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Torpenhow, Uldale and Wythop

April 2023

SPRING and NEW LIFE

I always enjoy this time of year with the arrival of Spring and the end of Winter. Most of us living in these villages have the benefit of a garden to enjoy, where the signs of new life are already appearing. The cycle of nature and the changing of the seasons give an important rhythm to our lives and are a constant reminder of how life never stands still, even if at times we wish it would.



Some of us are very keen gardeners and get a great deal of pleasure from our own garden, and through skill and hard work are able to get the very best out of it. Such gardeners are often looking to learn from other gardeners and bring in new variety of flowers and plants, and also vegetables and fruit to see what flourishes well here. Also knowing from instinct and experience what to cut back and what to allow to grow and flourish. Others are less keen or skilled gardeners and simply endeavour to try to keep everything under control and looking neat and tidy.

Whether we are keen gardeners or not, our gardens are there to use and enjoy, as they help to keep us in touch with nature itself and the wonder and beauty of creation and new life.

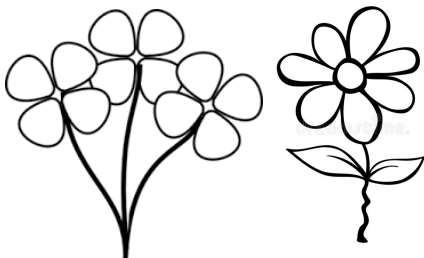
At Easter, many churches will have an Easter Garden as part of their floral displays, with the stone rolled away from an empty tomb because it was in a garden where the body of Jesus had been placed, and where Easter begins. It was here in the garden that the risen Lord Jesus first appeared to the grief-stricken Mary Magdalene, who was convinced that the body of Jesus had been removed from the tomb. For Mary the empty tomb plunges her into even deeper despair, and in her grief and confusion, she doesn't recognise Jesus and is convinced that he must be the gardener. So Mary asks if he has taken the body of Jesus away, and it is only when Jesus speaks and uses her name, that Mary recognises him.

Here in the garden is where Easter faith begins and Mary starts to realise that Jesus has been risen from the dead. As in our gardens we see the signs of new life emerging again, the Easter Garden shows how new life is brought to each of us through the love of Jesus, so that we can grow and flourish as God intends.

Happy Easter to you all.

Stephen

Revd Stephen Banks



April 2023

April Services

Sunday 2nd April– PALM Sunday			Thursday 6th April– Maundy Thursday		
Boltons	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ireby	7pm	Holy Communion
Isel	9.30am	Morning Worship	Friday 7th April– GOOD FRIDAY		
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Boltons	10am	Good Friday Service
Plumbland	11am	Morning Worship	Wythop	10am	Good Friday Service
Wythop	11am	Holy Communion	Plumbland	12pm	Good Friday Service
			Setmurthy	12pm	Good Friday Service
St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	3pm	Holy Communion	Allhallows	2pm	Good Friday Service
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer	Embleton	3pm	Good Friday Service
			Isel	6pm	Good Friday Service
Sunday 9th April– EASTER DAY			Sunday 16th April– 2nd Sunday of EASTER		
Boltons	8am	EASTER Communion	Isel	9.30am	Morning Worship
Ireby	9.15am	EASTER Communion	Wythop	9.30am	Morning Worship
Embleton	9.30am	EASTER Communion	Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship
Setmurthy	9.30am	EASTER Communion	Plumbland	11am	Holy Communion
Torpenhow	9.30am	EASTER Communion	Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer
Plumbland	9.30am	EASTER Communion	Sunday 23rd April– 3rd Sunday of EASTER		
Allhallows	11am	EASTER Communion	Boltons	9.30am	Morning Worship
St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	EASTER Communion	Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
Isel	11am	EASTER Communion	Torpenhow	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wythop	11am	EASTER Communion	Allhallows	11am	Morning Worship
Sunday 30th April– 4th Sunday of EASTER			St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Morning Worship
Team Service Embleton Church CA13 9TN (<i>not in Embleton</i>)	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ireby	11am	Family Service with Baptism

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

Connie Elizabeth Colburn was baptised at All Saints, Boltongate on 20th November 2022.

Esme Barbara Iceton was baptised at All Saints, Boltongate on 19th February 2023.

Maddison Louise Iceton was baptised at All Saints, Boltongate on 19th February 2023.

WEDDINGS

There were no Weddings.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Sylvia Hodgson, formerly of Plumbland, took place at St. Cuthbert, Plumbland on 22nd February 2023.

The burial of Marja Leathes, formerly of Embleton, took place at St. Margaret, Wythop on 24th February 2023.

The funeral of Dorothy Dixon, from Cockermouth, took place at St. Cuthbert, Embleton on 8th March 2023.

Baptism in the Binsey Team Mission Community

We are really pleased when parents approach us about Baptism (also known as Christening) for their child. It's a very important step, both for parents and the child.

Infant Baptism involves parents and godparents making a public commitment about their own Christian faith and the church. They are making a commitment to pray for their child, so that as they grow, with their help, and ours, they may be able to live out in practice the Christian life.



BAPTISM

To enable parents to do this we ask that you come and join us in worship at any of our team churches at some point in the two months BEFORE the date of the baptism, if at all possible. After an enquiry is made, a home visit will be arranged to discuss things informally, to see what level of preparation might be appropriate and answer any questions.

For an informal chat about infant baptism, please contact the Team Rector, Revd. Stephen Banks on 016973 71541. Please note that St James, Uldale is not currently available because of major restoration work.



Choose any one of our churches for your special day!

Congratulations if you have just got engaged and are thinking about getting married in one of the Binsey Mission Community churches.

If you currently live anywhere within the Binsey Mission Community area, then you can get married in our churches. If you live elsewhere, but have a family connection to a church, or want to come and worship regularly in our churches, then we'd love to help you.

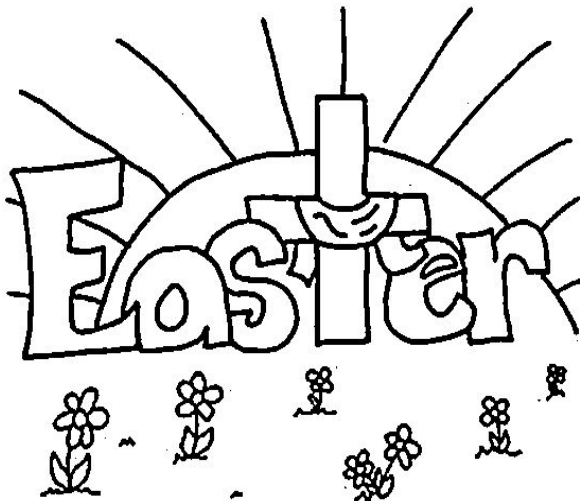
If you would like to enquire about what is currently possible or book a wedding, please contact our Team Rector, Revd. Stephen Banks on 016973 71541 for a friendly chat. He will be able to talk you through what is possible and what are the current differences.

We would love to welcome you into our church and help you make your life-long commitment to each other before God.

Please note that several of our churches are small, so not able to accommodate more than 50-60 guests, and St James, Uldale is not currently available because of major restoration work

Monthly Letter

Firstly, a Happy Easter to you all. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is astonishingly good news; good news that can be trusted. What is very clear from the New Testament witnesses is that the resurrection is a profoundly God inspired event. God does not fit into the expectations of the disciples but goes far beyond anything they had anticipated, “the disciples stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder joy (Luke 24:41); “when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted” (Math. 28:17). It is hard to grasp the enormity of this God orchestrated event.



The creator of the universe cannot be pinned down and examined in detail. As we have heard in our readings during this season of Lent, God is free, “The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit” (John 3:8). Raising Jesus Christ from the dead chimes with a God who is free to surprise and amaze us.

The resurrection is God’s invitation into joy. Some will have been through much suffering but have had, as a result their capacity for joy expanded and deepened. But whatever our experience, our background, disciplines and traditions, there is always that joy and faith within us, in the God of creation and resurrection. We are created for joy. The first letter of Peter sums this up powerfully,

“Blessed be the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born in you to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.” (1 Peter 1:3, 8-9)

The presence and joy of Christ is ours. May we be open to God, people, and to the world and expand our capacity to experience the joy that God desires to share with us this Easter time.

Peter

Revd Peter Dixon

Binsey Link Donations

We will include in the next issue the annual donation envelope to help us continue the Binsey Link magazine and as always your support is much appreciated.

The Binsey Link runs entirely on your donations plus the valued support of our advertisers, in the last year we were successful in a grant application to The Aspatria Charity Shop, our thanks to the team of volunteers there who make such a difference to a vast amount of worthy causes throughout the district.

Do you shop online? You can support the Binsey Link in the process!
Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise **FREE donations**

for us no matter what you’re buying. If you haven’t signed up to support us yet, it’s easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started! Go to:



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/binsey-link

April 2023

Book Review

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Over the last few years I've heard so many people talk about this book, so obviously I had to read it. I certainly didn't regret it. It's one of those topics which occupies my mind often...what else could my life have been if I'd made different choices? I'm still thinking about it!

It really does make a good read; a real page turner.

So the story goes that between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices . . . Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets? It's a novel about all the choices that go into a life well lived.

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

I truly enjoyed reading this book. It's not one I would rave about the style or incredible artistry of the writing, but it is a cracking good story. I have to warn you that it does contain the issue of suicide, but it's dealt with in a careful and skilful way.

Give it a go and maybe reflect on the alternative choices you might have made...maybe there's still time to make them!

Clare Doherty

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April: The name of this month is derived from the Greek word for 'opening'

April mottoes: 'April weather, rain and sunshine both together'

On this day.....

How much do you know about key dates in History?

1 April. 1662 British King Charles II grants royal patronage to a group of scientists and academics founding the Royal Society of London.

2 April. 1801 Admiral Horatio Nelson, aboard HMS Elephant, defiantly ignores orders from his commander-in-chief to withdraw his forces and proceeds to sink the pro French Danish fleet off its home port of Copenhagen.

3 April. 1721 Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Britain.

4 April. 1964 The Beatles fill the first five places in the US singles chart with "Please Please Me", "I Want to Hold Your Hand", "She Loves You", "Twist and Shout" and "Can't Buy Me Love".

5 April. 1649 Death of Englishman John Winthrop, first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company.

6 April. 1199 Richard I (the Lion-Heart) of England dies from an infected wound while besieging Chalus Castle.

7 April. 1739 Travellers throughout England breathe a sigh of relief, safe in the knowledge that the most notorious of highwaymen Dick Turpin, was hanged today in York.

8 April. 1838 Brunel's new steamship Great Western left Bristol today on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic to Boston.

9 April. 1806 Birthday of English engineer and inventor Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Perhaps the greatest of the 19th-century engineers, he designed railways, bridges, tunnels, viaducts and ships.

10 April. 1633 Bananas, never seen before in England, went on sale in a London shop.

11 April. 1689 The joint coronation of William III, Prince of Orange and champion of Protestantism, and his wife Mary II took place in London.

12 April. 1606 The Union Flag becomes the official flag of Britain.

13 April. 1919 British troops fired into a crowd of 10,000 Sikhs that had gathered to protest at the arrest of two Indian Congress Party leaders, 379 people were killed and 1,200 wounded in the Holy City of Amritsar, India.

14 April. 1983 The first cordless telephone went on sale in Britain.

15 April. 1755 English lexicographer Dr Samuel Johnson published his Dictionary; he had taken nine years to compile it.

16 April. 1746 Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) was defeated at the Battle of Culloden Moor in Scotland by an English Army under the the command of William, Duke of Cumberland. Stuart fled the battlefield.

17 April. 1969 The age at which a person is eligible to vote in Britain was lowered from 21 to 18.

18 April. 1775 At the start of the War of American Independence, US patriot Paul Revere rode from Charleston to Lexington, warning people that British troops were advancing.

19 April. 1775 The first battle in the War of American Independence took place at Lexington, Massachusetts (Britain1 – Colonists 0).

20 April. 1912 The Irish-born writer Bram Stoker, author of Count Dracula, died at his London home. He was 65.

21 April. 1509 Henry VIII becomes King of England, following the death of his father Henry VII.

22 April. 1838 The first steamship to cross the Atlantic, the British ship Sirius, arrived at New York; it made the crossing in 18 days.

23 April. 1616 Death of William Shakespeare, playwright and poet, aged 52. He leaves behind a wife, Anne, two daughters, Judith and Susanna as well as a wealth of literary treasures.

ALSO Feast day of St George, Patron Saint of England.

24 April. 1858 At the second attempt, the biggest bell in the world, Big Ben, is finally ready for hanging in the clock tower of Westminster Palace, London.

25 April. 1915 In World War I, over 70,000 Australian, New Zealand and British troops met fierce resistance from Turkish forces as they landed at Gallipoli.

26 April. 1923 The Duke of York and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, were married in Westminster Abbey, London.

27 April. 1828 The Zoological Society of London opened a zoological gardens in Regent's Park. Lady visitors were politely requested to refrain from poking the beasts through the bars of the cages.

28 April. 1770 English naval explorer James Cook arrived in Botany Bay, Australia, the first European to do so.

29 April. 1884 Oxford University agreed to admit female students to examinations. However, woman are not to be awarded degrees.

30 April. 1945 In his hideaway bunker in Berlin, Adolf Hitler shoots himself. His wife of 48 hours and former mistress, Eva Braun, took a cyanide capsule. In accordance with Hitler's instructions both bodies were then burnt.



Spring Flowers

The perfect place to find spring flowers

The National Garden Scheme gives visitors unique access to over 3,500 exceptional private gardens in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands, and raises impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake. Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors they have donated over £67 million to nursing and health charities and in 2022 made an annual donation of £3.11 million. The core beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute. The National Garden Scheme doesn't just open beautiful gardens for charity – they are passionate about the physical and mental health benefits of gardens too. They also support charities doing amazing work in gardens and health and grant bursaries to help community gardening projects.



There are gardens open in our area throughout the year have a look on the website to find out more information www.ngs.org.uk

Looking for a host of Golden Daffodils?

Dora's field, adjacent to St. Mary's Church, in the picturesque village of Rydal displays 'a host of golden daffodils' in the spring. The field was owned by William Wordsworth, who lived at [Rydal Mount](#) which stands further up the hillside. The sloping land was originally known as Rashfield, probably because it is damp and rushes grew there. The land was gifted to the National Trust by the poet's grandson Gordon Wordsworth in 1935. Limited free parking can be found on the road outside of the church leading to Rydal Mount.

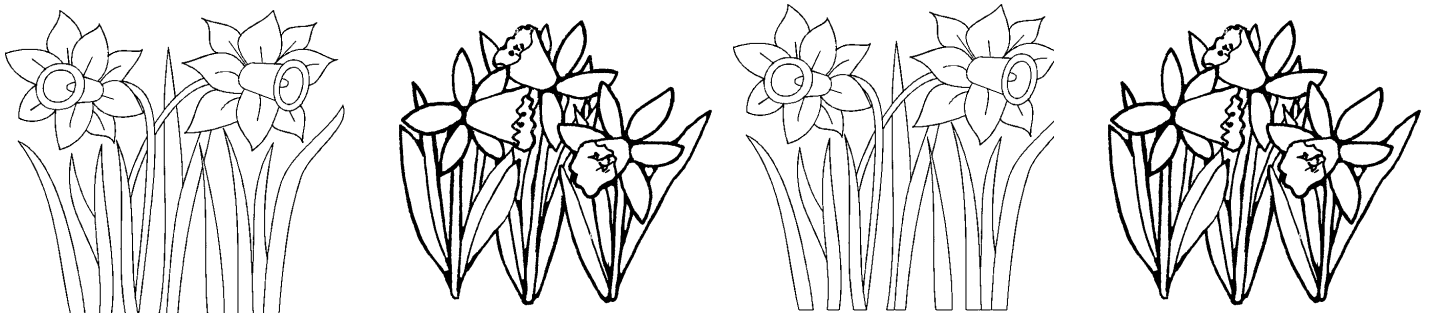
And closer to home Cockermonth's Host of Daffodils 2023

To mark Cockermonth born Poet, William Wordsworth, the Cockermonth each year hosts a celebratory Daffodil Day of events.

This year from March 24th for a month **Cockermonth Rotary** are working to bring the community together with the shared aim of creating lots of daffodils using various materials which will be displayed to decorate the town and create "A Host of Golden Daffodils" to bring joy and positivity over the coming 2 months. Mounting will take place in the last week of March so they are in situ ahead of Wordsworth's Birthday on 7th April and will complement the real daffodils that are planted across Cockermonth and should be in full bloom.

*I wandered lonely as a cloud, That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

*Continuous as the stars that shine. And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line. Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance, Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*



Around The Parishes

Allhallows

7th April 2023, Good Friday. A short Service at 2pm in Allhallows Church followed by the annual procession to the Community Centre, where refreshments will be served.

Children will be invited to the Community Centre to create an Easter Garden and Easter Card. 3pm to 4pm all are welcome to join us again, after last years enjoyable success

Annual Flower Arranging Demonstration is scheduled for May 2023. Please look out for the date for confirmation.

All Saints Church will celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III in the Community Centre, Fletchertown over the Bank Holiday weekend 6th to 8th May. With afternoon tea proposed for Sunday 7th May.

ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

What's on at the Community Centre?

Lunch Club - Everyone welcome!

Last Thursday of every month, 12-1:30pm (be early to avoid missing out!)

Soup and a roll, pudding and hot drink included, £5.00 per person (Takeaway option available, on request)

Bingo: First Friday of every month

£1.00 Entry fee (including refreshments)

50p per book, 5 games (including 1 snowball game), Eyes down at 7:30pm Adults and children (8 years+ only) -

Children, over 8 years, must be supervised by an adult

Adults are welcome to bring their own drinks.

2 by 2 Baby and Toddler Group (0-4 Years) - Parents, grandparents, childminders, carers, etc. Every Tuesday, 10am until 11:30am £1.50 per family

Derwent Patchworkers Every 2 weeks, on Wednesdays 10am until 4pm. For further details or information, please contact Barbara Strong on 07833 692144

Tales in the Tea Room. First Friday of every month 7-9pm

Allhallows Readers First Friday of every month 1:30-3:30pm

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 9th April (Easter Sunday) - Crafts, Egg hunt around play park, Easter bonnet parade, Novelty Egg Decorating and games.

Allhallows Community Centre, 1-3:30pm

Sunday 7th May – Allhallows Church and Allhallows Community Center are joining forces to put on a Coronation Afternoon Tea at the Community Centre. Keepsakes will be given to all children (aged 0-16 years) in the Parish.

Please note: Only children who attend the celebration will be given keepsakes*

Monday 8th May (Bank Holiday Monday) - National "Big Help Out" community volunteering event. Weeding in the village, street tidy up, cleaning of signs... let's put the pride back in our parish!!!

The Community Centre needs support from the community to keep going... We are looking for prizes to be donated, to keep the regular centre events going. If you, (or anyone you know of), would like to donate prizes for events, please contact the Management Committee with details.

Room Hire. If you wish to make a booking for room hire, please ring 07849 713207., leave a message and someone will get back to you, as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can message us, directly, via the following: Facebook:

www.facebook.com/allhallowscentre

Website: <https://www.allhallowscentre.org>

Bassenthwaite

Bassenthwaite St. John's and St. Bega's.

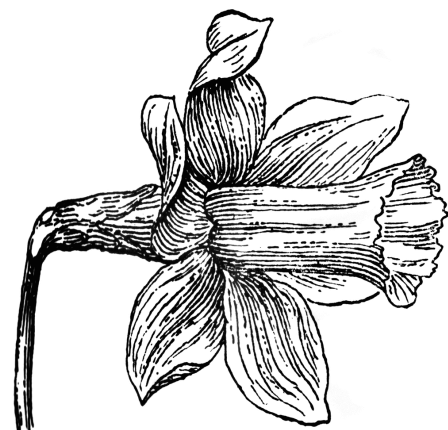
Cleaning, St. John's, Sandra Stockdale

Easter Flowers: The Mackereth Family.

St. Bega's Flowers and cleaning Christine Ladd.

A big thank you to all who supported the Soup Lunches over the Winter months.

We look forward to welcoming you back in the Autumn.



Bassenthwaite

Keep up to date with the Parish Room: Sign up for our Friends of Bassenthwaite Parish Room Newsletter by emailing fobr.newsletter@gmail.com and join the mailing list for our regular news and updates. Facebook: www.fb.me/bassparishroom Website: www.bassenthwaite.org.uk/parish-room.html

Hall for Hire Available for classes, events, functions and weekend group accommodation. Large well-equipped kitchen ,AV system, Accessible facilities, Reasonable Rates For further details: www.bassenthwaite.org.uk Contact the Parish Room Coordinator for bookings Email: bookbassenthwaiteparishroomroom@gmail.com Phone: 07786 434411

BASSENTHWAITE WINTER DROP-IN A VERY "WARM" WELCOME

to Bassenthwaite Parish Room

Call in any time between 10.30 am and 2 pm on the Tuesday below for a chat, coffee and refreshments
£1 per person

4th & 18th April 2

2nd & 23rd May

You can also join in a "bring and share" lunch at 12 noon or bring your own lunch Catch up with friends or spend time on your favourite pastime/hobby You may also fancy a game of cards, bingo or join in a board game

PLEASE JOIN US – ALL ARE WELCOME

Further information from:

Helen 017687 76222 or Margaret 017687 76175

Sunday 7th May
from 1pm
on the Village Green

BASSENTHWAITE CORONATION PICNIC

Bring you own Picnic
and Crown.

Some seating will be provided.



Boltons

All Saint's Church, Boltons

Boltons Parish Hall

PILATES Wednesdays 9.30am - 10.30am

CIRCUITS Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am,

both with Helen, all classes £5.

For more information contact Helen on 07900410076.

BEGINNERS LINE DANCING alternate Thursdays 2pm - 3pm from 8th March. Fun, friendly and only £2 per session. Contact Ness on 07718264700 or just come along, ALL WELCOME!



NORTHERN FELS GROUP POP IN - 2nd Tuesday of each month 10.00am - 11.30.

Coffee (or Tea!) cake and a chat. Come along and have a crack plus find out what's going on in your local area! For more info contact Gill 07874241604 or Judy 07879613838. All Welcome.

The Parish Hall is available for private hire for meetings, classes, parties etc. Central heating and WiFi! For details call Judy 07879613838

Boltons Oil Syndicate: Orders February, May, September & November & **Septic Tank Syndicates.** Significant savings can be made on orders Order dates March & November. Please contact Gillian Skillicorn 07874 24160 for either.

Embleton

St Cuthberts

We've been busy planning for the months ahead and although it is hard to imagine warm sunny weather right now, we are dreaming of bright days to celebrate the coronation and we have planned for summer events with optimistic confidence! **Please include our community breakfast in your plans for Saturday April 29th** just one week before the coronation weekend. Strawberry teas will be slightly later this year, but we hope we've timed it well to get the best of the sunny weather!

Dates for your diary:

Until after the Easter weekend, our crafts and goodies will be for sale in the shed at Scales Farm with thanks to the Wilson family.

April 29th Community Breakfast on the hill at Wythop Mill. [Hopefully in the garden!]

Advance notice; Parish walk June 17th / Strawberry Teas July 23rd .

Art and craft groups at St Cuthbert's Sunday School, all are welcome. Cuthbert's Crafters on Mondays at 2pm; Artists meet on Wednesdays at 2pm. Ragbags; Unwanted clothing, linen, shoes, handbags and belts; Items can be left in the porch at St Cuthbert's OR in the collection bin at Ling Crest, Wythop Mill. All money raised goes to Dewode.

Any items or comments for the next edition please send to Jean at jeanmaca@aol.com or 01768776184 by April 7th please.

Embleton Village Hall Notice Board.

Hi everyone, I hope you are all impressed with our re-decorated hall and the completion of the acoustic dampening work. The reason we fitted acoustic dampening is to reduce the echo in the hall and this should improve the acoustics especially for meetings or seminars. Moo-music for young children is resuming this month on Monday mornings a

welcome addition to our classes.

What's on in April?

Monday: Moo-Music 9.50 and 10.50 lou@moomusic.co.uk.

Monday: Mah-jong 2.30 pm Vivian 01900829490.

Monday: Dance class 6.30pm Edna 01768776630

Tuesday: Yoga 6.15pm Rebecca 07735 439126.

Thursday: Circle dance 7pm, Kathleen 76532.

Friday: Yoga 9.30am, private function.

Friday: Youth Club 6.30pm.

Sunday; Dance class 7.00pm, Edna .76630

Wednesday 5th : Coronation meeting 6.30pm.

Wednesday 5th : Village Hall A.G.M and meeting 7.15pm.

Thursday 6th : U3A digital photography group 9.30 am.

Tuesday 11th : U3A Folk dancing group 2pm.

Wednesday 12th : W.I. 7.30pm.

Saturday 15th : Private function 3.30pm

Wednesday 19th : Flower club 12.30 pm. speaker 2pm.

Wednesday 19th : Parish council 7pm.

Thursday 20th: U3A Geology group 10.30-12.30pm.

Saturday 22 nd : private function 10.30am

Saturday 22 nd : Ceilidh 7pm. contact 01697371787

Tuesday 25 th : U3A Folk dance group 2pm

Wednesday 26 th : Private function 2pm.

Friday 28 th : Seniors club 11am.

Saturday 29 th : Private exercise group 10am

Saturday 25 th : Social Dance 7.30 pm Edna 76630.

Sunday 30 th : Yoga 11.30 – 1.30pm.

The Ducks are checking that everything is on track for the coronation. Fingers crossed for good weather! Chris.



Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday: 6th April at 7.00 pm

Easter Day: 9th April at 9.15 am

Church Spring Clean

We plan to clean the Church on Monday 3rd April from 9:30 onwards. All help would be appreciated so that our Church will be ready for Easter.

Decoration for Easter

We will be decorating the Church on Easter Eve, Saturday 8th April at 2.00 pm. Gifts of flowers, and donations towards flowers, may be given to the Churchwardens.

Lent Boxes

Please bring your USPG Lent boxes to Church on Easter Day, so that the money can be forwarded to USPG.

April 2023

Catch up with your community

The Globe Hall's

Annual General Meeting

On Monday 17th April 2023

at 7.30pm

In the Globe Hall, Ireby

Everyone welcome

Any questions: david.rooney@btopenworld.com

Ireby

Ireby CE Primary School

Binsey Toddlers

Every Wednesday Morning
9:00am – 10:30am.

Donations are most welcome and will go towards
resources for Binsey Class and the school library.
refreshments available

For further details or to sign up, please
contact Amy King at
amyking@ireby.cumbria.sch.uk



NFG Septic Tank Syndicates. Significant savings can be made on orders Please contact Gillian Skillicorn 07874 24160 Order dates March & November

Isel

Coffee will be at the Great Escape Café, Moota on
Monday 3rd April at 10.30 am.

BLINDCRAKE VILLAGE HALL

April

Mondays 6-7pm Yoga with Sarah

Green. sarah.e.green@hotmail.com for more information

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm Pilates with Angela 6:30-7:30pm with Angela Price <https://www.mipilates.co.uk/> for more information

MAY

Thursday 4th [possibly] Election Day (all day). Don't forget to bring some photo ID if you want to vote!

Friday 12th Arts Out West programme

Monday 15th Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

JUNE

Sunday 25th **BLINDCRAKE PARISH GARDEN SAFARI DAY** If you want to open your garden, please email Rachel at bvhbookings@blindcrakevillagehall.org.uk

TO HIRE BLINDCRAKE VILLAGE HALL: Look at <https://blindcrakevillagehall.org.uk/>, click on HIRING, and use the CONTACT FORM to request bookings, or to make enquiries, etc. Hiring charges: £8 per hour for meetings, classes, etc, and £12 per hour for parties and functions. To hire the hall please book on the new website, or contact the bookings secretary using 07503 763590, TEXT ONLY, please, (due to poor signal). The village hall phone is checked daily, and the bookings secretary will ring you back (from a landline). Why not have a look to see what else you can find, on the website. (We have an automatically updating calendar on the Home page, worth checking to see what's coming up soon, or plan what date you'd like to hire the hall based on current bookings.) Please also look for up-to-date information on our parish's

facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/166193357452161>

Isel and Bridekirk Parishes First Responders 150 Club Draw

February 2023

1st Prize R Balowin

2nd Prize J Marrs

3rd Prize T Carr

4th Prize J Wallace



March 2023

1st Prize Alan Graham

2nd Prize Edna Simpson

3rd Prize Joan Moore

4th Prize Graham Dixon

The First Responders offer an invaluable service to the parishes of Isel, Bridekirk and Setmurthy; they all trained in life support and give their time freely, bringing their skill and equipment to an emergency in those vital first few minutes. The "150 club" is a main source of income to provide these volunteers with training and equipment. . If you would like to join the "150 club", or know someone who would, contact Moira Purvis on telephone 01697320534 or email moirapurvis@hotmail.com



Plumbland

St Cuthbert's

Dear friends, greetings, hoping you are maintaining good health and looking forward to the approaching period of better/ warmer weather.

Matters are still ongoing here, with final arrangements made to finish the installation of our 'Energy saving bulbs' which will certainly enhance the appearance of the Church's interior.

We are looking forward to welcoming the School children for their 'Easter' Service in Church on Tuesday 28th March at 9.15a.m. All are welcome to come and join us in worship.

Regular services continue at Church as do activities at the Village hall, please see the notice boards for details.

No doubt that the village will be arranging special festivities for the 'Coronation' weekend as well as Services in Church, More details next month, God's Blessing to you all from your Plumbland family members.

Graham Cox

Plumbland pre-school and toddler group

Our toddler group runs on a Friday morning and everyone is welcome when accompanied by a child aged birth to four. We operate in term time only from 9am to 11am. Attendees include parents, grandparents, carers, childminders, for any further information please contact Gillian Winder 07789542736

Plumbland Village Hall

During February Plumbland Community Group hosted two days of holiday club at the Village Hall. Thanks to Sharon for organising this and the staff team of Holly, Emily & Ellie. The feedback received from parents was excellent—so much so we are planning on doing it again at Easter!

The heat, meet and eat sessions that have been running since early October will end with the last session being 30th March and we will look for funding again to make this happen again later in the year. Thank you to Awards for All for making this possible.

Plumbland Village Hall AGM

Monday 24th April at 7pm

Please come along and support
your village hall

ALL WELCOME

An advance date to give you time to get the sewing machine out and costumes ready... **Saturday 13 May is Eurovision Night.**

Setmurthy

Cleaning : Mrs K Greenbank & Mrs E Marrs
Services

Please check the Binsey Link ,Church Notice Board or website for details of services.

Parish Hall

Saturday 20th May : Coffee Morning & Plant sale (further details in May link)

At our last meeting of the Hall committee we were delighted to welcome 6 new members.

The Hall is a community asset & this support is encouraging for its future.

Dorothy Benson who has served on the committee for over 20 years announced her retirement, We are very grateful for her contribution over those years.

The Parish Hall is available for bookings, please contact Mrs Nicola Laws tel 017687 76483

Torpenhow

Torpenhow

Church Flowers

If anyone is interested in flower arranging and would like to help arrange the flowers in Church please contact Eileen Bell. 016973 71921

Torpenhow Village Hall



Coffee Morning and Book Share



Saturday 1st April 10.00 to 12.00 noon. Coffee, Cake and a Natter and loads of books

Bothel Village Hall

All activities have resumed for the winter months

Indoor bowling Mondays 7.30pm

Lunch club every 4th Monday

W. I. 1st Tuesday in the month

Gardening Club 3rd Tuesday

Yoga Wednesdays 10.00am (term time)

Bingo Last Friday 6.00pm

Craft Group 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

Fencing Wednesdays 7.30pm

Circuits Thursdays 7.00pm

Advance notice of our Coronation celebrations. On Saturday 6th May Hog Roast and evening entertainment. Details later.

Torpenhow Village Hall

Big Night Inn

Friday 28th April 2023

7.30pm to 10.30pm



Join us at the Village Hall
For our local pub night.

With a local guest ale

Blennerhasset & Baggrow Village Hall

The Year at the Village Hall is warming up nicely even if the weather isn't. It's a busy couple of months ahead, so make sure you like our Facebook page, 'Village Hall, Blennerhasset & Baggrow' to stay up-to-date and pop over to our website which is constantly being revised at www.bbvh.uk.

ONE BIG BREKKIE was a great success the other Saturday. The hall was bursting at the seams and it was fabulous to hear the buzz. Your Committee Lads had a steep learning curve in and out of the kitchen and we'll be even slicker next time around in 3 months. Ha ha!

SCARECROW FESTIVAL- EASTER MONDAY 10th April

Our attentions now turn to the annual Scarecrow Festival. Doors open at 10am at the Village Hall, where you can buy your trail map and grab a bacon or egg bap to fuel you up. This year's theme is 'Cartoons & Children's Movies'.

Expect to see lots of Minions, the odd Dennis the Menace and maybe some Ruby Red Slippers. This is a great day out for the whole family, with games, food aplenty, cakes to die for and of course the Scarecrow talents of our Villagers. You even get to vote for your favourites.

CORONATION TEA – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8th May

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III we will be flinging the doors open to a 'good old knees up'. The bunting will be out, the kettle will be on and the banter will be flowing. We will be meeting at the Village Hall at 10am to grab a brew and head off to plant up the Coronation flower beds throughout the Village. Once done we'll down tools and head back

to the Village Hall for cakes at 12pm. Please join us with your families for the dig.

Torpenhow Village Hall

May events for your diary



Coronation Celebration Coffee Morning Saturday 6th May

Featuring lots of cake and our first plant swap



Quiz Night with Pie and Peas Friday 19th May



Continued over the page

Torpenhow

Blennerhasset & Baggrow Village Hall

AGM – FRIDAY MAY 12th

Well, this year has flown by and that means it's time for the AGM. Doors open at 7.30pm with the meeting starting at 8pm. If you wish to be considered for the Committee 2023 then please contact us at help@bbvh.uk and we can talk you through the process. Everyone welcome.

GET FIT – STAY FIT – Weekly classes

We have a weekly programme of exercise classes to appeal to all ages, abilities and goals. These include Dance, Yoga, Step & Circuits. The class timetable can be found on our website

www.bbvh.uk

BINGO – Weekly every TUESDAY 7.30pm start

Doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Great craic and always a giggle.

Coffee Morning - Next WEDNESDAY 5 th April

Every 1st Wednesday of the month is our Coffee Morning.

We give such a warm welcome to visitors from neighbouring villages and locals, plus our baking is brilliant.

Table Tennis - Next FRIDAY 28th April

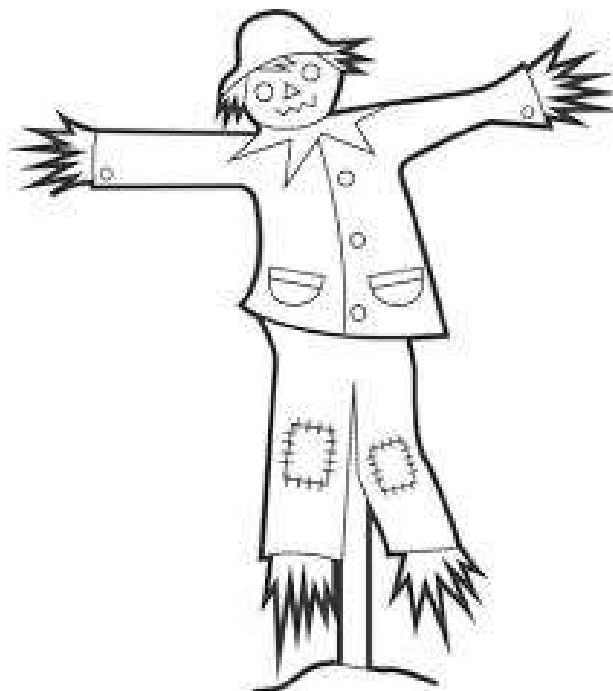
Every 4th Friday of the month, 7-9pm. With 3 tables we have singles, doubles, games of chance and skill.

Everything for novices and fancy pants. All ages. Players from neighbouring Villages welcome. A great social event.

Check out our website www.bbvh.uk (Blennerhasset & Baggrow Village Hall BBVH) for more information on all of our events. Follow us on our Facebook page: Village Hall, Blennerhasset & Baggrow

We hire the hall. Also, clothing rails, tables & chairs x 60 for your external events.

Email help@bbvh.uk or call Chris 07739 184942 or send us a Fb message.



Uldale

St James

Faculty

We now have permission by the Chancellor to go ahead with virtually everything we applied for. As our preferred construction team - Heritage Consolidation - had, understandably, taken on other work while awaiting news from us, it is likely to be late summer before the work can actually restart. nevertheless, great news and the answer to our prayers!

Grass cutting

It will soon be that time of year when regular grass-cutting needs to resume and, therefore, we would welcome any donations towards the cost of this necessary work.

Donations can be left with either of the Churchwardens.

Thanks in advance.

If anyone would like to help with the distribution of the **Binsey Link** in sections of the Uldale Parish, please contact Andrew Coxon, Churchwarden.

Uldale Sports committee. The relaunch of Uldale 100 club.

If you would like a number please contact Marion Pattinson 016973 71287 The committee look after the tennis court and playground.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

NFG Septic Tank Syndicates. Significant savings can be made on orders Please contact Gillian Skillicorn 07874 24160 Order dates March & November

Wythop

The daffodils are all coming out, there are lambs in the fields and birds are collecting nesting materials. We could have done without the snow, but we are used to it coming when we least want it, and Nature carries on regardless. Once we change to British Summer Time on Sunday, 26th March we look forward to Easter celebrations. The Sepulchre will need tidying, as the birds have been pulling bits out of it for their nests!

This Spring will be like no other, as on 1st April we become Cumberland again – not quite back to Cumberland and Westmorland, but nearly.

While we are getting over that, we will be looking forward to the Coronation, just over a month later.

The A.P.C.M. is on Tuesday, 25th April, to which everyone is welcome. Further details will be put on the Notice board.



Parish Council

Allhallows

Allhallows Parish council was held on March 1st in the Allhallows Centre Fletchertown.

Present: M. Abbott (Chair), M. Bowness, J. Mansfield, C. Marr, K Faulder, S. Barton. (Also, Kevin Payers (United Utilities)

Apologies: R.Bowness, D. Thompson, M.Johnson (Allerdale Borough Council)

J. Lister (Cumbria County Council)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION : A member of the public asked that a bin rota should be established for the Centre. This was agreed.

ALLHALLOWS CENTRE: A quotation for the refurbishment of the toilets is being sought. Grants are also to be investigated.

ROAD CLOSURE: The U 2080 (Baggrow Lonning) will be closed for about 3 days from March 6th.

UNITED UTILITIES: Kevin Payers from United Utilities gave the council a very comprehensive report on the water project which will see the water for the Parish coming from Thirlmere. The existing supply from Overwater will cease in the very near future.

PLANNING APPLICATION: The application has been approved by Allerdale Borough Council

FINANCE: The Council's finances are in good order

ALLOTMENTS: Are being well maintained.

PLAYPARK: The report has arrived and shown where attention is needed. A quote for improvements is to be sought.

FLOODING: No issues have arisen

PRIDE IN THE PARISH: An activity is being planned to coincide with 'Coronation Monday'

COUNCIL NUMBERS: Following the Governance Review, the number of councillors for Allhallows Parish Council will be eight.

BONFIRE SITE: The reconstruction of the old site is progressing well and the daffodils are growing beautifully.

SPEED DEVICE: This will return soon

DEFRIBRILLATOR: This has been re-installed.

CORONATION: Plans are being drawn up.

BIKES ON THE FIELD: Concerns were expressed over the use of bikes on the field. This is not allowed

Bassenthwaite

Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday the 2nd of March 2023 in Bassenthwaite Parish Room.

Councillors Present: J Stephens (Chairman), S Langcake, C Grace, B Cooper-Holmes, J Mattinson, K Armstrong, E Trafford & L Briggs.

Also Present: E Clark (clerk) & Alan Bowness (County Councillor).

A £50.00 donation to the Great North Air Ambulance was considered and approved for payment.

Clerk to report an inoperative light (no2) at Kiln Hill and

request the road sweeper in the village. £730 was quoted to refurbish the fingerpost at the end of North Row; the council were unanimously in favour of this refurbishment –funding to be looked into.

A comprehensive report was received from Arborscape in respect of the trees on the Pinfold. It was agreed that prices be gained to carry out the necessary work.

The annual audit review including the risk assessment, effectiveness of the internal auditor, asset register & insurance were all reviewed & approved.

For a copy of the full minutes please contact the clerk or see www.bassenthwaite.org.uk .

Next meeting will be held on

Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7.30pm

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Clerk: Elizabeth Clark, 11 Standingstone Heights, Wigton, CA79DS

Telephone: 07510 259784 Email:

bassenthwaiteclerk@aol.com

Blindcrake

The Parish Council met on the 20th February and discussed elections, UU works, hedges and Isel broadband. The full meeting minutes can be found on the Parish Council website.

Elections: 4 May 2023. There will be Parish Council elections on the 4th May 2023. There was a pre-meeting to go through the process on the 28th February with nominations opening on the 21st of March and closing on the 4th April. Information on the elections will be posted on the Allerdale Borough Council website. To vote in these elections in person voters will need to have photo ID. The Electoral Commission have begun an advertising campaign explaining the forms of acceptable ID and how to obtain a voter ID card if you don't possess one of the types of ID.

UU works: The access point removal contract has been awarded by UU but due to the Council changeover Allerdale and Cumbria CC to Cumberland no applications that require a road closure will be submitted before May 2023. UU will inform the First Responders and the school bus providers where and when road closures will occur. They will also let the Parish Council know and door knock in the vicinity.

Hedges: The Council would like to remind landowners that it is their responsibility to ensure that their trees and hedges don't obstruct the highways.

Isel Broadband: The Council noted that the Isel partnership had signed an installation contract for fibre broadband in the Isel valley. The partnership is waiting for BT to award the installation contract before approaching a contractor to help with the self dig portion.

Parish Council

Embleton & District

EMBLETON & DISTRICT CELEBRATION OF THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III A reminder that all villagers, their families and friends are invited to come along to a Celebration Afternoon Tea on SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023 at 2pm in Embleton Village Hall and in the field opposite the Hall. Contributions of cakes and/or other finger buffet items will be most welcome, as would be the loan of any available gazebos (it's going to be a really sunny day!) If you are able help with any of those requests, please contact the Committee Chairman, Judy Sanderson. If you are able to join us, and to help with the catering, please let Judy know how many people there will be in your party by emailing: judy.sanderson9@gmail.com Thank you.

POLISHING UP THE PLAY AREA. A reminder of a Community Volunteering Opportunity. The annual tidy up of the Play Area will be on SATURDAY 29 APRIL from 10.00am – 12 noon. Among the tasks on the list are litter, weed and leaf clearing, along with membrane sewing and re-distribution of the tiger mulch.

LITTER PICK (AND FREE REFRESHMENTS!) on Community Volunteering Day, Monday 8 May Bassenthwaite Lake Station will be hosting a volunteer litter pick on Monday 8th May 2023 from 9am until 11am in the vicinity of the station. Refreshments will be provided in the marquee for all volunteers who bring back a bag full!

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL, 2023 at 7.00pm in Embleton Village Hall, and all are welcome to attend. If you have a matter that you would like to raise, please contact our Clerk, Becx Carter, on 077866 78283 or email her at embletonparishclerk@hotmail.com.

Ireby & Uldale

Summary of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th March 2023 at the WI Hall, Ireby
Present: Cllrs E. Alexander, K. Bridges (Chair), R. Cockburn, W. Hall, G. Moore and F. Payne. Also
Present: J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor, M. Muir, Chair of Boltons, Ireby & Uldale First Responders and two parish members.

Matters discussed included: Mike Muir, Chair of Boltons, Ireby and Uldale First Responders was in attendance to provide members with an update on the First Responders. Planning – Applications received – LDNPA - 7/2023/2011 – Huntsman's Cottage, Ireby - Erection of single-storey side extension for additional living accommodation. Decisions: LDNPA - 7/2022/2180 – Town End Farm, Uldale - Proposed agricultural workers dwelling – GRANTED. S38 application Caldbeck and Uldale Commons - The decision from the Planning Inspectorate had been received. Consent is granted for the proposed works in accordance with the application and subject to the following condition: The fencing and associated

structures shall be removed and the commons re-stated no later than 15 years from the date of the approval (31 January 2023).

Parish Noticeboards: Residents are reminded of the protocol for use of the parish noticeboards that was agreed at the parish council meeting in July 2022 and would thank residents in advance for their co-operation. The primary use of the noticeboards will be to display notices from the Parish Council. Notices from local organisations and community information can be displayed. Subject to space commercial notices will be allowed. When possible, notices should be limited to A5 size. All notices should be removed once they have expired.

Parish Elections – Parish Elections will be held on Thursday 4th May, 2023. Nominations commence on 21st March and close at 4.00pm on 4th April, 2023. Nomination papers must be hand delivered to Electoral Services at Allerdale House, Workington.

Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting – 2nd May, 2023 (STC), WI Hall Ireby – 7.30pm
Clerk: Janice Rae, 1 Sun Croft, Ireby, CA7 1ES
Telephone: 0790 328 5461 Email: info@ireby-uldalepc.org.uk Website: www.ireby-uldalepc.org.uk

Bothel and Threapland

Summary of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th March, 2023 at Bothel Village Hall at 7.30pm. Present: Cllrs. S. Austin, W. Miskelly, J. Mitchell, P. Musk (Chair) and R. Watson. Also present: K. Thurlow, Allerdale Borough Councillor, J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor and two members of the public. Matters discussed included: Planning: Applications received: VAR/2023/0006 - Old Chapel Close, Bothel -Variation of Conditions 1, 5, 6 and 7 of application VAR/2019/0003 for variation to site entrance wall, substation location, garden walls, treatment of existing hedge and new hedge planting. VAR/2023/0007 - Old Chapel Close, Bothel - Variation of Condition 8 of application VAR/2019/0013 for removal of section of existing hedge to permit visibility at road crossing and to permit construction of stone-faced site entrance wall. Decisions: None. Community Fund – Grants were awarded to Bothel Gardening Club and Bothel Village Hall. Parish Elections – Members noted that parish elections will be held on 4 th May, 2023. Nominations commence on 21st March and completed forms must be delivered by hand to Electoral Services at the Borough Council by 4.00pm on 4 th April, 2023. Date of Next Meeting Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council—Tuesday 9th May, 2023 – Bothel Village Hall at 7.30pm Janice Rae, Parish Clerk, 1 Sun Croft, Ireby, CA7 1ES. Tel: 0790 328 5461
Email: clerk@bothelandthreaplandpc.org.uk or janice.rae220@btinternet.com

School News

Ireby

This week our Key Stage 1 and 2 classes travelled to The Sands Centre to perform at U Dance alongside many other Cumbrian primary schools. They performed their dance "Lungs of the Earth" brilliantly to a packed auditorium showing amazing confidence and talent and we are immensely proud of them all. Our youngest children in nursery and reception went on a local visit to Weary Hall Style last week where Mrs Forster showed them around the farm and helped them understand and learn about where all our dairy products come from and noticing the many signs of Spring. This class have been learning about growth and change related to humans, animals and plants. They also wanted to answer the question "Where does our food come from?" and have been thinking about the importance of making healthy choices.

Earlier in March, Ireby School enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and the children all came to school dressed as some of their favourite book characters. The variety was fantastic showcasing such a wide variety of stories read and enjoyed by them all, and of course the teachers joined in too. During the afternoon the whole school came together and the older children were paired with our younger children to read and share stories which each other. In English the Key Stage 2 class have been studying structured poems focusing on Haiku's based around the water cycle. Continuing with their history topic about the way lives have changed over time, a fascinating day was spent at Carlisle Archive Centre where our older children delved into the lives of an Ireby family called Peil. They researched this family through the 1891 census and looked at business, death records and wills. Back at school we found the Peil name on the list of people who contributed and helped with the building of our school in 1880. It was a great example of studying history and relating it back to our school and where we live. Towards the end of this term the children will be visiting Beamish which will be a wonderful and exciting conclusion and highlight to this fascinating topic.

We are all involved in many sporting activities and events this term. Key Stage 2 weekly swimming sessions at Wigton baths are very popular and we have a cricket engagement day coming up as well as a Year 3/4 tennis tournament. The Key Stage 1 class are taking part in a multi-sports festival too. Our term will end with an Easter Service on 31st March in church to which everyone is welcome. Our Christian value this half term is Wisdom. Wisdom is insight into the way life works: a proper understanding of the consequences of our thoughts, words and actions and an awareness of the true value of things. It is rooted in proper reverence for God who is the source of all life and all values.

Bothel

It has been a couple of issues since we last let you know all about what has been going on in Bothel, so we have lots to catch up on from the last couple of months!

It has been a busy term with our local cluster of small schools, including a celebration of Chinese New Year and an African day with West African drumming sessions for KS1, while KS2 have taken part in football and cross-country competitions at Silloth and at Netherhall School. Year 5 enjoyed a science morning at Beacon Hill School, where they worked in the science labs using microscopes to investigate cells and we were very proud of their confidence in working alongside others and in answering questions. KS1 have visited St Michael's Church in Torpenhow to learn more about baptism and Reverend Banks led them in an excellent service to welcome their baby doll, "Michael" into the world! Year 2, 3 and 4 enjoyed working on Healthy Ways sessions, where they learnt all about the importance of exercise and a balanced diet in keeping healthy.

We started off the half term holiday week with a fantastic grounds tidy up, where staff, parents and children came along to help us rejuvenate our lovely pond area, re-gravel our woodland steps, mend the greenhouse and dig over the vegetable and herb beds. It was a lovely community event, with so many people coming along to help out for which we are very grateful! In order to help raise funds for pond plants and gardening equipment, our eco-club held a very successful bake sale which they organised and ran independently, raising lots to help our fabulous outdoor spaces.

It was World Book Day last week and this year, instead of dressing up as characters, we made words our focus. We all chose a word to dress up as and children and staff brought in old books to swap with each other, all hopefully helping the environment by recycling and reusing rather than buying new and by not having to buy costumes for dressing up in. The environment is very important to us at Bothel, so we were very happy with how successful our day was.

We are now looking forward to helping to raise money for Red Nose Day, whilst thinking of this half term's Christian value of Justice, and we are also looking forward to an animal encounter day and an Easter service at the end of the term.

We would love to show you round our lovely, friendly, spacious and well-resourced school, so please get in touch on admin@bothel.cumbria.sch.uk or on 016973 20632 if you are looking for a school place. We would love to meet you and everyone is always welcome!

Bassenthwaite

Our visiting speaker, enthusiastic about his subject, enthralled members at our February meeting. Max Lothill regaled us with facts and stories about the Border Reivers and the turbulent border region between Scotland and England. The story of the Reiver dates from the 14th century and continued through into the late 17th century. In those days the Border displayed all the characteristics of a frontier, principally lacking law and order. It was divided into three areas called marshes: the East Marsh, the Middle Marsh and the West Marsh, and these areas straddled the present border. These areas had wardens who were often ineffective or aligned with family loyalty rather than upholding the law. The Reivers were the product of constant English-Scottish wars, often reducing the Border area to a wasteland plus an inheritance system that divided land equally between sons resulting in homesteads that were no longer able to support a family. Reiving, the raiding or plundering of livestock, became a principal business of Reiver families. They were also always quick to practise revenge raids. The word reiver is derived from an old English word *revere* "robber, destroyer, plunderer". Our word 'bereave' is also connected originally with the meaning to take away by violence. Reiver clan names must always be of interest to people whose families have their roots in the Border region, some shared by WI members or friends included Armstrong, Forster, Elliot, Cranston, Crozier, Dodd, Graham, Wilson.

The competition for an interesting stone was won by Irene Harrington with a stone unearthed by her Grandfather or Great Grandfather while ploughing.

The entertainment was a picture quiz using photos of objects from the 1950s and 60's. These were some common objects but photographed from an unusual angle. The winners were a team of our speaker Max, Kate, and led by Barbara who proved to be excellent at determining the correct objects.

For our April meeting we are joining with Thirlmere WI. The meeting starts at 7pm at Thirlmere and the speaker is Keith Rigg on medical transplants: past, present and future. The competition is 'something heart shaped'.

Embleton

Embleton WI members were joined by guests from Dean, Bassenthwaite and Greysouthern WI's to celebrate Embleton WI's 99th birthday on 8 February with a pudding evening and quiz. Everyone there had a super evening and plans are already being made for our 100th birthday next February. At our meeting on 8 March Mark Stainton from Keswick Collectibles talked about how his fascination with buying and selling 'stuff' as a child led him firstly into selling at Antique Fairs, then on to a sharing a shop with friends in Keswick. For a while Mark and his wife Heather

had their own shop in Cockermouth until it was flooded when they moved back to Keswick into the shop they still run. It was fascinating listening him talking about the history and variety of different objects, particularly vinyl records, that he has bought and sold over his lifetime, and he spent a lot of time talking to members about objects that they had brought along to show him.

Chrissie Veitch won the competition for an antique, with Esme Studholme second. Doreen Pickering won the raffle. Our next meeting will be on 12th April when our speaker will be Susan Allison talking about Music from the Shows. Our meetings are held at 19.30 at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of every month. We are always pleased to welcome guests and new members. Please contact our secretary, Joanna South 01900 828110 for more information.

Uldale & Ireby

The Daffodils are beginning to flower and the month of March felt an appropriate time for us to welcome a speaker from Wordsworth, Grasmere. Melissa Mitchell is the curator at Dove Cottage and as with many of our speakers, the passion and love she has for her work came over during her talk – through a smiling face and easy manner. Her knowledge, built over a 10 year career is impressive. We really enjoyed hearing about Dorothy Wordsworth in particular who, Melissa told us, has helped paint a picture of life as it was at Dove Cottage, during Wordsworth's lifetime. Her detailed journals continue to provide a rich well of social history and enabled the Museum to really bring the house to life for visitors as part of their renovation following a huge Heritage Lottery grant. Wordsworth wanted his poetry to 'live and do good' and as a charity, the Wordsworth Trust continue to do just that - working with people from all over the world, allowing them to connect with nature, cultivate empathy for others and nurture their creative imagination through projects, immersive experiences and visits to the site. We were unsurprised to hear how Dorothy – Wordsworth's sister is an inspiration for Grasmere WI and some of their fundraising has been based upon her passion for walking. Kathryn Fielding gave the vote of thanks – we all appreciated the poetry we listened to 'by stealth' during our evening!! Betty Lawson and Doreen Gleed were diligent hostesses for the evening. Our next meeting is Thursday 6 April and will be our AGM. Our speaker is from Binsey Red Squirrel Group. New members are always welcome – please email UldaleandIrebyWI@gmail.com for details.

General

Caldbeck Surgery

We will be closed entirely on the bank holidays at Easter. Good Friday 7th April and Easter Monday 10th April. We expect to have a PLT in April also, but the date has not been confirmed.

Please ensure you order your meds in plenty of time to allow us to process them. You can order 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by ringing **016974 78296**

Cockermouth u3a:

The u3a movement caters for those people who are no longer in full time employment but who wish to pursue their hobbies and interests or learn something new with like minded people in a friendly environment. Check out our website for more information.

cockermouthu3a.org.uk

Skiddaw U3A: Our monthly meetings are now being held in Crosthwaite Parish Room Keswick. We have more than 50 different activity groups so if you are retired or semi-retired and want to stay active, learn new things and make new friends, pick up a copy of our Annual Guide to Groups which is available in Keswick Library or visit our website www.skiddawu3a.co.uk or contact Tony Marsh on 017687 72137.

Uldale Lunch Club First Thursday of the month. Please contact Mark Nellist 016973 71369

Young Carers Action Day

Last month was Young Carers Action Day and the aim of the day was to encourage people to "Make Time for Young Carers".

A young carer is anyone under the age of 18 who helps look after a family member who needs extra help due to an illness, disability, mental health problem or substance abuse. At Carer Support West Cumbria we support young carers from age 5 upwards by offering:

- A carer's assessment
- Needs led 1:1 support
- Trips and social events
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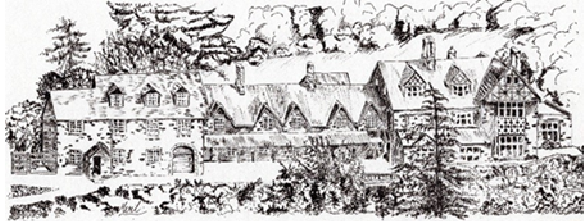
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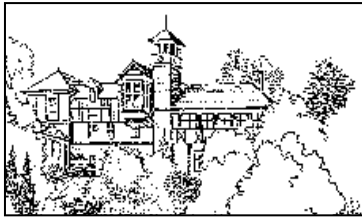
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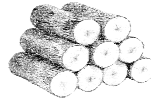
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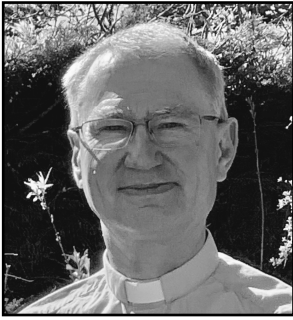


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