



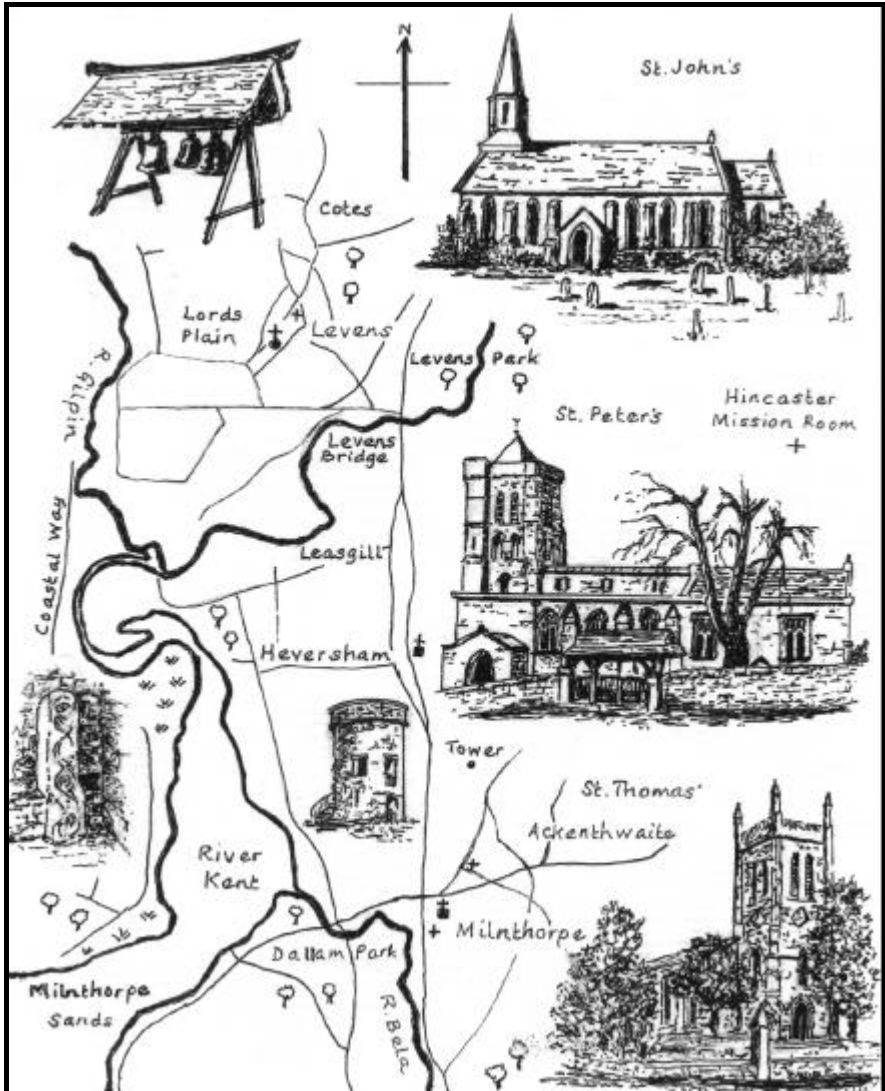
PARISH NEWS



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

September 2005

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The Ministry Team - Who's Who

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 Priest: vacancy
 Please see notice on page 5

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This month's letter has been written by the Venerable Peter Dawson.

Before retiring and moving to Milnthorpe with his wife, Kathleen, Peter was for 16 years Archdeacon of Norfolk. Previously he served in parishes in Manchester, Warwickshire and then Morden, South London where he had begun his ministry as a curate.

Dear Friends,

One of my clearest memories from more than forty years ago is of a visit which my wife and I paid to a northern parish which was without a Vicar and in need of one, and my name was among those of candidates being considered.

Most unusually, and also improperly, we found ourselves confronted not only by the Churchwardens or even a small sub-committee but by the whole of the Parochial Church Council, whose members questioned us rigorously.

When, in turn, I asked them what they were particularly looking for in their next Vicar their response was immediate and unanimous - "Someone exactly like our last Vicar - Canon Ball !" (not to disclose his real name!)

Without hesitation I informed them, to their apparent surprise, that this was most unfortunate because no such person existed nor ever had—either in heaven above or in the earth beneath because, notwithstanding occasional similarities, God makes every individual unique. My reply evidently removed me from their list of possible candidates - and I was delighted !

The current need of our parishes for a new Vicar reminds me of this lesson from long ago. The person who will eventually come to us may know nothing as yet of these parishes and their requirements, or even of our present vacancy. As for ourselves, faithful and believing prayer needs to be our own immediate business, echoing 'Thy will be done' from the prayer which Jesus taught us, and the expected response which can never be bettered.

With all good wishes to every reader,

Yours sincerely,

Peter

BENEFICE PRAYER FOR ST PETER'S & ST THOMAS'

This is a prayer that was written in response to the Archdeacon's suggestion that both parishes should adopt a shared prayer during the process of selecting a new incumbent.

Lord, as we look at our parishes,
may we see through your eyes sensitively,
May we listen to the Holy Spirit in stillness, in quietness and in
prayer, that we may listen to each other with openness.
Lord, renew us spiritually so that we may have a wider vision of
the future, when we can respect our diversity,
share in worship and go forward together.
May we reach out to all in our community
and show with joyfulness the love you have for each one.
We ask this in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ
whose will is to unite us all. Amen

NOTE !

**The deadline for
the October
issue is Thursday
15th September**

PARISH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Regular Prayer Gatherings

Mondays:	Prayer for Appt of new Vicar	6.45 pm	at Heversham
Tuesdays:	Healing Prayer Ministry	10.35 -11.45am	at Heversham
	Informal Prayer Gathering	1.00 pm	at Milnthorpe
Saturdays:	Informal Prayer Gathering	7.45 am	at Heversham

September

Saturday 3rd Milnthorpe Allotment Show (see p 16) 1.30 pm at St Thomas'

Sunday 4th - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
Family Service	9.30 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Parish Communion	10.00 am at Levens
United Sung Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham

Monday 5th WOW Meeting (see page 9) 7 for 7.30 pm

Monday 5th Milnthorpe PCC 7.45 pm

Tuesday 6th Kent Estuary Shadow Team Council 7.45 pm Levens Institute

Sunday 11th - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Family Service with Communion	10.00 am at Levens

Tuesday 13th Coffee Time @ the Old School 10 - 11.45 am

Sunday 18th - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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	10.00 am at Levens

Monday 19th Heversham PCC 7.30 pm at the Old School

Thursday 22 "Lost for Words" - see information on P 14

Sunday 25th - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity and Church Army Sunday

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	10.00 am at Levens

October

Sunday 2nd - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity and Harvest Festival

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
Family Service - Harvest Festival	9.30 am at Heversham
Parish Communion - Harvest Festival	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Parish Communion - Harvest Festival	10.00 am at Levens
United Sung Evensong	6.00 pm at Milnthorpe
Harvest Supper in the Church Centre	6.45 pm at Milnthorpe—see p 7





www.churcharmy.org.uk

The theme of this year's Church Army Sunday is **Get OUTMore-** and with your help they want to challenge churches to undertake a mission activity & highlight that their focus is on making a difference where people are- in the community.

Church Army Sunday For the third year in succession at Milnthorpe and the second year in Heversham we shall be celebrating **Church Army Sunday on September 25th** and we look forward to welcoming as our visiting preacher one of its senior officers Captain Andrew Smith—who has worked with the Church Army for more than 30 years. He kindly writes for our magazine as follows:

“Commissioned in 1974 I have spent most of my ministry as a Diocesan Missioner. My first post was in Gloucester, followed by three years in South Wales and then eight years in Lancashire. For the past 14 years I have been Church Army Operations Manager for the North West, which has meant I have been responsible for all our day to day work throughout the area. In two years time the Church Army will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding. A great many changes have taken place within the organisation since that time but our reason for existence remains the same: to reach out to others with the love of Christ through word and action. I hope to tell you about some of the exciting and innovative ways we are doing that today”.

The Church Army is increasingly recognised and widely commended, by Bishops among others, for its pioneering example and inspired leadership in Christian mission, both in our needy country as well as in the wider world. Founded in 1882, four years after the Salvation Army, it shares many of the essential priorities and qualities of that renowned organisation - though, sadly, minus the wonderful band! But the ‘Sally Army’, affectionately so-called, is a law unto itself - while the Church Army is one among many societies working and witnessing under the flag of the Church of England, and of which the whole Church may be humbly proud and thankful.

Much more could be said or written - but enough for now...

Come & hear about it on Sept 25th - Heversham at 9.30 am, Milnthorpe at 11.00 am

Sunday Services -Levens Methodist and Milnthorpe Methodist Churches 10.30 am

4th Sept Holy Communion -Rev. W Seville	Mr Nigel Saxton
6.30 pm Circuit Celebration at Stricklandgate	Circuit Celebration at Stricklandgate
11th Mrs Iris Diggle (Kendal)	Harvest - Family Service Rev W Seville
	6.30 pm Rev Gilbert Hall
18th Mrs Susan Hilton (Milnthorpe)	Mr Wilf Barron
25th Harvest - Rev Andrew McCall	Barbara Fryers
6.30 pm Mr Brian Gray (Levens)	

Christ the King RC Church, Milnthorpe & Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, Arnside

Father Dan Darragon Tel: 62387

Mass Times:

Saturday 5.30 pm Milnthorpe

Sunday 9.00 am Milnthorpe

10.30 am Arnside

Confession: Wed after 10.00 am Mass (Arnside)

Sat 11 – 11.30 am (Milnthorpe)

FOR PASTORAL CARE
during the vacancy

Heversham parishioners can contact the Rev. Bob Wilkinson (64044).

The Venerable Peter Dawson (62020) can be contacted by Milnthorpe parishioners.

St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe Special Services, Events and News



We are now back in circulation, and hope that everyone made the most of the lovely warm

summer days—Autumn is nearly here, when 'full grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn, hedge crickets sing; and now treble soft—the redbreast whistles from a garden croft, and gathering swallows twitter in the skies. (Keats - Ode to Autumn).

We have had many activities over the holidays—remembering especially the farewell and thank you evening for our retiring Vicar, and Margaret, held on that warm sunny evening at Heversham, along with a delicious array of food. At his last service at St Thomas' Church, John was presented with a framed etching of St Thomas Church by Churchwardens John Ricketts and John Thorley.

The Songs of Praise for a Summer's Evening, with Flookburgh Brass Band, held on the Green was a great and popular success, welcoming congregations of all denominations; CDs and tapes of this have been made by Mark James and can be ordered at Forbuoys. Copies were sent to our Visually Impaired parishioners.

The Parish News Editorial Team and all the distributors from the three villages enjoyed an afternoon of tea and cakes at the home of Jane and David Fell. John and Margaret were presented with a framed hand painted picture illustrating areas of our three parishes, based on this cover, designed and painted by Daphne Lester.

Our Sunday Circle continues each Sunday from 11 am with a small, but enthusiastic group of children, who hope to welcome more members in September.



Meeting of the Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union recommence on Wednesday 14th September with a service at 2.00 pm at St Thomas' Church.

Milnthorpe Youth Club

Members of the Milnthorpe Youth Club have had no venue for some time, but continued to meet informally until the summer holidays. Games nights have been enjoyed on the Playing Fields—also a barbecue on the beach at Sandside, with musical entertainment by Pete Lashley. A visit was made to the Superbowl at Morecambe where they played ten pin bowling. The leaders are committed to reopen the Club in September, the venue being unknown as yet, but all registered members will eventually be informed of the date, time and place
Mary Davidson

🌸 September Church Flowers 🌸

4th Mrs K Wilkinson
11th Mrs Tanner
18th Mrs Gregory
25th Mrs Dawson

Extra people will be most welcome to come at 9.00 am on Saturday 1st October to help decorate the church for HARVEST FESTIVAL and contributions of flowers, or money for flowers would be much appreciated.

Also, there are many spaces now on the Flower Rota, which is on the notice board in the church porch, and we hope they can be filled - perhaps on a Sunday near to an anniversary of a loved one. Any questions please phone me - *Marjorie, Miln 62575.*



ST. THOMAS' CHURCH
MILNTHORPE INVITE ALL TO
A HARVEST SUPPER
SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 6.45 pm
IN THE CHURCH CENTRE

TICKETS £1.00 MUST BE PURCHASED

BY SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

and are available from:

Val Robson 62904, Brenda Gregory 64082

Margaret Barrow 64134, John Thorley 62076

or available at Friday Morning Coffee

All are Welcome

Milnthorpe Methodist
Church

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY:
Wednesday, 9.30 am.
MONTHLY LUNCH CLUB:
Last Wednesday in month.
Ring Alwena Ladell 63581
for more details.



The 16th Annual Art Exhibition

held at St Thomas Church & Centre was another huge success, and stated by Exhibition Chairman Peter Townsend and Vice Chairman Geoff Gregory to be the “best ever” and Secretary and Treasurer Tony Little tells us that 42% of exhibits were sold. Refreshments were provided and served by a team of ladies throughout the four days. This year proceeds from the exhibition go to the British Heart Foundation and St Thomas’ Church. **We thank the Milnthorpe Men’s Forum** for all their hard work in arranging this wonderful annual event. (see page 14).

The 2nd Schools’ Art Exhibition held at Dallam School was also popular, with a wide range of exhibits from 12 local Primary Schools with a group award received jointly for Milnthorpe Primary and Dean Barwick Witherslack Schools. Dallam School presented a spectacular display of work.

The 1st Adult Community Art Exhibition was held in the Community Centre and included exhibits of textiles, fashion design, batik, abstract painting, stained glass, the weather, life drawing, pottery, interior design, watercolours, garden sculpture, mixed media and much more.

As we go to press, we are saddened to learn of the death of Ken Last, founder of the Men’s Forum and the inspiration behind the first Milnthorpe Art Exhibition in 1990.

Wings School at Whasset

held a Festival of Sport and Fun Day. It was kindly organised by Cumbria Constabulary assisted by various companies, organisations, individuals and supported by six local Parish Councils, along with SLDC, Young Cumbria and Westmorland Football Association. The day included many activities, along with a large trampoline, bouncy castles, assault course, arts and crafts, hog roast, circus skills, golf, 5-a-side football and much more.

Mary Davidson



St Thomas’ Church
Sunday Circle
10.45 am - 12.15 pm

Children aged 3 to 10 years welcome
FUN...story, painting, writing, craft work, singing
Learn about the Christian Faith through play.
Any questions please call Margaret Barrow 64134

Milnthorpe Residents Association

Next meeting Tuesday 13 September
at the Cross Keys at 7.30 pm.
On the agenda will be Policing, Litter Problems, Alcohol Designated Orders and also voting for Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the Association.

St Peter's Church, Heversham

Special Services, Events and News

FOR PASTORAL CARE DURING THE VACANCY

Heversham parishioners can contact the Rev. Bob Wilkinson (64044).
The Venerable. Peter Dawson (62020) can be contacted by Milnthorpe parishioners.



WOW - WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings will take place on:-

Monday 5th September, 7.00 for 7.30pm at **Chris and Elizabeth's home**, Bridge House, Woodhouse. (Focus on **Bibi** – working for Wycliffe Bible Translators, **NISCU** – working in schools and **Ellel** – healing and discipling ministry)

Rhona Rutter

Terry and Pancha Barratt's visit to St Peter's Heversham.

Terry and Pancha Barratt, our link missionaries with the South American Mission Society, visited us for the first time on July 23rd - 24th. They arrived for Saturday evening to meet John and Margaret for a meal. We learned about San Pedro Church in Vina del Mar, Chile, where he is pastor, as well as overseeing the area for the Anglican church. His other passion is SEAN. Study by Extension for All Nations of which he is an international director. The programme was set up first of all in Northern Argentina as a course of self - instructional Christian teaching material in Spanish for local leaders. It is now in many languages.

His wife Pancha was a delight to talk to and answered many questions. Her Christian

testimony is very interesting as she was formally a Jehovah's Witness. The highlight of their visit was the Sunday morning service. He gave us a Power Point presentation with some wonderful photos which helped us understand more of Chile and the work in the church there. The churches around Vina del Mar are a team of eleven parishes, some quite affluent and some very poor, they experienced great blessing as they began to see ways of helping one another. Also they were helped by a Church from Burscough Lancashire near Ormskirk who sent a team out to help in any way they could. Both the church in Vina and the church in Burscough were helped and given a new vision, a challenge to us as they are willing for others to join in this annual visit, as it is now, to South America. People were also able to come for a cup of tea in the afternoon where both Terry and Pancha answered questions and gave us more insights into their work. A visit like this certainly opens eyes and helps us to pray and share more effectively with our brothers and sisters in Christ overseas.

Chris and Elizabeth Bennett

Prayer for the appointment of a New Vicar and the future of our parishes

There will be a time of prayer on the 1st Tuesday in each month at lunch time 1pm in the Milnthorpe Church Centre, and every Monday evening at 6.45pm in St Peter's Church Heversham - all are welcome.

Cold and Hungry...

I should probably start this with a huge thank you to everyone who supported me on August 2nd at the coffee morning. The aim was to raise money for the displaced people in Zimbabwe due to Mugabe's latest idea. Just over £500 was raised, so thank you! I went to Zimbabwe on my year out last year when I worked for my church out there and worked with the street kids and Scripture Union. Last time we left, I didn't think I would ever go back. But God obviously had other ideas because I ended up back there for three weeks last month. This time it was just a holiday essentially but seeing what has been done to people I know, I really wanted to do something to help. The money raised will be used to buy blankets and food for those on the streets. Having just come back, I know how cold it gets out there at night - it's winter over there right now. So for everyone who attended, helped me set up and serve, prayed for it or helped in any other way: thank you. It means a lot to me and, more importantly, also to the people out there.

Anna Rutter

Harvest Festival Family Service

**Sunday 2nd October 9.30 am
at St Peter's Church**

Decorating church on Saturday morning
1st October for the Harvest Festival.

Any questions see
Joan Atkinson or Jean Dewhurst.

Hopefully, the children will
help to decorate the porch
in the morning too.



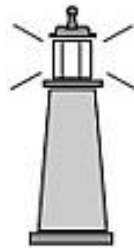
Also lopping and chopping in the
churchyard by the Old School
10.00—12.00 noon. BYO tools
Any questions see Audrey
Wynne or Jane Cushnie

St Peter's Parish Church

What Next?

The Fun Day for
Children
aged 5 - 11 yrs

on Friday 26th August
at the Athenaeum
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CONCERT

***Lakeland Gospel Choir
at St Peter's Church
Saturday 15th October***

8.00 pm

Tickets: £5

***Including a glass of wine
All Welcome***

More details next issue

Joan Ellam 63267

Coffee Time @ The Old School

Next to St Peter's Church, Heversham
**Tuesdays 13th September
11th October
10.00 - 11.45 am**

Call in for a Cup of Fairtrade
Coffee 50p
- cakes and chat -



St John's Church, Levens

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Parochial Church Council

Writing this in early August, our last PCC meeting (6th July) seems a long time ago now and much has happened since. At the meeting we did, of course, deal with all the usual matters of finance, services, work to be done on the church's west wall and other administrative concerns necessary to keeping the church running in all its details. But, since then, we have been able to welcome John and Margaret Hancock after their retirement from Heversham and Milnthorpe and to be gladdened by the prospect of being their only parish for the next few months while we, at long last, prepare a parish Profile and take the other definitive steps towards finding a clergy person to come and live in our vicarage and serve the parish on a house-for-duties basis. This, of course, was all foreseen at the beginning of July and provoked much discussion at the meeting. We now pray that God will guide all those involved in our search, candidates and selectors alike, so that the "right" person for the parish is found.

Doreen Hughes Gain

Decorating church on Saturday
1st October from 10.00 am for Harvest

St John's Harvest Festival
Sunday 2nd October
at 10.00 am

Christians Together in Levens

The Monday Group restarts in September
Levens Methodist Church 10.15 am

Methodist Church News

You will be pleased to hear that our fund raising has reached over £35,00 now and we have received approval from the Property Office of the Methodist Church to proceed with our extension. We also have promises of some £11,000 in grants. It is hoped that work will start this autumn, if suitable tenders are received. Otherwise it may be the beginning of 2006. As the total cost is likely to be in the region of £56,000, we still have some active fund-raising to do !

Anyone willing to offer help in this respect should contact Eric Larkins on 60769 or Brian Gray on 61105. The extension will provide a new, level entrance, a new (disabled) toilet and a meeting room.

Harvest Festival

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Andrew McCall to lead our morning Harvest Praise at 10.30am on Sun 25th Sept. Decoration of the Church will take place on Saturday morning, when the Church will be open from 10 am onwards to receive gifts of produce or flowers. The evening event is a Harvest Celebration Meal at 6.30 pm, (with a little input from Brian Gray and others !). Numbers strictly limited (enquiries ring 61 105)



British Legion

meet in Levens Institute
second Monday of the month 7.30 pm.

Crossways Crafts

meet in Levens Methodist Church every
Wednesday from 10 am to 12 noon –
coffee served – all welcome.

Levens School

A big thank you goes to everyone who supported Levens School at our Family Fun Night held at Heaves Farm. There was something for everyone – a climbing wall, salsa dancing, paintballing, games of chance, bouncy castle and a duck lottery were some of the ‘stalls’ to keep everyone entertained. The event raised £2767, which will go towards the school hall alterations.

Parents and friends packed the hall for 2 nights as the juniors performed the musical ‘The Giant Slayer’ – a version of David & Goliath. The Over 60s also joined us for the dress rehearsal. A lot of hard work went into this performance but the rewards were very worthwhile – a terrific show!

Year 5 and 6 travelled to Lumley Castle in County Durham as guests of Carr’s Flour, for the results of their Junior Breadmaker of the Year Competition - you may have seen this reported in the press recently. We were delighted that our recipe for Lyth Valley Damson Bread was chosen as the winning recipe. The day included a Medieval Banquet sampling the different breads, a magic show, bagpipes, a falcon display as well as a tour of the castle. We have a lovely breadmaker to use in school.

The Leavers’ Service was held at St. John’s Church. The 15 Year 6 children reminisced about their time at Levens School and their hopes for the future. Both the violin and flute groups entertained everyone. The children were each presented with a book in recognition of their achievement in school and Rev. Hancock presented them with a bible from the Church. We wish them all well as they move to their new schools. Mrs Liz Addison was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a thank you, as she steps down as a community representative on the governing body after over 25 years service. Tom Addison was given a bottle of wine and thanked for all the ‘odd jobs’ he has done over the years.

The Leavers enjoyed a visit to Morecambe Superbowl and on their return, were treated to a meal made and served by a group of Year 5 children and helpers from the cookery club.

If you have passed by school recently you may have noticed a new weather vane on one of the chimney stacks. This was given to us by Mr and Mrs James following Mrs James’s retirement. It has already proved very popular with the children as they are amazed to see how quickly the wind direction changes.

Since Mrs James’s retirement at Easter, Mrs Gill Frostick has been teaching in Class 2. On the last day of term she was presented with flowers and a card. We also said goodbye to Mrs Dilys Farrant, she is retiring as part time teacher in class 4, but will carry on her SENCO role. She was presented with a variety of gifts including a picture made by all the children, some crockery and ‘afternoon tea’ at Sharrow Bay Hotel.

As we move closer to the new school year, we look forward to welcoming; Miss Amy Cowin who will teach Class 2 and Miss Rachael Battersby who fills the role in Class 4. We have 12 children starting in Reception and several joining us in other year groups. It’s an exciting time for Levens School and we wish faces old and new an enjoyable start to the Autumn term.



Levens Over 60’s Club

The June coach outing to Southport was well supported by members & friends, who enjoyed the famous boulevards (the inspiration for those in Paris), shops, cafes, gardens & marine lake. Some took a stroll or a “train” ride on the splendidly re-built pier to the new pavilion, with fine views of the town & the dramatic new Marine Way bridge over the lake. There is a bar, café, restored Victorian amusements and a fascinating photo exhibition about the pier’s history, aviation from the sands, and the wading birds & wildlife in the Ribble estuary.

At the July meeting my slide talk, “Switzerland – Lucerne & the Engadine”, featuring lakes, mountains, wildflowers & some traditional & modern buildings was thankfully well received! Birthday flowers for June were presented to Mrs K. Greenwood & for July to Mr R. Knipe.

P.C. Edwards

Levens Over 60’s Club—next meeting in The Institute at 2.00 pm. 27th September (4th Tuesday) - AGM

Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you

Our Dear Friends,

'Thank you' are two very inadequate words to express our feelings at this time. What an emotional roller-coaster were the five weeks leading up to the 31st July !

It all started towards the end of June when the 'Parish News' Editorial Group organised a very pleasant tea party. Towards the end Margaret and I were surprised by the presentation of a magnificent full colour, fully illustrated, framed and enlarged version of the 'News' front cover drawn by Daphne Lester in her meticulous style.

St Peter's Primary School teachers, HPSA and Governors had an evening buffet at the school when the report of my time at the school was read out in public and illustrated on an OHP. How would you like your report read out ? It was fun and I suppose I am in the top 50%! I received a Sunderland scarf and the promise of more—fulfilled at the Leavers' Service.

We had been warned to keep Saturday 16th July free and to be at the Marquee at 6.15pm. That was all we knew. What a surprise we got when we arrived. About 270 friends had assembled, some from as far afield as Edinburgh, North Yorkshire, Devon and Cornwall. After drinks we enjoyed the most wonderful buffet prepared by Dallam Catering (5 star) before an extended 'Hancock's Half Hour' - it was most varied and enjoyable. Finally I was summoned up on to the stage by two Churchwardens—one from Heversham and one from Milnthorpe. They presented me with a card with a picture of sheep on it—signed 'from your flocks' - and containing a cheque, which when I saw it, rendered me speechless. If I had tried to speak I would have dissolved. The cheque was for £5,383 - breathtaking, humbling, staggering. We cannot thank you enough for such love and generosity which has been increased still further by some individual gifts. As we look round our new home we will constantly be reminded of Heversham and Milnthorpe when we say 'they enabled us to have that', as we enjoy what otherwise we could not have had or done. The thought, love, effort, skill, ingenuity, nail-biting moments that went into that evening we are just now discovering as people lift the 'veil of secrecy' that surrounded it. The same is true of all the other surprises.

So 'just as we thought it was safe to...'came Sunday ! Heversham presented us with an amazing tapestry of our time in Heversham done by 80 families putting in stitches and Milnthorpe gave us a unique presentation CD of the July 'Songs of Praise on the Green' - apparently I had done over 100 outdoor services in my time with you.

Was it safe to...? No ! The next Sunday Milnthorpe gave us a fantastic framed drawing of St Thomas' Church.

By now, we realised that it would never be safe to...! Well, at least, not until 1st August. Our final service which was a united one for our three parishes had over 170 communicants with many more there. We got to the end, admittedly with difficulty at times, only to find there was more in store. We received a magnificent album of photos and moving letters about our time at St Peter's and St Thomas' churches. It will be a constant reminder of the fantastic time spent among the most wonderful congregations any vicar and wife could wish to have. But the end was not yet. Fr Dan Darragon had sent a gift of £100 from the congregation of Christ the King. What that says is truly a testimony to the love and co-operation between our churches. For that 'Praise God'!

You can, I hope, see why 'thank you' seems so inadequate, but thank you we do say to you all—for all the loving thoughts and wishes expressed in the great number of 'new home' and 'retirement' cards we have received, for all that you mean to us and for all that you had been to us and given us not only in these last weeks but over the years we have been privileged to be with you. May God bless you all.

With our love,

Margaret and John

Milnthorpe Women's Institute

The July meeting opened with a welcome from Sue Hilton, the President.

A number of members had an enjoyable evening at the Summer Pudding Club. Julie Clark from Leyburn gave an interesting and amusing demonstration. The speaker for the evening Mr Tony Bloomer, an Honorary Rigger with the Lytham Lifeboat, gave a talk about Knots and Ropes. The competition for the evening of an Ornamental Bell was won by Kathleen Dawson with Dorothy Hornby coming 2nd and 3rd.

Veronica Sandham



Levens Women's Institute

In June we decided to have our annual outing but also to hold a meeting, so that the people who did not wish to go on the outing would not feel left out. At the meeting Mr Peter Skinner from Holehird gave an informative and amusing talk on garden composting. The outing took the form of a trip to Leighton Hall, the home of the Gillow Reynolds family. Mrs Reynolds herself showed us round and we were struck by the homely and lived-in feel of the beautiful rooms. Several lovely examples of Gillow furniture were pointed out to us. A tour of the gardens with the added bonus of a falconry display then followed. The Aviary garden and the 19th C. walled garden were much admired, as was the distant view of the Lakeland hills. Included in our admission price was afternoon tea, consisting of varied sandwiches, cream and jam scones and delicious home-made cakes.

For the July meeting Mrs Myra Knipe planned a village quiz, which consisted of a tour round the village searching for clues, and for the less active, a sedentary quiz indoors. 30 members and a visitor were present, and all enjoyed a sumptuous Jacob's Join supper, followed by a short business meeting.

Sally Beaumont

Heversham Women's Institute

At the July meeting, members had great fun when Janice Longmire of 'Mad Hatters' brought along a collection of Ascot style hats and told us how to choose the best style for our different faces, heights etc! We had an hilarious time trying on these glamorous hats. In August, we took to the outdoors and drove round the country lanes in a Treasure Hunt organised by Christine Jenkins and Pauline Messenger. No-one got lost and we all ended up for a meal at the Longlands Hotel at Tewitfield.

Joan Anderton

Levens WI

Tuesday 20 September (3rd Tuesday)
at 7.30 pm at Levens Institute
Speaker: Miss B. Cockshott -
Voyage to Antarctica

Heversham WI

Wednesday 14th September
at 7.15 pm at the Athenaeum
Speaker: Christine Goodier -
History of Lancaster Castle

Milnthorpe WI

Thursday 1st September at 7.30 pm
at Milnthorpe Methodist Church Hall
Speaker: Peter Barker - Fountains Abbey
Visitors Welcome

Milnthorpe Country Market
(formerly W.I. Market)
10 am—11.30 am
at Cross Keys Hotel
Upper Room
(easy access from
the car park)
We welcome customers
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More News



Hincaster's Blues on the Green

Summer Party went with a swing and raised £300 for the Air Ambulance.

The afternoon crowd enjoyed a rounders match, treasure hunt, pony rides and cream teas to the accompaniment of "The Chemist Shop Boys".

Later, following a pie & pea supper, local band "Missdemeanor" were welcomed to The Pyramid stage and the party in the pasture continued long into the night.

Bridget Pickthall

Milnthorpe Art Exhibition

The 16th Art Exhibition organised by the Milnthorpe Men's Forum was held in St Thomas' Church between the 28th and 31st July and the Committee are pleased to advise that once again all records of previous years were surpassed.

The Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to all the people, both connected with the Men's Forum and also to those not connected with the Men's Forum, who assisted in any way, for without this assistance the exhibition could not have possibly have been as successful as it was.

Particular thanks are due to all the ladies who contributed their time and culinary expertise in making the refreshment stand its usual popular attraction.

It is hoped that the two designated charities, The British Heart Foundation and St Thomas' Church will receive about £5,000 each from the proceeds of the exhibition.

*Tony Liddle
Exhibition Secretary & Treasurer*

"What is Prayer?"

- Bishop of Penrith's Teaching Day on Prayer at St Thomas' Church, Kendal.
- 10.00 am to 2.30 pm
- Saturday 1st October

See Anne Robinson for details and lift
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schools' news—where we invite the local schools to take turns each month sending in their news to tell the whole community.

Milnthorpe CDC + IT Centre,Firs Road, Milnthorpe Tel. 015395 64896
 cdcadmin@milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk

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English - Literacy 3 hour Taster	Friday 30th September 2005	9.30am—12.30pm	FREE
Introduction to Digital Photography	2006 - A 5 Week Course Fridays 13th January - 10th February	7.30pm – 9.30pm	£40
Introduction to Digital Image Manipulation Using Photo Shop	2006 - A 5 Week Course Fridays 3rd March - 31st March	7.30pm – 9.30pm	£40

Levens CE School have arranged a one day course **Introducing Digital Photography** on Saturday 8th October starting at 9.30 am and will cost £25.

We are also arranging a **free** three hour course to learn **How to use Power Point** on Monday 19th September 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

If you wish to learn how to use a computer we will also be running a 30 hour course **Learning How to use Word Processing and Desk Top Management**, starting at 9.30 am on Thursday 6th October and will be for two hours a week for 15 weeks, and the cost of the course is approx £50.

Please register for any of the above courses on or after 5th September by contacting Levens School on 60694.

Weather in May, June & July 2005 Data recorded in Levens by Margaret & Dermot Barton

Temperature	Lowest	Average	Average	Highest
	Minimum	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum
May	0°C	5.9°C	16.1°C	20°C
June	3°C	11.1°C	21.8°C	30°C
July	8°C	12.2°C	22.5°C	33°C
Rainfall	May 74.8 mm	June 65.3 mm	July 47.6 mm	

We were away for 9 days in the first half of June and 5 days in mid-July, so no temperature records for those periods. June and July were warmer and much drier than 2004.

The warmest day recorded so far this year was 11 July, 33°C (91°F), and the warmest nights, 10 and 11 July, 17°C.





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Anne Robinson



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