

Parish Calendar 2013						
June			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Trinity I	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	ChristChurch Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Lady Clitheroe Ms C. Ashworth
		11.00am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mr T. McLean		
6th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club	Calf's Head Car Park	<i>Chairman's Walk & Supper @ Calf's Head</i>	
8th	Saturday	7.00 pm	Youth Group Reunion & Birthday Party	Village Hall	<i>Derrick Smith's 80th</i>	

9th	Trinity II	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs D. Wilkins	Wedding Mrs A Creighton	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
		11.00 am	Matins Revd Alan Reid	Mrs B. Lund		
11th	Tuesday	9.30am — 2.30 pm	Consultation Event	Village Hall	<i>Forest of Bowland AONB</i>	
13th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		

16th	Trinity III	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn		Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs P. McFall		
20th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>'Don't You Wish You Hadn't Said That.'</i>	

23rd	Trinity IV	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs D. Wilkins	Wedding	Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
		11.00am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr B. Lewis		
27th	Thursday	6.30pm	History Group Visit	Downham Bridge	Conducted Tour of Browsholme Hall	
30th	Trinity V	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs E. Parker		Mrs A Holden Mrs T. Stell
		11.00am	Songs of Praise Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs B. Lewis Mrs A. Greenhill		

July						
4th	Thursday	6.30 pm	Garden Club	Downham Bridge	<i>Garden Visit—Waddow Lodge</i>	
7th	Trinity VI	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	ChristChurch Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey
		11.00am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mr T. McLean		

OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Canon Rodney Nicholson – 458019

OUR CHURCH WARDENS

The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484 Mrs Diana Wilkins – 445250

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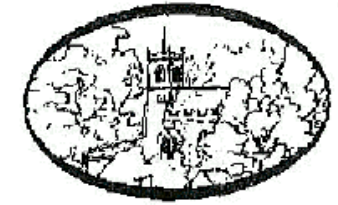


PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

newsletter

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From Canon Rodney Nicholson

Viewpoint

WE WATCHED a Channel 4 programme the other night about Emily Wilding Davison, the militant Suffragette, who allegedly threw herself under the King's horse at the Epsom Derby a hundred years ago this month. Using modern techniques, which can draw more detail out of the grainy Newsreel footage, producer Clare Balding showed how Emily's intention may well have been to fasten a scarf to the horse declaring, "Votes for Women". She died in the attempt, and the jockey, whilst virtually unharmed, committed suicide years later, for ever haunted by the young woman's face.

The Suffragettes were brave women who suffered terribly indignities for what everyone now would accept was a just cause. Emily was imprisoned nine times and force-fed on 49 occasions, with food being forced down through tubes into her stomach by an instrument resembling a torture weapon. A cultured and highly-educated woman, she suffered brutality from policemen of her day, and from others who did not have a quarter of her intelligence. But her courage and determination, along with that of the Pankhurst sisters and others, paved the way for what we now take for granted. Who today would suggest that only men should have the vote? Who, for that matter, would want to go back to 1831 when only 3% of the entire population could vote? The Great Reform Act of 1832, merely raised the proportion to 5%.

So often it is individuals who have campaigned for justice, when the population in general has been lukewarm or hostile. From the abolition of the slave trade to the Church of England's allowing women priests, we have dedicated individuals to thank for their tireless efforts. From the ending of apartheid in South Africa to the availability of civil partnership for same-sex couples, we can be grateful for individuals who have argued and persisted.

The first disciples were accused of turning the world upside down, which is exactly what they did. In the Holy Spirit's power they led a revolution of love and transformation which continues to this day. As well as individuals being changed, however, the world as a whole needs changing, whilst accepting much that is good. Wherever corruption, injustice and exploitation reign, individuals are needed to dethrone them in the name of Christ. But then, when Mary prepared for the birth of her Son, she sang a song, sometimes called the Magnificat, which sets out this revolutionary manifesto.

Robert N. ...

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peacefully ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	April	2013
COMMUNICANTS	62	251
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	159	876
VISITORS	69	195
DONATIONS	1,072	2,107
HOUSE BOXES	7	61
TOTALS	1,307	3,239

OUR PRAYERS ARE SAID FOR

Bob Swarbrick who is making progress.

Eric Musson, Clitheroe Bellringer who helps out here at St Leonards and who is not well

John and the family of **Karen Walker**

Sandra and George Chapman and the family of **John Kerr**

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

Friday 10th May Alan Heron and Catherine Harris

Saturday 18th May Lee Makin and Kathryn Ringham

Funeral

(at Christ Church Chatburn) **2nd May Karen Walker** of Greendale

(At Accrington) **20th May John Kerr** of Smithfield Farm Downham

John Kerr 1918—2013

JOHN Kerr (94), who moved to Downham in 1986 to live with his daughter, Sandra, and son-in-law George Chapman at Smithfield Farm, Downham died peacefully at home on 14th May. A Glaswegian by birth, John worked at the Barrow-in-Furness shipyard for 40 years, after being demobbed at the end of the war, where he met several members of the royal family, including King Edward 8th.

He met his first wife, Sally, in Dalton-in Furness, and following her death in 1969 married Brenda, from Ulverston. They moved to Brighton, then after she too died, he moved back north. A true Scot, John loved Scottish and other music, enjoyed telling a good story and loved to fly. He was close to his family which also included his late son John along with sons Jim and Peter.

SPECTATOR

I was out today with two lovely friends, Maureen and Susan. We meet regularly to be 'ladies wot lunch and we have a good laugh and a catch up.

The laughing was mainly at me when I kept flicking my walking stick behind me and hitting innocent unsuspecting passers by or when I was hitching up my bag in shops and clearing goods off shelves faster than someone who had won a supermarket trolley dash. My mad jerky movements are a side effect of the parkies medication but I'm not complaining as without them I turn into the tin man from the Wizzard of Oz. I seize up and fall over—no really.

We talked about husbands, housework, failing memories and health and of course the AWFUL WEATHER. What would we British do if it was sunny all the time? What would our topic of conversation be with friends and strangers alike, if we had no comment on the weather. We would all probably sink into depression, because it's having a good moan that keeps us going.

Maureen told us that her son in law had just had a pacemaker fitted and it was diagnosed after he collapsed on the street, smashing one side of his face. At least three people went past him or saw him and did nothing. They just left him and eventually he was able to get up and go home. How shocking is that? It reminded me of the parable of the Good Samaritan. What has happened to our inner Good Samaritan that we can leave another human being hurt and alone?

It also reminded me of when I was three months pregnant with my first child and on my way to visit my Mum in Bradford (City of Dreams...ey up!) when I fainted at the bus stop. I don't know how long I was out but when I came around, most of the queue had disappeared and a lady was leaning over me saying "bus is here love" I was very upset and when I told my Mum she said "well at least she let you know when the bus came. Tut! So the next time you see someone on the floor, please think on that it could be your loved one lying there, your parent, friend, relative ...or even me!

Did you go to Downham Youth Group?

For one night only

Derrick Smith's 80th birthday.

Time: 7.00pm

Date: Saturday 8th June 2013

Location: Downham Village Hall

Pie and peas supper plus bar

No Presents Please donate at least £5 per person

Proceeds to Village Hall funds

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P.S. If you know the whereabouts of anyone else with any connection to the youth group or the summer schools please ask them to contact us, as all are welcome. The more the merrier. Dad's excited about seeing you all.

WHEELY BINS from Councillor Barry Scott

HOUSEHOLDS in Downham and Twiston are to receive green wheeled bins for the collection of uncooked food and garden waste. Over the coming months residents will receive letters outlining the new service, which will be implemented by the end of the summer. Properties with gardens in Downham and Twiston will receive large 240 litre green wheeled bins in exchange for their standard 140 litre green bins which will be redistributed to homes without gardens that currently only have burgundy and blue bins. If any residents do not want to take part in the scheme or would just like to keep their 140 litre green bin they must contact Ribble Valley Borough Council. Residents can do this by returning the tear-off coupon at the bottom of their 2013/14 recycling and refuse collection calendar, filling in the e-form at ribblevalley.gov.uk or contacting RVBC on 01200 425111.

The dimensions of the new 240 litre bins are
Height 1100mm Width 590mm Depth 740mm.

GARDENS OPEN 2013

AS WE look forward to the Annual Gardens Open at Downham Hall, Ian, the gardener, would like to appeal to the readers for anything that he might be able to sell on his plant stall.

If you are pricking out seedlings and have too many, or dividing perennials, rock garden plants etc, herbs or vegetables or just looking to dig some plants up to make room for something else, providing it will still be suitable to sell by the end of July he would be very grateful for any donations to fill the stall and boost the money raised for this years charity. Old tools and gadgets, equally welcome. Please leave donations at Hemlock Cottage or contact Ian on 01200 441277. Thanks



Have your say on future management of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The Forest of Bowland AONB Partnership is currently carrying out a review of the Management Plan for the area.

A series of interactive workshop events will be held across the AONB during June 2013 to gather the views of residents and visitors alike on how the area can best be managed into the future.

What makes Bowland special to you? Bring along challenges but also ideas for the future! :

· Downham Village Hall
Tuesday 11th June 2013
9.30am – 2.30pm

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Norman and Brenda send their grateful thanks to all who sent them such lovely cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Our thanks also to the PCC for the lovely shrub and to all who joined us at the morning service to help us to celebrate and give thanks. God Bless you all.

Downham & Twiston Time Bank

Sue Hinder

WE'RE updating the Time Bank leaflet on who is offering services. So expect a phone call from Jessica Moyle (Twiston) who is helping out with the Time Bank as part of her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. We're really pleased to have her input.

Jessica is also thinking of ways to develop the Time Bank so she will be asking for your views on what other things could be offered through the Time Bank. She is also going to focus on developing the computer services offered by the Time Bank. There is a lot of scope for helping people with their computers, laptops and mobile phones so they can stay in touch with friends and family – even if that help is only to recommend try switching it off and switching it back on again! If you want to speak to friends and relatives through Skype (a free video link) for example, then ask Jessica.

I've been doing a lot of health research recently with older people and one thing I have noticed is that people don't like to bother others and ask for assistance. So, PLEASE ask the Time Bank – there are no promises but we'll see what we can do.
Jessica 07794722880 Sue 01200 440912

Karen Walker

KAREN Walker (56), the registered manager of The Manor House, died on 22nd April after an eighteen-month illness. Throughout that time she was lovingly supported by her husband, John, and by their five children, Jason, Carrie-Ann, Sara, Georgie and Jonathan. John and Karen also ran the Greendale restaurant, where they lived.

A standing-room only Christ Church on May 2nd celebrated Karen's full and active life. Carrie spoke of her mother's warmth and vitality, and Leah and Bethany, two of the nine grandchildren, contributed words and poetry. The Thanksgiving focused on her particular interests which included the Majorettes, with whom she used to lead nearly fifty children in baton-twirling performances at fêtes, open days and the like.

She joined the Manor House team fifteen years ago, after completing her nurse training at Calderstones. Janet Harrison and the staff described her as a dynamic trainer who was heavily involved in the Manor House gaining two Gold Standard Awards. Last year she was nominated for the prestigious North West Trainers' Award. She was a good communicator which, the staff added, meant she never stopped talking!

Karen loved books and began writing poems whilst a pupil at Darwen Girls' Grammar School. She was also fond of gadgets, including the computer. Music and, in her earlier years, dancing were among her interests. An able flower-arranger, she would visit Downham Pre-School to practise this skill.

She delighted in family holidays which took them to Mexico, Jamaica, Turkey and elsewhere. She particularly liked America and anything Disney. She was not able in the end to visit Disneyland last autumn but with eighteen family members went to Disneyland Paris instead.

Karen clearly made a significant impact on a great many people. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

THE PARISH CHURCH

SONGS OF PRAISE

ON April, 28th the congregation took part in a songs of Praise at which a number of favourite Hymns were sung, Each of the choices was introduced by Revd Anne Hardacre with some history or remarks about the origin of the hymn in question. Organist Mr Robert Tattersall accompanied.

The exercise, judged a success by those attending, and is to be repeated on 30th June at 11.00 am. Any requests may be given to Kirsteen on 440615 or use the list at the back of Church.

CLITHEROE FOOD BANK

DETAILS of this proposal were included in the last newsletter. The PCC considered this at its last meeting and it was agreed that St Leonard's support the bank, including a collection point in church. Mr Brian Lewis agreed to be the St Leonard contact for this enterprise.

Toilet arrangements

The Warden reported that the Assheton Arms had very kindly given permission for the congregation to use facilities in the pub during opening hours.

Harvest

THE PCC has Confirmed this would be on 6th October. This early announcement is because the village Hall Management Committee are planning a Jacobs-join lunch at the Village Hall on that day for all .

GARDEN CLUB

GUEST SPEAKER at the meeting on Thursday, 2nd May was Alan Leyland, of Churchtown Carnivores, who collects, grows and shows carnivorous plants. It is a gold medal award winning private collection of plants housed in four greenhouses in the rear garden at his home. Over the years he has ethically collected a wide range of carnivorous plants from many countries. Alan gave an interesting power point presentation , with excellent pictures and short videos of each of the range of Carnivorous plants and described their intriguing and cunning strategies for trapping insects. A range of specimen plants was shown for sale.



On Thursday, 6th June, the Chairman's Annual walk starts from the Calf's Head at Worston at 7.00pm where members will return for supper at 8.30pm .to join with the non walkers.

The Schedule of Children's events for the Annual Show, to be held on 3rd August, is enclosed. Additional copies of Schedules and Entry Forms will be available on the table in Church in July.

HISTORY GROUP

AT the meeting of 20th May twenty-two members enjoyed a slide presentation and talk by Mr David Fitzpatrick, of Sabden, about the History of Calderstones Hospital, Whalley from its being built, with bricks made on the site from clay excavated for the foundations, its opening in 1915 as Queen Mary's Military Hospital, to 1921 when it was handed back to the Lancashire Asylums Board. Interesting stories about some of the 58,000 soldiers treated there and the many nurses, doctors and other staff, brought the history to life again.

Our next meeting is a visit to Browsholme Hall at Cow Ark , for a conducted tour by owner Mr Richard Parker, at 7.00 pm .on Thursday, 27th June. We will share transport, leaving from the Downham Bridge car park at 6.30 pm. Cost is £8.30

COFFEE CLUB

SEVEN years ago Twiston Residents, Dave and Olive Awberry, had the idea to start a Coffee Club in Downham Village Hall as a monthly meeting place for villagers of Downham and Twiston. With a bookstall, bring and buy stall and jigsaw stall, a warm welcome, coffee and Olive's scrumptious homemade cakes, it was a date to look forward to every month to catch up with friends and gossip.



The May meeting was held at Downham Hall by the kind invitation of the Hon Mrs. Olivia Assheton, as the village hall was in use for the council elections.

Olivia and Olive were presented with bouquets and Olive thanked everyone for their friendship and support over the years, as she announced her retirement from club duties due to her health being an issue now. She was pleased to say Barbara and Carole have consented to carry on her good work.

The next meeting, at the Village Hall will be on Thursday, 13th June, at 10.00 am. DB

Olive has written: "It was never intended to be a money-making exercise, just as long as we could cover costs and pay the rent. The price of £1 for coffee and cake has never changed. Any small profit was given to the Village Hall and over the years we have paid for: tablecloths, three ceiling lights and a video table for the 'green room', carpet tiles for the small meeting room, paint for renovation, and 100 cups and saucers. All much appreciated by the Village Hall Management Committee.

After the May meeting I will be handing over to Barbara and Carole to run Coffee Club, which I know they will do very well. It has been a very happy time for me and I have enjoyed meeting everyone from the village, and baking for you has been a pleasure. I would like to thank June and Edith for running our stalls so efficiently, and of course I have to thank Dave because without his huge input I could not have managed at all. We now look forward to seeing everyone on the other side of the counter! Olive Awberry.

DOWNHAM W.I. had their April meeting in Chatburn Methodist Chapel Hall. Members were introduced to 'Tai Chi for Arthritis' by Christina Wallwork. Christina informed us that 'chi' means life force and is a balance between the positive and the negative energies. Many members enjoyed the introduction to the gentle excercises.



Twenty-seven people from other W.I.'s joined Downham W.I. members on a circular walk around Downham and the surrounding countryside, which Marion Courtney led. Many thanks to Marion, her husband Derek and son Jonathan, who stepped in at the last moment to help her. Also thanks to those members who staffed the Village Hall serving coffee for the walkers before they embarked on their walk. The walk was very much enjoyed by all and was a great success. The walk was in memory of the late Elizabeth Wrigley, who wrote and published a booklet a few years ago called, 'Miles and Stiles', which described the walk.

May's meeting was an evening of light-hearted indoor games. Members enjoyed Boules, Dominoes and Beetle, plus the time to chat. There was gentle competition and much hilarity at the lack of skill amongst some of our members.

It was mentioned at the meeting that volunteers are needed for a food bank that is going to be run in Clitheroe at Trinity Church.

Our next meeting will be on the 20th of June at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. The speaker will be Cliff Astin on, 'Don't You Wish You Hadn't Said That'.

Gardens Open—Raffle

The Garden Club is organising the raffle at this event 27/28 July and would appreciate the donation of prizes. Please let Carole Ashworth know. 01200 440212

