

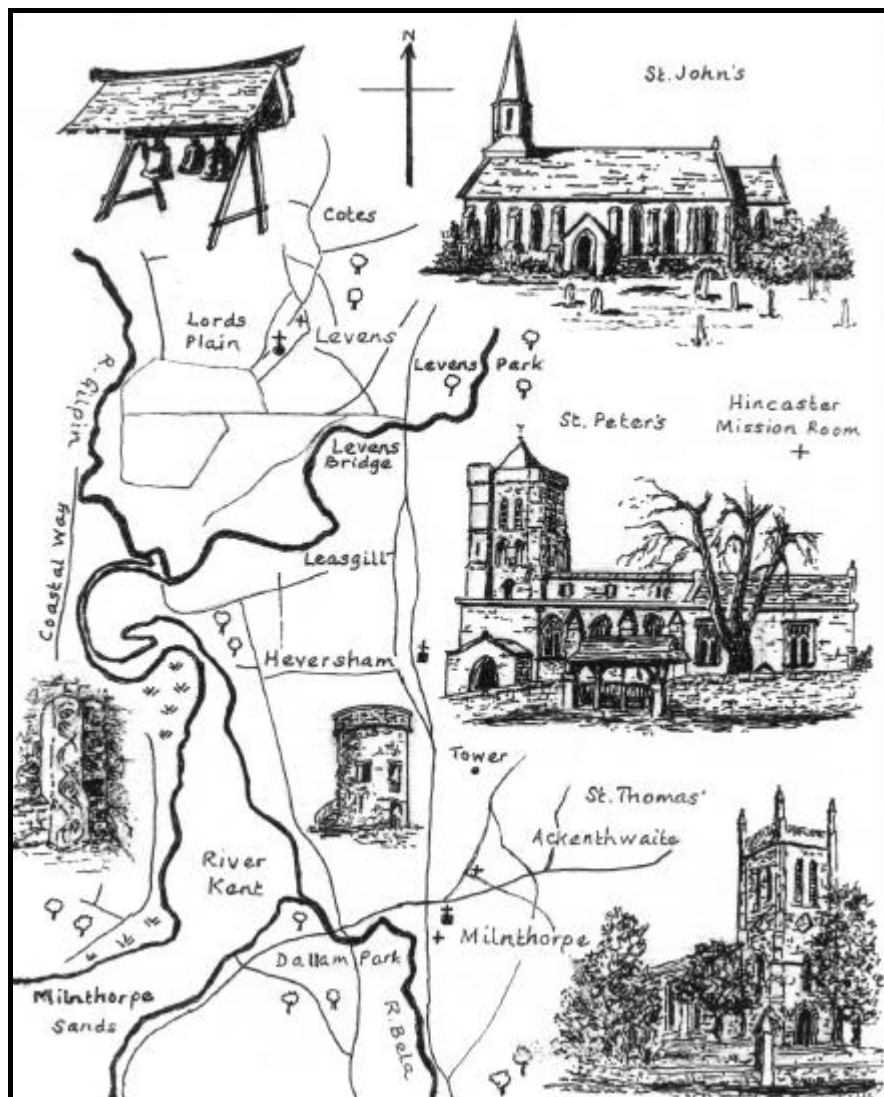
# PARISH NEWS



of Saint Peter's Church, Heversham  
Saint John's Church, Levens and  
Saint Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe

April 2005

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# The Ministry Team - Who's Who

## Vicar

The Revd Canon John Hancock (Tel: 015395 63125)

## Assistant Curate (NSM)

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## Assistant Clergy

The Ven Peter Dawson

The Revd Bob Wilkinson

The Rev Canon Tom Thompson

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Mr Chris Bennett, Mrs Elizabeth Bennett, Mr Roger Bingham,  
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Mrs Mary Orr

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## St Thomas' Milnthorpe

## St John's Levens

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To be advised

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Levens Institute  
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Not applicable

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**A letter from the Vicar, The Revd Canon John Hancock**

**The Vicarage, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham, Milnthorpe .  
Tel: 015395 63125**

My Dear Friends,

Just a few days after Easter we come to All Fools Day. It causes great amusement among the young of all ages - so long as someone else is the 'fool'. It comes at a time when we are celebrating Jesus' rising from the dead - something the women who followed Jesus announced but which the men dismissed as nonsense. The men were not going to be taken in and be fools. Yet a few years later St. Paul picked up this word 'fools' and said that the followers of Jesus should be prepared to be 'fools for Christ'. This did not mean that they were believing nonsense but that they must be prepared to suffer ridicule, even martyrdom, for their conviction that it was true that Jesus was alive, risen from the dead.

Jesus' rising again is no trick, illusion or invention - it is a fact. What is amazing is that many will accept as fact other things which are based on far less evidence and far fewer witnesses. But these other things do not carry the same 'ridicule factor'. A considerable number of people witnessed the Risen Jesus among them - the women, the disciples (eventually) and many others including on one occasion over five hundred followers (see 1 Corinthians 15: 6). These are facts that we cannot ignore. The problem that many have is that Jesus, his death and resurrection, like his teaching and deeds, are so divisive. People like everything levelled down to a common acceptable level where no offence is caused and no challenge is issued. Not long ago a vicar was threatened by his local council with legal action under Race Relations legislation because there was a poster outside his church which read 'Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except by me'. It was alleged to be offensive to non-Christians. But isn't that the point? St. Paul said just that - the Gospel (Good News) was foolishness, a stumbling block and an offence. The danger today is that the Church tries to make the Gospel so palatable that it ceases to have any cutting edge, so acceptable that it is not worth receiving and so inoffensive that no one is disturbed.

We have a Gospel to proclaim in a society which is increasingly indifferent and resistant to it. We may risk being April Fools for twelve hours but the challenge to us all is that we should proclaim the truth about Jesus, crucified and risen, and joyfully run the risk of being thought fools - Fools for Christ for life.

The Risen Jesus wants to meet with each one of us. What about our meeting him?

With every blessing from one fool to . . . .! (You fill in the gap!)

Yours in his service,



# PARISH CALENDAR

## Regular Services

Tuesdays:	Holy Communion	10.00 am	at Heversham
	Healing Prayer Ministry	10.35 - 11.45 am	at Heversham
	Informal Prayer Gathering	1.00 pm	at Milnthorpe
Saturdays:	Informal Prayer Gathering	7.45 am	at Heversham

## April

### 3rd The Second Sunday of Easter

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Service with Baptism	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Levens
	United Sung Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham
4th	WOW Meeting	7 for 7.30 pm
5th	Holy Communion at both Plumtree and Heversham House	10.45 am
6th	St Thomas' Open PCC, Vestry and Annual Church Meeting	7.45 pm in Church Centre

### 10th Third Sunday of Easter

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	<u>United Parish Communion</u>	<u>11.00 am at Levens</u>
	Praise and Worship	6.30 pm at Heversham
11th	Joint Milnthorpe/Heversham PCC Meeting	7.30 pm at Milnthorpe
12th	Home Communion	11.15 am
	Levens Resumed Vestry Meeting	7.30 pm in the Institute

### 17th Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

### 24th Fifth Sunday of Easter

	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
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Levens

## May

### 1st Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	<u>United Rogation Service</u>	10.00 am (see page 5)
	<u>at Heaves Farm, Levens</u>	
	by kind invitation of Roger and Carole Mason	
	United Sung Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham



At St Thomas' Church  
give yourself a break  
on Sunday Morning -  
Bring your children  
to Sunday Circle 10.45  
am - 12.15 pm

Stay if you want to or leave them-  
but don't forget to pick them up at 12.15!

Children aged 3 to 10 years welcome

FUN...story, painting, writing, craft work, singing  
(painting aprons provided)

Learn about the Christian Faith through play.

There is no set charge but there will be an opportunity for  
donations, please support your Parish Church

Any questions please telephone Margaret Barrow 64134

*Easter is the  
end of darkness,  
The coming  
into light.*



Fairtrade Food and  
Gifts Stall

1<sup>st</sup> Friday in the month  
at St Thomas' Coffee Mornings



## United Service for Rogation Sunday

Sunday 1st May at 10 am

at Heaves Farm, Levens

by kind invitation of Roger & Carol Mason

Directions-A590 to the Heaves Hotel.  
Turn left and proceed up the hill for 3/4s  
mile and Heaves Farm is on your left.

ALL WELCOME

Some chairs there but bring a chair if you can

**Wednesday 6th April  
St Thomas' Open PCC,  
Vestry & Annual Church  
Meetings  
in the Church Centre 7.45 pm**

### Levens Methodist Church Sunday Services 10.30 am

3rd April	Mr Brian Gray
10th April	Mr Edwin Holwell
17th April	Holy Communion - Revd Bill Seville
24th April	Dr Donald Spivey

### Milnthorpe Methodist Church April Sunday Services 10.30 am

3rd April	Revd Bill Seville
10th April	Revd Howard Shapland
17th April	Mr Richard Pater
24th April	Mrs Susan Hilton

**Catholic Churches:** Father Dan Darragon Tel: 62387  
**Christ the King, Milnthorpe & Our Lady of Lourdes, Arnside**

Mass Times:	Saturday	5.30 pm Milnthorpe
	Sunday	9.00 am Milnthorpe
		10.30 am Arnside

Confession:	Wednesday	after 10.00 am Mass (Arnside)
	Saturday	11.00 am - 11.30 am (Milnthorpe)

**NOTE !**

Next  
deadline:  
**15th April**

# **St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe**

## **Special Services, Events and News**



**“April** brings the primrose sweet, scatters daisies at our feet” and each year, St Thomas’ Church greets Eastertide with its glorious carpet of primroses in part of the churchyard...

**Thanks be to God for the beauty of the earth and springtime!**

The Lenten weekly Services led by the Ven Peter Dawson have been greatly appreciated by those in attendance, and now after the sadness of Holy Week, Easter Day is upon us, with its joyful services at our church – “Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia” we sing. HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.

### **Day of Prayer**

We have recently had several special services, giving much food for thought, one being the Annual Women’s World Day of Prayer, this year held at Milnthorpe Methodist Church (last year at the Church of Christ the King and next year at St Thomas’). The 2005 service was prepared by the Christian women of Poland. Leader was Monica Placzek, with the Revd Jean Radley as speaker. Readers and Polish “voices” were Sue Hilton, who arranged the event, Maureen Lee, Joan Ellam, Judy Dyer, Audrey Wynne and Joy Bell, who also played the keyboard. The theme throughout was “Let our Light Shine”. The offering taken for Prayer Movement and for Christian Literature, and Christian Education Projects amounted to £61. In Poland, bread and salt are symbols of hospitality and friendship. These were distributed to each person present with the words *Szczesc Boze*, meaning God Bless You.

**Mothering Sunday**-Our own special family service held at St Thomas’ Church on Mothering Sunday was led by Revd Ron Rutter. Posies of daffodils were distributed to each lady present as well as prayer cards. A reading by Lillie Hopkins, and a poem ‘A Mother’s love’ read by Val Robson, was followed by a talk by Chris Bennett, and a short interview with Margaret Barrow and Helen Lashley on being a mother. Prayers were said by certain ladies in the congregation. Organist was Glyn Hopkins and following the service all present enjoyed coffee and a piece of traditional Simnel cake for Mothering Sunday, kindly made by Kathleen Dawson- thank you Kathleen.




**Wave of Prayer** During the Carlisle Diocesan Annual MU Wave of Prayer Week 1-5 March, several members of Milnthorpe-with Heversham MU met at the Old School Heversham. A short service was led by Dr Dorothy Williams, remembering our linked dioceses in Nigeria, Kenya, Zululand, Swaziland and Northern Argentina, with prayers and readings by each member present.

**At the March Meeting of the Milnthorpe-with-Heversham MU** Leader Joan Ellam welcomed all, and the afternoon began with periods of quietness, interspersed with short periods of soft music, with prayers by Judy Dyer and Joan Ellam – giving time for thought, and contemplation for Lent. A Bible reading was by Joan Atkinson, followed by a letter of thanks for sympathy

from the family of Jennie Sisson, a longstanding MU member, who died recently – with a short prayer said in her memory by Mary Davidson.

Terry Belshaw, a Crime Prevention Officer for Cumbria Constabulary, was introduced to speak on 'Community Safety'. He spoke on doorstep crime, distraction burglary and bogus tradesmen – giving much advice ensuring home safety. He also brought along literature regarding this. He was thanked by Audrey Wynne.

### **On Thinking Day**

 Brownies, Guides and Leaders from Crosscrake, Levens, Arnside, Milnthorpe, Kirkby Lonsdale, Burton, Holme and Endmoor attended a Celebration of World Thinking Day at St Thomas' Church led by the Revd Canon John Hancock. Thinking Day 22<sup>nd</sup> February is the joint birthday of Lady Baden Powell, who began Guiding for Girls and Lord Baden Powell, who started the Scouting Movement for Boys – both now being worldwide. At the celebrations individual groups of Brownies and Guides represented a country, illustrated by its flag, song or dance.

### **Milnthorpe Bowling Club**

has had two boon days in preparation of the new season, commencing early April. New members are welcome. Details from the secretary tel: 62012 or Bill Stables 63215. Members and friends enjoyed an indoor doubles competition at Blackpool followed by a meal. Winners of the Glynis Thompson Trophy were Rod Holmes and Norman Bone. Runners up were Mark Somers and Ann Bone.

### **Milnthorpe's New Youth Club**

welcomed 50 young people on its opening night, along with 15 volunteer adult helpers. Games of table-tennis, pool and table football were played and the dance mats

being widely used too ! Leaders asked the young people for ideas regarding the club rules and future activities, with many good ideas received. The evening ended with a 10 minute Thought for the Day. Thanks are also expressed to those who kindly donated equipment or funds to the Club.

*Mary Davidson*

### **Milnthorpe Senior Citizens Annual Party**

is on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.00 pm  
at the Memorial Hall.

If any senior citizen has not received an invitation by April 14<sup>th</sup>, please contact  
Sheila Ashburner Tel: 62749  
or any member of the committee

## **Christian Aid**

Week is 15th-21st May this year. In Milnthorpe we need more helpers to deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes to help some of the world's poorest people. If you can help please contact Margaret Barrow on 64134. (Five Trees, Beetham Rd)

### **Milnthorpe Residents Association**

next meeting is on Tuesday 12th April  
at the Cross Keys at 7.30 pm  
Included on the agenda will be  
the Memorial Hall  
and swings on the playing fields.

### **MILNTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH**

*Would anyone be interested in joining a  
**LUNCH CLUB** for friendship and chat?*  
Contact: Alwena Ladell 015395 62985

**COFFEE MORNING & Bric-a-Brac**  
each FRIDAY 9.30-12 in the Church Hall.  
Contact: Anne-Marie Whitfield - 63179

# **St Peter's Church, Heversham**

## **Special Services, Events and News**



### **THE CHRISMON TREE**

You are all invited to come along to the  
**Easter Day service**

at St Peter's to put a fresh daffodil on a cross made from the trunk of our Chrismon Tree. This is the tree which was decorated at Christmas wholly with Christian symbols – white for purity, gold for majesty and tiny white lights to remind us that Jesus is the 'Light of the World.'

After Christmas the tree was stripped of its branches and made into a crude cross which has been standing in Church during Lent.

On Easter Day, it is converted from a bare cross into a cross of glory by decorating it with daffodils – a strong reminder that the Jesus story does not end at Christmas.

### **Appointment of the new incumbent following the retirement of The Revd Canon John Hancock at the end of July**

The Archdeacon of Carlisle, Dr David Thomson, held a joint meeting of both **Heversham and Milnthorpe PCCs** at Milnthorpe on March 9<sup>th</sup> to help our two parishes to start the process of appointing the next priest. Also present were representatives of the other parishes in the proposed Kent Estuary team.

The official procedures were explained and all were impressed by Dr Thomson's understanding of the difficulties that can be encountered in a joint benefice - and in a team of very different parishes.

A joint PCC meeting was held later and it was decided to proceed straight away with compiling a benefice prayer to be used over the coming weeks, an idea of Dr Thomson's which all thought would be very helpful.

Each parish will start to compile those parts of the Parish Profile, which are distinctive to their own church and parish, and to gather relevant photographs. A 'Section 11' meeting has been arranged for April 11<sup>th</sup> when both PCCs will pool their thoughts on the particular qualities needed by a future priest for this benefice, and instruct a small group to finalise that, write a common introduction and combine the rest of the data.

We plan to have the Profile finished by the week beginning April 18<sup>th</sup>, which should give time to have copies printed and posted to the Bishops, Archdeacons, Rural Dean and our Patron, Dr Arnold Brown of Trinity College, Cambridge, by the end of the month.

A 'Section 12' Meeting with the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, the Rural Dean, both PCCs and the Kent Estuary parish representatives will be held at Milnthorpe on May 9<sup>th</sup> to consider the Profile.

The post could be advertised at the end of May, interviews could be in early July and the new incumbent could start by the end of October.

*Linda Baverstock  
Peter Clarke*



We are approaching Christian Aid Week and are keen to keep up the excellent performance of recent years. We have a strong team of collectors, all of whom have volunteered to help again this year. There are two areas where we really need more support - both are big and have a disproportionate number of long drives!

The first is the area between the Athenaeum and Plumtree. The second is the north side of Woodhouse Lane. If you would be willing to help deliver or collect in either of these two areas, please contact Jane Clarke, 015395 65845



## WOW -

**WINDOW ON THE WORLD** is the monthly meeting to hear updates on, and pray for, the mission organisations that our churches support. **It would be wonderful to have people involved from our three churches.**

**Mon 4th April** at Sylvia Read's home, Honeysuckle Cottage, Beetham

**Mon 2nd May** at Linda Cooper's home, Apple Acres, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham.

## Lent Project - Peru and Bolivia

Thank you very much for your prayer and financial support for the Lent Project - helping to build 2 new churches in Cabanaconde, Peru and Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Your donations are much valued. The amount raised will be announced in Church after Easter. **Please continue to pray for these 2 congregations.**

## SAMS (South American Mission Society) Bolton Roadshow

SAMS will be bringing their "Roadshow" to Bolton on **Saturday 14th April**. The day should be an exciting one with workshops with mission workers in South America, beginning at 1.00pm followed by a

Fellowship Supper at 5.30pm with a Latin touch, ending at 8.30pm. The day costs £4 and you can attend for all or part of the day. **Please contact Rhona Rutter** (015395 64260) **or Chris Bennett** (015395 60491) for further details/ shared transport.

## Plumtree Hall Retirement Home Heversham

We currently have available accommodation:

1. A first floor flat suitable for a couple (lift to 1st floor)
2. A single room with ensuite facilities

Reasonable rates. Home-cooked meals. We welcome enquiries for further information and will show you round anytime. Please phone Mrs. S Alcock 015395 63140

## INDONESIAN EVENING

Thank you **so** much to everyone who supported the **Indonesian Evening** last month. **£230** was raised. This will be given to the STT ABDI SABDA theological college in Medan for urgent local needs.

**THANKS!**

*Thelma Mitchell*

## At the Annual Meeting on 14th March

for St Peter's Church, the Wardens remain the same: Joan Anderton, George Handley and Tony Hesmondhalgh. The current PCC is now Joan Anderton, Chris Bennett, Elizabeth Bennett, Peter Clarke, Linda Cooper, Neville Corby, Judy Dyer, Jack Ellam, Jane Fell, George Handley, Tony Hesmondhalgh, Mike Robinson, Anne Robinson, Rhona Rutter, Ron Rutter, Jill Shaw, John Sowerby, Celia Whitton, Dorothy Williams and Alan Wynne.

The Sisson family would like to thank friends and parishioners for their kind thoughts following Jennie's recent death. Thanks also for all the donations made to St Peter's Church.

# *St John's Church, Levens*

## *Special Services, Events & News*

### **St John's, Levens – Annual Meetings, Tuesday 8th March**

These, the Vestry and Annual Parochial Church preceded by an open PCC meeting, were well attended. The PCC meeting mainly studied the Annual Accounts which were then later adopted by the full annual meeting. The accounts did show a quite healthy excess of income over expenditure but it was pointed out that this was only because of a £10,000 legacy during 2003 and a £3,000 donation from a charitable foundation with which a parishioner has connections. Without this input the parish would be considerably in the red. At the vestry meeting there were no candidates for election as churchwardens at this date. Without churchwardens the parish is illegal and cannot function so, after some serious discussion, it was agreed to suspend this meeting and reconvene on **Tuesday 12 April 2005 7.30 in the Institute.** in the deep and prayerful hope that two people will, by then, be willing to be churchwardens. The Annual Meeting was, of course, much overshadowed by this situation but still managed to look back over a year which had had its strong points and its fun, much of this due to the work of Moira Tombs, who returned to the parish for this meeting. Grateful thanks were expressed to all those who so willingly and dependably undertake tasks around and for the church to keep it open and usable for all those who use it whether regularly Sunday by Sunday or for occasional purposes. These are too numerous to name individually but one example this year was Mr Richard Brennan who regretfully

announced that he must give up his job of emptying the Children's Society collecting boxes which are distributed around some homes in the parish, last year producing just over £560 for the Society. He's only done the job for 47 years (yes, 47)! He was thanked most sincerely for his efforts. Mrs Anne Perrett has agreed to take on this duty but is not sure she will manage 47 years herself.

**See you on 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

*Doreen Hughes Gain,  
still PCC Secretary until 12<sup>th</sup> April*

**Advance Notice** St John's Church Spring Fair will be held at the Institute on Saturday, 7th May (10.00 to 11.30 approx)

### **Levens Methodist Church FORTHCOMING EVENT**

#### **FESTIVAL OF TALENTS**

Sat 29 April to Mon 1st May  
in Methodist Church and Levens Institute.

Saturday and Monday 10am to 4pm ;

Sunday 2pm to 4pm

All-day refreshments and stalls will be  
in the Institute.

Exhibition of Talents in the Church.

Talents will include Crafts, music,  
plants painting etc.

Stalls will include cakes, plants,  
handicrafts etc.

If you would like to take part by displaying  
something you've made or supplying  
something for one of the stalls please ring  
Audrey Larkins on 60769.

*All Proceeds to our Property  
Development Fund.*

## **Levens Over 60's Club**

At the February meeting Mrs Bette Kissack's slide talk "California – The Golden Circle" covered the first half of an epic coach tour, taken with her husband Harry. Flying into Los Angeles, their 1<sup>st</sup> port of call was San Diego, a large naval base near the Mexican border. The local wildlife (seals, sealions & pelicans) enjoy a lazy life. Not so tourists; there is too much to see! Elegant Spanish buildings, weird modern skyscrapers, the Colorado bridge & open air museum, the busy harbour, markets, & fine 3 masted sailing ship, built in Ramsey, IOM, in 1863. The once hazardous desert crossing is effortless on the modern roads, & the scenery breathtaking. After stops to see historic sites, & dune racing, they reached the Grand Canyon. We shared Bette's bird's eye view of this wonderful place, from a small plane, & saw intrepid walkers and mule riders, well wrapped up from the cold, ascending steep canyon trails from the river far below. In 1935 the mighty Hoover Dam on the Colorado River was completed, forming Lake Mead (where in 1955 Donald Campbell set a speed record of 216 mph). This awesome engineering feat, supplying water & electricity to seven states, sadly cost 98 lives, commemorated by a fine monument. Crossing the Dam from the Arizona side to Nevada, you put your watch back an hour (& can have lunch twice, said Harry). Bette & Harry left us marvelling at Las Vegas, a modern desert mirage where you can visit "Venice" or a "volcano" & win (or lose ...) a fortune! We hope to hitch another ride with them sometime, as they head for San Francisco to complete the "Golden Circle".

*P.C. Edwards*

## **Levens Over 60's Club**

meet in The Institute at 2.00pm. 26th April (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday).

Speaker: by Mr Trevor Hughes.

Kendal Now and Then – Part 1,

St John's Church flower rota is displayed at the back of the church.

## **Levens Tennis Club**

We have finished the winter season of veterans' matches and are looking forward to a good summer of tennis with club sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6pm and Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 2pm. Also some 'friendly' matches and guesting for other teams (for those of a more competitive nature).

Coming events include

1. An Open Day on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 2pm All welcome to come and try their hands for free – rackets and balls provided – also tea!

2. A tennis tournament, the 'Levens Open', to be played over the summer period – two cups to be won in singles, and other prizes for doubles (we can find you a partner if required). More details at the Open Day or ring Alison on 60840. *Alison Edwards*

British Legion April Meeting is:  
Wednesday 13th April at 2.00 pm  
in Levens Institute

## **Thank you from Levens Bowling Club for the Coffee morning held 12 March**

I have attended most bowling club coffee mornings over the years but this year was a bit special and had to be seen to be believed. Queuing at the door, jam packed inside, a hub of activity at all the stalls, and those enjoying a coffee.

What a tremendous effort by all of you, and I have to mention all the friends and relations of bowlers who contributed to putting the show "on the road".

I am pleased to tell you that the phenomenal sum of £732.00 was raised for much needed funds. On behalf of all members, may I say thank you very much indeed to everyone; we are most grateful. I do hope we will see you all again next year. *Ron Kelbrick, Treasurer*

# More News

**OUR NEW COVER** has been designed by Daphne Lester who has had several illustrated maps hung in the Milnthorpe Art Exhibition. We are delighted with this original parish news cover. *Ed Team.*

This map drawn for our new HLM Parish News really illustrates how we are linked together.

**The Bells:** In 1869 three steel bells were acquired by St Thomas' Church and were given to Levens church in 1912. The three bells are still at Levens church, not in the tower but in a timber frame in the churchyard near the north-west corner of the church. **The 7th cross-shaft** is situated in the porch at St Peter's Church. **St Anthony's Tower** is a landmark seen from all directions when approaching Milnthorpe.

## Milnthorpe Men's Forum

At the Annual meeting 28 members were in attendance. Officers elected were President Walt Unsworth, Chairman Brian Taylor, Secretary Tony Liddle, Treasurer Neil Dodds, Art Exhibition Chairman Peter Townsend.

## Date for your diary

### 16th Milnthorpe Art Exhibition St Thomas's Parish Church

Thursday 28th July 10.00am - 7.00pm  
Friday 29th July 10.00am - 7.00pm  
Saturday 30th July 10.00am - 7.00pm  
Sunday 31st July 10.00am - 3.00pm

In all future issues, we are going to include

## **schools' news**

where we will invite the local schools to take turns each month sending in their news to tell the whole community.

## **NEWS from JOEYS**

The staff at Joeys nursery in Milnthorpe are delighted to have received excellent reports from two recent Ofsted inspections. The first inspection in October was looking at the standard of education and in January the care standards were inspected. Joeys received glowing reports from both with only a few minor recommendations. Both reports are available at Joeys for anyone who wishes to read them.

There have been some staff changes at Joeys. Mary Salter is now a joint manager with Jen Bateman. Julie Knowles has been promoted to leader and Sue Evans has joined the staff as an assistant.

There have also been staff changes at the Out Of School Club. Jaqui Earl has joined the team.

Everyone at Joeys and the Out Of School Club is looking forward to a fun packed Easter holiday. At Joeys there will be a Fun Activity Session every morning from 10 -12am at a cost of £5.50 per session. Each session will have a theme such as 'Fun with paint' 'Messy play' 'Baking' and 'Making music'. Normal day care will be available outside of these hours.

For more information or to book places call in at Joeys or Tel 015395-64090.

*Mary Salter*

## **Joeys**

**Join  
Our  
Early  
Years  
Setting**



# WI

**Levens WI** - Mrs Elizabeth O'Neill, our February speaker, gave a lively and humorous account of her childhood in Morecambe and her employment as one of the 'Aqualovelies' in the 'Super Swimming Stadium' in the 1950s, when Morecambe was a thriving holiday resort and centre of culture, with top ballet and opera companies visiting the Winter Gardens. There were 7 cinemas, 3 piers, 3 dancehalls, an ice-rink and wonderful displays at Happy Mount Park and Heysham Head. Elizabeth was one of 16 girls chosen to give two swimming displays a day throughout the season. When they started their training in early May they had to break the ice! Their requirements were (1) to smile, (2) to display lovely movements and (3) to have a tan. Singing and dancing were also part of the routine. Once she had to wear a mermaid's tail, which slipped off, and she appeared on the front page of 'News of the World'. A plague of blackflies was a hazard one hot summer, as were holidaymakers from Glasgow jumping in with their kilts on! On one occasion they mistakenly thought a well-dressed gentleman was a Hollywood scout, and tried extra hard. Stars like Harry Secombe and Freddy Frinton came to judge the 'Bathing Beauties'. Everything she told us was accompanied by appropriate movements and gestures, which had us all in fits of laughter as she rekindled the spirit of Morecambe in its heyday.

*Sally Beaumont*

**Milnthorpe Country Market  
(formerly W.I. Market)**

**OPEN Fridays 10 am—11.30 am  
at Milnthorpe Memorial Hall**

**We welcome customers  
old and new.**



## **Heversham Women's Institute**

13th April (2nd Wed) at 7.15 pm  
at the Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Speaker:** Mrs Eileen Belshaw  
'It shouldn't happen to a nurse'

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## **Levens Women's Institute**

19th April (3rd Tuesday) at 7.30 pm  
at Levens Institute

**Speaker:** Mrs Mary Newell  
1,000 year old Pilgrim Route,

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## **Milnthorpe Women's Institute**

14th April (2nd Thurs) at 7.30 pm  
at Milnthorpe Methodist Church Hall

### **Members' Evening**

Any questions, please call the  
Secretary Gillian Mumby 64083

Levens W.I. Coffee Morning  
Saturday April 23rd, Levens Institute  
10.30 – 11.45, Cake Stall and Raffle,  
admission 50p,  
in aid of the Air Ambulance service.



### **OPEN INVITATION**

Milnthorpe-with-Heversham M U  
meet on the 2nd Wednesday in the month  
The next meeting is on

Wednesday 13th April at 2.00 pm  
at St Thomas' Church Centre

**Speaker:** Karen Oliver and Lesley Cole  
The Role of Community Staff Nurses  
Any Qs please phone Judy Dyer 63900

# Even More News

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

### **DALLAM SWIMMING CLUB**

COME and get FIT and enjoy SWIMMING in a local OPEN AIR HEATED POOL. The Pool is situated at DALLAM SCHOOL, HEVERSHAM site, & the proposed opening date is 30th APRIL. closes in late September. The DALLAM SWIMMING CLUB has the use of the pool: -

- Mon - Fri 6.00pm - 7.30pm
- Sat 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- Sunday 10.00am - 1.00pm

During school holidays, additional hours: -

- Mon - Fri 2.00pm - 4.30pm

FREE children's lessons on Wed. evening term-time MAY - JULY

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP £50.00

ADULT MEMBERSHIP £30.00 over 18 yrs

For further details please contact

JULIET TOWNSEND – tel: 015395 62980

*The following clubs will be spot lit next:*

Kent Valley Cycling Club  
Heversham-w-Milnthorpe Tennis Club

Can you help?

### **The Athenaeum Management Committee**

need a Secretary and are looking for a willing volunteer

If so (or for more information) please ring Robin Sisson on 60953

## Milk—no sugar

Once again, thank you to all our supporters for a successful year 2004 at St Thomas' Friday Coffee Mornings.



We raised £3,084 from January - December 2004 on refreshments, excluding charity events. This money goes towards paying the bills at St Thomas' Church Milnthorpe.

The Coffee Teams enjoy Fridays but we are in need of reserve helpers.

If you fancy joining our happy band please tell me on a Friday or give me a call.

*Gill Mumby 64083*



## BBC at the CDC:

BBC Cumbria have an IT bus, which you may have seen on the road touring between the county's villages and summer shows.

Milnthorpe CDC (Community Development Centre) volunteer Elaine Gilfellon read on the BBC Cumbria website that it had been badly damaged in the Carlisle floods, and suggested that the CDC invite the BBC (without the bus) to Milnthorpe. BBC IT bus tutors Joan Armstrong and Elaine Taylor came along on the 9th March for the day. There was open house at the CDC, plenty of people calling in for a coffee, having a look at the facilities at the CDC, having a look at some BBC and other websites. BBC Journalist Helen Skelton also did interviews about the CDC, Joeys Childcare, the Out of School Club and plans for the new Milnthorpe Children's Centre.

*CDC*

**Spring Concert—Arnside Choral Society**  
**Sunday 8th May at 8.00 pm**  
**at St James Church, Arnside**  
**More details: Kath Singleton 62221**



**schools for Red Nose Day 2005:**

Dallam School sold 340 red noses !

**Milnthorpe Primary School:**

The children saw a Red Nose video clip in assembly about the fact that £1 will keep an African family fed for three days. For a minimum donation of £1 the children took part in a multi-cum-Wacky hair day.

The children at **Milnthorpe Nursery** were invited to have wacky hair for the day ! For the parents there was also a Pick your Favourite TV Comedy competition. Overall from Milnthorpe Nursery and Primary £268.86 was collected. The school children had been encouraged to give from their own pocket money, not their parents' money :)

**Heversham St Peter's School** council decided to have a 'mufti' day with children coming into school with a variety of clothing and red hairstyles for a donation. Class 4 ran a numerous competitions and the grand total of £130.20 was raised.

**Levens Primary School** also went for Big Hair look and they also raised £89 approx.

**Joeys Childcare** heard about Angela, a 9 year old girl in Uganda, who lived in a family who couldn't afford to pay for her to go to school. But the story had a happy ending as Comic Relief bought a present of a cow for Angela. The milk can be sold so that Angela can now go to school. The children really took part in the story and enjoyed the posters with the photographs.

**Weather in January and February 2005**

**Data recorded in Levens by Margaret & Dermot Barton**

Temperature:	Lowest	Average	Average	Highest
	Minimum	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum
January	-4°C	3.2°C	8.3°C	12°C
February	-4°C	0.6°C	7.9°C	13°C

Rainfall January 174.9 mm February 69.9 mm

**Levens:** January was very mild with a zero or lower temperature on only 5 nights (12 in 2004). The highest day temperature, 12° C, has been recorded in only one other January (1989) in the last 18 years. 67 mm of rain fell during the great storm of 7/8 January. Pressure stood at a low of 990 mb for 3 hours during the early hours of 8 January.

**Data recorded in Heversham by Mike Warren**

Temperature:	Lowest	Highest	Average	Highest	lowest	average
	Minimum			Maximum		
January	3.7 °C	8.1°C	3.7°C	12.3°C	3.7°C	8.9°C
February	4.0°C	7.1°C	1.6°C	12.3°C	5.2 °C	8.1°C
Rainfall	January 54 mm	February	48 mm			
Sunshine	January 28.1 hours	February	70.7 hours			

**Heversham:** Interesting wind observation for Heversham maximum gust speed Jan 8th Hurricane force 11 - my first record of this speed in 18 years.





# PARISHes' Pinboard

## HEVERSHAM WITH MILNTHORPE TENNIS CLUB

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## **Hincaster's Annual Parish Meeting**

will take place on

Wednesday 27th April at 7.00 pm  
in the Mission Room Hincaster,  
all residents are welcome.

For items for the agenda contact:  
Chairman Roger Johnson (62751)  
or Clerk Adam Pickthall (61243)



## **Coffee Time @ The Old School**

**Next to St Peter's Church,  
Heversham**

**Tuesday 12th April 10.00 - 11.45 am**

Call in for a Cup of Fairtrade Coffee / Tea 50p

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**30th Anniversary Concert**

**Saturday 23rd April  
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**Croftside Staff & Friends  
are holding a Sponsored Walk  
on Thursday 26th May  
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**In aid of the Residents' Amenity Fund**

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would like to be a sponsor**

**Milnthorpe Youth Club for 11s-16s  
Tuesdays 7-9 pm  
at Milnthorpe Memorial Hall  
£1 in**

**>music > indoor sporty stuff > chat>**

**>Tuck shop> dance >**

**>meet up with your friends>**

**>make it your club> sort it!!>**

**Any questions call Helen Lashley 62060**

**Spring Fair at Levens Institute  
Saturday 9th April 2 - 4 pm  
All proceeds to Animal Concern  
\*cakes\*tombola\*raffle\*plants\***



**Thank you to ALL helpers and  
supporters at the Country Mkt  
£531.80 was raised !**

**Crossways Crafts meet in  
Levens Methodist Church  
Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon  
- coffee served -  
all welcome.**

**There will be a Plant Sale  
at CoffeeTime @The Old School  
on Tuesday 10th May,  
so if you are planting seeds, keep a few for  
the sale, if possible, please.**



A 1/4 page A5 article is 130 words approx in the font of Times New Roman no 10.

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