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Thoughts from High Westmorland

By Rev Beverley Lock

Words.

I love words.

The sound of them; spoken out
loud; can be so vivid.

A well crafted phrase or piece of
imagery can bring something
beautiful to life.

A vague feeling, a lost echo from
the past becomes concrete again
when it is spoken out loud.

Words have this amazing power.

Words can bring back memories.

"Do you remember when ...?"

"Have you seen the rain out there?"

It reminds me of...

"The sun set lit up the fell like it did
the night my father died. It fills me
with a deep sense of peace."

"When I was a child..."

Words help us to share experiences,
emotions, events and to make them
come alive

They awaken the imagination and
fire the spirit.

In our culture we attribute special
spiritual significance to words.

In the Bible, at the beginning of St.
John's Gospel, the writer says
clearly that the Word was present
right at the dawn of creation. It is
like saying that meaning, essential
essence, existed before there were
people or creatures to hear and
respond to it and it calls that
essential essence – God.

This is very deep stuff.

I try to think of it like radio waves
like those from the sun.

They existed long before we had
special monitors to show they were
there. Once we had invented them
we could translate them into curved
lines on a graph; before that we had
no idea how complex it was; we did
not understand it. The waves flowed
around but we could not detect
them.

In this dark time of the year the
church teaches that the God of hope
and light is still present. Words help
us to tune onto His wavelength. We
hear him in the familiar Advent,
Christmas and Epiphany stories.

God come to be with us in our
struggles and joys. We call it
Incarnation, Emmanuel, strange
words groping to explain the things
of God in human language. We try
to pin him down, make him visible
in our words. In Carols and readings
we use time honoured words to
bring him into our present

For many people there is something
very special about coming to church
or chapel and hearing again those
familiar words that speak of some
thing beyond the ordinary, work a
day:

"In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God and the
Word was God. He was with God in
the beginning."

It just seems to echo with something
deep inside, to make discernable
that which is so hard to pin down.
That there is hope and light and that
there is a Word out there that cares
for us.

I hope we will see many of you over
the Christmas period joining in this
making present the re-presenting the
stories, hearing the words and
joining in the celebration of hope
and light at this time.

May I take this opportunity to wish
you all a very Happy Christmas and
a Peaceful New Year.

On behalf of us all may we thank
the editor for all the work they have
done producing this magazine in
2011. It has, as always, been very
much appreciated. Thank you. B

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through December, we also have our traditional Xmas Day Dinner which we
are still taking bookings for.

Then on New Year's Eve we have live music from another very good singer
by the name of Andy Ash, that will also include a finger buffet. Tickets are
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Christmas & New Year

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Christmas Eve will be 'curry night'. We are planning some entertainment and everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a selection of Kev's great curries at £8.95/person.

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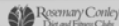
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Notes from the Herald, December, 1911

Mostly wet and raw but mild 2nd and 4th weeks. Rumbings of war to come in Europe.

Orton Conservative Club's Annual Festival on 24th November, concert and supper in the Temperance Hall then 80 couples went to dance in the Market Hall to music by Messrs Bland and Wharton. Orton Church Sunday School Prizegiving in church on 3rd.

Born at Casel Paola, Malta on 2nd December, to the wife of A.D. Church, a daughter. Mrs. Church is daughter of F. Hully, late of Orton.

Sudden death of the Vicar of Orton, Rev. T.H. Blackett, on Christmas night. He was the son of the late Thomas Blackett, farmer of Loups Fell Side and Vicar's Warden for years. Rev. Blackett was educated at Tebay School, Appleby Grammar School and Durham University. He was 36, spoke broad Westmorland and talked sheep prices. A stalwart of Tebay Cricket Club, the local Fanciers' Association and Orton and Tebay schools he was elected Vicar in 1903 by the freeholders of Orton with a stipend of £218. Married for five years to the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Parker, Borrowdale, Tebay he had one daughter and one son. The Inquest was on 27th in the Waverley Hotel; his wife, deeply upset just managed to give her evidence. They had been to his brother's for tea on 23rd and had had tinned salmon. On Saturday he began vomiting. The verdict was food poisoning.

Gaisgill Wesleyan Sunday School Treat was on Christmas Day. Wanted for Greenholme School a female certificated Head Teacher and for Longdale School an assistant uncertificated female teacher.

Tebay The RDC at Kirkby Stephen heard that a Tebay girl aged 17 had TB and was asked was there any room at the County's Sanatorium at Meathop. Answer – No, unless she go as a private patient, 25shillings a week. A letter from Mr. Thomas Wharton as to why his ponies were straying on the road – the County Council should fence it.

All 24 of Tebay Primitive Methodist Sunday School pupils passed their exams.

A lot attended Christmas in Tebay Church – each boy in the Boys Brigade received a new shilling coin from the Squire at Orton Hall.

Died at 7 South Terrace 27th November, William Wilson, 66. Ravenstonedale Rent audits of the new young squire, Mr. T.A. Metcalfe-Gibson and of the Carver Estates were both held on 24th November, the Metcalfe-Gibson's at the Kings Head Inn, the Carver's at the Black Swan Hotel. A good dinner at each! (At these, the tenant farmers paid their rents and were dined by the Estate).

Ravenstonedale Primrose League (Tory) Whist Drive and Dance on 3rd was in Coldbeck Concert Room. Another stray – Nancy Kirkbride, farmer, was fined 5shillings for her mare and foal straying on road at south end of Kirkby Stephen. The Endowed School's annual prizegiving was on 24th (end of term). By 30th December only Bowber Head of the Eden Grove Estate was unsold; Midtown was sold to Mr. T.A. Metcalfe-Gibson. The total realised over £36,000 (for present value, multiply by 80)

Christmas The Tebay and Orton Brass Bands played carols around their respective places and in the churches and chapels the choirs sang them. At Ravenstonedale Church the choir and the Wesleyan choir sang carols on 24th plus Church service on 25th.

**Many thanks and best wishes for Christmas and New Year to
Jeremy Godwin.**

PARISH REGISTERS

The christening of Lauren Nicole Brown daughter of Paul and Carla Brown took place on October 9th 2011 at St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale.

The funeral of Thomas Ramsey took place on Monday, November 14th 2011 at St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR DECEMBER 2011

<u>Sunday 4th December</u>	<u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
ORTON	9.30am	Holy Communion	Chris Jenkin	Isaiah 40, 1-11; 2 Peter 3, 8-15a
Sidesman	Mary Jenkin	Prayers	Ronnie Elliott	Readers Rob Willan, Jackie Huck
TEBAY	3.00pm	Songs of Praise	Reg Capstick	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Sandra Ward	
				Readers Dick & Janet Barlow

<u>Sunday 11th December</u>	<u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
ORTON	8.30am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	Isaiah 61, 1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5, 16-24
Sidesman	John Falshaw			Readers John Falshaw
TEBAY	4.00pm	Christingle Service		Ronnie and Ian Elliott + BL
RAVENSTONEDALE	10.00am	Holy Communion	B Lock	
				Readers Jane Parsler, Tim Reeves

<u>Sunday 18th December</u>	<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
ORTON	10.00am	Joint Service in Methodist Chapel		
ORTON	6.30pm	Carol Service	Chris Jenkin	
TEBAY	3.00pm	Village Carol Service	R Capstick B Lock	
RAVENSTONEDALE	9.15am	Holy Communion	Beverley Lock	2 Samuel 7, 1-11, 16; Romans 16, 25-27
				Readers Hilary Law, Tom Oldham

<u>Sunday 24th December</u>	<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Purple
		Readers Richard Best, Kathy Trimmer	Isaiah 9, 2-7; Titus 2, 11-14	
11.30pm Joint Benefice Holy Communion Service at Ravenstonedale Beverley Lock				

<u>Sunday 25th December</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Liturgical colour</u>	Gold
		Readers Meryl Aspden, Sandra Ward	Isaiah 52, 7-10; Hebrews 1, 1-4	
Sidesman	Chris Bland	Prayers	Brian Lock	
10.00am Joint Benefice Holy Communion Service at Orton Beverley Lock				

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR DECEMBER 2011

Methodist Chapel		4th	11th	18th	25th	1st
Tebay	10.30am 6.30 pm	K Coward At Orton M Hall SS	J Law At N on L SS	LA Carols *	P Dew SS *	P Dew SS *
Orton	10.30am 6.30pm	LA At Orton M Hall SS	W Riley At N on L SS	P Dew Carols Carols US at PC	At Tebay SS *	At Tebay SS
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30am 2.00pm 6.30pm	C Capstick * At Orton M Hall SS	T Longworth * P Dew Carols SS	Carols LA * LA	At Tebay SS * *	At Tebay SS * *
Ravenstonedale	2.00pm 6.30pm	T Dent At Orton M Hall SS	W Ousby At N on L SS	10.30 am To N on L Carols LA	10.30 am At Tebay SS *	10.30 am At Tebay SS *

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR JANUARY 2012

Sunday 1st January

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RAVENSTONEDALE 10.30am Morning Prayer Ian Elliottt

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Beverley Lock
Jeremiah 31, 7-14; Ephesians 1, 3-14
Readers Brian Lock, Gerald Weston

Lessons

Liturgical colour White

Sunday 8th January

ORTON 8.30am Holy Communion Chris Jenkin
Sidesman Jim Milburn

TEBAY 4.00pm 2@4 Ronnie and Ian Elliott + BL

RAVENSTONEDALE 10.00am Holy Communion Beverley Lock S Ward

Epiphany

Lessons

Liturgical colour White

Sunday 15th January

ORTON 10.45am Family Service Beverley Lock
Sidesman Mary Jenkin

TEBAY 11.15am Morning Prayer Reg Capstick

RAVENSTONEDALE 9.15am Morning Prayer Liz Dew

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Lessons

Liturgical colour White

Sunday 22nd November

ORTON 9.30am Morning Prayer Beverley Lock,
Sidesman Matt Coates

TEBAY 11.15am Holy Communion R Capstick, B Lock

RAVENSTONEDALE 6.00pm Evensong B Lock, S Ward

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Lessons

Liturgical colour White

Sunday 29th January

10.30am Joint Benefice Service at Saint James Tebay
Beverley Lock

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Lessons

Liturgical colour White

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR DECEMBER 2012						
Methodist Chapel		1st	8th	15th	22th	29th
Tebay	10.30am 6.30 pm	P Dew SS *	B Staley Connexion K Stephen	LA *	P Dew Cov *	D Askew *
Orton	10.30am 6.30pm	At Tebay SS	P Dew Cov Connexion K Stephen	G Hopper A Collinson	D Birkbeck K Coward	T Dent G Ashworth
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30am 2.00pm 6.30pm	At Tebay SS * *	K Coward * Connexion K Stephen	P Dew Cov * LA	G Hopper * *	D Birkbeck * *
Ravenstonedale	2.00pm 6.30pm	10.30 am At Tebay SS *	P Dew Cov Connexion K Stephen	P Dunstan D Marston	K Hopper W Capstick	P Dew LA

A thought from Tebay

by Elizabeth Crossley

I love Christmas, although I'm not too happy when shops begin to sell Christmas cards as early as August. However I have been slowly buying Christmas cards from my favourite charities since mid September.

Most people know that many of our old celebrations was mid winter, the time of the winter solstice, when the sun is at it's weakest and the nights are at their longest. This was one of four of the ancient Celts festivals. At their winter solstice holly, ivy sacred mistletoe and other greenery was brought indoors, just as we do today. The Romans who followed the Celts kept the peace with a three pronged rule of army, law and religion by simply adopting the most holy ancient sites, which were often hills, wells, springs or clearings in the woods. Churches and abbeys were later built on these holiest places, and wooden parts of these buildings are often decorated with intricate entwined carvings of ivy, vines and other plants.

In the counties of Northern Europe there was a mid winter festival called Yule. Where the name comes from we do not know. To the Norsemen it was Jol but it was kept in some of the Teutonic countries too. The central part of this 3 day festival was the burning of the Yule log. This is one Christmas adornment you cannot buy. Your Yule log must be either a gift, or you must find it on your land. (Now that many people do not have open fires, let alone a large fireplace in

which to burn the Yule log it is understandable why this custom is no longer held). Traditionally oak was used and this ritual was retained and transferred to Christmas as pagan beliefs dwindled. The English tradition was to bring in the Yule log on Christmas eve. A piece of the previous year's Yule log, stored carefully throughout the summer, (usually under the bed), would be used to light the new log with great ceremony. The unburnt piece of wood was thought to protect the household from lightning and other mischief. If the log burnt away during the festive season, misfortune was foretold for some time during the following year. The log was kept alight for 3 days but this was a symbol of good luck if it could be kept burning for the 12 days of Christmas. Throughout Europe rural households have celebrated the burning of a Yule log for centuries, if not millennia. A common belief was that the ashes were curative, relieving maladies such as chilblains in humans and calving problems in cattle. Scattering the ashes on the land was reputed to promote fertility, and even to cure mildew in wheat.

A variation on the Yule log, which may be celebrated without a fireplace, has been popular in Europe for several decades, is to take a section of a branch which has been cut in half lengthways and to drill 3 holes into the top of the log on the curved surface. Candles are placed securely into the holes and the log decorated with holly, ivy and mistletoe. The burning of the Yule log (or candles) was a time of feasting (turkey on 25 December),

drinking, singing (carols) which have become a part of the Christmas celebrations.

The beliefs of people today are very different from those of old. We no longer have those winter concerns (although we are concerned about elderly people who cannot afford to heat their houses) but we do enjoy the customs we have inherited from the past.

The light of a fire or of candles, is a potent reminder that the light of the sun will return following this dark time of year, a message that those who cultivate the land will appreciate as they enjoy the fruits of their labours during the celebrations of the festive season. Christianity has embraced this as frequently Jesus is referred to as the 'light of the world', who came to bring light into a dark world.

Further in. the Link you will find the dates for all the services in our churches and chapels leading upto Christmas. I do hope many of you will be able to attend some of them. I hope you have a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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Tebay

ORTON AND TEBAY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Happy Christmas and New Year to all our members and visitors. Our last meeting in 2011 will be on Monday, 5th December in Orton Market Hall at 7.30pm. – Christmas Past, Christmas Remembered – readings, poems, memories and songs from members. Now here are some dates for your new 2012 Diary:

Thursday, 19th January, 7.30pm in Orton Market Hall
Jan Hick on “WOOL”
Demonstrations on spinning and weaving and the importance of knitting here in the 19th century

Monday, 20th February, 7.30pm in Tebay Methodist Church
Annie Hamilton-Gibney will tell us about the local Archaeology Project and tell us about some of the local finds made in 2011

Monday, 19th March, 7.30pm in Tebay Methodist Church
Annual General Meeting – this is when you pay your subscription. I hope you enjoyed the last year enough to renew your subscription. There will be an exhibition for you to look at.

Thursday, 19th April, 7.30pm in Orton Market Hall
Colin Smith will tell us about milestones, mileposts and toll houses of Cumbria. His book will be on sale at the meeting

Monday, 14th May, 7.30pm in Orton Market Hall.
Margaret Gowling will relate the story of Brough-under-Stainmore – Life on the Edge. Her book will be on sale at this meeting.

For further details or information contact Wendy Higgins 015396 24780 or visit our website www.OTLHS.ukme.com

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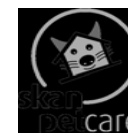
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What a Guy!

Reverend Phil Dew, with his masses of enthusiasm, organised a Bonfire Picture competition in school. Every class created a picture with different media: Gluey glitter, ICT, wax resist and etching. The children very much enjoyed creating the art. Thank you to the judges.



Geography Field Trip to Dent

The Lyon Equipment company are moving their premises from Dent to Tebay, so the Juniors went on a Geography field trip to find out where the Dent site actually was! They met up with Dent Primary School, who had also been involved in the "Railway and Religion" Project. Armed with OS maps of Dent and Tebay, the children set off to find out what life was like in Dent!

We discovered that Dent was steeped in history with pretty, narrow, cobbled streets. The school was similar to ours in many ways and that the children were welcoming and also had performed songs, letters and had given information about the navies when the railway was being built.

The Lyon Building was crammed full of fascinating equipment and interesting friendly people...however there was no room for expansion and it was situated about a 40 minute drive from the motorway. We began to appreciate why the move was needed and how thoughtfully the company had planned the move. From the map, with the valley and river similar, Dent and Tebay could be similar...but we concluded there were many differences!



Special Poppy Day

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January 4th 2012

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February 1st

Nicola Steadman to give a talk on Wills & Probate issues

March 7th

Karen Greenwood to give talk on DNA

April 4th

Hazel Stephenson will give talk on "Landgirls & Lovers"

All 2012 talks will be 7.30pm at village hall

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Future events for your diary

* February 2011 Sat 25th Tatle Pie and Dominoes

* May 5th 2012 French Evening

Carols by Candlelight



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Some said "The kitchen we'd prefer to be."

Some made posters and some made flyers.

Some washed up and some were "driers."

Some made soup and some were "greeters."

As well as "eaters" there's got to be "meeters."

Some came from near, some came from far.

Some came on foot and some came by car.

Some played music that brought smiles to each heart

And in all sorts of ways, each played their part

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We would like to thank so many people for all their help and support at our recent "Winter Warmer." Thanks to you all, the amazing total of £1010 has been sent to Christian Aid to help with famine relief in Africa. It was a real Chapel, Church and community effort and the scones, soups, puddings and cakes were all delicious!! Speaking for Chris and I, it was a real "diamond day" that we will always remember. "Thank you" from Olive & Chris

Lunesdale Archaeology Society (LAS)

Evening Talk in Orton

Thursday 8th December 7.30pm at Orton Market Hall
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For further details of this or any of the projects undertaken in Tebay or Orton by Action with Communities in Cumbria. Please Contact: Annie Hamilton-Gibney, Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) – Development Officer
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Thank you to everyone who supported the fabric

And clothing collection for

The Great North Air Ambulance and Orton School,

We raised a fantastic

£279.00 for the Air ambulance and

£186.00 for Friends of Orton School

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Contacts:

Chairman : Pauline Capstick Mob: 07973 502355

Secretary : Marion Law Tel: 015396 23409

Treasurer : Carl McLaughlin Tel: 015396 23674

Caretaker : Paul Boustead Tel : 015396 23033

All bookings should be placed with the Caretaker All payments to the Treasurer.

Orton

All Saints Church, Orton

'Christmas Concert 2011'

A Concert of Festive Music

By

EDEN SINGERS

Conductor: Gareth Cozens

Accompanist: Joan Urquhart

Soloist: Jonathan Millican.

On Saturday, 3 December 2011

At 7.30pm

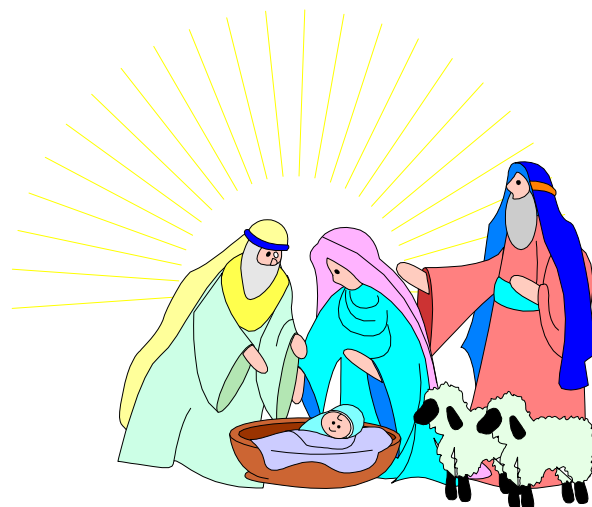
in Orton Market Hall.

Tickets: £6 (incl. light refreshments)

By phone 015396 24244, or 015396 24384,
or pay on the door.

All proceeds to Church Funds.

Orton Methodist Church



Invite you to join them for their

Family Carol Service

Led by Rev Phil Dew
with the young people taking part

On Sunday, 18th December at 10.30am

Coffee and Mince Pies served afterwards

Everyone Welcome

Ravenstonedale

Open House at Low Chapel

Ravenstonedale –

Fairtrade coffee and tea, cakes
and biscuits, good chat.

Everyone welcome.

Admission free,
donations appreciated.
Come and have a natter

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

Programme 2011 – 2012

All meetings are on Wednesdays and start at 7.30 in the Ravenstonedale Community and Heritage Centre, High Chapel.

ADMISSION	Members £1	Non Members £2
21 st December 2011 Members & Friends	Christmas Party	
18 th January 2012 Alan Clowes	The Quakers	
15 th February 2012 Steve and Val Fermer	Carver Connections to the Chantry, the Chapel and Cotton	
21 st March 2012 Richard Wilcock	The Upper Eden Valley in the Great War	

ORTON VILLAGE STORE AND POST OFFICE

Would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!

Opening hours;

24th December 8 to 4pm
25th, 26th, 27th CLOSED
28th December 8 to 6pm
29th December 8 to 6pm
30th December 8 to 6pm
31st December 8 to 4pm
1st, 2nd January CLOSED
3rd January 8 to 6pm

LAST POSTING DATES;

1st class Tuesday 20th December
2nd class Saturday 17th December
Europe: Monday 12th December
U.S.A. Canada; Friday 9th December
Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Africa; Monday 5th December



Orton Community Woodland Project

It's National Tree Planting Week!
Please come and plant a tree or two

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th December
2011

Anytime between 11am-3pm

Trees, Stakes and Guards
provided

Bring wellies, warm and waterproof clothing,
spade if you have one

www.ortonwoodland.org.uk

Click on events for more information

Maggie and Rob Willan on 015396 24491
Email maggiwillan@hotmail.com

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2012

7.30 PM

Ravenstonedale High Chapel
Community
& Heritage Centre

THE QUAKERS WITH ALAN CLOWES OF THE CROSS KEYS AT CAUTLEY

Admission: Members £1.00 Non
Members £2.00
including refreshments

For more information contact Val
Fermer on 01539 623693 or e-mail
history@ravenstonedale.org

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2011

7.30 PM

Ravenstonedale High Chapel
Community & Heritage Centre

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

*Bring along any historic
Christmas memorabilia that you
would like to share*

**Cards, decorations, recipes
Your favourite Father Christmas
or other
Santas etc**

Admission: Members £1.00 Non Members
£2.00
including refreshments

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ST OSWALD'S CHURCH RAVENSTONEDALE

Wednesday, December 14th
Carol Service at 7pm

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

All welcome

ST OSWALD'S CHURCH RAVENSTONEDALE

CHRISTMAS EVE
MIDNIGHT MASS

11.30pm

All welcome



FC - R'dale Independent History Archive
a searchable database of local history for Ravenstonedale and the
surrounding area.

The Banks of Ravenstonedale & Westmorland
From the independent Archive



Martin's Bank (part time) Ravenstonedale, now Bank House (of course)

THE BLACK SWAN WHAT'S ON DEC

Thurs 1st 'JAMIE AT HOME' PARTY
Demonstration and unique (not
available in shops) Jamie Oliver kitchen
products - ideal for Christmas
7.30pm onwards

**Tues 6th RAVENSTONEDALE
HOLISTIC THERAPIES**

A talk and demonstration of all
her gorgeous therapies (indian head
massage, aromatherapy,
reflexology etc) from Ann
Wappett, who has recently opened her
own treatment room
'Ravenstonedale Holistic
Therapies' at The Vicarage,
Ravenstonedale 7pm onwards

**Tues 13th Dec 'PAINT A POT/JUG'
WITH LYDIA**

We provide everything you need to
come and have a fun evening (nibbles
provided) to paint a pot under the
expert guidance of our local 'potter'
Lydia Crampton - £10. 7pm onwards

Weds 14TH Dec CHRISTMAS

DARTS

£1 entry, raffle, nibbles, over 16's only,
8pm onwards

**Sun 18TH Dec KIDS CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

Visit from Santa, presents, party food &
games £5 per child, 3pm-5pm

**Mon 19TH Dec CAROLS IN THE
PUB**

Christmas carols, mulled wine & mince
pies 7.30pm onwards

Weds 21ST Dec CHRISTMAS

DOMINOES

£1 entry, raffle, nibbles, over 16's only,
8 pm onwards

**Sat 24TH Dec CHRISTMAS EVE
CURRY NIGHT**

Choice of curry, traditional
accompaniments £8.95 per person, live
music, food served between 5-8pm

**Sun 25TH Dec CHRISTMAS DAY
LUNCH**

4 course traditional lunch with
welcome bubbly £34.95 per person,
served at 1pm

**Sat 31ST Dec NEW YEARS EVE
CELEBRATIONS**

5 course dinner, canapés & champagne
toast £45 per person, 7pm onwards,
live music

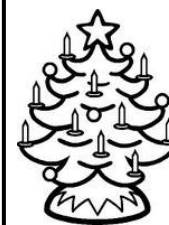
For more information & bookings please
call 01539623204 or call in

Christmas at All Saints

Pram Service

Pre-school children and parents
are warmly invited to join the
nursery children from school
in Church

Tuesday 6th December
9.30am



Christmas
Festive Food

Tree Trimming

Christingle and Carol Service

Nativity competition
for the children



Everyone is welcome to our
Christingle and Carol Service
in All Saints' Church
Wednesday 21st December
6.30pm

School Carol Service

End of term Carol Service
In All Saints' Church
Friday 16th December
1.30pm

Everyone
welcome



Carols by Candlelight

Come and enjoy a selection of
Christmas readings
and Carols
in Orton Church
Sunday 18th December
6.30pm



Come and help make
Christingles



Wednesday
21st December



in All Saints' Church
10am - 12noon

Orton School

Christmas production
in school
Friday 9th December
2pm and 6pm
All welcome

Orton Carol Singing

Join our happy group of
Carol Singers on Christmas Eve
Meet outside the Village Shop
6.30pm

and make our way round
the village

Money raised is for
The Children's Society
and
National Children's Homes



Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11.30pm

St. Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale



Christmas Day Holy Communion 10.00am

All Saints' Church, Orton
(Bring a present to open in Church)

Orton

Advent Devotional Services

In preparation for Christmas there will be three more devotional services based on themes from Handel's Messiah in All Saints' Church 7.30pm on Wednesdays 30th Nov, 7th and 14th Dec

FRIENDS OF ORTON SCHOOL



Seasonal Greenery

For Sale during December.

For wreaths, decorations, crafts and flower arrangements.

Honesty box at Orton School gate.

ORTON PASSION PLAY

The passion play in Orton which was due to take place next Easter has been postponed until Easter 2013 for funding reasons. More details will appear in a future edition of The Link.

ORTON MANOR COURT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th OCTOBER 2011

PRESENT:- Wendy Higgins (steward), Richard Percival (treasurer), Lanty Wharton, Mac Coates, Peter Knowles, Alan Mawson, Marion Robinson, Judy Dunford, Sandra Ward.

APOLOGIES:- Kyle Blue, Jackie Huck, Chris Jenkin.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:- approved as a true record of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:-

Public toilets:- The Parish Council has a deficit in the funding for work done on the toilets. They have asked if the Manor Court could give more money. After a heated debate it was agreed to give the Parish Council a further £500. Money raised by Parish Council for the work - £39,323 72. Actual cost - £44,895 43

Sandra Ward has brought the seat which was to have been purchased by Jo Relph.

The seat in memory of Charlie Ratcliffe is to go back in front of the toilets. Mac Coates will see to this.

Wendy Higgins has spoken to the tenants at Masongill who have erected a fence on Manor Court land. They will remove the fence before they leave. Wendy Higgins will contact the selling agents to inform them of the situation with the fence.

f)Treasurers report:-
All rights of way rents and rent for land that is let have been collected.
Sandra Ward has paid for the seat.
Nigel Coward has been paid for the hanging baskets.
Room hire has been paid for the last two meetings.

Balance at 29th September 2011:-
Current account - £1,532 37.
Deposit account - £8,796 35.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

Dames School - Lanty Wharton said he will be able to do the necessary work for under £1000. He will donate his labour for the work.

Ash tree opposite school gate. Steve Hodgson has contacted Wendy Higgins saying that the tree is unsafe. Also its branches are tangled in telephone wires. Furthes advice to be sort regarding the tree.

Orton Liberal Club - This was discussed once again and it was felt that it was a problem better dealt with by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed.

Next Meeting Monday 9th January 2012.

Ravenstonedale

A QUARTERLY REPORT FROM YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Three more months have passed and the new District Council seems to be working well together as a team. We have made the necessary savings to balance the budget without, I believe, hitting front line services too much.

Much of the savings have come from a rationalisation and reduction of the council staff, and much of the credit for this must go to Robin Hooper, who has justified his large salary as an Interim Chief Executive. The Council has eventually had to abandon the Executive Committee's policy of sharing a chief executive with Carlisle, and it has come round to the Liberal Democrats' policy of having our own part time chief executive. We believe you will get more Eden-focussed service from him, and we are pleased that Robin Hooper has accepted this post at a much more modest rate with considerable saving to the Council's budget.

One of the services that pressure from the LD's has helped to save is the public toilets. We also supported the continued modest funding of two local village swimming pools which are run very much by the efforts of the local communities. I am concerned that EDC has withdrawn most of its funding of Eden Arts. I think the £27 000 per year saved would have been well spent, ensuring that Eden does not become a cultural desert. There may well be knock on financial effects for some of the venues it used, such as Eden Leisure Centre. I am also concerned that Kirby Stephen Tourist Information Centre should receive the financial support it needs to give it time to become financially viable under its new business plan.

I was rather taken aback in Appleby to hear EDC accused of wasting money on building a new council chamber. The purpose of the plan being investigated is to save £100 000 per year on running costs by bringing all the Council offices on to a single site. This would be financed by the sale of the Manor House. The present council chamber lacks proper disabled access, and this is difficult to achieve in its present location, and so it is being considered as to whether the new build should include a council chamber.

Peter Thornton, the local County Councillor for the Kirkby Stephen Division, has been instrumental in

CAROL SERVICE

at

RAVENSTONEDALE METHODIST CHURCH

on

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18th at 6.30 pm

When there will be a collection for

SIGHT SAVERS

This is a charity, which the village has supported for many years – please **COME and ENJOY** an hour of Carols and Christmas readings and take the opportunity to help to save the sight of those less fortunate than we are.

persuading the County Council at long last to provide the necessary funding to provide the new footpath/cycleway between Newbiggin and Ravenstonedale. He has sent me a short article which is included below.

When I can, I will attend the 'Soup and Sweet' lunches at Soulby on the last Friday of each month, and I hope this will enable me to get to know more people in that part of the ward, and to hear of any local concerns where I might be able to help.

IAN TORKINGTON (District Councillor for Ravenstonedale Ward)

GOOD NEWS FOR RAVENSTONEDALE AND NEWBIGGIN

I'm delighted to be able to tell you that it looks as if work will soon begin on a new footpath/cycleway to re-join Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin. Older residents will remember when it was relatively easy to walk between the 2 villages. Well we can't completely recreate those days but the new path will mean that you will be able to walk by the side of the 685 without having to battle through the grass, and that you will be able to cycle without having to take on the heavy traffic.

The path will be constructed by Cumbria County Council, out of the highways budget. That it's happening at all is a tribute to those members of the Parish Council who have long had a vision for this path and have never wavered from their conviction that one day it would be built (which translated means that they have kept the pressure up on their County Councillor!) The Upper Eden Community Plan Group has also had a hand in this and I believe that

Forthcoming events

Through the year 2011/12

November 27th Advent Sunday
Exchange of Embroideries Service
Ravenstonedale Methodist Chapel.

December 14th Wednesday
Carol Service-St Oswald's Church

December 19th Monday
Carols in the Pub-Black Swan

January 7th 2012
Winter Warmers
Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

The Black Swan Ravenstonedale

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it's been mentioned at the very top corridor of power!

The commencement date will depend upon weather etc but we hope it will be open by early Spring.

Peter Thornton (County Councillor for Kirkby Stephen Division)

Ravenstonedale

RAVENSTONEDALE COMMUNITY BONFIRE November 5th, 2011

It was a low-key affair. It wasn't really organised. There were no fireworks. But the Ravenstonedale bonfire night somehow did just happen, with a large crowd of villagers of all ages getting together for chat and laughter. They were joined by a few visitors - hugely impressed, and probably somewhat envious, of those of us who are lucky enough to live here - and by a couple of community police officers, who, very professionally, succumbed to nothing stronger than a sausage.

It was a beautiful autumn evening. The heat of the bonfire meant that no-one felt the cold, the plentiful supply of food - which seemed to have just appeared out of nowhere - meant that no-one went hungry, and the happy friendly atmosphere meant that everyone had a great time.

It wasn't a fund-raising event, but generous donations will boost the funds of Ravenstonedale School.

It was unfortunate that an inaccurate article in the Westmorland Gazette had led a number of people to believe that the bonfire evening would not take place. However common sense and community spirit triumphed over petty bureaucracy and prophecies of doom, and a half century's-old village tradition continued, for the great enjoyment of all who attended.

Photos can be viewed on www.ravenstonedale.org



Carols in the Pub

Black Swan,

Ravenstonedale

at 8.pm on Monday,

*****December 19th*****

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Rev'd Carole Marsden will be joining us

*In aid of local charity Wish List
part of the Oaklea Trust in Kendal*

Orton

FRIENDS OF ORTON SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENING

COME AND HAVE A GO AT MAKING
SOME CRAFTY CHRISTMAS IDEAS

**Friday 2nd December 2011
In school**

3.30pm until 5.30 pm

£3/ Child or £5/family, including refreshments

**Please bring a tray (or shoe box lid) to make
sure your amazing creations arrive home
safely.**

FRIENDS OF ORTON SCHOOL



Seasonal Greenery

**For Sale during December.
For wreaths, decorations, crafts and flower
arrangements.**

Honesty box at Orton School gate.

Penrith and the Border Conservative Association

CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS



at

Petty Hall, Orton, Penrith CA10 3RX



on



Sunday 18th December 2011

with

Gluhwein and Mince Pies

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Raffle



Tickets £10

Mrs P Knowles 015396 24866

Orton Farmers' Markets

The next three of these
Popular markets will be:
Grand Christmas Market
December 10th



Carol Singers and
mince pies in Church

January 14th
February 11th

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

In November we raised
£613 to help us continue
God's work at All Saints

Many thanks for your
continued support

Orton School News

Mrs Thorpe

All year 4s made a patchwork cushion each. We picked different fabrics to use. We all used the sewing machine with Mrs Thorpe's help and a lace iron too. It was great fun and our cushions look wonderful.

Miss McWhirter!

Miss McWhirter is here on a course. She is the best student teacher we've ever had. She teaches Y4,5 and 6 Literacy, Year 3 and 4 Science and all of us Numeracy at different times. She is in her third year at university studying teaching and history. When she is not teaching is she is helping us and being really kind.

By Lauren and Eleanor

CLUBS

Orton now has new clubs
Monday is Christmas crafts,
Tuesday is film club,
Wednesday is festive cooking,
Thursday is table tennis,
Friday is dance club.
All clubs are run by Mrs Green and Ms Potter. They are all great.
by Thomas and ARCHIE!!!!

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

At 11 o'clock on the 11.11.11 we held our second Remembrance Service led by Class 3. We wrote all the words ourselves and made poppies for our display. Class 1 and 2 made beautiful poppies and class 2 made two books as well. Lots of parents came and enjoyed our service, so did we! Mrs Ayre was proud of us all.

By Class 3

THE ROMAN ARMY MUSEUM

On the 4th November class 2 and 3 went to THE ROMAN ARMY MUSEUM. When we entered the museum we saw a man dressed up as a roman soldier. He looked amazing! When we were walking down a hallway he started following us, we wondered why? It was because he gave us a talk about being in the Roman Army. We learned lots about a Roman soldiers life in Cumbria.

After that we saw a movie called the Eagles Eye. We saw lots of artefacts in the museum too. Over all it was very interesting.

By Hayley, Shona and Lauren.

Cawfield Craggs

We went to Cawfield Craggs. On Hadrian's Wall there is something called a mile castle every mile. We explored Milecastle 42 there. It was a great day out because we walked up against Hadrian's Wall! After that we went to the Roman Army Museum to have lunch it was great!
By Emma, Molly and Joshua.

Mrs Carrick's baby

In the half term Mrs Carrick had a baby and she is called Ellie Rose. She's very cute, Mrs Ayre showed us a picture of her. At first she was very ill. So Mrs Carrick has to stay in hospital until Ellie Rose is better. We hope that Mrs Carrick has a lovely time with her.

By Hayley p and Kim.

PARENTS EVENING

On Tuesday 7th we had parents evening. We all had our parents come to school. When they entered they looked in their child or children's tray at their work. Then when its their turn they go in to see the teacher. They talk about what their child/children are doing well and what they need to improve on each turn lasts around 15 minutes.

By Thomas and ARCHIE!!!

Ravenstonedale Endowed Primary School

Open Day by Ben Capstick

On Thursday we had an open day. Members of the School Council welcomed the visitors in the hall. They were then shown around the school, when they came in to class 2 we were doing art, they also went into class 1, where they were playing with their toys, at the end of their tour they were offered refreshments. We hope people enjoyed looking around our great little school and could see what it has to offer.

Pottery

A big thank you goes out to Lydia for helping us make some fantastic pots which we have on display in the School hall, Thanks again for all your time.

Class 2

Boon day by Rosie Kelly

Ravenstonedale School would like to thank all the people that came to help in the clear up on November 5th.

Film Club

Since the beginning of term we have been doing film club. We have watched three films so far. While watching we get beanbags and cushions to sit on. It takes place on Friday 3.30 to 4.40 the best film so far was HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON it was very funny. Lots of people attend, we watch the films over two weeks

By Sam Hutchinson

Swimming

On Tuesdays in the afternoon we go to Appleby swimming pool, we swim from 1:30 to 2:00. We have groups of different ability older children are mainly in the deep end of the pool. We all do very well and enjoy swimming. Next week we will be doing some distance badges. On the last week we do play day which is obviously when we do what we want! We go on a bus to get there.

by Leah Boustead

Sports club

On Monday after school we have a sports club. We play games like multi skills, we have 3 teams, and we call our team names. We have A that stands for agility and B stands for balance and C stands coordination. It is at 3.30 till 4.35. Miss Zima teaches us at sports club, we do it in the hall unless it is very nice out side and not too dark. We have a list of what we are going to do in the next few weeks.

By Robbie Boustead