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St Peter's and St Thomas' Parish News

There is now a new committee for the production of the Parish News made up of the following people:

Rev Canon John Hancock, Jane Cushnie, Mary Davidson, Linda Baverstock, plus AN Other.

From June onwards, please submit any news, articles and notices to the Parish News committee by the 15th of the month to the following:

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WHAT WE OWE TO WESLEY

The end of last year saw the publication of a book by Roy Hattersley, the well-known politician, with the startling title 'A brand from the burning.' Far from an exercise in inflammatory politics, however, this referred to a six-year-old boy who was the last member of a very large family to be rescued from a destructive fire at their home — the rectory at Epworth in Lincolnshire. The boy was John Wesley whose mother, borrowing a phrase from the Old Testament, repeatedly insisted that her son was "a brand plucked from the burning" and believed that a special destiny awaited him — as indeed it did!

Wesley had been born in 1703 on 17 June and lived to the great age of 87 in 1791. An earlier book on his life and the years that followed has the title 'England before and after Wesley' - which in itself speaks volumes for his achievements which were of national proportions and wider, for he was to become the leading and most famous figure in a spiritual movement generally known as the Evangelical Revival, which changed the face of England and reached as far as the United States.

It gave birth to Methodism which started as a Society within the Church of England, of which John Wesley and his brother Charles, the great hymn-writer, were lifelong ministers. Their aim was not to compete with the ministry of the Church but to supplement it in areas where it was weak or lacking, especially the ministry of church members in addition to that of the ordained clergy, not a few of whom were absentees from their parishes in a corrupt and complacent age. An outstanding feature of this ministry was the local 'class meeting' for fellowship, instruction, learning and sharing — probably not unlike the informal house meetings and home groups which are commonplace in the agenda of many churches today. Another distinctive feature was preaching in the open air, often to crowds in the fields early in the day before work began.

Reactions to Wesley's initiatives were mixed — hostile in the early years and often violent, unacceptable to many clergy who felt threatened but welcomed by others who shared his convictions and were missionary-hearted. A bishop who protested at Wesley's preaching in the parishes of his diocese and in disregard of unfriendly clergy was told memorably — "The world is my parish!" ... and so it seemed.

Following an abortive missionary visit to Georgia in America, Wesley through 53 years became a tireless traveller on horseback throughout the United Kingdom where his journeys are reckoned to have totalled a distance equal to nine times round the world — in the course of which he preached on more than 45,000 occasions, as well as writing 233 books and pamphlets.

WHAT WE OWE TO WESLEY cont...

His travels were a vital and distinctive feature of his ministry and essential to the promotion and spread of a Christian revival of nation-wide implications — a revival which inspired William Wilberforce's 50-year campaign for the abolition of slavery and the Slave-trade, as well as that of Lord Shaftesbury, the 'poor man's earl,' for the restriction of sweated labour and child labour in factories and chimney-sweeping as well as many other needy causes. The initiatives of others resulted in prison reform, the founding of the Salvation Army, the YMCA, Dr Barnardo's Homes and much else during the nineteenth century — but their inspiration and motivation had been kindled earlier in the previous century, and on that day when Wesley's heart had been "strangely warmed" ... when he "trusted Christ alone for salvation" and had received an inner assurance "that Christ had taken away my sins, even mine!"

It is this confident assurance that still makes the difference in the lives of believing Christians of every age and generation.

'Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for Thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire
And still stir up thy gift in me'

Charles Wesley

Heversham Village Children's Sports Day will take place this year on Saturday, 21 June 2003 on Dallam School sports field, Heversham. The event will commence with the judging of the children's fancy dress competition at 1.30 pm and will be followed by the traditional sports.

The afternoon is for the enjoyment of all children up to the age of 15 years who live within the Parish boundary, children who attend or have attended the village school and their siblings.

Contributions of cakes, biscuits or tray bakes for the refreshment stall or offers to help with the sports would be much appreciated.

The Committee extend a warm welcome to all the spectators at this annual event. If you need further information, please contact:

Christine Gibson on 015395 62231

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Milnthorpe and District Branch, is holding a Coffee Morning at the Storth Village Hall

**10.00 am — noon,
Saturday 14 June.**

The Committee would appreciate gifts of cakes, plants, bric-a-brac or raffle prizes. These may be brought on the day or arrangements can be made with Joan Bailey (015395 62690).

Coffee Time @ The Old School

Takes place on the 3rd Tuesday every month.
It is an Invitation to call in for coffee and biscuits at
The Old School,
next to St Peter's Church, Heversham
Any time between 9.00 am — 11.00 am

Tuesday 20 May, 17 June and 15 July (not in August)

Traidcraft Stall selling Fairtrade food and gifts

All Welcome

Toys/activity table for pre-school children
The Event is run by The Coffee Time Team
Proceeds from coffee will go towards renovations at



The Old School

HEVERSHAM AND BEETHAM OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

ALL WELCOME!

SAT 28 and Sun 29 June 2-6 pm
In aid of Heversham and Beetham Churches.
Tickets (£2.50 or £4.00 joint) and maps from Heversham Post Office,
Anne Robinson (63191) or Audrey Wynne (63244)
Cream Teas at Plumtree Hall and Brocco Bank
Heversham Parking in Athenaeum or Dallam School Park.

(Contact us to offer plants, home produce and cakes for sale or other help)

MILNTHORPE-WITH-HEVERSHAM MOTHERS' UNION

At the May meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham MU the service was led by Gwen Tuer, with readings by Dorothy Hornby. Donations were requested for Rena Blight, the retiring DPM. The June meeting on Wednesday, 11 June will be the closing Communion Service at St Peter's Church, Heversham, for which items of food would be welcome. Cars will leave the Square at 1.30 pm. Pat Radcliffe, gave a talk called "An Amateur's Wild Flowers Through the Year".

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are on:

Monday 2 June at 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Chris and Elizabeth Bennett's home, Bridge House, Woodhouse.

Monday 7 July at 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Sylvia Read's home, Honeysuckle Cottage, Beetham.

Please come along and find out more about the worldwide church.

Hope Africa The "ILITHA" Lent Project

Our Lent project this year was in support of "ILITHA", an organisation working in the settlements in the Anglican Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa.

Thank you to all of you who supported the project, in prayer and in giving. A wonderful total of **£506.00** was given which will be used to provide educational materials, furniture, food, clothing and perhaps a better building for the benefit of the many children who are being cared for.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide Week of Prayer for North Korea 23 — 29 June

CSW has called for a week of prayer for the suffering church in North Korea, a country with a President and a regime responsible for committing awful atrocities against Christian men, women and children. Please look out for information in church and lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer that week.

The South American Mission Society Day in Bolton

Armchair travels with a difference. We went to Montevideo in Uruguay with a young couple who had worked there for 13 years. We heard how their church took on a community road sweeping project as well as running a hostel for the homeless, which in turn led to a new vibrancy and relevance in the community and church growth. We were taken on a visit to Peru to see churches in the shantytowns of Lima and an interesting update on the duck and cooking projects (Lent Projects of a few years back). Next stop Ecuador where we heard about a family who are acting as houseparents for 4 children orphaned by Aids. We heard about a planned trip by one church in Ormskirk to Chile to help our link missionary partner Terry Barratt re-build a church.

The six of us who went all found it an excellent day and we are encouraged to share and pray more for South America as well as challenging us in our commitment to the work here in Milnthorpe and Heversham.

Miraculous Fish Party — Saturday 10 May — at The Athenaeum

Following the success of the Noah's Ark Party in 2002, the same team of parents put together another party — a Miraculous Fish Party for children aged 0-4 with their families, who live in the Parish of St Peter, Heversham.

Sparkly fish were made on arrival and songs and games followed, with a Jacob's Join lunch.

Many thanks to the Organisers: Louise Budd, Jane Cushnie, Angie Clare and Elizabeth Fawcett and everyone who came.

Upcoming

A holiday "Fun Day" will be held for 5 – 11 year olds in Heversham in the last week of August. Details to follow.

Traidcraft — Autumn 2003 Preview Event

The Craft Aid Shop at St Thomas', Lancaster, hosted the Autumn Preview Event for the region on 15 May. New products for the next catalogue were displayed.

Traidcraft was established in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty and helps small producers in the developing world engage in international trade.

For more information look at www.traidcraft.co.uk.

AGM MFC = J + OOSC + CDC/IT

You are very welcome to join us for a glass of wine at the AGM for The Milnthorpe Family Centre — which includes Joey's Childcare, The Out of School Club and The Community Development Centre and IT Suite. There will be reports of the last year's progress and ideas to develop this great facility within our community.

ST THOMAS PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

International Tenor Welcomed

On 3 May, we were privileged to welcome Wynford Evans, international tenor at St Thomas' Church. He had been invited by our own choirmaster and organist Glyn Hopkins, who had taught him music at school. The weekend, celebrating more than 50 years of music making, was the very first Arnside and Milnthorpe Music Festival, and began with two master classes at St Thomas Church. On Monday 5 May, Mr Evans gave a concert entitled "The Musical World of Wynford Evans", also at St Thomas' Church, with Mr Hopkins as accompanist on the piano.

The Music Festival was sponsored by the Williams School of Church Music.

Allotment Association's Coffee Morning

Milnthorpe and District Allotment Association held a coffee morning at the Memorial Hall, which raised £300 towards funds, and the Annual Show, held on 6th September.

First Responders for The Parish

Public meetings were held on 29 April and 20 May with regard to the setting up of a 'First Responders' group in association with Cumbria Ambulance service for Milnthorpe and Heversham. First responders are trained to attend certain 999 calls by Cumbria Ambulance Service and provide emergency first aid until arrival of an ambulance. This is very often for patients suffering a heart attack so early attendance is vital. There were several volunteers at the meeting including Pat Barnes, Chris Thornton and Dave Bowers. Further volunteers are needed and further public meetings will be held.

Residents Meeting

Chairman Malcolm Alston welcomed 24 people to a meeting of Milnthorpe Residents Association. Major items on the agenda were as follows: Council financed plans are to be drawn up for a new entrance for buses through a school site to Dallam School. Work has now commenced on the long awaited car park for residents of Kirkhead. It was stated that the public toilets were to be kept open in the Square. Regarding the proposed South Lakeland Gateway, SLDC and CC will have first to make any decisions. A public meeting may be arranged.

Christian Aid Week

Coffee morning collections raised £101.00 at the Methodist schoolroom and £95.00 at St Thomas'.

Senior Citizens enjoy a treat

Over 80 senior citizens of Milnthorpe attended the annual Senior Citizens Party held at the Memorial Hall. All enjoyed a delicious high tea prepared by the Treat Committee and a free drink (courtesy of Dallam Tower). Milnthorpe Primary School Steel Band, John Alexander and Maurice O'Laughlan entertained. The Committee and the Senior Citizens thank all who donated or helped in any way with this lovely event.

St Thomas' Commissioning of Sidepersons

On Sunday 11 May a special service was held for all who help in any way with the Sunday Services and for those who clean the church, arrange the flowers and help with serving coffee. Particular emphasis was given to the role of sidepersons and the vicar read out their traditional duties in ecclesiastical law: they should 'promote the cause of true religion in the Parish and assist the Churchwardens in the discharge of their duties in maintaining order and decency in the church and churchyard and especially during the time of divine service.' Nowadays the most important duty is that of giving a warm welcome to each member of the congregation. All those present who contribute so much were asked to dedicate themselves anew.

Visually Impaired Advice Centre Visit to Milnthorpe

The 'bus will visit Milnthorpe on 23 June 2.00 pm — 4.00 pm parking opposite Spar. Please pass this news on to any visually impaired friends. It has information on services and an opportunity to try out the latest aids and equipment. Further information: 020 7635 4800.

July/August Magazine

As of this month Mrs Pickthall is no longer editing the parish magazine. New arrangements are on the inside front cover. July and August issue is always a combined one so please submit **all** your notices for the summer by 15 June to the new committee.

Apology

The Parish News is exceptionally full this month so we have had to edit heavily and have given preference to our own parish announcements and upcoming events over retrospective reports. We hope disappointed contributors will understand.

PARISH CALENDAR

Regular Weekday Services

Tuesdays: Holy Communion 10.00 am at Heversham
Informal Prayer Gathering 1.00 pm at Milnthorpe

Saturdays: Informal Prayer Gathering 7.45 am at Heversham

For Bell Ringing information call J Thorley 62076

JUNE

1st Sunday after Ascension Day

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Parish Communion with Confirmation	10.00 am at Milnthorpe
	United Sung Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham
3rd	Holy Communion	10.45 am at Plumtree and also at Heversham House
5th	Holy Communion	11.00 am at Croftside
6th	College of Canons	10.00 am at the Cathedral
7th	Diocesan Pentecost Family Day at Keswick	(see posters)

8th Pentecost

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Praise and Worship	6.30 pm at Heversham
9th	Training Incumbents Meeting	12.00 noon at Broughton
11th	Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter	9.30 am at St Thomas', Kendal
	Mothers' Union Service	2.00 pm at Heversham
	Milnthorpe PCC	7.30 pm

15th Trinity Sunday

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Parish Communion with Holy Baptism	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe

22nd Trinity 1

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
Morning Prayer	9.00 am at Hincaster
Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe

29th Trinity 2

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Holy Communion	1.45 pm at Westmorland General Hospital (note change of date)

JULY

1st	Kendal Deanery Synod	7.30 pm at St Thomas', Kendal
2nd	Archdeaconry Parsonages Board	10.00 am

6th Trinity 3

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
Family Service with Holy Baptism	9.30 am at Heversham
Family Service	11.00 am at Milnthorpe

13th Trinity 4

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Songs of Praise	6.30 pm on the Green at Milnthorpe