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Every one told me when I said I was moving to High Westmorland that the winters would be cold. So it made me laugh when I was snowed in on a course in Warwickshire in October and Brian told me that there was no snow up in the parishes.

However the thing that struck me as I looked out on the snowy landscape was how snow changes our prospective on things. I went out in the moonlight and the landscape was completely different under its white blanket. The trees were weighed down, outlined against the street lights and sparkling. It had become impossible to tell where the path ended and the lawns began. The narrow pathways were crunching under foot. It looked so different it was quite disorientating. Was this really the same place I had arrived at only hours before?

Many people believe that we are moving that the world looks very different today than it did before the collapse of Leaming brothers and changes for other big city firms. They believe we have moved into a different set of circumstances. We had come to believe that the world looked one way and suddenly, like the coming of the snow, it all looks very different now. It is hard to see clearly where we are and the way that in the past we just went without

thinking, have suddenly become less certain.

As we look towards Christmas and into 2009 we can not be sure of where they will take us. Our lives may be very lightly touched by the economic downturn or it may throw up big changes for us and for our families. We will not know until we get there.

Christians believe that when Jesus was born in a stinking stable in a little Galilean back water he did so for a reason. He could have chosen a great palace with all the very best in terms of worldly riches. Indeed the wise men went searching for him in just such a place. Instead he chose to be ordinary to show the people of earth that God was with them; "Emmanuel".

Jesus came to show us that the important thing is not money or what we have or how important we think we are. What is important is deeper than that; it is about being there for each other through every thing. Jesus promised his followers, "I will be with you even to the end of time".

I pray that your Christmas and 2009 may be good. That our sense of belonging to each other may be strengthened, our community enriched and that we will make room for the Christ child in our lives in the year ahead.

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Sunday 7 December		Second Sunday of Advent		Liturgical colour: <u>purple</u>	
ORTON	9.30am	Matins		Lessons: 2 Peter 3.8 –15a and Mark 1.1 –8	
		Readers: Mary Jenkin and Ronnie Elliot		Prayers: Angela Milburn	Sidesman: Jim Milburn
TEBAY	3.00pm	Songs of Praise			
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Matins		Lessons: as Orton	Readers: David and Caroline Morris
Sunday 14 December		Third Sunday of Advent		Liturgical colour: <u>purple</u>	
ORTON	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP	Lessons: 1 Thessalonians 5.16—24 and John 1.6—8,19—28	
				Reader and Sidesman: Colin Wren	
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion		Lessons: As Orton	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	(said) Holy Communion	BCP	Lessons: As Orton	Reader: Hilary Mirrey
Sunday 21 December		Fourth Sunday of Advent		Liturgical colour: <u>purple</u>	
ORTON	10.30am	Joint Family Carol Service at the Methodist Church, Orton			
TEBAY	3.00pm	Christingle service			
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Matins		Lessons: Romans 16.25—end and Luke 1.26—38	
				Reader: Tom Oldham	
Wednesday 24 December		Christmas Eve		Liturgical colour: <u>gold or white</u>	
ORTON	11.30pm	Joint Holy Communion with Ravenstonedale and Tebay			
				Lessons: Acts 13.16—26 and Luke 1.67—79	
		Reader: Jackie Huck		Sidesman: David Aspden	
Thursday 25 December		Christmas Day		Liturgical colour: <u>gold or white</u>	
ORTON	10.30am	short Family Service		Lessons: Hebrews 1.1—4[5—12] and John 1.1—14	
		Reader: Sandra Ward		Sidesman: Mary Jenkin	
TEBAY	10.30am	short Family Service		as Orton	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.30am	short Family Service		as Orton	Readers: Tosca and John Bull
Sunday 28 December		First Sunday of Christmas		Liturgical colour: <u>white</u>	
SHAP	10.30am	JOINT Holy Communion at Shap with Bampton, Orton, Ravenstonedale and Tebay			
		Lessons: Galations 4.4—7 and Luke 2.15—21		(one reader from each parish to be arranged)	

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR DECEMBER 2008

Methodist Chapel	Time	7 December	14 December	21 December	28 December	
ORTON	10.30	K Hewitson	D Askew	P Dew Carols	Tebay SS	
	6.30	P Dew SS M.Hall	N-on-Lune SS	W Riley	*	
TEBAY	10.30	J Skinner	P Caithness	LA Carols FS	P Dew SS	
	6.30	Orton M. Hall SS	N-on-Lune SS	*	*	
R'DALE	2.00	J Law	LA Carols FS	N-on-Lune Carols	10.30amTebay SS	
	6.30	Orton M. Hall SS	N-on-Lune SS	P Dew	*	
NEWBIGGIN	10.30	*	*	*	Tebay SS	
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Sunday 4 January		Epiphany		<u>Liturgical colour: gold or white</u>	
ORTON	9.30am	Matins		Lessons: Ephesians 3.1—12 and Matthew 2.1—12	
		Readers: David Aspden and John Burra		Prayers: Mary Jenkin Sidesman: Jeff Mawson	
TEBAY	3.00pm	Songs of Praise			
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Matins	Lessons: as Orton	Readers: Sally and Michael Metcalfe-Gibson	
Sunday 11 January		Baptism of Christ		<u>Liturgical colour: gold or white</u>	
ORTON	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP	Lessons: Acts 19.1—7 and Mark 1.4—11	
				Reader and Sidesman: John Falshaw	
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	CW	Lessons: As Orton	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Holy Communion	CW	Lessons: As Orton Reader: Jeanne Parsler	
Sunday 18 January		Second Sunday of Epiphany		<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> <u>Liturgical colour: white</u>	
ORTON	9.30am	Family Service		Lessons: Revelation 5.1—10 and John 1.43—end	
				Readers and Sidesmen: Sandra and Young People	
TEBAY	11.15am	Matins		Lessons: as Orton	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Matins		Lessons: as Orton Readers: Joan and Richard Best	
Sunday 25 January		Conversion of Paul		<u>Liturgical colour: white</u>	
ORTON	9.30am	Holy Communion		Lessons: Acts 9.1—22 and Matthew 19.27—end	
		Reader: Susan Basnett		Prayers: Chris Bland Sidesman: John Falshaw	
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion		Lessons: as Orton	
RAVENSTONEDALE	6.30pm	Evensong		Lessons: as Orton Readers: Janet and Dick Barlow	

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR JANUARY 2009

Methodist Chapel	Time	4 January	11 January	18 January	25 January	
ORTON	10.30	P Dew Cov	G Peterson	C Jenkin	K Skinner	
	6.30	C Capstick	J Law	Band A	B Staley	
TEBAY	10.30	W Riley	R Fellows	P Dew Cov	M Harris	
	6.30	*	P Dew	*	*	
R'DALE	2.00	P Dew Cov	J Skinner	J Bayliffe	P Dew	
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NEWBIGGIN	10.30	*	*	*	*	
	2.00	J Skinner	W Ousby	K Hewitson	P Caithness	
	6.30	LA	*	P Dew Cov	*	

A Thought from Tebay
Elizabeth Crossley

I always think that Christmas is one of the most exciting festivals of the Christian year. Our churches are decorated more at this time than at any other time. Our houses are also decorated more than any other season. Many people say that Christmas is a time for children - I think it can be a magical time for all ages and people of all age groups can enjoy it as much as children.

At Tebay we begin to get into the Christmas spirit with the Songs of Praise on Sunday 7 December at 3pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine (non alcoholic also available).

On Sunday 21 December at 3pm we hold our Christingle service which we will combine with some carols. We hope Tebay brownies will come again this year. Christingle is a festival which has come to us from Moravia, a part of the old Czechoslovakia, now in the present Czech republic (I think!). There, over 200 years ago, Christingle services were first held, no doubt the visual aids of the day, for the Christingle was symbolic of

the work of Jesus Christ. A Christingle ia an orange that has been decorated with many different symbols. The round orange itself is a symbol of the world. In the top a hole is cut and a candle pushed into it, just as Jesus brought light into the world. Goose feathers or cocktail sticks are stuck into the orange so that they point in all directions, for the Light of the World goes in all directions. Attached to the sticks are jellies, sweets, fruits or nuts, a reminder of the fruits of the earth or the good things that are ours through knowing Jesus. A red ribbon tied round the orange represented the blood of Jesus as he died.

In the Moravian church, the Christingles had to be earned. Children spent time before Christmas in raising money to help buy food for poor families. When they had done so, they received their Christingles, which they took to church for the Christingle Service, where they sang their favourite carols and listened to the old familiar stories.

Today we collect money at Christmas for the Church of England children's society by

filling Christingle collection candles during the month of Decembe and we bring these filled candles to the Christingle service.. The money raised goes towards the work with children facing life's harshest challenges.

We hope to see many of you at the service.

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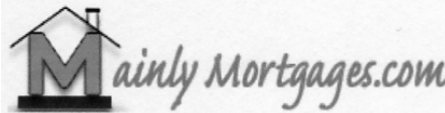
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Saturday 21st February

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ORTON & TEBAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Some dates for 2009.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be at Tebay Methodist Church on MONDAY 19th JANUARY at 7.30pm. Barry Mckay, who is an antiquarian bookseller in Appleby, will give us a talk on Printing and the Book Trade in Cumbria in the C18 and early C19.

Our February meeting will be in Orton Market Hall at 7.30pm. On Monday 24th February David Hick, who is one of our members, will tell us about Lime Kilns.

March is the time for the AGM and for you all (hopefully) to renew your membership. The meeting will be at Tebay Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Monday 24th March. There will also be a short talk.

Looking forward to, what we hope will be, a glorious summer, Steve Simpson is going to take us on a guided walk around the grounds of Shap Wells Hotel in mid June.

I will let you have the dates for the rest of the year as soon as I have arranged speakers. Watch this space in the Link or those of you who are not technically challenged can visit the website www.otlth.ukme.com Failing all else wait for a semaphore from me. The committee wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2009.

If you would like more information or have any suggestions contact me on 015396 24780 or visit the website. Wendy Higgins, programme secretary.

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SAT 13TH DEC

DARTS DOUBLES
SAT 20TH DEC

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SAT 27TH DEC

ALL 8.30 START
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Diary Dates 2009

Not Exhaustive, but a Few Events
to Note

5 April	Tebay Legion Bingo
10 May	Sports Day Bingo
27 June	Sports Day
12 July	Duck Race
5 September	Reg Cave Memorial Chip Out Dominoes
25 October	Poppy Appeal Bingo
6 December	Xmas Dinner Bingo
12 December	Over 60s' Xmas Dinner

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Newbiggin-On-Lune

Carols by Candlelight



Newbiggin-on-Lune Methodist Church

6:30pm

Sunday, 18 December

* Led by Rev Phil Dew *

Everyone welcome!

Newbiggin on Lune Methodist Chapel.

Come and join us for:-

- Sunday Services – weekly at 2.00 pm, until further notice.
- Sunday School – weekly at 10.30am
- Youth Club – fortnightly on Thursdays; 6.30pm – 8pm (year 5 upwards). Snooker, pool, table tennis, playstation, football & hockey (term time only).

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Contacts:

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Treasurer : Carl McLaughlin Tel: 015396 23674

Caretaker : George Boustead Tel: 015396 23608
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Carols at Newbiggin on Lune Methodist Chapel

Sunday 14th Dec, 6.30pm
"Carols by Candlelight"

Sunday 21st Dec
Carol Service 2 pm

Tuesday 23rd Dec
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Christmas at All



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Carol Singing

Children's table

Christmas stalls

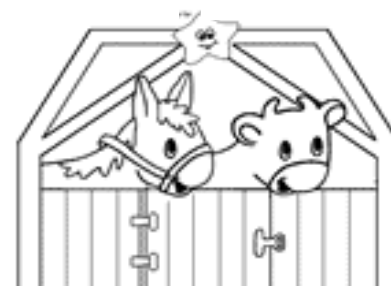
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Orton School

Special Christmas Production
in school

Stable Manners



Thursday 11th December

2pm and 6pm

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Orton School Carol Service

End of term Carol Service

in All Saints' Church

Friday 19th December

1.30pm.

Everybody welcome.

Pram Service and Tree Trimming in All Saints' Church

Pre-school children and parents
are warmly invited to join
the nursery/infants from school
on Monday 15th December, 2pm

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
in All Saints' Church
on Monday 22nd December, 7pm.
We hope to see more wise men than last
year and hope they can stay in Church until
the end of Epiphany.

Orton Christingle

Everyone is welcome to our Christingle and Carol Service
in All Saints' Church

On Monday 22nd December, 7pm.

Children - - -

Don't forget to bring your Wise Men!

Orton Carol Singing

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

Meet outside the Tea Rooms at **6.30pm**
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Start your Christmas by joining us at

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Orton



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Let's Do Lunch And.....

Let's Do Lunch And... at The George Hotel enjoyed a double bill of entertainment at their November meeting. Not only were they entertained with Belly Dancing - as advertised, but they received extra entertainment from The Polyjesters - A Canadian string quartet who have done international tours and by a stroke of luck just happened to be staying in the Hotel whilst on tour through the north of England. There are four members in the band, their style was swing, Jazz and Alternative Country all rolled into one. They were definitely very fun, bright and full of energy. "It was fantastic to sit and have our own little concert in the pub! A couple of them even joined in with the belly dancing after their own performance!" The next "Let's Do Lunch And..." is the Christmas Dinner on the 9th December where the planned entertain will come from the Primary School - we would like to invite anyone to come and join us for this Lunch, Christmas really is a time when we should be looking at coming together and supporting one another in the community, to book your place or find out about future dates (There will be January meeting -date TBC) please ring Valerie Jayne at Age Concern Eden 01768 863618.

Special Christmas Service

For all the family

Orton Market Hall

6:30pm

Sunday 9 December



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Orton Mothers' Union

No meeting in January.

Our February meeting will be

Tuesday 3rd, 2pm

at Angela's house.

Ravenstonedale

Pages from the Calendar

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The month of April.....trees



The month of August.....bird baths & sundials

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Carols in the Pub

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in the Black Swan, Ravenstonedale
at 8pm on Wednesday, ***December 10th ***

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Rev'd Carole M will be joining

us



Carol service

at St Oswald's Church,

Wednesday, 17th December at 7.30pm

Everybody welcome.

Refreshments afterwards

Forthcoming events at Christmas

Friday, December 5th

**Ravenstonedale
School
Christmas Carol
Service
at 2.30 p.m**

**'Carols in the Pub
Carol singing at
The Black Swan - 8.00pm**

Wednesday, December 17th

Carol service at St Oswald's
Ravenstonedale at 7.30pm
Refreshments afterwards

**Christmas Day Service
St Oswald's at 9.30am**

Saturday, December 6th

'Winter Warmers'

at West View,
Ravenstonedale

In aid of St Oswald's

Wednesday, December 10th



1st Kirkby Stephen Scout Group

Film
Peter Duncan, 2007 (55 mins)

Scouts on Everest

* mulled wine * mince pies * soft drinks * raffle *

7 for 7.30pm Saturday 6th December 2008

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Ravenstonedale

A Fairy Tale...

Once upon a time there was a sweet little squirrel, called Grey Tail. She was a kind squirrel and liked all sorts of food. All she wanted to do was to find a nice husband grey squirrel for her nest. She had arrived from Sedbergh last autumn having braved many dangers until she reached Ravenstonedale where she found a good tall tree and plenty of food to build her up for the winter.

She noticed that the other squirrels were not quite like her and had red fur, but being a kind squirrel she didn't mind and played with them up and down trees and they chased each other round and round the bird's food table.

She made friends with the red squirrels and got to know them very well, but she was keen to find a grey squirrel just like her, so they could settle down and raise a family.

She had been in Ravenstonedale for several months now and she could feel autumn coming. She knew she needed to build up her weight to see her through the windy cold winter months. So she went down to the bird food table to eat and eat.

When she got there, she saw that her favourite red squirrel had already arrived so she bounded up to her and offered to chase – just for fun! The red squirrel seemed slow and uncoordinated, with her face, nose and eyes all wet. Grey tail asked her if she was all right, but red squirrel did not say anything, she felt too poorly. Grey tail noticed that her fur was not groomed and had patches of sores – she was ill. Grey squirrel had brought an illness to her friends the red squirrels, but did not mean to.

As the illness spread to the other

red squirrels, grey squirrel found she had no friends to play with and she felt quite sad.

Was this the end of the red squirrels in Ravenstonedale? Did grey tail find a mate and create a population of grey squirrels in Ravenstonedale? Did anyone remember the pretty red squirrels that used to be here?

Perhaps not, humans have short memories.

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Freecycle – What is it? How to benefit from it!

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PenrithEdenFreecycle/>
and start recycling or finding stuff you want for free!
Give someone a Christmas present – Freecycle!

Ravenstonedale Methodist Chapel.

Carol Service Sunday 14th Dec 2 pm

Christingle Monday 15th Dec 7 pm

Ravenstonedale School,

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Good admin, organisational and ICT skills are essential
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Closing Date: 10th December 2008.

The Lune Ladies

The winter programme was off to a spellbinding start with Richard Taylor's demonstration of the Alexander technique on November 5th. His talk was light-hearted as well as informative and, moving gracefully as fencer, he gently manipulated his volunteers into relaxed flexibility before our eyes. The hour passed in a flash and gave everyone food for thought – and better habits.

Cancelled.

The proposed shopping trip to Newcastle on November 20th has been called off.

To Come.

January 7th

Tony Cremm talks about his job as a Paramedic.

February 4th

Emma and Rachel Hunter give a talk and demonstration of makeup and massage.

March 4th

Facts and phantoms of the Eden Valley – a talk by Susan Garrett

April 1st

A Curry Evening by Jessie Oddy of the charity CurryAid – booking essential.

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The above events will be held at 7.30 pm in NOL Public Hall.

For queries or bookings, please contact Carole Clayton (23226) or Ann Pentecost (23317)

Orton



Orton and Tebay Local History Society

Over sixty-five members of the History Society and visitors gathered at Orton Market Hall to enjoy a slide show and commentary given by Judy Dunford on the 10th November. She showed us a beautiful set of slides taken by Jeremy Cookson called "The Heritage of the Hills", which told the story of farming in the Howgills during the 1940s.

We saw how agriculture at this time was even harder work than today, with turning the cut hay by hand, using rakes, then being made into haycocks and spreading again after rain. Even when the early farm machinery came in the hay still had to be loaded and stacked by hand. Judy knew from first hand the difficulties of farming in such a remote and hilly environment.

Even though all these images were in black and white they were still extremely well taken and attractive to look at – hogs returning to the home pastures from their summer on the far fells, sheep clipping in June, families on the fields sharing the work, forking the hay to the top of piles on carts, the inevitable sheep dog without which any farmer would be much the poorer and many more attractive and interesting images.

By WW2 farm machinery was in use in the south but in the Howgills it was still the skill of the individual farmer that was needed. During the War farmers were required to produce extra food for the nation and much good pasture land was ploughed, by hand and horse, and planted – again by hand! All the family would help with sowing, and reaping the harvest. A skilful farmer would broadcast his seed by hand and get a good even cover. Many children missed time at school to help with potato picking – which had already been dug by the farmer with his spade. Roots crops, such as potatoes, turnips, swedes, mangles, and fodder beet were stored in mounds called "clamps". Bracken was cut from the high fells and transported back to the farm on a sledge – this was used to cover the 'clamps' to keep the crops in good condition for as long as possible; it was also used for bedding for the animals and people. When a sledge broke on the way home from the fells all the bracken had to be off loaded, repairs carried out and the sledge reloaded again before the men could carry on homewards.

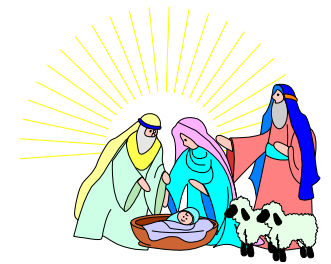
Using a hand-propelled harrow had its own dangers - hitting a stone could make the implement recoil and cause injury. A lad, an evacuee from Barrow, was shown helping with the sheep clipping – the photographer took a picture of him so that the boy could send it to his mother to show her he was 'OK and doing his bit!'

At that time shorthorn cattle were reared in this area as they were gave a good milk yield and their beef was of a fine quality. Lime was needed to neutralise the acid soil and this was collected and spread by hand as was all the muck spreading. Slag from the mining industry was also used to improve the soil and this was ground to a fine powder and spread on the fields – the men came home covered in a black dust!

Fallen wood would be collected for the fire for heating, or the range for cooking – there was no electricity of course so often paraffin lamps were used on the dark evenings. Housewives trimmed the feathers from the chickens which had been slaughtered for the pot to use for bedding. On wash day the laundry was cleaned by the use of a large copper pot on the stove, wash boards and bars of hard soap. It was almost a contest to see which household managed to get their washing on the outside clothes lines first – the white sheets could be seen right across the fells!

Many thanks to Judith for showing us this collection of pictures – a lovely glimpse into the recent past and how the farming community lived.

FAMILY CAROL SERVICE



Orton Methodist Church
Sunday, 21 December 2008

10.30am

Led by Rev Phil Dew

coffee and mince pies

Everyone Welcome

Offering for National Children's Homes

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24th December 8 - 4

25th and 26th December CLOSED

27th December 8 - 6

31st December 8 - 4

1st January CLOSED.

Please note the following dates for Last Posting during December:

UK

Thursday 18th December ... 2nd class

Saturday 20th December ... 1st class

INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL

Friday 5th December ... Asia, New Zealand and Australia

Wednesday 10th December ... Japan,

USA, Canada and Eastern Europe

Friday 12th December ... Western Europe.

Orton School News

Zozo

Football/Netball Friendly

Orton School had football and Netball matches against Shap

Football:

It was an intense match. The score was 3.2 to Orton. In the first half Shap had a lead of 2.1 but in the second half Orton made a big come-back. Shap's team are sponsored by the Greyhound, so it was a privilege winning them. We might not be so lucky next time.

Netball:

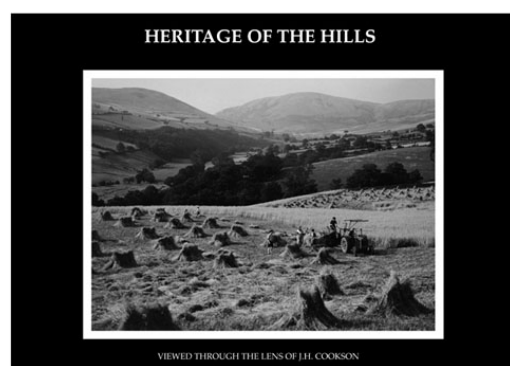
It was a little more embarrassing. The score was 17.3 to Shap. Shap were a more experienced team and play in little league games. We'll practise harder so we can win next time.



Zozo is from Africa and he came to school on the 23 October and did some African drumming with all the classes. Zozo's drum is called a djembe and he uses his hands for drumming as well as tapping the rhythm with his foot. He played a tune then let us play it after him. At end the of our drumming activity he tapped the drum for the rhythm and then the rest of us did head, shoulders knees and toes in African and it was fun. In school we have some djembe drums and everyone enjoys using them.



DO YOU NEED IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?



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ORTON LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 17th December 2008

Christmas Lunch
(with all the trimmings)

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(Transport can be provided on request)

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Tea Rooms (24886) by Friday 12th
December



Ravenstonedale School News



Ancient Greeks by Jack Roper Y3 and Ben Capstick Y4

We are learning about the Ancient Greeks. Some of the things are costumes, temples, patterns and numbers. The Ancient Greeks had monsters in those days. The Kings had very fancy pottery.

Romeo and Juliet.

As some of you may know Y5/6 went to see Romeo and Juliet. The ones that were younger than us did not go. Freja did not go because she was going on holiday. Connor did not because he was ill. When the coach came all different schools like Brough and Warcop were on the coach, they had been picked up before us. So we had to go where there was a space. We arrived at the Sands Centre in Carlisle. When we got there we all rushed in to get the best seats. So about 5 minutes later lights went off and everybody was quiet, so it started.

So the story was told of Romeo, a young peasant, and Juliet, the daughter of a wealthy man. Even though they loved each other they could not be together. Juliet had to marry a rich but ugly man. She didn't want to marry him. There was a big fight and two people got killed. Juliet was sad because Romeo had to be banished for he killed Juliet's cousin. Juliet drank a potion that would make her look like she was dead. When Romeo found out Juliet was dead he drank poison that would kill him. Juliet awoke to find Romeo dead and was so sad she drank the rest of the poison.

Romeo and Juliet is a sad story but we all enjoyed it. In the end the two families were friends so they lived together happily.

The journey home was okay but it was better when we came back to school because the smell of fresh bread drifted through the classroom. Class 1 had been baking (better still it was time to go home!!!)

By Megan Capstick and Jessica Cutts,
Year 5.



French Club

Every Thursday night after school at 3.30pm we do French Club. We do French Club with Heather Leach. The people that go to French Club are Carla Boustead, Leanne Huck & Bethany Capstick.

We learn a lot of French. I will tell you up to

ten in French UN, DEUX, TROIS, QUATRE, CINQ, SIX, SEPT, HUIT, NEUF, DIX.

We normally play French games from Heather's house & we sometimes play games from school. Every week we do different things, we play games with the toy playground & we say the toys in French. One time we went across to Ravenstonedale Playground just across the road and we named the toys in French.

By Carla Boustead Year 4



Shoe Boxes

School Council

After the summer holidays ended we chose some new people for the School Council. These are the people we nominated:

Chairperson Bronte/Stephen
Secretary Stephen/Bronte
Vice Secretary Megan/Jessica

Councillors: Carla, Leanne, Leah, Ben, Calum, Anoushka.

On our first meeting we choose who would be the chairperson and the secretary, we could not decide. So then we decided the oldest people have a turn each and we would swap over after half term. On our second meeting we talked about 'Big Sing' and made a tally chart of trip money. On our third week we decided that we would pass the suggestion more litter bins in the village to the County Council. We also talked about horse jumps in the playground we decided that we would get new toys that were for the boys and the girls and new horse jumps. School Council has helped the school to make money for the things we have done at Ravenstonedale Primary School. Everyone in School Council is enjoying having their own little meeting!

By Megan Capstick and Jessica Cutts, Y5

