			PARISH CALE	NDAR 2011			
July			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners	
3rd	Trinity II	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Chatburn Christ Church	Wedding	Lady Clitheroe Mrs C.Ashworth	
		11.00am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr B.Lewis			
7th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club Visit	At the Bridge	Aureol Gard	dens Sabden	
10th	Trinity III	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs D Wilkins		Mrs S. Marlow Mrs J. Aspinall	
		11.00am	Matins Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs P. McFall			
14th	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Club	Village Hall			
17th	Trinity IV	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Chatburn Christ Church	Mr T. McLean	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick	
		11.00am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs E. Wrigley			
18th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	Find the histor	y of your house	
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	Joyce Plumridge Dolls Houses		
24th	Trinity V	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Miss R. Newton		Mr & Mrs B. Lewis	
		11.00am	Matins Revd Alan Reid	Mrs B. Lund			
28th	Thursday	5.00 to 6.00pm	Art Competition	Church	Bring Entries to Church		
30th	Saturday	10.00am 2.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Annual Flower Show Exhibits to hall 10 .00 am to Noon Public Opening 2.30 pm		
31st	Trinity VI	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs E. Parker		Mrs E. Parker	
		11.00am	United Family Service Revd Anne Hardacrre	Christ Church Chatburn		Mrs J. Whitsey	
August							
7th	Trinity VII	8.30am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Chatburn Christ Church	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey	
		11.00am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr. B. Lewis			
		2 .00 to 6.00pm	50th Anniversary Event	Village Hall	Whistle Down the Wind		

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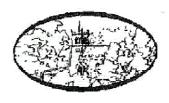
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From Canon Rodney Nicholson

Viewpoint

ENNETH Clarke, the Justice Secretary, provoked a storm last month by suggesting that there were different degrees of rape. The Labour leader was quick to make political capital out of Ken's "ill-conceived" remarks, whilst the prime minister sought to repair the damage done. But surely Kenneth Clarke was right to say that, although all rape is a serious crime, not all acts of rape are the same. A rape which takes place within a relationship, for example, is not the same as that committed by a stranger who stalks a woman, then assaults her at knife-point on some waste ground at night.

A similar principle applies to other offences. All theft or arson is wrong, but there are degrees of seriousness. To burn down someone's tool shed, may be a punishable crime, but is hardly the same as burning down a hospital. It has, for a long time, been recognised that there are different levels of murder, and this is one of the many arguments against capital punishment. How do you decide which murders carry the death penalty, and which do not?

Some people are naturally "black and white" in their thinking, whereas others see shades of grey. Each attitude has its strength and weakness. Prejudice, however, runs deep in human life. It showed itself in those residents of the Paulsgrove estate in Portsmouth eleven years ago who marched in order to have paedophiles named. It showed itself in Northern Ireland when Protestant employers refused to employ a Roman Catholic. It shows itself in those who utter sexist or racist remarks. And maybe it showed itself in some of the negative reactions to Kenneth Clarke's observations. We can think emotively and be swayed by popular headlines.

Prejudice means "pre-judging" - making a judgement before thinking the issue through. It is lazy, unkind and cowardly. All praise to those who refuse to follow the crowd and will say unpopular things, although unpopularity and rightness may not always be the same thing.

Some people are prejudiced towards real Christian faith. They make up their minds that it's a lifeless thing and don't want much to do with it. Jesus Christ is a "pale Galilean", the bible is dull and God irrelevant. That is sheer prejudice: a reluctance to take seriously the living, glorious God who by his Spirit can bring faith alive, and come close to us by word and sacrament. Let's move from prejudice to openness and from spiritual stagnancy to new life in God's love.

Rober Nucl

OGOD the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES						
	May	2011				
COMMUNICANTS	35	220				
COLLECTIONS	£	£				
SERVICES	189	978				
VISITORS	96	432				
DONATIONS	1,500	3,877				
HOUSE BOXES	62	105				
TOTALS	1,847	5,392				

OUR PRAYERS are said for

Bob Swarbrick who was taken suddenly ill two weeks ago and is awaiting surgery very soon.

Dave and Olive Awbery and the families of Philip and Mildred **Kay**, and the family of **John Hudson**.

FAREWELL

Cliff and Joanne Wright-Phillips, William and Alexander who have left Chestnuts Cottage, Downham to live in Chatburn, we hope to see them at the Coffee Club, and are pleased that Joanne has agreed to continue as Hon Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

4th June: Jonathan **Rumboll** and Gillian **Scott** of Worsaw Hill Farm, Worston

HOLY BAPTISM

12th June Spencer Robert, son of Barrie and Sarah **Davies** of Whalley Road, Clitheroe; having connections with Chatburn Parish through Barrie's parents, Trevor and Marilyn Davies of Worston.

CONGRATULATIONS A first in Clitheroe

THE first wedding to be held at Clitheroe Castle was that of Caroline **Palmer** and Dave **Collinge** of Hill Foot Farm, Twiston, on Sunday, 29th May. The rain held off and despite blustery conditions there were plenty of opportunities for photos after the ceremony, against the splendid backdrop of Pendle and the Ribble Valley. The reception was held at The Alma Inn, Laneshawbridge where the couple were joined by family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues, after which they spent a few days in the Lake District. We wish them every happiness in their future life together.

St Leonards Centenary Art Competition

One of the events to mark the centenary of the refurbishment of St Leonard's Church will be an art competition.

There will be prizes!

Entries will be displayed at the Village Hall on the day of the Flower Show (30th July). Winning work will be displayed in Church at the special Centenary Service on 30th October.

The competition is open to all resident children and to the pre school children

Four Age groups:

Preschool 7 and under 12 and under 18 and under

Entries can be in any medium & should have one of the following titles:

100 Alleluia! A Century of Worship Seen at St Leonard's

Please bring entries to Church between 5 & 6 pm on Thursday 28th July

CHRISTIAN AID PRAISES DAVID CAMERON

C HRISTIAN Aid has praised the Prime Minister's "principled approach on aid" after he announced last week that the UK would contribute an extra £814m for vaccines for children in developing countries. David Cameron admitted that the pledge would be "controversial" at a time of austerity but believed there was a strong moral case for keeping our promises to the world's poorest.

Earlier there had been a lobby organised by Christian Aid and similar organisations, which prompted Andrew Mitchell, the International Development Secretary, to say: "Your voices are being heard and the Government is taking these issues forward." Recently CAFOD had taken Mr Mitchell to Uganda where he was hugely impressed by the passion of a British NGO (non-governmental organisation) working with the world's poorest people.

Labour MP, Lisa Nandy, commenting on the lobby, wrote, "It was inspiring to see so many people take an active interest in the plight of some of the world's poorest countries."

.SMITHFIELD PLANNING APPLICATION

BOWLAND Bioenergy Ltd, who turn the various piles of timber stacked around the parish into wood chips, have applied for planning permission to put a roof over the former silage clamp at Smithfield. This will enable work to carry on during the wettest and coldest of weather. Demand for wood chips for heating boilers continues to grow, so the company needs to be able to produce a quality (ie dry) product throughout the year.

The new roof will match the existing, adjoining one, but will be a bit higher. To see the plans contact Ralph Assheton, or the RVBC planning department.

"Make it Difficult for the Burglar"

THE Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership have produced the above leaflet with advice from Lancashire Constabulary. Copies are available from RVBC. For example; apparently most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves, and 2 out of 10 burglars do not have to use any force, merely walking in through an open door or window.

CHIEF STEWARD OF FOREST

T WAS announced earlier in June, that Michael Parkinson FRICS, recently retired partner at Clitheroe chartered surveyors and land agents Ingham & Yorke, is to become Chief Steward of the Forest of Bowland.

Michael, former resident of Twiston Mill, a longstanding adviser to Lord Clitheroe and Sir Simon Towneley, who has been involved in Bowland affairs for more than 40 years, is being appointed to the role by the Lord of Bowland, as part of a continuing drive to promote Bowland and its distinctive identity.

For the past two years, William Bowland, as the camera-shy 16th Lord likes to be known, has been spearheading a campaign to raise Bowland's profile as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

In April this year, he unveiled a new-style Bowland road sign; in 2009, he revived the ancient office of Bowbearer of the Forest, a role dating back almost nine hundred years.

Former Chief Stewards of the Forest - once known as Master Foresters - have included a duke, sixteen knights, a baron and an earl. Michael will be the first Chief Steward appointed since 1922.

Formerly Steward to the Honor of Clitheroe and currently Steward to the Manor of Slaidburn, Michael Parkinson, commented: "I am honoured that the Lord of Bowland has appointed me Chief Steward of the Forest of Bowland. More than four decades spent as a land agent in Bowland have given me a unique insight into the Forest and its unique character. As Chief Steward, I will be working hard to champion Bowland as one of England's finest Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty".

Chestnuts flood

A slurry of activity at the beginning of June saw a clutch of LCC drainage experts and Northern Electric technicians attempting to sort out "The Chestnuts Flood". The road was excavated, the drain and offending cable duct exposed. After much cutting, relaying, splicing and backfilling the road was reinstated. Fingers are now crossed that the problem is solved. If not, excavations will move to Shaun's garden!

Stan the Van

THE van duly arrived in Downham and parked several hours parked

up next to the bridge. The staff seemed happy with the level of interest shown and various villagers appeared happy with the help they had received. RCA

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND

50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION EVERYONE WELCOME

Free admission
Donations gratefully received to be divided between Downham Village Hall
& Help for Heroes

DISPLAYS OF MEMORIBILIA

Sunday, 7th August 2.00 to 6.00 pm

FILM SHOWINGS 2.15 & 4.00 pm

A chance to meet up with long-lost friends
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We would like to thank everyone for the many cards, telephone calls and messages of sympathy we received following our recent family bereavements. Dave's brother-in-law Philip and Olive's sister Mildred died within two days of each other and your support and kindness has helped us so very much during this sad time. It has reminded us once again how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful community.

Olive & Dave Awbery

JOHN HUDSON

Canon John Hudson who was for many years Vicar of Clitheroe, St. Mary's and, after his retirement, took up the post of inter-regnum priest at Downham in 1988 until 1993, died on 16th June aged 88. We remember his period of service here with affection and gratitude.

A private cremation will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Parish Church, Clitheroe at 2.00 pm on Monday, 27th June, 2011.

UNEXPECTED GUESTS?

Rodney Nicholson

THE LAST wedding, on June 4th, almost saw the congregation swollen by a coach load of Japanese students, conducted by Clitheroe's Simon Entwistle. The bridal car, bearing Gillian Scott, of Worsaw Hill Farm, had pulled up as punctually as Kate Middleton's limousine, but one difference marked out the Downham wedding from its royal counterpart: an awkwardly parked car made it impossible for a full-sized coach, full of visitors from the Far East, to get past the church.

One of the young bridesmaids thought it would be unusual if all the visitors attended the wedding service but the group agreed with me that every wedding is a public occasion, open to all. I boarded the coach and explained to the students that a wedding was about to take place, and that the bride was on their right. At this they cheered exuberantly, but by this time Ralph Assheton had discreetly found the owner of the car, who promptly moved it, allowing the coach to proceed to Stonyhurst.

As I returned to the church I thought how lovely it was that Eastern visitors had had their day enhanced by the sight of a bride at St Leonard's. Our church can make a global impact! I thought too about how much better things are today in so many ways. 65-70 years ago the Japanese were at war with us. Today they enjoy visiting our country.

DOWNHAM PARISH MEETING

THE annual Parish Meeting will take place in Downham Pre-School at 7pm Tuesday 9th August 2011.

The meeting is open to all residents of Downham Parish. It is the bottom tier of local government and fills the same niche as Parish Councils do in slightly larger communities. The meeting is primarily to elect a Chairman and Correspondent for the year ahead, and then to discuss any matters raised from the floor. Anyone interested in learning more about the Parish Meeting, or is interested in standing for election, can talk to Ralph Assheton (Chairman) or Di Braithwaite. (Correspondent), or Jane Horsfield, (Electoral and Licensing Officer, RVBC).

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

THE PARISH CHURCH

CENTENARY

PENTECOST PRAISE on Sunday, 12th June was the Joint Family Service, together with Christ Church, Chatburn, and included the Baptism of Spencer Davies, to mark our Centenary Year. The emphasis of the service was the birthday of the Church with the coming of the Holy Spirit. The service was colourful and an occasion of great joy.

CONCERT

SATURDAY, 11th June, started the centenary celebrations with a Concert by the A Capella Singers. Organised by our concert group, the programme was varied, most appropriate, enjoyable and delivered to a very high standard indeed. Refreshments were served and the full house contributed to a really memorable atmosphere.

Local talent "The Twiston Three" Rowan, Louis, and Jolyon, Greenhill-Timewell played a charming and very difficult piece, Kronos, which showed off

their ability to the full and during the second half the young son of a choir member, Thomas Gray, played, a trombone solo: a superb piece "The Acrobat" which all would recognise but few be able to name.

The singers delighted the locals in the audience with their encore song, Bonny Downham, by Accrington composer Milton Allan.

CENTENARY EXHIBITION

N THE SOUTH AISLE and Assheton Chapel, an exhibition was staged throughout Saturday and Whit Sunday. The theme of which was the rebuilding of the church in 1910-11 with reference to buildings before that date and events in the hundred years 1911 to 2011. Of particular interest was the exhibit of altar plate (not kept in church so not often seen in all its glory) and the old photographs of the building, people and events.

The Benevolent Society Banner from 1885 was unfurled and displayed. Although not strictly part of the centenary this is a very interesting possession of the Parish Church. The exhibition will be repeated at our other special weekends in October; harvest and the anniversary service on 30th October.

VILLAGE HALL

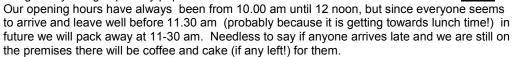
SPOT-ON CONCERT

ON Saturday 21st May 2011 the rabbit from the moon visited Downham Village Hall and lots of youngsters joined in his journey of hide and seek around the world.

Then everyone enjoyed messy Japanese paper making and a snack of biscuits and juice. The event was a great success with 25 enthusiastic 2 to 5 year olds and lots of 2 –to-5-year-olds-at-heart joining in.

Particular thanks to Charlotte and Kerry for their help as Angie's apprehensive deputy (Simon) was left in charge.

COFFEE CLUB Though our numbers were depleted because several of our members were indisposed and some were on holiday, it was a lovely meeting, the Bring & Buy being especially popular.



Next Coffee Club will be on 14th July, hope you can make it.

OAwb.

HISTORY GROUP

OUR June meeting was an interesting talk and conducted tour at The Manor House, Twiston by Judy Nixon. Members were told the known history of the house and some of the interesting people who have occupied it, including a link to the previous month's talk about the Wiseman family, There was also mention of one or two ghosts including The Grey Man at Ings End.

On Monday 18th July we will have a talk on how to investigate the history of your house. Everyone welcome. EW.

GARDEN CLUB

Floating Raffle

THE Canal Trip, on 2nd
June, was very popular
with most members
present. From Foulridge to
Barnoldwick return, the evening was fine,
the scenery a delight, the supper
delicious and the company most
pleasant. An amusing, if slight
distraction from the views, was the quiz,
which followed the delicious supper
served by the crew. The raffle (of
course) ended the enjoyable trip.

The club's next event is the visit, on Thursday, 7th July, to a Sabden Garden at the Aureoles. Shared transport departing from the bridge at 7.00 pm.

DON'T FORGET The Annual flower Show at the Village Hall on Saturday, 30th July. Exhibits to the Hall between 10.00 am and 12 Noon. Judging from 1.00 pm and Public Opening at 2.30 pm.

Spare copies of the show schedule are available on the table in Church. CA

W.I.

June Meeting



ROM Burnley to Saudi Arabia - that was the story that speaker Heather Slater gave to Downham W.I. on 16ht June. She was appointed Nanny to the son of Prince Waleed, of the Saudi Royal Family, and visits to five-star hotels by private jet and suites in luxury yachts were all part of her life in the Middle East.

Kathleen Calvert, of Gisburn W.I., represented Downham at the National W.I. Annual General Meeting in Liverpool and she explained that there are now more than thirty new W.I.s in London, and several on university campuses.

The Hobbies Exhibition

HELD on Sunday, 29th May at Downham Village Hall, this was very well attended and the talented Downham members produced paintings, drawings, embroidery, photography, willow-weaving and jewellery. The cream teas were extremely popular and visitors arrived from all over the county. Anne Sharp entertained everyone with her film of local villages and people - always very welcome. Included was footage of the Walmsley family who farmed at Hookcliffe for many years, and still do!

Fifteen Downham members attended a beading workshop where each made a beautiful red poppy brooch for Remembrance Day.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on July 21st when Joyce Plumridge will display and talk about her doll's house furniture and miniatures. JN

TROUT RELEASE

CHILDREN from Downham Pre-school joined pupils from Chatburn
Primary school to watch a bucket load of baby Brown Trout being put into
Downham Brook. The fish had been nurtured from eggs by the Chatburn pupils as part of a
scheme organised by The Ribble Trust. The 2 inch (5cm) long fish should flourish in the brook,
(as long as the ducks do not get them!).