

Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

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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

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,
Marion and I have just returned from our holiday, which we spent walking the Offa's Dyke Footpath. This is one of a series of National Trails around the country and runs from Chepstow in South Wales to Prestatyn on the north coast, a distance of some 177 miles. It was a great experience, though quite a challenge, but rather than go in to lots of details now, it set me thinking about 'Barriers'.

The footpath was first opened as a National Trail 40 years ago, and it follows (roughly) the line of a great earthwork built in the time when Offa was King of Mercia in the 8th century; sections of it are still clearly visible and very impressive. It may have been simply a marker of the boundary between his kingdom and Wales, or it may have been more like Hadrian's Wall, a defensive barrier. If the latter is the reason for the Dyke then, sadly, such barriers are still in use today. The Berlin Wall may have been demolished in recent times, but the barrier between Israeli and Palestinian

in and around Jerusalem is still being built and the fundamental reason for such barriers is fear; fear of attack or fear of contamination. There may be good reasons at times to be fearful of other people for we know that we are all sinful people who can sometimes treat each other cruelly and hurtfully, but barriers such as Offa's Dyke seem to reinforce the negatives in our thinking about each other rather than affirming the positives about the good that is in each one and the love and kindness that Christians are called to show, following the example of Jesus.

St. Paul talks about Jesus breaking down barriers between different groups and the Christian church at its best should be a place where all are welcome and none excluded.

But the Dyke, for walkers today, is not much of a barrier; we had far more problems with the many stiles that we encountered during our 12 days walking! We had done part of the walk some years ago and knew that one of the features of the path was the large number of stiles, some of which are quite awkward. We were please to discover that on some sections of the path many stiles had been replaced with gates. (Those of you who were with us during this year's Rogation walk might think that it would be good if the Peak Park did the same!) While a metal gate might not be elegant, it makes the path much more accessible for walkers who are not as nimble as they used to be, or are shorter in stature. That principle 'How can we make it more accessible?' is one that also can be applied to church life. How can we and how do we make it easy for people to journey with us as we seek to follow Jesus?

We passed several churches on the route. One was locked (another barrier!) but several others were open and offered drinks so that visitors could help themselves to tea or coffee in return for a donation. Obviously a church on a National Trail is likely to be visited by numbers of people (we have sometimes sheltered from heavy rain in a church or its porch!) but I wondered if we could make our churches more welcoming, removing any barriers to entry and offering hospitality. It could be an example of 'going the second mile', doing more than is expected of us in order to show the love of God.

I trust that each one of us may be people who are better at removing barriers rather than putting them up.

With best wishes to you all,
James Forrester

Benefice News

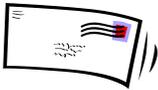
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0300 123 44 55

For all non-emergency calls

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

Used Postage Stamps



Thank you to all the people who leave stamps in our churches.

Please try to leave a narrow strip round each stamp. They keep coming steadily and are very welcome. One person sorts them into British and foreign and this saves a lot of time. Thank you.

Toufic our sponsored child in Lebanon.

For at least forty years the benefice has sponsored a child through " Bible lands." Toufic is severely disabled with learning difficulties and without our help his life would have been very difficult. The five churches promised to sponsor him until he was 16 years old (although one did not contribute last year!) Toufic turned 16 on the 5th of June, 2011. He could now go on to an adult education centre, similar to the Honeycomb Centre that was in Longnor, or Alderbrook in Chinley if sponsorship continues for him.

Quarnford and Reapsmoor churches want to give him this opportunity and it is hoped that individuals from within the Benefice will help. One anonymous donation has already been received. The total required is £216 per year, although it may be possible

for us to pay the old rate of £180 per year. Please consider helping this young person to fulfil his potential by sending a donation (made payable to Quarnford P.C.C.) to Janet McNicol, " Wellsdale", Mellor lane, Chapel-en-le-frith, High peak SK23 95A. Thank you

Dates for your diary: August

Mobile Library

Quarnford	Springhead Road Junction	10.25 - 10.35
/Flash	Flash School	10.45 - 11.05
	Travellers Rest	11.10 - 11.20
	Lower Summerhill	11.25 - 11.30
	Colshaw Lane End	11.35 - 11.40
Hollinsclough	Chapel	11.55 - 12.10
Longnor	The Square	1.20 - 1.50
	Old Saw Mill	1.55 - 2.00
Barrowmoor	Badgers Croft	2.10 - 2.20
Reapsmoor	Swallow Moss	2.40 - 2.45
	Park House	2.50 - 2.55

Friday 19th August,

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 1st August, 22nd August,

Deadline for the Magazine

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20th August for the September edition. Please send to Mrs. L. Bricklebank, Cottage of Content, Hollinsclough, Buxton, SK17 0RG Telephone 01298 83541 or email lynda356@tiscali.co.uk We are now able to send the magazine by email. If anyone would like to change or to subscribe, please let me know.

THE MOORLANDS BRUNCH BUNCH

An enormous thank you to everyone who came together on the 7th July to launch the Moorlands Brunch Bunch. I hope you enjoyed the vent as much as we did. The children of Flash Primary School 'did us proud' with their singing and dancing under the expert guidance of Mrs Wolstencroft and their head teacher Mrs Griffiths.

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Cost
4 th August	2 course lunch and an opportunity for a stroll in company with a Peak Park Ranger along the beautiful Manifold Valley. We would be delighted to push any wheel chairs if required.	The Tea Junction, Hulme End	12.00 noon for 12.30 pm	£5.00
1 st September	Lunch at the Knights' Table followed by free tea/coffee at Flash Bar Stores with an opportunity to view the beautiful crafts/creations of local people	Knights' Table at the Travellers Rest and Flash Bar Stores	12.00 noon for 12.30 pm	£5.00
6 th October	A cream tea with old fashioned games and entertainment guaranteed to keep us happy and amused	Longnor Craft Centre	1.30 pm until 3.30 pm (apprx.)	£2.50
3 rd November	Film – let us know if there is a particular film you would like to see. Refreshments will be served.	Hollinsclough (C of E) Primary School	7.00 pm	Low cost
1 st December	Christmas get together/party	Hollinsclough Chapel Hall	12.00 noon for 12.30 pm	Low cost

Future event are shown below together with details of how to book

Contact:

Doreen Hails 01298 83515 Barbara Bellaby 01298 83444

Book a place for events no later than the **Monday preceding** by telephoning Doreen or Barbara or by dropping a line to: Doreen Hails, at The Bank, Hollinsclough, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 0RH

Longnor

In Loving Memory

Frank Thompson

On Wednesday 20th July a funeral service and burial was held at Longnor church for Frank Thompson aged 86.

Frank had lived all his life on Sheen Top and in Longnor, Spending his working life driving a cattle truck and farming at Top Farm with wife Gen, raising four children, Terry, Linda, The late Pat and Margaret. Later retiring to Longnor enjoying lots of coach holidays.

Due to failing health Frank spent his last 15 months at the Argyle Residential Home on broad walk Buxton.

Frank is probably best remembered for his love of motorbikes and all the tricks and pranks he used to play.

Donation

We acknowledge with thanks a very generous donation made to the church in memory of Connie Gould of Gauledge Farm. This gift will be used to help towards the cost of the work on the church clock that we expect to be done later this year.

Thanks to Gwen Smith, Mary Boam, June Higton, Olive Francis and Joyce Hollinshead for the generous donation to St Bartholomewe's, the proceeds from the stall they had at the school fair on 2nd July

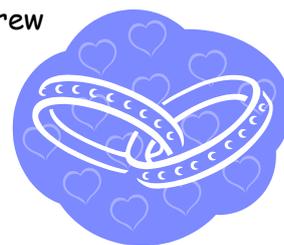


Church yard mowing

day- Thursday 18th August
Everyone welcome to join us from 10-30am. Lunch will be provided in the Balcony

Best wishes to Andrew

Boam and Joanne Chappell who will marry at Longnor on Saturday 20th August.



From the Registers

Burial

Frank Thompson aged 86 yrs

St. Bartholomew's Church News

St. Bartholomews Fayre, Longnor, Saturday 10th September

Update

Just a note to inform everybody of how the organisation is progressing for the market at the end of Wakes Week.

We have a good variety of stalls booked including:- local crafts, jams/pickles, books, pictures, candles, phoenix cards, gifts, beads & jewellery supplies, cakes, pet portraits & wooden gifts, soups/sandwiches, baskets/willow sculptures, R.S.P.B. stall, knitted & crocheted goods, bottled beers from a new Yorkshire brewery, local farm home-cooked pastries/chutneys etc.

Entertainments booked are:- kiddies go-karts, bucking bronco (for adults and children) stilt walker/balloon modeller/fire juggler, our own local strings and wicked soles (as seen at the market last Christmas). Also lots of other children's games and fun for all the family.

Our local first responders and fire fighters will be in attendance, also cobbles, the craft centre, fish shop and the Cheshire Cheese will be providing food for all on the day.

Please note:- The main road through the village will be closed to through traffic

during the day for the safety of all market goers.

Do come and join us for a fun packed day and start your Christmas shopping early!

Please note that we have a few stalls left for rent should anyone be interested. Contact details below

We urgently need helpers on the 10th September so if anyone can offer their services on the day to help please contact either

Michela Griffith, Sharon Ford, Christine Murray

Or Gill & Richard Kebble on 01298 83738

Thank you all in advance for your support and we hope this will be just the first of an annual event for the whole community to enjoy.

On behalf of:-

The organising committee for St. Bartholomews Fayre.

Dragon Boat Race - Rudyard Lake 1st July 2011

The Triumphant 12

Barty's Boaters are pleased to announce that they were successful in their very first outing. On a fabulously warm Friday evening in early July the twelve of us who had volunteered to participate and raise money for the School and Play group, entered the water for the very first time.

A Dragon Boat (which looks a bit like two long canoes strapped side by side) Race had been arranged by the Early Years Staffordshire, the aim was to get 8 teams of like minded people to race at full'ish speed down the length of the lake.

Barty's Boaters were first into the water and the competition took the form of a knockout tournament. The practice run up

to the start line taught us 2 things. 1. That the all important helmsperson should be changed with immediate effect and 2 that paddle co-ordination wasn't our strongest point. The two teams lined up and the race for the finish line began. As both teams zigzagged towards the finish Barty's managed to get our noses in front. Victorious in a close fought first round we went into the second round increased confidence.

Round two matched Barty's Boaters against a team of semipro's or so we thought. With their matching shirts (it should be noted at this point that our team consisted of 3 hippies, 2 children, 6 Hawaiians complete with skirts and coconut bra's and the legend that is Elvis Presley) they looked poised on the line, a hard race began and the opposition took the lead but pressure from Barty's Boaters forced them into a section of boats in the middle of the lake leaving Barty's clear to take victory number 2.

The final was between Barty's Boaters and a team made up from a local Scout group. Large numbers of onlookers and cheerleaders had gathered on the banks to stand in awe (loving the pun) of the two final groups. The first act of the final was to bail out the water from the boats. Once completed to two teams, by now experienced in such matters, made their way to the start line - which seemed to be getting further away with every race. From the beginning it was neck and neck with neither team giving ground, eventually however, the Scouts ran aground near the finish leaving Barty's to take the plaudits from the cheering throng of Longnor Locals, teachers and Children from the school, without who's support our effort would have floundered on the rocks.

The trophy for the winners was award to Mrs Heather Fryer-Winder our team captain and has been sent away for

engraving. Our heartfelt thanks to all who participated, turn up to cheer us along and raised money. All monies raised will be put towards the school fund to improve the facilities school hall to open it up for community events.

Longnor Area WI

A Majestic Wine and Cheese Evening on Wednesday 20th July

What a lovely way to spend a summer evening, tasting wine and sampling cheese with your friends and neighbours? Longnor Area WI welcomed Neil Duckworth from Majestic Wines at Ashbourne and Helen Kidd from the Hartington Cheese and Wine Company to describe their wares to us at our July meeting.

Helen described the lovely cheeses she had brought for us to try and also told us a bit about the company and the wide range of services they offer. A popular choice for brides at present is a wedding cake made up of tiers of cheese rounds.

A world tour of wine was on offer from Majestic. Neil explained how a wine should be swirled in the glass to bring out the subtle flavours and that drinking it with the tip of your tongue enabled you to judge its acidity.

After trying 3 whites: Sauvignon Blanc, Macon Villages and Errazuriz Chardonnay followed by 3 reds: Pinot Noir, Rioja and Malbec we all retired pink faced to the splendid buffet made by the members.

We were also delighted to welcome to the meeting a contingent of members from Taddington, Biggin and Fairfield WI's. It was great to see them and they clearly enjoyed the experience.

The next meeting is at Longnor Primary School on 17th August 2011 at 7pm. We have booked a Stall at the St Bartholomew's Fayre on 10th September. We would like members to come along on 17th with ideas for craft items that we can make to sell at the Fayre. Please contact Carolyn on 01298 83783 if materials for your idea need to be purchased in advance.

Longnor Action Group

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 6th July 2011 at Lower Whitle farm

Present: S Kidd, R Kebble, G Kebble, C Chambers, J O'Neill, D O'Neill and Michela Griffith.

Apologies: J Forester, R Woolley, P Baker, Michelle Reynolds. A. Preston, D Hanna

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.
2. **St Bartholomew's Fayre - 10th September 2011**
 - a. RK reported that slow progress was being made and that 15 stalls had been booked so far.
 - b. Local businesses would be encouraged to provide food for sale to the public during the day.
 - c. SK suggested that the group sponsor a scarecrow competition for the children. Scarecrows to be displayed around the village during the week leading up to the Fayre. Theme to be decided. A prize for the best scarecrow, funded by the group, to be presented at the end of the Fayre.

3. Play Ground Regeneration

- a. The site meeting planned for 28th June went ahead - DO reported that no problems were envisaged.
- b. Work will start on 18/7/2011 and is expected to take a maximum of 3 weeks during which time the playground will be closed. A temporary building will be erected on site for the duration of the refurbishment.
- c. Signage for the playground has yet to be agreed. DO to bring along to next group meeting.
- d. The opening ceremony with a Teddy Bears picnic is now confirmed for the day of the St Bartholomew's Fayre on 10 September at 4.00 pm.
- e. A group will be set up to plan the celebrations and liaise with the market team.
- f. DO to discuss with Mrs. Evans, the possibility of asking a local child to perform the opening ceremony.
- g. Sustainability grant - would be subject to further discussions. A proposal to provide shade from a tree within a wildflower meadow was put forward.

4. Church Clock

- a. DO to look at options for Waitrose local charities scheme - Community Matters.

5. Village Leaflet

- a. Has been distributed. Supply should last until next year.

6. Staffordshire Peak District Tourism Association

- a. DO to email CC with contact details. Suggested keep in touch via email in future rather than attending meetings unless subject relevant to Longnor.

7. Market Building Update

- a. New toll board is now in place.

8. Telephone Banking

- a. RK to explore setting up the banking facility on line.

9. Live and Work Rural

- a. CC to email MR and invite her to next action group meeting.

10. Liaison with Parish Council

- a. Sewage works planning application - Public meeting with PDNPA attended by 30 members of the public. Severn Trent and PDNPA to look at issues and problems raised during the meeting.
- b. MG gave a summary of items discussed at Parish council meeting. A housing needs survey is to be carried out by SMDC and Peak District Housing association. Dog fouling and speeding in the village were also discussed.
- c. Car parking in the village - the Parish Council had taken note of the concerns raised by the action group.

11. AOB

- a. RK to renew group subscription to SMVCS.
- b. Meeting venue - CC to contact Staffordshire Fire and rescue service to arrange for use of community room at Longnor fire station for action group meetings.

12. The Next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th August 2011 at the community room at Longnor Fire station at 7.30 pm, all welcome.

News from St Bartholomew's School

The end of the year has come in a blur this month. The children have been involved in various sporting activities; cluster sports day at Waterhouses, combined sports day with Flash school and our penalty shoot out which this year was won by Samuel Hall for the juniors, and Grace Turner for the infants.

The children practised really hard for our end of year concert and performed superbly.

We were sad to say goodbye to Sam and Emma and wish them good luck at Churnet View, and also Jack at Earl Sterndale. We also said goodbye to Mrs Fryer-Winder who has worked so hard for the playgroup for the last 6 years. We wish her well in the future.

We are looking forward with great excitement to the new Heathylea Federation - the closer working of Flash and Longnor schools and the challenges and opportunities that this new form of working will present.

May I take this opportunity to wish Mrs Griffiths a long and healthy retirement and thank her for all her hard work with the Federation this term.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the school in any way over the last academic year.

On Saturday, 10th September, fantastic fun and festivities take part in Longnor: St. Bartholomew's Fayre takes place from 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. with market stalls selling

local produce and crafts plus music, dance and rides. There are go-karts for kids, the brilliant bucking bronco ride (for big and little kids!) not to mention a stilt walker and fire juggler!

Following on from the market the 'official' re-opening of Longnor playground is at 4.00 p.m. Any child from St. Bartholomew's School, who wishes to take part in the opening is very welcome to do so. During the first week back to school the children will be writing some poetry relating to the playground and volunteers will be invited to read some poems out, either individually or as part of a group, at the opening. Older brothers and sisters, cousins or friends are also invited to take part and can send any poems to the e-mail address below. The aim of the 'opening' is to be child focused and lots of fun!

Ideas for the opening so far include an optional fancy dress, an alternative teddy bears picnic - where hot dogs and ice cream are provided and children bring a 'teddy' which can be anything from Winnie the Pooh, to Fireman Sam to Peppa the Pig. Full sized teddy / cartoon characters such as Charlie the Clown - who also does balloon modelling (hats / dogs etc), face painting and fake tattoos have also been suggested. If you've read any Horrible History books a fun packed horrible historic walk of the village has been suggested with strategically placed characters set at intervals to meet the children. Some crazy sports with water balloons could also be included. Another possible idea is the 4 P's competition this would be open to all and would involve each person sending in a maximum of two entries per category - the categories being photos, pictures or poems relating to our playground!

Further ideas from both children and parents / carers would be GREATLY appreciated and if anybody is available to help between 4.00 p.m. & 6.30 p.m. on 10th September that would be terrific!

Please send any further ideas / offers of help to: info@longnorwood.co.uk and watch out for further information! THANK YOU!

Longnor Adventure Playground

As you will all be aware the contractors are at the playground installing the wonderful new equipment as well as restoring some of the older kit. Although the work will be finished, and the playground open again by the second week in August, the official launch will be at 4pm on September 10th, after the St Bartholomew's Fayre.

Lots of fun activities are being planned and the working party needs your help:

- **4 Ps competition.** Photos, Poems and Pictures about your Playground. The competition is open to adults and children with prizes in each category and age group. Max 2 entries per category. Bring them along on the day - you can even do them on the day - and lets see how creative Longnor people can be! This would be a great activity for the children to do on a rainy day in the holidays! If you can't come to the launch and still wish to enter, please contact Debbie O'Neill on 83648 or Janet Nash on 84624 or email: info@longnorwood.co.uk
- **Helpers** - if you can give some time on the day to help with the children's activities, please contact Debbie or Janet as above.

- **Prizes/sponsors.** If you or your business can donate a prize for one of the activities, again please ring or email Debbie or Janet. We will also be contacting several of you individually for help

.....and if you have any other ideas or suggestions for making the most of the occasion then please get in touch. It's going to be great fun celebrating the new playground together!!

Stop Press

We have just heard that the clock grant has been awarded, subject to a few final details.

More information next month.

How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb? Depends on the Breed.



Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?



Rottweiler: Make me.



Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.

	Lab: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!
	German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.
	Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.
	Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.
	Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?
	Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it.. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

Quarnford

Most people will have heard by now that, from September, Flash School is joining with St. Bartholomew's School at Longnor in a federation, which will be called The Heathylee Federation. This will be an

exciting new phase of life for the village school.

At the same time Mrs. Dehra Griffiths has decided to take retirement, so her long association with the school at Flash will come to an end. Others will know far more than I do about Dehra's involvement and commitment at the school over many years, but I simply want to thank her for the work she has done in the 18 months I have been involved with the school here, and wish her well in her retirement.

James Forrester

FLOWER FESTIVAL

A huge "thank you" to everyone who helped, in any way, with our flower festival.

Our sponsors were named on the floral displays and we have received donations from Tim & Annie Collins, Cynthia Pownall, Joan Gregory, Margaret Parker, Mary Hunter and `anon`.

The profit this year, excluding the Sunday service offertory, was £922.47.

THANK YOU

Donations

We acknowledge, with grateful thanks, funeral donations in memory of Len. Belfield.

Un-hinged no longer!

Thank you to Neil Ambrose for repairing the church gates.

Quarnford Quest

The Quest scheme is now in its fifth year and in the last twelve months it has raised £402 towards the upkeep of the church and churchyard, and £402 has been given in prizes to members.

Membership is £12 per year with prizes each month. To join, or renew membership just pick up a form in church or `phone Janet on 01298 812053.

Winners for July:

1st S.Fox

2nd K.Kidd

3rd K.Finney

One more step

We send our very best wishes to Samantha and Eleanor as they move to their next school, and to all the other pupils and staff as they move into the Heathylee Federation.

Mrs Dehra Griffiths

Dear Dehra,

St Pauls would like to thank you for all you have done for the school over the past 23 years.

I am sure you will not forget us ,or we you. All the very best to you and Stephen for the future and don't go away, we shall still need you! Much Love

Flash Churchyard

The following letter has been received concerning the churchyard:

During the recent flower festival at St Paul's church in Flash it was much appreciated by some of the visitors that the churchyard had been mown and was now accessible to those wishing to visit the graves in the older part of the churchyard and I was asked by a number of the visitors to pass on thanks to the people who had given their time in cutting the long grass.

The idea of a living churchyard is that it provides a refuge for a range of wildlife,

and encourages rare lichens and wildflowers but it should not be forgotten that the burial ground should provide a pleasant and reflective place for those who wish to visit ancestral graves.

Over recent years I have spoken with many visitors who are very unhappy that attempting to find their family graves had become impossible and dangerous owing to the long grass obscuring numerous hazards which also raises a health and safety issue.

The churchyard which contains several grade 11 listed monuments should be managed not only for sympathy and understanding of wild life and plants but should look as well cared for as the church building. Surely there are areas for encouraging wild flowers around the perimeter walls and also the large unused area in the new part of the church yard which could be an ideal space for leaving to nature until required. Wild rough areas can contrast pleasingly with mown grass and the needs of visitors and wildlife should be accommodated together in harmony.

Margaret Parker

How many cats does it take to change a light bulb?

Cats do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is:



'How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?'

ALL OF WHICH PROVES, ONCE AGAIN, THAT WHILE DOGS HAVE MASTERS, CATS HAVE STAFF!

Sheen

Vicar's Week in Sheen

I plan to spend as much time as I can in the community at Sheen during the week of the 15th - 21st of this month. I know that because I live in Longnor and have been up to Flash regularly for the school, I have not been around a lot in Sheen so I want to experiment with a week focussed on the community. We will start with refreshments in the village hall on the Monday morning to coincide with the Post Office opening, and then see what develops from then on. The week will end with a special evening service on Sunday 21st, perhaps with a barbecue or picnic if the weather is kind.

If you would like to invite me to your home please let me know. I would be particularly pleased if anyone feels that they could 'Feed the Vicar' during that time!

I will produce a programme with times of other events, midweek services etc. nearer the time, and hope to meet many of you during the week.

James Forrester

Sheen Village Hall Summer 'get together'

Saturday 3rd September from 6pm onwards, come along and enjoy a BBQ and Games evening (indoor or outdoor depending on the weather!) Free admission, buy games and burgers! Please bring your own alcohol. To give us an idea of numbers that we will be catering for with the BBQ please give Helen a call on 01298 687021 if you're going to be coming along - thank you. Profits will go to Village Hall funds.

Newtown

St.Paul's Church

In August we shall hold our Gift Day Service on Sunday 7th. This is to raise funds for our on-going church expenses.

May we thank Andrew Hall for the work he has done mowing around the church. It is much appreciated.

Reapsmoor

St John's Church, Reapsmoor will be taking part in the fund raising event which is taking place on Longnor Market Place, on the 10th September, from 10am to 4pm, in conjunction with Wakes week. Apart from an excellent raffle, we are hoping to sell items of baking and other produce, for example pickles etc. Anyone who wishes to contribute any goods similar to the ones mentioned above, would be most appreciated.

Hollinsclough

Parish councillors for Hollinsclough are as follows:

Leslie Ball, John Belfield, Roy Critchlow, Jason Hails, Edward Kidd, Norman Mellor and Richard Slack.

Action Group

Next meeting Monday, August 1st at 7.30 pm in the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome.

Gradbach

Birth Announcement

To Andrew and Louise Tunnicliffe a baby girl Sophie Loise, a sister for Jake.



Warslow



Whist Drive
Warslow Village Hall
Monday, August 22nd at 8pm

Pre School

Open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Admission from 2 years old with funded places for 3 year olds.

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Planned activities based on Early Years Foundation.

All activities based in the safety of the Manifold Primary School site.

Please contact us to arrange a visit or to register your child to secure a place for future years.

Contact the Pre School Leader Sarah Broadley on 01298 84320 at Manifold Primary School.

Warslow Gala 2011

Saturday 6th August from 12 noon.

This year's Gala is really one not to be missed. We have the crowning of our new Queen Becky, opening of this year's Flower Festival in St Lawrence Church. Procession of floats around the village led by the superb Warslow Silver Band. Fancy dress competitions open to everyone. The exciting new Pet Show and children's Art & Craft events are sure to be a big hit. Our amazing Children's entertainment including Magic Show and with the Car Boot Sale plus many side shows and entertainment together with the Warslow Open Gardens & Bakery at Cliff House Farm, courtesy of the Peaches there really is something for everyone of all ages.

After Gala Dance - will be held in the Village Hall from 7.30pm till late. **Tickets now available** £4 ea, accompanied children £2 ea. Licensed Bar and Food will be available throughout the evening.

For further details, tickets, to offer help or assistance or if you have any suggestions please contact Darren on 01298 84820.

Gala Prize Bingo.

Please keep a look out for this new event, date to be announced shortly

Warslow Village Hall

Proceeds Benefit Warslow Gala.

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SATURDAY

10TH SEPTEMBER 2011

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(MIDNIGHT)

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Community urged to show their spirit

Community-spirited people are being asked to come forward with their stories.

The Community Council of Staffordshire and Staffordshire County Council want to hear from communities who, in times of adversity, have banded together to help each other.

This could include making sure people are fed and warm during heavy snow or flooding, right down to the unsung heroes who have helped the more vulnerable members of their communities in any number of circumstances. The stories gathered will be featured on a website to be accessed by people across the county in the hope that they will inspire others.

County Councillor Pat Corfield, Cabinet Member for Culture, Communities and Customers said: "Community spirit in times of adversity is extremely important, and we want to use this project to highlight and celebrate what tremendous community spirit we have here in Staffordshire. The scope of this project covers the whole county, and we hope that people from every area will come forward with their stories.

That way, we hope other communities will be inspired to help each other."

Sara Green, Community Development Officer from the Community Council of Staffordshire said: "This project is a fantastic opportunity for people to tell us about what they and their community have been up to. We want to use this project to highlight and celebrate what is already happening in Staffordshire and hopefully these stories will inspire other people/communities that are not as active.

"We know already that Staffordshire is a great place to live with lots of friendly people and we hope that this project will really showcase this and let the rest of Staffordshire know what is going on in their county."

If people have stories that they would like to share please contact Sara Green at the Community Council of Staffordshire on 01785 242525 or email sara.green@staffs.org.uk

Community Council of Staffordshire

The Community Council of Staffordshire is an independent countywide charity that has been in existence for over 50 years. They support communities throughout the Staffordshire helping them to tackle issues that they have identified and building their skills to create sustainable communities. For further information please go to their web site at www.staffs.org.uk

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Services in the Benefice for August 2011							
	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday 7 th	Holy Communion 6.30pm	Morning Prayer 11.00am		Morning Prayer 9.30am		Rev Colin Smith Holy Communion 6.30pm	L.A.
Sunday 14 th	Evening Prayer 6.30pm	Holy Communion 11.00am				At Earl Sterndale	No Service
Sunday 21 st		Morning Prayer 11.00am	Evening Service 6.30pm		Holy Communion 9.30am	Rev Don Sparkes 6.30pm	Pope 2.30pm
Sunday 28 th	Morning Prayer 11.00am		Holy Communion 6.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am		At Buxton	E. Massey 11.00am
Sunday 4 th September	Wakes Week Service 6.30pm	Morning Prayer 11.30am	Morning Prayer 10.00am				
Newtown - Short morning service 9.45 am each Thursday							