



The June Broadsheet 2019



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

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Chollerton Vicarage

'Click onto the web for easy buying' is a phrase that can be applied to almost anything today, from shoes to shares. The explosion in information technology has revolutionised the way we shop, research and travel - but is this always a good thing?

For those who are short of time to shop or bank, a virtual trip can be made to the supermarket or bank web-site, and the goods delivered to your door, or the bills paid; all very tempting, especially when we don't have shops on our doorsteps and we are being encouraged to 'be green' in our use of cars. But isn't this to the detriment of our contact with other people?

As the information highway continues to widen, we must be careful that our sense of being a community and our face to face communication with each other does not get swept away in the global view, making us miss needs on our doorsteps. 'Chat-rooms', Instagram, Skype, and Facebook along with e-mails are heavily used as a means of communication; couples have met via the Internet, but we must not forget the lady or gentleman down our street or lane that goes out each day purely for human contact. A friendly smile and a helping hand speak volumes about our love and care for our neighbours, a reflection of God's love for us. You cannot see a smile on the web!

Here in Northumberland, most of the local churches have launched web-sites linked into the tourist information sites, and we are being encouraged to build in information about our community. What message do we wish to proclaim to our virtual visitors? We can provide virtual tours of buildings, information about officials and services, but the church is much more than that.

The church is people. We are the links from the global web to our local community; the human face, hands and eyes of Christ in our area, expressed in a smile, a chat, a hug.

As you click onto the web looking for an easy purchase, or rattle off an email, don't forget that you can brighten the day of the widow next door, or the young family down the street for nothing- and perhaps gain a smile in return.

The Love of God shown through us to others by our presence is free and also priceless. Maybe we should use what we have been given – our kindness and presence -, to brighten the world for others.

Rev. Sarah Lunn

Round and About Humshaugh

Mothers' Union

The members of Humshaugh Mothers' Union have decided to do a Sponsored "Walk" in aid of AFIA (Away From It All). This charity organises holidays for families who can't afford them themselves. The fact that a small boy, after a weekend away said: "It was wonderful and I saw my mother smile..." shows how important these holidays are.

The sponsored walk will be a guided tour in St. Andrew's church in Corbridge on July the 3rd.

Any contributions can be given at any time to any one of our members and will be very gratefully received.



Liesbeth Langford,
Branch Leader

Pub Quiz

The April Quiz was won by "The Optimists" (again!). An excellent £251 was raised for the Village Hall.

The June Quiz will be on Tuesday the 18th at 8.30 pm and will be in aid of the North Tyne Voices.



Humshaugh First School

It is a little way off, but worth mentioning that the school will have its Summer Production:

"Shakespeare Rocks!" on Wednesday, July the 10th at 9.15am and 5.30pm.

Humshaugh Publications

Just a reminder about the Humshaugh Calendar for 2020 with photographs on the theme "Views of Humshaugh and Surrounds". Photographs to be submitted by June 30th.



Midsummer Jazz Café

On Midsummer Eve, Friday June the 21st, there will be a Jazz Café in the Village Hall, 7.30 – 9.30pm. Music will be provided by Jazz-Nova from Core Music, Hexham.

They play a wide variety of music from Bebop to Jazz Blues.

There will be no tickets, but a donation box will be at the door. Food and ice creams will be on sale and there will be a bar in the hall.

This is sure to be a fun event for all the family, so do come along!

Liesbeth

Our new Curate
Rev'd. Rosemary Harrison

Rosemary will be ordained Deacon at Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday the 29th of June at 11.00am and the following day begins her ministry here in the parishes of Humshaugh, Simonburn and Wark.

We're really excited about her joining us and I hope that you will come to our benefice service here in Humshaugh on Sunday the 30th of June at 10.30am to meet her for the first time. After our service there will be light refreshments and time to chat with Rosemary and find out more about her and what brought her to us.

If you'd like to go to her ordination service at the cathedral, please let me know as I need to order the tickets in the first week of June. There are plenty available and so it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

In the meantime, please keep Rosemary in your prayers as she prepares for ordination and then joins us in our parishes.

Steve.

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Church Parish Finances
Humshaugh, Simonburn and Wark

Quite a few people have asked me recently how the finances in our churches work; who pays for them to be kept open, heated and the lights on, and how much do we get from the government!

It's all fairly straightforward really as our three parishes don't receive money from the Church of England, or from the government and we have to raise it locally ourselves. Fortunately, here in the valley we are blessed by some very generous people who keep us going.

We have some generous people who give us money, sometimes as a one-off gift, and some more regularly. We have other generous people who freely give their time and energy; they clean and maintain the buildings and churchyards or arrange the flowers, and we have lots of volunteers who go out to help in our schools and communities. Our churches are only able to be kept open for public services, like Christmas, Easter or Harvest, or for baptisms, weddings and funerals, because of these people.

And we also are very grateful to the help given to us by our local charities, in all three villages, because but for their support we would have to close.

Some people have also asked about the money we get when we take a fee for a service, what we do with it and how is it spent.

When we take a funeral or a wedding, we collect a fee and this money is split into two. Some of it stays with us, and we can decide what to do with it here, the rest is given back to the wider church.

The money that we give to the wider church helps the church to be one of the largest providers of schools in the country, educating about a third of the young people nationally. It helps to provide chaplaincy services to those who are lonely, ill or bereaved, and to run food banks and build community where there is none; in many places it offers hope where no one else can, and we give to other charities. It also helps to pay my salary.

The money we keep back for our churches here in the North Tyne quite simply pays our bills.

But money is tight; like other charities we have to pay for heating and lighting, insurance and maintenance, so that money has to be raised as well; from our generous givers and from fund raising events. Contrary to what many people think, the church is not rich, but we are very careful with what you give us, and our accounts are public documents for anyone to see.

So, thank you to everyone who helps support us, and I hope that that answers the questions about what the church does with its money, but if you want to know more, please just ask.

Revd. Steve Wilkinson

Parson of Humshaugh, Simonburn and Wark.

WARK PARISH NEWS

What a wonderful Easter we had – warmth in the air and a great deal of warmth in our services. Easter morning and the breakfast was great. Thank you so much to all who provided and helped. And now it is so cold outside and I have planted out the chrysanthemums (had to get the dictionary out to spell that one). I have only one box left to unpack (think it only has light bulbs in) at the new Cooper towers. You can contact me with your news and gossip in the usual way.

So it is very much about Garden Fete this time. We return to a Saturday this year; 6th July 2.00pm on the village green. Donations for any of the usual stalls will be most welcome. I think Ann or Paddy would be the best place to leave these or you could bring them along on the Friday morning to the hall when it is the usual weekly coffee morning, stay for coffee and have a chat. It goes without saying any assistance on the day would be most appreciated. Please do come along and support.

I write these before Crafts and Tea on 19th May which hopefully went well. You never know about these things. The next time I write it will be distant memory so I am going to thank all concerned in advance. >>>>>>>>

I have just received news that £3650.00 was raised at the annual Charity Lunch, this year supporting Tynedale Hospice. A lot of work has been done by the team and I am sure there were many aching feet that evening – I know I was pleased to meet with my bed!

Christian Aid week will also be behind us when this hits your door mat and I know from an early report the Big Brekkie at the school was well attended. I am sure Sally will be available to receive any further donations to this worthy charity.

The Town Hall Curry and Quiz night will be on 11th June starting at 7.00pm. Please contact Lauren on 230858 for more information.

Think that is about all for this month .

Watch out for the bumper July and August edition.

Love to all,

John

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Chollerton WI

We will be Treasure Hunting Around Hexham in July and having our Annual Summer Social at St Christopher's, Gunnerton in August.

Johnson Headstone Fund

Donations are requested towards a headstone for Trevor and his parents, Tony and Frieda.

Donations may be left at Barrasford Village Shop, where envelopes are available, or posted through the door of 2 Chishillways, Barrasford.

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

**The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month
in the Supper Room**

at Barrasford Village Hall at 10.30 a.m.

Come along for a coffee, biscuits and a chat.

Donations of £2 welcome

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

Chollerton First School



A number of keen local cyclists are planning a long distance ride on 8th July and finishing 12th July. Starting in Stranraer and ending in Barrasford. The purpose of making this a sponsored ride in aid of Chollerton First School and St. Giles Church in equal shares. Any support is kindly appreciated and can be made via the school office either in cash or with links to the Just Giving page.

If you need any more information about supporting the community cause, please contact Tiffany Ferrol at admin@chollerton.northumberland.sch.uk.

GUNNERTON CHURCH LUNCHEON CLUB

LUNCHEES are held on the last Wednesday of the month
PLEASE COME ALONG and join us at 12 noon

26th JUNE

31st JULY

SOUP, SWEET, coffee or tea : £3.00

All welcome



ANNUAL FETE and **CANINE CAPERS**

Sunday 9th June
at 2.30pm

in Birtley Village Hall

delicious teas * scrumptious cakes
home produce * plant stall * raffle * tombola
white elephant * fun for the children

and
CANINE CAPERS!

All dogs welcome to enter - just bring your owner



Raising funds for
St Giles' Church, Birtley

ST. PETER'S CHURCH HUMSHAUGH

Open Gardens in Humshaugh

Saturday 1st June

2 pm– 4 pm

Afternoon Tea, Plant and Cake Stalls.

Tickets at the Village Hall

Please Come Along



Wark Garden Fete

Saturday 6th July from 2.00pm.

On the Village Green

Teas in the Town Hall

Cakes stall

Tombola stall

Books stall, and more

Do come along



Curry and Quiz Night

Wark Town Hall

Tuesday 11th June

7pm

For more information

please contact Lauren on 230858



Simonburn Village Fete

Saturday 27th July

2pm.

Stalls: Produce, Tombola,

Books, Bric-a-brac,

Cakes, Ice-Cream, Children's corner,

Tombola,

Grand Raffle

and for the first time a Coconut Shy

Music by:

The Sunshine Panners

Food & Refreshments in Village Hall



CHOLLERTON BENEFICE AND BELLINGHAM DEANERY

Please come and join our celebrations on 30th June

10.30am Thockrington

Chollerton Benefice service of Holy Communion

Enjoy the glorious landscape and the spiritual peace of this well loved church

6pm Chollerton

Deanery Evensong

If you would like to join the choir for this joint celebration please contact
Ann Wainwright or John Roper

Everyone is welcome

Simonburn Notes

The Fete is nearly upon us and planning is underway. As usual, the fete can only take place with a lot of help from people in the village and many helpers from elsewhere, which we are so grateful for. It is a day that we can all come together as a community to make it a "Great Fete". If you could lend a hand, please get in touch with Roger 681077.

Donations to any of the following stalls would be very well received:

Tombola Prizes—can be left at the Tearoom or 1 Red Lion Terrace before 20th July

Cakes—Can be left (wrapped) at 1 Red Lion Terrace, (priced if possible, it's difficult to know what to charge!)

Books— can be left inside the church at the back.

Bric-a-brac - (please only saleable items) can be left at back of church

Teas—Sweet or savoury—at the village hall with Janice Rowcroft

Raffle Prizes—1 Red Lion Terrace

Children's Stall - Jane Langford

Plants/produce—Mrs Allgood

This year we are selling space for crafters, who would like to sell their wares! £15 each please bring your own table. Limited space so please contact Roger on 681077.

There will be more information in the July/August issue of The Broadsheet.

Last week, Mrs Allgood and I were readmitted as Churchwardens by Archdeacon Peter Robinson at St. John Lee. If you haven't been to this church before, is it well worth a visit.

I have just heard some lovely news. Chis White (from Uppertown Farm) and his partner Ruth are now the proud parents of Nancy Helen. We send our Congratulations to them and all their families.

If you have any news you would like to be put in The Broadsheet, please get in touch with me 681077 or shazzahadley@hotmail.co.uk

That's all folks!

Love Sharon

Bells Fundraising
St Mungo's Simonburn

I would like to publicly thank everyone who has donated money towards repairing the bells at Simonburn church, we're really grateful and nearly at our target.

There are several options for the Trustees; we can carry on trying to find a second hand bell that would fit in the church or we can have a new bell cast. We could use a general builder to do some of the work, a specialist joiner to do further work and then use someone experienced to rehang the bells. However, we think a better option is to use one of the very long established and experienced specialist bell companies, people who have been casting and installing bells for perhaps hundreds of years. They will do and guarantee all the work, and this way we can be confident our ancient and precious church will be secure for many years to come

This is of course more expensive, though thanks to your generosity we have raised almost all we need to start work and I'll let you know when we're ready to begin.

Many thanks again.

Steve
Revd. Steve Wilkinson,

St Michael's Church, Wark
Cake and Crafts

Thank you to everyone who helped with the 'cake and crafts' afternoon at St Michael's on Sunday. We had a great afternoon, with a steady flow of people through the doors and by the close of the day we'd raised nearly £500 towards the running costs of the church.

Thank you also to the amazing people who brought their crafts to display and sell, a great display of work by local craftsmen and -women.

Steve

Hiring of Simonburn Village Hall,

Any enquiries contact :
Sue Hickman Tel. 01434 68968
Roger Hadley Tel. 01434 681077

WANTED - Helpers needed for The Broadsheet printing,

Do you have an hour or two to spare, a month, to join the printing team at St. Peter's Church, Humshaugh? This won't be every month . If you would like to help out, or would like more information please get in touch with Roger Langford 681195 or Roger Hadley 681077

rogerhadley29@gmail.com

Access Work **St Peter's Church, Humshaugh**

Now that the work to make the parapets of church safe has been finished we can start on the building projects that will make a real change to our community, beginning with making church more easily accessible.

Beginning at the end of July builders will be on site to install an access slope up to the west door of church; it will gently curve, following the line of the existing path and is designed to complement the existing building.

This will take about six weeks and then, if we have raised the money we need, we will begin installing a toilet in what is now the church vestry, with access from church through the existing door. We hope to be able to improve the sink and storage areas at the same time to make it easier to serve refreshments for visitors to our services and events.

Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp

We already have a really good benefice website, managed by Ady Langford at Simonburn, but maybe it's time to think about modern digital communication a bit further and consider expanding beyond the basic web pages. Chris Harding from Humshaugh is going to go on a day's exploration of this with the diocese, but I wondered if anyone else had experience of this kind of publicity and might be willing to help?

If so, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with Chris and Ady.

Many thanks.

Steve

SERVICES FOR JUNE					
Benefice of Chollerton			Benefice of Humshaugh		
Sunday 2nd June					
9am	Gunnerton	HC	9.30am	Humshaugh	HC
10.30am	Birtley	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	HC
			6.00pm	Wark	EP
			8.00pm	Humshaugh	
				Late@8	
			Contemporary worship and teaching		
Readings: Acts 16.16-34, Revelation 22.12-14, 16,17,20,21, John 17.20-26					
Sunday 9th June					
9am	Thockrington	HC	9.30am	Humshaugh	MP
10.30am	Chollerton	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	MP
			6.00pm	Wark	HC
Readings: Acts 2.1-21, Romans 8.14-17, John 14.8-17					
Sunday 16th June					
9am	Gunnerton	HC	9.30am	Humshaugh	HC
10.30am	Birtley	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	HC
			6.00pm	Wark	EP
Readings: Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31, Romans 5.1-5, John 16.12-15					
Sunday 23rd June					
9am	Thockrington	HC	9.30am	Wark	HC
10.30am	Chollerton	HC	11.00am	Simonburn	Matins
			6.30pm	Humshaugh	EP
Readings: Isaiah 65.1-9, Galatians 3.23-29, Luke 8.26-39					
Sunday 30th June					
10.30am	Thockrington	HC	10.30am	Humshaugh	
			Benefice Holy Communion		
			Welcome to our new Curate		
			Rev'd. Rosemary Harrison		
6pm	Deanery Evensong		6pm	Deanery Evensong	
	Chollerton			Chollerton	
Readings: 1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21, Galatians 5.1,13-25, Luke 9.51-62					