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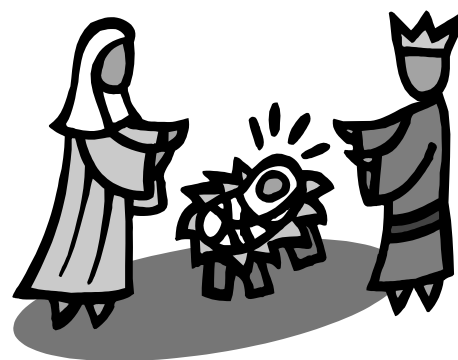
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Dear Friends,

I have lost count of the many people who have said that they cannot believe how fast this year has passed. That's something to do with getting old and trying to do too many things. I qualify on both counts. And of course there are those who cannot believe that Christmas is just a few weeks away. So begins the mad Christmas rush .. List after list of what things to do .. Card lists present lists .. Lists of food .. Booze baking .. Visits .. Things to do people to see... and at the last couple of days trying to get everything under the sun crammed into the pantry and the fridge. Judging by all the overloaded trolleys we see in the supermarket it must be the best kept secret that Morrisons and co are closed only for a couple of days. I wonder if anyone has Jesus on their list? Come to think of it .. It was because someone else was making a list that poor Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem. So amidst all the fraught days of shopping and preparing I hope that you have the Christmas you hope for.. And that the Christ Child does figure somewhere in your celebrations. Please let him not get lost amongst the turkey and the tinsel.. the presents and the pies. We thank God at this time for the greatest gift of all... that his Son came to live with us for a time bringing the message of love and peace for all.. And eventually giving all that he was for us on the cross. As you gaze into the crib remember it was this self same Jesus that walked the Calvary road for you . As I approach the

completion of the first year of our 5 parishes I look forward to sharing this special time with you ...every church in our group wants their own unique services and events at Christmas .. I cannot be at them all.. Many events clash but I will be at as many as possible .. And please not another mince pie!!! We are holding Carols with Carole in the Black Swan this year on the 17th from 7.30 .. And I would like to mention the crib service at Shap on Christmas Eve at 5.30 .. This is an impromptu event when any children who turn up can take part... lasts about an hour... then home to hang up the stockings!! So much to look forward to .. Let us pray for a meaningful Christmas and a Happy an peaceful new year
All the best

Carole



We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and New Year.
Many thanks to everyone who assists in the production, administration and distribution of The Link.

Susan, John, Meryl and David

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

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District Council News

As usual there have been numerous council meetings and training days which I have attended.

I have felt very strongly about two issues. The first was at the Community and Economy meeting when, after a failed lottery bid, money was requested to reinstate the paddling pool at Castle Park, Penrith. The amount requested was £95,000. However, due to the financial pressures, another option was accepted which cost £20,000 which would see the removal of the paddling pool and tidying up of the area. This is extremely lamentable for the people of Penrith especially in the light of a proposal by Keith Morgan (Appleby) to suggest that a group should take on the task of fundraising themselves for this facility. Steve Huddart (Eden Technical Services Director) did not feel that this would happen and the committee, with the exception of Keith Morgan and myself, voted for its removal. I feel that there are some lessons to be learnt from this in that communities such as Orton and Tebay are expected to form their own community groups and do their own fundraising, whereas in Penrith, there is the expectation that as the major town in Eden, the money will come to them without any effort. I feel that this is very unfair to communities such as ours as all the resources tend to be focussed on Penrith. Maybe it is good news for the small outdoor swimming pools in our area such as Shap and Askham who would welcome Penrith people coming to use their community run facilities during the summer.

The other surprise I had was at the District Council meeting on

25 October when Steve Huddart outlined the move to ban dogs, not on a lead, from roads, grass verges and footpaths. There will be community wardens employed to enforce these laws. I would endorse this in the town and villages but we are looking at something a little further here in that farm dogs and hunting dogs would also come under this legislation. A proposal by my colleague Mike Eyles that the wording should be changed to 'under control' was dismissed and the council, with the exception myself and four other councillors voted for this legislation to go ahead. The reason for this legislation is mainly safety but it is rather alarming that the needs of people in the country is of so little importance to members of the council.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like me to follow up on your behalf and I will do my best for you. My email address is margaret.wilcox@eden.gov.uk or my phone number is 01931 715320.

Notes from The Herald, December 1907.

A fine, cold start to the month, then mostly cold and wet. R.D.C. Sunbiggin wants it’s road to Raisbeck repaired - rejected. R.D.C. Wants the Appleby-Orton-Kendal road adopted as a County Council road. Mr. Beck of Newbiggin-on-Lune needs to cement his drain to avoid typhoid. Moss Farm, Ravenstonedale, needs better drains but its owner Mr. Fothergill, is dragging his heels. Centenary of Primitive Methodism Tebay is doing three lectures and concerts this month to celebrate it.

A Special Meeting of Tebay Co-op to discuss Mr. F.W. Ball’s

proposed change of rules, broke up in uproar. Proposals sent to a revising committee. The local workhouse paid one shilling a week extra to each adult / sixpence per child on its books for Christmas and New year. (So did Shap and Penrith workhouses).

A very good Band of Hope Concert was held in Ravenstonedale’s Public Room on the 11th. William Potter won Ravenstonedale Reading Room’s Christmas Billiards handicap and the Band of Hope Juniors held a concert on the 18th.

Christmas Orton United Choir (40 from C of E, Wesleyans and Prim. Methodists) sang carols round Orton.

Winter eatage wanted for 5, 6 or 12 Fell Ponies till April, by Edward Beck, Longdale, Tebay. Married at Newbiggin Prim. Methodist Chapel - Thomas, eldest son of John Dargue to Mary, daughter of James Metcalfe, Scar Syke - both families are well respected locally.

A t R a v e n s t o n e d a l e Congregational Church, Jos. P. 3rd son of Jos. Dixon, Crooksbeck, to Margaret, eldest daughter of James Winder, Greenside (she is a church worker and choir member).

At St. Matthew’s Burnley, Harry, youngest son of James Brown, Burnley, to Elizabeth Alice, 2nd daughter of William Askew, Tebay.

Died at The Flatts, Gaisgill on the 23rd, Anthony Brunskill aged 86. Market prices at Penrith on 23rd included Turkeys, live, 9d-11d lb and Geese, live, 6d-7d lb.

Joke: She: Here’s your Christmas present to me!

He: How much did I pay for it?

Christmas wishes and thanks to Jeremy Godwin

SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR DECEMBER 2007			
Sunday 2 December		First Sunday of Advent	Liturgical colour: purple
RAVENSTONEDALE No service at 8.30am		6.30pm Joint Holy Communion CW	Lessons: Isaiah 2.1-5 and Matthew 24.36-44 Reader: Tom Oldham
Sunday 9 December		Second Sunday of Advent	Liturgical colour: purple
ORTON		8.30am Holy Communion	Lessons: Isaiah 11.1-10 and Matthew 3.1-12 Reader and Sidesman: John Falshaw
TEBAY		11.00am Holy Communion	Lessons: As Orton
RAVENSTONEDALE		9.15am Holy Communion	Lessons: As Orton Reader: Hilary Law
Sunday 16 December		Third Sunday of Advent	Liturgical colour: purple
ORTON		11.00am Family Service	Lessons: James 5.7-10 and Matthew 11.2-11 Readers and Sidesmen: Sandra and Young People
TEBAY		11.00am Holy Communion	Lessons: Isaiah 35 and Matthew 11.2-11
RAVENSTONEDALE		3.15pm Evening Prayer	Lessons: As Orton Readers: Tosca and John Bull
Sunday 23 December		Fourth Sunday of Advent	Liturgical colour: purple
ORTON		Service at the Methodist Church, Orton	
TEBAY		3.00pm Christingle and carols	
no 11.00am service			
RAVENSTONEDALE		6.30pm Holy Communion CW	Lessons: as Orton Reader: Joan Best
Monday 24 December		Christmas Eve	Liturgical colour: purple
TEBAY		11.30pm Joint Holy Communion for Christmas Eve	Lessons: Isaiah 52.7-10 and John 1. 1-14
Tuesday 25 December		Christmas Day	Liturgical colour: gold or white
ORTON		9.30am Christmas Holy Communion Reader: Mary Jenkin	Lessons: Isaiah 9.2-7 and Luke 2.1-14 [15-20] Sidesman: Jeff Mawson
TEBAY		11.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion	Reader: Richard Best
RAVENSTONEDALE		11.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion	
Sunday 30 December		First Sunday of Christmas	Liturgical colour: white
RAVENSTONEDALE		10.30am Joint Holy Communion for fifth Sunday of the month	Lessons: Isaiah 63.7-9 and Matthew 2.13-end Reader: Caroline Morris

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR DECEMBER 2007

Methodist Chapel	Time	2 December Advent 1	9 December Advent 2	16 December Advent 3	23 December Advent 4	30 December
ORTON	10.30	LA	LA	W Capstick	P Dew carols F	SS at Tebay
	6.30	C Staley	P Dew Mkt Hall	SS at N on Lune	LA	*
TEBAY	10.30	P Dew	C Staley	W Riley	LA carols F	P Dew SS
	6.30	*	SS at Orton	SS at N on Lune	*	*
R'DALE	2.00	A Collinson	D Marston	LA carols	At N on Lune	10.30am SS at Tebay
	6.30	US at PC	SS at Orton	SS at N on Lune	P Dew	
NEWBIGGIN	10.30	*	*	*	*	SS at Tebay
	2.00	P Dunstan	W Ousby	At R'Dale	LA carols	*
	6.30	US at R'Dale PC	SS at Orton	P Dew carols by candlelight	*	*

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TEBAY	11.00am Service	Lessons: Ephesians 3.1-12 and Matthew 2.1-12	
RAVENSTONEDALE	8.30am Holy Communion CW	Lessons: As Orton Reader: Jeanne Parsler	
Sunday 13 January	Baptism of Christ	Liturgical colour: gold or white	
ORTON	8.30am Holy Communion	Lessons: Isaiah 42.1-9 and Matthew 3.13-end Reader and Sidesman: Colin Wren	
TEBAY	11.00am Holy Communion	Lesson: As Orton	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am Holy Communion	Lesson: AS Orton Reader: David Vigar	
Sunday 20 January	Third Sunday of Epiphany	Liturgical colour: white	
ORTON	11.00am Family Service	Lessons: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 Readers and Sidesmen: Sandra and Young People	
TEBAY	11.00am Morning Prayer	Lessons: As Orton	
RAVENSTONEDALE	3.15pm Evening Prayer	Lessons: As Orton Readers: Fenella and John Davis	
Sunday 27 January	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	Liturgical colour: white	
ORTON	3.00pm Holy Communion CW Reader: Ian Elliott	Lessons: Isaiah 9.1-4 and Matthew 4.12-23 Sidesman: Malcolm Coates	
TEBAY	11.00am Holy Communion CW	Lessons: as Orton	
RAVENSTONEDALE	6.30pm Holy Communion CW	Lessons: as Orton Reader: Janet Paxman	

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR JANUARY 2008						
Methodist Chapel	Time	6 January Epiphany	13 January	20 January	27 January	
ORTON	10.30	P Dew Cov	D Marston	D Birkbeck	D Askew	
	6.30	J Skinner	H Hutchinson	K Coward	Band A	
TEBAY	10.30	D Birkbeck	R Fellows	A Burton	P Dew Cov	
	6.30	*	P Dew	*	*	
R'DALE	2.00	P Dew Cov	J Law	K Hewitson	K Skinner	
	6.30	W Ousby	D Askew	C Staley	K Coward	
NEWBIGGIN	10.30	*	*	*	*	
	2.00	J Law	J Skinner	W Riley	P Dew	
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The View from Tebay

by Reg Capstick, Licenced Reader

"Lest we forget" is the small phrase which I always associate with this time of the year. My dad fought in the First World War and survived - otherwise I wouldn't be here - but he rarely talked about the experience. This, I now know, was the reaction of many men who endured the terrible conditions and dangers of that conflict. The fact that we still remember and honour the men whose names are preserved on our War Memorials so many years later is testimony to their enduring place in our history. This is perhaps more the case for the names from World War Two, a more recent memory. The fathers of two of my longest-standing friends - the late Barry Beck and the very much alive Raymond Smith - feature on the granite tablet in Tebay Church so when I read out the names of the fallen at our Remembrance Day service it has a strong personal meaning. It is good to see representatives of the Royal British Legion at that service although the Tebay Branch is no longer extant. Poppies are still sold in Tebay and thanks to sales at Tebay Services the amount raised continues to grow.

I was privileged last week to speak about the late Mary Wilson of Low Borrow Bridge at her funeral service. Mary had lived in Tebay since 1946 and anybody who knew her found her quiet dignity and friendly personality a breath of refreshing air in an increasingly noisy and often unfriendly world. St James's was full for the service and I know her family found great comfort in that show of support.

There was a big obituary article in last week's Cumberland News about another former Tebay resident, although he had not lived here for as long as Mary. John Gate, who came from farming stock in North Cumberland, was a great character as anyone who listened to his reminiscences of "the good old days" discovered. He attended church right up to a few weeks ago and supported St James's in many ways. Both he and Mary Wilson, who was also a great supporter of our church, have continued their

support posthumously, Mary by the collection of over £400 at the service and John from a share of his crematorium service's collection. In our current financial situation these gifts are doubly welcome.

Another difficult situation, which affects all five churches in our group, is the fact that Carole Marsden is due to retire next year. I know there are many people in Tebay, Orton and Ravenstonedale who share my dismay that she is leaving us so soon. Since taking over from Tony in circumstances which were far from ideal she has worked tirelessly on our behalf and will be sadly missed.

Last week there was yet another meeting of our five parishes with representatives of Appleby Deanery to try to formulate some plan for the future - and it was yet another meeting from which most of us came away feeling less than satisfied. No progress has been made about a "House for Duty" priest in our three parishes and when we discovered that the parish profiles had been cobbled together by someone at Carlisle - very badly cobbled, at that - it was hardly surprising that nobody applied. The nearest to a positive outcome from last week's meeting was an agreement that we should begin forming parish profiles as soon as possible so that when Carole does leave us we may not have to suffer a long interregnum without a full time priest in place. The meeting became rather heated at times and I felt for

Carole having to sit through it without being able to assuage people's doubts and dismay. I feel very strongly that unless we in the parishes take the initiative in this matter we will be at the mercy of the Diocesan hierarchy, who do not seem to share our sense of urgency in the matter.

Enough of this depressing topic - this is the last Link before Christmas so let me wish you all the happiest of times, whether you are at home for the festivities or somewhere warmer. It is Tebay's turn to have the Christmas Eve Eucharist this year so perhaps we will meet there to celebrate our Saviour's birth together as we look forward to whatever next year may bring to us all.

Christmas Day
Family Service



Tebay Methodist Church
10:30am
[Led by Rev Phil Dew]
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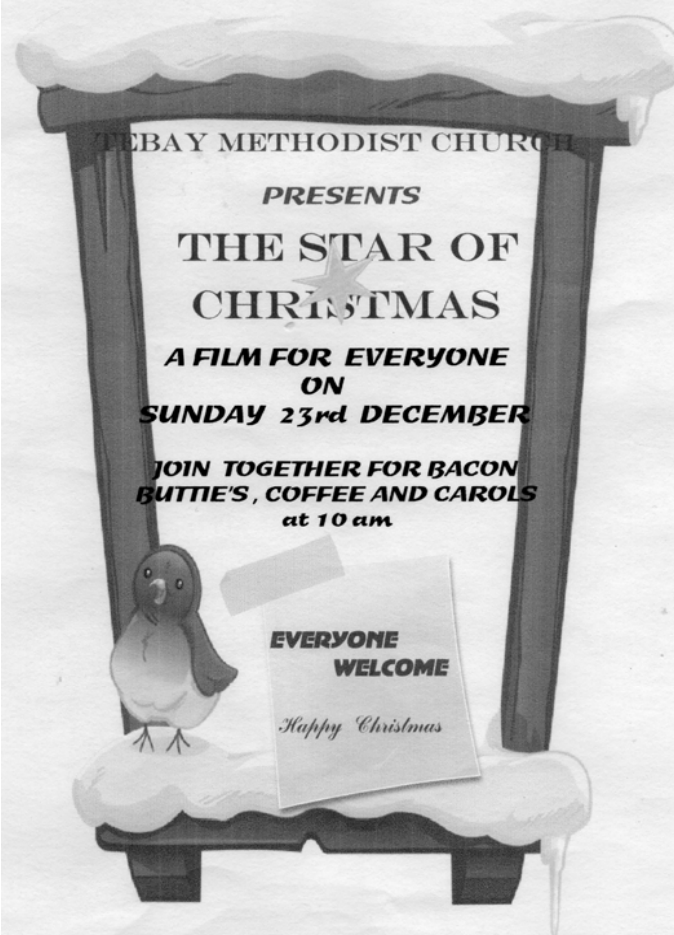
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Tebay

Christmas Eve



Sing Carols
at
Tebay Sports & Social Club
From 9pm
Led by Rev Phil Dew

SAINTS JAMES CHURCH

TEBAY

Christingle Service

3.00pm

Sunday

23rd December

Tebay Community Primary School

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Grasmere Trip

At the end of October, he KS2 class visited
Grasmere for a geography comparison trip.
Grasmere had lots more posh hotels than Tebay,
scrummy gingerbread and we found people from

ALL over the world went there because of
Wordsworth.

Netball

On the 7th of November some of the upper juniors
went to Penrith to a Netball Tournament and luckily
Tebay won the first game. The team had good fun!

SCORE

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Walk to School Month

All children were encouraged to walk to school for the
whole of October. There were hardly any cars outside
of school! The children had to spot animals from
different countries as they walked and some children
received prizes.

The Environment Club

School has a special club running on Wednesdays to
encourage us to recycle our rubbish in school.

**Reporters: Chloe Keir and
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Courses in Tebay from Sedbergh Community Development Centre

Yoga

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Booking

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Tebay Bonfire & Fireworks Display



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Phil Dew [Tebay Methodist Church]

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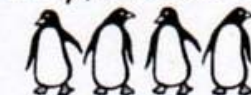
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Carols by Candlelight

Newbiggin-on-Lune
Methodist Church



6:30pm

Sunday, 16 December



* Led by Phil Dew *

Everyone welcome!

Orton

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Many thanks to everyone who donated towards this year's Poppy Appeal.

A total of £1,004 was collected in Orton – first time we have hit the jackpot of £1,000.

John Falshaw

FAMILY CAROL SERVICE



Orton Methodist Church
Sunday, 23 December 2007
10.30am

Led by Rev Phil Dew

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paign in Orton Market Hall.

Orton and Tebay Local History Society Report

In late October Society members met in Orton, chaired by Bernard Thornborrow, who welcomed Tony Dent of Warcop to speak on "How to go about Local History". Tony stressed that he had no formal history training, but aimed to inform and encourage members with how he approached researching and writing the history of his home village, Bolton. He would also give the main headings of his own methods in some detail. Beforehand he gave several historical examples of much earlier writings on the subject. Tony added that only in the last sixty years had local history won intellectual credibility and become a popular amateur leisure pursuit, with the founding by Leicester University of its English Local History Department, under the aegis of Prof. W. G. Hoskins.

Tony's own definition was "the study of any place and its peoples in the past". He then described his own methodology. First, define the subject and do work on that, maybe Orton or Tebay or both, setting limits on the historical periods. Gather facts, ask questions, as facts alone are history's raw material, needing interpretation. What were Orton's and Tebay's historic origins? How did they grow, peak and decline in populations, occupations and communications? Start from the present, seeking visible historic remains of their past appearance.

The history of Westmorland parishes was well recorded in censuses and in books, of which Tony listed seven including Nicholson and Burn, 1777. There were also numerous historic documents archived in record offices. In Kendal Tony listed eight he had consulted. In Carlisle, Manor Court Rolls and wills with inventories existed, over 400 of the latter for Orton being present, from 1661 to 1750. Personal reminiscences from older residents or relatives could be a valuable source.

Fieldwork was vital, so examine the area's geography, geology, buildings and remains. Hoskins wrote that "Landscape is the richest historical record we possess" and "Every local history should begin with a chapter entitled The Face Of The Parish". So we amateurs can make important discoveries, with only a general historical knowledge. Aim for accuracy, proof-reading all your written work and all printed drafts. Thus you can become competent amateurs.

A fuller report, of which this is a précis, is available from Francis and Wendy Higgins at 24780 (West End Cottage, Orton). Note the change of phone number.

Ravenstonedale

Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin-on-Lune WI

This Institute is about to close down, and members gathered for the last session. There were games and plenty of laughter, but it was a sad occasion. Mrs Clayton, the president, gave a brief survey of the Institute's history, recalling some of the well remembered and indeed honoured names of the women who worked hard to establish the group some seventy-nine years ago and to keep it flourishing. It began with fifty members from the two villages, but numbers rose rapidly, and even as late as 1998 it still had sixty active members. The decline came a little later, owing in part to the different life style of younger women today, when so many of them go out to work. A final blow was perhaps the sudden hike in the cost of subscriptions, imposed without discussion and much resented. Mrs Paxman rose to propose a vote of thanks to Mrs Clayton, which was passed with lively applause.

Members agreed that they did not wish to lose touch with each other, and look forward to spending the Institute's remaining funds on a Christmas party.

Lent Groups 2008

Wednesday 13th February

Tuesday 19th February

Tuesday 26th February

Tuesday 4th March

Tuesday 11th March

*At Coldbeck Cottage
commencing at 7.30 pm
All most welcome*

Winter Warmers'

at

**Ivy Cottage,
Ravenstonedale
on Saturday,
December 8th**



Soup & sandwiches

Midday till 2pm £5.00



*Mulled Wine
with Savouries*

7pm-9pm £6.00

In aid of St Oswald's Church

Digital Cuts Editing Workshops 2007

Ten places are now available on our popular Digital Cuts Editing Workshops, taking place from 12th – 16th December.

The course provides practical training and hands-on experience of digital editing techniques using industry standard software – Avid Xpress DV, Pro and Final Cut Pro.

Trainees will cover the technical and aesthetic practices of editing and dependant on experience, will edit together short film rushes produced by Shoreline which they can then compare to the 'director's cut'.

Led by professional editor Jonathan Ley, recent winner of the Jim Poole short film award, there will be a masterclass followed by a series of workshops, demonstrations and one-to-one practice.

Course fees for successful applicants are fully subsidised

Applicants must be aged over 18 and living in Cumbria

Deadline for applications: Friday 30th November

To request an application form or if you have any questions please contact Anna on 01229 839983 or email shorelinefilms@gmail.com

In your application please include your statement, which should be no more than 1 page and if possible a current C.V.

Ravenstonedale

Ravenstonedale Reunited...

Is there anyone in the Parish who can help?

We are looking into the TODDS of Ravenstonedale and have stalled in our research. So far, we have traced the families of John Todd born 1840, his father George born 1816 and his parents John and Isabella nee Adamthwaite of Crooks. They married in 1802, John being a Yeoman Farmer. We are trying to find this Yeoman's parents. Crooks farm may be the key. Perhaps John took on the farm whilst his parents were alive and still living there?

Any information or advice would be much appreciated.

Geoff & Barbara Todd, Ivy Cottage, Hincaster, Nr. Milnthorpe.

Cumbria. LA7 7ND
Tele. 015395 61189.

Get Fit

2008!



Don't be a couch potato – dig for victory! It's time you thought about taking on a useful leisure hobby and one you can eat. Grow flowers! Grow food? Get an allotment! If any of the ideas above strike a chord and you feel like using part of or half an allotment in Ravenstonedale, contact me to look at your potential new allotment. It maybe that "an allotment" seems too much to take on, so we are encouraging people to take part of one – you say how much or you can join together with a friend and do part of one together. Phone Frank on 23638 to arrange to see the allotment and to discuss what you can handle.



High Chapel – how are we doing?

As we close the Open House at the end of November (re opens in February 08) I thought we may look back to see how 2007 has progressed. Briefly –

We have open High Chapel for at least 43 weeks of the year and had the chapel used by approximately 450 people.

The building and grounds have been maintained and improved.

The rear of the chapel has been cleared and tidied; the tank is being painted and preserved. The chapel is being dehumidified and is likely to be heated more often.



We now have an electric organ (with amplification that can be used with a mic), an upright piano and a HiFi system.

We have sufficient working computers for people to use to practice on and learn how to use them. They are also being used for audio visual presentations, Oral History presentations, local history archiving (including scrap books), genealogy, and no doubt many other purposes. We can now scan with more people adding to the archive – we have 2 scanners and soon 2 more. We hope to do group scanning to build up the archive quickly. The digital recorder is currently being used to copy existing tapes of interviews into digital format.

Flower beds have been developed and more bulbs planted – each grave now has its own bulb planting. New grassed areas are doing well and one grave has been reseeded.

Jane Turvey and her family have kindly donated Joan's antique street lamp to High Chapel (Thanks so much!) and this will be matched to the iron lamp holder and placed over the gate.

Thanks to all who have supported the developing community centre as donors, customers, helpers, volunteers or well wishers – in whatever capacity, thanks!

And of course as it will soon be Christmas –



A very merry Christmas to one and all!

Ravenstonedale School

need a **Volunteer Gardener**

Help wanted to tidy up our garden and rid us of weeds.
we have a wild patch, a small front bed and assorted weeds
in various places.

If you could spare an hour or longer a few times a
year

to make us look smart and tidy it would be much
appreciated.

Please contact Alison on 015396 23463



Orton

All Saints Church, Orton.

Pies, Peas, Puddings & Poetry Evening.

Shrove Tuesday, 5th February.
7 pm in the Market Hall.

Some of you will recall that we had a "full house" last year for this event and we hope that you enjoyed the evening. We were in the embarrassing position of having more people with poems than we had time, so consequently we were "beaten by the clock". We promise that we have learned by our mistakes and we will be stricter on time this year. Also we intend that anyone who came with poems last year but did not have an opportunity to read should be first on the list this year. If you were not at last year's event and might be interested, please ask any PCC member or anyone else who may have been there and hopefully you will instantly become potential customers and maybe even poetry readers. There are no exams to pass, just a willingness to read poems of your choice which can be thought provoking or light hearted. Please remember there is no pressure to read, you can just come and enjoy the meal and poems. If you would willing to read please contact Chris Bland, Tel. 24258

Tickets: £6 available from PCC members.

TEBAY W.I.

Don't forget to come along to the Kitchen in the Market Hall, for your bacon and sausage butties, homemade cakes and scones, and hot drinks, each Farmers Market.

As usual we'll be there for the December Market, when we hope to be rushed off our feet during the busy Christmas Market. Don't go hungry, come and warm yourselves with our delicious food.

You'll always receive good food and a smile from Tebay W.I.

Organised as a fundraiser by Friends of Orton School

Ladies' Night

Cheer up the winter months with an evening of ideas, pampering and gifts:

- Demonstrations and ideas
- Cosmetics and jewellery
- Crafts and cards

Book Swap and much more ...

Orton Market Hall

Friday, 1 February 2008, from 8.00pm to 10.00pm
Tickets £5 (including a glass of wine) are available
from Sally on 24907 or Paula on 24225.

ORTON C.E. SCHOOL.

Retained firefighter Chris Ousby, from Kirkby Stephen fire station came into school to talk to the Foundation Class during the week's topic of keeping safe. Whilst he was here he also took part in the whole school assembly reminding us about being safe on bonfire night.



Orton

Frogs, fungi and fantastic food at Orton

There was something for everyone at the November Orton Farmers' Market last Saturday with a children's hunt the frogs competition, news stallholders and a cookery demonstration by local chef, Diana Brown using a range of produce from the market.

Frogs

Shelley Riddell of Bessy Beck Trout organised the children's frog hunt and about 28 youngsters took part, finding tropical frog models among the produce on the Market.

"We wanted to bring a bit of fun into the day for some of our younger visitors and everyone seemed to really enjoy it," she said. "The hunt also had the practical purpose of showing people the wide variety of stalls, both inside the Market Hall and outside."

Fungi

Saturday was the first visit to Orton for mushroom farmer, Chris Thornborrow of Oakwood Country Growers. His bags of fresh organic mushrooms sold well during the day and a selection of them was used in the cookery demonstration too.

"I have a stall on a couple of Farmers' Markets further south," said Chris, who farms near Forton in North Lancashire. "The customers at Orton seem to have been interested in the mushrooms, I had a good day for sales and I hope to be back for future markets here."

Fantastic food

The November Market was a first visit to Orton for Diana Brown too and she gathered a crowd for her demonstration of making savoury hazelnut roulade and venison burgers.

"I'd made the roulade in advance," explained Diana, "but then used smoked trout pate from Bessy Beck Trout and soft Lancashire cheese from Leagram Organic for the fillings along with some salad leaves from my garden. The burgers were made with minced venison from Deer 'n Dexter and served with Broughton Village Bakery bread rolls, chutneys from Pickled Pink and Outreamer and a selection of fresh vegetables from Bluebell Organics and Pimlotts. There was a lovely range of fresh produce from which to choose. I just loved sharing the passion of the producers and being able to work with such committed people."

The next Orton Farmers' Market opens at 9.30am on Saturday 8 December and will have a special Christmas theme and atmosphere. Seasonal refreshments will be available throughout the day in the Market Hall, at All Saints Church and also at the two local cafés and The George Hotel.



James and Alisha Lewis and their friend, Jessie Holmes, search for frogs on Caron Baines's Holl-berrie stall. (Mum, Alison Holmes at the back)

It was the first Orton Farmers' Market for mushroom man, Chris Thornborrow from Oakwood Country Growers.



All Saints Church, Orton.

Bring your friends and join us in Church from 9.30am for **refreshments** and of course, bargains from our well-stocked **book and bric-a-brac stalls**.

At the November market we raised £508 for our Church Funds.

We would like to say a big **Thank you** to all those who have baked scones, donated books and bric-a-brac and all those who have helped to man these events.

Happy Christmas to you all. We look forward to your continued support in 2008.

ORTON SCARECROW COMPETITION. 2008

Several people have asked what the theme is to be next year. We have decided to take

"A Trip Round the World"

You can choose to represent any country from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe

More details will follow next year but this will give you chance to start thinking. Remember they must be made not toys or dolls.

Heather Ballantyne

Curry Ab

Don't miss the

'CURRY EVENING'

in aid of various schools and orphan-ages in S India.

ORTON MARKET HALL
29TH February 2008 7.30pm

More details in February 'Link'

Olive Bland.

Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events 2007/2008

Sunday December 2nd

Advent Service
St Oswald's Church
and the start of the visit of the Posada

Saturday, December 8th
'Winter Warmers'
at Ivy Cottage,
Ravenstonedale

Monday, December 17th
'Carols with Carole'
Carol singing at
The Black Swan Hotel
at 7.30pm with Carole Marsden our vicar.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

2008

February 5th 2008
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Lunch
at Garshill

February 15th
'People & Places'
Slide Show
at *Newbiggin-on-Lune*
Public Hall

Feb 21st /22nd /23rd
Lune Spring Players
'Murder in Mind'
Newbiggin-on-Lune
Public Hall

June 21st /22nd
Garden Trail in
Ravenstonedale
& Newbiggin-on-Lune

The Scrap Books...



A group at a presentation at Newbiggin-on-Lune to Jean Willan, the village postmistress for 40 years. Jean is in the front row holding a bouquet; with her daughter, Mrs. Ann Walsh, on her right, and her grand-daughter, Donna Walsh on her left. Also in the front row is Mrs. Wendy Hunter who made a presentation. On the back row are Doreen Chappelhow, Angela Law, Madge Bousfield and Mr. H. McAdams from the Carlisle Post Office.

40 Years at Post office

A group presentation at Newbiggin on Lune to Jean Willan, the village postmistress for 40 years. Jean is in the front row holding the bouquet: with her daughter, Mrs Ann Walsh, on her right, and her grand-daughter, Donna Walsh on her left. Also in the front row is Mrs Wendy Hunter who made the presentation. On the back row are Doreen Chappelhow, Angela Law, Madge Bousfield and Mr H. McAdams from Carlisle Post Office.

(These scrap books can be seen at High Chapel – anyone wishing to have their scrap books preserved in the archive should contact Frank on 23638. We will copy it and return it to you or keep it depending on your wishes) .

"Preserve the past and invest in the future"

Ravenstonedale Low Chapel

The chapel are holding their annual Christingle service on 10th December at 7.00pm. Gina Dennison from Windermere is coming again to lead the service. Children and adults are all welcome.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the service and a collection taken in aid of

sightsavers
INTERNATIONAL

NEW EMAIL Address for Frank Chalmers

frankrddale@yahoo.co.uk

Orton School News

Zozo hits the drums

Everyone went in and stood in a line, we were all very excited. There was a big line of drums in front of us. There was a man looking at us. Was he crazy or were we going to do something fun? We were about to play the djembe. Zozo the teacher was sat on a chair with the biggest drum in his knees. He got some people to sit in front of the drums. We started to play the drums, we played to the phrase of "everybody wants to play the drums, hey". Everyone loved Zozo coming in. It was really fun for every-one even the teachers got involved. We all felt happy and wished he could stay. Everybody wants him to come again soon.

Everybody wants to play the drums
HEY

Inspector finds a “caring school” in Orton

Orton CE School was inspected before half term (10/11 October) and the Ofsted inspector's report has just been made available to the staff and governors. In his report, the Ofsted inspector judged the school to be satisfactory overall with specific areas that he judged to be good. He highlighted the particular strengths of the school as its caring ethos and the Foundation Stage work with the youngest children.

In his comments on the overall effectiveness of Orton CE School, the inspector said, “This is a satisfactory school which is particularly successful at promoting pupils’ personal development and well being. The headteacher sets the tone for a caring school which is valued by the pupils and by their parents, who are rightly confident that the school looks after their children well.”

Orton CE School was found to offer a range of extracurricular activities such as visits, music and dance to bring learning to life and to introduce other cultures and traditions. The children told the inspector about some of their more recent visitors and the work that they had done together and he particularly noticed how the old and younger children work together: “Young pupils settle into school well and quickly take on board the spirit of tolerance and patience which runs through every aspect of the school’s work. Older pupils are very willing to give their time helping younger ones as friends, playground leaders and monitors.”

The school was also inspected by a Diocese of Carlisle inspector on 11 October. He found “the distinctiveness and effectiveness of Orton CE School as a Church of England school are good. It is a very happy, caring school with a

positive Christian ethos which underpins all school life. Pupils are making satisfactory progress across the curriculum. Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is very good.”

“There are obviously areas where we can improve,” said headteacher, Rosemary Spence, “and we need to make sure that we challenge every pupil to work to their best. However, so soon after the publication of the worrying UNICEF and University of Cambridge studies into stress and childhood, it is a great credit to everyone involved at Orton that our children say they enjoy coming to school, feel safe and secure here and find it a caring place.”



Albie's Exercise

We all got changed into our PE kit. There was a man in the hall. He started playing some music. . Was he getting us involved in an exercise camp or were we doing a dance class? Albie comes every year to teach everyone dance, we have a session with him and learn lots of different dance moves then the next day we performed it to the parents. Everyone Had a really good time and was very fit and worn-out by the end of it.

WE HOPE HE CAN COME AGAIN SOON

KENYA

We have been studying Kenya in geography this term. We watched a video about two children's lifestyle. We learnt all about the Kenyans Life and conditions they live in. We all felt very sorry for them when we learnt that the average Kenyan earns about one 100s a day which is about £1. But we'd like to see all the wild animals on safari and walk on the white sands like Mrs Ayre has done!

VISIT FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Mr Olivier and Miss Fayers came to visit us in Orton school. In class 3 we used the white-board and they showed us where their school was and where they lived .We used Google earth .

by Heather, Billie Jo and Kathryn.



Christmas at All Saints, Orton



Orton Christmas Farmers' Market

Saturday December 8th

Join us in Church from 9.30am
where we have:

Refreshments
(including mince pies)
Carol Singing
Activities for children
Christmas stalls
Bric-a-brac
Books
Personalized Baubles
Etc, etc.

Orton School

Special
Christmas Production
in Church

Follow the Star

Monday 17th December
2pm and 6pm

All welcome.

Orton Christingle

Everyone is welcome to our
Christingle and Carol Service
at All Saints' Church
On Friday December 21st at 7pm.

Children - - -

Don't forget to bring your Wise Men!
Judges: John and Margaret Falshaw



Refreshments afterwards . .
. . and Mince Pies!

Pram Service and Tree Trimming at All Saints' Church

Pre-school children and parents
are warmly invited to join
the nursery/infants from school
at 2pm on Thursday 13th December



Wise Man Competition

Make a model Wise Man ...

Use your imagination !!

Write your name and age on a separate piece of
card and bring it with your model to
the Christingle Service
at All Saints' Church
on Friday 21st December, 7pm.

Competition open to all school children in our
three parishes.

We hope to see even more wise men than last
year and hope they can stay in Church until the
end of Epiphany.

Orton Carol Singing

Join our happy group of Carol Singers
on **Christmas Eve.**

We will meet outside the Tea Rooms
at **6.30pm**

and make our way round the village.
Money raised will be for
The Children's Society and
National Children's Homes



Christmas Day Holy Eucharist 9.45am

(Bring a present to open in Church)