

# The Broadsheet July-August 2013

for the parishes of Humshaugh  
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Chollerton with Birtley,  
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## Editorial

Thank you to *everyone* who gave us feedback on June's edition of the Broadsheet, including those writing in the Hexham Courant. I would also like to thank Russell Fairless for helping with the new 'Word' template. We have retained the new structure for the July-August edition – the main change being the adoption of the new '*Services for the month*' format as standard. More feedback is, as ever, always welcome.

Another change this month is that we will be making the Broadsheet available on the Humshaugh Benefice website, for download to your tablets & mobile phones – and for home printing of course - if the fancy takes you. So, yes, the Broadsheet is positively leaping into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Finally, if any readers would like to submit 'special interest' pieces, for inclusion in future editions of the Broadsheet, just send them to me. This is particularly addressed to church wardens and the like, but pieces from anyone else, on suitable subjects, will be considered for publication. The deadline for submissions is, as always, the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month, please.

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# HUMSHAUGH BENEFICE

## *Michael Thompson's letter*

Humshaugh Vicarage

Dear Readers,

### **A Treasure for all times & seasons**

A key date for this year is July 15th when a group of us look forward to visiting Durham to see the Lindisfarne Gospels Exhibition, and to enjoying a guided tour of the Cathedral.

I have seen the Lindisfarne Gospels once only at a distance, and more recently in facsimile form.

Others of you too were perhaps present in Durham at the Feast of the Epiphany 1973, when Ronald Bowlby was consecrated Bishop of Newcastle, and the Lindisfarne Gospels were brought North for him to lay his hand upon as he made his canonical oath. Again, others of you would visit the Laing Art Gallery, as I did a few years ago to see the Gospels in facsimile.

This revered volume has a range of significance, being a superb early example of Northern craftsmanship and artistry, an early edition of the Latin text as it was received by the Northumbrian Church, and interlined with a translation into the Anglo Saxon vernacular. Perhaps its most important significance is that it stands as a reminder that to be a true Northumbrian Christian is not to stand in 'splendid isolation', but to rejoice in being the fusion of many different cultural influences. The British Library website tells us:

*"In the manuscript, native Celtic and Anglo Saxon elements blend with Roman, Coptic and Easter traditions to create a sublimely unified artistic vision of the cultural melting pot of Northumbria in the seventh and eighth centuries."*

We are reminded, in that description of the manuscript, of our own origins and calling. We are not of one 'stock', time out of memory; even before the Norman Conquest, Northumbrian blood was a fusion of that of many lands and races, and that fusion led to an 'alloyed' culture which was more stable and creative than any mere unstable 'mixture'.

The Gospels stand to remind us that our imaginings can be out of kilter with reality: we have that tendency to think of Lindisfarne as a place of isolation and tranquillity, rather than the cosmopolitan 'hub' that it was in the days of Cuthbert. It was then a conspicuous destination on the eastern seaboard, and, lying near the mouth of the Tweed, an easy objective and destination for those making the relatively easy crossing from Strathclyde to Northumbria over the watershed twixt Clyde and Tweed.

The volume we shall see may be written in veneration of St. Cuthbert, but it is not the product of his preference for a life of lonely contemplation. It is, rather, the product of generations who welcomed and learnt from strangers, embracing, as they did, new tastes and new technologies.

In that sense, the viewing of the Lindisfarne Gospels will be less about nostalgia for '*the Golden age of Northumbria*', and more about how we are challenged to make the most of the present and the future, and to fuse them into something beautiful for God.

Yours sincerely, Michael Thompson

## ***From our Registers***

On May 24<sup>th</sup> a large gathering of family friends gathered in Saint Mungo's Church to celebrate the life of Mr. **Ronald Herdman**, whose cremation service had taken place in Newcastle earlier that morning. Ronnie was a true son of Simonburn, being at least the third generation of his family to have been raised in that community, and having been followed in Simonburn residence by his son, Andrew, and his family. Ronnie's life had been lived to the full, he and Margaret having ranged far afield during both his Royal Navy career, his civilian work as an electrical engineer, and in the earlier years of their retirement. In common with many of his family, Ronnie had a considerable musical talent which brought pleasure to many.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's Church Humshaugh was well filled by family and friends for the funeral service of Mr. **Maurice Wilson**, whose association with Humshaugh began in 1966 when he and Bell and their sons moved to Lindenfield, the house which he designed, and in which he was to live for two distinct periods, before eventually moving to Halorshield. Though Maurice's last years were clouded by loss of memory, he remained to the end the gentle, generous person, of dry wit and humour, so many of us remember as a kind friend and good neighbour.

May they indeed rest in peace and rise in glory.

A different sort of family gathering took place in Humshaugh Church on May 12<sup>th</sup>, when a large gathering celebrated the entry into Christian membership of **Roy Daniel Negrut-Griffiths**, of Spittal by Berwick. It was a delight that Roy should be brought back to baptism in the community in which his mother, Paula, was brought up, and in which so many of her relatives have lived in the course of the last sixty plus years.



# ***Round and about Humshaugh***

*(Notes compiled by Elizabeth Hayward)*

## **Wildlife Group**

Eight of us set out at 7:30am on Saturday 8th June for a gentle walk around the village, listening to bird song. We started with an obliging chiffchaff in the church yard, and went on to hear a total of 39 species during the walk, including song thrush, yellowhammer and swallows. The highlights were a curlew near to the permissive path, tree sparrows near Lincoln Hill, blackcaps by the river, and of course, breakfast at the Riverside cafe!

The next event was the Nature Ramble on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June, meeting at 9:30 at Chipchase Nursery for a meander along the north bank of the North Tyne. With field guides we aimed to identify wildflowers, birds, insects, etc, as we wandered along, ending up in the Barrasford Arms for lunch.

Here are some of our forthcoming events:

Kielder Ospreys - early/mid July, date and time t.b.c.

Catch a mini-bus up to Kielder to the osprey observation point. It is early days, but there could possibly be fledglings, etc. Once again, stop for lunch at the Blackcock Inn at Falstone.

Bat Walk - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 8pm

Back by popular demand: Tina is running another bat evening, with detectors and the chance to see a real bat, up close. Meet at the churchyard at 8pm.

Moth Trapping - a Saturday morning in August, date and time t.b.c.

Spend a fascinating morning looking at the marvellous moths that are in our village. There will also be the opportunity to record any changes from the last time we did this.

Swallow Project

The swallow project is taking place again this year. Seven nests are currently being monitored, with all pairs on eggs as I write this, except for one pair which have tiny young. This year we have caught two previously ringed adult swallows. Both of these birds were caught together; one is a male, which was ringed in the same nest site in Aug 2012, and the other is a female, who has moved from where she was first ringed, in September 2011, to a barn about 200m away.

## **Mothers' Union**

The members of Humshaugh Mothers' Union are planning a sponsored walk in Kielder on August 7<sup>th</sup>, in aid of AFIA, a MU charity, where volunteers organise holidays or weekends away for people who cannot otherwise afford

them. We would be very grateful if anybody can sponsor us for something as worthwhile as this.

With many thanks,

**Liesbeth Langford**

## **School news**

Just a reminder that the Summer Fayre will be in the afternoon of July 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by two productions of The Wizard of Oz on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

School Sports Day is on July 10<sup>th</sup>, and the '*Praise You and Leavers' Service*' is at 9.15am in school on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Village Hall**

The recent refurbishment of the village hall, together with the splendid new kitchen, have turned it into a fantastic venue for celebrations and festivities. The main hall, supper room and kitchen can each be rented separately, if necessary, at very competitive rates, so please keep it in mind, and recommend it to friends and family.

There are some time slots during the week which are available for groups to use on a one-off or regular basis. The hall maintenance funds are almost exhausted now, so it is important that it is used as much as possible. The contact for bookings is Alan Glendinning on 681468.

Thanks to Peter Linnett, who returned to his role as quizmaster, and to all who took part in the May quiz at The Crown Inn, which raised £117 towards the kitchen refurbishment.

The result of the Pub Quiz, also at the Crown, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, was a tie break between Humshaugh Wheelers and Woof. Humshaugh Wheelers won. Through the generosity of the participants, £119 was raised in aid of the Humshaugh Children's Playing Field Trust and the development of a cycle track for the under 10s.

David Prest will hold a Quiz on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, at the request of those unable to attend mid-week. I shall next run one on September 17<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wishes to hold a quiz in August I shall be very happy to advise.

## **Community History Group**

A spin-off from the HAP project, this group had its inaugural meeting recently to brainstorm ideas for putting together a programme of events to mark the centenary in 2014 of the start of the First World War. We are hoping that anyone who has family memorabilia or stories connected with the war, whether those are of local people or not, will come forward and share them with the group. Any photographs or printed material can be scanned and returned.

At this stage we need to know what is out there, which could be put on display, prior to deciding how and when to put it on show. Please do have a

look in your treasure chests, lofts, attics and photo albums for anything which you could contribute. Jen Ogle has agreed to co-ordinate this, and can be contacted, after 11<sup>th</sup> July, on 681119, or by email: [jen@dogle.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:jen@dogle.wanadoo.co.uk).

### **and finally...**

There will be no August edition of the Broadsheet, but please leave any information you would like me to include in the September issue, either by email [nick.hayward310@btinternet.com](mailto:nick.hayward310@btinternet.com), or on my answerphone at 681463.

Wishing you all summer sunshine,

**Elizabeth Hayward**



### ***Simonburn notes***

It is so easy to get lost in our own busy little worlds; to lose sight of the bigger picture, even if that wider view is no greater than the people around us. You only need to watch the news every day to see how insular we are becoming. People are under increasing pressure to go out to work, if work is available; to travel further and work longer hours. Often there is little time left in the day to devote to family and friends, let alone the local community. I realise now how we can make assumptions about life: define it in line with our own priorities, our own pressures. As I sat down to write these summer notes, my points of reference were going to be the church fete, the high tea and the holidays to come. Therein lies my first mistake. Having both school-age children, and also working in a school environment, I am governed by school holidays, and have been for the better part of thirty years. For us, July / August does mean a long holiday and an end to normal daily routines; more time for family and friends, for catching up with all those little jobs that have been put to one side; and, with luck, a chance to travel to new and exciting destinations.

*“What has all this got to do with activities in Simonburn over the summer?”*, I hear you ask. Simply this: the village fete in aid of St Mungo’s Church will be taking place on Saturday 27th July. This is the only fund-raising opportunity we have each year, to support the work of the church in our community. We are lucky enough to be blessed with a beautiful church, in a wonderful location. What would the village be without it? Although we may not visit regularly, it is a very special place; a place available to all; somewhere to sit and reflect; a place of peace in a busy world. However, a church is not just a building; and we can be reassured to know that in times of need there will always be people to turn to; people who will listen and act with sensitivity, should the need arise. By contributing in some way to the village fete, you will be helping to safeguard the future of St Mungo’s, and all that it means to our community. There are many ways to help: with donations to the various

stalls; with help on the day and in the days leading up to the fete; by selling/buying raffle tickets; and by encouraging people to come along and enjoy the day itself. Please see the boxed notice for further information. If you are resident in Simonburn, you will have received some raffle tickets with your Broadsheet. If you can sell these, that would be great. But don't worry if you can't: just make sure all money, stubs and unsold tickets are returned to Sue Carlson (2 Rectory Terrace) by Saturday 20th July.

By now invitations should have been received for the Over 60s High Tea, planned for July. Please note that this will be taking place on Saturday 6th July (NOT the 7th July as indicated on some invitations). During the afternoon there will be an opportunity to share memories, photographs and mementoes of Simonburn over the last 60 years. It is hoped that this information will form the basis for a '60 years in Simonburn' book, and will thereby preserve these memories for posterity. For more information contact Sue Hickman, 681587.

The Midsummer Bingo raised £230. Many thanks to all those people who supported this event. All money raised will be used to cover the day-to-day running costs of the village hall.

Finally, congratulations to Ellie Barbour and Thomas White, who were married at St Mungo's on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June: a country wedding, in a church bedecked with wild flowers, followed by a stroll down a tree-lined country lane to a transformed village hall for an evening celebration. It was a lovely sight to see. And what a beautiful way to start married life.

Enjoy the summer months. See you in September.

**Pat Fairless**



**Simonburn Fete, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
on the green, from 2pm to about 4pm**



A traditional fete to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The range of attractions will include music from the Sunshine Panners, Scottish Country Dancing, Bric-a-Brac, Plant stall, Cakes, Tombola, Ice-cream, Refreshments in the Village Hall, Children's corner.

See the benefice website for latest news.

**FREE entry, FREE parking**



## **Wark Parish news**

For a number of readers this will be the first Broadsheet you will have received. Welcome to our little piece. Last month we received the new format; comments good or bad to the editor please. This month St Michael's is going for full village coverage. Sally has worked with current distributors to relay the boundaries people cover. It may well be that your copy is now brought to you by a new distributor. Grateful thanks are extended to all who have assisted, and continue to offer assistance, with the distribution.

So this is a 'bumper' two month issue. As usual, a review of 'goings on' at St Michael's. The observant among our readers will have noticed how frequently the churchyard has been cut. Thank you to the Monday Men. Also you will have noticed that we now have a new notice board near the steps from the car park, matching the one close to the path entrance from the road. A big thank you to Jackie Menzies for these. On Trinity Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, we joined many at St Giles, Chollerton, for a confirmation service led by Bishop Martin, where one of our congregation was a recipient of his blessing. Afterwards we enjoyed a splendid buffet lunch, hosted by our new communicant.

Ann, and the slightly younger of your two writers, duly went off to Henshaw on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May for the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne's visitation, to be admitted as Churchwardens of St Michael's for the coming 12 months. So unless we do something awful, you have us until May of next year. Perhaps the Archdeacon does read our little piece in here, as you may recall mention was made last year of how he went 'on and on' a bit. Well this year he was succinct with his charge to us. Henshaw is worth a visit, to enjoy the surroundings, along with its magnificent organ, with keyboard and pedals towards the front, and all sound coming from pipes at the back of the church. We understand this was the gift of a generous benefactor.

So looking to July and August what do we have? July starts off with the Garden Fete on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, which as usual will be on the Village Green from 2pm. This event is one of the principal fund raisers, so any donations or help you can offer will be gratefully accepted. The Green is usually a hive of activity from 10-ish, when stalls are set out. Please bring along any items for the stalls, then come back at 2pm to spend, SPEND, SPEND. Fantastic value teas are available in the Town Hall.

Then on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July will be the Open Air Service, again on the Village Green. This commences at 2pm, with this year's theme being '*The Good Shepherd*'. This multi-faith service has firmly established itself in Wark's calendar, and we do appreciate the assistance from friends in other local churches. This year the address will be given by The Revd. Canon John Sinclair, Residentiary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral. Donations on the day will be offered to Farming Community Network and a talk on their work will be given. At the time of writing the representative was still to be confirmed. Refreshments will be served afterwards in The Town Hall. You never know:

we may just have a pen of sheep on the green! What we would like to do is have a display of shepherds' crooks. Should you have one, and are prepared to loan it for the afternoon, please contact John. Let us hope the wind and rain stay away this year.

You will hardly have recovered from the Open Air Service when the next morning, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, you have the opportunity to join the outing to Durham to view the Lindisfarne Gospel Exhibition. Paddy has arranged for coach/coaches to collect from Wark at around 9am then onto Simonburn and Humshaugh. Included are tickets to view the exhibition, a talk, along with tea or coffee and cake at the medieval Prior's Hall – which is usually not open to the public. Coaches will leave Durham around 5.30pm for the return journey. The cost will be £28.00. Please contact Paddy Walters as soon as possible on 01434 230894, or email: [paddynorthumberland.19@gmail.com](mailto:paddynorthumberland.19@gmail.com).

July is busy; August a time to relax and hopefully enjoy a summer. We will be busy with the September news, so please let us know before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month should there be anything you wish included. We already have two dates for your September diary. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ladies Guild with Ann the host, and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - a PCC meeting in Westacres Community Room.

We're going to finish off asking the editor to place adverts for the Garden Fete and Open Air Service at the end of our piece, however we do have a book: `A Celebration of Signs from a Church with a Message', so will end with one from there that is relevant to Wark at this time: "*Can't sleep? Don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd!*"

What more can or should we say?

Love to all

**Cyril and John**

**St Michael's Church - Garden Fete, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm  
on the Village Green, Wark**

Many stalls, including Tombola, Cakes, Plants, Books, Bric-a-brac & Raffle and much more. Teas in the Town Hall.

**Something for EVERYONE.**

**Multi-faith Open Air Service, Wark Village Green, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm**

This year's theme: *'The Good Shepherd'*

Address by The Revd. Canon John Sinclair, Residentiary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral. Plus a talk on the Farming Community Network (speaker to be confirmed) and a display of shepherds' crooks.

Refreshments afterwards in the Town Hall.

Donations on the day to the Farming Community Network.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Details
Thu 27 Jun	19:30	Chollerton St Giles Flower Festival: 'A Church for all Seasons', Grand Opening, refreshments, live music.
Fri 28 Jun	19:00	Chollerton St Giles Flower Festival: Northumbrian Folk & Gospel Evening; live music; guest speaker the Rev'd Daniel McCarthy. Tickets £5, including supper, from Richard Dodds, 681847, or Mike Slade.
Fri 28 – Sat 29 Jun	10:00	Chollerton St Giles Flower Festival: 10:00am - 4.30pm, church open for viewing, light refreshments.
Sat 29 Jun	13:00	North Tyne Hunt Annual Terrier Show & Pony Club Gymkhana, Simonburn, in field opposite Village Hall. Refreshments. Contact: Margaret Locke, 681419
Sat 29 Jun	19:30	Chollerton St Giles Flower Festival: Summer Concert by the North Tyne & Redewater Choral Society, Leader Mr John Roper; donations, no tickets.
Sun 30 Jun	12:00	Chollerton St Giles Flower Festival: 12 noon - 4.30pm, church open for viewing, light refreshments.
Sun 30 Jun	16:45	Bellingham Deanery Evensong, Dress Rehearsal: St Giles' Chollerton
Sun 30 Jun	18:00	2013 Bellingham Deanery Evensong, St Giles' Chollerton, with Deanery Choir under Mr John Roper.
Mon 01 Jul	10:00	Chollerton St Giles Flower Festival: 10:00am - 4.00pm, church open for last day of viewing, light refreshments.
Tue 02 Jul	19:30	Monthly meeting, Barrasford Village Hall
Wed 03 Jul	19:30	Chollerton WI wood turning demonstration by Ian Forster, Barrasford Village Hall. Open to all. £3 admission includes light refreshments. Bar open.
Thu 04 Jul	10:30	Coffee Morning, Birtley Village Hall
Fri 05 Jul	20:00	Quiz Night, pooled supper and double rollover jackpot. In aid of hall roof work, Barrasford Village Hall
Sat 06 Jul	12:00	Humshaugh School Summer Fayre. Usual attractions. Football tournament, Contacts: Louise Armitage, Caroline Eden, Lucy Siddle, Janice Rowcroft.
Sat 06 Jul	14:00	Wark Garden Fete on the Village Green. See separate notice. Contact: John Cooper.
Sat 06 Jul	15:30	Simonburn Over-60s High Tea, in the Village Hall (replaces January dinner). Contact: Sue Hickman.
Sat 06 Jul	16:00	Friends of Chollerton Churches: Clay Pigeon Shoot and BBQ, banks of River Tyne. £160 per team of 4, incl BBQ. Expert fly-fishing tuition available. Bring family and friends. Contact: Bob Fletcher, 681949

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Date	Time	Details
Sat 06 Jul		Quiz, Humshaugh. See 'Village Hall'. Contact: David Prest
Sun 07 Jul	15:00	Chollerton Pre-School Summer Cream Tea, in the school grounds. See separate notice.
Mon 08 Jul	09:15 18:30	The Wizard of Oz, Humshaugh School, performances at 9:15am and 6:30pm. Everyone welcome.
Wed 10 Jul	10:00	Dunkers coffee morning, 10am –11am, Barrasford Village Hall
Wed 10 Jul		School Sports Day, Humshaugh School
Sat 13 Jul	17:30	Teatime Special, Barrasford Village Hall
Sat 13 Jul	18:00	Colwell Village Hall Family Barbecue, Adults £6, Children £3, Bring your own plate and cutlery. For tickets phone Geoff 681007 or Edward 681424.
Sun 14 Jul	14:00	Wark Open Air Service on the Village Green. Theme: 'The Good Shepherd'. See 'Wark Parish news' & separate notice. Contact: John Cooper.
Mon 15 Jul	09:00	Coach trip to Lindisfarne Gospel Exhibition, Durham. Pick-up in Wark, Simonburn or Humshaugh. Includes talk, tea & cake in medieval Prior's Hall. Return coach leaves 5.30pm. £28.00 pp. Contact: Paddy Walter, 230894, <a href="mailto:paddynorthumberland.19@gmail.com">paddynorthumberland.19@gmail.com</a>
Thu 18 Jul	09:15	'Praise You' and Leavers' Service, at Humshaugh School
Sat 20 Jul	15:00	Messy Church, Barrasford Village Hall - messy but creative activities, simple prayer and worship and a lovely family meal. All welcome. See separate notice.
Sat 20 Jul	19:30	Antiphon / Towards Lindisfarne - The Crossing of the Ways Concert & Workshop (at 6.30pm). St Mary's Parish Church, Holy Island. See separate notice.
Sat 27 Jul	14:00	Simonburn Village Fete, on the Green, 2-4pm. In aid of St Mungo's Church. See separate notice.
Wed 31 Jul	12:00	Gunnerton Lunch Club, Gunnerton Church, 12noon-1.00pm, £2.50. Homemade soup, pudding, tea and coffee and, as always, good conversation. Raffle.
Sat 03 Aug		The band Cadillac 56 will be playing in aid of the hall roof work, Barrasford Village Hall
Tue 06 Aug	19:30	Monthly meeting, Barrasford Village Hall
Wed 07 Aug		Humshaugh Mothers' Union sponsored walk, Kielder, in aid of AFIA. Contact: Liesbeth Langford

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Date	Time	Details
Sun 11 Aug	16:00	Champagne and strawberries at Birtley Hall, hosted by Sarah & David Crone. Tickets £8 from Sarah, church wardens or the Vicar. See separate notice.
Wed 14 Aug	10:00	Dunkers coffee morning, 10am –11am, Barrasford Village Hall
Wed 14 Aug	20:00	Humshaugh Wildlife Group: Bat Walk, meet at the churchyard. See ' <i>Round and about Humshaugh</i> '.
Sun 18 Aug	14:30	Thockrington Fete, Carrycoats Hall, to be opened by Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith, MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed. See separate notice.
Mon 02 Sep	19:30	Wark Ladies Guild. Contact: Ann Bell, 230259
Tue 03 Sep	19:30	Monthly meeting, Barrasford Village Hall
Tue 10 Sep		Wark PCC meeting, Westacres Community Room
Wed 11 Sep	10:00	Dunkers coffee morning, 10am –11am, Barrasford Village Hall
Sat 14 Sep		Steeplechase 2013 / Ride and Stride, across both benefices, in aid of Northumbria Historic Churches Trust. See page 19 for further details.
Sat 14 Sep	18:00	Friends of Chollerton Churches visit to Capheaton Hall: visit walled garden; talk by Willy Browne-Swinburne. £15. members; £20. non-members, incl supper. Bar. Tickets from Bob Fletcher ( <a href="mailto:bob.fletcher@sw.co.uk">bob.fletcher@sw.co.uk</a> ) or Ken Carlisle, 689996. See separate notice.
Tue 17 Sep		Quiz, Humshaugh. See ' <i>Village Hall</i> '. Contact: Elizabeth Hayward
Sun 22 Sep	15:00	Messy Church, Barrasford Village Hall. Includes Scarecrow tour, afternoon tea and summer raffle draw.
Tue 01 Oct	19:30	Monthly meeting, Barrasford Village Hall
Wed 09 Oct	10:00	Dunkers coffee morning, 10am –11am, Barrasford Village Hall
Fri 11 Oct	19:30	Birtley Harvest Supper. More details in September.

## SERVICES FOR JULY-AUGUST 2013

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 6</b>	
09:00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10:30 Birtley Holy Communion	09:30 Humshaugh Holy Communion (1662) 11:00 Simonburn Holy Communion 18:00 Wark Holy Communion (1662)
<b>Old Testament:</b> 2 Kings 5, 1– 4 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10,1-11 & 16-20	<b>Epistle:</b> Galatians 6, 7-16 <b>Psalm:</b> 30
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 7</b>	
09:00 Thockrington Holy Communion 10:30 Chollerton Holy Communion	09.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 14.00 Wark Open Air Service
<b>Old Testament:</b> Amos 7, 7-end <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10, 25-37	<b>Epistle:</b> Col. 1, 1-14 <b>Psalm:</b> 82
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Trinity 8</b>	
09:00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10:30 Birtley Holy Communion	09.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 18.00 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Amos 8, 1-12 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10, 38-end	<b>Epistle:</b> Col. 1, 15-28 <b>Psalm:</b> 52
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 9</b>	
09:00 Thockrington Holy Communion (1662) 10:30 Chollerton Holy Communion	08.00 Humshaugh Holy Communion 09.30 Wark Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 18.30 Humshaugh Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Hosea 1, 2-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11, 1-13	<b>Epistle:</b> Col. 2, 6-15 <b>Psalm:</b> 85
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 10</b>	
09:00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10:30 Birtley Holy Communion	09.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion (1662) 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 18.00 Wark Holy Communion (1662)
<b>Old Testament:</b> Hosea 11,1-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12, 13-21	<b>Epistle:</b> Col. 3, 1-11 <b>Psalm:</b> 107, 1-9
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 11</b>	
09:00 Thockrington Holy Communion 10:30 Chollerton Holy Communion	09.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 18.00 Wark Holy Communion
<b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 1, 1 & 10-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12, 32-40	<b>Epistle:</b> Heb. 11, 1-3 & 8-16 <b>Psalm:</b> 50, 1-7

## SERVICES FOR JULY-AUGUST 2013

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 12</b>	
09:00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10:30 Birtley Holy Communion	09.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 18.00 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 5, 1-7 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 12, 49-56	<b>Epistle:</b> Heb. 11v 29 – 12v2 <b>Psalm:</b> 80, 9-end
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 13</b>	
09:00 Thockrington Holy Communion (1662) 10:30 Chollerton Holy Communion	08.00 Humshaugh Holy Communion 09.30 Wark Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 18.30 Humshaugh Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 58, 9b-end <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 13, 10-17	<b>Epistle:</b> Heb. 12, 18-end <b>Psalm:</b> 71, 1-6
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Trinity 14</b>	
09:00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10:30 Birtley Holy Communion	09.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 18.00 Wark Holy Communion (1662)
<b>Old Testament:</b> Eccles. 10, 12-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 14, 1 & 7-14	<b>Epistle:</b> Heb. 13, 1-8 & 15-16 <b>Psalm:</b> 81, 1-11
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15</b>	
09:00 Thockrington Holy Communion 10:30 Chollerton Holy Communion	09.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 18.00 Wark Holy Communion
<b>Old Testament:</b> Deut 30, 15-end <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 14, 25 -33	<b>Epistle:</b> Philemon 1-21 <b>Psalm:</b> 139, 1-7

# CHOLLERTON BENEFICE

## **Mike Slade's letter**

**Chollerton Vicarage**

Dear friends,

I have been taking some exercise recently. '*About time!*' I hear you cry. I've been helping put up what for me was a large marquee for the Birtley Fete at Chipchase Castle, and will help erect tents for the Chollerton Flower Festival (which may well be all over and done with by the time some of you read this).

Tents and marquees are incredibly useful things. They make a good home for us for holidays, especially with children, as they just love the adventure of sleeping under the stars, eating outside, endless fresh air and running around, as well as getting soaking wet - as they will if this summer is anything like it was last year. They also make a great venue for special occasions, and some of you will have held your wedding reception, or even got married in one.

They also have significance in the story of God. The Tent of Meeting was another name for the holiest place to worship God: the Tabernacle. In Isaiah the people were encouraged to "*Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your pegs.*" We had enough people to have needed to do that at the Birtley fete! Isaiah encouraged the people of God, by this metaphor, to make the tent bigger, because there was a promise of an increasing and growing family of people. Being nomads, the idea of a tent to house those who would be swept along with them, made sense. So as they travelled with God, making the tent bigger was the logical thing to do, as people grew in faith and in numbers.

Tents and the presence of God may not immediately resonate with those of us who are used to God being present in stone, stained glass and wood. We are not nomads, used to living in tents. However God was present in our tent of meeting at Chipchase Castle, as food was enjoyed, conversations exchanged, visitors welcomed (especially a gentleman from Australia with a fine moustache), the challenge of knocking over tin cans for fun, and children rolling down grassy banks. Friendships were made; I met lots of people I didn't know, and heard of news, both good and concerning, as I listened to the stories shared with me. God was in all of this, just as some of us may have found God in a stroll around the beautiful castle garden, in the quiet of a warm late Spring afternoon.

By going to Chipchase, the Church made its tent bigger and welcomed in nearly 150 people. We do have some free spaces in church on Sundays. None are reserved. You will be more than welcome to take your place in our village churches, where we meet with God each week, and sing and pray and learn together.

With many blessings,

**Mike**

**Messy Church, Barrasford Village Hall, Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm**

Messy but creative activities, simple prayer and worship, and a lovely family meal. This is a special Messy Church when we'll be making scarecrows, so we'll need glasses, beads, hats, and clothes, to make these life-like figures. All contributions gratefully received, and, as usual, ALL warmly welcome.

More details from the Vicar on 681721.

*(There will be no Messy Church in August.)*

***From the Registers in the Chollerton Benefice***

**Holy Baptism Confirmations**

We welcomed into full membership of the Church of England Christine Anne Burrige, Carol Dixon, David Murray Dixon, James Samuel Feeley, Ümmü Feeley, James Walton Hughes and Linda Walton (all adults) by the Bishop of Newcastle the Rt Rev'd Martin Wharton, at St Giles' Chollerton on Trinity Sunday, 26th May 2013.

**Funerals and Memorial Services**

We celebrated the life of Marie-Annie (Nancy) Nixon, 98, at Chollerton St Giles on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>, and William (Bill) Tulip, 80, at Chollerton St Giles on Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>.



***Forthcoming events in the Chollerton Benefice***

**Champagne and strawberries at Birtley Hall - 11<sup>th</sup> August 4pm**

Join our hosts Sarah and David Crone for warm sunshine (we pray), champagne and locally grown strawberries (hoping for a late harvest), on the lawns of Birtley Hall. We hope there will be some live music for you to enjoy. Tickets £8, from Sarah, or wardens in church, or the Vicar.

All proceeds to Birtley Church funds. All welcome.

## **Thockrington Fete at Carrycoats Hall, 18<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm**

By kind invitation of Mr and Mrs David Burn

Grand Opening at 2pm by the Rt Hon Sir Alan Beith, MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed. Admission fee of £3 includes entry to the extensive private gardens, woodlands and walled gardens, and the many stalls. Refreshments will be available at reasonable cost.

*The event always takes place, whatever the weather!*

## ***Birtley Village Hall***

### **Birtley & District Gardening Group**

The group always welcomes new visitors or prospective members, whether experienced or rookie gardeners. The annual membership for the 2013/14 season will be £20.00.

### **Birtley Local History Group**

Further details from Mary White, 01434 230307.

Bookings for Gunnerton Church can be made by contacting Susan Reay on  
01434 681852

## ***Barrasford Village Hall***

The Village Hall has received a £5000 grant, towards a new roof, from the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. This is great news but we have a shortfall of £3000. The committee is organising several events to try and raise the shortfall, so please try to support them.

In mid-July, the Annual Summer Raffle tickets will go on sale. This year, the aim is to double the number of tickets sold. Fabulous prizes - £100 cash, car MOT, trio of spirits, etc... The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, at a Scarecrow Tour and Afternoon Tea, in conjunction with Messy Church.

If you would like to make a scarecrow, Messy Church are making them on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. However you are welcome to make your own scarecrow independently. The scarecrows will be put up around the village on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### **Chollerton Pre-School Summer Cream Tea – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 3pm**

Chollerton Pre-School are holding a Summer Cream Tea – in the school grounds if the weather is fine, if not in school. Cream teas, cake stall, tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac stall and Kids' Ceramic Crafts.

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US!

### ***Friends of Chollerton Churches***

#### **Visit to Capheaton Hall, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm**

By kind permission of Willy and Eliza Browne-Swinburne

The Friends of Chollerton Churches invite you to Capheaton Hall, to enjoy a walk round the beautiful walled garden, a talk from Willy Browne-Swinburne about the history of the house, followed by supper.

£15 members; £20 non-members. Bar available.

Tickets from Bob Fletcher: [bob.fletcher@sw.co.uk](mailto:bob.fletcher@sw.co.uk), or Ken Carlisle, 689996.

### **Steeplechase 2013 / Ride and Stride**

The annual Steeplechase, to raise funds for Northumbria Historic Churches Trust, officially takes place on 14<sup>th</sup> September, and volunteers are required to welcome Steeplechasers at Gunnerton and Chollerton.

Our own intrepid Chollerton Wheelers will, however, be doing their ride on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, due to a clash of commitments. Your support will be welcome!

### **Coast to Coast from the Solway to Alnmouth**

Not content with the Steeplechase, the Chollerton Wheelers - Ken Carlisle, Claire Ridley, Andy Brittlebank, Richard Hay and Neil Patterson, ably supported by a contingent from Whitley Bay and Tees-side in the form of Charles Hedley, Alistair Carlisle and Martin Stone - completed their very own Coast to Coast, from the Solway to Alnmouth.

They covered 150 miles of varied terrain in 3 days, met a group of French classic Austin Healey enthusiasts, were rescued by a Jedburgh cycle dealer with spare tyre - thanks to the iPhone - and experienced B&B luxury at Sorbietrees, Newcastleton. Last but not least, Claire & Richard raised £720 for Tynedale Hospice at Home, and thank all for their support.

### **Colwell Village Hall Family Barbecue, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm**

Adults £6, Children £3, Bring your own plate and cutlery

For tickets phone Geoff 681007 or Edward 681424

## ***Other Church services within the Chollerton Benefice***

Services at Barrasford Methodist Church at 6.30pm on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> (at 6pm at Corbridge), 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Barrasford Methodist Chapel: No details of Services received.

Great Swinburne: St Mary's RC Church Holy Mass at 10.15am every Sunday.



### **Antiphon / Towards Lindisfarne The Crossing of the Ways Concert & Workshop**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
6.30 Workshop, 7.30 Performance  
St Mary's Parish Church, Holy Island,  
TD15 2RX**

Northumbria's saints and the interweaving traditions which inspired the Lindisfarne Gospels, come to life in a new music theatre by Antiphon, directed by John Roper. The chamber choir Antiphon are joined by young professional soloists and instrumentalists, including harpist, cellist, fiddle and organist.

Get involved! Antiphon will be running a workshop for all singers before the concert. Email [info@antiphonchoir.co.uk](mailto:info@antiphonchoir.co.uk) or ring 0191 281 2936 to book your place.

Concert only tickets £10 full (Under 18s and UB40 £8) Workshop & Concert tickets £12 (Under 18s and UB40 £8)

Tickets available from <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/220389> or from The Barn at Beal: 01289 540044

For safe crossing times and more details, see [www.antiphonchoir.co.uk](http://www.antiphonchoir.co.uk)

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