

**PARISH CALENDAR 2017**

August			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
5th	Saturday	2.15 to 3.30 pm	Garden Club Flower Show	Village Hall	Entries to Village Hall 10.00 am to 12 noon	
6th	Trinity VIII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alfred Graham	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace
8th	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Management	Village Hall	Committee Meeting	
9th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Mr T. McLean		
10th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
13th	Trinity IX	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs A Wallace		Mrs S Marlow Mrs E. Parker
14th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatburn		
15th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Church		
17th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Outing	Foulridge Barge Trip	
20th	Trinity X	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs A. Chadwick	Mr & Mrs H.Brown
23rd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
27th	Trinity XI	11.00 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		Mrs S. Travis Mrs A Chadwick
28th	Bank Holiday Monday	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Fun Afternoon	Hare Green	In aid of Marie Curie Foundation	
		7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
<b>September</b>						
3rd	Trinity XII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs B Lewis
7th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Gresgarth Gardens	

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**DOWNHAM & TWISTON**

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**From The Revd Andy Froud**

Dear Friends

You'll often hear football fans saying "we beat you 2-0". (Not me - I'm a Bradford City fan) Who, I always wonder, is the "we"? Did you get on the pitch and play? Were you instrumental in setting up that crucial cross? Did you score one of the goals?

We understand that there is a team within a team, as it were. As a supporter we are part of the wider team but not part of the team on the pitch: but even though we may not be players we are still part of their victories (or defeats - I understand you can get a free course of antidepressants with your Blackburn Rovers season ticket)

But we know that we need to be part of a greater whole - "No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it." (HE Luccock). The team on the pitch needs every player and the team itself needs the wider group of supporters.

In church we say "We believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the dead". The sheer scale of the communion of saints fills me with awe: just August 1st for example lists 29 men and women who the Roman Catholic church has designated saints. Then I remember all those who have strengthened and encouraged me on my pilgrimage through this earthly life: one of the reasons we have All Souls and All Saints to remember the countless Christians who are part of the team. Just like the supporters of even the most successful club, we ultimately claim a success and a victory which is not ours because Christ's is the ultimate victory over darkness, sin and death

Match Day is every Sunday morning at 11 am at St Leonards: no ticket required. The result is always known in advance - life, hope and love always win.

Yours in Christ,



**G**RANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	June	2017
<b>COMMUNICANTS</b>	50	232
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	£	
SERVICES	512	1,478
VISITORS	40	178
DONATIONS	2,384	4,174
HOUSE BOXES	-	150
SPECIAL	210	3,996
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,146</b>	<b>9,985</b>

#### IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Kath Swarbrick Carole Ashworth Linda Whitsey Dave and Olive Awbery

#### WELCOME

**Mark and Alannah Joyce** to Hey House Farm. They have come from Roughlee and we wish them every happiness in their new home.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

##### Holy Matrimony

Saturday, 8th July 2017 **Anthony John James and Rachel Ellen Gregory** both of St Albans.

#### HOLIDAY CLUB

'WASTEWATCHERS' is our Holiday Club this year. It will take place Monday, 7th. to Friday, 11th August 10.00 am to 12 noon each day at Chatburn Methodist Chapel. For Children of Primary school age. Details from Anne and Derek Hardacre 1200 429341

#### RAINFALL

DESPITE a feeling that this has not been a great summer, May and June's rainfall at just over 5 inches is almost bang on the average. I suspect that July will be above the 3" average for the month, so we are on track for a fractionally damper first 7 months than normal. RCA

#### SPECTATOR

August, holiday season, and by the time you read this we will be setting off to the Isle of Man, my favourite place and one which Jon introduced me to when we married many moons ago. The island is truly magical and has "Fairy Bridge" where you can shout "good morning" or "hello to the fairies" as you drive over it. The first time someone tells you that you have to say hello to the fairies, you look at them as if they are mad, but by the end of the holiday you find yourself looking out for the bridge so you can shout out your greetings like everyone else! The island also has Manx cats, that don't have tails and lovely well maintained roads. In t'olden days, we used to go by ferry from Heysham in the middle of the night as it was cheaper. Then we found it was getting more expensive and with increasing mobility problems, even more difficult to go anywhere or do anything on our own.

Lucky for us, my wonderful brother and sister in law started coming with us and we began flying to the IOM. What a revelation that was, one call to Special Assistance and they will get you a wheelchair and someone to push you through security and onto the lift at the plane side and they are there to meet you at your destination. It is not a bad time to be disabled with all the gadgets and help you can get today. Not that there's a good time, it's just if we are counting blessings etc etc

Anyway, I thought I would share these real examples of "Funny Airline Cabin Crew Announcements" to make you smile. Happy Holidays

***On a continental flight with quite senior attendant crew, the pilot announced , " ladies and gentlemen, we have reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants"***

***"Please make sure you take all your belongings with you and if you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we would like to have"***

***"In the event of sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask and put it over your face. If you have a small child, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are travelling with more than one child, choose your favourite"***

***"Your seat cushions can be used for floatation and in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take the cushion with our compliments"***

#### FUN AFTERNOON

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**

**2.00 TO 4.00 PM**

**HARE GREEN DOWNHAM**

**VARIOUS STALLS AND GAMES**

**PROCEEDS TO MARIE CURIE**

**ORGANISED BY THE**

**RIBBLE VALLEY GROUP**

**28th AUGUST**



## GARDENS OPEN

THE DOWNHAM HALL gardens were buzzing at the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of July and it wasn't just the honey bees searching for nectar from the magnificent variety of flowers! The sun shone (mostly) and the atmosphere was wonderful. The visitors were able to take their pick from a variety of stalls which although too many to mention here, ranged from home made cakes, vintage cars, tractors, beautiful plants, hand painted cards and pictures, plus a selection of delicious breads and cheeses. The ever popular human fruit machine was kept very busy with people of all ages hoping to win a lottery ticket which just might contain the six lucky numbers. Otherwise they went away very happy with a variety of smaller prizes and a big smile on their face from the good natured banter with Tony. The rose garden proved a magical place to be, with a selection of tricks performed by a talented group of magicians.

There was ice cream and cream teas if people felt peckish, and if anyone wanted to just relax, the brass bands on both days played with gusto on the front lawn. Last but not least they had the raffle and a chance to go home with a prize and another smile on their face because that's what the weekend was about, to let the visitors enjoy a lovely afternoon in beautiful surroundings with friends and family and this year at least, lots of sunshine. All this in aid of two local charities, The Downham Village Hall and Ribble Valley Crossroads Care who share the proceeds, a sum of £6,600.

All concerned, especially the visiting public and the beneficiaries of the proceeds, thank The Hon Ralph and Olivia for kindly throwing open the Gardens and making available many of the facilities that go towards the successful outcome. Hope to see you all again next year. BL

## BOWLAND AONB BOWLAND FESTIVAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

Enjoy a woodland walk with a difference on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August when local storyteller, Sue Allonby, adds a touch of magic to a circular route from Barley to the Pendle Sculpture Trail at Aitken wood. An event for families with children of four years and over. Details and booking information for this free session are available from the AONB office on 01200 448000 or by emailing [jayne.ashe@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:jayne.ashe@lancashire.gov.uk)

If you've ever wanted to learn more about fungus then why not join the North West Fungus Group for a foray on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August to discover what's growing in Gisburn Forest? To find out more, or book a place, contact John Watt on 07768 043461 or email [johnwhwatt@googlegmail.com](mailto:johnwhwatt@googlegmail.com)

Looking a bit further afield there's the chance to get to grips with a shave-horse and fashion your very own rustic stick chair at Cobble Hey Farm and Gardens near Garstang over the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August. Contact Greg Robinson on 07443 614242 or email [gregscoppicecrafts@gmail.com](mailto:gregscoppicecrafts@gmail.com) to find out more.

## GREENDALE

The car park saga goes on! Unbelievably we are still waiting for consent from Lancashire County Council Highways Department before we can finish the construction of the entrance onto the Chatburn Road. For the bureaucracy surrounding such a seemingly simple project to take more than 2 years beggars' belief. No wonder HS2 and Brexit are taking a while!

RCA

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I WOULD like to give a word of thanks to Mark Holden for his almighty effort to dig out a big part of the Brook. It has taken two summers but it is now clear. Thank you very much Mark and don't worry, we will think of something else for you to do. Thanks again. Carole. Ashworth



I WOULD like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported me for 'The Big Swim' for Rosemere Cancer Foundation. A great time was had by all at the French Party on the final day of the swim (mile 21), a poignant date as June 24th marked exactly 12 months since my treatment finished. The final total raised for the cross Channel challenge is £3,562. This will go to Rosemere's 20th Anniversary Appeal.

Many thanks for the tremendous support, and to villagers who helped at the GB Tea Party and the French Party, with such community spirit. Helen Addy

MY GRANDSON John is marrying Gemma at St Leonard's Church Downham at 3.00 pm on Saturday 2nd September, with the following reception in a TeePee in the croft at the bottom of the Village. The reception will finish at about midnight. The family has asked through the Parish Newsletter to apologise for any disturbance this may cause. Thankyou, in advance to everyone for your understanding.

Diana Braithwaite

## GARDENS OPEN

**MANY thanks to all those who laboured to make the two afternoons such a great success, both in preparations beforehand, on the day and clearing up afterwards. Although the total sum raised has still to be finalised, it is currently standing at well over £6,500, which is a record! Ralph Assheton**

JUST A FEW thanks for the Gardens Open. First on behalf of the Village Hall I would like to thank Ralph and Olivia for opening their gardens for everyone to enjoy, and also, for allowing us to set up the week before opening. Without that generosity the gardens open would not work, once again many thanks.

Then I would like to thank all the helpers that did a brilliant job all weekend: Teas, Ice-creams, Cake Stall, Fruit Machine, Raffle, Books, Plant Stalls, Bands, Magic men, Vintage Cars and Tractors, Washers up, First Responders, Crossroads Care, Car Parkers, and any body who baked cakes and scones Thank you. If I have forgotten anybody I am truly sorry, but you all know who you are. Thanks to Ian who made the gardens look so good and also to Andrew without whose help I could not do any of this. Many Thanks, everybody, **Shaun** Chairman Downham Village Hall.

**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**FAREWELL**

**O**N SUNDAY 23rd July, the congregation of St Leonard's said goodbye to The Revd Brian Whiteley who has worked on the rota of Ministers for almost two years. Warden Ian Walton thanked Brian for his Ministry at Downham, and wished Brian well as he takes up a Parish job in the North East of England. Brian said he had enjoyed his time taking services at Downham and felt fortunate to have shared in the beauty of the Parish.

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**R**EV D ANDY FROUD officiated at a Choral Evensong at St Leonard's on Sunday 16th July at 6.30 pm. A full congregation, swelled by visitors from St Mary's, Clitheroe, enjoyed the full glory of the sung evening prayer service from the Book of Common Prayer. The large visiting choir was led by their Director of Music, David Thornton and Organist James Lonsdale.

Choir members said what a pleasure it was to sing here and pointed to the barrel roof as having a wonderful impact on the sound they produced.

**PASTORAL REORGANISATION**

**T**HE BISHOP of Blackburn has drafted new proposals for the organisation of Clergy and Parishes within Clitheroe and Chatburn and Downham. Briefly this means that a new, larger, Joint Benefice is formed from the Parishes of Clitheroe St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe St Paul, Low Moor, St Leonard Downham and Christ Church Chatburn.

All Parishioners are entitled to make representations either for or against the draft proposals by 11th September. The full proposal is contained in a folder in Church, along with arrangements for making representation. Hon Sec. PCC

**THE GARDEN CLUB**

**T**HIS month the Garden Club paid a return visit to Gardenmakers the garden centre. It is ten to twelve years since we last visited. What a difference! The lovely couple that had it the first time, Andrew Shaw and his wife, have now retired and have sold the garden centre. It is now a gardeners delight with reclamation pieces in two buildings and also scattered throughout the plants themselves, a bit like Aladdin's cave in the open. It was certainly quite a different garden centre. The visit was rounded off by a lovely supper of homemade cakes and drinks, followed by a most interesting talk by the new owner about changes in the pipeline. A wonderful centre, well worth a visit.

Just a reminder about the Garden Club Show on Saturday, 5th August. The show is open to all members and all Downham and Twiston villagers. Please support the show by entering or coming to see all the lovely exhibits. Well worth a visit.

Exhibits to be in place at the village hall between 10 am and 12 noon. The show opens to the public at 2.30 pm. THANK YOU, Note: spare copies of the show schedule are on the table at the back of the church.

CA

**OTTER**

**M**UCH to the surprise of one and all, an Otter was spotted towards the end of June in the brook at the bottom of the village, just by the road bridge. It was happily rolling stones around to get at the invertebrates underneath. Its nose was un-naturally pink, so perhaps it had been in an accident? The Ribble Rivers Trust and Environment Agency confirmed that it was unusual for an Otter to be so tame, so it may have been cared for by someone and then released. After a day in Downham it moved on and has not been seen here since.

For those of us who saw it was a thing of joy. RCA



**COFFEE CLUB**

**T**HANK YOU to everyone who came to the July coffee club and thanks also to the ladies who very kindly baked, saving me the job of coming home after being away for a few days and putting my pinny on! As always, thanks to Frances for the table flowers. You are all very much appreciated.....I must mention Carole, who has finally had her knee operation, hurrah! She went in on the 27th and had it done in the afternoon. We wish her well and look forward to welcoming her back to our next coffee club on 10th August ... fingers crossed. See you there,



**HISTORY GROUP**

**A**T THE MEETING on Tuesday 18th July, members were told about deer parks in an absorbing talk by Dr Graham Cooper.

Graham differentiated between Royal Forests and Deer Parks. He gave the history and purpose of both including the licensing arrangements with the crown. This including the fact that one may be contained inside the other, for example Leagram Park which is within Bowland.

His talk described the fencing designed to keep deer in and the construction of salters, simple fencing devices which allow deer to leap into parks whilst preventing their exit. It was the enormous cost of maintaining the pale fencing and the ditch and bank system which saw the demise of the deer parks.

Graham's investigation of the salters in the Leagram Deer Park is a part of the Forest of Bowland AONB range of publications available on line. A very interesting study.

Our next meeting is a trip to the Parish Church of Tunstall St John to see their Italian work of Art. This will be on Monday 4th September departing at 11.00 am taking a picnic lunch and returning at about 3.00pm. Non members who wish to join us should please ask any member for details.



NO REPORT of WI activity is available this month. We look forward to a double in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The next meeting, 17th August is the Barge Trip to be taken from Foulridge and includes a fun quiz and supper. Visitors are also welcome. Speak to a member about that. If you would like to book a place

The 21st September meeting contains a very moving story told by Lady Milena Grenfell Bains. "The Last Train to Tomorrow". This is a first hand description of escape from the Nazis in Prague on a Kindertransport arranged by the legendary Nicholas Winton.

The WI has invited members of the Downham and Twiston History Group to this talk. JN

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**T**HE LATEST report from the Banner Group is that we are no nearer knowing the long term fate of the Museum of Lancashire which is the museum where we planned to lodge the banner for permanent exhibition.

However progress is now being made on the conservation work at the Manchester People's History Museum conservation studio.

Three members of the Banner Group and two teachers accompanied thirty two children from Chatburn Primary School on a visit to the Museum at the end of the Summer Term. It was a most interesting and enjoyable occasion. The banner was shown in conservation, children were shown examples of conservation work and causes of damage and deterioration to textiles.

A tour of the museum's collection and lunch was followed by participation in the Museum's current production about the Massacre of Peterloo on 16th August 1819, when cavalry charged into a crowd of 60,000 -80,000 who had gathered to demand the reform of parliamentary representation. TM