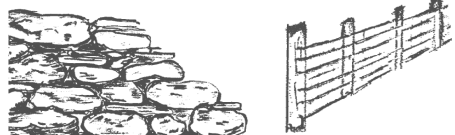


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A thought from the Vicarage.

by Rev Beverley Lock

'Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday'

Usually sung to a person it marks a special day on a person's journey through their life; a year older. As a child it seems an age from one birthday to another; as we mature in years time seems to fly past so quickly and it certainly does not seem a full twelve months since we last marked the advance of a year. We know as each year passes it brings change and we mark those changes with celebrations – sometimes small, sometimes more significant.

This month sees some celebrations of change in our three communities. At the beginning of the month Tebay Community is celebrating 'Mountain Top Moments' with an exhibition at St. James Church. These could be seen as 'Game changers' for individuals. It might be the proud moment when you learnt to ride your bike, took a degree, got your first promotion at work or got married: all changes that we want to celebrate. At the end of the month Orton Community is celebrating 'Ringing the changes' in All Saints' Church alongside its Scarecrow Festival.

Celebrating the changes in the past gives us time to pause and be thankful. It also gives us the opportunity to bolster our courage and realise that change can appear challenging at times but it can be very positive. Without the changes from a child to an adult the strength, experience and maturity would not permit the human race to move on. Even the changes that come with old age give us a chance to reflect and grow in

spirituality as we 'slow down' physically.

This month also sees the celebration of the Birthday of the Church – Pentecost on the 18th May. The Church worldwide has seen many changes over the years. It was once a little persecuted group, then a massive State supported provider of all the Social Services the Medieval world would know and today different parts of the world are seeing the church develop in very different ways. In the Global South it is growing enormously numerically; in the West it is turning up as all sorts of different forms. These include Cafe Church where people meet to have breakfast on a Sunday morning and sit round and discuss issues of the day from the point of view of Christianity or Messy church which is for Young Families to come to learn together and have a lot of fun at the same time. We have example of these either going or planned in our communities. We need to celebrate these changes as the Church adapts to the new world it finds itself in alongside its familiar forms of service. If you want to know more please do not hesitate to ask (015396 24045)

This month also sees us celebrate the ministry of Rev. Martin Dew on 12th May at Shap Church. Martin has served our church really well for 4 years and we will see him move onto a different shape of ministry in retirement. Meanwhile we prepare for the ordination of Sandra Ward who will be a curate in the three villages.

God's love for us never changes. It is worth celebrating!

May you have a joyful May.

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April ended cold and snowy but May was fine, coolish and mostly dry.

Orton Band of Hope Concert was in the Temperance Hall on 2nd with a lot attending. A former Orton butcher (in 1890s), Mr. Isaac Bayliffe aged 73, (born in Crosby Garrett and retired to Shap) died on 27th April. He was widely travelled as a Methodist Local Preacher for 52 years. A railwayman at Appleby he refused to work on Sundays and moved to Orton as butcher and farmer. His parents were small farmers and he was brought up for a while in Gaisgill, going to Tebay School. A big funeral was held for him. His wife, Miss Margaret Jackson from Tebay, died c1892. They had a daughter and two sons, John the younger, is a Connexional Evangelist in the Primitive Methodist Church.

A presentation of a special inlaid chair was made to Mrs. Lowe, newly wed, by Tebay Church. She was long in the choir and taught in the Sunday School etc.

Tebay P.M. Band of Hope's Annual Whit Monday Festival was on 12th – games and tea at Cocklake followed by a meeting in Chapel the same night.

The Railway has agreed to let its hoses and hydrants be used to put out fires in Tebay.

One of Tebay's oldest railwaymen retired after 42 years service in mid May. He was Robert Wills who rose to be engine-driver. He was there when Martin, Rudge and Baker, the three Netherby Burglars (1885) were caught at Tebay. Rudge was under the railway bridge. Robert saw him and hit him on the head with an iron bar. Just as well, for Rudge was about to shoot him. The Court awarded Robert £20 (about £2000) now for this act of bravery and public spirit.

A Faculty was granted to Tebay Church for a new reredos – panelling behind the altar – and litany desk given by the Tebay branch of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Cricket Shap 149 for 6, Tebay 30. Tebay's Annual Sports was on Monday 26th near the Cross Keys Inn. There was C & W wrestling and the Tebay Temperance Brass Band played.

Ravenstonedale Church had a big wedding on Wed. 30th April. Mr. A.A. Hobson of Epsom, Surrey to Miss Mary A.D. Collingswood of Sebergham but an adopted Ravenstonedale person as a long-stayer with her aunt, Mrs. Metcalfe -Gibson, Coldbeck House. The bride is an organist at St. Oswald's, plays for local concerts and is a Sister at Guy's Hospital in London.

There has been an exodus of farmhands to Canada for want of prospects or houses here. Those still here were hired for higher wages than usual.

Joke

She: I wed my first for money and my second for love.

Friend: And were you happy?

She: No, for my first wed me for love and my second for money!

Many thanks for Jeremy Godwin

Ascension Day Thursday 9th May

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Two years ago, Bishop James set out the Diocesan mission and vision. Our mission is, “by God’s grace to grow God’s Kingdom in Cumbria.” Our vision is “to see growing disciples in all our churches.”

Carlisle Diocesan Synod was to have met on 23rd March but the event had to be cancelled because of the weather. Instead, the Bishop is to explain in a letter and a podcast his vision of a Church which is there for everybody in Cumbria every day, and in which every member sees themselves as an active minister. The problem is, he will say, that we easily slip into thinking of Church as just about Vicars and Sundays.

Churches don’t need to be reminded that the symptoms are hard pressed finances and numbers both of clergy and of congregations. But Bishop James will tell them that it’s important to tackle the underlying causes, which are that as a whole, we are not sufficiently actively engaged in the mission and vision God gives us.

The answers are contained in three Strategies to be presented to Synod members.

The Mission Strategy shows how the Churches in Cumbria need to reach out to those who don’t come to church – how to be more than just something done on Sundays by a few. “We want everyone in Cumbria to discover that God is for them and Church is for them”, says Rob Freeman, the Bishop of Penrith.

The Buildings Strategy looks at our Church buildings, encouraging congregations to have open and widely used churches, and to think about their buildings in relation to other public buildings (including other churches) in their communities.

The Ministry Strategy envisages 55 Mission Communities across the county, newly formed from groups of parishes. A typical Mission Community would have a couple of full time clergy and a much larger number of volunteer clergy and lay leaders. There will be lots of local debate about where the Mission Community boundaries will be drawn.

A retirement bulge and financial pressure will see the number of paid Church of England clergy in the county fall from 130 to 100 over the next seven

years. But the new Mission Community model will see an increase in the number of ministers, as that number is boosted by volunteer clergy and lay leaders. “It’s realistic”, says Bishop James, “to hope that every church will have its own minister.”

He adds: “More importantly, as many as a third of the paid clergy, and lots of laity too, will concentrate much less on keeping things going and much more on reaching out to build new congregations. And all of us will concentrate on making God’s kingdom more of a reality in Cumbria.

“These ideas have been around a long time, but there hasn’t been any imperative to do anything about them. In fact, these problems with finances and numbers which have forced us to face change may be God’s way of getting through to us!”

It makes sense to tackle these three Strategies together, and no sense not to! So at the heart of these changes, there will also be greater ecumenical collaboration with the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church across the county, with all Christians working together across our communities. The three church leaders have written a joint letter commending the jointly developed Strategies to their Synods for discussion and ratification. This builds on the Declaration of Intent signed between the three denominations in November 2011, which sets Cumbria on the way to being the first ecumenical county in England.

Bishop James admits that these are big changes: “We are not rushing Synod members into a vote. Instead, they are being given three months to think and talk about this. During that time I and the Bishop’s Staff Team are going round the county to talk to special meetings of clergy and laity, to explain and to listen. Then we come back for a final vote at the next Synod, on 18th June.”

Bishop Robert Freeman, Bishop of Penrith, commented, “The picture is not all doom and gloom. Some Churches are growing, and many people are very generous, but there are financial and numbers pressures and these Strategies face them. The Strategies will create ministry which can be sustained over many years to come, but they’re more than that. We’re enthusiastic and

excited about helping our hardworking congregations to refocus on being lively Christians outside and inside church. And we are committed to making sure that there continues to be a Christian presence in every community, including creating new Christian presence where there wasn’t one before. It’s challenging but it’s also a great opportunity.”

Rev Richard Teal, chair of the Methodist Cumbria District, said: “Mission Communities will allow for even closer working ties as we move forward, united as church families. This further cements the good work which has already been done since the signing of the Declaration on Intent.”

Rev Sarah Moore, president of the United Reformed Church Cumbria Area, added: “We are all confident that as we move forward this model provides us with the opportunity to continue to grow and feed people’s faith right across the county. It’s a wonderful and exciting example of how churches can work together.”

Notes for pondering

The annual budget for the Church of England in Cumbria is £8m. 80% of this is spent on local ministry – clergy and their housing and training.

The Diocese always sets a balanced budget and does this without drawing from assets.

It is beginning to invest in new work through the recently created Diocesan Growth Fund.

The Church gets no help from the state. It looks after about 70% of the listed buildings across England.

The Diocese of Carlisle has about 160 paid “employees” and about 26,000 members. This makes the Church of England the biggest charity in Cumbria.

Compared with other charities and voluntary organisations, the Church is also the most successful charity. Where the sector as a whole has seen its income drop by as much as 30% in recent years, the Church’s income and membership have increased. The problem for the Church is that for the last three or four years, increases in costs (up 2.5%) have outpaced increases in income (up 0.7%) each year, with the trend set to continue.



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by Elizabeth Crossley

I write this in the middle of April – we have had our first April shower last night but the daffodils on the bank as I look out of the study window are still in tight bud. Do I believe the weather forecasters that next week the temperature will be into double figures and we will have some warm sun?

As this is the May issue of the Link it is a time when I remember the May Day tradition which I experienced at my teacher training college. I went to Whitelands Church of England College in Putney, London which was one of the oldest higher education institutions in England, predating every university except Oxford, Cambridge, London and Durham. The Church of England’s National Society founded the college in 1841 as a teacher training college for women. Its aims were ‘to produce a superior class of parochial schoolmistresses’!! The first principal of Whitelands enlisted the interest of John Ruskin, the eminent Victorian polymath who lived at Brantwood overlooking Coniston Water. He was very much into the Arts and Crafts Movement and in his day was one of England’s most important social and cultural reformers; he gave numerous gifts of books and pictures to the college. Also introduced to the college were William Morris, leader of the Arts and Crafts Movement who designed the Reredos for the chapel and Sir Edward Burne Jones, the pre-Raphaelite artist, who designed the chapel’s stained glass windows. By the time I entered Whitelands it had moved from the King’s Road in Chelsea to a new site in Putney, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott.

In 1881 John Ruskin inaugurated the annual Ma Day ceremonies. It was Ruskin’s wish that each year the women students should elect ‘the likeablest and the loveablest’ of their number to be their May Queen. This ‘enchanted’ tradition has survived and each year the current students vote in their May Monarch (until men joined the college).

In my first week at college all the new students met one evening in the large common room to be introduced to all the college reps – chapel, sports, film society, etc. The last one introduced herself as Queen

Maureen – we nearly fell off our chairs but she went on to explain the May Day tradition and also explained that she was the college hostess, and then proceeded to ask for volunteers to visit the patients at the Hospital and Home for Incurables, next door to the college. I visited with one of my friends a Miss Bates who was crippled with arthritis for the next 3 years every Sunday afternoon. In my first year in March/April there seemed to be a feverish burst of activity as May 1st loomed. We were told that everyone had to be in college for the first Saturday in May and dressed either in a suit or a formal summer dress. As first years we had to line the main drive around the chapel and then sit in the main hall where the chapel service was relayed to us (the chapel only held years 2 and 3 students). We did not think much of all this carrying on but it was interesting to see all the ‘old’ May Queens return, each wearing the dress they were given and carrying the same type of flowers when they were first chosen. In that first year there were about 30 who had returned to welcome the next Whitelands May Queen.

By the time it was our turn to choose, we then entered more into the spirit of things. Everyone in the year voted and had to give in all their measurements as the only people who knew the result before the day was the final year needlework student and needlework lecturer. The dress was made entirely from a set of measurements and could only be adjusted 5 minutes before the new May Queen entered the hall with her 4 closest friends (her supporters). Our year’s queen’s name was Mary and she really was a very nice person – her long dress was a deep pink with covered buttons down the back and very wide seams so that it could be let out in future years. Her shoes were dyed the exact match to the dress. There was of course uproar in the hall when her name was announced and again when she entered in her new dress with her 4 friends. She was fiddled in by a very elderly lady and then we had to sit through speeches and music until we went into the dining room for a slap-up 3 course lunch. In the week before I had sat with my friends looking through the college photo albums of all the May Queens from 1881 and it was fascinating to see how styles of dress

had changed over the past 83 years.

One of the traditions we were supposed to carry on was that when we became teachers then we continued to choose a May Queen in our respective schools and had the May Day ritual of children dancing around a pole with ribbons. I did not continue this as I taught in a secondary school. I learnt last summer that one of my college friends did continue this tradition for several years. Late in the 1960s when men could apply to be trained as teachers at Whitelands College a May King was elected who wore a embroidered waistcoat but King Gary did not have the same ‘ring’ and so the tradition died out. Whitelands College is now part of the Roehampton University, (awarded independent status in 2004), overlooking Richmond Park, having amalgamated in 1975 with Southlands College (Methodist), Digby Stuart College (Roman Catholic) and the Frobel Institute (pre-school age and up to 7 years).

Finally Tebay PCC would like to thank Rev Martin Dew and his wife Liz for their exceptional Christian leadership, caring and thoughtfulness. During his all too short time with us Martin has impressed us with his well-crafted sermons, dedication and friendly demeanour.

We are sorry to lose Martin and Liz and we would like to wish them well in the next stage of their life and Christian ministry and whoever is fortunate to receive Martin and Liz into their community will find that they have inherited two inspirational people.

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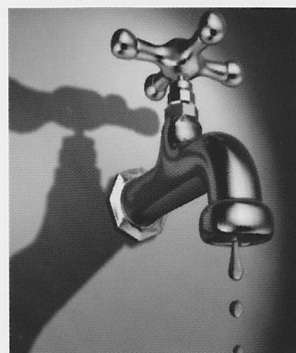
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Pudding Evening - Friday 10th May

80's Disco - Friday 12th July

Further details will appear in the LINK
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Tebay



Thank you to Hanson!

In March, Class 3 visited the quarry at Shap...in connection with exploring "Sustainable Earth" in Geography and a topic on Rocks and Minerals in Science. However, at the time of "link magazine writing" there was a technical hitch with the photos! Here is the "Primary Crusher"...an awesome machine that literally crushes the rock!

Back at the Brewery!

The Brewery Arts had it's 10th Dance Platform in March and on Monday 18th the children were on the stage performing a dance piece inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. The children created sculptures with their bodies and movements, inspired by his work. At the end of the show ALL the performers went back on the stage for the Brewery's version of "Gangnam Style"...hilarious fun! I Tebay tradition ...we managed a play in the park and some chips, between the technical rehearsal and the performance. Many thanks to Helen Moffitt, the Dance Development Officer!



Happy Ski Club!

A small group of Y4 and 5 children went to the Dry Ski Slope for lessons for five weeks. Hard work but much fun! The instructors were wonderful and children made super progress! The last session ended with "tubing"...zooming down the slope on a tyre with handles...EVERYONE had a go, parents and all! Many thanks to the staff at the Dry Ski Slope for a wonderful time!



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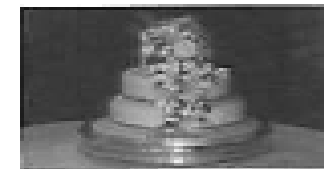


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The National Grid visit the Juniors

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Celebrating Easter!

The children in Class 2 staged an Easter Production for the first time this year...with songs and acting telling the events from the Easter week. It certainly made the bible come to life, in the same way as a nativity production does at Christmas.

Everyone in the school had a thought provoking time visiting St James Church and exploring six stations of the journey Christ had during the Easter week. Many thanks to the adults who enabled this event to happen...the children asked some amazing questions.



Comic Relief

For the first time this year the children in school took a business enterprise approach to raising money for Comic Relief. Class 1 made fantastic Space biscuits and cakes to sell in the Comic Relief Café...commonly known as Class 3 classroom transformed for the occasion! The children in Class 3 waited on tables and created ice-cream floaters, milk-shakes, sold cakes etc all with a red theme. The children in Class 2 made healthy, Caribbean smoothies. Lots of money was made and the atmosphere was brilliant!



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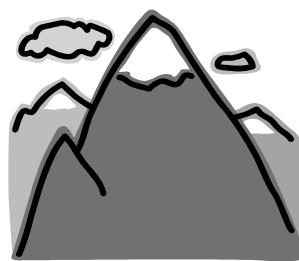
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"The Great Ravenstonedale Crash of 1913" was the subject of Val Fermer's 3rd presentation to The Ravenstonedale Parish History Group in February 2013. It was the story of the Thompson family who originated in Kirkby Stephen but had extensive property holdings in Ravenstonedale and how they became involved in a property crash which resulted in the forced sale of over 40 properties including many farms and business premises.

The crash was the conclusion of a series of interwoven stories culminating in the late marriage of Mary Thompson to William Graham. Graham was born into great wealth but at the time of the marriage was an undeclared bankrupt. When Graham went bankrupt in 1913 the subsequent crash necessitated the sale of all of the property.

The story, a result of extensive genealogical and archive research, was presented on slides and narrated how the Thompsons were related to the Dawson, Eleyetson, Bovil and Hewetson families in the Ravenstonedale and Kirkby Stephen area and which property was owned by them. Research was undertaken at Kendal Record Office, Guildhall Library, London, British Newspaper Archive and English Heritage plus a number of genealogical websites.

William Graham was born in London in 1855 but his family originated in Dufton, his father had moved to London in the early 1800's and became a prize winning Cumberland and Westmorland wrestler whilst working as a Gin Distiller for a firm called J & W Nicholson. The Nicholsons also originated from Cumberland. William Nicholson was closely connected to the MCC and had indeed saved the venerable institution by loaning them sufficient funds to purchase the ground and to build the pavilion. The company also established the chain of public houses, known as Nicholsons, which are now owned by Mitchell and Butlers.

William Graham Senior, apart from being a successful distiller, also owned several successful race horses with one, Formosa, winning 4 of the Classic races in 1868, a feat that has not been repeated since 1902. He died in 1876 a wealthy man and left part of his fortune to his son, also named William.

William Graham junior had never worked in any gainful employment but purchased a large property close to Appleby and became an agricultural landlord. He embarked on extravagant development of his stately home and was noted as a poor manager of his business affairs. As financial troubles loomed, he pursued the elderly Ravenstonedale spinster Mary Thompson.

As a result of inheriting property from her father, Matthew, her grandfather, William Dawson, Mary Thompson was possessed of 37 properties at the time of her death in 1908, only 7 years after her marriage. Originally, she had left her property to her nephews Richard Bovill and Gerard Eleyetson Thompson (owners of Stobars Hall). However, she changed her mind (or was her mind changed under duress?) and left all of them to her husband, William Graham. Shortly afterwards William was made bankrupt by his second cousin, owing him, in current terms, £1,370,000. It was at this point that many properties in the area were sold.

Fortunately, as a result of Mary pre-deceasing her Aunt, Agnes Eleyetson Thompson, much of the wider Thompson family property was saved from the bankruptcy sale. Those properties which would have been left to Mary by her Aunt, instead went to the aforementioned Richard Bovil and Gerard Eleyetson. Richard died in 1918 and Gerard in 1940. After a bequest of £1,000 to a cousin, the rest of the estate was left to Richard Perceval Hewetson. There were over 70 properties and farms totalling 5,530 acres plus 762 stints. Thanks were extended to Richard Metcalfe-Gibson who had obtained a copy of the properties left to Richard Perceval Hewetson from Fell Kilvington Solicitors with the permission of Mr Edward Hewetson.

**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

Flame Trust presents
AN EVENING WITH

FIONA CASTLE



Newbiggin-on-Lune Methodist Church
Newbiggin-on-Lune, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria CA17 4NS
on Thursday 6 June at 7.45pm

FREEWILL OFFERING
during the event

Contact Cheryl Foster
to reserve seats
☎ 015396 23126



including insights into Roy's life



hosted by Dave Pope

Orton School News

OFSTED INSPECTION

We have recently had an Ofsted inspection. The inspector called us in for a chat with the selected pupils. He was exceedingly impressed with pupil safety and how kind we acted with each other. The inspection ran over two days and was very analytical of all the occurring events that happened in each of our very busy classrooms. He was impressed also with the pupils achievements.

RED NOSE DAY!

On Friday 15th of March 2013 we went to school in red or as a dinosaur because it was Red Nose Day. Class 3 had organised 7 fun games that had red nose themes., such as "Bat the Red Nose" and how many red sweets in a jar. We were also asked to bake cakes (They were yummy). Over all it was a good day and we raised lots of money.

New PE Kit!

Orton C of E Primary School is getting new school kit sponsored by Lyons.

The school council had a meeting to choose the new P.E kit and we have costed it in our numeracy lessons. We are really excited to wear our new kit and represent our school in our PE tournaments!

AFRICA

We spent the spring term learning all about Africa. We made African Masks and also played African drums. We finished our topic with a very exciting trip to South Lakes Wildlife Park at Dalton. Everyone saw lots of wonderful animals and the day was a huge success!

Orton Village Sports Day celebrating the 50th

Anniversary of Orton C. of E. School

Monday 6th May 2013

An afternoon of good old fashioned family fun on School Sports Field

1.00 p.m. Start

Fell Race (subject to numbers) - Bale tossing - three legged race - Keg lift

Wellie-wanging - Five-a-side football - Egg throwing - Running races

Tug-o'-War (Five in a team, must include at least one female)

There will be no entry fees. Events will be open to all ages unless otherwise stated.

Child classes are for Primary School aged children.

Depending on the weather we hope to end the day with a Sausage Sizzle.

For more details contact Anna Robinson - 24930

Orton

Reminder -

Scarecrow Competition.

Time to make sure you have submitted your entries for this year's Orton Scarecrow Competition. If you haven't got a form, they are available at the shop. Open theme this year, so the choice is yours. Please note, closing date for entries extended to **Monday 20th May**, but no late entries after this date will be accepted. Hand in forms to the shop, Wendy Higgins, Marion Robinson, Dot Coates or to me. Entries can be made from anyone living in or owning property in Orton Parish, but Scarecrows must be displayed within Orton village.

Let's have lots of interesting entries, and hope for fine weather.

Jackie Huck. *Scarecrow Competition organiser.*

LUNCHEON CLUB FOR THE OVER 50'S

AT THE GEORGE HOTEL
IN ORTON (015396 26046)

THE **LAST WED** OF THE
MONTH
(**29 MAY & 26 JUNE**)

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 2.30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME
FOR MORE DETAILS

CONTACT HAZEL
*Date has changed owing to
luncheon club at Tebay on the 2nd
Wed of the month*

Upper Eden Food Bank, Appleby

"Poverty is affecting the lives of people in all parts of Cumbria. Whilst the county as a whole appears relatively affluent, this masks high levels of deprivation in specific neighbourhoods and communities." (Cumbria Intelligence Observatory 2008)

The "**Upper Eden Food Bank**" is a project run by local churches and is based in the **Sands Methodist Church, Appleby**. It aims to supply "**short term crisis led food supplies to local families in need.**" These have been referred to the "Upper Eden Food Bank" by Health & Social Service professionals.

Orton Chapel and many other local chapels are now **Collecting Points** for the Food Bank at Appleby. If you would like to donate any food items (see list below), they can be left at the "**Drop In**" any **Wed morning**, or **given to any Chapel member**. Items are placed in a **collecting box** which is taken to **Appleby** on a **regular** basis, as the need is **on-going**.

Shopping list/How you can help if you wish.

Tea bags/Instant coffee (med)
Milk (full fat or semi-skimmed UHT)
Pasta sauces (jars or sachets)
Fruit juice (1 litre carton UHT)
Biscuits or snack bars
Tinned meat or fish
Cereals (medium sized boxes)
Tinned fruit /vegetables
Soup (tinned, not Cuppa soup)
Instant mashed potato
Rice pudding OR Sponge pudding (tinned)
Sugar
Jam
Pasta (medium bags of dried pasta, no sachets of "Pasta & Sauce" mixes)

Contacts ..Paula at the village shop or Olive 24258
www.upperedenfoodbank.com

ORTON MANOR COURT

Abridged Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2013

10 committee members were present
1. **Minutes** of the Committee Meeting on Monday 4th February 2013 were accepted.

2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

a. **Insurance:** An NFU policy with an annual premium of £411.28 was accepted.

b. **Jubilee Tree:** A red-flowered hawthorn had been planted in Carsa Brow, at a cost of almost £40. The design of a bronze plaque was circulated and approved, but a further quotation would be sought.

c. **Meldykes:** Paul Arkle had been consulted and will contact English Nature with regard to putting the land into "Higher Stewardship". It is felt that at the moment the land is being over-grazed. If the application is to go ahead it should be in by July.

d. **Information Board:** The artist was still working on this.

e. **Car on the market square:** This has been removed.

f. **Cutting of verges:** there had been no success in contacting Judy Palmer at Cumbria County Council.

g. **Raisbeck planting:** some residents were unhappy that permission for this planting had been granted without local consultation.

3. **Grass Lettings:** No news available.

4. **Any Other Business:**

a. **Car park by Silver Yard:** Some granite boulders would be placed to stop the verge being further encroached upon.

b. **Granite name stones at village boundaries:** no further action is to be taken at this stage.

c. **Liberal Club:** The independent group looking into the future of the Liberal Club has made contact with a descendent of the Gibson family. He is visiting the area in June. We hope to be able to give an up to date report on the future of the building to the freeholders at the Annual Meeting in July.

5. **Date of next meetings:**

a. Annual General Meeting: Monday 8th July, 7.30 p.m. in the Market Hall.

b. Committee meeting: Monday 29th July, 7.30 p.m.

Classes for this year. Full schedules will be out soon. Closing date for entries 8th May and show day is 8th June.
Ring Jackie 015396 24414

ROUGH FELL SHEEP CLASSES

1. Ewe with lamb at foot
2. Gimmer Shearling with Lamb at foot
3. Gimmer Hogg
4. Tup Hogg
5. Shearling Tup
6. Aged Tup
7. Best female that has not won a prize in classes 1-6
8. Best male that has not won a prize in classes 1-6
9. Society prize for best collection of 3 sheep: 1 Aged Ram, 1 Shearling Ram, 1 Tup Hogg.
10. Society prize for the Best Ewe, Best Gimmer Shearling, Best Gimmer Hogg.
11. Cup presented by Mr. W. Mason, for Best pair of Gimmer Hoggs, to be held for one year.
12. Prize for Best pair, 1 Male, 1 Female.
13. Society prize for Best Male or Best Female shown in the Breeders hands
14. Best legged in Bone and Colour, Male
15. Best legged in Bone and Colour, Female
16. Best overall in Bone and Colour

TEXEL SHEEP CLASSES

17. Ewe or Shearling that has reared a lamb this season
18. Gimmer Hogg
19. Tup Hogg
20. Aged Tup
21. Best Shearling Texel Tup
22. Best Texel Tup Lamb
23. Best Texel Gimmer Lamb
24. Best Pair: 1 Male and 1 Female.
25. Best pair Females
26. Best pair Males

ANY OTHER BREED OF SHEEP

27. Any other breed of sheep not listed. Best Female. Ewe or Shearling
28. Any other breed of sheep not listed. Best Male. Aged Tup or Shearling
29. Any other breed of sheep not listed. Gimmer Hogg.
30. Any other breed of sheep not listed. Best Tup Hogg
31. Any other breed of sheep not listed. Best pair of Females
32. Any other breed of sheep not listed. Best pair of Males
33. Any other breed of sheep not listed. Tup Hogg

Greenholme Show

New class

34. *Young handler – To be entered on the day. 50p entry*

HOME PRODUCE and CONFECTIONERY

34. 3 Brown Eggs
35. 3 White eggs
36. Best 3 sticks of Rhubarb
37. Jar of Pickled produce
38. Platted Loaf
39. Loaf of brown Bread
40. Loaf of white bread made in a bread making machine
41. Rich fruit cake
42. Ginger bread
43. 3 Cheese scones
44. 3 Iced buns [yeast recipe]
45. Quiche - own choice of filling 6-8 inches
46. 3 pieces tray bake [not cooked]
47. 3 Almond tartlets
48. Queen cake
49. Lemon drizzle cake
50. 3 Slices Tray bake (cooked)
51. Best Chocolate cake [unfilled, undecorated and made in one tin]
52. Best Chocolate cake [filled, undecorated and made in one tin]
53. Victoria sponge [filled with jam, topped with sieved icing sugar, made in one tin]
54. 6 homemade sweet truffles
55. 3 Cup Cakes
56. Best jar of Marmalade
57. Jar rhubarb jam
58. Banana loaf
59. Best Dish of rum butter
60. Tea loaf
61. Damson/Sloe Gin or any Liqueur [in clear glass bottle, labelled]
62. Cheese cake [not cooked]
63. 3 chocolate Brownies
64. Honey cake – to set recipe at end of schedule
65. 3 Shortbread biscuits
66. 3 Pieces of Flapjack
67. 3 Chocolate chip cookies

SPECIAL CLASS - MENS BAKING
Chocolate cake [filled, made in one tin, undecorated]

HANDICRAFTS Made since the 2012 show

69. Edible Jewellery
70. Homemade draft excluder
71. Knitted garment
72. Homemade - something stripy
73. Painting - any medium
74. Homemade sheep - any medium
75. Drawing
76. Novelty Egg cup
77. Homemade notice board
78. Needlecraft - inc cross stitch

79. Any other handicraft - Ladies/Gents
80. Best pot plant – flowering
81. Best pot plant – foliage
82. Flower arrangement in a kitchen utensil
83. Homemade felt article
84. Item made by Adult and child
85. Party invite
86. Decorated hair accessory
87. Something made from jam jar
88. Poem
89. Decorated stone
90. Flower arrangement for a table
91. Planted container

PHOTOGRAPHS

Taken since the 2012 show, 7x5 inch or less

- 92 Any Photo – Home
- 93 Any View
- 94 Any Photo of Child/ren and Animal/s
- 95 Any Photo of Cows
- 96 Any Photo of a Cat - sponsored by Jackie Huck
- 97 Any other Photo
- 98 Any other Photo - with a caption
- 99 A Collection of 2 Photographs 'before and after'
- 100 A Colour Photo of an agricultural show
101. Best Action Photo
102. Best Photo - happiness

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Primary and Junior age groups
Please state which year group when entering

103. PRE-SCHOOL - A Picture - any medium
104. Edible sheep
105. 3 decorated biscuits [biscuits can be bought or homemade]
106. Gingerbread family of three
107. 3 Decorated Sponge Buns
108. Something made from yoghurt pots
109. Photo - Animal/s (primary school age)
110. Dandelion with the longest root
111. Funniest 'Knock Knock' joke
112. Planted container
113. Picture - Any medium
114. Homemade kite

115. Decorated clothes peg
116. Handwriting - Poem
117. Any Handicraft - Girl/Boy
118. Decorated boiled egg
119. Item of paper weaving
120. Pebble pet

Secondary classes

121. Painted stone
122. 3 Cup cakes
123. Homemade Pizza
124. Any other handicraft

Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events

Spring 2013

Monday, April 29th

Bible Study & Discussion Group

Manor House, Ravenstonedale 7.30pm

'What or who is The Devil -does he/she /it still exist?'

Saturday, June 29th

Barbecue at Lytheside

Friends of St Oswald's &

Ravenstonedale PCC

Joint fundraising event

Sunday, July 21st

Summer Lunch

at the High Chapel Community Centre

In aid of St Oswald's (PCC)

This is to replace the Spring Supper

Scheduled for May 18th

Friday, Saturday, September 13th & 14th

High Chapel Community Centre

Heritage Open Days

Talk & display-Costume from 1910-1970

Exhibition – Photos of outlying farms

& their occupants -1952/53 Electoral Roll

PARISH REGISTERS

The Baptism of Olivia Rose Nicholson, daughter of Mark and Chantaalaimy Nicholson took place in St. Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale, on Sunday, March 3rd 2013.

Annie May's Pudding Day

Sorry we had to cancel this event on 24th March.

New date! **Sunday April 28th**

1.30 – 5.00p.m.at Morland & Newby Village Hall

Adults £5 Children £1

Raffle, Ice Cream and Bouncy Castle

Come along and eat delicious puddings to fundraise for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Thank you to all who offered to make puddings, we hope you can still help.

The Great Sunflower Race 2013

Special packets of sunflower seeds in aid of LLR now available from Silver Yard Deli Café, Orton. Tallest sunflower wins £100!

beatingbloodcancers.org.uk

**LEUKAEMIA
& LYMPHOMA
RESEARCH**

Beating Blood Cancers

St Oswald's new facilities



Following the Mothering Sunday Service, the congregation forgathered in the vestibule for the official opening and blessing of the recently completed toilet and beverage bay by Bishop Robert Freeman of Penrith. Before cutting the red ribbon, Bishop Robert presented us with a gift to adorn the toilet wall.... a framed photograph of a small earthen bricked shelter and announced that St Oswald's toilet is now twinned with this toilet in Burundi in Africa.

So, the installation of toilets for churches has obviously spread worldwide! Our loo is palatial in comparison and its fine stained oak doors are in stark contrast to the thin piece of sacking hanging over the toilet doorway in Burundi. We are the lucky ones. A big thank you to all those involved in any way in the planning and building etc.; of the toilet. It is a great asset and the completion of the 1st stage in our plans for a gradual upgrading of the church's facilities, which was duly celebrated afterwards with cups of tea and coffee. We would also like to thank the Bishop.

RAVENSTONEDALE METHODIST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY 2013

SATURDAY, MAY 11th at 7.30pm
ORTON MALE VOICE CHOIR
followed by supper

SUNDAY May 12th
at 2.00pm

Preacher:- **JOHN FOX** (Quernmore)

At 6.30pm;-

Preacher **Rev. MIKE HARRISON**
(Kirkby Stephen)

Singing at both services Ravenstonedale Men

Fell End Chapel Anniversary

Sunday 2nd June 2012
At 11am

With Mr. Mark Hutchinson

Followed by lunch

Information from Liz 23278 or Harry 20635

Orton

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

Parish Register

BAPTISMS

On Mothering Sunday, 10th March, Amelia Grace, the daughter of Jonathan and Marie Thwaites, and Lewis Nixon, the son of Steven and Jackie Nixon, were baptised at All Saints' Church, Orton.

On Sunday 7th April Mya Rennae, daughter of Leah Rose English of Kirkby Stephen, was baptised at All Saints' Church, Orton.

All Saints Annual Meeting Report

The following were elected to be churchwardens for the coming year: Laura Wren and Jim Milburn.

The following were elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council: David Aspden (Vice Chairman, and Covenant and Freewill Offering secretary), Meryl Aspden (Electoral Roll Officer), Chris Bland, Andy Glanville (new member), Mary Jenkin, Bill Lawler (Treasurer), Angela Milburn (secretary), Jenny Moore, David Pickersgill (new member), Sandra Ward, Gerald Weston.

Don't forget ...CHRISTIAN AID WEEK in ORTON and the surrounding areas

Orton Chapel & All Saints invite you to a "Simple Shared Lunch" on Saturday May 18th 12pm to 2pm in Orton Market Hall. There will be a range of delicious home-made soups, rolls, cheese and biscuits, tea/coffee. No charge but donations are welcome for Christian Aid & Gift Envelopes can be returned on the day. If you are unable to come on the day and wish to support Christian Aid please give your envelopes to any Church or Chapel member. Hope you can make it !!! *Olive & Chris Bland*



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

ORTON.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION & GIFT DAYS.
25th, 26th and 27th May.

Our Theme this year is

RING THE CHANGES

Saturday & Monday, 10am. to 6pm.
Sunday, 1pm. to 6pm.

Morning Coffee & Cream Teas served each day.

Exhibition Service, SUNDAY at 10.30am.

For further information please
Tel. 015396 24382 or contact any PCC member.

The Annual SCARECROW Competition
will also take place over the weekend in village.

Orton

ORTON AND TEBAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY AGM

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of The Orton and Tebay Local History Society took place at Tebay Methodist Church on Tuesday 26th March 2013.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Len Clark in the absence of the chairman, Bernard Thornborrow, who could not attend owing to ill health. Best wishes were sent to Bernard for a speedy recovery. Two members of the committee retired – Wendy Higgins who had organized our speakers from formation, and she was given a picture for all her hard work, and also Jackie Huck who had been secretary from our formation; but as she was not present her gift will be given to her at a later date. All other committee members agreed to re-stand, but that left two vacancies. Phil Rigby agreed to come onto the committee but we still have one vacancy if anyone would like to join us.

The financial review was given by our treasurer, Mary Jenkin, who explained that we would not be putting up membership fees this year, but with costs of speakers and room hire increasing we may have to look at this again in 2014-15. Mary also asked for volunteers for setting up venues and helping with refreshments. If anyone can help please speak to Mary at the next meeting.

Heather Ballantyne agreed to take custody of the lending books from Wendy Higgins, and she then asked if any members would like to do research into local history such as house date stones, milk churn stands, lime kilns, or the history of their own house. No immediate decision was required but we hope that over the next few years we can build up a better picture of this area to leave for

future generations. example of the work she had carried out, a short film show was given on pictures yesterday and today of places in Orton, Tebay and the surrounding area.

The evening finished with refreshments and many ideas started to be discussed of future projects.

Orton and Tebay Local History Society

Monday 13th May at Orton Market Hall at 7.30 p.m.:
"Through a Glass Darkly" - New Light on the Dark Ages in Cumbria with Rachel Newman.

Thursday 20th June at Tebay Methodist Church, 7.30 p.m.:
"Lunacy in Eden in the 1700s and 1800s", with Peter Lewis.

Anyone can join the History Society at an annual fee of £7 per head. Visitors always at our meetings at £2.00 per person per meeting. Visitors are always welcome - £2 per meeting.

Orton Farmers' Markets

The next three of these popular markets will be:

May 11th
June 8th
July 13th

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

In April we raised £551 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 7th May
12 noon
In Orton Vicarage

Agape Lunch
and
Communion
with Revd Beverley

Welcome to anyone who would like to join us.

Leading Prayers in Church

A WORKSHOP

In many of our churches today lay people are playing a larger part, though some traditionally-minded people find this hard to get used to!

We are familiar with lay people doing the Bible readings (known, to the puzzlement of some visitors, as "lessons"), but another part of our worship in which lay people can be involved is leading the Intercessions. This is already happening, but can be extended.

On Saturday 18th May from 10.0 to 11.30 a.m. Rev. Beverley will be leading an informal workshop at the Vicarage for anyone who either already takes part in this ministry, or would like to have a go but doesn't know how to start. Do feel free to come along! The idea is to share ideas and resources. So please come, and bring books and ideas if you have them.

Notices seen in a church magazine

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Ravenstonedale Endowed Primary School

Cracking Comets trip to London!

We got on the train at Oxenholme station and travelled to Euston station in London. We then took the tube to Kensington. We went to the youth hostel, went to our room and put our bags on our beds. Our first visit was the science museum; it was so cool, there were lots of computer things and you got an electric shock when you touched a big long tube. We visited the history museum and saw a big dinosaur skeleton.

After a good night's sleep we went on a boat ride on the River Thames and at night we went to the theatre to see Shrek: The Musical; it was amazing!

On the last day we went on the London Eye; it took a very long time to go round. We could see most of London. We then went back to the station to go home. My Mum and Dad picked me up from the station. We all had an AWESOME time!!!!

Robbie

Rockets

One day the whole school made some rockets. We made them out of bottles and balloons. We enjoyed making them, even though they didn't really work. Mrs B's did, hers was powered by air.

Sam



We had a visit from two PCOs and a fireman. They talked to us about *stranger danger* and what to do if there was a fire in our home. Some of us tried on their uniform.



Spaghetti structures and marshmallow mountains.

These last few weeks we've been making structures, bridges in particular. One of these days we made a spaghetti and marshmallow bridge! These were really hard to do and my team failed, but we had lots of fun!

Rosie

Easter Activities.

On Thursday 21st March Rev. Phil came in to show us his Easter "Veggie Tales" film.

On Monday 25th March our school did Easter P.E; we did things like an egg and spoon race, under and over balloons (with *plastic* eggs!)

On Wednesday 27th March we went on an Easter Egg Hunt at Dom's campsite.

On Thursday 28th March we did an Easter service in the church and then had an Easter Fair, with games and stalls.

Now it's the Easter holidays! (Phew!!)



Hollie



Red Nose Day - Comic Relief

Friday 15th March was Red Nose Day. Year 6 organised all the activities; we played our favourite games, like stir the porridge, the school had to pay to dress in RED, we had a treasure hunt and a drawing competition. We had a good laugh as we raised money for Comic Relief.

Dom