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Church Letter

From Elaine Allison, Lay Minister, St. Michael's, Shap

Have you ever heard of St. Cuthbert? He made his home on Lindisfarne - Holy Island (connected to the Northumberland coast by a causeway that is regularly completely submerged by the sea), spending time in prayer and meditation.

Perhaps we should learn something from his example, as there are times when we need to get away from it all, if only for a few moments, in order to make time for God and ourselves.

We live our lives today at such breakneck speed, rushing here, there and everywhere. Despite having labour saving devices that our grandparents couldn't even dream of, we are part of a society that suffers from exhaustion and burn out as we try to cram even more activity into our already overcrowded lives. We need to pause and ask ourselves where we are going. We need to stop, take a stroll in the garden, or just do nothing for a few minutes. We need to step back for a while.

In both Luke's and Mark's Gospels we read that after dismissing the crowd and taking leave of his disciples Jesus went up on the mountain to pray. Jesus at key times in his life made time for quietness, spending time alone, away from the interminable pressures and demands put upon him.

Of course, this can be difficult, when the children are screaming, and there's a pile of washing to see to, when there's another meeting to attend, or the shopping needs to be done, stepping back seems like a luxury we can ill afford.

But it is a necessity, a step we sometimes need to take.

Sometimes God will step in, to ensure that we do take time out, for Him and for ourselves. We might find ourselves 'laid up' for one reason or another, giving us time and space to rest and reflect.

Stop, look again and see God's kingdom, the proof of his love, all around us.

Biblical Names

An occasional series by Christopher Jenkin

Names go in fashions, and in recent years parents have started to call their children by names which are found in the Bible - though they are not always aware of that, nor of who the Bible character was.

Enoch: Enoch is one of the earliest characters in the Bible, found in Genesis 5:21-23 - the great-grandfather of Noah. The key verse about him says: "Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away." He was a man with a profound faith relationship with God; and it seems that he did not actually die, but was taken away directly by God.

Esther: The Book of Esther records a vivid and exciting story of the time of the exile of the Jews in Persia; Esther, a beautiful Jewish girl, was chosen by King Xerxes to be his queen, and because of her position she was able to foil a plot to massacre all the Jews in Persia, a deliverance celebrated by Jews to this day as the Festival of Purim. The Book of Esther never mentions God specifically, but one verse says "Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" - which implies God's providence hidden in the background.

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Next deadline: **13th July 2018** for August/September issue.

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR JULY 2018

Sunday 1 July <i>Trinity 5</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 <i>Green</i> <i>Prayers:</i>	Orton, 9.30am Holy Communion <i>Sandra Ward</i> <i>Andy Glanville</i> <i>Mary Jenkin</i> <i>Elizabeth Crossley</i> <i>Jackie Huck</i>	Tebay, 10.30am Songs of Praise <i>Neil Hughes</i>	Ravenstonedale, 10.00am All Age Worship <i>Fran Parkinson</i>
Sunday 8 July <i>Trinity 6</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 <i>Green</i> <i>Prayers:</i>	Orton, 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Alun Hurd</i> <i>Jim Milburn</i> <i>Angela Milburn</i>	Tebay, 10.30am Service of the Word <i>Rosemary Campbell</i>	Ravenstonedale, 10.00am Holy Communion <i>Sandra Ward</i> <i>David Morris</i> <i>Caroline Morris</i>
Sunday 15 July <i>Trinity 7 (World Cup Final!)</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Ephesians 1:3-14 <i>Green</i> <i>Prayers:</i>	Orton, 11.00am Family Service (HC) <i>Chris Jenkin</i> <i>Mary Jenkin</i>	Tebay, 10.30am Holy Communion <i>Sandra Ward</i>	Ravenstonedale, 10.30am Service of the Word <i>F Parkinson & A Hurd</i> <i>Jane Parsler</i> <i>Tim Parkinson</i>
Sunday 22 July <i>Trinity 8</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Ephesians 2:11-22 <i>Green</i> <i>Prayers:</i>	Orton, 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) <i>Neil Hughes</i> <i>David Aspden</i> <i>Jackie Huck</i> <i>Elizabeth Crossley</i> <i>Angela Milburn</i>	Tebay, 10.30am Holy Communion <i>Alun Hurd</i>	Ravenstonedale, 6:00pm Evening Prayer (BCP) <i>Chris Jenkin</i> <i>Richard Best</i> <i>Diana Fothergill</i>
Sunday 29 July <i>Trinity 9 (St James)</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 2 Samuel 11:1-15 Ephesians 3:14-21 <i>Green</i> <i>Prayers:</i>	Joint Service at Orton, 10.30am Holy Communion <i>Sandra Ward</i> <i>Chris Bland</i> <i>Martin Lawson</i> <i>Iris Wilding</i> <i>Elizabeth Crossley</i>		

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR JULY 2018

		1 st Conference Sunday	8 th Action for Children Sunday	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Tebay	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	S of P OA	C Capstick 4pm: Cnxn Svce at NoL	OA	S Thackray	D Askew HC
Orton	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	B Staley LA	I Elliott OA 4pm: Cnxn Svce at NoL	M Hattersley OA J Morton HC	K Hewitson OA S Radford	L Morton OA J Betts
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Open Air OA OA	T Dent 4pm: Connexion Service	S Radford OA	D Askew	LA
Ravenstonedale	2.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	LA	A Collinson 4pm: Cnxn Svce at NoL	D Askew	S Radford HC	D Marston

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

A VIEW FROM TEBAY

From Pam Lawson

When we moved to Tebay nearly two years ago, it was a glorious summer's day - cloudless skies and perfect sunshine. What a wonderful introduction to the place that we now call home - so often battered by the elements, yet constantly ruggedly beautiful.

Recently we have all been enjoying an exceptionally long spell of summer weather, along with the light evenings and stunning views on every side... although we do now rather desperately need some more rain! Living here impresses on me every day that God delights to display his creative artistry wherever we have eyes to see it - and that we are called to be responsible stewards of the planet that he has given us.

'Caring for God's World' was the theme of a recent 24 hour 'Escapade' deep into the countryside with the Tebay Kids' Band (read more about it in Bicci Clark's write-up in this issue of *The Link*).

Have you ever taken a full 5 minutes of silence to just observe a small patch of grass right in front of you and really notice what is there? Or sat in a forest treehouse drinking hot chocolate, sharing your all-time favourite book with your friends and explaining why you like it so much? Perhaps you have a favourite place in the outdoors that you love to visit - have you painted it, explored it through drama, or thought

about what it would be like if people destroyed it for profit?

All of these experiences formed part of our learning and thinking together about why and how we can do our part to protect the wonderful world around us. We reflected on the words of Psalm 8, which inspired us to write our own song: God is infinite, yet he cares for us in the minute detail of our lives. Our own response must surely include a passion to care for his planet and all who live here.

'Twinkles'

**Tuesdays 9.30—11.30 a.m.
at Tebay Methodist Hall**

**All welcome -
with or without children**

Voluntary run playgroup—
Activities changed on a weekly basis including painting, playdough, drawing, cutting, dressing up, slides, bikes, music, reading.

For more information contact
Vicki Capstick - 07846 288685

THE HUB



**Tebay Community Library
and Drop In in the Hub,
St. James' Church**

Every Monday morning,
10.00am - 12.00 noon

Refreshments —
Books to borrow and buy.
All ages welcome

Tebay Methodist Church ADVANCE NOTICES

**Saturday 1st September:
COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 15th September:
PIES, PEAS & PUDDINGS**

**Friday 2nd November, 6pm:
FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

More details later

J'Uction
**Praying together
for Tebay**



**Tuesday 3rd July
in the Hub 7.30-8.30 pm**

"2 Till 4"

Do you enjoy Knitting/Sewing/Crafts?

***Do you need a helping hand?
Join us at Tebay Methodist Hall
every Tuesday afternoon
for a cuppa and a chat while
crafting***



Call Dennis on 015396 24445 for info

Or

Just come along. Everyone welcome

Tebay Primary School

Royal wedding at Tebay School.

Friday 18th May – Tebay Primary School celebrated the Royal wedding. We all had a fabulous day. Big thanks to Rev Christopher Jenkin for taking our service, Julia Capstick for making the cake and to the children for taking part.



The whole school visited Rheged on Monday 21st May to see the Beatrix Potter exhibition; after lunch they then went on to see the new 'Peter Rabbit' film and a play on the park at Rheged before returning to school. Thanks to our parent helpers who accompanied staff and children.

The Year 3 and 4 children represented the school at a tennis competition in Penrith on Thursday 24th May, organised by Eden Valley sports partnership. They managed to reach the semi-finals.....well done 'Team Tebay'.

Year 5 and 6 children are looking forward to their residential to London. They will be visiting the Natural History Museum, Houses of Parliament, the London Eye, Victoria and Albert Museum, Harry Potter Studios and to the Theatre to see 'School of Rock'.

Coming up.....

Thursday 5th July – Year 6 transition days to KSGS and UCC.

Monday 9th to Friday 13th July – Whole school swimming.

Friday 13th July – Friends of Tebay School Summer Fair 3pm until 5pm.

Friday 20th July – 9.15am Leavers assembly. Break up for Summer.

The whole school took part in a sponsored walk on Wednesday 6th June for North West Guide Dogs; they were joined by Karen from North West Guide Dogs and her dog Chloe. All monies collected will go to this fantastic charity.

Please visit our website:

www.tebay.cumbria.sch.uk for lots of useful information, pictures and up to date newsletters. If anyone would like to look around the school, please telephone or email Mrs Tracy Morland in the school office to arrange a convenient date and time 015396 24239 admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk

Remember we admit children from their 3rd birthday and provide 30 hours of Nursery provision. Nursery children can also access before and after school club.

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Parish Registers

Funerals

The funeral of Arthur ("Artie") Robinson (82), of Beck Lodge, Orton, took place at All saints' Church, Orton, on 11th June 2018, followed by interment in the churchyard.

The funeral of David James Trotter of Chapel House, Tebay, (82) took place at St. James' Church, Tebay, on 12th June 2018, followed by interment in the churchyard.

Funeral Collections

Gifts at the funeral of Artie Robinson were £1,646.07, to be divided equally between All Saints' Church, Hospice at Home and Shap Surgery.

Gifts at the funeral of David Trotter were £704.76, to be divided equally between the Royal British Legion and the Air Ambulance.

The Filling Station

For high quality speakers, sung worship, prayer ministry, and personal testimonies.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12th July;

Speaker - The Revd. Bill Holliday

7.30 pm for 7.50 pm

Everyone welcome for lively Christian worship and fellowship, in the Appleby Hub (Centre 67), Chapel Street, Appleby.

<http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk>



Barry Hawthorne Ministries

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New season of meetings

with Barry and Karen Hawthorne

FAITH - HEALING - HOLY SPIRIT

Thursday 5th July at 7pm

Appleby Hub (Centre 67), Chapel Street, Appleby

Praise and worship led by Karen

followed by ministry of the word of God.

<http://www.barryhawthorneministries>

info@barryhawthorneministries.com



Birthday Party – Thank you!

Mrs. Pat Wolstenholme celebrated her 75th Birthday (which fell on the 25th May) with a Party at Tebay Sports and Social Club on Saturday 26th May.

Guests were invited to contribute to the funds for the local British Legion group, for the Tebay Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch. She is pleased to announce that £300 was donated.

She thanks all who contributed to this splendid total!

FAMILIES TOGETHER

in Tebay & Orton

Join us with your family and friends



FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON

FREE BBQ

Sunday 8th July, 3.30-6 p.m.

Tebay School Field (Methodist hall if wet)

Please bring crisps/salad or dessert to share

Fun, Games, Races For All Ages

Organised by members of local Anglican and Methodist churches

For more info please contact Olive Bland on 015396 24258



SUNDAY 22nd JULY

11am-4pm

**ORTON SCHOOL
AND PLAYING FIELD**

TRACTOR PULL
HOOK A DUCK
COW POO LOTTO
PONY RIDES
BOUNCY CASTLE
FACE PAINTING

NINJA WARRIOR
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SPLAT THE RAT
BARBEQUE
REFRESHMENTS
GLITTER TATTOOS

PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE.....

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**Orton & Tebay
Local History
Society**

Thursday 19th July

Visit to Newby Hall

with John Weaver

(Restricted places; apply to Mary Jenkin

Tel. 015396 24410

Email: maryjenkin@aol.com)

No meeting in August

Orton

Orton Farmers' Market

The next two Farmers' Market Coffee Mornings will be on

**Saturday 14th July
and
Saturday 11th August**

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

At the June meeting we raised **£515.99** to help us continue God's work at All Saints.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Orton Surgery

Orton Surgery is normally open every week from 9.15 to 10.30am on Tuesdays and from 4.00 to 5.45pm on Thursdays.

Shap Practice: 01931 716230
Out of hours: 03000 247 247



ORTON DROP IN

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
10.30 – 12.00
AT CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM
EVERYONE WELCOME**

**HOMEMADE
CAKES
AND FRESH
COFFEE**



Morning Prayer on Tuesdays at 9.30 a.m.

A short, said service, with time to pray; anyone is welcome to join us.

Dates in July:

3rd: Shap, with Elaine Allison
10th: Ravenstonedale, with Fran Parkinson
17th: Orton, with Alun Hurd
24th: Tebay, with Sandra Ward
31st: Bampton, with Diana Nicholson

Thanks

All Saints' Church is an important focal point within Orton village. Expensive repairs are carried out so that the doors can remain open, both for regular Sunday services, and for those important times in life like baptisms, weddings and funerals; and this is only possible because so many parishioners help in so many ways.

So we want to say "Thank you!" to all those who work quietly in the background in such tasks as cleaning, grass cutting, and opening and closing the church on a daily basis; to those who help at and support the monthly coffee mornings, as well as major events like the recent Exhibition. It is all so important and enormously appreciated!

Service Times from September onwards

From 2nd September onwards all services at All Saints' Church will start at 10.30 a.m..

The one exception is the service on the 2nd Sunday of each month which will still be a said service of Prayer Book Communion starting at 8.30 a.m..

Shap

The Old Courthouse



**Poetry evenings
– 2nd Thursday
monthly**

**Wordsworth Trust
Monthly Creative Writing
sessions with Susan Allen
*Please contact us for details***

Exhibitions

**1st – 14th August 'Heritage of
the Fells – ponies past, present
and for the future'**

**8th – 19th September –
'Craft & Conflict' Highlights
Contemporary Craft Tour
Sunday 9th September –
Makers' Market**

Important Advance Notice

On Thursday 13th September from 3.15pm–4.15pm the NSPCC will be coming into Orton School to run an

Online Safety Workshop

for all parents/carers/adults.

Being online is currently the biggest threat to our children's safety. Are you aware of the dangers? It can happen to anyone—anywhere. Please put the date in your diary and make it a priority to come along to find out how you can help your child stay safe online.

Handy hints for safe internet use:

- Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and ask why.
- Check what are the age limits for the websites or apps they are using.
- Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you?
- Have you talked to your child about what is OK and not OK to share online?
- Ask them if they know where to go for help if they are unhappy about what they are seeing or experiencing online.
- Think about how you use the internet. What more can your family do to stay safe and have fun when using the internet together?

News from rton School

Sports Day 2018

The sun shone on us, a lovely afternoon, enjoyed by everyone.

All of the teams competed well with the Yellow Team winning the trophy.

It was then back to school for ice lollies!

Special thanks to all the volunteers.

If you couldn't join us you can look at the fun we had by viewing the photograph album on our school website.

<http://www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk/>



**WE NEED
YOU!**

Orton Market Hall is run by a small committee of Trustees that meets about four times a year. Together, we ensure that the Market Hall finances are sound and we organise any maintenance or other activities that are needed to

make this facility as useful as possible to everyone in and around Orton.

We've currently got a couple of vacancies on the committee for more people to get involved. You don't need to have any particular skills - we're just keen to recruit people who'd like to keep Orton Market Hall running well for years to come and want to put something into the village community.

If you'd be interested in finding out more, please contact the Secretary, Felicity Lawler, via the village Post Office and Shop, or get in touch via the Orton Market Hall Facebook page.

Thank you.

My Weekend at The Learning Fields

On Saturday evening we went to the Learning Fields near Appleby for the weekend, for a "Band Escapade" organized by Pam Lawson.

There were 5 of us girls in Pam's Band (*which plays at family services in St James' Church*); apart from me, there were Issy, Olly, Katie, and Ruby, and we all shared the same dormitory.

The "Learning Fields" is a big farm house with a big garden, with a swamp, pond and a forest in it.

When we arrived we had tea and then did some song writing and story sharing (mine was about The Hobbit) and then we went for a walk around the garden. Bed time was after hot chocolate at 9.30 pm.

On Sunday we had breakfast at 8am and then made sandwiches; after that we did some religious stuff! At 10.30 we had a Music workshop and a Drama workshop, then we went and played games until lunch (a picnic using the sandwiches we made earlier).

After lunch we had a craft workshop and I painted a white mug with pictures of Otter Island (my special place) on the River Lune.

Before we came home we had a 'Celebration', the theme being 'Caring for God's World', where we talked about how God looks after us and so we must look after God's world.

The food was very good, made by Abbi Lawson, and we had plenty of snacks and cakes. It was a great weekend, very meaningful as well as being enjoyable.

By Bicci Clark, Age 9 years



**CUMBRIA
CHRISTIAN
LEARNING**

Taking Funerals Seriously

Tuesday 10th July, 9.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

United Reformed Church, Lowther Street, Penrith

A Training Day, open to everyone involved in any aspect of funeral ministry, not just those who take services. It is an opportunity to find out more about supporting people with bereavement. If anyone is interested in assisting in a pastoral way in your parish contact Revd. Sandra Ward.

25,000 people have conversations with churches in Carlisle diocese every year as a direct result of a life event such as a bereavement. There are around 400,000 visitors a year to services that mark a birth, marriage or death.

Find out how these people can continue their faith journey and become part of the church's story.

"Simply the best training I have been to in 20 years of ministry" – delegate, Chester

"So many practical ideas that will make a difference." – delegate, Lichfield

The day will be led by Revd Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Life Events for the Archbishops' Council. She heads up national works around baptisms, weddings and funerals, encouraging churches to think about best practice, and developing resources that help parishes to build good pastoral relationships with those they meet at these moments.

Programme

9.30 am Coffee and registration

10.00am **Session 1:** vision, mission, three key ideas

10.50 am **Session 2:** Taking Funerals Seriously

11.30am **Session 3:** Taking Funerals Seriously 2

13.00 am Lunch break and chat

13.25 **Session 4:** Weddings and marriage

14.15 Questions

14.30 Finish

£5 including lunch, booking below.

For more information contact [Allison Fenton](mailto:Allison.Fenton@cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk)

Phone: 01768 807765

Email: admin@cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk

Orton Scarecrow Festival 2018

RESULTS

Scarecrows by children of Primary School Age:

1st Prize £20: No 3 Jake Potter:

"Springtime on the Farm"

2nd Prize £10: No 16: Finn Mounsey:

"A Springtime Royal Wedding"

3rd Prize, Kennedy's Chocolates: No. 4: Madison

and Stephen Potter: "Seasons are Fun"

Adults:

1st Prize £20: No. 5: Rowland Woof:

"Four Seasons" by Vivaldi

2nd Prize £10: No. 22: Susan and Emma

Thorpe: "Seasonal Sheep"

3rd Prize Kennedy's Chocolates: No. 10: Joyce

Wharton: "The Mole Catcher – or not"

A very big thank you:

- To everyone who entered the competition,
- to Orton Parish Council and Kennedy's Chocolate Factory for Prizes, and
- to all those who helped in any way.

Greenholme Show

What a lovely day we had for Greenholme Show this year.

Despite the beautiful weather and the generosity of our many sponsors, The Show made a loss of around £500 -£700. (Final figure still to be confirmed).

We hope to run a couple of fund-raisers later in the year. We hope that you will once again support us in these. Please look out for details.

Now for the thank-you's.

To all the amazing people who entered exhibits – from towering tups to rhubarb, from sticky brownies to boozy sloe gin, from furry badgers to imaginative vegetables, from photos to make us laugh and remember all that snow and children's entries to make us smile.

To the judges and the president for their support and work on the day.

To our many sponsors who helped to provide prize money, raffle prizes and their continuing support.

To Graham Mawson for the use of his field.

To our hardworking committee and volunteers who work so hard to ensure this local show continues.

And finally to all the visitors - regulars and first-timers - who have supported our local show.

Thank you all. See you next year - **June 8th 2019!**

A HUGE "THANK YOU" from CHRISTIAN AID

We had a phone call today from "Christian Aid" asking us to thank everyone who supported Christian Aid Week in this area.

Chris and I would also like to add our thanks to those who came to the Coffee Morning and gave so generously of their time and gifts, to make the morning happen, and ensured that it was such an enjoyable place to be. Especially when we were competing with the Royal Wedding!! And even the washer-up seemed to enjoy himself!!

We had stalls, games (including Bat the Rat), cake stall etc, but best of all was the lovely atmosphere as people sat and laughed with friends. And of course, we were blessed with perfect weather to sit outside.

But there is more to it than that. We know that our giving will make a difference to the lives of others in need, through the work of Christian Aid. We in this country have so much, many in the world sadly do not. So thank you all so much.

The amount sent to Christian Aid was £855.

Olive Bland



Cumbria Police are seeking to implement a Community Speed-Watch Scheme throughout the EDEN area.

Volunteers are being sought for an **Orton Community Speed-Watch group.**

Would you be interested?

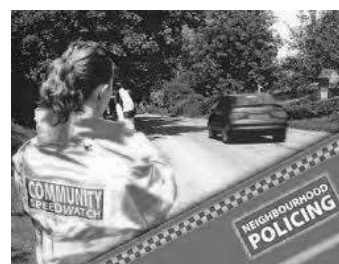
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A SHORT HISTORY OF ORTON CHURCH EXHIBITION AND GIFT DAY

When Margaret and I came to Orton in 1963 the Revd. Harold Sawrey was the Vicar. The major annual events for raising money for the church were the Church Sale and the Gift Day. The Church Sale was held in the Market Hall on the last Saturday in November, with various stalls – cakes, produce, bottles, Christmas, School, bric-a-brac, etc. – in the main hall and refreshments in the Supper Room

The Gift Day was held in church in late May when the Vicar and a couple of churchwardens (there were six in those days!) would sit at a table in the chancel with a brass plate placed in the centre. During the afternoon parishioners would come to place their donations, in a sealed envelope, on the plate, and stay for a short while to have a chat.

This procedure was successfully continued over the years until the Revd. Colin Levey took his turn at the table in church with the wardens in 1992, and awaited the arrival of the parishioners with their envelopes. Nothing was said until the next PCC meeting, when Colin, very quietly but firmly, stated that he was not going to sit in church all afternoon to meet just three or four people. So the PCC would have to come up with a better idea!

During that summer Margaret and I were invited to a family 70th birthday party in Whitby, and on the way we stopped at Goathland on the North Yorkshire moors for refreshments. Duly refreshed we went to have a look in the church, and what a surprise we got as we entered. They were having a Flower Festival, and we both said “The Gift Day in Orton!”

It was discussed at the next PCC meeting but it was decided that for various reasons this would be difficult in Orton, but we had made a start. Various suggestions were put forward and pulled to pieces, and it was eventually decided on “Orton Crafts and Produce” as the first theme. It would be in the church over the late May Bank Holiday weekend. People who had skills were asked to contribute and exhibit their goods; rotas had to be organised for making and serving refreshments, and for stewarding the exhibits and welcoming visitors. It proved very successful, socially and financially, and was felt to be worthwhile doing the following year, but with a different theme. It was to be called “The Church Exhibition and Gift Day”. And so it has continued to the present day – though not without its ups and downs.

Over succeeding years the Exhibitions have varied from the very interesting to the rather disappointing, and in 2016 it was felt that we needed some “new blood” with fresh ideas. A meeting was advertised for anyone interested and a number of younger ladies turned up full of ideas. To complicate matters a

wedding had been booked for the Saturday morning, so the church could not be decorated until after 1.30pm and eventually it was decided to follow the real wedding with a “Scarecrow Wedding”. The group started working on their scarecrows in late October, and worked together as a team, with a lot of chin-wagging, leg-pulling and general good humour every Monday evening, through the winter to the end of April, when it all came together. By 2.30 on the day the scarecrows were in their places for the second wedding of the day!

For the 2018 Exhibition on the theme, “The Four Seasons”, the same group split into four and each worked separately on their season – and you all saw the wonderful result (*see overleaf*). It could not have been achieved without a lot of thought, very hard work, dedication and vision, to keep going for six months with a deadline to meet.

I am sure I speak for all our readers when I say, “Thank you all, most sincerely, for a job very well done and much appreciated.” And a very big “Thank you” to everyone who helped, in any way, with a very successful Exhibition, raising the sum of **£7,650**.

John Falshaw

THEMES FOR THE ORTON CHURCH EXHIBITIONS

1993	Orton Crafts and Produce
1994	Local Photographs
1995	Old Artefacts
1996	Toys and Games
1997	Local Crafts
1998	The Seasons of Life
1999	Children's Stories
2000	Orton in Christian Times
2001	Outdoor Pursuits
2002	Royal Celebrations
2003	Flight in all its forms
2004	The way we were – Life around D-Day
2005	Water – the Fountain of Life
2006	Ancient and Modern
2007	Two by Two
2008	Around the World
2009	Celebrations
2010	Films
2011	Childhood
2012	A Shining Example
2013	Ring The Changes
2014	In The Garden
2015	Local Talents
2016	Discovery and Exploration
2017	The Scarecrows' Wedding
2018	The Four Seasons

THE FOUR SEASONS

Orton Church Exhibition

"Prepare to be astounded!" I heard a lady, who had already visited the Exhibition, say to her friend as she led her into the porch of All Saints' Church.

And astounded was what surely all of the hundreds of visitors felt, as they walked round the brilliant and varied displays. Many people came more than once; many found that on their second or third circuit of the four seasonal aisles, they noticed beautiful, clever, or amusing items that they had missed the first time round.

Certainly those who rushed round and went out again three minutes after coming in (and sadly there were some), missed out on an uplifting and gripping experience, which was only appreciated



by those who took their time.

"What talented people you have here!" exclaimed some visitors.

"What a tremendous lot of work has gone into all this!" commented others.

"How long did it all take?" wondered many.

Or just – "Wow!!!"

Visitors were struck by the creativity and imagination that went into mounting such an Exhibition. They were deeply impressed by the skill and artistry shown in creating so many of the exhibits. And it was obvious that many, many hours – indeed months – of work had been devoted to the project by the team of about twelve people who put it all together.

We perhaps all had our favourite parts of the display. I think mine was probably Autumn. The beautiful fretwork screen that framed it all was stunning; all the little details among the leaves and pinecones, that needed time to examine, were delightful; and I was deeply impressed by the forethought and care that had gone into collecting dozens and dozens of fallen

leaves, and then preserving every single one with PVA to stop it disintegrating – and that must have been done last October! And the scarecrows, lolling over footbridge and chair, added a charming touch of humour.

But *all* the seasonal displays were fascinating. How much skill, how much time did it take, for heaven's sake, to create those hundreds of paper flowers of all kinds – daffodils, crocuses, tulips, and all the wonderful blossoms on so many trees and branches?

I was fascinated by some of the little touches: the "stone wall", made entirely of paper (was it Amazon wrapping paper?!) The cardboard potting shed. The watering can tilting to pour out a stream of sparkle. The hare crouched in the snow. The picture of Harry and Meghan framed in red, white and blue hearts.





And those bicycles outside! They offered a charming and colourful welcome to visitors as they came into the churchyard. I wondered, somewhat fancifully perhaps, if the creative team were going to ride the bikes in procession around the village and neighbourhood to advertise the Exhibition! But I fear the pedalling days of some of those bikes were long past.

One could go on and on expressing amazement and admiration. Those wonderful four seasonal dresses on dummies in the chancel! How many hours went into sewing all those fabric flowers on the summer dress! How much imagination into creating the twig-and-leaf autumn frock!

A delightful idea was the provision of “Creatures to find” sheets to entertain the children who came in – find insects, or squirrels, or rabbits, or birds! It was lovely to hear the excited calls of the children as they hurried round the displays, and triumphantly discovered some little creature to tick off on their sheet.

And we must not forget the valiant team of welcoming stewards, and especially those wonderful and unfailingly cheerful ladies who prepared and served the cream teas and cakes, hour after hour, day after day. When I was a vicar in a parish I sometimes found that people assumed that I lived in the church. (Vicars in TV soaps always seem to be found in their churches!) But I suspect that some of our hard-working team of waitresses virtually DID live in the church during those nine days of the Exhibition! They must have been utterly exhausted by the end.

The poster outside, inviting people in, expressed the hope that visitors might find the Exhibition not just interesting but uplifting. I was chatting to a lady who had come with her husband from Penrith. It was clear that she was a Christian and a churchgoer. I mentioned that the Exhibition had no



specifically Christian content. “Oh, I totally disagree!” she exclaimed. I had been meaning that there were no biblical verses associated with the displays; if I had been involved in the creating of the elegant floral arch, for example, I might have added a text, “Enter his gates with praise!” So I asked the lady to explain what she meant. “As soon as you come into the church, the glory of God and the beauty of his creation are there all round you!” she affirmed.

I don’t know whether the design team who had expended so much skill, imagination and sheer hard work on the project had such a thing in mind. But that was the response of at least one enthusiastic and appreciative visitor!

The churchwardens, the PCC, and all those of us who value and love our church just want to say to all the creators of our Exhibition and everyone else who helped in any way – “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!”

Christopher Jenkin



Financial result: £7,650

Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events

Summer 2018

Sunday 1st July

Open Garden 11-4pm

Tower House Newbiggin on Lune

Wednesday 11th July

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

Walk around Orton 7pm Market Square

Wednesday 11th July

PCC meeting

St Oswald's Church 7.30pm

Saturday 14th July

Afternoon Tea Party and Garden Games in aid of
St Oswald's

Studfold Farmhouse 3- 5pm

Tuesday 17th July

Bible Discussion Group

3, Hilldale View, Gaisgill, 7.30pm

Saturday 11th August

Cobwebs Orchestra Concert

St Oswald's Church 6pm

Saturday 18th August

Ravenstonedale Agricultural Show

Afternoon Tea and Garden Games



in aid of St Oswald's

Saturday 14th July 3-5pm

Studfold Farmhouse, Fell End

All welcome

Admission £7 child £3

Notes from The Herald July 1918

Fine, warm; thunderstorms 16th-20th. From 14th July, throughout Britain, ration books will be needed for meat (1lb), butter or margarine (5ozs), lard (2ozs) per person per week.

Orton's William W. Raine, a youth, was called up by the Army but appealed to the Tribunal which assigned him to a local farm instead.

Tebay Endowed School's Headmaster since 1876 is leaving, retiring to Kendal. He came to Westmorland in 1876 as a master at Orton School, thence Tebay as Head. The School presented him with a silver teapot, cream-jug and sugar-basin on 4th July. The School also presented Mrs. Simpson with twelve silver dessert-spoons. She's been here 6 years but is now leaving to look after her husband, wounded in France and now disabled. Mr.

Stephenson is two years beyond retirement age and is Westmorland's oldest Headmaster. His two sons are in the Army; one of them is a POW in Germany.

Tebay's new Vicar, the Rev. J.W. Dixon (Millom) is to be instituted at a service in Carlisle Cathedral on 17th July. The Army called up Mr. W.J. Wharton, 50, married, an agricultural merchant. He appealed to the local War Tribunal which exempted him for six months. Tebay's War Savings Association total is the lowest of the 16 in the Kirkby Stephen District at £39: top is Newbiggin-on-Lune, £666.4s.0d, Ravenstonedale's is third at £476.5s.0d.

Ravenstonedale also has a new Vicar, the Rev. J.C. Turner, instituted early in July. Ravenstonedale Fell End Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary on 7th, a lot there for service, concert etc. Ravenstonedale's sub-Postmaster these 48 years, Mr. Michael Wilkinson, 83, died on Wednesday 10th. He was always ready by 9am, loved the Bible and Spurgeon's sermons. Presentation to him 14 years ago.

Died at Park House, Ravenstonedale on 14th, Mr. Thomas Handley aged 73. He had been ill for seven years. On Thursday, 11th, flu and bronchitis set in.

(There is a flu epidemic in Eden this month. It has closed Penrith's schools till the Autumn term starts.)

He came of a Ravenstonedale family, married Miss Bessie Tinniswood, Gt. Salkeld; farmed Settra, now Setteral Park (near Askham) for 20 years, thence Park House as tenant. His mother (very old) is still living in Ravenstonedale. A quiet, friendly man he had seven sons and one daughter. Two of the sons and the daughter are now ranchers in USA. One son is in the Army. Thomas Handley's father lived at Northwaite and farmed part of Park House before him. He (father) was a Quaker and sent Thomas to the Friends' School, Kendal. Thomas was a Tory. He also farmed Mountain View next to Park House and ran 1800 Blackfaced sheep on the fells and kept Galloway cattle on Park House till 1908. Big funeral.

Many thanks to Jeremy Godwin for the Notes.

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LUNE LADIES SUMMER PROGRAMME

4th July - We have been invited to Lis
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1st August - Eggleston Hall. Depart from Village
Hall at 10.30am.

5th September - Visit to Lingholm Estate on the
shores of Derwentwater.
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Wednesday 12th September: Theatre by the Lake
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	OUTWARD	RETURN
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Kirkby Stephen West Station	10.30/10.35	15.53/16.00
Ravenstonedale School	10.43	15.44 Garshill
Newbiggin on Lune village hall	10.48	15.40 on A685
Junction 38, Tebay	11.00/11.15	
Mount Pleasant bus stop, Tebay	11.18	15.26
Barnaby Rudge bus stop, Tebay	11.20	15.27
Kendal Morrisons bus stop	11.45	15.00
Stricklandgate	11.51	
Blackhall Road	11.55	14.55
Morrisons layover 1.30 hours depart	13.15	
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THURSDAY ROUTE 570: Shap to Kendal

	OUTWARD	RETURN
Ravenstonedale School	10.10	16.35
Shap	10.45	15.57
Orton	11.10	15.37
Mount Pleasant bus stop, Tebay	11.18	15.26
Barnaby Rudge bus stop, Tebay	11.20	15.27
Kendal Morrisons bus stop	11.45	15.00
Stricklandgate	11.51	
Blackhall Road	11.55	14.55
Morrisons layover 1.30 hours depart	13.15	
Blackhall Road layover 1.45 hours		

TUESDAY ROUTE 569:

Ravenstonedale to Hawes

Easter to end of October	Outward	Return
Departs Bus Depot	10.10	16.30
Ravenstonedale School	10.23	16.25
Kirkby Stephen Station	10.40	16.15
Kirkby Stephen Square	10.50	16.10
Arrives Hawes	11.50	15.10

WEDNESDAY ROUTE 572:

Kirkby Stephen to Barnard Castle

	Summer	Winter
Departs Bus Depot	10.10	10.10
Ravenstonedale School	10.23	10.23
Kirkby Stephen Station	10.35	10.35
Kirkby Stephen Square	10.45	10.45
Brough Clock	11.03	11.03
Middleton in Teesdale	11.45	
Barnard Castle	12.25	11.40
Barnard Castle	15.30	14.30
Brough Clock	16.05	15.05
Kirkby Stephen Square	16.15	15.15
Kirkby Stephen Station	16.22	15.22
Ravenstonedale School	16.30	15.30
Depot	16.40	15.40

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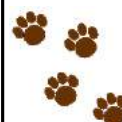
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