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CHURCH LETTER

From Diana Nicholson, Reader, St Patrick's, Bampton

It is still early May as I write this, but it will be June before you read it and, all being well, we shall once again be able to invite people into our homes, pay family visits and enjoy meals out together. We have all been longing to be able to go where we like, visit who we like, even hug those dear to us.

As we begin to return to normality I have not only been thinking of all the suffering, sorrow and anxiety caused by the pandemic in the UK and throughout the world, but I have also been hoping that some good things may come out of this dreadful time.

In the churches of our benefice there is the great sadness caused by the death of Ian Elliott, one of the retired clergy who ministered to us, and whom we all loved and respected. That is the dark side. Our churches have only just reopened after the lockdown during which time services have been on Zoom, sometimes streamed live from one of the churches. Not everyone has been willing or able to join in these but those of us who have taken part have found a new closeness to members of other churches, a chance to be inspired by some of the life stories they have to tell and the opportunity for very different types of service. That is a positive outcome of Covid-19.

Out in the wider world the best and worst of human nature has been seen. Some have profiteered from the sale of PPE, some have refused to wear masks and have even tried to spread the virus, governments have refused to follow the best scientific advice, domestic violence has increased, and poor countries still struggle to obtain the vaccines they need. And we have all been made very conscious of the inequalities in our own society, poor housing, many families who have to rely on foodbanks, the many people who have not been able to isolate, even where their work conditions are not safe, because without a job they could not pay their rent or feed their children.

But this pandemic has also shown us the good side of humanity in the

dedicated work of doctors, nurses and other health workers in the NHS, in the work of care staff both in our care homes and among individuals, in the kindness of neighbours, in the large numbers volunteering to help organize vaccination centres, in Captain Tom's walk and all who gave so generously to support what he was doing, in the generous response of people who, getting a free vaccine themselves have given money so that people in other countries can also be vaccinated.

And another thing we have seen in recent weeks is that we are not powerless, that we can help to alter things. The outcry from ordinary fans caused the Super League to founder before it started. Without the Black Lives Matter movement would justice have been done in the case of George Floyd's murder? If we don't forget the lessons which this pandemic has taught us, if we all continue to speak up about the crisis in social care, about the building of houses which really are affordable, about the low level of benefits and the difficulties in applying for them, about the abuse on social media then perhaps the "new normal" will be better than the "old normal". But we don't only need to speak; if we can afford it we also need to act, to have a little less ourselves, to be willing to pay more taxes, to give more generously to charity.

Many of you who read this will not be churchgoers; you may, justifiably, be critical of the church, but I am sure that the Christian message of forgiveness and love for your neighbour is one you believe in. Jesus fed, healed and, forgave people and taught his followers to do the same. This is what we all, whether we call ourselves Christians or not, strive to do. But Jesus also taught that God loves each one of us and that he would send his Holy Spirit to give us strength to cope with all the difficulties and sorrows which we face in life and to bring us comfort and joy. And, for Christians, that is something that we have found to be true.

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

Next deadline - for the July/August issue (2 months): **13th June**

Front Cover: Orchid braving the cold spring (by Paula Thornley)

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR JUNE 2021

Sunday 6 June <i>Trinity 1</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 <i>Green</i>	Orton, 10:30am Holy Communion <i>Sandra Ward</i> <i>Chris Bland</i> <i>Olive Bland</i> <i>Jackie Huck</i> <i>Prayers: Angela Milburn</i>	Tebay, 10:30am at the Methodist church	Ravenstonedale, 10:00am Family Service <i>Fran Parkinson</i>
Sunday 13 June <i>Trinity 2</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 <i>Green</i>	Orton, 10:30am Service of the Word <i>Olive & Chris Bland</i>	Tebay, 10:30am Holy Communion <i>Neil Hughes</i>	Ravenstonedale, 10:00am Service of the Word <i>Rosemary Campbell</i> <i>Hilary Law</i> <i>Tim Parkinson</i>
Sunday 20 June <i>Trinity 3</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 1 Samuel 17:32-49 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 <i>Green</i>	Orton, 10.30am Holy Communion <i>Chris Jenkin</i> <i>Mary Jenkin</i> <i>Andy Glanville</i> <i>Angela Milburn</i> <i>Prayers: Elizabeth Crossley</i>	Tebay, 10:30am Service of the Word <i>Martin & Pam Lawson</i>	Ravenstonedale, 10:00am Holy Communion <i>Fran Parkinson</i> <i>Michael Metcalfe-Gibson</i> <i>Sally Metcalfe-Gibson</i>
Sunday 27 June <i>Trinity 4</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 2 Samuel 1:1,17-end 2 Corinthians 8:7-end <i>Green</i>	High Westmorland Parishes United Service Holy Communion from Tebay, 10:30am <i>Chris Jenkin</i> Also on Zoom - Meeting ID: 813 4272 2824		
Sunday 4 July <i>Trinity 5</i> <i>Sidesperson:</i> 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 <i>Green</i>	Orton, 10:30am Holy Communion <i>Sandra Ward</i> <i>Andy Glanville</i> <i>John Dunning</i> <i>Chris Bland</i> <i>Prayers: Jackie Huck</i>	Tebay, 10:30am at the Methodist church	Ravenstonedale, 10:00am Family Service <i>Tim Parkinson</i>



SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR JUNE 2021

All services are subject to change due to Coronavirus situation		6 th	13 th Methodist Homes Sunday	20 th Sanctuary Sunday	27 th Conference Sunday
Tebay	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	R McGregor	M Harris Cnxn Service on Zoom	LA	A Burton
Orton	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	A Pallister	J Betts Cnxn Service on Zoom	LA	S Thackray
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30 a.m.	H Hutchinson	LA Cnxn Service on Zoom	J Worsfold	D Askew HC
Ravenstonedale	2.00 p.m.	W Ousby	J Betts Cnxn Service on Zoom	T Dent	A Collinson

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

A VIEW FROM TEBAY

From Bernard Thornborrow

I am pleased to have the opportunity to write this article, having had a spell in Lancaster Hospital, but now starting to recover each day and getting back to doing the things I enjoy. I thank everyone for their care and concern – it was very much appreciated.

I am sure that many like myself will be delighted that Covid-19 restrictions are slowly being lifted so that life can start to return to normal, with shops, pubs, and our churches opening again – still with some restrictions; going to church and not being able to sing, meeting family and friends but no handshakes or hug: it's been hard, but I'm sure better times are coming, when community life can once again restart fully.

It is good to see the children back in school, and what a delight it is to have the children playing out again in our back lane, shouting, screaming and much laughter! I liken this to cows being let out after winter on to a field of new green grass, jumping and running around.

My next door neighbour's two-year-old grandson often runs up our yard. One day I took him into the house and gave him a biscuit; he now comes running in and goes straight to the biscuit cupboard, shouting "Bicky, bicky!" How children watch and learn; it is important that we show a good example to them.

Following Covid-19 there is a lot of rebuilding needed, and support for many who have been isolating for many months, especially to those who have lost a family member.

We also think at this time of our good friend, Reg Capstick, who is in hospital, and wish him well. Reg is eager to return home and be surrounded by the people he knows and the area he loves.

At this time of year for many their thoughts turn to gardening, cutting back and replanting, but the weather in the last weeks has not been kind to gardeners – hard frost each morning, very dry and cold. The thought of rain being forecast was a delight, but it turned out not to favour gardeners – the rain was heavy with a mix of snow and hail!

I was looking out last evening watching the beautiful cloud formations coming over Shap Fell. I could see the snow and hail showers streaming down, like sun rays running along the fell tops. I questioned, was it March or May? Nature has the upper hand, but we hope for a better summer when we can enjoy the sunshine and longer days, and when we can get our plants established in our gardens.

Please look out for the new planters in Tebay and Orton, organised by the Families Together group from the four churches. The planters have been sponsored by the Parish Councils. These planters will brighten up our villages and give a welcome to all who pass by, just like the wonderful display of daffodils we have enjoyed in Tebay.

Finally I would like to share the following verse from a well-known hymn:

Yes, God is good; in earth and sky,
From ocean depths and spreading wood,
Ten thousand voices seem to cry,
"God made us all, and God is good!"

Best wishes to you all, and enjoy the summer days.

A Note to our *Link* Editor

On behalf of all our communities that *The Link* covers, we extend a HUGE THANK YOU to you for continuing to publish *The Link* throughout Covid-19 lockdown online, now resuming to a paper copy, so no one is excluded, keeping our communities in touch with what is going on – it's been very much appreciated by all.

Thank you on behalf of everyone!

Bernard & Muriel Thornborrow

highlights rural touring scheme

Highlights returns to Orton Market Hall



An evening of French music brings live performance back to Orton

On Friday evening, 4th June, Orton Market Hall will host the first Highlights performance since March 2020. **Fifi le Mer**, a duo playing and singing French music from the past 100 years, will perform to a smaller audience than usual so that social distancing can be in place. However, they're excited to be performing to live audiences again and are keen to create as much atmosphere as possible. Members of the audience are encouraged to bring along their own refreshments and to come in French fancy dress if they like!

A limited number of tickets are available (ideally purchased online) at £9 and there's a lot more information and a link for online booking at

<https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/oh-la-la-fifi-la-mer/>

If you've any queries at all, about the performance or about the safety measures in place, please contact Sally Seed on 015396 24732.

Beginner Brass Band for Tebay/Orton

by Julie Hoggarth



Why a new brass band? We already have well-established bands in Appleby, Kirby Stephen and Sedbergh. However this new group is for absolute beginners of all ages.

The idea grew out of a meeting of representatives from local brass bands (which included the editor of this newsletter!), music teachers from the local area and young people from Tebay Primary School. As we dare to hope for the end of lockdown, music is a great way to come together again.

Fun and sociable

We all agreed that having a beginner group would be a great way to support local bands, which are such a great asset. For instance, where would Christmas be without a brass band playing carols?

The beginner group will focus on the basics - reading music and playing instruments together. And as players improve, local bands will be ready with a big welcome.

Julie Hoggarth, who has offered to run the group, is a trustee of Brass Bands England. She has started several successful bands in Leicestershire and has a passion for introducing people to playing.

When and where?

The group is currently meeting on zoom until Covid restrictions are lifted.

Sessions take place at 4.30 to 5.15 on a Wednesday. Beginner instruments are loaned to players and the meetings are relaxed and informal.

So if you are 8 years or over, or perhaps you want to learn with your child (many start this way), email juliehoggarth34@gmail.com for more details. Bands need non-playing helpers too, so if you are interested in helping out, get in touch too.

We'll update you on progress in the coming weeks and we'd love to see you get involved!

The Link - Some ideas for the future

From the Editor



In February this year we sent an email to all 335 on the ***Link*** mailing list inviting people to take part in a survey about the magazine. 115 people responded—obviously only those online.

In the March issue some of the results of this survey were published. One question in the survey asked: "If you were to change one thing about ***The Link***, what should we change?" There were 54 answers to that.

Respondents were also asked "Will you help us to develop or deliver ***The Link*** in some way?" and 44 people said "Yes".

We have not as yet followed any of this up, but we are starting to think of possible changes and developments in the autumn, and we hope to contact some of those who made these positive responses.

But we also want to give non-digital readers the chance to answer these same two questions. **So please send us your answers, readers!**

One issue under consideration is to have not just a single editor (as at present) but a team of perhaps three to five people, such as (perhaps):

1. Editor-in-chief / Church Editor
2. Page Production Editor
3. Photo and art editor
4. Agricultural correspondent (and perhaps correspondents from the different villages)

Job descriptions for these are being drafted! So far it is just ideas, but we do hope to explore such thoughts and to contact people who might be interested, to thrash out a practical structure. Hopefully such a re-structuring would not only open up the magazine to new and imaginative ideas, but also make it less of a burden for a single editor.



Meanwhile we (the single editorial "we"!) go on producing ***The Link*** in print, and also sending it out by email.

And of course we continue to depend on all you contributors, and we really do appreciate the items we get sent. Keep them coming, friends!

Christopher C. Jenkin

Upper Eden Medical Practice

Covid Vaccinations update

We are no longer giving first vaccines here at the Surgery. We have now attempted to contact all patients who are due their second vaccines. If anyone feels they may have been missed then they need to contact us urgently.

The following information is on our website:

COVID vaccination certification

We are unable to issue this certificate at the practice. Please see the Gov.uk website for further information.

Proof of your vaccination status will be available on the **NHS app**, which is also valuable for accessing your health records and ordering repeat prescriptions.

Alternatively, you can call the NHS helpline on 119 and ask for a letter to be posted to you.

This must be at least 5 days after you've completed your course of the vaccine, the letter may take up to 5 days to reach you.

Shingles vaccination

Patients become eligible for routine vaccination against shingles when they become 70 years of age and all those aged up to and including 79 years are now eligible to receive the vaccine until they become 80 years of age. Individuals who were eligible for the Shingles vaccination programme who turned 80 years during the COVID-19 pandemic and missed the opportunity to be vaccinated, either due to lockdown or because they were shielding at home and unable to attend their general practice, can continue to be vaccinated up to 31st July 2021.

Please contact the Surgery to book an appointment.

<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 March and early April.

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.

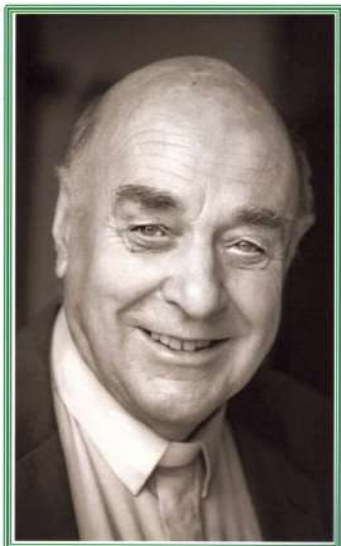
If you have difficulty collecting your prescriptions please let us know. We can arrange delivery or refer to the 'Good Sam' Service for help.

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/>



Some tributes to The Revd. Ian D. Elliott

Many people, both locally and much further afield, were deeply sorry to hear of the sudden death from Covid-19 of our dear and respected friend, Ian Elliott. This page is dedicated to some of the many tributes that have been paid.

From the words spoken by Ian's eldest son, Michael:

Dad's achievements were always without fanfare, he would support anybody who needed help, never seeking recognition or favour for his work. He was a man who was always prepared to help those in their darkest hours. He was always there for anyone whether a vagrant or viscount.

The parents of Tim Parry whose life was cruelly cut short by the Warrington bombings wrote to me saying:

"Your father was a truly special man, whom Wendy and I liked and admired greatly... a very gentle man, softly spoken and always kind and courteous to everyone around him. He welcomed all into his church, regardless of their faith (or lack of faith), with open arms and a smile and often, a sandwich or two!! I will always remember Ian with genuine affection and deep gratitude for his support through what was a truly awful period in our lives after losing Tim. He helped give us strength when we needed it most.

You can be proud of your Dad... a genuinely 'good' man and Minister."

From his daughter, Louise:

"A lovely man... The kindest of gentlemen... A truly wonderful man ... A genuine and kindhearted man... Patient and generous... Thoughtful and loving... Gentle and wise ... A beautiful man with a wicked sense of humour and a glint in his eyes... He dedicated his life to helping people..." These are the words that I've heard and read repeatedly since Dad passed away. Yet they're unsurprising as they're words I've heard my whole life—ones I would use myself, when I look at the man Dad was. But he was my DBD—Dearly Beloved Daddy—I will miss you so much.

Letter to Ian Elliott from the Patients, Staff and Chaplaincy team at Penrith Hospital

Dearest Ian,

Thank you for your companionship, your time and wonderful pastoral skills as part of our team. The chaplaincy team and patients valued your kind, gentle, quiet and supportive manner. Many times patients would comment on "that kind, gentle man who visited me" and we knew immediately who it was.

We will miss you, Ian, and were privileged to have worked with you as part of the chaplaincy team. Thank you for your care of patients requiring prayer, communion at the bedside or just a 'chat' with them. Thank you also for your support with the Day Hospice when Sandra could not attend. The patients and staff were grateful for your Christmas communion service.

We give our love and heartfelt thanks to such a good person. God bless!

From the Friends of Tebay Church

Ian was an enthusiastic member and supporter of the Friends of Tebay Church for many years. Whatever event was going on, whether fundraising, social or Boon Day, he would be there, generously giving his time and energy. He missed very few Monday Drop Ins at The Hub and would be in lively conversation with locals and visitors alike talking about anything and everything. He was a much loved and valued member of our group and will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

From the Open The Book team

Ian was a valuable, enthusiastic, funny and imaginative member of the team taking Bible stories into our three village schools. We are really going to miss him!

Some comments in the "Chat" by those who followed the streamed funeral service:

"We wish we could have been there in person to honour Ian... Beautiful testimonies to Ian - great man indeed ... Beautiful tributes for a wonderful man... Beautiful service and so honouring of God's faithful servant..."

A Letter from Ronnie

It's really hard to put into words just how much I have been carried and held up by all the messages, cards, letters, phone calls and visitors I have received since Ian died. The thoughts expressed by literally hundreds of you have given me and my family so much pride and comfort. We knew Ian was well loved and respected; the impact he made on so many people has been staggering. It has been incredibly uplifting and we truly appreciate receiving them. Thank you so very much. Don't underestimate the pleasure they can bring.

The house has been turned into a florist shop! The pleasure the flowers have given me has been huge – the beauty, the perfume, and even the joy of arranging them has been a comfort too. I've even got a feel for it now, after years of going to new parishes and making sure that they knew that *this* vicar's wife *wasn't* the one to do the church flowers! Walking into the sitting room each day has given me a real lift as the fragrance fills the room.

Your generosity has been wonderful too – with gifts still coming in. You may be assured that it will be put to very good use and Ian would be delighted!

These are very early days and planning the service with Louise and the family was, for me, the most important thing to do. I was so proud of all my family and the part they played. The service was everything we hoped for. Many thanks to Martin and Abbi from St. James' for doing all the 'techy stuff' that made so many of you able to join us virtually – over 450 viewings, which is amazing! Thank you, too, to Alun, Fran, and all who took part in leading and setting the right tone, as well as Linda and all who prepared the church to make it look so beautiful.

However, I now have so much 'stuff' to deal with in order to adjust and get on with my life. Support from family, neighbours and friends both from our five churches here, and from our previous five churches in the Liverpool diocese has been fantastic. Also the knowledge of overseas contacts and friends, former school and college friends – just an amazing number praying – has been so upholding. I know God is with me. My faith, and yours, will sustain me.

TEBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children in Nursery and Reception found that a Blackbird had made a nest above their sandpit, they noticed the bird had laid some eggs in the nest, 4 chicks have hatched and Mrs Blackbird is busy feeding them. All children have really enjoyed

Blackbirds nesting in our sandpit!



learning about the blackbirds and her chicks. They have drawn some marvellous pictures.



Miss Fisher brought in some of her pet lambs into school, the children enjoyed feeding them and even had a competition to name one of them.



This was followed by Freddie bringing in some of his chicks. Two of them were only a week old!



April was a busy time for class 3! Here are a few of the exciting things we have been up to:

During April class 3 started their new topic of 'states of matter' during science lessons. The children researched the melting and boiling points of different materials and investigated how materials change from one state of matter to another.

In PE lessons the children have taken the first steps to taking part in a CET wide 'big dance' event. The children from each school within the trust learn different dances, submit their entries and the video's will be compiled to make a big dance video.

We can't wait to show you this when it is completed!



Finally, within our computing lessons the children are becoming computer programmers. We have been learning about algorithms, coding and debugging. We are looking forward to designing and coding our very own computer games in the next few weeks!

Tebay Primary School has places for children in Nursery for September 2021 and January 2022.

We can offer COVID secure school visits for potential new starters contact 015396 24239 or email admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk to arrange a visit. Visit our website: www.tebay.cumbria.sch.uk Follow us on twitter

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Greenholme
Agricultural Show &
Gala

Greenholme Show Goes Online - just for fun!

As the Show has been cancelled for the 2nd year, we thought we would try an alternative - just for some fun to keep us all in touch.

Send us a photo
of what your entries would have been and we will upload them onto our Facebook page.

- Class 1 Photo of a sheep
- Class 2 Photo of any Animal
- Class 3 Photo of a Cake
- Class 4 Photo of any handicraft
- Class 5 Photo of a landscape
- Class 6 Photo with a Caption
- Class 7 Photo of a
Decorated Potato

No prizes - but whose will be your favourite?

Send your photos to
greenholmeshowsecretary@gmail.com

- enter as many times as you want.

Closing date:
Thursday 10th June.
We will publish them on the Facebook page on Show Day - Saturday 12th June.

Did you know?

Tebay Primary School Nursery....

- Nursery places available – April and September 2021
- Government funding is available for the term following their 3rd 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

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 3rd 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
<https://www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk>

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

WESTMORLAND DALES APPRENTICES

COUNTRYSIDE WORKER APPRENTICE

**18 month Apprenticeship—Full-time – 37 hours
£4.50 per hour for year 1. Rising to the national
minimum wage in the second year.**

**This apprenticeship is based at our office in
Tebay.**

We are looking for self-motivated individuals with a strong interest in conservation to work in the beautiful landscape of the Westmorland Dales. We have four apprenticeship opportunities, ideal for enthusiastic individuals who would like to gain the skills necessary for a countryside career in land management or wildlife conservation.

The 'Skills for the Future' project is part of the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership Scheme, a programme grant-funded through the National Lottery Heritage Fund; which aims to reveal, conserve and celebrate the hidden heritage of the area that became part of the extended Yorkshire Dales National Park in 2016.

Five great reasons to apply for an apprenticeship with the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership:

1. You will be part of a team, training alongside other apprentices
2. You will learn countryside skills from a highly skilled supervisor
3. You will obtain nationally recognised qualifications
4. You will improve your job prospects and employability
5. You will be helping to safeguard a nationally important landscape

The apprenticeship provides a learning opportunity for someone seeking their first paid position within conservation. The Authority will provide a supported, tailored placement with learning and development opportunities. You will need to demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to conservation; willingness to learn and to work hard; a love of the outdoors and a real interest in the countryside and the National Park.

The successful candidate will undertake a Countryside Worker (Level 2) Apprenticeship.



Closing date for applications:

5pm on 27/06/21

It is anticipated that interviews will take place in the week commencing 19/07/21. If you want an informal chat about this opportunity, please contact Belinda Lloyd on 07971 528776.

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Once again, a huge "thank you" to everyone in the community and beyond. Thanks to you all.

Up to the end of April the amazing sum of £450 in total has been raised for North Lakeland Hospice at Home. Everyone has been so kind, both in their giving of books etc, and in their donations to the charity. Many thanks.

Olive & Chris

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10th Jun +Emma Ineson

8th Jul Andrew Sterling

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If you would like to ask about a wedding or funeral, please in the first instance contact the

Mission Community Administrator,

Joyce Keetley, on 07741 327318

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Joyce will speak to you about arrangements and discuss your options with you.



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Minor change to opening hours—Saturday opening extended to 6 pm. **Orton Post Office** will NOT close for lunch on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

N.B. We are considering opening on Sundays for “the summer months” from 10 am to 2 pm and would welcome views / comments from regular customers.

As we continue to see national lockdown restrictions ease, we have been considering our approach as an independent small business going forward. Please would our customers adhere to the following:

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Saturday 12th June

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Orton Farmers Ltd

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<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 12th June, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

(We tried in May, but it poured!)

Covid precautions will be maintained, but it will be great if we can welcome guests in this way! Also bring a-brac and raffle. (No parking at church)

Orton Drop-In

We had hoped to hold an outdoor morning Drop-In in May but the weather has been a bit too chilly!

So we will wait for a more appropriate date to open again indoors.

Please **LOOK OUT** for a notice on the Village Community Notice Board and The Post Office Board and **The Link**

Zoom Services



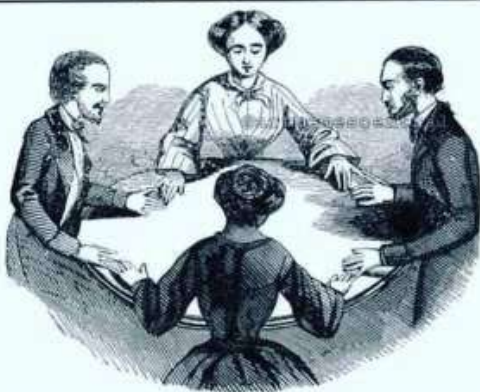
As you will see on the Services page (p.3), we are now returning to having Sunday services in our church buildings, no doubt to the great relief and thankfulness of those who have been denied church worship for many months because they cannot access the internet.

We hope very much that despite warnings of the spread of the "Indian variant" of Covid, that we will still be able to continue services in church.

But we will continue to have zoom services about once a month, probably streamed from a live service in one of our churches so that anyone, online or not, can take part. Many of us have felt that, despite their limitations, God has used these months of "virtual worship" in ways which may have taken us by surprise (God often does that!). We have got to know members of other churches, and seen their faces (not their backs); and, best of all, have heard the stories of their faith and struggles.

So thank you, tech wizards who have made it happen! And thank you, all who have led worship and prayers and preached, and all who have taken part.

Zoom meetings are just modern seances



"There's someone who wants to join us."
 "Elizabeth, are you there?"
 "We can't hear you."
 "Can you hear us?"

Please do join us to pray
 for schools across our area.

NISCU Eden Prayer Breakfast
 Saturday June 12th, 09:00am

Join Zoom Meeting
 Meeting ID: 829 7263 3582
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Westmorland Dales Walks and Events

thewestmorlanddales.org.uk

We're delighted to announce our programme of
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for summer 2021

We're taking bookings now so please visit our website to reserve a place and join us on a stroll through the wonderful Westmorland Dales!

Wed 9th June: Crosby Ravensworth to Oddendale Health and Heritage Walk

A short loop from Ravenstonedale to Oddendale

Sat 12th June: Morning and Afternoon sessions:
 Ravenstonedale Village History Walk

Wed 23rd June: Orton Health and Heritage Walk

A 6km walk on the outskirts of Orton which will take in fabulous views, history and wildlife

Sun 27th June: Morning and Afternoon sessions: Family Meadow Safari

A meadow safari for children on Cumbria Wildlife Trusts newest reserve

Thur 1st July : Drystone Walling Taster Day

A chance to learn the skill of drystone walling from an experienced waller from Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

Sat 3rd July: National Meadows Day

Take a scenic walk guided or self-guided through traditional hay meadows

Sat 3rd July: National Meadows Day – Marvellous Meadow Walk For Children

Discover the marvellous meadows at Piper Hole on this explorer walk for children.

If you would like further information visit our events page

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The Duke of Edinburgh Award

After the articles in the May issue of *The Link* by two local young people, about their experiences with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, another local resident who took part a good many years earlier has sent us this account.

Felicity Lawler (*née* Kershaw)

After becoming a Queen's Guide at 16 years old, I was encouraged by my District Commissioner to join the D of E award scheme.

I had four years to gain the gold award and I achieved this through the Girl Guides, an Outward Bound course and my nurse training.

On 20th July 1969, I arose early to watch the first moon landing and then took the train from Manchester to London to receive my certificate at Buckingham Palace. I was impressed by the Prince's well-worn but highly polished shoes. In our group, he spoke to a young man who was an apprentice at the Barrow-in-Furness shipyard. Up till then, it had never occurred to me that anyone could do the D of E outside Guides and Scouts.

Sometime later, I mentioned to an aunt that I hadn't found the D of E too difficult. Her response was that I had shown 'stickability'. I think that 'stickability' and resilience to whatever life throws at you is a legacy of the D of E award scheme, particularly when undertaking the expedition sections of the award.



I now live on a remote hill farm in Cumbria and I keep sheep. I can no longer walk the long distance of a day's hike, but I still love to read any map.

We D of E award holders must be a modest bunch as I do not know of any fellow award holders within my circle. The award scheme develops skills for life, and that is what we do—get on with life.

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News from rton School

P.E.: Come Rain... Come Shine...

The rain this month hasn't stopped our children enjoying lots of outdoor P.E. From balance bikes to cricket; tennis to athletics; all of our children have been keeping active, while learning new skills!



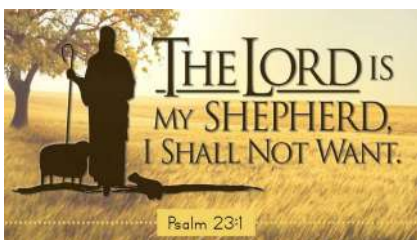
Clay: Making sculptures age 3—11...

From our youngest nursery children to our oldest children in year 6; we have been getting creative using clay! After a certain member of staff (who may or may not be writing this) ordered enough clay to lay the foundations of a small building! We've certainly had lots of fun creating mini versions of ourselves, hedgehogs, castle walls and much more!



Whole school challenge...

Ruth Evans who leads our Thursday Worship; has set all the children the challenge of learning all the words to 'Psalm 23'. To then recite! Our children are working really hard on their new challenge; with hopes of a certificate at the end!



St. George's Day was a very special day for us at Orton CE Primary. Not only did we do lots of learning about St. George; but it was the first time the whole school ate lunch together! We enjoyed a socially distanced picnic in the sunshine! With each class bubble in one corner of the playground. It gave children and staff a chance to wave and smile at one another; not on Zoom!



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News from All Saints' Church, Kasese, Uganda

(parish linked with All Saints', Orton)

WhatsApp messages from Rev. Nelson Walina, vicar of All Saints' Church, Kasese.

17th April: (After hearing of the death of Rev Ian Elliott)
O God, you have chosen to take your own faithful servant. I shall keep his family in memory of annual prayers. We remember the time he came to Kasese from Congo and brought to us a generous gift from Orton. Very many Christians in our church felt shock. I led a 10 minutes silent prayer for the wife, children and home friends, including the Christians of Orton Church. We had more than 200 believers in church.

22nd April: On Monday 26th April we shall plant a Mango Tree on our land in memory of Ian Elliott. When it bears the fruits, we shall keep in prayers with Ronnie.



Prayer plaque for Ian

26th April: While mourning our brother Ian here is another sad news in our family. The brother of Melina my wife, called Denis, died yesterday in vehicle accident. Burial tomorrow 75 km away – costly as we don't have a vehicle. He was Senior News Reporter at Radio Messiah in South Rwenzori Diocese. A vibrant hard working boy of 24 years. Kindly put us in prayers. (From us, 29th April): Two families have contributed a gift to help you at this sad time. We have sent 467,642 UGX (about £100).

His reply: Oh my dear two families. My wife and I are so grateful to you for erased tears of mourning to our younger brother. Glory to God for wonderful contributions.

Some happier news:

4th May: One month back our daughter Kabugho Jennifer delivered a baby girl. She is now at our home. Nurturing a baby in our environment is to be careful.

Message from Jennifer: Am here with dad and let me use this opportunity to write to you my message. I thank you for the support you extend; may God richly bless you. My baby girl is



called Anne Colette Lhusonzo (this name is local language given name which means **God's Favour**)

(Messages from Orton and district folk): Beautiful baby... gorgeous. Anne Colette Lhusonzo is absolutely beautiful.... She'll be in my prayers... These are lovely pictures – Mary wants to give the baby a cuddle!

(From Nelson): Oh, nice to hear! God bless Mary for us and thanks already.

8th May: The Baby is crying heavily overnight. We have not discovered the problems. We want to visit the physician today. WASINGYA ERISABA means thanks for your prayers. The baby has some stops in crying to this time – not continuous. When shall Mary send a cuddle?

Message from Rev Robert Zziwa:

9th May: My wife Anna is in labour in Kasese hospital.

(We prayed for her at our Sunday Zoom service here in UK.)

Later: God has answered our prayers, Anna has delivered safely and normally a bouncing baby boy, to be called Elisha!

From Rev. Nelson, 13th May: First Episcopal Visit of the new Bishop to our church on Sunday 20th June. The budget is 1,980,000 UGX (about £400). (Church members each contribute a sum. He invites us to contribute.)

From us: Please explain – I do not quite understand how this works in the Church of Uganda.

Reply: When a bishop makes his first visit to a Parish, we prepare meals for him and team coming with him. At luncheon he is joined by a few executive members, and some gifts are offered to him. When he visits at other times, we offer small gifts and simple meals.

16th May: Today we hosted our Archdeacon at our Church. The singing and dancing meant warmly welcomed him. (A video of noisy and joyful worship and dancing was sent!)



(Kabugho Jennifer, daughter of Nelson and Melina Walina.)



Dancing Archdeacon

Our reply: We don't do it quite like that when our archdeacon comes!

Nelson: In Uganda if it was the Bishop we do it more than you are seeing! All groups participate, children, youths, mothers and fathers, Boys and Girls Brigade.

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Brett Whiteley's 'Lavender Bay'

You are probably not familiar with his name, but Brett Whiteley is one of Australia's most admired painters. Our lecturer for May was Paul Chapman, an Art Historian and a National Gallery Trained Guide and although for most of his audience this artist was unknown, Paul brought him alive for us. Outside Australia not many people have heard of him, but at home he is a household name. In the 1970s and 80s he and his wife Wendy were the rock stars of the Sydney art world. They were both artists and studied at the Sydney School of Art, where in 1959 Brett won a scholarship to Europe. Wendy joined him, and they married and a daughter was born in London. They spent 1967-69 in New York and returned to Australia in 1970 via Fiji, from the photograph, having embraced the hippy culture while they were away! Whiteley rented a house at Lavender Bay on the north side of Sydney harbour and established himself as an artist, and it was here that he created a body of work that is now regarded as his best. In 1974 he bought the house, added a tower and enlarged the balcony to embrace the stunning views of Sydney Harbourside and the bay.

Whiteley was influenced by Henri Matisse, and painted huge pictures in oil and mixed media, soaked in intense, vibrant colours. He painted harbour landscapes, interiors and still lifes, often showing an Eastern influence and reflecting romantic ideas of man and nature, and sometimes the difficulties of his own personal story. From his orange series 'Big Orange' is a huge canvas 2.5 x 3m. A view from his balcony, the canvas was covered in sensuous shades of burnt orange, layer upon layer used to reflect deep sunset colours. Whiteley played with abstracted forms to indicate white sails in the bay, a jetty and palm trees by the harbour, very sparsely painted to allow the heat of the colour to burn through. He captured the harbour at all times of the day,



and in 'Harbour in the Rain' (1976), again from the balcony, he was attempting to place us in his viewpoint. He used canvas with a Perspex layer 7mm above to enhance the effect of the raindrops painted on it, just showing the ghostly bridge in the background, a truly atmospheric grey day.

'Jacaranda Tree' (208 x 456cm) features as one of his blue series. Here we have his strong shades of ultramarine layered with tones of black in some areas, like the best

summer sky you could imagine. The harbour and Lavender Bay steeped in this blue, with little dashes of white parakeets, tails leaving flight-lines behind them, and splashes of white sails in the blue, blue water. His most famous work from this period is 'The Balcony', a wide vista just showing curves of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge to the sides, and curved outlines of the white balcony where we stand and the jacaranda tree seen from above. Your senses become absorbed in the heat, sunshine and again the wonderful blue of this hot summer sky. This ultramarine blue is now commonly known as Brett's blue, or Whiteley's blue, in Australia.



Next we were shown 'My Armchair' (206.5 x 283.5m, 1976). The background a lighter blue, but still ultramarine, and muted orange through two windows in his studio. Again clearly inspired by Matisse, 'The Armchair' or 'Henri's Armchair', more saturated colour with only outlines to delineate articles in the room, probably inspired by Matisse's 'The window in Tangiers'. Matisse said: "What I dream of is an art balance, of purity and serenity.....an art which might be something could be like a good armchair which provides relaxation from physical fatigue."

In the mid-1970s Whiteley was tremendously popular and was winning all the Australian art awards. In 1978 he won the Self-Portrait prize for his triptych, A Photo of the Artist, representing the life of the title. The triptych consisted of a large drawing of the artist, the head rather in the style of Francis Bacon; a baboon screaming in agony, this emotional image referring to Picasso's 'Guernica'; and a small picture of Whiteley's emotional image, almost a cry for help, possibly related to his use of drugs and included an actual syringe glued to the canvas. This caused an uproar. Whiteley died in 1992, thought to be from an accidental drug overdose. After his death Wendy took up 'guerrilla gardening', appropriating a piece of unused ground down by the shore – Wendy's Secret Garden. In time she was allowed to buy this piece of land, having worked on it for many years.

This was an excellent lecture, sadly our last until September as we now take a summer break. We hope by then to be able to return to meeting at Appleby Market Hall, for further information nearer the time please contact artsoc.appleby@gmail.com



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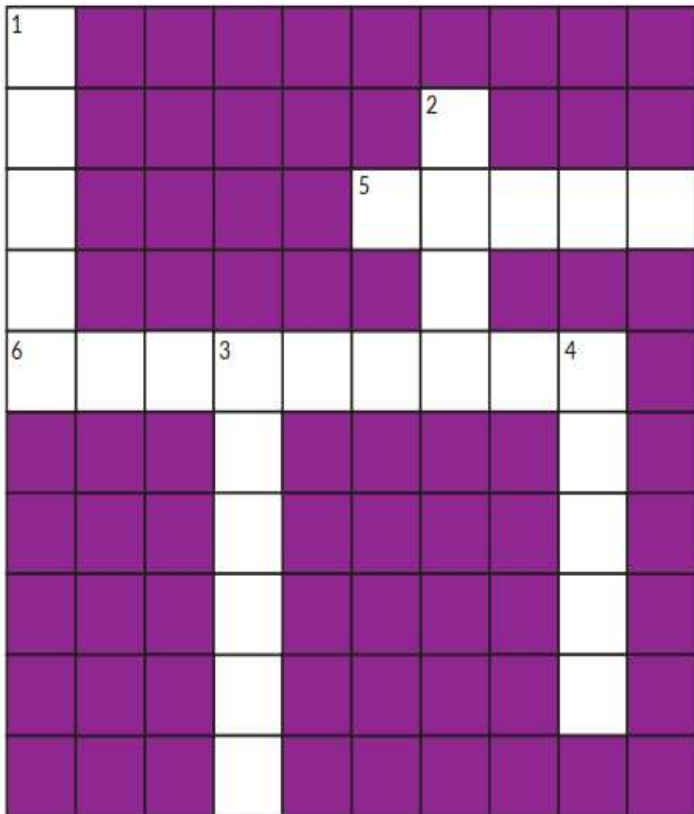
Solve the clues to work out which words you need to find in the crossword.

Down

1. The woman calls out 'Lord! Son of _____!'
2. The woman asked Jesus to _____ her daughter.
3. The dogs eat _____ under their masters table.
4. The story takes place in Tyre and _____.

Across

5. The hero of the story is _____.
6. Jesus' friends are called the _____.



Talk How important is kindness in the world today, and why?

Do Watch a favourite film and write down all the words of kindness and affirmation you hear.



Matthew 15.(10-20),21-28

Jesus meets a woman with amazing faith and heals her daughter, despite what others might expect.



Can you imagine how the woman was feeling in the story? What was wrong with her little girl? Draw their faces to show their emotions.



How many hidden hearts you can spot in this picture? Colour them in as you find them.



Ravenstonedale

BOON DAY

St Oswald's Churchyard
Wednesday 23rd June 9am onwards

If you enjoy seeing a well-cared-for churchyard please come and help us tidy the grounds. Everyone most welcome even if you are not a churchgoer!

Please bring strimmers, rakes and wheelbarrows if you have them.



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Volunteers

to join St Oswald's Church
cleaning rota

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Contact June
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St. Oswald's Church

Here are a few dates for your very empty diary!

Wednesday 23rd June (Thursday if wet!)

Boon day in the Churchyard

Friday 17th September

Auction of Promises

Sunday 10th October

Harvest Festival Lunch

*Looking forward to seeing you in person
again!*

The Digital *Link*

I had an item I particularly wanted to post the Friday before May Day Monday, so made a special 15 mile round trip to Kirkby Stephen, only to discover, despite the very clear notice on the door that it was open, it was in fact closed and the shop owner didn't know if it was ever going to re-open. It was early afternoon so I knew Brough would be closed. What next? Charge up to Penrith or Kendal? No, I simply took my phone out of my pocket, opened the Digital *Link* and discovered Tebay was open.

The Digital *Link* is like having an up to date local directory in your pocket. It's also great to find out what's happening back home when we're away.

Of course, it must be produced in paper format as well when it is possible for those who prefer it.

One more thing – (and don't edit this out, Chris!) - well done and thanks to all involved in the production.

Ken and Kathy Trimmer

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

The ingenious and sophisticated story of dry stone walls

The last Spring Zoom lecture, presented by Ravenstonedale Parish History Group was attended by around 50 members and guests, including members of the Upper Eden History Society and attendees of the first Cumbria Blue Badge Guide course to be held in the County for 10 years. The subject that drew in this broad audience was Maurice Hall's talk on Dry Stone Walls.

Familiar across our Westmorland landscape, Maurice presented on the history of dry stone walls the different types and functions of them, and shared personal anecdotes from his childhood working alongside his Uncle learning the ingenious and sophisticated craft of dry stone wall construction.

Featuring illustrations including photographs from Maurice's collection, the talk commenced with an overview of history, drawing upon a number of references including 'Dry Stone Walls, History and Heritage' published in 2016 by the renowned historian, Angus Winchester, Emeritus Professor at Lancaster University. Professor Winchester's book is a brief and heavily illustrated introduction to the history of dry stone walls in Britain, with particular focus on northern England. For those interested in more information, Maurice recommended the book which draws on published works as well as hitherto unpublished primary research and provides an historical survey of the evolution of dry stone walls and a field guide to 'reading' walls themselves as historical documents.

The historical introduction took the audience to Peru, where Machu Picchu, the 15th Century Inca Citadel was constructed with polished dry stone walls. The journey continued to Canada, Iceland, Zimbabwe and then back to UK shores including Wales, Cornwall and Yorkshire. Eight thousand kilometres of dry stone walls are reported to be in the Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP), and notably this estimate is prior to the addition of the Westmorland Dales into YDNP, so that figure will be much increased. Although most walls (and the many Barns built similarly without mortar) were constructed after the 15th Century, as a consequence of the acts of enclosure, Maurice shared evidence of Romano-British (after AD43) dry stone field boundaries and other

pictorial records of ancient walls.

A wide range of terms and definitions were confirmed, For example there are 1.5 tonnes of stone per metre of wall. The wall builders described themselves as Stone Masons. The role that Walls played in separating the hillside grazing land from the cultivated improved land was presented in a number of dramatic landscape photographs including an explanation of the difference between the head dyke and the ring garth. A head dyke is a dry stone wall which encloses a crofting township, separating it from the common grazing. (shared grazing) or another township. The ring garth separated the in bye land (land close to the farm) and fell side, which prevented animals from trampling and eating the crops.

Photographs also illustrated the differences between professionally planned or surveyed walls, such as the tall straight walls that were constructed for the Lords of Manors, compared to those built by tenant farmers. Maurice presented the 'A' shape of dry stone walls and the components of their construction including through stones, caps or top stones and the use of graded tiers of stones (graded by size). During discussion an audience member contributed the interesting detail, that the walls constructed as boundaries for the deer park (such as on the Lonsdale Estates in Westmorland) did not have through stones as these would have been used by deer to climb the walls and escape the hunting enclosure.

The talk was followed by an extensive discussion, with questions for Maurice and contributions from other members of the audience with knowledge and recollection to add to the understanding of the majority who attended who were novices in their study of dry stone walls. A number of audience members have confirmed that their walks now include looking for the landscape clues of head dykes and ring garths.

As spring and summer draws the local historians outside for entertainment, Zooms and (as was fervently expressed by the attendees) the resumption of 'live' meetings will now resume in the Autumn. RPHG will be collaborating with the Westmorland Dales Partnership on historical walks around Ravenstonedale/

Details of timing will be announced on the RPHG website - www.ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk.

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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	
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Morrisons layover 1.30 hours depart	13.15	
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	Summer	Winter
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Ravenstonedale School	09.30	09.30
Kirkby Stephen Station	09.40	09.40
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Brough Clock	10.00	10.00
Middleton in Teesdale	10.40	
Barnard Castle	11.20	10.45
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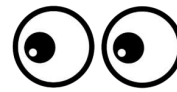


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