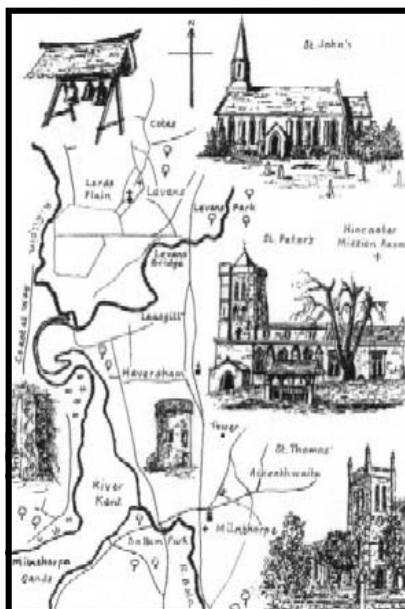


The Parish News

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

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JULY AUG 09 ISSUE PLEASE SEND ARTICLES NOTICES BY 10TH JUNE
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Dear Friends,

Hardly anyone today can be in any doubt that there is much that is wrong with the world. This month I celebrate my 10th anniversary of being a Priest and as I look back over all that has happened in that time, I'm more convinced than ever that the words of Jesus Christ have never been more relevant. 72% of people in the 2001 UK census called themselves Christian. Jesus called Christians to be salt of the earth and light of the world.

The major function of salt in Jesus' day, long before food could be refrigerated, was to keep meat from decaying. So in effect, Jesus is saying that the world is decaying, it is rotten. For years we thought the world was getting better and that Utopia lay just around the corner. But if we look back over the last one hundred years, we see how naïve a view that was. A catalogue of wars, exploitation of the poor and the destruction of the world's resources are just a few of the things on the list. With all we have read in the last week about expense claims and rules, we see that the greatest problem facing humanity today is the fact of sin – man's greed.

In the face of this, Jesus says that Christians are to stop the rot, to function as a sort of moral disinfectant. But Jesus warned that the salt would only be effective if it retained its saltiness. You see, what often passed for salt in those days was a white powder which contained salt, as well as a lot of other things. The true salt could be washed out, leaving just a useless white powder. Christians are therefore called to be distinctive and as effective as salt.

And to be light? Well, Jesus explains that this is about everything we say and do. It includes both the unspoken witness of our lifestyle **and** the spoken witness of sharing the Good News of Jesus. Christians are not called to be secret disciples.

Maybe Jesus' words face all of us who call ourselves Christians, with two questions:

If we are Christian people, are we sufficiently distinct from the world? As someone once said, 'If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?'

Are we sufficiently in the world? We are called to be **in** the world but not **of** it. The salt has to get **into** the meat in order to do its job and light penetrates **into** the darkness.

Jesus' words are a huge challenge for us today. However, as Pentecost reminds us, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live life Jesus' way. It's a way that can change the world.

With every blessing,

Sue Wilson

Sunday Services in JUNE 2009

You are most welcome

St Peter's Church, Heversham

Sunday 7th	9.30 am	Family Service
	6.30 pm	Sung Evensong
Sunday 14th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise
Sunday 21st	9.30 am	3rd Sunday Service
Sunday 28th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Parish Communion

St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe

Sunday 7th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Family Service with Baptism
Sunday 14th	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 21st	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 28th	11.00 am	Parish Communion

St John's Church, Levens

Sunday 7th	10.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 10th	6.30 pm	Prayers for Healing Service
Sunday 14th	10.00 am	Family Service with Baptism
Sunday 21st	10.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 28th	10.00 am	Parish Communion

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

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
2nd Wednesdays	Prayers for Healing Service	6.30 pm at Levens
Saturdays:	Informal Prayer Meeting	8.00 am at Heversham



The Church of England
around the Kent Estuary

The Kent Estuary Group Ministry

Some reading this may already have heard of The Kent Estuary Group Ministry. This is the title given to the Church of England Parishes around the Kent Estuary who have, since December 2007, formally been working together. The parishes involved are Arnside with Storth, Beetham, Milnthorpe, Heversham and Levens.

What does it mean to be part of a group ministry?

A group ministry is one way we can as parishes share the best we have with one another. Each parish has its specific context and traditions, these are givens, and only change as time passes. Each parish also has strengths and weaknesses. Where we are weak, we can ask for help and where we are strong, we can offer help. Often it means some sacrifice sometimes pride, to do that but the results are often worth it.

For example last year Mr & Mrs. Hal Bagot gave the use of the gardens at Levens Hall and the group organised an evening there to raise funds for the Church Urban Fund. £1100 was raised and this success was down to the fact that the 5 parishes worked together to make it happen.

This year we are working together on an event in Arnside for all the family involving various walks and ending up with a Hog Roast, put the date in your diary Saturday 1st August in the afternoon.

Being a vicar can often be an isolated role, even working closely with lay

people the member of clergy often has the ultimate responsibility in a parish. The group therefore can provide the opportunity for the clergy to share the highs and lows of parish life and support one another. The Kent Estuary clergy try to meet at least once a month for prayer and to share what is going on and develop ideas of what best we might do together.

We can also do things together that we would not ever be able to do on our own, now we are exploring enhancing work with young people.

Although called a group it is essential that we all work together like a team *'A team is a small group of people with complementary skills and abilities who are committed to a common goal and approach'*.

Or to use the famous acronym

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

Watch this space!!!

KENT ESTUARY PARISHES

Arnside Beetham Heversham Levens
Milnthorpe

You are all very welcome to
Songs of Praise
on Milnthorpe Green
Sunday June 28th at 6.30pm
(If wet - in St Thomas' Church)
Kent Estuary congregations of
all denominations
most welcome!

Limited seating –
bringing a chair if you can



Milnthorpe Methodist Church
10.30 am Sunday Services JUNE

7th Rev Gary Ridley (Sacrament)

14th Rev Don Cross

21th Mrs Iris Diggle

28th Dr Tom Fryers

Joy Bell 015395 62985.

LUNCHEON CLUB meets on the last Wednesday of each month at a variety of different restaurant locations in the area.

Contact: Eileen Bolton 63318

COFFEE MORNING, BRIC-A-BRAC every Friday, 9.30 am - 12.00 noon

Levens Methodist Church
10.30 am Sunday Services in JUNE

7th (TRINITY) Rev. William Riley

14th (Theme 1.) Mr. Brian Gray

21st (Theme 2) Rev. Gary Ridley (Holy Communion)

28th (Theme 3) Ms. Irene Mc.Kay

Christ the King RC Church, Milnthorpe

Fr. David Burns Tel: 62387

Sunday Mass 9.30 am

Weekday Mass: 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 Fr. David Burns; or Landings Coordinator, Mr. W. Gill 01524 762124.

So much news to tell...

It is great to have so many events taking place locally and we are grateful for all the articles and notices that are contributed.

Please try to keep articles to 150 words or less unless otherwise specified by the Ed Team. As our name implies we may edit :)

Adverts for events taking place within our 3 parishes take priority, due to space constraints. In future issues it will be necessary to treat some notices not in Heversham, Milnthorpe or Levens Parishes as adverts to be charged for.

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Call freephone helpline -
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Mon - Fri 8am-8pm
or go to www.cccs.co.uk

The Consumer Credit Counselling Service is a registered charity whose purpose is to assist people who are in financial difficulty by providing free, independent, impartial & realistic advice.

COMMUNITY COACH TRIP

The next trip will be on
Saturday July 18th
To Durham
with a stop at Barnard Castle.
Cost £10 for adults

Contact...as before.....
Peter and Mary 65832



NSPCC 
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

A Cream Tea will be held at
PLUMTREE HALL, Heversham
on Sunday 7th June at 2.30 pm
BOOKS, BRIC-A-BRAC,
PLANTS, CAKES, RAFFLE

All offers of stock/prizes
gratefully received.
Audrey Wynne 63244

STePs

Join St Thomas' and
St Peter's strollers and friends at
2.00pm - details in the weekly
news sheet or phone 63271.
The next outing will be each last
Saturday of the month through
the summer and autumn.

The natural world

Growing Carrots in Drainpipes?...

...my mother-in-law quizzically asked as my wife explained what I was up to the other weekend. A few days earlier, I questioned my own sanity as I found myself standing on a ladder sowing carrot seeds in upright drainpipes, aiming to grow some super-long prize-winning carrots for the Milnthorpe & District Allotment Association (MDAA) show later this year.

I haven't always had the inclination to grow long carrots in drainpipes! However, that all changed when we got one of MDAA's plots 2 years' ago. I then entered a new realm of British life I had not experienced before- the allotment community- where I discovered people with countless enthusiasm willing to teach me how to grow my own veg. I have since made some great friends, learned a huge amount, even won some prizes, and we now have lots of fabulous-tasting home-grown veg to eat and share with friends and family for a large part of the year.

MDAA has 73 allotments and 105 members on the Ashpyre and Wyndsore sites in Milnthorpe.

Our allotment community includes people with a wide range of gardening interests and expertise; from a young family that produces their own organic vegetables to a world-class Dahlia grower.

Why not join us? To find out more come to the annual MDAA show on September 5th at St Thomas' church, Milnthorpe, or contact Kath Craig (tel: 64449).

Mark English

**THE REVEREND ROBERT
ADDISON,
ST. PETER'S CURCH
HEVERSHAM'S ENVOY TO
CANADA**

**FOUNDER OF
ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
NIAGARA ON THE LAKE, ONTARIO**

The Reverend Robert Addison, originally from Heversham, was sent to Niagara by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts in 1791. Information about his early years is scanty. He was baptized in Heversham in 1754. In 1780 he married Mary Atkinson of Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire. The following year he graduated from Cambridge, recognized for his skills in languages and mathematics. He served for one year as curate in Upwell.

The Society had no appreciation of the Canadian weather nor the distances involved in this mission. At his appointment in July 1791 he was told to be ready to sail within a month. This hurried departure was made the more difficult in that in addition to his personal effects and the chalice that was to serve during his ministry in Canada he had to pack up and load his library of 1500 books. The majority of the books had been the property of his father-in-law. They included the classics as well as many theological tomes dating from as early as the 1540's. Addison's library, the oldest west of Quebec, remains in the possession of the parish.

The trip across the Atlantic took at least six weeks. Consequently he had to spend the winter in Quebec. In April he began the long and arduous journey by boat up the St. Lawrence River with a series of portages by cart

around the rapids until he reached Niagara in July of 1792.

Niagara was made up of a great number of refugees from the American Revolutionary War, a group of enterprising merchants and the British military personnel around Fort Niagara. Addison's primary focus when he left Britain had been the members of the Six Nations aboriginal people who had fought at the side of the British during the revolution and consequently were dispossessed and seeking a new homeland. They were living in Niagara pending their settlement on the Grand River.

This intrepid thirty seven year old clergyman set about meeting the spiritual needs of the parish that presented itself. His baptismal records indicate that in winter months he traveled extensively to all the little settlements that were springing up. When the ground was frozen he could pass through lands that in summer were marked by swamps and bogs.

His territory reached from York (now Toronto) sixty miles to the east of Niagara, Dundas forty miles to the north west, the Grand River where the aboriginals had settled, sixty mile to the west and Long Point on Lake Erie sixty miles to south east. He was missionary to the Aborigines, chaplain to the Provincial Legislature, chaplain to the military regiment and pastor at large to the scattered settlements of what is now Southern Ontario. The archdeacon of Toronto, John Strachan, wanted Addison to be principal of what later became the University of Toronto considering him to be the most learned man in the province.

Addison was never able to return to England. His sister, Mary, brought his two daughters to Canada to live with him. His wife was never able to make the journey and died in England.

There is very little first hand information about Robert Addison. The mission society papers provide a clerk's summary of a verbal report referring to his correspondence with the board. This consisted primarily of his regular notitia of baptisms and communicants, with only fragments of personal information and somewhat confusing references to his various preaching stations. There must have been correspondence to family members, but to date it has not come to light.

Robert Addison was first and foremost a missionary in an unexplored land. He left no account of his travels nor of the territory he explored. His records are of the people he baptized, married and ministered to. **Today most of the older churches in the territory within a sixty mile radius of Niagara claim this son of Heversham as their founding minister.**

The Addison Chorale

Based at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Niagara on the Lake and named for its founding Rector, The Addison Chorale is Ecumenical in both its membership and its ministry. Since its inception just 12 short months ago, the original group of 8 singers has grown to a strength of 22 and the reputation of the group has grown exponentially to the point that in December 2008 the choir received an invitation to be 'choir in residence' at Canterbury Cathedral from July 28 to August 4 2009.

The Chorale is pleased to be able to visit Heversham for the weekend arriving Friday July 24th and will be presenting a concert on Saturday evening as well as leading Morning Worship and Choral Evensong at St. Peter's on Sunday July 26th.

In doing so, the Chorale will be undertaking a 'Double Pilgrimage', both to its roots as a Parish and to the home of The Anglican Communion.

We look forward to making many new friends.

*Gordon Schofield,
Director, The Addison Chorale.*

**Milnthorpe Men's Forum
present
The 20th Annual
Art Exhibition**

at St Thomas' Church Milnthorpe
from Thursday July 23rd
to Sunday July 26th

Many original pictures
(nearly all by local artists),
ceramics, miniatures, pottery,
sculpture - all for sale
More details next issue

schools' art
showcase 2009

Thurs 23trd – Sat 25th July

Community Centre Hall,
Dallam School, Haverflatts Lane,
Milnthorpe

More details next issue

The Growth of Sycamore Tree

– from one, to two, to four, to six courses between July 2008 and March 2009! People from St Peter's, Heversham and St Thomas', Kendal have been involved with the courses.

What is Sycamore Tree?

It is a restorative justice programme run by Prison Fellowship. It is a short 6 week course, accredited by the Open College Network. It's all about setting people free and bringing together people who have been harmed through crime – the victim(s), the offender(s) and the community – and restoring relationships. The offenders are made aware of the harm resulting from their actions through watching videos and hearing from a victim, and they begin to take responsibility for their actions.

Does it work?

We know that the current re-offending rate is 77%, but if people have completed a restorative justice course the rate is cut to 35%. As one of the prisoners who has just completed a course said: 'I think all inmates should try this course.'

What about the future of **Sycamore Tree**? At the moment, there is only enough funding for one course, which begins on 16th June, although strenuous efforts are being made to find funding for more. We are always looking for people to join us, either as part of the team or telling the men of your experience as a victim. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with any of the St Peter's team: Annie Robinson, Sue Tallis, Gwynneth Leinwebber and Jill Shaw.

This picture sums up what **Sycamore Tree** is all about. It's about being set free through forgiveness and growing in the love and grace of God.



Brettargh Holt (Salesian Sisters)

At the April meeting for Levens W.I. Sister Georgina McPake spoke about her work at Brettargh Holt and the 45 countries she has visited in past years to help set up similar activities around the world. The Brettargh Holt (Salesian Sisters) idea started in the heart and mind of a fairly poor Italian lad who saw bad conditions all around him and eventually, around the beginning of the last century, became a priest with the already settled purpose of trying to work with deprived children to feed, clothe, and then encourage them educationally, generally, to improve themselves. Brettargh Holt is one centre for this work, taking parties of children from deprived backgrounds for short stays to give them a probably wider view of the world than they had. Sister Georgina had her audience at Levens completely spellbound. (It was easy to see how children would find values for life in such a setting.) Even if we didn't know before we do now know what goes on in that lovely looking house where, we were told, the door is always open and visitors are very welcome

Doreen Hughes Gain

Called to Serve

This Diocesan course starts with a broad look at what the Church is/ should be, then narrows down to make you look at your own gifts that can be used in service, then it broadens out again to look at the Church and its role within our society, the challenges it faces and the opportunities that arise from those challenges.

You can approach the course in three ways:

There are fortnightly evening meetings for two hours (five in each term) plus a full Saturday once a term. You are asked to do some linkwork after each session - mainly thinking through the implications of what has been learned on that occasion.

You can do the Certificate in Christian Calling, which involves the above, plus a study skills evening each term and a certain amount of reading in preparation for the writing of two assignments per term.

A half-way house involving (1) above plus some wider reading, without doing the assignments. At each venue there is a book box with books relevant to the assignments, but I have found them incredibly stimulating in their own right, and a completely new type of reading from anything I have done before.

I would be delighted to talk through the implications of doing the course if that would be helpful to anyone. The Diocese is taking names of those interested for next year, but you can enrol as late as the first plenary session in September. There are some leaflets at the back of St John's which give more detailed information about venues, times etc.

I have ended up doing the Certificate in Christian Calling – which is not what I planned to do initially – but I have absolutely no regrets!

Pam Martin

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* **"A Quiet Garden" -** *
* **a day for stillness and** *
* **reflection in a garden in** *
* **Kendal.** *
* Monday June 22nd, Saturday *
* July 11th, Saturday August 1st, *
* Thursday September 24th at *
* Holm Croft., 13 Castle Road. *
* Coffee and lunch provided. *
* Let Alison Newcombe know if *
* you would like to go, *
* either complete the form at the *
* back of our churches or ring *
* 01539 727836. *



News from the schools

Next month we look forward to reports from the three village primary schools and also from Dallam School.

Saint Thomas' Church: Milnthorpe

COFFEE MORNING

every Friday morning
at St Thomas'
Church Centre

with Auntie Brenda's
Bric-a-Brac stall

You are all very welcome!



Milnthorpe-with Heversham MU

We were very pleased to welcome "our own" Dorothy Maudsley to speak at our May meeting. Dorothy talked to us first about her early days as a youth worker in the Hawkshead area, and then about her work now with the youth club in Milnthorpe.

This is a successful and thriving club, striving to meet the needs of the young within our community. The appointment of a paid youth worker could really extend its potential.

In June we look forward to hearing Joy Bell who whose talk is entitled "And thy neighbour as thy self" Please join us and hear what she has to say. Everyone is invited.

Jane Clarke Secretary 65845

Flowers at St Thomas' Church

Please see the board in church

The Lent Project 2009

was to support a Hostel for boys in Chennai (formerly Madras and one of our link dioceses).

Many people in the congregations of **Heversham and Milnthorpe** had the privilege of listening to Canon Jim Hyslop, who has been on several visits to Chennai, talking to us about the project of funding a hostel for boys who often come from remote villages and need to have a place to stay and also to have the opportunity to further their education. Their parents are able to go to see them every month and they are glad that they are safe and making their way in the world.

As usual, envelopes were taken home, this time with a map of India showing the location of Chennai, donations were made throughout Lent and on Easter Sunday, the envelopes were opened and the wonderful total of £3,027.29 was raised!

Thank you all who donated so generously to the Lent Project and please continue to uphold the boys and staff in the hostel in prayer.

Car boot sale

at Milnthorpe Primary School

Saturday 6th June

10 am - 2 pm

(set up from 8.30 am)

All cars £5

Bacon Butties and Refreshments

To reserve a place please phone:

Dawn 63260 or Karen 63197

Saint Peter's Church: Heversham

The meeting of St Peter's PCC

at the end of April spent some time discussing the detail of the proposal to install an audio-visual system in the church. A detailed case statement has been circulated to everyone on the electoral roll and their comments requested. At its next meeting the PCC will decide what to do in the light of the comments received.

Amongst other items, the members of the PCC expressed their thanks to the Trustees of the Rhoda Thompson Trust for two generous gifts. The Trust had met 80% of the cost of the new pew cushions, which were so warmly welcomed by members of the congregation at Easter and were to meet the full cost of essential re-roofing of the Vestry. The Council was delighted to hear that some £3000 had been raised by St Peter's and St Thomas' for the Lent appeal and also noted the success of two recent fundraising events, one being the Honey Evening, which was held jointly with St Thomas' and the other being the St George's Day event generously hosted by Jean and John Sowerby.

The review of services over the Easter period highlighted the range of different service forms (and of locations, including Heversham Head and the Green in Milnthorpe). There had been a very encouraging number of people sharing in worship in Holy week and Easter.

As we move into the next phase of "Survival to Revival" the PCC agreed the core areas of action for the three priority areas: Young people; Ministry and Rural issues and there will be more about those in coming months.

Full copies of the minutes of the PCC meetings are now available in a file in the Dallam Chapel.

Many Thanks

Dorothy Waite wishes to thank all those who so kindly sent her cards on the occasion of her 90th birthday. All good wishes and continued prayer are so very much appreciated.

"Afternoon in the Garden"

on Sunday 14th June

at Barn Close, Beetham 3 - 5 pm

..cream teas....cakes.....plant stall....

(please bring a garden chair)



Buzz Club

Family BBQ Tea and Games

Sunday 21st June

4 - 5.30 pm

at the paddock

by St Peter's Church

(in church if wet weather)

This event is open to all families
and you are very welcome!

It's Fathers' Day
so please bring Dad!

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 June we think especially of Hutton Lane, Old Chapel Lane, Beathwaite Gdns and Cotes

The practice of prayer

On Monday 15th June a 5 week course begins at Levens Vicarage at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

At times prayer can seem like hard work or a bit of a mystery, at other times an encounter with the living God. Wherever you are on the journey of faith; this time together will, I hope, encourage a discovery of something new - for novices and old hands alike. Combining some bible study and discussion with creative exploration of five prayer patterns drawn from our rich Christian Tradition .

Ruth Crossley

REPORTS

St John's Levens PCC meeting

Another new PCC year, so we first appointed our officers – vice chairman Mary Orr, secretary Liz Addison, treasurer Chris Band. They do all their jobs so well we don't let them get away. And then Kent Estuary Group rep's Doreen Hughes Gain and Pam Martin. We also discussed at some length the churchwarden situation. Again we are down to only one – Barrie King, ably supported unofficially by his wife Chris, to both of whom we are very grateful for all the work they do in and around the church. But we should have two wardens to be fully

legal as a parish and this must be addressed during the coming year so that whoever the new one is has some time to work with Barrie, before he at least has a rest in two years' time, to learn some useful hints, tips and useful contacts. I can say from experience that it is not easy to come cold into the office of warden and have to try to pick it up as one goes along. In this connection we gave some consideration to the idea of "deputy" church wardens, people not officially appointed by law but nevertheless willing to investigate and sometimes fill the duties, possibly with a view to taking full office at some future date but also so that some people or person can stand in when Barrie and Chris are away. After all, they do need and deserve a holiday sometimes! After that, and the usual correspondence, finance update, worship reviews and church fabric developments, we spent time on work with young people and how to connect with our community generally; whether we are a sufficiently "green" church to qualify for an eco-congregation award; health and safety issues in and around the church; future happenings in the Kent Estuary Group; and a fairly full deanery synod report; this last included a description of the important work of FCN – the Farm Crisis Network charity - and we resolved to come back to it with close attention. All of these will be returned to in future meetings – or see adverts and notices in the Parish News.

Doreen Hughes Gain

St John's Flower rota – see poster in church

LEVENS PLAYGROUP

would like to express thanks to: Irene, Anne, Elvie, Mary and Pam who have very kindly offered to help us out with refreshments during our busy playgroup sessions.

A special thanks to Rev Ruth Crossley for all her help in assisting us with this matter.

Joanna Duncan

Thank You

The chairman of Levens Playing Field would like to thank everyone who helped with the installation of the 6 new park benches & 3 new bins in March. He would particularly like to thank Alan Dobson & the PV Dobson staff for their assistance with Plant Equipment, Steven Park from Baymix Concrete, Rachel Hayes & the very hard working Levens Playing Field committee members for all their back breaking help. Many thanks for a job well done.



Giant Family Fun Day
at Levens Playing Field
4th July
from 12.30 - 4.00 pm



including: -
Bungee Run Classic Cars
Children's Entertainment
Face Painting
5-a-side Football Plant Man
Bouncy Castles Bowls
Football Target Game
Hot & Cold Refreshments
Also Lots Lots More.
Everyone Welcome !
Free Entry
there will also be a Cross
Country Fun Run held in the
field next to the Playing Fields
for all ages.

Details on posters will be put up in the village soon.

Matt Foxwell (Levens School Head teacher) & team will be in charge on the day.



Levens Playing Field
Giant Family Fun Day
Evening Event
4th July from 7- 11pm
Marquee Dance

Live Music with the Fantastic Lancaster Bombers Bar, Hot Food & Soft Drinks



All Welcome
(A Parent or Guardian must accompany all under 18's)

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**There will be an open meeting of
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