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THE GATEWAY

PARISH CHURCH OF ST.MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BEETHAM

LINDA'S LETTER

'Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!...Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!' Psalm 150 Verses 1 & 6

The final psalm in the Book of Psalms encourages the reader to 'praise God with the sound of loud clashing cymbals' in other words "to make a joyful noise unto the Lord". Now while I'm fairly sure the Church of England has never practised calling the faithful to worship to the sound of clashing cymbals, we have taken that idea and gone on to develop it into the art of 'campanology' or to give it its every day name 'bellringing'. It's a very popular activity especially here at Beetham. But like most things in life - bells it seems are both loved or loathed in equal measure. But regardless of how you feel about them they are simply there to call our attention to that higher purpose for which we were made and focus our attention on God.

Long before the industrial age church bells were a way of connecting those who worked out on the land to the worship of churches and monasteries. The tower bell would ring out announcing that the service was about to take place. And at the point of consecration in the Eucharist the bell would again toll signifying that the priest was at the most holy part of the service: heaven had come down to earth and earth was being raised up to heaven. It was said at that point people would momentarily stop whatever they were doing and know that God's presence real and visible had come into their midst, the bell being the link between sacred and secular.

Bells are an integral part of our call to worship and to celebrate this on Sunday 27th September we not only kept the Feast Day of St Michael and All Angels - in the evening we held a long-overdue service to name and bless the tower's tenor bell. The name chosen for this bell was 'The Brigadier' in memory of Brig. Charles Edward Tryon-Wilson, who for many years was both a great benefactor and esteemed member of this church.

Required reading for every would-be bellringer should be Dorothy L Sayers mystery novel The Nine Tailor's, which features the sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey - it's a 'ripping yarn' of a murder in the bell tower. Hezekiah Lavender is lead bellringer and he's convinced that the bells and the ropes can see right into the very souls of those who ring them. We meet Hezekiah seated on a graveslab, carefully cleaning the letters of the inscription; Wimsey goes over and shakes the old mans hand:-

'Makin' old Samuel fine and clean for the summer," said Hezekiah. "Ah! Beaten old Samuel by ten good year, I have. I says to Rector, 'Lay me aside old Samuel,' I says, 'for everybody to see as I beaten him.' An' I got Rector's promise. Ah! so I have. But they don't write no sech beautiful poetry these here times." He laid a gouty finger on the inscription, which ran:

Here lies the Body of SAMUEL SNELL That for fifty Years pulled the Tenor Bell Through Changes of this Mortal Race He Laid his Blows and Kept his Place Till Death that Changes all did Come To Hunt him Down and Call him Home His Wheel is broke his Rope is Slackt His Clapper Mute his Metal Crackt, Yet when the great Call summons him from Ground He shall be Raised up Tuneable and Sound. MDCXCVIII. Aged 76 years

"Ringing Tailor Paul seems to be a healthy occupation," said Wimsey, "His servants live to a ripe old age, what?" "Ah!" said Hezekiah. "So they du, young man, so they du, if so be they're faithful to 'un an' don't go a-angerin' on 'un. They bells du know well who's a-haulin' of 'un. Wunnerful understandin' they is. They can't abide a wicked man. They lays in wait to overthrow 'un. But old Tailor Paul can't say I ain't done well by her an she allus done well by me. Make righteousness your course bell, my lord".

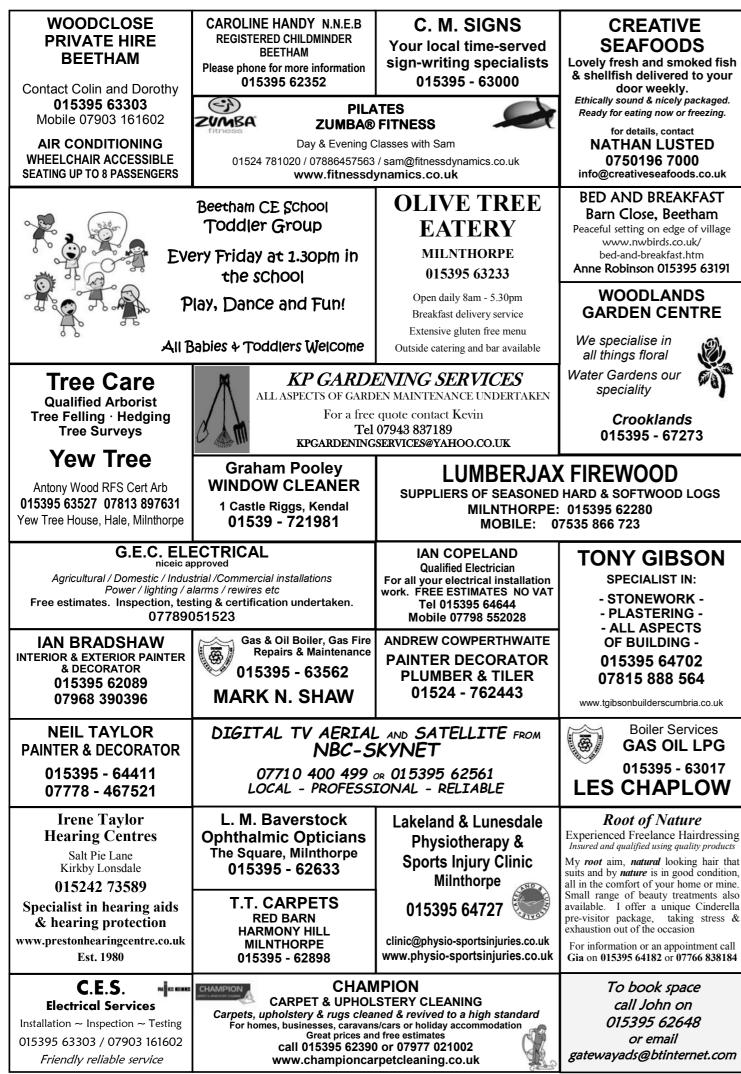
(And who committed the murder? It was the bells what done it!) May we long continue to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Every blessing, Revd Linda

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OCTOBER 2015



THE PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, BEETHAM

Priest-in Charge	Rev Linda Lonsdale	(
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Church services at Beetham in October					
Date	Time	Service			
2nd October	9.30am	School Harvest Assembly			
4th October	10am	Harvest Festival Eucharist			
18th after Trinity	6.30pm	Evensong			
7th October	9.30am	Holy Communion			
9th October	2.45pm	School Assembly			
11th October	10am	Parish Eucharist			
19th after Trinity	6.30pm	Evensong			
14th October	9.30am	Holy Communion			
16th October	2.45pm	School Assembly			
18th October	10am	Friends Sunday Eucharist			
20th after Trinity	6.30pm	Friendship Evensong			
21st October	9.30am	Holy Communion			
23rd October	2.45pm	School Assembly			
25th October	10am	Parish Eucharist			
last after Trinity	1pm	Wedding			
Bible Sunday	6.30pm	Evensong			
28th October	9.30am	Holy Communion			
See noticeboards or beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk					

for any changes

Room at the inn?

Small charity HOST is seeking friendly people who would like to learn more about other countries & cultures and share their home life with adult international students at UK universities

Host Kit Millington-Hore wrote "*Meeting students from* around the world is hugely fulfilling and satisfying. Watching their pleasure as you introduce them to our ways of living, particularly over Christmas, is extremely rewarding."

Visits can be for a day, weekend, or 4 days at Christmas. An invitation to someone who would otherwise be alone on a University campus can make a big difference. Volunteer hosts are urgently needed, no matter their age, or how far they live from a university

To find out more, visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292

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Baptism



Charlie Thomas Lachmann, son for David and Clare, was baptised on Sunday 6th September

We welcome him into Beetham Church

Manna House. Kendal Harvest Week 4-11th October



& Winter Shelter Project 2015

Can you help?

Manna House are always in need of the following and there will be a collection in church during Harvest weekend

- Tins of tomatoes and meat
- Tins of custard and fruit
- Cooking items (vanilla essence, spices eq cinnamon, oxo cubes, pepper etc) Coffee
- **Pillows and cases**
- Pyjamas
- **Toothbrushes & toothpaste**
- Tents

Manna House is South Lakeland's homeless charity, and is still recruiting for this year's Winter Shelter project. Team members are needed to man a church homeless shelter one night a week, supporting guests, making beds and food.

Please let Penny know if you are interested on 01539 725534 or penny@manna-house.org.uk

Next edition of The Gateway

The Gateway welcomes any items of interest to our readership. The deadline for the November edition is Wednesday 28th October 2015

> Please send contributions to the editor, Jenny Marks Email: beethamnews@aol.com

Tel: 015395 62559

You can view current & past editions at beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk/?Links

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Pop in for Coffee & Cake!

Wednesday 7th October 10.15 to 11.30am

Join us in church for **Beetham Village** Coffee Morning

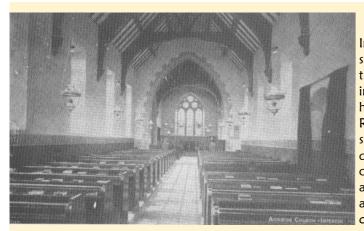


There is no charge and all are welcome

Congratulations to the 14 members HFART of the congregation who completed START the Heart Start training course held in the church on 26th August

The course was given by Sue Cox and her team from Milnthorpe First Responders. Covering how to deal with an unconscious person, signs of heart attacks and strokes, recognising a cardiac arrest and performing CPR, and dealing with choking, everyone agreed that they felt more able to cope with a situation where they could potentially help to save a life. Sue also demonstrated how defibrillators work, and consideration is now being given to purchasing one for If you would be interested in Beetham if sufficient support can be found

A big thank you to Sue and her team \sim as there was so much interest we look forward to holding another course soon. Please contact Jenny Marks if you are interested



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The Military & Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem Cumbria Commandery

Musical Evening with OttoVoce

Under the musical directorship of Tracie Penwarden, the church was filled with the delightful sound of local female choir **OttoVoce** on Saturday 26th September. The audience were entertained with a richly varied programme of folk songs, spirituals, and classical pieces

OttoVoce was formed in 2007 by Milnthorpe-based soprano & voice tutor Tracie. Eight years on OttoVoce have raised thousands of pounds for various charities in the area and have won three trophies in local music festivals

The evening was organised by the Order of St Lazarus and all proceeds given directly to several local charities

Sponsor a Hymn Book

New hymnbooks are being purchased for the choir and congregation. These will offer a wider choice of both traditional favourites, and modern hymns that are being made popular through radio and televised services - such as 'Songs of Praise' - and in our schools

You are invited to sponsor a hymn book \sim books with music cost £30, and the words only version is £12.50

helping to maintain our choral tradition at Beetham please contact Margaret Cutress on 015395 62858 or one of the churchwardens

Bygone Beetham ~ St James' Church Arnside

In the 1840's, some 15 years before the advent of the railway, Arnside was merely a small, spread hamlet of about 25 dwellings in the Parish of Beetham. Thomas Rodick, a Liverpool Banker living in Wood Close Arnside, was granted a licence to hold services in his home around 1842. It is likely that the Vicar of Beetham, the Revd William Hutton, would have officiated at these services despite the very few worshippers available to attend. This dispensation would almost certainly have been obtained as a result of the fact that Robert Gibson, the farmer tenant at Tower Farm and a Wesleyan Methodist lay-preacher, held services at his home at this same period and the journey by coach, horse or foot to the church at Beetham was inconvenient, to say the least

Although Arnside remained little more than a hamlet until the 1880s, influential residents were instrumental in persuading Revd Hutton that a church was desirable in Arnside and requests for help were made in 1863. Land was bought from the Bouskill brothers, yeoman farmers in the area, and the foundation stone was laid on 7th September 1864 by Mrs Wilson of Dallam Tower. The Westmorland Gazette and Kendal Advertiser of 7th July 1866 records the consecration of this 'neat and picturesque little edifice for public worship' - in somewhat inauspicious weather - by the Lord Bishop of Carlisle. The article also mentions that the 'chanting and singing was much admired', with the organist from Beetham, a Mr Halliwell, presiding at the harmonium. The church cost an estimated £1,600 to build and would have held a congregation of about 100 people

The church still existed to serve a part of the Parish of Beetham and continued to be attended by the Revd William Hutton. In 1870 the area was designated as a District Chapelry and the new Parish of Arnside St James was defined on the ground by clear reference points and marker stones. The new parish included the hamlet of Hazelslack and the major portion of Storth. In 1875 the Revd JJR Knipe was appointed as Curate-in-Charge, thus relieving the Vicar of Beetham of some duties. The first Vicar to assume full responsibility for the Parish in 1876, and for the next 27 years, was the Revd William Stevens

CHIMES

The Naming and Blessing of the Beetham Tenor Bell



On Sunday 27th September very rare event was held at th Evensong service in church. many churches the largest be (the tenor bell) in the Tower ha a name, and at our last Be Festival there was a vote to ca our bell 'The Brigadier', honour of Brigadier Charle Edward Tryon-Wilson of Dallar Tower

The special service was led by Rev Linda Lonsdale who named an blessed 'The Brigadier'. The nam

had been suggested by Sheila MacInnes, who read during th service, and Revd Linda also invited all the bellringers into th Tower whilst she blessed the bell ropes. The tenor bell a Beetham was cast by Rudhall's of Gloucester and funded by th Brigadier's ancestor, Daniel Wilson of Dallam Tower. It was originally hung in 1748 and has only been moved once since that date, when the bells were all retuned and re-hung for the lotter funded Ringing in the Millennium project. There is no record of it previously being blessed, so this may have been a once in millennium occasion!

Beetham Tower remains popular with visiting ringers as it is on of the few ground floor ringing chambers in the region. We wi be playing host to this year's Lancashire Association of Bellringe branch AGM on 21st November from 3.30pm and anyone is welcome to come along and listen

ECLOGUE

Bells ring out at midnight over Chosen Hill breaking the silence on frosty air, a starlit night wondrously clear. The ancient Church of St Bartholomew prepares to welcome another year.

By day a panorama unfolds below spread out like an Ordnance Survey map, three shires as far as the eye can see: Gloucester, Worcester and Hereford which unite in choral harmony.

This landscape echoes in your music: Ecloque, Romance, A Severn Rhapsody these delight long after your song is done. Musicians speak to us down the ages, the music and the singing will live on.

Gerald Finzi - English composer, 1901 - 1956

© Sheila MacInnes

Thank you to the organiser Peter Standing and to everyone who helped in any way over the weekend of the Landscape Trust visit to Beetham, 18-20th September. Over 1,000 visitors came to the events, ranging from a special Hutton lunch in the Tea Room and exhibitions in the Church, Heron Theatre, and Corn Mill, to lectures and walks throughout the weekend. The focus of the weekend was Revd William Hutton, and the Friday evening play 'The Life and Times of William Hutton' proved so popular that there are plans to stage it again. Revd Tom Thompson also referred to Revd Hutton during the Sunday morning Eucharist, and the tour of the church led by Brian Smalley included many of the Hutton memorials. The church raised over £100 providing coffee and biscuits, and thanks go to the caterers and stewards for the weekend. Peter is already planning next

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beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk/?Heritage Trust:Friends

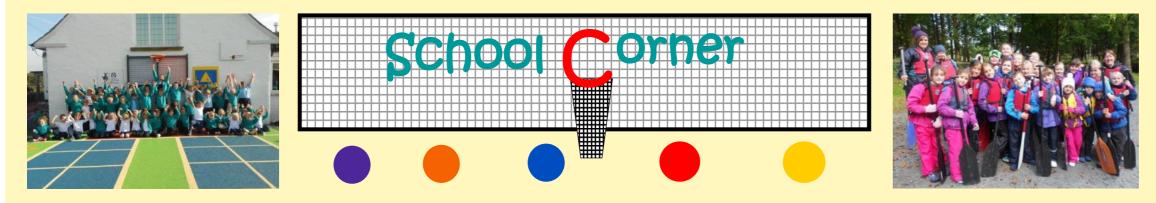
Landscape Trust Weekend The Story of Beetham, Hale, Slackhead, Dallam & Farleton

year's event 'All About Arnside', so watch out for further details

Hutton graves in Beetham churchya



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Welcome back to School Corner for the new academic year! We have had a super start to our new term and are very pleased to welcome 12 children into our Reception class and 1 child into Year 3, making a total of 52 pupils - the largest the school has been for at least 11 years! We also have new members of staff: Mrs Tattersall - early years teacher, Mrs Dyer - teaching assistant and Mrs Parker - NVQ volunteer. We are pleased to welcome two trainee teachers - Miss Brown and Mr Cullen, who are from Schools Direct at Burton Morewood who will be learning the craft of teaching by working alongside our own staff.









As many of you will have noticed we have had a very exciting playground development project taking place. We applied for a grant from Sport England and were lucky enough to receive £24,000 which has enabled us to resurface the whole of our front playground area. This now looks amazing, with a court and track and it feels much softer and slightly bouncy! Our children are very excited about using it and we are hoping that it will be a much safer and more exciting place for them to play.

We had a super visit to the county show again this year, where we had a display in the Learning for Life tent. The children enjoyed seeing all the animals and visiting stalls and exhibitions but as always the 'Dancing Sheep' at the Sheep Show was the firm favourite!

Last week KS2 had a wonderful day canoeing on Windermere. This was possible due to the additional funding we receive from the Government to develop sport and PE and in school. 21 children and 4 staff spent the day paddling to Ladyholme Island, making pizza for lunch and then taking part in lots of activities to develop the children's confidence in being in the canoes and developing their skills in how to paddle/steer effectively. The day finished with fun and games in the water and everyone getting very wet! We had beautiful weather and everyone had a great time as you can see from the photographs.

This term KS1's topic is Ourselves. They have a doctor's surgery role play area in the classroom and have already been visited by a real doctor! KS2 are learning all about Ancient Egypt and are busy making Egyptian style sandals ready for an Egyptian Day at the end of term.

This week we celebrate Harvest and are looking forward to our first visit to church this term. We are supporting Manna House again this year - the centre in Kendal which offers support to people who are homeless, who are always very grateful for our gifts.

We hope that members of the church and village community will be able to join us for events throughout the year. If you would like to work with the children in school or have a skill that you would like to share with us, please do get in touch.

Best wishes, Wendy Nicholas







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Opening Hours 10 - 4 Saturday 11 - 4 Sunday 10 - 5 Weekdays **Closed Thursdays**

The Old Bank Arnside LA5 0HA

Beetham & Beyond

Beetham W

Beetham WI members celebrating the centenary of the Women's Institute. The flower planter and plaque were placed outside the Heron Theatre by Beetham WI



Invites you to come and sing

Haydn: Nelson Mass

in Cartmel Primary School Hall (rehearsal) and Cartmel Priory (performance)

Saturday 24th October 2015 from 2.00pm to 9.30pm

with Ian Jones and Adrian Self Day fee £15; Student fee £5

Evening concert, 7.30-9.30pm Ticket £10 www.levenschoir.net Contact: Jenny Andrews, 015395 83846

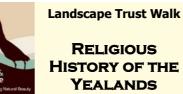


Heron Corn Mill Schools Week 19th-23rd October

Our third Schools week of the year is almost upon us, and we are offering our usual programme of events designed to stir the imaginations of children.

Our sessions are 2 - 3 hours long, and include a tour of the mill with Stuart and a workshop in the barn with Shaun. We focus on either the story of grain, hydropower or gears and pulleys, and cover kev stages 1 & 2 in Science. History. Geography, and Design & Technology.

For more details visit www.heronmill.org or email shaun@heronmill.org



Saturday 17th October, 1.30-4pm

Despite having a small population, Yealand Convers has three historic places of worship. Trevor Ward will lead a leisurely ramble starting at St Mary's Catholic Church. Designed by Edward Paley and built in 1852 St Mary's is a Grade 2 listed building. The walk will continue to another splendid church at St Johns. There will also be a brief look at the Quaker Meeting House

As we will be going inside the churches please note this walk is not suitable for dogs. Places for this walk must be booked, by emailing your name and contact details to:-LTevents@ arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk



What's On Guide

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church, and other local groups all benefit from use of the theatre throughout the year Grant funding has already kindly been awarded from several sources, including Widening Horizons, Cumberland Building Society, Holehird Trust, Hadfield Trust, Cumbria County

Council, and Beetham Parish Council. However, more money is required! If you would like to donate to the appeal, or know of any other funding contacts, please email funding@theherontheatre.com

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requiring transport to hospital appointments, doctor, dentist, optician, care home visits etc should call 0747 014 2221. Local drivers are always needed for occasional door to door transport so please contact Margaret Parker on 07741 261 474 if you are able to help.

Arnside Lunch Club 1st Friday of each month at The Albion, Arnside. Janet Bolton 01524 762559 Storth Lunch Club 2nd Thursday of each month at The Kingfisher, Sandside. Norah Padgett 015395 62887 Sandside Lunch Club 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Ship, Sandside. Janet Bolton 01524 762559 **GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES & REFRESHMENTS**

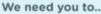
Wednesday 10.30am Storth Village Hall. Mike Crawford: 015395 60736 Friday 10am Arnside Methodist Church Hall. Eileen Walters: 01524 761720

Age UK South Lakeland, 01539 728180, www.ageuk.org.uk/southlakeland Village Agent for Arnside, Carr Bank, Sandside, Storth, Beetham and Farleton mparker@ageuksouthlakeland.org.uk

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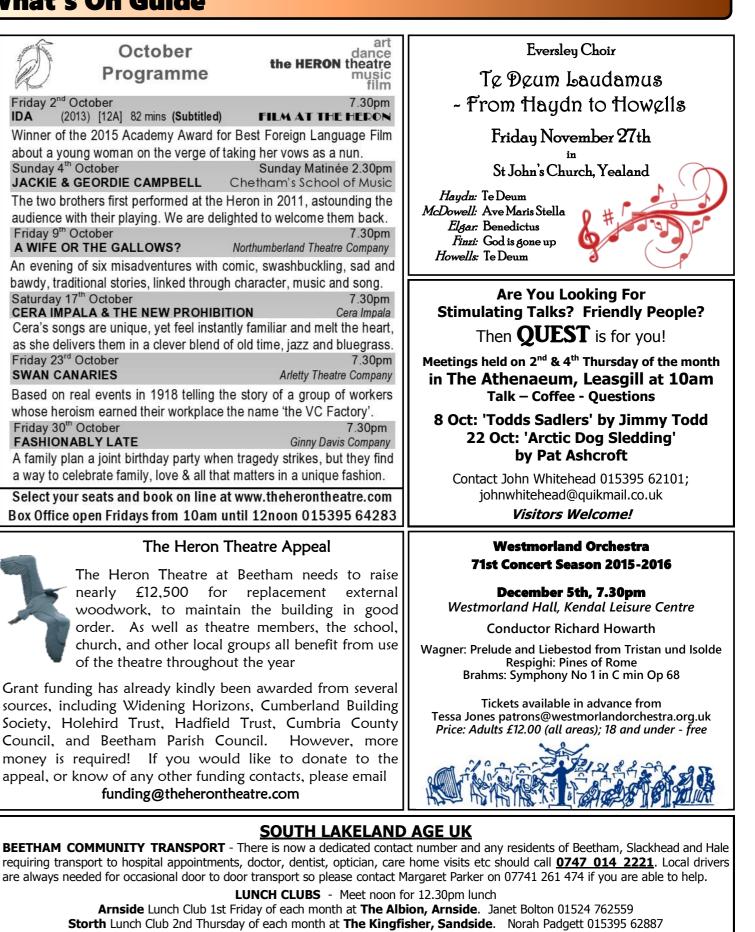




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Heron Corn Mill





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As you all know, the Dixies project was undertaken to protect this small, high visibility area from the sea and turn it into an attractive, welcome point along the main route to Sandside, Storth and beyond. For the modest budget that was set aside it will not be possible to fund state-of-the-art sea defences but we are confident that an acceptable result can still be achieved and the project is proceeding with a keen eye on obtaining value for money. Hopefully there will be something to show for this, and be proud of, during 2016.

The Burntbarrow Woods public right of way (ROW) issue has almost reached its conclusion with the Inspector's compromise suggestions being accepted by both sides—the ROW appellants and the landowner. The Inspector is now in the process of writing his final decision. The similar issue of the Hale Marble Quarry paths is due to kick off with a public enquiry at Storth Village Hall on 13th October next. You would be most welcome to attend to see democracy in action.

Electricity Northwest's programme of pole replacement is continuing and it is important to assess the need for lamps that are displaced as a result. It may prove difficult always to achieve agreement on need but, at some £2,000 per lamp, it is clear that the cost of replacing all threatened lamps would be unsustainable.



Sunday Worship in the Kent Estuary area

ARNSIDE ST JAMES

 8.00am: BCP Holy Communion
 10.30am: Morning Worship, usually with Communion. 2nd Sunday: All-age Worship
 6.30pm: 1st Sunday various styles of worship
 Info: arnsidechurch.webplus.net Revd David Cooper 01524 761319

BEETHAM ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

10.00am: Parish Communion 6.30pm: Choral Evensong Info: <u>beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk</u> Revd Linda Lonsdale 015395 62412

HEVERSHAM ST PETER

- 8.00am: BCP Holy Communion 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
 9.30am: Main Service: 1st and 3rd Sundays: Parish Communion (CW) 2nd Sunday: Communion Praise (contemporary worship) 4th Sunday: All Age Worship
 4.00pm: Mossy Church for Eamilies on 3rd Sunday
- 4.00pm 5.00pm: Messy Church for Families on 3rd Sunday
- 6.30pm: Evening Prayer with hymns on the 4th Sunday Info: <u>stpetersheversham.org</u> Revd Susan Wilson 015395 63125

LEVENS ST JOHN

10.00am: Parish Communion: 2nd Sunday All-age worship Info: <u>levens.org.uk</u> Revd Ruth Crossley 015395 60223

MILNTHORPE ST THOMAS

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays 11.00am: Main Services 1st, 2rd and 4th: CW Communion 3rd Sunday: Morning Praise

- 11.00am: every week Sunday Circle for children 6.30pm: on the 2nd Sunday: Café Church Info: Revd Susan Wilson 015395 63125
- Info: Revd Susan Wilson 015395 631

STORTH VILLAGE CHURCH

10.30am: varied Anglican and Methodist services Info: Revd David Cooper 01524 761319 / Revd David Stretton 01524 761397

METHODIST SERVICES	ROMAN CATHOLIC
ARNSIDE 10.30am	SERVICES
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MILNTHORPE	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
10.30am 3rd Sunday of month in Community Room at Milnthorpe	Saturday, 5.30pm
Firs Rd Children's Centre	MILNTHORPE
LEVENS	CHRIST THE KING
10.30am <u>levens.org.uk</u> Info: Revd David Stretton	Sunday, 9.30am
01524 761397	Info: Mgr Flattery 015395 62387

The dispute over Fishwick's plans for siting a crematorium at Beetham Hall has rumbled on for many months but is nearing a conclusion. Following an informal hearing at Kendal Town Hall on 11 August, the Inspector's final decision is now imminent.

The Parish Council recently received a request from the Farleton Knott Commoner's Association to support its proposals to erect fencing on the common for the better control of livestock. Having sought the views of interested groups, this support is given—on condition that public access, including wheelchair access, to this beautiful area of common land is not inhibited.

Readers will remember the attempted introduction in 2011 of a Lyth Valley Internal Drainage Board, which failed because of the cost implications for thousands of South Lakeland Council Taxpayers. Like a bad penny, this issue has returned with a new proposal to limit direct contribution to Lyth Valley residents with SLDC making up any funding shortfall. It would be naïve to assume that such an arrangement would not ultimately have financial consequences for residents outside the Lyth Valley area, by depleting SLDC funds that would otherwise be available for more worthy causes. The Parish Council has taken robust steps to resist these new plans on the above grounds.

Mill Lane in Beetham continues to cause concerns for the Parish Council with the safety of walkers being put at risk by user vehicles, particularly large vehicles accessing the Corn Mill. An obvious, relatively low-cost solution would be the creation of a separate pedestrian way running alongside the road, ideally in the adjacent field. Such a suggestion has been made before and is to be put again to the landowner.

Finally, the Parish Council is hopeful of soon finding a new co-opted member to take its numbers back to full strength. Look for further news on this subject in the next Newsletter

 Clerk: Mr J R Scargill
 01524-782811

 Chair: Mr B C Meakin
 015395-65722

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5th October at 7pm in Storth Village Church

Members of the public are welcome to attend

Minutes of the September meeting and details of the current East and West Ward Councillors can be found on the website at www.beethampc.co.uk

Beetham Handbell Ringers sweatshirts

Can you help? The previous handbell ringing team had a set of pale blue sweatshirts with 'Beetham Church Handbell Ringers' and the church outline embroidered on them. The majority of these have not been seen for a number of years. If you know of their whereabouts please can you contact Jenny Marks on 015395 62559. Thank you!



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