

PASSION DRAMA, EASTER 2012

Recently a group of members of Anglican and Methodist churches in Bampton, Newbiggin-on-Lune, Orton, Ravenstonedale, Shap, Tebay met together to discuss the idea of putting on an Open Air Passion Drama in the centre of Orton next Easter, probably on Saturday 7th April 2012. The consensus of the meeting was, "Let's go for it!" This article is to invite everyone from our six villages, members of any church or none, adults or children, who might possibly be interested in being a part of the Passion Drama, to come and hear more about it, and hopefully to sign up to get involved.

PUBLIC MEETING Thursday 15th September in All Saints' Church, Orton, 7.30 p.m.

We don't only need actors speaking lines! Quite a number of non-speaking parts are needed, and especially members of the crowd – people to shout "Hosanna!" in one scene, and "Crucify him!" in another.

We need singers to join a chorus. We need musicians who can play instruments, whether guitar, flute, violin, trumpet or drum. We need people who can do woodwork to create three crosses, and a means of erecting them; and people who can make a Tomb from which the stone can be rolled away. Many other "stage props" like palm branches, swords and clubs, bowls of water, and a donkey – yes, a real one! – are also going to be needed, so we will need a "props team". And we will need people to help with costumes, and people who can do sound amplification, and people who can do publicity, or make-up ... the list goes on!!

If you think you, or people in your family, or anyone you know, can help in any of these ways, then **come along on Thursday 15th September!**

Come and ask questions, or make suggestions; and especially, come prepared to sign the list of people to take part in one way or another. There will be tea and biscuits too.

Christopher Jenkin; tel. 015396 24410

Garry Ion awarded Honorary Doctorate in Engineering by University of Bolton

Each year the university awards a limited number of Honorary awards to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to aspects of academic or public life and this year they have awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Engineering to Garry. Garry was brought up in Bampton and his parents and sister still live locally.

Construction Management graduate Garry Ion has been working in Africa for the past 16 years. Supported by the University's Student Services he overcame dyslexia to complete his degree with the top mark in his year. Since graduation Garry's job has been building schools and countries such as Sudan and Uganda, helping war victims rebuild their lives. Now based in Kampal, he works as a consultant for the Church Mission Society and local churches in remote parts of East Africa and the southern Sudan.

Congratulations Garry!

From Shap Vicarage

THANK YOU

This is by way of both an update on St Michael's church roof and a thank you to all of you who have already responded to last month's appeal. The generosity of donations and offers of help from those who have responded to our plight has given the small group of people who look after St Michael's a much needed boost. As I write this, the appeal fund stands at £12,500. This is tremendous news as most of this money has been raised from local people or those who have strong connections with St Michael's and Shap. Having said that we have received one donation from Canada. A young lady who had been on holiday here last year saw our plight whilst on the internet, and as she still had some UK currency left, simply popped it in an envelope and sent it to me.

Although we have made a wonderful start, we still have some way to go to reach our target. We are particularly encouraged by the way various groups and individuals in the community are seeking to organise fundraising. There will be a number of events happening over the next twelve months so please watch out for them and support them if you can. Shap Wells Hotel has also kindly offered to help, so again watch this space.

We now feel confident that with your continued support, St Michael's roof can be repaired. The architect has been instructed to draw up a specification and invite tenders so that we can at least start some of the work and stop any more water damage. However, the theft of lead from church roofs is an ongoing problem and only this morning I heard that Kirkby Stephens has suffered a similar fate. Therefore, **before** any repair work is undertaken it will be necessary to fit an alarm to protect the roof and this will cost an estimated £1,500.

St Michael's has been here for over 1200 years, generations of Shap families have worshipped within its walls, been baptised, married and had their funerals in it. They have celebrated all the great moments in the nation's history; indeed, St Michael's holds the history of this village within its very fabric. With your help, we will be able to pass on this wonderful building to future generations.

If you have not yet made a donation and feel you would like to do so it will be very welcome, simply post it through the vicarage letter box or get in touch with us if you would like someone to call and collect your contribution. You may also like to consider making a small but regular donation to St Michael's – remember it costs £400 a week just to keep our parish church open. You can contact me or one of our Church Wardens; Elaine Allison, Elsie Davidson, Wendy Fairer, Jean Jackson.

Thank you

Martin

Rev M Dew, Shap Vicarage. Tel 01931 716955

'100 years ago' - from The Herald – July & August 1911

Fine (hot, mid July) till final week (wet).

The West Ward Rural District Council reports no progress with its plan to get water from Mardale's tarns.

London says that Shap Parish Council can sell the Gayle Entrance (a small piece of land area 20 perches, (= just under ¼acre) to Shap Endowed School, though it was earmarked in the Shap Enclosure Award (1813) for the local roads use as source of stones or clay. The Shap Ratepayers met, mid July, and voted 32-2 to back this sale. 'Owd Mo' is coming to Shap Wesleyan Church on September's last Sunday and Monday. Their Anniversary is Saturday – Sunday 15 –16 July. Every evening at 7.30pm (not Saturday), two preachers hold forth in the Gospel Tent in Bayliffe's Garth, Shap, till Sunday 23rd.

Shap's Workhouse roll includes 19 mentally ill in the Garlands Asylum, Carlisle. Shap Rural District Council borrowed Barton's water-cart 5¾ years ago. Barton wants it back now.

Shap Urban District Council referred Mr. Thomas Dent (of Melton Mowbray)'s unfit house in Dent Row, Shap, to the local Government Board, London, as he disagrees. Motor-cars see Shap as a good straight run, and dash through in clouds of dust. Urban District Council to set a 10mph speed-limit. The Urban District Council also has a land squabble, involving Trainriggs Farm; adjourned.

Shap Workhouse's Matron, Mrs. Todd, has a nephew, Ralph Henley, M.A., now Professor of History in Manitoba University, Canada.

Married at St. Anne's on Sea Parish Church, 3rd, Harry Eastham of St Anne's to Mary Alice Clark of Shap.

Married in Shap Church 12th, Charles Henry, youngest son of William Gibson, Penrith, to Margaret, youngest daughter of James McGeum, Shap.

Died at 1, Foster Street, Shap, 6th, Jane wife of William Foster, 82.

Fine, hot August. Drought by 15th.

Train strike (national), settled by 26th.

Shap Cumberland & Westmorland Wrestling Academy's Competition, Saturday 12th, went well.

William Ion, labourer, Shap, was sent to prison for two months for repeatedly ignoring a Court order for £11-17-0 upkeep of his child since 1907.

To let, Shap Wells Hotel & Spa (Lowther Estate).

Married at Flattsburg, New York State, 18th July, Fred. W. Harrison, Shap, to Mary Ann Burns, of St. Patrick's Beaurivage, Quebec.

Died at Church Terrace, Shap, 15th, Ann Cooper, 74.

Joke - Teacher: Where was the Magna Carta signed?

Boy: At the bottom, sir.

Jeremy Godwin

Every where our children go, they are complimented on their good attitude and polite behaviour.

These are busy times as we prepare to say goodbye to Ruth Boustead and Tricia Barstead as well as John Mason who has done so much in school this year. Both Tricia and Ruth have been a very special part of Shap Primary school for fifteen years. They are so hard to replace - in fact four people will be doing Mrs Boustead's job!! Our farewells will happen in the last week of term once Sports day and Swimming galas are over. We plan a Big Garden party for them with parents and pupils there to give them a great send off.

As we also say, " Goodbye and Good Luck" to our Year 6 leavers, may I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the community who support the school in a wide variety of ways. We look forward to another successful year 2011 -2012. *Lois Whittaker* Headteacher

Ruth and Tricia would like to thank everyone who gave gifts and cards on their retirement. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. We will miss you all very much!

Shap School 100 Club Winners

May	June	July
Janet Mallinson	Jacqueline Reed	Ada Barnett
Pat Atkinson	Alan Barnett	Malcolm Mossman

"If anyone is interested in joining the 100 club, where the prize is £100 every two weeks, can they please contact Sarah Caton at the school - 01931 716274

YOUTH CLUB/PLAYGROUP/NEW YOUTH CENTRE PROJECT LOTTERY WINNERS

	10th June	8th July
£100	Jean Parker	Les Brunskill
£30	Suzanne Faulder	Bev Gee

You've got to be in it to win it!
If you would like to try and win £100 please ring
Glenis Furness 716484 for a number

Youth Club AGM Friday 16th September 7pm
in Reading Room at the Memorial Hall
Everyone welcome with new ideas etc.

From Shap Endowed Cof E Primary School

As the school year ends, we have much to celebrate. The school has again had a busy and successful year with good academic and sporting achievements as well as many exciting and enjoyable curriculum events. I am sure that everyone can remember the snow before and after Christmas - the school only closed for two days with everyone trying their best to get in to teach the children. Our performance of Snow White was very popular in the community with all children from Year 1 to year 6 taking an active part. Nursery and Reception performed their Nativity play to an admiring audience. We then created decorations for the Christmas Tree festival in St Michael's Church.

We were so proud to see Kidsty Pike class (Year 1 and Year 2 pupils) lead the May Day parade in Penrith with their Story giant, Sam the Shepherd Boy. They were the youngest pupils there and performed their story brilliantly outside St Andrew's Church. We were also proud to represent the school at the bicentenary of Church Schools in the Cathedral.

Much more recently, our very exciting Flock week involved the whole community. This was a geography and craft week based around Eden Arts flock project to make as many pom- pom sheep as possible but much more than that happened during the week: There was lots of Geography, locating sheep breeds around Britain and the world and identifying hill farming areas. There was a spinning demonstration by Jean Wildish from Woolclip, a very exciting "One Man and his Dog" demonstration by John Harrison and a special Worship Time by Donald Marsden from Lambing Live. Catbells and Skiddaw classes met a lamb brought in by Laila Carruthers and then the next day very happily made lamb burgers (not from the visiting lamb!!) Parents came in and had lots of fun with the children, sharing their learning.

There have been many visits to enhance the curriculum. Catbells and Skiddaw went on a Bear Hunt earlier in the year and then Catbells visited Morecambe as part of their Seaside topic while Year 1 pupils went to Pirate Island on Derwentwater in search of treasure. Blencathra class went to Newcastle to the Life Centre and recently to Shap Wells to see the red squirrels. - they saw lots of them. Kidsty Pike had a thrilling two day residential at Hawkshead while Helvellyn class (Years 5 and 6) had a great time spending two days in Liverpool including a sing song in the Beatles museum and a ferry cross the Mersey. Year 6 also had a fascinating morning in Bampton, finding out about the Tinclat Library, counting wildflowers in the churchyard and exploring the church.

PLEASE HELP PROTECT OUR NATIVE RED SQUIRRELS

The Red Squirrel is the UK's only native squirrel and Shap Parish red squirrels urgently need your help to prevent them from becoming extinct. They are under increasing threat from the grey squirrel, an introduction from America that out-competes them for food and carries the awful Squirrel Pox Virus (SQPV) that they themselves are immune to but which, when passed on to a red squirrel, causes the reds slow and painful death.

At the moment, the only way to save our reds is to keep the two species apart which we do by controlling the invading grey squirrels. There have been outbreaks of SQPV in this area therefore it is essential that sightings of both grey squirrels, and any sickly reds, are reported to your local volunteer coordinator (Stuart Lewis) immediately. Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group is a network of local volunteers working together to preserve our iconic, and genetically unique, Cumbrian red squirrel, but we need your support to help us;

- Buy traps & feed for grey squirrel control
- Buy feeders & feed for monitoring reds
- Fund blood sampling for research into SQPV
- Fund educational & promotional material
- Fund ongoing awareness campaigns

Fund our squirrel rangers

Can you help?

We are volunteers so every penny that we raise goes directly towards red squirrel conservation. Why not send a donation or become a member, and encourage others to do so too, hold an event to raise money or give some time, for more information on the many ways you can help please contact Richard Dyke at info@penrithredsquirrels.org.uk or visit www.penrithredsquirrels.org.uk.

We also urgently need more volunteers, especially at ground level, to undertake trap checking or grey control in your area (full training provided).

If you can help in any way please contact; **Stuart Lewis** on **07528 255861**

Your support would be greatly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to

Penrith & District Red Squirrel Group and sent to;

The Estate Office, Lowther, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 2HG.

P&DRSG is a registered charity.



Two Cumbrian businesses have once again made a significant financial contribution to help save Cumbria's red squirrels. Furness Building Society's Red Squirrel Premier Savings Account has raised over £21,500 in the last year for this iconic animal while the sale of special red squirrel goods by Lake District Estates has contributed £1156.65 to its survival.

HISTORY IN HOUSES by Jean Scott-Smith
No 52 – Stone Bower

Over the front door is the initial F above J & A and the date 1840; the builder was John Fell who died in 1859, he was the son of another John, a Swindale landowner who died in 1851 aged 100 years, recorded in the 1851 census as being 99 years old and farmer of 14 acres. He was reputedly the first centenarian buried in Shap churchyard. The 1851 census also names Ann Fell as a landed proprietor with five children aged between nine months and 11 years, however no husband is named; she may have been a widow although she was indicated as being married.



In *Shappe in Bygone Days*, it is noted that Hutchinson and Brown two of the contractors for the railway construction (1844-6) stayed at Stone Bower.

Kelly's directory of 1856 names John Fell a farmer at Stone Bower, and Bulmer's directory of 1885 names John Fell as a gentleman at Stone Bower and Mrs Ann Fell at Town end; also at the same address under the heading 'Farmers', John Fell is also listed as a yeoman and mole catcher.



Sadly, the family lost two sons in the First World War, the names of Herbert and Llewellyn Fell appear on the War memorial. The house remained home to the original family until well into the 1960s, the last of that line to live there were Albert and Mary Fell. The house has since changed hands several times.

One of the Fell family was a keen gardener, and mastered the art of topiary; he created the 'Cock and Hen Dyke', this was a Shap landmark, that featured on several postcards. Judging by photographs it not only depicted birds, but animals too.

Shap Local History Society

August 22nd ~ A Walk around Great Asby with Asby History Society
Meet at Great Asby Village hall, 6:45pm

September 26th ~ The Past, Present and Future of the Lancaster Canal Trust

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held in the Green Room starting 7.30 pm, entrance on the left hand side of the Memorial Hall. Visitors are welcome at any time, £3 per meeting.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Harvest Supper
Saturday 24th September

The Green Room
 Shap Memorial Hall
 7.00pm

See posters for details



or tel. 716671 /716273

High Westmorland Parishes
Joint Fundraising Event

Ceilidh with Reunion Band

Orton Market Hall
Friday 23rd September

Bring & Share Supper
B.Y.O.B.

Tickets:£6, Under 16's: £3
(Primary school children FREE)

Macmillan Coffee
Morning

Friday 30th September
 8.45 - 11.00am
 in Memorial Hall
CAKES RAFFLE etc.
 Everyone welcome



Playgroup
Soup & Sandwich
Friday 7th October

Memorial Hall
11.30am - 1pm

Watch posters for more details

SWINDALE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Students attending courses of further education are invited to apply to the above charity for assistance.

Apply in writing to by 31st August to:

Mr. E. Hodgson, Hon. Chairman of Trustees
Brackenrigg, 5 Oak Tree Close, Shap, Cumbria C10 3PR

**Circle Dance Evening
with Anne-Lise Kryger**

Shap Memorial Hall

Friday 5th August

7.30 – 10.00pm

**Beginners most welcome -
you don't need a partner!**

Tickets: £5 16 and under: £2.50
Primary Age: Free

Bring & Share Supper B.Y.O.B.

01931 716273

Proceeds to St Michael's Church

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

VILLAGE SHOW

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST

Memorial Hall

Entries to be submitted
8.30am - 9.45pm

Entries 20p - Maximum £5
Children - free

Hall to be cleared for judging
by 10am prompt

Show open to the Public at 12.30pm
Admission £1

Children and Exhibitors - Free

Auction of produce etc at 2.30pm

Schedules available from Andersons
Newsagents and Shap Post Office



SHAP SWIMMING POOL

The pool has been open since May Bank Holiday and all is going well. Two previous lifeguards, Ryan Nobbs and Leanne Fletcher, passed their 'refresher' course so are back to join us this year and Beth Dutson also started as a new lifeguard this summer after completing the course. We also welcome Jon Mann back again and are pleased to have such a strong, reliable team of lifeguards at the pool. Thanks to those people who donated items for the shop at the beginning of the season to help us get underway. - Andersons newsagents, David Kennedy from Orton Chocolate Shop, Jenny Smith and The Kings Arms.

We have also had much support in getting the pool ready for opening at the beginning of the season - thanks to Peter Allen, Dave Stuchberry, Steve Twiddy, Steven Benson, Peter Charnley and Darren Mc Guffog for their work behind the scenes. Again thanks to ALL those who volunteer in the shop and keep it all running so smoothly. If you are unable to commit to helping for an hour in the shop each week we are trialing a new system where people can sign up to come in for just one day (1-6pm) during this season. If this sounds more suitable to you then please do speak to Karen Edmondson on 07706812535

The main fundraising event of the Swimming Pool's year is SHAP'S GOT TALENT. This will take place on Saturday 3rd September this year giving you time to practice over the summer holidays! Entry forms can be found at the pool or in Andersons Newsagents. Please look out for posters around the village with more details nearer the time but put the date in your diaries - whether you wish to participate or come along to watch the show. We really appreciate the support this event has received in the last two years so hope to see you there.



Shap's Got Talent Saturday 3rd September Memorial Hall

See posters for details

Lost Cat - Frank - Thank You

Thank you for the support and help looking for my lost cat Frank. He went missing on the 29th May and sadly we have not found him. He was a beautiful black cat with a very distinctive white mark in the centre of his chest. I just hope that some one has adopted him in and is providing a loving home to him. If by some chance you have found him, my number is 07765127849. Many thanks. Lesley



Line Dancing Back !!
Wednesday 7th September
7.30
Memorial Hall
All Welcome £2

Shap Short Mat Bowling Club

Starts again
Thursday 8th September
7.30pm
Memorial Hall



'Raise the Roof'

Saturday 10th September

Memorial Hall

Live Music

Disco Bar Food

See Posters for Details

Shap Silly Sports

Sunday 11th September
Decorated
Wheelbarrow
Pavement
Procession
(meet at the
Firestation at noon)



Team Entries on the field
per person £2 Adult
£1 Child

Sports start approx. 2pm
Food and Bar on the field

VILLAGE DIARY

AUGUST

Friday 5th	7.30pm	Circle Dance	Memorial Hall
Sunday 21st	3.00pm	Annual Summer Service	Keld Chapel
Monday 22nd	6.45pm	History Society	Asby Village Hall
Saturday 27th		Village Show	Memorial Hall

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3rd		Shap's Got Talent	Memorial Hall
Thursday 8th	2.00pm	Mothers Union	Nab House
Saturday 10th	11am -3.30pm	Art& Craft Exhibition	Memorial Hall
Saturday 10th	evening	Raise the Roof - live music	
Sunday 11th		Shap Silly Sports	Sports Field
Friday 16th	7.00pm	Youth Club AGM	Reading Room
Saturday 24th	7.00pm	Harvest Supper	Green Room
Monday 26th	7.30pm	History Society	Green Room
Friday 30th	8.45-11am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall

CLAIMING DATES

Sat 15th Oct.		Evergreen Autumn Fair	Memorial Hall
Sat 22nd Oct		Playgroup Halloween Night	Memorial Hall
19th Nov		History Society with Ivan Day	Memorial Hall
Sun 20th Nov	7.30pm	'Standing in Line' (highlights show)	Memorial Hall
Sat 26th Nov		Christmas Fayre & Dominoes	Memorial Hall
Sat 3rd Dec	7.30pm	The Holly & the Ivy (Highlights show)	Memorial Hall

PLAYGROUP SUMMER SESSIONS

Mondays & Thursdays 10am - 12 noon

Come and have fun 0 - 5 years

tel: 07505879297

Christian Aid Collection realised £944.05

Very many thanks to all collectors and donors. We'll reach a £1000 some day!
Many thanks again. *Doreen*

St Michael's Church— 'Midweek Mess About'

An informal Christian celebration for families
with Fun, Food, Crafts and Music

2nd Wednesday monthly in the school hall

3.15 – 5.00pm **14th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov. 14th Dec**

For more details contact

Rev Beverley – 015396 24045 Janet Wood – 01931 716273

CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST CHURCH

Morning service 10.00am Every Sunday in 'Cream 17' Coffee Shop
Except 25th September (Harvest service in St Michael's)

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

7th August	11.00am	Let's Praise (all age worship)
14 th August	11.00am	Holy Communion
21st August	11.00am	Holy Communion
21 st August	3.00pm	Keld Chapel Service
28th August	11.00am	Morning Praise
4th September	11.00am	Let's Praise (all age worship)
11 th September	11.00am	Holy Communion
14th September	3.15pm	'Midweek Mess About' in school hall
18 th September	11.00am	Holy Communion
25 th September	11.00am	Harvest Praise

Wednesdays 10.00am Holy Communion followed by Coffee & Chat

4th Thursday 2.00pm Wasdale – short service followed by a chat – all welcome
25th August, 22nd September

Other special events in High Westmorland Parishes

The collection at the Joint Service in Shap Memorial Hall on 10th July amounted to £209.30. £105 was sent to The Disasters Emergency Appeal for Africa and the remainder to Shap Church Roof Appeal.

Helicopter flights from Orton on Saturday 13th August – phone 015396 24013 to see if there are any places left. £25 per person (aged 12 and over)

Our next joint event will be a Ceilidh at Orton on Friday 23rd September.

The PCC of St Michael's would like to thank all who supported recent events.

The following sums were raised

The Pies, Peas & Poetry evening £310-59,

The Garden Party at The Hermitage £587-25

The American Supper evening with Plumstruck £331-76 plus £88 for the Roof.

Last call for Confirmation

If you or anyone you know would like to consider becoming a confirmed member of The Church of England please contact Rev. Beverley as soon as possible. Tel: 015396 24025

Preparation meetings will take place between 16th - 19th August.

Confirmation Service at Shap Church
on Sunday 20th November 10.30am.

Annual Keld Chapel Service Sun 21st August 3.00pm