

PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

newsletter

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Morning
Service on 11th
is at 10.45 am

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From The Revd Anne Hardacre

IT TAKES ONE



THIS month will be dominated by events to celebrate the end of the First World War. 'The war to end all wars', they said and yet 21 years later we were fighting again and there are still wars going on in different parts of the world. There always have been wars and there always will be until Jesus comes again. We all long for peace and many of us pray for peace; but we feel powerless to stop them.

But what about the smaller fights and arguments we are involved in - within our families, places of work, schools and even our churches. We can so easily write them off as unimportant. But these do matter and do affect us. When I've had an argument with someone, even if I am sure I am in the right, it plays on my mind and is 'there' whatever else I am doing and it affects my work. For some people it is worse and can affect their sleeping and eating and even bring on an illness.

These are 'wars' we can stop. It takes two to start an argument or a fight, but only one to stop it. Dare we be the one to make the first move towards reconciliation? Have we the humility to apologise and the grace to forgive? Can we respect the other person's viewpoint without compromising our own and agree to differ?

There are times when we do all we can to sort thing out, but the other person is not prepared to. What do we do then? I've found this verse from the Bible very helpful: 'If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.' (Romans 12v18). This verse recognises it is not always possible to live at peace. ('So far as it depends on you') - We have to do what we can, but can do no more. If the other person is not prepared to respond we can do no more and we must not feel guilty about it. But we must do what we can to live in peace.

As we reflect on the horrors of War and give thanks for those who gave their lives for us, may we do all we can to live in peace with one another and pray for peace in the World.

Yours in Christ,

Anne

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES

	September	2018
COMMUNICANTS	49	364
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	266	3,215
VISITORS	61	574
DONATIONS	233	7,115
HOUSE BOXES	-	65
SPECIAL	15	4,962
TOTAL	575	15,931

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Bob Swarbrick, Kath Swarbrick, Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown,
Harry Brown and others who are unwell.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

5th October Richard Tokeley and Anastasia Jayne Bell

DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

BRIAN Jeffery's presentation on the Battle of Read Bridge and Whalley in 1643 was very well received on Monday 22nd October. Brian romped through the major historical events leading up to the battle, tying them in with our national history. He began with the Dane Law in 1042, moved on through the conquest in 1066, the arrival of the monks at Whalley Abbey in the thirteenth century and the ensuing agricultural revolution, the English Reformation under Henry VIII, the dissolution of the monasteries and the subsequent land grab, right up to the first of the Civil Wars in 1639-40.

Using innumerable sources and images to help tell the tale, Brian brought history to life. In 1643 the Royalist Lord Derby arrived from Preston with 4000 men. Seizing the weapons stored there, he camped at Whalley Abbey, but was defeated at Read Bridge (not the current one) by the Parliamentarians under Colonel Shuttleworth of Gawthorpe, with just 150 troopers and 500 footmen of Pendle folk. The latter, mainly agricultural labourers, intent on keeping their land, used guerrilla tactics to ambush the Royalists in a narrow lane. They then chased them as far as Ribchester, brandishing scythes and sickles. Richard Nowell signed the surrender papers for Lord Derby and Roger Nowell retained his estate at Read Hall. jp

Our next meeting on Monday, **3rd December** at 7.30 pm will be a talk, by Janet Swan on **Ethel Carnie Houldsworth** a working-class writer, feminist, and socialist activist from Great Harwood. As a young woman she was a poet, journalist (writing for the *Woman Worker* in London), children's writer and author. She published at least ten novels during her lifetime and her work is significant not just locally but also nationally, as she is the first working class woman in Britain to be published.



1918 – 2018

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD [SAMARITANS PURSE] SHOE BOX 2018

ONCE again it is time to start to look out for small gifts to fill a shoe box with a selection of toys, school supplies, soap, toothpaste & other hygiene items, sweets hat, gloves etc. There are leaflets at the back of church or you can get more information on www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ

Please bring your filled shoebox back to church so that Anne or Derek can pick it up by Sunday 18th November at the very latest. If you need us to pick shoe boxes up or you need more information ring **01200 429341**



ROUND AND ABOUT

THE PARISH CHURCH



THERE BUT NOT THERE

— COMMEMORATE. EDUCATE. HEAL —

OUR service of remembrance with The Royal British Legion banners starting with a parade from the assembly point near the Assheton Arms, takes place at 10.45 am on Sunday, 11th November. The service, as ever starts ahead of our usual time at 10.45 am. so that we are in place for the silence precisely on time at 11.00. The officiating Minister will be the Revd John Ball. AF

CONCERT

THE PCC has cancelled the Brass Band Concert at originally scheduled for 7.30 pm on Friday, 9th November. There are a great many other events, some similar, taking place at about that time, and ticket sales were extremely low. BL

St Leonard tidy up

THIS will be at 10.00 am for an hour or two on the Saturday before St Leonard's Day—which is on 8th November. So see you on 3rd Gardening boots and tools or the vacuum cleaner and dusters if wet. RCA

FOUND

IF anyone is mourning a bright red plastic cake tin, one was left at the Hall after Open Gardens Call Olivia on 441210 to reclaim. OA



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

THE day of the Macmillan Coffee morning dawned bright with sunshine. The cake table was positively groaning, for a short time anyway! The bunting was flying all around the village hall, all the stalls were set up and we were ready for the off.

Jason's special filter coffee's were a big hit along with the usual coffee and tea. The raffle stall was continuously busy along with the games of guessing the weight of the cake and pin the cherry on the cake. The book stall also did well.

I think it is safe to say everyone had a lovely morning. Our many thanks go to all who provided the beautiful cakes, the wonderful raffle prizes, and everyone who made this morning very special. A total of £465 was raised! Thanks to everyone. CA



DVH

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

THE Village Hall Management Committee continue to grapple with large maintenance items in particular the incursion of wet in the older building. A DIY working party is tackling this under the lead of Jason Addy.

Arrangements for our usually very successful Bonfire are finalised and ticket sales going very well. The gates and Village Hall will be open from 5.30 pm and the bonfire will be lit at 6.30 pm on 5th. The evening includes a hot supper.

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

COFFEE CLUB,



ONCE again it was a lovely morning for our coffee club meeting and even though it was a little short of people, due to holidays and hospital appointments etc, the consumption of the cakes was a joy to behold. The cakes that were not eaten or sent out into the community, were sold helping the coffers.

Our thanks must once again go out to the bakers Barbara, Carole, Frances and Molly. Also Frances for the beautiful flowers. I also have to report that two of our members skived off this month - Brian and Barbara were not present because they were welcoming their Son Gareth home for a short visit from Australia. What a weak excuse!

Hope to see you all again next month. CA

GARDEN CLUB



IT was a very unusual garden club this month. I had asked the members to come and join the committee, bringing their brain with them, for a brainstorming session. Luckily about a dozen people kindly obliged and together with tea and cakes we sorted out next year's show and shared quite a bit of laughter along the way. Thank you all for coming, you were a great help.

Our next speakers on November 1st are Stuart and Anita Kellington with a film show of The Gardens of The South. They are wonderful speakers so why not come and join us for the evening.? CA

And advance warning for the December meeting—this is on Thursday 6th and will be the Christmas Social evening with a three course meal. It will take place at the Village Hall. Any enquiries to Carole please.



Downham WI held there Annual General Meeting this month and elections were duly held. Firstly, Annual reports were given by the Secretary, Anya Wallace, who remains in post; followed by Treasurer, Diane Poole. Finally, President Andrea Kay gave her address, reminiscing over the past 12 years that she has been on the committee and saying why she was now retiring from that post. Andrea expressed grateful thanks to the committee and, in particular to Helen Addy, her Vice President, who is also stepping down, and to members for making her time so enjoyable. She looks forward to the coming months, having laid the foundations, the lead-up to the Centenary celebrations in 2020. Kathryn Ball gave a vote of thanks



and, along with Dawn Parker, joins the committee. Diane Poole was voted in as the new President.

After the proceedings, the committee provided the refreshments but there was a surprise birthday cake for Rosemary Norgrove, baked by her cousin, Marion Courtney. Sharron & Edna are looking on as Rosemary cuts the delicious pavlova.

Next Month on 15th We have speaker Fiona Smithies her topic Curiosity Corner and the competition A Bygone Utensil. KB

CHATBURN REMEMBERS

10th NOVEMBER

from 10.00 am

Christ Church

An exhibition to mark the centenary of the end of WWI



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER CONCERT

LED BY

BARNOLDSWICK

BRASS BAND

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9th

7.30 PM

ST LEONARDS CHURCH
DOWNHAM

TICKETS £10

INCLUDING

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CONCERT CANCELLED



BUT NOT THERE

MEMORATE EDUCATE HEAL

Slaidburn Archive

Is having a special event for the Festival of Remembrance at the village hall on Saturday 10th November It is described as a drop in event to remember the men of Hodder Valley who serve in WWI

As well as an exhibition of photographs and letters and other memorabilia there is to be a book launch "In love, in Gratitude and in Remembrance" and a speaker at 11.30, 1.30 and 2.30



STAGE TWO DOWNHAM
presents

THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON

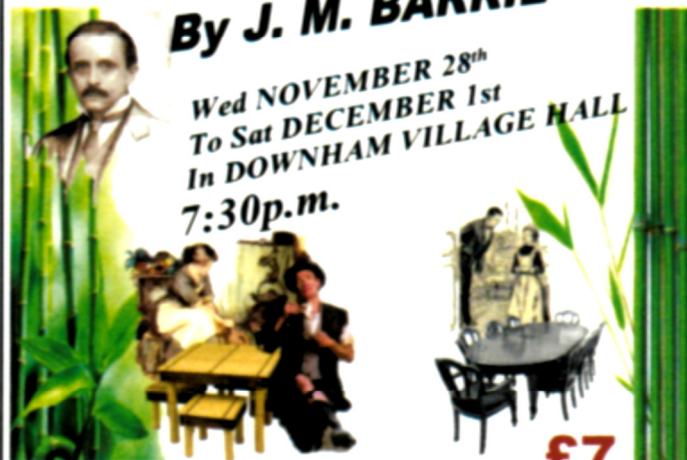
By J. M. BARRIE

Wed NOVEMBER 28th

To Sat DECEMBER 1st

In DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

7:30p.m.



£7

Tickets available from

stage2playinfo@gmail.com

Ticket Hotline 07845 926295

Tourist Information 01200 425566

Book a meal deal at the Assheton Arms.

Meal plus ticket £22

Tel. 01200 441227 to book a table

SPECTATOR

I'M SURE that by now, most people will have heard that my lovely mother-in-law Mrs Jean Whitsey, has moved from Downham to the Manor House in Chatburn. Mum moved from Twiston to Downham 23 yrs ago and we moved here two months later.....oh what a wonderful 23 yrs we have had.

As we lived in such a beautiful place, my family and friends have been regular weekend visitors, in fact they came here so much that I asked Jon if I could buy a guest book that I had seen in WHS. "Don't be daft, no" he said....So I bought one!

I have two of them now and they are so funny to read through. When people first came to stay we were young and healthy, liked good food and wine, and regularly staggered to bed in the early hours. By the second book, we can barely keep our eyes open till 10pm and make it up any stairs which don't have a grab rail! Friends and family still come now that we are decrepit to help us, together with neighbours, do the jobs we struggle with

Downham is like no other place that I know of. The help that we receive from neighbours is phenomenal and it means that some of us can stay independently in our own homes for longer. Mum received a lot of help and support and we as a family would like to take this opportunity to thank very much all of those who contributed.

Clearing the bungalow has been an epic job and Jerry got special responsibility for the attic, with a warning to watch out for grannies plait. Granny was born around 1899 and had her hair cut when she was a young girl. I'm not sure how it got from there to the attic but Jerry found it and on one of her many many trips to the recycling centre, Rachel was emptying a box when out popped the plait and Rachel noticed a lady near her staring so she apologised quickly.

The lady explained that her daughter sent hair away to be made into wigs for children with cancer and when Rachel offered it to her, she took it happily! I wonder what granny would have thought. Well, as the moody blues sang..... isn't life strange!!!

BONFIRE !!

**BONFIRE AND
FIREWORK DISPLAY**

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL
and CAR PARK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5th at 6.30pm
DOORS OPEN FROM 5.30

Tickets £5
INCLUDING HOT SUPPER
UNDER 14s FREE
ANYONE WELCOME
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON
01200440925
and
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PARISH CALENDAR 2018

NOVEMBER		Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Gardens of the South—S&A Kellington</i>
<i>All Saints Day</i>					
3rd	Saturday	10.00 am	St Leonard's tide	Tidy up	Church and Church Yard
4th	4th Sunday before Advent	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Lord & Lady Clitheroe Mr & Mrs P. Eldridge
5th	Monday	5.30 pm	Bonfire	VH and Car Park	
		7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Christ Church Chatburn</i>	
8th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall	
11th	Remembrance Day	10.45 am	Matins Revd John Ball	Mrs B. Lewis	Mr T Mclean Mrs A Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
14th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall	
15th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Fiona Smitthies Curiosity Corner</i>
18th	2nd Sunday before adVent	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Wallace	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
19th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Chatburn Methodist Church</i>	
			PCC	Church	
25th	Christ the King	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr A. Harris	Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell
28th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	
December					
2nd	Advent Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace
3rd	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Life of Ethel Carnie Houldsworth</i>
6th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Christmas Party</i>

OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd Andy Froud

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The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall - 441484 Mr Ian Walton—445063

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667

Hon. Secretary Mrs Clare Ashworth—445112