

Shap Endowed CE Primary School News Easter 2008

This has been a very busy term even though it has been a short one because of the early Easter. We are a happy school. The children seem to like coming to school even on the gloomiest of days and we've had our fair share of those including one day when we had to close early because of snow.

Our Easter Fair run by Friends of Shap School (FOSS) was a tremendous success raising £593 which will be used to buy those extra treats that make school life special – Christmas theatre and gifts, subsidies for some school visits, the Leavers' Barbecue and special equipment. Many thanks if you came to the Fair or supported it in any way.

We always welcome visitors into school and we have thoroughly enjoyed having Soumiya Erragragui with us. She is a French university student and has been at Shap Primary School as part of a European Community funded Comenius scheme. She has been helping children with their French – a subject we started across the school this year – and with finding out about the French way of life. As she is a practising Muslim, she has also contributed to lessons in RE with Y5/6. Her stay culminated in a French Day enjoyed by staff, pupils and parents. This included a French breakfast and a French market place where the children displayed and sold baking, art and craft. All the children performed songs in French as well.

Recently we have had Albie, a professional Afro Caribbean dancer, in school. All the children love Albie and want to join in with him. We have a very fit, active set of children in this school and we have recently been awarded the Active Mark for the second year running for exceptional sports delivery and participation.

We have been enjoying our new community classroom with plenty of cookery going on including a very successful after school cookery club. The CDC has also been using the room for adult education classes. The new room is light and airy with a good view out the back onto a new piece of school land where we are building fresh raised beds for our gardening club as well as developing an outdoor classroom. We also have plans for landscaping the front of the school but these have been put on hold while our drains are investigated!!

Whilst 90% of our new build is funded, the governors have to raise 10%. On a build of approximately £200,000 that's a lot of fund raising. One of our main ways of raising regular funds is our Hundred Club. I know that many people in the wider community have been members of this and we are very grateful to all of you for your support. We are on a bit of a recruitment drive at the moment so, if you would like a number, please contact Sarah Caton in the School Office. Essentially you would pay £1 a week to be in the fortnightly draw when £100 is won each time by a number holder – excellent odds! You can pay in small amounts or for a year at a time. Sarah will be only too happy to help. Another ten or so investors would make all the difference.

We are now looking forward to the sunny days of the Summer Term with many more activities to come.

Lois Whittaker Headteacher

Dear Friends

I write my last parish letter to you this month. It is exactly 6 years since I came here as vicar of Shap and Bampton. Even in this short time, as I look back, our village has changed quite a bit. People have moved out and many new people have moved in .. our school has grown considerably .. Some things are no more (eg the Rose Fete) but new ideas have taken root and Shap continues to enjoy a lively community spirit with many amenities that are the envy of other villages. We don't appreciate how well off we are! For me and my family it has been a good time and we hope that we will keep in touch with the village and the many friends we have made here. Although I am retiring as the parish priest I am still continuing with my work as training advisor throughout the Appleby deanery so I shall hopefully keep in contact through that when the new vicar takes up post. We hope this will be by September but nothing is certain.

In the near future Sam and I hope to move nearer to Kirkby Stephen to be nearer to our grandchildren. I cannot imagine what retirement will be like .. But fully intend to have more time for my family, for my hobbies and maybe do a bit more travelling and visiting. I look forward to less meetings, less time spent racing from one parish to another .. But I am sure that I shall miss a lot about parish life .. all my crafty days with the kids .. Maybe still do some of that! .. Being part of a village community which has accepted my ministry here and made all my family feel at home. But I look forward to new things and hope and pray that the next vicar will be as happy here as we have been.

So one month to go .. in which we welcome bishop James on Monday the 14th April .. When we are going to take him on the 'Good Friday walk' via Shap Abbey and Keld Chapel (it's 20 years since these walks began) all are welcome .. Please come along. He should be well equipped for the walk as last time he was here I took him for new trainers to New Balance!

So with thoughts of good byes ..(and please come along on the 27th at 4pm to my last service) .. All changes, even the most longed for have their melancholy; for what we leave behind us is part of ourselves; We must die to one life before we can enter into another.

*God bless you all
Carole*



SHAP NEW YOUTH CENTRE PROJECT NEWS

Progress on the new Youth Centre has been slow since getting planning approval last year, though we are continuing the long job of fund-raising bids and activities. Our winter has tragically included the sad loss of Sue Bennett (youth leader from Eden Community Outdoors) and also of Simon Howden (our architect). They were both killed in separate accidents and leave our Youth Centre Steering Committee desperately missing their vital contributions.

Although at times it seems impossible to continue without their involvement, this we must do, and our first job must be to form a new Steering Committee so that the valuable work Sue & Simon were helping us with can continue to fruition.

So if you think you could assist with our project (e.g. helping design, fund-raising, building, youth liaison), whatever age you are (youth members are especially welcome) please contact Dave Corrie at The Old Spa Shop or on 716250, or just turn up to our meetings which will be advertised on the village notice board.

Shap Junior Youth Club held a talent night and raised £137.04 for the new youth club. Dalton Frith was the winner, well done to all who took part.

PAST TIMES AND PASTIMES. Saturday 12th , Sunday 13th July

We will be holding an exhibition in Church with the above title and are inviting anyone who would like to display their skills and hobbies to join in.

More details will be given in the next magazine but if anyone is interested Ann Mallinson 716769 or Jean Jackson 716671 would be delighted to hear from you.

Shap Local History Society

April 28th Short Annual General Meeting and Photo Quiz

*After six years our very capable Treasurer would like to take a back seat
- if anyone can help with this job please contact
Jean Jackson (716671) or Liz Amos (716244)*

May 19th Aspects of Wigton - Leo Holden

Both meetings in the Green Room, Shap Memorial Hall 7.30pm

SUMMER EXHIBITION Victorian Shap

Opening on Saturday 24th May 11am - 4pm, Sunday 25th May and Monday 26th May 2 - 4pm, then weekends 1 - 4pm

The Society are still seeking any items of interest for this exhibition.

Shap Medical Practice New Surgery

As many people in Shap will be aware, we are well along the road with plans to develop a new Health Centre for Shap and surrounding area. We were absolutely delighted when the Strategic Health Authority announced that we had been successful in a bid to secure funding for this project over 3 yrs ago. Since then we have been working closely with the Primary Care Trust to identify a site and then work with an architect and project staff at the PCT to move this exciting venture forward.

Shap Surgery has been on the current site for many years, and has had several remodels in that time. It was initially built for one GP and we now have a far bigger staff and are able to provide a more comprehensive service than years ago. We have long outgrown the old building and need a new one, built for the 21st Century, with scope for us to develop the services we offer still further.

As you know, every year we perform a survey of some of our patients to help us to review the services we provide and strive to improve them. We have been delighted that the results of this have been so positive. However one of the comments that has consistently been made is that the waiting area is too small and not very comfortable. We are planning to change that along with the access, so that people with mobility problems will be able to get to see us more easily. Another issue raised in the survey has been concern over confidentiality in the reception area. This will be improved and a separate room for privacy provided when needed. We are also very short of space for all our administrative staff and we need more space for the dispensary so that we can improve the service we provide for dispensing prescriptions. We will have more consulting rooms to allow more health professionals to work from the new premises in the future, and we hope to provide a much needed base for our Health Visitor, District Nurses and Midwife back in Shap instead of in Appleby and Temple Sowerby where they are now. We will even have a car park that should have space for all!

Please come and look at the plans. We hope you feel that it will provide Shap with the modern and spacious Health Centre it deserves. It will certainly allow us to plan our services for the future care of our patients with much better facilities.

SHAP MEDICAL PRACTICE

Tel. No 01931 716230

Fax. No. 01931 716231

Partners: Dr. H. A. Dunning Dr. M. M. E. McCabe Dr. T. Stenhouse

SURGERY TIMES

8.30 am - 6.30 pm Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri

8.30 am - 1.00 pm Thurs

Reception is closed 1.30-2.30 pm

Protected Learning Time for Staff Development

Tue 15th April

The Surgery will be closed during the afternoon and the Cuedoc system will cover from 1.00 - 5.00 pm

IN AN EMERGENCY CONTACT CUEDOC ON 01228 401999

Telephoning for Results

Please phone for the results of tests or investigations between **2 and 3 pm**, one week after you have had them done

The Surgery will be closed Monday 5th May and Monday 26th May (other days as normal). Please order prescriptions in the normal way ensuring you have enough for the holiday period.

ARE YOU A CARER?

DO YOU LOOK AFTER A RELATIVE OR FRIEND WHO COULD NOT MANAGE WITHOUT YOUR HELP?

DO YOU FEEL YOU WOULD BENEFIT FROM SOME SUPPORT?

SPEAK TO THE DOCTOR, NURSE, DISPENSER
OR RECEPTIONIST
WHO WILL BE ABLE TO POINT YOU IN THE
RIGHT DIRECTION.

Dear Residents,

Just a quick update for you, for those of you who don't already know the new community officer for the Shap area, it is now PC 358 Nick Hodgkinson who has taken over after PC 80 Steve Wilkinson stepped down due to ill health in August 2007. Feel free to contact us on any of the below details or approach us in the street regarding any issues in the village, e.g Drugs or antisocial behaviour.

Community Police Officer Contact Details:

PC 358 Nick Hodgkinson
Appleby Local Policing Team
Shap Area North Community Officer
Appleby Police Station
Appleby, Penrith, Cumbria CA16 6XN
Tel: 0845 33 00 247 Ext 3101
Mobile: 07980747398
Email: nick.hodgkinson@cumbria.police.uk

Police Community Support Officer Details:

PCSO 5195 Stuart Brownrigg
Appleby Local Policing Team
Shap Area North Community Support Officer
Appleby Police Station
Appleby, Penrith, Cumbria CA16 6XN
Tel: 0845 33 00 247 Ext 3115
Mobile: 07967572195
Email: stuart.brownrigg@cumbria.police.uk



1st Shap Cubs

We would love to hear from anyone in the area who would like to help John with the Cub Pack on a Wednesday evening from 7 - 8.30 pm. It is a rewarding and interesting opportunity to come and be part of a friendly cub pack. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

If you need any more information please contact:
Anna Dutson on 01931 716195 or John Basnett on 01539 624525

SHAP SWIMMING POOL

Desperate help needed for pool maintenance.

We need any volunteers to help with pool maintenance approx 3hrs a week (that's all!) if you would like to help phone Claire 716105

Shap Community Development Centre

Courses starting after Easter

Pen & Wash for Beginners & Improvers Mon 14th April
1300-1500 10 sessions

Details to be confirmed for the following courses –
please register an interest with us

Desk Top Publishing Spanish for Beginners
Adobe Photoshop Beginners
Adult Learners Week see posters for details 19th - 23rd May

UK online at Shap CDC

We can offer you FREE one to one help in using a computer to get you started – then you can join a small group and we will lead you through the internet and show you how to use email....

Contact Janet or Sharron at Shap CDC, tel 716447

Office hours: Mon & Fri 0900 – 1200 during term-time.

TEBAY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On behalf of everyone here at Tebay Community Primary School can I pass on our thanks for your support in our Peoples Millions lottery bid.

It was a very exciting time here in the school, the whole community and surrounding areas really pulled together to support the school.

Thank you again *Tracy Morland* School Administrator

PLEASE TRY AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PLAYGROUP EVERYONE WELCOME

Family sessions 0-5 years: Monday - Thursday afternoons 1.15 - 3.15 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday mornings 9.15 - 11.15 am
3 - 5 years: Monday morning / Tuesday afternoon
(Child able to be left under the supervision of Playleader)

9 mths - 1 year £1.10 1 - 3 years £2.20 3 - 5 years £2.90
Tea/coffee 60p

Call in for more details we will be happy to see you,
tel: 07505879297 or Glenis Furness home 716484

SHAP PLAYGROUP CO-OP DIVIDEND NUMBER 2512

YOUTH CLUB/PLAYGROUP/NEW SPORTS HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

25th January 2008

22nd February 2008

£100 Jim Mason

£100 Eric Davies

£50 Mike Huddart

£50 Diane Bentley

£20 Ann Morrison

£20 Flora Fishwick

You've got to be in it to win it!
If you would like to join the lottery contact
Glenis Furness 716484

Shap School 100 Club Winners

January

Louise Pattinson

Andrea Benson

February

Karen Edmondson

Andrew Wood

Anita Sharratt

March

Mrs A Barnett

Jackie Wills

To be in it contact Sarah Caton
tel: 716274

Highlights Rural Touring Scheme – in Shap Memorial Hall

Friday 25th April 7.30pm

‘The Devil’s Violin’

Tickets: £6 Conc. £4.50 Family £16

For tickets and further information please contact Janet Wood 716273

Fifteen years ago Daniel Morden came across a book called *Gypsy Folk Tales*, published in the 1920s. The stories were collected from the Wood family in North Wales who spoke Welsh, English and a very pure form of Romany that could be traced back to Sanskrit. Daniel rewrote the collected stories and the collection was published in 2005 as *‘Dark Tales from the Woods’* and went on to win the Tir Na Nog Children's Book Prize.

The Devil’s Violin is a gripping performance of these forgotten Roma Gypsy tales combined with traditional and atmospheric music. The performance will travel from Eastern Europe westwards to Wales with the stories and music reflecting this journey. Daniel Morden joins forces with musicians Oliver Wilson-Dickson (violin), Luke Goss (accordion), and Sarah Moody (cello) to create an extraordinary evening full of passion and drama. Aimed at adults and older children, this magical piece promises to fuse the best elements of storytelling, traditional Gypsy music and theatre.

Contemporary Craft Tour - KNIT 2GETHER

Fri 9th – Sun 11th May 11am – 5.00pm FREE Admission

Ruth Lee will be creating new works for the tour that draw on the expertise of traditional knitters of the Borders area, Cumbria and the Dales. Her aim is to move beyond the functional to create an art form that is not simply an imitation of past work but is something fresh and individual.

Biddy Rychnovsky’s work explores themes which challenge common perceptions of knitting and its traditional associations with garments. She explores ways in which knitting can be combined with other media and experiments with material unrelated to knitting. Her most recent work combines knitting with DNA research and light in wall-mounted pieces. One of the makers will be present at the exhibition.

Can you help? - We are compiling a rota for volunteers who are prepared to help either stewarding or serving refreshments over the three days. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact Janet Wood 716273. any help would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the event will go towards the redecoration of the Memorial Hall.

SHAP WITH SHAP RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MONDAY, 21 APRIL 2008

at 7.30pm

Memorial Hall – Green Room

THIS IS YOUR MEETING, please try to come along, you will be most welcome.

Please see Market Cross notice board for agenda which will be available from 7 April 2008.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

**Playgroup
Pudding Night**

Memorial Hall

**Thursday
24th April
7 pm - 9 pm
Everyone welcome**

SHAP EVERGREEN CLUB

**WELCOMES YOU ALL TO OUR
COFFEE MORNING
AND TEA AND BISCUITS
Saturday 24th May
Memorial
9.30 am - 11.30 am**

**ALSO RAFFLE, CAKE STALL
&
VARIOUS OTHER STALLS**

**ALL VERY WELCOME
ADMISSION 50p**

St Michaels Church

**All Day Breakfast
Shap Memorial Hall
Sunday 4th May
9am to 3pm.
£5**

FREE WOOD CHIPPINGS

Please note that there is a pile of wood chippings at Force Beck. You may find these useful as a mulch on your garden and you are welcome to help yourself FREE of charge – just leave the site tidy. Thank you.

VILLAGE DIARY

APRIL

Monday 14th	12 noon	Bishops Walk	St. Michael's
Monday 21st	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Green Room
Thursday 24th	7.00 pm	Pudding Night	Memorial Hall
Friday 25th	7.30 pm	'The Devil's Violin'	Memorial Hall
Monday 28th	7.30 pm	History Society	Green Room

MAY

Sunday 4th	9am - 3pm	All Day Breakfast	Memorial Hall
Friday 9th - 11th	11 am - 5 pm	KNIT2GETHER	Memorial Hall
Thursday 15th	2.00 pm	Mothers Union	Reading Room
Monday 19th	7.30 pm	History Society	Green Room
Saturday 24th	11.00 am	Summer Exhibition	Market Cross

CLAIMING DATES

12/13th July		Pastimes & Past Times	St. Michael's
16th August		Flower Show	
12th September		Auction of Promises	
26th September		St. Michael's Meal	
14th November		Turkey & Tinsel Meal	Memorial Hall
28th November		Christmas Fayre & Dominoes	Memorial Hall

The Reverend Carole Marsden

Most people will now know that Carole will be leaving Shap at the end of April. In the six years she has been here Carole has carried out her role as Priest in Charge of the Parish with great dedication and enthusiasm. She, along with her family have immersed themselves into life in the village and they will be greatly missed.

Whether we are regular church goers or not, most people will have had contact with her through her involvement with the school and childrens groups as well as those for who she has conducted Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

We plan to make a presentation to her to mark her years here and if anyone would like to contribute to this fund would they please contact Elsie Davidson 716752 or Jean Jackson 716671. The fund will close on 20th April 2008

Carole's last service will be held at Shap on Sunday 24th April at 4pm followed by the presentation and a supper. We would warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us then to help us show our appreciation for her work here. Anyone wishing to contribute to the supper should ring Sylvia Hodgson on 716619.

Jean Jackson

Warden at St Michaels Church, Shap with Swindale.

CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST CHURCH

Morning service 10.00 am Every Sunday in 'Cream 17' Coffee Shop

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil Mass 4.30 pm Every Saturday in St. Michael's Church

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Holy Communion 8.30 am Wed and on major Festival Days

Morning Prayer 8.30 am Tues & Fri

April	6th	11.00 am	Family Service
	13th	3.00 pm	Joint Service for the Start of Mission Week for the whole deanery at Ravonstonedale
	20th	10.30 am	Joint Service for the End of Mission Week Appleby
	27th	4.00 pm	Vicar's Last Sunday Service at Shap followed by refreshments

During the Inter-Regnum Sunday Worship will be at 11 o'clock see Parish and Church notice boards for details.

April	1st	2.00 pm	Mothers Union Deanery Service at Shap All welcome
	10th	7.00 pm	A.G.M. in church
	14th	12 noon	Walk with the Bishop .. Follow the route of the Good Friday Walk
		7.30 pm	Faith and Film Evening in Orton Market Hall with Bishop James
	24th	2.00 pm	Wasdale Service
	30th	7.30 pm	Cameo meets at Bampton Church Hall

CHRISTIAN AID

Last year with your help we raised £944 for Christian Aid. Many thanks again. Christian Aid Week this year will be May 11th - 17th. May I count on your support again, this time to raise £1000?

Thank you again in anticipation.

Doreen Lee

Correction: please note that the telephone number for Parish Councillor Mrs Adele Bindloss is 01931 716203 and not as was stated in the last edition of Shap Today.