

PARISH CALENDAR 2017

July			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Trinity III	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Brian Whiteley	Mr B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs L. Whitsey Ms Z. Ward
3rd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
6th	Thursday	6.00 pm	Garden Club	Meet at Bridge	Visit to Gardenmakers	
9th	Trinity IV	11.00 am	Matins Revd Brian Whiteley	Mrs A Wallace		Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs F. Eldridge
12th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
13th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
16th	Trinity V	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd. Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Mrs K. Walmsley	Mrs A Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
17th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatburn		
20th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	Peter Warren Antiques	
22nd 23rd	Saturday Sunday	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Downham Hall	Gardens Open		
23rd	Trinity VI	11.00 am	Matins Revd Brian Whiteley	Mr I Walton		Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
26th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
30th	Trinity VII	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs P McFall	Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell
31st	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
August						
5th	Saturday	2.15 to 3.30 pm	Garden Club Flower Show	Village Hall	Entries to hall 10.00 am to 12 noon	
6th	Trinity VIII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alfred Graham	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace

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From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

In July, much of our country will be glued to the TV watching Wimbledon. Most will have never heard of the Revd John Hartley, the only clergyman to win Wimbledon.

John Hartley was the Vicar of Burneston in North Yorkshire. In 1879 the quarter-finals were held on a Saturday, with the semi-finals to be played on Monday and the final on Tuesday. On Saturday evening, having won his quarter final, the Reverend Hartley took the train back to Yorkshire and took services and preached a sermon as usual on Sunday. He was then told that one of his parishioners was ill and likely to die. Hartley went to see him and spent the whole night there until the man died in the early hours of Monday morning.

Hartley then went back to the vicarage, collected some sandwiches, rode his horse to Thirsk station and got the train to London. From King's Cross station he hailed a horse drawn cab to Wimbledon, changing into his tennis clothes on the journey. Fortunately for Hartley his semi-final against C. F. Parr was interrupted by rain, which gave him a chance to rest.

On Tuesday he had to play the final against an Irishman, Vere St Leger Gould, who had had the advantage of having had a rest day on Monday. Despite the disadvantage which his exertions must have created, Hartley won 6-4, 6-4, 6-3

Hartley won the title again in 1880 and reached the final in 1881 but lost to W. C. Renshaw. Renshaw went on to become the winner of the most Wimbledon men's singles titles, totalling 7 - a feat only equalled by Pete Sampras and Roger Federer. Hartley disappears from tennis history at this point but he continued to be the vicar of Burneston until 1919. He died in 1935, aged 86.

It is extraordinary to think of him making the journey he did from North Yorkshire to London in such a short time. His physical stamina must have been amazing but most inspiring to me was his devotion to his dying parishioner

Yours in Christ,

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ST. LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	May	2017
COMMUNICANTS	35	182
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	196	966
VISITORS	50	147
DONATIONS	259	1,790
HOUSE BOXES	-	150
SPECIAL	909	3,786
TOTAL	1,414	6,839

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Kath Swarbrick Carole Ashworth Linda Whitsey

WELCOME

Paul and Jackie Darwin who have moved into Lowergate Farm House, Twiston. They have moved from Micklethwaite.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

3rd June Heather Ruth Dakin and Benjamin John Hartley of Chatburn.

HOLIDAY CLUB

'WASTEWATCHERS' is our Holiday Club this year. It will take place Monday, 7th. to Friday, 11th. August, 10.00am-12noon, at Chatburn Methodist Chapel and is for children of Primary school age. As usual there will be games, crafts, songs, snacks and a Bible Story each day. It is free, although we welcome donations towards the costs. We shall end with a barbecue for the children and their families at 12.00 noon on the Friday.

To book in your child/children please phone Anne and Derek Hardacre on 01200 429341

SPECTATOR

What a good time we had singing hymns on the green, and the brass band was delightful. Apologies to Jon who I hadn't realised was sat right in front of everyone when I sent him an ice cream and he had to lick and sing at the same time!

Last year, I invited my cousin from Bradford, R Elaine and her mum, my Auntie Hilda, one of my dads 11 siblings..12 children..I'd have to number them as I would never remember their names! Auntie Hilda could not believe that her niece Linda was on a church cleaning rota that boasted important cleaners like Lady Clitheroe. R Elaine asked Lady if she would say hello and she very kindly went over to talk to her. After we came back here for a cuppa, and to dry out, remember the rain last year? Yuk. Auntie Hilda was pleased as punch that she had spoken to a real Lady but not too happy that she didn't know whether she should have curtsied. She was thankfully swayed from this course of action as she has a dicky knee and might not have got up again!

This year it was my sister Pat who provided the laughs when I told her that Lady Clitheroe was "in attendance" and I thought she was going to go right up to her to have a good stare, but luckily, I got her back in line only to turn around at the end and see that she had made herself official photographer to Lady Downham, as Pat was now calling her!

Was I like that when I first moved over? I had never met a real Lord or Lady before, although I don't think I quite curtsied, Jon was a bit apprehensive when he sent me off with his mum, as he was working, to Ralph and Olivia's wedding reception at the hall. It was like Upstairs, Downstairs as Lord Clitheroe was there to greet their guests, then Lady Clitheroe, then Ralph and Olivia.

I watched mum closely as she held out her hand and said, "Lord Clitheroe, I've had a load of logs delivered, thankyou so much"

Then as mum moved on, I held out my hand and said, "Lord Clitheroe, we haven't had a load of logs delivered"

"Oh bad luck" he said, with a twinkle in his eye and saying that we would have to take the car up to mums and fill up the boot from there. Jon nearly fainted when I told him! But both Lord and Lady have a brilliant sense of humour.....and they need it with me and my family!

Ps, they all want to come again next year.....argh.....lock the doors and bring up the drawbridge...quickly!

THE Rosemere Cancer Foundation is raising money for some very important and ground breaking projects in their 20th Anniversary year – here is a link that will give you more information:

<https://www.rosemere.org.uk/20th-anniversary->

If you happened to be in Clitheroe Sainsbury's in the next few weeks, would you consider voting for Rosemere as their charity of the year or vote online?

GARDENS OPEN

SOME HELP would still be greatly appreciated with the Teas at the Gardens Open on 22nd or 23rd July. Please contact Olivia if you can spare an hour or so.

MUSIC OF THE FOREST PREMIERE AND THE BOWLAND SUITE

TWO GREAT MUSICAL TREATS WITHIN A FEW DAYS On Thursday 15th June there was the premiere of Chris Gibbs's choral work based on the Lord of Bowland's poetry and featuring the serpents head of an ancient instrument, the Carnyx. The four-part song cycle evoking the landscape and history of the Forest of Bowland and was superbly performed by the Renaissance Singers of Blackburn Cathedral under Samuel Hudson's baton. Internationally acclaimed trombonist and experimental musician, John Kenny, played the carnyx.

Three days later on Sunday 18th St Leonard's contribution to the Ribble Valley Music Festival was a performance by the Stonebridge String Quartet of Chris Gibbs's earlier work - The Bowland Suite. The composer said how very thrilled he was to hear the suite played in Downham for the first time remembering that one of the movements is entitled Moonlight over Downham. The second half of the programme was a delightful rendition of opera favourites by thirty members of Preston Opera - what a treat, Thanks to the Concert Group and Clive for organising this excellent fundraising event for Downham Parish Church,

BOWLAND AONB BOWLAND FESTIVAL EVENTS IN JULY

For further information contact the AONB office on 01200 448000 or email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

National Meadow Day Saturday **1st July** 10am – 4pm Slaidburn
National Meadow Day at Bell Sykes Farm, Slaidburn. A chance to learn more about the plants and wildlife which inhabit the meadows Just turn up For more information contact the AONB office on 01200 448000 or email sarah.robinson@lancashire.gov.uk **Free, 6 hours**

Open Garden – Clearbeck House Sunday **2nd July** 11am – 5pm Clearbeck House, Mewith Lane, Higher Tatham, near Bentham Garden open for charity with NGS. Visitors comment that this is a garden full of surprises. Just turn up. For further information contact 015242 61029 or see www.clearbeckgarden.org.uk. Postcode for garden - LA2 8PJ **£4 (accompanied children free), terrain guide 3**

Monday Walk Around Garstang Monday **3rd July** 10.30am – 2pm Garstang Centre

Wyre Lakes Legstretcher Friday **7th July** 6.30pm – 8.30pm Scorton Picnic Site

Summer Activity Day Sunday **9th July** 11.00am – 3.00pm Bowland Visitor Centre,, Beacon Fell Country Park A day packed with activities and fun at Beacon Fell Country Park. Suitable for children four years and over if accompanied.

Friends of Garstang Walking Festival Summer Walk – Summer Fells Sunday **30th July** 10am – 3pm#

Gruffalo Walk Wednesday **2nd August** 10.00am – 12 noon and 1.00pm – 3.00pm Bowland Visitor Centre, Beacon Fell Country Park "I'm the scariest creature in the wood", said the mouse..... Have you ever thought there may be a Gruffalo hiding in the woods? Come to Beacon Fell Country Park and hear a reading of the Gruffalo, take part in Gruffalo activities and go on a Gruffalo walk. Suitable for children four years and over if accompanied by an adult. Café on site. Booking essential. For more information call 0300 123 6780. **£1, 2 hours, terrain guide 4, ½ mile, Tramper-friendly**

DOWNHAM HALL GARDENS OPEN

by KIND PERMISSION of The Hon Mr and Mrs Ralph Assheton

SATURDAY 22nd and SUNDAY 23rd JULY

2.00 to 4.00 pm

Saturday Clitheroe Town Band

Sunday Barnoldswick Brass Band

Magical performances in the Rose Garden
Plant, food and craft stalls and amusements

Teas

In aid of two local charities

Admission adults £5 children under 12 free of charge



THE GREAT SWIM



It was a "fantastique" evening on Saturday June 24th, when family and friends of the Addy family came along to welcome home Helen, who had just completed the final leg of her "Channel Swim" to raise money for the Rosemere Cancer Foundation. It was a brilliant idea and captured the imagination of everyone who knows her. She, deservedly, received tremendous support during her marathon swim and at the time of going to press has raised nearly £3000. Congratulations Helen, you're a star. The French themed evening, complete with accordionist, was full of fun and laughter and a delicious array of cheese, bread, biscuits and wine made sure that everyone had a "magnifique" time. On behalf of everyone there, I'd like to say "Merci beaucoup" to Helen, Jason and Joseph for giving us the opportunity to share in their celebrations and to wish them good luck and good health in the future. BL

THE PARISH CHURCH

PRAYERS FOR SUNSHINE

THIS WORKED! DOWNHAM VILLAGE GREEN hosted its increasingly popular Hymn Singing on the green event on Whit Sunday afternoon. The sun shone and the gazebo erected to keep the Barnoldswick Brass Band dry served to keep them shaded from the lovely sunshine that blessed the occasion. The Vicar and Revd Anne were led in procession by the Church Wardens, along with members of the regular congregation, from church to Hare Green where they were greeted by the band and waiting crowds.

Several hymns were sung and the Vicar gave a short address and the blessing. The weather undoubtedly played a part in the success of the event but the singing of the great crowd that joined in was the memorable contribution. See you all next year!

COFFEE CLUB



JUNE'S coffee club was well attended.. We had the usual delicious array of cakes, provided by our team of bakers. Carole and Di staffed the stall and Frances worked her magic with the table decorations, Our thanks go to you all, we really appreciate your hard work. We also had an extra treat of Quality Street from Norman and Sheila, in honour of Norman celebrating his 80th birthday. Congratulations Norman from the coffee club. Our next meeting is on July 13th at 10am, hope to see you there, BL

THE GARDEN CLUB

AT THEIR JUNE meeting Garden Club members heard from Sandra Silk a clear and interesting presentation on the history and purpose of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) in particular our very own Forest of Bowland. The purpose of designating AONBs is the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the area. There are 46 AONBs in the UK.

Covering 300 sq miles) of rural Lancashire and North Yorkshire, the Forest of Bowland AONB is in two parts. The famous landmark of Pendle Hill is geologically linked to the main upland block but separated by the broad valley of the River Ribble.

Members heard that a main concern of the Bowland AONB is delivering tourism that is both nature and landscape friendly and which contributes to the economic development of the Area. Their approach ensures that organisations, local people and businesses are working together to protect the area, whilst at the same time increasing opportunities for visitors to discover and enjoy its special qualities..

Carole, who missed the last meeting, says The next meeting on Thursday 6th July is the visit to Gardenmakers. Will anyone willing to car share and anyone wanting a lift please meet at the bridge at 6 o'clock with a view to being there for 6-30.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE I have not yet got many RAFFLE PRIZES for GARDENS OPEN on 22nd/23rd July If anyone would care to contribute I would be very grateful.

Please do not forget the Garden Club Show on 5th August, Lets make it the best ever! THANK YOU, Note spare copies of the show schedule are on the table at the back of the church.



DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

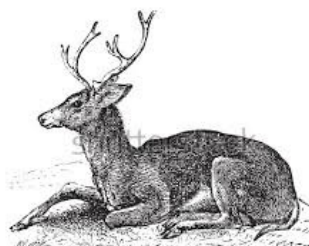
AT the Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th June, Mike Woods treated us to an impressive summary of his research into some archaeological sites of local interest, which he uncovered by doing geophysical surveys, using the latest Lidar technology. Lidar, apparently, works by checking resistance to laser beams sent down from drones. It was originally developed for flood defence purposes and it is now available online for anyone to use for free.

One such site of interest is Portfield camp, a late, bronze-age hill fort, near Whalley. A treasure trove of gold and bronze objects found there are now housed in the British museum. It seems the hill fort may have been built served to protect an ancient trading route connected to Ribchester.

Mike's research has also highlighted a bronze age barrow at Worsaw Hill, beacons or burial mounds on the top of Pendle Hill, some early medieval, Saxon field boundaries used by vaccaries at the top of Noggarth, as well as a bronze-age, hill top settlement at the Water meetings, near Roughlee.

As the Pennine Landscape Partnership project gathers momentum,, volunteers will be called on to help. Who knows what further excavations of the various sites might reveal about our neo-lithic and bronze-age ancestors?

The next meeting of the History Group will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 18th July at 7.30pm when Graham Cooper will give a presentation on Deer Parks. JP



Eight members of Barley WI were guests at the June Meeting, when Frances Garner gave out entry forms for the Area Show, and Speaker Melanie Doyle, a make-up and prosthetics artist, described her interesting career, working on Downton Abbey, Emmerdale and Miss World and also opening and running an Academy of TV and Film Make-up and prosthetics.

She is an expert on bruises, gashes, boils and gunshot wounds. She demonstrated her art on a brave volunteer, Claire Milligan, President of Barley WI who departed for home sporting a revolver wound to the forehead, a large cheek bruise and a knife wound to the face – together with a round of applause. Edna Jackson was congratulated on achieving seventy years' membership of WI.

Members will enjoy a visit to White Coppice on July 4th, leaving the Clitheroe Bus Interchange at 12.15 pm.

The next Meeting will be on July 20th when the Speaker, Peter Warren, will give an Antiques Slide Show.

The Clitheroe Area WI Show will take place on Saturday July 29th at All Saints Primary School, Clayton le Moors, 10.00 am to 4.30 pm.

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APPEAL FOR CAKES!

If anyone in the village and beyond could provide a cake or biscuits for the Open Gardens on July 22nd and 23rd, it would be much appreciated. They can be delivered on the day and left in the garage thank you.

AND BOOKS!

If you have any books taking up space in your home, you can rehouse them at the Open Gardens. Paper backs, hard backs fact or fiction, all will be welcome. Please deliver them to Downham Hall before the date, or bring them on the day, by 12 o'clock if possible thank you