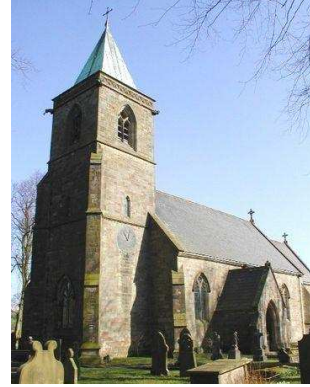


Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

August

2009

Hollinsclough Longnor, Quarnford & Sheen with Newtown
Reapsmoor & Hollinsclough Longnor



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor

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St. Paul's, Newtown

Benefice Directory

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Worship Leader: Miss J. M^cNicol 01298 812053

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| Rev ^d Colin Smith | 01298 23556 |
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Uniformed Associations

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| Brownies | Diana Fernihough | 01538 371958 |
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Worship Leader's Letter

A new vicar has now been appointed for the five churches of our Benefice. He is Revd. James Forrester, and he and his wife, Marion, hope to be with us towards the end of November. We do not know the exact date as yet.

They will be coming to us from a large city centre church in Hull and prior to that James was a vicar in the Sheffield area.

Summer is supposed to be a time for slowing down, for holidays. But for some people summer means enormous efforts in the garden, haymaking or looking after children in school holidays. If we could all manage to 'go slow' a little more often we might have time to be aware of people other than ourselves a bit more; or take in what's going on around us so we can feel more connected and integrated with our communities and our world. It's how Jesus and His disciples did things. They didn't have cars so they had to walk. It took a long time. They talked on the way, they planned, they reviewed, they stopped when they met people. It's not a bad example.

Let us try to 'go slow' a little more often during August -read, walk, relax, sit - whatever you enjoy. There is a verse of a hymn, not often sung nowadays, "Take time to be holy, the world rushes on, spend much time in secret with Jesus alone..." Enjoy your summer, and hope that we are able to sing 'Summer suns are glowing over land and sea!'

To start you on the way, here is a lovely, TRUE story for you to read.

Best wishes, Janet

THE TABLECLOTH STORY

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc, and on December 18th were ahead of schedule and just about finished.

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On December 19th a terrible, driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 20th the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home.

On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity, so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory coloured, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work,

fine colours and a Cross embroidered right in the centre. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church. By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area. Then he noticed the woman walking down the centre aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG, were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria.

The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just got the cloth. She explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and she never saw her husband or her home again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth, but she made him keep it for the church. The

pastor insisted on driving her home — that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man, whom the pastor recognised from the neighbourhood continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war — and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike. He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison, he never saw his wife or his home again all the 35 years in between.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

God works in mysterious ways.

Benefice News

**Local Police Number
0300 123 44 55**

For all non-emergency calls



Teddies for Tragedies

Keep up the good work for all those children traumatised by conflict. If you would like to join in the scheme for knitting Teddies then please contact Janet M^cNicol who will be pleased to provide you with the necessary information.

Dates for your Diary - August

**2nd Open Garden - Nab End
September 19th & 20th Reunion - See Hollinsclough**

Mobile Library

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| Quarnford /Flash | Springhead Road Junction | 10.25 - 10.35 |
| | Flash School | 10.45 - 11.30 |
| | Travellers Rest | 11.35 - 11.55 |
| | Lower Summerhill | 12.00 - 12.05 |
| | Colshaw Lane End | 12.10 - 12.15 |
| Hollinsclough | Chapel | 12.25 - 12.55 |
| Longnor | The Square | 2.05 - 2.35 |
| | Old Saw Mill | 2.40- 2.45 |
| Barrowmoor | Badgers Croft | 2.50 - 3.00 |
| Reapsmoor | Swallow Moss | 3.20 - 3.25 |
| | Park House | 3.30 - 3.35 |

Friday 14th August, 28th August

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| Sheen | Dovefield | 12.35 - 12.45 |
| | Cross Cottage | 1.55 - 2.05 |
| | Ball Ridge Farm | 2.10 - 2.20 |
| | Woolaway | 2.25 - 2.40 |

Monday 10th August, 24th August

Deadline for the Magazine

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20th August. Please send to Mrs. L. Bricklebank, Cottage of Content, Hollinsclough, Buxton, SK17 0RG Telephone 01298 83541 or email lynda@coatetown.freeserve.co.uk

Flash and Longnor First Responders Monthly News

Hi Folks, A surprisingly quiet month for the time of year but good that we have not been called out too often or missed too many calls. Sometimes we can be on duty for three or four days with twenty four hour cover and not a call out but come off duty and we discover the pager has gone off – it's so infuriating!

We are very grateful for donations this month from Mr George Mellor from Hollinsclough who celebrated his 90th birthday and sent us £100. Also to David and Norma Twigg for their donation of £30 in appreciation for our recent help and the Hartington Dancing Club for £50 – thank you very much indeed.

Three of our group recently took the ambulance to Hartington to give the Cubs and Scouts a look around it and to teach them some basic life saving skills. It was a successful evening and we are happy to do the same sort of thing for anybody else. Just let us know.

Our Group Chairman, Ged Fitzgibbon, has designed a web site for us and although it's still in its infancy do visit it and perhaps come up with some ideas for us – www.falfr.org.uk

Swine Flu is in the news a lot but common sense and good hygiene is the best advice – Remember hand washing

is the most important way of reducing the spread of infection. If you do feel feverish the best advice is to – Self isolate until symptom free – Take plenty of fluids and paracetamol to control fever – Practice good hygiene - Catch it, Bin it, Kill it – Contact your GP or NHS Direct (0845 4647) for further information if concerned. The National Flu Information number is 0800 1513100 and

www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu

**DON'T WORRY
KEEP WELL and KEEP SAFE**

For any information about fundraising or if you would like to train to become a First Responder please contact –

Peter Baker – 01298 83120

Jackie Ellis – 01298 83436



2009

Nab End Farm Open Garden

**Sunday August 2nd
10:30am to 5:00pm.**

Free Admission

Bring and Buy, Home Produce,
Bric-a-Brac and Book Stalls.
Bring and Buy plant stall.
Refreshments.

**Donations to the Chernobyl
Children's Project**

Funds raised at this event are to cover the cost of bringing a group of children, ill with diabetes to the High Peak for a recuperative holiday in 2010

For further information contact David or Barbara Cox
Nab End Farm, Hollinsclough, Longnor
Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 0RJ. Tel 01298 83225

d.j.cox@nabendfarm.co.uk www.nabendfarm.co.uk

**Paid box adverts at £2/month
(£20/year) to be in all editions of
the Parish Magazine.
Advertisements welcome.**

**Did I read that sign right?
TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR
BELOW**

**In a Laundromat:
AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE
REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE
LIGHT GOES OUT**

**In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS**

**In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP
LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT
BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN**

**In an office:
AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY
THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON
THE DRAINING BOARD**

**Outside a secondhand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES,
WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING
YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A
WONDERFUL BARGAIN?**

**Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS**

**Spotted in a safari park:
ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR**

**Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND
DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE
ON THE 1ST FLOOR**

**Notice in a farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS
THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL
CHARGES.**

**Message on a leaflet:
IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL
TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS**

**On a repair shop door:
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE
KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL
DOESN'T WORK)**

Longnor

St. Bartholomew's Church News

In Loving Memory

Peter Graham Higton



The funeral service for Mr Peter Graham Higton took place on Friday, June 26 at St Bartholomew's Church, Longnor.

Mr Higton passed away on Thursday June 18 at the Leek Moorlands Hospital aged 85. He was born in Longnor, one of eight children of Edwin and Elsie May Higton. He attended school in Longnor and then went to work first at Rewlatch Farm and then Moss carr Farm, Houinsclough.

He was also a member of Longnor Fire Service and of Hollinsclough Brass Band.

Mr Higton met June in 1960 through their brothers, who worked on the railway. They were married at Sandiacre, Nottingham, in 1962.

Farming was Peter's life. That, the fire service and playing the big drum were his hobbies.

He enjoyed holidays abroad with June, travelling to places such as Spain and Malta.

Peter leaves his wife, June, brothers Michael and John, sisters Joy and Mary his brothers and sisters in law and his nieces and nephews. He will be very sadly missed.

The funeral service was conducted by Reverend Bob Marsden and was followed by interment in the churchyard.

Best wishes to Mark Riley and Beth Teare who will marry at St. Bartholomew's 1st August.

From the Registers

Burial - Peter Graham Higton 26th June

Donations

Gratefully received from:

Brenda Oliver to the Coffee Morning
Phyllis Gould to the Tombola Stall at Longnor School



To Gwen Smith, Avis Evans, Mary Boam, Olive Francis and Joyce Hollinshead for the very successful stall at the School Fair 5th July which raised £152.20 for church funds.

Churchyard Mowing Day

Saturday 15th August from 10am onwards.

Lunch provided in the balcony
Everyone welcome



Art for Health

Hartington Village Hall - Mon 3rd Aug,
2pm - 4pm

Longnor Church Balcony Room - Mon 10th
& 17th Aug, 2pm - 4pm

Hartington Village Hall - Mon 24th Aug,
2pm - 4pm

Longnor Parish Council

14th July 2009 Letter of retraction
by Longnor Parish council.

Dear all,

Your Parish councillors would like to correct a few points which appeared in the Action Group minutes printed in last months Parish Magazine. The councillors have all welcomed the idea of a Christmas market in December this year in Longnor. There are no plans by the council to charge businesses for parking when and if the Parish Council are successful in securing the lease on the market square. However donations towards the rent and the cost of the maintenance of the market square may be needed. From the Chairman of Longnor Parish council. Chris Stevenson.

News from St Bartholomew's School



Our children took part in the Staffordshire Schools Partnership Skipping World Record Attempt; 3 minutes non-stop skipping and 15 successfully completed the task in accordance with Guinness World Record Regulations.

Whole school had a good time at Cadbury World but phew! The hottest day of the year.

We had a lovely day for the Gala with attractions and stalls both inside the hall and out in the playground, the children dancing and the band playing, all made a very pleasant afternoon. Thank you to all who came along and supported us and to those who helped in any way.

End of term concert "The Evacuees" got a standing ovation. All the children did marvellously and for some of the not so young it was a trip down memory lane. £75 raised from our door raffle will be sent off to helpforhereos.org.

We are looking for a member of the community to become a governor of the school. If anyone has any time to spare and the commitment to help us grow in the community please contact school for information.

We wish all our leavers good luck when they start their new school and begin to take even bigger steps on the Lifelong Learning curve.

Have a safe and happy holiday.
Sue Evans, Head Teacher

Longnor & District Pre-School Playgroup

High quality care and education for 2-5 year-olds

Ofsted rating: GOOD

Opening times: Mon, Tues, Wed, term time
9.15am–12.15, 12.45–3.15pm
Lunch Club 12.15–12.45

A small, friendly group based in the Surestart room at St Bartholomew's School, Longnor, offering a wide range of exciting experiences for your child in safe, secure surroundings.

As well as a secure outdoor play area within the school grounds, we regularly use the adjacent brilliant new outdoor *Breathing Place* at St Bartholomew's School, and of course Longnor Village Playground

New! All-organic snack-times!

tel: 01298 83233 (ask for Heather)

info@ playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk

www.playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk

Reg. Charity: 1044161 Ofsted: 218187



...I don't care how many kilowatts it produces
you haven't got planning permission!!

Quarnford St. Paul's Church News



to Neil Ambrose and Karen Kidd for continued help and maintenance at St. Paul's.

QUARNFORD QUEST

Winners for July:

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| 1st | K. Logan | £20 |
| 2nd | F. Smith | £10 |
| 3rd | I. Finney | £5 |

Most people have renewed their membership, for which we are very grateful. Profit for the second year of Quest was £432.

GET WELL SOON

Best wishes to Stan Frodsham.

ROOF APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has given to the appeal.

If readers have friends or relations with connections to the church, please will you let them know that help is needed, or pick up a leaflet from church, shop or pubs.

SCHOOL LEAVERS SERVICE

This was held in church on 17th July when we said goodbye to four pupils. We wish them every happiness in their new schools.

SALVATION ARMY BAND CONCERT

The band is fully booked this year and so the concert has been provisionally arranged for March 2010.

*Be who you are and say what you think,
because those who mind don't matter and
those who matter don't mind.*

Sheen

JULY'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

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| 1 st | No 88 | John Gould | £20 |
| | | Newfields | |
| 2 nd | No 2 | Vera Goodwin | £15 |
| 3 rd | No 87 | Ken Gunning | £10 |
| 4 th | No 3 | Janet Belfield | £7 |
| 5 th | No 33 | Hilda Shann | £5.50 |
| 6 th | No 17 | Freda Critchlow | £4 |

Thank you, to all 122 Members

GIFT DAY - Thank you for Gift Day donations - Race House and 2 Anon.

FLOWER FESTIVAL - The flower festival is a lot of hard work for a few people but the results are always excellent. We would like to thank the flower arrangers, the people who keep the churchyard and church tidy, those who gave up their time to sit in church while the flower festival was on, the people who keep us well stocked with fresh baking every day. Thank you to everybody who has sponsored a window or made a donation. Thank you to the people who helped with the car boots and made the very tasty bacon butties the smell was just too tempting. We had a lot of visitors from all over the world eg America, France, Holland and we would like to thank all our visitors who gave donations so generously we made a grand total of £1,116 profit for St Luke's Church funds

I would like to thank the Rev Bill Rumball (Retired Vicar from Ashbourne) for the lovely service he took for our flower festival and it was nice to see so many people in church for the service.

FLOWER FESTIVAL DONATIONS - Neil and Lesley Wainwright, Bob and Bess Adams, 3 Anon.

FLOWER FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS -Gould Wine, Rose Fearn Wine, Colin Belfield Wine, Arthur Spendelow - All Gold Chocs, Joyce Hollinshead Smellies, Margaret Bradbury Smellies, Mrs Evens Harpur Hill Chocolates, Mrs Hall Tea Towels.

UPDATE ON A NEW VICAR -We have a new vicar coming in a few months. Rev James Forrester and his wife Marion. They have two grown up daughters.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAUDE HOLLAND-



The funeral of Maude was held at St Luke's Sheen on the 25th June 2009. Maude was born at Manor Farm 84 years ago. She moved to Cheltenham many years ago

but has returned to be buried with her husband Herbert in Sheen Churchyard. She will be missed by her family and friends.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY ADAMS-



Mary was the widow of the late Geoffrey Adams and she and Geoff moved to Rose Cottage, Hulme End in 1972. Sadly Geoff died in 1973 but Mary stayed in Hulme

End until March 2000 when she moved to a bungalow at Wellington Court in Leek.

During the 28 years she spent at Rose Cottage she became very active in local activities and was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She was active member of Sheen WI - President for many years and Treasurer after that. No fund raising effort was complete

without Mary. She was a member of Alstonefield Friendship Club and Warslow Luncheon Club and she was always there to offer a lift to anyone who needed it.

She enjoyed helping out at the Church - particularly at the coffee evenings.

She was an Honorary Life member of Leek Field Club and enjoyed going for walks around the local area. She was also a member a various history groups and was quite knowledgeable on local history in which she had a particular interest.

At the end of 2002 she was no longer quite as mobile as she would have liked to be and so she decided to move to Colyford in Devon to be nearer to Kathryn and Dave her daughter and son in law. Her home there was a delightful residential home where her room had access to a beautiful garden.

Her other great love was her craftwork. She was an expert knitter, embroidress to name but a few and after her funeral Kathryn had put a display of some of the lovely work she had done including an exquisite double patchwork bedspread.

Mary was a devoted mother to Alan, Brian and Kathryn and she had 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren who gave her a lot of pleasure over the years. She was affectionately known as Aunty Mary to many people or Mary A and that is how we shall all remember her in Sheen.



CONGRATULATIONS - to Henry, Sharon and Imogen on the safe arrival of Jack Henry

WHIST DRIVE - Friday 7th August 8pm in Sheen Village Hall. All profits go towards the upkeep of St Luke's Church.

SHEEN VILLAGE HALL -has been opened 10 years on the 12th September so we are planning a celebration on the 19th September. We are planning Afternoon Tea 4pm to 6pm, free of charge. Fun bingo (small charge for bingo) and a Disco 8pm 'til late, ticket only (same basis as New Year Eve) more information next month.

VILLAGE HALL MEETING - 7th September 8pm in Village Hall. To help organise the 10 Year Celebration of the village hall please come along and give your input.

POST OFFICE OPENINGS IN SHEEN
Sheen Post office has moved and is now based in Sheen Village Hall opening times are Mondays 9am to 1pm.

I decided to stop worrying about my teenage son's driving and take advantage of it. I got one of those bumper stickers that says, "How's my driving?" and put a premium number on it At£1 a call, I've been making about £38 a week

Newtown St. Paul's

Many thanks to the following for their support on our Gift Day on Sunday 5th July, Ewart, Pauline and family, Roger Pegg, John and Freda, Edith and Victor, Millie, Eric and Kathleen, Les and Nannette and John and Mavis.

A total of £80 was received and this is much appreciated.

Hollinsclough

Hollinsclough School

Members and friends of the school would like to thank everyone who supported the Fete on June 27th. We took £1800 on the day, of which £400 was needed to cover costs. This left us with a very



welcome £1400 to go into PTA funds. We are very grateful for your support, because, among other

outgoings, children's expeditions are paid for out of this fund.

On July 6th they went on a Magical Mystery Tour and visited the Manchester United Museum and the club's premises. The club has produced an inspiring booklet which includes lots of information not only to allow the creation of data bases on the types and location of common injuries suffered by footballers, but also gives the food, exercise and the amount of rest needed for a healthy lifestyle. This is being developed as part of the main "Growing and Blossoming Project" in healthy living.

The children tried on players' strip (which is discarded after a few matches) and even brought back some grass from the pitch which had just been mown! They also returned with sufficient entries in "Create Your Own Theatre of Dreams" for them all to have fun creating a cartoon character which "Little Director" will develop into a DVD for each one of them.

On June 29th, the new ICT manager, Mr Steve Malbon, took two children to and ICT workshop at Manifold First School where they produced a mini-film about healthy eating.

The children climbed to the top of Chrome Hill on June 30th, but were so busy climbing and looking that they forgot they were taking part in the World Skipping Challenge! Everyone enjoyed the event on July 1st when Longnor and Flash Schools joined us for a Mini-Olympics. This was organised by students from Charlton-le Willows Sixth Form as part of their work experience.

The "Stay & Play" group continues to flourish, having an average of nine children each Tuesday morning. We intend to hold it on a second day, starting in September, but the day has yet to be decided..

On July 13th Parents' Open Afternoon was held to discuss children's work & progress. This culminated in the performance of "The Pirates" and the end-of-year prize giving. St Swithun's Day was marked by a "sleep-over" which everyone seemed to enjoy. On July 17th the Leavers' Assembly was held in the Chapel when we said "goodbye" to Ronnie. The christening of the three Bagnall children made the event very special. It's the first time in living memory that the people being christened could tell Colin their names! Usually they are far too young to know what is going on around them. The term was rounded off by a tea-party in the school.

The Autumn Term 2009 starts on September 9th. Staff will be working over the summer on a creative curriculum about light and darkness. This will be based on "Tom's Midnight Garden" by Phillipa Pearce with an emphasis on science with the older children. The younger ones' work will be based on "Can't You Sleep, Little Bear?" by Martin Widdell, using activities based around nursery rhymes.

Hollinsclough Chapel

Services for August:-

All at 6.30pm

2nd Colin Smith

Holy Communion

9th Ruth Hayter

16th Colin Smith

23rd At Earl Sterndale

30th Mrs Joyce Lawton



Action Group

Monday 3rd August at 7.30 pm in the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome.

Local History Weekend & Hollinsclough Reunion

Saturday, 19th & Sunday, 20th September



The new school building is 50 years old this year and

we are holding a reunion for all pupils of both old and new schools, residents past and present and all those who love Hollinsclough.

There will be a local history exhibition in the school, with contributions from Longnor and Quarnford, on Saturday and Sunday.

The Village Hall will be open on both days for refreshments.

On Saturday night there will be a get-together with hog roast, music and a beer tent and the exhibition will still be open to view.

Sunday morning will feature the Reminiscence Roadshow where local people will recount stories from their childhoods, particularly in relation to school days. If you would like to be involved or can contribute a tale from your school days (doesn't have to be local) please contact Sue 01298 83269.

Please come along and make the event a real success and pass on the news to others who may be interested.

We are also looking for old photos, memorabilia, even school reports (if you dare) to add to the display. We can copy documents or bring your own copies, if you prefer.

It would be helpful if you could tell us if you hope to come on Saturday night to give us an idea of numbers for the catering.

Admission and parking will be free.

Contact Victoria 01298 83721

v.rowe352@btinternet.com

Or Lynda 01298 83541

lynda@coatetown.freereserve.co.uk

with any queries

Warslow

Whist Drive

Monday, August 24th in the Village Hall
at 8pm

All proceeds to Warslow Village Hall
funds.

The Walking Conductor

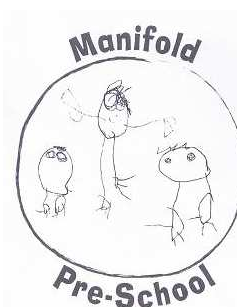
'This was a wholly memorable evening from all points of view, joyous music making at its best - brilliant!!' A quote from a highly appreciative audience member at a recent Bakewell Choral Society concert. In order to continue to delight the people of Bakewell and its environs, and to keep ticket prices low, a top up to choir coffers is required.

Richard Barnes MBE, Musical Director and Conductor of Bakewell Choral Society, is giving up a week of his holiday to raise money for choir funds. He is planning to walk 100 miles over 6 days from July 27 to August 1. The walk, which will start and end at Curbar Gap, will take in points as far afield as Birchover, Ashbourne, Earl Sterndale and Barber Booth in sections ranging from 14 to 19 miles. A strenuous undertaking even for such a keen Rambler.

If you would like to sponsor Richard, please fill in a sponsorship form obtainable from choir members or on the choir website or contact Rosemary Wolfe on 01433 631308

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From the Manse

Dear Friends,

We walked across the desert. We'd been warned to have a stone in our hands in case the wild dogs should become too interested in us, but it was too early in the morning for them to do anything except make a sleepy note of our presence.

From a distance, the monastery towards which we were heading, almost merged into the desert. As we drew nearer, the mud brick walls and the top of beehive-shaped cells of the sisters could be seen, along with flecks of green from a few trees. Inside the gates, we walked across the courtyard, took off our shoes and went into the church. Inside, it was like nine large beehives raised on columns. The traditional three altars of the Orthodox churches were each under their own roof at one end of the church and the congregation under the six other "beehives".

This was a Coptic Orthodox Church, situated about six miles across the river from Luxor in southern Egypt, a mile beyond the rich, fertile land of the Nile Valley. A small community of nuns lived there and it served as the local church for the Christian community.

The congregation were mainly poor. The men were often in their traditional robes and headdresses and the women in long skirts and covered heads, though some wore western clothing. Only the elderly and feeble sat on the forms round the edge of the church. The rest of us stood or sat on the floor.

The service lasted nearly three hours with the singing of the liturgy performed by priest, singers and people. As people of all ages arrived at the church during the service, they would go to the altar screen, kneel and kiss the Easter banner and venerate the icons.

Early in the service, the priest chose from a number of flat loaves one perfect loaf for our communion. There were prayers and readings and songs of praise. The icon, preceded by the cross, was processed around the church by priest, deacons and altar-boys, and was a time of great excitement!

At the consecration of the elements, we prostrated ourselves on the floor, just as Muslims do today, though this Christian tradition pre-dates the life of Mohammed. Then bread and wine was given to the men. Finally, the women from behind a curtain in the on the right of the church, came and received communion, too.

At the end of the service the loaves which had been brought to the church were shared amongst the congregation, a "love feast" for all of us as we mixed together.

Why do I tell you all this? The Coptic Church has often faced difficulties: sometimes with its fellow Christians, suffering abuse from the Crusaders and frequent western denigration and sometimes at the hands of the majority Muslim population and its leaders.

Many Christians through the centuries have decided it would be easier to become Muslims. Yet, despite the troubled times, many have remained faithful to Christ and continue to quietly bear witness to him. The Eastern Christians in many different places asked us not to forget them and to pray for them.

Coptic Christians worship in ways that often seem strange to western eyes, ancient patterns of worship from the first centuries after Christ. Yet, they have a deep sense of Christ's Spirit at work in the church, in their own lives, and in the lives of the saints who join with them in their worship and mission to the world. They remained doggedly faithful to Christ and his church.

God's people are diverse but I found unity with my Orthodox brothers and sisters through our oneness in Christ. As we pray for the Eastern Orthodox Churches, I pray we may all share in the unity the risen Christ gives to his extraordinary, rainbow people.

Christ's peace be with you and me.

Colin



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LONGNOR.

Much thought and care is being taken to make the Peace Celebrations on the 19th at Longnor a success.

Whilst at Hollinsclough there will be a Maypole and Dances & Sports, and at Newtown similar festivities, at Longnor (as at the other places) the occasion will begin with Prayer and hymn, an acknowledgment of the true source from which success comes, namely from God above. A procession will be formed with decorated car, emblematical of Britannia, and her attendants representing England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales. Then come the Morris Dancers, Maypole Dancers, Physical Drills and World Dances, Costume Cycle Parade, General Costume Parade, Band, Peace celebration Committee, and General Public. Included in the day's programme are Children's Tea, Grown Up's Tea, Sports and Competitions and Torch light parade. Each child receives a medal, and Prizes will be given for the Competitions and Sports. This historic day will be held in happy remembrance for many years to come.

Whilst thanking Mr. H. Coates for past services, School Managers have re-instated him as representative for Longnor—and Mr. P. Lownds for Newtown - on the Attendance Committee at Leek. Mr. Chas. Cundy has been re-appointed for three years as the Manager for Longnor School.

An interesting presentation of two handsome umbrellas took place at Hollinsclough. These were the gifts of the Managers, Teachers and Parents to Mr. Gee, Weston, senr., on retirement as Corresponding Secretary after about 30 years faithful service.

A. E.H. STANHAM. BA.,
Vicar and Surrogate.

SHEEN.

The Sunday School has just completed its halfyear, and keen competition exists for senior places, as will be easily judged from the following summary of marks earned so far — Mary Leech, 129; Mary Stubbs 127; Evelyn Titterton, 119; Edith Solman 114 ; Frances Gilman, 113 ; Harry Lomas, 106 ; Lily Solman, 99. It should be pointed out that good work must be shown in every way, and includes more than regularity and church attendance. Children must show a genuine attempt to improve themselves in Bible and Prayer Book knowledge, also how to conduct themselves when in God's house, both in behaviour and in following the various Services. We should be glad to welcome any new scholars.

We are glad to see persons take an interest in the graves of departed friends by keeping the grass cut and bright, with flowers, but we trust that for the future they will remove faded wreaths from the Churchyard, and not block the watercourse at North side of the church with the same.

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BURIAL. "I am the Resurrection and the Life." 29th June, Janet Freda Belfield, aged 2 years. E. H. FINNEMORE, Vicar.

QUARNFORD.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Aug. 9th, Mrs. J. Belfield; Aug. 23rd, Miss E. Brocklehurst. R. W. THOMPSON. Vicar.

SHEEN.

Thank you for the donations to Gift Sunday Appeal, the following is the list

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CHAIRMAN'S SUNDAY, JUNE 21st. There was an exceptionally large congregation on this Sunday to welcome Councillor C. R. Critchlow, J.P.. Chairman of the Leek Rural District Council, and many other leaders of various Councils. Owing to my sudden illness we were fortunate in getting Prebendary S. Beresford to address the Councillors and friends.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR. Aug. 2nd, Mrs.J.Critchlow (Slate House); Aug. 9th, Mrs. John Belfield (Sheen Lane Aug. 16th, Mrs. Ward; Aug.23rd, Mrs. M. Belfield; Aug 30th, Mrs. Li. Goodwin; Sept. 6th, Mrs. A. S. Stubbs; Sept. 13th, Mrs. H.Howson; Sept. 20th, Mrs. W. Grindey.

I should like do thank the Rev. R. W. Thompson, Vicar of Quarnford for taking Services during my illness as well as the Rural Dean, Prebendary S.Beresford.

S.V. PHILP, Vicar.

Monday— Washing

Washing dusters. Before drying dusters after washing, sprinkle them with a drop of paraffin, and then squeeze them together before opening them out for drying. Do not dry them in front of the fire. They will then be ideal for polishing furniture, collecting the dust better and giving a bright polish.—MRS. M. J. LAND (Dewsbury).

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| Sunday 2 nd Trinity | Evensong 6.30pm | Family Service with Holy | | | | Colin Smith Holy Communion 6.30pm | |
| Sunday 9 th Trinity | | Holy Communion 11.15am | Holy Communion 9am | Holy Communion 10am | Holy Communion 2.30pm | Ruth Hayter 6.30pm | |
| Sunday 16 th Trinity | Morning Prayer 11am | | Evensong 6.30pm | | | Colin Smith 6.30pm | |
| Sunday 23 rd Trinity | | Evensong 3.30pm | | Evensong 2.15pm | | At Earl Sterndale 6.30pm | |
| Sunday 30 th Trinity | Benefice Holy Communion 11am | | | | | Mrs Joyce Lawton 6.30pm | |
| September | | | | | | | |
| Sunday 6 th Trinity 13 | Wakes Service and Blessing the Well 6pm | Holy Communion 11.15am | Holy Communion 9am | | | | |
| Newtown - Short morning service 10.45 am followed by "elevenses" each Thursday | | | | | | | |