

BERGH APTON ARTS

We have held two very successful events. The first was a storytelling evening with Hugh Lupton last November, 'Crying like a Fire in the Sun'. It was a rich weaving of tales from the Old Testament and he held the audience spellbound as he spun his stories. The church was very nearly full. Our thanks to Hilary and Evy for delicious half time refreshments.

This year in January and February we put on 'UNLOCK UNEARTH'. This was home grown and based on stories written in workshops with Hugh, it told of people who could have lived in this village from the coming of the Romans about AD 45 to 1950s. It took well over a year to prepare and hours of time were given by about 60 people to write, learn songs, rehearse, read, prepare technical effects and we even had a workshop to make a fire breathing dragon! Time and effort were willingly given and rewarded as nearly 300 people came to see it. Time and again we were asked, 'When's the next one?' by those who were involved and those who came to see it.

We give thanks to Chris Ellis ,the Rector, and the PCC for allowing us to use the Church. From the Hugh Lupton storytelling event we gave £500 to the PCC toward heating and lighting and another £500 after 'UNLOCK UNEARTH'.