Brain of Beetham Quiz

This month our Quizmaster Clive Holden asks us all about "The Animal World"

Which creature:

- Is furry, though it suggests not? 1.
- 2. Provides a venue for golfers ?
- 3. Is not to be trusted?
- 4. Is a pious potato fryer?
- 5. Is a bit of a pest?
- Is the least bulky cat? 6.
- 7. Is a deadly sinner?
- 8. Does not hold an interesting conversation ?
- 9. Is only a feline ?

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- 10. Is easily amused?
- 11. Man's neighbour, though it keeps its distance ?
- 12. Fifteen to one in Argentina?

Answers to the January edition 'Reptiles and Rodents' guiz:-

- Mickey Mouse was originally named Mortimer Mouse. 1)
- Accept alligator or crocodile. (see you later...). 2)
- Crocodile (tears). 3)
- 4) Boa constrictor; (feather boa).
- An adder. 5)
- 6) Monitor (lizard).
- 7) Serpent (old musical instrument.).
- 8) Moccasin/Mocassin (venomous snake).
- 9) Hare (of Burke and Hare).
- 10) Mouse - as for a computer.
- 11) Jerboa, also known as a desert rat.
- 12) Lemmings, suspected of committing mass suicide.
- 13) **Dormouse**, at the Mad Hatter's party.
- Woodchuck (N. American rodent). 14)
- Shrew she who was tamed by Petruchio 15)

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'WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW IS LOVE SWEET LOVE, NO NOT JUST FOR SOME, BUT FOR EVERYONE' Hal David and Burt Bacharach.

There was a time, in a Land Far Far Away when it was considered that using the phrase "well THEY love themselves...." was a common put down towards the perceived person they felt had narcissistic tendencies. So as it is St Valentine's Day soon I thought it fitting that we should talk about.... no not Bruno of Encanto fame (though I was sorely tempted).... but of love.

At the moment the World really does need some love and kindness. There seems to be a global famine regarding those vital ingredients. However there has been for some time a shift in thought that, like charity, love should begin at 'home'. Loving and caring for oneself first equips us with the 'tools' to love and care for others in the way you would wish to be cared for. When nursing, it was always my guiding principle to treat others as if they were my loved ones or indeed myself. 'Treat as you would like to be tret' was my mantra.

So what does self love actually [NO, NOT A FILM] mean? According to Jeffrey Borenstein of the Brain & Behaviour research foundation, amongst so many other researchers:-

'SELF LOVE IS A STATE OF APPRECIATION FOR ONESELF THAT GROWS FROM ACTIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH. SELF LOVE MEANS HAVING A HIGH REGARD FOR YOUR OWN WELL BEING AND HAPPINESS. SELF LOVE MEANS TAKING CARE OF YOUR OWN NEEDS AND NOT SACRIFICING YOUR WELL BEING TO PLEASE OTHERS '

By now I can hear cries of, "well that is just being selfish...". Think about it. Resentment festers over time at what is perceived as kindly sacrificing your own needs and wants never being acknowledged, or reciprocated by the beneficiary of your relentless benevolence in your times of need. Self love is not about being selfish or self indulgent. When you prioritise your own well being, over time a sense of balance, contentment and resilience is achieved. Love is not based on how many 'likes' on social media we get, or hoards of faceless digital 'friends' we may think we have.

Love for yourself spreads like ripples across the World pond. It begins with family and friends, your local community, and picks up momentum creating waves of compassion and understanding upon the seas of confusion and strife. I can see that this may seem a bit 'out there', even a bit hippy / been there tried that in the 60s [not I as I was a mere babe]. There is so much scientific research that supports this - specifically where mental health is concerned - where the seeds are planted. So let's plant some good seeds that will yield the crops we need, and nurture them with kindness and love. We can make the World a better place; it is achievable. We have nothing to lose by starting in this month of chocolates, cards, flowers and tokens of love, to really find out what love really is, starting with loving yourself.

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Happy Valentine's Day

With love and kindness.....always

Tess Rowlands





Letter from The Curate



VaLENTine

It's not happened for 6 years and, before that for 73 years... This year, Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February - the same date as Valentine's Day of course. A day of religious observance and romance, a day of prayer and present-giving, a day of fasting and feasting! How can these two occasions be marked well together? For some, this seeming clash won't be a problem. For some, one may be more important than the other, and some may not wish to acknowledge either at all. Others may wonder how to do the two justice.

Valentine's Day is supposedly a day of love, although it's not clear why St Valentine is associated with romance. (It could possibly be because 14th February is the traditional day in medieval belief when birds mated?! Another possible explanation given is that he, as a priest, married a lot of couples when single men were being sent off to war). In modern times, the day is an opportunity for couples to show their love for one another and for hidden love to be (anonymously) declared by a question mark in a pink and red shiny card. (Do people still do that?)

Of course, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent as we begin the journey towards the cross of Good Friday (and the empty tomb of Easter Sunday!). It is a day when Christians commence a 40 day period of prayer, penitence and fasting. Church tradition on this day can include having a cross made from ash drawn on one's forehead as a sign of penitence. To accompany this action, words are said to encourage repentance at the beginning of this holy season: 'Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.' People are reminded of the good and narrow way that Jesus provided for us to walk in when he gave himself in love upon the cross for our sakes'.

On reflection, it seems that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday could go quite well together. There may be many differences, but at the heart of them both is LOVE. As we think of the great love that God has for us all through Jesus Christ, we also celebrate the love people have for one another. In John's Gospel, these words of Jesus are recorded –

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

So, if you're lucky enough to have received a box of chocolates on 14th February (anonymous or not!), and you're wondering whether to enjoy or abstain, know that, whatever you choose, you are loved. God is love, and His love is never ending.

In love, Hannah

> St Michael & All Angels Beetham Ash Wednesday Service 14th February at 7pm, in Beetham Church Eucharist service with hymns and imposition of ashes

or 10am in St James' Church, Arnside All welcome at either service





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Beetham Church Electoral Roll 2024

The Church electoral roll is re-issued every year, ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April. Existing members of the Electoral Roll only need to complete the form every six years (which will fall next year, 2025). If you would like to join the roll as a new member this year please fill in a form and return it to the **Electoral Roll Officer, Jenny Marks**.

Please note that living in the Parish or regularly attending church does not qualify you to vote at the APCM unless you complete this form. This enables you to vote at the APCM for members of the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod.

The current list and forms are available in church and new members are invited to join for 2024. The form can also be downloaded at:-

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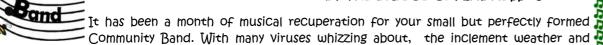
Beetham Church Vacancies

Would you like to have a say in the running of our church? If so, you may be interested in becoming a Churchwarden or joining our Parochial Church Council This year we are in an unusual situation where several posts will become vacant at the Annual Parish Meetings in April, due to current post-holders having extended their normal term during the pandemic. All three churchwardens (Dianne Lomax, Brian Smalley and Jenny Marks) will be stepping down; Elizabeth Rocke will be standing down as PCC Secretary; and Sue Smalley will be standing down as Safeguarding Officer

- The three Churchwardens are elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting by members of the parish each year, and are the Bishop's local representatives. They are members of the congregation and automatically become ex officio members of the PCC. Their responsibilities are laid down in Church Law dating back to the 13th century, and they fulfil an important role in lay participation in the life of the church. Churchwardens are elected for one year only (but can be re-elected if they wish up to a maximum of 6 years)
- PCC members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by members of the church electoral roll. The PCC is collectively responsible for the care of the church and the finances, and members represent both the church and the parish at our 6 PCC meetings each year. PCC members are elected for a term of 3 years. The role of PCC Secretary is generally allocated to a PCC member at the first meeting of the year, and could become a split role for 2 people
- The Safeguarding Officer is an essential role in the life of the church. It is an independent role that does not necessarily require the post-holder to be a member of the PCC

Please do consider if you can assist with any of these roles. All provide a fascinating insight into the working of the church and a rewarding opportunity to help protect and build the future of our church. These posts may seem a little daunting, but existing post-holders do other voluntary roles that they will be continuing after stepping down from the roles listed above, so these particular roles are not as time-consuming as you may think. Details of each of the vacancies will be available in church during February, and please take the time to read through the leaflets and talk to the existing post-holders. It is very much about teamwork and remember there will always be someone around to help you!

GRATITUDE IS THE MUSIC OF THE HEART, WHEN ITS CHORDS ARE SWEPT



general tiredness, we decided to take break. We return to practice on the first Saturday of February. You are, as always, very welcome to join us.

As many of you may know, buying music is expensive. We have been very fortunate in having musical contacts that are happy to share. That also gives us a chance to try before we buy, as music is not the easiest fabric to alter. During our time as a developing band we have had support from someone whom many did not know. He shared arrangements with us and indeed arranged for us on a couple of occasions, although we had not asked that of him. So it was very sad when we heard that he had passed away.

Derek Buckland Evers, aged 91, was originally from London. He did not live locally but knew of us from another band member. Music reaches out far and wide, connecting people and places. Derek had been an RAF bandsman. When he relocated after his RAF duties he was a member of three separate bands on the Fylde Coast. Whilst with these bands he composed and arranged music for them all. He played most instruments - brass, woodwind and drums. His musical knowledge was immense and was indeed his life. As you can imagine he had so much to talk about and loved to chat, liberally peppered with his great humour.

So imagine my delight and sense of honour as I learnt he had left our little Community Band four large boxes of music! I have recently delved into the first box to find some absolute treasures which will keep us busy for a very long time. It will also keep his memory alive and I for one am grateful for that and for our connection to him through music. I speak for us all when I thank his lovely wife for passing them on.

You know me by now and my belief in the power of music. Just hearing the birds warming up in the wings for spring lifts everyone's spirits regardless of who and where they are. So why not try and see what music Can do for you. I am always happy to answer any questions and promise that by expressing an interest, you will not be strapped to an instrument and forced to sign a contract. Our ethos stands. No stress here in Beetham Community Band.

> I'M GRATEFUL THAT MUSIC HAS BEEN A PLACE WHERE I'VE FOUND FREEDOM Valerie June

> > Much love and kindness, Tess Rowlands, 07725580095 🖉



Beetham Church Handbell Ringers

After a busy December, the handbell ringers continued their performances in January with two more 'gigs'. The first was at Crook WI on 3rd January where we were able to entertain the members after their post-Christmas lunch with carols for them to sing along. This was followed by a hands-on session for them to have a go, which they did with great enthusiasm and success

On 23rd January we were invited to give a talk and ring for the Dignity in Dementia Monthly Meeting at the Abbot Hall Social Centre in Kendal. After performing music from the 60s and 70s and from a number of Musicals, there was a lively Q&A session about the handbells and towerbells. The group members were then encouraged to come and have a ring, and were quickly able to pick up a rendition of Frere Jacques to great applause from the remaining audience

Thank you and well done to both groups, and to the handbell ringers



On Saturday 30th December the Beetham Bellringers & Co went on a trip to Barrow to see Beetham's very own Fairy Godmother, Julie Edwards, in pantomime. Julie was starring in *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Forum Theatre throughout December and this was her last performance of the panto season, so too good an opportunity to miss

The show was spectacular, with amazing costumes and sets, and the audience joined in all the fun with cheering and booing in (nearly) all the right places. Even more fun was had with one of our ringers - Dennis - becoming an unsuspecting star of the show after being singled out by the Dame to be her 'boyfriend'. A great time was had by all, and huge congratulations to Julie!



Candlemas

Snowdrops are flowering everywhere around the Parish, and they are also known as Candlemas Bells as they appear around the time of the Feast of Candlemas on 2nd February. Candlemas celebrates the Purification of the Virgin Mary and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple forty days after his birth

The name Candlemas was originally 'Candle Mass', where candles to be used in the forthcoming year are blessed, symbolising Christ lighting the way for his followers. This was a reference to the Gospel of Luke, where it is recorded that Simeon blessed Christ in the Temple as "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" - words that are used in the *Nunc dimittis* that is sung each week at Evensong. The extinguishing of the candles represents the pain and suffering that was to come, so that Candlemas celebrates both looking back at Christ's birth and the joy of Christmas, but also looking forwards to Christ's death on the cross

The Feast of Candlemas will be celebrated at St Michael & All Angels on Sunday 4th February at the 11am Eucharist and with a special candlelit Choral Evensong at 6pm, to which all are welcome

Candlemas marks the end of the forty days of Christmastide, and the Christmas trees and indoor and outdoor Nativity cribs will be taken down for another year



She's Behind You!





This month our youngest children have been learning all about space. They have been dressing up in different space costumes, making papier mache planets, reading books about space and learning all about Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. Children have also been using the Beebots and new Robot Mice to give commands to visit different planets.

Children in Years 2 and 3 have been learning about Edinburgh. They have used maps to locate Edinburgh and identify its location in comparison to where we live and within the British Isles. In art children are using the work of Stephen Wiltshire to inspire cityscapes using line drawings of Edinburgh Castle. They have also been reading the book 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' and will soon be writing their own chapter for the book.

Our Years 4, 5 and 6 class are learning all about the Romans. They have been looking at Boudicca and her revolt against the Romans, designing catapults as well as reading the book 'Escape from Pompeii' writing first person accounts of the eruption of Vesuvius.

Sports Cool Lancaster have been delivering after school clubs on a Tuesday this year. Before Christmas we had Ultimate Frisbee and this term we have Fencing. The children have been learning skills of speed and agility before using the fencing equipment.

We welcomed Dr Wise into school from Lancaster University. She used the story of Hansel and Gretel to inspire engineering projects for the children to problem solve and work together. These included making contraptions to carry a map and send a map down a wire to a house. Children designed, tested and evaluated their designs in a truly inspiring morning.

The school did suffer some minor damage in storm Isha. A few of our sheds lost their felt and the fence on the school field was demolished. We would like to say a huge thank you to Holme Park Quarry and MPA Hire for providing a temporary fence.

Our first fund raising event of the year was held in school mid-January - a quiz night with pie and peas supper. Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who made the event happen. The FOBS made over £250 from the evening!

Next month we have many things to look forward to including celebrating Candlemas, holding our film night and our oldest children will be visiting Ribchester to learn more about the Romans.

Best wishes, Abi Johnson









Beetham WI ~ 'Bowling' into 2024

We began the New Year with a Ten-pin Bowling session at Silverdale Holiday Park where there was much fun and laughter as we competed in teams. More members came to watch then we all enjoyed refreshments together in the café.



Later in January, a group visited the People's Gallery at Kendal Museum to view the photographic exhibition 🖕 entitled 'Forty Farms' by British Life Photographer of the Year, Amy



Bateman. She is a Kendal based farmer and tells her unique story through her images. The group thoroughly recommend seeing this exhibition.

Our next session will be in The Wheatsheaf on Tuesday 8th February 2-4pm when we have a member of the South Lakes 'Simply Repair' team coming to give us a talk about what they do by reducing waste, sharing skills, improving wellbeing and building a community. Guests are very welcome to join us - just a small charge for refreshments.

More details about our WI can be obtained by emailing The Secretary at beethamwiZgmail.com or see information on our Noticeboard in Beetham village.







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February What's On

Friday 9th Feb ~ 'Are you there God? It's me Margaret' (Film)

Sunday 11th Feb ~ Rosamund Brass (Sunday Music)

Saturday 17th Feb ~ Dos Almos (Spanish Music)

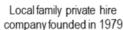
Friday 23rd Feb ~ Quentin Crisp : Naked Hope (Drama)

Friday 1st March ~ 'Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part 1' (Film)

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Beetham Parish Council The next monthly meeting will be held in **Beetham CE School** Monday 5th February at 7pm

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