

PARISH CALENDAR—2012

May/June			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
26th	Saturday	7.30 pm	Concert	Church	Octameron Singers	
27th	Whitsunday	11.00am	Pentecost Praise	Mrs B Lewis		
28th	Monday	6.30 pm	Village Hall MC	Village Hall		
3rd	Trinity Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
		11.00 am	Diamond Jubilee Service Revd Alan Reid	Mr T. McLean		
		12.30pm	Parish Jubilee Lunch	Village Hall		
7th	Thursday	6.40 pm	Garden Club Visit	Downham Bridge	Tour of Whalley Abbey with Alan Reid	
10th	Trinity I	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs E. Parker		Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
		11.00 am	Matins Revd Alan Reid	Mrs P. McFall		
14th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
17th	Trinity II	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn		Mrs P. McFall Mrs M. Roskell
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd John Sutcliffe	Mrs B. Lund		
18th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	Sue Holden—Clitheroe Shops	
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall		
24th	Trinity III	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs D. Wilkins		Mrs G. Cragg Mrs K. Brown
		11.00 am	Family Service Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs B. Lewis Mrs A. Greenhill		

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1st	Trinity IV	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs C. McGrath Mrs G. Smith
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alan Reid	Mr B. Lewis		
		4.30 pm	40 Years	St Paul's Low Moor		
5th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club Visit	Downham Bridge	Montfort Cottage Garden	
8th	Sunday	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Children's Society Garden Party	Ribblesdale Hall Chatburn	In aid of Children's Society projects	

OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Canon Rodney Nicholson – 458019

OUR CHURCH WARDENS

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

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667

Hon Secretary The Hon Mrs R. Assheton—440173

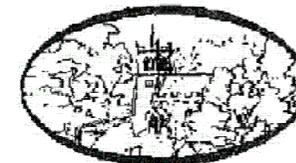


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DOWNHAM & TWISTON



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From Canon Rodney Nicholson

Viewpoint



THIS month sees the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen, to whom compliments in plenty will be paid. Such praise is totally justified. Our present Queen has impressed the nation with her dedication, her hard work, her wisdom, her unflagging energy and her humanity. She has also shown herself to be a deeply Christian monarch, as were her parents before her. This would not be true of all our kings and queens but there is no doubting the Christian commitment of Elizabeth 11. She truly believes the faith which she officially expresses. Her Christmas speech last year was a sermon in itself.

In addition, after 60 years on the throne she has demonstrated that women are the stronger sex! Including Elizabeth 1 and Victoria, Britain's longest reigning monarchs have been women.

My hope is that, as with the royal wedding last year, the Diamond Jubilee will provide the backdrop for a wealth of community celebration. God gives life in all its richness to be enjoyed, so that if neighbours, for example, can get to know each other better by shared meals and festivities, that's great. Some boys and girls who were in the front line at Accrington to greet the Queen last week said, "We're the luckiest children in the world". I thought myself that their comments were a little "over the top" but when I asked a year 5 class in a local school if they agreed with those children, they replied, "Yes". It is wonderful that Her Majesty inspires such affection from both young and old.

Yet even the Queen is here only for a time. She may reign for another ten years, but not another twenty. Life is brief; any time it can end. My second hope for the Diamond Jubilee is that at least some people may realise that life is transient and may therefore turn to the One who is eternal: Christ himself, the rock of ages. His alone is the throne that lasts for ever, as we have just remembered at Ascensiontide. It is good to celebrate the Queen's sixty years but it is more important that we kneel before the Lord and monarch of all, for "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow". The Queen knows this. So may we.

Rohan N. N. R.

Lord, we give you thanks and praise
for Elizabeth, our beloved Queen.
Grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord,
now and all the days of her life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	April	2012
COMMUNICANTS	90	214
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	338	1,582
VISITORS	76	170
DONATIONS	877	2,138
HOUSE BOXES	61	61
TOTALS	1,352	3,951

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 whose recovery is slowing proceeding.

Patricia Thomas who is recovering from knee surgery.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW HOME

Farewell to Stephen & Sarah Norris, Gracie and Bethany who have moved from Manor Barn Twiston.

Welcome to Helen & Jamie Cope and Eleanor who have moved in from Fouldridge.

Welcome also Justin & Olivia Turner, Isabelle and Madeleine who have moved into West Barn, Brownlow, Twiston, from Rimington.. Olivia's parents are at Ings End, Twiston and she and Justin were married at St Leonard's eleven years ago.

Letter to the Editor from the Brown Family

David, Michelle, William & Oliver, would like to Thank all concerned, for allowing us to move into **The White House, Downham**. Also a big thank you to all the workmen who undertook the work to make it possible—Thank You.

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.



Twiston Childhood

OUR local historian Jenny Palmer, of Hill Foot, Twiston, has published a book called 'Nowhere Better than Home' about growing up in Twiston in the 50s and 60s.

She will be launching the book on Thursday 14th June at Clitheroe Books from 7.00 to 8.00.p.m. and at The Pendle Heritage Centre on Friday, 15th June from 12.00 to 2.00 pm. Copies are also available from Jenny at £4.99 each.'

Five chapters of the book were serialised in the Lancashire Evening Post in 2011.



Hillfoot Farm, Twiston early 1900s

Christian Aid surprise

IT'S A bit of a struggle to find enough Christian Aid Week collectors for the Low Moor and Chatburn areas, but I usually just about manage it. I "collared" one young lady in Low Moor, not a church member, as she walked her children home from school, asking her if she might help with the collection. In fact, she readily agreed, and when I took her



CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE!



ALL residents of Downham and Twiston, together with any visiting friends and relatives, are warmly invited to the Village Hall to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3rd June at 12.30pm. The special barbeque and Jacob's Join on the day is part of the nationwide 'Big Lunch' Please **phone Betty Mercer on 01200 441535** with the names and numbers of those attending. Tickets to cover the costs are £7.50 per adult (just £5.00 if you contribute to the Jacob's Join) payable on the door—all children under 16 are free.

Arrangements for the Day (abridged from last month's Newsletter)

The committee will provide barbeque (burgers, sausages, buns, vegetarian option, condiments etc) and ice cream and cones for pudding. Guests are asked to bring their own drinks and plastic glasses/cups and, if possible plastic plates.

Olive Awberry (415926) and Olivia Assheton (440173) are co-ordinating the Jacob's Join. If you would like to contribute please call Olive or Olivia to let them know what you would like to bring: Green salad, tomato salad, chopped carrot, cucumber/pepper (not dressed), potato salad, coleslaw, grated carrot or beetroot salad, pasta salad, cous-cous, greek salad, lentil salad, three bean salad, crisps/nibbles.

If anyone has any good ideas for children's entertainment or activities on the day, please let Barbara Lewis know on: 440925.

Please come and join us! OA



2012 will once again see the Clitheroe Torchlight Procession being held on August 25th to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympiad. It is intended to enter a float from the village and volunteers are urgently needed to help come up with ideas, prepare the float and participate on the night. So please do not hesitate to declare your support. Give your name to Philip Naylor at Chestnuts cottage or call 441352 and be prepared to come along and join in. PN

I'm not away!

Rodney Nicholson

UNUSUALLY I shall not be at the 11am service for a whole month – that of June. I had put myself down for June 17th but was subsequently invited to preach at the Cathedral that morning, so am grateful to the Revd John Sutcliffe for filling the gap. Since accepting the invitation, I have had a further message from Canon Ian Stockton, on behalf of the Dean, letting me know that the Cathedral is running a series of sermons on the meaning of the Holy Communion and asking me to preach on the aspect of Thanksgiving.

Morecambe Bay Walk

THE WALK across Morecambe Bay takes place on Saturday 30th June - the last before Derek Hartley retires as Leprosy Mission area manager. Please let Anne Hardacre know if

THE PARISH CHURCH

JUBILEE SERVICE

AT 11.00 am on Sunday 3rd June, the Revd Alan Reid will conduct the Downham Diamond Jubilee Service of thanksgiving for the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

JUBILEE CONCERT

AS part of the parish jubilee celebration and as a fundraiser for St Leonard's Parish Church, the concert group has arranged a visit by vocal group *Octameron*. A very attractive programme has been devised, including some regal pieces and some songs from all corners of the United Kingdom. Prior to the start, Beverley Jones has kindly agreed to play the organ as the audience settles down. Tickets available from the Post office or book with Eileen on 426981.



FAMILY SERVICE

Pentecost Praise

YOU may receive this Newsletter before the family service on May 27th. If so, you are invited to wear something red or yellow to represent fire – the symbol of the Holy Spirit who came on the first disciples on the Day of Pentecost, which was later called Whitsunday. Our service, which includes a baptism, will be a Pentecost Praise. RN

OUR June Family Service will be on 24th AT 11.00 am.

Christian Aid Week

THANKS TO our collectors Jill Cragg, Downham and Caroline Collinge, Twiston we have covered almost all of the parish. We look forward to hearing the final amount donated to this Christian work.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE AGM of the Village Hall took place on Monday 30th April. The Chairman summarised the year's activities at the Village Hall (see annual review in the April newsletter) and made special note of the year's highlights including the installation of the new boiler, a good year for bookings and the forthcoming diamond jubilee lunch. He thanked the committee members for all their hard work during the year. The committee thanked Shaun Roney for his sterling efforts as chairman.

Joanne Wright Philips presented the final accounts for the year which showed a profit in the year. She will now hand the accounts over to Brian Lewis (see below).

The following hon. Officers were re-elected unanimously and unopposed: Shaun Roney, Chairman and Olivia Assheton, Secretary. The rest of the committee committed to continue to serve for a further 12 months. The following new members were proposed, seconded and elected to the committee – Brian Lewis, Peter Eldridge, Philip Naylor, Susan Carter (pre-school representative), Julie Ascroft (pre-school representative) and Fran Osborne (Stage II representative). Philippa McFall stepped down from the committee and was thanked for all her hard work over the years. Joanne Wright-Phillips stepped down as treasurer and was thanked by the chairman. Brian Lewis was elected the new hon. treasurer.

Committee discussed village participation in the Clitheroe torchlight procession and agreed that pre-school would take part, with the possibility of sponsorship from other village businesses and organisations.

Due to family and other commitments, Barbara Lewis and Angie Greenhill will step down from organising the 'Spot On' productions. Pre School are to consider whether they could take this on – perhaps only for children's performances.

COFFEE CLUB

ON Thursday 10th May the Coffee Club met under the auspices of Barbara Lewis and helpers. As ever there was the opportunity to catch up with what's going on and how folks are doing. We are meeting next on 14th June at 10.00 am when Olive and Dave will be back from their travels.



GARDEN CLUB

GARDEN Club members were given a presentation and demonstration about Fuchsias by nurseryman Phil Dunnett, from Ribblesdale Nursery at Woodplumpton, on Thursday 3rd May at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, assisted by his wife Angela. Members were shown propagation by cuttings and about creating hanging baskets using trailing varieties, Phil and Angela also sold a number of plants to members—look out for the results in August at our show!



As a digression Phil told about the use of volcanic ash as a fertiliser. Volcanic ash contains minerals and trace elements, essential to growth.

Members also enjoyed refreshments and the RAFFLE.

Our Next meeting will be the visit to Whalley Abbey and Gardens with the Revd Alan Reid on Thursday, 7th June—including supper. We are sharing transport, so meet at Downham Bridge at 6.40 pm please. CA



W.I.

DOWNHAM W.I. enjoyed a lively meeting last Thursday. It was the members' night meeting and also the celebration of the Queens Jubilee. Consequently there was a red, white and blue theme. Members were inventively adorned in these colours, with quite a few Union Jacks appearing in items of dress and decoration. It made for a proud and joyful atmosphere.



Susan Whittaker, stood in ably for Julie Parker, as President for the meeting. Kay Hopkins, the Denman Ambassador, gave a presentation on Denman College and reminded us what a marvelous place it is to visit and the range of courses on offer.

Members presented their own entertainment for the evening, which took the theme of 'Something You Didn't Know About Me' and very enjoyable and amusing it was too, with some surprising revelations.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, the 21st June in Downham Village Hall at 7.30. Non –members are very welcome. AK

Downham & Twiston History Group

ON 16th May, at 7.30 pm Members of the Group attended Barley Village Hall for the meeting of Pendle Forest History Group, when the topic was The Lancashire Witches 1612 to 2012 by Robert Poole of Lancaster University. Professor Pool gave an enthusiastic rendering of the witches story which was equally enthusiastically received by a large audience with a detailed questions and answers session. The talk was illustrated by slides made from very imaginative and artistic line drawings.

Our next meeting is back at the village hall on 18th June AT 7.30 pm when the speaker is Sue Holden, the Local Studies leader of the Library Service. She will give an illustrated talk on Clitheroe Shops.