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ST JAMES' CHURCH, TEBAY AND  
ST OSWALD'S CHURCH,  
RAVENSTONEDALE WITH  
NEWBIGGIN-ON-LUNE**

## FROM THE HERALD, March 1906

Weather - Fine, cold, dry.

The Liberals are now in power (General Election, January). The Herald backs them.

Westmorland Council School vacancy for Assistant Teacher, Tebay Infants School. Central Scale (pay). School correspondent is W. Atkinson Esq., Gaisgill.

Orton Temperance Hall (*built in 1858, now disused*) was popular as venue in 1906. Concert and Ball, Friday 23rd February held there in aid of the Church Tower repairs (£20 needed, in 2006 money multiply by 80 or so) and for the Hearse-house repairs. Supper after concert then all went across to the Market Hall for the Dance - M.C. Mr. Morris, active in the Concert too. The evening cleared £10.

On Monday 19th, a Temperance lecture there; a lot came. Mr. J. Harper presided. The Band of Hope's children sang hymns (Mr. W. Huck, organist). Mr. A. Moffat played records on his gramophone (these had come to Eden c.1904)

On Thursday 29th, the Orton Liberals' meeting there in the evening - two speeches, concert and gramophone records, supper. The Chairman Dr. R.W. Gibson was called to a patient; Mr. Briggs (Shap) took the chair. Dr. Gibson returned later (to applause) during the concert.

E. Westmorland RDC owns Tebay Station's water supply. Terms for it discussed.

Died at Orton Post Office, 8th

## Future Events

### March 2006

2<sup>nd</sup> The Leprosy Mission at Orton Methodist Church

10<sup>th</sup> Public Auction Newbiggin-on-Lune public hall

21<sup>st</sup> Orton & Tebay Local History Society AGM 7.30pm Orton Market Hall.

25<sup>th</sup> Turkey and Ham Supper, Tebay Methodist Church

29<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> St James Tebay Exhibition weekend

### May 2006

16<sup>th</sup> Orton & Tebay Local History Society joint meeting with Bampton Local History Society.

27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> All Saints Orton Exhibition weekend

### June 2006

14<sup>th</sup> Orton & Tebay Local History Society A Walk round Roundthwaite. 16th, 17th & 18th Fothergill Weekend at Ravenstonedale & Newbiggin-on-Lune.

### July 2006

11<sup>th</sup> Orton & Tebay Local History Society A walk round Shap.

### October 2006

17<sup>th</sup> Orton & Tebay Local History Society A talk on Dr Richard Burn Vicar of Orton by Fr. Tony Dalton

March, Martha Farrer, 81.

E. Westmorland RDC (*at Kirkby Stephen, as was the Workhouse*) discussed Brough's lack of water, and opted for piping it from a spring in Ravenstonedale.

These notes from The Herald were sent to us by Jeremy Godwin, who was archivist at Carlisle Records Office for twenty years.

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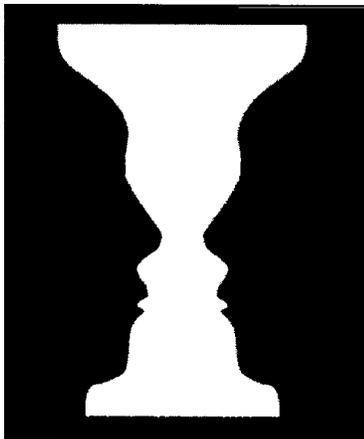
We would also like to point out that articles received after the 18<sup>th</sup> may be held over until the following month

## "No running!" or "Please walk"

"We like whisky, but its Lent, so we're drinking gin instead" - I came across that quotation just last weekend, and it is indeed Lent again, time to give up the chocolate and the cigs once more in a vaguely religious imitation of a failed New Year's resolution. But is that all Lent really is about? Shouldn't it be something positive and affirming? The diocese of Birmingham clearly think so as the papers reported that they've just published a blurb suggesting that we don't give anything up but instead do the positive, like buying a low-energy light bulb or moving an insect gently outdoors rather than squashing it. I suspect the newspaper told me this because they think it is vaguely funny, a bit pathetic and irrelevant, and it certainly isn't new - years ago 'when I were a lad' we were being told to *do* something not give something up for Lent as if the two things were mutually exclusive.

There are different sides to every coin, different ways of seeing or perceiving the same thing. In church the other Sunday I showed a picture, an 'optical illusion' if you like, that could be both an old crone and a beautiful young woman. Most people saw the ugly lady immediately, a few saw the beauty first. I wonder if that says something about our leanings towards positive or negative world views. Eventually most could see that both views were proper interpretations of the information in the picture - both were 'true'. At Orton school Philippa (that's Mrs. Woodmass to you children) and I have a standing joke about the rules - "No running in the hall" say I. "It's 'Please walk in the

*Below: easy and famous example, but Top: Which of the three faces did you see first? (I hope it works in b & w)*



hall" says she. Either way it amounts to the same thing, nobody falls over and gets hurt. The different emphasis is significant but doesn't alter the basic sameness of aim and result.

Similarly with Lent different views of it are true, being views of the same thing. Giving up and taking up can be similar, be sides of the same coin. Am I giving up smoking or taking up healthy living? Giving up chocolate or taking up a better diet? Taking up exercise or giving up slobbering out on the couch? Same thing really. The sacrificed entertainment time is more time to pray, a home-group attended is some telly given up. What matters is that we make some effort towards a result of sorting out bits of our lives and coming closer to God. When you come off the roundabout at the wrong exit there are always those damned signs telling you 'No U-turns'. Now in God's highway code there is a sign that says U-turns positively encouraged'. That is what the Bible word 'repentance', which we use a lot in Lent, means. In the original Greek it's *metanoia* and it means turning around. I'm stopping going that way . . . and starting going the other. Same thing.

So, it doesn't matter if you give stuff up or do something more for Lent as long as you try in some way to use the time for good. "Ah hah" I hear you say, "there's the flaw in this Christianity business. Shouldn't they be doing good stuff all the time not just once a year?" Well, yes but a timely reminder keeps us on our toes and it never hurts to have a push on something that should be ongoing. We love our families all the time but it doesn't hurt to give cards and presents, extra hugs and kisses, at birthdays or anniversaries. The diocese of Birmingham wasn't so daft. If you get a low-energy bulb for Lent it will continue to save emissions and money for ages to come.

In each village, in each church and chapel, there will be services and home-groups, opportunities to do something together to use this Lent as a time when we sort out parts of our lives and come closer to God. Give it a try. "Don't do bad stuff in Lent!" say I, or even "Please do good stuff this Lent." Same thing

*God bless, Fr Tony*



### From the Registers

Aimee-Ruth Hunter was baptized at S.Oswald's, Ravenstonedale on 19 February.

The funeral of Jean Hully took place at S.James', Tebay, on 30th January.

Annie Greenlees was buried at S.Oswald's on 1st February.

Albert Young was laid to rest at S.James' on 2nd February.

### Wednesdays in Lent 7.30pm in Orton Church



Tales from the Mad House Illuminating the Easter Story

"Brilliant, moving stuff" *The Express*  
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## **KINDS OF WORSHIP** **I HATE**

On Christmas Day I was taking the service in St. James', Tebay, and we sang our carols from the Bethlehem Carol Sheet. When we sang, "God Rest You Merry", we found that the words had been amended, so that the refrain now read, "And it's tidings of comfort and joy", rather than the traditional, "O, tidings of comfort..."

My reaction was to be irritated. What was the point of this "modernization"? What benefit did the illiterate and culturally insensitive amender think he was achieving? And this irritation was revived in each of the five verses we sang whenever we reached the refrain!

So I can sympathise with worshippers in our churches who feel similarly upset at other changes in church worship – whether in hymns, prayers or forms of service, or indeed actions or practices, like genuflecting, or shaking hands at The Peace. But while feeling a measure of sympathy – even when my personal preferences are not the same as someone else's – I feel less respect for the person who goes a step further, and says, "Because I dislike this particular aspect of worship, I will refuse to take part in a service where it is likely to take place."

Some of us are deeply attached to the Book of Common Prayer, and more modern revisions (whether Series 2, Series 3, ASB, or Common Worship) jar on us. Some of us feel that the traditional hymns found in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* express our personal faith and devotion, but we cannot stand

*Mission Praise!* (Indeed I was warned, when planning to use a hymn from *Mission Praise* in one of the churches in this benefice, that it would be wiser to print it out on a sheet, rather than hand out copies of *Mission Praise* from another church – these blue booklets would be red rags to certain worshippers!) Others of us may feel precisely the opposite.

In every church where I have been vicar, we have had a "mixed economy" – we have used the Prayer Book for some services, and the modern liturgies for others. I have found that most worshippers have accepted quite equably whichever book is handed out as they arrive, without tutting, sighing irritably or rolling their eyes heavenwards in despair! But I recall one man who had strong, indeed rigid, preferences, and who, when he found the "wrong" service book being handed out, turned round and went home again. I have known others who, if a hymn from the "wrong" book is announced, refuse even to open the book, and just stand in silence while others sing.

I just want to ask such people: What are you coming to church for? More pertinently – *Who* are you coming to church for? Do we come purely to "get something out of it"? For our own personal satisfaction or comfort? Or do we come to worship our Lord, and to share the fellowship of the Holy Spirit with our fellow believers, mixed bunch with varied tastes that we are?

Taking the second point first: that a hymn which I find banal and distasteful may bring great inspiration and refreshment of spirit to someone else in church. Does not Christian love demand that, *for my brother's or sister's sake*, I must join in, and be part of the company of worshippers, rather than contemptuously stand aside from it? And – just maybe –

I will find as I do so that I will receive a blessing myself. But even if I don't – I will still lift up my voice to the Lord.

Which brings us to the other, more central issue: worship is for God's sake, not mine. Do I seriously maintain the God Almighty prefers the Prayer Book to a service from the Common Worship booklet – or vice versa? What is important in His eyes – the form of words, the tune sung – or the heart and mind of the worshipper?

There is a phrase in the New Testament, "Offer up a sacrifice of praise" (*Hebrews 13.15*). A sacrifice is something that costs us something. If we refuse to offer worship, unless it is in the form we personally find congenial – where is the sacrifice in that? It is purely selfish! But if, for God's sake, and my fellow-worshipper's, I take part in a liturgy or sing a song of worship which is not "my sort of thing" at all, surely that is a sacrifice which God rejoices to accept!

The Lord Jesus Christ issues an invitation to you and me: "Please come to my Supper!" Do I respond, "Well, before I accept, which form of service is it? If it's the kind I don't like, no, thank you, Lord!"

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Well, that's what I feel. Maybe you think differently; I expect the Editors of *Link* would be happy to publish alternative views.

**Christopher Jenkin**

## The View from Tebay

by Reg Capstick, Licenced Reader

Since last month's issue we have had occasion to look back at the lives of two people who for many years were an integral part of St James's worshipping life. The funerals of Jean Hully and Albert Young took place within the same week, Jean's being followed by cremation at Lancaster and Albert's by burial in our churchyard.

Jean's service to the church was a long and honourable one, including many years as church organist. She was a first class musician and really loved playing the organ. She kept up regular attendance until her health deteriorated too much and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. The attendance of almost a hundred at her funeral included many who had been taught by her in her younger days.

Albert also gave sterling service to St James's, as a regular attender until shortly before his final illness, and as a sidesman and valued member of the PCC. He did not trumpet his faith but anyone who attended the Lent Meetings knew how deep and genuine his faith was. He served the church in practical ways, particularly along with Stan Guy and John Gate in keeping the churchyard tidy. The huge attendance at his funeral showed the love and respect in which he was held by many people from a wide area. I will miss his quiet knock at my door for meetings - always the first to arrive - and to go to soccer games or meetings. Whatever he undertook he did with wonderful enthusiasm and total integrity.

The generous donations from those who attended both services - amounting to over £1000 - have enabled us to pay a good deal more of our Parish Share than for some time but it still amounts to more each year than our total income, so the struggle will continue.

Looking ahead, you will see two activities at St James's advertised

elsewhere in this issue, one of which begins early this month, and one which occupies a weekend in late April/early May. The Lent Meetings give anyone interested in spiritual matters an opportunity to read and listen to various views and then discuss them with like-minded people - as well as having a cuppa and a biscuit.

As I mentioned in last month's Link, the choice of theme for our exhibition and gift weekend is topical and, we hope, will be of interest to anybody who enjoys football - playing, watching, or simply discussing our national game - and who hopes to see England win the World Cup. We are anxious to hear from anyone who can provide suitable visual material to decorate the church, and I will be talking to people about this likely contributions nearer the time. The weekend is one of our main fund-raisers during the year and we look forward to a successful event. The local history group will be holding an exhibition on the Saturday, ideally in Tebay Sports and Social Club, and that should bring in a few more than usual for cream teas that day.

### Report from Tebay Parish Council Meeting held on 21 December 2005

**Ian Brodie** from "Friends of the Lake District, gave a presentation about the proposed new boundaries of three areas, ie one of Outstanding Natural Beauty and possible recreation to the north of Tebay, the Yorkshire Dales to the west, and the Lake District National Park to the east. The Countryside Agency has been closely involved throughout and next year will be contacting all sources with their suggestions for finalising these proposed new boundaries. Receipt of this letter, which will be likely in the summer of 2006, would give Parish Councils, such as Tebay, to make their views known, and Mr Brodie urged the Council to give the matter consideration before this date. The Chairman thanked Mr Brodie for his very helpful input.

**Mr P Yates and Mr R Hambuger**, Carillion representatives, outlined their proposals for a granite monument to be erected at Lunes

Bridge, Tebay, in memory of those who lost their lives in the 2004 Tebay Rail Disaster. The memorial would bear a plaque with the names of the men who died. The Parish Council agreed to maintain the monument.

**Clerk's Report:** The Clerk reported that the Parish Council is receiving an ever-increasing number of emails and it was hoped that something positive may come of the recent possible initiative by CALC to supply parish councils with computers. Many parish councils, such as Tebay, were completely reliant on the use of the Clerk's own computer.

**Finance:** A cheque was approved and signed for the Clerk's salary and office expenses covering the past quarter. An income and expense sheet for the year-to-date was circulated.

**Crisis Centre:** It was reported that a grant application has been sent off with the hope of finding funds to help set up a village crises centre. This could be useful to give help to aged and otherwise vulnerable members of the community in the event of a prolonged power cut or weather disaster. It could also be useful, given Tebay's proximity to both the M6 and the railway, in the event of an incident on either of these.

**Toilets Update:** The Parish Council was very pleased to hear that the public toilets at Tebay would now continue to be maintained by the District Council. The availability of these toilets are essential for the success of the newly refurbished children's playground and other local events which take place throughout the year on the nearby Recreation Ground.

**Carol Moreland (Clerk)**

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

2.00 PM TEBAY CHAPEL

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

A SERVICE PREPARED BY  
CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF SOUTH  
AFRICA

SPEAKER: MARY STUD  
ALL WELCOME

# Tebay

## ST JAMES'S CHURCH

LENT COURSE 2006

FIVE TUESDAYS AT 1 MOUNT  
PLEASANT  
7.30pm EACH WEEK

STARTS ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH

**COURSE TITLE: WHERE IS GOD?  
when we SEEK HAPPINESS?  
when we FACE SUFFERING?  
when we MAKE DECISIONS?  
when we CONTEMPLATE DEATH?  
when we TRY TO MAKE SENSE OF  
LIFE?**

**AN AUDIO TAPE AND WRITTEN  
MATERIAL  
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Participants:

ARCHBISHOP ROWAN WILLIAMS  
PATRICIA ROUTLEDGE CBE  
JOEL EDWARDS  
DR PAULINE WEBB  
introduced by DR DAVID HOPE

**PEOPLE OF ALL DENOMINATIONS  
OR NONE  
ARE WELCOME**

## ST JAMES'S CHURCH, TEBAY

ANNUAL EXHIBITION WEEKEND

SATURDAY 29, SUNDAY 30 APRIL  
AND MONDAY 1 MAY

THIS YEAR'S THEME

WORLD CUP FINALS 2006

to feature

32 COUNTRIES  
NATIONAL FLAGS  
TEAM COLOURS  
HISTORY OF COUNTRY  
RELIGIOUS CONNECTIONS  
STAR PLAYERS

CREAM TEAS SERVED EACH DAY  
2pm TO 5.30pm

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HOTTER SHOE Co. IN KENDAL

AT TEBAY METHODIST HALL

THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

AT 1:00PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

## TURKEY AND HAM SUPPER

at  
Tebay Methodist Church  
On

Saturday 25th March at 7.00pm

Tickets: Adults £5 - Under elevens' £1

Community Hymn Singing to follow  
led by Mr Dennis Rowlandson

Everybody Most Welcome

## TEBAY SOCIAL CLUB

19<sup>TH</sup> March at 8.00pm

In Memory of

John Wolestenhome

## Prize Bingo & Raffle

Welcome to One & All

Proceeds in Aid of

Eden Valley Hospice

# Tebay

## TEBAY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Since the last Link, we enjoyed a great evening on Sat. 11th Feb for St. Valentines day, with the big room once again brought to life in a riot of pink, with hearts & cherubs aplenty.

Next up will be our FREE Presentation night on Sat. 11th March, with entertainment from Kokopelli - where the proceeds from our Medieval night will be handed over to Jigsaw, and those from the Garry Tindall memorial darts tournament to the Eden Valley Hospice.

The following week, Friday 17th will see an Irish-themed party evening for St. Patrick's Day - Expect a green flavour to the decorations, and you're welcome to come in fancy dress if you wish. The entertainment will be provided by 'Live steam', the folk and who were very popular last time they appeared. Admission will be £2 on the door, and there will be a raffle in aid of FOTS (Friends of Tebay School).

The next evening, we have the Highlights theatre production, 'Hell & High Water'.

Then it's April, and for the Easter weekend we've listened to customer feedback and responded, so there will be a "member's night" on Sat 15th. with entertainment, and possibly some promotions at the bar.

For those looking forward to a Domino evening, we will try to host one at a later date.

A fortnight later, it's another Bank Holiday for May Day, the Church Exhibition and Elephant Parade weekend, and we'll be having a dance to 'Midnight Express' on the Saturday, 29th April.

Finally, for now, the last weekend in may will see another Highlights event, a craft exhibition held over the three days - and we're hoping to have a car boot sale on the Saturday.

## Quiz Night

Friday 3rd March 2006

8.00pm

Barnaby Rudge Tavern  
Tebay

*All proceeds in aid of*  
**Tebay Elephant Parade**



£1.00 per person. Max 4 per team



*THE ANECDOTE TO LIVING HISTORY*

**Tebay Sports & Social Club**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2006 Curtain up at 7.30pm

Tickets Adult £5.00 Children & Concessions £3.00 Family £15.00  
For tickets Contact Tebay Club 015396 24203, Sue Pittock 015396 24538 also from Tebay Post Office

# Orton

## NEWS RELEASE

### Busy days at Orton School

It has been a busy couple of weeks at Orton C of E Primary School with drama, dance and Valentine's events.

### Play's the thing

On Tuesday 7 February, local theatre skills teacher, Jenny from the Helen O'Grady Academy, ran workshops in school for all ages from the very youngest to the Year 6 pupils. The children worked with Jenny on various exercises for their voices and for movement and then developed their own story ideas into plays to perform to other pupils.

"The younger children really enjoyed playing with their voices and coming up with slightly crazy tales," said Class 1 teacher, Philippa Woodmass. "It is always good to have someone come in with fresh ideas for this sort of imaginative work so the session with Jenny was a real bonus."

### Peter Pan comes to Orton

Later in the week, on Friday 10, the children from Orton joined pupils from Tebay, Ravenstonedale, Grayrigg and Crosby Ravensworth for a performance of Peter Pan by the M&M Productions theatre group in Orton Market Hall. There was plenty of laughter and a few scary thrills in the production, just right for a hall full of children to enjoy.

This was funded from a "collaborative" pot in Cumbria County Council on the basis of schools working together to share this kind of activity in rural areas.

### From drama to dance

On Monday 13 and Tuesday 14, Orton School had a visit from Miss Shashi Kuri as part of the Carlisle Diocesan Everywhere to Everywhere Christian arts initiative, sponsored by the Church Missionary Society. As well as teaching the children about her native Indian folk dancing, Miss Kuri also talked to them about both the similarities and the differences of life in India and England.

"Schools are under so much pressure to keep to a fixed timetable," said Headteacher, Rosemary Spence, "and yet it is still very much our experience that the children can learn huge amounts from these sorts of activities. When they are enthusiastic about learning, I think we're really doing our job."

### Valentine's fundraising

Finally, two events at the end of the week were linked to Valentine's day: a sale of cakes, books and toys on Friday afternoon was organised by members of the School Council to raise money to plant trees for shade on the field that is used for sports and later in the evening there was the annual Friends of Orton School Valentine's Dance for friends and families to raise funds for the school.

"After all this activity," says Mrs Spence, "it is probably as well that the children and staff then have a week's holiday for half term."

For further information contact  
The School on 01539 624268  
or  
Sally Seed on 01539 624732

Orton mothers union  
Next Meeting  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> march  
2pm at angela's house  
"Wave of prayer"

## An appeal for fun and games!

- Do you remember games from your childhood that you just don't see anymore?
- Have you a memory of playing in Orton that would amaze children today?
- Is there a game that you play with your children (or grandchildren) that others might enjoy?

The Friends of Orton School are planning a fundraising book of **Fun and Games** and would like to include stories, memories and ideas from people around the parish. There will be sections on games for journeys, outdoor games and party games for all ages so please get in touch (end of April latest) if you have ideas or memories that could be included.

Contact Sally on 24732 or Karen on 24704 or leave anything in writing marked for Sally Seed or Karen Ismay's attention at the School Office.



Miss Shashi Kuri at Orton School

## Orton Methodist Church

We invite you to join us for our morning services at 10.30am for the first three Sundays in **Lent - 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March** for a series entitled "Preparing for Easter", with the first week looking at "Who is Jesus?" Coffee will be served before the service from 10.15am. Creche for children.

Further details tel Rachel & Rowland Woof -  
24372



**Wave over Wave at Orton**

Highlights Rural Touring Scheme continues its Spring season with a performance of **Wave over Wave** from Jim Payne and Fergus O'Byrne, known as just Jim and Fergus. As part of a four-night tour, they will appear at Orton Market Hall on Sunday 30 April, starting at 7.30pm.

For many years Jim and Fergus have been touring together throughout the world performing and promoting their home culture. Newfoundland has strong historical, social and musical connections with Ireland and England and, for the early settlers who lived along the isolated coastline of the province, their music, songs, stories and dances were the main source of entertainment. Because of the isolation, the culture that had been brought from England and Ireland developed its own unique identity.

Through songs, stories, music and dance Jim and Fergus portray the rich cultural heritage of the most easterly province in Canada and their performance in Orton at the end of April should be an excellent night out.

For further information and tickets, contact Sally Seed on 01539 624732. Tickets are priced £5 adult, £3.50 concessions and £12 for a family tickets and they are also available from Orton Post Office and Village Store.

Other Highlights events coming up in the local area include **The Tale of Robin Hood** at Shap Memorial Hall on Friday 10 March (call Janet on 01931 716273) and **To Hell & High Water** from the Blue Chicken Theatre Co at Tebay Sports and Social Club on Saturday 18 March (call Sue on 01539 624203).

**ORTON CHURCHES TOGETHER**

invite you to a Lent Lunch  
in Orton Market Hall  
on Saturday 18th March  
between 11.30am & 2.00pm  
Homemade soup & bread with cheese  
Fairtrade & Bring & Buy Stalls  
Donations to Christian Aid

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
FOR**

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ORTON,**  
Will take place on Thursday  
30 March 2006 at 7.30pm  
In the church  
I you want a say in what goes on in our  
church please come along.

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**An exhibition for all the family ANCIEN for the old  
MODERN for the young and everone in between.**

**27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

**The time has arrived again when we ask all to seekin  
their cupboards, draws, lofts and outbuildings for  
interesting items to display.**

**Any old artefacts perhaps with there modern equivalent.  
Old farm machinery and tools.**

**Have you a picture of your house as it once was many  
years ago and a modern photograph to display with it?  
Old or modern paintings or photographs of the village.  
The schools as they have been down the ages.**

**Costume - Ancient dress, or not so ancient - have you still  
your mini dress from the 1960's?**

**Enjoyment and fun from past and present - posters for  
dances, photographs of children playing in the snow,  
garden parties, sports days etc. and toys of today.**

**Old village customs - we want to know about them.  
Special family occasions.**

**All will be of interest**

**Please contact any member of the P.C.C. or  
telephone 24382**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
Posies of flowers for all  
mothers  
at the 9.45 am service

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
**PRAM SERVICE**  
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
ORTON  
2PM

**Orton Methodist Church Anniversary  
Sunday, 25 March 2006**

**Join us for  
for an All Age Worship Service  
at 10.30am**

Led by Mr and Mrs P Gaskins  
from Burton In Kendal

**and at 6.30pm**  
Service led by Miss Angela Mills  
from Capernwray

*Everyone Welcome*

An early note for your diary.

An ART EXHIBITION

By

The Three Brushkateers

In

All Saints' Church, Orton

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> April

11am to 4pm daily

Official opening with refreshments on

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

This is an exhibition by three artists living and painting Cumbria

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

A service for

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
7.30p.m.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

There will be a devotional service in church every Wednesday evening throughout Lent beginning on 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30p.m.

All welcome

### **ORTON & TEBAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2006 7.30 pm ORTON MARKET HALL**

Do come and elect the Committee and renew your subscriptions, which will be £5.00 for the next 12 months.

Don't forget information and material is needed for our exhibition in Tebay, which is planned to coincide with St. James' Church exhibition, at the end of April. Time is running short and your help is needed to make our exhibition a success.

We have been asked to put up a display at Greenholme Show on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Can we put together a display which shows something of the history of the show? Have you any photographs, press reports, show programmes or anything else that you would be prepared to lend? Have you any memories or stories to tell? Once again we are asking for your help to make our display an interesting and successful contribution to Greenholme Show.

Wendy Higgins,  
OTLHS programme secretary.

015396 24226

## **ORTON Market Hall**

### **CEILIDH**

### **REUNION BAND**

**Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> March. Admission. £5.**

**7.30pm Bring & Share Supper. BYOD.**

**Tel. Chris. 015396 24258**

In aid of the  
**Hospice at Home**  
Charity No. 1095708.

## **Friends of Orton School**

have been very busy this half term. A team of adults and children took part in a Swimathon at Penrith Swimming Pool and completed 90 lengths. Sponsor money is still coming in, but should be in the region of £300. Thank you to all sponsors.

The Burns Supper on 28<sup>th</sup> January was a fantastic evening with Haggis, Neeps and Tatties and dancing, called by Douglas Chalmers. A grand total of £445 was raised.

On 17<sup>th</sup> February families got together for the Friends of School annual Valentine's Dance where we had food, competitions, games and a Ceilidh by Chris Bland. A draw for two indulgent hampers was won by Mrs Nelson and the Mercer family. £297 was raised for Friends of Orton School.

"Thank to to all who in any way have supported these events."

## **ORTON FARMERS MARKET**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**LIVE JAZZ BAND**

## **ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, ORTON.**

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30am onwards.**

### **STALLS**

**In aid of  
Church Restoration Fund.**

# Ravenstonedale

## Bats in the Belfry? Or Butterflies?



Church Bell, seen from below

**Swish, swish**.....swish, swish – in the quiet of the Church tower, with the only other sound - the solemn tick - tock of the clock work mechanism, there was an audible swish – swish. Almost a ghostly sound as if a long dead clock winder was coming up the stairs, with ragged garments brushing the steps. The sound I discovered belonged to over - wintering Peacock Butterflies.

Not only was there one or more peacocks in the tower, but on closer inspection, there are 10 actually in the bell itself – all clinging to the underside! Are they deaf? Or have they stuck their little antennae into their ears for the duration of the winter. The clock strikes every hour! But there they are – swish, swish as their wings exercise – open, close - swish, swish.

Is this the safest place for them away from potential predators – mice and spiders? Are there other reasons?

FC. 01539623638 or email [Frank@Rdale.e7even.com](mailto:Frank@Rdale.e7even.com)

## Bat Woman to the Rescue!

Having thought that bats were safely tucked up hibernating at this time of the year I was surprised when my Brownber neighbour said she had found one in her house, brought in by her cat, very sleepy but alive. Not knowing what to do I rang the Bat Conservancy in London who told me to place it in a small box with some soft material to lie on and a bottle top full of water, and to only handle it



wearing gloves. They then gave me a number for a lady in Kendal who runs a bat rescue.

Having rung her and said we were at Newbiggin on Lune, she gave us a number for Eve at Tebay who also runs a bat rescue and was nearer. Having established that the bat was still alive, we took it to Tebay. Eve told us it was a Pipistrelle and until she had examined it could not say if it had been damaged and would ring us in a couple of days to say how it was.

Well he (it turned out to be a male) was doing well on a diet of meal worms and drops of water off a paint brush and having not been damaged by the cat could be released. Eve wanted him to be returned to his own area and suggested 4 pm was a good time to release him, on a day when it was not too cold and there were insects flying. We were fortunate that these requirements were fulfilled a day later. She placed him on the wall of a neighbour's bungalow just below an established bat roost; he climbed up under the cladding and was there for a moment but this was evidently not his home (there are other bats in the area); having reappeared he did a few circles of the garden, flying really strongly and disappeared towards the trees.

So hopefully it was a successful outcome for one very small Pipistrelle *Ann P. 23317*

## Link - Bat information courtesy of the BBC

Pipistrelles are the smallest and commonest bat in the UK.. The maximum recorded age is 16 years. Body length: 3.5-4.5cm, Wingspan: 19-25cm, Weight: 3-8g. Pipistrelles emerge from their roosts to feed relatively early - sometimes before sunset. They hunt small moths, gnats and other small insects, often returning to their roost after a couple of hours, although they may emerge for another feed during the night. A single pipistrelle may consume up to 3,000 insects in one night.

## Cinderella has been found!

Thanks to the several people who responded to the "horseshoe" question. The most likely offer seems to be that the shoe was in fact on the heel, in that it is likely to have been a metal semi circle that was nailed to boots, to increase their life during hard work – unless you have other suggestions?

FC – 01539623638 or Email details - [Frank@Rdale.e7even.com](mailto:Frank@Rdale.e7even.com)

## **Don't worry about the Squirrels (too much)**

There have been some concerns expressed about the absence of red squirrels from time to time during winter. In Rdale our squirrels have been "missing" for several days at a time, but have then reappeared – worrying at the time. In parts of Brownber they have now gone for an extended summer break and are only expected back in the autumn. Are they seeking the new shoots appearing on awakening trees in Smardale? If anyone can shed brighter light on this, can they contact me on 01539623638 or Email details - [Frank@Rdale.e7even.com](mailto:Frank@Rdale.e7even.com) It would be useful to gain more knowledge about our squirrel population and their habits so that we can better protect them. **Don't forget**, this is a critical time for squirrels in the "breed and feed" program to increase our Rdale Red population – **young kittens and nursing mothers need you nuts!** FC

## Fothergill Weekend Exhibition

June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

This will be open to everybody not just those who have booked for the whole weekend. The entrance fee has not yet been decided.

We would like to be able to include some articles of Fothergill interest, for instance – jewellery, letters, china, pictures, photographs, in fact anything you might have which has a Fothergill connection.

We need to know about it as soon as possible please. If you could tell either

*Mary Irwin – 015396-23539*

*Caroline Morris – " 23308*

*Janet Paxman – " " 23269*

*Kathy Trimmer – " 23273*

we would be very grateful.

## Ravenstonedale

### St Oswald's Restoration...

as at the end of January 2006 (PCC Minutes).

All the contracted external work is complete.

The gutters, lead lining and defective stone have been replaced.

The roof ridge and tower have been re-pointed and the parapet repaired

The gravel, supplied by the contractors free of charge, has been put onto the main path, the turf re-laid and reseeding will be done when necessary

The extra south porch flags have been laid.

Water mains completed and the outside water tap by the boiler house will be boxed in.

The chancel ceiling plaster has been removed.

The joiners are fixing loose floor boards

The access to the roof space has been enlarged

The protective polycarbonate for the 4 stained glass windows and the repair of fixed ventilators on 3 of them will be done after the wedding in March. Fothergill Memorial Tablet will be removed from the wall as soon as possible for safety reasons. The cost to remove, repair and replace it will be over £9,000. Applications are being made to appropriate charities for funding to carry out this work. Until the outcome of these applications is known a final decision about the repair of the monument has been deferred.

### Morning Prayer Retiring Collection

Some months ago Ravenstonedale PCC decided to have a retiring collection for Charity after the service of Morning Prayer, ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month, at 9.45am). The charities we have made collections for so far are the Air Ambulance and the Hospice at Home. For the next 6 months the charity selected is **Médécins sans Frontières**. Dr Carl Hallam went out to work for this charity during the time of the Tsunami.

### **Annie Greenlees**

Ravenstonedale has just lost, in Annie Greenlees, one of its longest living inhabitants, and

St Oswald's has lost one of its staunchest supporters. We all have our own memories of Annie, but at St Oswald's it is of a cheerful, scurrying little figure, beavering about, scrubbing, dusting, polishing, and then always in her pew on a Sunday and supporting all the church events. A level of dedication which few of us can aspire to today. She will be remembered with affection by all who knew her.  
JP.

### **Quiet Prayer**

Meditation, contemplation, silent prayer, listening prayer, call it what you like, Christians throughout the ages have used the discipline of sitting still and being quiet in order to come closer to God. Sometimes this seems like a silly idea, and we gather together with like-minded friends to reassure ourselves that it is a task worth doing. The small but determinedly interdenominational group that meets in Ravenstonedale has recently had the pleasure of hosting a joint meeting with friends from Brough Sowerby, Kirkby Stephen, Appleby, Armathwaite and as far away as Maryport. Some sixteen of us sat in a peaceful half circle, one of us spoke briefly about the difficulty of distinguishing between love and attachment, and read us that amazing poem by R.S. Thomas which ends 'The meaning is in the waiting', and then we were still and silent for some 25 minutes. Next came a few questions and comments, a small grumble or two, then tea and more general conversation. All this took place in the beautiful and tranquil space of High Chapel. What God did or didn't say to any of us as individuals, I don't know, but I am sure that we all went away feeling strengthened and at peace.

Janet Barlow

### **Lent Group. At Coldbeck Cottage, Ravenstonedale.**



The York Course this year is "where is God?"

It starts on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, continuing Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### **It is led by Rev. Anne Gray.**

We are very grateful to David and Sally Cannon for their kindness in letting the group meet at Coldbeck Cottage again



### **Open House.**

At the meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> it was decided that Open House will be held as usual on Wednesday mornings, 10.00 – 12.00, during March and April, offering coffee and conversation, Traidcraft goods, red squirrel information and local history archives.

The final service at High Chapel will be on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. It was felt at the meeting that Open House is an important weekly community event and that it would be good to continue with it after High Chapel closes. Ann Whappett of the Old Vicarage



### **W.I.News.**

The next meeting of the Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin-on-Lune Women's Institute will be on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 pm at TNewbiggin Public Hall. The theme is "Magistrates in the community", with a talk and slides by Mrs Bradney JP and fellow magistrates.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. The April session (on April 5<sup>th</sup>) will feature a talk and slides on "Cane and Rush reseating".

Another date for your diaries:-June 27<sup>th</sup>, a coach trip to Alnwick Castle. More details nearer the date.

New members will be very welcome.