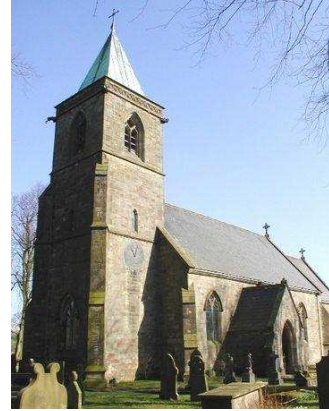


# Benefice Magazine




St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

September 2008

Longnor, Quarnford & Sheen with Newtown



Reapsmoor & Hollinsclough

A circular graphic containing a photograph of St. Bartholomew's church in Longnor, viewed through an ornate iron archway. The text 'September' is on the left, '2008' is on the right, and 'Longnor, Quarnford & Sheen with Newtown' is written along the top arc, while 'Reapsmoor & Hollinsclough' is written along the bottom arc.

St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor

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St. Paul's, Newtown

## Benefice Directory

Vicar: Vacant

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

	<b>St. Bartholomew's, Longnor</b>		<b>St. Paul's, Quarnford</b>	
Church Wardens	Mr. L. Riley	01538 300313	Miss J. M <sup>c</sup> Nicol	01298 812503
	Mrs. A. Evans	01298 83537	Mrs. B. Kidd	01298 23902
Secretary	Mrs. M. Boam	01298 83513	Mrs. M. Owen	0161 4913323
Treasurer	Mr. C. Smallwood	01298 70003	Vacant	
Organist	Mrs. N. Twigg/Mrs. J. Hollingshead		Miss G. Belfield L.R.A.M.	
Deanery Reps.	Mr. J. Gilman	01298 83486	Miss J. M <sup>c</sup> Nicol	01298 812503
	Mrs. M. Gilman	01298 83486		
Magazine Rep.	Mr. G. Roe	01298 83101	Mrs. V. Battram	01298 22758
Flowers	Mrs. A. Evans	01298 83537		

	<b>St. Luke's, Sheen</b>	
Church Wardens	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396
	Mr. G. Grindon	01298 83264
Secretary	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396
Treasurer	Mr. C. Belfield	01298 84809
Organist	Vacant	
Deanery Reps.	Mrs. M. Stubbs	01298 84305
	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396
Magazine Rep.	Mrs. M. Stubbs	01298 84305
Flowers	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396

	<b>St. Paul's, Newtown</b>		<b>St. John's, Reapsmoor</b>	
Secretary	Mrs. M. Williams	01298 83350		
Treasurer	Mr. J. Gilman	01298 83486	Mrs. M. Mycock	01298 84585
Organist	Mrs. J. Hollinshead		Mrs. J. Gregory	01298 84429
Magazine Rep.	Mrs. M. Williams	01298 83350	Mrs. J. Gregory	01298 84429

	<b>Church Schools: Headteachers</b>	
Longnor	Mrs. S. Evans	01298 83233
Flash	Mrs. D. Griffiths	01298 23442
Hollinsclough	Mrs. J. Mountford-Lees	01298 83303

	<b>Methodist Minister</b>	
	Rev <sup>d</sup> Colin Smith	01298 23556

	<b>Uniformed Associations</b>	
Brownies	Diana Alcock	01538 304225
Guides	Clare Day	01538 381773

# Worship Leader's Letter

Don't panic ! The vicar has left. What will happen now?

The following is an extract from a church handbook:

"Churchwardens have a key role to play at this significant time in a parish's life. They are responsible for two major items:-

- \* Ensuring that cover for church services is arranged.

- \* Ensuring that the PCC meets regularly.

All the other decisions are the responsibility of the PCC. There is normally a vice-chairperson and PCC secretary. It is vital that the PCC retains its decision-making role and does not 'pass the buck' to the churchwardens. It is a common assumption that 'those in authority' want nothing to change during this period. This is not always an accurate perception.

It is not always easy to have a clear, consistent view about change. Some changes are inevitable over a period from one vicar leaving to the next arriving. The role of the PCC is to monitor such changes, give approval where this is necessary and ultimately to decide what happens during this period. It needs to adopt a sensitive approach to issues of change whilst guarding against stagnation, ensuring that any developments are appropriate."

What is Church? Jim Packer, the Christian author and theologian answers in these words: In its visible aspect - that is, as we see it in this world - the Church is the entire community of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour...."

Every baptised Christian is commissioned to make a public witness to the wisdom and the ways of the Gospel in a huge variety of situations.

So what does this mean to the Longnor Benefice?

The PCCs met with the Archdeacon for a "vacancy visit" to make provision for mission and ministry in the Benefice, and to consider how a new priest is appointed.

They met with Rev. David Nicol to discuss the practical aspects of the vacancy (e.g. keys, contacts, magazine production, etc.). A further meeting of parish representatives met with me to try to work out the cover for services. The two daughter churches have requested one service a month, plus the mid-week service at Newtown. The three parish churches will try to hold services for a minimum of three out of four Sundays with a Benefice service, as usual, on the fifth Sunday. September has been especially difficult because of the harvests and the shortage of priests to take a Eucharist service. For this reason there will be a Benefice Holy Communion on 21st September at Quarnford and we very much hope that people from all the churches will attend. On a weekly basis, some service patterns will be different and whenever possible we will have visitors taking services, some of whom may have travelled a long way to be with us. The best way to make them welcome will be a full church! If there is no service at 'your' church, do visit one of the others in the Benefice. The next meeting for all the PCCs is on 8th September to consider how a new priest is appointed. We need to prepare a profile about the Benefice and its needs. If you have any thoughts about this, please talk to your churchwarden.

I have promised to do as much as possible in the Benefice, but, together with the other churchwardens, will need your help. Please volunteer, there are lots of things to be done!! When I was commissioned as a Worship Leader (or Lay

Minister) one of the promises I had to make was to try to promote unity among all Christian people, and especially among those whom I serve.

My response was "with the help of God I will". Whatever we do, let us keep God's will as our priority, humbly offering our best efforts, and our mistakes, to God.

Mistakes will be made but if we all work together, we can grow God's Kingdom and be a strong, united Benefice as we await our new vicar.

Please feel free to contact me, or any of the churchwardens if you have any queries. If we are unable to help, we will do our best to find someone who can.

With very best wishes,

*Janet*

P.S. I promise that the letter will be much shorter next month, but I wanted to let you know what was happening

## Benefice News

**Local Police Number**

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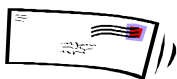
**For all non-emergency calls**

**Fly Tipping and Litter**

To report to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council call  
Freephone 08001693159

**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.



**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 McNicol who will be pleased to provide you with the necessary information.

**CURTAIN CALL** ( Hartington Drama Group ). Due to emergency repairs being carried out on the Village Hall we had to postpone our production of Treasure Island, The Pantomime. We hope to re-schedule for April next year, but as we have lost some of our cast we are going to re-audition on Tuesday Oct. 7th @ Hartington Village Hall @ 7.45pm. We want young & old, male & female, but must have enthusiasm & commitment right thro' & to Easter 2009. Please contact Fiona on 84634 for further details.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>

10-12 a.m



At the  
Cheshire Cheese Longnor

Tombola, Cake Stall

Bring and Buy

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



It's Tea Time.  
And this year  
absolutely  
everyone is  
invited.



## Tea Time is 19 September

[www.christianaid.co.uk/teatime](http://www.christianaid.co.uk/teatime)

**It's harvest time, a time for giving, for sharing.  
Every church in the Benefice is taking part in Tea Time 2008 to help  
the world's poorest communities work their way out of poverty.  
Absolutely everyone is invited.  
Please come along to one of our churches and enjoy a cuppa.**

- Longnor 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
- Sheen 3 pm - 4 pm
- Newtown 3 pm - 4 pm
- Quarnford 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
- Repsmoor 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Whether it's lapsang souchong or a mug of builders', it's hard to beat a nice cup of tea. Unless it's a nice cup of tea that could help make a fairer world.

On 19 September, we're asking people across the world to get together, put the kettle on and help give poor communities the chance of a better future.



## Dates for your diary-September

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Wakes Service - Longnor  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Vintage Car & Bike Tour - Flash  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Trip to Llandudno  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Tea Time 2008  
Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Relatively Speaking - Hollinsclough  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> McMillan Coffee Morning  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Benefice Harvest Supper - Sheen  
Tues Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Curtain Call - Hartington

### BENEFICE HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7pm for 7.30pm  
in Sheen Village Hall. Menu Meat and  
Potato Pie and Peas, Choice of Sweets,  
Tea or Coffee and Entertainment.  
Adults £6.00  
Children (under 14s) £4.00

### 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>Reapsmoor</b>	Swallow Moss	3.20 - 3.25
	Park House	3.30 - 3.35

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sep, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept

<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 8<sup>th</sup> Sep, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep

### 'Arts for Health'

Monday afternoons 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
1st Sept - Hartington Surgery  
8th & 22nd Sept - Longnor Church  
(Balcony Room - Stair Access)  
29th Sept - Hartington Village Hall

## Deadline for the Magazine

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please send to Mrs. L. Bricklebank, 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 Mellor

John was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 1919 at Schoolclough the 5<sup>th</sup> of eleven children. When he was of age he walked to Longnor School each day, after first having helped with chores around the farm, which as he got older included the early milking along with his brothers and sisters. On leaving school at the age of fourteen John continued on the family farm learning the trade.

His particular love was working with the horses, first ploughing and sowing, and then at harvest with the mowing and binding. He also learnt about building work keeping the barns and walls repaired. John was an active person who liked to keep on the go.

The other great love of his life was Joyce who he married here in church in 1940 and with who in the millennium year celebrated their Diamond Wedding. They later made their Home at Broadham Farm where in 1947 Barbara was born. He started with a dairy herd but later changed to beef. There was a lot of renovation needed and John set about extending the farm buildings and repairing the field walls. He very much enjoyed working with stone and testimony to his skill can be seen today all around the farm.



Like many of his contemporaries John enjoyed attending the local markets and would regularly visit Bakewell on Mondays and Leek on Wednesdays. Here he would not only look out for stock but catch up with old friends. For thirty-six happy years he and Joyce farmed at Broadham sharing in the good times and in the hard times. Working together.

At the beginning of the 1980s John saw it was time to take a less active role in the farm and helped to build Grange Lea which he and Joyce moved into in 1982 allowing Barbara, John, together with their two small daughters Kathryn and Clare to move into Broadham the following year. John still continued to farm at Broadham going on until he was eighty but he also found time to spend with his two granddaughters. He loved taking them for walks all around the farm and down by the river. They were ,I Know, a constant source of joy to him and he valued the time he was able to spend with them as they grew up. I know too that they loved their granddad and learned a great deal about the countryside from him.

Each of us today will have our own special memories of Jon and I know that I will be reminded of him each time I see a beautiful Garden. I greatly admired his work in this area at Grange Lea especially the pond and fountain that I see each time I visit. But then John was a real countryman who loved all living things and for whom his farm and family were his life.

**Donation to Longnor Church  
In Loving Memory of Ian Swanson  
September 4<sup>th</sup> from Mary and family.**

**Day Trip to The Good Food Show  
At the N.E.C Birmingham**

**Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup>  
Like to join us?  
Tel 01298 83218 or call in at  
The Cheshire Cheese, Longnor  
And speak to Lyn**

### **Longnor Luncheon Club**

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Cheshire Cheese from 11.30 until about 2.30. We start with tea or coffee and biscuits followed by a raffle and then a guest speaker, a sing-song or a quiz or some other entertainment. We then have a cooked meal and a sweet and yet more tea or coffee. The cost is £6 and everyone is welcome.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> we are going to Llandudno. On the 24<sup>th</sup> September we are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Please come along and support this very worthy cause.

**Please come along and join us.  
We are also in need of volunteers to help out. For more information ring Margaret Massey. Tel 01298 84423**

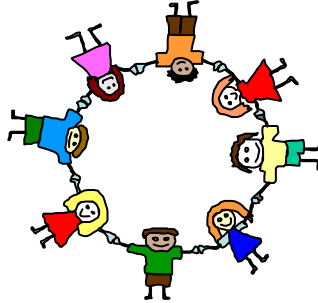
**Wakes Service  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
At 6 pm  
with Hollinsclough Silver Band**

**Harvest Festival  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 pm**

**Harvest Sale  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
at 8 pm in church  
Harvest Draw**

Anyone who could help sell Harvest Draw tickets please contact Nanette 01538 300313

# LONGNOR & DISTRICT PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP



St Bartholomew's School, Longnor

Tel: 01298 83233

[www.playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk](http://www.playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk)

Ofsted Reg. Nr.: 218187

Registered Charity Nr.: 1044161

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 8 September 2008

8.00pm at The Horseshoe Inn, Longnor

Interested in finding out more about us or getting involved? Come along...  
All welcome.

*We take children from 2 years of age and have funded places available for 3 year-olds.  
We have vacancies in September.  
Please ring Heather on 01298 83304 for more information.*

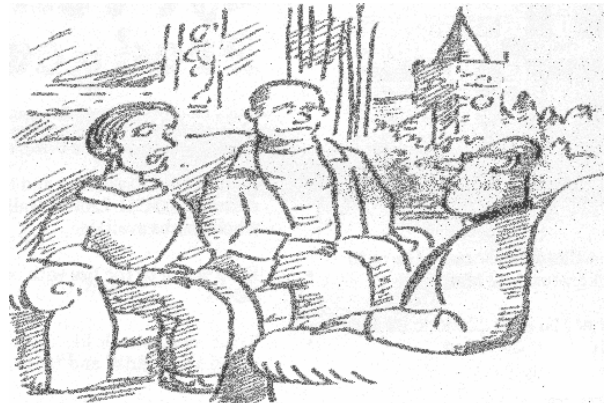
Day trip to Llandudno with

Longnor Luncheon Club

Wednesday September 17th

Like to join us?

Tel Mrs J. Hollinshead  
01298 83602



"I want a traditional church wedding  
but Sam prefers something trendy.  
Can we compromise and do it binji-  
jumping from the steeple?" \*



## Mowing Day



Thanks to all who helped at our very successful mowing day, including those who couldn't come on the day but had worked in the graveyard previously. Thanks also to the ladies who provided and served lunch and to Richard and Carol for taking away the grass.

## Reapsmoor

### St. John's Church News

Reapsmoor Church acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation in memory of Mr & Mrs Sutton from daughter Joyce & family.

St John's Church, Reapsmoor wish to say a big "Thank You" to the family of the late Mrs Doris Prince for their very generous donation to our Church. Doris was a lovely, quiet, inoffensive lady who lived at Reapsmoor for many years & will be missed by everyone who knew her. We also wish to thank Marian & Evelyn, Peter & Victoria for their donations in memory of Doris.

May we say many thanks to the Cheshire Cheese for holding a bingo evening for Reapsmoor Church funds. The total sum of almost £200 was gratefully received. Many thanks to Chris & Lyn for their superb hospitality & the delicious free buffet provided. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way & special thanks to Lorna, Margaret & Anne for their brilliant organisation.

### Noah

*When Noah sailed the waters blue,*

*He had his troubles same as you.*

*For 40 days he drove the Ark*

*Before he found a place to park.....*



## Hollinsclough History Live

We start the new season at History Live on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 pm in Hollinsclough Chapel Hall.

We are fortunate to welcome Dr. Philip Morgan, Senior Lecturer in History, University of Keele with *The Moorlands and the English Civil War.*



Membership costs £5, which entitles you to a reduction at each meeting. Refreshments are included.

We had a very successful season last year and welcomed lots of new faces and we love to see our loyal friends, too. Become a member or just come along to the events that are of interest, it's entirely up to you. We are a very friendly group who will give you a warm welcome.

Contact Sue 01298 83269 for further details.

*He that cuts his own wood  
warms himself twice*

## Hollinsclough Chapel

Services for September

All at 2.30 pm

7<sup>th</sup> Colin Smith HC

14<sup>th</sup> Davies

21<sup>st</sup> At Flagg

28<sup>th</sup> At Earl Sterndale



## Relatively Speaking

Sunday, 21st September at Hollinsclough School. Entry will be free. This will be a fantastic opportunity for everyone with an interest in Hollinsclough, residents or visitors, to get together. We

aim to build on the success of last year's Map Day.

There will be displays of parish registers, wills, house histories, rentals, rate books, photographs etc. We want people to come along to find out about their house or their ancestors and to share their research with us and with others with similar interests. We are particularly interested in family trees, wills and old photographs.

We hope that many local people will come to this event. Refreshments will be available in the Chapel Hall and in school.

For more information contact v.rowe352@btinternet.com

**Free Minibus** - If you need transport to Hollinsclough a minibus will be available to pick people up locally and take them home again. If you would like to take advantage of this service please ring Victoria 01298 83721

## Quarnford

### Thank you

A Beach Party in Flash! However unlikely this sounds it took place, a good time was had by all, and an amazing £517.37 was raised towards the repair of the church roof. Very many thanks to everyone who helped to achieve this wonderful result.

### Tea Time

Absolutely everyone is invited to a cup of tea in church between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>



September when we will join with people in many countries to raise essential funds to help the world's poorest communities work their way out of poverty. We look forward to seeing you.

## P.C.C. Meeting

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 4.30 pm in church. Visitors welcome.

## Harvest

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September  
2.30 pm

Harvest Sale Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
at 7.45 pm.



Helpers are needed to decorate the church between 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Drystone Walling

Two teams of young people and their tutors have rebuilt the wall between the main church door and the vestry and repaired a section of the boundary wall. The result is excellent and we thank them and REAP for their hard work.

## Benefice Service

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11 am Quarnford hosts the Benefice Service of Holy Communion, conducted by Rev D. Sparks from Derby Diocese. We would love to see a full church for his first visit to us and we are most grateful that he has agreed to come and help us.

## Quarnford Quest

The membership now stands at 71.

Winners for August are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	No 2	S. Fox	£15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 43	I. Smith	£12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 31	A.R. Pegg	£ 8.50

## Ronni

Ronni is leaving Flash Bar Stores and we are going to miss her! She has been such an asset to our small community, helping out and contributing to every cause, always with a smile on her face. We wish her well.

**FLASH VILLAGE HALL  
SUNDAY 7th SEPT...10 am  
VINTAGE CAR & BIKE TOUR /  
SHOW**

**SPONSORED WALKS...** walkers/fund  
raisers required! Come and join the fun  
and get some exercise too!

**TABLE TOP SALE — £5 per table  
(adv. Booking advised)**

**TEAS, COFFEES & CAKES**

ENQUIRIES TO KAREN: 01298 78849

In Aid of East Cheshire Hospice and  
St. Paul's Church roof fund (Flash)

### **Flash Bar Stores**

Hello to everyone,

It's Ronni, I would just like to say through  
the Church magazine a few special words. I  
took over the shop in Quarnford not  
knowing anyone or anybody, who lives  
there.

Over the past two years I have come to  
know so many of you, it truly is so nice how  
you have all taken me into your hearts.

I have never in all my years of working in  
retail ever dealt with country people and  
no disrespect to any of you, I think you are  
all lovely, lovely people whom I will sadly  
miss. I have had many a laugh and a cry  
with certain people. Some have told me  
things that you would only tell a special  
friend and through all this and lots more  
have learnt that country people are a  
special kind of people.

It hurts me deeply to have to say farewell  
to you all but the selling of the shop has

not been an easy decision for me, as it  
spells the end of my own little dream, of  
owning my own shop. I would love to have  
been with you all much longer but health  
reasons say it has to be. You all took me  
into your hearts and I hope you will be able  
to do the same with Lindsey and Garry.

To each and everyone of you, you made me  
feel one of you and I will always hold my  
time at Flash Bar Stores very close to my  
heart.

Thank you all very much.

Ronni (Veronica) Mc Leish

### **Sheen**

#### **In Loving Memory**

##### **Mona Moorcroft**



Mona was born at Cross  
Farm here in Sheen on 22<sup>nd</sup>  
January, 1921 and went to  
school next door. Sadly her  
mother died when she was  
just 4 months old and she  
was brought up by Mrs Shann. During this  
time her father left for Canada to try and  
make a new life for the family out there  
but returned to this country. On leaving  
school, like so many of her generation,  
Mona started her working life helping out  
on the farm.

It was here, however, that she was to  
meet and fall in love with a young milk  
collection driver called Frank Moorcroft  
and they were married here in church on  
7<sup>th</sup> April, 1942. Married life started in  
Wetley rocks where Rachel was born in  
September, 1943. From here the family  
moved to Hill End Farm where Hazel was  
born in August 1946. The family were to  
stay here dairy farming until Frank  
tragically died on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1974. Two

years later Mona moved to East View cottage at Hulme End where she lived for the rest of her life, working part time at Warslow School until retirement at 65 and running a very successful B & B with many repeat bookings from people who became good friends. Along the way Mona also acquired 5 grand-children and 6 great grand children.

Mona was quite an active person who enjoyed dancing, going regularly to Hartington on a Wednesday evening to classes and going out some weekends. She was also a founder member of the Sheen Branch of the WI when it was formed in 1967. Mona was also active in Help the Aged in Hartington, was a regular member of the Warslow Lunch Club and attended the Friendship Club in Alstonfield One of Mona's great joys were the holidays she took with her sister in law and friend. Perhaps her best remembered holiday, however, was the one the family took her on to America and Canada in August 1999. They visited Disney World where Mona went on all the children's rides before flying up to Calgary to see where her Father had stayed when he had come out there. This made a great impression on Mona and she talked about it all the time.

At a mature age Mona decided it was time that she learned to drive which enabled here to come regularly to church here. This was not however without its pitfalls. After several attempts she did pass her test but found manoeuvring something of a problem in the early days. Here she relied heavily on the family to extract her and the car from inconvenient gate posts and awkward garage doors. Mona also experienced a little difficulty in identifying the hand brake. Thus it was on one occasion the car decided to go for a trip of its own down the yard to see what was in the Dairy.

Mona was a very modest person who liked to remain in the background. She was a

family person who loved to have her children and their families around her. Her friends knew her as a happy person with an infectious smile. She was a regular here at church until she gave up driving and would still come at Christmas and to the Harvest Supper when someone would collect her.

## In Loving Memory

### Myra Critchlow



Myra was born 1<sup>st</sup> May 1917 at Hig Lane End. She moved to Hayes Gate as a child and shortly afterwards went to Hollow Farm after the death of her grandfather. She was the eldest of 6 children born to Walter and Annie Shenton. Myra attended Warslow School and it was there that she learnt the poetry that later in life she would recite to her grandchildren. At the tender age of 11 tragedy struck the family with the death of her father. This left Myra the daunting task of helping her mother raise 5 siblings, the youngest being only 3 months old. Myra was a keen member of Girl Guides and on leaving school helped to run the family farm.

She liked going to local dances and it was here one Easter night that she met John. After a whirlwind romance they married on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1941 at St. Lawrence's Church, Warslow. This was the start of a wonderful and happy marriage which lasted 57 years. They went to Llandudno for their honeymoon and Myra always cherished the memory of John's hat blowing away on the Great Orme.

They made their home at Broadmeadow Hall and it was there that their 4 eldest children John, May, Joe and Charlie were born. Following the death of John's father 15 years later the family moved to Manor

Farm. This seemed to give them a new lease of life and on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1957 Myrtle was born to complete the family.

The farm seemed to go from strength to strength with Myra taking a keen interest in the milking. She was lucky enough to continue in this until the grand old age of 82. Myra was very proud of Sheen Tug of War team which included her three sons. She never went to watch them because she couldn't stand the strain! But she always wanted to be 1<sup>st</sup> in line to see the medals.

Myra was a good cook, as I'm sure anyone who tried her beef dinners will agree and people often commented about the huge pieces of beef she would cook for village functions.

Myra made Manor Farm a welcoming home where the kettle was always on and the table was always open, there was never a limit on the number of mouths she was prepared to feed.

She was a member of Sheen W.I. and in her day was a keen whist player. She looked forward to family weddings and used them as an excuse to buy a posh outfit and a big fine hat - one of her passions.

In 1973 she became a proud grandmother to Suzann, who was shortly followed by Jonathan, Myrtle, Carla, Diana, Joseph, Julie and Ralph. She now has 5 great children, one of which she knew, but all of which she could be very proud.

Myra had a great sense of humour and could laugh at herself even after the amputation of her right foot in 2001. She always said she had been very lucky with her health and always looked on the bright

side of any situation. Sadly, 5½ years ago she suffered a severe stroke which left her very badly debilitated. After a long hard decision and advice from the doctor that she needed 24/7 nursing care she was admitted to Abbey Court nursing home in Leek.

The family are forever grateful for the loving care and attention that Wendy and her nursing team have given her in her time spent there.

We should all remember Myra for her sense of humour, her wit and charm and her ability to turn a bad situation into a good one. She is a cherished memory that's in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

**Sheen PCC** Thank you to the Vicar and family for all they have done over the last few years. We wish them well for the future.

**Congratulations** to Charlotte and Andy also Felicity and Chris on their recent marriages.

**AUGUST'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS**

1 <sup>st</sup> No 72	John Cope	£20
2 <sup>nd</sup> No 34	Marion Belfield	£15
3 <sup>rd</sup> No 87	Ken Gunning	£10
4 <sup>th</sup> No130	Connie Gould	£6
5 <sup>th</sup> No 122	Joyce Hollinshead	£5.50
6 <sup>th</sup> No 44	Hilda Critchlow	£4

Thank you, to all Members

**THANK YOU** for the generous donations made in the memory of Mona Moorcroft from her family and friends to St Luke's Church.

## NOTE FROM YOUR CHURCH WARDENS

- As most of you will know our Vicar has left so we will have to rely on visiting Vicars or Readers to take the Services. It would be nice if a few more people could come to church as it does not look too good if we only have two or three people sat in church.

Please come and support your church it is a lovely building and we want to keep it open. Miss Jephcott of Alstonefield is coming to take our Harvest service on **21<sup>st</sup> September at 11am** (Please note change of time) Service times are all on the back of the magazine.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR HARVEST** - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. Please leave any donated produce at the back of church or better still come and help decorate the church, children are most welcome. We would like some children to carry harvest produce up to the Altar at our Harvest service please see Ann

**HARVEST SERVICE** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11am

**HARVEST SALE** - in church on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 8pm in church.

**BENEFACTIVE HARVEST SUPPER** - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7pm for 7.30pm in Sheen Village Hall. Menu Meat and Potato Pie and Peas, Choice of Sweets, Tea or Coffee and Entertainment. Adults £6.00 Children (under 14s) £4.00

**WHIST DRIVE** - 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall, all profits go towards the upkeep of St Luke's Church. The last whist drive raised £40.50. Prizes are always welcome. Early date for next whist drive is 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## NEW AEROBICS CLASS -Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>



September 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** - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall. Everybody welcome.

**TEA TIME** -19<sup>th</sup> September 3pm to 4pm in St Luke's. This is to raise funds to help the world's poorest communities work their way out of poverty. Come join us for a cup of tea and have a chat.

## 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.

## Newtown

### St Paul's Church Newtown

The vicar has moved to pastures new and we are now in a period of interregnum during which time a parish profile will have to be drawn up. This will be used in connection with the appointment of the new vicar. Applicants will have to be short-listed, interviewed and hopefully selected. The person chosen will most likely have to resign from their present position and give three months notice. This is going to take anything up to six months and may be longer.

In the meantime the church will remain open albeit with a reduced number of services, here at Newtown we will have just the one service a month, the first

being our harvest festival service which will take place on Sunday 14 September at 2.30 pm. with our harvest sale on the following Monday as usual.

The Thursday morning service of morning prayer will continue as usual but at the later time of 10.45 am. and the first will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> September.

The Church of England is holding a national charity tea party on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and we have been requested to participate in this, therefore we shall be holding our event in the church between 3 and 4 o'clock on that date where we will serving tea and cakes for which there will be a small charge. The money raised will go to Christian Aid to help the world's poorest communities work their way out of poverty.

Many thanks to those who gave to David's leaving present and attended his last service with us. We wish him all the best for the future.

Many thanks also to Andrew Hall for mowing around the church this is much appreciated.

## **World's Biggest Coffee Morning**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Please come along and join us at Chelmorton Institute. We shall be open from 10am until noon. We have many stalls, cakes, Tombola, books, bric-a-brac, raffle and plants. We look forward to seeing you.  
Carol Allcock Tel: 01298 85555

# From the Readership

## **Did you know?**



Carrots were originally purple or red, with a thin root. The species did not turn orange until the 1500's when Dutch agricultural scientists and growers used a mutant yellow carrot seed from North Africa to develop a carrot in the colour of the House of Orange, the Dutch Royal Family.

**"By all these lovely tokens  
September days are here,  
With summer's best of weather  
And autumn's best of cheer."**

- Helen Hunt Jackson, *September*, 1830-1885

## **Quotes of the month**

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger.

A coincidence is when God performs a miracle and decides to remain anonymous.

Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.

Lead your life so you won't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

People gather bundles of sticks to build bridges they never cross.

# From the Manse

Dear Friends,

The beginning of September is often a time of transition. Small children arrive at school for the first time and young adults are often going off to college. The chill of the mornings and the dew tells us that the seasons are changing and the summer days are coming to an end. (Yes, I know that this may be no great deal this year!). In Methodist Churches, September is the time when new ministers meet new congregations with the trepidation which both parties often feel.

At the Buxton Campus of Derby University where I'm a very part-time chaplain, we begin the new term looking forward to the arrival of our recently appointed ecumenical chaplain, Sandra Fach. This is a new appointment financed largely by the university, by the Derby Diocese and, to a smaller extent, by the Methodist District. The chaplains act as friends to both staff and students, help students think through some of the ethical issues they face, and provide space and opportunity for prayer and worship.

At Hollinsclough, the name Richard Mottershead will appear as one of those leading worship. Richard is a Methodist minister who is working part time in the Buxton Circuit for one year. He will be particularly involved with the Fairfield Estate and the community of Peak Dale. He, too, starts work at the beginning of September.

All this probably feels remote from the world of most of those who read this. Yet,

no doubt many of us face our own personal changes and fresh beginnings - new relationships within our families, children starting school or leaving home for the first time; starting retirement or wondering what the next twelve months have in store. Within our parishes, church wardens will be busy planning for an interregnum until a new Parish Priest is appointed.

Fred Pratt Green wrote some verses for Christians in a time of change:

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the Gospel,  
Help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive:  
We who can not live without you,  
We adore you, we believe!

We face the future trusting in the God who gives us the love and hope, wisdom and strength we need in changing times.

With warm greetings,

Colin Smith



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# History Notes

## Alstonfield Deanery Magazine

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Longnor

Mr. J.H. Boulton (Sec.) has now sold 1,580 War Savings Certificates in Longnor.

Frank Caley has passed the College of Preceptors' Examination and becomes a Pupil Teacher from August 1st.

Freda Millward has passed the Preliminary Examination with distinction in History and Geography.

Mr. George Woolliscroft and Miss Fanny Howson were married in Longnor Church at the beginning of the month. We wish them much happiness. We have a link with Warslow in Mr. Thos. Woolliscroft, the conductor of Longnor Band—and now two brothers, Walter and George, are entered as Benedicts, the former being partnered for life with Miss Maud M. Phillips, of Hartington. Heirs of the grace of life, and joined in the sacred bond, we hope their lives will be long spared, and bring comfort and blessings everywhere.

A visit from an old friend and Vicar brought back pleasant recollections. He and Mrs Price stayed at the Crewe and Harpur Hotel, and attended Longnor church and Hollinsclough.

### OUR SOLDIERS.

All news is good from Ptes. W. Ball. N. Ball, Jn. Sutton, J. Harrison. Pte. Arthur Caley paid us a visit in August.

God keep and bless them.

### MARRIAGE.

Aug. 3—(By Licence) George Woolliscroft, of Reaps-moor, and Fanny Howson, of Hartington.

### BAPTISM.

Aug. 11—Charles Clifford, son of Charles Edward and Mary Weston, Church Street, Longnor.

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

## September 1958

### QUARNFORD.

FAREWELL MR. FREDERICK WARDLE.

I think that most of us know now that Mr. and Mrs.F. Wardle will shortly be leaving the village for their new abode In Sheen. It will be almost impossible for us to picture the life of the village without their presence in our midst. So familiar are they to us not just as villagers who have lived in Quarnford and associated themselves so happily with its activities for countless years, but also for the constant and devoted service that they have rendered to the Church which they love so truly, I

know that the many with whom they have been acquainted, clergy and people alike, fully realise their years of work to benefit this Parish and their many kindnesses can never be repaid. And now as they are passing from our midst we wish them the peaceful and happy retirement that they so really deserve and may they know that our kindest thoughts, our most joyous wishes are for them always.

The Harvest Dance will be held in the Quarnford School at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 3rd.

The Sale of Fruit will be held on Tuesday, September 30th, at 8 p.m. in the Chapel School, with the usual consent of Mr. and Mrs. Poole. Mr. John Kidd has agreed to auction the produce.

THE HARVEST DANCE will be held at the Ramshaw School at 8 p.m on Monday, October 20th. During the interval Mr. John Kidd will most kindly auction the harvest produce.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Sept. 7th, Mrs. F. Spencer; Sept. 21st, Mrs. R. Hunter.

R. W. THOMPSON, Vicar.

### Notices

#### **Wider wedding welcome for couples as the Church of England names the day**

Thousands of couples dreaming of a wedding will find more churches to choose from 1st October 2008 - the day when the new Church of England Marriage Measure comes into effect.

It means that the Church of England's network of 16,000 churches; ancient or modern, intimate or grand, simple or spectacular, can offer a wider wedding welcome than at any time in the Church's history.

The Marriage Measure, recently completed its parliamentary process, has made it possible for the Bishops to issue the official guidance to clergy on how the new rules will work.

Existing law established a right for a couple to marry in the Church of England in the parish church where one or both of them live, whether they are baptised or not, and whether they are churchgoers are not. To marry in any other parish requires a special licence or six months of regular

attendance followed by entry on the local church electoral roll.

But new laws, initiated by the Church of England and now approved by Parliament, will add to this right of residency, making it just as easy for couples to marry in a church where they have a family or other special connection, even if they don't live there.

The General Synod decided that the existing laws were too restrictive in a mobile society and took the initiative to change them last July. Synod wanted churches all over England to be free to celebrate more weddings and support more marriages.

The changes will mean an engaged couple are welcome to be married in church in a parish if just one of these applies:

\* one of them was baptised or prepared for confirmation in the parish;

\* one of them has ever lived in the parish for six months or more;

\* one of them has at any time regularly attended public worship in the parish for six months or more;

\* one of their parents has lived in the parish for six months or more in their child's lifetime;

\* one of their parents has regularly attended public worship there for six months or more in their child's lifetime;

\* their parents or grandparents were married in the parish.

(All of these refer to Church of England services)

## Services in the Benefice for September

	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 16	Wakes and Blessing the Well 6 pm	Morning Prayer 11 am	Evensong 7pm			Colin Smith Holy Communion 2.30 pm	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Holy Cross Day				Harvest 2.30 pm		Davies 2.30 pm	Sunday School 10.30 am
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> St. Matthew		Benefice Holy Communion 11 am	Harvest 11 am			At Flagg	Rev. A. Gibson 2.30 pm
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 19	Harvest 6.30 pm	Harvest 2.30 pm			Evensong 7 pm	At Earl Sterndale	Mrs E. Massey 11 am

## October

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 20	Morning Prayer 10.30 am				Harvest 2.30 pm	Colin Smith Holy Communion 2.30 pm	
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Newtown - Short morning service 10.45 am followed by "elevenses" each Thursday from 11<sup>th</sup> September.  
If other churches would like a mid-week service please contact your churchwardens.