

# *The Broadsheet*

## *September*

### *2015*



for the parishes of Humshaugh  
with Simonburn & Wark, and  
Chollerton with Birtley,  
Gunnerton & Thockrington

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Dear friends,

Do you consider yourself a citizen of this country or a subject?

I have always considered myself a subject. That is because I am a loyal subject of Her Majesty the Queen. I have not known any other monarch in my life because she has been Queen longer than I have been alive. On September 9<sup>th</sup> she will, God willing, have reigned over our nation longer than any other monarch, surpassing Queen Victoria's 23,226 days. She plans to spend much of the day in the Borders, travelling from Edinburgh to Tweedbank near Galashiels on the new Borders Railway which I saw being constructed last year during a short break near there.

It is the longest new line laid in the UK in over a century and many have made comparisons between this event with those which Queen Victoria attended during her reign.

Apparently she is not going to make much of a fuss over becoming the longest serving monarch. Instead she wishes to spend time with her subjects celebrating achievements in the communities and among the people she loves and serves. I have been staggered to find out how busy she remains. I quake when I see her diary, only some of which is posted online. For someone aged 89 she remains incredibly fit and hardworking. She is required to keep abreast of many difficult and sensitive issues not only here but throughout the Commonwealth as well as have time for her family. If we think that she has no idea of how life is for ordinary people like you and me we should remember some of the challenges her family have been to her over the years which reflect what most of us have experienced.

For most people the term citizen or subject has little meaning or relevance and the terms have been formally reviewed and changed over the years by previous governments. However, for me being a subject in a monarchy means I am subject to Her Majesty as the source of authority. As a priest in the Church of England part of my legal duties when being installed as an incumbent in a parish involve swearing allegiance to Her Majesty and her successors. There are formal words to say. Signatures are required. So I am here 'On Her Majesty's Service', and some of you will remember official brown envelopes bearing those words popping through our letterboxes. I am also subject to God and that is something I share with the Queen. Over the years she has made her faith in Christ increasingly clear especially in her Christmas broadcasts.

I find it an honour to serve God here and to have someone of faith as head of our Church and to share something in common with her.

We continue to remember her, and the rest of the royal family,

regularly in our prayers in church and a special prayer has been written by the Church of England for the occasion with which I end by sharing with you. I hope you will join me in saying this prayer on the 9<sup>th</sup> wherever you are.

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant,  
we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people,  
and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good,  
until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom.  
Amen

With much love

Mike

## Round and about Humshaugh

### Parish Matters

Parking on footpaths: A reminder to ask residents not to park on the path near the Doctors' surgery, as this forces pedestrians to walk on the road.

Dog Fouling 'A reminder **to please pick up after your dog** and take your waste home (it is perfectly acceptable to put it in your wheelie bin) those who don't, face a £1000 fine.

Village Planning Priorities – Give us your top 3 transport priorities for the village, suggestions so far:

Railway Cycle Track, improvements to Traffic Lights at the bridge and a new bus stop at Simmonds Court.

For more details, see "Parish Matters" [www.humshaughparish.org.uk](http://www.humshaughparish.org.uk)

## **Mothers' Union**

The Mothers' Union did a sponsored walk, celebrating the birthday of the Mothers' Union founder, Mary Sumner.

They did the walk, trying to raise money for AFIA, a part of the Mothers' Union which organises holidays for families who otherwise would not be able to afford them. So, on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August, the walk was done at "Corbridge Roman Town" with its fascinating museum and the remains of a Roman Garrison Town. The afternoon was followed with a short prayer meeting and then a lovely tea at Bell Wilson's flat.

All the members would want to thank everybody who has contributed to our sponsor walk:

£200 was raised!

The September meeting will be on the Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Langfords' home, when there will be a discussion on Mums and Babies.

## **Pub Quiz**



The July Quiz was won by "One Man Down" and £127 was raised for the Barrasford Scouts.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> the Quiz will be held at The Crown at 8pm and will be in aid of the Playgroup. Mick Jonas will be the Quiz Master.

## **Theatre Group**



Spring 2016 Show

There will be a meeting in the Village Hall Supper Room on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm to

Discuss proposals for a new production for adults to be staged in March 2016.

If you are interested, please do come along to find out more. There are lots of things to do that do not involve being on stage/learning lines etc. So the more the merrier! No experience necessary!

Just a desire to have some fun with others during those dreary winter months!

If you would like to be involved, do come along to the meeting – or if you can't get there and are interested in finding out more, please ring me, Diana Linnett, on 689239.

**Liesbeth**

## **APPOINTMENT OF VICAR TO THE BENEFICE**

At the end of September it will be exactly one year since Michael Thompson retired from the above post. Much work has been carried out by the Church Wardens in producing a Benefice Profile for the benefit of would be applicants for the post of Priest in Charge. The first round of advertising was not successful and plans are now in hand to advertise more widely not only on the Diocesan website but also 'The Church Times', early in September.

We are very hopeful that this plan will result in the appointment of an imaginative and energetic person capable of living and working amongst all the residents of this benefice. The Church Wardens are committed to making what they hope will be the acceptable appointment rather than hurry simply because time is passing.

**From the Church Wardens of Humshaugh, Simonburn and Wark.**



## **MONDAY BADMINTON GROUP**

Humshaugh Village Hall 8pm, Mondays.  
Recommences Monday 14th September

This is a friendly sociable group for ladies. Beginners and new members welcome. The cost varies depending on numbers attending. Do come along and join us. All Welcome! Great fun and lots of laughs.

For further information telephone **Joy McCollum 681682**  
**Joyce Burgon 681571**  
**Fiona Charlton 681272**

## ST CUTHBERT'S FESTIVAL

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September** (Walk or drive; pray and eat.)

The annual walk along our local St Cuthbert's Trail begins with a "continental" breakfast at St Cuthbert's Elsdon before setting out promptly at 9 o'clock to walk cross country to St Cuthbert's Corsenside where we will have a "barbecue" lunch.

Anyone is welcome to join in at any point. To be sure of being given lunch, please book in with me (Susan Ramsaran 01434 220019). Otherwise bring a picnic.

Between 1.30 and 2.00 p.m. we continue on the way to St Cuthbert's Bellingham for a special stop at Cuddy's Well and tea.

Dogs on leads are welcome.

Non-walkers, please meet us at the story-telling points and the meal stops. (See leaflets in St Cuthbert's churches for details.)

From the Rural Dean

Susan Ramsaran

### SIMONBURN NOTES

Phew, well that's the fete over for another year. I, for one, was very disappointed that the afternoon was a 'little' wet (to say the least) but just like the line in the film 'A Field of Dreams' ... "If you build it they will come" .... and they did. Nearly £3500 was raised. Amazing! A big well done to everyone who got involved.

The summer holidays are over and the children are going back to school or starting a new school, feeling refreshed for exciting times ahead, I hope.

In August, the over 60's enjoyed High Tea in the village hall, good food and good chat, catching up with many friends.

BIG Thanks go to Norman, for keeping the churchyard looking so tidy again this year, it looks great.

We heard the sad news recently, that Maisie Hewer, formerly of Nunwick Mill, had passed away on June 19th. Our thought go to her family.

The 'so called' summer weather has been little to write home about, maybe it will be an Indian summer instead! As I write these notes, the swallows and swifts are still here, but if I were them, I would be looking to get off to warmer climes soon. It's a shame when they go, but always a joy when they return.

Until I return in the October Broadsheet.....Take care.

**Sharon**

## WARK PARISH NOTES

I am writing these notes on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, the sun is shining so this, today, must be summer! Early I know, however, I shall be enjoying myself on Menorca, where yesterday it was 35C (slap me if I complain it was too hot!) when the Editors deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> of the month comes along. Never let it be underestimated just how much work Roger does to make sure this publication arrives on your door mat each month.

Since last writing, we certainly have, at St Michael's, had a period of sadness and happiness. Happiness back at the start of July where our annual Fete was the best for a number of years. Slightly over £2200.00 being raised for general funding to maintain St Michael's here in Wark. Thank you to all who contributed in any way. I am aware this message is being told on a regular basis, however, the truth is if we do not contribute, then when we need a church it may just not be available to us. Happiness once more when we joined with residents to witness the official reopening of the bridge on 14<sup>th</sup> July (although much traffic had already passed over it) although scaffolding was being put in place the following day for continued maintenance work. Hopefully, and how many times has that word been used, in relation to this work all systems will be back to normal for the foreseeable future.

Our school bid farewell to a number of pupils, as they progressed, no doubt with some trepidation, to the next level of their education. I recall, all those years ago, Miss Walton, Mrs Swan and Miss Little just how they ruled us with a rod of iron. Some may say it was for the better or the worse but what I will say is, if you have never attended one of the services the children produce in school, then you are simply missing something special. The talent and professionalism of these children within our school is second to none. Please support them along with a prayer as they move on.

Now the sadness; no family within the parish could not have been touched by the heroic approach Stuart (Stu) Ridley gave to his terminal diagnosis. The attendance at his funeral justified the level within he was held. Consideration, along with input from his close family, is being given to a lasting commemoration for his life within the grounds of St Michael's.

At this time, I also remember the life of Eddie Carr, whose life was brought to an end by a tragic accident and also Lou Simpson who joined our community in Westacres following a full life in Kielder.

By now the Summer Lunch at Wannies Edge will have taken place. You have to be on 'the inside' just to understand the deliberations involved with the planning. Will the tent be large enough? Will it blow away? How many can be sat down? I may

bring my friends ? and so it went on I am certain, knowing Wark people, all will have gone well.

Then they, not just the ladies but the PCC, are on the go again with a flower demonstration. This will be in St Michael's on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm.. All sounds very posh but do come along for a demonstration by Margaret Telfer along with afternoon tea all for £6.00. Tickets for this are available from Ann (230259) or John (230367)

One or two parishioners have commented upon how wonderful the 'sheep troughs' looked on the paths at St Michael's this last August. These were placed by Margaret and David Verrill to celebrate the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca, to Peter Wood.

The day was warm, stylish and military and I know of one person who would be most proud to have seen her granddaughter married in such a way.

Some place within this September issue of **THE BROADSHEET** you will find an announcement regarding the Benefice vacancy.

There is little I can, or for that matter allowed to add, other than to say many and let me tell you many hours is not over-emphasizing the time spent by your church wardens on this matter with a goal of arriving with the correct candidate for us all (personally I have calculated spending 16 hours last week on meetings and e-mails re- this alone, so Ann must hate the sound of my knock on her door when I turn up with yet another message)

The Guild next meet on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 with Ann Bell being host. On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> the PCC meet in the Community Room at Westacres at 7.30pm.

Between then and now, we at St Michael's will be open for the annual **STEEPLCHASE** on 12<sup>th</sup> September . A rota for sitters will be in church shortly.

Advance notification comes from our school, as they are to hold a BBQ along with a car boot sale on Friday 11th September, however, they do advise, for additional details, we look for promotional material around the village ahead of that date.

I know it is August, however, could I remind you of our Harvest Festival service on 4<sup>th</sup> October and the soup and pudding evening in Westacres Community Room on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Before then we have a benefice service here in St Michael's with Bishop Pedley on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am to celebrate Michaelmas (he does not hang on or talk long, so we should all be out to have a good lunch)

Our technology is not up to printing pieces from other newspapers so you will need to use your imagination this month.

A cartoon from a recent edition of The Church Times *Six pew ends (no worshippers) but labels on each end – similar to flowers at Weddings –SMUG BELIEVER, FIRM BELIEVER, BELIEVER, BIT OF A BELIEVER, CURIOS and NO IDEA WAY I’M HERE. (yes it was spelt `way’)*

Perhaps I should say no more except I shall chat with you next month.

Love to all

**John**

## **Thockrington Patronal Festival**

On Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am we shall welcome the Rev’d Canon Michael Smith, Canon Pastor of York Minster, to preach and celebrate at the Patronal Festival Communion. People from all parishes are most warmly welcome to join us for this special day in our church year.

## **Harvest Festival services**

Given that this year’s weather has been especially challenging in Northumberland, we have even more reason to give thanks for the hard work and dedication of our farming community, not just in the fields but all who work in ancillary industries connected with farming. Our services in the Chollerton benefice this year will be as follows:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October: 9.00am at Thockrington and 10.30am at Chollerton (children’s activities with Fiona)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October: 9.00am at Gunnerton (children’s activities with Fiona) and 10.30am at Birtley.

The service at Birtley this year will follow the theme of ‘Sowing seeds of peace: reaping justice for the women of Delhi’ which is the United Society (Us) Christian charity’s theme for this harvest. Birtley has long supported the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG, the former name for Us) and a special collection will be invited for the charity during this years’ service.

## **MeSsY cHuRcH**

Messy Church meets on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm in Barrasford Village Hall. Children of all ages welcome for fun activities, a short worship time of singing and praying and a lovely family meal to end with. We are normally finished by 5.00pm. All welcome, both old and new. Children only accompanied by an adult, preferably parents of grandparents. It’s free but if you wish to leave a donation all money is ploughed back into Messy Church, thank you. More information from Mike or Fiona (681721).

## SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

Benefice of Chollerton	Benefice of Humshaugh
<b>Sunday 6th September - The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh 1662 Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 35:4-7a <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 7:24-end	<b>Epistle:</b> James 2:1-10, 14-17 <b>Psalm:</b> 146
<b>Sunday 13th September - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Thockrington Holy Communion 10.30 Chollerton Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh Morning Prayer 11.00 Simonburn Morning Prayer 6.00 Wark Holy Communion
<b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 50:4-9a <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 8:27-end	<b>Epistle:</b> James 3:1-12 <b>Psalm:</b> 116:1-8
<b>Sunday 20th September - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh Holy Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Jeremiah 11:18-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 9:30-37	<b>Epistle:</b> James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a <b>Psalm:</b> 54
<b>Sunday 27th September - The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Thockrington 1662 Communion 10.30 Chollerton Holy Communion	10.30 Benefice Holy Communion service for Michaelmas at Wark
<b>Old Testament:</b> Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,24-29 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 9:38-end	<b>Epistle:</b> James 5:13-end <b>Psalm:</b> 19:7-end
<b>Sunday 4th October - The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9.00 Gunnerton Holy Communion 10.30 Birtley Holy Communion	9.30 Humshaugh 1662 Communion 11.00 Simonburn Holy Communion 6.00 Wark Evening Prayer
<b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 2:18-24 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 10:2-16	<b>Epistle:</b> Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 <b>Psalm:</b> 8

## From the Registers



### **Holy Baptism**

We welcomed into the Family of the Church

Riley James Teasdale at Chollerton St Giles on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>

Hollie Rachel Walton at Chollerton St Giles on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>

Heidi Ruth Bennion at Chollerton St Giles on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>

Agnes Susan Feeley at Gunnerton St Christopher on Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Connall William Rowell at Birtley St Giles on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>

Finn William Rowell at Birtley St Giles on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Funerals and Memorial Services**



We celebrated the life of

Margaret Isabella Gilbey, 86, at Chollerton St Giles on Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Delap Wilson, 87, at St Peter's Humshaugh on Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>

Peter John Finney, 78, at Newcastle Crematorium on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Stuart John Ridley, 25, at Wark St Michael on Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup>

Edward Carr, 73, at Wark St Michael on Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>

Louisa Forster Simpson, 95, at Wark St Michael on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>



### **Weddings**

We witnessed and celebrated the marriage of

Michael David Turnbull and Laura Nixon at Chollerton St Giles on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>

Robert James Scott and Katherine Lisa Meyrick at Birtley St Giles on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>

Dean Robert Dockray and Amy Louise McGlasson-Ord at Simonburn St Mungo on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>

Peter Richard Wood and Rebecca Margaret Verrill at Wark St Michael on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>

**Community Events in Gunnerton Church**  
**Gunnerton Lunch Club**



**Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
12noon-1.00pm  
**£2.50**



Delicious homemade soup, pudding, tea and coffee, raffle,  
and, as always, good conversation,

I would like to thank Jen and Denny for producing such delicious bacon and sausage butties in July and for those who provided the food without cost to us. Despite a very poor attendance over £70 was raised for our little church. Those who came were so generous, thank you.

**Mike**

**Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning**



Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> St Christopher's Church  
Time is from 10.30 till 12.



There will be a cake and produce stall.

This is the same day as the Northumbria Historic Churches Trust Steeplechase so cyclists will be warmly welcomed by Brenda who will also be in church from 10.00am to 4.00pm to welcome steeplechasers and riders and striders who may wish to visit.  
Details from Brenda Swinton

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

**Birtley Village Hall**

**Coffee Morning**

September 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10.30am to  
12.00 noon

Delicious coffee, home bakes and great  
conversation guaranteed!



## **Birtley & District Gardening Group**

Evening meetings will begin again in the autumn and the usual interesting programme of speakers is being planned.

The group always welcomes new visitors or prospective members whether experienced or rookie gardeners.

The annual membership for 2015/16 season is £20.00

Couples £40.00. Guests/single talks £4.00

**Subscriptions are due now**



## **Birtley Local History Group**



The group will be having its summer rest now and will meet again in the autumn, for further details contact Mary White 01434 230307  
£2.00 per person

## **Cinema Evening**

The cinema evening at Birtley Village Hall will be on Thursday 1st October at 7:45pm for an 8 pm start.

The film is the fantastic **Imitation Game** about the work of the code breakers at Bletchley in the war. It stars among others the equally fantastic Benedict Cumberbatch.

The cost is £3

There will be some food and drink on sale during the evening.

Remember! Use it or lose it. There will be a brief survey about the evening and suggestion sheet for any improvements.

Please support your Village Hall in this new venture. Bring a cushion!

For further information contact Paul Dennis Tel: 01434 230519

[anthonydpdennis@gmail.com](mailto:anthonydpdennis@gmail.com)

## **Craft Day**

Join us for our monthly **craft day** at Birtley Village Hall!

Last Wednesday in the month between 10am and 3pm.

Next session Wednesday 30th September

Only £5 for the day.

A day to share skills such as rag rug making, tapestry, silk painting, crochet, etc.

For details contact Sally Danys

Tel: 01434 230519 Mob: 07732388501

[sallydanys@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sallydanys@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Birtley Harvest Lunch**

You are invited to the Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm. The final menu is to be agreed but will probably be homemade soup, Coronation chicken, cold meats, salads, warm new potatoes and puddings to die for. Tickets are £12.00 and available from Judith Weir in Wark (230250) and Anne and Margaret Mitcheson in Birtley (230421)

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

Barrasford Methodist Chapel: Normally services are at 6.30pm each Sunday.  
Great Swinburne: St Mary's RC Church. Mass at 10.15am and 12.00 Noon every Sunday, the 12 o'clock Mass in the Extraordinary Form, said in Latin. Enquiries to Fr Bede (Tel: 681968)

## **Chollerton WI**

On **Wed. 2nd September**, Sheila Matheson will be speaking about her charity 'Widows in Kenya'. Sheila gave a very interesting and amusing talk on her Beekeeping experiences last year and we look forward to hearing her again. On **7th October** Jos Mahon is giving a talk/demo on Willow Weaving. More details to follow. We look forward to a Cookery Demo on **4th November** by our very own Denny, assisted by her son in law, Craig. Or perhaps it's Craig assisted by Denny (we'll find out on the night).  
Pauline

## **Chollerton Benefice Churches Social events**

September 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Ken and Alison's **Wine Tasting Evening**  
"Wines of the Languedoc-Roussillon"

Come and join Ken and Alison for a tasting of wines from this interesting and less visited region of France.

To reserve your place please phone 689996 or

email [kencarlisle@btinternet.com](mailto:kencarlisle@btinternet.com) Tickets £15.00 (although there were few places left at the time of writing but do join the reserve list in case someone drops out).

## **Forthcoming social event in the Chollerton Benefice**

September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow weekend with Barrasford village hall committee

October 11<sup>th</sup> Birtley Harvest lunch at 1.00pm Birtley village hall, tickets £12.00.

October 25<sup>th</sup> Sing for your supper at Chollerton church, and  
November 27<sup>th</sup> Chill evening (venue tba)

## **The Scarecrows are returning!**

The Barrasford Hall Committee and Chollerton churches thought it would be great to make scarecrows again. Photos of our last scarecrow's weekend can be viewed on [www.chollerton-churches.org.uk/social](http://www.chollerton-churches.org.uk/social).

There will be a colouring competition for children too.

The scarecrow weekend will be on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon teas and cakes (and scones on Sunday) will be served on Saturday and Sunday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. The Prize Giving will be made on Sunday at 4.00pm.

If you are going to put up a scarecrow please let Fiona know where it will be so they can be marked on the map for visitors, Tel: 681721

**Barrasford Village Hall**

## **Dunkers Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 10am until 11am

Supper room

Raffle, cake stall

## **Christian Aid Week**

This year's was held on 10th-16th May in the parishes of Chollerton and Gunnerton.

Thank you for all the contributions and to the collectors for the grand total of £425.57.

Claire Ridley

CA Organiser

## **Friends of Chollerton Churches**

.... invite you and your friends to their next event to raise funds for important restoration work at St Giles Chollerton and which will be held at Swinburne Castle on September 10th starting 6:45pm.

Swinburne Castle, situated between Barrasford and Colwell, is the home of Major and Mrs Richard Murphy and we are grateful for their generosity in offering to host this event. This new house, on an ancient site, completed in 2000 marks the revival of the family's links to the land they have owned since the 13th Century.

Drinks and canapés will be served in the house and Richard Elphick, the architect, will give a brief presentation and answer any questions you might have.

A raffle will also be held together with an auction of a limited number of items including a sketch of a Northumberland scene donated by Andrew Festing PPRP MBE.

Tickets are priced at £15 per head and are available from Bob Fletcher:

Work: 0191 280 4238

Home (after 7pm): 01434 681949

**Email: bobfletcher43@gmail.com**

A map and directions will be sent with tickets. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

## **NORTHUMBERLAND HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

### **'Ride and Stride' Annual Steeplechase**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

This year's Steeplechase, 'Ride and Stride', will take place on the above date between the hours of 10am and 4pm. It is such an interesting day and raises funds for our own Churches and the Northumberland Historic Churches Trust. The idea is to obtain sponsorship to visit Churches or to welcome visitors to your own Church. The Churches within our two benefices will be open. The contact persons for the individual Churches are John McCollum for St Peter's, Humshaugh, Judith Brown for St Mungo's, Simonburn, John Cooper for St Michael's, Wark, and Ken Carlisle for Chollerton.

Information will be available in the Churches or from any of the above contacts or on the website [www.NorthumbriaHCT.org.uk](http://www.NorthumbriaHCT.org.uk) and lists of open Churches throughout Northumberland may be found on the same website.

Do think of taking part. You may travel by any means that you wish. It really is a most interesting day.

**John McCollum**

The Broadsheet Editor – Roger Hadley

Please don't forget the deadline for the Broadsheet is 14th of each month .

Any items received after this date may **not** be published.

**Thank you**