



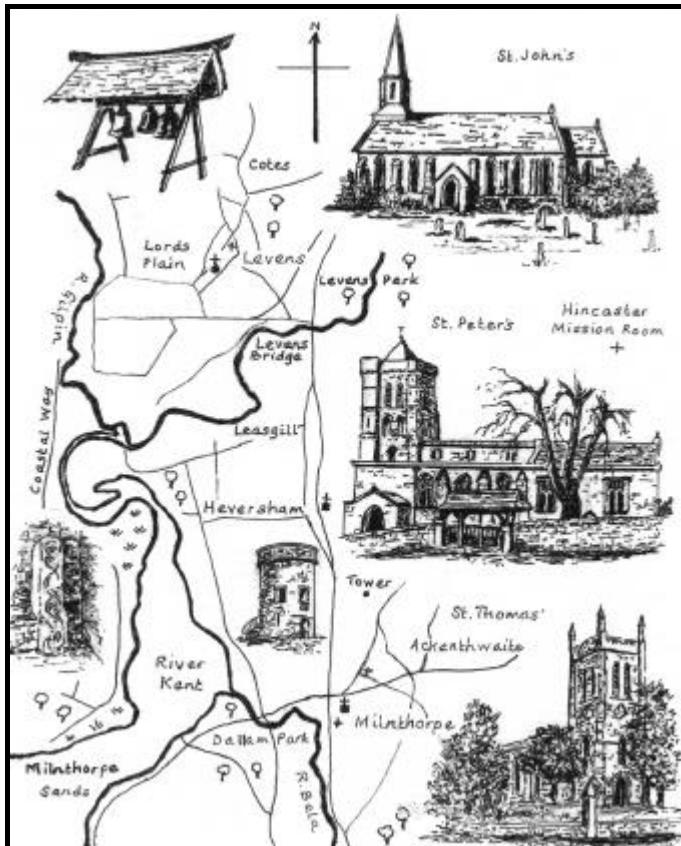
# The Parish News



of Saint Peter's Church, Heversham  
Saint John's Church, Levens and  
Saint Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe

**September 2008**

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If you know of anyone ill at home or in hospital who would appreciate a visit please do phone any of the following people:

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**For the october issue please send articles/ notices **by 10th SEPT****

PASTORAL LETTER  
from the Reverend Susan Wilson

Dear Friends,

So it's back to work, back to school, back to ordinary everyday life this month.

The summer holidays are over. So too is the excitement of the Olympics, those lazy days of picnics and walks, the occasional barbecue when the sun did shine, and enjoying relaxing times with friends and family.

I wonder if you, like me, are determined that things will be different when you get back to the ordinary routine again?

The phrase 'back to' implies that we don't really expect anything to be different and yet, as we go back, things aren't the same as when we left. We, and they, have moved on.

This summer, as I recovered from my eye operation, I found it very hard to read and so spent recovery time listening to music, talks and discussions. During this time, I heard somebody talk about Tony Benn, the renowned left wing politician.

Not everyone shares his political stance, but there was something about his integrity, as I heard about the world he lived in and his part in government over the years. Something that struck me about him was his gentle humour and his challenging of the status quo.

One phrase he spoke shone out. **'Be a signpost and not a weather cock!'**

In other words, point consistently in the right direction, even when the winds of fashion and opinion could blow you all over the place.

There's also something in the words, 'back to' that speak of knowing where we're going; of knowing what the 'to' is pointing towards. Tony Benn talked of not being blown off course. To avoid that happening, you have to know the direction in which you're travelling. He also gave a word of advice. 'Be people of hope and hunger for justice.'

As I heard those words I could hear echoes of the teaching of a man from Nazareth who lived just over 2000 years ago. He was the signpost we, who call ourselves Christian, try to follow.

Just at the moment the news surrounding us is dark...credit crunches, slumps in sales, slow down in industry and so on. And yet as St. John put it at the beginning of his Gospel, 'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.' If we are to be people of hope, who hunger and work for justice, then we need to live our lives, following the one known as the light of the world. If we live our lives following the way he points, then even the mundane of 'back to' becomes exciting, as with each situation in which we find ourselves, Jesus becomes the one we keep going back to, in order to get clear directions for the way ahead, so that even in the darkest of times we can walk in His light.

## You are very welcome to any of these Sunday services and prayer gatherings

### Regular Prayer Gatherings at St Peter's and St John's Churches

Mon-Thurs:	Morning Prayer	8.15 am at Levens
Tuesdays:	Communion at ten	10.00 am at Heversham
	Christian Prayer Ministry	10.40 -11.40 am at Heversham
Saturdays:	Informal Prayer Meeting	8.00 am at Heversham

### Sunday Services in September 2008

#### St Peter's Church, Heversham

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	9.30 am	Family Service
	6.30 pm	Sung Evensong
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	10.30 am	Joint Parish Communion at Heversham
		No Evening Service on this date
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	3rd Sunday in the month - our new service
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Parish Communion

#### St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Joint Parish Communion at Heversham
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	11.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	11.00 am	Harvest Family Celebration
		followed by a short service of Communion.
		Jacob's Join Harvest Lunch in the Church Centre
		following the service

#### Mission Room, Hincaster

<b>Sunday 28th</b>	Please see notice in Hincaster
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#### St John's Church, Levens

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	10.00 am	Parish Communion;
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	10.00 am	Family Service
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	10.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	10.00 am	<b>Harvest Festival</b> , NOT first Sunday in October as it has been for some years past.

Please see notice boards outside church or weekly notice sheets  
for any additions/changes

# Harvest 2008

28th September

St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe

28th September

St John's Church, Levens

5th October

St Peter's Church, Heversham

All the churches will be receiving offerings for the "Harvest for the Hungry" appeal. This year it is supporting dairy farmers in Haiti and giving children an education and a future in Bangladesh. As we celebrate the harvest in our own country, we have the opportunity to remember those who see their crops come to nothing or whose plants have been ruined by floods or droughts.



**Christ the King RC Church, Milnthorpe Canon Alf Hayes Tel: 62387**

**Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm

Sunday Mass 9.00 am **with children's liturgy during term time**

Friday 9.30 am

**Confessions**

Saturdays 11 to 11.30 am

with Exposition and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament (or any time on request)

**ONCE A CATHOLIC?** Feel like you want to come home? Heard of the Landings Programme? Contact Canon Alf Hayes 62387 or Landings Coordinator, Mr. W. Gill 01524 762124.

**Milnthorpe Methodist Church**

**10.30 am Sunday Services**

7th Rev Bill Riley

14th Cath Milner

21st HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.30 am Rev Gary Ridley  
(new Minister)

6.30 pm Rev Gary Ridley  
with SONGS OF PRAISE

28th Christina Barrett

Lunch Club last Wednesday of each

month - anyone welcome -

contact Eileen Bolton 63318

'Discussional bible study group, meeting at  
3 St Anthony's Close, Milnthorpe, each  
Wednesday, 9.30 - 11.00 am. T; 62985

**Levens Methodist Church**

**10.30 am Sunday Services**

Welcome to our new Minister.

Rev. Gary Ridley and his wife Debbie will

be at Arnside Methodist Church on

Thursday 4th September at 7.30 pm

7<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Susan Hilton

14<sup>th</sup> Rev. Gary Ridley HARVEST

ALSO at 6pm HARVEST SUPPER  
(tickets from Eric Larkins (60769)

21<sup>st</sup> Mr. Brian Gray (Levens)

28<sup>th</sup> Rev Don Cross

HOLYCOMMUNION

## NEW RULES FOR MARRIAGE



The Church of England has been exploring for some time possible ways of widening the places in which couples can marry. As a result of this, the Church of

England 'Marriage Measure' recently received the Royal Assent.

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008, it will help many couples by making it easier for them to marry in a parish with which at least one of them has a special connection.

There are 7 short and simple criteria – what are called 'qualifying connections' and they provide that if one of them can show that they satisfy one of the criteria, they will have the same right to be married in the Parish Church, using the Church of England Marriage Service, as someone who lives in the parish.

The criteria cover cases where:-

- the person concerned was baptised in the parish
- the person concerned was prepared for confirmation there
- the person has had their usual place of residence in the parish for at least six months
- the person regularly attended public worship there for at least six months at any time in the past
- the person's parent has had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least six months
- the person's parent has regularly attended public worship there for at least six months now or at any time in the past, provided it is during the life time of the person who now wishes to marry in the parish
- finally that person's parent or

grandparent was married in the parish.

We hope this Measure will be a help to couples who want to commit to each other in marriage, in a church where they have a special connection. Come and visit us at the Wedding Fayre at the Riverside Hotel, Kendal on 21st September.



### COMMUNITY TRIP TO the musical "ROCK"

in MANCHESTER.....

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Come and bring a friend and enjoy

**Roger Jones' new musical, 'Rock' -  
the story of Simon Peter**

Starting in Caesarea at the house of Cornelius, the story unfolds in flashback. We see Peter called from his fishing nets, his three years on the road alongside Jesus and the disciples, his triumphs and his failures.

Jesus calls Peter 'the Rock' - but we see that only in Christ and filled with his Spirit, is Peter on solid ground.

£20 for adults - ticket and travel.

Depart late afternoon, around 4pm for the evening performance at 7pm - stopping on the journey for a coffee and a short break.

Please see or telephone :

Sue Wilson on 015395-65832 or

Linda Cooper on 015395-63836

to reserve your seat.

## For Heversham and Milnthorpe

# Alpha

### What is it?

The Alpha course is an opportunity for **anyone** to explore the Christian faith.

It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun! We share a meal together at the beginning of each evening, which gives us an opportunity to relax, to chat and get to know each other.

There's then time after watching a video, to listen, learn, discuss, discover...and ask anything! Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.

### What's involved?

The Alpha course consists of a series of short, lively talks looking at topics such as,

*'What happens when we die?'*

*'Is forgiveness possible?'*

*'What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?'*

### Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for **everyone**, especially:

- Ø Those wanting to find out more about Christianity
- Ø Those who are Christian and who want to brush up on the basics

### What will it cost?

Nothing, although there will be the opportunity to give a contribution towards the food.

### Where will it be held?

In Heversham at 'Mugisha,' Woodhouse Lane.

### When will it take place?

Weekly on Tuesday evenings, 7.20pm until 9.30pm, beginning on 30th September and finishing on December 9th

### Interested?? Please contact:

The Revd. Sue Wilson 015395 63125

revsuewilson@tiscali.co.uk

or complete a form available in St. Peter's and St. Thomas', so that we know how many to cater for.

# KENT ESTUARY PARISHES

Armside Beetham Heversham Levens Milnthorpe

## WALKING



Instead of the usual **STePs** walk in September we shall be arranging a Kent Estuary walk on Saturday 4th October to the pre-mission rally with

Bishop James in Abbott Hall Park at 2pm. Bring a picnic lunch and walk up the River Kent to Kendal. Please see your weekly parish newsletter for details—some may prefer to walk part of the way; others may like to return along the canal to Levens Park.

## CARLISLE CATHEDRAL SURVIVAL TO REVIVAL SERVICE

It is proposed to travel by coach to Carlisle on November 8th for the service at 10.00 am.

There will also be an opportunity for some shopping and the coach will leave Carlisle at 4 pm.

Please sign the notices in the churches by the end of September if you would like to come.

## Kendal & Windermere Deaneries Sponsored Bike Ride

Saturday 20th Sept 10 am - 5.30 pm  
Some parishioners will be cycling round the deaneries and we will need volunteers to staff all three churches to succour weary riders with drinks & biscuits –

please contact :

Gill Rodd 61085 (Levens)

Peter Clarke 65845 (Heversham)

Linda Baverstock  
63271 (Milnthorpe)

and see lists in churches



\*\*\*\*\*  
\* "A Quiet Garden Day" \*  
\* An opportunity for \*  
\* peace and reflection \*  
\* in a lovely garden in Kendal. \*  
\* Thursday 11th September 10 -4 \*  
\* coffee and lunch provided. \*  
\* For details and information ring \*  
\* Alison Newcome 01539 727836 \*  
\* numbers limited. \*  
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## Coffee Morning at the Old School, Heversham

on Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am

Come and hear about the work of **FLAME INTERNATIONAL.**

Flame International is a ministry, reaching out with Gods love to broken and hurting people, particularly those affected by war, injustice and poverty. Anne Wickersoni is going to Rwanda with Flame International and would love to share the vision and information about the charity.

DVD (20 minutes)

Plants, cards and pictures for sale to support the charity.

More info about the charity from [www.flameinternational.org](http://www.flameinternational.org)  
Registered charity 1096374



# Out of the Blue

Deanery Mission with Bishop James.

Here are some selected local items from the programme:

## **Sunday 5th October at 6.30 pm**

Service at Kendal Parish Church to launch the Mission Week, with a variety of hymns and songs.

## **Tuesday 7th October at 11.00 am**

Meet at Levens Hall Café for coffee

## **Tuesday 7th October at 12.30 pm**

Why be a Christian? Has that question ever crossed your mind? Come and hear Bishop James' answer and enjoy a light lunch **FREE** at St Peter's Heversham. Contact Margaret Hesmondhalgh 63342

## **Wednesday 8th October at 7.00 pm**

Enjoy watching films?

A good chance to bring your friends to a Faith and Film evening with Bishop James at the Heron Theatre, Beetham. **FREE**  
Contact Gill Mumby 64083

## **Friday 10th October at 8.00 am Calling All Men!!!**

Come for breakfast to the Cross Keys, Milnthorpe (£5.00) and join Tim Farron and Bishop James for fodder and faith!  
Contact Richard Hamer 01524 761211

## **Friday 10th October at 9.45 am**

Shoppers' Service at St Thomas' before Friday Coffee.  
Remember - it's also Farmers' Market today.

## **Saturday 11th October at 10.30 am**

"God on the Knott" - a walk with the Bishop up on the Knott and down the slope.

## **Saturday 11th October at 6.30 pm**

Come and experience Rock Communion (suitable for all ages) at St Mary's Church in Kirkby Lonsdale

## **Sunday 12th October at 6.30 pm**

A Celebration Service including a Baptism and Confirmation at St Mary's in Kirkby Lonsdale.

## **KENDAL DEANERY**



KEEP THIS PAGE UNTIL OCTOBER!

# Saint John's Church: Levens

## Prayer Cycle

We invite you to join us in praying for our village; for those who live in it, those who work in it, and those who visit. In September we think especially of Greengate Crescent,, Greengate and Beathwaite Close

## Healing Ministry

At St John's, we are offering each month a special time for people to gather to pray together for healing. In this quiet time we will be focusing on healing for the world for others and for ourselves. Anyone from any tradition is welcome to join us the next date in Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm.

## Thanksgiving for all that God gives us

Earlier this year at St John's we were thinking about God's generosity to each of us. How we should respond if we take seriously that everything we have comes from God? With this magazine, those from Levens Parish will receive an invitation to respond to God's generosity by supporting the work, witness and maintenance of the Church of St John's.

**On 28<sup>th</sup> September as we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving together** we will also



celebrate all that people have offered. Please do join us at 10 am for this special celebration.

**Harvest Supper on Monday 29th Sept** at 7 pm at Institute.

Price £4 adults and £2 children 11 & under. Tickets from Chris Band at 61005. Bring your own knife/fork/spoon.



## St John's Levens PCC meeting

We met in the aftermath of the July General Synod meeting in York where the issue of Women Bishops had been discussed. We covered all the usual topics of finance, services (reviewing the past ones and planning for future ones), the church fabric, especially awaiting the receipt of a thorough inspection of the church electrics which we are sure will say a lot of work is needed. No-one could remember when these were last attended to! (Report now received and full re-wiring including new lighting is needed). We also looked outside ourselves and in response to a letter from a Parish news reader, we agreed to take a closer look at the 'Inappropriate Imprisonment of the Severely Mentally Ill' and to see whether we as the Church could or should discuss this further and possibly lobby the Government.

## CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LEVENS -

The Monday Group meets in Levens Methodist Church 10.15 am

## THIRD LEVENS BOOK FAIR POSPONED

\_MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH  
Meanwhile, hang on to your books !!

## St John's September Flower Rota

- 7 Mrs Margaret Rickaby Charlton
- 14 Mrs Ruth Martin
- 21 Mrs Shirley Smith
- 28 Harvest Festival



## Lambeth Bishops come to

Cumbria, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had a very enjoyable evening with **Bishop Dino and his wife Elizabeth**, who were on their way to the Lambeth Conference. Bishop Dino talked about his diocese in Zululand and said that the church congregation were mainly women and children. One of the ongoing problems in Southern Africa was the problems of health, especially Aids.

## July 13<sup>th</sup>. Taking tea at Rose

**Castle:** On a sunny summer afternoon, there was a chance to meet up with four more bishops en route to the Lambeth Conference. Interesting to hear their diverse ministry, but all united in forwarding God's Word and in support of the Anglican Communion. The afternoon ended with hymns and prayers led by Bishop Dow.

The Mothers' Union served delicious tea & cakes throughout the afternoon.



It was interesting to visit Rose Castle and to meet with people from all over the diocese.



'Reduce our use, enjoy our world' was the **Levens Playing Fields Service** in the marquee on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Children from the village, including the Brownies played a big part in this very successful service. It was well attended and enjoyed by all – even though the weather did **not** play ball. We began our 'pledge tree' as we thought about what we would pledge to do to reduce our use. Thank you to the Playing Fields Committee for enabling us to meet together in this way.



## Levens Village Plan Update

the action plan is now complete with special thanks to John Walmsley and Helen Burrows for their valued time, input and advice. A draft suggested layout and content of the actual plan are being circulated round the Committee for amendment and comment. We are hoping that the final plan should be in print and ready for circulation late Autumn. A big thank you to all those who entered the photo comp - we will be announcing the winners in next month's Parish News.

*Levens Village Plan Committee*

## Charity Fundrasing

Chris & Shirley Band raised £700 for CancerCare and £350 was raised for **on** the NSPCC bikeride Thank you to everyone who supported.

## Levens Open Gardens

We had 14 beautiful gardens, we had the sunshine, we had scrumptious tea and cake, and we had over 200 people visiting our lovely village. We also made a magnificent £1450! Much hard work went into making this afternoon extravaganza a great success, the weather was perfect - due to a greater power than us! So thank you to those who so willingly opened their gardens, thank you to those who provided and served the teas, thank you to those who offered raffle prizes and all those who supported the happening. Thank you to Anne and Keith Perrett who planned advertised and organised the whole event. We look forward to next time in 2010 when we hope we will have a new couple to help organise Levens Open Gardens. *Ruth Crossley*

# Saint Thomas' Church: Milnthorpe



## Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers Union.

The Closing Service of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham mothers Union was held on July 9<sup>th</sup> at St Peter's Church, led by The Rev'd Sue Wilson, and followed by a Jacobs join tea, and friendly time together.

Since then, members are sad to have lost a long standing member Lillian Earl, who died July 20<sup>th</sup>. Our prayers and support go out to her husband and family.

Our Rev'd Sue is now home from hospital, following an eye operation, we send wishes for a complete success, whilst remembering her in our prayers.

Mothers Union meetings re-commence on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm at St Thomas' church, with an opening service. New members are always welcome.

*Mary Davidson*

## St Thomas's Flowers –

- 7th Mrs Tanner
- 14th Mrs Gregory
- 21st Mrs Dawson
- 28th Harvest decorating Saturday
- 27th at 9am



Join us at 9.30 am on Monday 29th September to clean and tidy the Upper Room.

Would those who have **any items** in the cupboards that they wish to keep, please label them or tell us about them by September 15th.



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of Milnthorpe youth club



at MILNTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, HAVERFLATTS LANE  
MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 2008  
at 7.30 pm

**Chair:** Sarah Bowers 63080

**Secretary:** Joy Bell 62985

**Treasurer:** Keith Powell 64722

**Group Leader:** Helen Lashley 62060

Affiliated to Urban Saints, a long-established Christian youth organisation  
([www.crusaders.org.uk](http://www.crusaders.org.uk))

*Friday Coffee Mornings*  
at St Thomas' Church  
10 - 11.30 am

at Milnthorpe Methodist Church  
9.30 am – 12 noon various stalls

Another very successful Art Exhibition organised by The Milnthorpe Men's Forum was held at St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe in July and the Committee are pleased to advise that £8,000 will be given to this year's designated Charities.

The Men's Forum would like to thank all those who helped in any way and the general public for their **magnificent** support.

## Saint Peter's Church: Heversham

**What have a poem, a picture, a curry and a cake have in common? No idea? The answer, in this case, is 'Sycamore Tree'.**

So what is 'Sycamore Tree'?

It's a programme, run through Prison Fellowship, which focuses on raising Victim Awareness and teaching Restorative Justice processes.

It is based on Christian values and takes its name from the Bible story of Zacchaeus and his encounter with Jesus.

".....I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Matt 25 v 36)

The first course to be run at Haverigg prison finished at the beginning of August. Over 100 prisoners applied to go on the course with 16 suitable candidates being chosen by the chaplain. The group considered the effects that their offence had on themselves, their victims and the wider community. At the final session each course member is invited to make a symbolic act of restitution, saying sorry and asking the forgiveness of one of the people he has hurt. So that is where the cake and the curry, the poem and the picture come in.

3 people from St Peter's Church Heversham have been helping on the programme at Haverigg Prison for 6 weeks and each of us would say that it has been an amazing and humbling experience. Three more courses have definite start dates, with more planned for the future. Is this something that YOU feel able to volunteer for? There is a short training, you are security checked and

travel expenses are paid. This is not being soft on crime; this is an opportunity to reduce our prison population by helping people to see that there is another way.

The re-offending rate for those who do this course drops substantially.

If you are interested the next course starts on October 21st and training will be provided.

Tel Annie on 63191 for more info or email :

peterbannister@prisonfellowship.org.uk

*Anne Robinson, Sue Tallis, Jill Shaw*

### POSTMAN RETIRES

I would like to thank the people of Heversham and Leasgill for their friendly help and support over the last seven years. As with any job, it's the people you work with that make the job worthwhile. I remember when I first started, we had the worst two weeks of rain that I can remember. There I was, a soaking wet, lost waif'n stray, when a certain someone gave me what was then the equivalent of today's Sat Nav. The WI Map of Heversham, Leasgill and the surrounding area. I may have been wet and bedraggled, but at least I wasn't lost any more.

I've enjoyed my time with you immensely and it only remains for me to wish each and every one of you all the very best for



the future.

*Postman Les*

## Dallam Development at Milnthorpe

The school is now half way through what will amount to £10m of capital investment. The Football Foundation has just announced it will fully fund the joint application with Milnthorpe Juniors for a floodlit 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation all-weather pitch. This should be ready for the Autumn 2009 season. Along with a 4 court sports hall, traditional gym, fitness suite and changing facilities, due for completion by the end of 2009, Milnthorpe will have a fantastic sports centre for community use, in addition to the existing sporting facilities at Heversham. There will also be full community use of the new arts centre. A drama studio, dance studio and arts foyer will be added to the newly opened music centre, which will in turn be linked to the existing visual arts, food and textiles rooms.



Most noticeable of the recent improvements has been the new school entrance from the Crooklands Road with parking, remodelled front of school and landscaping. This has taken much of the traffic from Haverflatts Lane. There are wonderful, new science facilities, a two story canteen and just finished, a massive learning resources centre. The community education office has been relocated and upgraded, with an imposing entrance from Haverflatts Lane. The final development at Milnthorpe will be a 6 classroom block with IT facilities next to the existing languages block.

A quarter of a century since its amalgamation, Dallam will find itself on a single site in first class accommodation. This represents a vote of confidence in the school and all are very grateful for the community and political support that has been given. Clearly, generations of young people will benefit.

Given Dallam's commitment to lifelong learning,

**Milnthorpe community will also have access to all of the new facilities, and additional staff will be employed in the evenings and at weekends to make this possible.**

*Steve Holdup, Headteacher, Dallam School*

## FIRST RESPONDERS



Nine volunteers have undertaken a three month training programme hosted by Milnthorpe & Heversham First Responder Group, their aim to become Community First Responder Volunteers.

The programme is designed to provide a Responder with the knowledge and skills to deliver emergency life support to a patient prior to the arrival of health care professionals in specific callouts from North West Ambulance Service. Following assessment, including practical tests on the use of oxygen equipment, resuscitation techniques, and Automated External Defibrillation all nine volunteers were successful, and will take up their duties as members of the Milnthorpe and Heversham First Responders Group in the near future. Great to have five new members from Levens on the team too.

**Police Community Support**

An opportunity for residents of Milnthorpe and surrounding areas to discuss any local issues with your Police Community Support Officer Rachel Thomas

Drop in at Milnthorpe Library second Monday in every month. starting 8th Sept ember 5.30 - 7.00 pm



**1st Levens Brownies**  
**..and Guides**

Six Brownies who have just left us were unable to follow on to Guides in the village but the District Commissioner has asked me as a Warranted Guide Leader to explore the possibility of setting up a Guide Unit in Levens. Since January, when we took over the Unit , the Brownies have completed a number of badges, including Home Skills and Environment. Two new Brownies, who joined at Easter, took their Promise. Six left us at the end of this term but, as we had a waiting list, their places have now been filled for September. Cadbury's and another company sponsored us for the whole day for a wonderful visit in July.

We would like to thank all the people in the community who have supported us throughout the year and we hope you have all had a wonderful summer.

*Anne Town (Brown Owl),  
Adele Johnson (Assistant Leader),  
Anne Hughes (Unit Helper),  
Milly (Young Leader)*

.....  
• We look forward to welcoming •  
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# reports

## Levens W.I Meetings.

Oh dear! Something that has never been known before – two consecutive meetings where the advertised speakers have been unable to come because of illnesses. So, in June instead of Castles and Cathedrals, we had Ian Brodie, husband of our W.I. secretary, describing with lots of interesting slides their recent holiday in Namibia. And, in July, instead of cooking disasters, it was Mr James Christopherson, treasurer of the Grange R.N.L.I, Supporters' Group, describing the work of the Institution and its training facilities for its volunteers. We benefited from two gallant gentlemen coming to the aid of damsels in distress. We thank you both very much.

*Doreen Hughes Gain*

The September meeting will be Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) 7.30 in Levens Institute: Mr J. Natlacen will speak on *Cheese and Cheese tasting*.

## Levens Over 60s Club

Members and friends enjoyed a very scenic coach trip in June through the maze of Westmorland's little lanes and villages to Sedburgh, Garsdale 7 finally hawes. We sampled the wares of the busy market stalls, shops, cafes and the famous cheese factory's restaurant and shop. The return journey was more grandly scenic, up Widdale to Ribbleshead where we stopped to admire the views (and draw the raffle!).

Then on down Ribblesdale to Horton, Stainforth, Settle, Giggleswick, Kirkby

Lonsdale - & Levens. As has happened a time or two before when June has been very wet & windy we were lucky with sunny weather all day. Our thanks to all whose hard work made the outing a success.

Sadly, another of our founder members, Mrs Muriel Kitching, died in June.

July's slide talk was on the high point of my 2007 visit to relatives in Dunedin, New Zealand. Driving north, we stayed 3 nights at the Hermitage at Mount Cook (Aoraki – "Cloud Piercer" in Maori), 12,349ft. Its melting southern glaciers have all formed large lakes. It was only a short climb to see the lower Mueller glacier lake. On the Tasman lake we sped in a speedboat amongst huge icebergs, some bigger than houses, some like small ships, & others of weird shapes. On a scenic all day tramp to the Hooker Valley glacier lake we had more magnificent views of Mt Cook and its awesome South Ridge. Driving west over the Lindis pass, we stayed two nights at the beautiful lake Wanaka, climbing Mount Iron, a spectacular mountain viewpoint. Birthday flowers for June & July went to Janice Rowland & Ted Salisbury. Sadly yet another member, Richard Knipe, a friend to us all, died in July.

*P.C. Edwards*

Next meeting: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) 2 pm in the Institute: AGM & Slide-talk: Mr Trevor Hughes, *Pot holing in the North of England*.

## Royal British Legion

Women's Section: meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Meeting Room: this will be a scrabble and dominoes evening.



## Levens School Newsletter

Writing this during the School holidays seems such a luxury with time to reflect on the very busy last few weeks of term.

The eagerly anticipated Infant Outdoor Education Week at the beginning of July was a fantastic experience for all involved. Under the expert leadership of the Dallam Outdoor Education Team, our 5-7 year olds scrambled through cold, dark and very wet caves near Ingleton, fearlessly climbed and abseiled from rock faces, and Canadian canoed 'Swallows and Amazons' style on Coniston Water. Miss Cowin advises though, that the most dangerous event proved to be the bike skills day, where attempting to go under the limbo pole and over ramps caused a rush on the school plasters supply! The week was perfectly rounded when Brian Fereday and his team organised a super shelter building experience in Brigsteer Woods (the shelters are still standing if you would like to take a look) – the day culminated with a camp fire lunch of baked potatoes, cheese and beans – perfect!. We remain very grateful for our links with the National Trust and to our tireless Infant Team for providing such a fantastic experience.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July saw our annual Leavers Service in St John's Church. This is always a very emotional experience; this year was no exception with not a dry eye in the Church! Our 15 leavers spoke of their memories from school and their hopes for the future, whilst our Infants spoke about what they liked about our Year 6 children – this ranged from being very kind to having cool hair! We are very proud of them and wish them the very best of luck as they move on to their respective secondary schools.

## COLUMN

### The natural world

"Save our sealife

Eat the sustainable way"

Wild Oceans events for National Seafood Fortnight 5-12 September

Cumbria Wildlife Trust is calling for all Cumbrians to help save our seas by buying and eating sustainably caught seafood. Their Wild Oceans campaign is helping you to get underway by offering seafood cooking classes and taster sessions during National Seafood Fortnight 5-21 September.

Over half of the world's fisheries are fully exploited and a further quarter is over-exploited or depleted.

Some fishing techniques damage the seabed and kill the creatures living there, and a quarter of all animals caught are thrown back into the sea dead or dying because they are not the intended catch.

You might not be aware that over 75% of the fish we eat in the UK comes from just 10 species...

If you would like to find out more about sustainable seafood, log onto The Marine Conservation Society's specialist fish website.

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On Friday 3rd October, 7:30pm,  
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are strictly limited,  
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school office (62514)



## Heversham Badminton Club

New season begins  
in Dallam Sports Hall  
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from 8pm until 10.30pm.  
New members very welcome.  
Phone Roger on 015395 60200

Juniors begin on  
Monday 6th October 7.00 – 8pm  
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22nd September



Our local branch of the Arthritis  
Research Campaign is to hold a  
Coffee Morning WI Hall, Arnside  
Thursday 4th September

## Milnthorpe and District Allotment Association

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**Horticultural & Craft Show**  
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at Kim & David Beuzeval's and in  
July we enjoyed the  
rainy, yet still beautiful garden  
at Elizabeth & Chris Bennett's

No Coffee Time @ the Old  
School  
in October

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