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A thought from the Vicarage

by the Revd Beverley Lock

I do not know if it has crossed
your radar, but there has been a
debate as to whether the Church of
England baptism service should
include references to 'sin' and the
'devil'.

In an experimental liturgy instead
of:

*'reject the devil and all rebellion
against God'*

and

*'repent of the sins that separate
us from God and neighbour'*

It has

'reject evil in all its many forms
and all its empty promises'.

Trying to make the language of
faith meaningful when it is largely
used only in church - is a tough call.
I do not envy those who are tasked
with the job.

I have to confess that I like it
better. These are public promises
that parents make and they need to
understand what they are saying.
They are making promises to bring
their children up as Christians, to tell
them Bible stories and to help their
children work out what is right and
what is wrong. This is about making
choices on behalf of their children
until they are old enough to make
them for themselves.

For many, however, the devil is
something to laugh at. It is made
cute and surrounded by hearts for
Valentine's day or is a monster to
frighten children in fairy stories. If
asked to describe the devil many
would say it was red in colour, has
pointed horns, a pointed tail and a
goaty beard. How can you reject
something that is a figure of fun?
How can you reject what you do not
believe in now you are grown up?

However talk of devil and sin
make us uneasy. Down the ages we
have made fun of the things that we
fear most. The comic songs of
soldiers prove the point,

'We will hang up our washing on
the Siegfried line, have you any

dirty washing mother dear.'

Most people who bring a child to
be baptised just want to celebrate
and give thanks for this precious
child – their most precious gift ever
received; this talk of devils and sin
seem a long way from their baby –
and that is the way we want to keep
it surely?

The problem is – evil is real and
sin is all too much a part of human
life.

It starts in the human heart, is hot
bedded in fear and results in words
and actions of which the human in
their right mind is ashamed.

We are bringing our children into
a real world where bad things exist.

Easter is a celebration of Good
over evil. All the evil of man's
hearts was thrown at a helpless man
nailed to a wooden cross. He had
done nothing wrong but instead
loved and helped all he met. He was
put into a stone grave and
abandoned. It looked like the 'd-
evil' had won – we might really just
give up. If man could do this to one
so good and kind – what could he do
to anyone of us?

Yet the other d –word – death -
could not keep love down and he
came back to this world to prove
that evil and death would not have
the last word.

Easter gives us a chance to be
glad that the Christian gospel is that
although there are bad things in the
world, as Desmond Tutu prayed,

*'Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than dark,
Life is stronger than death,
We have the victory in Him who
loves us.'*

Happy Easter!

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Mostly fine and warmer; wet 9th,
hot 21st, 72 degrees. Chilly nights
though. Easter 12th. Orton won't be
seeing Mr. Isaac Nicholson (Shap)
calling to buy up butter and eggs
again – he died on 31st March aged
85. His round also included Tebay,
Penrith, Carlisle, Ulverston. He was
a Wesleyan Trustee and local
speaker.

Greenholme's P.M. Band of
Hope's Concert, Friday evening, 3rd
April, a lot there. Mr. J.T. Craig
(Tebay) presided.

Tebay School needs another
female certificated assistant teacher.
For saving a man from drowning last
January when on duty at Upperby
Sidings, Mr. Rhymer Blair (Tebay)
was presented with the Royal
Humane Society's Medal at the
LNWR Directors' meeting. They
were very impressed by him – he
met them one by one.

Church Vestry meeting – The new
Vicar – Rev. T. Whitmore – said that
the Sunday School is very well
supported, but few youths come so
he's starting a class for them on
Sunday afternoons. Also the
Churchyard is awash with jam jars –
a disgrace!

Silver Wedding At the United
Methodist Free Church, Appleby on
23rd April 1889, James Wharton
Tebay to Martha Slinger, Appleby.

Ravenstonedale's Annual Parish
Meeting had only six of the public
attend (31st March). The Ullswater
Foxhounds hunted Ravenstonedale
in early April. Two local farmhands
(Henry Lewis, Raisbeck and John
Watson, Gaisgill) up for horseplay
to homegoers from Newbiggin on
Lune Primitive Methodist meeting
and supper on 19th March about
11p.m. Caught by
Ravenstonedale's P.C. Ridley. They
were on bicycles. This often
happens in Newbiggin. Fined 25
shillings each and costs (2014 =
£100 plus costs).

East Westmorland R.D.C. has
widened and raised the road at the
Needlehouse Road curve, Fell Ends,
this year.

50 years ago (April 1864)

Orton's butter is first-rate. A new
Butter Market on first Wednesday

from June to be held in Mr.
Sharman's Assembly Room.
Married at Orton on 9th April,
William Dudley, Tebay to Eleanor
Atkinson, Roundthwaite, Orton.
Tebay held a public meeting and
agreed to start Tebay Co-op. Has
raised £140 for it locally already

(2014 = £11,200 or more)
Joke Q. Do you nag your
husband?

A. Only just before he beats the
carpets. He takes it out on them!

**Thank you Jeremy Godwin for
sending the notes.**

An Answer to Prayer

Tony Longworth

The breakdown of any relationship is a tragedy - often leading to loneliness and
depression. The feeling of failure and isolation culminating in a loss of hope.

In many respects divorce is not unlike death, except there is a possibility of
reconciliation - if not with the absent partner, then with a child or children. This
awareness, the pain, can be analysed, past events re-run in our minds, but with no
way forward; thoughts triggered apparently randomly or triggered by special days
such as birthdays, events or the insensitivity of other people. Yet scripture says we
must take our thoughts captive to Christ.

This offers a divine opportunity to turn past hurts, anger, frustration into prayer,
forgiveness and blessing. We are reminded that even when life seems pointless, God
never leaves or forsakes us.

When I knew that my former wife was going to leave I committed my young son in
prayer for His protection, to father him, as I knew my access to him would be
restricted or denied.

After 18 years without contact I recently received a text from my son late at night
asking whether I would like to meet him - if this would be something that I would also
like to do. With joy, we spoke on the phone into the early hours of the morning. Oh
miracle of miracles! God is able to do more than we are able to ask or think. The
meeting was arranged for the following Saturday afternoon; after collecting him from
Oxenholme Station we gathered at Tebay Tea Rooms, being "neutral ground",
although they came home with us afterwards for a time. My son is happily married
and I thank God for his wife and for her influence. The group consisted of my son, his
wife and her father. By prior arrangement, my son and I spent most of the afternoon
together - it was great and encouraging for both of us and we have a basis now for a
deeper relationship. We keep in touch by text and email and look forward to seeing
both of them again in May.

It was an answer to many people's prayers over the years. Whilst it can be argued
that this has nothing to do with God, I know with absolute assurance that this has been
spiritual warfare, a battle with overwhelming grace and mercy - God is faithful. He
has unlocked the door and we are now free to pass through - the journey continues.

A Christian Alphabet—An occasional series.

C (*continued*)

Cross, crucifixion: A brutal form of judicial execution used by the Roman
Empire. Jesus was but one of many thousands of people crucified, or nailed
to a cross or stake in this way. It usually took many hours for a victim to die in
agony, mocked and derided by passers-by. Jesus foresaw his death in this
way, speaking of "when I am lifted up". New Testament writers saw this not
just as a cruel and unjust death, but a deliberate act of self-sacrifice by Jesus
himself, in obedience to God. There is a rich stream of teaching about its
significance, but crucially (a key word!) it was that "He died that we might be
forgiven".

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Death: the end of physical life on earth. The Christian however believes that
it is not the end of all life, but that, as St. Paul wrote about his own expected
death, "To die is to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far".
(*Philippians 1.23*) **Spiritual death:** Until we have turned to Christ in faith and
received his gift of eternal life, we are spiritually dead. (*Ephesians 2.1*)

The second death: the judgement and final condemnation of those who have
refused to turn to Christ. (*Revelation 20. 11-15*)

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR APRIL 2014

Sunday 6th April ORTON Sidesman Chris Bland TEBAY RAVENSTONEDALE	The Fifth Sunday of Lent 9.30am Holy Communion Sandra Ward & Ian Elliott Prayers Chris Bland 10.30am Joint Service with Methodists at St. James 10.00am All Age Worship Fran and Tim	Lessons Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.6-11 Readers Ronnie Elliott, Susan Basnett Readers Hilary Law, Richard Best	Liturgical colour Purple
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Sunday 13th April ORTON Sidesman Jim Milburn TEBAY RAVENSTONEDALE	Palm Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion BCP Ian Elliott 4.00pm 2@4 Beverley, Ian & Ronnie 10.00am Holy Communion with Palm Gospel Beverley Lock	Lessons Matthew 21.1-11; Psalm 118.1-2,19-29 Reader Laura Wren Readers Tom Oldham, Kathy Trimmer	Liturgical colour Red
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Sunday 20th April ORTON Sidesman Gerald Weston TEBAY RAVENSTONEDALE	Easter Day 11am Family Service with Holy Communion Beverley Lock 11.15am Holy Communion Ian Elliott 9.15am Holy Communion Sandra Ward & Ian Elliott	Lessons Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4 Readers TBA	Liturgical colour White
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Sunday 27th April ORTON Sidesman Jim Milburn TEBAY RAVENSTONEDALE	The Second Sunday of Easter 9.30am Service of the Word Sandra Ward Prayers Angela Milburn 11.15am Holy Communion Bishop Alec 9.15am Holy Communion Chris Jenkin	Lessons Acts 2.14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1.3-9 Readers John Burra, Mary Jenkin Readers Tom Reeves, Jane Parsler	Liturgical colour White
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Sunday 4th May ORTON & TEBAY RAVENSTONEDALE	The Third Sunday of Easter 10.30am Holy Communion Beverley Lock Joint Service at Tebay 10am All Age Worship Tim and Fran	Lessons Acts 2.14a,36-41; 1 Peter 1.17-23 Readers Clare Stafford, Janet Barlow	Liturgical colour White
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A VIEW FROM TEBAY

By Rosemary Campbell

You have a new kid on the block this month. So why have you got me writing this month. As a child I used to set up our huge armchairs upside down to “preach” and lead services. My professional life started in nursing and due to health problems diverted into medical social work latterly into sheltered housing. Having retired twice I am now well into a 4 year course to train as a local lay minister. So what happened? On retirement I did the “Called to Serve” course in Kendal and it enlivened my spiritual life and I felt a nudge from God to move on to do more formal training.

It's been a long apprenticeship over the years. Having been brought up at Brampton Methodist Church near Carlisle I became a committed Christian via the former Nurses Christian Fellowship. Whilst working in Cudham in Kent I joined Stanmore Baptist Chapel and at college in Liverpool attended Wellington Road Baptist Church. Two years were spent working in Lancaster where I went to the Baptist Church. Through meeting and marrying someone working for the Church of England I was confirmed. So you could say I am a Methobaplican!

At Lancaster I led a children's mission on the Hala estate, have been the secretary of the Parochial Church Council at Christ Church, Spitalfields in the East End of London, led the music group at St Michael's Church, Aughton near Ormskirk and was the enrolling member of the Mothers' Union at St Michael's, Brough.

I came to live in Tebay because I worked in Penrith and looked after my parents in Kendal and my son's father lived in Kirkby Stephen so it was a handy place for us to be. And I am still here after all those

years.

As I write this it is so lovely to see the blue sky and the sun shining up on the hill at the back with the white farm at the top. Two horses are in the field and I get a wren and a robin call in my garden. It reminds me of that great hymn “Yes, God is good in earth and sky”.

It's time to sort the pots out and check out which solar lights are still working and see how much more has broken off my garden table in the winds that have thrown it around from time to time. Just off to work in the Craft Shop in Sedbergh where I am a member of the co-operative. Life is never dull!



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Wow what a week!

World Book Week was packed full of different experiences...mostly book related!

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An intriguing time was had by all.

Photo of flames made by igniting flour dust!



Tuesday 4th March...workshops with Tim Rice



Tim Rice is an author from Sedbergh, who had us being able to create improvised stories by the end of the day, on anything! We all wore hats which were central to some stories. He explained how magical three was. He had us entranced and giggling with some of his poems and short stories. A super day, with workshops for Class 1 and all of Key Stage 2

Creating Books and being characters!



On Thursday, we all came as characters from Books and set about writing our own book with a partner from another class. After two days of serious creating and imagination, books were complete and shared. It was wonderful to see the creative ideas being transformed into beautifully illustrated stories.



But not forgetting...on the first Monday back we sent three teams to KSGS to enter the **Key Steps Gymnastics**. Although we did not come high in the rankings, the children had a great time and thank you to all the students and staff at Kirkby for the opportunity and the parents who supported us.

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May 10th
June 14th**

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This year marks the 150th
Anniversary of the building of the
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Exhibition in the Hall at the August
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Lent Meetings

Wednesday, 2nd April
7.30 pm in the Chapel Sunday
School Room with Rev W. Riley
taking a Bible Study for Lent

Wednesday, 9th April
7.00 p.m.: Annual Parochial
Church Meeting in Church,
followed by a quiet reflection
and Communion at 8.30pm in
the vicarage.

Holy Week

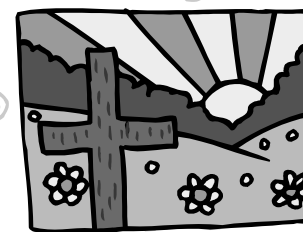
Maundy Thursday, 17th April
7pm: Passover Meal - a bring-
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Good Friday, 18th April
10.00 am: Reflective service
with the Revd. Beverley Lock
12.00 noon: Good Friday walk:
start at St. Michael's, Shap, walk to
Shap Abbey and Keld Chapel and
finish 3pm back St. Michael's.
Bring lunch!

Holy Saturday, 19th April
2.45 pm Children's activities in
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4.00 pm: Service of Light

Orton Methodist Chapel

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**Easter Day
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As usual the local churches
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sharing in a short open-air service to
greet the risen Lord Jesus on Easter
morning.

So set your alarm! Easter is quite
late this year - 20th April - and the
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EdenSave Credit Union

EdenSave Credit Union aunched last October, opening a central office in Devonshire Arcade, Penrith. You will probably by now have heard about this, but this article may help explain more about us and we hope to expand on this with further articles in the future.

EdenSave is an ethical, local savings and loans organisation offering membership to anyone who lives or works in Eden. Just like a bank or Building Society the money that you save in your account is guaranteed by the Financial Compensation Scheme. The money is used to provide loans to people in Eden.

EdenSave is about encouraging people to save, particularly people who can only save a small amount and would like to build up a little nest egg. That nest egg can be particularly helpful if someone needs a loan, as they will be able to borrow against those savings at a preferential rate.

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K shoes Male Voice Choir concert

Orton had a treat on March 1st when K Shoes Male Voice Choir came to entertain us. They sang a varied programme to a large audience in the church. After a rousing chorus from Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Iolanthe', the first part of the programme was devoted to Welsh songs and hymns in honour of St.David's day. Each half of the programme featured songs by soprano Tracie Penwarden, who sang beautifully. Her repertoire included works by Schubert and Handel through songs from the shows.

The choir's offerings consisted of old favourites, songs from the 50's and 60's, and songs from the shows. All most enjoyable.

It was good to see that all this was sung from memory so that all eyes were on the conductor, and to hear their excellent diction.

Each item was introduced by the witty conductor, thus greatly increasing our enjoyment.

The choir is constantly looking for new members; they rehearse on Wednesday evenings in Kendal Town Hall and if you are interested in joining them you can 'phone Geoff Irvin on 01931 714071.

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A talk by Lee Schofield (site manager at RSPB Haweswater)

Wednesday, 2nd April at 7.30pm—Bar opens at 7pm

The State of Nature Report (2013) revealed that farmland birds and butterflies have declined substantially since the 1970s. Targeted conservation projects have been successful in reversing this trend. Lee will refer to the Report, which underpins the work of the RSPB, and talk about the birds and wildlife around Haweswater. He will explain how, as tenants of two farms, the RSPB is working to improve the local habitat so that it is beneficial to wildlife. **Tickets in advance: £6-00 (£4 for under 18s)**

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The Carlisle Diocesan Ministry Strategy The Editor of Link attempts an explanation

On 17th February at a meeting at Shap Wells Hotel, a group led by Clive Wigley discussed the future of the church in our area. About 50 people attended; this included members of all the Anglican churches in the High Westmorland Unit (Orton, Ravenstonedale, Tebay, Shap and Bampton), and with several Methodists there as guests too.

The aim was to outline provisional Diocesan plans for the future shape of the Christian Church in this county, to take account of the steadily diminishing number of paid, ordained clergy available. In the last 10 years there has been a 20% reduction in the number of clergy, and a further 20% reduction is expected by 2020, as ordinations fail to keep pace with retirements. This applies to both Anglican and Methodist churches.

In November 2011 Cumbria church leaders (Anglican, Methodist and United Reformed) signed a Declaration of Intent, which included the following commitment:

We commit ourselves and our churches:

- to seek out every possible opportunity for joint initiatives at Local and County Level in mission to all the people of Cumbria.
- to work together to equip both lay and ordained ministry whenever possible, and to share that ministry wherever appropriate.

The Diocesan Strategy for Ministry is an attempt to map out the way ahead for the churches; but it must be emphasised that it is all totally provisional at this stage. No cut-and-dried decisions have been made; the Shap Wells meeting was simply a part of a county-wide consultation exercise, set up so that members of all the churches can understand what is being suggested, and express their own views.

We felt it might be helpful if *Link* could spell out some of the ideas and suggestions that have been made, so that churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike can have some idea what the future might hold for church life in Cumbria. We repeat, no final decisions have been made. In particular, Methodists have to make their own decisions about whether, how or when to be a part of this Strategy.

1. In Appleby Deanery there are no United Reformed Churches. In the present High Westmorland Unit to which we in these parishes belong there are five Anglican churches. In the same area there are five Methodist congregations.
2. The plan is that the Appleby Deanery will have fewer units or "Mission Communities" so it is likely that our present Unit which contains ten congregations (Anglican and Methodist) will be enlarged to contain perhaps twelve or fourteen – details have not been worked out or agreed yet.
3. Each such Mission Community or group of churches would be overseen by a paid and ordained minister, who could be Anglican or Methodist. Each Mission Community would be served by a ministry team

typically consisting of the paid ordained leader and a number of other paid or self-supporting lay and ordained ministers, including the leaders of each congregation within the Mission Community.

4. Local Anglican and Methodist congregations would explore ways of working together, and some may start to share buildings and even eventually amalgamate if that is what the members wish.
5. Until such amalgamation, each congregation (the new term being used is "worshipping community") would be led by a local leader or "shepherd" of their own denomination, who might be an ordained or lay person. (*As yet unknown: how would these congregation leaders be chosen? Elected by the congregation, or the PCC, or appointed by some other church authority? It was suggested at the meeting at Shap Wells that a team of leaders, rather than just one person, might be a better way of leading a local congregation, more in accordance with the New Testament pattern, and this suggestion was to be passed on for consideration.*)
6. Since the few ordained ministers available cannot do all the things that vicars and ministers used to do, when they are caring for far more churches than in the past, it will inevitably mean that lay members of the churches will be responsible for most aspects of church life, including leading services.
7. Holy Communion in Anglican churches can only be presided over by ordained Anglican priests (that is the long-standing rule of the worldwide Anglican Communion); but there are already provisions in place for authorised lay Readers to lead "extended" communion, i.e. using bread and wine previously consecrated by a priest, so that the congregation can still receive communion even if the ordained minister cannot be there. It seems likely that this practice will become more frequent.
8. More men and women are being sought to undergo training to enable them to take leadership roles in the church, both ordained and lay, but mostly unpaid. This is already happening, and encouraging numbers of people are coming forward for such training.
9. The Anglican timetable for finalising these plans is that the Carlisle Diocesan Synod is to debate the Strategy and expects to vote on it in October 2014. The Methodist Church is not bound by this timetable, and will make their own decisions in their own time. Once each church authority has voted, we will move in this direction but it is likely to take a number of years for the new pattern to take shape.
10. The financial implications of this strategy have not been worked out yet, and are of course an important issue.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: who will do these if there are fewer vicars?

We hope to discuss this in the next issue of *Link*!

Old School Tea Room

invites you to come and sample our delicious home-made cream
teas, light lunches, savouries and cakes.

Open Weds - Fri, 10.30am — 3.00pm

Weekend 10.30 - 5.00 pm

Free Tea or Coffee in March with any other purchase!

For group bookings, private functions, meetings, special diets or any
information contact Joanne or Steve on 01539 624286

Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th April
Orton Market Hall
9:30-11:30

£3 entry fee (children free)
This includes all refreshments.

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Carlisle and North Lakeland

www.hospiceathome.co.uk

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Orton Church

Gift Days and Exhibition

24th, 25th, & 26th May

This year's theme will be

In The GARDEN

We would like ideas and help from as many people as possible to help create a memorable display for this year's event. Everyone has different ideas and they are all special to each and every one of us but they can become even better if we share them with other people. What **inspirational contributions** can you come up with for our **Exhibition** this year, let's try and make it one to remember. If we can put together the gardening talents and enthusiasm of everyone in the village who has **green fingers** then we should be in for a treat. We are sure that even the less than enthusiastic gardeners can come up with some thoughts and if nothing else, then they can help with putting the displays together.

All ideas and offers of help to Angela Milburn,
Tel. 015396 24382

Orton Manor Court GRASS LETTINGS

Howes Quarry, 6 acres (approx.)

1st May 2014 – 1st April 2015

Sealed bids to Richard Percival (Treasurer),
Addison Cottage, Front Street, Orton,
by 11th April 2014.

highlights

rural touring scheme

Theatre by the Lake comes to Orton

In this centenary year of the outbreak of WW1, Orton Market Hall is hosting a performance of a new play by Stephen MacDonald about the real-life relationship between the poets Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon. **Not About Heroes** will be the Studio production at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick from 22 March to early April and will then go on tour to rural venues across Cumbria.

"We're really pleased to have this production coming to Orton as part of the Highlights Rural Touring Spring season," says volunteer promoter, Sally Seed, "and we've already had much more interest in advance ticket sales than we'd normally have at this stage. We're



encouraging anyone who'd like tickets to get in touch as soon as possible – there are plenty of tickets available at the moment but it is looking as if it could be a sell out."

Not About Heroes looks at the unlikely relationship between Owen and Sassoon, brought together by their shared hatred of war and their love of poetry. Their friendship emerges in the setting of Craiglockhart Hospital for Nervous Disorders in which they are confined. Beginning with their infamously awkward first encounter, the play charts the growth of an intense relationship between the older, confident, upper-class Sassoon and the stuttering, timid, provincial Owen. Already an established poet, Sassoon initially dismisses Owen's writing, yet soon recognises and nurtures his extraordinary talent.

Weaving dialogue from their letters with their celebrated poetry, Stephen MacDonald's subtle two-hander elegantly pieces together the mysteries of this most unlikely and coincidental friendship.

Date/ Time: Friday 11th April, doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
Venue: Orton Market Hall CA10 3RU
Tickets: £9 adult, £5 children (12+), family ticket £20

Bookings: Tickets are available from Orton Village Store, from Sally on 01539 624732 or via sally.seed@btconnect.com or online at www.highlightsnorth.co.uk

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

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,

Caretaker : Paul Boustead
Tel : 015396 23033

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

Newbiggin on Lune Chapel Anniversary

Saturday 26th April at 7.30 p.m.

Nether Kellett Worship Group

Sunday 27th April at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Ruth Dent from Barnard Castle

Everyone welcome

LUNE SPRINGS LUNCH CLUB

Newbiggin on Lune

continues to meet once a month

and you are welcome to join us.

Please contact Sally 23230 or
speak to Norman Ousby

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Future events

13th May: 7.30pm Hall AGM Tuesday

Friday 20th June: BBQ & Big Jam Band

Ravenstonedale Folk Dance Club meets at Newbiggin-on-Lune Village Hall, Thursday at 7.45pm.

No experience necessary,
everyone made very welcome.

£2 per night.

For more details

015396 24258 or 23329.

Upper Eden First Responders

March Lottery Winners are as follows:

1st Prize - Trish and Clive Burnham - Kirkby Stephen

2nd Prize - Ken and Angela Wells - Barras

3rd Prize - Michael Rose - Kirkby Stephen

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



Ravenstonedale Tennis Club

Boon Day

Saturday 5th April

10.am

Please come and help us get the courts
ready for this season's tennis.



Ravenstonedale Endowed Primary School

Pancake Day

On the 4th March 2014 it was Pancake Day.

In the afternoon year R,1,2,3 made pancakes while year 4,5,6 did some pancake challenges, there was a maths challenge you had to find how much ingredients the children needed to make pancakes for 10 people. But there was only a recipe for 6 people so we had to do lots of working out. First we had to find out what people liked on their pancakes and made a tally.

The other challenge was to make up a pancake, draw what you would want on your pancake. And then you had to describe what it was like and what was on it, using very good describing words. People put like wellies on theirs and other things that you don't really eat.

After the group making pancakes finished we swapped over. Then we got to toss them. But I didn't want to drop mine so the teacher tossed mine. There was syrup, sugar and lemon juice that you could put on your pancake. Then on a white board we put down what we like on our pancakes. Luckily no one dropped theirs, like I thought I would. Then we put what we wanted on them then we got to eat them. Yum!!!!!!!



Launching boats!!

On Fridays we do forest school in the afternoon. One Friday we made some boats and then we launched them a couple of weeks after we made them. Most of them floated and maybe one or two sank. We tested them on the river outside our school.

By Robbie Boustead

Orienteering

On Friday the 7th of March 2014 we tried orienteering for the first time. We learnt how to use the punches and we also learnt what the controls look like. We had a go, it was easy at first but then it got harder when there were more controls spread out in a larger space. We timed ourselves, visiting all ten controls and tried again to see if we could improve our time. After we did this we went back to school and tried electro orienteering. We each got a gadget to put on our finger, these were called dibbers and we had to poke the electric controls which were spread over our playground. They would register in the dibber and later on we would put them in a printer and it would tell us which controls we had visited and how long it took us. There was also one more control which cleared the data on the dibber. My time was 55 seconds but unfortunately I only visited 8 controls instead of ten. We all really enjoyed orienteering and would love to do it again. We also thank Joe for helping us to learn orienteering and helping us to learn more about co-ordinates and other maths related things in orienteering.

By Daniel



Mr Shaw's last day

On Wednesday the 12th of March Mr Shaw is leaving our school, Mr Shaw is a teacher at our school and mostly teaches maths. He's leaving to make submarines in Barrow, he wants a full time job because he only works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but at his new job he will be working all the time.

By Hollie Boustead



On Saturday 10th May 2014
At Ravenstonedale Community & Heritage Centre
7p.m.

Cocktails and Canapes Night

Pampered Chef evening
£7 admission (to include cocktail & canapé)

Organised by the PTFA to raise funds for school.

Orton and Tebay Local History Society

Thursday 17th April, 7.30 p.m. at Tebay Methodist Church: **"Bank Barns, Boskins & Bee Boles"**, with Andy Lowe

May Meeting—to be announced

100th Anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1:

Our meeting on Thursday 27th November will mark this notable Anniversary. We plan to have an Exhibition on Friday 28th-Saturday 29th at Tebay Methodist Church. If anyone has any mementoes, photographs or anything else that would be relevant to such an event, please tell one of the Committee, or phone Mary Jenkin (015396 24410) or Heather Ballantyne (015396 24623).

TEBAY & ORTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY held their February Meeting on Thursday 20th, when Chairman Bernard Thornborrow welcomed everyone. Speakers for the evening were Mike and Kate Lea, who showed slides and spoke on 'Any Old Iron' - old signs in Cumbria.

They have made a study of the many old signs still around, and talked about their origins and different types. They discovered early in their research that the old Westmorland signs each had a number, and they have enjoyed tracking down the ones with

numbers which still exist. In our area number 1 is at Newbiggin, 3 in Raisbeck, and Greenholme has number 6. The original signs had finials on the top; some still have them but many have been lost, also some have been restored. The highest number they have found is 47.

They looked back at old photographs, paintings and drawings showing how the signs changed over the years, and talked about the development of signs from 1697, when there were signs at crossroads.

Major changes took place between 1888 and 1919, with the development of County and District Councils and the coming of the motor car. Further change took place afterwards when signs had to follow guidelines laid down by the MOT, and road numbers were introduced to the signs.

They also spoke about 12 interesting signs with crowns on the top, which are found in the Shap, Lowther and Meaburn areas. The origin of these crowned signs is not clear, but it is believed to relate to the visits of Kaiser Wilhelm to Lowther Castle in 1895 and 1902, and the coronation of King Edward VII.

It was noted that signs were removed during the Second World War; most were replaced, but some were lost at that time. The Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs. Lea for a very informative talk. The next meeting will be on March 20th when Len Clarke will speak about railway days familiar.

Jackie Huck

THE ORTON SCARECROW COMPETITION 2014

This year's theme is **'Gardens & Gardening'** in line with the Church Exhibition, which will be held on the weekend of 24th—26th May. This is a theme you can really get 'your teeth into' or should I say your spades! Entry forms will be popping through letter boxes in April, or will be available from the village shop. This year there will be TWO classes:

1. The Senior Scarecrow Competition
2. A Scarecrow Competition for children of Primary School age. (No window scarecrows this year, as there were so few entries last year.)

Judging as in previous years will be 'by the people'. Maps will be available with the Scarecrows numbered, and viewers will be able to vote for their favourites. Scarecrows will need to be displayed within the village perimeter. If you have no front garden or live outside the village you can still take part by displaying your Scarecrows in the garden of someone else (with their permission) or on one of the many grass verges within the village. This will concentrate the Scarecrows for a good display, and make judging and the awarding of prizes fairer and easier. Scarecrows displayed outside this area, will not be on the map, and not judged.

Entry forms to be returned by Monday 12th May. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** as the judging maps will already have been printed.

Completed forms can be left at the Shop, or handed to Jackie Huck, Dot Coates, Wendy Higgins or Marion Robinson. Scarecrows to be displayed on Friday evening 23rd or early Saturday 24th. Judging will take place over the weekend, and finish by 5pm on Monday 27th. Completed forms to be returned to The Church. Prize winners will be announced, prizes given out and lists posted on Tuesday 28th. Those entering are asked to keep their Scarecrows in place until Friday 31st May (weather permitting). A reminder will be put in the May *Link*, and the Committee hope that there will be an excellent turnout of Scarecrows. Especially when the weather is favourable, it is a delight to see the village filled with families, following their maps around the village, and pointing out all the Scarecrows. LET'S HAVE LOTS OF ENTRIES, AND MAKE THE 2014 COMPETITION REALLY WORTH COMING TO SEE.

Jackie Huck

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

(015396 26046)

THE **LAST WED** OF THE MONTH

30 April , 28 May & 25 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 2.30

EVERYONE WELCOME FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT HAZEL

Orton School News

Extreme Reading

For world book day this year, we are doing an 'Extreme Reading Challenge'. To do this you have to take a picture of yourself reading a book in an unusual and extreme place (not too dangerous). Next, the pictures are put up on the notice board for everyone to look at. There is an amazing prize for the winner.

By Olivia and Harriet

World Book Day

On Friday 7th March Orton School had its annual World Book Day. Everybody made a brilliant effort and really enjoyed themselves. Lots of people came dressed as Roald Dahl characters including people from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We all went in to assembly to see everybody's costumes and they all looked really good.

by Thomas and Seb

Cable Drums

On Wednesday 5th March, we got two cable drums delivered by National Grid and they are extremely big. We are going to make a table out of one but we haven't decided what we are going to do with the other one yet. We are sure it will be something amazing.

By Madeleine and Megan

Visiting Author—Frank English

On Monday 10th March, an author, by the name of Frank English, came to Orton C of E School. He talked to us about his hobby of writing books for children and also adults. He talked about how he writes books and he gave us some tips about how to write a good book.

By Martha and Sian

Cycle Pods

On Tuesday 11th March we had the official opening of the cycle pods. We are taking part in 'Active Travel' and the 'Big Pedal' to see how many people can cycle or scoot to school. On Tuesday, 75% of our school came on their bikes and scooters.

By Martin and Alex

Spellbinding

Yes!

The fantastic 'Spellbinding Reading Challenge' is here again with ten new books. The aim of the challenge is to read and review each of the eight books in order to collect a shiny sticker. We are trying to collect as many stickers as we can. The stickers you collect go on a special 'Reading passport'. My favourites so far are: Ghost Knight and Stick Dog.

By Molly

Parish Registers

Funeral

12th March: Edith Amy Dunning (84) was buried at All Saints' Church, Orton

Baptism

16th March: Isla Victoria, daughter of Christopher Dawson and Hannah Bardgett, was baptized at All Saints' Church, Orton

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Orton: Wednesday 9th April at 7.30 p.m.

Tebay: Sunday 27th April at 12.0 noon (after a shortened service)

Orton community feels the benefit of an investment in wellbeing

The village of Orton is feeling the benefit of a £4,000 grant from the Community Health & Wellbeing Programme, delivered by ACTION with Communities in Cumbria and the Cumbria Community Foundation. Awarded in April 2013, the money has now been used to repair and protect the wooden floor of Orton Market Hall and to mark it out as a badminton court. Some of the cash has also been used to buy badminton equipment, including youth-sized nets, fixtures and rackets, to enable the village badminton club to include more children and young people in its activities, encouraging them to improve and to join the adults in due course.

Paula Coward is a member of the badminton club and was one of those involved in applying for the grant: "The children are really keen to play, even after a busy day at school, and we're probably one of the clubs in the village with the widest age range of members," she said. "Repairing the floor has also had knock-on effects for the yoga and Pilates groups that meet here so it has really been a benefit for all sorts of exercise activities."

The Trustees of Orton Market Hall could not have financed the investment and equipment purchases in any other way and are delighted that the Hall is being well used for the health of the village: "This has been valuable financial support in difficult times," said Treasurer, Jane Arkless, "and it is making a difference to all ages within our rural community."

Parents, children and other members of the Orton village community are enjoying the benefits of the repaired Market Hall floor and the badminton equipment.



Lunesdale Archaeology Society

April 1st: Geophysics at Low Borrowbridge Roman fort with Oxford Archaeology North, weather permitting. Members only. Please email if you would like to join. Membership £10.

April 9th: AGM and round up of the last year's activities.

Tebay Methodist Hall. 7.30. All welcome.

April 12th: Field visit to explore a possible Roman site on Loups Fell. Members free. A small charge for non-members.

Please email for details to lunesdale.archaeology@gmail.com

Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events

Spring 2014

Sunday March 30th

Mothering Sunday Service- 10.a.m.

St Oswald's, Ravenstonedale with Posies for mothers

Saturday, April 19th

Charity Coffee Morning 10am -12noon

St Oswald's Church

Easter Day, April 20th

Special Easter Day service – 9.15 a.m.

with Easter Egg Hunt for children

Lune Ladies

Your scribe missed one Lune Ladies talk so cannot report it, but was lucky enough to get to China and explore the Tea Horse Road with Margaret Albon, that indefatigable traveller from Kirkby Stephen. Flat solid little bricks of tea transported one way, horses the other. Unimagi-nable scenery, limestone forests jag-ging up into the heavens, swirling waterfalls and abysses underfoot - it was all there. An exquisitely patterned piece of cloth - you would have said hand-embroidered, but no, it was all done by twisting and knotting the fabric, tie-dyeing. Lava-tories cleaner than clean in sparkling rows, without a single door among them. Then into Tibet, just as inter-esting and just as beautiful but a viv-id awareness that tourists were not to mingle with Tibetans. And is she home exhausted? Not in the least, she is planning... Oh, where was it? Somewhere remote and enthralling, that's for sure. JB.

Seen on a church notice sheet

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'