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## **CHURCH LETTER**

*From the Revd. Philip Rigby*

It came out of the blue, a complete surprise – an act of kindness and generosity that I wasn't at all expecting, that I don't think I deserved, and which I found deeply moving. No need to go into more detail. The person responsible might well read this and I don't want to cause embarrassment!

But it made me think – especially after an Easter that was the strangest in my experience, with little real way to celebrate and no way of preparing for it except as best we could individually. But it didn't come as a surprise to any of us: for Christians it marks the end of 6½ weeks of Lent and for all of us it's the first public holiday weekend of the year. So it's something we look forward to eagerly, even if this year Covid made it a bit of a damp squib.

It was very different for the first friends of Jesus. For them, the good news of Easter came as a complete surprise. They had thought that their adventure with Jesus of Nazareth, with all its hope and possibility, had ended in defeat and disgrace. The evil that men do had overcome goodness. It was all over.

But it wasn't. And whatever sense we may make of the first Easter story, one thing is clear. It is the story of good overcoming evil, and the promise that in the end, that's how it is.

So I am grateful for that small surprise gift of kindness that was given to me. It was like a mini-Easter: something to pass on – a hint that goodness, kindness and generosity can still prevail in our world, even at a time when hope has sometimes been hard to find, because in the end evil doesn't have

the last word.

And the ripple effect of the first Easter changed the world. Is it too much to hope that the ripple effect of this Easter, among us, may begin to do the same?

Message from Rev Alun Hurd

**Dear Friends,  
with great sadness I have to  
tell you that the Revd. Ian  
Elliott died on 15<sup>th</sup> April.  
I thank many of you for all  
your prayers and kind  
thoughts in supporting  
Ronnie and the family in  
what has been a very  
difficult time.**

**We also want to give thanks  
for Ian who along with  
Ronnie has been a faithful  
witness and servant of our  
Lord Jesus Christ over the  
many years of his and her  
ministries in this and other  
places. Please continue to  
pray for them all.  
May he rest in peace and  
rise in glory.**

#### **Tribute**

We plan to include a full tribute for the Revd. Ian Elliott in the next issue of *The Link*.

If anyone has any brief memories of Ian or comments that might be suitable for such a column, please send these to the Editor at

[Linkpines@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Linkpines@hotmail.co.uk)

**NOTE** - The management committee of *The Link* regret that it is unable to distribute literature for other organisations. Articles received after the 13<sup>th</sup> may be held over until the following month.

Next deadline - for the June issue: **13<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Front Cover: Planting trees in Orton glebe field**

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR MAY 2021

<p><b>Sunday 2 May</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Acts 8:26-40</b> <b>1 John 4:7-21</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Zoom, 10:30am</b> <b>All Age Worship</b> Fran Parkinson</p>	<p><b>Back to our churches!</b></p> <p>As indicated in the list of services on the left, we have three more Sundays with only Zoom services—which are really good, for those able to take part and enjoy worshipping with some 60 fellow-believers from other churches in the benefice and from further afield, including abroad; but not available for faithful members who don't have computers and the internet!</p> <p><b>But on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Pentecost—sometimes called Whit Sunday—we open our churches again and have real, live services there!</b></p> <p>We will still have to take Covid precautions—social distancing, wearing face masks, no singing—but at least all of us, including those without the internet, can be there together and share live worship.</p> <p><b>See you there!</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday 9 May</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Speaker:</i> <b>Acts 10:44-48</b> <b>1 John 5:1-6</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Zoom, 10:30am</b> <b>Celtic Spiritual Communion</b> Sandra Ward</p>		
<p><b>Sunday 16 May</b> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Speaker:</i> <b>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</b> <b>1 John 5:9-13</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Zoom, 10.30am</b> <b>Service of the Word</b></p>		
<p><b>Sunday 23 May</b> <i>Pentecost</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Acts 2:1-21</b> <b>Romans 8:22-27</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 10:30am</b> <b>Locally arranged</b></p> <p>Chris Bland Olive Bland Mary Jenkin Angela Milburn</p>		
<p><b>Sunday 30 May</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 6:1-8</b> <b>Romans 8:12-17</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>United Benefice Service at St Michael's, Shap; 10:30am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Ministry Team</i></p> <p>Zoom meeting: 882 1368 3016</p>		

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR MAY 2021

**Re-opening of Methodist Churches** - Details on next page.

		2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
Tebay	10.30 a.m.	Mrs J. Worsfold	LA	Mr W Ousby	Rev. T Taylor	LA
Orton	10.30 a.m.	LA	Rev. Tony Dent HC	Mrs J. Worsfold	Mr David Thackray	Mr Alan Pallister
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30 a.m.	LA	Rev. Jackie Betts	LA	Mr Alan Pallister	LA
Ravenstonedale	2.00 p.m.	<i>closed</i>	Chapel Anniversary - Rev. Bill Riley (Rev. Jackie Betts singing)	Rev. Tony Dent	Rev. Andrew Sterling HC	LA

**Vineliflife Cumbria Fellowship: Every Sunday in Orton Market Hall, 10.30 a.m.**

## Farewell to Rev Alun Hurd



It was with great sadness that we bade a Zoom farewell to Alun and Sharon at the service on Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>. After almost 35 years of ministry in various parishes in the south of England, Australia and for the last 4 years in The High Westmorland Benefice, he is taking a well-earned retirement.

There were many tributes paid to him during the service, including most touchingly songs and poems from the schoolchildren at Shap and Orton Schools, who had clearly enjoyed his assemblies.

We have particularly appreciated all that he has done over the past year to facilitate services over Zoom. His interviews with various members of the congregation have helped us to better get to know our fellow-believers in the other parishes. The power of the Internet has enabled friends from Australia, Uganda and Orkney to join us, as well as more locally members of the Methodist Church.

St Oswald's, Ravenstonedale, will miss both of them—and so, of course, will St. Patrick's, Bampton, St. Michael's, Shap, All Saints', Orton, and St. James', Tebay!

Diana Fothergill



## Opening of Methodist Chapels

### Orton Methodist Chapel

Orton Methodist Chapel continues throughout May with Sunday 10.30am service. (The same precautions due to Covid 19 will still apply, e.g. wearing of facemasks, unless clinically exempt or under 12, listening to hymns rather than singing, spacing of the congregation etc).

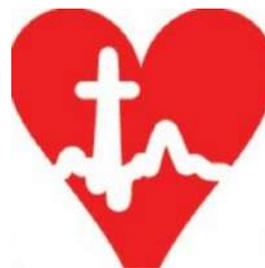
*If you don't generally worship with us but would like to come along, we would just ask that you give Rachel and Rowland a quick ring before the Sunday on 015396 24372, so we can ensure we are able to adhere to capacity guidelines. Many thanks.*

**Ravenstonedale Methodist Chapel** is closed on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, but **Tebay and Newbiggin-on-Lune chapels** have services on that Sunday; for the rest of May all the chapels are open on Sundays.

In addition the Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Tebay Methodist Circuit, in conjunction with the Heart of Westmorland Mission Community, provide a number of services led by both local Methodist and Anglican clergy and lay people, predominantly streamed on YouTube. There will also be a live streamed service from Appleby Methodist church on YouTube each week in May.

**YouTube** service on Sundays at 10.30 from the Heart of Westmorland follow link -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6iZVadGymIBC04aEEOJryw>



Heart of Westmorland  
Mission Community -  
YouTube

A group of Churches of  
different denominations in  
the Appleby area in  
Cumbria

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

The KSAT Methodist Circuit and Heart of Westmorland also provide written services which can be e-mailed or posted directly to you.

Please contact Rev Jackie Betts, tel 017683 71598.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, at 6.30pm there will be a whole Circuit (area) service. For details of Zoom links etc for this and bible studies and prayer, go to KSAT Circuit Facebook page or contact Rev Andrew Sterling on 017683 51244 or any of the above numbers.

(Please note that Rev Stephen Radford is on Sabbatical until 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021).

## A VIEW FROM TEBAY

From Pam Lawson

Some of our readers will have heard of Families Together in Tebay and Orton – we're a group of folk, many of us linked to the local churches, who want to see more good stuff happening for individuals – children and adults – and families. One of our recent projects, over Easter, was to create a "Tree of Lost Things" in Orton and Tebay villages, where people could come and tie on ribbons to remember those people and things that had been lost during the last, difficult, twelve months.

Below the 'tree' of lost things was a planter, that people were encouraged to plant seeds into. Our hope is that some of those seeds will grow, and that we will see new life springing up, even as we remember those we have lost. If you pass Tebay Methodist chapel you might see the planter outside – look closer and see whether you can see any of those seeds starting to poke through the soil...

New life is springing up all around us now, with lambs getting bigger and stronger in the fields, grass coming through, and plants and trees showing new growth too. That new life carries with it the encouragement of hope: hoping for new things, for better times, hoping that we continue to come out of lockdown, hoping to meet people face-to-face again without masks, and without having to keep our distance.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved Rev Ian Elliott, so often involved at St James' and in and around the villages and their churches, or enjoying a sports game on the big screen in the club, that hope of new life has encouraged us despite our grief. A friend reminded us of words from the book of Corinthians, in the Bible, that "what is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable... it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body". For those of us who believe, we have that amazing promise, that death is not the end, that new (and better) life will spring up and that all the imperfections of our human selves will be made perfect and eternal! It sounds unbelievable, doesn't it, but that's the truth that we find at the heart of the Easter story, that started with loss, and being tied to a tree.

So, can I both challenge and encourage you? When you see one of our planters in the village, with new life springing up; or when you stop to watch a lamb playing in the sun; or catch the sound of children playing, or young people enjoying life; why not stop, just for a moment, and give thanks – that despite the losses that we have all shared in different ways, that new life, and new hope, is possible?

## *The Link - Printed again!*

*From the Editor*



At last we go to print again! After consulting Archdeacon Richard Pratt (Deputy Diocesan Communications Officer), all the churchwardens, and the leaders of the *Link* distribution teams, we all agreed that the time had come.

All the evidence is that printed matter hardly carries the virus at all—and we have all been getting our daily papers, our post through the letterbox, not to mention shopping at the supermarket or village store.

Apart from at Christmas, two thirds of our usual recipients have heard nothing from their parish churches for a year. And though some people (those who virtually live their lives online!) were quite happy with the digital version of *The Link*, many even of those who receive it that way much prefer an actual copy in their hands—and leave it on the coffee table, and go back to it several times during the month, and let others in the household have a look too.

So, even though now just in black and white, here it is again, at last. (But we will continue to send it by email—in colour—as well, for those who prefer that!)

Meanwhile we continue to depend on contributors, and we really do appreciate the items we get sent. Keep them coming, friends!

*Christopher C. Jenkin*

# highlights

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## Highlights returns to Orton Market Hall

This is advance warning that a Highlights performance is booked into Orton Market Hall for the evening of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

**Oh La La! Fifi La Mer** is a toe-tapping tribute to French music and this should be an excellent evening. You can book online and find out more at <https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/oh-la-la-fifi-la-mer/>

or call Sally on 015396 24732.

Please note that the audience will be restricted in numbers to allow for social distancing.

## Upper Eden Medical Practice

### Covid Vaccinations update:

We will be contacting the patients who had their first vaccination in week commencing 18th January. This group of patients had the Astra Zeneca vaccine so we are able to give the second vaccines here at Kirkby Stephen Health Centre on SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL. Please wait to be contacted. Do not phone the Practice.

Our housebound patients who were vaccinated on 21st January will be given their second vaccines on 7th and 8th April. You will be contacted prior to this date.

We do not have a date for the vaccinations given week commencing 25th January yet but we will update you as soon as we can.

We hope the following schedule will help patients when to expect their second vaccinations. We have no exact vaccine delivery dates so the clinics are not booked on to our system yet:

1 <sup>st</sup> dose wk commencing:	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose wk commencing:
15.2.21	3.5.21
22.2.21	10.5.21
1.3.21	17.5.21
8.3.21	24.5.21

We are currently working on a 11 week schedule due to vaccine deliveries.

Household contacts of immunosuppressed patients are also now eligible for vaccination.

**Prescription Charge Rise** from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021  
£9.35 per item

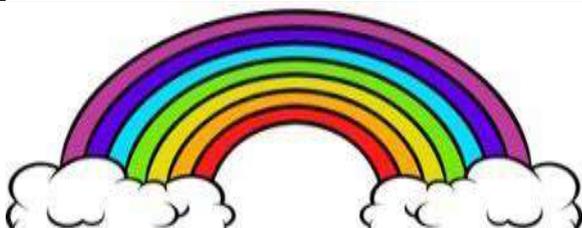
**Pre-payment certificate prices** are also rising:  
3 months certificate £30.25  
12 month certificate £108.10

If you get 4 or more items in a 3 month period or 12 items in a 12 month period it is worth considering buying a pre-payment certificate, it will save you money.

If you need any further information, please speak to a member of our dispensary team.

<https://www.upperedenmedicalpractice.co.uk/News/a778c2d8-e6e9-49a0-a0cf-ba9191fb690b>

**☎: 017683 74015**



## Orton Surgery and Shap Medical Practice

### COVID VACCINATIONS

We are delighted to say that we have finished vaccinating the first dose of the COVID vaccine to our patients who are aged over 50, have specific underlying health conditions or are registered carers.

We are currently busy arranging all second vaccine appointments for patients who had their first vaccine in early to mid-February.

For the most up-to-date information follow the Eden Primary Care Network Facebook page as the situation changes quite quickly. Once again, thank you for all your support.

### APPOINTMENTS

Sadly it is not possible at the moment to book a face to face doctor's appointment at Orton surgery. The doctors and nurses are continuing to operate a "telephone first" system at Shap Medical Practice. It is also possible to have a video consultation if you wish.

If a face to face consultation is needed, it will be arranged for you on the same day at Shap surgery. Some telephone and video appointments can be pre-booked online, otherwise contact the surgery at 8.30am to arrange one. Surgery attendance for appointments will be kept to a minimum to reduce the risk of infection to our patients.

Please check the NHS 111 website if you are unwell with cough, fever or change in sense of smell or taste symptoms.

### MEDICATION

Prescriptions will be available for collection from the Orton Village Hall between 10am and 11am on TUESDAYS. Any not collected will be returned to Shap.

If you have difficulty collecting your prescriptions please let us know. We can arrange delivery or refer to the 'Good Sam' Service for help.

If you have internet access then please check the practice website and Facebook pages for updates.

#Dr. McCabe Dr. Woodstrover Dr. Kehoe  
and all the staff 01931 716230

<https://www.shapmedicalpractice.co.uk/>

## A reflection on the Shap Easter Garden 2021



As I created the Easter garden in time for Palm Sunday I used a lot of green moss and tucked little pots of violas and primulas in amongst it. I was aware that I was observed closely by my regular garden birds.

On Palm Sunday morning in torrential rain I strewed yew and a palm cross on the garden and attached cards about Palm Sunday to the railings. I thought about the weather on the first Palm Sunday - the story gives a feeling of joy and celebrations - so I think it would be sunny.



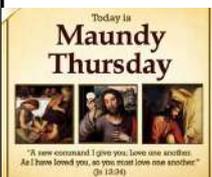
I keep watching out of the window as the birds explore the garden - first, a blackbird who digs out several violas, in search of grubs - I replant them.

A wren tugs long strands of moss and flies off to build one if his des-res nests which he will take his intended to view so that she can make her choice. He flits about and sings loudly - the wren symbolizes action, accuracy, watchfulness and enthusiasm in life.

The sparrows are also collecting nest material from the Easter Garden - and I have just spotted that a nest is being constructed above the front door - evidenced by bits of moss and twigs on the doorstep - who the builder is I have yet to discover.

On Maundy Thursday morning I put new signs up and place bread and a cup in the garden - the bread soon disappears! I had anticipated that and placed a sign showing the elements too. In the evening I go to the garden again and feel a chill in the air - it would have been cold in Gethsemane as Jesus prayed and the disciples slept.

At daybreak on Good Friday I open the door to see hoar frost and there is a sharp nip in the air. The village is quiet with no-one astir. As I set the crosses in place and place a crown of thorns on the central one I see a robin hopping around watching me - I shouldn't be surprised at the presence of this little bird, for legend tells us that



when Jesus was on the road to Calvary, a robin plucked a thorn from Christ's temple and a drop of Jesus' blood fell on the robin's chest, turning it red.

As the sun warms the ground I notice that the green hill with the crosses on top in the garden is steaming - gently drifting vapour rather like incense.

Later I go with my grandsons Finn and Tom to walk the route normally taken for the Good Friday walk, down to Shap Abbey, where we read the story of the crucifixion and make crosses from strips of paper I have



taken with me. We then walk across the fields to Keld - the Chapel is closed, so we head back home; a beautiful sunny spring day with sheep and lambs in the fields, birds flitting around and trees coming into leaf - new life everywhere. Yet this is a day when I feel it ought to be rainy and stormy - as it has been for some walks in the past - the sky weeping for the sacrifice and adding a sombre atmosphere.

Just before sunset I go and remove the moss that has been concealing the great stone sealing the tomb and place more signs for Easter Eve.

Another frosty morning, these moments of quiet in the early morning give opportunity to reflect on the events of long ago in a far-off land. The hill steams yet again. At sunset I place a candle outside the tomb.

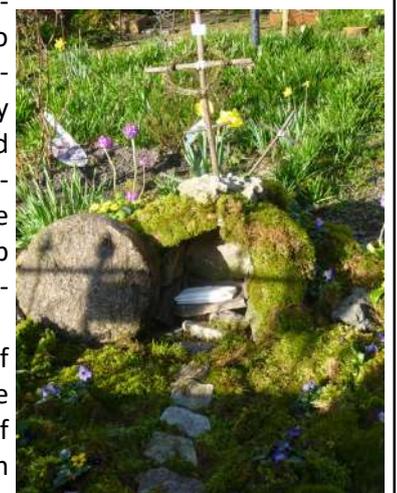
Morning has broken on Easter Day and a heavy dew lies over the garden. I visit the tomb to make the final changes - the stone is rolled away and the linen cloth laid inside. New signs proclaim 'He is Risen!'. The sun lights the open tomb and the birds sing in celebration.

In the stillness of the new day I give thanks for God's gift of his Son, and rejoice in his resurrection.

I pray that everyone may have a blessed Easter, and for those who are ill or bereaved that they may be surrounded by the comforting presence of our Risen Lord.

It has been a privilege to share the Easter story with passers-by through the Easter Garden.

Jean Scott-Smith



# TEBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children in Class 1 decided to create an aeroplane outside to get them to Australia, they sold tickets for a bargain price of £5 per person.

Class 2 have been studying the Great Fire of London and created this fabulous display in the hall. They have also been reading lots of Michael Rosen stories and poems. Their favourite was definitely 'Chocolate Cake'!



The children in Class 3 enjoyed Science week. They came up with ingenious methods of getting Jack's eggs down the beanstalk, including parachuting it down, creating a waterslide and a pulley system.

All eggs survived and all the children had EGGcellent fun .



Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed 3 weeks of 'Play Leader' coaching from Gary at Eden Valley Sports Partnership. They have used what they have learned to organise different play time games. Class 3 have also been learning how to play TAG rugby during their PE lessons.

**Tebay Primary School has places for children in Nursery for April and September 2021. We can offer COVID secure school visit's for potential new starters contact 015396 24239 or email [admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk) to arrange a visit.**

Visit our school website: [www.tebay.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.tebay.cumbria.sch.uk)

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Cumbrian Education Trust organised a quiz for Red Nose Day, with all schools within the Trust taking part. Tebay School winner was Rowan from Class 3. Well done Rowan. She was awarded a certificate and a £10 voucher.

### Tebay Tin Tuesday

We will once again be supporting Upper Eden Food Bank with our 'Tebay Tin Tuesday'. The bin for food donations will be left outside school every Tuesday during school hours. The support we have received for this very worthy cause has been amazing, please tell family, neighbours and friends.



## Scoop That Poop!

Recently I was walking along an unfamiliar footpath parallel to the road in Tebay, between the Barnaby Rudge and St James' churchyard; and I noticed a number of signs - obviously home-made - asking people to pick up dog mess and "bag it and bin it". (I can't remember the precise words.) Not only that - there were plastic drink bottles strapped to fence posts, with poo bags in them, and a little window cut in the bottle for people to help themselves to a bag, if they had forgotten to bring one (or accidentally dropped it from their pocket when using a phone or handkerchief).

There were also several charming little posters obviously designed and drawn by children.

What struck me was that this was obviously a community effort, and was plainly effective - I saw no dog mess anywhere along that path.

By contrast some signs have recently appeared around Orton, some of which say things like "Leaving your dog poo behind is disgusting" or "This community says **NO** to lazy dog owners." They were apparently put up by Eden Community Wardens who describe the wording to me as "hard-hitting". Personally they struck me as rude and aggressive, and giving an angry and unwelcoming message to visitors to our village. (Others of their posters were more courteous.)

I too very much dislike finding dog mess on the road or verges, and deplore the thoughtlessness of people who leave it there. I have been a dog owner myself and never found it a problem to take bags with me to clear up after my pet.

The question is - what are the best tactics to encourage thoughtless people to change their ways? I would have thought that rude and aggressive language would be counter-productive and just get their backs up! But a gentle, community-based request, such as those in Tebay, is more likely to nudge offenders to be more thoughtful.

What do you think? A friendly ask, or an angry scold?



**Did you know?**

**Tebay Primary School Nursery....**

- Nursery places available – April and September 2021
- Government funding is available for the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday – free 15 hours per week.
- Ability to pay for more hours if needed
- Half and full day sessions available.
- We offer 30 hour's provision for those eligible.
- Varied activities following the EYFS curriculum
- Small class sizes; all needs are catered for.
- Fully qualified staff.
- Extensive outdoor learning.

We would be happy to show you around (COVID safe) and discuss your child's individual needs

For more details or to arrange a visit contact Tracy Morland on **015396 24239** or email [admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk)

 Cumbria Education Trust



**Full-Time Nursery Places Available**

Did you know that Orton CE Primary School can offer Part-Time, Flexible or Full-Time Nursery Places for children from their 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday?

Nursery care is offered from 8am—5.30pm Monday to Friday during term time.

Orton CE Primary School is a really happy and caring setting where experienced staff work hard to meet the needs of each individual child. We accept Nursery vouchers and can support you with applying for any Nursery funding that you may be entitled to.

If you would like to find out more or arrange a visit please get in touch with either Vicky or Emma at the school on 015396 24268  
email - [head@orton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@orton.cumbria.sch.uk)  
<https://www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk>

Orton CE School is a happy place to learn, grow and thrive.

## **WESTMORLAND DALES APPRENTICES**

### **SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE – STAGE II**

Now that Sarah, Rebekah, Billy and Abbi have gone on to pastures new, the Skills for the Future project will take on 4 new apprentices. This is a great opportunity for people with an appreciation of the landscape, a love of the outdoors and a strong interest in conservation to step into the land based sector. As shown by the jobs that Abbi, Billy, Rebekah and Sarah went on to do, these



apprenticeships equip young people with the skills needed for their future careers.

The Skills for the Future scheme teaches apprentices

practical skills such as drystone walling and hedge laying; path maintenance and gate making. It allows them to get involved in community projects such as tree planting and partnership projects like natural flood management and heritage surveys. Over the



18 months, apprentices gain wildlife ID skills, knowledge of countryside matters, a whole raft of practical qualifications and a Level 2 Countryside Standard.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from a Skills for the Future apprenticeship then please spread the word!

Belinda Lloyd, Apprentice Supervisor

For more information about the Apprenticeship Project please contact Belinda Lloyd at:

[Belinda.Lloyd@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:Belinda.Lloyd@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

or call 01539 756620



WESTMORLAND DALES



## **Westmorland Dales Landscape Conference**



Our Westmorland Dales Landscape Conference took place online on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021. John Dunning, the chair of the partnership, set the scene before a

wonderful cross-section of presentations from our partner organisations and project leads loosely focussed around our natural, cultural and connecting heritage themes.

Keith Cooper, a Great Asby historian gave us an excellent insight in the development of its medieval village-scape through the innovative use of satellite images. Other presentations covered upland farming, geology, natural flood management, wildflower meadows, archaeological and built heritage surveys, routes through the area and the apprentices. We had time for two question and answer sessions and the conference was rounded off with our “Picturing the Westmorland Dales” film featuring the landscape artwork produced by the local primary schools.

The conference and series of webinars have been a great success, broadening our reach and including people who might not have attended otherwise because they live too far away, don't have their own transport or are of limited mobility. And we've found that even more people have enjoyed our recordings, so do watch this one and feel free to share the link with your friends.

We are of course keen to get outside for real again so watch this space for events, walks and other activities as lockdown restrictions ease. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the conference and to the National Lottery Heritage Fund whose support has been crucial.

Please look under the resources tab on our website to find the conference recording.

[www.thewestmorlanddales.org.uk](http://www.thewestmorlanddales.org.uk)

If you would like further information about the scheme please contact: [westmorlanddales@fld.org.uk](mailto:westmorlanddales@fld.org.uk)

## **Looking for Spiritual Food?**

**On Zoom**

**Every second Thursday**

**8.00 – 9.30pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> May Mark Aldridge**

**10<sup>th</sup> Jun +Emma Ineson**

**8<sup>th</sup> Jul Andrew Sterling**

Email [kristy@pattimore.com](mailto:kristy@pattimore.com) for the Zoom link

**THE FILLING STATION**

# Hot, Cooked Food, delivered locally!

There are several local businesses who deliver hot food to our area, in one case, to your home (for reheating at your leisure), and others arriving in a van to serve you where you can come and collect it.

**The Link** decided to feature some of these, both to encourage such businesses developing their market in a difficult context, and to inform our local residents where and when they can obtain tasty food, as a change from home cooking!

## Seasons & Stone Ltd

This small family-run business is based in North Stainmore. They provide a range of home-cooked, vegetarian dishes, which can be eaten fresh or frozen to enjoy at a later date. They cook seasonally and source locally, and supply their food in bio-degradable and compostable packaging.



Order Monday, they will deliver to your home on Thursday - at present twice a month - a new menu each time.

Ring up for details of March's menus, and place your order by phoning **07590 919085**

## The Mini Eden Coffee Outreach Van

The wait is over! Barista prepared coffees, teas, plus cakes and snacks are coming to your village! Locally

sourced artisan produce, lovingly prepared, at affordable prices. Our Van will also be fitted with lego play and activity panels, to help make your visit fun for the little people, too. Children's clothing and gifts from our Kirkby Stephen shop can be brought to you by request, or to browse.



**TEBAY** (Social Club Car Park)

**Tuesdays** 9am – 11am

**CROSBY RAVENSWORTH** (in Butchers Arms car park)

**Tuesdays** 12noon – 2pm

**SMARDALE NATURE RESERVE - Saturdays** 11am – 3pm  
(starting 3<sup>rd</sup> April\*)

in partnership with the Cumbria Wildlife Trust - 10% of sales will go to the CWT

Card payment preferred, please follow the social distancing measures we have in place

\*Covid restrictions permitting – please do keep an eye on [www loveminieden.co.uk](http://www loveminieden.co.uk) or follow us on Instagram / Facebook @loveminieden for regular updates, news, and offers.

## Thursdays

at Tebay Recycling Centre

adjacent to the tennis courts

**17.30 - 19.30**



**Fish & Chips from Shap Chippy**

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## Fridays

at Tebay Recycling Centre

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**Takeaway Burgers, £5**

*(Beef, Wild Boar, chicken, mixed veg)*

Add portion of crispy fries for £2.

**Text Marc on 07754 083525 with your order, and the time you would like to pick up**

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## Saturdays

at Tebay Recycling Centre

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**Pizzas**

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served from 5 till 9 every Saturday

Stonebaked 9" artisan pizzas with the menu changing weekly.

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## Bretherdale & Joseph O' the Knott

The inclusion in the April Link of the dialect poem written by Joseph W. Thwaites of Parrocks, Bretherdale, prompted me to write. The origin of the dale's name sometimes is believed to be a reference to briars or, as in the poem, to two or three brothers who farmed the valley in recent history. The more likely origin is the fact that, from the 12C, the valley was owned by the monks (brethren) of Byland Abbey, with brothers based at Roundthwaite priory, until the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII. In the last century, a rare engraved lead weight (c. 7lb), used by the abbey to weigh wool, was found in Bretherdale and is now in the Science Museum.

Parrocks is now a sad ruin, as is Knott House on the far side of Breast High. At the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> C Joseph Robinson, who lived at Knott House, was better known as "Joseph o' the Knott" or "Jossy with the whips". He was well known in the district, being eccentric but affable; he decorated himself with peacock feathers and foxes tails, always carrying two or three whips, and wearing on his fingers a number of rings. A strong man, he was honest and inoffensive in his dealings; occasionally he had with him a few books for sale. Joseph would say "come will ta buy a buke: it will fill three twenty good stories or mebbie forty less".

Jossy was laid to rest around 1812 in Orton Church yard. After the requiem for this colourful person, the Rev. George Bowness, residing at Orton Townhead, wrote a poem to Joseph's memory. Rev. Bowness was a clergyman of literary acquirements, being for some time head master of the grammar school of Witton-le-Wear, Durham. He translated into modern English the market charter granted to Orton by Oliver Cromwell. Living to a good age, Bowness died at his residence in Orton about 1844. I have a copy of the poem if anyone is interested in the detail.

Paul A. Carling ([p.a.carling@soton.ac.uk](mailto:p.a.carling@soton.ac.uk))



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**for our**

## Virtual Coffee Morning!

*Every Wednesday morning from 10am*

For access (meeting ID) contact . .

Fran Parkinson – [curate.hwparishes@gmail.com](mailto:curate.hwparishes@gmail.com)

**Bring your own refreshments!**

*\*The churches of High Westmorland*



## Tantrums and Tiaras Behind the scenes at the Royal Opera House

Nigel Bates described himself as 'Head of Drums' in the Royal Opera House Orchestra at the April Zoom lecture for the Appleby Arts Society last Wednesday.

His talk covered far more than

tantrums and tiaras as he described the day-to-day workings of its 1200 full-time employees, whether musicians rehearsing the next opera or ballet, stage hands manipulating enormous sets on wheels, or principal artists performing in one of the eight rehearsal areas.

The Ballet is a company which includes all the Principals whereas in Opera the soloists come from all over the world sometimes for a single performance. Nigel said the pressure on Opera singers was intense - each one is only as good as the last performance. For instance Bryn Terfel, singing Scarpia in Tosca at the ROH recently had to make an entrance rising to the stage through an understage trapdoor, needing instantly to be in character, in time and on pitch with the orchestra - which he did every night to perfection. We then saw a clip from Milan Opera House of a tenor singing in Aida who was booed off by the audience and never returned.

We heard how empathetic an orchestra can be with great performers. Angela Georgiou was playing Mimi in La Boheme and in the final death scene her performance was so heart rending the orchestra played their quietest ever.

Stage staff have their ways of letting a performer know that offhand treatment will not be tolerated. At the end of the opera Tosca, Tosca herself throws herself off the castle walls. In reality she falls onto a crash mat behind the stage. This was replaced by a trampoline once at the dress rehearsal by a disgruntled stage crew for a performer they disapproved of - she behaved herself ever after.

We saw an extract from the end of the Ring where the stage is ablaze at the front and the waters of the Rhine are rising at the back. Scary stuff for all staff as historically the Opera House has burnt down twice before.

Finally, in the ballet Two Pigeons, Sir Frederic Ashton wanted live birds, suitably trained. At one performance one flew off the shoulder of the dancer and into the auditorium, perching on a light fitting high up. A replacement bird arrived and behaved itself on stage, but at the climax of the ballet when the two pigeons were perched on the back of a chair as per opera, the auditorium bird flew down to join them, so it was Three Pigeons that night!

The next meeting is **Brett Whiteley's Lavender Bay** given by Paul Chapman, Art Historian, on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Non-members of The Arts Society can view lectures at £5 per session. To do so please contact:

[artsoc.appleby@gmail.com](mailto:artsoc.appleby@gmail.com)

For further information please contact

[taswestmorland.org.uk](http://taswestmorland.org.uk)





## Village Planters

### FAMILIES PLANTING TOGETHER

18 families took part in our Easter Egg Trails in Orton or Tebay churchyards on Holy Saturday—the day before Easter Day. Most of them, after completing the trail and collecting their prize chocolate eggs, then agreed to take home some of the summer flowering bulb kits—each one with a flowerpot, a bag of compost (peat-free, of course!), a bulb (or several, depending on size!), and instructions for care.

They will plant their bulbs in the pots, water them, and keep them safe and warm—frost-free in this chilly weather!.

After a few weeks they should begin to sprout above the soil—an exciting glimpse of new life!



Sometime around the end of May, when we will hopefully be safe from frosts, we will get in touch with the bulb-carers, and arrange to meet so that the new plants can be transplanted into one of the new wooden troughs beautifully made by Adrian Allen of Tebay. There will be five troughs in Orton and five in Tebay, set up in suitably prominent spots around each village, to give pleasure to us all as they

start to flower.

Each trough will then be the responsibility of a nearby resident, who have promised to keep them watered in dry weather, and free of weeds.

We are very grateful to Orton and Tebay Parish Councils who have contributed £200 each, which almost exactly covers the cost of the bulbs and materials, and the troughs.

There are still some bulb pots looking for a home! If you would like one or more please contact:-

- for Tebay, Tracey Huddleston (07811 610133; [danandtracey@hotmail.com](mailto:danandtracey@hotmail.com));
- for Orton, Mary Jenkin (015396 24410; [marypienkin@gmail.com](mailto:marypienkin@gmail.com));
- or, if in doubt, [linkpines@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:linkpines@hotmail.co.uk).



Bulbs available include Gladioli, Begonias, Freesias and more, so you may be

able to choose the ones you love.

And then, as they bloom - enjoy!



## Orton

### ORTON WITH TEBAY All Saints' and St James' churches

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING and VESTRY meeting

on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
at All Saints' Church, Orton  
at 7.30pm

or join us on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81669904083>

You are all welcome to join us to hear more about the life of our churches in the last year, as well as planning for the future.

Please get in touch with a PCC member if you would like to see a copy of the reports ahead of the meeting, or email [tebay@hwparishes.org.uk](mailto:tebay@hwparishes.org.uk) if that is easier. Copies will also be on display in the church porches from mid-May.

You are entitled to vote at the church meeting if you are on the church's electoral roll, and at the vestry meeting (which elects up to four church wardens for the two churches in our combined parish) if you live in the parish and are on the local Register of Electors.

#### Orton Drop-In

We are exploring the possibility of re-opening the Orton Drop-in, outdoors or indoors as Covid rules allow - **watch out for announcements around the village!**

**Orton Parish Council will hold their  
AGM on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
in the Market Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

#### Charity Book Swap in Orton Bus Shelter

We would like to extend our very grateful thanks to the Orton Community and other people for their very generous support of the Charity Book swap. People have been very generous in their giving of books, etc and also donations.

In March, over £200 was donated for the Hospice at Home.

*Olive & Chris Bland*



**The Square,  
Orton, CA10 3RX  
015396 24225**

If you have been advised to self-isolate due to Covid-19, we will be happy to deliver any shopping you need. This service is free to the Orton village area.

The only thing we would ask is, if possible, to refrain from ordering either on Fridays or Saturdays, but we would welcome orders on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please note we have daily deliveries of fresh milk, fruit and vegetables usually before 9:30 am.

#### PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

WE HAVE REVERTED TO  
**ONLY TWO CUSTOMERS IN THE SHOP  
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**NO FACE COVERING = NO ENTRY**

Customers and colleagues must wear a face mask unless exempt. Please do not take offence if we ask for proof of your exemption - we are trying to protect our customers and colleagues.

**YOU MUST SHOP ALONE UNLESS YOU ARE A CARER OR  
WITH CHILDREN.**

**FOR VULNERABLE CUSTOMERS WE CAN ARRANGE  
EITHER A HOME DELIVERY OR ACCESS TO THE SHOP  
OUTSIDE NORMAL OPENING HOURS.**

Best wishes and keep safe.

**Jayne and Neville Grove**

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**Orton Post Office** will NOT close for lunch on  
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Post Office		Shop	
Mon:	CLOSED	Mon:	9-6
Tues:	9-5	Tues:	8-6
Wed:	CLOSED	Wed:	8-6
Thurs:	9-5	Thurs:	8-6
Fri:	CLOSED	Fri:	8-6
Sat:	9-4	Sat:	8-5

#### Tebay Post Office

will be open as at present on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, closing for lunch between 1 and 2 p.m. This means that you will have access to an open Post Office six days a week.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May

After over 12 months of Covid-19 CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is with us again.

As you will recall, last year all giving was done “online” and with the restrictions that we are still under, we felt that it would be wise to continue with just online giving again for this year as well.

The needs are just as great as ever and when we consider that the Pandemic will be with us “worldwide” for the foreseeable future then the needs will actually be even greater. Please give as generously as you feel able.

If you wish to donate then put in “<https://www.christianaid.org.uk>”, then hopefully this should get you the Christian Aid Week website. In the top right hand corner you should see “donate” and take it from there. Please visit other parts of the website if you wish to learn more.

This month should see a return of the printed version of the Link but some of you may receive the electronic version as well. If you receive the electronic version more than once, please bear with us.

We are actually responsible for Christian Aid in Orton, Tebay & Ravenstonedale. If the e-version reaches people in Shap and Bampton then we hope that you also will “bear with us.”

Thank you for your support.

*Olive & Chris Bland*

## A funny story that Alun has told!

*One of Alun’s friends from Australia—who sometimes joined us at our Zoom services—sent this.*

“Thinking of Alun’s retirement at the end of April, his love for the outdoors, England’s coming summer and what he may do with his spare time, this story came to mind. I still find it funny even after a few years. Cheers!

Bryan Crebbin, Buninyong, Victoria, Australia.”

**Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson decide to go on a camping trip. After dinner and a bottle of wine, they lay down for the night, and go to sleep.**

**Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend.**

**“Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see.”**

**Watson replied, “I see millions of stars.”**

**“What does that tell you?”**

**Watson pondered for a minute.**

**“Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.**

**“Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo.**

**“Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three.**

**“Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant.**

**“Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.**

**“What does it tell you, Holmes?”**

**Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke: “Watson, you idiot. Someone has stolen our tent!”**



next market

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Leanne | Market Coordinator

Orton Farmers Ltd

07969 335598 [info@ortonfarmers.co.uk](mailto:info@ortonfarmers.co.uk)

<http://www.ortonfarmers.co.uk/>

## REFRESHMENTS at the Farmers’ Market

Weather permitting, coffee and biscuits will be served **outside All Saints’ Church** on the Farmers’ Market on 8<sup>th</sup> May, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Covid precautions will be maintained, but it will be great if for the first time for over a year we can welcome guests in this way! Also bric-a-brac and raffle. (No parking at church)



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## The Duke of Edinburgh

There has been massive coverage (some feel too much!) of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh, but it is universally agreed that one of the most significant contributions he made to

the lives of millions of young people around the world was the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Perhaps many in our area have been involved in that scheme over the years – our curate, Rev. Fran Parkinson, tells me that as a youngster she did the bronze award!

But we have been able to receive two other more recent accounts from local youngsters.

*Orton Church tower with flag at half-mast*



### 1. From Emma Thorpe of Raisbeck

## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

# BRONZE SILVER GOLD

I started my Bronze DoE Award in 2016 and have just finished my Gold Award this year. It has been an amazing journey. I've learnt lots of new skills, tried different activities, made new friends and best of all had lots of fun.

*Emma hiking in 2016*



The highlights for me over the last 5 years have been spending a week at Blackpool Zoo for my Gold Residential and kayaking with 4 others from Oban to Fort William for our Gold Expedition.

Mr Sunderland and his team of volunteer leaders in conjunction with Kirkby Stephen Mountain Rescue Centre have been fantastic in giving their time and

passing on their knowledge so that we could confidently set out on our expeditions fully trained and equipped to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

It has definitely been worth doing.

*Emma Thorpe*



*The Kayak Adventure in 2019*

### 2. From Sian Dunkinson of Tebay

## My Silver DoE Experience.

Through the RAF Air Cadets, I am completing the silver Duke of Edinburgh award (DoE). This award is for any young people aged 14-24 and there are three different levels to it, bronze, silver, and gold. For my silver award, I must complete four different sections; one in which I must volunteer to help my community or the environment, one where I must either learn a new skill or improve an old one, one where I must improve my physical fitness, and finally I must plan, prepare for and complete a three-day expedition.

As my skill, I choose to train and perform with the North Region Air Cadet Marching Band.



Over the week I spent training with them, I learned how to play a new musical instrument, the bell lyre, as I am normally a pianist, but you can't march with a piano! For the volunteering section, I am currently volunteering with the Families Together in Tebay and Orton team, helping them plan and carry out events for the families in the community. I have not yet started the physical section of my DoE; however, I am planning to improve my fitness through sailing as this is a sport I really enjoy doing. The expedition I am planning is a three-day cycling trip, however, I haven't decided where yet.

Despite my disability, I am still able to take part in the DoE award, and I have learned a lot from the experience. For example, I have improved my marching abilities and learned how to march and play an instrument together as part of the band. I have also improved my confidence and team working skills through volunteering and performing with the band. With the sections of my DoE I have left, I expect to learn from the people I meet the experiences I have.

This program offers excellent experiences and opportunities for young people, and I thank the Duke of Edinburgh for setting it up.

If you have any stories about the Duke of Edinburgh, share them with readers of **The Link!**

# News from Orton School



## A quick message...

All of us here at school had an amazing (but short) term together. All 4 four classes have worked really hard; both with their learning and helping keep one another safe!

We are extremely proud of all our children here at Orton CE Primary School. We can't wait to (fingers crossed) welcome the sunshine to our summer term!



## Class 2

Class 2 have been talking all things fruit! Thinking about healthy eating and different fruits that could be 'chopped' and added to make delicious smoothies! The end results proved a massive hit with our class 2 children!



## Easter—Resurrection Gardens'

Class 4 made resurrection gardens as part of their RE learning about what Jesus' resurrection means to Christians.



Rooted in Christian values of love, forgiveness and hope

Growing strong in a loving and safe environment

An excellent place to learn

Thriving and flourishing to go out into the world

## Looking Forward with Hope

It is very important at this time to keep things in perspective and remember in our thoughts and prayers all the people who have lost loved ones during the Pandemic. Also the financial impact on some people's lives will have been devastating and all the children have had their education disrupted, with stresses and strains on family life. On the positive side, thanks to the scientists and the NHS we now have the vaccines which are providing a light at the end of the tunnel.

For our community, it was with great regret that we had to report last month that due to the Pandemic, our Church Exhibition was to be cancelled for a second year. On top of this the monthly Coffee Mornings on the day of the Farmers Market have now

been cancelled for over 12 months.

The impact of all these cancellations has inevitably left quite a gap in the finances of All Saints' Church but we hope that when things do improve, we can then begin again to meet socially and enjoy fundraising as we have in the past.

Some of our recent Exhibitions have been really quite stunning. I was looking at photos on our computer recently and I came across some from the "Scarecrow Wedding" (*see below*) which really quite moved me when I saw them again. We know that we have some very talented people in our community so with their *inspiration* and a lot of hard work from a lot of other people let us hope that in 2022 we will be able make a return to things "as normal as possible".

*Chris Bland, Churchwarden*



**Upper Eden Food Bank**  
'A church led, community fed project'

With our churches being closed, and the Orton Drop In also being discontinued until further notice because of Covid-19 rules, people may not be sure how they can contribute goods for the Food Bank, whose need of support is even greater than in normal times.

Chris and Mary Jenkin will be very happy for goods to be left in a box in their back porch which is always open - at Beckside, just round the corner from Orton Methodist chapel.



**News from All Saints' Church, Kasese, Uganda**  
(parish linked with *All Saints', Orton*)

**WhatsApp correspondence with three Ugandan clergy**

**From Rev. Nelson Walina, vicar of All Saints' Church, Kasese**

1<sup>st</sup> April: My wife and I were both immunised yesterday!

2<sup>nd</sup> April: Dear friends, this needs urgent prayer. Two months ago the son of one of our Christian widows, a boy of 19 years, burnt himself with hot water. The mother kept quiet till now. Treatment bills were 2,173,400 shillings. 500,000 has been paid so there remains a balance of 1,673,400 shillings (*About £360.*) We are praying to God that good Samaritans come to assist and we pay off the debt. Could you please join us in our prayers.



7<sup>th</sup> April: Greetings for Easter weekend. Let me hope it was somehow good in spite of a number of deaths of our friends.

*Reply, 8<sup>th</sup> April:* We had a good Easter. We would like to help with the medical costs of your widow's son. We have sent 1,695,496 UGX by Western Union... 6 of us contributed to this gift. I hope the young man is recovering.

*From Nelson:* Thanks so much for the help. We are relieved. I will continue praying with those 6 of you to prosper in their faith and wealth. I appreciate your generous giving.

*(Rev. Nelson has been praying with his church for a person in Orton who was ill with Covid, when told about the need. He has continued to enquire after this person's progress.)*

**From Rev. Nelson Isebagheen, Chaplain, Kagando Hospital, Kasese**

*(Martin and Pam Lawson of Tebay worked for a few weeks at this hospital as student volunteers in 1988.)*

5<sup>th</sup> April: Here at Kagando our Easter celebrations were good. I preached at the two morning services, and 51 people committed their lives to Christ. Pray that God will give me the strength to disciple them.

*Our reply:* That is amazing, Nelson! Praise God!

**Rev. Robert Zziwa**

7<sup>th</sup> April: I hereby send you photos of ministry to widows and youths of St. Paul's Cathedral.



We gave some little assistance of sugar and a bar of soap to each widow. There are about 70 widows.

For the youth, we had a Homecoming get together fellowship for those who had come for

Easter celebrations on Saturday 03/04/2021. It brought more than 100 youths and after the fellowship, we had a picnic outside in the compound and enjoyed nyama choma (smoked meat - "muchomo") and water. It attracted many, it really works.



That can also be included in the Link as part of youth get-together fellowship at St. Paul's Cathedral, South Rwenzori Diocese.



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## Orton Litter Pick

At the April Council meeting it was agreed that this year the village would again be encouraged to have a litter pick across the parish. No collection took place last year because of the Covid-19 virus.

It was drawn to the council's attention that during the course of the year a number of individuals in the parish undertake their own collections and these efforts were greatly appreciated and applauded by the council. However throughout May it is hoped more parishioners will hold collections particularly on the roadside verges leading out of the village. Blue bags and picking equipment can be obtained from Councillor David Potter (07778 578491) and the bags when full should be placed outside the Market Hall where they will be collected by the council.

Litter picking is a well worthwhile pastime and excellent exercise. However take care of traffic particularly on busy sections of road and it is advisable to wear gloves and a dayglow jacket.

Good litter picking and thanks.

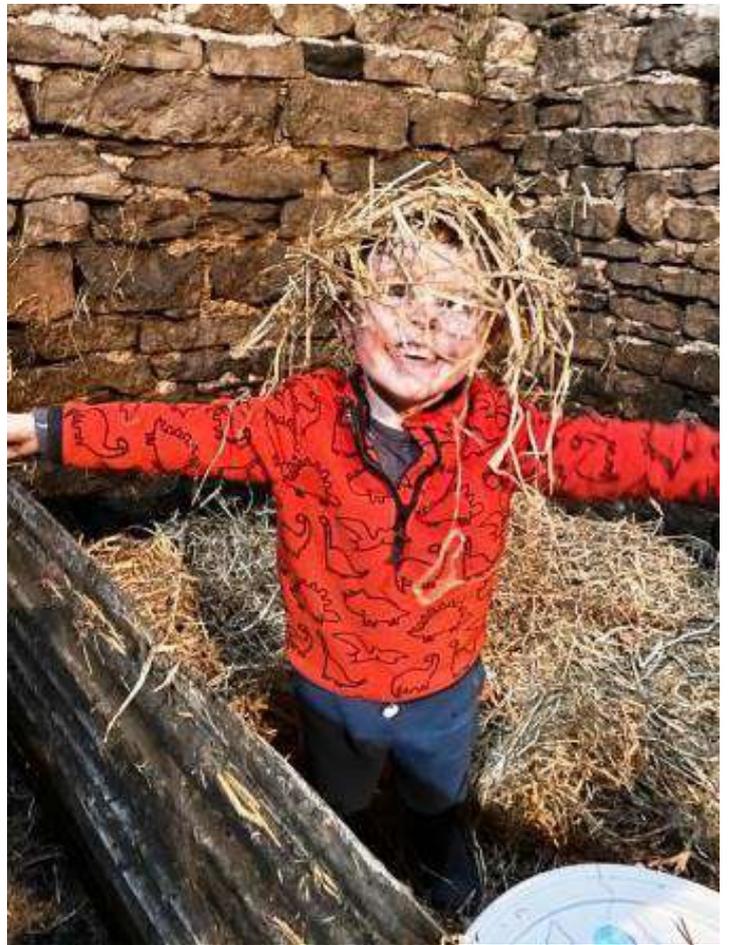
*Kyle Blue*



Orton Litter Pickers in 2019 when 80 bags were collected.



Easter garden in Orton Church porch created by William Carrick, aged 6

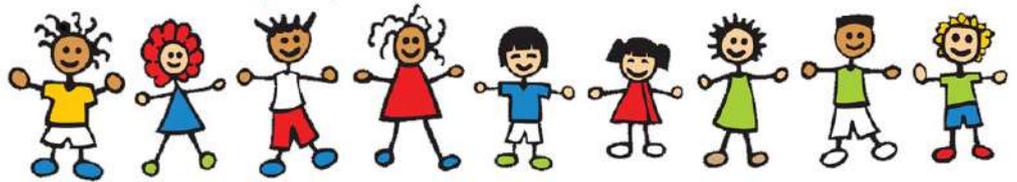


Sadly there will be no Orton Scarecrow Festival this year—so here is a scarecrow for you to enjoy!

This is Jack Iveson.

Here he is again with a friend!





Hope you enjoy this page—let us know if you have any ideas of what else you would like to see here: [linkpines@hotmail.com](mailto:linkpines@hotmail.com)

## Planting the seeds of God's love

Fit the nine letters from 'sunflower' into the gaps below. Cross them off as you use them.



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**Matthew 13.1-9,18-23**

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**Draw!** Crowds gathered to listen to Jesus telling stories. Where did he sit so that everyone could hear him? Join the dots to find out.

**Jes\_s told th\_m a sto\_ry about a farme\_who sowed\_ots of seeds. Some of them\_ell on bad ground, and died. But all the seed o\_good ground gre\_tall and \_trong.**

**???????**  
**Puzzle**

Jesus sows the seeds of God's love in our hearts. Can you 'plant' the words in this heart? Write the word from the correct section to fit into the heart. Or cut out the pieces and stick them on!

Love

Joy

Peace

Sharing

Forgiveness

Caring

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# Ravenstonedale



## St. Oswald's Church

We hope there is a light at the end of the tunnel so here are a few dates for your very empty diary!

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (Thursday if wet!)**

Boon day in the Churchyard

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Auction of Promises

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Festival Lunch

*Looking forward to seeing you in person  
again!*

## Ravenstonedale Easter Garden

We hope you enjoyed the Easter Garden at St Oswald's – before the colourful plants disappeared from it, over the course of several days!

It would be good if whoever took them is looking after them, and will perhaps bring them back for next year's Easter Garden.

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Grateful thanks to Janet Brownrigg who created it, and who is faithful in this task year after year!

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

### Politics, Persecution and Prison A historical perspective of the early Quakers in Westmorland

Zoom continues to be popular as an alternative to live talks, for the Ravenstonedale Parish History Group. An audience of around fifty attendees 'zoomed in' on the 30th March, to watch Les Neal present on the history of the Quakers in Westmorland and the reasons for the persecution of the early Quakers. Les explored the political reasons for the early persecution of Quakers and the instruments of law that were employed.

The Zoom talk was an introduction to a more extensive talk, planned for when live events are allowed, in which Les will talk about the early history of a number of Quaker families from Ravenstonedale parish and its surrounds.

Les began his talk with an historical overview, commencing at the start of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, when numerous 'dissenting' religious groups had arisen, united in their wish to reform the practice of the existing order of religion. Nineteen of these groups were listed by Les, including the Muggletonians and the Barrowists. The early years of the first English Civil War (1642 – 1646), saw the emergence from these groups of those seeking radical reform. The radical reformers were described as the 'independents'.

The second civil war (1648 - 1649) coincided with the passing of a number of laws that, whilst not specifically aimed at the Quakers led to their persecution with many fines and imprisonment. In 1652 Westmorland becomes a focus in the early days of the Quaker movement, with the arrival of George Fox in Sedbergh, and his open air preaching at what is now called 'Fox's Pulpit' on Firbank Fell. After a period of increasing enforcement of control of the Quaker movement, the restoration of the Monarchy in 1660 promised some tolerance.

In Charles 1<sup>st</sup> Declaration of Breda, he states,  
*'we do declare liberty to tender consciences: and that no man shall be disquieted, or called into question, for differences of opinion in matters of religion which do not disturb the peace of the Kingdom'*

Tolerance was short-lived, following events inspired by opposition to the Monarchy and fresh legislation was introduced, designed to enforce conformity to the then required form of worship (Congregationalist). The new laws were collectively described as the Clarendon Code.

In Westmorland, Sir Philipp Musgrave and others enthusiastically enforced the Clarendon Code. Les illustrated his talk with examples of persecution and original publications documenting legal proceedings taken against Quakers in Westmorland. The examples included an account of the life imprisonment of Frances Howgill in 1663 (who died in prison in 1669). The Vicar of Kirkby Stephen was an opponent of the rapidly growing

Quaker movement and was instrumental in the arrest of the Quaker missionaries James Naylor and Frances Howgill.

It was not until 1687, with the accession to the throne of James II, that tolerance for Quakers began to be enacted with a series of laws including the Toleration Act of 1689 and much later the Sacramental Test Act of 1829. This last act brought freedom to the Quaker movement and by 1833, Quakers were no longer prohibited to hold offices under the Crown.

In his following talk, Les will present on how these historical events were experienced in the lives of Quaker families in Ravenstonedale Parish. Ravenstonedale Parish History Group (RPHG) is looking forward to this future 'live' event. Before this, Les will also present a 'live' lecture on the history of Caldbeck (in Ravenstonedale Parish). For details on all future RPHG talks including information on participation in the Zoom meetings please go to

[www.ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk](http://www.ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk).

A full list of the sources drawn upon by Les for this talk is also published on the RPHG website.



## FRIENDS OF ST OSWALD'S THEATRE

**We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to stage another Christmas play this year.**

**The first step will be a meeting in early May (inevitably via Zoom!) for all those interested in being involved in any capacity at all – onstage, or backstage.**

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**For more information, contact Joan  
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Our topic of the month this month is Spring. Children have been getting creative, mixing colours to make beautiful daffodil pictures, babies have been making blossom trees and plenty of other Spring activities. We have also been on a Spring walk looking at all of the wildlife around the village and taking pictures of these for a Spring scrap book.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Ravenstonedale Endowed Church for giving us some Easter egg hunt seeds, to plant in their beautiful church grounds. We cannot wait to do this and watch the progress of the seeds and see them grow into flowers.

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## Websites

### Church Websites:

High Westmorland parishes: <http://hwparishes.org.uk>  
Entries in the Church of England's "A Church Near You" directory  
Orton: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12220/>  
Ravenstonedale: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12221/>  
Tebay: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12223/>  
Orton Community Website: <https://ortoneden.co.uk>  
Orton Parish Council: <https://ortonpc-eden.org.uk>  
Tebay Parish Council: <https://tebaypc.org.uk>  
Ravenstonedale village website: <https://www.ravenstonedale.org>  
Ravenstonedale Parish Council: <https://www.rdalepc.uk>

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