

PARISH CALENDAR—2012

July		Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners	
1st	Trinity IV	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs C McGrath Mrs J. Smith
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alan Reid	Mr B. Lewis		
		4.30 pm	40 Years	St Paul's Low Moor	<i>Celebrating 40 years since Canon Nicholson's ordination</i>	
2nd	Monday	6.30 pm	Village Hall Management Committee Meeting	Village Hall		
4th	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Torchlight Float Meeting	Village Hall		
5th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club Visit	Downham Bridge	<i>Montfort Cottage Garden</i>	
8th	Trinity V	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs C McGrath	Lady Clitheroe Mrs C. Ashworth
		11.00 am	Matins Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs P. McFall		
		2.00 to 4.00 pm	Children's Society Garden Party	Cancelled	<i>Cancelled</i>	
11th	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Torchlight Float Meeting	Village Hall		
12th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
15th	Trinity VI	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn	Mr & Mrs P Walmsley	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs B. Lund		
18th	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Torchlight Float Meeting	Village Hall		
19th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Isobel Stirk—The Bronte Sisters</i>	
22nd	Trinity VII	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs D. Wilkins	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick	
		11.00 am	Family Service Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs B. Lewis Mrs A. Greenhill		
25th	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Torchlight Float Meeting	Village Hall		
29th	Trinity VIII	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn	Mr & Mrs B. Lewis	
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr T. McLean		
August						
4th 5th	Saturday Sunday	2.00—4.00 pm	Gardens Open	Downham Hall	<i>In Aid of Village Hall and Ribble Catchment Conservation</i>	
5th	Trinity IX	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs A. Holden Mrs T. Stell
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alan Reid	Mrs P. McFall		
11th	Saturday	Entries 10 am Public 2.00 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Annual Show</i>	

OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Canon Rodney Nicholson – 458019

OUR CHURCH WARDENS

The Hon Ralph Assheton – 440173 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484 Mrs Diana Wilkins – 445250

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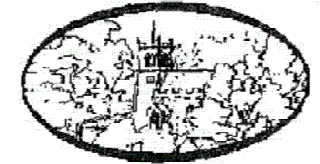
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DOWNHAM & TWISTON



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From Canon Rodney Nicholson

Viewpoint

QUEEN Mary, who visited Downham Hall as a widow in the late 1930s, has been the subject of an interesting TV documentary, along with her husband George 5th. They both had disjointed family backgrounds. Mary suffered from the spending excesses of her debt-ridden mother which led to the humiliating sale of the family's goods and their escape to Florence. Queen Victoria then arranged for her marriage to her grandson, Eddy, who inconveniently died just as their relationship was beginning. George had the legacy of a playboy father, Edward the 7th, who may have had up to 57 liaisons. Earlier in Edward's life, his mother, Queen Victoria, said, "I never can, or shall, look at him without a shudder." Yet Edward had his virtues. He treated the Indian natives as equals, and was criticized for it. Maybe that sense of justice rubbed off onto George.

Victoria arranged for Mary to marry her grandson, Eddy, but he inconveniently died just as they were beginning to know each other. She then suggested that she married Eddy's brother, George instead, and what began as an arranged union blossomed into true love. She bore him five children to whom Mary was a loving mother. George had strengths and weaknesses as a father. His disciplinarian approach is said to have been the cause of George the 6th's stammer. Mary and George's devotion to each other was unswerving and, following his coronation in 1910, she supported him until his death twenty five years later. George and Mary won the nation's affection, mixing with ordinary people in a way that was new for its time. George had to cope too with potential difficulties caused by the British monarchy's German connections. This led to his founding the house of Windsor in 1917. It sounded more English than Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

After his death she did a lot of charitable work, up until her final illness and death shortly before her granddaughter Elizabeth's coronation.

We are all print-outs, to a degree, of our parents and grandparents. When last Sunday we read the story of David and Goliath, I wondered what Goliath's family background was like. I knew one problem girl of whom a health professional made the observation, "She is wrongly wired". By contrast those whose background is secure in every way need to remember Jesus's words, "Much is required of those to whom much is given."

Rodney Nicholson

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things : Grant in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	May	2012
COMMUNICANTS	53	267
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	157	1,439
VISITORS	107	277
DONATIONS	1,165	3,303
HOUSE BOXES		61
TOTALS	1,429	5,080

OUR PRAYERS ARE SAID FOR

Val Flanagan of Ings End, Twiston who is undergoing further treatment.

Karen Walker of Greendale who is undergoing treatment.

Bob Swarbrick who is making progress.

Patricia Thomas who is recovering from knee surgery.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS - HOLY BAPTISM

27th May **Summer Willow** daughter of Matthew and Catherine **Hosking**, of Newsholme.



AS YOU MAY be aware, it is planned to enter a float from Downham & Twiston in the 2012 Clitheroe Torchlight Procession on Saturday 25 August 2012, to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympiad. We have a vehicle stood by as the float and all we need now are some ideas for the float, volunteers to help prepare the entry and participants on the night to man the float or to act as Torch Bearers.

In order to get the ball rolling, it is planned to have a series of meetings throughout July, commencing with an initial planning meeting in the Village Hall at 6.40 pm on Wednesday 4th July 2012. Some of you have already expressed an interest to help and everyone will be most welcome. If you can spare some time to help, in any way possible then please come along, or, if you cannot attend, then get in touch with Philip Naylor at Chestnuts Cottage or call 441352. PN

Gardens Open at Downham Hall

THIS year on 4th and 5th August, in support of the Village Hall and Ribble Catchment Conservation Trust. Arrangements so far include the Bands - Clitheroe Town Band on Saturday and Barnoldswick Brass Band on Sunday. Promises of stalls and help with the refreshments are coming in. We need some more prizes for tombola and Raffle. If anyone would like to run a stall or help in any way, please get in touch with Hon Secretary, Olivia. We have a number of 'new' people in the parish who should not be shy at coming forward with a bright idea - the more the merrier, your involvement will be most welcome.



YOU ARE INVITED
to
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY'S



DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY

SUNDAY 8th JULY 2012

RIBBLE CATCHMENT HALL

Event cancelled

at Downham

in the presence of Mr & Mrs Daniel Crossley

A BARNOLDSWICK BRASS BAND WILL PLAY
THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON

in a beautiful garden with stupendous views

Stalls Children's Games Tea and Cake available in Marquee

Admission £3 Children Free of Charge



BOOK REVIEW "NOWHERE BETTER THAN HOME" Judy Nixon

JENNY Palmer's book, "Nowhere better than Home", is a book of memories and a delightful read, sometimes funny and occasionally sad.

As a child living in Twiston, on a farm which had belonged to her family for four hundred years and still does, she describes the starkly hard-working life on the farm. Twiston had no electricity until 1956 and naturally, no washing machines, household gadgets or television and boasted an outside lavatory placed strategically over a nearby stream.

Childhood in the 1950's was a life of adventure, with the fields and becks a play-ground, few toys after the war, so imagination was stimulated by this lifestyle, making a knowledge of local wildlife & plants inevitable.

The village school at Downham was a two mile trek over the fields. The indomitable Miss Barton was the head teacher and well remembered by her ex-pupils. Jenny recalls many tales of schooldays in Downham, where all local children formed friendships which have, in some cases, lasted into adulthood, thereby binding the community together. The children dispersed when they went on to various secondary schools, Jenny to Clitheroe Grammar School, which in those days had separate buildings for girls and boys. She was desperate to spread her wings and explore the wider world, which she did by studying at Reading University and travelling widely.

The book can be obtained from Jenny directly, at the modest price of £4.99; her 'phone number is 445619

These memories of times gone by are essential to be kept alive as we can appreciate some of the good things about modern life whilst admiring the endurance and friendly community spirit of the past.

Jenny lived in London for many years and after retiring, returned to her roots in Twiston where she now follows many interests, joining local clubs and writing. She can observe her childhood home from her cottage nearby.

More ROUND AND ABOUT

Christian Aid Week



THIS YEAR, in Christian Aid week, Downham and Twiston people put £202 in those familiar red envelopes to help communities world-wide lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

Our small gifts can make all the difference to families living below the extreme poverty line (equivalent to £1 a day); £6.50. can buy a set of hand tools, £4.50. pays for a bushel of rice or ground nut seeds.

Those of you who took the time and trouble to complete the gift-aid slips added nearly 25% to their gift. I hope more do this next year.

Thanks everyone, especially to collectors Di Braithwaite in Downham, and Caroline Collinge in Twiston. JC

JUBILEE QUARTER PEAL

A TEAM of ringers from the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers attempted to ring 5 quarter peals in different churches around the Diocese on the Bank Holiday Tuesday. With each Quarter involving some 40 minutes of non-stop ringing from memory, this was quite a challenge, though perhaps not as taxing as ringing on a barge being thrown around on the Thames! Sadly they "lost" the Downham attempt half way through, but are hoping to try again before too long. RCA

DOWNHAM & TWISTON TIME BANK

WE ARE very fortunate to have a new member with new skills to offer. Ian Walton of Twiston is an accountant and he's been Honorary Auditor to the PCC for a few years. He is happy to provide one-off advice on tax issues or business start-ups through the Time Bank. Don't all rush at once!

You can contact him directly on **01200 445063** or Sue **01200 440912** SH

THE FLOOD

RECENT heavy rain should be a reminder to everyone to check that their gutters, downspouts and drains are clear. In the past more damage has been done in the parish during summer floods than winter.

Sadly the work carried out earlier in the year at Chestnuts did not stop the road flooding there this time, though the volume of water was so great that even a drain the size of the Leeds Liverpool canal would have struggled! RCA

PAPER COLLECTION

RIBBLE Valley Borough Councillor Barry Scott explains that the council apologises for the disappointing performance of the Council's waste paper collection contractor, Viridor.

Residents are advised that there is no cost to Ribble Valley Council or its residents for the provision of the kerbside paper and card collection service as costs are covered through sale of the collected material.

Whilst there are occasions where, due to vehicle breakdown or accidents, the service will be delayed these are normally rare occasions. However, of late Viridor have experienced not just a series of problems with their vehicles but also breakdowns with hired replacement vehicles.

It is promised that in the event of any disruption to the service, missed collections will be picked up the following morning. This is not always happening, this issue is being addressed with Viridor.

The Council totally understands that the repeated failure in collection is causing our residents to become frustrated with the service and promises that the appropriate action will be taken with Viridor to bring the service back to the standard required within the contract.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RETIREMENT OF FLOWER LADY



I DON'T know if you are aware that Jean Whitsey, my wonderful Mum in law, has finally given up responsibility for church flowers after many, many, many years of organising, preparing, purchasing, arranging, lifting and carrying and generally making sure that flowers are where they should be, when they should be in our lovely church... and I think it would very nice if we thanked her formally by a mention in our esteemed Parish Magazine.

When I asked how long she had been in the 'flowers for church' game, she had to think a while. "Well since Vic died (1987) and following Betty Todd and before then I helped mum do them at St Peters Burnley when I was a girl" So, she has certainly done her 'bit'

Molly has increasingly been Mum's right-hand flower lady, in fact we Whitseys think Mollie is wonderful in all that she does, not just for the flowers but in being a brilliant neighbour and friend. A big thanks to Philippa McFall for volunteering to take over mums role, especially as she carries out other church duties (so if there is anyone out there reading this who would like to help or even be number one person responsible, I don't think Philippa would mind handing it on) with Mollie continuing to be number two and mum in standby position!

I don't know about everyone else, but I for one, thought that flowers just appeared when they should and did not realise or even think about all the hard work, commitment and dedication that went into it. So, Mrs Jean Whitsey, take a bow and on behalf of the Parish, I would like to say well done and thank you so much for your years of service and dedication. Linda Whitsey

And thanks to all of you who sign up on the list in church to provide altar flowers for a particular anniversary. (I like "esteemed") Ed.

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Diamond Jubilee—The Big Lunch

From the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to say many thanks to everybody, who attended, who helped get the hall ready for the day—you all know who you are. Thank you also to the ladies on the day who ran the burgers and sausages up stairs from the kitchen for everybody to enjoy. Many thanks also to all those who provided salads. The Village Hall kitchen came into its own, on such an awful day, weatherwise. My special thanks go to Christine and Philippa, who worked really hard at the cooker turning out the food for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to Ralph for the loyal toast. It was really good to see everyone come together to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Many Thanks to everybody. Shaun

25 Years ago - from the Clitheroe Advertiser

DOWNHAM'S Oldest woman resident, Miss Annie Porter, has died at the age of 95. Miss Porter was the last survivor of her four sisters who lived in Old Well Hall Cottage. This had been their home for 85 years. During World War II Miss Porter became a teacher and was head-mistress of the old Lane Ends School for 12 years. (Many of us remember Miss Porter each Sunday at Morning Service).

THE PARISH CHURCH

JUBILEE SERVICE

AT 11.00 am on Sunday 3rd June, the Revd Alan Reid conducted the Downham Diamond Jubilee Service of thanksgiving for the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The Service Included some of the favourite, traditional, hymns usually heard from the abbey or cathedral on state occasions. Alan's thought provoking address was on service and dignity.

JUBILEE CONCERT

AS part of the parish jubilee celebration and as a fundraiser for St Leonard's Parish Church, the concert group arranged a visit by vocal group *Octameron* on Saturday evening 26th May, in Church. The singers gave a fantastic and apt programme, with a mix of imperial, classic, traditional and songs representative of all four UK countries. A resounding Jerusalem, with audience participation, ended the evening. Beverley Jones of Clitheroe played suitable music as the audience settled down and as they left. The concert group served refreshments and the evening made £338 profit of for St Leonard's funds.

FAMILY SERVICE

THE May family service took the form of a Pentecost Praise and included the Holy Baptism of Summer Willow, daughter of Matthew and Catherine, Hosking, of Newsholme.



DOWNHAM AND TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

On June 18th. Sue Holden, County Community Heritage manager, who for many years headed our own Clitheroe library Local History section, gave us a most interesting presentation on Clitheroe shops over the years. We saw how many 19th Century terraces were built with corner shops, windows onto two streets, as an integral part of planning. Later in that century, in years of hardship due to the cotton famine, several Co-operative shops opened in different parts of the town. The area was well provided for, with Grocers, Butchers, Fishmongers, Haberdashers, Cloggers, Shoemakers, and more. The talk was illustrated with some fine photographs from the library archive, and extracts from Trades Directories, invoices and billheads, as well maps showing the growth of the town. These provoked interesting comments and recollections from some members. There will be no meeting in July or August, our next is an open meeting Monday, 10th September, with refreshments, when Edwin Jackson's local material will be presented by Mrs Dorothy Bradbury - more details later. JC

VILLAGE HALL THE BIG LUNCH



IN A red white and blue-festooned village hall over 120 people partook of the indoor barbecue celebration of the Jubilee and toasted the health of Her Majesty the Queen, Duke of Lancaster

Excellent burgers and sausages were accompanied by a Jacob's join of salads followed by ice-cream.

More important than the food was the company, and the opportunity to meet up with neighbours, some not seen since the Golden Wedding celebration of June, 2011

Quizzes and treasure hunt kept some of the children occupied and mugs were presented to all children under 16 years. There were excellent entries in the art competition including colourful pictures from Downham pre School children.

On behalf of all who attended the event The Hon Ralph thanked the Committee and, in particular the Chairman Shaun Roney, for all the hard work that had gone into the enjoyable occasion.

A diamante stud/earring was found the village hall after the Jubilee barbecue. Also a few dishes have not been claimed. Please contact a member of the committee

NOTE There are still a number of mugs to be given to children aged 16 and under, and who live in the parish of Downham and Twiston. Please contact Barbara Lewis on 440925 to arrange collection.

GARDEN CLUB



IN SPITE of the ghastly weather the visit to Whalley Abbey and Gardens with the Revd Alan Reid was an entertaining and interesting occasion. On Thursday, 7th June thirty members and friends were received by Alan, who donned the appropriate monks habit, to give an historical talk and then took the hardiest members to see the garden under brollies. The evening ended with a finger-buffet supper provided by the Abbey kitchens.

Once again we are sharing transport, on Thursday, 5th July when we visit the Garden at Montford Cottage which was shown at our April meeting in an illustrated talk by the owners. So meet at Downham Bridge at 7.00 pm please. CA

THE JUBILEE BEACON

Although not an official site, a beacon was erected on the top of Worsaw Hill. The Estate team hauled wood donated by Dugdales builders' merchants and Bowland Bioenergy onto the summit, and created a "wigwam", which some mistook as a crashed helicopter!

Having done a reasonable job of keeping the existence of a Beacon a secret (in order to avoid reams of paperwork, and avoid crowd control issues), the cat was released from the bag by the BBC. They were apparently tipped off while filming at Clitheroe Castle and had a couple of distant pictures during the Northwest coverage.

Meanwhile the blissfully unaware lighting party duly lit the pyre at 10:01. Apart from the gas beacon on Clitheroe Castle, other beacons were visible above Slaidburn, and more distantly in the direction of Darwen Tower, Ribbleshead and Gargrave. By the following morning nothing was left but a bucket full of Ash. RCA

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Meeting of 21st June



THE opportunities available were many and varied as members learned of events to come including a day about Russia, gift wrapping with a difference and a trip to Chatsworth. The entry forms for the Clitheroe Area WI Show were collected and tickets for the show on 28th July at Edisford Primary School are available.

The speaker was Pam Roberts who told how, following the loss of her father, she started to trace her family tree discovering a large family she had known nothing about. She eventually started teaching on the subject at Alston Hall, Lancashire College based at Chorley and at Lancaster.

Next months speaker, on 19th is Isobel Stirk on 'The Bronte Sisters' and Ladies you will be very welcome to join us at this or any meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in Downham Village Hall.

If you would like to join us for the August 16th outing on a Skipton canal barge £12.50 incl. a pie and peas supper, gentlemen, you are also welcome. Contact Chris Newhouse on 446620. CN

COFFEE CLUB



EVERYONE was recovering from Jubilee fever and glad that, despite the weather, we had each had a nice time in our own way. Coffee and cake seemed more popular than usual with plenty of 'fill-ups' and the Bring & Buy was very brisk, produce from local gardens and fresh eggs

always a draw.

It is hard to believe that at the next Coffee Club we will be half way through the year. The July meeting will be on the 12th - bring some good weather with you! OAW