



# PARISH NEWS



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

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# This month's letter has been written by The Reverend Ron Rutter.

Dear Friends,

As I write these notes the early March snows are receding and the prospect of Easter seems a long way away. However as we all know, in a matter of a few weeks we will be entering another Holy Week and with it the opportunity for each one of us to take stock of our lives, consider what the passion of Jesus Christ means to us individually and to reflect on those incredible events 2000 years ago.

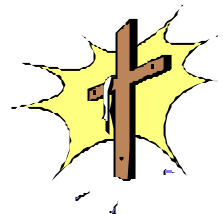
Whatever we may hear there are several simple facts regarding Jesus which we ignore at our peril. He did live, he did perform incredible acts, he was called the Messiah and he was crucified – the historian Josephus refers to 'Jesus called the Christ' being crucified. Perhaps this is the root cause of our problems – if the gospel accounts are true then they tell of such an amazing love that we frankly can't understand it. All too often we try to resolve issues with force – despite the evidence that it has rarely worked.

Just consider for a few moments what Easter really means – that the creator of our universe considers each one of us so special that he was prepared to send his son to live and die to show that there was nothing he was not prepared to do to demonstrate his love. Reading the gospel accounts confirms that Jesus did not have an easy life – conceived out of wedlock, born in a town far from home, spent some time as a refugee in Egypt .....and ultimately was crucified for crimes he had not committed only to rise again on the first Easter Sunday.

Perhaps the key question is 'dare we accept this story as being true?' because if we do accept it then surely we must respond, we must seek to learn more about him and we must want to show our gratitude by being more like him.

May the joy of this Easter time be special to you.

*Ron*



# Services at St Peter's Heversham, St Thomas' Milnthorpe and St John's Levens

## **April 2006**

### **Sunday 2nd - 5th in Lent - Passion Sunday**

|         |                      |                        |
|---------|----------------------|------------------------|
|         | Holy Communion       | 8.00 am at Milnthorpe  |
|         | Family Service       | 9.30 am at Heversham   |
|         | Parish Communion     | 10.00 am at Levens     |
|         | Parish Communion     | 11.00 am at Milnthorpe |
|         | Evensong             | 6.30 pm at Heversham   |
| Wed 5th | Lent Service for All | 7.30 pm at Milnthorpe  |

### **Sunday 9th - Palm Sunday - beginning of Holy Week**

|             |  |                              |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|
|             | Holy Communion                           | 8.00 am at Heversham         |
|             | Parish Communion                         | 9.30 am at Heversham         |
|             | Family Service                           | 10.00 am at Levens           |
|             | Parish Communion                         | 11.00 am at Milnthorpe       |
|             | Praise and Worship                       | 6.30 pm at Heversham         |
| 10/11/12th  | Compline                                 | 7.00 pm at Heversham         |
| Thurs 13th  | <b><u>Maundy Thursday</u></b>            |                              |
|             | Service and Supper                       | 6.00 pm at Milnthorpe        |
|             | Last Supper Commemoration with Communion | 6.30 pm at Levens            |
| Friday 14th | <b><u>Good Friday</u></b>                |                              |
|             | United Open Air Service                  | 10.00 am on Milnthorpe Green |
|             | An Hour of Meditation                    | 2 - 3.00 pm at Levens        |

### **Sunday 16th - Easter Sunday**

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Holy Communion   | 8.00 am at Milnthorpe  |
| Family Communion | 9.30 am at Heversham   |
| Parish Communion | 10.00 am at Levens     |
| Family Communion | 11.00 am at Milnthorpe |

### **Sunday 23rd - 2nd Sunday of Easter**

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

### **Sunday 30th - 3rd Sunday of Easter**

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Holy Communion  | 8.00 am at Heversham   |
| Morning Prayer  | 9.00 am at Hincaster   |
| United Service  | 11.00 am at Milnthorpe |
| A shared Celebration and United Service<br>for Christians Together in Levens. | 6.30 pm at St. John's  |

## **May**

### **Sunday 7th - 4th of Easter**

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

### Regular Prayer Gatherings

Tuesdays: Healing Prayer Ministry  
Informal Prayer Gathering  
Saturdays: Informal Prayer Gathering

10.35 -11.45am at Heversham  
1.00 pm at Milnthorpe  
7.45 am at Heversham

**Everyone is Welcome  
to the Good Friday  
United Service  
at 10.00 am  
on Milnthorpe Green**



## **invitation**

**Maundy Thursday Supper**  
St. Thomas' Church Centre,  
13<sup>th</sup> April  
following the  
Joint Service at 6.00 pm  
(NOTE NEW TIME)



Tickets £5  
From Kathleen Dawson  
(Tel: 62020)  
and Linda Baverstock

### 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.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm  
in St John's Church, Levens  
the Licensing Service  
of The Reverend Ruth Crossley,  
will take place,  
the point at which she officially takes  
up her life in Levens parish.

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm  
in St Peter's Church, Heversham  
the Licensing Service  
of The Reverend Susan Wilson,  
Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of  
Heversham and Milnthorpe  
will take place.  
The Bishop of Carlisle will officiate.

### LENT PROJECT 2006 St. Peter's Heversham and St. Thomas' Milnthorpe

In spite of the snow on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>  
March, we were very happy to welcome  
Jon and Ali Budgell and Alla from  
Cherkassy, Ukraine and to see their  
presentation of pictures of Hope Now's  
work in that country, including Kompas  
Park's ongoing transformation into an  
Activity Centre.

Please uphold that work in your prayers  
not only during Lent but in the future.  
Please return any envelopes (with the  
Gift Aid form on the back completed if  
you are a tax payer) to Margaret Barrow  
at St Thomas' or Rhona Rutter at St  
Peter's by **Easter Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Thank you for your support!**



## **April Services 10.30 am**

**Milnthorpe Methodist Church**      **Levens Methodist Church**

|      |   |   |
|------|---|---|
| 2nd  | Mrs Iris Diggle                             | Mr. Richard Pater                       |
| 9th  | Revd Michael Harrison                       | Rev. Bill Seville                       |
| 16th | Easter Day Holy Communion<br>Revd Don Cross | Mr. Brian Gray                          |
| 23rd | Revd Bill Seville                           | Miss Cath Milner (Preacher "on trial" ) |
| 30th | Mrs Christina Bartlett                      | Mrs. Frances Thompson                   |

A shared celebration and United Service  
on Sunday 30th April at 6.30 pm at St. John's Church Levens  
for Christians Together in Levens. Preacher, Rev. Bill Seville  
**Everyone Welcome**

### **Milnthorpe Methodist Church**

Friday Coffee Mornings

9.30 – 12 noon (except April 14th)

Fairtrade products  
and bric-a-brac/clothes/books stall

Next Lunch Club 26th April

Details contact Alwena Laddell 63581

Weekly Bible Study/Prayer Time

9.30 am Wednesdays

For details contact Joy Bell 62985

### **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

### **Christ The King RC Church,** **Milnthorpe**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**  
**bringing the scriptures alive through**  
**craft, drama, music, prayer**  
**and discussion.**

Sundays during 9 o'clock mass  
(term time only)

All children of reception age upwards  
are welcome.

The group also organises outings and  
social events

More details from

Deirdre Trueman 01524-734816

or Mary Salter 015395-63291

### **Christian Aid Week 2006**

**is from**

**Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th May.**

Please give your generous support  
to help some of

the world's poorest people.

If you are able to help with house to  
house envelope collections please  
contact the Christian Aid reps as soon  
as possible. More information about

Christian Aid can be found on

[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

Milnthorpe contacts -

Margaret Barrow 64134 and

Sarah Bowers 63080:

Heversham contact -

Jane Clarke 65845

Our Parish News Contacts are  
Anne-Marie Whitfield - Milnthorpe Methodist  
Brian Gray - Levens Methodist  
Mary Salter - Christ the King RC Church

# Milnthorpe youth club



for young people in School Years 7-11  
**MILNTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
 Haverflatts Lane  
 games/talks/music/outings/crafts  
**MONDAYS, 7.30 pm**

**Chairman:** Shaun Helliwell 62027  
**Secretary:** Joy Bell 62985  
**Treasurer:** Keith Powell 64722  
**Group Leader:** Helen Lashley 62060  
 Affiliated to Crusaders, a long-established  
 Christian youth organisation ([www.crusaders.org.uk](http://www.crusaders.org.uk))

**Levens Village**  
**Open Gardens Day -**  
**will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**May from 1.30 to 5.30 pm.**

 **United Family Service  
 for Rogation Sunday**  
 Sunday 21st May  
 at 10 am  
 at Lower Rowell Farm  
 by kind invitation of  
 John and Mavis Robinson

**All Welcome**

We hope you can join us in late Spring as we ask a blessing on the growing crops - and in the autumn we will give thanks for a successful harvest.

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**Songs of Praise**  
 with Flookburgh Brass Band  
 on Sunday July 2nd at 6.30 pm  
 on Milnthorpe Green  
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## Notes from the Greenhouse:

The Editorial Team have invited Growing Well to write us an article:



Growing Well was funded in 2003 with the aim of providing people recovering from mental health problems opportunities to develop their confidence and skills in the workplace.

We achieve this by offering volunteering opportunities throughout the running of our Soil Association certified social enterprise based at Low Sizergh Farm. We grow and sell organic produce, provide accredited training in horticulture and run an educational programme aimed at increasing the connections between local school children and their food.

We offer all kinds of opportunities for people recovering from mental health problems to participate in Growing Well. Volunteers undertake activities throughout the organisation, from seed-sowing to financial management, tractor driving to web-design.

As we move into a frosty March here at Growing Well we have been busy ploughing the fields. We've finally got the hang of our new yellow tractor and we'll be ready to start direct sowing seed in a fortnight. Our hardy volunteers have been braving snow and ice to come in and carry on the good work – some days it's been too frozen to dig!

In the propagation tunnel we have thousands of plants beginning to grow; kohlrabi, lettuce, tomatoes and broccoli to name a few! And through all this we've still been harvesting our winter salad crops which are available in the shop at Low Sizergh Barn most weekends.

For more info our website is [www.growingwell.co.uk](http://www.growingwell.co.uk) or contact us on 015395 61777.



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



April brings Easter Day and our glorious Eastertide Services, as we sing “Jesus Christ is risen today”... “Alleluia” following the sadness of Good Friday. April also “brings the primrose sweet, scatters daisies at our feet”, Kathleen Partridge writes – “to climb a bank, and see the primroses I love so well – here’s fragrance for the weary heart, by God himself designed – because I gather peace with each primrose that I find.”

Children and all of us look forward to the chocolate Easter eggs, but some of us still colour and boil, hens’ eggs, carrying on the ancient custom of pace (Pasch) egg rolling- do you take part? It is lovely for children to remember. Easter eggs have always been a symbol of this time, are a symbol of new life, fertility; and as the early Christians cracked open their eggs, they thought of Jesus breaking open from the Tomb on the first Easter day.

Have you ever wondered why the date of Easter Sunday varies from year to year? It can be on any Sunday between March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>, because it is fixed by the phase of the moon. Easter is always on the first Sunday after the full moon, following the vernal equinox, which takes place on March 21/22. All other dates in the Church’s calendar are reckoned from Easter day. **HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!!**

HAPPY DAY - Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 21<sup>st</sup>; we remember, and thank her for a lifetime of service, while wishing her a happy and memorable birthday. The Editorial Team is sending her a special birthday card incorporating the Parish News cover on behalf of all our readers.

THANKS. We thank our own Venerable Peter Dawson, for all his work in leading the Services at St Thomas Church; also for arranging and taking the six weekly Lenten Services. We wish Peter and Kathleen a very Happy Easter. M.D.

## St Thomas' Church April Flower Rota

2nd & 9th no flowers in Lent

**Easter flowers arranging:**

**An invitation to meet at church at 9.30 am on Saturday 15th April**

23rd

-

30th

Mrs Tuer



The Revd Susan Wilson's first 11.00 am service in St Thomas' Church Milnthorpe will be on Sunday June 4th.

This will be a non-communion service and all villagers are invited to come and meet our new Parish Priest. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



**MOTHERS' UNION**

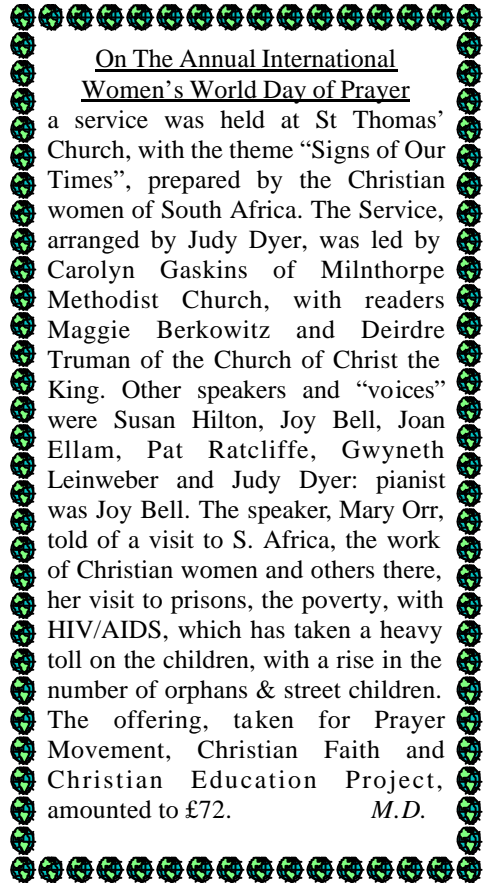
Branch leader Joan Ellam welcomed guest speaker, Robin Orr of Levens, to the March meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers Union, and said that he had chosen the opening hymn, also the reading, given by Judy Dyer to coincide with his illustrated talk, "CALLED TO UKRAINE". Mr Orr spoke of his many visits to the Ukraine, following his call by God for Christianity in that region; and work of the HOPE NOW Project there, which embraces help, and work with health, hospitals, prisons, prayers, a choir and education. Thousands of people have been baptised since this began – including many in prisons. Slides depicted the delight of children on receiving the shoe gift boxes which Mr Orr had conveyed from Cumbria. He was sincerely thanked by Pat Radcliffe, and a collection was taken for HOPE NOW.

Mrs Ellam said that the women's world Day of Prayer was successful, in spite of a heavy "blizzard" of snow, at the time; as was the M.U. Wave of Prayer meeting held at Linda Cooper's home. On Lady Day March 25<sup>th</sup> a M.U. Faith lunch was held at St Georges' Church, Kendal. An outing to visit Benridding West Yorkshire M.U. branch was arranged for May 24<sup>th</sup>. A get well card was signed by all members for Marjorie Mashiter.

During the Carlisle Diocese Mothers Unions Wave of Prayer week, March 1-5 eight members of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers Union, held a wave of prayer meeting at the home of M.U. member Linda Cooper. Leaders were Joan Ellam and Judy Dyer, with a Bible reading by Joan Atkinson. A talk by Mrs Cooper described the work of our link branches in Nigeria, Kenya, Zululand, Swaziland, and Northern Argentina – while also remembering the

Diocese of Carlisle, and the furtherance of the M.U. gowns of love, *Away From It All*, The 1 – 5 Parenting Projects, as well as local work at Haverigg Prison, Kendal Child Centre and outreach work of the new Diocesan Choir.

*Mary Davidson*



On The Annual International Women's World Day of Prayer

a service was held at St Thomas' Church, with the theme "Signs of Our Times", prepared by the Christian women of South Africa. The Service, arranged by Judy Dyer, was led by Carolyn Gaskins of Milnthorpe Methodist Church, with readers Maggie Berkowitz and Deirdre Truman of the Church of Christ the King. Other speakers and "voices" were Susan Hilton, Joy Bell, Joan Ellam, Pat Ratcliffe, Gwyneth Leinweber and Judy Dyer: pianist was Joy Bell. The speaker, Mary Orr, told of a visit to S. Africa, the work of Christian women and others there, her visit to prisons, the poverty, with HIV/AIDS, which has taken a heavy toll on the children, with a rise in the number of orphans & street children. The offering, taken for Prayer Movement, Christian Faith and Christian Education Project, amounted to £72.

*M.D.*

An Invitation to  
**St Thomas' Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
 Monday 24th April at 7.30 pm  
 All members of the congregation are encouraged to come as we prepare for a new phase in the life of the church.

# **St John's Church, Levens**

## **Special Services, Events & News**



### **St John's, Levens,** **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** **8<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

This, held in the Institute on a rather cold evening, was quite well attended. It started, as usual, with the Vestry Meeting for the election of churchwardens for which there were two nominations – Robin Orr to serve a second year and Barrie King willing, and now able again, to return to the office he held for several years until about two years ago. Without other opposition these two were elected and I was thanked for my service now ending. We then heard and accepted where necessary in the usual pattern of these meetings, the minutes of the one last year, the annual parish report, electoral roll report, the annual accounts, and reports from the churchwardens, the deanery synod, the Kent Estuary Team Shadow council and progress on our Survival to Revival activities. Three people were elected/re-elected to join the other six elected members of the Parochial Church Council. All these reports were satisfactory though there was some discussion on points of interest or even, perhaps, difference! But, whatever these may have been, we all agreed that we are looking forward to the arrival of the Revd Ruth Crossley as Priest-in-Charge here – licensing Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 p.m., in church – and are very grateful to John Hancock and Margaret for being willing to start their “retirement” by taking care of us for as long as it took.

*Doreen Hughes Gain*

St. John's Church are holding their  
Spring Fair at the Institute  
on Saturday 24th April, 10.00 am  
Raffles, Cakes,  
Garden Plants, etc.

### **Children's Society (St John's, Levens)**

On the first Sunday of Lent the Revd Tim Harford came to speak to us about the work of the Children's Society. He told us of the four categories of children and young people with whom they work: refugees and asylum speakers, those with disabilities, those awaiting trials or sentencing and those who run away from home – the latter numbering a staggering 100,000 a year. Several of the congregation already use collecting boxes for the Society and another seven people took them at the end of the service. Our Lent Project is to provide funds to support 1) the Society's work for one runaway child and 2) for two sessions for groups in schools; these help the youngsters to understand clearly the implications of running away and give them ways of sorting out their problems and obtaining the right help. Those of us who heard Tim speak were thankful for the Church's involvement in such vital work and realised how much it needs our support. Envelopes for the Lent Project can be found, clearly labelled, at the back of the church and should be returned on Easter Sunday or put in the locked wall box by the door.

*Mary Orr*



## St John's Church April Flowers

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>   | No flowers in Lent |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Easter             |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>                    | Mrs L. Walker      |

**Church decorating for Easter will be from 10.00 am on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Any gifts of flowers (yellow & white) & foliage would be very welcome, as would donations towards the cost of the flowers.

After our appeal in January we have had one volunteer but are wondering if there are any young mums who can't manage to get to church on a Sunday but who might like to commemorate their wedding or children's christening by doing the altar flowers. It's a very peaceful activity and you would be giving a lot of pleasure.

If you want to know more, please phone Teresa on 60652 or Tricia on 60097.

### Christians Together in Levens

The Monday Group meets in Levens Methodist Church at 10.15 am except Bank Holidays

### CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LEVENS

It was a great privilege and joy to share in Holy Communion in the United Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at the Methodist Church, when the Preacher was Rev. Canon John Hancock and the Service was celebrated by Rev. Bill Seville. Almost all the seats were taken and the event drew many appreciative comments on the day and since. We were all reminded of how little difference lies between us and Unity. God be praised !

Our next event will be the service on 30<sup>th</sup> April at St. John's Church at 6.30 pm. All are welcome, from whatever background.

*Brian Gray*

It unexpected death of Mrs Alison Edwards, who was a regular correspondent for the Tennis Club and enthused it so greatly. We offer heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends. is with sadness that we record the  
Parish News editors

## Levens Tennis Club

We are holding an Open Day for beginners or experienced players at the Club on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30 p.m. Please come along and join in. Racquets and balls supplied, refreshments afterwards. Everybody very welcome. Any enquiries, ring Susan, tel. 60369.

*Susan Coates*

## Levens Bowling Club

Coffee Morning raised £607.00. Thanks to all who attended, helped and contributed. The Bowling Club will be holding a series of bowls taster days for anyone interested in taking up bowls. The first of these will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at the bowling green from 2 p.m.

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

### British Legion Women's Section

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY,  
DATE & TIME

for the next meeting:

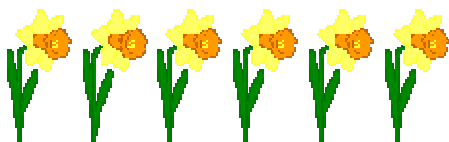
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2 pm in the Institute: Mrs Hazel Derrick will give a cookery demonstration.

### A date for your diary -

Christians Together in Levens

Levens Book Fair - Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

# 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 Church to put a fresh daffodil on the 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.



## WOW

### Window on the World

The next meetings will take place on:-

**Monday 3<sup>d</sup> April**, 7.00 for 7.30 pm at **Linda Cooper's** home, Apple Acres, Woodhouse Lane.

( Focus on **SAMS** – South American Mission Society, **Hope Now** – working in Ukraine and South Africa with orphans, in hospitals and in prisons and in evangelism, and **CSW** – Christian Solidarity Worldwide, praying and campaigning for Christians throughout the world who are imprisoned and persecuted for their faith)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**, 7.00 for 7.30 pm at **Pat Radcliffe's** home, Sunny Vale, Heversham.

**Thanks to everyone who came to the Snowy Coffee Time in March. We have changed from the usual date in April to avoid the school holiday and people being away -**



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

Next to St Peter's Church,  
**Tuesday 25th April**  
10.00 - 11.45 am

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

**ALL WELCOME !**

Run by the Coffee Time Team



## Fish Club 4 +

@ The Old School, Heversham -  
 from 9.30–10.30 am  
 Sundays term time  
 except 1st Sunday in the month,  
 which is Family Service.  
 details from Jane Fell 63174  
 or Christine Gibson 62231  
 Come and Join in !

### A Fond Farewell

Helen and Tony Rimmer, formerly of Heversham Post Office, would like to thank all customers and friends, particularly Jeanette Holmes, Tony Parker, Barbara Robinson, Audrey Wynne, Martin Tyson, Joyce Hayton and especially Sophie Thwaites-Breed, and inform you that they have moved to 13 Eaveslea, Kirkby Lonsdale. The new residents are Graham and Joanna Wright and their children Esme (6) and Clara (4). We are sure that they will be welcomed to the village.  
*Helen and Tony Rimmer*

### **Heversham Parent & Toddlers**



Wed 9.30 –11 am  
 @ the Athenaeum  
 Tel: Sally 65758

## online

An archive of the Parish News is kept on the Heversham village website:  
[www.heversham.org](http://www.heversham.org)

What is GET REAL all about?  
 Find out next issue

**GET  
REAL**

### Heversham Toddler Group

are stepping out to support Breakthrough Breast Cancer on Wednesday 29th March as part of the Mothering Sunday Crocus Walk, sponsored by the Norwich Union. The funds raised will help to fund Breakthrough's vital research and education work and Norwich Union is promising to match pound for pound all funds, up to an amazing £100,000 !

The walk in Heversham is from the Athenaeum to the village playground, with toddlers/babies and parents taking part. We hope to see the daffodils that the children planted last autumn as part of our group's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.

If your Parish News has been delivered by this date - give us a wave if you see us or join us on the walk if your can.

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### Heversham Women's Institute

Having thoroughly enjoyed Eileen Belshaw's first talk about her training and early days as a nurse, members were eagerly anticipating her second talk and were certainly not disappointed. We were treated to many hilarious anecdotes about her life as a Midwife and District Nurse in Ulverston & Coniston. She must be a delight to the people of that area needing her assistance. It would be difficult to be miserable in her company!

*Joan Anderton*

### Levens Women's Institute

There was a good attendance for the February meeting, where Mr Brian Adams gave a slide talk on the National Garden Scheme. He started with a brief history of the scheme which dated back to 1926, when the Queen's Nursing Council were short of funds and a Council member, Elsie Wagge, persuaded people to open their gardens charging a shilling admission. Sixty people agreed and by the 1930s a thousand gardens were open. In 1980 it became a charity in its own right, with the late Queen Mother its patron, now

succeeded by Prince Charles. Twenty million pounds have been raised for charities, especially the Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses. The gardens are open from March to September and there are 61 in Cumbria. Mr Adams' enthusiasm shone through as he showed his beautiful slides. These included Yewbarrow House, Grange, with its breathtaking views over the estuary, Holehird with daffodils, monkey puzzle trees, winter heathers and wonderful magnolias; Holker with its rhododendrons and unusual sundial; Askham Hall and the five small gardens of Leece Village. We were also transported to Northumberland, to Wallington, an idea for a future trip, and even to the West country: Porlocks Weir and Barrington Court in Somerset, and Glendurgan in Cornwall with its unusual maze of laurel, pagoda tree and pocket handkerchief tree. Mr Adams had several amusing stories to tell and gave members a chance to air their knowledge of plant names in this wonderful feast of colour.

*Sally Beaumont*



### WI Meetings Dates and Speakers: April 2006

Heversham - 12th at 7.15 pm, Athenaeum. Ms Marian Kearney: The Prince's Trust  
Milnthorpe - 13th at 7.30, Milnthorpe Methodist Hall, Readings & Poems for Spring  
Levens - 18th at 7.30 pm, Levens Institute. Mr M. Webster: Life as an Under Butler  
**26th April Group meeting at Levens.**

### Milnthorpe Men's Forum

Annual Meeting was held at the Cross Keys Hotel, when 31 members were present. Tony Liddle, Art Exhibition Secretary and Treasurer, said that it had been an excellent year. Profits from the art exhibition amounted to £10,000, which was divided evenly between the British Heart Foundation and St Thomas' Church Milnthorpe. Membership had increased

and the members are looking forward to Art Exhibition 2006.

Officers elected for 2006/7 were President Walt Unsworth; Chairman Ken McVie; Vice-chairman Richard Harvey; Treasurer Neil Dodds; Secretary Tony Liddle; Art Ex. President Peter Townsend; Art Ex. Chairman Brian Taylor; Art Ex. Treasurer and Secretary Tony Liddle.

## Levens Over 60's Club

Mr Brennan presided and 21 members braved the bitterly cold wind and were rewarded by an excellent slide-talk by Canon and Mrs Ellis of Allithwaite on the River Danube. The river rises in the Black Forest and flows through Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria to reach the Black Sea. Canon and Mrs Ellis boarded a cruise ship in Vienna and sailed to the Black Sea and back, disembarking for coach trips to cities and villages *en route*. In Slovakia they saw ruins from the recent conflict, but Bratislava is now restored. As it flows through the Hungarian plain the river is 2 km. wide. The architecture in Budapest is outstanding and much rebuilding has taken place since the communist era. There are displays of Magyar riding skills and wonderful village crafts, brightly coloured embroidery, etc. In Romania the Danube flows through a narrow gorge with locks, where the former communist rulers built a huge hydroelectric scheme. The area has a strong Roman heritage: a language akin to Latin and a road and bridge built by Trajan. Gypsies originated here. A revival of Christianity followed the demise of communism, and traditional costumes feature a lot. Serbia showed signs of austerity. Many conflicts between Islamic Turks and Christians took place: Belgrade has been flattened 40 times. Bulgaria had to fight fiercely for independence.

Returning to Vienna, a tour of the city was a fitting climax, where the architecture was richest under the Hapsburg rulers. They visited the palace and the library and the wonderful St Stephen's Cathedral with its spire higher than Salisbury's and where much great music, including Mozart's Requiem, was first performed.  
*Sally Beaumont*

**Next meeting in The Institute at 2.00 pm.  
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**slide-talk: Mr Trevor Hughes:  
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