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FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

Worship through Passiontide, from the fifth Sunday of Lent to Easter, has something of the feeling of a journey about it. Following some traditions the journey is realised as people tread the way of the cross in pilgrimage but often in prayer, words and in pictorial terms, sometimes moving inside the church building. Those who keep Passiontide conscientiously in devotion to the cross often find the experience draws them closer and, significantly in this context, closer to God. We go from the journey through the cross to the resurrection, helping us to journey into discovering God anew who reveals compassion through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Sunday squeezed into Holy Week challenge us at the very heart of our faith.

Who is this God revealed by Jesus in the Gospels and how can we begin to prepare ourselves once again as Lent passes by ?

The Jesus we meet now has a unique dynamic to speak to us and our time and our generation. We are drawn to him for his attractiveness and an appealing humanity because he is somebody we like, can love, can feel for and feel with him. Jesus demands from us respect and reverence. He invites us in this week to model ourselves on him so that we can be reminded from our Easter faith a clearer understanding of how to reflect on a great love, humility and suffering and be better companions on the journey together as partner churches. God recreates that great love in our lives by such a precious gift on Easter Day.

Jonathan

Our morning prayer cycle weekdays from 9:00am takes us from:

March 30th-April 3rd	Startforth
April 6th-10th	Bowes
April 13th-17th	Brignall
April 20th-24th	Cotherstone
April 27th-May 1st	Eggleston

WHAT'S ON IN ROMALDKIRK IN APRIL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
TUE (every)	Morris Dancing (St.Romald's)	7.00-9.00pm	650096
WED (every)	Art Class	10.00am	01325 258483
THU (second in month)	WI	7.00pm	660395
SAT 4th	Coffee Morning	10.45am	650369
SUN 5th	Coglans Afternoon Tea	3.00pm	
THU 9th	WI	7.00pm	660395
TUE 21st	PACT Meeting	7.00pm	
TUE 21st,28th	Yoga	7.15pm	

ROMALDKIRK FAIR Saturday 15th August 2015

At an open meeting held on Sat. 14th March it was decided that the fair was to go ahead but as a result of reduced numbers of volunteers the number of individual stalls/events would have to be reduced.

This seemed a practical arrangement; if additional volunteers come forward more events are possible.

Events agreed :

- Tombola
- White Elephant (reduced)
- Book Stall/Plant Stall
- Raffle
- Teas in Reading Room
- Punch & Judy
- Teesdale Silver Band
- Fancy Dress
- Childrens Games
- Dog Show (To be confirmed)
- Crockery Smashing

Events on hold;

- Whisky Stall
- Tug of War (All age event if sufficient demand)
- Cake Stall

The White Elephant stall has always been one of the stalwarts of the fair. It does however take up a lot of resources and valuable volunteer time. It has been agreed that this year the White Elephant stall will be smaller but more selective in the items displayed.

Any contributions please contact Jeff Lynn (650217) or Sue Simpson (650369) who will arrange collection.

Jeff Lynn

WHAT'S ON IN MICKLETON IN APRIL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
MON (second in month)	Gardening Club	7.00pm	640940
MON (every)	Post Office	1.30 - 3.30pm	
TUE (third in month)	Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm	
WED (every)	Post Office	9.30 - 11.30am	
THU (every)	Lunch Club	11.00am	690752
FRI (every)	Post Office	1.30 - 3.30pm	
SUN (every)	Table Tennis Club	6.00pm	640886
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FRI 3rd	Cinema Club (see p.19)	6.00 & 8.00pm	640331
TUE 7th	Village Hall AGM	7.00pm	
SAT 11th	Table Top Sale	1.30pm	640331
SAT 11th	Family Ceilidh	7.30pm	640886
FRI 17th	Cinema Club (see p.19)	6.00 & 8.00pm	640331
SAT 18th	David Knopfler	8.00pm	640854



Partial eclipse of the Sun
Romaldkirk, Friday 20th March, 2015

WHAT'S ON IN COTHERSTONE IN APRIL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
MON (first in month, in term time)	Youth Club	6.00pm	650501
TUE (every, in term time)	Parent & Toddler	10.00am	
TUE (every, in term time)	Badminton	6.30pm	650007
WED (every)	Lunch Club	11.00am	650536
WED (second in month)	Parish Council	7.30pm	650215
WED (fourth in month)	Flower Club	7.30pm	650024
THU (first & third in month) (not Jan or Feb)	50/60 Club	7.00pm	650288
FRI (third in month)	U3A Music Appreciation	10.00am	
FRI (first & third in month, not Jan or Aug)	Friday Club	2.00pm	650331
FRI (first in month.)	Carpent Bowls	7.30pm	650215

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

5th April	Rev. A.Coustick (HC)	6.30pm
12th April	Mrs. S.Walton	6.30pm
19th April	(No Service)	
26th April	Rev. B.Hollings	6.30pm

COFFEE MORNINGS

Each Saturday, 10.00 - 11.30am
Cotherstone Methodist Church Schoolroom

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Brenda Thwaites

DALES FRIDAY CLUB

There will be one meeting in April, on Friday 17th, listed as 'A Games Afternoon'.

Contacts: Angela 01833 650627
 Marjorie 01833 650331

Marion Roberts

COTHERSTONE PARK

Could you volunteer with Cotherstone Park and Playground?

Spring is here and there's plenty of work to do keeping the park neat and tidy! Jobs include mowing, strimming, fence and bench maintenance, weeding and shrub and tree control. If you can give some time to help maintain the park please contact Emma Wilson.

Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to let us know how much they appreciate the park and playground and to all those who have given their time and financial support to the project. It is great to know all the hard work done by volunteers is recognised and that so many people enjoy the park.

If you would like to make a donation to help with the maintenance of the park please contact Anna Urbanowicz or drop donations in to Pensbury.

Anna Urbanowicz (Treasurer): 07740 40608;

anna.urbanowicz@hotmail.co.uk

Emma Wilson (Secretary): 0791 7012678; **emma@eastbriscoe.co.uk**

BRAIN TEASERS FOR EVERYONE

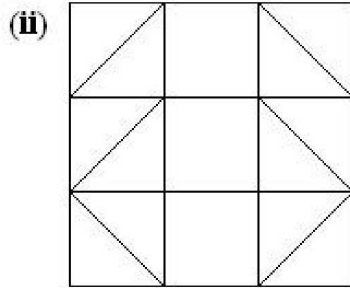
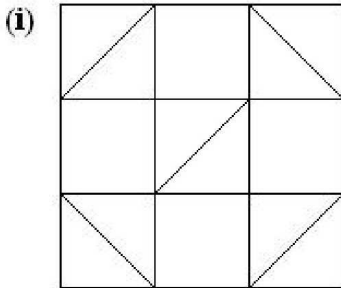
Answers to last month's Teasers

1.
 - (i) **8** cubes have three painted faces
 - (ii) **24** cubes have two painted faces
 - (iii) **24** cubes have one painted face
 - (iv) **8** cubes have no painted faces

2. **Derek** committed the crime.

BRAIN TEASERS (29)

1. If possible, draw these diagrams without taking your pencil off the paper and without drawing any line more than once.



LAST MONTH'S TEESDALE PUZZLE

Grassholme Reservoir, with Kirkcarrion behind

DO YOU KNOW TEESDALE (18)

Where is this?
(Answer next month)



HISTORIC MOTOR CYCLES



Ariel 500 cc, 1939



B.S.A. B33 499 cc, 1949



B.S.A. Bantam 125 cc, 1952

COTHERSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

World Book Day Report by Millie

For World Book Day we all went into the hall and we were split into two groups per house group. We did a quiz and Raby group won. Lots of people brought decorated shoeboxes in. The winners were:

Reception: Kitty

Year 1: Bethy

Year 2: Amy

Year 3: Robert

Year 4: Lauren

Year 5: Luke

Year 6: Millie

We all had a great day.

Cross Country Report by Charlotte and Lydia

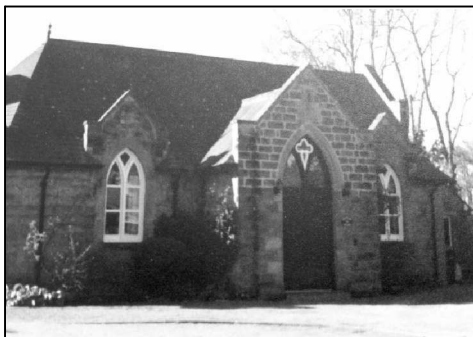
Key Stage 2 went to the cross country races at Staindrop Academy. Class 2 did an 800 metre course and Class 3 did 1 kilometre. We all finished in good places and enjoyed the day. We had a fun, exciting, fantastic and amazing time! We were all tired at the end of the day but we all enjoyed it.

FRIENDS OF COTHERSTONE SCHOOL

Friends of Cotherstone School are aiming to raise £1500 to purchase iPads and library books for the school. If you shop online at Amazon, M&S, John Lewis, Next, Tesco, Sainsbury's and many other retailers, insurance companies and travel providers you could help us raise this money by registering with easyfundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and selecting Friends of Cotherstone School. It will take 30 seconds of your time and cost you nothing. We get a donation of upto 6% of your total spend. Thank you for your support.

LARTINGTON HISTORY

Lartington Methodist Chapel



In 1911 Mr D M Spence, a devout Methodist, purchased the Lartington Estate. Soon after, he made provision for Methodist services to be held in a loft over a farm building at the top of the village with access via an outside ladder. Over 40 people normally attended Sunday services.

Mr Spence sold the estate in 1917 and left the village a piece of land in the centre of the village for a new chapel. It was not until the 1920's that the proposal was discussed to prepare and erect a building and Sunday school. An appeal was launched and donations were sought. Four local farmers promised to give £50 each for the building fund and volunteers were sought to cart stone from a nearby quarry to the building site. The contract was awarded to Walker Brothers of Bowes.

A foundation stone-laying ceremony was held in June 1922. A commemorative gold trowel was used for the occasion. Mr and Mrs Spence and family attended the ceremony and a tea for 200 people was provided in a marquee by Mr Norman Field, the new owner of Lartington Estate.

Next to the foundation stone a glass bottle time capsule was buried which contained a circuit plan with the names of the ministers and local preachers, a circular which was issued inviting subscriptions for the new chapel, a daily paper, a recent issue of the Teesdale Mercury and Methodist Recorder.

The chapel was officially opened on Thursday, 15 February 1923. The building had cost £1,400 raised by contributions along with a small grant from the committee and free of any debt. Mrs K F Hood, Mr Spence's daughter, performed the opening ceremony.

In 1973, a year-long programme of events commemorated the Golden Jubilee of the chapel. Sadly only a few years later due to a dwindling congregation the chapel and Sunday school closed and the building has been a private residence ever since.

June Watson

April Services 2015



Wednesday, April 1st

Romaldkirk 10:30am Eucharist

Thursday, April 2nd

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Startforth 7:00pm Eucharist & Vigil

Friday, April 3rd

GOOD FRIDAY

Laithkirk 2:00pm Liturgy of the Cross

Saturday, April 4th

EASTER SATURDAY

Cotherstone 8:00pm Eucharist

Sunday, April 5th

EASTER DAY

Romaldkirk 10:30am

Bowes 6:30pm

Sunday, April 12th

Cotherstone 10:30am United Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, April 19th

Cotherstone 10:00am Eucharist

Sunday, April 26th

Romaldkirk 9:00am Eucharist

Laithkirk 11:00am Eucharist.



**ROMALDKIRK ANNUAL
PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**
and Election of Curchwardens
Sunday 19th April 11:00am
St.Cuthbert's Cotherstone

The meeting will be held after the 10:00am service
Refreshments served after the meeting.
Please note change of venue

LAITHKIRK VESTRY MEETING & PARISH MEETING

The Vestry Meeting, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting, will take place at **7.30 p.m. on Monday April 20th** in church.

Margaret Walton

WANTED !
New Editor for the Parish Magazine

I have now served for seven years as editor of the Parish Magazine, but as old age approaches, it is time to retire and let someone younger take over. I shall relinquish the position after producing the June Magazine, and so we are urgently looking for a new editor.

May I suggest that all who read this page consider whether they themselves could do the job. It is interesting work, and provides an opportunity to make a real contribution to the life of our villages. You will need a computer, and while some familiarity with word processing techniques would be helpful, if you lack these skills you will soon acquire them. You will find the job occupies about two days a month. Each month you email the finished Magazine to our printers in Barnard Castle, and then your task is completed until work begins on the next month's edition. All financial matters, the collection of the printed magazines, and their distribution around the villages, are taken care of by our hard-working Treasurer and his willing army of volunteers.

While the new editor picks up the threads I shall, of course, be glad to give him or her as much or as little help as requested. I can hand over all the computer software I use, and copies of the last seven years' magazines.

I am confident that finding a new editor will not be difficult, so do please consider whether this is a job you could do. To talk it over, or ask for more information, phone the present editor on **650272** or email him at **hectorparr@freeuk.com** .

EDITOR

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Alec Sabey will be 17 on 1st April
Edward Sabey will be 14 on 1st April
Matthew Icton will be 13 on 4th April
Georgina Gill will be 14 on 7th April
Matthew Hendry will be 10 on 15th April
Lisa-Marie Wilson will be 13 on 16th April
Emma Gibson will be 15 on 17th April
Jasmine Blakeman will be 7 on 17th April
Che Eddy-Skriabin will be 18 on 20th April
Jack Robinson will be 10 on 21st April
Luke Robinson will be 10 on 21st April
Thomas Ross will be 7 on 26th April
Ella Blackburn will be 16 on 26th April



If you would like your birthday to be published please contact the Editor.

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USED STAMPS

Joan Anderson of Ivy Cottage, Romalldkirk would be pleased to receive any used stamps. They can be sent direct to Ivy Cottage, or placed in the boxes at the back of Romalldkirk, Cotherstone or Laithkirk Churches.

WHAT'S ON AT THE WITHAM

MUSIC

Wed 8 Apr 8:00pm: Royal Northern Sinfonia..

Fri 10 Apr 7:30pm: Master Musicians: The Life and Music of George Gershwin.

Sat 11 Apr 8:00pm: O'Hooley and Tidow.

Sat 18 Apr 8:00pm: King Bee.

Wed 29 Apr 7:30pm: Jazz Season: Djangologie.

THEATRE

Thu 16 Apr 7:00pm: National Theatre Live: The Hard Problem.

COMEDY

Tue 28 Apr 7:00pm: Mark Steel's in Town.

FUNNY WAY TO BE COMEDY CLUB

Sat 25 Apr 8:00pm: Gary Delaney.

FILM THURSDAYS

Check the website or call the Visitor Information Point

FAMILY FUN

Every Friday morning in term time: Jolly Babies at 9:30am and Music With Mummy at 10:15am.

Thu 9 Apr 1:30pm: Highlights Rural Touring: The Fisherman and The Pearl.

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GOOD MANNERS

From "Manners for Women" by Madge

The usual length of invitation for a dinner party is three weeks. but this is by no means a fixed rule

There are two forms of invitation, the purely formal, and the "friendly", as it may be almost officially called. The former is usually written on an invitation card, but not invariably so, while the latter is written on note paper of the small size known to stationers as "invitation note". The card is worded as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. A. request the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. B's company to dinner on Thursday 16th February at 8 o'clock. R.S.V.P.

The friendly note usually runs as follows:

Dear Mrs. B., Will you and Mr. B. give us the pleasure of your company at dinner on Thursday 16th February at 8 o'clock ?

From "Manners for Men" by Madge

It should be remembered that a quarter of an hour's grace is always understood in dinner invitations. Should the hour indicated be 8 o'clock, then care must be taken to time the arrival at five or ten minutes past the hour. But it is better to be too early than too late. A want of punctuality at this meal is unpardonable.

PRINCESS SALLY AND PRINCESS SELINA

The lion had still not seen or heard the pussy cats. "Sh!" said Princess Sally, "don't move while I look around. I must make sure we can backtrack to the den. Right! Now move backwards one step at a time, with no rustling noises." They got back to their den, and gave a sigh of relief. Then they got together to plan their next move. They wanted to see how many animals there were, and of what kinds. Sophie said she thought there was now a bigger selection of animals, for several new buildings had been put up, and some new areas marked out. There could be monkeys and birds as well as lions, for all the areas within the walls had been altered. There were wide open spaces, and enclosed areas.

It was now nearly dinner time, and Mother was expecting them, so off they went, with Syd and Tommy leading the way. "I hope we don't have to leave here," Syd said to Tommy. "I do like it here, and would love to stay for ever." Mother was on the step waiting for them, and their food was ready in a few minutes. After they had eaten they all went to sleep. When they woke up it was still light, so they asked Mother if they could go to their den again. "Don't be long," she replied.

They went straight to the zoo's main gate, to see if they could find a way in, and to see all the new buildings, the aviaries, the compounds for monkeys, the tall trees for the giraffes, and the lions' enclosures. But they were puzzled as to how they could get in without scaling the walls.

J. Scott

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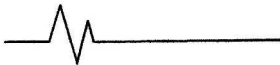


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Wednesday 9 – 3

Thursday 9 – 3

Friday 9 - 3

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Cotherstone Pre-school is registered with OFSTED to take up to 20 children each session and offers care for children from 2 years to school age. Funding is available for up to 15 hours a week for all 3 year old children and for some (means tested) 2 year olds.

Situated just behind Cotherstone Primary School, with open access to a lovely garden and play area, the Pre-school provides a compact, friendly environment for children to play, learn and explore their world. The Pre-school operates during the term times of the school. We are also considering opening a Breakfast Club, so if you might be interested in this, please let us know!

For further details or to arrange a visit please ring 07776 185946.

MICKLETON VILLAGE HALL CINEMA CLUB

Friday 3rd April

6.00pm Big Hero 6 (PG)

8.00pm Fury (15)

Friday 17th April

6.00pm Penguins of Madagascar (U)

8.00pm Hunger Games

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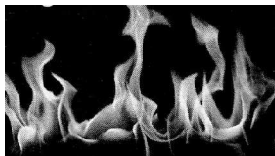
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