

## 'Brain of Beetham' - Headgear

This month's challenge from our Quiz Master, Clive Holden, is all about Hats and Headgear. See how many you can answer first before looking them up!

Which hat/headgear...

- Q1...fell under Svengali's spell ?
- Q2...surprisingly originated in Ecuador ?
- Q3...is reminiscent of Fred and Ginger ?
- Q4...should ideally be 45.46 ?
- Q5...owes its origin to 'Rabby' ?
- Q6...should engage your interest?
- Q7...casts your mind back to the Babes ?
- Q8...was favoured by Mary of Teck?
- Q9...was probably worn by J, Harris and George?
- Q10...is useful on a cricket field?

Here are the answers to last month's 'Feathered Friends' round, with additional background information from Clive:-

Answers to last month's quiz. Which bird...

- Q1. ...was thirty four days too late. Captain Robert **FALCON** Scott's ill-fated party arrived at the South Pole only to find that Amundsen's party had arrived there thirty four days previously. Well done if you knew that one.
- Q2. ...said 'Nevermore'. Quoth the **RAVEN** 'Nevermore' in the poem by Edgar Allan Poe.
- Q3. ...made an old salt remorseful. The **ALBATROSS** shot by the Ancient Mariner in the poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge.
- Q4. ...became a red deer when half way round. Part way on his voyage round the world Sir Francis Drake changed the name of his ship from **PELICAN** to GOLDEN HIND.
- Q5. ...was the fastest of all. LNER Pacific 4468 **MALLARD** reached a speed of 126 m.p.h. on 3rd July 1938, the fastest by a steam locomotive. It can be seen at the National Railway Museum, York.
- Q6. ...was a champion British pugilist. Bruce **WOODCOCK** held the British and Empire and European heavyweight titles for several years in the 1940s.
- Q7. ...was one 960th. The **WREN** appeared on farthings (960 to the pound) from 1937 until 1956. The farthing was demonetised on 1st January 1961.
- Q8. ...was an HMV best seller in 1927. 'O for a the wings of a **DOVE**', from Mendelssohn's 'Elijah', sung by Master Ernest Lough, was a record (forgive the pun) seller.
- Q9. ...advertised Guinness. The **TOUCAN** was a familiar figure on posters advertising Guinness.
- Q10. ...became St. Jim Crow. The **JACKDAW** of Rheims in the poem by Richard Harris Barham (1788 – 1845).

Clive Holden

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## A LOCAL TREASURE HUNT – HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

An Art History researcher Dr Malcolm Hislop of Buckley, Flintshire has recently contacted us for our assistance as he is studying the life and work of ROBERT HILTON who was a metalworker of renown and Director of the Keswick School of Industrial Art 1904 – 1921. This was a major Art Movement in Britain at the time and renowned to this day. After his retirement he lived in the Old House at Hale and was a regular worshipper at Beetham Church. As so many others before and since, in retirement he busied himself using his professional and artistic skills for the benefit of the Church here in Beetham.



At one time, he requested permission to construct and erect a memorial plaque to his deceased parents, but this was not forthcoming. However, he turned his talents to benefit the church in other ways. He crafted a set of silver communion vessels, a chalice and paten which bear a memorial inscription "This Chalice & Paten were designed and given by Rob Hilton in memory of his beloved Aunt and Godmother Jane Hilton R.I.P. Advent 1915". They are still in use to this day over a hundred years later.



He also designed and made and presented to the church two churchwarden's staves, fashioned in silver and (unusually) in the shape of scallop shells. These, however, were stolen from the church at some time in the late 1980s – a tragedy!

His silversmithing skills are also in evidence in part of our processional cross, including an inscription in memory of those who served in the Great War. His artistic talents and craftsmanship were inherited by his daughter Aubrey Agnes Hilton who was an illustrator commissioned by publishers

Frederick Warne for a number of their volumes. A splendid example of her work is the illuminated scroll commemorating those of the Parish who served in the Great War – it is displayed on the West wall at the rear of the church. Rob Hilton died in 1939 and is buried alongside his wife in our burial ground – interestingly no memorial headstone was erected for either of them: we have to rely upon the parish records to define the exact spot.

Prior to 1939 he turned his attention to researching and writing "A Short History of the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Beetham" published by Titus Wilson, Kendal in 1933. More recent church guides, first by Norman Webster and later revised by Sandy Buchanan drew freely on text from the Hilton volume. Malcolm Hislop is hoping that, somewhere in the district, a copy of Rob Hilton's "Short History" volume is lurking – can you help?

John Lomax



## Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman



### Dear friends

On Easter Monday I was listening to the radio and heard the news-reporter say 'now that Easter is over and out of the way we can look ahead to the rest of what the Spring has to offer'. Though admittedly I wasn't really paying close attention to the programme, the choice of words intrigued me and rather startled me, not least since I was still full of the joy and exuberance that comes with the celebration of Easter Day. Though Easter eggs and other associated gifts have been readily available in shops since Christmas, no sooner have we proclaimed Christ is risen than the world quickly hurries us to move on to what lies ahead.

Of course, the truth of the matter is the complete opposite with Eastertide making up the longest and most exuberant of the seasons in the church's year, reaching its culmination with the feast of Pentecost on Sunday 23 May. When after rejoicing in the good news of Jesus' resurrection, we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit. That empowering and creative presence, visible in rushing wind and tongue of flame, that gave to the earliest disciples power and confidence to begin sharing the gospel to all people and all places. For the Church today, we live not only in the light of Easter but also in the promise of Pentecost, the same Spirit that was given in Jerusalem those many years ago, still alive and at work in our lives today.

We remember then that in marking the Easter season the 'feast' is longer than the 'fast'. Whereas Lent lasted for forty days and nights, we rejoice for fifty days in Eastertide. It is not all over in a day, recognising that just like Jesus' first followers we need time to adjust to the contours of resurrection and grow into the fulness of what it means to share the risen life of the one whom God raised from the dead. In this the Christian calendar maps closely on to the scriptural accounts and the detailed information given in the Acts of the Apostles, where we're told that following his resurrection Jesus 'presented himself alive by many convincing proofs appearing over forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God' (1.3). The fortieth day sees Jesus' ascension, his return to his Father in heaven, followed ten days later by the gift of his Spirit at Pentecost.

If Easter begins in the early morning haze and surprise of a visit to the empty tomb, the season ends with expectation and conviction as the first apostles begin to share the story of Jesus with everyone who had ears to listen. Their lives a compelling testimony to all that God had done in raising Christ from the dead, the light of Easter reaching into the pain, grief, bewilderment and disappointment of life and kindling new hope and life.

The gospel of Easter giving us a new way of seeing and a different direction of travel; an invitation to shape our lives around the faithfulness of the God whose love for us really is stronger than death. In knowing the stone to be rolled away from Jesus' tomb, we are reminded that God will always seek to release us from everything that might trap us in fear and guilt, rolling away the stones which keep us separated from him and thus from each other. In this, we can say that Easter is never really over, since it marks the beginning of something that shall never be ended. We make 'Alleluia' our song because it proclaims, whatever our situation or emotion, the beginning of something new, exciting and eternal.

It is perhaps apposite then that we journey through Eastertide at a time when as we adapt to the changing national restrictions and see many of the things that offer contentment and stability opening up. After a year of tribulation and turmoil we emerge with expectation, as well as caution, changed by the demands of this pandemic, but trusting in the God of resurrection, who is always with us; remarking and restoring us by the gifts of his grace.

The days of Easter provide us with an opportunity to align our lives and warm our hearts to such an assurance, asking from God faith to believe and know the presence of the risen Christ in our midst, calling our name and bestowing a peace that only he can give.

Alleluia. Christ is risen! He risen indeed, alleluia!

**With every good wish and prayer for God's blessing this Eastertide,**

### post-script

*As always, please do be in touch if you would like someone to talk to, if there is anything I can remember in my prayers, or if you need anything pastorally, prayerfully or practically. I am of course willing and able to visit as appropriate by request. Please feel free to get in contact about visiting or holy communion at home or any other matter. May the Lord bless and keep you and yours.*

### Annual Church Meetings

**The Annual Vestry Meeting and  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
will be held after the  
Morning Eucharist Service**

**at 12.15pm  
on Sunday 9th May**

**Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts  
are available on the website at  
[www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk](http://www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk)**

### Milnthorpe Area Food Bank

A reminder that if, during 'lockdown', you have donations for the Milnthorpe Food Bank, would you please place them in Beetham Church porch on Wednesdays before 4.00pm, when they will be collected each week.

**Thank you!**



**A reminder that  
next week is  
Christian Aid Week**

Envelopes will be included in pewsheets on Sunday for those who wish to donate. Christian Aid does important work all around the world and during this pandemic has more need of our support than ever before.

### Christian Aid Week Support

Bishop James is throwing his support behind this year's Christian Aid Week (10 to 16 May) by filming a special tea-time prayer to be shared on social media next week

Across the country people are encouraged to grab a cuppa, say the Christian Aid tea-time prayer and post a picture or video of themselves and their brew at 11am every day during CAW using the hashtag **#AmentoClimateJustice**

This year's campaign looks to support those people affected by climate change, particularly tea producers in Kenya, hence the tea-time prayer

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





## Church Plant Stall

Thank you to all donors and purchasers alike for your support of the Church Plant Sale which has seen almost all the hardy perennial material sold already. Do not worry ~ there are still more plants available! Tender material, including dahlias and tomato plants, will be available from this week and all proceeds go to Beetham Church

The Stall is located at Long Orchard, Church St, Beetham

To be Covid-safe we are asking for either cash payment through the letter-box or by contactless debit/credit card. There are plenty of bags available for your purchases



## Beetham CE Primary School Tea Club Assistant Wanted!

Do you enjoy being with children?  
Do you like organising games and craft activities?  
If so, would you like to join our Tea Club team for 2 or 3 days each week from 3.15 until 4.15pm?

This role would be to work alongside our Tea Club Leader and would require a DBS check and safeguarding training which would be organised through school

The salary is approximately £9.50 per hour

This role is open to anyone who would enjoy being part of our popular and well organised after school club

For further details please contact  
Wendy Nicholas : [head@beetham.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@beetham.cumbria.sch.uk)  
or telephone 015395 62515



## New Headteacher for Beetham CE Primary School

The School Governors are delighted to announce that Mrs Abi Johnson, currently a teacher at Grange Church of England Primary School, has been appointed to be the Headteacher of Beetham Church of England Primary School from September 2021

Mrs Johnson will follow the 17 years of outstanding leadership and service of Wendy Nicholas who has decided to take early retirement

We offer our congratulations to Mrs Johnson who was appointed from a strong field of applicants following a rigorous interview process last month; we know she will receive a warm welcome from all of us here in Beetham.

John Lomax  
Chair of Governors



## The Beetham Crib Appeal

Heartfelt thanks are given for such a generous response to the appeal to raise funds for professional conservation of our historic Beetham Crib.

There is still an opportunity for more donors to come forward!

Donations can be made by cheque to PCC of Beetham  
or online sort code 20-45-28 a/c no 20160504



ANNIVERSARY.....THE DATE ON WHICH AN EVENT TOOK PLACE OR AN INSTITUTION WAS  
FOUNDED IN A PREVIOUS YEAR.

ZOOMIVERSARY.....THE DATE ON WHICH A GROUP OF MUSICIANS CELEBRATED PLAYING  
TOGETHER VIA ZOOM, FOR A WHOLE YEAR ....AND STILL LOOK HAPPY!



Yes folks it is really true. Here is Beetham Community Band one year on from the beginning of the Pandemic, still embracing the vagaries of the Internet, The Freezing, The Missing Sound, The

Black Holes, The... Can You Hear/See Me mantras. Yet we are still smiling, still enjoying the company and with a fair wind, the music. Of course there are a few members for whom this has not been successful, but they remain a vital part of the group and we look forward to seeing them all again soon.

So we tentatively look forward to the time we can play together again. When we can once more invite you to come and play along, meet us, try an instrument. Follow that dream. Because one thing has become cemented during this past year and that is our band ethos. Above all music should be fun, time to escape from stresses and strains and reboot yourself. There has been an awful lot going on within that snapshot over the last year, but there it is, captured, a spontaneous moment of happiness that shows who we all are, especially when together and playing music.

So, with that, I remain as always here if you would wish to know more please contact me,

Tess on 015395 63254

We continue onwards and upwards as always. Stay safe.

" MUSIC IS WHAT TELLS US THAT THE HUMAN RACE IS GREATER THAN WE REALISE. "

Napoleon Bonaparte



# School Corner

What a super Easter Holiday we all had with such wonderful weather, much needed after a very busy term.

Just before the end of term we held our Easter Egg hunt on the school field for the first time. This was great fun as we had so many eggs to hide, all donated by the parents. At the end of the hunt the children shared the eggs out between them all to make it fair which was lovely.

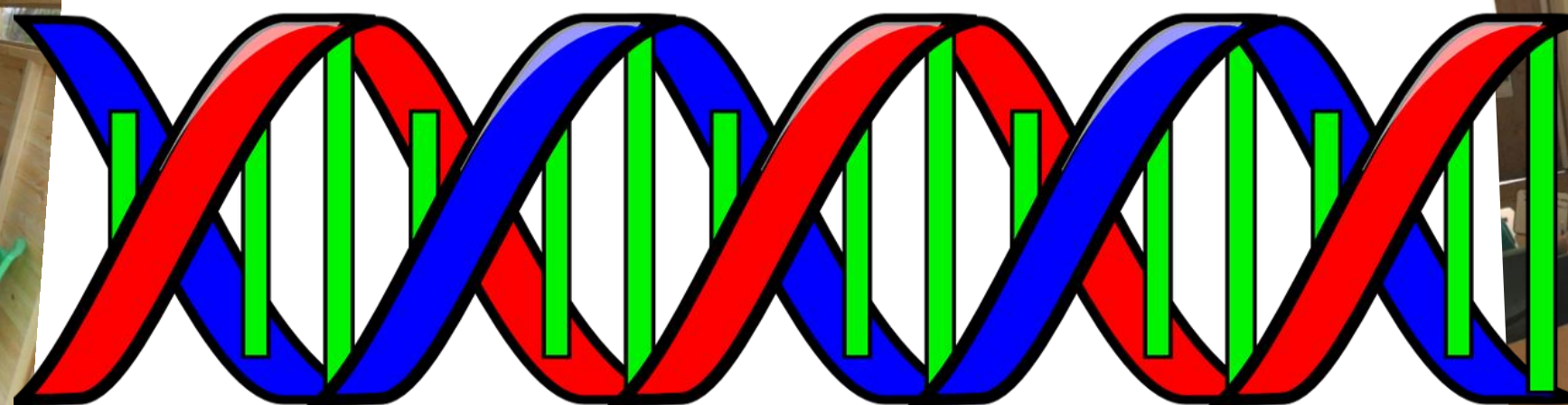
On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the KS2 children became DNA detectives for the day with the help of Dr Amanda Hartley, author of the DNA Detectives series of books. Some of the highlights of the morning included: extracting DNA from a banana; finding out about how forensic scientists use DNA profiling to solve crimes; and having a live Zoom call to put all their DNA questions to Dr Hartley.

The children were fascinated to learn about the inspirational science work Dr Hartley had done and the many varied cases she'd worked on throughout her career. Groups of children then used their knowledge of DNA profiles to solve a chocolate-stealing crime and find out who the culprit was!

We are really pleased that our building project to improve the Early Years area of the garden was completed over the holiday with a new secure gate, additional paths and seating and a wonderful new cabin for outdoor learning. The children are really enjoying using this for both work and play and it has made a great addition to our outdoor provision.

This term we are looking forward to celebrating Ascension and Pentecost with the support of Father Andrew. We will be having a Victorian Day as part of our history topic on the Victorians and planning some educational visits when this becomes possible. We will also be looking forward to meeting our new Reception and Nursery children and preparing our Year 6 children for their exciting move to secondary school.

Best Wishes  
Wendy Nicholas







## Could you be a Christmas Leader this year?

Every year, Manna House looks to organise a lovely festive holiday for vulnerable adults and those who would be isolated and lonely over Christmas.

Volunteers have proven the best way to support this and Manna House are looking to recruit people to take on the coordination and leadership of the Christmas Get Away for 2021. It's never too early to plan for Christmas!

So far Manna House has managed to secure Rook Howe, a beautiful retreat near Broughton-in-Furness which has a 16+ bed capacity. We are looking for 5 volunteers, including 1 or 2 team leaders, to form an organising committee and Get Away team. You would be part of the creative committee who would sort the logistics of transport and venue, meals and festive agenda. You would get to know Manna House clients in the months leading up to the Get Away – September through November. You would be able to support and entertain 11 guests, as well as have a terrific time yourself! The Get Away is currently planned for 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021, subject to negotiation. At this point we are only seeking expressions of interest, so please get in touch if you could see yourself in these roles

Many thanks, Penny Severn

[penny@manna-house.org.uk](mailto:penny@manna-house.org.uk) or call 01539 725534.



### Help us improve access to the countryside

We've been delighted by the response to our appeal for donations to support our work to improve signage throughout the extensive network of footpaths in the AONB. The team have been working hard installing fresh new fingerposts at various locations in the AONB.

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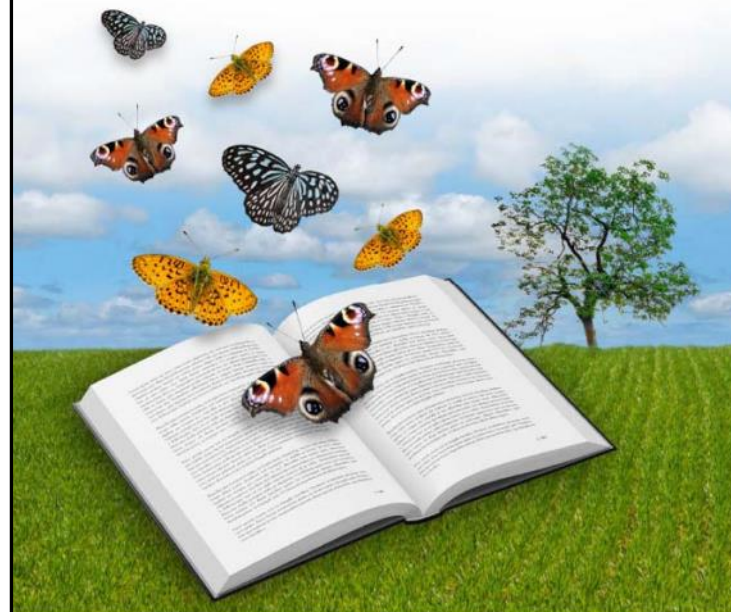
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## Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on

**Monday 10th May at 7pm**  
via Zoom

(please contact Parish Clerk for details)

Members of the public are welcome to attend  
Minutes of previous meetings can be found  
on the website at [www.beethampc.co.uk](http://www.beethampc.co.uk)

## BOOM - BANG - A - BANG !

Well here we are in the month of May. Spring is poised to bounce into summer, lambs are bleating into the warmer evenings and the shorts are tentatively coming out of the wardrobes. All is pastorally perfect. May is also the month of the Eurovision Song Contest. Love it or loathe it, like Marmite, the Eurovision Song Contest has been with us since 1956, when I was still a star in the firmament.

It was the brainchild of Marcel Benzencon of The European Broadcasting Company (EBU) in an attempt to bring Europeans together after the impact of the Second World War. Originally based upon Italy's Sanremo Music Festival it also set out to test the limits of live television broadcast technology. The first contest was held on the 24th of May 1956 in Lugano Switzerland when 7 nations participated. There was a complete orchestra present, and the songs were simple sing-a-long tunes played on every radio station. Songs were sung in the participating nations own language until 1965, when a group called Absent Friends sang in English rather than their native Swedish. In 1974 Abba won with Waterloo and up until 1977 these rules continued but then were relaxed again in 1999.

The modern voting system has been in place since 1975 until technological developments in 1998 enabled tele-voting to be used where possible.

It is interesting to note that following the end of the Cold War in the 1990's the numbers of entrants increased. It just shows what long shadows wars cast.

### FACTS AND FIGURES

Ireland have won a record 7 times, Johnny Logan having won 3 times, singing in 1980 and 1987, and with his composition for Linda Martin 'Why Me' winning in 1992.

Luxembourg, France, and United Kingdom 5 times

Sweden, and the Netherlands 4 times

Poor Norway came bottom of the list 10 times, but won in 1985, 1995, and 2009. Hurrah !

It will come as no surprise to learn that Abba is the most successful ESC winner, but it may surprise you to learn (I am still reeling...) that the biggest selling ESC record of all time, selling a whopping topping 6 million copies, is 'Save Your Kisses For Me' by Brotherhood Of Man.

Most winning songs are sung in English (22) followed by French, 14, and Dutch and Hebrew 3 times each .



### FAMOUS PARTICIPANTS

ABBA 1974 WINNING WITH WATERLOO

CELINE DION in 1988 (She is of course Canadian but represented Switzerland)

MATT MONROE 1964

KATHY KIRBY 1965

SANDIE SHAW 1967 WINNING WITH PUPPET ON A STRING

SIR CLIFF RICHARD 1968 AND 1973

LULU 1969 WINNING WITH BOOM - BANG - A - BANG

MARY HOPKIN 1970

CLODAGH RODGERS 1971

OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN 1974

NEW SEEKERS 1972

THE SHADOWS 1975

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN 1976

BUCKS FIZZ 1981 WINNING WITH  
MAKING YOUR MIND UP

MICHAEL BALL 1992

ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK 2012

In 2006 Finland won after 45 years....true perseverance. Also Ireland's Brian Kennedy performed the 1,000th song since 1956

Of course there are many in between and I will leave you to ponder on those, and by way of a quiz how other entrants fared. We have had some notable winners and runners up. I don't think performing in front of millions could ever count as a losing. In recent years however the UK has failed to reach the top ten in all but two of the last contests (1999 and 2019).

We have hosted the competition 8 times, with the commentary being provided by experienced radio and television presenters including Tom Fleming, David Vine, Pete Murray, David Jacobs, Dave Lee Travis, John Dunn and Michael Aspel. For many of us the jewel in the crown was and always will be Sir Terry Wogan. He presented the show for 37 years in his own unique fashion. He was replaced by Graham Norton.

Something I discovered whilst researching is that since 2006 Gibraltar has been attempting to gain EBU membership so it may enter the contest independently. This is not possible as Gibraltar is a British overseas territory and as such not independent from the UK. They have, however, held the finals there three times in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

As last years competition did not take place due to covid, a research project commissioned by Netflix suggested Iceland would have won with their entry 'Think About Things'. I think we have all had an awful lot to think about this past year so a dose of the Eurovision Song Contest is maybe what we need. Am I a huge fan? Not really, but it must have something to keep going despite everything all this time .

So perhaps this year we will get behind our brave contestant, James Newman, singing 'My Last Breath'. Which leads me to my final nugget. Can you believe that the UK awarded ABBA 'NUL POINTS' FOR WATERLOO..... SHOCKING !

Tess Rowlands



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