

JUNE			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Easter V	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	Lord & Lady eroe	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A Wallace
3rd	Monday	7.30pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatburn		
6th	Thursday	7.00pm	Garden Club Chairman's Walk	Meet outside Greendale for 7.00pm		
9th	Sunday	11.00am	Matins Rev'd Anne Hardacre		Mrs D Briathwaite Ms J. Shepherd	
9th	Sunday	3.00pm	Hymns on The Green	Hare Green	Featuring Barnoldswick Brass Band	
12th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud			
14th	Friday	10.00am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
16th	Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud		Mrs A Wallace	Mr & Mrs H. Brown
16th	Sunday	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Ribble Valley Music Festival event	St Leonard's Parish Church	Nelson Arion Male Voice Choir and Samantha Oxborough	
17th	Monday	7.30pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
20th	Thursday	7.30pm	Downham W.I.	Village Hall	Heather Wilson "Mad Hatters and Maharajahs"	
22nd	Saturday	2.00pm	David Tattersall Organ recital	St Leonard's Parish Church		
23rd	Sunday	11.00am	Matins		Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick	
26th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud			
30th	Sunday	11.00am	Matins		Mr & Mrs B. Lewis	
<b>July</b>						
1st	Monday	7.30pm	History Group	Village Hall	Stephen Counce The Pennine's role in the Industrial Revolution	
1st	Monday	7.30pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatburn		

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## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD DOWNHAM & TWISTON



# newsletter

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### From The Rev'd Anne Hardacre

Dear Friends

#### ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD?

I like to think I get up early, but our local blackbird beats me by hours, as he starts the dawn chorus. (before 4.00am at the moment!). One of the disadvantages of modern double glazing is the difficulty of hearing the bird song. Birds sing to attract mates, but primarily to warn other male birds to keep off their territory.

Our garden is part of the territory of one blackbird and so he thinks he has the right to dig up the seedlings in our plant tubs as he hunts for worms. He has already been under our red currant bush, looking up hopefully. I tried to tell him he was too early, but I don't think he understood. He certainly didn't understand when I told him not to throw my onion sets on the floor!

As Christians, we sing to praise God. When the Holy Spirit came on the first believers on the Day of Pentecost, the first thing they did was to praise God and amazingly they used different languages which they had never learnt, so that everyone could understand.

This attracted a large crowd of those who had come to Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Pentecost (one of two Jewish Harvest Festivals, giving thanks for the first fruits of the Harvest). The people were intrigued, especially hearing the disciples speaking in THEIR language and this gave Peter the opportunity to speak about Jesus with amazing consequences - 3000 people became Christians that day.

Down the ages the Holy Spirit has been helping Christians to praise God, in song and word and giving us opportunities to speak about our faith in Jesus and it all began on that first Day of Pentecost when Jesus fulfilled his promise and sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to his followers. That is why Pentecost or Whit Sunday as we often call it, is called the birthday of the church.

Why not come and join in the birthday party at our united Songs of Praise on Hare Green Downham this Pentecost afternoon at 3.00pm!

Keep singing!  
Yours in Christ,  
Anne

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit:  
 Shed abroad this gift throughout the world  
 by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	April	2019
COMMUNICANTS	43	126
COLLECTIONS		
SERVICES	360	1,425
VISITORS	53	118
DONATIONS	651	1,715
HOUSE BOXES	4	7
SPECIAL	390	1013
TOTALS	1,458	4,278

**IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:**

Helen Addy, Kath Brown, Betty Mercer, Olive Awbery and others who are unwell.

**Au Revoir "Spectator"**

We say goodbye to Spectator this month. Her regular contributions flown in from where ere she was resting at the time hit the spot for many readers. Always containing truisms her paragraphs varied from sad to funny, from sensitive to sensational and from general to personal.

Enjoyed by many, not just r Elaine, there was always a compassionate theme underlying the prose. We shall miss the iron fist in the solid concrete mitten.

Come back when you're ready.  
 From your other fans..... including Ed.

**SPECTATOR**

WELL, it's good night from him...and it's good night from me... yes, after over 20 years, give or take a couple of short breaks, of writing Spectator, recording what goes on in the village and having a good old moan about my many ailments, I have decided to retire gracefully.

Many thanks to my many fans, Lord Clitheroe, and "r"Elaine from Bradford, to name but two ( I would like to name more but there aren't any!) I have really enjoyed writing over the years, recording sad, happy and funny events and I have really enjoyed when people say they've been moved or laughed or cried when reading my pieces, I will miss that.

Unfortunately, my health is not improving and the Parkies especially is marching on in spite of the brain operation three years ago which was to help with some of the symptoms. If anyone has any spare Dopamine cells, please send them to me, I could do with some.

If i was Shakespeare I would shout," a pox on you Parkies"  
 In fact I think I will shout it anyway "A POX ON YOU PARKIES"  
 So thank you to my lovely editor Tom and for letting me rant and write and rave every month, I have enjoyed almost every moment - Linda Whitsey  
 Spectator

**Gardens Open 13th and 14th July**

In aid of Downham Village Hall and The Prince's Trust

Can you volunteer an hour or so?

We are appealing for some help with teas and staffing some stalls.

If you can spare an hour on either day or both days please let Olivia know and she will create a rota to cover both days

Arrangements are in hand for a book stall which Philippa is going to organise. Books, CDs , DVDs are being collected now and to save double handing please deliver donations to Downham Hall. OA

**Ribble Valley Music Festival**

Nelson Arion Male Voice Choir and soprano Samantha Oxborough  
 16th June from 2pm -4pm

*An idyllic summer afternoon of song in a beautiful setting.*

**St Leonard's Church Downham**

The rich mix of this prestigious male voice choir with the professional soprano tones will produce a delightful afternoon of song. Expect variety.

**Advanced tickets are advised - contact 01254 384893**

# Organ Recital

by David Tattersall

with canapés and cava afterwards in the Kitchen Garden of Downham Hall

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019, 2pm prompt**

Organised by the Parochial Church Council and Wardens

The members of St. Leonard's Church, in the well-known (and oft filmed) time-warp village of Downham a couple of miles outside Clitheroe in the lovely Ribble Valley, are hosting an organ recital to properly celebrate the arrival of the Church's new Phoenix electronic organ, and raise some much-needed money to maintain the fabric (and beauty) of the latest incarnation of a Church that has been there for a thousand years.

Following the eagerly anticipated recital by well-known Lancaster musician David Tattersall, guests will repair to the Kitchen Garden of adjacent Downham Hall – courtesy of the Hon. and Mrs. Ralph C. Assheton, TD, DL, High Sheriff of Lancashire - and enjoy a variety of canapés, meticulously prepared by Mark Taft, Executive Chef from the Seafood Pub Company and his team, who operate the Assheton Arms and other award-winning eating establishments across Lancashire and beyond. There will also be something cold and fizzy, plus soft drinks, tea & coffee.

The recital will start at 2pm prompt, so please give yourself enough time to park both cars and posteriors by 1.50pm. Talking of which, parking adjacent to the Church is very limited and not recommended – instead, drop your passengers off at the pub, perhaps, and park at the (free) village car park down the village, first right over the bridge, and right again in front of Chestnuts Cottage. It's a bit of a hike back up the hill, so give yourself a good five minutes or so.

There are no toilet facilities in either the church or the garden, but there are at both the village car park and the pub, with which the Church has an arrangement.

No tickets are being issued, admission to both the recital and the subsequent refreshments being by having your name on the Guest List by application to **Warden Ian Walton on 01200 442 777** during office hours, or 01200 445 063 at other times. Alternatively e-mail [ian@adamscouk.com](mailto:ian@adamscouk.com) or text/WhatsApp 07979 598 057. The cost of admission is fifteen pounds per person and must be paid by cheque payable to "Adams & Co. Accountants Limited", and sent to Ian Walton at Adams & Co., 36 York Street, Clitheroe BB7 2DL, or electronically to 01-02-14/22541241 at time of application. Your name and the names of any guests you are also paying for must be clearly communicated. It's a small Church, and spaces are limited, so please do book early enough to avoid disappointment.

At time of going to press, the recital programme had not been finalized, and we also hope to offer guided tours of the Kitchen Garden by one or other of the Assheton family, and perhaps a virtuoso performance by the bell ringers if they can be prised from the snug bar of the Assheton Arms.

This will be Downham's social event of the year (we don't get out much) with the surplus for the event going to St. Leonard's Church, with a bit going to our Village Hall Committee to hire some of their equipment. We look forward to your support, and welcoming you to what will be a unique experience for all.

## DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

On May 13<sup>th</sup> the history group met at Downham Hall to be shown around the tithe barn and farm buildings. Ralph told us about the two types of barns: the laithe barn, which is joined to the house as at Laneside and Coolham, and the aisled barn, as at Ravenshome and Downham Hall, with arcade posts and end bays. Common elements of these early barns were slit vents, stop chamfered doors and elliptical cart entrances. The Downham barn is a C17 2\* listed building, built of rubble limestone with sandstone lintels and oak beams. It has seven bays with aisle posts, balanced on stylobates of sandstone. Corn was threshed on the flag stone floor, before being sent to Downham Mill to be ground. In the C19, the end bays were converted into shippens for cows, with room for hay storage. After 1850, renovations could be made to the roof, when the railway brought in 'blue' Welsh slate. None of these alterations has changed the basic structure of the building and the atmosphere remains. Walking around, looking at the cart sheds, stables, shippens and pigsties you got a real sense of how people lived.

Our next meeting at the Village Hall will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 1st July when Stephen Caunce will talk about 'Why the Pennines play an important role in the industrial revolution.' Stephen has worked at Leeds University, the Open University and Uclan and has been involved in Community History Project

## Book worm's good turn

Master Joseph Addy, aged 5, of Brookside recently organised a stall of pre-loved books outside his home. His chosen charity was the Army Benevolent Fund - The Soldiers' Charity. The kind generosity of neighbours and visitors to the village on a gloriously sunny day helped Joseph raise £52.50 towards this worthy cause. The proceeds were then dispatched by bicycle that evening across Hare Green and handed over to Col. (Retd.) Philip Naylor.

## Secret Nature Workshops on Worsaw Hill

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 10am 'till 2pm.

Choose from a mixed media art workshop with Keith Parkinson from Atelier Arts or a wildflower identification workshop, centring on the limestone flowers of Worsaw Hill. Suitable for adults and accompanied children of 14 and over. Early booking recommended. Email [pendlehill.jp@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:pendlehill.jp@lancashire.gov.uk).

## Four legs good, two legs bad?

With lambing season continuing, please could our resident and visiting dogs make sure their humans are under control and at the end of a short lead when in surrounding fields. Also, when a 'call of nature' arises, ensure that Dog's Best Friend complies with the law to make sure all little presents are bagged and binned.



## BOWLAND AONB

### Meadow Discovery Day in Slaidburn

National Meadows Day takes place on the first Saturday of July. This annual event aims to celebrate meadows and grasslands in all their glory: from wildflowers and mini-beasts to crafts and traditional farming practices.

Healthy meadows can be home to scores of wildflower species, which in turn support a whole host of insects, including essential pollinators like bees and butterflies. Unfortunately, the number of traditional wildflower meadows across the country has decreased dramatically since the middle of the 20th century and now very few remain.

Although Bowland too has lost much of its meadow-species diversity, happily there are pockets where these important habitats still survive and the sight of yellow rattle, eye bright and meadow crane's-bill, harebell, great burnet and meadow sweet create a fantastically colourful scene during the summer. Bell Sykes Farm in Slaidburn - Lancashire's Coronation Meadow - will be welcoming visitors for this year's National Meadows Day celebrations on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Between 10am and 4pm visitors can see traditional hay making techniques, watch woodcraft and spinning demonstrations, learn about the traditional uses of meadow plants and take a (pre-bookable) guided walk amongst the species-rich meadows on the farm.

Visitors are asked to park in the pay and display car park in the village and follow the signed path to the farm. (Parking at the farm itself is available for people with mobility problems.) For more information about the day contact Sarah Robinson on [01200 448000](tel:01200448000) or email [sarah.robinson@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.robinson@lancashire.gov.uk)

## CMV FOLK WEEKEND

*Linda Ennis writes:*

"A huge thank you to all involved in our CMV charity weekend, all who volunteered and residents who opened up their homes to accommodate artists and anyone who purchased tickets, donated and sponsored individual artists. We had fabulous weather. We raised awareness of cytomegalovirus and the charity CMV Action UK, raised £1000 for Jack's JustGiving page and £1550 to donate to charities involved as well as having a lovely weekend with some amazing musicians and coming together as a community to support each other and make new friends. We had a special visit from our newly installed High Sheriff of Lancashire, Ralph C. Assheton, dressed in all his velvet ceremonial outfit who presented the £1000 raised to Clint and Danielle Waddington, the parents of 2 year old Jack (Bubba), they hope to create a sensory room for Jack which will give him pleasure while stimulating him to progress physically and neurologically. Clint and Danielle are extremely grateful and touched by the generosity and kindness of everyone who gave of funds and involved in the weekend's activities. I would also like to thank DVH committee for their support and direction, I have learnt a great deal about being involved in creating an event like this for charity and hope to use these skills again in the future".

### Whitsuntide Hymns on Hare Green

**3pm Sunday 9th June**  
Featuring  
**Barnoldswick Brass Band**

Everyone very welcome

## COFFEE CLUB

Despite feeling chilly we had a really good turnout in May. The saying "Ne'er cast a clout 'till May is out" still holds good, although we were blessed with a beautiful Easter, so what do I know!

The tables, decorated with yellow roses, looked lovely as usual, thanks to the magic fingers of Frances and our guest bakers provided us with an array of delicious cakes as usual, thank you ladies. For those who don't know, Betty is in a care home and I've sent a card with love and good wishes, from her friends at coffee club. She is a lovely lady and founder member and we all miss her. Our next meeting is on June 14th at 10 am, hope to see you there.

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## GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club vacated the Village Hall this month to visit the Assheton Arms as the Hall was being used for voting.



Phil Dunnet from Ribblesdale Garden Centre gave us a very interesting talk on Herbs under quite difficult circumstances. His knowledge of plants is quite astounding, they come to life, so to speak, as he is talking about them.

A lovely evening was had by all and I have no doubt that many a meal will be enhanced by all the herbs that were bought at the meeting. Our many thanks must go to the Assheton Arms for allowing us to hold our meeting there and also to Phil for sharing his knowledge with us.

The next time we meet will be June 6th at 7.00pm, outside Greendale for the Chairman's Walk.

The month of May has been a busy time for the Downham WI.



First, came Members' Night when we voted for both resolutions put forward by the NFWI: Don't Fear the Smear and A Call on the decline of local buses - particularly relevant in our case. Then we were shown the beginnings of the Centenary Wall Hanging and issued with a leaf on which we are to embroider for next year - the suspense of the final outcome is quite thrilling. The hard work then began when members set to with various ideas to put our own resolutions together ready to submit to the NFWI in our Centenary year, 2020. These ranged from a call on all public toilet seats to be made suitable for all including disabled. That those without access to the internet should not be discriminated against financially or lose their independence to manage their affairs themselves and thirdly, applications for benefits need not be delayed. The next step will be to vote for one of these.

On Friday evening of 24<sup>th</sup> May, Downham WI held a Quiz Night. Member, Susan Whitaker delivered a set of questions suitable for all but sufficiently challenging for the adept. The mood was calm, the tension steadily escalated as the scores were close, ½ a point in it for some. The winners were a team from Stonyhurst College, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to a Downham WI team made up of Barbara Lewis, Carole Ashworth, Philippa McFall and Sharron Dobson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to a team from Simonstone WI (not often beaten!). The raffle was tremendous and all monies will go to the Downham WI Centenary Fund. The Centenary Committee are planning events of interest to all in 2020, including an exhibition of all the Downham WI archives and photographs going back to 1920. Thank you to everyone who contributed by helping, funding or by donating a gift for the raffle.

The next meeting is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June when Heather Wilson speaks on 'Mad Hatters and Maharajas' The competition is favourite head gear. As ever, all visitors and new members are welcome. AW CA