

PARISH NEWS

of

**St Peter's Church, Heversham
St John's Church, Levens and
St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe**

March 2005



Easter Issue

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A letter from the Vicar, The Revd Canon John Hancock

**The Vicarage, Woodhouse Lane,
Heversham, Milnthorpe .
Tel: 015395 63125**

My Dear Friends,

Have you ever 'carried the can' for someone? Probably many of us have done so at some time or another. But for whom have we or would we do it? Most likely it would be for one of the family or a very close friend - someone who is special to us. But what about someone who had insulted us, beaten us up, mocked us, turned their back on us or opposed us at every turn? I reckon we would think twice, if at all, about 'carrying the can', taking the blame or helping them out of a difficulty they had got into through their own fault. And I don't suppose many would be surprised if we distanced ourselves from them.

Aren't we fortunate that Jesus doesn't behave like us? People tried to catch him out, betrayed him, falsely accused him, denied him, mocked him, beat him, spat on him and finally crucified him in spite of the fact that he had come into this world to 'carry the can' for us. In spite of the way in which he was received and treated he cared for each person no matter what they had done to him. He turned his back on no-one even if they had done so on him.

There was no way in which we could repair our relationship with God which sin had broken - only God could do that, and he did it by sending Jesus to die on the Cross 'so that all who believe in him would have eternal life'. That's the reason why Jesus came - 'for us and for our salvation'. Jesus took all our sin and yet we still mock him, his name is used as an expletive and there is no respect for it in so many quarters. We turn our backs on him and ignore him and his way for us. Yet he is still willing to 'carry our can'.

There is only one thing stopping Jesus and that is our refusal to repent and let him have it. His outspread arms on the Cross are saying to each one of us 'let me have it'. Our household rubbish is not collected unless we put it out in the appropriate place and our spiritual rubbish - the Bible quite rightly calls it sin - cannot be dealt with unless we take it to be dealt with by Jesus at the Cross. That is the only place where sin is removed and where we are made a new creation. There's a lot of talk these days about re-cycling as though it were some new idea. God has been at it for years - turning sinners into new creations.

The Cross is where God does it and the Resurrection of Jesus assures us of the new life that rises from it both for now and for eternity.

May the Cross of Jesus draw us to himself.

Yours in His service,



PARISH CALENDAR

Regular Services

Tuesdays:	Holy Communion	10.00 am	at Heversham
	Healing Prayer Ministry	10.35 - 11.45 am	at Heversham
	Informal Prayer Gathering	1.00 pm	at Milnthorpe
Saturdays:	Informal Prayer Gathering	7.45 am	at Heversham

March

1st Holy Communion 10.45 a.m. at both Plumtree and Heversham House

6th Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
Family Service	9.30 am at Heversham
Family Service	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Family Service	11.00 am at Levens
United Sung Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham

7th WOW Meeting at Jill Shaw's home 7 for 7.30 pm

8th Levens Open PCC, Vestry and Annual Church Meetings 7.30 pm in the Institute

9th Milnthorpe PCC 7.45 pm

10th Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter 12 noon at Burneside

10th Parish News deadline for articles/news

13th The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Parish Communion	11.00 am at Levens
Praise and Worship	6.30 pm at Heversham

14th Heversham Open PCC, Vestry and Annual Church Meetings 7.00 pm

18th 'Easter Service' for Levens School 2.15 pm in St. John's Church

19th United Parishes 'Passover Meal' 7.30 pm at St. Peter's Primary Sch

20th Palm Sunday - the Beginning of Holy Week

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
Morning Prayer	9.00 am at Hincaster
Family Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
Family Service with Baptism	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Parish Communion	11.00 am at Levens

21st Compline with Address 7.00 pm at Heversham

22nd Compline with Address 7.00 pm at Heversham

23rd Compline with Address 7.00 pm at Heversham

24th Maundy Thursday

'The Cross of Christ' Service and Supper (see notice) 6.30 pm at Milnthorpe



25th - Good Friday

United Open Air Service
Readings and Hymns of the Passion

10.00 am on Milnthorpe Green
6.30 pm at Heversham

27th - Easter Day



Holy Communion
Family Communion
Parish Communion
Parish Communion

8.00 am at Heversham
9.30 am at Heversham
11.00 am at Milnthorpe
11.00 am at Levens


April

3rd - the Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion
Family Service with Baptism
Parish Communion
Parish Communion
United Sung Evensong

8.00 am at Milnthorpe
9.30 am at Heversham
11.00 am at Milnthorpe
11.00 am at Levens
6.30 pm at Heversham
7.45 pm in Church Centre

6th St Thomas' Open PCC, Vestry
and Annual Church Meetings



ST.THOMAS' CHURCH,
MAUNDY THURSDAY
24TH MARCH 6.30 P.M.
"THE CROSS OF CHRIST"

A service of Music & Readings for Holy Week.
The service will be followed by
A CELEBRATION OF THE LAST SUPPER
for those who wish to participate
ALL ARE WELCOME

Tickets for the supper £5 per person
will be available following services at
St. Thomas' , St Peter's and St John's
and at Friday Coffee Mornings at St Thomas'

St. Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe

'MEETING WITH JESUS
... THEN and NOW !'
6 WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES
FOR LENT at 7.45 pm
with hymns, prayers and an address
(together lasting no more than 50 mins)
DATES still to come:
2nd, 9th & 16th March
A warm invitation to everyone ...
in preparation for Easter

Milnthorpe Methodist Church Sunday Services at 10.30 a.m.
Sun 6th (Mothering Sunday – 4th in Lent) : Mrs Christina Bartlett
Sun 27th (Easter Day) Mrs C Gaskins

Levens Methodist Church March Sunday Services at 10.30 a.m.
Sun 6th (Mothering Sunday – 4th in Lent) Mrs Kathleen Robinson
Sun 13th (5th in Lent) Rev. Rosalin Franklin
Sun 20th (Palm Sunday) Rev. Bill Seville CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
Sun 27th (Easter Day) Rev. Derek Thorpe HOLY COMMUNION

Catholic Churches: Father Dan Darragon Tel: 62387
Christ the King, Milnthorpe & Our Lady of Lourdes, Arnside
Mass Times: Saturday 5.30 pm Milnthorpe
Sunday 9.00 am Milnthorpe
10.30 am Arnside
Confession: Wednesday after 10.00 am Mass (Arnside)
Saturday 11.00 am – 11.30 am (Milnthorpe)

Jesus
is
the reason
for
this
Season
too



St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe

Special Services, Events and News

“If winter comes, can Spring be far behind ?”....Yes! we have had a dull, wet winter, but had the joy and wonder of Christmas – and now looking forward to the joy of Eastertide, and hearing again the story of Jesus’ resurrection. New life is already here, with snowdrops and aconites blooming in early January – also daffodils and primroses in early February – well before time.

We give thanks for the beauty of the earth, and for this “jewel of England, set in a silver sea”. **Thanks be to God.**

A Special Service for the Bereaved,

held at St Thomas’ Church, was greatly appreciated by all present. Led by the Revd Ron Rutter, the sermon was by the Revd Canon Tom Thompson with Bible readings by Mary Davidson and John Thorley – and a poem “Sometime at Evening” read by Val Robson – followed the poignant lighting of individual candles, by those wishing to do so, in memory of a loved one. We were fortunate in having the vicar as the organist!



At the February meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham MU, Joan Ellam was welcomed as the new Group Leader, along with Secretary Judy Dyer and Treasurer Audrey Wynne. The Service was led by Joan Ellam, with a Bible reading by Mary Davidson. Thanks were expressed to Gwen Tuer and Dorothy Hornby for their past work.

Two new members Gwyneth Leinweber and Linda Cooper were welcomed along with rejoining member Jean Shuttleworth.

Future dates announced were:

March 3rd at 2.00 pm

Wave of Prayer at Heversham

March 4th at 2.00 pm

Women’s World Day of Prayer at Milnthorpe Methodist Church –see Page 9

March 11th

Coffee Morning Stall at St Thomas’ (gifts welcome for the stall and raffle)

April 4th at 7.30 pm

Lady Day – Service at Arnside.

Member Jennie Sisson in hospital was remembered in our prayers and a card for her was signed by all members present.

(We were all so saddened to hear of Jennie’s death just as we went to print– the Ed Team).

An illustrated talk “Old Kendal” by Mr J.T. Hughes of Kendal, was greatly enjoyed, the old (and new) slides being quite spectacular. Buildings included the old workhouse, two Blue Coat schools, Painter George Romney’s old house, and many more. He was thanked by Gwen Tuer, who said that she was ‘brought up’ in Kendal. The next meeting is March 9th –

“Community Safety” by Terry Belshaw.



MOTHERING SUNDAY
6th MARCH

There will be a family service for Mothering Sunday 11.00 a.m. at St Thomas' Church, We still maintain the tradition of giving posies of flowers on this occasion to all ladies present

Please do join us at this Celebration.

Milnthorpe Youth Group

At the time of going to press, we hear that the new Youth Group will hold its first meeting on March 1st at 7pm at the Memorial Hall. The group will meet every Tuesday 7 – 9 pm.

A meeting (open) previously held, including 15 adult volunteer helpers, was followed by three training sessions. A Management Committee was appointed comprising Chairman Tim Farron, Group Leader Helen Lashley, Treasurer Keith Powell, Secretary Joy Bell, and committee: Sarah Bowers, Steve Watts, Sean Helliwell. The group will exist under the 'umbrella' of Crusaders. Other volunteer posts will be for a Child Protection Officer, First Aid Officer, Door Keeper, Tuck Shop Manager. We wish the group every success !

The young people will be taking part in a range of activities, with a Youth Committee being formed so that they can direct plans for future meetings. However, they have a shortage of equipment –e.g. dance mats, trampoline and table top games. If anyone has any unwanted equipment they would like to donate to the group, please contact the Club Leader Helen Lashley on 62060. The group are also looking for an electrician to carry out safety checks on any electrical equipment obtained by the club.

The Visually Impaired

February meeting was held at Haverbrack, by kind invitation of Mrs Mary Reckitt. Twelve members enjoyed afternoon tea and fellowship together, with thanks expressed to Mrs Reckitt for a lovely afternoon.

The Tsunami Appeal Collection Box

at Forbuoys raised £415.83

The Milnthorpe Meals on Wheels Service

celebrates its 32nd anniversary in March. Commencing in 1973 with a meeting of volunteers at Mary Davidson's home, along with representatives of Social Services. Meals were first cooked at the Primary School, then at the old Cookery room (now the Library), then at a small basement kitchen at Croftside, until finally at Croftside's own kitchen by its own staff. Meals are delivered to the elderly and incapacitated, in the areas of Milnthorpe, Storth, Beetham and Levens three times a week by a rota of drivers and helpers. Recipients enjoy meeting the deliverers, who sometimes are able to give help or call a doctor in case of illness. The work is part of the WRVS scheme. Present organiser is Ailsa Brookes (Tel: 63964) and Sylvia Ham (Tel: 62218). Would you like to join us?

Husbands and wives welcome too.

Mary Davidson



**GOOD FRIDAY
UNITED SERVICE
on The Green
10.00 am**

**Wednesday 6th April
St Thomas' Open PCC,
Vestry & Annual Church
Meetings
in the Church Centre 7.45 pm**

MILNTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

Please see Service times—page 5

Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, 2nd March 2.30 - 4.00 pm
£2, for our Restoration Fund

*Would anyone be interested in joining a
LUNCH CLUB for friendship and chat?*

Contact: Alwena Ladell 015395 62985

COFFEE MORNING & Bric-a-Brac
each FRIDAY, in the Church Hall.

Contact: Anne-Marie Whitfield - 63179

St Peter's Church, Heversham

Special Services, Events and News

Passover Meal

Saturday 19th March at 6.30 pm
in the Hall at St Peter's Heversham
CE Primary School

Adults £5 Children U12 £1

JACOB'S JOIN MEAL

All Welcome

What is the Passover ?

The Passover is a Jewish Celebration of God's deliverance from Egypt under Moses' leadership. But for us Christians it is in the light of the New Testament that we can fully understand the meaning of the Passover. It was at the Passover Meal that our Lord Jesus took bread and broke it and gave the wine asking us to do this in remembrance of His body broken for us on the cross. An occasion like this helps us to understand the roots of our faith and certainly helps us understand more deeply the meaning of the Last Supper.

It is essentially an extended family celebration. So we are keen for it to seem as such with young and old present, singing, worshipping, chatting and enjoying a good meal are all interwoven. A snack is not appropriate. We don't expect Kosher food, but we would ask that there are no bread products/sandwiches, as we want to understand more the significance of the unleavened bread of the Passover. It's a **Jacob's Join Meal** –So please bring a dish – savoury or sweet. Wine and the Passover symbols will be provided, so please don't bring any bread items.

We do hope that many people will come to this event. Anyone is welcome from any congregation or not

Tickets Elizabeth Bennett 64091, Maureen Coleclough 64415, Jane Cushnie 64582 or from church at Levens or Milnthorpe Numbers limited – so book early

At the Indonesian Evening

In the Old School on Feb 11th we heard about Thelma Mitchell's summer short-term mission visit to Medan Province, on the border of Ache in Indonesia. She had gone to teach students English before they started courses at the Bible College. Life in Indonesia is very different, travelling on rickshaw to and from the Bible College, finding food she enjoyed eating, and coping with the high temperatures and 100% humidity all being part of the experience. IT was great to learn more about her time over there and we will be able to pray in a more informed way when she braves it all next summer ! All who were there enjoyed the evening and the meal, which was interesting and different – Gado Gado (vegetable salad) served with hot peanut sauce followed by melon and Indonesian cake and sweets. We also attempted to sing "This is the day the Lord has made" in several Indonesian languages. Thank you Thelma for sharing your experiences – we look forward to next time.

Elizabeth Bennett

There will be a Plant Sale
at CoffeeTime @The Old School
again this May, so if you are
planting seeds, keep a few for the
sale, if possible, please.



WOW -

WINDOW ON THE WORLD is the monthly meeting to hear updates on, and pray for, the mission organisations that our churches support. If you have a heart for supporting this work and would like to be involved, please come along and join in - it is a very necessary (and often very exciting and encouraging) work in which to be involved.

It would be wonderful to have people involved from our three churches.

WOW - meets on the first Monday of the month 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Dates and venues can always be found in the Parish News.

Mon 7th March at Jill Shaw's home, - 25 Dugg Hill, Heversham.

Monday 4th April Sylvia Read's home - Honeysuckle Cottage, Beetham

LENT PROJECT 2005

Just a reminder of our Lent Project this year helping SAMS (South American Mission Society) to build two churches - one in rural Peru and the other in inner city Santa Cruz Bolivia. Envelopes in St Peter's and St Thomas' to please be returned on Easter Day.

History Rewritten...

...well, in a manner of speaking. What we mean, is that the ancient history pamphlet has been rewritten and modernised a bit in its presentation. Pick one up in church, it's a concise version of a place of worship since the 7th century.

Welcome In

At the same time as looking at the past, we have also looked at the present and the future, and created a **Welcome to Saint Peter's Church** page, with information about the services and groups.

Monday 14th March
Heversham Open PCC,
Vestry and Annual Church
Meetings
in the Old School 7.00 pm

ALL WELCOME

(however any voting may only be done by
persons on the Electoral Roll)

Hincaster Services

In the Parish Calendar please note the date of the Hincaster Service changed from March 27th to March 20th. This applies to this one month only. *Dorothy Williams*

MOTHERING SUNDAY 6th MARCH

There will be a family service
for Mothering Sunday 9.30 a.m.
at St Peter's Church,

**Please do join us at this
Celebration.**

Women's World Day of Prayer

A service will be held
in the Methodist Chapel at Milnthorpe
on Friday, March 4th at 2.00 pm.
This is, as always, an **ecumenical service**.
The speaker will be the Revd Jean Radley.
This year was planned by Poland,
and the theme is 'Let our Light Shine'.
All will be welcome.

There is an international website on:
www.worlddayofprayer.net

St John's Church, Levens

Special Services, Events & News

MOTHERING SUNDAY 6th MARCH

There will be a family service
for Mothering Sunday 11.00 a.m.
at St John's Church,
**Please do join us at this
Celebration.**

Levens Parish Pastoral Visiting

Please note: if you hear of anyone who needs a visit, either because they are ill or in any other need, please let FRANCES MAKIN know on 015395-61417. She will then alert the person on the visiting team who would help. This arrangement will be ongoing, so please make a note of it for future reference.

**Tuesday March 8th
Levens Open PCC, Vestry
and Annual Church Meetings
in the Institute 7.30 p.m.**

Levens Church flower rota is displayed
at the back of the church.

Levens CE School

It only seems like 5 minutes since the new term started and now half term is upon us with the next stop Easter.

In recent weeks each class has been busy –
Class 1 – have been celebrating the Chinese New Year, enjoyed a walk to Levens Park

to see the baby goats and made animal shelters at Low Sizergh Farm.

Class 2 - took a trip to Leighton Moss to learn about habitats in connection with their science work.

Class 3 – have visited the Lantern House in Ulverston to see a multimedia theatre production with puppets, musicians and singers, which was inspired by Morecambe Bay.

Class 4 – have written, organised and taken part in their own Ash Wednesday service in church. The school enjoys links with Dallam School and so far this term years 5 and 6 have taken part in tag rugby and netball coaching.

We have now established a 'twin' for our school. This is St Stephen's Primary School in Preston. The main aim of the link is to give our pupils experience of a contrasting area and other ways of life. We have been exchanging letters and photographs and the children have been excited to hear about life in Preston. We hope this is the start of a lasting partnership. As ever, we are more than happy to take your used inkjet and laser printer cartridges -bring them into school at any time and help us to raise funds by recycling. Recent fundraising resulted in £1600 being added to the PTA fund from the annual Christmas Fair and a profit of £334.77 from sales from the Webb Ivory Christmas catalogue, which will go to the school fund. The PTA are holding an Easter Bingo in the school hall on Tuesday 22nd March at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Another date for your diary is Monday 2nd May we the PTA are holding a Car Boot Sale in the school yard – more details will follow at a later date.

Levens CE School are arranging a one day course introducing you to **digital photography** on Saturday 12th March from 10 am to 4 pm and will cost £25.

We are also arranging **free** three hour courses in each of these subjects: introduction to computers; desk top publishing; word processing and e mail; power point.

We are also arranging a two hour class **‘Making your own cards’** with a professional card maker, cost £10. Interested ? please contact Levens School 60694. *Audrey Banks*

Levens Over 60’s Club

Canon Tom Thompson’s talk, “Hatched, Matched & Dispatched”, enlivened a cold January afternoon. A native of Warton, ordained in Blackburn in 1962, Tom retired to Levens with his wife Mary in 2003, having met & married her during his first appointment as a curate, at Standish in Wigan. After several years at Lancaster & Chorley, Tom became the Vicar at Barrowford, by which time they had 3 small children. In 1978 he was appointed to a large parish in Birmingham. 1982 saw them back in the north, first at Longton, then Middlesborough.

Tom has a gift of creating a vivid picture in a few words. We could feel we were right there with him; as a young curate taking his first christening, fearful of dropping the baby into an ancient life threatening font or forgetting the right words, coping later with disasters, objectors, & photographers at weddings, & with some odd & alarming incidents at funerals! As well as sharing these memories of joys & sorrows with us, we heard some amusing short readings & poems, leaving us looking forward to another talk sometime. Moving the vote of thanks, your scribe wondered if there would be a book (or even a film!) in future?

Birthday flowers were presented to Mr Jackson. *P.C. Edwards*

LEVENS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH : HALF YEAR MEETING

THURSDAY 17th MARCH 7.30 pm
in the Institute

All residents are most welcome to come along and bring your comments and suggestions. The Community Safety Officer, Terry Belshaw, and the Neighbourhood Watch Development Officer, Andrea Bell, will be in attendance.

*Bryan Dawson,
Chair Levens Neighbourhood Watch*

Children’s Society

Levens’ contribution for 2004 – by way of boxes and donations – amounted to £563.53. This is yet another record. Sincere thanks to all who contributed. *Richard Brennan*

Levens Methodist Church

On the weekend of 18th to 20th March we celebrate our **Church Anniversary**. This will see the start of our 115th year in our present building and there will be several events to mark this. Although there has been a Methodist presence in the village for over two hundred years and the present chapel is the second one to be built here, we usually celebrate this centenary linked to the present chapel.

FRIDAY 18th March – CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUPPER at 7.00pm in the chapel. Tickets from Brian Gray (61105) or Eric Larkins (60769)

SATURDAY 19th March - Coffee Morning and Gift Day in the Chapel from 10.30am to 3.30pm with special floral displays to mark our anniversary. Gift Day contributions to our Development Fund,

SUNDAY 20th March (Palm Sunday) – Special Anniversary Service at 10.30 am – Rev. Bill Seville.

More News



**Fairtrade Fortnight is
1st – 13th March
Look out for Fairtrade
news in the media
and locally !**

www.fairtrade.org.uk



Fairtrade Food and Gifts Stall
1st Friday in the month
at St Thomas' Coffee Mornings

Coffee Time @ The Old School

Next to St Peter's Church, Heversham

Tuesday 8th March

10.00 - 11.45 am

Call in for a Cup of Fairtrade

Coffee / Tea 50p

Fairtrade Foods/Gifts Stall



ALL WELCOME

In all future issues, we are going to include

schools' news

where we will invite the local schools to take turns each month sending in their news to tell the whole community.

This starts with Levens School on p 10.

Applications to Milnthorpe Nursery

should be received by 31st March 2005, for children starting Nursery in the autumn term 2005.

Please phone 62344 or call in for an application form.



NISCU News from

Levens,

Milnthorpe,

Heversham &

Dallam Schools

Did you know that Christian groups

meet in Levens, Heversham & Dallam schools each week? Did you know that there are about 65 children involved in these groups? We meet to have fun, games, crafts, and to learn about the Bible in primary schools. In secondary they have quizzes, discussions and activities based on a Bible theme.

NISCU work to support schools in the Christian elements of the curriculum. We seek to explain Christianity in an appropriate, relevant and sensitive way and to offer encouragement to children who already have a Christian faith. We participate in and lead assembly, lessons, weekends away, fun days and clubs. In fact we do just about anything! Matt Taylor (Secondary) and Paula Pearson (Primary) cover South Lakeland. You can contact them at the NISCU office on 01539 731735.

2005 CAMP Every year NISCU provides and fills over 300 places for young people on residential camps, weekends and holidays. There are many young people who for financial reasons are unable to come on a NISCU residential. We believe the holidays programme is of vital importance to each young person and each year we see many young people come to Christ and move in their faith with him. We would love to see many more young people from our area have the opportunity of experiencing a NISCU holiday for themselves...

Paula Pearson

CAMP 2005 FUNDRAISER- QUIZ NIGHT

for adults and young people

SATURDAY 12th MARCH 2005

St. Thomas' Church, Kendal 7:30 - 9 pm
Cost is £1.50 (under 16's); £3.00 for 16+

Levens Women's Institute

The January meeting welcomed Mr Gerald Cole for his sixth visit and congratulated him on his recently awarded M.B.E. He was completing a survey of English furniture which started with 1066 and on this occasion dealt with the 20th century and brought us up to date. The previous ages were (1) oak (2) walnut (3) mahogany (4) satinwood (5) Victorian. Ideas that originated with Ruskin and William Morris in the previous century led to the two main movements of the 20th century, 'Arts and Crafts' and 'Art Nouveau'. The former was supported by C. Rennie Mackintosh of Glasgow while the latter came from the continent. Gimson and Barnsley set up a cottage industry in the Cotswolds and some of their ideas were taken up locally by the Keswick School of Arts and Crafts and Simpsons of Kendal. After the World Wars, increased demand led to mass production. Tubular steel chairs appeared in 1925, and 'Utility' furniture at the end of WWII. The use of synthetic resin glues meant very strong plywood could be used and bent to different shapes. Danish beech timber and teak from Siam were popular. Polystyrene and fibreglass were developed for kitchen units and wood could be painted any colour. Mr Cole had brought samples of the various kinds of wood which we could handle, and concluded with excellent slides of all kinds of 20th century furniture.

Sally Beaumont



Heversham Women's Institute

9th March (2nd Wed) at 7.15 pm
at the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Members' Evening inc 'Fairtrade?'

Levens Women's Institute

15th March (3rd Tuesday) at 7.30 pm
at Levens Institute

Speaker: Mr David Jones Lakeland Life & Industry

Milnthorpe Women's Institute

10th March (2nd Thurs) at 7.30 pm
at Milnthorpe Methodist Church Hall

Speaker: Dora Carrington (who is a Parish News advertiser)

CranioSacral Therapy

Any questions, please call the
Secretary Gillian Mumby 64083



OPEN INVITATION

Milnthorpe-with-Heversham
Mothers Union

Meet on the 2nd Wednesday
in the month

The next meeting is on
Wednesday 9th March at 2.00 pm

at St Thomas' Church Centre

Speaker: Terry Belshaw
'Community Safety'

Any questions please phone
Judy Dyer 63900

**This invitation to the meetings is
extended to our new readers in
Levens**



Milnthorpe Country Market (formerly W.I. Market)

**re-opens Friday, 11th March.
10 am—11.30 am
at Milnthorpe Memorial Hall**

**We welcome customers
old and new.**

Even More News

A Profile of WORKBASE :



The Printers of the
Parish News

Workbase is a therapeutic workshop for people suffering or recovering from mental health problems. Our clients carry out meaningful work in the workshop or office. Volunteers and paid staff support and aid clients. Everyone is encouraged to take some responsibility in their area of work.

The main areas of work are Desk-Top Publishing, Printing, Arts & Crafts, Collating/Finishing and Office work.

It is through the printing and collating sections that Workbase secured the contract to put together this newsletter.

Currently in the 'Arts & Crafts' section, hand-made wedding invitation cards are being produced for a customer.

The office work includes taking phone calls and computer based administration work.

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Tony Hadwin - Workbase Volunteer

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

Levens Tennis Club

We have two matches to play in March to end our winter season in the Morecambe and District over 40s league. We are not entering the Summer league this year as we shall be concentrating on boosting the club sessions which will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from April (when BST begins) as well as Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, as now. 'Friendly' matches may be arranged if people are keen, and there is also the chance of 'guesting' for other teams in the league who may be short of players.

An Open day is to be arranged for May 8th – news of this next month. Meanwhile all are welcome to come and join us on Wednesday or Sunday afternoons from 2 pm for a small contribution in the honesty box. Please ring Alison (60840) or Susan (60369) if coming on your own to make sure there is someone to play with! See next issue for more details.

Alison Edwards

*The Parish News will be contacting
some sports clubs next month -
with a view to getting a different one*

spot lit
each month.

Talking Parish News

If you know someone who would like a taped version of the Parish News, please call Eryl Ricketts on 62633.

The Talking Parish News is produced by a team of Dallam Boarders.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 19 March

at the Athenaeum, Leasgill

To Raise Money for the

Heversham Children's Christmas Party

ALL help will be much appreciated

whether by donating jumble,

helping on the day or supporting the event

Contacts for the collection or to drop

off your jumble are:

Carolyn - 62332 Sally - 65785

Sharon - 65851

Jumble Sorted from 10 am - 12 noon

Jumble Sale from 2pm until 4pm

Refreshments Available



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Diocese of Carlisle

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Details for both courses from Deanery Training Advisor:

Mary Brown 1 Eller Raise Kendal LA9 6AB Tel: 01539 725577

Email: mf.brown@v21net.co.uk

Lunchtime Live Recitals—Tuesdays in March at 12.45 pm at Carlisle Cathedral

- 1st Michael Hancock & David Gibbs (pianos)
- 8th RSAMD Junior Academy
Chamber Orchestra
- 15th Scott Farrell (organ)
- 22th Ensemble Buxteh
Greg Morris & David Gibbs (Organ)

Sunday 20 March 6.30 pm

J.S. Bach:

St Matthew Passion

Abbey Singers,

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Cathedral Choir,

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Orchestra.

Conducted by David Gibbs



PARISHes' Pinboard



Country Market

in aid of Marie Curie Cancercare
Sunday 13th March
at the Athenaeum, Leasgill
10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Crafts, Cakes, Plants
Home Produce
Homemade Refreshments
Free Admission



ARC Coffee Morning
in the Gaskell Hall, Silverdale
Saturday 2nd April 10 am – 12 noon
50p admission including coffee
Cakes – plants – tombola
Contributions welcome on
the day or contact
Maureen Coleclough 64415

Levens

Bowling Club

Coffee Morning in the Institute
on Saturday March 12th
10.00 am – 12 noon.

Tickets available at Post Office and
shop or pay at the door. Price 50p.

Ron Kelbrick, Treasurer

Levens Over 60's Club in The Institute at 2.00 pm 22nd March (4th Tuesday)

Speaker: : Mr Robin Orr
A Slide-Talk: "More glimpses of life
in the Ukraine today"

British Legion

meet in Levens Institute
2nd Monday of the month at 7.30 pm.
14 March : Women's Section.

Levens Institute

Rummage and Bric-a-brac Sale
Saturday 19th March
10.00 am start

All proceeds to Animal Concern

Crossways Crafts meet in
Levens Methodist Church
every Wednesday
from 10 am to 12 noon
– coffee served –
all welcome.

Open Garden - date for your diary

Shirley & Chris Band
will be opening their Garden,
'Orchard Cottage', Hutton Lane,
Levens on Sunday, 26th June
in aid of (jointly) Cancer Care
and St. John's Church.
11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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Next deadline:

10th

March

due to

Easter dates

For Levens News:

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