

Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

September

2011

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



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor

40p



St. Paul's, Newtown

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter the memory of the riots in various cities at the start of August is beginning to fade, though there is still discussion about the severity of the sentences being handed down. Of course, it is rather remote from our situation; if there was a riot in Longnor, or at Flash or Sheen, or even at Reapsmoor, I seem to have missed it! In the aftermath of the events there have been questions about how there can be a new awareness of what is right and wrong, a new awareness of, and respect for, rules and discipline.

Every society and every faith has its own rules and regulations, and we need this because all human beings are prone to sin. If we were all perfect then there would be no need for laws; instead we need those who set laws and those who try to enforce them. Inevitably, even those who are law-makers and law-enforcers suffer from the same tendency to sin, so we should not be surprised when the system does not work as fairly and justly as it might, but I think we should be grateful for the high standard of justice and policing that we have in our country, even if there is always room for improvement.

How might people generally be helped to know what is right and wrong? I can remember having to learn the Ten Commandments when I was younger, and I suspect that many of you, especially those who are older, will have had to do the same. It was common for churches to have the commandments displayed at the front of the building to remind people week by week. I have to admit that I would probably not get all ten right if I was asked to repeat them now; how would you get on? But whether it is the

commandments, which both Christians and Jews see as important, or equivalent rules in the Muslim or Sikh faiths, for example, it is one thing to know what they are, and another to actually take them seriously. I suspect what is missing for some of the young people who got into trouble is not knowledge but a sense of respect for authority. If you do not believe in God, for example, there is no value in being taught commandments that are based on the authority and holiness of God. So perhaps the riots are a challenge to us to work at bringing a renewal of faith to our society.

One opportunity that we can take that might encourage renewed faith is to make use of 'Back to Church' Sunday, a national initiative that we tried for the first time last year and which happens on the last Sunday of this month. In each of the churches there are invitation cards available, which can be used to encourage people to attend one of the services on the 25th (or for Newtown and Reapsmoor a service near that date). And if no-one else from the churches invites you, then please accept this letter as my invitation to come and worship with us on that Sunday, at Sheen at 10.00, or Quarnford at 2.30, or Longnor at 6.30. At Quarnford and Longnor that is also our Harvest Festival so there is a double reason to consider coming along and sharing in the time of thanksgiving and celebration.

As we give thanks to God for the safety and security that we enjoy and this month also rejoice in the harvest, perhaps the memory of the unrest of a few weeks ago will inspire us to pray for a renewing of faith in God in our land.

With best wishes to you all,

James Forrester

Benefice News

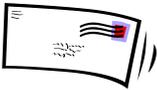
Local Police Number

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.

Your Rural Police News

From mid June to mid July this year we have suffered a marked increase in crime across a number of the villages reached by this newsletter.

Criminals are mainly targeting vehicles and outbuildings (sheds, garages and barns) with some vehicles left insecure and an invitation to the thieves.

Although our area enjoys a relatively low crime rate, this recent spate confirms we are not immune and a timely reminder to secure your vehicles and if you are unable to remove valuables at least put them out of sight.

Criminals know that some people keep expensive items in outbuildings so ensure these are kept secure and checked on a regular basis. Please be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us.

If you need any advice or assistance with your security contact one of your officers

or our specialist Crime Reduction team on the number below.

In response to the above we have increased patrols in the relevant areas and are gathering intelligence on suspects. We also work closely with our partners at the local Council to do all we can to reduce crime in our communities.

In the last few days we have arrested two men from Stoke on Trent in connection with vehicle crime in our villages.

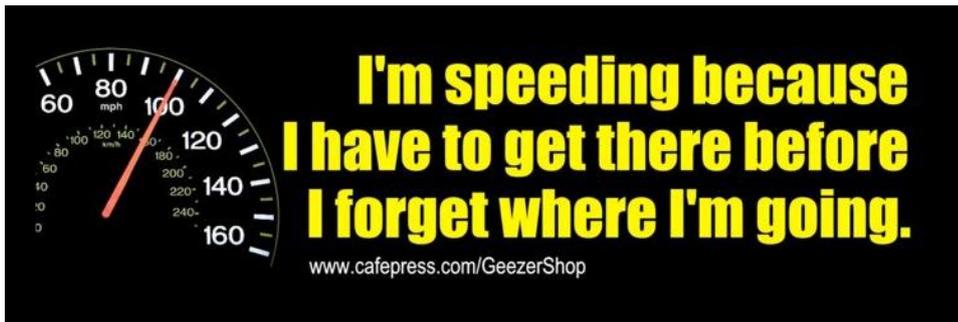
By the time you read this your local Police team will have moved from Waterhouses to the community fire station on the main road through Ipstones. If you are passing you are welcome to call in but please don't make a special journey as it will not be permanently manned and we try to be out on patrol or dealing with incidents as much as possible.

If you need any advice on Policing issues contact myself Pc Andy Beresford or one of my colleagues at Ipstones Fire Station; Pc Bridget Kelly, Pc Paul Bolam or 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

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



Car Stickers for the Aged

Dates for your diary: September

10th Bartholomew Fayre, Longnor

10th Ride and Stride, Quarnford

23rd Benefice Harvest Supper, Sheen

Please book your place before Monday 19th with your churchwarden, or with Ann on 01298 84396 or George on 01298 83264.

Please join us as we celebrate harvest together.

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
Reapmoor	Swallow Moss	2.40 - 2.45
	Park House	2.50 - 2.55

Pew Bibles

A reminder that we are planning to purchase a number of bibles to be placed in the pews in our churches. Each bible will cost about £10, and if anyone would like to donate money for one or more copies a suitable dedication can be written in the front of the bible(s).

Friday 9th September, 30th September

Deadline for the Magazine

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20th September for the October 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.

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 12th September

BENEFICE HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 23rd September 7pm for 7.30pm in Sheen Village Hall.

Menu: Pie and Peas, Choice of Sweets, Tea and Coffee.

Adults £6; Children (under 14) £4.

The Moorlands Brunch Brunch



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

A big thank you to all who were able to attend the August get to together and who made it such a happy and fun occasion. The hospitality provided by Rebecca and her staff at the Tea Junction was excellent and for anyone who has not been, the Tea Junction is well worth visiting whether it be for tea and cake or something more substantial.

Book a place for events no later than the **Monday preceding** by telephoning
Doreen 01298 83515
or
Barbara 0129883444

It was particularly nice that we were a group of younger and older adults of both sexes from a range of moorland communities and that we had the good fortune to have the Peak District National Park's Steven Bell to guide us along the Manifold Trail.

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT (UK)

ПОДДЕРЖКА ДЕТЯМ БЕЛАРУСИ

Registered Charity No.1059832
Mrs Barbara Cox
Nab End Farm
Hollinsclough
LONGNOR
Buxton
Derbyshire
SK17 0RJ

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN 2011

The Buxton and Longnor Chernobyl group are planning to invite six children (4-6) yrs , their mums and interpreter to Longnor for three week's recuperative holiday, Christmas 2011. The children come to England from the Minsk cancer hospital, through a partner charity, Children in Trouble. This organisation specialises in supporting children with cancer and their families.

They usually arrive a week before Christmas and spend the first few days with Denis Moors at High Ash Farm, Field Study Centre, Longnor. Then they move on to hosting families, it is quite exciting and magical for a mother and child to spend the main Christmas days (Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day) with an English family in their home. They return to High Ash for the remainder of their holiday. CCP is looking for volunteer families to take a mother and child for four days, Christmas 2011.

If you are interested in participating in this project then please contact Barbara Cox at 01298 83225 or Denis Moors 01298 25727 for further details.

Please let Barbara or Denis know as soon as possible if you are interested. An early start helps the organisers enormously as the official paperwork for the visas takes several weeks to go through the agonisingly slow processes.
Tel 01298 83225 E-mail david@nabendfarm.co.uk

Longnor

Flower Festival

Thank you very much to everyone who made the Flower Festival at the end of July such a special occasion. We have had many positive comments and are grateful to all those who put together the displays and helped to have the church open for visitors, who were able to enjoy both the displays and the refreshments. Thank you to all who were involved.

Flower Festival Raffle

Winners of the prizes were:

Bottle of Port:	181	
Bucks Fizz:	180	Mrs Ann Ashcroft
Tea Bags:	78	Maureen
Box of		
Maltesers:	224	Scot Gregory
Bath Set	250	Helen Mellor
Biscuits		Alan Grindey

Thornton's	196	Nanette
Necklace	96	Katie
Mint		
Chocolates		Jarman
Picture		
Frame	270	Sarah

Church Clock

As we said in last month's magazine, we are pleased that our application for a major grant for the work on the clock has been approved. The Cumbria Clock Company has been awarded the contract and should be starting work towards the end of this month. The work will be the repainting of the clock face and hands, fitting an automatic winding mechanism for the clock, and refurbishing the weather-vane. We look forward to the work starting and then seeing the result several weeks later.

The church will have to find half the cost of the work, but we already have been promised support from the Action Group and have been given a donation in memory of Connie Gould. Any further gifts will be gratefully received.

James Forrester

Church Yard Mowing Day

Thank-you to every-one who came to the mowing day. To the ladies who prepared and served the lunch and to Richard and Carol for the use of their tractor and trailer and disposing of the grass.

PCC Meeting

Thursday 29th Sept at 7-30pm in Church

From the Registers

Burial

Reg Blakeman aged 77yrs

Gerald Allwood Simpson aged 78yrs

Thanks

Helon Grimshaw would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and messages sent to her during her stay in hospital.

Action Group

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 10th August 2011 at Longnor Fire station

Present: S Kidd, A. Preston, C Chambers, T Riley, J O'Neill, D O'Neill and M Griffith.

Apologies: J Forester, M Reynolds, D Hanna R Kebble, G Kebble.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.
2. **St Bartholomew's Fayre - 10th September 2011**
 - a. Most stalls had been booked, although there were still some available. Bookings could now be taken from outside the immediate area of Longnor. MG to contact a wood work craftsman from Monyash who had expressed an interest in taking a stall last year.
 - b. A wide variety of entertainment had been arranged and local businesses would provide food for sale to the public during the day.
 - c. AP reported that an overflow car park would be set up on land adjacent to the village. The land owner had kindly given their permission.
 - d. Scarecrow competition: sponsored by the Action group to go ahead with a theme of 'What work do people do?' Scarecrows

to be displayed from Monday 5/9 until Saturday 10/9. SK to ask Mr. and Mrs. Savage to carry out judging on 5/9. Prizes for first, second and third; £15, £10, £5 respectively to be presented on 10/9. CC to design posters and leaflets for distribution in village a.s.a.p. It was noted that another scarecrow contest was planned for Longnor during Spring/Summer next year. This would be a separate event and entries were to be encouraged for both competitions.

3. Play Ground Regeneration

- a. Work scheduled for completion on 14/8. All going according to plan.
- b. A new sign is to be designed and submitted for approval by the Parish Council - DO and MG.
- c. Plans for the opening ceremony on 10/9 at 4.00 pm are well advanced. DO had booked the entertainment and activities to include a clown and a history walk. AP and DH to provide a marquee. Tables to be sourced - DO. Room to be booked at fire station in case of bad weather. CC to provide local press contacts to DO.
- d. List of VIP guests drawn up to be invited jointly by Action Group and Parish Council.
- e. Posters to go up in the village a.s.a.p. - DO.
- f. MG to find out if an inspection is required by the Local Authority in addition to the one carried out by RoSPA.
- g. Safe Playgrounds Awards - to be explored.

- h. Sustainability grant - would be subject to further discussions.

4. Church Clock

- a. JF reported that the grant covering 50% of the cost had been awarded. Work to start in September.
- b. CC to look at options for Waitrose local charities scheme, if required.

5. Village Leaflet

- a. Very well received within the village. SK again thanked JO and DO for their efforts.

6. Staffordshire Peak District Tourism Association

- a. CC to contact and ask for minutes of meetings.

7. Telephone Banking

- a. No progress at this point.

8. Live and Work Rural

- a. MR to send regular newsletter to action group.

9. Liaison with Parish Council

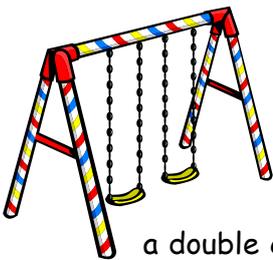
- a. Sewage works planning application - still under discussion with PDNPA.
- b. MG gave a summary of items discussed at Parish council meeting. The Attractions notice board would need to be reviewed and updated.
- c. Flower pots at the entrance to the village had been removed as they obscured the road safety signs.
- d. Parish council minutes are now displayed on notice boards within the village. No plans to publish in Benefice magazine.
- e. Car parking in the village - is being discussed by the Parish Council.

10. AOB

- a. RK has renewed group subscription to SMVCS.
- b. Dark Skies Initiative - It was proposed that the Action Group explore the Dark Skies Initiative and look at its relevance to Longnor. CC to look at work done within Peak Park and report back to next meeting.

The Next Meeting will take place on Thursday 1st September 2011 at The Community Room, Longnor Fire station at 7.30 pm, all welcome.

Longnor Playground - Grand Opening and Refurbishment



On Saturday, 10th September Longnor Village, near Buxton has

a double celebration both of which have only been achievable through much appreciated funding from the National Lottery. St. Bartholomew's Fayre, which had to be cancelled due to the snow last Christmas, has been rescheduled to take place between 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. There is going to be a good variety of stalls from jams and pickles to candles, cakes and jewellery. Children can enjoy go-karting and entertainment as varied as a fire juggler to a stilt walker to a balloon modeller. The Bucking Bronco is for adults and children of all ages.

Following straight on from the Fayre is even more family fun and most of it free - just what is needed in these recessionary times! Longnor Action Group in conjunction with St. Bartholomew's School, the Parish Council and the local community were delighted when they were awarded a grant

of almost £50,000 to refurbish their playground.

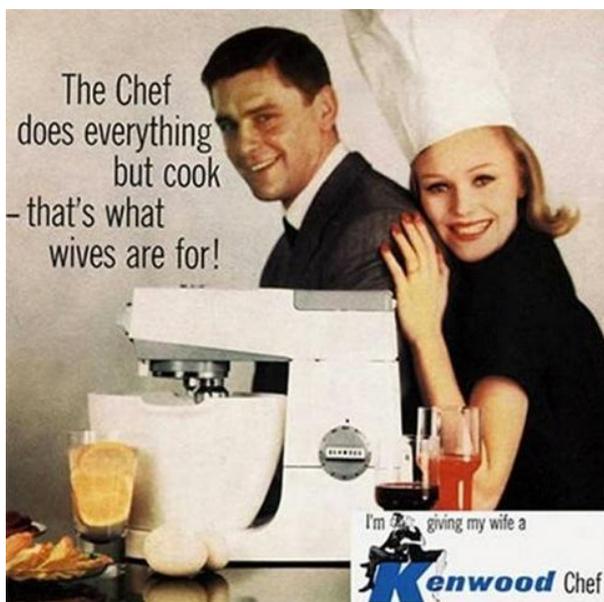
The playground has stunning views across the Upper Dove Valley and now boasts a new aerial run, a superb swing boat, stunning supa nova, climbing frame, springy see-saw, small but fantastic fire engine - especially important as the playground is right next door to the fire station, a spinning cup and brand new swings which complement the refurbished slide.

Children are being asked to dress up as their favourite character, or simply to bring along their favourite bear / cuddly toy. Our wonderful fire-fighters will be present with the fire engine and are bringing Welephant and Fireman Sam with them! Charlie Clown will be performing his amazing magic show as well as demonstrating plate spinning, face painting and fake tattoos! Children can plant a seed (and take it home), take part in glass painting, make a mask and much much more! There's even a horrible history walk and drinks and refreshments will be available. Prizes will be given for the most original costumes and also for the winners of the scarecrow competition which will be judged at the beginning of the week - but you will still be able to take a wander around Longnor's historic centre to view the scarecrows.

Children why not come and bring your parents to join in the fun. Longnor waits to welcome you.

Longnor Area WI - next meeting Wednesday 21st September at Longnor school starting at 7.00 P.M. - Speaker from Coombes Valley Nature Reserve - Visitors £2.50 members 50p

An ad you'll never see the likes of again!



Quarnford

Quarnford Harvest

September

Sat. 24th Decorating the church between 2.30pm and 4pm. Produce and helpers are very welcome.

Sun 25th Thanksgiving Service 2.30pm

Mon 26th Harvest Sale in the Village hall 7.45pm

We look forward to seeing you

From the Registers

Marriage " May they continue in Your love until their lives end"

30th July Robert Wood to Diane Akers

Thank You

We acknowledge, with many thanks, a donation for the upkeep of family graves from Mrs Hamnett of Stockport.

Toufic

We will be taking over the sponsorship of Toufic, who lives in Lebabon and is cared for through "Biblelands". We are grateful for donations from Reapsmoor Church and friends in Longnor and Flash.

Ride and Stride

Ride and Stride is the annual sponsored event of Historic Churches Trusts all over England. Participants are sponsored by family and friends to visit as many churches as they can between 10am and 6pm. The money is used to make grants to churches for repairs and essential maintenance. Half the money raised by each cyclist/walker is returned to their home church.

For more information contact our church rep: 01298812053.

St. Paul's will be serving refreshments between 2.30pm and 4pm but the church will be open all day for visitors to sign the "Ride and Stride" register and to leave a donation or sponsor money.

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 August:

Mrs J Smith, Scropton

Mrs E Wentworth

Mr I Smith, Rudyard

PUBLIC MEETING IN FLASH ABOUT BLACK BROOK FOREST

The Staffordshire Wildlife Trust (SWT) have agreed to hold a public meeting about their plans for Black Brook forest. This is the new name for the Gib Tor and Brund Hill woods next to the A53 near The Winking Man and opposite the Royal Cottage. You may remember the last public meeting about the trees called by Forest Neighbours in 2003. This resulted in 8 years of negotiation by local people with the Trust, the Forestry Commission and many other agencies and local authorities.

Many of you signed the recent petition to the Forestry Commission because people were still concerned at the tree loss but to no avail. The Commission has given permission for further felling. Forest Neighbours have therefore asked the Trust to come and describe their revised plans to the community.

The new public meeting has been promised to take place this Autumn. It will be the Trust's opportunity to present their case which includes clear-felling almost 60% of the site. As the Trust is a charity dependent on public subsidy, it will be very important for local people to hear what they have to say and to hold them to account. No date has yet been set but we wanted to flag up the event well in advance. Keep a look out for details of time and place when they're posted, and tell all your friends and neighbours.

In the meanwhile, for more information contact Charlie Pickford (Forest Neighbours) on 01298 23887. Alternatively you can contact Helen Dale of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust directly on 01889880112 . Helen Dale is the site manager for the woods.

Forest Neighbours, August 2011.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Ladies Fashion Show
We raised £271 for Flash Village Hall
Carly, Sue and Rowena

Sheen

All-age Worship Service

From the beginning of October we are planning to hold a monthly All-age Service at St. Luke's. We start on the 2nd October at 11.00. The service will be an informal service, lasting no more than 40 minutes, which will contain, I hope, songs and a talk that will appeal to a wide range of ages.

I hope that you will want to be part of this service, and if you would like to know more before we start on the 2nd, please phone me on 83742.

James Forrester

JULY'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 st No 23	Andy Kaminski	£20
2 nd No 4	Nellie Gould	£15
3 rd No 77	Elizabeth Mappleson	£10
4 th No 69	George Grindon	£7
5 th No 105	Elsie Willot	£5
6 th No 60	Gwen Fearn	£4

AUGUST'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 st No 22	Mary Bury	£20
2 nd No 19	Rosemary Fearn	£15
3 rd No 55	Mary Stubbs	£10
4 th No 129	Luke Gregory	£7
5 th No 75	Ian Redfern	£5
6 th No 96	Margaret Gould - Newfield	£4

Thank you, to all 122 Members

GIFT DAY DONATIONS - Harris Close, Nick and Lillian, Terry and Jean, Heather Stubbs, N and L Wainwright, H M Shann, Joe and Pam, Derek Titterton, 2 Anon

Thank you to everybody who has given so generously. The proceeds will go towards the upkeep of St Luke's. If anybody still wishes to donate to Gift Day please give it to Ann, George, Chris or any member of the PCC.

FLOWER FESTIVAL - Thank you to everybody who has helped to make the flower festival a great success we raised an impressive £1,648.45 which will go towards the up keep of St Luke's.

Raffle winners are 1st Ruby Allen - £20 Manifold Inn voucher, 2nd Mrs Fearn, Hartington - Afternoon Tea for 4 at the Tea Junction, 3rd Nellie Gould - Whisky, 4th Barbara, Hollinsclough - Smellies, 5th Mr Birds, Biggin - Wine, 6th Mae Buxton - Heroes.

Winner of Bob the Builder - Lesley Wainwright

Winner of Guess the weight of the cake - Joe Bennett 41b 4oz

We would like to thank our models Amy, Olivia, Sharon, Susan and Pam who all modelled like professionals and did a fantastic job at the fashion show.

DECORATING CHURCH FOR HARVEST - Saturday 17th at 10am if anybody would like to donate fruit, vegetables, flowers or groceries please leave in church or if you would like to help arrange the donated fruit and vegetables in the windows please come along it won't take long if there are a few people to help.

HARVEST SERVICE - Sunday 18th September see back of magazine for time of service.

HARVEST SALE - Monday 19th September at 7.30pm in church. This is when we auction of all the produce which has been donated in aid of St Luke's church funds.

WAKES COFFEE MORNING!!!!!! - Put it in your diary early notification Saturday 22nd October this is a change from our annual Wakes Coffee Evening we are changing it to a Wakes Coffee Morning more information in next month's magazine.



BRASS CLEANING - Rose and Pat

FLOWERS - Joanne Rutherford

WHIST DRIVE -Friday 2nd and 30th September at 8pm start in Sheen Village Hall. All profit goes to St Luke's church.

THANK YOU - to everybody who has dedicated a hymn book.

ANN HARRISON - wishes to thank the Paramedics and all who helped in any way when I was taken ill at Sheen Village Hall on 9th June I am very grateful to you all

AEROBICS CLASS - New aerobics class starts Thursday 1st September all you need is loose fitting clothing a pair of trainers, bottle of water and a sense of humour. Cost of the class is £3per session. If you require any further information, please contact Pam Belfield on 84809.

POST OFFICE OPENINGS IN SHEEN - Monday mornings 9am to 1pm in Sheen Village Hall.

Newtown

From the start of the month our Thursday morning service will be starting at the slightly later time of 10.00. This will enable the Vicar to take an assembly at Longnor at 9.15 for the pupils from both St. Bartholomew's School and Flash School. We hope that the new time will not be a problem and we invite others to join us at Newtown on a Thursday for the short service and the refreshments that follow.

Many **thanks** to all who supported our Gift day Service on Sunday, 7th August. We raised a total of £98 for church funds, which is most appreciated.

Donations were received from: Eric, Millie and Kath; Ewart, Pauline and family; Les and Nanette; Joyce Hollinshead; Freda and John Perkins; John and Mavis; Nettie Cook, Frank and Joan Deaville; Edith and Victor; 1 Anon.

Thank you Andrew for all the mowing you do round the church, it always keeps the place neat and tidy.

See you all at the Harvest, Sunday 18th September.

Reapsmoor

Donation to Reapsmoor Church gratefully received from Mrs Joyce Mellor in memory of her dear parents, Mr and Mrs J. Sutton.

Hollinsclough

History Live Wednesday, 7th September at 7.30pm in Hollinsclough Chapel Hall

Mystery Objects

We have an unusual start to the season with Mystery Objects. Join Chris Copp, County

Museums Officer, in a local version of the Antiques Roadshow. Chris will try to fox us with historical items from the Shugborough collection. We are invited to bring along unusual items from our own attics and barns for similar identification.

Our renowned refreshments are included in the £2.50 admission. Membership costs £5 and entitles you to a reduced admission charge. For more details contact Sue: 01298 83269.

Action Group

Next meeting Monday, 5th at 7.30 pm in the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome.

Appeal Decision

Site visit made on 28 June 2011
by Peter Willows BA DipUED MRTPI
an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Decision date: 4 August 2011 Appeal Ref: APP/M9496/A/11/2148112

Field No 3864, Land off Carr Lane, Hollinsclough, Nr Longnor, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 OEW

The appeal is made by Mr John Fenton against the decision of Peak District National Park Authority. The development is a proposed natural burial ground with combined agricultural grazing use.

Decision

1. The appeal is dismissed.

Warslow



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Monday, 26th at 8pm

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

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From the Readership

A friend sent me this after the death of our much-loved little dog

Four-Feet by Rudyard Kipling

I have done mostly what most men do,
And pushed it out of my mind;
But I can't forget, if I wanted to,
Four-Feet trotting behind.

Day after day, the whole day through --
Wherever my road inclined --
Four-feet said, "I am coming with you!"
And trotted along behind.

Now I must go by some other round, --
Which I shall never find --
Somewhere that does not carry the sound
Of Four-Feet trotting behind.

From the Manse

My father was born in the village of Tansley outside Matlock and when he retired he went to live there. In his youth he was a nurseryman like his father and grandfather. As a boy I went there to visit my grandparents and I always knew that a part

of me came from that northern, rural background. However, I was also Londoner.

I was born in Brentford and after that lived south of the Thames. As a youngster my parents had no qualms about me getting a train to spend a day at Lords watching the

cricket or sometimes just to explore the city. It was and is an exciting place!

Forty-five years after I last lived there, as I watched parts of the city go up in flames and witnessed the looting of shops I felt the anger which comes when a place you love is trashed! Around the world, a great city which will next year host the Olympics, has had its reputation besmirched.

Already, people are piling in to provide explanations and there is no doubt that in our great cities there are people who feel they have no stake in the future and are willing to destroy the very towns and society on which they depend. Why they are so alienated will be discussed over the coming months and hopefully lessons will be learnt.

There is one factor which may not often be mentioned. It is the withdrawal of the church from many of our most deprived estates. It is sadly true that many Methodist churches have closed on the estates where they have existed for many years. Why? As in rural areas and urban areas, they have often failed to relate to the community around them. People have got older and died. On poor estates, the most able and go-ahead have often left when they got the chance.

What has been the effect? Whilst it was never the case that every child went to Sunday School or church youth club, nevertheless the Church helped to create communities where people felt they mattered and where certain values were absorbed. Some came to faith and helped provide Christian leadership in the wider community.

For five years I lived in Brierley Hill in the Black Country. During the 1930's the steel works closed for several years and many local industries laid off workers. There was mass unemployment and great hardship at a time when social security was meagre.

In a sermon at the church in Brierley Hill, I once suggested that violence and criminality was a consequence of poverty. After the service a posse of older women confronted me. They wanted me to know that in Brierley Hill in the 1930's there was no violence and very little criminal behaviour. The Methodist chapels and other churches had created an atmosphere in which people supported each other, watched over each other's children, lived by values of respect for oneself and others and helpfulness to those in need.

What the great faiths give to those who are open to them, is a framework of values within which to live. This doesn't mean that Christians don't struggle for social justice and better conditions. They do, but they recognise that justice for both rich and poor must go together with a sense of responsibility before God, towards one's community and deep within oneself.

Within our own community, I wonder by what values we will be living in another thirty years - Christian values or the values which lead to greed, bitterness, isolation and lack of self-control. At a time when the church is frail, what kind of church should we be for the sake of our community and what support might the community feel it wants to give to the church - for the sake of the future?

Christ's "Peace" be with you all. Colin

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Services in the Benefice for September 2011

	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday 4 th September	Wakes Week Service 6.30pm	Morning Prayer 11.30am	Morning Prayer 10.00am			Evans 6.30pm	
Sunday 11 th	Evening Service 6.30pm	Holy Communion 11.00am				At Earl Sterndale 6.30pm	
Sunday 18 th	All Age Worship 11.00am		Harvest 6.30pm	Harvest 2.30pm	Holy Communion 9.30am	At Flagg Harvest 2.30pm	
Sunday 25 th	Harvest 6.30pm	Harvest 2.30pm	Holy Communion 10.00am			At Earl Sterndale 6.30pm	
Sunday 2 nd October	Holy Communion 6.30pm		All Age Worship 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.30pm	Harvest 2.30pm	Rev Colin Smith Holy Communion 2.30pm	
Newtown - Short morning service 10.00 am each Thursday							