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Allhallows, Bassenthwaite, Boltons, Embleton, Ireby, Isel, Plumbland, Setmurthy,
Torpenhow, Uldale and Wythop

December 2022

What do you want for Christmas?

It is a question that most of us are used to being asked at this time of year and often it can be quite difficult to answer, if you are anything like me.

But what is it that you want for Christmas? I mean, really want?

Our deepest Christmas hopes and wishes might be summarised in the following way:

Firstly, a desire for gifts and presents. Not because we desperately need (usually) the thing that is given, but because we crave signals of love and regard from those who give them to us. It is a fundamental human desire to be noticed, appreciated, and cherished. Of course, 'cherish' means to be valued and loved for who we are.

Secondly, we wish to be with those whom we love. Separation is hard at Christmas- especially separation through bereavement. We want the presence of our loved ones with us, not simply a symbolic gift from them.

Finally, there is a Christmas wish that goes beyond our personal needs.

There is deep hunger for peace. Yes, a peace that begins in our own homes, and we know that can sometimes be difficult at Christmas, and a peace that also reaches out into our villages and communities, and a peace that inhabits the whole world.

Whatever your own beliefs about God and your family traditions around Christmas, at the heart of Christmas is the message that God loves us and wants to bring us his peace.

On our own we are powerless to change the world around us for the better, but the Christmas story tells us that God has taken the initiative and that in the birth of his Son, God is with us.

God is with us to help us in the mundane and ordinary; the exciting and joyous; the darkness; the fear and the struggle. He is there with us in every aspect and complication of life.

On our own we can make no difference to the problems, difficulties & darkness of our world, but acting together with others in the love and power of God we can make a difference, a difference for good.

This is what Christmas is really about. To receive the most important gift of all, so that we are able to share the love, grace and peace of Jesus with everyone around us.

Stephen

Revd Stephen Banks



December 2022

December Services

Sunday 4th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent			Sunday 11 th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Boltons	8am	Holy Communion	Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
Isel	9.30am	Holy Communion	Torpenhow	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wythop	11am	Holy Communion	St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	CAROL Service
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship			
Plumbland	11am	Morning Worship	Embleton	3pm	CAROL Service
St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	3pm	Holy Communion	Allhallows	6.30pm	CAROL Service
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer	Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 18th December – 4th Sunday of Advent			CHRISTMAS EVE- Friday 24th December		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Plumbland	9.30am	Holy Communion	Embleton	6pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	St. John, Bassenthwaite	7pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Setmurthy	11am	CAROL Service	Plumbland	7pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Wythop	11am	CAROL Service	Isel	9pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Torpenhow	3pm	CAROL Service	Allhallows	9pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Isel	4pm	CAROL Service	Ireby	11pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer			
Ireby	6.30pm	CAROL Service			
CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday 25th December					
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Boltons	8.30am	CHRISTMAS Communion	Torpenhow	10am	CHRISTMAS Communion
Setmurthy	8.30am	CHRISTMAS Communion	Wythop	10am	CHRISTMAS Communion

January Services

Sunday 1st January– 1st Sunday of Christmas			Sunday 8th January– 1st Sunday of Epiphany		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
			Embleton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Boltons	11am	Morning Worship	Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
			Torpenhow	9.30am	Holy Communion
			Allhallows	11am	Holy Communion
			St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	11am	Holy Communion
			Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 15th January– 2nd Sunday of Epiphany			Sunday 22nd January– 3rd Sunday of Epiphany		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Wythop	9.30am	Morning Worship	Boltons	8am	Holy Communion
Isel	11am	Holy Communion	Ireby	9.15am	Holy Communion
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Setmurthy	9.30am	Holy Communion
Plumbland	11am	Morning Worship	Torpenhow	9.30am	Morning Worship
Ireby	11am	CHRISTINGLE	Allhallows	11am	Morning Worship
			St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Morning Worship
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer			
Sunday 29th January–					
Church	Time		Service		
Team Service Venue to be confirmed	10.30am		Holy Communion		

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

No Baptisms took place in November

The funeral of Irwin Bragg, from Crookdake, took place at All Saints, Allhallows on 11th November 2022.

WEDDINGS

No Weddings took place in November

The funeral of Peter Laws, from Setmurthy, took place at St. Michael & All Angels, Isel on 14th November 2022.

FUNERALS

The funeral of George Storey, from Bothel, took place at Carlisle Crematorium on 20th October 2022.

The funeral of Agnes Armstrong, from Boltongate, took place at All Saints, Boltongate on 17th November 2022.

The funeral of Andy Hobday, from Cockermouth, took place at St. Cuthbert, Embleton on 20th October 2022.

The funeral of Roland Hill, from Parsonby, took place at St. Cuthbert, Plumbland on 5th November 2022.



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.



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.

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.

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

Christmas Services

This edition of the Binsey Link contains full details of all the Christmas services taking place in our churches across the Binsey Team.

As you will see there are 8 Carol Services, which are spread across the two Sundays before Christmas, so there is plenty of choice. For Christmas itself and our celebrations of Jesus' birth we will be holding services either on Christmas night or on Christmas morning in 10 of our churches.

We hope that you will be able to come and listen to the Christmas readings and sing the carols, which tell us of the real meaning of Christmas.

Above all, we look forward to welcoming everyone to our Christmas services this year and sharing in our celebrations as we rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ, who is God's message of love for the whole world.

Full details of the services are also published on the Binsey Team website (www.binsey.org.uk)

*Mary gave birth to her first born son.
She wrapped him in cloths and
laid him in a manger, because
there was no room in the inn*



Peter and Bridget Gilroy

Most of our readers are no doubt aware of the very serious car accident, which Peter and Bridget were involved at the end of September whilst on holiday in Puerto Rico visiting Bridget's family. Tragically Bridget died 4 days after the accident and Peter was critically ill and kept under medical sedation for over 6 weeks. During this time Peter remained unaware that Bridget had died.

Thankfully, Peter is now out of sedation and beginning the long road to recovery and has been told of Bridget's death. Peter is very grateful for the collective prayers and support of people here, and of so many of their friends around the world. Peter remains in hospital and he continues to ask for our prayers for his recovery and as he tries to come to terms with Bridget's death.

Do you shop online? You can support the Binsey Link in the process!

We have registered the Binsey Link with **Easyfundraising**

You can raise FREE donations for the Binsey Link EVERY time you shop online. Just use Easyfundraising! There are over 7,000 brands which will donate as you shop online, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

Do you have online supermarket deliveries? Booking a holiday? Christmas present shopping online? This will not effect any existing schemes of reward points or debit card cash back

Visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/binsey-link/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=whatsapp&utm_content=rm-wa-1

Please email accounts@binsey.org.uk and I can forward you this link to click on and further information to read on Easyfundraising. Many thanks Craig

Book Review

Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll (School Years 5 to 8)

Since we've just had the month of remembrance, I thought it might be fitting to introduce some historical fiction aimed at younger readers. Reading historical fiction is a brilliant way for children to improve their social and historical awareness. Following characters on an emotional journey through a 'known' historical event brings it to life and develops an empathy for the people at the time in a way that merely learning facts can rarely do.

So buy this one and bring history to life...

It's 1941 and the Second World War rages on longer than anyone anticipated. Reeling from the death of their father and the disappearance of their sister Sukie, Olive and her brother are evacuated to the coast of Devon. After discovering a strangely coded message that she's certain has something to do with Sukie's disappearance, Olive embarks on a dangerous adventure as she's determined to get to the bottom of the mystery. Emma Carroll has a wonderful talent for bringing historic events to life for today's young readers and with *Letters from the Lighthouse* continues to create an enthralling, thrilling read, whilst introducing situations and characters that are still relevant in our world today. Olive is a wonderful protagonist. Being an evacuee, she understands the prejudice that can come from lack of understanding. The thing that touched me most within this wonderful novel was the opportunity to hear the stories behind all those effected by war along with the refugees and the impact they had on the locals. War and hate have the ability to divide communities, but *Letters from the Lighthouse* shows how much can be achieved when people work together.

The love of family, the camaraderie, as well as the hatred and mistrust of the unknown and otherness of 'foreigners' is all too relevant today. Brilliant lessons for younger and older readers alike. A great adventure of a read.

Clare Doherty

(Chapel House, Plumbland)

info@thecreativereadingcompany.co.uk

Questions:

On the cinema trip at the start of the novel, what film do they go to see?

Which hospital was Olive taken to after the air raid during the film?

When packing her suitcase for the evacuation Olive puts in one thing that her dad gave to her. What is it?

Which train coach are Olive and Cliff told to sit in?

What was the surname of the boys who used to work for Queenie but left to join the army?

When Olive and Cliff leave Queenie's house to live at the lighthouse, who do they go to live with?

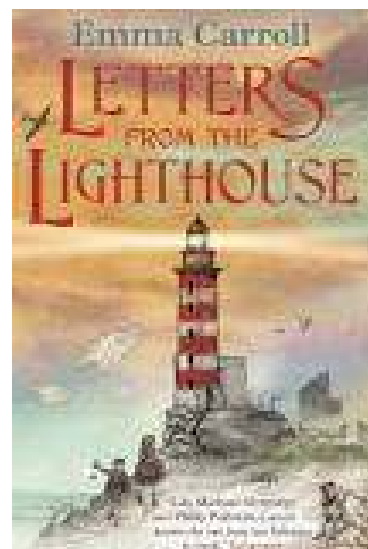
After the air raid during the school day, Esther thinks she is bleeding but it's not blood she has on her. What is it?

Which country are the refugees coming from originally?

What is the name of the village doctor?

They take the yellow stars off refugees' coats. What do the yellow stars have written on them?

You will have to wait until February issue for the answers.....



January: Named from the Roman God Janus, who is represented with two faces looking in opposite directions—as retrospective to the past, and to the coming year.

January Mottoes:

'A wet January, A wet Spring'

'If the grass do grow in January. Its grows the worse for it all the year'

On this day.....

How much do you know about key dates in History?

1st Dec. 1135 England's King Henry I died. He had fallen ill seven days earlier after eating too many lampreys. He was 66, and had ruled for 35 years.

2nd Dec. 1697 Sir Christopher Wren's St Paul's Cathedral is opened in London.

3rd Dec. 1989 The Cold War ended after 52 years of superpower rivalry. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush ended their shipboard summit meeting off Malta.

4th Dec. 1872 Crew from the British brigantine Die Gratia boarded a deserted ship drifting mid Atlantic. The captain's table was set for a meal aboard the US ship Marie Celeste but the Captain, crew and passengers were all missing.

5th Dec. 1905 The roof of Charing Cross Railway Station in London collapsed, killing five people .

6th Dec. 1921 Ireland's 26 southern states were granted independence from Britain, becoming the Irish Free State. Ulster in the north remains part of the UK.

7th Dec. 1783 William Pitt became British Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer at the tender age of 24.

8th Dec. 1980 Forty-year-old ex-Beatle John Lennon was murdered in New York.

9th Dec. 1608 Birthday of John Milton, English poet whose works included Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained and Samson Agonistes.

10th Dec. 1901 The first Nobel Peace Prizes were awarded worth \$30,000 each. Nobel, a Swedish chemist, had died five years earlier leaving the fortune he had amassed from his invention dynamite, to the awarding foundation.

11th Dec. 1936 Britain's King Edward VIII renounces the throne in a radio broadcast to the nation. After the broadcast he boards a ship to join the twice-divorced Mrs Wallis Simpson in France.

12th Dec. 1955 British engineer Christopher Cockerell patented a new kind of vehicle. Half-ship and half-aircraft, his "hovercraft" floats on an air cushion.

13th Dec. 1989 In South Africa, ANC leader Nelson Mandela meets President F. W. de Klerk for the first time.

14th Dec. 1895 Birthday of King George VI, who succeeded to the throne when his brother, Edward VIII, abdicated.

15th Dec. 1791 The Bill of Rights becomes part of the United States Constitution providing protection for the basic rights of the individual to free expression and justice.

16th Dec. 1773 Unruly American colonists boarded three ships in Boston harbour and emptied 342 chests of tea into the sea.

17th Dec. 1778 Birthday of Sir Humphrey Davy, English inventor of the safety lamp for miners, who also discovered sodium, magnesium, calcium, barium and strontium

18th Dec. 1946 Clement Atlee's Labour government won the vote on state ownership which led to the nationalizing of the railways, ports, mines, etc.

19th Dec. 1848 Emily Bronte, English author of Wuthering Heights, dies of tuberculosis at the tender age of 30.

20th Dec. 1803 The United States doubles in size when it acquires 88831,321 square miles of land from France for \$15 million – The Louisiana Purchase.

21st Dec. 1988 A Pan American jumbo jet bound for New York is blown out of the sky by a terrorist bomb and crashes onto the Scottish town of Lockerbie killing all 259 passengers and 11 people on the ground.

22th Dec. 1715 James Edward Stuart, son of James II, the deposed Catholic King of England, lands in north-east Scotland to lead a Jacobite rebellion.

23th Dec. 1922 The world's first regular entertainment radio broadcasts are transmitted by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

24th Dec. 1508 London houses receive piped water again, for the first time in over a thousand years, since the Romans left town!

25th Dec. 440 Church leaders agree to fix the date of the birth of Christ. Previously some people had celebrated it in May, others in January.

26th Dec. 1943 In World War II, a Royal Navy convoy including the battleship Duke of York and cruiser Jamaica attack and sink the mighty German battle cruiser Scharnhorst.

27th Dec. 1831 The Royal Navy vessel HMS Beagle sets sail from Devonport, the official naturalist onboard is recent BA graduate Charles Darwin.

28th Dec. 1918 The results of the first General Election in Britain in which women have been allowed to vote, confirmed David Lloyd George as Prime Minister.

29th Dec. 1170 Four of King Henry II's knights murdered the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas a Becket, in Canterbury Cathedral.

30th Dec. 1879 First performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera The Pirates of Penzance, at the Royal Bijou Theatre, Paignton, Devon.

31st Dec 1720 Birthday of Charles Edward Stuart, Scottish royal better known as Bonnie Prince Charlie or the Young Pretender, son of James, the Old Pretender.

January—a selection:

1st Jan. 1622 The Catholic Church adopted 1 Jan as the beginning of the New Year (instead of 25 March).

25th Jan. 1759 Birth of Robert "Rabbie" Burns, Scottish poet. Burns Suppers celebrated all over the world each year on this day.

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,

Great Chieftain o' the Puddin'-race!

Aboon them a' ye tak your place, Painch, tripe, or thairm:

Weel are ye wordy of a grace, As lang 's my arm.

Sorry we have run out of space for the rest of January, but see the full list online in the 'extra' page Binsey Link. Binsey.org.uk/binsey-link-magazine

Around The Parishes

Allhallows

The next All Saints Allhallows DCC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th December (changed from the 8th) at 1:30pm in the Church Vestry.

Sunday 11th December at 6:30pm Christmas Carol Service at Allhallows Church

Friday 16th December at 7pm, Harlequin Choir Concert in Allhallows Church. Refreshments will be served. Free admission, kind donations to All Saints Church.

Thank you to all those who supported and gave their assistance at the Tabletop/Coffee Morning on the 5th November in the Community Centre.

Looking forward to further social gatherings, where friends can meet up and have a cuppa and crack.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

Wednesday 7th December, Allhallows Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch at the Whiteheather Hotel. The coach will leave Fletchertown cross-roads at 11:50am for a meal at 12:30pm. This is a free meal for all over 60s residing within Allhallows Parish and Mealsgate. Names to Gillian Marr by 1st December please.

BOOKINGS: If you would like to make a booking for room hire, please ring 07849 713207.

Alternatively you can message via the Facebook page .

www.Facebook.com/allhallowscentre.org

Website: <https://allhallowscentre.org>

Email: allhallowscentre@gmail.com

Two by Two for Toddlers Every Tuesday from 10:00am to 11:30am All under 5's are welcome £1:50p per family.

The Group are looking for Volunteers;

Those who enjoy the company of children will find it very rewarding. There are many ways you can help, setting up, making teas and coffee, playing with the children, supporting parents and by just being there. We need this group to flourish. If you are interested then please contact Sandy Brown on 07720757394

TWO by TWO



To all Parents / Grandparents / Carers

We have a relaunch of the Two by Two Playgroup at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown.

Every Tuesday at the new time of

10:00am to 11:30am

Starting on November 1st (after half term)

All under 5's are welcome to enjoy, Songs, Activities Craft and Fun. £1:50p per family



Bassenthwaite

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

St John's cleaning. December: J. Stephens and M Green
January: R. Barnes.

Flowers: No flowers in Advent. Christmas: Vacant.

January: Barbara Jordan and D Mattinson

St. Bega's Flowers and Cleaning

December: Vacant. January: Sandra Stockdale.

If you could help with cleaning or flowers at St. Bega's or St. John's we would love to hear from you.

December 2022

Soup Lunches. Tuesday 13th December and Tuesday 10th January are the dates for the next lunches. Soup, scone, cheese, biscuits and tea or coffee. Lots of chat and a warm welcome. 12noon to 1.30. £4. Everyone welcome.

Bassenthwaite

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

6th December,
3rd January 2023 & 17th January 2023
7th February 2023 & 21st February 2023

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

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



Featuring Cumbrian ceildh band
STRIDING EDGE

Ceilidh

Bassenthwaite Parish Room
Saturday 14th January 2023
at 7.30 pm

Adult ticket £10 <16 ticket £5
includes light refreshments

Tickets in advance from:
dave.ridley001@btinternet.com
or Claire on 077 4389 3489

cash bar and raffle

Boltons

All Saint's Church, Boltons

Our next coffee morning will be The Christmas Coffee morning on Friday 2nd December at 10-00am ---11-30 am in The Bell Institute.

Pilates with Helen Monday evening 6.45pm and Wednesday morning 9.30am at Bolton Low Houses Village Hall. Suitable for all ages and abilities. £5 per session. For further info contact Helen on 07900410076 Or email helknight@hotmail.co.uk

CRAFTy THuRSDAYS At the Bell Institute, Boltongate starting at 1.30 pm Every fourth Thursday of the month 2022. Bring along your own crafty thing or join in with some group work.

Pop In At Bolton Low Houses Parish Hall at 10am — 11.30am On the second Monday of the month 2022 . Bake a cake or some biscuits, help with making the tea, all offers welcome. Please contact Maggy Bateman on 016973 49919 or Gill Skillicorn
December 2022

BOLTONS PARISH HALL

are delighted to bring back our annual
"CAROLS ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE."

Led by the Revd Stephen Banks,
singing led by Joan Lancaster.
Saturday December 10th at 6.30 pm
followed by Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and
more Carols in the Parish Hall!!! All Welcome!

and
LINE DANCING FOR BEGINNERS, alternate
Wednesdays at 2pm.
Great fun and good exercise!
Contact Ness on 07718264700

Embleton

St Cuthbert's:

Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2023 to all our readers. Do come along and join us at any of our services or activities. Details of Christmas services are at the front of the magazine.

It was great at the end of October to welcome folk to our valley supper and beetle drive, the first for 3 years. After a delicious supper of pie, peas & gravy followed by trifle-sausage buns and jelly for the younger ones- everyone of all ages enjoyed playing beetle. Thanks to all who served, washed up and made trifles and to everyone who came along, thanks for your support. The profit from the evening of £140 was an additional bonus shared between St Margaret's and St Cuthbert's.

Embleton and Wythop School Foundation administered by local trustees is a Charity that receives income from the lease of the Old School at Wythop. The committee of trustees can award grants for educational purposes to any school serving the parishes of Embleton and Wythop. It can also award individual grants to any person under 25 years of age who, or whose parents are, resident in either of the parishes. The grants are for the purpose of promoting education, including social and physical training. If you would like further information, or a grant application form, please contact Chris Albon; Tel 01900826125 or email chrisalbon@btinternet.com.

Lorton and Derwent Fells Local History Society. Next meeting: The Cumberland Bard: Robert Anderson by Sue Allan. 12 January 2023 at 7.30 at the Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton. Talks are free to members, but cost £4 for visitors, to include refreshments. Parking in Lorton can be tricky, so it is as well to arrive in good time.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas pop-up and raffle on the hill at Wythop Mill: Dec 10th & 11th followed by sales at the shed at Scales Farm. [With grateful thanks to Thomas and Sheila.]

Apologies for incorrect date last month!

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 January 7th please.

Embleton Village Hall Notice Board.

Due to computer problems a short version of the notice board this month.

All weekly activities are as normal please refer to last month's magazine.

What's on December?

Thursday 1st: U3A digital photography group 9.30am.

Saturday 3rd: Social dance with Edna 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 6th: U3A Folk dance 2pm.

Thursday 8th: Private Function 11.30 - 2pm

Saturday 10th: Private Function 1-5pm.

Wednesday 15th: W.I. 7.30pm.

Thursday 15th: U3A Geology group 10.30-12.30pm.

Monday 19th: Hall closed for 1 week.

What's on January 2023?

Tuesdays 3rd/17th/31st: U3A folk dance 2pm.

Thursday 5th: U3A Digital photograph group 9.30 am.

Wednesday 11th: W.I. 7.30pm.

Thursday 12th/26th: Art Class private function 10am.

Wednesday 18th: Parish Council 7 pm.

Thursday 19th: U3A Geology group 10.30am.

Friday 20th: Choir rehearsal 2pm.

Saturday/Sunday 21st & 22nd private function 7 & 11am.

Sunday 22nd: Concert 3pm.

Friday 27th: Seniors group 11am.

The ducks and the Ostle family wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Chris.



Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby

Our Christmas services will be as follows:

Sunday 18th December – Carol Service at 6.30pm, to be followed by mulled wine and refreshments.

Christmas Eve, 11pm – Holy Communion.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday 17th December at 2.00 pm. Offers of help will be appreciated!

Our Christingle Service will take place on Sunday 15th January at 11.00am. Candle boxes, for donations in aid of The Children's Society, will be available in Church in December.

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

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



Ireby School PTA 100 club winners.

September: 1st - C Newbery, 2nd- A Knights, 3rd- I Bedford

October: 1st- A Marrs, 2nd- J Logan, 3rd- E Hayton

CHRISTMAS FAIR & LIGHT SWITCH ON

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

4PM GLOBE HALL IREBY

£3 ADULTS CHILDREN ARE FREE

SANTA & RAFFLE

GIFT STALLS

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

CRAFT & CAKES

6PM LIGHTS & CAROLS IN THE SQUARE

STALLS ARE £5 EACH OR FREE FOR A CHARITY.

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT EMMA ON 71796

IREBY COMMUNITY HUBS

The Northern Fells Group is organising drop-ins for anyone to enjoy a complimentary cuppa, or soup and a roll and have a chat, play board games or read the paper. There will also be the chance to view a classic film, provided by Caldbeck Film Club, where possible. The idea is to offer people a warm and child-friendly place to spend time and relax.

Free transport can be arranged, contact Shaun in advance on 07960 342106

The hubs will be at Ireby WI hall from 2-4pm December 21st and January 18th



Globe Hall Lunch Club

Due to Ann Parry's accident, there will be no lunch in December. We wish Ann well in her recovery.

Isel

Christmas services at St. Michael and All Angels. Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm. Annual Candle-lit Carol Service. Saturday 24th December 9pm Holy Communion. Please look at the services rota at the start of the magazine for our January services.

Coffee will be at the Great Escape Café, Moota on Monday 12th December and Monday 9th January at 10.30am.

Many thanks to those who donated sale items for the car boot sale in October. We raised over £250.00 towards Church Funds, which makes it worth the very early start.

There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th January at 10.00am in Blindcrake Village Hall. Admission £2.00 for coffee and refreshments. This is a chance to catch up with your neighbours once Christmas is over!

Isel and Bridekirk Parishes First Responders 150 Club Draw November 2022

1st Prize- Lena Slater, 2nd Prize- Ann Thompson 3rd Prize- Vernon Wood,

4th Prize- Mirja Dawson

Drawn 14th November 2022 Beech Farm Sunderland



December 2022

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BLINDCRAKE VILLAGE HALL NEWS:

DECEMBER 2022

Mondays: Yoga classes with Sarah

Wednesdays: Pilates classes with Angela

Tuesday 6th: Village Hall management committee meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 8th: 'WARM SPOT' in the village hall. 10am-noon. All welcome: Pop in, meet others, have a hot drink, maybe other activities, too.

Saturday 17th : Evening Inn 8-11pm. Local real ale and a quiz. All welcome to come along

JANUARY 2023

Mondays Yoga

Wednesdays Pilates

Saturday 14th: Coffee Morning 10:30pm

Monday: Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

Save the date! There will be a curry lunch held in Blindcrake Village Hall on **Saturday 11th February** courtesy of Peter and Elaine Streatfeild.

Please check the February magazine and other sites nearer the date for details of time etc. Numbers are limited so if you wish to reserve a place in really good time please contact Ann Thompson on 01900 823763 or Sue Buckwell on 07789 163106

This event is in aid of COAT (Cumbria Overseas Aid Trust)

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>

Blindcrake Village Hall Warm Spot

On Thursday 8th December 10am – 12 noon



Free entry : tea, coffee & biscuits
Come along for a warm welcome

Plumbland

St Cuthbert's

Greetings to all our friends both local and community wide, trust you are able to look forward to the coming 'festive' season when, after what seems to have been a very long time, we will be able to join more positively, together, as 'family and look forward to happy times. The past year has been an event filled period, especially nationally, and continues to have restrictions placed upon us.

Here at St Cuthberts we have enjoyed happy times, but have also been saddened by the loss of some of our faithful supporters. Like many of you, we mourn their passing, but rejoice in the knowledge and faith that they are now safely with their Saviour, free from any more pain or distress. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families left behind.

We will be able to holding our Service on Christmas Eve at 7pm this year, also welcoming our School children, and Parents to their annual service.. Please keep alert for notices about the services as ALL will be welcome.

Let us hope and pray that after such a traumatic year we will be able to start and build and build a better community together.

With all best wishes, and love to all, for a Peaceful Christmas and a settled New Year.

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 continued

Plumbland Village Hall

December & January events:

Friday 2nd Youth Club & Friday 9th Film Club December
Friday 6th Youth Club & Friday 13th Film Club January

Bowls weekly on Mondays & Tuesdays evenings, Salsa on
Wednesdays weekly 7pm, Dancing on Thursdays weekly
7pm, Toddler Group on a Friday morning .

New members are more than welcome at Bowls &
Dancing just come along at 7pm

After a Christmas feet up **Salsa** will be restarting 4th
January **new starters welcome**—no experience just
willing feet and a big smile!!

Village Hall warm space—please see opposite

The Hall will close over the Christmas period Thursday
15th and reopen on Thursday 5th 10am. Then from
Monday 9th January Mondays & Thursdays 10am –3pm
Come along: Bring a book, bring your knitting, watch the
TV on the large screen. Have lunch. The more people who
attend the more planning we can do!

Please check the Hall's notice board for up to date
information: <https://plumbland.org/index.php/village-hall>

Plumbland Village Hall

Monday 5th December
Coffee Moring 10.30—12.30

Hot drinks and cakes

Tuesday 13th 12noon
Christmas Lunch

For numbers, this must be booked in
advance ring Craig on
07967 635238

*No cost—any donations will be past to
North Lakes Food Bank*

All welcome to both events
A reminder the Village Hall is open
as a warm space on
Mondays & Thursdays in January
10am—3pm

*The more attending the more planning of
events will occur...*

Setmurthy

St Barnabas Church

Cleaning & flowers ;December:- Mrs Kathleen Greenbank
& Mrs Elizabeth Marrs

January :- Mrs Julia Fisher

Services

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

Carol Service : We hope to hold our Carol service on
Sunday 18th December at 11.00am to be followed by
seasonal refreshments in the Parish hall.

Parish Hall

Disabled Ramp : The hall have a ramp that they would be
pleased to loan out to parishioners within the Binsey team
who need to improve access to their property. Please
contact Elizabeth (01900 823329) or Nicola (017687
76483) for further details. The Parish hall is available for
bookings, please contact Mrs Nicola Laws tel 017687
76483

Setmurthy has lost a valued member of the community
with the passing of Peter Laws. Peter & Nicola moved to
Setmurthy 25 years ago & over those years have
supported & organised many events which have
benefitted the Church & the hall. Peter was chairman of
the Parish hall committee & through his many applications
for grant funding it was possible to have the hall
refurbished. Our thoughts & prayers are with Nicola & her
family.



Torpenhow

Torpenhow

St Michael's Church, Torpenhow
Advent Carol Service Sunday 18th December 3pm
Everyone Welcome. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies (donations of mince pies most welcome)

Christmans Day 10am Christmas Holy Communion
Torpenhow DCC wishes everyone a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Calling all girls aged 7 to 9, **1ST TORPENHOW BROWNIES** would love to meet you so why not come along to one of our meetings on Tuesday evenings during term time and see what we do. You will be able to join in the fun of being a Brownie including crafts and games. We meet between 6.00 to 7.30pm in Torpenhow Village Hall and for more information about us ring 016973 71514 or email torpenhowbrownies@gmail.com



Torpenhow Village Hall December events:
Saturday 3rd December, **Coffee Morning and Christmas Book Share 10.00 to 12.00 noon**
Coffee, Cake and a Natter and many genres of books for Xmas presents
Lots of choice, many in NEW condition



Christmas Light Switch-on

Saturday 10th December
6pm sharp

Join us at the Village Hall
for the switching on of our Xmas lights
Followed by mulled wine, mince pies
and music inside the Village Hall



Call or WhatsApp Julie on 07803 619725
to let us know you are coming

New Year's Eve

Bring & Share Party
Saturday 31st December -
7.30pm

For all the family.
Bring a dish and share with
Others.

Dancing & food, the Bar will be open
Call or WhatsApp Julie on 07803 619725
to let us know you are coming &
tell us what dish you will be bringing



Village Hall

What a brilliant night we all had with The MisFitz band. The hall was jumping to the beat and there were sore feet and head's next morning. In stark contrast a week later we dialled the pace back as we got all crafty at our Christmas Craft workshop. You lot are certainly very talented, and the glue pen and needle were being wielded with skill.

So, we're now well and truly into our Christmas Programme.

CHRISTMAS SWITCH-ON. This year we're going full-out to make it exciting for big and little-ones. Mark it in your diary - **SATURDAY 3rd December 6pm**. We will meet for Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree on the Blennerhasset Village Green at 6pm. Wrap up warm and bring a torch so you can read your song sheets and sing out with gusto. After that we head off to the Village Hall, where the festivities continue. Meet Santa in his magical grotto and all the willing and not-so-willing Elf helpers! There'll be party games galore, kiddie crafts, minced pies, yule logs and mulled wine for the big one's needing fortitude! Admission is Kids £3 (which includes all games & Santa) and Adults £1.

Christmas Coffee Morning - 7th December Every 1st Wednesday of the month is our Coffee Morning. We give such a warm welcome to visitors from neighbouring villages and our locals, and our baking is brilliant.



CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS. SATURDAY 10th December 11-4pm. Our final soiree in the Christmas programme is the Market. Just in time to buy all of those presents and a lovely way to spend an afternoon. We have crafters, shops and lots to eat. To book a stall call 07739 184942.

Table Tennis - Next 23rd December 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. New players welcome.

Check out our website www.bbvh.uk (Blennerhasset & Baggrow Village Hall BBVH) for more information on our weekly Bingo and Exercise Classes.

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.

Torpenhow—Bothel

Bothel Vilage 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 Wednesday 6.00pm

Craft Group 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

Fencing Wednesdays 7.30pm

Circuits Thursdays 7.00pm

The Bowling Club would love to welcome new members - come and give it a try - first night free of charge.

The first Board Game session will be on Wednesday 2nd November. Bring along your favourite board game or enjoy joining in some of the traditional ones. 1.30pm to 3.30pm. A good way to spend dull winter afternoons!

Christmas festivities at the Village Hall include

Special Christmas Bingo Saturday 10th December 2pm
Lots of Christmas prizes and stocking fillers and of course tea and biscuits

On 7th January 2023 Children's Christmas Party
1.30pm - 4.00pm (Under 5's to be accompanied by a parent please)

and also 7th January 2023 Over 60's Christmas Party
6.30pm Hot meal and entertainment.

We look forward to welcoming new residents to these events.

100 Club winners 1. J.& J Gibson 2. G. Hunter 3. M. & H. Braithwaite

Uldale

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

St. Margaret's is now back ready for Services and Visitors in good time for Christmas, and we are safe in the knowledge that nothing is going to fall on us, and we are confident that the current D.C.C. will be long gone before any more work is necessary!

We thank The Rector, The Rev. Stephen Banks, for continuing to ensure that we have not been deprived of any of our normal Services, despite some very trying times, and we sincerely hope that it will not be long before he has help to ease his workload.

For the first time for several years we are hoping to welcome the congregation this Christmas with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies after Carols, a sure sign that if Normality has not completely arrived, then it is on its way.

St. Margaret's wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and a very much improved New Year.



Parish Council

Allhallows

The meeting was held on November 4th at the Allhallows Centre in Fletchertown

Planning: There were no planning applications.

Allhallows Centre: Seasonal activities are moving apace.

There are increasing bookings.

Electrical repairs have been completed.

Allotments: These are in full use and each one is being well cared for. All allotment holders who have poultry have been fully informed of the DEFRA regulations concerning Avian Flu.

Speeding . Despite speed cameras being laid, this has made little difference in the numbers of drivers who ignore speed restrictions on the B 5299 road. A Councillor observed that the cameras had been laid in the wrong place. This will be investigated.

Allhallows Jubilee Walk. In addition to the work already completed, two oak trees will be planted as well as daffodil bulbs. This will be an appropriate memorial to Queen Elizabeth II

Donations. Will be given to Allhallows Church for ground maintenance and to the Great North Air Ambulance.

Parish Maintenance. The Parish fingerpost road signs will be repainted by the end of the financial year. The seat at Watch Hill has become dislodged. This will be repaired.

Parish Council numbers. Helen McNab from Allerdale Borough Council talked to the Council about a possible reduction in Parish Councillor numbers. She will return with more information in the new year.

Borough County Council and Shadow Unitary Authority reports. Jim Lister from Cumbria County Council reported on staff shortages within the refuse and recycling departments. Nothing has been heard at all from our new Shadow Unitary Authority Councillor.

Flooding. Despite the heavy rain, there has been no flooding in Baggrow. However night time flood alerts have ceased. **Vacancies : We still have vacancies.** If you are interested in our community and would like to join, please contact Trevor Gear , Parish Clerk on Allhallows.parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Bassenthwaite

Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday the 3rd of November 2022 in Bassenthwaite Parish Room.

Councillors Present: J Stephens (Chair), N Harrop, J Mattinson, E Trafford & L Briggs

Also Present: E Clark (clerk).

Councillors have agreed the Cumberland Council Plan which sets out the focus for the new authority to 2027, as well as what residents can expect.

Cumbria Association of Local Councils advise that as it currently stands, town & parish councils should be including election costs within their budget/precept for the next year.

The village green committee reported the following;

someone had moved the litter bin on The Green to the other side of the road. The new donated bench had been installed in front of No1 The Green.

Numerous questions were asked in respect of maintenance, insurance cover/liability, H&S etc in respect of the Pinfold Parish Land. It was agreed that a thorough inspection of the area, which should include an assessment by a tree surgeon, was required. Following a vote it was agreed not to sell the Pinfold land.

It was noted that the permissive path on North Row had been closed.

For a copy of the full minutes please contact the clerk or see www.bassenthwaite.org.uk. Next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 7.30pm ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Clerk: Elizabeth Clark, 11 Standingstone Heights, Wigton, CA7 9DS Telephone: 016973 45665

Email: bassenthwaiteclerk@aol.com

Ireby & Uldale

Summary of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st November, 2022 at the WI Hall, Ireby. Present: Cllrs E. Alexander, K. Bridges (Chair), J.W. Hall, G. Moore and F. Payne. Also Present: J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor and one parish member.

Matters Discussed included: Planning - Applications received: Allerdale Borough Council LBC/2022/0048 – Earsden Cottage, Ireby - Listed building consent for the replacement of internal staircase and front door. Lake District National Park Authority - HN/22/03 – Field adjacent to St James Church Uldale - 2 x 4ft sections of hedge removal. Decisions: Allerdale Borough Council LBC/2022/0036 - Standing Stone Cottage, Ireby - Listed Building consent to replace metal garage door with wood and replace window - GRANTED.

HOU/2022/0163 - West View, Ireby - Barn conversion into additional living space – GRANTED. Lake District National Park Authority - 7/2022/2196 – Uldale Mill Barn, Ireby - Construct a horse exercise arena in part of an existing paddock / grazing field – GRANTED. 7/2022/2207 - Baggra Yeat, Uldale - Roofing over existing concrete midden – GRANTED.

Highways – A number of issues were raised and will be reported to the Highways Team. The Parish

Council also discussed the feasibility of employing a lengthsman to carry out minor jobs in the Parish.

Trees in the Parish – A safety inspection of the trees in the parish will be carried out in the next few weeks.

Donation Request: A donation of £350.00 was granted to the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

Date of Next Meeting: Bi-monthly meeting 3rd January, 2023 at 7.30pm – WI Hall, Ireby Clerk: Janice Rae, 33 Scholars Green Wigton, CA7 9QW.

Telephone 016973 42138 Email: [info@ireby-](mailto:info@ireby-uldalepc.org.uk)

[uldalepc.org.uk](http://www.ireby-uldalepc.org.uk) Website: www.ireby-uldalepc.org.uk

Parish Council continued

Embleton & District

How many Councillors do we need/are an appropriate number to serve the parishes of Embleton, Setmurthy and Wythop?

Background: Although Embleton and District Parish Council operates as a single council, it encompasses the parishes of Embleton, Setmurthy and Wythop and, historically, the total complement of councillors was set at thirteen. The designated number of councillors remains at 13 and it will not have escaped your notice that we seem to be permanently advertising vacancies, which can seriously impact on the working of the Council. Any issue requiring a vote needs to have 5 councillors present, to be quorate in other words. Sadly, the July 2022 meeting was not quorate and had to be cancelled, thus delaying decisions on important council business until September.

What happens next? With this in mind, Embleton and District Parish Council has sought the approval of Allerdale Borough Council to reduce the number of councillors, and the October meeting welcomed Lee Jardine and Kathryn Magnay from Allerdale Borough Council (ABC) who provided an overview and update of the necessary process, which is called the Community Governance Process. In brief, but these points are of enormous importance to all of us: ABC are proposing to write to all households to invite them to complete a simple questionnaire and provide feedback. The survey will be available online and in hard copy and once the consultation has been concluded, ABC will prepare a report that will be signed off by Cumberland Unitary Authority as part of the Structural Change Order. The changes, if approved, will take effect as of the May 2023 elections.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023 at 7.00pm in Embleton Village Hall.

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.

WI

Embleton

On 9 November 2022, 25 members met in the Village Hall for a pie and pea supper followed by our Annual General Meeting. Amanda Durkan was re-elected as our President. She gave a report on the first full year of activities since covid restrictions ended in 2021 and welcomed the new members who have joined us this year, as well as Esme Studholme's baby daughter Ada, who we hope will be a future member. Chrissie Veitch outlined an interesting programme of speakers and activities for the coming year, including an outing to the Fellside Flower Company in the Eden Valley and a Quiz night for Embleton and members of other local WIs. Lucy Elkerton won the cup for the winner of most competitions held in 2022; Amanda Durkan and Di Parums tied for second place. Caroline Speck thanked Amanda and all the committee members for running our WI branch so well throughout the year. Andrea Cameron won the competition for a favourite plate; Esme Studholme came second. Edna Hind won the raffle.

The next meeting will be our Christmas Party on 14 December and Ros Downing from Bassenthwaite WI will be our speaker for the first meeting of the New Year on 11 January 2023.

Meetings are held at 19.30 at the village hall on the second Wednesday of each month. We are always pleased to welcome guests and new members; please contact our secretary Joanna South 01900 828110 for more information.

Uldale & Ireby

It was a full house with 25 members and 3 guests at our November meeting. The noise level in the Hall was HIGH and the floor was covered in foliage. Debra Binns, one of our members, led the activity of wreath making. Those new to it did find it tricky but we proudly showed off our creations at the end of the session - you can see photos on our Facebook Page @UldaleandIrebyWI.

As it was November - we chose the competition to be "A poppy in any medium." This was won by Elizabeth Gill, with Velma Bottomley's amazing umbrella coming a close second. The race for the Rose bowl is back on for 22 - 23. Last month Barbara Johnson won it - having had the most points from competitions in 21 - 22. Jacqui Spanton came second and took home the Ireby silver salver. Jennie Bateson was third and will hold the WI slate plaque until next year.

Betty Lawson won the drawing. Louise Deans gave the vote of thanks. Hostessing was organised by Janet Clayton and Linda Yoxon. Our next meeting is on Thursday 1 December, 7.30pm at the WI Hall in Ireby.

WI continued

Bassenthwaite WI

The story of the unsolved murder of Joe the Quilter captivated her audience when we were pleased to welcome our speaker Sue Hinde and her fellow members of Thirlmere WI to our October meeting. Joseph Hedley, known as Joe the Quilter, was brutally murdered on the evening of 3rd January 1826. Joe lived in an isolated 2 roomed cottage in Warden near Hexham. Several visitors had called earlier that evening when Joe was still alive and just an hour later a local gentleman rode past and noted the cottage was dark and silent. Unfortunately, it wasn't until several days later that people alarmed at Joe's absence broke into the cottage and found Joe brutally murdered with 40 wounds to his face and neck. During his life he was known as a highly skilled craftsman, designing and quilting in both linen and cotton which demonstrated his skills through the extremely fine details evident in his work. Joe was about 76 when he died. Sue set the atmosphere for her talk with a dark room and just a little candlelight, illustrating the darkness of a small cottage in that period. Although Joe must have made an adequate living with his quilt making skills, even making quilts sent to America and Ireland, at this time he was receiving parish relief and would have had no money to steal. Despite 100 guineas reward all efforts to find a culprit came to nought. Due to the brutality of his death and subsequent reports in papers around the country a lot more is recorded about his life and living conditions than is usual for a person of his social standing in the Georgian era. Sue, a skilled quilter herself, told us of the intricacies of designing a whole cloth quilt, a quilt made of a single length of extra wide fabric, the sort of quilt Joe would have made and showed a photo of a quilt credited to Joe. The fine work achieved under what we would call very inadequate lighting was amazing. Sue also had a whole cloth quilt for us to see that had been made by the grandmother of a lady from Bassenthwaite. The design and stitching were very fine. Unfortunately, Keswick Museum doesn't have the correct conditions to display and preserve the fabric, but it is hoped it can be displayed at a larger museum such as Bowes or Beamish. The competition for a sewn article resulted in a table displaying some beautiful work. The winner for Bassenthwaite was Lena with a lovely, embroidered owl. A quiz of things associated with the dark was won by the Thirlmere team. At our December meeting we will have Ian France with A Christmas Music Extravaganza. The competition is a Christmas tree decoration and there will be a Secret Santa. The hostesses for the evening are Mesdames R. Downing, M. Green and S. Hill. The New Year meeting, January 12th, will be a talk about DeWoDe (Dedicated Women in Development) and the competition a recycled object. The hostesses for the evening will be Mesdames J. Hedley, H. Hunt and V. Trafford.

December 2022

School News

Plumbland

During the school year we have half termly subject themed mornings, where we work in mixed age groups completing a carousel of activities. We find these mornings really valuable and it enables us to develop our cooperation skills working in different age groups, as well as foster a love for different subjects. We have just enjoyed our Geography themed morning led by our Geography subject leader and the activities included: fieldwork outdoors- searching for and recording human and physical features, baking biscuits in the shape of the UK, learning about symbols on real maps and then creating our own, using our imagination to create a treasure map with our own key, navigating using a compass and following compass directions to solve a puzzle, completing tricky jigsaws of the countries in the world and finally finding cities, counties, rivers and mountain ranges in 'real' atlases and recording the grid references.

This Friday is 'Children in Need' and our school council have been busy planning some activities for us. We will be having a non-uniform day to raise funds and will be completing an assault course as well as lots of competitions and puzzles. Our Year 5 and 6 children have been busy improving the environment by planting window boxes at Plumbland Village Hall and we have also displayed poetry in Plumbland bus shelter to share with our community. Children in our Infant class have been having African drumming sessions with ZoZo and children in Year 3 and 4 have just begun their ukulele lessons with Colin Hendra from Cumbria Music Service. Our forest school learning sessions have been enhanced with the arrival of a new mud kitchen which has caused much excitement and it is the turn of Year 3 and 4 to visit this half term.

Thank you to Fops our parent fundraising group who organised a movie night event for us which we all really enjoyed. As the festive season is nearly upon us we are looking forward to all of the fun activities we will be taking part in and to seeing our community members at our Christmas concert in school and Carol service in St Cuthbert's Church, Plumbland.



Merry
Christmas

School News

Bothel

This last half term has seen lots going on here in school and everyone has been working hard and having lots of fun! We have celebrated Harvest, learnt about firework safety and donated lots of tins to the North Lakes Food Bank's Just One Tin Appeal. We have also celebrated and reflected upon Remembrance with prayers, poems, artwork, and a super display of poppies on the windows and on the school wall. We will soon be raising money by having lots of fun for Children in Need too! We are looking forward now to all that Advent and Christmas have to bring, with rehearsals well underway for our EYFS and KS1 Christmas Nativity performance, and our Carol Service which will be led by some performances and readings by KS2. We are also looking forward to a festive whole school visit to The Sands Centre pantomime before the Christmas holidays start.

Last term's Geography learning involved finding out about where we live and, while KS2 learned about lines of latitude and longitude and studied climate and temperatures as part of their learning, KS1 looked more closely at the village of Bothel itself and enjoyed a visit to one of our local farms to think about how our land is used. This term KS1 are continuing to think about Bothel, but they are learning about Bothel in the past, while KS2 are learning about Anglo Saxons and Scots. There will be lots to compare with maps of Bothel in the past to Bothel now, with all of the new houses being built so close to school to look at too!

As always, our children have been enjoying lots of time outdoors, despite some very rainy and blustery Autumn weather, and they have enjoyed spending lots of time in our extensive outdoor areas. KS2 have spent time picking food from our garden and cooking it in their Food and Nutrition lessons, and EYFS and KS1 have been enjoying using their outdoor areas with their puddle suits and wellies on!

Toddler Group: Please do come along if you can to our Wednesday morning Toddler Group.

It is lots of fun for children up to three years old. It runs from 10am to 11:30am every Wednesday morning in term time, so we look forward to seeing you there!

Nursery and Reception places available: We still have some spaces available if your child is either ready to start school Nursery or will be starting school in September 2023. We would love to show you round our lovely, spacious and well-resourced school, so please get in touch on admin@bothel.cumbria.sch.uk or on 016973 20632. We would love to meet you!

Ireby

The excitement and anticipation of the Christmas season appears to be here in school now! The children are busy making Christmas crafts and rehearsing for our whole school Nativity and concert. Our Early Years and Foundation Stage children have been asking the question "What is a celebration?" and have been talking and learning about a variety of celebrations and festivals that are taking place at this time of year. These have included Bonfire Night, Divali, Remembrance Day, The World Cup 2022, Hannukah and Christmas. This class, along with the KS1 children, are visiting Bassenfell Manor to explore The Christmas Journey. The EYFS and KS1 classes are also excited to be going to The Theatre by the Lake to see The Ballad of Ruby as their Christmas treat. The KS2 class are looking forward to going to see The Borrowers.

The KS1 class have been fascinated by discovering what it was like to go to school in the 1900s and will be having a themed school day this term. In geography they are continuing to learn about what it is like to live here and will be getting out into the local area and making maps to represent their surroundings. Years 3 and 4 are continuing their work on the Vikings and Years 5 and 6 are still enjoying exploring the Roman Empire.

Our school Christian Value this half-term is Hope and the pupils have been exploring what this means. From the Bible we understand that hope is not always spontaneous or easy. As well as trusting God, we have to develop qualities of steadfastness in our own character. Paul says: "We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." (Romans 5:3-4).

Ireby School is so fortunate and very grateful to have such strong links and support from our local community. We welcome everyone to come to our Nativity and Christmas concert in St. James' Church on 20th December at 9.30am, and also to our community lunch and carol singing in school on 14th December. Keep an eye out for further information about this event on our Facebook page and maybe we will see you at the Ireby Christmas Fayre and light switch on. Finally, as this term draws to an end, we would like to wish you all a very, very joyful, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New year from all the staff and children here at Ireby School.

General

Caldbeck Surgery

Christmas 2022 and New Year 2023

We will be closed on the bank holidays: Monday 26th December, Tuesday 27th December & Monday 2nd January

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**

Best wishes to you all for the festive season.

Cockermouth u3a:

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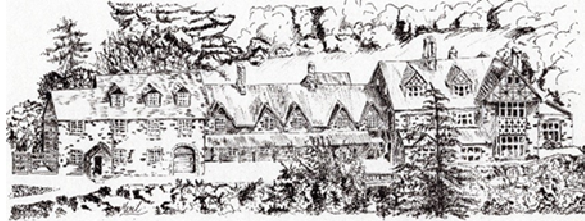
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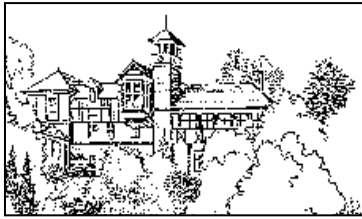
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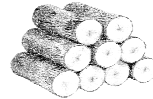


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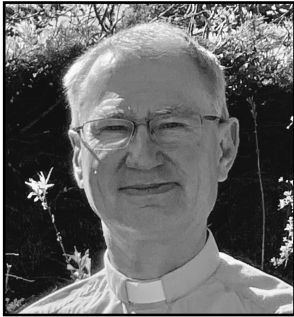
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On this day.....

1 Jan. 1622 The Catholic Church adopted 1 Jan as the beginning of the New Year (instead of 25 March).

2 Jan. 1727 Birthday of James Wolfe, British general who played a major part in the fight for Canada with the French.

3 Jan. 1924 English explorer Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings, near Luxor, Egypt.

4 Jan. 1967 Death of Donald Campbell. His jet-powered speedboat Bluebird somersaulted on Coniston Water, Cumbria, at a speed of 300-mph whilst attempting to break his own world record of 276-mph.

5 Jan. 1818 The first regular trans-Atlantic shipping service begins between Liverpool and New York.

6 Jan. 1066 Harold Godwin, Earl of Wessex was elected by the Witan to be the next King of England.

7 Jan. 1558 English forces were ousted from the French port of Calais. The town's burghers had surrendered to an invading English army in 1346.

8 Jan. 794 Danish Vikings attack Lindisfarne Island off the north-east coast of England and destroy its famous church.

9 Jan. 1806 Lord Nelson, naval commander and hero of the Battle of Trafalgar, is buried at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

10 Jan. 1918 The House of Lords gives its approval to the Representation of the People Bill, which gives woman over the age of 30 the right to vote.

11 Jan. 1569 The first state lottery is held in England, with tickets on sale at the West Door of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

12 Jan. 1970 The first Boeing 747 Jumbo jet arrives at London's Heathrow Airport after completing its maiden transatlantic flight from New York.

13 Jan. 1893 The birth of a new political party in Britain as James Keir Hardie unites socialists under the banner of the Labour Representation Committee.

14 Jan. 1742 Death of Sir Edmund Halley, British Astronomer Royal who gave his name to a comet.

15 Jan. 1559 Elizabeth I was crowned Queen of England at the age of 25. Elizabeth is the daughter of Henry VIII's second wife, Anne Boleyn.

16 Jan. 1780 British forces under the command of Admiral Rodney defeat the Spanish at Cape St. Vincent and relieve Gibraltar.

17 Jan. 1912 Britain's polar explorers led by Captain Robert Falcon Scott reach the South Pole – only to find the Norwegian Roald Amundsen's expedition had beaten him by a month.

18 Jan. 1485 After 30 years of civil war the Royal Houses of Lancaster and York are united by the marriage of Henry VII to the eldest daughter of Edward IV.

19 Jan. 1915 German Zeppelin airships crossed the eastern coast of England to bombard towns in East Anglia, more than 20 people were killed.

20 Jan. 1265 England's first Parliament meets at
December 2022

Westminster Hall in London. Representatives from towns and villages across the country meet for the first time in one chamber.

21 Jan. 1846 The first edition of the Daily News, edited by Charles Dickens is published in London.

22 Jan. 1879 Zulu warriors massacre British troops at Isandhlwana in Natal Province, South Africa.

23 Jan. 1713 The signing of the Treaty of Utrecht redraws the map of Europe. The treaty signals the end of the long and bloody War of Spanish Succession. As part of the agreement Gibraltar and Minorca become British.

24 Jan. 1965 The "last lion of British politics", Sir Winston Churchill died at the age of 90. His body is to lie in state in Westminster Hall, London.

25 Jan. 1759 Birth of Robert "Rabbie" Burns, Scottish poet. Burns Suppers celebrated all over the world each year on this day.

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26 Jan. 1885 The British commander of Khartoum, General Charles Gordon is killed by a dervish spear as his forces are overrun by the Mahdi's Muslim army.

27 Jan. 1926 Inventor John Logie Baird demonstrates his new television machine to members of the Royal Institution in London. Some have suggested that this could one day provide every home with a substitute for the cinema.

28 Jan. 1807 London becomes the first city in the world to be lit by gas lights.

29 Jan. 1596 The most famous English seaman and adventurer of the Elizabethan era, Sir Frances Drake, is buried at sea. The Spanish breathed a sigh of relief!

30 Jan. 1649 The courts deemed him a "tyrant, traitor, murderer and enemy of the people", for this England's King Charles I was beheaded in Whitehall.

31 Jan. 1747 The first clinic specializing in the treatment of venereal disease is opened at the London Dock Hospital.