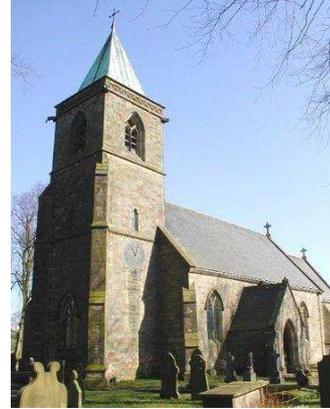


# Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

March

2009

Longnor, Quarnford & Sheen with Newtown  
Reapsmoor & Hollinsclough



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor

40p



St. Paul's, Newtown

## Benefice Directory

Vicar: Vacant

Worship Leader: Miss J. M<sup>c</sup>Nicol 01298 812053

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Treasurer	Mr. C. Smallwood	01298 70003	Vacant	
Organist	Mrs. N. Twigg/Mrs. J. Hollingshead		Miss G. Belfield L.R.A.M.	
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Treasurer	Mr. C. Belfield	01298 84809
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# Worship Leader's Letter

At the beginning of Lent last year I read "A parable for Lent" written by the Bishop of Derby. Permission has been given for me to share this with you. Best Wishes, *Jaret*

## **A Tail to Tell**

### **Rats and Squirrels: A parable for Lent**

When I worked at Bristol Cathedral, there was a short-lived problem with rats in the building. There was great consternation and appropriate measures were taken. At the same time, grey squirrels in the Cathedral garden delighted visitors with their antics. One of the vergers commented whimsically, squirrels are rats with good PR i.e., an extra feature — a bushy tail - somehow made them seem affectionate rather than frightening.

### **Image is not everything**

But beneath the images which attract and inspire

### **Presentation and PR**

We live in a world with that hyper-awareness of the importance of presentation — good PR (Public Relations). For politicians, pop stars or even priests, there is great value in presenting attractively — just as the bushy tail and sense of playfulness give squirrels an image which fascinates and entertains. Part of Christian playfulness is to take time and trouble to notice the grace and beauty in God's world — in nature, in other people, in the universe beyond. There is much to appreciate, and seeing the world in this way helps us learn to make ourselves a worthy sign of grace and beauty too. Paying attention to the grain of goodness better grafts us into that promotion.

There is another kind of reality - rats and a rodent life which seems dark, threatening, destructive.

Christianity takes this reality seriously too. Words like sin' and the cross of Christ' indicate that within each of us, and in our relations with others there can be dark, destructive forces. There is a tendency today to deny this reality, to subsume all such elements under the notion of 'difference' rather than deviancy. Every lifestyle and value system dons its bushy tail and struts its stuff to claim legitimacy and attractiveness on their own terms. This is the great heresy of our times.

### **Making Choices**

The fact is that squirrels and rats both exist. The former are by no means perfect and can be pests, but they touch an instinct in us for grace and beauty. The latter are more dangerous in terms of disease and operating in darker places - they touch an instinct to recoil from dirt and danger. We need to cultivate the same instinct for choices in our lifestyles and value systems. That is the point of our baptism promises. If we simply allow anything and everything, we, and our world, will remain a frustrating mix of light and dark: attraction and repulsion. If we learn to pray, to appreciate light and grace and goodness, and grow ourselves more truly in this way, then the rodent values and behaviour will be better controlled (never eliminated in this life). This is a parable for Lent: the tail the Christian Gospel has to tell — proclaiming the ultimate triumph of light over darkness in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Could you find better PR?!

# Benefice News

**Local Police Number**

**0300 123 44 55**

**For all non-emergency calls**

## Used postage stamps

These are collected and sent to various charities. Please trim the stamps leaving a narrow border of envelope. There are collecting bags at St. Bartholomew's, St. Luke's & St. Paul's Quarnford. The stamps represent a simple way for all of us to contribute to the welfare of others without cost to ourselves. Please collect your used stamps and put them in one of the church bags.

## Mobile Library

<b>Quarnford /Flash</b>	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
<b>Hollinsclough</b>	Chapel	12.25 - 12.55
<b>Longnor</b>	The Square	2.05 - 2.35
	Old Saw Mill	2.40 - 2.45
<b>Barrowmoor</b>	Badgers Croft	2.50 - 3.00
<b>Reapmoor</b>	Swallow Moss	3.20 - 3.25
	Park House	3.30 - 3.35

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar, 27<sup>th</sup> Mar,

<b>Sheen</b>	Dovefield	12.35 - 12.45
	Cross Cottage	1.55 - 2.05
	Ball Ridge Farm	2.10 - 2.20
	Woolaway	2.25 - 2.40

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar, 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar

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



## Teddies for Tragedies

A further 50 'Teddies' have been sent to Eastern Europe. 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<sup>c</sup>Nicol who will be pleased to provide you with the necessary information.

## Dates for your Diary - March

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> History Live - Hollinsclough  
 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning - Longnor  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Re-scheduled History Live  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Friends of Flash  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mothering Sunday Service - Quarnford  
 Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Swythamley Centre

## Lent 2009 Study Guide

Divided into six key areas of study around the theme "Being Family".  
 The free guide is available to download from the Biblelands website [www.biblelands.org.uk](http://www.biblelands.org.uk) or from Biblelands, PO Box 50, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP15 7QU. Tel: 01494 897950.

## Organ Recital

By Gordon, Bishop of Stafford. He will be playing sacred and secular music in Armitage Church on an early organ, which used to be in Lichfield Cathedral. Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 from 01782 791514.

## **The Bishop of Lichfield's Lent Appeal 2009**

Part of Bishop Jonathan's letter: *This year my annual Lent Appeal falls at time when most of us have to tighten our belts. Many will face real hardship; some will lose their jobs and livelihoods. So I ask for your support this year knowing I am asking a lot. But the financial crisis is also world wide, affecting millions of the world's very poorest. That's why I ask you to dig deep and offer your continued support so that we can make a real difference in a practical demonstration of God's love to a hurting world.*

*In my Lent Appeal this year I want to focus on helping the elderly, particularly elderly poor people and for the home element, for the first time, I am asking for nominations of suitable recipients.*

Part of the appeal will go to support church projects helping elderly people in Swaziland, Namibia and Bangladesh. Part will go to groups such as Cheadle and District Home Link Scheme which provides care and support for the elderly and housebound to help them remain in their homes as long as possible. Full details of the appeal are to be found in the parish churches. Donations should be sent to the Bishop's Office, The Close, Lichfield. WS13 7LG marked "Lent Appeal".

## **Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service**

### **Home Fire Safety Checks**

Freephone campaign number 0800 0241 999.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service are committed to ensuring that all residents live a long, healthy and safe life.

A new fire safety campaign has been

launched aimed at reducing fire risks within the home and wanting to make contact with and visit all older people in their homes across Staffordshire over the next 12 - 18 months.

Firefighters will explain about fire dangers, give out safety leaflets, recommend how to reduce risks and supply and install, FREE OF CHARGE, smoke alarms. Specially adapted alarms for those with hearing difficulties etc are available. Contact Steve Leech, Team Manager on 0800 0241 999

## **Beehives in Albania**



Each year we sponsor a child through "Biblelands" and a scheme to help disabled people in Albania. We have recently received a report of a project to supply beehives in Albania.

"The mountain areas of Albania are very beautiful and have an abundance of flowers and trees, just right for collection of nectar and pollen. £1,000 purchased eleven complete beehives. These were given to eleven families who had a disabled member in two of the most poverty-stricken areas and where families are not well educated. This was an attempt to help lift the families from the poverty trap, giving them something to start them on the way to producing and selling honey over a period of time. It also meant that the woman of the family and, if appropriate, the person with the disability could work within range of home and so the caring role could continue" The scheme goes on to say how successful the scheme was.

## **Across the Sahara with Sir Philip & Lady B.**

Most people round here have heard of Sir Philip Brocklehurst's exploits in the

Antarctic, when he sailed with Shackleton on the Nimrod. Less well known is the story of his journey across the Sahara by car from Algiers to Khartoum, accompanied by Lady Brocklehurst and George Gratton as mechanic.

The year was 1930 and the 'Transsaharien' people in Algiers tried to put them off; it



was difficult to find the track, there was danger from sand storms and it was madness to attempt the

crossing without wireless or guide. However, with eight tin tanks for water and 100 gallons of petrol on board, the adventure began on 27<sup>th</sup> January, in pelting rain on a road engineered by the Foreign Legion.

We are lucky to have access to a copy of Lady Brocklehurst's diary along with wonderful photos taken on their 5000 mile journey.

Join us on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the Swythamley Centre to enjoy this epic tale as it unfolds.

Tickets are £3 and available from the Kays (227200), the Mullins (227678) or the Weeks (227683).

## **WARSLOW SCHOOL 50<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS**

Our school building is 50 years old and to celebrate we are planning a number of events for both past and present pupils, parents, Governors and staff of the schools which have operated from within the building. We will be holding a Summer Fair on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and also a

Dinner Dance and Fundraising Auction on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. We would also very much like to hear from anyone who has school photographs, documents or items relating to the past 50 years that we could borrow to put into a display to compliment the events. We are also asking for items to include in the Fundraising Auction, these can be goods or services. Also we would like to hear from anyone who is willing to come into school and talk to the current pupils about their experiences whilst attending school here. Please contact the school office on 01298 84320 if you are able to help in any way with our celebrations.

### **Your Rural Police News**

Over recent weeks we have been experiencing an increase in the number of vehicles being broken into on rural car parks. This includes those in Alstonefield, Hulme End, Milldale and The Roaches. These locations are attractive to the thief because they are isolated and provide less chance of being sighted than in a residential area.

We have put a number of measures in place to help identify and deter the criminals including increased patrols, advice leafleting and the strategic placement of CCTV.

Owners have a role to play in reducing the opportunity for thieves and you should consider the following basic rules when parking your vehicle.

- Lock your doors/boot/windows
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle. If there is no alternative lock them away out of view.
- Park in a well lit, populated area
- Always use security devices

We have set a number of dates for Police surgeries over the coming months which is an opportunity to discuss any matter and obtain advice. These will be attended by at least one of your neighbourhood Policing team.

Please make a note in your diary.

10am til 12pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at Waterhouses Police Post

11am til 12pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at The Craft Centre, Longnor Square

10am til 12pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Waterhouses Police Post

11am til 12pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at The Craft Centre, Longnor Square

If you can suggest and are able to provide a venue which you believe may be more beneficial and accessible to the community feel free to get in touch.

If you need any further advice on Policing issues contact myself, Pc Andy Beresford, or one of my other colleagues at Waterhouses; Pc Brian Millward and PCSO Paul Flowers.

For non-emergency matters contact us on **0300 123 44 55** asking for your local officers.

If I'm not in the office you can leave me a voicemail message. I check this every duty day.

You can also email me on [andrew.beresford@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:andrew.beresford@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

In the event of an emergency you should always ring 999 and even if there are no Waterhouses officers available there is continual 24/7 cover from one of our neighbouring stations.

## Spring Concert and Dance

with the fabulous "MURPHY'S MARBLES" on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Warslow Village Hall, Doors open 7:30 p.m.

A full evening's entertainment with these local musicians - "Celtic Music at its best"

Cost Adults £8 Concessions £6 (price includes our legendary hot supper)

Fully licensed bar

Tickets available from Judy at Hulme End Shop / Michelle on 01298 687205/ Olwen on 01298 687375



"It took me all day and a lot of bleach, but I finally got those stains off the big windows."

## MOORLANDS FIRST RESPONDERS TO CHANGE

### NAME

*The Moorlands First Responder Group which covers 999 medical emergencies in Flash, Longnor, Hollinsclough, Quarnford, Elkstones, Warslow, Sheen, Hulme End, Meerbrook, Tittesworth, Thorncliffe, Upper Hulme and The Roaches is changing its name to The Flash and Longnor Community First Responders (CFR's)*

*The Group was first formed in 2000 and was known as Flash CFR's because all the volunteers came from that area, however over the years new volunteers joined from other villages and the name was changed to Moorlands CFR's. We now feel that the*

*name does not sufficiently identify our group as all other Responder Groups name themselves after the villages or town they serve.*

*Our group is totally funded by grants and voluntary contributions and donations. As costs rise, especially the running cost of our ambulance, insurance, medical equipment and training we are getting desperately short of funds. We also need new members so that we can achieve our aim of providing emergency cover 24 hours a day 7 days a week.*

*As a matter of interest many people think we are part of the Wetton and Alstonfield CFR's and therefore many donations are given to them. We have in past kept a low profile on such delicate matters but in these difficult financial times and because our funds are so low we now feel it is time to state that we are not part of Wetton and Alstonfield. We urgently need our community to support us both financially and in manpower.*

*We are enormously grateful to those in our community who have supported us in the past and we hope that our change of name will reflect our commitment to serve you.*

*If you would like any further information about us please feel free to contact: PETER BAKER – 01298 83120*

*JACKIE ELLIS – 01298 83436*

*Thank you and keep safe!*

### **Deadline for the Magazine**

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please send to Mrs. L. Brickbank, Cottage of Content, Hollinsclough, Buxton, SK17 0RG Telephone 01298 83541 or email [lynda@coatetown.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:lynda@coatetown.freeserve.co.uk)

## **Longnor**

### **St. Bartholomew's Church News In Loving Memory**

#### **John Gibbs**



Relatives and friends joined close family mourners at the funeral of Mr. John (Jack) Gibbs who died suddenly on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at his home in Longnor, age of 85. The service at St Bartholomew's Church was officiated by the Reverend Terry Warner and interment followed at Longnor churchyard.

He was born in Longnor, the third of four children of the late Joseph and Harriet Gibbs.

Jack began his working life on local farms until he was called up for National Service and then served in a battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment during World War II. He fought on the front line in North Africa and Italy. On leaving the army Jack returned home to Longnor and to farm-work until his retirement when he enjoyed watching sport on the television, especially horse racing. At the weekends he looked forward to meeting his nephews and niece. Jack is survived by his nephews and niece, great nephews, great nieces and great-great-nieces. Funeral arrangements by David H Smith, of Mellor and Smith.

### **In Loving Memory**

#### **Nora Armitt**



Nora was born at Reapsmoor. She walked to Longnor School with her sisters and one brother from the age of 9 to 14 years old.

She worked at Heath House where she met her husband Henry.

Nora also worked at Tatton's Mill. She married Henry at Longnor Church in 1952

and together they had their son, Leslie.  
They went to live at the Brund and then moved to Buxton Road, Longnor.  
Nora was a very kind, quiet lady who liked to go for walks with her sister, Mary.  
She will be sadly missed by all her family.

### From the Registers

**Holy Baptism** - Isabelle Autumn Kitchen, daughter of Ian and Samantha, Longnor Wood Caravan Park. 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**Burial** - Brian Grimshaw 82 years Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### St. Bartholomew's Easter Daffodils

Orders are now being taken for daffodils for our Easter display in church in memory of loved ones. We know that this display is greatly valued by many in the local community as an opportunity to remember those who have passed into the greater light if god's presence. If you would like to sponsor this event please complete the form at the back of the magazine and return it, together with your payment of £1 per name, to any member of Longnor PCC by the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. This will give us time to place the order and arrange the display for Easter Sunday.



### Donations

Donation to Longnor Church; Birthday memories of Bill Etches from Marian, Birthday memories of Simon Braddock 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1969 from Mum, Dad, Carol, Gary and Courtney.

In memory of Mrs Wardman from HM Deaville



**Coffee Morning** in church on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am. Everyone will be very welcome.

**Mother's Day Service** - Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30pm led by Canon Urquart. Please come and join us.

### Easter Saturday

Could you help to get the church ready for Easter day by arranging the daffodils? If so come along to the church (see April magazine for time).

### Best Wishes

To Archie Allen who has been in hospital, Ron Weston and Mavis Storer. Also, to Charlotte Hails.

**Birthday Congratulations** to Mrs Doreen Mellor on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Longnor Parish Council** has received the following letter:

M. Spencer,  
The Old Wain House,  
Old Barn Lane,  
Roxby  
N. Lincs  
DN15 ODJ

Dear Sir/Madam,

I recently obtained permission to build a pair of semi detached houses for local occupancy in the village of Sheen but also to people of adjoining parishes who fulfil the Peak Park's criteria e.g. persons living with parents/family or in temporary accommodation, preferably born in the area. I would be grateful if your council would inform the people of your parish of these opportunities. I am ideally seeking

people who may be interested in making the end result more affordable by way of a 'self-build' project whereby I would make the plots available at a reduced price as obtained by a local valuation which is then reduced by a guideline percentage thereby making the land 'affordable'.

The permission is for two attractive three-bedroom properties with ample parking and garden areas. This is an excellent opportunity for people wanting to live in their local area at an affordable cost - the more work undertaken by themselves - the cheaper the cost.

I would be happy to speak to anyone requiring further information on the above number.

Many thanks,  
Mike Spencer

## **Minutes of Longnor Action Group Meeting**

Tuesday, 3 February, 2009

Present: Sam Kidd, John & Debbie O'Neill  
Apologies: Peter Baker, Lisa Hall, Samantha Kitchen  
No contact: Chris Stevenson-Parish Council  
Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

### **NEW PROJECT IDEA**

A letter was sent to the Parish Council on behalf of the Action Group explaining that we were unable to fund existing projects.

### **LEAFLET UPDATE**

JON/DON have written to all existing businesses in the village leaflet asking for input into the new leaflet.

JON/DON have written to a number of prospective businesses re inclusion in the new village leaflet. SK requested that

Golden Green Coaches/The Crewe & Harpur be approached.

**ACTION:** JON/DON to chase up contacts. Samantha Kitchen has produced the requested posters asking for photos for inclusion in the new village leaflet. The poster has been put up at school. **ACTION:** DON to place posters on Post Office notice board, PB to do the same for village notice board. SK to put up in Farm shop. Gaynor was investigating funding for the new village leaflet. **ACTION:** Gaynor to advise Action Group of progress. Gaynor is suggesting the Action Group consider funding applications with:-

**STAFFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY CHEST** (maximum £500), **PARISH COUNCIL** and **THE MEMBERS INITIATIVE**. Gaynor is happy to work with 1 or 2 members of the Action Group to advise on completing the form for Community Chest. Gaynor has posted a form to SK and emailed a form to JON.

### **WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

JON has acquired access codes for maintaining the village website from Gary Roe. Samantha Kitchen has started updating and working on amendments. **ACTION:** JON to contact Web Master re reference page removal.

### **PROJECT CARBON**

Still no feedback or report.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

SK has arranged a joint meeting with Hollinsclough for Monday 2 March at the chapel hall, Hollinsclough at 7.30pm

A letter has been sent to the Parish Council on behalf of the Action Group with regard to the seesaw project. **ACTION:** Gaynor to advise where she is with both the project and the funding. Gaynor is still

trying to contact Chris (Parish Council), Sue at the school said that nothing would move with their funding until February onwards. Gaynor has now sent the Parish Council and the school a copy of the consultation results and will endeavour to progress further during February.

SK advised that the school governors were supportive of the Christmas market idea, it was suggested that an alternative to Christmas would be Wakes week. ACTION: Project leader to be agreed at next meeting. Once a project leader is appointed Gaynor would like to meet with them to discuss areas that may need to attract funding.

It was agreed that future Action Group meetings would take place on Thursdays commencing 5 March 2009. ACTION: All

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 5 March at 7.30 p.m. in the Balcony Room at the Church.

### ***Mothering Sunday***

*There is an old Jewish saying:  
God could not be everywhere,  
and therefore He made mothers.*

*Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known.*

### ***22<sup>nd</sup> March***

*The old Gospel reading for this Sunday was about the feeding of the five thousand so it was called Refreshment Sunday Over time this Sunday became associated with family reunions and gatherings and became Mothering Sunday*

*Mother's Day, which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention which was started in*

*1906. Mother's Day is about the mother of a family but Mothering Sunday is more connected with Mother Church, the family meaning has been added on.*

*Whatever we think about commercial inventions, it is still good to thank those who care for us, no matter how old we are.*

## **Sheen**

### **Parish Notices**

#### **February's One Hundred Club Results**

1 <sup>st</sup> No	37	Pat Hall	£20
2 <sup>nd</sup> No	48	Freda Critchlow	£15
3 <sup>rd</sup> No	92	Freda Critchlow	£10
4 <sup>th</sup> No	66	Ann Oliver	£7
5 <sup>th</sup> No	8	Susan Day	£5
6 <sup>th</sup> No	15	Pat Sutton	£4

Thank you, to all 122 Members

**DONATIONS** - thank you to one Anon

**FLOWER FESTIVAL MEETING** - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 7pm in church. We need plenty of volunteers, anybody with any good suggestions for theme of the flower festival please come along.



Henry is making a real effort for Lent - he's giving up the remote control and walking to the TV

**PCC MEETING** - 24<sup>h</sup> March 2009 7pm in Church, everybody is welcome to come along.

**BRASS CLEANING** -thank you to the people who have come forward and volunteered to clean the brass. We still require somebody for January and August.

**LENT LUNCH** -8<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Sheen Village Hall. Lunch will be served between 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Lunch will be home made soup and fresh bread. The donation you make for your lunch will go to St Luke's Church.

**AEROBICS CLASS** -Come and join us on Thursday at 7pm in Sheen Village Hall. All you need is loose fitting clothing, a pair of trainers and a bottle of still water. First class is free thereafter is £2.50 per class. For more information please ring Pam on 01298 84809 or Julie on 01298 84507.



**VILLAGE HALL MEETING** - 9<sup>th</sup> March 8pm in Sheen Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you have any fund raising ideas please come along.

**BEGINNERS CROCHET CLASS** - 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> March time 1pm to 3pm at Sheen Village hall. £2.00 per session includes refreshments. All you need is a crochet hook and some smooth wool to begin with. To book a place please call Ann on 01298 84396 or Pam on 01298 84809.

**MOTHERS DAY SERVICE** - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 the service is at 6.30pm. There will be a small bunch of flowers for all mums.

**WHIST DRIVE** - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in Sheen Village Hall at 8pm. All profits go towards the up keep of St Luke's. February's Whist Drive made £81.50 profit. May's Whist Drive is a charity one in aid of Cancer Research. We are holding a raffle and prizes would be most appreciated. Anybody able to donate a prize, please leave with George or Ann. Thank you for your support.

#### **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.



#### **In Loving Memory**

**Thomas Critchlow** - Tom was born 8<sup>th</sup> July 1927 at Lower Boothlow Farm, Sheen. He went to school in

Longnor and for a short time at Warslow, where he stayed at his grandfather's Pump Farm in Warslow. When Tom left school he worked on his uncle's farm at the Brund.

In 1943 he, along with his parents and youngest sister Hilda, moved to Low End Farm, Sheen.

In 1950 Tom met Ellen at a dance in Warslow and January 1952 they married at St Luke's church, Onecote. Tom and Ellen went on to have seven children and 13 grand children. Tom and Ellen stayed at Low End Farm until they retired in 1997 and moved to Leek.

Tom had a great sense of humour and a joke for everyone he met. He served on the parish council for 32 years and also Hartington Surgery Committee for many years. He loved to holiday in Scotland with Ellen. He has driven there for 40 years

## Hollinsclough

### Hollinsclough School



The topic for this coming half term is "Animals". It will start with the Mardi Gras celebration of the Carnival of the Animals at Longnor next Tuesday, February 24th. This will be shared with Flash and Longnor Schools. The Reception children are going to create a jungle in the Home Corner of their area. We are hoping to receive visits from various animals, with their human attendants, so that the children can experience unusual mammals, reptiles and birds at first hand.

The children will learn more Tai Kwon Do at Longnor School on Wednesday February 25th.

The work on the John Muir Award is continuing. Colin Smith will be coming in again on Thursday mornings to look at both the life of Jesus in relation to the Old Testament and the relevance of the season of Lent.

### History Live

**Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> Hollinsclough Chapel Hall at 7.30 pm. Our renowned refreshments are included in the admission charge. Please contact Sue 01298 83269 for more details.**

**Victoria Rowe will give us:**

1 Widow & 3 Men

Their lives. Their riches. Their dying wishes  
4 wills of local folk 1603-1850.

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> re-scheduled from February will be Lindsay Porter with the History of Ecton Copper Mines 7.30 pm at the Chapel Hall.

## MayFest

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Starting at 12.00**

Special events this year will include:

**A Great Big Plant Swap** - in the marquees  
Bring your seedlings, plants, cuttings, bushes & shrubs

Sell them or swap them

Plus the Plant Doctors

**Everything Wool** - in the Chapel Hall  
Demonstrations and woolly things

**Local Food & Produce** - in the School

The home produce stall will be grateful for food and non-food donations please

**Pets Corner** - in the Croft

Do you have any caged pets you would like to bring? Not a competition

Other activities include a climbing wall, bees, owls, ferrets, face painting etc

Please help us to raise money for our **local First Responders, Air Ambulance and the environment.**

We need:

**Tombola & Raffle prizes**

and

**Volunteers**

**Please**

Contact Victoria on 01298 83721 or  
email [v.rowe352@btinternet.com](mailto:v.rowe352@btinternet.com)

### Action Group

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Chapel Hall. This will be a joint meeting with members of Longnor Action Group.



## Hollinsclough Chapel

**ABRAHAM:** come and explore the story of Abraham and the questions it

raises at Hollinsclough Chapel Hall on Thursday, 5th. March from 10.00 to Noon

### Services for March:-

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Colin Smith  
8<sup>th</sup> Mrs Brenda Bryant  
15<sup>th</sup> Rev Richard Mottershead  
22<sup>nd</sup> At Earl Sterndale  
29<sup>th</sup> Mrs Audrey Getliffe  
All at 2.30 pm

All at 2.30pm

## Quarnford

### St. Paul's Church News

#### Mothering Sunday Service

22<sup>nd</sup> March

11.15 am

Don't miss it!

We look forward to seeing you

### Quarnford Quest

February Winners:-

1<sup>st</sup> K.R. Loton £20

2<sup>nd</sup> N. Belfield "10

3<sup>rd</sup> S. Frodsham £5.50

New members welcome

Donations

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the following donations:-

From Bob and Margaret Frost

Anon

### Flower Festival 2009/P.C.C.

#### Meeting

There will be a meeting for everyone who is interested in helping with this year's

festival. We hope that lots of people will come along to discuss our annual festival and volunteer for the many tasks involved. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at the New Inn, Flash.

## News From Flash C of E

### Primary School



The weather has been the main talking point in recent weeks and I am slowly adjusting to the drop in temperature here

at Flash compared with Leek. I remember on my first visit to Flash C.E. School as I was looking around I was assured that in recent years the snow had got less and less, amounting to very little, not very often. I realise that the conditions we have experienced recently are nothing compared to some past winters but I do hope that you are not reading this imagining that I have bought the 'bad' weather with me when I arrived!

Play times at school have been fun, making footprint trails, snowmen, who can find the deepest drift etc. The snow has also disrupted our visitors. We invited a Tudor Music and Dance Man to share a day with the children but he had to postpone because of the weather.

On Wednesday afternoons we continue to have P.E. with pupils from Longnor and Hollinsclough at Longnor. The children are enjoying football, gymnastics and aerobics. We also visit Leek Leisure Centre for swimming once a week.

We are awaiting the arrival of our new sate of the art computers with excitement. When they arrive each child will be able to access a computer at the same time. No

more waiting for their turn, sharing or hanging on for programs to load. I feel that this provision is better than most private schools can offer and here at Flash it's free.

The next meeting of 'The Friends of Flash' is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Please feel free to come along, free tea/coffee and biscuits are provided along with lots of laughter and chat.

As I look though the window I can now see an ice blue sky, miles and miles of fluffy white snow in deep drifts covering this unique landscape. Thanks go to Mr. Terry Heathcote for doing his upmost to keep the roads nearby clear so that the children

can enjoy coming into school during this snowy spell.

Carol Gunn, Head Teacher

## Newtown

### St Paul's Church Newtown

We will be having two services this month, the first being our Holy Communion on the 15<sup>th</sup> March with Rev George Charles and the other being a Benefice service of Morning Prayer on the 24<sup>th</sup> March with Janet M<sup>c</sup> Nicol. This will be the first day of British Summertime, let's hope it's a good one.

# From the Readership

## The following questions were set in last year's GCSE examinations in Swindon

### **These are genuine responses from 16 year olds**

#### Geography

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard, and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutant like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

#### Sociology

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

#### Biology

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow. [He got an **A**]

Q: What is the Fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does 'varicose' mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean Section.'

A: The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q: What is a seizure?

A: A Roman emperor.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport

#### English

Q: Use the word 'judicious' in a sentence to show you understand its meaning

A: Hands that judicious can be soft as your face.

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

# From the Manse

Dear Friends,

What a joy to read a book that opens windows in the mind! Since, the book I've been reading is a Bible Commentary that will confirm your judgement that Colin is a sad case! You may be right, but I'm still going to sing the praises of Clare Amos' commentary on the Book of Genesis (published by "Epworth").

In part, it's interesting reading this book with its stories of creation at the same time as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's "Origin of the Species" in 1859. Clare Amos sees the Book of Genesis and Charles Darwin's "opus magnus" as quite different kinds of writing.

The Book of Genesis isn't a scientific book but a book which explores the relationship between God, this world and us human beings. It speaks of a God who was "in the beginning", through whom all things have their being and to whom human beings are answerable for how they care for this earth and what they do with their lives.

What Darwin recognised, with a flash of brilliance, is the way in which all forms of life, including our own, have change and developed in the light of our ability to adapt to new circumstances. He reveals part of the story of how life has come to be as it is today.

In Genesis, the first person we encounter living in a world we can recognise as our own is Abraham. He is a central figure in three of the world's great religions:

Judaism, Christianity and Islam. What is fascinating about him is the way he is a man both of strength and weakness.

The story of Abraham is of a man who hears God speaking to him, telling him to leave the familiar world of home, family and community and to travel to a land that God will give him. He sets out, a wanderer and alien, who depends on the kindness of others and yet proves to be far from a kind man himself, not least to his wives, Sarah and Hagar.

The story raises all sorts of questions and often doesn't give us answers. Is the promised land for his family alone or is it a land to be shared by all? How should those who are aliens be treated both when Abraham is "the wanderer" and when others wander into the life of his family? Is Abraham wrong to believe God wants him to sacrifice his son in the same way that we sometimes mis-hear what God is saying to us?

It's a great story, and if anyone would like to explore the story of Abraham further then do come to Hollinsclough Chapel Hall on Thursday 5th. March from 10 - Noon. We'll look at some of the themes about faith and faithful living which crop up as we retell the stories about Abraham. No easy answers, but plenty to think and talk about!

Christ's peace be with you.

Colin S.

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# History Notes

## Alstonfield Deanery Magazine

**March 1919**

"OUR SOLDIERS."

Whist Drive and Dance, Feb. 14th.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

**Longnor**

Total, £10 8s. 5d.

*Mrs. Thompson's Book*—W. Mellor, 1/-; Friend, 6d.; Mrs. Gibbs, 6d.; Success, 6d.; L. Belfield, 6d.; Mrs. Hand, 1/-; Mrs. Grindey, 1/-; T. Thompson, 3d.; J. Storer, 6d.; Mrs. Needham, 6d.; E. Gregory, 1/-; Mrs. A. Mellor, 1/-; Miss Riley, 3d.; Mrs. C. E. Weston, 3d.; G. Wood, 1/-; Friend, 1/-; J. A. Torr, 1/-; Miss Hand, 6d.; Friend, 3d. Total, 12/3.

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*Mr. Wilde's Book*—B. Wilde, 5/-; J. Grindon, 1/-; J. Bagnall, 1/-; T. Heathcote, 1/-; R. Shirley, 1/-; F. Slack, 1/-; W. Sutton, 2/6; S. Wood, 1/-; T. Storer, 1/-; J. Horobin, 1/-; E. Johnson, 1/-; I. Thompson, 1/-; A. Wilde, 1/-; B. L. Shirley, 1/-; J. Kidd, 1/-; F. Mellor, 1/-; Friend, 6d.; H. Grindey, 1/-; C. XV., 1/-; E.J. C., 1/-; G. F. L. Millward, 1/-; Total £1 6s.

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1/-; M. N. Sykes, 1/-; Mrs. D. H. Millward,, 1/-; T. Wood, 6d.; S. A. W., 6d.; F. Riley, 1d.; Mrs. T. Armett, 1/-; Mrs. J. Bradbury, 1/-; S. J. Wheeldon, 2/-; Miss D. L. Robinson, 1/-; Mrs. R. Mellor, 6d.; C. Belfield, 6d.; Mr. Foxton, 6d.; Mr. Moor, 1/-; Mrs. Beswick, 2/-; Mrs. Storer, 3d.; Mrs. Bradbury, 6d.; N. Riley, 3d.; Mrs. Wood, 6d.; Mrs. Horobin, 1/-; Mrs. B. Mellor, 1/-; Mrs. Gibbs, junr., 1/-; Mrs. P. Robinson, 1/-; Mrs. Ratcliff~, 5/-; Total, £1 10s. 7d.

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*Mr. W. Grindey's Book*—G. Grindon, 1/-; Mrs. Horobin 3d.; Mr. Beard, 6d.; M. K., 1d.; Mrs. R. Mellor, 6d.; Mrs. M. Mellor, 1/-; Mrs. W. Grindey, 1/-; Mrs. R. Nadin, 6d.; T. Nadin, 3d.; Mrs. W. Millward, 6d.; T. Mellor, 1/-; J. P. Grindey, 3d.; A. A. Grindey, 3d.;

Total, 7/1.

*Mr. W. Thompson's Book*—J. S. Thompson, 2/-; Mrs. Thompson, 2/-; H. Knowles, 1/-; Total, 5/-.

*Mr. J. H. Boulton's Book*—Mrs. M. Gould, 2/6; J. Cundy (Longnor), 2/-; J. Cundy (Fawside). 2/6; Mrs. Robinson, 5/-; Mrs. Ratcliffe, 5/-; Mr. Grindon, £1; Mrs.

Johnson (Nab End), 5/-; Vicar, 5/-; P. Storer, 2/-; J. H. Boulton, 10/-; Total, £2 19s.

Gifts and Balance Sheet next month.

To all who gave so generously to "Our Soldiers"

W. & D., the Committee wish to tender their very best thanks. The total on the Balance Sheet was £30. This enabled each of the 39 men to receive a cash gift of 15/-. It is an advance on the last year's effort, when they received 12/6.

A. B. H. STANHAM, Deanery Secretary.

We regret the death of Mr. T. Mellor and Mrs. Horobin, The Crofts, and that Mr. Joseph Millward, senr. lies seriously ill.

### **Quarnford and Ramshaw**

#### **Burials**

Feb 4 Lydia Maria Beswick aged 60 years

6 David Nadin Slack aged 74 years

15 Edith Annie Hine aged 15 years

#### **BAPTISM.**

Privately, Feb. 7th, George, son of George and Mary Ann Storer, Longnor.

#### **BURIALS.**

Jan. 31—Nellie Thompson, of Town Head, Longnor, aged 17 years.

Feb. 3—Charles Clifford Weston, of Church Street, Longnor, aged 7 months.

4—Martha Ann Hand. of Cheddleton and Longnor, aged 46 years.

6—Sarah Ann Mellor, of Town Head, Longnor, aged 50 years.

11—George Storer, of Longnor, aged 4 months.

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

### **Sheen**

#### **Marriage**

Jan 29 George Grindon, Warslow to Ellen May Critchlow, Brund, Sheen

#### **Baptism**

George, son of Richard and Rachel Riley, Sheen

## **March 1959**

### **Longnor**

Holy Baptism

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Barbara Ann Preston

Burial

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Martha Ann Armett aged 79 years

### **Sheen**

Burial

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> John William Manifold aged 73 years.

Money instead of flowers:- Mr J Critchlow & family (Slate House), £1, Mr & Mrs Critchlow, Havenlow, 10/-, Mr W Grindey & family £1, Nellie & family (Buxton), £1, Mr & Mrs Nadin (Buxton), 10/-, Mr & Mrs W Mantle, 10/-

## Services in the Benefice for March

	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Lent 1	Evensong 3.30 pm	Evensong 2.15 pm				Holy Communion Colin Smith 2.30 pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Lent 2	Holy Communion 11.15 am				Holy Communion 10 am	Mrs Brenda Bryant 2.30 pm
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Lent		Holy Communion 11.15 am	Holy Communion 9 am	Holy Communion 10 am		Rev Richard Mottershead 2.30 pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mothering Sunday	Mothering Sunday Service 6.30 pm	Mothering Sunday Service 11.15 am	Mothering Sunday Service 6.30 pm			At Earl Sterndale 2.30 pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Passion Sunday				Benefice Morning Prayer (for 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday) 11 am		Mrs Audrey Getliffe 2.30 pm

own - Short morning service 10.45 am followed by "elevenses" each Thursday  
If other churches would like a mid-week service please contact your churchwardens.