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Editorial

In this edition there is an account on page 8 of a visit by Peter and Bronwen Osborne to a very unusual church in Wales. In anticipation of summer you will find details inside of open gardens, a parish walk, an evening concert with strawberries and fizz and a party and promise auction. We can look forward to good times ahead as long as the rain stays away and the sun shines.

Carole Butcher

Diary of a Lune Valley Vicar By Mark Cannon

Hoping for glory.....

Tuesday: I am in Bradford and have just returned to my flat in fashionable Saltaire but the trendy previous occupant has left a blocked loo. I flush it several times but the water level simply rises. It is now 8pm and I need some unblocking power. ASDA turns out to be pretty poor in the plumbing dept but Giant Buttons are on offer so it's not a wasted trip and in the nearby Baptist Church car park I take the opportunity to overpower a small sycamore and deprive it of a springy branch. It doesn't work, but adds a few leaf buds and twigs to a rich mix in the bowl. I have dislodged part of the blockage and they float about mockingly. As we are at the budget end of trendy Saltaire, this is only a one-loo apartment, and I have to fish out the articles and seek an alternative disposal. I decide to head for the bar and the public loos.

Naturally, the cubicle is occupied and I stand outside with the package wrapped in kitchen roll and doused in aftershave. I'm sure no one suspects, but I feel obliged to drink a pint just so people don't think I'm odd.

Wednesday: Today I raid a DIY store for some hosepipe, rods and a small "bomb" of compressed air. The hosepipe and rod only serve to fill the bowl to a risky level, and the water has breached my Marigolds. I place the bomb in the bowl, and feed it close to the u-bend. One explosion results in a

spectacular shower of the contents of the loo, and, at last, the joyful sound of gurgling water with all obstructions removed. I find a can of spray bleach and cover myself in chemicals, paying special attention to my hair. My hand is now marinading in Toilet Duck, as I must look presentable for the opening of the firm's new Bradford Office, tomorrow.

Thursday: The Lord Mayor is doing the honours, and the Staff is all there because it's a free buffet. As a Vicar I've been put in charge of the flower arrangements and have chosen some bright pink gerberas. The press arranges our boss and the Mayor for a photo with, I am proud to note, my artful arrangement between the two men. "Oh, no", exclaims the Mayor, "they won't do!" and he dumps my flowers behind a shelf. We all try our best to clear up and improve our lives - sometimes we make dramatic errors - and in the end we lose the battle. There are victories to be had on the way, achievements to celebrate, and joys to share; and perhaps, in this season of the Ascension, we can see glimpses of heaven and glory in the middle of our struggles. It is a promise that is worth working for, and a light in our darkness.

I shake hands with the Mayoress, who compliments me on my shiny hair, and the smooth feel of my hand. She is indeed polite not to mention the overpowering odour of Domestos, and nor does she realise that before I reached this shiny new state, that I have had struggle through a lot of ... aggravation.

Perhaps that's why so many just give up?

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

St James the Less, Tatham

At long last the temperature has reached 20 degrees, the blossom is out and so are the cows. Man and beast need, and deserve, a decent summer, please grant us one!

A small but moving service on Maundy Thursday was followed by a well attended, joyful celebration on Easter Day. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team to lead us. Thank you; you work very hard to make our worship so meaningful.

The PCC AGM produced no surprises. The same old, some very old, faces will be around for another year, but this can not go on for ever. Perhaps our parish survey which we will launch this month will reveal hidden talent with a wish to support us.

Our catering day for the Scarecrows was cold, wet and windy but a lovely day for Wray Fair brought in the crowds who supported our stall and especially the jam-jar tombola.

Looking ahead, we have arranged a concert presented by the Mewses Choir of Kirkby Lonsdale, so named because they meet in the Mews cafe in Kirkby Lonsdale; they are an off-shoot of the Kirkby Lonsdale Choral Society and will present a programme to suit all tastes. Details of times and tickets are on page 11

John Holt

Holy Trinity, Wray

Members of the church held a coffee morning and cake stall in aid of the Children's Society on Saturday 13th April in church and £150 was raised. It was well attended by many villagers and was a very enjoyable morning. We hope to have one next year for another charity.

Friends decorated the church for the wedding between Katherine Edge (daughter of our PCC Secretary, Peter Edge) and Mark Routledge which took place on Saturday 20th April. Members of the village turned out to support the well-liked couple. They had guests from other countries, especially Mark's family from New Zealand, who watched as the best man had to cut the string from the church gate to allow Katherine and Mark to

leave the churchyard and money was thrown to local children.

On Sunday 5th May Mary Winter held a 'Songs of Praise' in Wray Church at which all the hymns were chosen by village residents; John Parkinson accompanied on the organ. A choir ably led by Mary sang Psalm 23 (The Lord's my Shepherd) to the tune of Brother James' Air, composed by James Leith Mackbeth Bain.

The Electoral Roll has now been completed and the numbers sent to Blackburn Scarecrow Festival A team of enthusiasts had prepared an exhibition in church on 'Farming and Nostalgia.' This was considered by many visitors to be the best exhibition to date. Friday was the church refreshment day in the Institute and this was very busy. Thanks to everyone who helped and contributed to the successful day. Details of forthcoming children's activities are on page 11. **Judith Wrigley/Ann Anderson**

Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells

On Friday March 22nd we had the worst March blizzard in our region for many years. The combination of fine snow and strong winds meant that the snow blew off the fields and filled the lanes. The snowdrifts were so deep that we took the decision to cancel our service on Sunday 24th March, a thing we have never done before. Our thoughts are with our farming friends, who lost sheep and lambs after a particularly difficult year in 2012.

Our Good Friday devotional hour was led by Norman and Ann. Easter Day dawned and we were able to make it to the beautifully decorated church despite the lingering snow. Norman led the moving service of Holy Communion assisted by Ann and refreshments were served in the Old School afterwards.

The wedding of Gemma Maddison and Stuart Barry took place on Friday 26th April. We were delighted to welcome our friends from Swans Farm to our church on such a special occasion. Mark Cannon conducted the service and the organist was David Butcher.

Our catering day at Wray Scarecrow Festival was on Saturday 27th April. This was

a very successful event raising £648 for church funds.

Ann took the Family Service for Rogation Sunday on 5th May. Members of the congregation braved the elements and prayers were said at various points in the church and in the churchyard blessing the fields and farms.

At the time of going to press we are looking forward to our Parish Walk on Saturday 1st June and catering at Peter and Bronwen's Open Gardens later that month.

Carole Butcher

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

Heating We are all delighted with the new heating although we have to get used to getting it set to the right temperatures for the services, it's usually lovely and warm by half way through, and things will improve!

Afternoon Tea Service This was very well received by the community. Ann Dawson led the service themed on Light in Our Lives. Sixteen people attended, tea was really lovely with, as usual, too much to eat, but we all shared the leftovers and took different things home with us, which was good. Instead of being spread all over the pews, we all sat together in the first 4 rows, shoulder to shoulder, very 'non Church of England,' we should do this more often, it's quite special. Mark is taking the next afternoon service in Tunstall on May 26th again preceded by tea. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Norman and Ann will be delivering the following afternoon service on Sunday July 28th at 5.00pm, preceded by afternoon tea at 4.30pm.

Feast of St Mark Canon Norman Dawson celebrated this saint's day at a very moving and thought provoking service at Tunstall on Thursday April 18th. It is a pity more people do not attend these simple, short services.

Church Meetings It is extremely encouraging that so many people are attending the new Tunstall Church Meetings. The last one was held in the Parish Hall because a date could not be agreed upon when the Lunesdale Arms was open. Wine was shared, courtesy of Robert and Kerry Rawkins, and eighteen residents attended.

Many thanks to all the positive ideas which are being formed and acted upon, it is very encouraging.

Churchyard Trees As many of you are aware two very large and old beech trees had to be felled over the past two years. It is the intention of the Church Council to replant about six trees in the churchyard to replace these and to fill some barren spaces on the back wall. If you would like to provide a tree in memory of a loved one please contact Jane on 74260. A service of dedication will be arranged. Before this can happen however, a faculty needs to be applied for from the Diocese and the trees to be planted, along with their position, will need to be listed on this faculty. **Jane Greenhalgh**

St Peter's, Leck

We raised £700 at our annual jumble sale on Saturday 30th March at Ingleton Community Centre. A good crowd turned out and business was brisk. Tea, coffee and biscuits were available and grateful thanks go to the wonderful team of Ingleton ladies for all their help which was very much appreciated. The Bric-a-brac stall at Wray Fair raised a further £59; warm thanks to everyone for their support.

At the time of going to press we are looking forward to welcoming the children from Leck Primary School for their Leavers' Service on Wednesday 17th July. **Eleanor Denby**

St Wilfrid's, Melling

It was so nice to see St Wilfrid's resplendent in flowers again after Lent when the congregation came together to celebrate Easter Sunday. Well done to the flower arrangers!

It reminded me that it was a time of resurrection in the garden too and that led me to remember the need to find more volunteers to maintain the graveyard, which has now had its first cuts; and we have a full complement of cutters ... all we need now is good weather ... and a simple solution to mole hills.

Hardly a day goes by without me finding something new to do in and around the Church. In the strong winds a couple of weekends ago the flag of St George had partly detached itself from the flagpole.

On squeezing my more than adequate frame up the tower stairs, I found that the door frame (that I have to contort through to get onto the roof) had also detached itself from the building, so I came back down with one job done but with another to do. There is never a dull moment.

I'd nearly got back to the top of the stairs, carrying a heavy toolbox in front of me because the stairs are not wide enough for both, when it crossed my mind that it could be quite an interesting descent if I came back down carrying the toolbox in the same way.

It was all a question of balance and not over-stretching myself.

I had the same feeling reeling around the floor at the Ceilidh which we held on May 10th. It was the first event following the

re-opening of the Melling Institute, which has been much improved over the last couple of months.

All reports I've received about the event were very positive and I am pleased to say that we raised nearly £430 for church funds. The band were fantastic, the caller equally so but also very patient. Many thanks go to Kate and Meredith for all that they did leading the helpers; special mention too for Kate's son Matt for running the bar and showing me how it should be done. What was really great was to see all ages taking part in the dancing, including those who were a bit reluctant at first then not wanting to stop at the end. Over 50 attended the event so many thanks to you all for your support.

Jac Beeson

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY 2013

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

2nd June	First after Trinity		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Mark
9.30am	Family Service	MELLING	Ann
10.00am	Morning Service	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM FELLS	Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Mark
9th June	Second after Trinity		
9.30am	Holy Communion	MELLING	Mark
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Robert
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM	Mary
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Mark
7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Robert
16th June	Third after Trinity		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WRAY	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Robert
9.30am	Morning Service	MELLING	Peter
10.00am	Family Service	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Robert
23rd June	Birth of John the Baptist	Tunstall Patronal Festival	
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Ann
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Norman
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Norman
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Mark
	(for Tunstall, Melling and Leck)		

30th June	SS Peter and Paul		
Fifth Sunday	Leck Patronal Festival		
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Mark + Robert
6.00pm	Garden Service at Clearbeck House		Mark + Peter
	(Both services for all six churches)		
7th July	Sixth after Trinity		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Mark
9.30am	Family Service	MELLING	Ann
10.00am	Morning Service	WRAY	Peter
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM FELLS	Mary
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Robert
14th July	Seventh after Trinity		
9.30am	Holy Communion	MELLING	Robert
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service	TATHAM	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Robert
7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Ann
21st July	Eighth after Trinity		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WRAY	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Norman
9.30am	Morning Service	MELLING	Mark
10.00am	Family Service	WRAY	Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Mark
28th July	Ninth after Trinity		
11.00am	Family Communion	TATHAM	Norman + Ann
	followed by picnic and rounders		
5.00pm	Evening service	TUNSTALL	Norman + Ann
	preceded by afternoon tea at 4.30pm		
	(Both services for all six churches)		

FROM THE REGISTERS

Leck – Funeral

Gillian Rosemary Burrow

Tatham Fells - Wedding

Gemma Louise Maddison
and Stuart George Barry

Leck – Wedding

Charlotte Amy Ireland
and Edward Henry Woof

Wray - Wedding

Katherine Edge
and Mark Routledge

Wray – Baptism

Emilie Vera Routledge

VISITING CHURCHES - POBL DEWI

We visited not just one church in Pobl Dewi, the Diocese of St. David's, but several, and other more or less ruinous chapels as well. The excitement is partly in treading in the footsteps of those early Celtic saints who founded these places of worship as they brought Christianity into South Wales. But there is a sad sense of decay, damp and progressive abandonment in some of these ancient churches. The coastal chapels are naturally ruinous because some have been dashed by the sea and they were never meant to be parish churches. Sadder is the present feel of these latter, not in all cases but many.

I was interested to pick up the very lively (and partly Welsh) diocesan newspaper and to discover that Bishop Wyn and his congregations are taking up the challenge in a very positive way. After a Lent 2011 consultation they have formed a 'comprehensive strategy' to combat decline. This will go so far as to replace parish structure with area Mission Partnerships, each having a vicar as a mission leader and local churches having a focal (often lay) minister. The communities will remove the distinction between ministers and other church members, so that the latter can play a full part in ministry and mission.

There was a real feeling in this of wanting to pick up the spirit of the old missionary saints who had come across the sea, sometimes only in little coracles, to bring the message of Hope. In some of these churches and chapels, in spite of their current decay, you feel the presence of those early Christians quite strongly. There was St. Govan, St. Brynach, St. Ishmael and others and most of all, of course, St David who had come from the Carlisle area, and his mother St. Non.

Of all these ancient places the most impressive to me was the chapel of St. Govan, perched against the base of enormous cliffs, with its little well hardly above the reach of the waves in the rocky foreshore. The story attached to it is that Govan was being attacked by a group of pirates and that he hid in this isolated cove in a rocky cleft to escape them. The myth that the rock closed in around him conveys the point that he did escape, and the chapel was built to celebrate that little miracle. The wall behind the altar is cut away so you can still see his hiding place.

So narrow is the cove that, as you descend the 80 or so steps, you have to go through the building to get to the vast rocks of the shore and the little well among them. Another impediment is that the approach, like the Coastal Path, goes through an army firing range, which is closed when rounds are being fired. But the feeling, as you first come to the view of the little chapel in the immensity of its cliff setting, is one of wonder at the intrepidity of the early saint who founded it. **Peter Osborne**



The Pembroke cliffs from Govan's Chapel

Clearbeck; Garden with a Message



Bronwen and Peter Osborne would be delighted to welcome our local friends to the garden again this year. All openings are for charity: the entry fees on National Garden days for Macmillan and other, mainly cancer, charities and the teas on those days for Tatham Fells Church and Save the Children Fund. National Garden Scheme openings this year are from 11am to 5pm on Sundays 23rd and 30th June. Our Tatham Fells Church service on 30th June will be held in the garden at 6.00 pm. Hymns swing to Mary Longton's accordion.

Those who have visited know that Clearbeck is partly a landscape garden based on an 18th century approach. A time when gardens such as Stowe and Rousham often had meanings built in via sculptures and 'follies'. Clearbeck too has its sculpture and follies, as well as flower and vegetable gardens and a 2-acre wildlife lake. There is a temple, a pyramid, a tower with Maggy Haworth's Rapunzel mosaic for fun, and much else. The giant fish made of CDs, at the centre, is of course an Ichthys, a reference to Christ. The Pyramid is part of a Garden of Life and Death where plant names lead you through from darkness to the light of eternal life, (Angelica for angels, etc.) Come and be intrigued!

Garden entry remains at £3 but free for children, for whom there is a garden quiz.

Early notice for Party and Promise Auction at Tunstall Church Saturday 7th September 6.30pm

The church has completed two fantastic improvements recently – the new car park and a really good new heating system, as well as a kitchenette in the vestry.

We want to celebrate these new additions by having a barbecue party, hopefully in the car park, but if wet it will be in the church. After supper, there will be a short promise auction in the church to raise money to help fund our next project, which is to provide a much needed loo in the car park, (for which we have planning consent).

This will be a great evening out for all the family. Don't worry if you are not a churchgoer; it's a beautiful building and we would love you all to come to the party. There will be barbecue food, drink and music hopefully both inside and out, so please make a note in your diary – Saturday 7th September at 6.30pm and if you have anything nice you would like to offer as a promise, or, if you can't come and would like to make a donation, please get in touch with any of the trustees of the St John the Baptist Tunstall Trust: Olivia Ley, Helen Littley, Charles Cohen, Nick Gillibrand, Robert Rawkins, Bill Shepherd, or Joe Towers.

(If you need a phone number for anything, try Nick on 015242 71231)

Tickets will be £10, (£5 for under 13)s. This will include supper and a drink and there will be more wine and soft drinks available.

Young People's Corner

DANCE

When people hear music, they often tap their feet and clap their hands. Dancing is a natural activity and there are many different styles of dance, ranging from the hectic break-dance to the graceful, elegant waltz. All forms of dance share the same rhythmic movements that people have enjoyed since time began. Prehistoric cave paintings show people moving in a lively way. They kept time by clapping and stamping. Later, dancers began to move in patterns with more formal steps, and dancing in couples or in groups at balls or dances became part of social life. In many countries special costumes are part of the folk-dancing tradition.

The chain dance

In one of the most common folk-dancing patterns, the dancers weave in and out along a line or in a circle sometimes moving from left to right clasping alternate hands as they pass.

Ritual dance

In religious rituals, dance is a way of thanking the gods or asking for their help.

Break dance



B-boying or Breaking is a style of street dance that originated among African American and Puerto Rican youths in New York City in the early 1970's. It gained popularity in the media and spread worldwide especially in South Korea, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Russia and Japan. While diverse in the amount of variations available in the dance B-boying consists of four things *top rock, down rock, power moves and freezes*. B-boying is typically danced to *hip hop* and especially *break beats* although modern trends allow for much wider varieties of music along certain ranges of tempo and beat patterns.

Source: The Internet

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells ANNUAL PARISH WALK

On Saturday 1st June

Meet at the Old School at 10.00am
with a packed lunch, weather-proof
clothing and appropriate footwear
(NO DOGS)

5 mile walk or 15 mile walk

£5 per person, £10 per family

Contact John Wilson 61594

Come along and enjoy A Summer Evening Concert

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including Strawberries/Cream & Fizz

Contact Phyllis Holt 21443

Linda Kirkby 21486

OPEN GARDEN

Bronwen and Peter Osborne
will be opening their beautiful
garden again under the National Garden
Scheme on the following dates

Sundays June 23rd and 30th

11am – 5pm

**Refreshments for Tatham Fells Church
and Save the Children Fund**

GARDEN SERVICE

6pm Sunday June 30th

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN WRAY CHURCH

Joyful Noise

Thursday 6th June at 2.00pm

Thursday 4th July at 2.00pm

Final session of the year

End of year picnic at the tea rooms
timings to be decided at the June
meeting.

We will bring some of our own food
and buy some at the tea rooms.

Picnic in church if it rains

After School Club in church

Friday 14th June at 3.15pm

Friday 12th July at 3.15pm

MONDAY NIGHT GROUP AT HIND LEA, MILLHOUSES

Discussion group for young people
every other Monday night during term
time for year 9 and upwards

**Please contact Mary Winter on 21784
for further details**

Hannah's Annual Summer Fundraiser for Exodus House Orphanage

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to the annual
summer fundraiser in support of Exodus
House Orphanage in Benin, West Africa.
The event will take place in our garden (at
'Hind Lea', Millhouses) on Sunday the 30th
of June, 1.30pm – 5.30pm. Entry is by
donation and the focus will be raising
enough money to buy building materials
for the construction of the new orphanage
and school on the land that your generosity
has helped to buy. We will also be adding
to our 'emergency fund' to help with food
and other crises. Come along and learn
about what your support has meant to the
orphanage so far, and what we hope to
achieve in the future.

It would be lovely to see you all there for
what will be an enjoyable afternoon of live
music, legendary refreshments, children's
activities and general fellowship in our
hopefully sunny garden!

Many thanks! **Hannah Burch**

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FROM ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION NEWS

Thefts of lead and other metals from Anglican churches dropped dramatically last year but experts at insurer Ecclesiastical are warning that it is too early for trustees and faith communities to let their guard drop. A forensic marking system, such as SmartWater, is one of the most effective ways to deter metal thieves from attacking your church. For SmartWater supplies (at 40% discount) please call the company on **01952 204102**

To report any incidents in church or otherwise telephone 101
Our Community Support Officer is
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