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Thoughts from High Westmorland

By Rev Martin Dew

What does Easter mean to you?

The Bible tells us that the Lord Jesus died on the cross but in three days rose again. This is what Christians believe, indeed it is at the very heart of our belief and although this is worth celebrating 365 days of the year, Easter day is when Christians especially celebrate God's wonderful gift of the redemption of mankind.

However, there are many people who either don't believe in God, or as yet, have not fully realised the true significance of Easter for their own lives, so why do they still celebrate Easter? Why do they buy all those Easter eggs? Is it just an excuse for a spring holiday, a time to get together with friends and family, a time to eat and drink a little more?

As a Christian minister I am always looking for new ways of helping people realise that the Easter message has real meaning for all their lives, but one story often comes to mind.

Before I was ordained, I worked for a while at Capenwray Bible College in Carnforth. Whilst there, I heard this story told to a group of American and Canadian students by one of their tutors.

One Easter, a Mid Western clergyman brought in an old beat-up bird cage and sat it next to the pulpit. As he gave his sermon that Easter morning, he held up the cage and said, "You might be wondering why this is here, let me tell you about it".

He went on, "A few days ago I saw

a young boy walking down the alley way at the back of church and he was swinging this bird cage. Clinging to the bottom of the cage were four sparrows he had caught. So I stopped him and asked him what he had. 'Oh, I've got some birds'.

'What you gonna do with 'em?' asked the minister. 'Oh, mess around with them, tease 'em, something like that.' 'Well, what are you gonna do when you get tired of 'em'?' The boy though for a moment and then said, 'Well I got a couple of cats at home and they like birds. I think I'll just let them have 'em'.

The minister's heart went out to the little birds, so he made the lad an offer. "How much do you want for them?" Surprised, the boy, said. 'Mister, these birds ain't no good'. 'Doesn't matter' said the minister how much do you want for them?' "How about two bucks?" 'Sold' said the minister, and he gave the boy two dollars. When the boy left, the minister walked a good distance away and opened the cage and the birds flew free.

The empty bird cage is the perfect illustration of how Satan had the human race trapped and frightened. Jesus Christ not only paid for our freedom; He has also set us free.

Worth celebrating?
Have a very happy Easter.
Martin

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Eden District Council News

Life at Eden District Council has certainly been far from dull recently.

I am on the Planning Committee, together with eight other councillors. A request came in for permission to build a BMX track on some council land near to the North Lakes hotel. Staff at Eden District had put in a great deal of time and energy in order to secure lottery funding from Sport England which amounted to over £300,000. This would have paid not only for the track, which would have been free to use, but also for a coach for the children for three years and cycling initiatives in the local schools. I had visions of Eden producing another Shaneze Read (a young rider from Crewe who almost won a gold medal in Beijing). I was quite amazed when residents near to the track mounted a vociferous, rather misleading campaign spelling out their perceived negatives. This was supported by a councillor on the planning committee who actually owned property in the vicinity of the track. He did declare an interest but judged it not to be prejudicial. This individual has also issued me with threats.

I was so disappointed that the committee refused planning permission for the track. The lottery funding is dependant on the planning permission. I was grateful for the support of George Boustead who felt as passionately as I did about it. Now Eden District are desperately searching for another venue for this facility.

The councillors at Eden voted not to support the proposed national park extension plans. I must admit that I felt that if they had all taken the time and trouble to attend the various presentations, their views might have been different. On occasions, they were voting about areas that were of no concern to them.

The New Squares development in Penrith has been resurrected and it appears that Sainsburys are willing to take up the opportunity of building a new supermarket of the

agreed size of 55,000 square feet. They were wanting a larger supermarket, which was not possible, and planning permission has already been granted for one this size. I must admit that my vision for Penrith would not be another supermarket, I would rather favour facilities that would attract tourists but there seems to be little choice in the matter.

In the light of the financial crisis that Eden is under, the council agreed in principle last April to look into the possibility of sharing services with South Lakeland District council. This would have meant saving a great deal of money by not duplicating services and also sharing a Chief Executive. As a group, the Liberal Democrats, were totally in favour of this and preferred it to drastic cutting of services. Councillors voted by a narrow margin on an amendment which in effect stalled and halted this agreement. My admiration for Glenys Lumley has increased. As a member of the executive, she had the passion and courage to vote for the shared services, against her party, which was what she believed in.

Now three members of the executive have been sacked as a result of this dissent and the leader of the council is trying to fill the vacancies on the executive.

Interesting times? Margaret Wilcox.

Notes from The Herald, April 1910

Weather dull first week then fine and rather chilly. Easter (27th March) was fine. The first swallow seen on 7th and the first cuckoo on 15th.

Orton Joseph William Wood of Coatflatt Hall was found guilty of swindling various Appleby firms e.g. getting a bicycle; also a pub in Warcop. Given 4 months in prison. Wanted: Housekeeper for farmhouse, must be able to milk - J. Askrigg, Hall Farm.

Farm Sale at Low chapel on Wednesday 6th for Mr. George Wharton - implements and 20 hens only. Starts 1p.m.

Tebay Primitive Methodist Sunday

School Anniversary and Concert on Good Friday and public lecture on Saturday. On Easter morning the Church's branch of the Boys' Brigade attended then marched to Mount Pleasant where their C.O., Capt. Lowis gave each an orange. P.C. Wood arrested a man wanted in Gateshead for murder only to find he was a look-alike.

The Primitive Methodists' Prizegiving was on the evening of Saturday 9th in the Assembly Room - 140 books, then a concert. Church's Mens' Society Arts and Crafts Exhibition on Thursday in the Parochial Institute and was very good.

Ravenstonedale A lot attended church at Easter. The Congregational Church's Annual Party was on Good Friday, again a lot there. An egg and an orange presented to each in the Church Sunday School and at Fell End School. The Band of Hope's final winter meeting was on Wednesday, 30th March. Ravenstonedale's Vestry Meeting was on 29th March in the Public Room. It was agreed to have the Church clock repaired and the Church's interior coloured.

Edmund Matthew Pratt, a quiet lad, of Newbiggin till January this year, went to Sedbergh and was a carter there for Ken Edmonds, grocer. This month the horse plunged suddenly and the laden cart ran over him, fatally. He leaves a child. Farm sale - High Sprintgill, Fell End for Mrs. Thexton, Thursday 7th, lunch at 11.30.

Joke: Author - It's been a lucky day for me!

Wife - Has someone bought your book?

He - No, not that lucky - but I was shot at and missed!

True story: Youth - Sorry I'm late. I've been seeing to my mother.

Bishop - Quite right and I hope the dear old lady is well. Remember me kindly to her.

- later - Bishop - Who was that?
- Reply - The Duke of Connaught, my lord (A son of Queen Victoria.

Thanks to Jeremy Godwin for the Notes.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR APRIL 2010

Sunday 4 th April	Easter Sunday	Lessons	Liturgical colour	Gold
ORTON	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ian Elliott	Act 10, 34-43, 1 Corinthians 15, 19-26
Sidesman	Geoff Mawson	Prayers	Chris Bland	Readers MAspden & J Falshaw
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	M Dew, R Capstick	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Holy Communion	Chris Jenkin	As Above
				Readers Joan & Richard Best

Sunday 11 th April	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Lessons	Liturgical colour	
ORTON	8.30am	Holy Communion	Chris Jenkin	Acts 5, 27-32, Revelations 1, 4-8
Sidesman	Colin Wren			Readers Colin Wren
TEBAY	4.00pm	2@4	Beverley Lock	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	
				Readers Hilary Law & Tom Oldham

Sunday 18 th April	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Lessons	Liturgical colour	
ORTON	9.30am	Family Service	Beverley Lock	Acts 9, 1-6, Revelations 5, 11-14
Sidesman	Matt Coates	Prayers	Meryl Aspden	Readers Sandra Ward & David Aspden
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	Martin Dew	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Reg Capstick	As above
				Readers Michael & Sally M. Gibson

Sunday 25 th April	4 th Sunday of Easter	Lessons	Liturgical colour	
ORTON	10.30am	Confirmation	Bishop Alec	Acts 8: 36 -43, John 10 22-30.
Sidesman	Gerald Weston	& Rev B. Lock		Readers John Burra, Ronnie Elliott
TEBAY	11.15am	Holy Communion	R Capstick B Lock	Acts 9, 36-43, Revelations 7, 9-17
RAVENSTONEDALE	6.30pm	Evensong	Neil Hughes	As Tebay
				Readers David & Caroline Morris

Sunday 2 nd May	5th Easter Sunday	Lessons	Liturgical colour	Gold
				Acts 11, 1-18, Revelations 21, 1-6,
Joint Service at All Saints Church Tebay				
10.30am Ian Elliott & Reg Capstick				

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR APRIL 2010

Methodist Chapel		4th	11th	18th	25th	2nd
Tebay	10.30am 6.30pm	P Dew *	LA *	C Capstick *	M Harris *	P Dew HC 6.30 pm LP Svce at
Orton	10.30am 6.30pm	L Morton FS G Peterson	10 am A Dunstan LA	10 am P Dew HC A Burton	10 am J Edwards H C Capstick	10 am W Capstick 6.30 pm LP Svce at
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30am 2.00pm 6.30pm	* P Dew LA	* J Skinner *	* R Fellows P Dew HC	* C Wightman CA C Wightman CA	FS 6.30 pm LP Svce at Appleby CS
Ravenstonedale	2.00pm 6.30pm	D Askew Gideons H	P Dunstan C Capstick	P Dew G Ashworth	E Hodgkiss H At N on L CA	D Marston 6.30 pm LP Svce at Appleby CS

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The traditional Good Friday walk from St Michael's Church to Shap Abbey for a short service followed by a bring your own picnic lunch and returning via Keld Chapel where afternoon tea will be provided. All are welcome.

EASTER SATURDAY

In All Saints Church Orton there will be children's activities commencing at 2.30pm and including building the Easter Garden. This will be followed by a short 'Service of Light' at about 4.00pm. All are welcome.

EASTER SUNDAY

There will be Holy Communion services in each of the parishes commencing at:-

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6.30 a.m.

As usual the local churches between Shap, Tebay, Orton, Ravenstonedale and Appleby are sharing in a short open-air service to greet the risen Lord Jesus on Easter morning. Those who were at the 2009 Sonrise Service enjoyed a brilliant, cloudless morning! So set your alarm! Wrap up warm, and come out to Raise Howe on the east side of Orton Scar (just above the cattle grid on the way down to Appleby). And pass the word around to Christians from all churches.

Appleby Town Band will be there to accompany the hymns, and the service is being organised by the Revd. Phil Rigby who will also speak.

Rev. Christopher Jenkin

THE VIEW FROM Tebay

by Reg Capstick,
licensed Reader

It seems ages since my previous contribution and all kinds of things - both good and not so good - have happened in the interim. I will get to some good things in due course.

Not so good was the discovery of a leak in the heating pipes, which must have been on the go for some time and which meant taking up a lot of blocks and digging up a fair bit of floor between the church and the boiler room. The leak has been fixed now and one result is that the building is warmer than before. Being a very impractical person it always baffles me that one result of water soaking into the fabric is the dreaded dry rot. This, of course, has involved replacing the ruined wooden blocks after the gaping hole was filled in. The whole episode has meant, a lot of expense which we could have well done without but needs must

Better news came when we heard that our proposed setting-up of an exhibition area at the back of the church has been given the go-ahead. Those of us on the PCC are very much aware that we need to make more use of the building between Sundays and we hope to encourage visitors by providing displays which show people what the church has done in the past and what it can do in the future. It goes without saying that the history of the railway in Tebay will be an important part of what we do but other aspects of our past, such as the coming of the M6 with all it has brought, will also feature.

There will be some problems to sort out before we can create the desired atmosphere in the building but it is vital that we go ahead without too much delay. This will entail people other than our PCC members becoming involved in various

ways and we have already had several well-attended meetings which give us considerable optimism that help will be forthcoming.

Village life used to revolve around church, chapel and pub in days gone by. To judge by the struggles being experienced just round the corner from St James', where the Cross Keys is currently closed, it is vital that we do not risk losing the church.

Another good thing was the Songs of Praise service at the beginning of March, where we had a visiting organist. Mr Paul Allen from Bolton Abbey accompanied the singing and gave a short recital, which enabled those of us in attendance to appreciate that our church organ is in pretty good nick. Our Methodist friends joined us for this service and we all enjoyed the occasion.

Some of us will be joining the Methodists, as usual, for the Good Friday service. This is always a very spiritual occasion and shows how all Christians can share in worship at important times. On the day before this service. Maundy Thursday, I hope to be attending the Renewal of Vows service at the Cathedral- I often feel that we in Tebay are somewhat detached from what goes on in Carlisle so it is good to go up there when the opportunity arises.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see a notice about our annual exhibition, for which we are returning to a theme we tackled a few years ago. It was felt appropriate to do so again because there are quite a few new advertisers since last time. We will, of course, still welcome contributions from regular exhibitors such as the village school and our talented flower arrangers who always produce something special and I am assured that the cream teas will be as special as ever.

Last year I travelled all the way to Bangor in North Wales to

attend my first National Readers' Conference, which I enjoyed very much. This year's event is being held much closer to home - at Lancaster University - and I hope to go. At least it will not mean the amount of "hill walking" which getting around Bangor entailed.

Easter, which in my mind is the most important Festival in the Christian year, is not too far away now and as we look forward to seeing daffodils by then perhaps warmer weather will bring new life to our church and provide a stimulating environment for spiritual as well as natural growth.

PENNINE GROUP SPRING WALK.

Will be held on Saturday May 15th leaving from Tebay Club at 1.30pm, (meeting at the club from 1pm) there will be two organised walks of 2 miles and 5 miles. Afternoon tea will be available on return to the Club at £3.50 a head. No dogs please.

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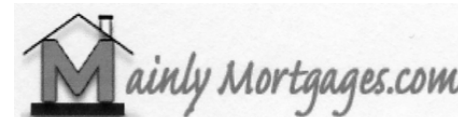
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Tebay Community Primary School News

History Club

On a Wednesday, a History Club has been started, to find out the History of Tebay. We are helping to make six banners, all about the History of the Tebay Railway and Village, with Reverend Beverley and Mary Jenkins co-ordinating.

History Club has been going on for three weeks now, during those three weeks we have interviewed Len Clark, a Westmorland Railway man and Bernard Thornbarrow, who ran his own painting and decorating business and at the heart of the community.

We have had many ideas, but the greatest might be to have a ticket office, in our exhibition, at St James Church. Len and Bernard have provided much helpful information.

There is still much to do!

Reporter: Megan Allen

Science Club

Science Club is every Thursday evening. A science specialist called Angela comes to school to work with groups of Junior children. At Science Club we have been doing lot's of amazing stuff like: Making paper rockets and testing the distance they travelled and making bridges out of Connex then testing how much weight they can hold! It has been a great experience ... we have all found it exciting.

Reported by: Ceiva Eady

Gymnastics success for Y5+6 girls!

Recently we have had a Gymnastics Club for the upper juniors every Friday after school. We have learned how to put a sequence together including round-offs and two cartwheels. The children at the Club entered a Gymnastics competition at KSGS and won! We have all enjoyed it and hope to do well in the next round.

Chinese New Year

This year is the year of the tiger for the Chinese. The Infants and Stepping Stones celebrated Chinese New Year with a dragon dance and delicious Chinese food. The children created an enormous dragon mask and ate with chop sticks. Cookies were made that were shared with everyone in the school. A lovely memorable occasion!

Dolphins...or children?

Two Y4 children enjoyed success at a Swimming Gala at Appleby.

Mad March? Events before the end of term...

Infants find out about the past!

On Wednesday 17th, Year 1 & 2 children will be visiting the Museum of Lakeland Life and Abbot Hall Art Gallery in Kendal as part of their work about life in Victorian times. They will study artefacts that include shoes, clothing, kitchens and toys.

The Juniors research the Victorians too!

At the same time, the Juniors will be visiting the Archives in the County Hall to research census materials and old plans. Later on this term, they will drawing Victorian buildings in Kendal and also going to Holker Hall to be servants!

The Whole School

If you come to Tebay on Friday 19th March, you may be surprised to find everyone being Victorian!

Brewery Dance Platform

On Wednesday 24th March the Y5+6 children will be performing on the stage. They have created a dance comparing Victorian and modern toys.

Tag Rugby

After enthusiastic training the children are looking forward to a Tag Rugby Festival on the last day of term!

Walk to School

On the last week of the term children are being encouraged to walk to school... "spring" will be peeping around the corners as children have to hunt for clues placed on the routes to school! Rewards may be chocolate!

New lease of life for the Library

We have been left a very generous sum of money, by the Reid family, to relocate our library. Sadly, Alex Reid, an ex Governor at Tebay School, tragically died last year. Westmorland Services also very generously helped us in the redesign.

The new library has taken up the space of the cloak room and all the coats and jackets have moved into the corridor. Being environmentally friendly, the old benches and hangers have simply moved home! Many people have been involved from the design stages to the construction.

There will be a brand new carpet fitted in on the floor, also the fridge has a special place because it's getting a bit cramped in the corridor! New shelves and seating areas are in place. There are new lights and there's going to be some mobiles hanging down from the ceiling above the carpet area. At the front of the library will be a wiggly wooden bench that books will go under and cushions will be on it for children to sit on.

The library will be brilliant for all ages of the school! Many thanks to all involved.

Reported by Ryan Law



Vision Statement

Governors, parents, staff and pupils had a sociable evening session reviewing the school Vision Statements: "Care and Respect for all." "With the right support and attitude anything is possible!" Remain the same. "We are now a Welcoming school learning together with the community".

Ski Club

There are many advantages to having a Headteacher who loves the snow...the Y5 are currently attending skiing lessons! At Ski Club Mr.Coleman teaches the pupils and Bernard Thornbarrow and Steve Dunkinson are the kind people who take them to the Kendal Dry Ski Slope. It is amazingly good fun...and we are all looking forward to going to Italy to ski on REAL snow!

Reported By Jack Law

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Lune Ladies

The March meeting was so well attended, and we had a most interesting demonstration on the art of glass engraving. This was given by Carola Franks, who being multi talented brought along samples of her silk painting and jewellery making for us to see.

Our last winter event in the Village Hall will be a talk by Martin Bell entitled Antarctica, this will be on Wednesday 7th April at 7.30pm.

Would our ladies like to put forward suggestions for spring/summer outings, these were very popular last year, and many places visited. The first one will be on May 5th so a decision will need to be made at the April meeting.

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The Carnival Band

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Some years ago I was in one of the most difficult situations imaginable and in a painful dilemma about what to do. I had bought the CD and one particular hymn not by Charles Wesley kept me going at that time. It was called “How firm a foundation” – the words in it are marvellous and it gave me strength to carry on and make life changing decisions. All the words are profound but the particular ones I found helpful were – “when through the deep waters he calls thee to go, the rivers of grief shall not thee overflow for he will be with thee, in trouble to bless and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress”

Well in February I was delighted to see that Andy Watts the founder and leader of the Carnival Band was leading a weekend at Ashton Methodist Church Worship and Community Centre in Preston. The weekend was open to singers and instrumentalists and the Saturday was to look at the background to Wesley’s hymn and then to rehearse some and lead the worship on the Sunday Morning. Andy is a great teacher and he brought the very best out of us. The songs planned for everyone to sing were “Love Divine” to a tune by Purcell, “O for a thousand tongues to sing”, “As pants the hart for cooling springs”, “Let earth and heaven agree” and I was so moved to see the anthem we would be singing was “How firm a foundation” then “Jesus is still the same thou art” and to round it all off “And can it be”. We had a great group of talented musicians and we all sang parts and what an experience it was. My heart was in my mouth when we came to sing “How firm a foundation” at the service and I prayed that it would be help to some there as it had been to me. So if you want some cheer on life’s journey the CDs are available on Amazon and you can see some on UTube. Happy listening!

Return to Kasese

Christopher and Mary Jenkin have returned from a moving and rewarding trip to Kasese, Western Uganda, and are grateful for all the support and prayers of local people.

"Even in the last few days before we left people turned up on our doorstep with envelopes of cash!" they exclaimed.

They were involved in several different activities during their two weeks in Africa, but the two particular projects were the Kasese Street Children, and the return visit to All Saints, Kasese, now the Link Church of All Saints, Orton.

Since their first visit in 2008, £12,000 has been sent to Uganda for the Street Children hostel project through the amazing generosity of family and friends, especially local people around Orton; and they took with them a further £880 given in recent weeks.

They were astonished to see that the building of the Hostel was progressing rapidly, with the walls at waist height by the time they came home. The roof is expected to be on by the end of April; but some £6,000 more will be needed to finish the interior.



Work in progress

The visit to All Saints Church involved Christopher preaching the same sermon three times, to three different language groups. (Poor Mary had to sit through all three!) Then presentations of gifts were made, lunch with the Church Council, and a meeting afterwards at which they saw the plans for the new church building, to replace the ramshackle wooden one - which has already been enlarged since 2008, to accommodate growing congregations!

As usual, highlights of the service were the singing accompanied by bongo drums and two electric guitars; and the singing with dancing by their Mothers' Union group. (When are our MU members going to sing and dance in church?) The MU Singing!

At the Family Service on Sunday 18th April, Christopher and Mary plan to speak in Orton Church about their visit, and it is hoped that in the months ahead there will be other "African" events where they will share their experiences.



Orton

Charlie Ratcliffe

Orton village recently lost one of its best known characters, with the death of Charlie Ratcliffe, aged 90. Charlie was born in Tebay in 1919, and went into farm work after leaving school. For many years he worked for Miss Hodgson of Cote flatt, then for Bill Bainbridge of Street Farm, Orton, before going to work as a Council roadman. Many will remember Charlie always busy with his brush around the village, a process which he continued even after retirement.

Charlie was always on the go, enjoying work, and helped at many of the local farms during hay-making. He was an excellent dry-stone waller, helped with grave digging, and enthusiastically cut and hoarded logs for the winter.

He married his wife Annie in 1940, and they were together 57 years until her death, living at Beech View, Orton. The small garden opposite was Charlie's pride, where he displayed his collection of model aeroplanes, and hub-caps. They had four children, three boys Bill, Gerald and Ian, and one daughter Christine who has lived in New Zealand for over 30 years.

His brother Edward served in the 2nd World War, and was killed aged 23. His sister Maud is still alive.

Shortly before his 90th birthday, Charlie became airborne, going for a number of helicopter rides with local resident David Caplowe. This added a new dimension to his experiences, and he enjoyed it greatly.

The family wanted to extend their sincere thanks to Marion and Arty Robinson, who gave so much care and assistance to Charlie, especially in his final months.

He was cremated in Carlisle Rev. Phil Dew reminiscing about Charlie's long life, with afternoon tea then being held in Orton Market Hall, where his relations and many friends, gathered to talk about the life and stories of a very memorable man, who will be truly missed. £375, was collected for the Great North Air Ambulance.



All Saints Church Orton

Notice of a change of service time.

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Orton Methodist Church – Services over the Easter Period

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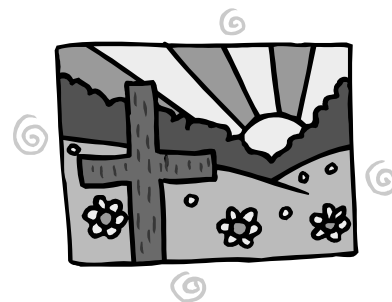
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work, (don't be shy!!) please let us know.

Also a display of wedding photographs (past & present) at St Oswald's or St Aidan's.

If anyone who has been married in either of those Churches or has relatives who were married there who are willing to loan photographs we would be most grateful. Contacts are:

Anne Brownrigg tel 23594 Margaret Wildman tel 23424 or Caroline Morris tel 23308

Kirkby Stephen Walking Programme

Kirkby Stephen and surrounding area now have a programme of guided walks.

This information can be found on the new Walkers are Welcome website www.walkeden.org.

Walks are open to anybody and are listed with distances

and graded from Easy to Strenuous - so there should be something for everybody. Weekly walking events are also listed on a board at the Tourist Information Centre in Kirkby Stephen.

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RAVENSTONEDALE

TENNIS CLUB

Calling all tennis players

BOON DAY

SATURDAY, April 10th

from 9.30 am

followed by the AGM.

Please bring a broom and

'Vim & Vigour'

ALL WELCOME!

Dates for your diary/ Forthcoming Events

Saturday June 12th

Shed Musical Special and Barbecue

At High Lane Farm

Concert with a variety of guests

including the Ayrton Brothers

Laura Boustead, Peter and Helen Stobart.

Look out for more details

SEPTEMBER 19TH ALL DAY BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 20TH CHILDRENS DISCO AND WINE AND SAVOURIES

ALSO A NOTICE FOR NEWBIGGIN-ON-LUNE PUBLIC HALL AGM TUESDAY 11TH MAY 7.30PM

The Westmorland Decorative and Fine Arts Society meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month from September to May at Appleby Market Hall at 11am. The March lecture, on 10th March, is **Love and Loss: "Souvenir" Jewels and Miniature Portraits** by Mrs Amanda Herries. Coffee and biscuits are served from 10.30am. If you would like to come along as a visitor or would like more information, please contact Belle Hepworth 01539 623407. Details of each lecture will appear in the link during the year.

14th April: **Beacons in a Northern Landscape: Recolouring Anglo Saxon Crosses** by Professor A John N W Prag

12th May: **Tiffany Glass and the Haworth Art Gallery** by Ms Jennifer Rennie

8th September: **Botticelli's Florence** by Dr Paula Nuttall

13th October: **The Turner Prize explained** by Frank Woodgate

10th November: **Birds, Beasts and Box: The Art of Topiary** by Dr Sophie Oosterwijk

8th December: **Henry VIII and the Story of Abraham Tapestries at Hampton Court** by Mrs Sue Jackson

Ravenstonedale

Having failed to secure a place in the London Marathon and wanting to fund raise for local charities, we decided to create an alternative challenge for ourselves and call it

'NOT THE LONDON MARATHON'

We will start at The Black Swan, Ravenstonedale at 9.30 am on London Marathon day, Sunday 25th April, the same time and date as The London Marathon, run a full marathon distance of 26.2 miles and finish in Kirkby Stephen at 3.30 pm.

Our route will take us into the 16 parishes covered by the newly launched Upper Eden First Responders. We want to raise awareness of the group and hopefully attract more people to volunteer and step forward to join the 15 fully trained volunteers they have at the moment.

Money we raise will be shared between Upper Eden First Responders, Kirkby Stephen Mountain Rescue and Air Ambulance. (Bearing in mind we are now both pensioners and might need the services of all three before we finish the run!)

The Westmorland Step and Garland Dancers, of which we are both members, have agreed to be in Kirkby Stephen to meet us and Kathy will Clog Dance with them whilst Ken plays his whistle with the band.

If we manage all the 26.2 miles we will be presented with the London Marathon medals we earned in '97 & '98 respectively so that the event would have a re-cycling element - recycled medals as well as recycled people!

The idea of publishing the route is so that anyone who wants to run or walk part of the route on the day or just cheer us along would be most welcome - perhaps even get their own sponsorship.

How could you help?

Being at The Cloisters in Kirkby Stephen at 3.30 on Sunday 25th April would be a great help. Cheering us through the villages and maybe throw us a Mars Bar or a bit of orange or something. Run a bit with us – we won't be running fast so you

shouldn't have trouble keeping up with us, or you could sponsor us. For further details or requests to 'run round' for your donation, please contact:

Ken & Kathy Trimmer
Cold Keld, Ravenstonedale
Tel 015396 23273
trimmers@coldkeld.com

Dog fouling in St Oswald's Churchyard!

It has been noted that a minority of irresponsible owners have been allowing their dogs to foul graves. This has caused considerable distress to the relatives of the deceased. PLEASE can we ensure that all dogs are kept on a lead and on the public footpath going through Ravenstonedale Churchyard.



*Come along and try out
'Janet's Jaunt' - May 1st*

-Bank Holiday W/e

Sponsored walk in aid of

St Oswald's Church- a 4mile jaunt

starting from Ravenstonedale

which can be extended to 6miles

if walkers wish. The walk can be

carried out at any time.

Sponsorship Forms and Maps are available from Janet Brownrigg tel 015396-23255

Orton

THE ORTON SCARECROW COMPETITION 2010

We hope you've been thinking about the Scarecrow competition, and have got lots of ideas. Remember this years theme is 'Films' in line with the Church Exhibition, which will be held on the weekend of 29th - 31st May.

Entry forms will be popping through letter boxes, or can be found soon in the village shop. As before, there will be THREE classes:-

1. The General Senior Scarecrow Competition
2. A Scarecrow Competition for children of Primary School age.
3. A 'Window Scarecrow' to be no larger than 14inches, which must be handmade. (Entries can be made in all classes, 1 & 2 and 3).

Judging as in previous years, will be 'by the people'. Maps will be made available with the Scarecrows numbered, and anyone looking at the Scarecrows will be able to vote for their favourites. (More details nearer the date).

Scarecrows will need to be displayed within the village perimeter, so those who have no front garden or who live outside the village can display their Scarecrows on one of the many grass verges. This will concentrate the Scarecrows for a better display, and make judging and the awarding of prizes fairer and easier.

Timetable:-

Entry forms to be returned by Thursday 20th May. PLEASE NOTE LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED as the judging maps will already have been printed. Completed forms can be left at the Shop, or handed to Jackie Huck, Dot Coates, Wendy Higgins or Marion Robinson.

Scarecrows to be displayed sometime on Friday 28th May.

Judging will take place over the weekend, and finish by 5pm on Monday 31st. Completed forms to be returned to The Church.

Prize winners will be announced, prizes given out and lists posted on Tuesday 1st June.

Those entering are asked to keep their Scarecrows in place, until Friday 4th. (Weather permitting).

A Reminder will be put in the May Link, and the committee hope that there will be an excellent turnout of Scarecrows.

SO COME ON, LETS HAVE LOTS OF ENTRIES, AND MAKE THE 2010 COMPETITION SOMETHING REALLY WORTH COMING TO SEE.

Best wishes Jackie Huck

ORTON FARMERS' MARKET

The next three of these popular marks will be:

April 10th
May 8th
June 12th

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

In March we raised £552 to help us to continue God' Work at All Saints.

highlights
rural touring scheme

On Common Ground comes to Orton

Renowned performers, Chris Wood and Hugh Lupton will be bringing an evening of stories, songs and music, **On Common Ground**, to Orton Market Hall at the end of April.

The performance is part of the Spring season from Highlights Rural Touring and should be a definite highlight for Orton.

"The village is surrounded by common land," said Sally Seed, the local volunteer promoter, "so it seemed appropriate to try to get this particular show to Orton. It is based around the story of John Clare at the time of the Enclosures Act and combines amazing storytelling from Hugh with traditional folk music and fiddle from Chris. They performed in Penrith a couple of years ago and it was standing room only so this should be an excellent night."

"It's rare to hear work as powerful as this. With beautifully sculpted prose and carefully honed music, they skilfully draw on the past to make sense of the present."

A big thank you to all who supported the **Ceilidh** in Orton on the 12th March, the Eden Ceilidh Band played some great music to set a wonderful atmosphere for everyone to have a very enjoyable evening.

The proceeds from the evening came to £260 and this will go to the flood relief fund in west Cumbria.

ORTON MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 6th April 2pm at Angela's house.

A warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us.

Orton School News

After School Clubs

have started in school this term. Forest Club Alexander reports "I like Forest Club because I get to make things like hammers and swords and make a fire to cook things on." James says, "I like Forest Club because the best thing is making shelters." Dean reports, "I go to Table Tennis club because it is good!" Robert says "Table Tennis is good because you can return the ball 1000 times!" Hayley goes to Science Club "I like it, it is great. We make bridges, kites and rockets!" Hayley says, "In Film Club we watch great movies and eat ice cream with chocolate sauce on, yummy!"

Maths with Tebay

Every Friday for four weeks we went to Tebay or Tebay came to us to do maths. The people who did maths from Orton were: Ethan, David, Nathaniel and Edward. Some Y6s from Tebay went too.
By Ethan and Nathaniel

•Cake Stall•

On Saturday at Orton's farmers market we sold lots and lots of cakes. Plus raffle tickets for the garden hamper. All in aid of friends of Orton school. There was all sorts of cakes, like coffee, chocolate, plain, creamy, bread and much more. They were fabulous! Thank you everyone.

Sponsored Walk

On the day Orton school had their sponsored walk it was perfect weather and all the people there were smiling, but by the end I really do think some of the children had sore feet, well I sure did! When everyone got to a gate or post we would stop and blow up a balloon so that the last people would not get lost. At the end of the walk everyone got a drink and some cake, it was great. By Ellie Coates.

PANTOMIME Earlier this year the whole school and Tebay School, went to see Dick Whittington in Orton Market Hall. We all enjoyed it very much it was funny as well. The actors are amazing, they play lots of parts. By Lizzie and Adam

Walking Bus.

This year, Orton C of E school have been doing something called the walking bus. We do it every Wednesday. It makes you fitter because you are helping yourself by not using a car. We have been walking from Orton post office to our school then at 3:30pm we walk from our school to Orton post office. Its fun because we get to walk with our friends and chat while we are walking. Except we can't chat when we are walking across the road because we have to CONCENTRATE! We get these reflective jackets so that if its foggy one day, people can see us! We start at 8:40am and we get to school at about 8:50am or 8:45am, it depends how long we take. Sometimes we walk along the back lane and the other times we go along the main road. By Bethany and Louise

Young Leaders

At the start of the year all Y6s started young leaders at Kirkby Stephen Grammar school. A teacher called Mrs McWhirter was teaching us. She is a good teacher and we learnt a lot from her. Now we teach a small group of younger children in our school. By Lizzie and Adam

KEY STEPS GYMNASTICS

On Thursday 4th March groups from each year went to Kirkby Grammar School to do gymnastics. We competed with Tebay, Warcop and Ravenstonedale. It was such fun when we did the cartwheel and Eleanor was the best at it. By Lauren Mc, Eleanor and Lauren I

Ravenstonedale Endowed Primary School



Vindolanda

The Romans must have been cold, because, we were freezing, (sort of any way), at Vindolanda, Northumberland. On the way there, there was a very long road which evidently was a Roman road, because, if you want to know what a Roman road looks like, it looks like this; a very long, straight, road! There was an awesome fort that you could go in, (because it was a re-construction of a stone fort.) There was a wooden fort. There were 2 shed-like buildings that had buttons to press; one was a shop and the button to press just turned on a light. There was a house as well which had a women talking about the Roman life. Jack Boustead

New playground markings

The school decided that the old playground markings were getting very old and disappearing!!! So on Tuesday three people came in a yellow vehicle to put new markings on the playground. When it was playtime we could not go in the playground because of the marking so all three playtimes we went across the road to Scandal Beck to play on the park we had fun!!! When the markings were finished we went to play on the markings for five minutes. The things that are on the playground are a green hopscotch with yellow numbers, also a number grid which is orange with white numbers up to a hundred, plus a blue football pitch, with a white netball pitch and going into the quiet area there are red footprints. We all enjoy playing on the playground even the teachers!!! Leanne Huck

Gymnastics at KSGSSC

When we went to the Grammar school it was a bit cold in are shorts and tee shirts. Loads of people were excellent. I will tell you what year 3 had to do; first we had to do the floor exercise then year 3 had to do body management and last but not least the vault . Some people didn't get through. Me and Ryan got through in year 3 then in year 4, Leah and Ben. One day the people who were through went to the Grammar school. I was so exited when we were on the Bus! We got in the room and we waited for the teacher. Jordan Cutts

At the competition, there were 4 schools. Year 3 and 4 won by 0.3! Tebay won for the Year 5 and 6, and our Year 1 and 2 won by 3 points. The winning teams are going to Appleby. Ben Capstick

Aqua box.

Over the past few weeks we have been collecting bits and bobs to put in a big blue box and send to Haiti. The things we collected were put into different categories e.g. for the house, for the baby, for entertainment. We had a big list and it was photocopied then sent home so we knew what to collect. When we had brought the object into school we ticked it off the list and the ticks kept getting more and more. Once in assembly Mrs Tringham told us what the box was going to be used for after all the things in it had been emptied out and put to work. She said to look at the quite peculiar holes in the side and then she told us that it was going to be used to cart water back for the family to drink. Everybody in the school helped to collect things and our Aqua Box began to fill up with pots, pans, cutlery sets, plates, sewing needles, cloths, thread, nappies, baby clothes, tissues, loo roll, beakers, teddy bears, toys, blankets, tool sets, screwdrivers, hammers, buckets and lots more. Finally, Fred the photographer from the Herald came in one Monday and took a picture of us with the Aqua Box. Laura Stephenson and Megan Capstick held the Aqua Box in the photo and everybody else held the contents of the box. Our photo was in the Herald a few weeks ago and it looked great! By Megan Capstick.

World Maths Day

Every year we compete in World Maths Day on the computer in a competition against children from all over the world to see who is fastest at doing sums. Kodi Elliott