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A thought from the Vicarage

by the Revd Beverley Lock

A new diary lies open on the desk.

I wonder what we like to put into our
new diaries first?

Most of us will be getting a new
diary in the next few weeks – unless
we have smart phones that is, where
there is still a new page for each
month.

Perhaps you like to start with
birthdays or do you like to put in next
year's holiday dates? Are you at the
stage of including planned family
weddings or christenings? Much
depends on our circumstances or our
stage in life.

For some the demands of work or
shift patterns need to go in first; for
others, who do not leave the house to
work, there are other priorities. For
some the diary may be dominated by
the medical appointments for
themselves or those they care for. For
others it is the school terms,
swimming lessons or children's after
school activities.

Our diaries can tell us quite a bit
about us and our life style.

It is true that some things in life we
can't avoid but a new diary does give
us a chance to ask ourselves about our
priorities. What matters to us? How
can we make our lives a little more
rich and varied?

As we get our new diaries in the
weeks ahead can I invite you to stop
before you start to fill them in? Look
at the empty pages ahead and reflect
on what you could do in them to make
a difference.

Things we do together with other
people are a special gift. Please can I
suggest that you include, right at the
beginning of the year, and as a
priority, a church service at least once
in a while? A space when you can
remind yourself of the good things that
God has given you. It also allows you
to rededicate yourself to get to know
Jesus Christ by thinking and praying to
him. By doing this with other
Christian people it can make life so
much more meaningful.

You also know the difference little
acts of kindness on each page could
make to 2014. Perhaps there are

people who do not get many birthday
cards – can we include them as well as
our family in our diary at the
beginning of the year? Can we put in –
now before the time gets swallowed up
– dates to visit somebody who is shut
in at home? Is there somebody at the
school gate that could benefit from a
coffee date or a work mate who could
be invited out to the pub for a drink?

Christians speak of God as a God of
new beginnings. We celebrate that
when we mess things up, if we admit
it, God will forgive us and give us
another chance. In Lamentations in the
Old Testament it speaks of God and
says,

“For his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness!”

A new diary; a new chance to make
a difference, a richer, more spiritual
2014...now that's something to look
forward to!

May I and all at church wish you a
Happy Christmas and a peaceful New
Year.

Beverley Lock.

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Wednesday 18th Dec - Christmas dominoes

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Notes from The Herald

December 1913

Dull, dry and chilly (cold wet snap 5-7th). Wet and mild on Christmas Day.
Orton Conservatives' Festival (annual) was on Friday 5th, a cold day but a lot were there. Dr. Gibson was in the Chair. It began with a concert in the Temperance Hall with a One Act play by Orton Dramatic Society, then supper, then across to the Market Hall for the Dance.

Wanted for Orton Parochial School (now run by Westmorland Co. Council), a female assistant teacher, uncertificated, and another one at Tebay School. On Sunday 30th November Mrs. Margaret Lawson, 75, of Redmond House, was out visiting when she fell into the beck then 7 inches deep, and died of shock and heart failure on 9th at home. She broke her right thigh in the fall, said Dr. Gibson. She was the widow of Mr. Thomas Lawson, blacksmith.

Died at White House, Orton on 5th, Hannah, wife of Thomas Wharton, 39, and at Kirkby Stephen Workhouse on 19th, George Fell, ex Orton aged 46.
Tebay's Vicar since 1906 the Rev. R.W.A. Ecroyd M.A. Cambridge, is moving to Holy Trinity, Caldergate, Carlisle. He was ordained in Manchester (1893-95) and had various curacies in Lancashire before coming to Tebay. (*Holy Trinity, Caldergate, built in early 19th century among Carlisle's mill-workers' housing, became unsafe in 1980s and was demolished. It stood in the fork of the Wigton and Bowness roads.*)

Mr. Shepherd Wills, farmer, Old Tebay, was fined 2 shillings and 11 shillings costs for letting two horses stray on the Orton-Tebay road near Coatflatt where P.C. Bell saw them on 10th November at 8pm. Mr. Wills on leaving, said "I was just about to go looking for them". Not his first such offence. (*1 shilling in 1913 is equal to £4 now.*)

In early December, Mr. J. Moffatt, Sunbiggin, lost two blackfaced ewes. The Silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Robinson this month. On Friday 12th, Tebay Branch of the N.U.R. presented him (their Chairman for 7 years) with a heavy silver tea and coffee set. A lot were there and there was a dance after with three

musicians. All this was in the Tebay Market Hall. Tebay's Poultry etc. Show on Wednesday 31st is for Westmorland entrants only.
Died at Mount Pleasant, Tebay on 5th, Robert Robinson, 64, caretaker of Tebay Conservative Club. He had gone home at 10p.m. as usual, had supper and went to bed but suffered a fatal stroke soon after. He was active at Tebay Church, a Tory and LNWR engine-driver for years. All four sons of his are LNWR employees.
R.D.C. (Kirkby Stephen) The new footbridge at Tebay needs railings and bars at a cost of £9 or children will fall off it. The R.D.C. had not foreseen that so many children would use it. Cllr. Dr. Gibson: "Is this the last we hear of this bridge? It's still 50 yards too short!" (laughter). Cllr. E. Thompson (Chairman): "We live a day at a time." (Renewed laughter)

Married at St. Barnabas' Church, Morecambe on 2nd, Thomas Henry Dobson, Tebay to Margaret Ann, 3rd daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellison, of Morecambe but late of Hardendale near Shap.

Ravenstonedale's Mr. J.W. Fothergill, land owner, gave a speech on how to treat farm labourers. A Newbiggin-on-Lune lad replied in dialect. Silverpen (Editor) also ribbed him in his Notes and Comments.

The Eden Cinematographic Co. (run from a K.S. garage by Thomson and Hall) will show films at five places, 17th -22nd December and 27th December including Tebay, 17th and

Ravenstonedale 20th.

Rummage Sale and Teas for Ravenstonedale Endowed School on Saturday 6th, run by the Metcalfe-Gibsons of Coldbeck – made £18.

R.D.C. (late December) heard that the Garshill Bridge is very narrow, has a low parapet and is on an awkward bend. Council's Surveyor to view and report.

At 1pm on Friday, 12th, Mr. Thomas Beck, The Lane, Ravenstonedale, found a middle-aged woman lying dead on the Sedbergh Road 3 miles S of Kirkby Stephen. It was wet and windy. Her bicycle was nearby. He sent for K.S. police who came at once and soon found that she was Mrs. Isabella Shaw, 52, widow, of Elm Pot, Fell End, Thomas Shaw's mother (he lived with her). He had taken her and the bicycle in his trap as far as Mallerstang road end and she got on her bicycle but was blown off half a mile on. She broke her skull and there was an Inquest.

Christmas: Church less decorated than of late. Its Sunday School Treat on 24th was in the Black Swan Assembly Room, paid for by the Metcalfe-Gibsons (tea, games and a gift each to take home). There had been a concert near the end of term at Ravenstonedale School for a visit of the Metcalfe-Gibsons and Vicar.

Many thanks and best wishes for Christmas and New Year to Jeremy Godwin.

A Christian Alphabet—An occasional series.

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Christ: This is not the second name of Jesus, but a title: the Greek word "Christos" means "anointed", as does the Hebrew version, "Messiah". Anointing with oil was – and still is – a symbol of God's authority and the Holy Spirit's blessing, given to the ancient kings and priests of Israel, as well as to the British monarch at the Coronation.

Church: Originally this was a word not for a building for worship, but for a community of worshippers. The Greek word translated "church" in the Bible is "Ecclesia" (from which we get the word Ecclesiastical), meaning literally "A called-out assembly of people". It was used in the Greek version of the Old Testament to describe the people of Israel on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. So the Church is "The pilgrim people of God on the move"!

Christmas: The festival which celebrates the birth of Christ. Jesus was almost certainly *not* born on 25th December; but even our Queen has an "official birthday", different from her actual one. Many Christmas traditions – e.g. Christmas trees - have little or nothing to do with the birth of Jesus. Others have a symbolic relevance: e.g. giving presents reminds us that Jesus was God's greatest gift to us; lights and candles speak of Jesus as the light coming into a dark world.

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Sunday 8th December ORTON Sidesman John Falshaw TEBAY RAVENSTONEDALE	2nd Sunday of Advent 8.30am Holy Communion Ian Elliott 4.00pm Christingle Service Ian, Ronnie & Beverley 10.00am Holy Communion Beverley Lock & Sandra Ward Readers Hilary Law, Richard Best	Lessons Liturgical colour Purple Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-13 Reader John Falshaw
Sunday 15th December ORTON Sidesman Chris Bland TEBAY RAVENSTONEDALE	3rd Sunday of Advent 11.00m Family Service Beverley Lock 3pm Carols at the Railway Church Beverley Lock & Reg Capstick 9.15am Holy Communion Beverley Lock Readers Tom Oldham, Kathy Trimmer	Lessons Liturgical colour Purple Isaiah 35.1-10; James 5.7-10
Sunday 22nd December ORTON Sidesmen Jeff Mawson Jim Milburn TEBAY RAVENSTONEDALE	4th Sunday of Advent 10.00am Carols in the Methodist Chapel 6pm Carols by Candlelight in Church 11.15am Holy Communion Beverley Lock 2pm Joint service with Methodist Chapel	Lessons Liturgical colour Purple Isaiah 7.10-16; Romans 1.1-7
Tuesday 24th December	Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass St. James, Tebay	Liturgical colour White or Gold Lessons Isaiah 9.2-7; Titus 2.11-14
Wednesday 25th December ORTON Sidesman Gerald Weston RAVENSTONEDALE	Christmas Day 11.00am Holy Communion Beverley Lock Prayers Brian Lock 9.15am Holy Communion Beverley Lock Readers A. Metcalfe-Gibson, B. Metcalfe-Gibson	Liturgical colour White or Gold Lessons Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4 Readers Gerald Weston, Jackie Huck
Sunday 29th December Sidesman Chris Bland	The First Sunday of Christmas Joint Holy Communion Service 10.30am in All Saints' Church, Orton Prayers Chris Bland	Lessons Liturgical colour White Isaiah 63.7-9; Hebrews 2.10-18 Readers Meryl Aspden, Susan Basnett

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR DECEMBER 2013

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Orton	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	LA At N on L	H Morton T D Marston	M Harrison At N O L	P Dew FS Carols US at PC	W Capstick SS *
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	10 am US at St Oswald's P Dew V Hall	R Colpus LA	W Riley P Dew Candlelight Svce	Carol Svce LA *	At Orton SS *
Ravenstonedale	2.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	10 am US at St Oswald's *	J Morton *	LA At N O L	10.30 a.m. at NOL 2 p.m. Carols	10.30 a.m. at Orton SS *

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Sunday before Epiphany
9.30am Holy Communion Chris Jenkin
Prayers David Aspden
10.30am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
10.00am All Age Worship Fran and Sandra

Lessons **Liturgical colour** White
 Isaiah 60 1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12
Readers Andrew Glanville, Ronnie Elliott

Sunday 12th January
 ORTON
Sidesman David Aspden
 TEBAY
 RAVENSTONEDALE

The Baptism of Christ
 The first Sunday of Epiphany
8.30am Holy Communion BCP Beverley Lock
4.00pm Christingle 2@4 Ian,Ronnie & Beverley
10.00am Holy Communion Beverley Lock

Lessons **Liturgical colour** Gold or White
 Isaiah 42.1-9; Acts 10.34-43
Reader John Dunning
Readers Fran Parkinson
 Tim Parkinson

Sunday 19th January
 ORTON
Sidesman Gerald Weston
 TEBAY
 RAVENSTONEDALE

2nd Sunday of Epiphany
11am Family Communion Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9
 Beverley Lock
11.15am Holy Communion Ian Elliot
9.15am Morning Prayer Diana Nicholson

Lessons **Liturgical colour** White
Readers M. Metcalfe-Gibson
 S. Metcalfe-Gibson

Sunday 26th January
 ORTON
Sidesman Jeff Mawson
 TEBAY
 RAVENSTONEDALE

3rd Sunday of Epiphany
9.30am Morning Prayer BCP Sandra Ward
Prayers Chris Bland
11.15am Holy Communion Beverley Lock
6pm Evensong Sandra Ward

Lessons **Liturgical colour** White
 Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18
Readers John Burra, Maggie Willan
Readers Clare Stafford
 Janet Barlow

Sunday 2nd February
 ORTON
Sidesman Jim Milburn
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 RAVENSTONEDALE

4th Sunday of Epiphany
9.30am Holy Communion
 Sandra Ward & Ian Elliott
Prayers Ronnie Elliott
10.30am Joint Songs of Praise in Church Beverley Lock
10am All Age Worship Fran & Tim

Lessons **Liturgical colour** White
 1 Kings 17.8-16; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31
Readers Susan Basnett, Meryl Aspden

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR JANUARY 2014

		5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Tebay	10.30 a.m.	At N on L SS Cov	W Capstick 6.30 p.m. Connxn Appleby	M Harrison	W Riley
Orton	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	At N on L SS Cov K Coward	M Scott Connxn Appleby	P Gorst P Dew	J Law W Ousby
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	P Dew Cov LA	D Askew Connxn Appleby	W Allen LA	J Morton *
Ravenstonedale	2.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	At N on L SS Cov *	P Dew Connxn Appleby	J Morton *	P Dew *

Vineyard Fellowship: Every Sunday in Orton Market Hall, 10.30 a.m.

A VIEW FROM TEBAY

By Elizabeth Crossley

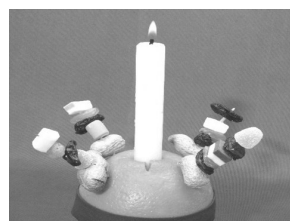
It is hard to believe that Christmas is only six and a half weeks away and there is still so much to do. The shops however have been reminding us since August with firstly cards and then gifts. Last night I watched the last episode of 'Downton Abbey' and as it lasted an hour and a half we were subjected to many Christmas adverts – Tesco, Aldi, Debenhams, John Lewis, Boots, M & S, Asda, Morrisons – and we had to watch until the end of each advert before we knew who was advertising – we now have another 6 weeks of this, but can now look forward to Sainsbury and Waitrose who did not join in last night!! There are so many red berries on the trees this year that I think that we will have plenty of holly to decorate our houses and churches. Holly was often hung in homes at the time of the midwinter festival. Later, as a Christian symbol, it acquired meanings associated with the birth and death of Jesus. The carol 'The Holly and the Ivy' gives examples of this – the holly's white flower represents the purity of Mary; its prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns placed on Jesus' head before he was crucified; its red berries are the drops of blood which came when the thorns pricked him; its bark, 'as bitter as any gall', represents the bitterness of Jesus' suffering on the cross. The modern Scandinavian name for the holly tree is the Christ-thorn; the English name 'holly' probably came from the word 'holy'. An American custom which is sometimes copied in Britain is that of hanging a holly wreath on a door or window.

Very often associated with holly is mistletoe. Mistletoe grows on other trees and its history is closely associated with the Druids and the Norse peoples. Mistletoe is a semi-parasitic plant which grows on many different kinds of tree including the apple, white fir (mainly in Germany), poplar and hawthorn. The plant can easily be seen in winter when the leaves of the host tree have died out. A Scandinavian legend has it that the Norse gods had promised never to hurt Balder, the sun god, because he gave life and warmth to everything. They cast spells on all things that might have harmed Balder, but unfortunately they forgot the mistletoe. Loki, the god of evil, found out about this and made a sharp arrow from a mistletoe branch. Balder was killed by the arrow but the other gods brought him to life again and

the mistletoe promised that it would never again harm anyone. Mistletoe therefore became the symbol of love. When Christians took over the tradition of hanging mistletoe in their homes they introduced the custom of kissing beneath it. This reminded them of Jesus' teaching that his followers should love one another because their God was a God of love. Let's hope there is plenty of mistletoe to be found this Christmas! On Sunday 8th December there is the traditional Christingle service in Tebay Church at 4pm and the following Sunday 15th December at 3pm will be the service of carols at the railway church. This year it is the turn of Tebay Church to host the joint Christmas Eve midnight service at 11.30pm. I hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and we would love to see you at one of our special Christmas services.

Tebay Christingle

Sunday 8th December
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* Visit by Father Christmas *

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Tebay Community Primary School News

Fond Farewell to Mrs Nicholson

After over a decade of dedicated service to the school, Mrs Nicholson said an emotional farewell. The children made a beautiful book of thoughts and memories and an "Ode to Mrs Nicholson" was read at the end of the Harvest Service.



Pudsey Bear Comes to Tebay!

Class 1 were especially star struck when Pudsey Bear came to school to enthuse the school ready for "Children in Need". Pudsey kindly judged some competitions and was entertained by the children with singing and a dance.



Indian Food

By Carisse and Imogen

On Thursday the 7th November, Michelle Fairer came to help us make Indian food. The first thing we made was coriander and garlic Naan bread it was very sticky and it tasted very nice in the end. We made Chicken pilau, Mango desert and we tried poppadoms with mango chutney and a tomato sauce with onions and lime juice!

Indian Dance

On October 3rd Class 2 did some Indian dancing with Sonia. We loved it! We did some folk dancing and we learnt sequence. At the end we performed to Class 3
Ewan Foster



Mrs Armitage and her bike!

Mrs Armitage, a story character, came and explained her bike modifications to Class 1...who are looking at transport!



Class 1 had a fantastic time at the Basic Skills Festival at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School...they came cheerfully back into school smothered in stickers!

Wordsworth Rules!

As a Geography Fieldtrip Class 3 had a wet and windy visit to Grasmere, making a comparison with Tebay. There were millions of tourists and hotels, three art galleries and wonderful ginger-bread. Considering the school is a similar size to Tebay...it was decided that Wordsworth and the pretty lake, ensured that Grasmere had more visitors to cater for! All of Class 3 can now read 6-figure co-ordinates on the OS Map now too!



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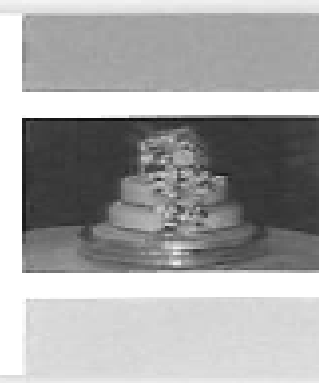
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All Saints, Kasese, Uganda

On our visits to Uganda, we were very impressed with the young Lay Reader at All Saints' Church, Robert Zziwa. The church has not had a vicar for several years, but Robert has led this church very ably, and has not only encouraged the ambitious scheme to build a new church building, which is years ahead of schedule, but has also presided over remarkable growth in numbers. So we were thrilled, but not surprised, to get his latest email:

From Robert Zziwa, All Saints, Kasese

Halleluiah dear brother Chris and sister Mary,

How are you my lovely brethren in Christ and the entire family and how are the brethren at All Saints Orton?

It was in March this year 2013 when I did mature entry exams for Uganda Christian University (*in Kampala, 350 km from Kasese*) and lucky enough I passed with 78%. Now I have been given an opportunity to go for Ordination course for 3 years. I have been advised to hand over to the Executive (*the church lay leadership team*) on 1st Jan 2014 and I go to prepare for my family before I go to school in May 2014, so I will be off work for 4 months before I start school. Here I convey my request to pray for me brethren as I am thinking and looking for where and how to settle my family before I go to school.

Am now preparing my farewell sermon and making serious pastoral visits to all saints of my church, but there are some challenges that I am experiencing through these farewells - people shedding tears as some did to St Paul when he was saying farewell to some saints during his time of ministry. I need your prayers, dear friends.

Wishing you the best as we shall remain communicating as the Lord remains our helper.

Love and peace to you all in Jesus' name,
Robert.

Robert and Anna have a 4-year-old daughter, Ruth, and Anna gave birth to a son on 16th November. It will be hard for him to leave them for many months each year while he studies in Kampala. We will be praying for him and his little family and considering how we can support them—fees, books, food, accommodation, and travel.

Christopher and Mary Jenkin

Advent in Orton Church

There will be a series of

Advent Devotional Services

on Wednesdays
5th, 12th, 19th December
7.30pm
in All Saints' Church

This will be part of our preparation for Christmas
Everyone is welcome to join us

Orton Farmers' Markets

The next two of these popular markets will be:

**A Grand Christmas Market
December 14th**
with Carol Singers and mince pies in Church
And January 11th

Join us for refreshments and a chat in a friendly atmosphere.

In December we raised **£536.70** to help us to continue God's work at All Saints. Many thanks for your continued support

Orton Village Store and Post Office

wish you all a very
Happy Christmas!

Shop Opening Hours

Tues 24th Dec: 8 am - 4 pm
Wed 25th & Thurs 26th: CLOSED
Fri 27th Dec: 8 am - 6 pm
Sat 28th Dec: 8 am - 6 pm
Mon 30th Dec: 8 am - 6 pm
Tues 31st Dec: 8 am - 4 pm
Wed 1st Jan: CLOSED
Thurs 2nd Jan: 8 am - 6 pm

Happy New Year in 2014!

Last posting dates for Christmas

(UK) Wed 18th Dec, 2nd Class
Fri 20th Dec, 1st Class

For a full list of last recommended posting dates, please visit
www.royalmail.com/greetings

Orton and Tebay Local History Society

Thursday 12th December:
Christmas Social Meeting,
Tebay Methodist Church,
7.30 p.m.

Monday 27th January:
**"Folklore, Traditions,
Customs of Cumbria",**
with Jean Scott-Smith.
Orton Market Hall, 7.30 p.m.

100th Anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1: we are planning a meeting in 2014 to mark this notable Anniversary. If anyone has any mementoes, photographs or anything else that would be relevant to such an evening, please tell one of the Committee, or phone Mary Jenkin (015396 24410) or Heather Ballantyne (015396 24623).

LUNCHEON CLUB FOR THE OVER 50'S AT THE GEORGE HOTEL IN ORTON

(015396 26046)

Last Wednesday of the month
18th DEC & 29th JAN
START 12 NOON
CHOOSE FROM

4 MAIN COURSES £5.00
3 PUDDINGS £2.50
TEA & COFFEE £1.00
INCLUDES A QUIZ & GAMES
AFTERWARDS
FINISH APPROX 2.30
EVERYONE WELCOME
FOR MORE DETAILS
CONTACT HAZEL

From a school Nativity Play in Derby

Three young children were cast as the kings. Presenting their gifts at the stable, the first said: "Gold"; the second, "Myrrh". The third added, "And Frank sent this!"

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Sat 14th December

7.30pm

Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups "U"

Xmas Fancy dress,
mulled wine, mince pies etc
£3.50 / £2.50 / family £10 (2 + 2)

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall
Saturday 22nd Feb 2014

Tatie Pie Supper & Dominoes
£7 / £3

LEJOG (Lands End John O'Groats) Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who supported our coffee morning on the 19th October at Newbiggin-on-Lune.

Despite the lack of mains power we had a great morning and managed to raise £670.00. Along with the donations we have collected we have raised a total of around £1200.00 which will be split between the Great North Air Ambulance and the Lakes Search And Rescue Dogs. Special thanks to all who donated things to sell and the people who helped make the event run smoothly.
Dave and Angela Jackson

Dancing and Singing at Orton.

Thank you very much to all who helped and supported the Ceilidh which was held in Orton Market Hall recently. As well as the dancing the evening had the extra ingredient of singing led by the Tebay Community choir. Alison Mott who conducts the choir chose some very suitable songs and did a wonderful job of encouraging people to join in and "sing-along" with the choir. The singing was split into three sections and interspersed between the dances which gave a very pleasant mix for the evening. Anyone interested in joining the choir should contact Alison on 01931 716122. As well as being a very enjoyable evening for all present, £220 was raised for the High Westmorland group of parishes.

'Son of God' feature film - February 2014

The Bible movie *Son of God* is now set for release on 28 February 2014. It will include footage not seen in the *Bible* mini-series. The ten-part drama was a big hit in America; averaging 11.4 million viewers during its five-week run on the History Channel. It earned three Emmy nominations. Fox released the DVD in April and it quickly became the top-selling mini-series ever across Blu-ray, DVD and Digital HD selling 525,000 in its first week alone. Rick Warren, an American evangelical Christian pastor and author, said: 'I've seen most of the films about Jesus produced in the past 50 years. *Son Of God* stands alone, in a class by itself. It is a powerful and poignant movie, the best Jesus movie I have ever seen'.

Report on Exhibition of Photographs
held at the High Chapel Community Centre
Sept 14th & 15th 2013 of farms in the parish
& the names of their occupants in 1952/53
& display of the wide range of information stored in the History Archives.

Both afternoons were well attended by people curious to know who was living on their farm in 1953



or to find out what else was going on in the parish in past centuries.



We are especially grateful to those who were able to help identify faces from older photos.



It's good to know they get started young!



The weekend raised £410.00 split between the Heritage Centre and the History Group.
A big **thank you** to all those who helped in any way. CAM.

Willow Gardening

Local friendly reliable gardener—All aspects of gardening covered. Garden maintenance & clearance
Grass cutting—Hedge cutting, patio, paths and more
Tel Graham on 015396 24066
Or 07964 598514

Newbiggin-on-Lune

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**

Coffee and Chat

The church will be open every Tuesday morning. 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.

Lunch Club

Our monthly lunch clubs will be held on the first Tuesday of each month through to April.

You are welcome to join us for soup, sweet and coffee at a cost of £5.

A warm room, good food and plenty of chat!

Newbiggin On Lune Parent and Toddler Group

Every Friday morning (term time)
9.30am - 11.00am

in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom

Toys and Activities for children under 5

Children over 6 months £1.50 (includes refreshments)

For more details contact

Chairperson :

Paula on 07951 523433

Treasurer :

Margaret on 015396 23498

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Contacts:

Chairman : James Richardson
015396 23338

Tel:

Secretary : Marion Law
015396 23409

Tel:

Treasurer : Carl McLaughlin
015396 23674

Tel:

The Vicarage, Newbiggin-on-Lune, Kirkby Stephen,
Caretaker : Paul Boustead

Tel :

015396 23033

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

Carols by Candlelight



Newbiggin-on-Lune
Methodist Church

6:30pm

Sunday, 15th December

* Led by Rev Phil Dew *

Everyone welcome!

Newbiggin-on-Lune Methodist Church

**Sunday 22nd December
10.30 a.m.**

Carol Service with the Sunday School Children

**Monday 23rd December
Carol Singing around the village
Meet at Chapel, 6.00 p.m.**

Special Christmas Service

For all the family

Based on the film

‘Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups’



**Newbiggin-on-Lune Village Hall
6:30pm, Sunday, 1st December**

*** Children’s Fancy Dress *
(Any Christmas character)**

Film clips – Competitions - Refreshments

Contact Phil Dew on 017683 71202
for more information

Ding Dong Merrily on High



It is nearly a year since Orton church bells began to ring out again after twelve years silence. This was due to the dampness of the tower.

The damp rotted the bell ropes and they are very expensive to replace. One the tower was dry a toilet was put into the tower and a new ringing chamber created above. Thanks are due to the PCC for their help and fund-raising efforts, other donations and a generous grant from the Carlisle Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.

There is now a ring of eight bells, using bells from those installed in 1917. One wonders how it came about during the First World War. Orton obviously had bells from the 16th and 17th Centuries, as demonstrated by the three ancient bells on display at the back of the church. Today’s set of bells is made up of seven from the 1917 ring, and the tenor bell dates from 1711. A new band of ringers was gathered (some experienced, some not). Training began with help from the Diocesan Guild – Ron East, the Diocesan Bell Advisor, and other local ringers from Shap and Appleby in particular.

Today’s band has a wide age range. The youngest members were ten and twelve when recruited and the others are of more mature years; they are all very enthusiastic and will gladly welcome any newcomers. Bell ringing practice takes place on Friday evenings at 7.00.

The English tradition of “change ringing” began in the early 17th Century. Hitherto churches would have had only one or two bells which were simply tolled to announce a service, a death in the locality, the arrival of the mail coach or even a curfew. With more bells change ringing produces a pattern of sound with fascinating names: in 1652 Robert Roan created “Grandsire Double” and “Bob Minor”. Fabian Stedman produced more and many have followed. The technique seems to have spread across the country from London and church bell ringing became a popular hobby... thereby hang quite a few tales!

Of the 6,100 churches with change ringing bells in our island most are in England, Wales has 215 and Scotland has less than 20. There are change ringing bells in other countries, mainly as a result of colonization by the British. Australia and New Zealand have 62, and the USA has 43.

Orton church bells are rung for one Sunday a month as well as festivals, weddings and on Farmers Market day – the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Finally the Orton bells are considered to be some of the nicest sounding bells in the county!

Ann Thorpe



OFF TO ITALY ONCE MORE

In May next year, over twenty people, mainly from Ravenstonedale and Sedburgh, will be going to spend a week in beautiful central Italy. There have been over ten previous trips and the seasoned regulars will give a warm welcome to newcomers who would like to join us next year.

We will be joined by James, a Classical Historian, who lives in Rome, and will be bringing the past to life with his wonderful stories

During the week we shall visit two fascinating Italian cities – Urbino and Mantua. Urbino is a famous walled city to the south, with a hillside situation and a remarkable historical legacy of Renaissance culture. It is a city of art with an amazing Ducal Palace. Our second city, Mantua, is one of the main artistic, cultural and musical hubs of northern Italy, known for its architectural treasures and its elegant medieval and Renaissance cityscape

Two “country days” will make an enjoyable contrast. The first day will be an at-home day in the pretty village of Brisighella. It will include an easy walk along the peak of Brisighella to discover wild flowers that grow locally. The second day will be exploring the valley of the River Senio and we may visit, the local herb centre In the afternoon we will to travel into Tuscany, to the village of Palazzuolo where there are two small but interesting museums, one archaeological and one agricultural.

No trip to Italy is complete without a visit to the coast. We will have a day at Cesena and Cesenatico. The latter is beside the Adriatic Sea, a town with some beautiful architecture by Leonardo da Vinci. We will also have half a day in Venice.

Before we return home, we will, there is a free day for you to enjoy as you wish. Brisighella has a railway station within walking distance from the hotel, and we can help you arrange trips to places such as Florence, Bologna and Ravenna.

If you would like to find out more, please call Mark Barker on 01539 623239.

Mark Barker and George Handley

Lune Ladies

Lune Ladies never have dull speakers. In November Michael Beaty came and showed us the beauty and horrors of an island somewhere between Papua New Guinea and the Solomons, Bougainville, where he had been working on the demolition of one of the largest copper mines in the world. Before: great jagged mountains, deep forest, white beaches and coral reefs; after: grey desolation, unthinkable huge machines, now burnt out and abandoned, and presumably comfortable wealth for investors. We wait with interest to see where Michael will go next. J.B.

Fell End Chapel

Christmas Celebration

Sunday 22nd December

At 7pm

‘Memories of Christmas’

Phone Harry 20635 or Liz 20278 for information

FROM THE EDITOR
Link and Finance

It costs about 60p per copy to produce *Link*; that is £6 for the ten issues in a year. It is largely financed by the advertisers, and so we urge readers to support our advertisers, and when you use their services tell them you saw their ad in *Link*! In 2014 the cost of a small block advert will be £45 per annum (for double the size it is double the cost); we believe this is good value, and most advertisers would cover the cost of their advert if it attracted just one customer in the course of the year!

The financial health of the magazine determines how many pages we can afford to have printed. For example, the November issue could only have 24 pages, because we were heading for a shortfall by the end of the year. As a result, quite a number of items which we had been sent for inclusion had to be omitted – there just was not room to include them. This is disappointing for everyone. The December/January issue will have 28 pages; sometimes in the past we have been able to have 32 pages. (As each folded sheet has four pages, it has to be a multiple of four.)

Though copies are free, quite a number of people like to make a contribution to the cost. We are very grateful for this, and we would encourage you to give your contribution - £6 for a year - to your distributor or any member of the PCC of your church. Such support helps us to produce a bigger and better magazine!

Articles and Announcements

We are always glad to receive articles for inclusion, but we can't guarantee to fit them in, and they might have to be shortened. Personal stories and experiences are good to include; and as this is a church magazine, stories of faith or discussions about faith, are very appropriate.

Announcements of future events are included if possible, especially events which are to take place within the three parishes. It is helpful if such announcements can be in a form which can fit into a column, $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ a page wide – we can't usually put a whole A4 poster in!

Photographs for the front page are particularly welcome, and it is good to ring the changes of the three parishes for this. Photos can also be included to illustrate articles, but of course all photos will appear in black and white.

Emails: Some emails seem to get lost. I always acknowledge receipt of an email; if you don't hear within 24 hours of sending one please phone to check that I have received it. (I may not open Link emails for a week or two after going to press.)

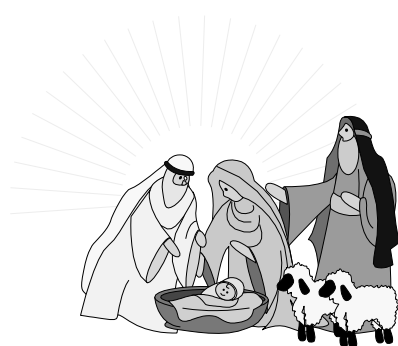
Distributors: We are very grateful to our team of distributors!

**Archbishop concerned about
surge in food bank demand**

Food bank use has more than tripled over the last year. Shrinking pay packets, the cut in some benefits and the rising cost of basic groceries, have all been cited as reasons for the increase. The Most Revd Justin Welby said: 'The numbers would have been unthinkable ten years ago; it's a very sad fact that they're there, but also it's a great opportunity for the Church to demonstrate the love of Christ'. About 80 per cent of churches are now involved in food banks, either running them, or providing volunteers or donating food.

Orton Methodist Church is a collecting point for food to be distributed through the Sands Methodist Church, Appleby, and the Wednesday morning Drop-In is an opportunity to bring your contributions.

**Orton Methodist Church
Christmas Services**



We Invite you to join us for our
Family Carol Service
on Sunday, 22nd December at 10.30am

Led by Rev Phil Dew

Coffee and Mince Pies served afterwards

And an all age service on
Sunday, 29th December at 10.30am

A warm welcome is extended to all

Friends of Orton School

Friday 6th December
Christmas Crafts

3:30pm—5:30pm

@ Orton School

All welcome (£5 per family)

All materials included

Christmas Quiz

7pm

@ Tebay Club

Teams of 4 adults + children

All welcome (£5 per team)

For more info call Ian : 015396 26003

Parish Registers

Baptism:

Lillie Elsa Hoyle, daughter of Adam Hoyle and Gill Abram, was baptised at All Saints Church, Orton, on 27th October.

Funerals:

Betty Salisbury, aged 81, formerly of Tebay, was buried at St. James' Church, Tebay, on 20th September.

Thomas Henry Haygarth, aged 71, of The Croft, Appleby, (formerly of Orton) was buried at All Saints' Church, Orton, on the 30th October, after a funeral service at St. Lawrence's Church, Appleby.

Ravenstonedale Endowed Primary School

FUN

FRIDAY

On Fridays we do PE with 2 people called Jo and Lauren.

Normally we play games and we might have time for a football match at the end. Then in the afternoons we go up into the woods or if it's wet we just do it inside.

Most of the time we make things like shelters.



**Trip to the cattle
auction**

**One Thursday when a
cattle sale was on, our
school went to junction
36 (a cattle mart) to
learn about auctions.
It was absolutely
awesome. :)**

By Sam (the ewe man)



Class 1 walk at Smardale

Open day

People came to the Ravenstonedale School open day, it was heaving. There were people everywhere, it was so crazy, it was like a stampede. The school was liked a lot by the people with their children, when they grow up to be in reception. We had refreshments, the food was amazing; it was a success for Ravenstonedale School.

Ravenstonedale school show

On Thursday 7th November 2013 we had a School show; we had lots of games like sweets in a jar, pick the stick, a quiz, dancing competition and a drawing competition. At the same time there was an animal competition with sheep, dogs and rabbits. Another thing in our show was "the bake off" everyone who entered brought in a cake, cupcake or a decorated biscuit. There was a crafting section with stone, wood and modelling dough entries.



Harvest Festival

We had "Harvest festival" in St Oswalds church class two made a play of the harvest, we had singing and we made bread before we started the "harvest festival". It was very exciting I believe we ALL had fun parents, children and everyone.

PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO!!!!

All welcome ages 4-11

Friday 13th 5:30 – 7:30 £1

Refreshments available please invite your friends



ST OSWALD'S CHURCH

Friday, December 20th

**** Carols by Candlelight ****

**Traditional Service of Lessons
& Carols**

7.30.pm

Followed by mince pies and mulled
wine

All welcome

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 18th December 2013

7.30 pm

Ravenstonedale High Chapel
Community & Heritage Centre

**CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER
FOR SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS**

(Bring & Share)

Convivial Conversation

Admission: Members £1.00 Non Members £2.00

Bring your own Mulled Wine or Soft Drink

For more information contact Val Fermer on 01539 623693
or e-mail history@ravenstonedale.org

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 15th January 2014

7.30 pm

Ravenstonedale High Chapel
Community & Heritage Centre

RAVENSTONEDALE SOLDIERS' LIVES

Those Who Died & Those Who Survived

with Val Fermer

Admission: Members £1.00 Non Members £2.00
including refreshments

For more information contact Val Fermer on 01539 623693
or e-mail history@ravenstonedale.org

Ravenstonedale Folk Dance Club

meets at Newbiggin-on-Lune
V.H., Thursday at 7.45pm.

No experience necessary,
everyone made very welcome.

£2 per night.

For more details
015396 24258 or 23329.

Are you interested in
sewing /knitting/ quilting/
sharing skills and chat ?

We meet every Tuesday
7-9pm at

Ravenstonedale High Chapel
Community Centre

Please just come along or ring Ann
on 015396 23565

IRONING

*Have your ironing done
for you, picked up and
delivered*

*Please contact
Dianne Boustead
015396 23416*

FC-R'dale Independent History Archive

*Search for local history in Ravenstonedale and
nearby...*

*FC – R'dale Independent History Archive
(frankrdale@yahoo.co.uk)*



The Independent History Archive is a searchable database of images, documents, PDF and words. It is accessed by emailed enquiry or via one other route – the Face Book site is interactive and you can pose questions via that - https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ravenstonedale-Reunited-Independent-History-Archive/246992932036488?hc_location=timeline

The information in the archive is a broad spectrum of material. Some of it has yet to be made accessible...and it is being added to week by week. Enquirers sometimes, after completing their research, send the findings back to be incorporated into the archive. There are enquires from all parts of the UK and from many other countries, especially those that had emigration from the Upper Eden. International enquires can be given additional value by sending back photos of ancestral sites or by helping arrange visits to the area.

What is in the archive? Often personal letters, documents, receipts, legal & reference material, old postcards & photos, church information and old pamphlets or magazines, scrap books, weddings, and more besides...If you make contact and say ask about a place or family name, I make key word searches and see what might appearand then pass them over to you. If you want to support the archive, you can donate – PayPal is a convenient method for this. The success of any search is limited to the inclusion of relevant material in the archive – but one search elicited over 200 images of direct or indirect use to the family. Enjoy the Face Book site "Ravenstonedale Reunited Independent History Archive" and email me for searches .

Frank Chalmers, Archivist. October 2013.



Orton C of E School

Biza

On Thursday 14th November, a South African man called Biza came to teach us. Biza taught us some African words and languages. He also taught us how to play a game. In exchange we taught Biza some of our games. When Biza came we asked him how to say pizza in Africans, Zulu and another language. It turned out that pizza is pronounced as pizza in two of the three languages.

Pudsey Day

On the 15th of November we had our Pudsey day and everyone came with spots on their faces and spots on the clothes. We are raising money for Children In Need so we can help the children with no toys and that have nothing that we have. We all filled a 3D version of Pudsey with our pennies that we brought to school. By Olivia Mc



Guinea pig update

This week when we were cleaning out the guinea pigs we ran out of newspaper and hay, so we would really appreciate if anyone has any spare newspaper or if you live in a farm could possibly bring in some hay.

THANK YOU

Hay meadows

On Monday 11th

November Clare and Andrea came in to talk about hay meadows. We played lots and lots of games with them. We also planted some seeds. They gave us all a label with the name of a animal on so we could play a really, really fun game. By Anna , Eilidh and Kayleigh.



Athletics

On Thursday 14th November some of us in KS2 went to a Competition at Appleby Grammar . We all got to wear the new school sports kits . When we got there we all tried our best, but the rest of us were not as fast as the rest of the other children. They were faster than us but we still had fun!!! By Seb, Thomas, Martin, Slan

Pink Day

This year pink day was a great success because everyone dressed up in something pink . We had yummy pink cakes and had fun pink games like: Guess the square, How many sweets in a jar ,and Pink skittles. And there was lots of really good prizes for the winners of ' guess the square' and you got to keep the pink sweets that were in the jar from the 'sweets in the jar' game.

Olivia and Molly



(If you could see this picture in colour you would see we are all in pink!)

Remembrance Day

Our remembrance day was really, really enjoyable because lots of us in class 3 had a part to say and there was lots of parents coming to see us perform our words. We had a respectable 2 minutes of silence while Mrs Mounsey put on a slide show on the computer of some pictures of soldiers and poppies in the war. We sang two songs, Peace Perfect Peace and Make Me a Channel of Your Peace.

Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events

Saturday, November 30th

'Winter Warmers'

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Sunday, December 1st

Exchange of Parish Embroideries

St Oswald's Church-10am

Friday & Saturday, Dec 6th & 7th

Friends of St Oswald Supper Theatre

'A Christmas Carol'

St Oswald's Church

7pm-for 7.30pm

Wednesday, December 12th

Golden Oldies Christmas

Tea Party 2pm

St Oswald's Church

Monday, December 16th

Carols with Carole in the Pub

Black Swan Hotel

Wednesday, December 18th

Ravenstonedale Parish

History Group

Christmas Party 7.30pm

Friday, December 20th

St Oswald's Church

Traditional Carol Service at 7.30pm

Monday, January 6th 2014

Bible Study & Discussion Group

Manor House, Ravenstonedale

7.30pm

Wednesday, January 15th 2014

Ravenstonedale Parish

History Group

Talk by Val Fermer-

'First World War Soldiers

from Ravenstonedale Parish'

CAROLS

at Ravenstonedale Methodist Chapel

Sunday December 22nd at 2.00pm

Collection for

SIGHTSAVERS

Please

come and

join us in a

Christmas

Celebration

and help to raise money to
save and restore the sight of
people less fortunate than
ourselves

Monday, January 6th

Manor House, Ravenstonedale 7.30pm

Bible Study and Discussion

in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Led by Beverley Lock

Thank you

to all who supported the Coffee morning
at Ravenstonedale Methodist Chapel
£330.00 was raised and divided equally
between **The Air Ambulance and**
Eden Valley Hospice

Upper Eden First Responders

Lottery Winners are as follows:

1st Prize. Simon Bennett - Church
Brough. 2nd Prize - Raymond and Beryl
Chappels—Kirkby Stephen. 3rd Prize-
Michael Rose - Kirkby Stephen

Notes from Rissendale*

It is kind of you to let me, an
offcomer from Kent, have a corner
of the Link in which to chatter. But
what is there I can tell you, who
mostly belong here in a way I never
can?

Well – there are two things I
noticed when we first came here
thirty years ago, one, that we had a
Post Office next door and a Police
House across the road and so would
always be well looked after and very
safe, and two, that there was plenty
of room in the spacious green
churchyard, so that we need never
go away. And now? No Post Office,
no Police House, an empty
neglected building next door which
was once home to Barty, Carole and
Guy, and For Sale notices popping
up in all directions. But we still feel
safe. Neighbours could not be
kinder or more patient. And there is
Art and there is Music (but that's in
Tebay), there's Low Chapel coffee
and High Chapel history, there are
the Lune Ladies, there's the shop
and the pubs and friends and friends
and friends. And squirrels. Next
month there will be amazing
shenanigans in St Oswald's run by
its Friends, I look forward to that.
And I hope to wait a bit longer
before claiming a place in the
friendly green churchyard.

Janet Barlow

**Ravenstonedale's name (also
called Rissendale) comes from an
old custom in which a bounty of two
pence was paid for a raven's head.*



**Golden Oldies
Christmas Tea Party
& Carols
at 2.pm
St Oswald's Church
Thursday, December 12th**



Carols in the Pub

***Come Carol singing ***

Black Swan, Ravenstonedale

8.pm on Wednesday,

*** December 16th ***

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Rev'd Carole Marsden will be joining us



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Friday 6 December & Saturday 7 December

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Doors open & drinks available from 7pm

Performance starts 7.30pm

Dinner served at 8.45pm

Adults £10 (includes supper)

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Buy tickets from Kings Head and Black Swan
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We still believe in miracles - according to new report

Research for religious thinktank *Theos* and the television
production company CTVC has found that belief in
miracles is still prevalent among 21st century Britons, with
one in six convinced that they or someone they know has
experienced one. More than 2,000 people were
interviewed by ComRes for the research report, which
found that even those with no religious affiliation still
subscribe to the idea that unexplained forces affect
people's thoughts and actions. More than half of the
British population still believe that 'spiritual forces' affect
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17 December:	Pensioner's Lunch, earlier due to Xmas
20 December:	Darts knockout
Boxing Night:	Quiz, disco & karaoke
27 December:	Pool knockout
New Year's Eve:	Gourmet evening—tables must be booked
3 January:	Domino knockout

Mulled wine & warm mince pies served all December

More details at www.kings-head.com / T: 015396 23050

Don't forget...

- We are open 11am to 11pm every day, ALL YEAR (except Christmas Day)
- The kettle is always on with homemade scones & shortbread
- EVERY SUNDAY LUNCH - Traditional roast using local meat



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Sun 26th Jan: YORKSHIRE IMPERIAL

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Sun 16th Feb: Laura van der Heijden (cello) &

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