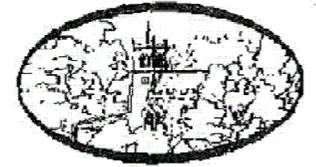


PARISH CALENDAR—2012						
September			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Trinity XII	8.30 am	Holy Communion Rev'd John Sutcliffe	ChristChurch Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Anne Hardacre	Mr T. McLean		
6th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club	Downham Bridge	<i>Chairman's Walk Supper at Greendale</i>	
6-9th	Thurs—Sun	Forest of Bowland AONB Heritage Weekend			<i>See page 7</i>	
9th	Trinity XIII	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs D. Wilkins	Wedding	Mrs P. McFall Mrs M. Roskell
		11.00 am	Matins Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mr B. Lewis		
10th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Grp Open meeting	Village Hall	<i>A Pendleside Family</i>	
13th	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
16th	Trinity XIV	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn		Mrs G. Cragg Mrs K. Brown
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Alan Reid	Mrs B. Lund		
23rd	Trinity XV	8.30 am	Holy Communion Rev'd John Sutcliffe	Mrs E. Parker	Mr J. Duffy	Mrs C. McGrath Mrs G Smith
		11.00am	Matins Rev'd Alan Reid	Mrs B. Lewis		
30th	Trinity XVI	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs P. McFall	Mrs D. Braithwaite	Lady Clitheroe Mrs C Ashworth
		10.00am	United Service Canon Rodney Nicholson	St Paul's Low Moor		
October						
1st	Monday	6.30 pm	Village Hall Management Committee Meeting			
4th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Mad Pam Rides Again</i>	
6th	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate Church			
7th	Trinity XVII	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	ChristChurch Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
		11.00 am	Family Harvest Service Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs B. Lewis Mrs A Greenhill		
<p align="center">OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Canon Rodney Nicholson – 458019 OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484 Mrs Diana Wilkins – 445250 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667 Hon Secretary The Hon Mrs R. Assheton—441210</p>						
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



newsletter

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From Canon Rodney Nicholson

Viewpoint

I HADN'T thought about it until someone mentioned in conversation that we had Great Britain teams in the Olympic games, not separate, national ones for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The result? Great Britain came third, with 29 gold medals and 65 medals in total. Ireland (the republic) came 41st, with 1 gold and 5 medals altogether. This comment is in no way meant as a slur on the good Irish people but it does make the point that we do better when we work together.

Personally, I have no time whatever for Scottish independence or the calls to get out of Europe. We don't want to lose any members of the United Kingdom, not even to loosen the ties.

Whatever may the problems with the European Community, we would hardly want to put the clock back to the days when we fought the Spanish, French, Portuguese, Dutch, Scandinavians, Germans – in fact, pretty well everyone. We need to unite, not go our separate ways, for we belong to one common humanity into which God himself was pleased to be born. Blessed are those who have worked to unite different groups, such as the Corymeela Fellowship in Northern Ireland.

Admittedly, bigger isn't always better, and there were concerns at the merging of the Blackburn and Burnley hospitals. How, for example, would Blackburn mothers cope with the centralising of maternity services at Burnley? In the event, it does seem that everyone is coping very well, though nothing in life is ever perfect. I certainly had quick and efficient treatment when going for an eye test last week. On the other hand, the planned transfer of a regional children's unit from Leeds to Newcastle would seem to be a potential cause of hardship for many families.

When it comes to the church, we would be wise to follow the Olympic lead and operate as Team Christian Church, rather than separately as a multiplicity of separate members, each paddling their own canoe. After all, Jesus prayed for all his followers to be one. We are better off enjoying links with Chatburn and Low Moor than going it alone. We worship together on occasions, some of us enjoy Monday evening hymn singing, and in common with other churches or groups we support Christian Aid and Operation Christmas Child.

Christians, and others, working together are a sign of hope to the world.

With warmest greetings,

Rodney Nicholson

Collect for Holy Cross Day 14th September

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake. Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	July	2012
COMMUNICANTS	52	350
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	92	1,638
VISITORS	122	483
DONATIONS	215	9,491
HOUSE BOXES	90	151
TOTALS	519	11,763

OUR PRAYERS ARE SAID FOR

Karen Walker of Greendale who is undergoing treatment.
Bob Swarbrick who is making progress.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW HOME

Dean & Belinda Logan and Arthur, Esme and Agatha have moved into Lowergate Farm Twiston. They moved to the area a couple of years ago from Shropshire and now to Twiston from Grindleton.

Andrew & Rachel Lopiccio and Helena and Connie have moved into Twiston Mill House. Andrew's business DNA IT has been located at Brookside Barn Offices Downham since they opened in 2008, Rachel teaches at Waddington Primary School.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

A FETE for the Downham Church Restoration Fund was interrupted by a thunderstorm, but the people ploughed on regardless. Sports, games and a concert by the Downham Excelsior Male Choir were followed by refreshments and the Clitheroe Borough Band. An impressive £50 was raised by the event. Clitheroe Advertiser and Times August, 1912.

	This month the newsletter has been sponsored by Charlie Bush of Riverford Home Delivery Gisburn	
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Bowland Heritage Weekend set for September

New for 2012, the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is organising a special heritage weekend as part of our Festival Bowland programme – a wonderful way to find out more about the landscape and history of this beautiful part of the country.

"Walk with Witches" Thursday 6th – Sunday 9th September

Four guided walks following different stages of the long distance route which is being developed between Pendle and Lancaster as part of the 400th anniversary of the Lancashire witch trials. Each walk costs £15 and needs to be booked in advance on 015242 21233.

Lancashire's Hidden Treasure Friday 7th Sept, 11am – 3pm, Chipping Village Hall.

Meet some of the staff from Lancashire Archives who are responsible for looking after 900 years of Lancashire's archival heritage and take the chance to explore original archives from Chipping and the surrounding area.

Clitheroe Castle Museum Heritage Open Day Friday 7th September, 11am - 5pm,

Enjoy free entry to Clitheroe Castle Museum where you can explore the history, heritage and geology of the local area, including Bowland and Pendle Hill, through some fascinating displays.

Newton Heritage Evening Walk Friday 7th September, 6.30 – 8.30pm,

Join ecologist and local historian, Geoff Morries, on a circular walk around Newton-in-Bowland,, taking in the flora, fauna, landscape and history of this lovely village. The walk is free but you will need to book your place in advance.

Bowland Heritage Classic Tours Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th Sept, 9.30am – 4pm

Step back in time as we jump on board one of Cumbria Classic Coaches wonderful vintage vehicles for two fantastic days of discovery. Leaving from Garstang on Saturday our itinerary will include guided tours of Claughton Hall estate, Kirk Mill in Chipping and Wyresdale Park house and gardens in Scorton. On Sunday we leave from Clitheroe for stops including Browsholme Hall gardens, Sawley Quaker meeting house and Stocks Board House near Slaidburn. Tours cost £16 each and can be booked singly or together.

Bronze Age Circle – Bleasdale Sunday 9th September, 1pm – 5pm, Bleasdale

A walk around Bleasdale including St. Eadmer's Church and Bleasdale circle. Enjoy an exhibition of local history followed by tea and cakes. Tickets cost £3/£2 and will need to be booked in advance on 01995 602125. (Refreshments at extra cost.)

For more information and to book where necessary, call the AONB office on 01200 448000 or email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

Downham & Twiston Time Bank

Just to keep you informed; Lancashire Country Council are exploring the possibility of rolling out Time Banks across Lancashire as part of their new Health and Well Being responsibilities. They are interested in the Downham Time Bank and the way we've adapted it to our requirements, such as not needing to be a member to use the services. We've had two meetings so far to discuss the way forward in Lancashire. Will keep you posted. SH

Celebrity Flower Arranger in Chatburn

An evening with Craig Bullock,
nationally renowned flower arranger,
Flower Arranging Demonstration
on Thursday 6th September
at 7.30pm in Chatburn School.

Tickets: £7 including refreshments,
ring (01200) 441624 or (01254) 384893.

The evening is the last of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee events,
which so far have raised over £4000 for the North West Air Ambulance.

Last Night of the Proms

THE NEXT in the series of music events at Christ Church Chatburn takes place on Friday, 21st September at 7.30 pm and is a celebration of a Great British year, with The Last Night of the Chatburn Proms performed by the world famous Besses O' Th' Barn Brass Band. There will be uplifting classics and flag waving prom favourites supported by video on the big screen.

Tickets are £7 including refreshments and are available from Roy Porter Butchers, East Lancashire Hospice, Park Lee road, Blackburn, BB2 3NY, tel (01254) 733412, or (01200) 441624 or (01254) 384893. Proceeds will be split between the upkeep of the church and East Lancashire Hospice.

"Dear Rosie"

Anne Hardacre regrets that August's 'Rosie's Corner' was the last for the time being:

I HAVE enjoyed your column very much and am sorry you are stopping writing it. I am so pleased you are going to be a PAT dog. You are such a loving and happy dog that everyone will want to be your friend.

I had a very special friend called Sam. He was a border collie (a bit bigger than you) and he was a PAT dog. He used to go to several old people's Homes (like Beech Grove) once a week and say 'hello' to the residents by offering them a paw. Of course, he had to keep his paws very clean and so his carer carried a flannel and towel with her to wash his feet. At Christmas and party times he got into the spirit and put on some tinsel; but he did not like balloons, in case they popped, as he was frightened of big bangs.

Being a PAT dog can be hard work, as you have to be very obedient, but it is very worth while because of all the love you bring to lonely people and all the love they give back to you. I am sure you will be very good at it.

Remind McK she will have to be on her best behaviour as well! Love, Anne

Quiz Night

in St Paul's Church Low Moor
Saturday 22nd September
at 7.30pm

Meat and potato pie supper,
with vegetarian option. £7

Bring your own wine/drink.

Film Night in Church

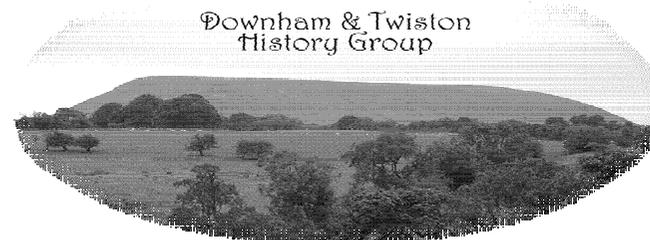
Christ Church Chatburn is showing a film-free of charge
on the second Tuesday of the month, starting on
11th September at 7.30pm

with a new release,

"The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"

starring Judi Dench and others

Tea and cakes are served



An Open Meeting - All Welcome

At Downham Village Hall

Monday 10th September at 7.30 pm

A Pendleside Family

Local history of the area around Downham as revealed in the records of one family

A presentation by Dorothy Bradbury

Based on information and pictures from the collection of Edwin Jackson
Light Refreshments will be served after the presentation

Admission £2

Downham Abbey – the sequel

Well the TV critics were silenced last weekend as the legendary TV series, Downton Abbey was recreated as Downham Abbey to make an acclaimed appearance as an entry in the 2012 Jubilee Torchlight Procession in Clitheroe.

After weeks of planning, followed by intensive preparation of the tableaux and sourcing of costumes from far and wide the float was finally prepared for what turned out to be an extremely well attended spectacle.

Over 60 entries made up a spectacular procession, meandering through Clitheroe and delighting 1000s of onlookers. Despite the sporadic rainfall, everyone had a great night and the Downham entry drew widespread congratulations for the imaginative concept and superb execution. It is just a pity that this year there were no prizes awarded for the procession entries, otherwise Downham would have swept the board (well at least everyone involved thought so!)

A big thank you for everyone who contributed in preparing the float and for those who supported the event on the night .

PN



THE PARISH CHURCH

United Service

OUR United Service, at Low Moor St Paul, on Sunday 30th September, at **10am (please note time)** will be a celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer. with some brief input from the GAP team, based at The Grand, who visit schools and help with young people's work.

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Operation Christmas Child

THE POWER of a simple gift: once again Anne and Derek are collecting shoeboxes filled with simple gifts for children in need. Pick up a leaflet from church or ring 429341.

They also have a DVD to lend, or see www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk for more information. Last date for filled boxes; Sunday 18th November.

RN

Family Service

OUR next family service at St Leonard's is the Harvest Festival on Sunday, 7th September at 11.00 am. All are welcome to help with the decoration of the Church on Saturday at 2.00 pm

DOWNHAM AND TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

The group's next meeting, on Monday, 10th September, is an open invitation to all interested parties to an event organised by Mr Edwin Jackson, owner of an extensive collection of knowledge, written and pictorial information, about Downham and the surrounding area. Edwin has arranged for Mrs Dorothy Bradbury, of Rishton, to present the material. Light refreshments will be served after the presentation.

DOWNHAM HALL GARDENS

Opening Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th August

HOW LUCKY were we all, Organisers and visitors alike, that for the two-hour period 2 to 4.00 pm on both days, the rains held off, the band played and the gardens looked perfectly charming.

Faced with competition from the famous food fair in Clitheroe and very uncertain weather forecasts, the numbers were down on Saturday but almost exactly compensated for on Sunday, so that the total numbers of visitors for the two days compared very well with other years. The teas and stalls, added to the gate money, enabled a donation of over eleven hundred pounds to the Ribble Conservation Trust and two thousand for Village Hall funds.

Supporters of the village hall felt they were well rewarded by this result. Chairman Shaun Roney thanked all those who had worked to make the events, as usual, a pleasurable and worthwhile way to spend an afternoon.

The band concerts alone were of the highest quality. Clitheroe Town Band on Saturday and Barnoldwick Brass Band on Sunday.

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GARDEN CLUB

ANNUAL SHOW

GARDEN Club Members and friends mounted their Annual; Show on Saturday 11th August, at the Village Hall. There were over 230 entries in a very colourful array, and, despite our recent weather, some excellent entries. Some crops however were universally behind on previous years—there was an almost complete absence of tomatoes for example.



Major winners of cups were: Best Flowers Downham Hall, Best Vegetable, a superb cabbage from Mrs Philippa McFall, Best Photograph Mrs Carolyn Gethins, Best Confectionary Mrs Julie Ayres Cup for best in the show (the best photograph) Mrs Carolyn Gethins and Cup for Most points in the show Mrs Carolyn Gethins.

Show Secretary, Carole Ashworth commented that it was a superb show with a very high number of excellent entries. She thanked all those who did the behind the scenes work to ensure the success of the show and to all those who entered. The whole event was yet another very pleasant example of Village life "on show".

The next Garden Club meeting will be the Chairman's Walk on Thursday, 6th September, starting at 7.00 pm., note the slightly earlier time, at Downham bridge followed by supper at Greendale—where non walkers may join at about 8.30 pm. CA

W.I.

MEMBERS and friends enjoyed the annual August outing last week, on a beautiful summer's evening. Members drove to Skipton for a canal barge trip. We had a leisurely trip, passing through the most beautiful countryside, under a bright, blue sky, that gradually turned to dusk. We had time to talk and enjoy the views and the many interesting sights along the way. One of the most unusual sights, was a vision of about twenty swans, which had left the canal, and were spread out in a field, seemingly grazing! Extraordinary!! We also enjoyed a quiz, and a small supper of pie and peas. Many thanks to Barbara Lewis for organising an excellent trip.

Thanks also to all those who donated cakes for the W.I. stall at the Open Gardens at Downham Hall, it was much appreciated and helped make the stall a huge success. The stall made a fantastic £199.21. Also thank you to all those who volunteered their time.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 20th September at 7.30 . The speaker will be Trish Bugeja talking about 'EggstraOrdinary Eggs' , which will be a talk and demonstration of fabulous Faberge eggs. New visitors who would like to give us a try and find out about the many interesting things you can do as a W.I. member, are very welcome. AK



COFFEE CLUB

PERHAPS it was because we were having one of our very rare summer days that our Coffee Club members arrived early this month, so from 10am prompt, things were bustling. As always in summer there are holidays, and appointments to be kept, so there were a few faces missing but they will catch up with all the news next month when Barbara and Co. will be taking over whilst we have a holiday.

The date will be September 13th and Barbara looks forward to seeing you! O. Awb.