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## CHURCH LETTER

From the Revd. Ian Elliott

It would no doubt raise a few eyebrows among my friends, knowing my total lack of interest in the cooking *process* (as distinct from the *outcome*, of course!), to find me starting this piece with a reference to the Great British Bake Off. However, I recently read a comment which I found rang several bells in my mind – especially in the light of what Philip Rigby wrote in this column last month about the importance of treating other people with respect even when we hold strongly different opinions.

The writer observed, "Bake Off's sustained appeal is no surprise. When much of our news is a combination of confusing, depressing, and downright vitriolic, the opportunity to spend an hour soaking in the warm innocence of the Bake Off tent is a welcome escape. Though billed as a 'baking competition' there's something unusual about the way the bakers 'compete'. What takes place in the tent is more a working alongside than a working against.

"When bakers have a spare minute, they help other contestants out. When they're unsure how to proceed, they ask one another. When they struggle or are sent home, the overwhelming reaction of the others isn't relief or smugness, but compassion."

Knowingly or not, the contestants are expressing something of their true nature as created beings. The Bible declares that God made us for relationship – to express our human creativity

in partnership and mutual support rather than in competition and rivalry. At Christmas and throughout the year we celebrate a God who comes alongside us, to 'be there' for us in all the challenges life may throw at us. A God whose aim is not to put us down through constant criticism and judgement but to release the full potential which lies within us all as people made 'in his image'. A God who invites each of us to join with him in this enterprise in our everyday life and relationships.

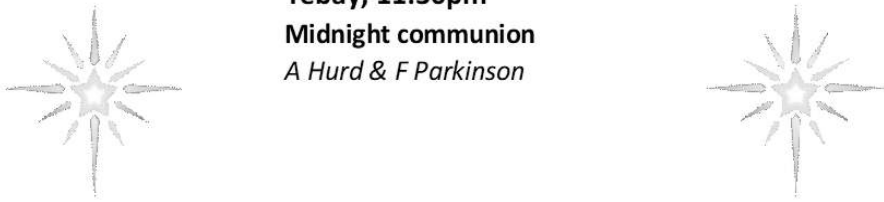
In competitive workplaces and in a deeply divided society, Bake Off reminds us that God's image in *every* human being gives infinite value and significance even to our fiercest 'rivals' and 'competitors'. It enables us to aspire to something better than a rat race of continually trying to push ourselves forward at the expense of other people. The "peace and goodwill" of which shepherds heard angels sing is not some sort of vague, impossible dream, but the reality of what life in this world is intended to be about. So the challenge to each of us is to respond to God's invitation to join with him in taking small, but nonetheless positive, steps towards this reality. It's something each one of us can do, both in the way we live among people we encounter day by day and in the way we think and speak about politicians and others who are so much in the public eye and whose words and decisions affect the lives of millions.

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Next deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> January for February 2020 issue.

**Front Cover: She laid him in a manger**

# SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR DECEMBER 2019

<p><b>Sunday 1 December</b></p> <p><i>Advent 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 2:1-5</b> <b>Romans 13:11-14</b></p> <p><i>Purple</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 10:30am</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Alun Hurd</i></p> <p>Chris Bland Michael Heywood Susan Basnett Elizabeth Crossley</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 10:30am</b></p> <p><b>Songs of Praise</b></p> <p><i>Rosemary Campbell</i></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>Tapestry Service</b></p> <p><b>at Newbiggin-on-Lune Chapel</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 8 December</b></p> <p><i>Advent 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 11:1-10</b> <b>Romans 15:4-13</b></p> <p><i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 10:30am</b></p> <p><b>Family Service</b></p> <p><i>Fran Parkinson</i></p> <p>Olive Bland</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 4:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Christingle Service</b></p> <p><i>Alun, Ian &amp; Fran</i></p> <p><i>Crafts and drinks from 3pm</i></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Alun Hurd</i></p> <p>Sally Metcalfe-Gibson Michael Metcalfe-Gibson</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15 December</b></p> <p><i>Advent 3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 35:1-10</b> <b>James 5:7-10</b></p> <p><i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 8:30am</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Alun Hurd</i></p> <p>Jim Milburn John Dunning</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 10:30am</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Chris Jenkin</i></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 3:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Evening Prayer</b></p> <p><i>A Hurd &amp; F Parkinson</i></p> <p>Fran Parkinson Tim Parkinson</p>
<p><b>Sunday 22 December</b></p> <p><i>Advent 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 7:10-16</b> <b>Romans 1:1-7</b></p> <p><i>Purple</i></p> <p><i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 6:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Carols by Candlelight</b></p> <p><i>Alun, Fran, Ian &amp; Chris</i></p> <p>Mary Jenkin</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 10:30am</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Ian Elliott</i></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Chris Jenkin</i></p> <p>Diana Fothergill Fran Parkinson</p>
<p><b>Christmas Eve</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Isaiah 52:7-10</b> <b>Hebrews 1:1-4</b></p> <p><i>Purple</i></p>	<p><b>Tebay, 11:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Midnight communion</b></p> <p><i>A Hurd &amp; F Parkinson</i></p> 		
<p><b>Christmas Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesman</i> <b>Isaiah 11:1-9</b> <b>Matthew 1:18-end</b></p> <p><i>White</i></p> <p><i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>Family Communion</b></p> <p><i>C Jenkin &amp; F Parkinson</i></p> <p>Andy Glanville Jackie Huck Iris Wilding Elizabeth Crossley</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 10:30am</b></p> <p><b>Songs of Praise</b></p> <p><b>at the Methodist church</b></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>All Age Worship</b></p> <p><i>Fran Parkinson</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 29 December</b></p> <p><i>Christmas 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 63:7-9</b> <b>Hebrews 2:10-18</b></p> <p><i>White</i></p> <p><i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>United Service, Ravenstonedale, 10.30am</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Alun Hurd &amp; Chris Jenkin</i></p> <p>Hilary Law Richard Best</p>		

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



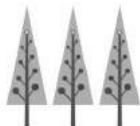
## SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR DECEMBER 2019

		1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent	8 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent	15 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent	22 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	29 <sup>th</sup>
Tebay	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	S of P at PC	R McGregor	J Betts	Carol Service OA	At N-on-L
Orton	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	T Longworth J Betts	W Riley OA S Radford HC	B Staley LA	S Radford Carols FS US at PC	At N-on-L
Newbiggin-on- Lune	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	S Thackray OA Prayer & Share	LA Candlelight Svce OA	W B Robinson Prayer & Share	Carols OA	N Klein SS OA
Ravenstonedale	2.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	D Askew	S Radford	J Law	Carols OA	10.30 At N-on-L

**Orton Methodist Church invite you,  
jointly with All Saints, Orton, to a  
Family Carol Service for all**



**at Orton Methodist Church  
Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 10.30am**



Coffee and seasonal refreshments afterwards

**COME AND JOIN US - EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Newbiggin Methodist Church**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Candlelight Service**

6.30 p.m.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Family  
Carols**

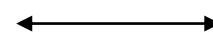
10.30 a.m.

**Tebay Methodist Church**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Lighting of  
Christmas Tree  
and carols**

6.30 p.m.



**Christmas Day  
Service**

10.30 a.m.

**Ravenstonedale**

**Methodist Church**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Carol Service**

2.00 p.m.



## SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR JANUARY 2020

<p><b>Sunday 5 January</b> <i>Epiphany</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 60:1-6</b> <b>Ephesians 3:1-12</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 10:30am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Alun Hurd</i> Olive Bland Susan Basnett Elizabeth Crossley Chris Bland</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 10:30am</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b> <b>at the Methodist church</b></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 10:00am</b> <b>All Age Worship</b> <i>Fran Parkinson</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 12 January</b> <i>Baptism of Christ</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 42:1-9</b> <b>Acts 10:34-43</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 10:30am</b> <b>Family Service</b> <i>Fran Parkinson</i> Mary Jenkin</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 10:30am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Alun Hurd</i></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 10:00am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Ian Elliott</i></p> <p>Diana Fothergill Anthony Metcalfe-Gibson</p>
<p><b>Sunday 19 January</b> <i>Epiphany 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 49:1-7</b> <b>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 8:30am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>A Hurd &amp; F Parkinson</i> Jim Milburn Mary Jenkin</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 10:30am</b> <b>Service of the Word</b> <i>Fran Parkinson</i></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 3.00pm</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b> <i>Alun Hurd</i></p> <p>Caroline Morris David Morris</p>
<p><b>Sunday 26 January</b> <i>Epiphany 3</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Isaiah 9:1-4</b> <b>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 10:30am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Neil Hughes</i> Chris Bland Michael Heywood Andy Glanville Elizabeth Crossley</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 10:30am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Ian Elliott</i></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 10:00am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Chris Jenkin</i></p> <p>Jane Parsler Richard Best</p>
<p><b>Sunday 2 February</b> <i>Candlemas</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sidesperson:</i> <b>Malachi 3:1-5</b> <b>Hebrews 2:14-18</b> <i>Prayers:</i></p>	<p><b>Orton, 10:30am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>A Hurd &amp; F Parkinson</i> Andy Glanville Jackie Huck Iris Wilding Angela Milburn</p>	<p><b>Tebay, 10:30am</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b> <i>Chris Jenkin</i></p>	<p><b>Ravenstonedale, 10:00am</b> <b>All Age Worship</b> <i>Rosemary Campbell</i></p>

## SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR JANUARY 2020

		5 <sup>th</sup> Covenant Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	26 <sup>th</sup>
Tebay	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	S of P OA	J Tebbutt Cnxn Svce at K. Stephen	LA OA	T Dent Cov
Orton	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	D Askew HC A Sterling	L Morton OA Cnxn Svce at K. Stephen	LA S Radford	P Gorst OA LA
Newbiggin-on- Lune	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	H Hutchinson OA	S Radford Cov Cnxn Svce at K. Stephen	J Law Prayer & Share	A Sterling HC
Ravenstonedale	2.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	G & R Crippen	S Radford Cov Cnxn Svce at K. Stephen	B Staley	S Radford

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## A VIEW FROM TEBAY

From Reg Capstick, Reader Emeritus

As the evenings draw in, winter seems to have come early which could be a depressing thought. However, despite the shorter days, I do not find it too bad as my main activity is now reading. It gives me more time to really get stuck into a variety of books and other publications such as 'The Reader' which arrives each month and 'The Economist', which is passed on to me from Jo. The Reader stimulates me in many ways even though I no longer have the privilege of conducting services. The Economist is sometimes a very depressing read as it outlines events in countries which have many more problems than we have. But the information it gives helps me to realise that, in spite of Brexit and the uselessness of many of our politicians, my life is relatively good.

Two celebratory events have happened recently: the Golden Wedding anniversary of Ian and Ronnie and the Silver Wedding anniversary of Steve and Jo. Both were joyous occasions. Especially the latter because Steve had somehow managed to keep it a secret from Jo and the look of delighted surprise on her face when she saw the assembled relatives and friends was wonderful to behold. In contrast however, two deaths have occurred which saddened me. Willie Law will be sadly missed by many people including those of us who meet every month at The Old School for a meal and a chat. Gordon Mason's funeral service at the chapel was well attended and the tributes from his family were both heartfelt and joyful.

Yesterday was Remembrance Sunday and over 50 people attended the service at which the royal British Legion standard was paraded, and a bugler played the appropriate tunes. It was, as always, a moving occasion. My father, who was in his 40s when I was born, served in France during WW1 and rarely spoke of his experiences. The only time I recall him doing so was when I was in my late 20s and told him where I was heading with a school party. When I said we were going to a seaside town called Wimereux, he said - very quietly- "I was in hospital for a bit there in 1916". He never mentioned his war service again and I - to my chagrin now - never asked him anything else about it.

The weather yesterday was brilliant - sunny and fairly warm - but today it is wet and cold. Perhaps today's conditions are more likely to persist than yesterday's - but I doubt we will experience the sort of flooding here that south Yorkshire has. I am happy enough so long as I can have a walk most days and get to church or chapel regularly -

even if it is wet. I still like going to Kendal when I can although the closure of Prelude, my regular eating place, has made Kendal less appealing.

I mentioned 'The Reader' earlier in this article and one item in the winter edition struck me as fascinating. 'Humour in the Bible' is not perhaps a subject many people will relate to but it is there more often than one might think - especially in The Old Testament. I will never be able to read or listen to Elijah and the priests of Baal again without smiling at the image of his taunting them. Nor will the tale of Jonah be the same as I visualise his physical appearance when vomited from the whale's stomach onto the shore. These are only two examples of humorous passages although not everybody will see them as such. Humour is an individual thing and my sense of it has always been somewhat quirky. I am glad to say, the Goon show was one of my favourite programmes and much modern 'comedy' leaves me cold.

I remember when I was teaching once asking a group of 15 year olds what was the most important attribute for a teacher to possess and one girl saying "a sense of humour, sir". That still remains with me in my mind because without that sense, life would be terrible!

### THE HUB **Tebay Community Library and Drop In in the Hub, St. James' Church**



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10.00am - 12.00 noon

Refreshments - Books to borrow and buy. All ages welcome

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*Do you enjoy  
Knitting/Sewing/  
Crafts?*



*Do you need a helping hand?*

*Join us at Tebay  
Methodist Hall  
every Tuesday  
afternoon*

*for a cuppa and a  
chat while crafting*

*Call Dennis on  
015396 24445*

*Or just come along.  
Everyone welcome*



## J'UNCTION

On the first Tuesday of every month a group of us meets to pray for God's work in the Tebay community.

Come and join us at  
J'Unction in The Hub at  
St James' on  
**Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
14<sup>th</sup> January &  
every Tuesday in February  
7.30-8.30 pm.**

### 'Twinkles'

**Tuesdays  
9.30—11.30**

**a.m.**

**at Tebay  
Methodist Hall**

**All welcome -  
with or without  
children**



**Voluntary run playgroup—**  
Activities changed on a weekly basis including painting, playdough, drawing, cutting, dressing up, slides, bikes, music, reading.

For more information contact  
**Pippa Smith**  
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### Tebay Surgery

The surgery in Church Rise (run from the Upper Eden Medical Practice, Kirkby Stephen) is open on **Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon** and **Thursdays 3.0 - 6.30 p.m.**

01768 371369

### Tebay Lunch Club

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month  
at the Old School Tea Room  
12.0 noon: £8.00**

Contact Bernard or Muriel:  
015396 24272

TEBAY METHODIST CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2-30PM

CAKE, PRODUCE & GIFT STALLS

BUFFET TEAS

### Tebay Methodist Church

From their fund-raising coffee mornings etc. over the past year, the church has donated 15% of the income to the Air Ambulance, amounting to £300. The church very much appreciates the support given by the community.

### FRIENDS OF TEBAY SCHOOL



FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 3pm - 4.30pm

TEBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

STALLS - RAFFLE

GAMES - REFRESHMENTS

*ALL MONEY RAISED IS FOR TEBAY SCHOOL*

Tebay Community Choir

## Christmas Concert



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm

Tebay Community Choir invites you to an

**Evening of Festive Entertainment**

in Tebay Social Cub.



# Born Before 1<sup>st</sup> December 1959?

## Living in Tebay, Roundthwaite, Gaisgill or Borrowdale?

Then You are Warmly  
invited to a  
**Traditional Christmas  
Dinner**  
at  
**Tebay Sports & Social  
Club**  
on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December  
at 1.30pm for 2.00pm

**To Reserve Your Place,  
Please RSVP to Graham  
Cave 24321 (Answerphone)  
by No Later Than  
5<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Tuesday Morning Prayers in Churches 9.30 a.m.

All welcome to join us for a time of worship and prayer

#### Dates, venues and leaders for December

3	Bampton	Neil Hughes
10	Tebay	Rosemary Campbell
17	Orton	Ian Elliott
24	Shap	[Not meeting]
31	Ravenstonedale	[Not meeting]

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# TEBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November we ran a basic first aid session in after school club. Mr Dunkinson who is one of Tebay's First Responders delivered the session and also told us how the defibrillator works. The nearest village defibrillator to the school is kept in the old telephone box across from the Cross Keys; a lot of children do not know what a defibrillator is, what it is used for or how it works and more importantly how vital it is to our rural community. Big thank you to Mr Dunkinson for coming into school and sharing his knowledge (there was another one on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November).



## Dog mess in the village.

As with a lot of villages, Tebay has a problem with irresponsible dog owners not picking up their dog mess.

Teaching Assistant Michelle Fisher decided to involve the children in the school's after school club by making 'poo bag dispensers' - these were made out of old plastic bottles and filled with 'poo' bags.

The children also made some colourful signs and with parents and friends of the school, led by Miss Fisher, they walked around the village putting the dispensers in prominent places.



## End of term celebrations.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November as part of our Harvest celebrations, parents were invited into school to join their children in making apple crumbles. Apples were kindly donated by a friend of the school and Miss Fisher and Mrs Hall added their expertise in making delicious crumbles to take home. This was followed by our end of term 'celebration' assembly.



## Other news:

The school held its 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Community Lunch' on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, we had 12 members of the community join the children for a wonderful roast dinner made by Mrs Capstick the school's cook. The next one will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December which will be Roast Turkey.

## Coming up:

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Twinkles to visit Class 1.

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Children to see the 'Christmas Journey' at the Methodist Chapel.

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Children and parents invited to St James Church for the Christingle service.

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 6:00pm Christmas production in the Methodist Chapel...all welcome.

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Friends of Tebay School Xmas Fair 3:00pm to 4.30pm...all welcome.

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Whole school to Rheged to see a Xmas film.

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day, School Xmas dinner followed by a visit from Santa.

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Celebration assembly at 1:30pm. Break up.

## MacMillan Coffee Afternoon.

We held our coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer Support (part of the world's biggest coffee morning) on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, raising £108.46.

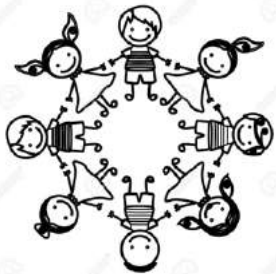
Thank you to everyone who donated all the yummy cakes and biscuits and a big thank you to everyone who attended, the support is very much appreciated.





# 'Twinkles'

Our voluntary run playgroup has been providing a safe space for families with young children to meet and play for over 30 years. But . . . .



***we need your help to be able to continue!***

**We are looking for volunteers, of any age, who could help with setting-up, setting-down, providing snacks, providing a craft, reading at story-time or helping with singing/music.**

*Help would be on a rota basis so no-one need commit to being there every week.*

**If you feel that you would be able to offer some support, however small, please drop in to our**

**OPEN MORNING**

for coffee and a chat on

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

from **10.30** a. m. onwards

***Help us to continue providing this community space!***

**Christmas Eve in the Club**



**Come & join us for an evening of Christmas Carol Singing**



**Tebay, Sports and Social Club  
Starts at 8pm**

*Festive fun for all the family including a quiz*

*and prizes for the best Christmas jumpers.*



**All Welcome**



## **An Appeal from Ross Jenkin**

You may know that I am a bit of a fell runner and over the

last few years I have been steadily improving and spending as much time as possible in the fells and next year I enter the most competitive field in fell running – Vet 40!

Last year I needed to take some time off work for depression and stress and found solace in the mountains. The mountains are my therapy, they are my church. I wanted to do something to help others who are suffering with mental health issues and decided to really challenge my physical strength and new-found mental strength by heading into the mountains of the home nations of Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England to attempt something which has never been done before.

Each of the four home countries has a famous and extremely challenging mountain running "round", each of which only a few people have completed within 24 hours. My ambitious aim is to complete all four of these in one week - something which has never been done before!

I will start at daybreak on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020 in Snowdonia with the aim of running the Paddy Buckley round (105km and approx 8500m of height gain) in 24hrs. I will then travel straight to the Mourne Mountains in Northern Ireland to run the Denis Rankin round (95km and 6500m of height gain) again in 24hrs. Next comes the Ben Nevis region of Scotland where I will run the Charlie Ramsey round (100km and 8200m of height gain) also in 24hrs, and then finally I will go back to my home - to the Lake District to complete the challenge with The Bob Graham round which is 104km with 8500m of height gain in 24hrs. This totals approximately 400km and 3.5 times the height of Everest from sea level in 6 days (including travel)!!

I have a target to raise £15,000 for charity through this challenge with a third going to Mind, a third to The Dogs Trust and a third to Mountain Rescue. I have already mentioned the significance of Mind for me, but the other charities have massive importance for me also. Our family dog, Luna, a collie- black lab mix, has been my fell running partner for many years but this ended in 2017 when she fell nearly 200 feet from Sharp Edge on Blencathra at the age of 12 years and nearly died. Thankfully she had no major injuries but was no longer able to run with me, so raising money for The Dogs Trust is important. The reasons to raise money for Mountain Rescue are fairly obvious for a mountain user – they are a voluntary organisation who go out in all weathers to rescue mountain users in many situations – need I say more?

I must make it clear that not one penny will be taken from donations to pay for my expenses of this trip which I hope will be covered by corporate sponsors or will come from my own pocket.

Please consider making a donation through my Virgin money page:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RossJENKIN2>

*Ross Jenkin*

[ross\\_jenkin@hotmail.com](mailto:ross_jenkin@hotmail.com) 07979 837275

## Orton

### Orton Farmers' Market

The next two Farmers' Market Coffee Mornings will be on

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas event with carols! and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

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

At the November meeting we raised **£562.11** to help us continue God's work at All Saints.

Many thanks for your continued support.

### Orton Surgery

#### December

Orton surgery will be closed on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December. We hope to be able to provide a GP surgery on all other Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons throughout December.

#### January

There will be no GP clinic on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** but medication will be available for collection between 4pm and 4.30pm. Orton surgery will be closed on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** with no medication available for collection as this is a staff training afternoon. We hope to provide a GP surgery on all other Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons throughout January. However, we have one of our GP's off work for an undetermined period of time and are trying our best to find locum cover. This is not as easy as it sounds - limited locums are available. We will try our utmost to provide a GP clinic at Orton as mentioned above but cannot guarantee this will be each Tuesday or Thursday. We understand that this is not great news but are hopeful that there will not be too much disruption to normal service. If we cannot provide a GP, we will ensure that medication is available for collection. Thank you for your understanding.

Shap Practice: 01931 716230  
Out of hours: 03000 247 247

### CHURCH KEY ROTA

*Would you be prepared to help with the daily unlocking & locking of our CHURCH?*

For those who do not know, our Church building is opened every day (and locked again in the evening) so that anyone who wishes can visit the Church either just to look around or to spend time in contemplation or prayer.

We have a rota of people who do this faithfully but we are always on the lookout for more new volunteers. We do a week at a time. If you think that you might be able to help then please speak to Chris Bland or ring on 24258.

If you volunteer you would be doing either 4 or 5 weeks in the year and if you were put down for an unsuitable week then changing with someone else can always be arranged.

*Chris Bland.*

Why not join us for a game of  
**BADMINTON**



**Every Thursday, 7.30-9pm in the Market Hall, Orton**  
Very informal – we just play for fun!

No racket required as we have plenty of spares.

Just turn up, or phone Richard Percival for more info:

015396 24410

***See you there!***

### **Welcome to our new Postmaster!**

We warmly welcome to Orton Village Store and Post Office Neville and Jayne Groves, their daughter Rebecca, and Jayne's mum, Sadie.

We hope you settle happily in your new home and community!

# Merry Christmas

## CHRISTMAS DROP IN INVITATION EVERYONE WELCOME

on **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 10.00 AM**  
with **ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR (10.15am)**  
and a Poem by **JACKIE HUCK**  
FOLLOWED BY FRESH COFFEE, MINCE PIES AND CAKES



# Christmas at All Saints

## Orton School Christmas Play



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2pm and  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
2pm & 6pm

Tickets must be obtained from  
school. All welcome



## Christingle and Carol Service

Everyone is welcome to our  
Christingle and Carol Service  
in All Saints' Church  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

## School Carol Service

End of Term Service in  
All Saints' Church  
20<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm



Everyone welcome

## Carols by Candlelight



Come and enjoy a service of  
Christmas readings, Drama  
and Carols  
with a united Choir  
in Orton Church  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
6.30pm  
Collection shared between  
All Saints' Church, Kasese,  
Uganda, and Hospice at Home



**We wish you all a  
blessed and  
peaceful  
Christmas:  
Do join us at any  
of our events!**

## Orton Carol Singing

Join our happy group of  
Carol Singers on Christmas Eve  
(Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December)  
Meet outside the Village Shop  
at 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 Communion 11.30pm**

**St. James' Church, Tebay**



**Christmas Day Family Communion**

**10.00am at All Saints' Church, Orton**





## ORTON MAJOR COURT

### Abridged Minutes of Committee Meeting 4.11.19

- 1. 10 members were present;** there were two apologies.
- 2. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 had been circulated: agreed .
- 3. Treasurer's report:** The Current Account £4,936.63, Deposit Account £8,753.46. There were no outstanding bills.
- 4. Knott Lane:** The Chairman had met an official of Electricity North West about the suggested compound for equipment while work of diverting and burying the cables was proceeding, the area to be used as a car park afterwards, and this was agreed in principle. The boggy ground could be readily dealt with by excavation, matting and hardcore. This work would be carried out and paid for by ENW. The negotiations would be put in the hands of a Land Agent, whose fee would also be paid by ENW. Any fencing needed would be paid for by ENW. The work would be done in 2020 or 2021.
- 5. Meldykes:** There had been no further progress; a meeting with the enhanced stewardship advisor is expected
- 6. Footpath in front of West End houses:** It had been reported at the AGM that the concrete of this was disintegrating, and it was agreed that action should be taken. It would be inspected and recommendations made.
- 7. Rent Increases:** these were discussed, but in the absence of our treasurer, no decision could be made.
- 8. Any Other Business:**
  - OMC was asked if they could pay for compost for the planters in the square. Agreed.
  - The possibility of getting new members on to the Committee was discussed, as one member has left the area and another has not been able to attend for over a year through ill health.
- 9. Dates of future Committee Meetings:** Mondays 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> September (AGM) and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.  
The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

## THE WESTMORLAND DALES LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP TEAM

Two months into the apprenticeship now and we have gained a wide range of experience from a variety of different activities. We have been given the opportunity to join many volunteer work parties with organisations such as Friends of the Lake District and Cumbria Wildlife Trust, where most of our efforts have been focused on the local Smardale nature reserve. Here we have been working alongside Cumbria Wildlife Trust apprentices and volunteers to undertake some grassland management and dry stone walling. It has been a great experience for us so far and I am certain it will remain so in the months to come.



All Saints' Church, Orton

# Charlie's Church



This is Charlie!



This is Charlie's  
friend, Nina!



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9.45 a.m.**

Class 1 of Orton School invite  
all pre-school children and parents/carers  
to join them!

## Ash Dieback

Ash Dieback is a disease that has been affecting Ash trees in the UK for a number of years. Initially it was hoped that the disease could be contained but



sadly it now appears that this has not been possible and most of the Ash trees in the UK are likely to be affected. This constitutes around 12% of the UK's broadleaf trees so is likely to have a significant impact. Diseased trees quickly become brittle and are prone to casting limbs; this is a specific issue where trees are on a roadside or near public access land.

Professional advice should be sought for safety assessments and possible felling, specifically as any felling may require a licence from the Forestry Commission before it can go ahead (subject to volume). However, it should be noted that some Ash trees have shown resilience to the disease and these should be preserved so felling is not advised unless disease is present. Equally it may be possible to reduce the tree as oppose to felling it - a specialist tree surgeon will be best placed to advise on the best procedure.

The Forestry Commission has released guidance for those affected by the problem. There is guidance available online : [forestresearch.gov.uk](http://forestresearch.gov.uk) ; or contact Libby Bateman Tel: 07759 665233.



# News from rton School

## Remembrance Day

On the 11.11.2019 we had a Remembrance Service at Orton C of E School. Class 3 led our worship and shared with us some stories about the war involving their families. We sang some songs and had our 2 minutes silence. We used the beautiful poppy alter cloth that we made with Mrs Jenkin.



You can see this in Church.  
Finally we had a blessing from Rev. Alun.  
By Poppy, Madison and Emily



We daily watch Newsround to keep us in touch with things happening in the world. One of the reports today was about Climate Change, Morland felt strongly that he'd like to add his views in this months Link. While our views may not be the same as Morlands' we can all help by making minor changes. Climate change is effecting the earth mentally and physically. People are not just killing the environment but animals too, so people are working together to correcting the errors and we can do it too by:

1. Use paper and other types of materials except plastic
2. Stop using fossil fuels
3. Stop smoking
4. And finally reduce meat eating.

Morland

## Pink day

Orton school celebrated Pink Day to raise awareness of breast cancer . People brought in home made cupcakes that we sold for a donation.

The cupcakes were pink and delicious.

By Suzanne and Fraya

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

HI THERE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR  
CHRISTMAS AND GET LOTS OF GIFTS AND  
EAT A NICE CHRISTMAS DINNER.  
SO MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**By Nathen Ben and Emily**  
( and all from Orton School).



## Christmas Play

### A Magic Christmas Jigsaw .

It is about baby Jesus' birth and a bunch of fun characters came to witness. Class 4 and 3 have lots of lines to learn ; and a whole lot of cute costumes. Lots of parents are coming to watch us tell the story. All the little ones are going to sing the carols

By Caitlyn and Josh

## New Cube

Mrs Pomfret is working on plans to get a new class 4 classroom. We are hoping people in the community will support us.  
By Molly and Blake

## Christian Value

This half term our Christian value is...  
**Thankfulness** so we are thinking about how to be Thankful. It's quite easy actually, here are some ideas how to be thankful: you can be thankful for your dinner, lunch and breakfast and your house, money and children.  
By Isabelle and help by Hayden

Please visit our website  
<https://www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk/>



## Orton Village Store

### Greetings to you all from NIGEL and PAULA

After almost 15 years in Orton as custodians of your village shop, it is time for us to move on to pastures new.

During this fantastic time we have been able to bring up our two girls, Lauren and Hayley, in an idyllic village with a fabulous primary school and community spirit. We have so many happy memories to take with us and some very good friends to keep.

Thank you for your custom in the shop. We have enjoyed serving the community immensely and have been blessed to have had the assistance and support from Janet, Brenda, Maureen, Mary and Leonne. Orton is very fortunate to still have the services that it does, and these services only continue with your support.

We hope you will welcome Neville, Jayne, Sadie and Rebecca in the same way you welcomed us, and we hope they enjoy their time here and being part of this wonderful community as much as we have.

Wishing you a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS

*From Nigel, Paul, Lauren and Hayley*

#### **A note from Mary Jenkin**

By the time you are reading this Nigel and Paula will have moved on from Orton to their new home. We are so sad to lose them after nearly 15 years of looking after Orton Stores and Post Office.

They have not only been shopkeepers but our dear friends and very valued members of our community. They have both involved themselves in various local things – Nigel as a School Governor and part of the Management Committee of the Market Hall, and Paula in launching the Badminton Club, and as a helper with the Highlights Theatre events, and with children's work at the Chapel too. Both were very involved in school activities when their lovely daughters, Lauren and Hayley, attended Orton School.

Those of us who have worked with them in the shop know how hard they have worked, always trying their best to serve the community in a positive and cheerful way in the very long hours they have put in.

Both of them have always "gone the extra mile" for their customers who have become friends and all of us will miss them very much. Someone said to me the other day that Paula and Nigel have been the best 'shop people' that we have had in living memory!

We all wish them well in their new life together where they will have more time for each other than the shop has ever allowed them.

We will miss you all, and thank you for everything!

**A Farewell Gift:** We want to give them a token of our love and appreciation, at the Christmas Drop-In on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute, please give your gift to Brenda at the shop, to Andy or Bronagh at the George, or to me! (In an envelope marked "For Nigel and Paula" please!)

## The Uncharted Journey

I would like to thank the many people who have purchased a copy of 'The Uncharted Journey: Eddie, Dementia and Me'. The beautiful, evocative cover was designed and produced by Pauline Henderson.

Over £1,000 has already been raised for Dementia UK, in memory of Edwin (Eddie) Huck, of Mill House Orton, and all future money raised by sales will also go to the Charity. I have been in contact with Fran Flower, who with a small committee is the chairman of 'Eden Valley Friends of Dementia UK'. Their aim is to raise £50,000 for an Admiral Nurse for Cumbria, as sadly, because of lack of funding, there is not one available at the moment.

Admiral Nurses work together with families to provide the one-to-one support, expert guidance and practical solutions they need to live more positively with dementia every day. Most Admiral Nurses work in the community for the NHS; others work in care homes, hospitals and hospices. At the moment there are between 800,000 - 900,000 people in the country suffering from dementia; this will reach well over a million in the next few years, and most people know of someone who has some form of this condition.

There is also an Admiral Nurse Dementia Helpline: [helpline@dementiauk.org](mailto:helpline@dementiauk.org) or tel. 0800 888 6678

'The Uncharted Journey' tells the true story of two traumatic years, from the onset of symptoms until Eddie's death. The book, costing £8.99, is available from Orton Village Stores, or it can be ordered via bookshops quoting ISBN 978-1-913071-24-0. It is available from Amazon as an ebook or copies can be obtained directly from me by phoning 015396 24266 or [jacquelinehuck@btinternet.com](mailto:jacquelinehuck@btinternet.com)

Thank you once again.

*Jackie Huck.*

This Review was written by Wendy Graham.

'The Uncharted Journey, Eddie, Dementia and Me' is an incredible work. Written by Jackie Huck, published by 2QT, it tells of her husband Eddie's vascular dementia and their journey together into a new bewildering world. I thought I'd just have a quick look at the first couple of pages, and found myself putting it down at page 50 to go and make my evening meal. I then just couldn't put it down; it is intense, raw, powerful, incredibly moving and incredibly honest. Jackie takes us along with her as Eddie's confusion increases and their lives change for ever; you feel more and more for them as the struggle to live a 'normal' life and cope with the problems increases. The 'let's get through the daylight', 'let's get through the darkness' and living hour by hour reducing to living purely in the moment was very recognisable to me (my husband had terminal cancer) but Jackie's story was harder than mine as Eddie drifted away from her before his body gave up. It made me realise that I wasn't alone in that 'living in the moment' reality; I'd always found that hard to explain to people. Jackie expresses it wonderfully.

The fact that all proceeds from the book are being donated to Dementia UK and are specifically towards the funding of an Admiral Nurse for Cumbria is a moving tribute to the love and life that Eddie and Jackie shared together.

## Notes from the Herald, December, 1919

Stormy first week then usual weather. Christmas was a Thursday. No coal to be had since early December. Foot and Mouth now at Great Lumley, Co. Durham. A measles epidemic (120 cases) in Appleby and upstream; the carrier came from Durham. No cheap Christmas fares on the railways but at least there are more trains now.

Orton's Vicar took the proposed War Memorial designs to Carlisle for Chancellor Prescott's inspection and (we hope) Faculty. The Chancellor quibbled as usual – "What a tasteless design! Is this all you could think of? It looks like a tea-caddy!" but granted the Faculty in the end.

150 years ago Died at Orton on Christmas Day, 1869, the Rev. J. Whinfield, aged 90, "an eminent classical" scholar and an excellent geographer. He was living in Orton by 1851, see Mannix's 1851 Directory of Westmorland.

Tebay's Joseph Hall, farmer, Town Head, Longdale, sued John Ashton, farmer, Hawes, for £42.19s.7d (now £3,450) for calving cow sold him at Appleby Mart on 26<sup>th</sup> June. She did calve but died of it. Bench found for Ashton. Tried at Appleby County Court.

Two men were repairing the underside of the iron bridge carrying the LNWR half a mile south of Tebay Station on 3<sup>rd</sup> December after dark. The rope gave way and they fell into the Lune. One was rescued by Richard Ellison, a local youth; the other was swept over the rapids and drowned. The night was stormy. The two were James Dirkin (saved) and James Capstick (drowned) who was 37, from Lancaster, back in old job after the War. He leaves a widow. Inquest held; Verdict, Accidental Death.

Tebay Primitive Methodist's annual Missionary Meetings, first week of December, were at Tebay, on 5<sup>th</sup> and Greenholme on 8<sup>th</sup>.

Six long-service railwaymen from Tebay retired this month (long report on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup>, page 7). A former Station Master of Tebay, promoted to same at Penrith for eight years, has died, now Chief Clerk in the Traffic Superintendent's office, Castle Station, Lancaster. He was Mr. G.E. Scott, aged 58; he came from a railway family and began on them aged 14. He lived near Morecambe by 1919.

Ravenstonedale Christian Endeavour Society Social, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>, venue not stated. Mr. J. Fawcett was elected Junior Steward of the Kirkby Stephen and Appleby Wesleyan Circuit at its meeting this month. Whist Drive and Dane on evening of Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> in the Endowed School, for cost of re-covering the Reading Room's billiard table.

Joke That's a vast egg of yours! But I've got something to beat it. - An ostrich? - No, an egg beater!

All the best for Christmas and 2020 from Jeremy  
Godwin

Thanks to Jeremy Godwin for the Notes.

## Carols in the Pub

**Black Swan, Ravenstonedale  
7.30pm on Monday,  
December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Mulled Wine & Mince  
Pies**

**Donations for the Great North  
Air Ambulance**

## North Westmorland Arts concerts in Appleby Public Hall

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Trio Volant**



Trio Volant, a Manchester based woodwind trio, was formed in 2010 whilst all the members were studying at the Royal Northern College of Music. The Trio were

awarded the Dorothy Parkinson Memorial Award for Young British Musicians 2017 and are currently Recommended and Selected Artists for Making Music 2019-2020. The individual members have a wealth of solo, chamber music and orchestral experience between them, working variously with The Halle, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, BBC Philharmonic, Sinfonia ViVa, Raymond Gubby's Manchester Concert Orchestra, Northern Chamber Orchestra, National Festival Orchestra and Liverpool Sinfonia amongst others.

£12 at the door.

### FUTURE CONCERTS:

- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 7:30pm - Jamal Aliyev & Jams Coleman - Cello & piano duo.**
- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 7:30pm - The Cumbrian Film Archive. An evening of archive film footage and commentary from Cumberland & Westmorland with an Eden bias.**
- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 7:30pm - The Sacconi Quartet. Ben Hancox (violin); Hannah Dawson (violin); Robin Ashwell (viola); Cara Berridge ('cello)**

[www.appleby-concerts.org.uk](http://www.appleby-concerts.org.uk)

# Ravenstonedale

## Forthcoming events - Autumn 2019

### Advent Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

Exchange of Millennium Tapestries  
Service: Newbiggin-on-Lune  
Methodist Chapel 10.30am

### Advent Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

Kirkby Stephen Silver Band Concert  
St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale  
with refreshments following. 2.00pm

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

"Golden Oldies" Afternoon Tea at St. Oswald's  
Church, 2 pm

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Carols in the Black Swan pub, 7.30pm

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Service St. Oswald's Church, 7pm

### Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Bible Discussion Group 7.30pm  
Manor House Ravenstonedale

### Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group  
'If these walls could talk'-Stephen Fermer  
High Chapel Community Centre 7.30pm

## Bible Discussion Group

Manor House, Ravenstonedale,  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
7.30 p.m., led by Fran Parkinson

The discussions are friendly and informal and often wide ranging. It does not matter whether you are a regular or irregular church/chapel attender or have never been in years, you are all most welcome!

Fran says: 'Last time we used the Discovery Bible Study method which proved to be really good so we'll use it again.' It is described as "Read & Re-tell: One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along. Someone else retells the passage by memory, if

possible. Others can fill in what is missing." So come along and experience it for yourself!

Further information  
-  
015396-23308



## Christmas Concert

A programme of seasonal music,  
songs and carols, with

### **Kirkby Stephen Silver Band**

Advent Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2.00pm  
St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale

*Light refreshments to follow*

*Donations - Proceeds to the Silver Band  
and St. Oswald's Church.*

**ALL WELCOME!**



## Do you play the organ?

St Oswald's Church Ravenstonedale has a small but very appreciative congregation, but we need some more players to add to the rota. If you would like to help, however infrequently, please contact the Church Wardens Anne Brownrigg 23594 or Martin Windle 07899 907958

## Our advertisers

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## RAVENSTONEDALE VILLAGE 'OPEN HOUSE'

Continues EVERY WEDNESDAY from 10.30am to 12 noon in the METHODIST CHURCH

Do come along and meet friends and make new ones, and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or juice, with biscuits and sometimes scones or cake.

Everyone is welcome -

locals, walkers, cyclists, passers-by!

There is no charge but donations are welcome and any surplus goes to good causes; we have recently supported the Great North Air Ambulance, Eden Animal Rescue and Shelter Box.

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

Come along on Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm to **High Chapel Community & Heritage Centre** (other times by arrangement) to view Transcribed Parish Registers, 1650 - 1826 Poor Relief Returns for 1780, 1856, 1867, 1869, 1871, 1878/9 showing occupiers and owners of properties Transcribed census returns 1841-1911 Many old photos and newspaper reports AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

For more information contact: Val Fermer on 07798 688057 or leave a message on [ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk](http://ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk)

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 7.30 pm**

Ravenstonedale High Chapel Community & Heritage Centre

**CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER  
FOR SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS,  
(Bring & Share)  
CONVIVIAL CONVERSATION  
& ENTERTAINMENT!**

Admission: Members £2.00 Non Members £3.00

*Bring your own Mulled Wine or Soft Drink*

For more information contact Val Fermer on 07798 688057 or leave a message on [www.ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk](http://www.ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk)

## RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020, 7.30 PM**

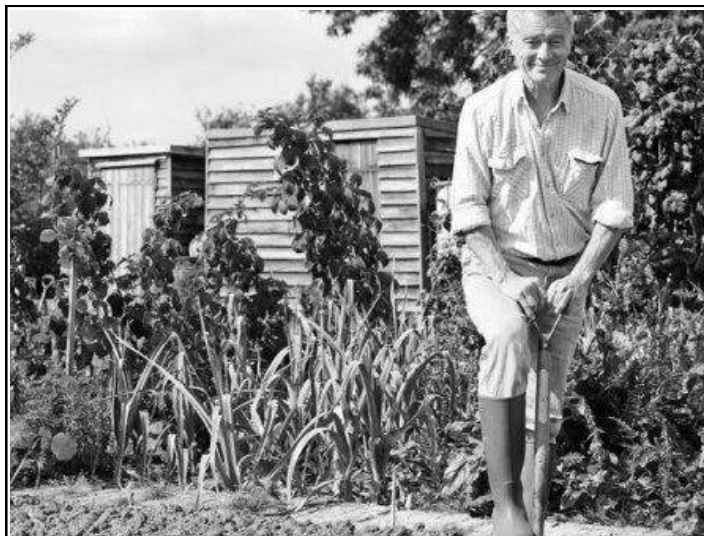
Ravenstonedale High Chapel Community & Heritage Centre

## IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK

Victorian Stories Uncovered During Redecoration of Bank House  
*with Steve Fermer*

Admission: Members £2.00 Non Members £3.00 including refreshments

For more information contact Val Fermer on 07798 688057 or leave a message on [www.ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk](http://www.ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk)



## Ravenstonedale Allotments

There are currently 2 allotments available behind Dickie Green Cottages

at a peppercorn rent

If interested contact Michael Metcalfe-Gibson on 015396 23646 or 07980 979721

## Small bale of hay for sale.

Good quality, got June 2019. **£3.50.**  
Ravenstonedale. 015396 23008 / 07815 024886.

# Newbiggin-on-Lune

## Newbiggin-On-Lune Methodist Chapel

Please feel free to come along  
and join in our fellowship.

**Every Sunday at 10.30am**

Every Tuesday we have our coffee morning from  
10am – 12 noon.

Plus various other events either weekly or monthly  
Sunday School – all ages, Youth Fellowship – ages 11  
plus, Lunch Club, Fellowship, Men's meetings, Bible  
Studies, Worship Band Practices,  
Ignite Bible Study ages 16 plus and Ladies meetings.

**All welcome**

For more information please call Wilfred on 23600  
or Angela on 07980 418078

## Newbiggin Methodist Chapel

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10.30 a.m.**

**Advent Service  
with Exchange of Millennium Tapestries.**

Speaker: Sue Thackray

## Newbiggin Methodist Chapel

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 a.m.**

**Joint Section Service**

Speaker: Nick Klein of NISCU

*(Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union)*

## Newbiggin-on-Lune Baby and Toddler Group

Every Friday morning (term time) 9.30am - 11.45am  
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017683 71921



## Newbiggin-on-Lune BOWLS CLUB

Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

All welcome - first night FREE!  
For details contact Stephen Dickinson  
(17766 833 500)

## Ravenstonedale Folk Dance Club

7.45 p.m. every Thursday,  
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For more information ring Chris Bland - 24258.

Are you interested in  
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## Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

**Contacts:**

**Chairman** : Ian Clayton Tel: 015396 23226

**Secretary**: Jim Wardrope Tel 015396 23288

**Treasurer** : Carl McLaughlin Tel: 015396 23674

The Vicarage, Newbiggin-on-Lune, Kirkby Stephen

**Caretaker** : Anne Brownrigg Tel: 015396 23594

**All bookings should be made with the Caretaker**

**All payments to the Treasurer.**

## LUNE SPRINGS LUNCH CLUB

Lune Springs Lunch Club welcomes anyone who would  
like some company and a meal. It is held on the **second  
Monday of each month** at Norman Ousby's Garden  
Centre and Café at Newbiggin-on-Lune.  
The cost is **£10.00** for a main course, sweet,  
and coffee or tea.

It would be lovely to welcome new people - we are a  
friendly group and there is quite a lot of chatter!

Please let Sally Cannon know  
if you are able to come  
(015396 23230 or 07531 544048)  
as the meal is prepared specially for us.  
We should be very pleased to see you!

## Newbiggin-On-Lune Men's Meeting

Held in Newbiggin-on-Lune Chapel Hall at 7:30pm  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Graham Rennie from  
Halton : "STICKMAKING"**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** (*note this is a week later  
than usual*), speaker to be confirmed.

All Men Welcome

Contact Jonny Capstick for details - 015396 23141



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

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DECEMBER**

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## LUNE LADIES WINTER PROGRAMME

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Meal at The Bay Horse, Winton.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Mike from Ivy Cottage Bakery.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Diana Fothergill 'In New Zealand'.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Blood Bikes. A talk about their work.

DO COME AND JOIN US - Lune Ladies meets on the first Wednesday of the month during winter in Newbiggin-on-Lune Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have a variety of speakers, all most interesting, followed by a chat and a cuppa. Subscription is ten pounds annually and visitors three pounds for the evening. You are welcome to join us, we would love to see you. Carole

## Friends of the 106 Bus

Dear Friend

It has been nearly a year since our last newsletter so I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the current status of the 106 bus service. In the first nine months of 2019 the service carried over 5000 passengers from villages and hamlets along the route, many of whom rely on the bus as a lifeline to get to services and shops as well as providing an opportunity to get out and about to socialise with friends and family.

Earlier this year we welcomed our new secretary, James Levens from Shap Wells Hotel. Our previous secretary, Libby Bateman, is working alongside James as he finds his feet. We thank James for stepping forward to help us keep this route running for the benefit of all.

The 106 bus service costs around £8,000 per year in subsidies to keep running. This money is raised through donations from parish councils, along with grant awards from various bodies and

membership of our Friends Of 106 Bus which invites donations of £15/ year to help keep the route running. Our Friends Of membership is due for renewal for 2019, please find a copy of the renewal form on the reverse of this newsletter and please do support us if you feel the service is of value to your community.

Looking forward to 2020 and beyond, our current contract with Stagecoach expires in June so we will shortly be undertaking a procurement exercise to invite tenders for the contract from 2020–2022. We currently have just over £11,000 in our bank account which will see us through the next 12 months but we will need to continue with our fundraising to ensure the contract is sustainable from 2021–2022. Hopefully we will then be looking to extend for a further 2 years, depending on demand and support from the parishes served by the route. Please let your parish council know how the bus benefits you so it is encouraged to continue with its support.

Please do get in touch with us if you are able to help in anyway with

our fundraising. Perhaps you could hold a coffee morning in your village hall, or a quiz night in your local pub. This service is run by the community for the community, our committee and trustees work on a voluntary basis to keep a professional bus company serving this route. Please help out if you can to enable us to maintain this route for the benefit of everybody into the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Steve Simpson, Chairman**

Membership Subscription - £15 / year.

Please make cheques payable to '**106 Partnership**' and post to the treasurer - *Chris Battersby, Aysgarth, Eamont Bridge, Penrith. CA10 2BH.*

Further information from *Libby Bateman: Cold Keld, Fell End, Ravenstonedale, Cumbria, CA17 4LN.*

Tel: 07759 665233



**Winter Warmth Appeal**  
Donate or start fundraising

## My Winter Fuel Allowance

A few days ago, it occurred to me that I would soon be getting the letter from the Pension Service about my Winter Fuel payment, and thinking to myself, "Honestly, I don't really need this! I have an adequate occupational pension as well as the state pension, and I almost feel guilty for taking more money from the taxpayer. There must be some way of passing my allowance to someone who really does need it." (I expect many people always do it, but I need a nudge!)

The very next day there was an item on TV Border News about the Winter Warmth Appeal of the Cumbria Community Foundation – which I had heard of, but couldn't remember the details! They interviewed a man who, some years ago, had felt exactly as I did, and decided to do something about it, and so this Appeal was set up.

So I went online next morning to their website, and decided to see if the information could go in *The Link*, both to people who would like to give all or some of their Winter Fuel payment to people who need it more, and to people – and I am sure there are many readers of *The Link* like this – who would really appreciate



a bit more help to keep warm in winter.

### How to make a donation

- **Online:** if you have access to the Internet, go to <https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/winter-warmth-fund>. Click on "GIVE NOW", and on that page you can click the "Donate" button – you can of course donate as much or as little as you like.
- **Send a cheque:** Please make cheques payable to Cumbria Community Foundation and write 'Winter Warmth Fund' on the back. Send cheques to the office; Cumbria Community Foundation, Dovenby Hall, Dovenby, Cockermouth, CA13 0PN. If you are a tax payer, please also send a Gift Aid Declaration.
- **Phone:** Donate via credit/debit card over the phone by calling 01900 825760. Lines are open Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm.

And you can **double your gift** – Between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, your donation to the Winter Warmth Appeal will be automatically doubled thanks to the generous match funders: EDF Renewables, Sellafield Ltd, John Laing Charitable Trust, WCF Ltd, The Hadfield Trust, The Johnson Fund and The Roselands Trust.

**How to get some help from the fund.** (You must be a Cumbrian resident, and 60 or over. The normal grant is £125, or £250 in exceptional circumstances)

- **Online:** on the website (above) there is an "Apply Now" button you can click on.
- **By phone:** Contact Age UK Carlisle and Eden: Paul Grindley, 01228 536673.

**Telling other people:** If you know people who are vulnerable to the cold this winter, please let them know how they can access support.

*A Link Reader*



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Coffee served from 10.15 a.m.

For more information and to see our 2019 programme visit [www.taswestmorland.org.uk](http://www.taswestmorland.org.uk)

## Prize Bingo

At the November session we made a grand total of £624 for Greenholme Show and would like to thank everyone for coming.

**Our next Prize Bingo**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm**

Orton Market Hall

All welcome

Good prizes

In aid of Great North Air Ambulance

Hope to see you there! Thanks

*Jillian and Sharon*



## BOCCIA

Have the winter blues suddenly gotcha?  
Then come and play a game of Boccia  
You sit on a chair in the Market Hall  
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We also use beans bags and sometimes cones  
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We have tea and biscuits halfway through  
It's thirsty work so refreshment is due  
Do come along and see what you think  
Contact number on the back of ***The Link***.\*

© Viv Knapman November 2019

Inspired by Viv's poem? Then come along to the Boccia Group

**Open Evening  
on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
at 7pm until 9pm  
in Orton Market Hall**

No need to book - just turn up.  
The evening will be led by Ann and Tim Cradock,  
national referees for Boccia England.

*\*Sorry - the Contact list is not in this issue! It will be there again in February.  
Boccia contact: Felicity Lawler: 015396 24465*

**Ladies Night at  
Newbiggin-On-Lune Methodist Chapel**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm**

**Mrs Eileen Hughes**

**'Making Christmas Cards'**

\* \* \* \* \*

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 7.30pm**

**'Quiz Night'**

**Teams of four people, come along and test your knowledge.**

All ladies welcome for an informal evening,  
refreshments provided.

Further details contact Angela – 07980 418078

## Shap

**Come and sing carols at  
Christmas**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:  
Carols in Keld Chapel - 3.00pm**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Carols by Candlelight in the  
Memorial Hall - 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Carols at  
The Kings Arms Hotel - 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Crib Service - 5.30pm**

A short service where children  
wishing to take part in the nativity  
tableau are asked to come to  
church for 5.15pm to be dressed up  
– or they can come in their own  
costumes if they prefer.

St Michael's Church

**Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30 am - 2.00 pm**

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**SHAP MOTHERS UNION**

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**Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> December 10 – 1130am  
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No admission charge

Shap Mothers Union

**New Year Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

**at The Hermitage, 10 – 11.30am**

Bring & Buy Raffle

*All Welcome*

**Shap Local History Society**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**'Our Viking Heritage'**

**Jean Scott-Smith**

*in the Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm*

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# Festive Season at



## Christmas Party Nights 2019 Tribute Acts/All Inclusive/Disco

Friday 6th December -  
Inclusive Party Night - Disco -  
Back to School Theme

Saturday 7th December - The  
Merzees Tribute Act (All your  
old favourites from the 60's)

Friday 13th December -  
Disco Party Night

Saturday 14th December  
- The Greatest Showman

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Disco Party Night

Saturday 21st December -  
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- Glitz and Glamour

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Night Only £30.00**

## Golden Years Christmas Lunches with Entertainment

Wednesday 4th December -  
£20.00 - Rue (From Rue  
and the Rockets) - Music  
through the decades

Wednesday 11th December -  
£20.00 - Phil Collins tribute

Wednesday 18th December  
- £20.00 - Nikki Mason -  
Sings us into Christmas

## Santa's Sunday Carvery

December 1st 8th 15th 22nd  
- 12 Noon - 3pm

3 course Carvery Lunch  
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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Quiz Night and Raffle (Winner take all) from 8pm  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Carols from 7pm  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Black Eyed Friday Open From 12 Noon  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Santa Visit and Disco from 5pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY OPENING**  
**11:30am – 1:30pm**

*Christmas Raffle drawn on Christmas day with a chance to win 50 free pints and many more great prizes, call in from December 1<sup>st</sup> to buy a square*

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Pool Competition from 2pm  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Bingo from 8pm  
**31<sup>st</sup> December** – New Year's Eve Party with Live Music from Johnny Wild from 8pm  
**1<sup>st</sup> January** – Hot Buffet from 1pm then Christmas Dominoes entries from 6pm (no evening food)

**Open from 12noon everyday between Christmas and New Year.**  
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## MONDAY ROUTE 571: Brough to Kendal

	OUTWARD	RETURN
Brough Clock	10.35	16.15
Kirkby Stephen	10.50	16.00
Kirkby Stephen West Station	10.55	15.53
Ravenstonedale School	11.00	15.45 Garshill
Newbiggin on Lune village hall	11.05	15.40 on A685
Mount Pleasant bus stop, Tebay	11.18	15.29
Barnaby Rudge bus stop, Tebay	11.20	15.27
Kendal Morrisons bus stop	11.45	15.00
Stricklandgate	11.51	
Blackhall Road	11.55	14.55
Morrisons layover 1.30 hours depart	13.15	
Blackhall Road layover 1.45 hours		

## THURSDAY ROUTE 570: Shap to Kendal

	OUTWARD	RETURN
Ravenstonedale School	10.07	16.30
Shap	10.45	15.57
Orton	11.10	15.37
Mount Pleasant bus stop, Tebay	11.18	15.26
Barnaby Rudge bus stop, Tebay	11.20	15.27
Kendal Morrisons bus stop	11.45	15.00
Stricklandgate	11.51	
Blackhall Road	11.55	14.55
Morrisons layover 1.30 hours depart	13.15	
Blackhall Road layover 1.45 hours		

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## TUESDAY ROUTE 569:

### Ravenstonedale to Hawes

July to end of October	Outward	Return
Departs Bus Depot	10.50	16.00
Ravenstonedale School	11.00	15.50
Kirkby Stephen Station	11.10	15.40
Kirkby Stephen Square	11.20	15.30
Arrives Hawes	12.25	14.30

## WEDNESDAY ROUTE 572:

### Kirkby Stephen to Barnard Castle

	Summer	Winter
Departs Bus Depot	10.50	10.50
Ravenstonedale School	11.00	11.00
Kirkby Stephen Station	11.10	11.10
Kirkby Stephen Square	11.20	11.20
Brough Clock	11.35	11.35
Middleton in Teesdale	12.10	
Barnard Castle	12.55	12.10
Barnard Castle	15.45	15.00
Brough Clock	16.20	15.35
Kirkby Stephen Square	16.30	15.45
Kirkby Stephen Station	16.37	15.52
Ravenstonedale School	16.45	16.00
Depot	16.55	16.10

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