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Thoughts from High Westmorland

By Rev Beverley Lock

When the days draw out, and the snow drops drop their heads like bells, it feels like they are heralding the hope that this darkness will not last for ever.

Bells have been in the news recently. The desire has been voiced to ring bells across the land as a national celebration. The aim is to link every community through our ancient bells in a national series of peals to celebrate both the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee. We are asked to aim at majestic sound to lift the heart and bind the nation together.

We are very fortunate in this area that the churches of Ravenstonedale, Tebay and Orton were built with Towers that can house bells. Tebay has just one bell although another was discovered in the work being done at the church recently. We have no means to hang it as yet but we are working on what to do with it. Ravenstonedale has three that are cheerfully rung for special occasions and our hope and prayer is to be able to restore the eight bells in Orton Tower in time for June.

Also at Orton we are planning to repair the lime wash render and to make the church tower look smart again. As anybody who has a building knows it is an ongoing job but the PCC are keen to improve the church's appearance. The lime wash has been very successful in getting

the inside of the tower dry but it was so very, very wet that the large pieces of render have come off. We hope to do this work as soon as it is dry enough.

All three churches are also putting toilets into their premises so that people can come to church without concern. This sometimes feels like a huge hurdle with various planning and legal requirements. However we are sure that if these buildings are going to be used be for our community then they need to be furnished with these facilities.

However the main purpose of bells is to link us in our worship of God. They call us to services so for those who come, and those who do not, we are linked through prayer for the whole community. They peal joyfully on wedding days and on the great feast days of the Church. They toll mournfully as the departed receive the God's blessing and the community says "goodbye" to them. Bells bring people together.

So when you hear the bells ring please stop and offer a prayer. For the unfolding year, for restored hope and prosperity for our communities and that we may all work, in harmony like the bells, ever changing but forever, together.

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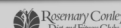
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- 2 Cavity wall insulation – if you have cavity walls and your external walls are rendered, you will definitely see a benefit if you have them filled. Again, check this out through Cumbria Warm Homes.
- 3 Reduce air flows up unused chimneys – these can literally suck all the heat out of a house. Reduce the air flow by using a chimney balloon or a bung of newspaper / rags.
- 4 Draught proofing - Ensure windows and doors are draught proofed including letter boxes. Where floorboards are exposed, seal gaps between floor boards and around room edges. Draught proof and insulate loft hatches and pay particular attention to where waste pipes go through walls and floors as there may be gaps around them. However, always ensure there is adequate ventilation to provide good air quality and supply for any heating appliances.
- 5 Close fitting heavy curtains will reduce heat loss through windows significantly. Use a close fitting track, rather than a curtain pole to reduce heat loss and draughts.
- 6 Too much moisture in your home will make it feel colder. Reduce how much moisture you are producing and you can turn down the thermostat and still feel as warm. Tackle this by things like avoiding drying washing indoors, using lids on saucepans when cooking and make sure you ventilate your kitchen and bathroom adequately when they are being used.
- 7 Central heating controls – This one does involve spending money, but thermostatic radiator valves and improved controls and thermostats can reduce bills by 15%.
- 8 Be more aware of your electricity use. Use low energy lights, switch lights off when not needed, don't leave things on stand-by, use your washing machine on a lower temperature – or borrow an electricity monitor to help you understand your energy use better.
- 9 Think about how you use your home. Are there rooms you don't really need to use and can reduce the heating? Do you always close the doors of rooms after you? Can you use rooms differently to reduce how much space you have to heat?
- 10 And finally...keep your windows clean. Dirty windows can reduce the light level in a room by up to 20%! So it can help avoid having to switch your lights on!



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<u>Sunday 5th February</u>	<u>3rd Sunday before Lent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Green
ORTON	9.30am	Holy Communion	Martin Dew	Isaiah 40: 21-31; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23
Sidesman	Jeff Mawson	Prayers	David Aspden	Readers Ronnie Elliott, Mary Jenkin
TEBAY	3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Reg Capstick	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Ian Elliott	Readers Jane Parsler, Tom Reeves

<u>Sunday 12th February</u>	<u>2nd Sunday before Lent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Green
ORTON	8.30am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	Proverbs 8,: 1, 22-31; Colossians 1: 15-20
Sidesman	John Falshaw			Readers John Falshaw
TEBAY	4.00pm	2@4	Ronnie and Ian Elliott + BL	
RAVENSTONEDALE	10.00am	Holy Communion	Chris Jenkin	Readers Hilary Law, Tom Oltham

<u>Sunday 19th February</u>	<u>Sunday next before Lent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Green
ORTON	10.45am	Family Service	B Lock & S Ward	
Sidesman	Gerald Weston			
TEBAY	11.15am	Morning Prayer	M Dew, R Capstick	2 Kings 2: 1-12; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Martin Dew	Readers Rachel Best, Kathy Trimmer

<u>Sunday 26th February</u>	<u>1st Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
ORTON	9.30am	Morning Service	Beverley Lock	Genesis 9: 8-17; 1 Peter 3: 18-22
Sidesman	David Aspden			Readers Jackie Huck, Sandra Ward
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	B Lock, R Capstick	
RAVENSTONEDALE	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	Readers M & S Metcalf-Gibson

<u>Sunday 4th March</u>	<u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
ORTON	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ian Elliott	Genesis 17: 1-7,15-16; Romans 4: 13-25
Sidesman	Chris Bland	Prayers	Angela Milburn	Readers Maggie Willan, M Aspden
TEBAY	3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Beverley Lock	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Reg Capstick	Readers Caroline & David Morris

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Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30am 2.00pm 6.30pm	FS LA * LA	A Burton * Connexion Tebay	M Harris * LA	P Dew * *	
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We have heard that some local people are under the impression that this is a project of All Saints' Church, Orton. This is not the case. A number of members of All Saints have given to it, some very generously; but no money has come from church funds, and apart from the fact that Mary and I worship at All Saints, the church has no connection whatever with the Kasese Street Kids project.

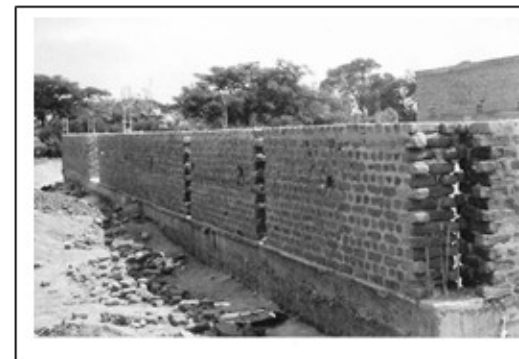
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Progress at the Hostel: We are waiting for news that mains water has been connected (the delay is because the pipe must go across a neighbour's land, and there is a crop growing there, so it cannot be done until the crop is harvested, probably this month.) As soon as that is completed, though there is a lot more work to do on the building, they hope to ask the children to come in, perhaps in March. Mary and I very much hope to be there for that great occasion (we pay our own expenses – not out of KSK funds), but no date has yet been fixed. (<http://kasesestreetkids.blogspot.com>)

2. All Saints' Church, Kasese

In the autumn of 2008, soon after Beverley came to be our vicar, we asked the PCC if they were willing to form a church-to-church link with All Saints' Church, Kasese, where I preached both in 2008 and 2010. This link was agreed, but it was emphasised that it would involve mutual prayer and information, but not any commitment to give money.

In fact we have been able to take or send out a little money, from collections at the Carol Services of 2009 and 2010 (but not 2011). On our 2010 visit, the PCC and congregation of All Saints, Kasese, were enormously grateful for the gift (though it was a very modest one) as they are working very hard to find enough money to build a new church – their ramshackle old wooden one is not big enough for the growing congregation.



Though they have three packed services every Sunday, in three languages, most of the members are – by UK standards – extremely poor. Yet they give to not one but TWO collections at each service – the ordinary one for church running expenses, and the special Building Fund one. They have so far, by the generous giving of these very poor people, raised £7,731, which has enabled the foundations of the new church to be laid and the walls built to window level. To do the next stage, to raise it to ring-beam level, will cost a further £3,000.

If we go out this spring to see the Hostel opened, we will certainly visit All Saints, and we would be deeply ashamed if we had nothing to give them to help with their building. The Orton PCC decided again in January not to make any contribution from church funds, but allowed us to make an appeal in church for individuals to donate if they wish.

So we invite all readers – whether members of All Saints or not – to give us any contribution, large or small, to help and encourage our Ugandan Christian brothers and sisters in their visionary building project, to be a Christian witness at the heart of the town of Kasese. (There will be a receptacle in church in forthcoming weeks for any gifts, or pass them directly to us.)

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Dull, cold, wet and snowy till late February when milder. Very cold 3-5th February -

-14F, -7F, -13F (as in January 2011)
January, Orton The late Vicar's doctor opened him up and found he died of biliary colic – he had a lot of gallstones and a very swollen pancreas. So it was not the tinned salmon after all he told the inquest who agreed. John Horsfall, labourer, tried to drag Mr. Hully off his hearse (bound for Tebay) at 7.30pm on 16th December, to batter him. He was fined 5s with two weeks to pay. Orton's freeholders are now choosing the next Vicar. Meanwhile the Vicarage was cleared and a furniture sale held on 8th February. Includes bicycle in good working order.

January, Tebay Married at Trinity Church, Salford, Frederick Lumkin of Ardwick, Manchester to Sarah Jane Robinson, The Mount, Tebay. Died at Raisgill Hall, Tebay on 4th, James Parslev, 79.

February Westmorland RDC agreed the plans for the new Stationmaster's House but want the privy's design improved. (The Railway privies flood often).
Wanted for Longdale Council School a Supplementary Uncertificated Female Teacher.

February, Ravenstonedale Two concerts (plays) by the British School, Newbiggin on Lune on 15th and 16th February were a great success. (The British Schools were non CofE primary schools).

Died at the Newcastle Infirmary on 1st February, Heanry James Cleasby Junior, of Ellergill. He was 23. Funeral departs from his house on Tuesday, 6th February to Ravenstonedale Church.

Joke: What does a billiard ball do when it stops?

It looks round!

Notice seen in a front window in a quiet London street: "Gramophone for sale"

Notice in window next door:
"Hurrah!"

Thanks to Jeremy Godwin for the notes.

The View from Tebay

by Reg Capstick
Licensed Reader

I was away from soon after Christmas until January 9th so I am now wishing people a Happy New Year. As so often happens, the events of a few weeks ago now seem a distant memory but a few things remain vivid in my mind. Two services stand out one at St James' and the other at St Oswald's. The Village Carol Service at Tehay was special to me because of some of the people who took an active part and because after it we made full use of the Vestry for the first time in many years. I am sure that those members of the congregation who joined us for refreshments "downstairs" - or rather down the path outside the church were as impressed as I was by the way the room had been transformed from a grotty storage area to a welcoming space where we could entertain people. The credit for this transformation goes, particularly, to three members of the "Friends of Tebay Church" - David Wilkinson, Heather Ballantine and Len Clark. The amount of sheer hard work they put in to ensure the room was 'fit for purpose', to use a modern phrase, had to be seen to be believed. As a person whose practical skills are virtually non-existent I admire their ability to effect such a transformation. The task now is to have our plans for the next phase of the work passed by the Diocesan authorities so that we can make use of the old boiler house to install a kitchen area and a toilet. This will enable us to make fuller use of the downstairs space for community events.

The Christmas Eve Eucharist at Ravenstonedale was a joyful welcome of Christ's birth, with parishioners from the three

parishes joined by visitors from a local hotel to worship with music and song. I found the whole atmosphere greatly inspiring, a really stimulating way to begin the true celebration of Christmas, rather than the often crass commercialism of the weeks leading up to the Festival. I enjoy the good food and fellowship of Christmas meals as much as anybody but there is also a spiritual aspect which is too often submerged by all the rest. A good illustration of this is the coffee morning held at Bentling which raised such a huge amount for the Hospice as well as providing those who attended with a happy social occasion and tasty fare. Now that 2012 is well under way we must look forward to what this year will mean to us, not just in Tebay hut in the wider area of what I still think of as Westmorland. New ideas and initiatives are already under discussion as we look forward in hope and expectation. Although we have just finished with the Christmas activities we will soon be working towards Easter and our Exhibition weekends. The period of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) and I will be leading a course during the weeks following. As in the past few years we will be following one of the York Courses and this year's course features, among other people, Archbishop Sentamu. More details of the times and dates will be given in the next issue of the Link.

The first weekend in May will see St James annual exhibition and this year we have decided to make the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the main focus. I will be contacting a number of people and organisations before long to ask for ideas and practical suggestions for exhibits and if previous years are any guide there

will be plenty of inspiration from lots of Tebay folk. So what about my other main interest? local football has been somewhat curtailed by the weather since the end of November and as I have been away since Christmas I am rather out of touch. Hopefully the weather will improve now and normal service in local soccer will be resumed. Local football, however, is not the only aspect of the game which interests me. I also follow the professional game on TV and in the newspapers. While I was away, staying near Wolverhampton, a near neighbour who is a season ticket holder at Molineux was enraged by what he called "two grossly unfair" decisions by referees. One was the sending-off of a Wolves player for a hard but not dangerous tackle, which he thought was harsh. This was followed by the decision not to send off a Chelsea player for what seemed to be a far worse offence. To add to the unfairness that player went on to score the winning goal for Chelsea. This, according to my friend, was "diabolical" - and I don't think he meant that the Devil had influenced the referee. Referees are only too human and being human they make mistakes, as we all do from time to time. Our mistakes, however, are not usually featured on TV with so-called "experts" commenting on them. I have sometimes felt strongly about refereeing decisions but in recent years I have usually managed to control my emotions and not be too judgemental.

I hope 2012 is a happy and prosperous year for all readers of the Link.

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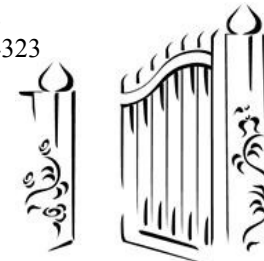
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Twinkles is moving back to afternoons!!

It seems that Twinkles is a trendsetter – having moved our playgroup to the morning to avoid clashing with Nursery at Tebay School, Nursery then followed and moved their session to the morning!! This means that the Under 5's Community Playgroup for Tebay and the surrounding areas, clashes with Nursery at Tebay School, meaning that sadly we tend to lose our members when they reach the age of three. So we're moving back!!! This means that our older members can continue to enjoy playgroup once they hit three, and means that Mum's, Dad's, grandparents and anyone else who wants to come along can nip off and do their jobs in the morning before coming along to enjoy some playtime from 1pm-3pm.

So please come and join us every Tuesday afternoon during term time for afternoons of activities, play, tea, coffee and cake! We have a range of activities planned to take us up to the Easter break, not forgetting the Easter party! The Health Visitor, will continue to join us at Twinkles on the first Tuesday of every month to meet and chat with parents who may find it difficult to get to the clinics at the Health Centres at Appleby, Shap and Kirkby Stephen. Parents can also find it useful just to sit and chat with other parents who are often going through similar things to themselves.

Our numbers dwindled in the run up to Christmas and for a while in the New Year we weren't able to run a playgroup so please come and support us if you can to make sure that children can continue to have the facility to play in a safe and fun environment, and Mum's, Dad's and Grandparent's can have a much needed break and catch up with friends.

We look forward to seeing you, and if in the meantime you would like to find out more please come along or contact Vicki Farr on 07824 330 006

After 40 years, the vestry re-opens at St James church, Tebay.

The congregation of St James Church Tebay got an extra special present this Christmas with the opening of the newly refurbished vestry. For the first time in over 40 years the PCC and 'Friends of Tebay Church' were able to welcome the congregation into the vestry for refreshments following the Christmas carol service.

The vaulted circular room was decorated especially for the occasion with festive lanterns and arrangements of fresh holly and Ivy by 'Friends of Tebay Church' member Heather Ballantyne. Church Warden, Reg Capstick said "It was absolutely brilliant; I was delighted to see it used by so many of the congregation who had come to look at the results of all the hard work that had been done".

Following the success of the 'Tebay in Steam' exhibition, which is on display in the church baptistery, charting the history of the 'Railway Church' in Tebay; there has been a concerted effort in the local community to bring the church back to its former glory. The 'Friends of Tebay Church' group, established with the support of ACTion with Communities in Cumbria (ACT), has been working hard to restore the church ever since.

Earlier in the year, Chair of the friends group David Wilkinson bravely power washed the moss from the church roof and repaired the tower before turning his attention to the beleaguered vestry. Although the distinctive room has its own wheelchair

accessible entrance on the ground floor beneath the baptistery and tower, it had fallen into disrepair and been used as a storage area since the 1960's. With help from other 'Friends of the Church' members Len Clarke and Heather Ballantyne the walls were stripped of crumbling paint and plaster and given a new lease of life.

David and Meryl Aspden and other members of the 'Friends' committee are working in partnership with the Tebay Church PCC, ACT and the Churches Trust for Cumbria to seek advice and funding for the next phase of the refurbishments. In the coming years the group hope to convert the old boiler room next to the vestry to provide much needed facilities such as a kitchen and disabled toilet. ACT project officers Clair Watters and Annie Hamilton-Gibney who have been working with the group said "we are delighted to see the newly refurbished vestry is already being used to welcome members of the local community"

The 'Friends of Tebay Church' are now exploring ideas for future community use of the vestry facilities such as, a meeting room, local library hub, an arts and exhibition space, or as a museum and archive for local farming and railway heritage.



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Monday, 19th March, 7.30pm in Tebay Methodist Church
Annual General Meeting – this is when you pay your subscription. I hope you enjoyed the last year enough to renew your subscription. There will be an exhibition for you to look at

Thursday, 19th April, 7.30pm in Orton Market Hall
Colin Smith will tell us about milestones, mileposts and toll houses of Cumbria. His book will be on sale at the meeting

Monday, 14th May, 7.30pm in Orton Market Hall.
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NEWS FROM TEBAY

A BIG THANK YOU! From Bernard and Muriel Thornborrow to everyone for their generous support at the Christmas Coffee Morning. We are pleased to say we raised £730 for the Childrens' Hospice. Bernard also wishes to thank everyone for birthday cards and gifts he received.

TEBAY METHODIST CHURCH Christmas Fair was held on Saturday 2nd December and was opened by Mr. David Trotter. A large crowd gathered to purchase the many gifts, cakes and produce which was on sale. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful buffet tea and the event raised over £1000 for church funds. The next fund raising event is All Day Breakfasts on Saturday 28th January.

TEBAY LUNCH CLUB run by Bernard and Muriel Thornborrow and having up to thirty members, enjoyed Christmas Lunch at the Old School Tearooms, Tebay. Turkey and beef were served followed by Christmas pudding, coffee and mince pies. There was a raffle followed by the children of the village school singing songs led by Mrs. Wilkinson, a teacher at the school.

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Tebay Community Primary School News

Welcome to new teacher!

Tebay welcomed our new Infant teacher in January, Miss Lowther. With high aspirations after setting up her room in the holidays, she is a cheerful member of the team!



The Nativity

The Infants and Stepping Stones put Christ into Christmas with their well attended Nativity performance. Catchy songs awith the actions were enjoyed by all!



Busy, busy, busy!

The end of the Autumn Term was full of festivities: the Day Centre came and joined the school for the Christmas Dinner; the Juniors sang for the Age Concern at the Tea Rooms, a heart warming occasion; the seasonal parties were relaxed and fun and finally a special service rounded off the term, with Phil Dew and a "good bye" to Miss Seller.

Centenary Celebration 1912-2012

In the afternoon of **Thursday 31st May** Tebay School will be celebrating it's Centenary. If any one in the community would like to contribute some photos from the past and or would like to share their memories of the school, please contact us. We would be delighted to hear from you!
Telephone: 015396 24239
Email: admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk

Hoodwinked!

The junior class performed Hoodwinked for their end of autumn term play. With Robbie Wharton as Robin Hood and Nathan Wolstenholme as the evil Sheriff, every performance improved on the previous one! The Y5+6 created the scenery for the first time and staff and children alike enjoyed the team spirit and the performing! Thank you to all involved!

UPPER EDEN FIRST RESPONDERS

Lottery Winners for January
1st Prize - Sue Prince, Ravenstonedale
2nd Prize - Chris Metcalfe-Gibson, Rdale
3rd Prize - Helen Staley, Ravenstonedale

Upper Eden First Responders thank you very much for your continued support. If you would like further information on UEFR's or to join the 100 Club Lottery, please contact Mollie Young
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Sun 26th Feb : The Vladigerov Trio (piano, violin, cello)
Sun 25th Mar : Alena Lugovkina (flute) and Karim Said (piano accomp.)

Open to all. Admission at the door Oct/Jan £10; Nov/Feb/Mar £8.50.
Students half-price; accompanied under-18s free.

For discounted subscription tickets contact NWA Secretary Tel: 017684 83777
www.appleby-concerts.org.uk Email: enquiries@appleby-concerts.org.uk

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Newbiggin-on-Lune

The third talk in Ravenstonedale Parish History Group’s winter season, held at the High Chapel Community and Heritage Centre, was given by Wendy Hunter. Caroline Morris introduced Wendy as a resident of Newbiggin-on-Lune who had married into one of the oldest families in the parish. Wendy had been a member of the High Chapel congregation for many years and its secretary for twenty years. She spent fifty years on the management committee of the public hall at Newbiggin and is perhaps best known for her involvement in the Women’s Institute both locally and county-wide. Wendy showed an extensive collection of slides of buildings in Newbiggin-on-Lune to illustrate some of the history of the village over the last two centuries. She began by relating how, in 1918, towards the end of the First World War, her father-in-law Dixon Hunter together with William Pratt had a discussion about what the village lads could do when they came back from the war. Money was raised from the villagers for a stone built hall to be built to contain a large room that could seat 150 people, a kitchen called the supper room, and upstairs a billiard room to keep the men occupied when they came back from the war. They bought a good billiard table and put in a fireplace and comfortable chairs and the billiard room was very well used for many years and is still in use today. There were several spinning galleries in Newbiggin, notably at Betsy Croft and Tower House, and Wendy described how people sat outside on the knitting galleries to get the light they needed to see their knitting. They knitted long stockings (socks), caps and jerseys to be used by seamen and these were collected by a trader from Hawes who came to the village once a fortnight to buy the latest batch. The knitters were paid one halfpenny for a cap, two pennies for a pair of long stockings and six pence for

a jersey. Tower House was also where Elizabeth Gaunt, formally Fothergill, was born. She was the last woman to suffer the terrible fate of being burnt at the stake at Tyburn for her religious beliefs. Wendy described how, when the railway was built, the Dixon and Hunter family milling business moved from the old mill at Ravenstonedale to Newbiggin to be nearer to the railway station where goods could be delivered. Horses and carts were used by the business to deliver supplies around to the villages. The lead horse knew the route home so well that, at the end of the deliveries, if it was cold or wet, the men were able to get under the tarpaulins on the carts for shelter and the horses found their own way home. A Mr Buck who owned a shop in the village in the late 1800s decided to make the room above the shop available as a school room for the children of the village. The Reverend Nichols, Mr Buck and a Mr Peacock formed a committee and wrote a notice about the Newbiggin Day School for boys and girls. Notice was sent out to the whole village announcing that they had appointed a master and would open the school on Monday 29th July 1872. The school was run according to “broad liberal and non-sectarian principles”. The railway station, built in 1861, was originally called Newbiggin Station but the name was later changed to Ravenstonedale Station. Competitions were held for the best kept stations in those days and Ravenstonedale won quite frequently with its well kept flower beds. Wendy told us that local people could still remember that the signalman in the signal box at the station also had a second skill as a barber and cut the hair of many of the local men and boys in between train arrivals! Finally, Wendy showed pictures of children playing on the village green over the years and of the tree planted on

A peep into the past of Newbiggin-on-Lune - A talk by Wendy Hunter

the green by the Women’s Institute for ‘Plant a tree in ’73 Year’. She highlighted the importance of the continuation of an active village community and local businesses. She concluded that, although Newbiggin-on-Lune no longer required the services of fourteen tailors as it once did, there were still many local businesses and trades people living and working there. “We still have a bit of industry going on, we’ve still got our farmers, we’ve got an electrician, we’ve got three craftsmen in wood, each working independently, we’ve got a fish farm and a cafe, we have a tree specialist at Weasdale, we have plants and a cafe at Lune Springs, we’ve got a mechanic dealing with farm equipment and many more things that are going on. The village is alive, come and see us sometime.”

BOWLING FOR FUN

Newbiggin-on-Lune Village Hall
You don’t need a partner or previous experience
Every Friday – 7.30pm.
£2 per night – First Night Free
Everyone welcome
Further details – 017683 72990

Newbiggin on Lune Methodist Church

will be open every Tuesday morning from the 7th February. You are welcome to pop in between 10 and 12 for coffee, cake and chat. We would love to see you every week or just once in a while. It’s good to get together.

Newbiggin on Lune Methodist Chapel.

Come and join us for:-
• Sunday Services – weekly at 10.30am 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 23033**

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 23033

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

Orton

Carol Singing round the village.

Thank you to all those who braved the weather!

We had a very successful evening, raising £390 to share between

The Children’s Society and Action for Children

This was followed by mince pies and warm drinks in the Chapel.
Thank you very much
Everyone!

Christingle

Those not already in the Christmas mood certainly were after this service!

Well done and thank you to all the children who took part in the Nativity Competition. The standard of work was very high.

The collection was in aid of The children’s Society.

Carols by Candlelight

Thank you to all those who took part and supported this festive service.
The collection came to **£260.**

This was added to the Family service donations for **The Eden Valley Hospice** making a total of **£460.**

Well done and thank you everyone.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Activity Day For Children

in Chuch

Saturday 18th Feb

10am till noon

Fun, food and crafts

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Lent

We will be having
Lent Devotional Services

on Wednesdays, 7.30pm

starting February 29th.

Welcome to anyone who would like to share this preparation for Easter.

Orton

Following a very successful harvest collection, and recognising a need, an appeal went out during November and December to ask for food and toiletries to be taken to a hostel in Kendal. The hostel opens its doors to people who need shelter and food. The response was huge.

It is difficult to believe that there are people on own doorstep who need this type of help, but they do. To all those who took the opportunity of giving THANK YOU.

Orton Farmers' Markets

The next three of these popular markets will be:

February 11th, March 10th, April 14th

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

In December we raised £1095 and in January £438 to help us continue God's work at All Saints.

Thank you to all choir members from the combined choir and from Orton School who sang Carols so beautifully for us at the Christmas Farmers' Market, it provided such a festive tone.

We would like to say a big thank you to John Falshaw for running the shared raffle, raising funds for the Farmers' Market and the church, for so many years.

Ravenstonedale

Don't Miss!

Lune Spring Players'

2012 Production of

Murdered to Death

By Peter Gordon

Directed by Glenys Lumley

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
29th, 30th, 31st March 2012

at the Public Hall,
Newbiggin-on-Lune, 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £6 each from
Richard Staley 015396 23263 or
David Morris 015396 23308

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

**WEDNESDAY
15TH FEBRUARY 2012
7.30 PM**

**Ravenstonedale High Chapel Community
& Heritage Centre**

A SLIDE PRESENTATION INTRODUCING
THE CARVER FAMILY
*AND THEIR CONNECTIONS TO
COTTON, HIGH CHAPEL, THE CHANTRY &
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WITH VAL FERMER
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Admission: Members £1.00 Non Members £2.00
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For more information contact Val Fermer on 01539 623693 or
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Newbiggin-on-Lune



**Badminton for Fun
Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall**

Dates

Jan 25th

Feb 8th + 22nd

March 14th + 21st

April 11th + 25th

**Juniors 7 – 8 pm (9 -16 yrs) £1.50
(Juniors must be accompanied by an adult)
Adults 8 – 10 pm £2
Bring your own racket if you have one.**



**For more info contact Marion Law 015396
23409**



Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Tatie Pie Supper

On

Saturday 25th February

7.30pm

Followed by Dominoes

Raffle

Tickets from M Law 015396 23409

£7 / £3 for primary children



Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events

Throughout 2012

February 15th Wednesday
History Group Talk
'Carver family, Ravenstonedale'

February 21st Tuesday
Pancake Lunch at Flass

March 29th, 30th & 31st
Lunespring Players
'Murdered to Death'

OPEN HOUSE At LOW CHAPEL

Ravenstonedale

Wednesdays

10.30a.m to 12.00noon

Fairtrade coffee and
tea, cakes, biscuits
and a good chat

Admission is free but
donations appreciated

Everyone is welcome
come and have a
natter

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group Christmas Get-together Dec 21st



Nearly 30 people turned up with thermoses of mulled wine or warm fruit punch under their arm and a plate of festive food in the hand for the Christmas Meeting on Dec 21st. A display of Christmas memorabilia loaned by members brought back memories of past Christmases, as did the room, lit entirely by candlelight. The delicious buffet accompanied by tastings of the various mulled wine and fruit punch recipes made for a merry conversation. The arrival of carol singers at the door in the midst of it all seemed especially fitting. As the children sang 'the First Nowell' and the 'hat' was passed round the groups seated at tables in the flickering candlelight, one could not help wondering if this was an echo of similar occasions (served with tea rather than wine perhaps) held in that same Meeting Room at least a century ago. Thank you to all those who helped in the preparations and to those who came to share a convivial evening.

Shrove Tuesday

Home Made Soups Pancakes and Coffee
Raffle & Home Made Stall

Flass, Ravenstonedale

Tuesday Feb 21st 12 noon -2pm.

Tickets £8-00 from any church member

Or Tel 01539 623336

Proceeds to St Oswalds



Orton

TEBAY AND ORTON WI CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

2012 marks the 70th anniversary of Tebay W.I. As part of our celebrations we hope to dig deep into our archives to stage an exhibition in the summer. Do any readers of The Link have any photographs or any information which we could borrow please? Although it is Tebay's anniversary, any information about Orton W.I. will be gratefully received also.

At the AGM of the Tebay and Orton W.I. held in November, a new committee was elected. Pat Eady is President for the year; Felicity Lawler is the secretary and Muriel Thornborrow agreed to continue as treasurer. The remaining committee members are: Diane Case, Ann Moony, Olive Bland, Angela Law, Joyce Metcalfe, and Margaret Wildman. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm at Tebay Club, and we always welcome visitors and new members.

Please contact any committee member for more information or Felicity Lawler <tel:-24465>

We look forward to hearing from you.

ORTON MANOR COURT

Abridged Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2012

1. Seven members were present and there were two apologies.
2. **Minutes of the meeting of 10th October 2011:** Agreed, with one correction
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** Four minor matters were discussed.
4. **Treasurer's report**
 - a. **Expenditure since last meeting:** £573 (toilets, water rates and room hire)
 - b. **Income:** £995.41 (Wayleave and Single Farm Payment)
 - c. **Current account: £1,954.78. Savings Account: £8,698.52**It was suggested that English Nature be contacted to enquire about managing Meldykes etc differently thus generating more grants.
5. **Raisbeck Notice Board:** Local residents wanted this reinstated, and one would like to contribute to it, with a plaque in memory of her late husband. It was agreed that OMC would contribute to this; a price should be sought for a good quality, hardwood board.
5. **Any Other Business:**
 - a. Triennial Meeting: this year's AGM would be the Triennial Meeting, at which all positions on the committee are up for re-election. All existing members would be asked if they would like to stand for re-election.
 - b. Diamond Jubilee: It was suggested that the Jubilee be marked by erecting some kind of Name Board or Information Board. In discussion various ideas were mooted:
 - i. Granite Name Stones at the main road boundaries of the village.
 - ii. An Information Board, outlining the history of the village and of the Manor Court, perhaps situated near the toilets. Three members would produce a draft of suitable text, and designs and costings would be submitted to the next Committee Meeting.
6. **Next Meetings:**
 - a. **Committee meeting:** Monday 12th March
 - b. **Triennial Meeting:** Monday 2nd July. (A notice of this will be published in the June issue of *Link*.)

Orton

All Saints' Church, Orton

The PCC at All Saints would like to extend their thanks to everyone who contributes to the upkeep and care of the Church and graveyard. Numerous people help with cleaning, cutting the grass, opening up and locking the Church every day and helping with the running of the monthly Coffee Mornings. Without their help it would be impossible for the PCC to do all that is required and we are very grateful for this support.

Also a big thank you to all who support us financially by direct giving and all those who come to our fund-raising events.

Our gratitude and appreciation to you all.

Orton Christmas Fair

This was well supported by all ages from our local school children upwards.

We raised £600 for All Saints' Church.

Thank you all very much

Orton Mothers' Union

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

We always welcome anyone who would like to join us.



FRIENDS OF ORTON SCHOOL

SPONSORED WALK (approx 4 miles)

Saturday 3rd March 2012

Starting from Orton Primary School at 1.30pm

Anyone can take part (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, friends etc), everyone will be very welcome, you can either get sponsors (forms are available in the Post Office or from the school office) or you can make a donation on the day.

All the money raised from the walk will go towards the Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 residential trips in April and May.

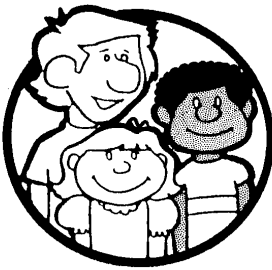
Please note that as a lot of the walk is over rough grassland we would recommend wellies or walking boots and that you don't take very young children unless you are prepared to carry them, as the terrain is unsuitable for pushchairs.

Afterwards there will be tea and cakes in the school



Half Term Holiday Fun Session

At Orton Methodist Chapel



based on the Olympics



on Wednesday, 15th February 2012

(in half term week)

From 1.30-3.30pm

Open to all children from Reception upwards

Crafts

Lots of Games

Snacks

Quizzes

DVDs

For more information contact Paula Coward at the Post Office, Tel 24225 or Rachel Woof Tel 24372

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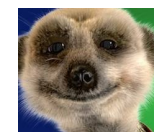
Dance Club.

The Ceilidh which was organized the Ravenstonedale & Newbiggin Folk Dance Club in October raised **£220 for Water Aid**. This event was one many held on the same evening all over the country, all to support the same cause. The club meets at 7.45pm on Thursday evenings in Newbiggin V.H. and new members are very welcome at any time. Please contact Thelma on 015396 23329 or Chris on 24258 if you wish to know more details.



Please keep me healthy and well fed. I only weigh 330 grams- look after me!

Keep an eye on our squirrels – if you see signs of lethargy, sores or ill health phone me 23638. We need to keep the grey squirrel carried “squirrel pox” away from our red squirrels. If you see a dead red, perhaps killed on the road (not flat), let me know and I can pack it off for Veterinary Laboratory analysis, this helps monitor any in coming problems. Always report any sighting of Grey Squirrels to me, they must be kept at bay and not allowed to mingle with the Reds who might catch fatal disease from them. Greys are most often seen here at the end of the season, when they are on the move. Once you see a Grey, continue feeding it, note its habits, don't chase it away – we need to capture it.



If you like Reds – report Greys (not Meer cats) “simples!”

FC – R'dale Independent History Archive

More requests from people about their families – which I hope someone from around here will be able to help with:-

Does anyone have “Fawcett” family roots – if so will they contact me on email provided or phone me on 23638 – anyone living around Ravenstonedale?

Anyone any information about a family called “Tew” – I know Miss Tew was a teacher at the school and there are various connections to houses in the district – but more information would be useful to the family member who is asking – again please contact me.

Caption for photo”
Lovely old bridge near Kings Head, wide river and horses and carts”
What do people say about the FC-Independent History Archive service?

“I think it's very hard sometimes to know what a person is thinking by email. So, I just wanted you to know: You have done an outstanding job for us. We really love the personal items that you have been able to find on the family. I feel you have gone the extra mile in our research. I know how much time it takes to hunt down some of this stuff and I want to make sure that you are compensated for it. Also, that we truly appreciate it. We couldn't have gotten this far without you. We are so excited to come to England. “ – USA



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- Australia
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MORE material is due to be published on the community web site when the hard working Stan can set aside some time –
www.ravenstonedale.org
It will be a sizable set of useful information – some brand new stuff and some additional to existing chapters.



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