 'famous children' 'toys' etc. the list is as long as your imagination.

Entry forms will be popping through letter boxes in early April, or can be obtained from the village shop. As before, there will be THREE classes:-

1. The General Senior Scarecrow Competition
2. A Scarecrow Competition for children of Primary School age.

3. A 'Window Scarecrow' to be no larger than 14inches, which must be handmade. (Entries can be made in all classes, 1 & 2 and 3). Judging as in previous years, will be 'by the people'. Maps will be made available with the Scarecrows numbered, and anyone looking at the Scarecrows will be able to vote for their favourites. (More details nearer the date).

Scarecrows will need to be displayed within the village perimeter, so those who have no front garden or who live outside the village can display their Scarecrows on one of the many grass verges. This will concentrate the Scarecrows for a better display, and make judging and the awarding of prizes fairer and easier. Scarecrows displayed outside this area, will not be put on the map, and not judged.

Timetable:-

Entry forms to be returned by Thursday 19th May. PLEASE NOTE LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED as the judging maps will already have been printed. Competed forms can be left at the Shop, or handed to Jackie Huck, Dot Coates, Wendy Higgins or Marion Robinson.

Scarecrows to be displayed sometime on Friday 27th May.

Judging will take place over the weekend, and finish by 5pm on Monday 30th. Completed forms to be returned to The Church.

Prize winners will be announced, prizes given out and lists posted on Tuesday 31st MAY.

Those entering are asked to keep their Scarecrows in place, until Friday 3rd. June (Weather permitting).

A Reminder will be put in the April & May Links, and The Committee hope that there will be an excellent turnout of Scarecrows. Especially when the weather is favourable, it is a delight to see the village filled with families, following their maps around the village, and pointing out all the Scarecrows.

SO COME ON, LETS HAVE LOTS OF ENTRIES, AND MAKE THE 2011 COMPETITION SOMETHING REALLY WORTH COMING TO SEE. Best wishes Jackie Huck

Orton Church Gift Day and Exhibition 28th, 29th & 30th May.

This year's theme will be

CHILDHOOD

We would like ideas and help from as many people as possible to help create a memorable display for this year's event. Everyone has different memories but they are all special to each and every one of us.

What memories can you recall, playing conkers, playing in the beck? Can you "rebuild some of your memories in our **exhibition**? You may have old photographs from **childhood** days that you could display. We would like to have a "**guess who**" wall, can we use an early photograph of you? We have models and part bodies so contributions of any childhood uniforms would be most welcome, school, girl guides, boy scouts or any others would be most welcome.

All ideas and offers of help to Angela Milburn, Tel. 24382

ORTON MANOR COURT

Abridged Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 24th January 2011

1. Present: 8 committee members and two observers.
2. Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2010 were agreed.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. Insurance: No action had yet been taken.
 - b. Treasurer: Richard Percival had agreed to accept this position and was welcomed by the Committee. He would be formally voted on to the Committee at the AGM.
 - c. Hanging Baskets: Nigel Coward had been thanked in person.
 - d. Damage to Beck by Redmayne Cottage: The Highways Authority had undertaken to be responsible for repairs to both the road edge and the beck bank.
4. The Fourth Bench: After lively discussion, and various possible sites for the bench being suggested, a sub-committee was set up to examine the best position and to action the installation of the fourth bench (donated by a resident).
5. Treasurer's Report: The Current Account stands at £566.82; the Savings Account contains £26,963 (as of 6.10.10). Of this sum, £13,173.00 had been received from Eden District Council in respect of the toilets, and was payable to the Parish Council.
6. Toilets: The Parish Council needs a further £10,000 to alter the toilets. It was proposed that OMC contribute £5,000 – agreed unanimously. It was also agreed that OMC should lease the land for the necessary toilet extension to the Parish Council for a peppercorn rent.
7. Grass Lettings: A notice would be inserted in March's Link to advertise the two lettings, at Meldykes and Howes Quarry, so that the existing or new tenants could apply.
8. Garnett's Watering Place: Three trees had been felled by Alan Potter as agreed. It was suggested that this land be landscaped, and was a possible site for a bench.
9. Next Meeting: Monday 9th May. AGM: Monday 4th July.

Tree Planting Weekend at Orton Community Woodland

Sat19th and Sun 20th March 11am-4pm

Details Maggie and Rob Willan, 1 Front Street, Orton
015396 24491 or email maggiewillan@hotmail.com

Newbiggin-on-Lune

Don't miss! Lune Spring Players

Latest production

Simpkins is Dead!

A comedy by David Withey
(by kind permission of New Theatre Publications)

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

**March 10th 11th, & 12th
7.30 p.m. at**

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Reserve Tickets **£6, (includes refreshments)** from :

David Morris 015396 23308
or Richard Staley 015396 23263

UPPER EDEN FIRST RESPONDERS

Winners this month for the UEFR
Lottery:

1st Prize - Helen and Gerry Shields
2nd Prize - Mrs A Karonka - Warcop
3rd Prize - Robin Young - Sedbergh

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

AGM

**Monday 14th May 2011
7.30pm**

Followed by Committee meeting

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Future events for your diary

*** April 16th Easter fayre - cancelled**

*** Sat 25th June Cream teas and
Treasure hunt**

*** October 29th Childrens disco and
wine & savouries**

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Contacts:

Chairman : Pauline Capstick Mob: 07973 502355

Secretary : Marion Law Tel: 015396 23409

Treasurer : Carl McLaughlin Tel: 015396 23674

Caretaker : Paul Boustead Tel : 015396 23477

**All bookings should be placed with the Caretaker
All payments to the Treasurer.**

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**

Ravenstonedale

Christingle Service at St Oswald's Ravenstonedale on Feb 6th

It was good to see the young and old and all ages in between come to the Christingle service. £75.00 was raised for the Childrens' Society. Thank you to all who came.



A question of Sport

Left - The Ladies Football Team from 1935 – Sue Prince, this could be your project for 2011, gather a team and play the lads...

FC – Rdale Independent History Archive
(frankrdale@yahoo.co.uk)

Red Squirrel Reports

There seem to be a lively year for red squirrels this spring and so far we have seen good activity levels and regular visits. On the downside there has been a road kill in back lane (of all places) outside Manor House, the corpse has been sent for examination to see if it has any virus. A grey was sighted and reported by Mrs Burnett from the Stables – thanks for that. Please be vigilant and if you see grey squirrels phone me on 01539623638 or email – frankrdale@yahoo.co.uk
Time to clean feeders, stock up with hazelnuts and make sure there is plenty of extra food for the nursing mothers.
Frank



*Calling all
members of*



Ravenstonedale Tennis Club

AGM and Boon Day

April 2nd

9.30 a.m.

**Please bring brush, shovel etc. to
spring clean the court.**

Orton

Orton Farmers' Markets

The next three of these popular markets will be:

March 12th
which will include a cake stall run by
Friends of Orton School
to raise money for the school

April 9th May 14th

Join us in Church for
refreshments, bargains
and a friendly chat.

In February
we raised **£520**
to help us continue God's work at All
Saints.
Many thanks for your continued support.

Pram Service

Pre-school children and parents are
invited to join us in Church with
the nursery children from school

Tuesday 29th March 9.30am

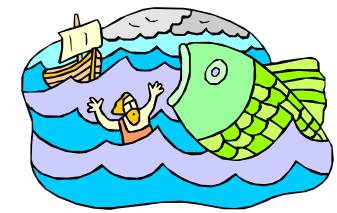
stories, crafts and snacks for all.



**On Friday 25th March
Orton Church will be hosting a
Pies, Peas, Puddings
& Poetry Evening.**

In the Market Hall at 7pm.
Why not come and join us for an evening of
"Homespun entertainment"
Tickets £7.50 from PCC members
Tel. 24244 or 24258

Anyone who is happy to read please bring
your poems with you and we will hope to
include everyone who is willing but we will
have a set finishing time. If we have a lot of
volunteers we will limit the time for each
person so that we can ensure that everyone has
an opportunity to read. As some of you will
know, we have had two of these events in the
past and they have been very enjoyable
evenings with a mixture from humorous to
thought provoking and anything in between.
Come along and enjoy a relaxing evening in
the company of friends, Please book early.



**the story of Jonah's extraordinary journey told
in song
by local children and adults
with a variety of music styles, from barber shop
to rock 'n' roll**

**on Saturday, 19 March 2011 at Orton
Market Hall**

Both at 3pm and 7pm

Refreshments

Admission £3 by ticket only
(Primary School children free)

Tickets are limited to 65 (including children) for
each performance and
can be obtained from Orton Stores and Post Office,
Rachel Woof Tel 24372 or
Ruth Bainbridge 24278

Everyone Welcome

Organised by Orton Methodist Church

Lent devotional services

These will be on

Wednesdays,

7.30pm

in All Saints'
Church

starting

16th March

**Orton Chapel invite
you to their
Anniversary
Services on**

Sunday,

27th March 2011

at

**10.30am and 6.30pm
led by**

David Humphreys
Greystoke

Everyone Welcome

Orton School News

Bus sign

The new bus sign is on the wall in the bus bay. It is there to tell you when you can park and when not to park. It says that you can not park from 8:30-9:00 and 3:15-3:45. By Emma

FAMILY PORTRAITS

On Saturday the 12th of February Orton school had family portraits photographer in school. You could get one of the whole family, one just of the children and one just of the adults. The person who took the pictures was very good at his job. At the end the gentleman gave all the children a lolly. YUM YUM!
By Ellie and Rachel.

Healthy Eating (science)

Class 3 have been learning about eating healthily. We have learned about what our heart looks like and how it works? What foods are healthy and which aren't healthy? What vitamins, stored/instant energy are and what foods help you to grow and repair your body? Plus it was good fun!!!! By Alexander

Mrs Robinson Australia

At the start of the school term we were learning about Australia and Mrs Robinson grew up in Australia and she knows a lot about it, so one day about two weeks after the start of the term she came in and told us all about. She said it was very hot and she always rode around on her horse. After that she told us about bush fires which can spread very easily. We all learnt a lot of amazing things about Australia. By Eleanor

New after school clubs

There are going to be some new after school clubs after half term. On a Monday there is Table Tennis club, on a Tuesday it is Film club, on a Wednesday it is cookery club, on a Thursday it is Board games and floor games and at last of all on a Friday it is craft club. The children at after school club say come and join the fun and give your mum the night off. All the after school children get a snack at 4:30 because they get hungry.

By Lauren and Nat

Playtime equipment

This year we have been playing with the new playground equipment there is Cup in the Ball, rugby ball, tennis balls and rackets, stilts and last but not least the fun shaped sponge balls. All the equipment is great fun to play with. By Kimberley and Hayley

DANCE CLUB

At Orton school we are doing dance club, lots of people go. We dance on the Wii, we make up dance routines and lots more. There are a mixture of girls and boys. There are four boys and nine girls that go. Altogether there are thirteen of us. Everybody has a lot of fun at dance club.

Also we keep fit. By Shona

Gymnastics

Gymnastics has been going well and there's only a few weeks until we go to Kirby Stephen for the tournament where 5 schools come to one big tournament. No one can wait any longer. We'll let you know how we get on.
By Dean and James

JAM CORNER

In our school we have a JAM corner which stands for Jesus and Me. We have some heart lights and prayers, also we have mini crosses that you can hold. Recently we got a gold book that you can write prayers in. We also got some stickers to put in the book with our prayers. We have got coloured bean bags that we can sit on. If we want to hold pebbles there are some we can hold. We have loads of books that you can read to find more out about Christianity.

All Saints Church have given us some money to buy these lovely things and we really appreciate it, because lots of us like to spend some quiet time in here. By Bethany

New School Sign

School Council in Class 3 have selected 5 sign designs from each class made in IT by the children. The 10 designs will be put up on the wall, next pupils and the staff can vote for the one they like best and then the overall winner will be used for our new school sign. Good luck everyone!!

Written by Ed and Andrew.

Swimathon

Orton school did a Swimathon we got loads of sponsors and we raised a lot of money for residential. Sharks did 99 lengths and Dolphins did 76 lengths. In the Sharks team there were nine people, and in Dolphins there were eight people. So seventeen people altogether swam at Appleby pool Thank You.
By Morgan

Multi-cultural arts week

Orton school have been having a arts week where lots of different people come in and show us a new skill Monday we learnt How to draw Japanese Manga cartoons, it was fun. On Tuesday we learnt circus skills we twirled toothbrushes! We also played music, sang in Urdu and made a banner in the afternoon. We have had so much fun. by Archie Graham

Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events

Through the year 2011

Tuesday, March 1st

Local History monthly meeting at High Chapel

Shrove Tuesday, March 8th 2011

Pancake Lunch at Flass

March 10th, 11th & 12th

Lunespring Players

'Simpkins is Dead'

Saturday June 18th 2011

Barbecue & Fete

Elm Lodge, Ravenstonedale

Sunday, August 7th

St Oswald's Patronal Festival

October 9th Sunday

Harvest Festival Lunch

November 27th Advent Sunday

Exchange of Embroideries Service.

December 14th Wednesday

Carol Service-St Oswald's Church

December 19th Monday

Carols in the Pub-Black Swan

Shrove Tuesday Lunch

Home Made Soups, Pancakes & Coffee

Raffle & Home Made Stall

at Flass, Ravenstonedale

Tuesday 8th March

12 noon to 2 p.m.

Tickets £6.50

*From any PCC Member
or Tel 01539 623336*

Proceeds for St Oswald' Church

Lockholme Beck Bank Erosion.



Near the Chantry and the small bridge, where trees were planted on the green, the beck is now endangering one tree and soon the foundations of the bridge. Few seem to be concerned about this, and I cannot find anyone who admits responsibility. As it deepens, it will cost more to repair, if it is left it could undermine the bridge. Anyone interested could either just sort it out, or contact me on 23638.

Frank

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

Ravenstonedale High Chapel Room

Tuesday 1st March 7.30pm.

‘Memories of Growing up in Ravenstonedale’ Talk by Chris Read

Chris is the son of Harold Read who was the postman for Ravenstonedale during the 1950s & 1960s

All welcome

*Donations towards
Ravenstonedale Parish History Group
much appreciated*

*(Weekly History Meetings
on Thursday afternoons from 2pm-4pm)*

Open House at Low Chapel

Ravenstonedale –

**Fairtrade coffee and tea, cakes and biscuits, good chat.
Everyone welcome. Admission free, donations appreciated.**

Come and have a natter J