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A thought from the Vicarage.

by Rev Beverley Lock

One of the tremendous privileges of my role is the work I do with young people in school. I have the joy of going into 4 schools and am on the Governing body of 2. Yes I do assemblies and tell stories from the Bible, do workshops and so on but I also sit in assemblies when the children have been researching for themselves. Recently I was sitting in an assembly that some youngsters had prepared. They had researched Candlemas and came up with a fantastic little rhyme:

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright

Winter will have another fight

If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,

Winter won't come again.

February 2nd as I recall was dull but dry...

There are apparently some scientific theories that relate to the Gulf Stream or something that would back this up. However as we know there wisdom of years of county people watching the weather is the best authority of all.

However there are some traditional ideas that are no longer true. One of them is that our parish churches are financed by the Central funds of the Church of England. They are not. The only reason we can keep the beautiful Parish churches and their surrounding graveyards open is by the untiring work of the PCCs and the financial support of local people. I am continually humbled by just what people do and the responsibilities they undertake on behalf of others. Without this unpaid work the church buildings and all the activities that go on in them would cease tomorrow.

This year we are drawing up a new electoral roll. Please consider

filling in an electoral roll form (just ring a churchwarden from your village and they will get you one) It costs nothing and shows your support for the church. If you have been on the electoral roll in the past please re-apply) Also please consider getting involved – stand for the PCC – help us to keep a vibrant church community in each village.

Two groups that have done a great deal, working alongside the church community are the Friends of Ravenstonedale Church and the Friends of Tebay church. Ravenstonedale 'Friends' recently put on a fantastic dramatic performance attended by over 240 people to raise money for the church building. On the 10th March Bishop Robert Freeman will be coming to the church to celebrate the first phase of the joint PCC and Friends project to make the church more suitable for future community events.

At Tebay the 'Friends' have done a fantastic job creating 'The Hub' a small circular room, easily heated with kitchen and toilet where we hope to have a drop in possibly with library books as soon as the funds can be secured. Meanwhile the warm welcome at Orton Church 's Coffee morning on the second Saturday of each month alongside the Farmer's Market are legendry. People travel from Chorley, Barrow, Dumfries and all over to feel part of the extended community. Here they are served by local people who give their time and baking to the cause of keeping All Saints in the centre of the village.

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So set your alarm! Because Easter is early – 31st March – and is also the day the clocks go forward, the sunrise at 6.45 a.m. will feel like 5.45 a.m.! Wrap up warm, and come out to Raise Howe on the east side of Orton Scar (just above the cattle grid on the way down to Appleby). And pass the word around to Christians from all churches.

Appleby Town Band will be there to accompany the hymns, and the service is being organised by the Revd. Phil Rigby and one of the Heart of Eden (Appleby) Anglican team will speak.

Christopher Jenkin

Notes from The Herald March, 1913

Dull, chilly and wet. Stormy run-up to Easter (26th) but sun! for 27th, Easter Monday.

County Council Elections: Mr. S.H. Shepherd (Orton) 173, Mr. W.J. Wharton (Tebay) 172. Majority – 1! Orton Farm changes; Mr. T. Burne, tenant of Mr. M.H. Milner in Old Tebay is off to Canada, the faqrm is now let to Mr. John Potter, Bretherdale, whose son takes over there.

R.D.C. Orton's sewage falls into a large pothole near my gate, says Mr. Goodwin, (Squire of Orton Hall). Council to remedy it.

C & W Wrestling at Appleby – T. Holme (Orton) came off as All Weights Champion.

Greenholme Mr. William Atkinson has left Whinhowe (Tebay), has let it and moved to a smallholding in Greenholme. His flitting sale was on Wednesday 19th, a stormy day but a lot were there, good bidders. The vacancy at Longdale School is not filled yet.

Tebay Miss Thistewood, now 17

years at Tebay School, was presented with a fine marble clock on Friday, 14th, by the school and old pupils.

R.D.C. is still prodding the Railway as to the level crossing bridge. Died at Church Street, Tebay, on 7th, Ann Horsfall, 86, late of Orton.

County Court Appleby: Robinson v Dixon. J.W. Robinson, Overclough, Tebay sued John Dixon, Brunt Hill, Ravenstonedale, for £12-5-0 for cow sold him in March 1912. Dixon to pay at £1 per month. He had left his farm to go wild- Hvith House (Mrs. Hewitson) applied for repossession; granted but Dixon has vanished.

Ravenstonedale Him again – William I. Bainbridge, shoemaker, in arrears to his wife, was lodging at Bleaflatt while running a mail-order poultry scheme but kept the money and didn't send the birds. Sent to Quarter Sessions in Cheshire (where the aggrieved non-receiver lived). County Council Elections: Ravenstonedale; Mr. Fothergill retiring, his son John forward, 101 votes but lost to Mr. George Beck,

134 votes.

Licensing Sessions: The King's Head, Ravenstonedale, is old and surplus say the police. "It does much commercial trade" the licenceee countered and hosts the Show Dinner every year. (Adjourned).

Fell End An old Scots beggar sent to prison for begging there, Thursday, 28th February. Confirmation in St. Oswald's Church on the morning of Tuesday, 11th. 14 candidates from Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin on Lune.

Farm and hire-vehicles Sale at King's Head Hotel, Coldbeck, Tuesday 18th. Free lunch at 11.30, sale 1pm, cash only.

R.D.C. – Ravenstonedale sewerage – adjourned.

Ravenstonedale Band of Hope's Annual Concert, Friday 14th in the endowed school. A lot were there despite the storm outside.

Newbiggin-on-Lune's School performed an operetta

"Cinderella" (adapted) on Easter Monday and Tuesday evenings – Very good too.

Died at Newbiggin on 26th, Thomas Cowperthwaite, 85

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We would also like to point out that articles received after the 13th may be held over until the following month

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR MARCH 2013

<u>Sunday 3rd March</u>		<u>3rd Sunday of Lent</u>		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u> Purple
ORTON	9.30am	Holy Communion	Martin Dew	Isaiah 55. 1-9;	1 Corinthians 10. 1-13
Sidesman	Jim Milburn	Prayers	Ronnie Elliott	Readers	Jackie Huck, Mary Jenkin
TEBAY	3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Beverley Lock		
RAVENSTONEDALE	10am	Morning Prayer & Baptism	BL	Readers	Jane Parsler, Tom Reeves

<u>Sunday 10th March</u>		<u>4th Sunday of Lent</u>		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u> Purple
ORTON	10.30am	<u>Mothering Sunday</u> Family Service with Baptism	Chris Jenkin	Exodus 2. 1-10;	2 Corinthians 1. 3-7
Sidesmen	Gerald Weston, David Aspden				
TEBAY	10.30 am	2@4 Ian + Ronnie Elliott— a joint service with Tebay Methodist church—all welcome			
RAVENSTONEDALE	10.00am	Morning Prayer and Thanksgiving	Bishop Robert	Readers	Dick & Janet Barlow

<u>Sunday 17th March</u>		<u>5th Sunday of Lent</u>		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u> Purple
ORTON	10.45am	Family Service	Beverley Lock	Isaiah 43. 16-21;	Philippians 3. 4b-14
Sidesman	Chris Bland	(Followed by Bring & Share Lunch)			
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Chris Jenkin		
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Liz Dew	Readers	Caroline Morris David Morris

<u>Sunday 24th March</u>		<u>Palm Sunday</u>		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u> Red
ORTON	9.30am	Holy Communion & Palm Gospel	Martin Dew	Isaiah 50. 4-9a;	Philippians 2. 5-11
Sidesman	Jeff Mawson	Prayers	Angela Milburn	Readers	Susan Basnett, Meryl Aspden
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion & Palm Gospel	Martin Dew		
RAVENSTONEDALE	6.00pm	Holy Communion & Palm Gospel	Beverley Lock	Readers	M. Metcalfe-Gibson S. Metcalfe-Gibson

<u>Sunday 31st March</u>		<u>EASTER DAY</u>		<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u> White
ORTON	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ian Elliott	Acts 10. 34-43;	1 Corinthians 15.19-26
Sidesman	John Falshaw	Prayers	Sandra Ward	Readers	Ronnie Elliott, Gerald Weston
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock		
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	Readers	Hilary Law, Richard Best

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR MARCH 2013

Methodist Chapel		3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Tebay	10.30am	P Dew HC	LA 6.30 pm Connexion at Appleby	A Burton	C Capstick	T Longworth
Orton	10.30am 6.30pm	A Dunstan D Marston	P Dew HC Connexion at Appleby	US at PC K Hopper	R Teal CA R Teal CA	LA P Dew
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30am 6.30pm	J Law * LA	B Staley * Connexion at Appleby	W Riley * LA	T Dent * *	P Dew * LA
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Good Friday

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Orton	10.00 am	Reflective service
Shap	12.00am -	
	3.00 pm	start at St. Michael's Shap
		Good Friday walk to Shap
		Abbey and Keld Chapel.
		And return

Easter Sat.

Orton	2.45pm	Children's activities
	4.00pm	Service of Light
Bampton	6.00pm	Service of Light
Shap	5.30 pm	Service of Light

Easter Sunday

Orton	10.30am	Holy Communion
Tebay	11.15am	Holy Communion
Ravenstonedale	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Shap	11.00am	Holy Communion
Bampton	9.15am	Holy Communion

APCM's

The annual meeting for the 3 parish Churches will take place on:-

Orton	7.30pm	10th April
Ravenstonedale	11.00am	14th April
Tebay	12.00am	28th April

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The funeral of Edwin Atkinson Huck took place on December 28th 2012 at All Saints Church, Orton

A VIEW FROM TEBAY

by Elizabeth Crossley

It was so nice to see all the snowdrops coming up during these last 2 weeks in February. The churchyard at Tebay always is at its best with its snowdrop display and even when we have snow it does not deter these little plants. Someone many, many years ago must have had the foresight to plant so many snowdrops which have multiplied each year. I am still struggling to get any of my snowdrops planted 'in the green' to grow. However I am looking forward to the end of February/beginning of March to begin to plant my vegetable seeds in my electric propagators. I find it very therapeutic to sow the seeds, pot them on and then plant them out in my tunnels and greenhouse. I just hope that we will have a better summer than 2012. My tomatoes grew but did not ripen until September but my various types of salad leaves thrived and are beginning to come again.

From April this year many people will find that their benefits will change, leaving them with less income to meet their household bills and everyday necessities. To the outside world Cumbria, in particular the Lake District, will seem to be an affluent community so they, like me, would have been shocked to read in the Westmorland Gazette that already some people are so in need that a food bank has had to be established in Windermere. Food banks have also been set up in other various parts of the county – Carlisle, Penrith, the western area, Barrow, and Ulverston – so maybe it is time to plant seeds of a different type. In these challenging times we must all be vigilant to the needs of others because possibly our

communities in the High Westmorland Parishes may need to rise to the challenge of providing some everyday necessities and basic foods for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The evenings are now getting lighter for longer and the mornings are also lighter. I am so looking forward to some warmer weather, with longer hours, so that working outside can also take place in the early evenings. It is also good to have a small challenge or project to look

forward to – whether it is inside the house or outside. The longer days make us all more enthusiastic to try something new. A good friend of ours has just been on a quilting course and another good friend on a course on how to grow vegetables. After seeing my new mini tunnel she is raring to go and is ordering her new (much larger) polytunnel today. I have had a few lengthy conversations with her about type of plastic, ground anchors, spot tape etc. Why don't you make 2013 a year to try or learn something new?

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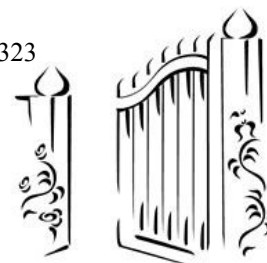
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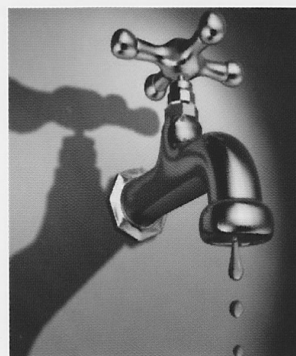
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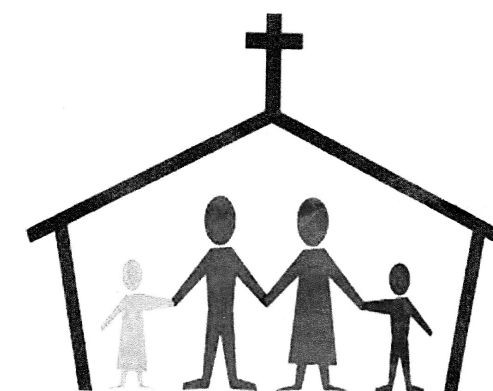
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Winter Warmer - Saturday 2nd March

Cheese and Wine - Friday 19th April

Pudding Evening -Friday 10th May

80's Disco - Friday 12th July

Further details will appear in the LINK
or contact school Tel 24239

Sadly the death has been announced on 7th Feb. of Rena Harrison.

Rena was born May 6, 1940 and grew up in the village of Tebay in the 1940s and 50s. Her father, Joe Harrison was a train driver and she and her mother and brothers lived in Winfell Terrace.

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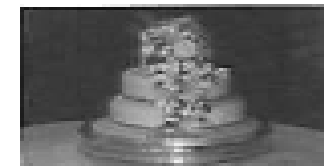


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 ybody completed the Seal 1 but Sami, Harry, Josh
 and Hannah continued to complete Seal 2. For Seal 2
 you have to swim 4 lengths (100m) in 4 minutes with
 clothes on, tread water for 2minutes, float on your
 back for 3 minutes...finally you climb out!

Thanks to Diane Knowles and parent teachers!

Reported by: Samantha Bousfield

ANDY GOLDSWORTHY

**FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS CLASS 3 HAVE BEEN
 LEARNING ABOUT ANDY GOLDSWORTHY. WE DIS-
 COVERED THAT HE IS AN ARTIST THAT USES NATURE AS A CONSEQUENCE WORKS A GREAT DEAL
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**HE WAS BORN IN 1956 . HE WAS A FARMER AS A
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 CREATED SCULPTURES IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND
 TOO.**

Reported by Ella Hunter

New room to who?

The Year 2 and 3 children moved to the old
 classroom 4, commonly known as the "Old
 Kitchen", but why? Well they moved to class-
 room 4 to let the Nursery, Reception and Year 1
 have their room...the younger children can open
 the double door between the rooms and have
 double space!

The Y2 and 3 feel very grown up in their spe-
 cial room, with it's own toilet and cloakroom!

Reported by Summer Rose Latham.

BINGO!

On the 10th of February Bingo was played at
 Tebay Club organised by FOTS. There were
 lots of prizes, many being really useful to the
 household. Fun was had by all!

Reported by Josh Howe and Alistair Potter
 Wharton

Tebay Football

*On Saturday 2nd February, a team of seven girls went
 to the Sand Centre, Carlisle and played football against
 four schools. In a girls only tournament. After three
 tiring games, we went and had a bowl full of chips, af-
 ter that we played another game and won!!*

*We worked hard as a team and enjoyed the afternoon.
 (The boys couldn't go the previous week because of
 snow!)*

Reported Hannah Drimble



CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

To complete Class 1 topic on China, on the 8th of Febru-
 ary we had a wonderful Chinese dinner – cooked by
 Heather the school cook. Everyone who ate seemed to
 enjoy it - I certainly did! It was sweet and sour
 chicken with rice and vegetables and prawn crackers
 and cookies. The children had decorated the hall with
 blossom and flowers and had created dragons to scare
 aware the evil spirits. At the end of the day we all took
 home red envelopes with chocolate money. So HAPPY
 CHINESE NEW YEAR!

Reported by Tamys Birtwistle



Tebay and Orton Local Distinctiveness Project - Roundup

Incredible as it may seem, we have now come to end of this 3 year project with ACTion with Communities in Cumbria.

- The key aims of the project were:
- Work with communities of Tebay and Orton parishes**
- Raise awareness of and pride in cultural and environmental heritage**
- Facilitate events, support and strengthen local projects and businesses**
- Provide training in transferable skills for community members**
- Strengthen economic base through cultural tourism**

Annie Hamilton-Gibney at the Roman dig 2011



Annie says “I will certainly miss my work in Tebay and Orton; you have all made me so welcome during my time working here. Looking back I can’t believe we have achieved so much. It is testament to the drive and enthusiasm the people of Tebay and Orton have for their local area. I want to say a huge **Thank You** to all the community members who have been involved with different aspects of the project, it has been a pleasure working with you all. I hope you don’t mind if I pop back and visit every now and then?”

End of Project Talk
by Annie Hamilton-Gibney
7.30pm 25th March
at St James Church, Tebay
All Welcome, donations welcome towards development of ‘The Hub’ community drop-in facility, followed by refreshments

The Friends of Tebay Church Group have invited Annie to give a talk about the achievements of the project over the

last 3 years. Highlights of the project have included:
Friends of Tebay Church: Support for the establishment of the group, support for the refurbishment of the vestry as ‘The Hub’ for community use and production of a church heritage guide.

Lunesdale Archaeology Society: Support for the establishment of the group, Roman excavations at Low Borrowbridge and Roman open day events.

Local Tourism Business Group: Support for local tourism businesses with the production of the ‘Visit Orton & Tebay’ leaflets, the ‘Discovering Orton & Tebay’ walking and cycling route leaflets and a visitor day in Tebay and Orton for TIC staff from across Cumbria.
The walking and Cycling leaflets will be launched at the Orton Farmers Market on 9th March

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Keep an eye on your local notice boards for details

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Newbiggin-on-Lune

LUNE LADIES PROGRAMME FOR 2012/2013

March 6th Wednesday 7.30pm
Shirley from The Body Shop

April 3rd Wednesday 7.30pm
Dr Carl Hallum will talk about his
involvement
with Medecins Sans Frontieres

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

Highlights Rural Touring performances at Shap Memorial Hall

Liz Lochhead
Saturday 2nd March 7.30pm

A celebration of the spoken word with poems, monologues, characters and theatre pieces

Liz was made poet laureate of Glasgow in 2011. Liz concentrates on the female perspective. Her 'no-nonsense' style of writing is rooted in commonplace experiences.

(afternoon workshop tbc)

Tickets: Adult £10 Conc. £8.50/£4(Student) Tel. 01931 716273

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Contacts:

Chairman : James Richardson Tel: 015396 23338

Secretary : Marion Law Tel: 015396 23409

Treasurer : Carl McLaughlin Tel: 015396 23674
The Vicarage, Newbiggin-on-Lune, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria

Caretaker : Paul Boustead Tel : 015396 23033

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

Newbiggin on Lune Methodist 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.

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 07951523433

Secretary : Julie on 07792742415

Treasurer : Margaret on 01539623498

UPPER EDEN FIRST RESPONDERS

February Winners

1st Prize - David Elliott - Tebay
2nd Prize - Wendy Bennett - Brough
3rd Prize - Arthur Littlefair - Kirkby
Stephen

Appleby Embroiderers Guild
Tuesday 5th March
7.30 pm, Guide Hut, Appleby
"Silk embroidery and braid stitches –
a practical workshop"
For more details please ring
01768-865515

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
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For more information **phone Andrea on 23033**

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Orton

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

ORTON

Maundy Thursday

28th March

7.00pm

Seder Meal

In Church

This is a 'bring and share meal' that re-
enacts the Jewish 'Passover' that Jesus and
his friends would have shared on the night
before he died. There are special parts for
children and wine shared. Do come along and
enjoy this community event.
Also could we have a picture of a bonfire for
the Easter activities?

Everyone welcome

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ORTON.

**A preliminary notice about the annual
Gift Day and Exhibition at All Saints' Church
on the
25th, 26th and 27th May, 2013.**

The theme chosen for this year is

"RING THE CHANGES"

The obvious, ringing bells, comes to mind, but this is an opportunity
for everyone to get involved and look at the changes that have taken
place in our lifetimes. We hope you will want to share those changes
by putting a display into the Church Exhibition

Some changes take place annually like the Seasons.
Changes have taken place in Orton village and surrounding areas.
Perhaps you would like to share a selection of photographs.
Many changes have taken place in working and living conditions.
There is a host of other changes to consider, roads, habitats, fashion,
eating habits.
Our school now has computers – think of earlier years.
Our fun and games, music and entertainment have changed.
The list seems quite endless.

Further information will be published next month, but in the
meantime, if you would like to take part, or you have good ideas we
can use please contact any PCC member or Angela Milburn on
015396 24382.

ORTON MANOR COURT

Abridged Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 4th February 2013

PRESENT: Ten committee members and one visitor. There were three
apologies.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting on Monday 22nd October 2012 were accepted.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Insurance: Christopher would arrange Insurance with Tennyson
Insurance, after consultation with committee members.

Jubilee Tree: it was AGREED that a red-flowered Hawthorn should
be purchased from Weasdale nurseries. Roland Woof would be
asked to produce a suitable plaque.

Meldykes: There will be consultation regarding Stewardship.

Tree Survey: Rob Willan will survey all trees on OMC land in the
spring.

Dame School: Norman Watson had installed a new window and
charged for the materials only.

Information Board: Peter Knowles said Pauline Henderson was still
working on this.

Car on the market square: The owner had agreed that the car should
be moved by 1st March.

Cutting of verges: Judy Dunford had so far been unsuccessful in
contacting Judy Palmer of CCC

Liberal Club: This matter was discussed.

Grass Lettings: A notice had been drafted to go in the March and April issues of
Link inviting bids for the tenancy. Copies would also be sent to interested
parties who did not always see *Link*.

Treasurer's Report: Current Account: £2,846. **Savings Account:** £8,702.85.
Rents had been paid. The Single Farm Payment of £991.47 had been
received.

Any Other Business:

It was reported that the fence by the Raisbeck Road was almost
finished, and 84 trees had been purchased, and were awaiting
clement weather before planting.

Date of next meeting: Monday 8th April 2013, 7.30 p.m.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

ORTON

Easter Saturday

2.45pm

Childrens' activities

in Church

Followed by

a Service of Light

at

4.00pm

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ORTON MANOR COURT

Grass Lettings for the period 1st
May 2013 – 1st April 2014

Howes Quarry – 6 Acres
(Approximately)
Meldykes – 9 Acres
(Approximately)

Sealed Bids by **Friday 12th April 2013**

To: Richard Percival
Treasurer
Addison Cottage
Front Street
Orton

Lunesdale Archaeology Society March 2013

Thursday March 21st Orton Market
Hall 7.30

**Archaeological Survey of
Longsleddale** Talk by Barbara
Blatchford

Everyone is welcome (talks free to
members, £3.00 donation non-
members).

For further information contact
lunesdale.archaeology@gmail.com

SILVER YARD GALLERY

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ORTON'S NEW GALLERY

Opening March 22nd

Come and see what we have to
offer:

Art, textiles, photography, ceramics
Treat yourself in the café next door

All Saints Church and the Methodist Church, Orton

Invite you to join them during the period of Lent
for a series of Informal evenings with a short DVD,
discussions etc
taking us towards Easter

although these evenings started in February, each one is stand-alone, so please feel
free to join us at anytime in March as follows:-

Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm

6th March - Orton Methodist Church (in Sunday School Rm)
13th March - The Vicarage, Orton
20th March - The Vicarage, Orton

Everyone most welcome

For further details, please contact Rev Beverley Lock, Tel 24045
Or Rowland and Rachel Woof Tel 24372

Orton Methodist Church Invite you to

An informal musical evening
with guests the Longton Family
and local items chaired by Wilf Capstick

as part of their Church Anniversary weekend

on Saturday, 23rd March at 7pm

Light refreshments

Everyone most welcome

Sunday, 24th March

Our Chapel Anniversary Celebrations continue

with services at 10.30am and 6.30pm

Led by Rev Paul Dunstan, Appleby

Ravenstonedale

ST OSWALD'S CHURCH

March 10th (Mothering Sunday)
at 10am

We welcomes the Bishop of Penrith,
the Rt Reverend Robert Freeman to
open officially the kitchen and
toilet. This marks the completion of
the first phase of the upgrading of
the facilities in the church.

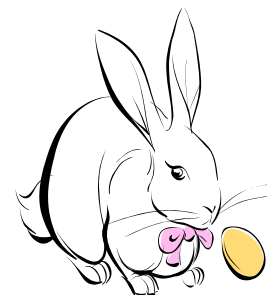
ST OSWALD'S CHURCH RAVENSTONEDALE

Easter Sunday

9.15am

Holy Communion

Followed by



Easter Egg Hunt

Ravenstonedale Methodist Chapel

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

on

SUNDAY MARCH 10th at 2.00p.m.

to be led by

**HAZEL and RICHARD PREECE
and FAMILY**

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Please come and join in celebrating
Mothers and all who care

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2013

7.30 PM

**Ravenstonedale High Chapel Community
& Heritage Centre**

MYTHS OF THE EDEN

WITH

JUDITH CLARKE, MA AMA

Curator of Penrith Museum

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

THE FARMER, THE WITCH AND THE WRONG WAY HOME FRIENDS OF ST OSWALD'S SUPPER THEATRE'S FIRST PRODUCTION

It was a mad idea from the start - use St Oswald's Church as the setting for an enactment of Robert Burns' poem Tam O'Shanter, involve anyone who wants to be a part of it, include singing and dancing, and give two performances, each followed by dinner.

It still seemed a mad idea midway through the one month rehearsal time, but by then, the thirty or so people who had decided that it might be fun to be part of something mad, had also decided to work on the basis that 'it is going to be great' - and it started to come together. Actors began to remember where they had to be when, lighting and sound effects learnt their cues, props gradually appeared (amazing what can be done with a few bits of wood, garden trellis and some bubble wrap) and wardrobes and trunks were raided for costumes.

Posters went up and tickets went on sale. We waited anxiously to find out if we would manage to have more people in the audience than in the cast. We did. Then the concern moved to the catering team - 'Have we ordered enough haggis?', 'Who is going to peel all these neeps and tatties??'

Finally, on February 1st and 2nd, over 100 people each night were piped in to find the aisle transformed into a bustling street market, with lively music, a well-manned bar and performers wandering about chatting and selling sweets.

The performance told the story of Tam (David Morris), who enjoys far too good a time in the inn, before riding home in a storm. He is side-tracked by a gathering of witches in the haunted Alloway Kirk and manages to escape their wrath only thanks to his trusty horse, Meg (Sue Richardson). The action was designed specifically around the church - the aisle served at various times as the inn, a field, the road home and the River Doon, the chancel became a witches' coven and some of the pews became a Ravenstonedale school classroom. Even the church bell performed, to indicate midnight, and the end

of Tam's carousing.

Members of the company took the parts of drinkers, wives, witches, horses and even birds, and danced Strip the Willow in the aisle, albeit with more enthusiasm than precision. Burns' beautiful songs were sung as solos, duets, ensembles, whole cast, led by George Handley and Kinderley.

The end brought applause, smiles and laughter, from the packed pews and from the whole company, who then joined in a rousing rendition of Auld Lang Syne - somewhat prematurely as it turned out. The laughter and chatter continued well after the food had been served, and 'the minutes wing'd their way wi' pleasure' as people lingered and only slowly made their way home.

So the 'mad idea' led to an event which brought together a group of people from Ravenstonedale, Newbiggin and Sedbergh, combined all their talents, including those of the Headteacher and pupils of Ravenstonedale school, and forged new friendships. It was very hard work* but also (mainly, and certainly eventually) hugely enjoyable for everyone, and immensely satisfying that it gave so much pleasure to such a large and varied audience. (It is a measure of how successful it was as a community event that the fact that it made some money - £2100 - was really just a bonus, but a very welcome one, which will help to make the church a warmer, better lit and more energy efficient building.)

The photos (and videos!) on the Ravenstonedale website give a flavour of the evening, but it probably was a case of 'you had to be there'. As summed up by Caroline Morris (who performed excellently as churlish wife, carthorse, carouser and quite unforgettable witch):

'To experience the buzz of the church full of people chatting, relaxed and enjoying themselves was marvellous and I shall always remember it'

Joan Houston
Friends of St Oswalds

*The production was the result of a lot of hard work by the company of about 30 people. All are listed on the Ravenstonedale website, and all deserve a huge vote of thanks. Particular thanks are due to Maren White, Producer, Judith Todd, Stage Manager and the Catering Team of June Ellis, Carole Clayton and Sally Metcalfe-Gibson (plus their co-opted vegetable peelers) and all the ladies who donated trifles.



Orton

Orton Farmers' Markets

The next two of these popular markets will be:

March 9th
and
April 13th

Join us for refreshments
and a chat
meet friends and
make new ones

In February we made £377
to help us continue
God's work at All Saints.

Many thanks for your
continued support.

Orton Mothers' Union

Our next meeting will be
Tuesday 5th March, 2.30pm
at Angela's house.

Anyone who would like to join us
will be very welcome.

Phone Laura on
015396 24654
if you would like to know more.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Pram Service

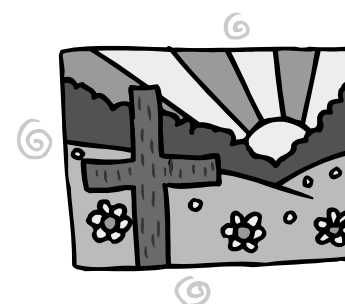
Pre-school children and parents
are invited to join us
in All Saints' Church
with the nursery children
from school
on
Tuesday 5th March
9.30am

Stories, crafts and snacks.

We will be thinking about
Mothering Sunday

Orton Methodist Church

**Join us on Easter Day - Sunday, 31st March 2013
for a service for all the family
at 10.30am
Led by Rev Bill Riley**



coffee served afterwards

egg hunt and pasche egg rolling for the children

Everyone Welcome

For any further information tel 015396 24372

THE LEPROSY MISSION

**You are invited to a soup supper
followed by an informative presentation by John Roughley
based on the book he has written entitled
'HOPE AND HAPPINESS'
which contains thoughts and stories
from 25 years working with The Leprosy Mission.**

**On Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm
at Orton Methodist Church**

Donations to the work of the Leprosy Mission

Everyone most welcome

ARTISAN SALE
For that crucial Mother's Day gift!
Thursday 7th March, 10am-4pm
at The Gatehouse, Kelleth Old Hall
Art, shoes, jewellery, food on sale. Teas
available.

In aid of Young Cumbria
For more information, ring 015396
23344

Orton "Drop-In"

**Every Wednesday from
10.30-noon
in the cosy schoolroom
at Orton Chapel.
Coffee/cakes and a
chat with friends.
Everyone welcome**

Ravenstonedale Endowed Primary School

Snow igloo By Hollie Boustead ☺

At our school me (Hollie), Kian , Ryan, Mathew, Sam, Robbie , Callum , Calum and kit built an igloo, It was really big until the rain came, we had lots of fun working together, it was great when it was finished.



We would like to welcome Katie Tyson to our school, she is working with us as a student from Appleby Heritage Centre.

Forest Schools By Willis

This term we are continuing to do forest schools

We work in our fact finding family's my group is Sam,Kit,kian,Zak and Jake.

We go to the park and the millennium field to build sculptures what ever the weather, we only use natural materials.

Tam o' shanter BY RAZZ CAPPY!!!!:/

ON THE 1st AND THE 2nd OF FEBUARY IN ST OSWALDS CHURCH PEOPLE AROUND THE VILLAGE, AND SCHOOL CHILDREN DID A PLAY. IT WAS CALLED TAM O'SHANTER AND WE (HOLLIE, RAZZ, SAM, ROBBIE, ROSIE, MARTHA, FRANK AND DOM) TOOK PART IN IT AND MRS BOGGON.WE HAD TO SAY A FEW THINGS TO MRS BOGGEN THEN SHE WOULD SAY THE ANSWER SO IT WAS LIKE SHE WAS TEACHING US. IT WAS FUNNY BUT SCARY ATTIMES TO.

The railway children BY SAM



IN JANUARY WE WENT TO SEE THE RAILWAY CHILDREN IN KESWICK. IT WAS A VERY BIG STAGE INDEED. IT WAS VERY COOL!

THERE WAS 100 (MAYBE LESS) PEOPLE THERE.

Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events

Spring 2013

March 10th Mothering Sunday
Special service & official opening & blessing of the toilet and kitchen
St Oswald's Church 10am

Thurs, Fri, Sat, March 14th, 15th, 16th
Lunespring Players
'Friends & Neighbours'-a Comedy
Public Hall, Newbiggin-on-Lune

Easter Saturday, March 30th
Charity Coffee Morning
St Oswald's Church 10am-12noon

Wednesday, March 20th
Ravenstonedale History Group
Talk-7.30p-Judith Clarke
Myths of the Eden

Sunday, April 14th
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
St Oswald's Church after 10am
service (11am)

Saturday, May 18th
'Spring Supper'
High Chapel, Ravenstonedale

Friday, Saturday, September 13th & 14th
Heritage Open Days-
Talk & display-Costume from 1910-1970
Exhibition – Photos of outlying farms & their occupancy -1952/53 Electoral Roll

Ravenstonedale Folk Dance Club

meets at Newbiggin V.H. on Thursday evenings at 7.45pm. No experience necessary, everyone made very welcome. £2 per night. For more details -015396 24258 or 23329.

A Quarterly Report from the District Councillor for Ravenstonedale

By the time you read this the Council's budget will have been decided. In my view it would be better if central government had less control over local government, including all the funding for local government being from local taxation (with a balancing reduction in central government taxes). This would make local government more directly responsible to the electorate.

As it is the Council is caught in a dilemma. There is a 1% bribe from central government not to put up Council Tax, but this money is only for the one year. Council Tax is capped at 2% unless a referendum is held which would need a 1% Council Tax rise just to pay for it, and the answer might well be no. If the bribe is accepted from the government there is effectively a budget cut the year after and a 2% rise then may not be enough to maintain the services. The predictions of the finance officer are that it will not be. I have been looking at this, and as a Group we are almost certainly going to propose freezing Council Tax. We think that there are still small savings that can be made by

adjusting some services, and we would like a Scrutiny Review next year to look at this. In the meantime there are many in Eden who will find even small tax rises a real burden, and we feel The District portion (11% of the total) should be held if possible.

On April 9th there will be a meeting in Soulby where parish councillors from the parishes in Ravenstonedale Ward will meet with representatives of EDC to discuss the footway lighting. If you have strong feelings about particular lights being important, and others which may be unnecessary, it would be worth communicating your views to parish councillors. Also in April there will be a meeting with the Scrutiny Review Committee in Newbiggin on Lune to discuss ways in which communication between EDC and the rural communities can be improved.

I hope people feel that the gritting this winter is much improved. I know Peter Thornton has used his influence on Cumbria CC to improve this service, and I also lobbied them on this issue.

Ian Torkington

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

Come along on Thursdays 2.00pm – 4.00pm to High Chapel Community & Heritage Centre (other times by arrangement) to view

Transcribed Parish Registers from 1650 – 1826
Poor Relief Returns for 1780, 1856, 1867, 1869 & 1871 showing occupiers and owners of properties

Parish Councillors from 1894
Many old photos including school photos with pupils named
AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

For more information
Contact: Chris Elphick on 01539 620605 or Val Fermer on 01539 623693 or e-mail history@ravenstonedale.org