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Torpenhow, Uldale and Wythop

April 2024

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

All of us have significant memories of our childhood, and in some way those memories can become stronger as we get older or rather, they are the memories that we don't forget. Sometimes, we can forget what we did last year, but we retain strong memories of growing up for whatever reason.

Thankfully, many of us hold very happy memories of our childhood days and of growing up in a time when many things were different to this current time.

In early February, the village of Torpenhow (where I live) held an Exhibition about the more recent history of the village and local people were invited to share photographs and memories from the past. It was fascinating to see those pictures and particularly a short cine recording from 1966 along with hearing memories and recollections from those, who have lived here for all or most of their lives.



Probably a reasonable number of you reading this article will have grown up in these villages of West Cumbria, but there will be plenty of you, who have moved here in more recent years. I spent my early childhood in Ollerton, which is in North Nottinghamshire. In those days Ollerton was a mining and farming community and Ollerton Colliery was at the heart of the community. Many of the men worked down the pit or had worked there. The women tended to do seasonal work such as potato picking on the local farms or worked at the local hosiery factory, which was just outside Ollerton.

All of this meant that most of the people living in Ollerton had grown up together, and now worked alongside one another. Therefore, a very strong sense of community was forged through these shared and common bonds, which held people together.

Much has changed in Ollerton since I was a child and most significantly the Pit closed in 1994, which was devastating blow to the whole community. Likewise in our villages here, there has been plenty of change over the past 50 years and in general people no longer both live and work alongside one another. Therefore, despite the smallness of these places, people no longer know everyone who lives in their village.

We cannot turn back the clock and recreate the past, but we all have opportunities to support local organisations and events, and so play our part in helping to build a proper sense of community.

God created us to relate well to each other and to share in community life together, exemplified by Jesus instructing us to love and care for one another because in doing such things we are also showing our love for him.

Stephen

Revd Stephen Banks

April 2024

Services for April

Sunday 7th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter			Sunday 14th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Boltons	9.30am	Morning Worship	Embleton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Isel	9.30am	Morning Worship	Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Torpenhow	9.30am	Holy Communion
Plumbland	11am	Morning Worship	Allhallows	11am	Morning Worship
Wythop	11am	Holy Communion	Bassethwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship
St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	3pm	Holy Communion			
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer	Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter			Sunday 28th April – 5th Sunday of Easter		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Wythop	9.30am	Morning Worship	Boltons	8am	Holy Communion
Plumbland	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ireby	9.30am	Holy Communion
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Setmurthy	9.30am	Holy Communion
Isel	11am	Holy Communion	Torpenhow	9.30am	Morning Worship
Boltongate	11am	Family Service with Baptism	Allhallows	11am	Holy Communion
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer	St. John, Bassethwaite	11am	Holy Communion

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

Otis Scott Hodgson was baptised at St. Bega, Bassenthwaite on 17th March 2024.

FUNERALS

There were no funerals.

WEDDINGS

There were no weddings.

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

New Curate for the Binsey Team

Hello!

My name is Charlie Day and I am very much looking forward to joining the ministry team in the Binsey Mission Community as Curate. I'm married to Rachel and we have a one year old boy, James. We're excited to be moving to Ireby and getting to know you all. We're currently living in Crosscrake, just to the south of Kendal where I am serving on placement as part of my Ordination training. We're looking forward to serving God and following His leading in the Binsey mission community. Outside of work I am a keen fell and ultra distance runner, so no doubt you'll see me running around the local hills at some point. Rachel and I love walking in the fells and are currently ticking off the Wainwrights. We're also keen cooks and enjoy trying new recipes. Before hearing God's call to Ordination I worked as a Christian Youth, Childrens and Schools Worker in the Furness area of Cumbria. Rachel is a primary school teach with a background in psychology. And James, well he's a bundle of energy who is finding his feet and voice.



Do hold us in prayer as we prepare to move and start Ordained ministry. If you see us out and about please do stop us, we'd love to get to know you!

With love and prayers,

Charlie, Rachel and James Day

We are delighted that Charlie and his family will be joining the Binsey Team in the summer for the next 3 years and we look forward to their arrival. Charlie will be ordained by the Bishop of Penrith in Carlisle Cathedral on Saturday 29th June and we will properly welcome Charlie, Rachel and James to Binsey at the Team service in Torpenhow Church on Sunday 30th June at 10.30am, which will be followed by lunch in Torpenhow Village Hall.

In the meantime, please pray for Charlie as he completes his ordination training, and for the family as they prepare to move to Ireby.

Stephen

Revd Stephen Banks

Visitors to St Bega's

Will anyone find this little church, in the middle of a field, a mile from the main road? During 2023 over 1700 people did (and that does not include all those who do not sign the visitors book).

Where do they come from? Besides folk from all over the United Kingdom, people came here from: Australia, Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, New Zealand, Norway, Romania, Singapore, The Isle of Man, The Netherlands, The United States and Uruguay.

Why do they come? For some it is a surprise found by accident on a pleasant walk. Others return like John & Mary who 'enjoy our 21st year of visiting this blessed place.' And a visitor from Wolverhampton says it is 'my favourite spot in England.'

Yet others have a very special reason for coming. Many come to remember their marriage here. And this church is particularly precious to Jenny who writes: 'My husband Fr John Musther was ordained as orthodox priest here in 2009. He died in February 2023. May his memory be eternal. He greatly loved this beautiful church.' That was an important moment in the history of St Bega's as it was the age of the church (predating the Great Schism between the Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches) which made this ordination possible.

What do people find here? 'Balm for the soul', 'indeed a thin place to know God's love', 'never fails to move us', 'Peace, Prayer, Praise, Perfect'.

A couple from Salisbury wrote 'this is our 4th visit, we love it and have been using the Binsey Team Ministry prayer sheet each night. Today we have come to get a replacement sheet with many many thanks.'

Whether they have walked St Bega's Way (thoroughly recommended by one group 'the guide book is excellent') or in any other way, may they too find 'Balm for the soul.'

Revd Clare Spedding

April 2024

Book Review

Fingersmith by Sarah Waters

I first read this novel many years ago. I loved it so much I forced most of my friends and family to read it too...even my sister who, at the time, had a toddler and a new born. And she finished it. That's how much of a gripping read it is! So when it was suggested that we read it for our Binsey Book Club I resolved to read it again. I wondered if it would stand up to a second read. I was not disappointed. If a classic novel can be defined as one that has never finished what it has to say, then this is a modern classic. Nominated at the time for many big awards, this novel packs a real punch and keeps the reader desperate to read on. It's a book that calls to you from your bedside. A book that whispers to you from your bag..."Go on. Just another chapter. You know you want to'.

Sue Trinder is an orphan, left as an infant in the care of Mrs. Sucksby, a "baby farmer," who raised her with unusual tenderness, as if Sue were her own. Mrs. Sucksby's household, with its fussy babies calmed with doses of gin, also hosts a transient family of petty thieves—fingersmiths—for whom this house in the heart of a mean London slum is home.

One day, the most beloved thief of all arrives—Gentleman, an elegant con man, who carries with him an enticing proposition for Sue: If she wins a position as the maid to Maud Lilly, a naïve gentlewoman, and aids Gentleman in her seduction, then they will all share in Maud's vast inheritance. Once the inheritance is secured, Maud will be disposed of—passed off as mad, and made to live out the rest of her days in a lunatic asylum.

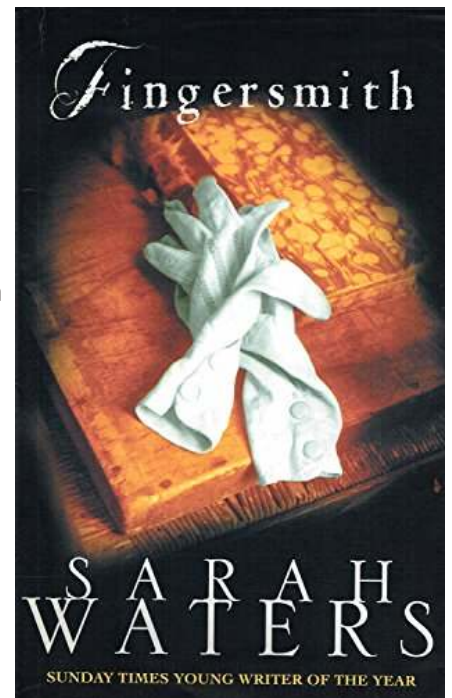
With dreams of paying back the kindness of her adopted family, Sue agrees to the plan. Once in, however, Sue begins to pity her helpless mark and care for Maud Lilly in unexpected ways...But no one and nothing is as it seems in this Dickensian novel of thrills and reversals.

The plot thickens over and over again. You'll find yourself marvelling at how you didn't see that coming. Read it and immerse yourself in a world so brilliantly conjured by a writer of mammoth talent, and you will never see the world in quite the same way again. This novel explores sexual politics, female sexuality, identity, nature vs nurture, the cruelty of humans and love against the odds. It certainly tackles topics I've never really read about in any other 'Victorian' novel and although you come to realise that some rather risqué material is being discussed, the writing stays firmly on the right side of tasteful and makes it all the more compelling to read.

Waters leaves a lot to the imagination...so I suppose it all depends how vivid your imagination is!

Clare Doherty

(Chapel House, Plumbland)



Grants Available from Aspatria Charity Shop

Aspatria and District Community Charity Association have grants of up to £1,000 available for organisations such as Churches, Schools, Village Halls and Clubs who are in need of financial help to complete their projects.

The areas available for these grants cover all parts of the Binsey Link distribution area.

The committee meets monthly

For further information or application forms please ring Marie Rose on 016973 21230 or call in the shop for a form.

The shop is completely volunteer run and managed and provide a wonderful service supporting the local community

Around The Parishes

Allhallows

The next meeting of the **George Moore Memorial Hall Trustees** will be held on Wednesday the 10th April at 1:30pm. Registered local groups who require help and support for a project can request donations from the Trustees. For more information please contact Gillian Marr on 016973 71478 or by email at petemarr@aol.com.

Allhallows Community Centre

Saturday the 6th and again Saturday the 20th of April we have coffee n craic. Come along n catch up with friends over a brew, and biccies, scone, of slice of cake.

Friday 19th April. A family karaoke pub night 7pm until midnight. Come along a belt out your favourites, sing like no one is watching!! Adult ticket is £4, a family ticket (2 adults and kids) is £10. Bring your own alcohol, nibbles will be provided. For tickets please email allhallowscentre@gmail.com or contact Helen on 07849713207

Thursday 25 April 12 - 1.30pm Lunch club

Friday 26th April Flower Decorating Evening, Supporting Allhallows Church. 7:30pm in the Community Centre. The evening will be hosted by Mrs Margaret Abbott. Entrance £5 includes refreshments.

A sneaky peek into May.....we have another quiz booked for Saturday 11th of May. 7.30pm. £8pp, pie and peas included. Vegetarian option available. Teams of 4. Book by contacting Helen on 07849713207.

REGULAR EVENTS

☑ Allhallows Readers (Wordsworth Trust) - First Friday of every month, 1:30-3:30pm

☑ Bingo - First Friday of every month, Eyes Down at 7:30pm £1.00 Entry fee (including refreshments) 50p per book, 5 games (including 1 snowball game) Adults and children* (8 years+ only) *Children must be supervised by an adult, at all times

Adults are welcome to bring their own drinks

☑ 2 by 2 Baby and Toddler group (0 - 4years) - Every Tuesday (term time only) 10am until 11.30 am. Parents, grandparents, childminders, carers etc. For more details please contact twobytwoplaygroup@hotmail.com

☑ 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

Please let us know if there are any particular events or activities you would like to see happen at your community centre

ROOM HIRE

If you wish to make a booking for room hire, please ring 07593 638830, 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>

Email: allhallowscentre@gmail.com

Bassenthwaite

St. John's cleaning: Sandra Stockdale

Flowers: Vacant.

St. Bega's cleaning and flowers: vacant.

Bassenthwaite DCC AGM. To be held on 14th April at 4pm in the Parish Room (upstairs). Open to all.

A church coffee morning will be held at Armathwaite Hall Hotel on Thursday 18th April from 10am to 12noon. Cake/produce stall and raffle. All welcome.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with and all who attended the Two Talks and Supper event on 29th February at Bassenthwaite Parish Room. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and £842 was raised for Hospice at Home.

The next fund raising event for this very worthwhile cause will be a QUIZ with Pie and Peas Supper on Wednesday 24th April at 6.30 for 7pm in Crosthwaite Parish Room (next to the Co-op) in Keswick. Please book with Isobel on 017687 76405 or 07742444592. Tickets are £15 per person and teams are a maximum of 6."

Bassenthwaite—continued

Bassenthwaite A Trip Down Memory Lane

This is a one hour "slide show" of historic photographs On Saturday 6th April between 10am to 4pm at Bassenthwaite Parish Room. Free entry but donations welcome for Great North Air Ambulance There will be refreshments on sale The photos will be projected automatically on the big screen in a continuous loop, so you can arrive and leave at any time

BASSENTHWAITE WINTER DROP-IN/POP-IN Bassenthwaite Parish Room

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

Tuesday 23rd April, 7th & 21st 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

TO BOOK OR ENQUIRE ABOUT BASSENTHWAITE PARISH ROOM

Please contact our Co-Ordinator, Louise, by email bookbassenthwaiteparishroom@gmail.com

Our web address:

www.bassenthwaite.org.uk>book-the-parish-room

Believe! - Romany Magic

Sunday 12 May 7.30pm

Come see a quirky, funny, beautiful, original and theatrical magic show!

Come hear a story of making dreams come true! Come see classical magic and funny magic and sit so near you can reach out and touch the sparkle! Romany - Diva of Magic, winner of the Las Vegas World Magic Awards and cruise- ship headliner, has hung up her world- travelling heels for a while to bring you her magical one-woman show up-close and personal!

Suitable for all the family but created for adults. Children Age 8+

Tickets £12, £6 (U18 students), £25 Family

Tel 07743 893489 Email clairewebzell1@gmail.com

Online: www.kirkgateartsandheritage.org.uk

PLANT SALE

Sunday 19th May 10am—3pm

Bassenthwaite Parish room



Boltons

BOLTONS PARISH HALL weekly events:

Monday. SHORT MAT BOWLS 1.30 - 3.30

Call 07879613838 for info.

Monday. CIRCUITS 9.30 - 10.30am

Wednesday. PILATES 9.30 - 10.30am

All the above classes with Helen 07900410076

Thursday. BEGINNERS LINE DANCING 2-3pm. Fun, friendly class, No experience needed, just come along and join in!

Call Ness 07718264700 or just turn up, all welcome!

Bolton Low Houses Our Parish Hall is available for Hire and is an ideal Venue for Classes, Meetings, Dances, Parties etc. etc. The Hall has Central Heating, WiFi, a fully fitted Kitchen and has a Drinks Licence.

For more information or to come and have a look around phone Judy on 07879613838



POP IN AND MORE 2024

At Bolton Low Houses Parish Hall
at 1.30pm – 3 pm



EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 2024

Please drop in and spend time with friends and neighbours.
All welcome.



For further information phone Judy on 07879613838

or Gill Skillicorn 07376 258564

NFC Village Agent for Boltons, Ireby & Uldale

email: gillian.skillicorn@northernfellsgroup.org.uk

**VILLAGE
Agents**

Embleton

St Cuthbert's.

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 and planning for summer events with optimistic confidence! Parish walk on June 15th and Strawberry Teas on July 21st ; we hope we've timed it well to get some sunshine! Now we are into British Summer Time and the clocks changed, our evening services will return to 6pm. You may be interested to know that our very own 'Embleton lad', Chris Albon, is now leading our service on the first Sunday of the month. Everyone welcome.

Thanks everyone for your 'Ragbag' donations which seem to appear regularly in the church porch, we are grateful; keep them coming!

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. A change of date; due to unforeseen circumstances the village hall A.G.M. has been moved to the 17th of April at 6.15 pm. If you are interested in joining the committee, please see what it involves we will be glad to see you. Please note some regular activities may be off for Easter, check with your group leader.

What's on in April.

Monday: Art Class 10am littlepicturesjohn@gmail.com.
Monday: Mah-jong 2.30 pm Vivian 01900829490.
Monday: Dance class 6.30p.m. Edna 01768776630.
Tuesday: Footy tykes 10.30 -1130 am.
Tuesday: Yoga 6.15pm Rebecca 07735 439126.
Thursday: Yoga 1pm Rebecca 07735 439126
Thursday: Circle dance 7pm, Kathleen 76532.
Sunday; Dance class 7.00pm, Edna.76630.
Thursday 4th : U3A Photography group 9.30am.
Tuesday 9th : U3A Folk dance 2pm.
Wednesday 10 th : Keswick art group 10am.
Wednesday 13th : W.I. 6.15pm.
Friday 12th : Choir rehearsal, private function 1.30pm.
Wednesday 17th : Flower club 12.30pm.
Wednesday 17th : Village hall A.G.M.6.15 meeting 7pm.
Tuesday 23rd : U3A Folk dance 2pm.
Wednesday 24 th : Parish council 7pm
Friday 26th : Seniors group 11am.
Saturday 27th : Social Dance 7pm, Edna 76630
Tuesday 30th : U3A Music appreciation 2pm.
The ducks are getting ready for the Easter egg dump; we are having some arguments as Daisy says hard boiled eggs are disqualified as are pot eggs. Chris

Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby

THANK YOU!

For the help received to spring clean the Church.

For the donations towards Easter flowers and to those who helped to decorate the Church.

To Ireby School for their Easter Service at the end of term.

For the Lent boxes in aid of USPG – *it's not too late to hand in your box.*

CHURCHYARD CARE – Grass cutting in the churchyards will be underway shortly. Donations towards the cost, from families who have graves in the churchyards, will be very much appreciated and may be given to the Churchwarden or Clergy.

COFFEE & CHAT – Thursday 11th April 10.30am at Crosby House Ireby.

Globe Hall Ireby AGM The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7.30pm in The Globe Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please support your Village Hall. Come along to the meeting, find out what goes on at the hall and give us your thoughts and ideas. We'd love to see you. Any questions about the hall, contact: david.rooney@btopenworld.com

Plant & Seed Swap Northern Fells Group and North Cumbria Food Growing Network would like to welcome you to a Plant & Seed Swap event at the Globe Hall, Ireby on Saturday April 6th 10am- 12noon. Bring plants/seeds to swap Get vegetable growing advice Take part in Gardening themed family activities Refreshments available! Contact Gill gillian.skillicorn@northernfellsgroup.org.uk 07376 258564 Facebook: Northern Fells Group

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Ireby

EXHIBITION OF IREBY THROUGH THE AGES

There is a small group of people who would like to put on an exhibition of "Old Ireby" or "Ireby through the Ages". This will entail gathering information, photos and maybe some audio recordings from anyone who can contribute something. If we can find enough help, we will happily extend this to Uldale, Ruthwaite, High Ireby and Boltongate.

So far, people are particularly interested in the history of their properties and how they have changed over the years, but also who lived in them, what they did, and who and where the current descendents are living. Living memories would be particularly welcome.

We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who can provide any information, old newspaper cuttings or old photographs, but we also need a handful of people who would be willing to help make this happen. It is hoped that this will be a whole community event, involving all generations and organisations in our local villages.

If you would like to help or have something you can offer (that you haven't already done through social media) please get in touch with Cathy on 016973 71866. I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Black Lion Community Group Update and Share Launch

Our main work has been writing our business plan and share prospectus getting the figures right so that they should satisfy the shareholders, and the bodies that we hope will award us funding.

To this aim we are intending to launch our share offer on April 15th. This will be at a priority event specifically for local people who have expressed interest and support for our aims. There will be an initial presentation, and then the steering committee will be able to talk to you and answer any further questions.

Approximately 2 weeks later shares will be released to the wider public on Crowdfunder.

Shares are priced at £1, with a minimum purchase of 50. This will entitle you to a vote at meetings. We hope that this low cost will encourage as many people as possible to become members. We also hope, and many of you have indicated, that a significant number of you will buy shares in larger quantities. The Share Prospectus will be available in printed form, with FAQs. It will also be available on our website <https://blacklioncommunitygroup.org/> together with all our other documents and latest news or follow our Facebook page for updates.

Facebook - Black Lion Community Group Ltd

The Share Launch meeting is booked for-

Monday April 15th, 7.30pm. The Globe Hall, Ireby

Andrew Knights. email andrewblcg@gmail.com

Isel

Coffee at The Great Escape, Moota will be on Monday 8th April at 10.30am.

Isel/Bridekirk First Responder Group

As most readers will be aware the Community First Responder (CFR) scheme is a volunteer based country wide scheme, overseen in this area by the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS). All CFRs are fully trained in heart resuscitation, oxygen administration and other basic life saving skills. This buys time for the patient whilst an ambulance is in transit to the scene. We are re-assessed every year and have regular monthly training sessions. There are also e-learning modules to be completed annually. At present there are 9 active CFRs in our group who cover an area which includes the whole of the parishes of Isel, Bridekirk, and Setmurthy, i.e. between Tallentire, Castle Inn, Higham and Cockermouth, along with several outlying properties in these areas. Every responder has a telephone 'App' so that they can be paged by NWAS when required. Normally, we would expect to respond to 30 - 40 calls each year, however, over the year 2023, our responders have attended a lower than usual number of 22 incidents. Most of the equipment we carry has to be purchased by ourselves. Funding for this is raised by the 150 club scheme.

Unfortunately the number of people contributing to this has dropped over the last couple of years. Despite the drop, our financial situation remains healthy and is expected to cover any new spending required for the coming year.

Thanks must go, not only to our active responders, but also to our secretary, treasurer and 150 club administrator without whom the group would struggle to function. If you want to know any more about the Community First Responder organisation, please contact John Thompson on 01900 823763

March Draw

1st Prize Richard Horrocks, 2nd Prize Margaret Mossop 3rd Prize Lorna Hutton

4th Prize Marisa Soppitt

Drawn 11th March 2024 Isel Ladies Coffee, Moota Café



Isel—continued

Blindcrake Village Hall

APRIL

Friday 5th: a play raising awareness of dementia "**William Kite has Memory Issues**". Bar and raffle, in aid of dementia charities.

Saturday 13th, 10am-5pm **Bible Study Group** All welcome.

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 **Pilates** with Angela. For holiday dates, please contact Angela at <https://www.mipilates.co.uk/>

Saturday 27th Doors open 7pm, starts 7:30pm:

Wine-Tasting Quiz evening, Tickets must be bought in advance.

Future events

Sun 30th **BLINDCRAKE GARDEN SAFARI 2024** SAVE THE DATE!

Please let us know if you can help us in any way for this year's Garden Safari. We are looking for gardeners who would welcome visitors to their gardens (any garden is interesting, not just perfect ones!!). Also donations of plants for the plants stall, helpers in the village hall on the day, drivers for the 'hail&ride' bus, bakers to help provide food for the event, plus lots more. More details coming next month, in the Binsey Link and on our parish facebook group page.

WINE-TASTING QUIZ Saturday, 27th April

Doors open 7pm for a 7:30pm start

This is a social evening in Blindcrake Village Hall, where we've set up a 'Call My Bluff'-style quiz but this one is with wine! Three experts will describe each wine but only one description will be TRUE

£20/ticket (but half-price ticket for the driver)

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE, NO LATER THAN

13th APRIL, PLEASE, SO WE KNOW HOW MANY BOTTLES TO BUY!

CONTACT? Marisa, for tickets or information: marisasopitt@aol.com 07712068794

We have ten different bottles to taste and guess, and palate-cleansing items on the tables, for in between the bottles

(think cheese, p ate, crackers, chocolate, and more)

Any profits from the evening will be donated to village hall funds.

Plumbland

Plumbland St Cuthbert

Greetings to all our friends, hope you have all had a pleasant Easter, let us hope that the weather continues to improve as we now move on into what we all hope will be more settled and calm weather, with the prospect of some nice family time together. Our services continue here at Plumbland when we continue welcoming both old and new joining us in worship. Our flower ladies continue to 'do us proud' with lovely displays in church, here is the list,

March 31st Mrs M. Abbott,

April 7th & 14th Mrs M. Abbott

April 21st & 28th Mrs B. Mason

May 5th & 12th Mrs D. Sanderson.

As promised in the last Link confirming our Saturday social in April, **SATURDAY 27th April, 2pm - 4pm in Plumbland Village hall**

A relaxed get together with hot & cold drinks, snacks.

Sale table, local produce, White Elephant stall

A good opportunity to meet with friends and relax after a busy week. Admission Free, all donations received will go towards church funds Come and join us, all will be welcome, hope to see you then,

Best Wishes to you all. Graham

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Parish Hall

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale to be held on Saturday 18th May 10.00am to 12 noon entry £3-00 proceeds to Parish hall funds

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

Torpenhow including Bothel & Blennerhasset



Torpenhow Village Hall

Art Exhibition Coffee Morning & Book Share

Saturday 6th April
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Torpenhow Village Hall

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Torpenhow including Bothel & Blennerhasset

Blennerhasset & Baggrow Village Hall

COFFEE MORNING -

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.

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Bothel Village Hall

BOTHEL VILLAGE HALL

AGM

30TH APRIL 7.00PM

Come to the meeting to discover how your village hall is functioning - how you could become involved - how you could influence activities in the hall. All welcome.

Regular activities

Bowling Mondays 7.30pm

Yoga Wednesdays 10am

Fencing Wednesdays 7.30pm

Circuits Thursdays 7pm

Dance Class Fridays 4.30p

APRIL

Tuesday 2nd April W. I AGM and Gerry Gillan on South Georgia New members welcome - only £30 to join for the year

Thursday 4th April " Bothel Past and Present " 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th April Craft Group 7.30pm

Tuesday 16th April Gardening Club Spring Show 7pm

Tuesday 23rd April Wildlife Group Swift night 7pm

Friday 26th April Bingo 7pm

Monday 29th April Lunch Club 12 noon

Saturday 6th April Whitehaven Breast Foot Forward

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Refreshments to include cakes!!!

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Please support this important charity event

Sunday 7th April Mawbray Glass Workshop

4.00pm - 7.00pm

See notice boards for further details.

Event in May

SATURDAY 25TH MAY

SUMMER BARBECUE

100 CLUB WINNERS

1 J. Bewick, 2. Joan Bowe 3. R.& S. Teasdale

Rainbows is a Girlguiding group for

all girls ages 4-7 years old, for fun, games, crafts and learning through adventures. We are also opening a waiting list as we seem to have quite

a few 3 year olds in the community who are interested but a bit young yet! We will be running Tuesdays 5.15-6.15pm in Bothel Village Hall. We can be contacted at bothelrainbows@gmail.com for more information.



Community Wildlife Group a new group in Bothel, open

to everyone. Through winter we have a series of talk evenings ,then summer we hope to get out and about . Find us on FaceBook Bothel Community Wildlife Group or for further information contact Aimee email twisp@live.co.uk.

Bothel village hall Tuesday 23rd April Bothel village hall , 7pm start

Saving our Swifts . Talk by Rosalind Taylor ,Kendal swift group



Uldale

St James

Work is now underway on the remaining renovations / repairs. Please bear in mind that the Church will not always be accessible during this work.

Commemorative chairs

The revised prices for the Church chairs have now arrived, albeit perhaps subject to a further very slight increase. They are: Chair £119 with arms £160 with box for Hymn book / Bible, etc. £145. Orders to one of the Churchwardens.

Offers of help to distribute the Binsey Link around Uldale would still be very welcome.

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

The **Uldale Sports Committee** has now registered with easyfundraising.org.uk, and this means that over 7000 brands such as Amazon, Ebay and M&S will now donate to us a small percentage of your spend every time you shop with them. The great thing is that it doesn't cost us, the shopper, anything as the donations come directly off the margins the various brands make from our shopping. To register please scan the QR Code visit easyfundraising.org.uk and help the Uldale Sports Committee make further improvements to the Uldale Play Park.



Wythop

The Diocese is encouraging us all to set aside areas of our Churchyards where we can allow wild vegetation to grow so that we can provide better habitats for wildlife. We have certain areas where it is not possible to dig graves, so these seem ideal places to experiment. However, we will be making sure that the graves are kept mown and tidy but not, of course, until all the Spring bulbs have died down. It will be interesting to see what new growth appears, and whether we attract other small animals apart from our resident Red Squirrels – and, of course, the mice that eat the Frontals!

School News

Ireby

It is wonderful to be surrounded by signs of Spring in farmers' fields, in our gardens and of course here in our school playground. Last week the Nursery and Reception children (still wrapped up warm!) went for a walk through Ireby to look for and describe as many signs of Spring as they could see. It is wonderful to be able to get out and about on foot to explore our local environment, but we are also so fortunate to have our own minibus. This half-term, a few examples of where we have been in it include - weekly swimming lessons, a cross-country event at Netherhall, a dodgeball event in Keswick, a trip to explore the course of the River Cocker and a trip to carry out a traffic survey in Wigton. The EYFS pupils went to Wigton to carry out a traffic survey from the middle of the town as part of their Transport topic and then they learnt how to complete a tally chart with their results when they were back in the classroom. The Year 5 and 6 pupils had a trip to Wigton too recently to carry out their own experiment. At the Wigton Baths, they conducted a science experiment to investigate whether sound travels through water. Using a sound source at one end of the pool, pupils submerged at 2 metre intervals and counted what they heard. Their results were recorded and taken back to school to be analysed. Back in the classroom, also as part of studying sound in science, they have been using technology to film clips to explore how sometimes you need to slow things down to help you observe. Discussions generated from this were fantastic. These clips and many other examples of our trips, activities and experiments in our classrooms are frequently uploaded to our Twitter account (now known as X) @IrebyCESchool. I highly recommend having a look at what we get up to – you can join our 430 followers! The pupils (and staff!) all embraced World Book Day last week. The costumes were fabulous, varied and original and were an example of just how much joy and inspiration the children here get from books and stories, from Nursery up to Year 6. To end the day, the children all came together and some of the older children retold and acted out a few of their favourite traditional stories to everyone. There were some very talented performances! If you've walked past Ireby School recently, you may have noticed a big white clothing bank that is located just inside the school gates. This has been organised by our PTA to help raise extra funds for the children at Ireby. Please donate your pre-loved clothing and shoes by placing your items in a bag and posting them inside. Unfortunately, the PTA had to take the decision to cancel the Cheese and Wine Night last month but please keep your eyes open for upcoming events on our school Facebook page or on village noticeboards. A reminder that our Easter Service is on Thursday 28th March at 10am at St. James's Church followed by the traditional Egg Dump back at school. Everyone at Ireby School wishes everyone a very Happy Easter and we look forward to the Summer Term starting back on Tuesday 16th April.

Parish Council

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MY ALLERDALE There is a host of useful information and advice and a full A-Z of services on www.allerdale.gov.uk

PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT The Clerk confirmed that this has now been received. The report grades the site as Moderate Risk (the same as 2023). The list of actions for each piece of equipment are growing year on year, and that realistically a plan needs to be put in place for the refurbishment of some/all of the site in the short term.

PLAY AREA TIDY UP The annual tidy up will take place on 4th May 2024. All welcome to come along and help. For more details contact our clerk, Becx Carter on 077866

78283 or e-mail her at embletonparishclerk@hotmail.com
PLAY AREA BUS SHELTER REPAIRS Cllr E Boardman noted that the roof is now water proof as a membrane has been applied to the outside of the roof.

TRAFFIC MATTERS Concerns have been raised by a number of members of the public about the speed of traffic on the C2064 through Embleton Village and on to Lambfoot where there is a significant density of houses, and pedestrians/cyclists moving around without safe pedestrian infrastructure, and the need for the speed limit to be reduced further from the 40mph limit that is currently in place, and that traffic calming measures are

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also required to encourage traffic to obey any reduced speed limits.

HIMALAYAN BALSAM is an aggressively invasive weed. A single plant can set about 800 seeds. The mature seed capsules react to the slightest disturbance, causing the seed pod to split, then curl up and twist explosively, projecting the contents up to 7m (more than 20 feet) away. The black, round seeds remain viable in the soil's seedbank for about 2 years. They are buoyant and can travel long distances along waterways to infest new areas, even germinating under water. The plant is easy to cut before flowering, but cutting is only effective if made very close to the lowest nodes, near ground level. Small infestations can be controlled by hand pulling, as the plant is shallow rooted. For more information, go to www.phlorum.com

MINUTES - Copies of the minutes can be found on the council's website www.embletonwordpress.com

VACANCIES - There are vacancies on the Parish Council
DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be WEDNESDAY, 24th April 2024 at 7pm in Embleton Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

If you have a matter that you would like to raise or fill a vacancy, please contact our clerk, Becx Carter on 077866 78283 or e-mail her at embletonparishclerk@hotmail.com

Bassenthwaite

Our 'WI Year' starts in April. We have a very interesting, varied programme this year and would welcome new members. We meet on the second Thursday of the month, at 7.30 in Bassenthwaite Parish Room. If you are interested why not come and join us on 11th April when Ian Payne will be giving us a talk on 100 years of Keswick's Alhambra Cinema. The competition will be for an item of film related memorabilia and our hostesses for the evening are Helen Reb and Ros Roberts. We look forward to seeing you then.

Uldale & Ireby

March – lambs – and so we thought, lets see if someone from Herdy will come and talk to us, we won't know if we don't ask – so we did – AND THEY CAME! We were incredibly pleased to welcome Diane Hannah the co-founder of Herdy to our March meeting. It was a pleasure to hear about how she and her husband created the Herdy motif we all now know so well and learn about how their business has developed since beginning more than 15 years ago. Herdy has grown from being a logo to a character and has fans all around the world – including quite a few in Uldale and Ireby.

Betty Lawson did the vote of thanks. Lin Nieves won the raffle. The competition was for 'A sheep photograph' with Angela Marrs in first place and Doreen Gleed in second. We must not forget to mention the EASTER TREATS laid out by Colina, Emma and Louise. Looking and tasting wonderful - it all added up to a marvellous evening. It was also, sadly, one of the last we will enjoy with our current President Amanda who is stepping down. Thank you Amanda for the time and energy you have put into our WI since joining – you will be missed.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Ireby WI Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like to join us please contact the Secretary on UldaleandIrebyWI@gmail.com.

Embleton WI Celebrates its Centenary.

Embleton WI hosted a fantastic 1920s themed party for over 60 members and guests at the village hall on 14 February to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of their branch of the Womens Institute. Many members dressed in beautiful 'flapper girl' outfits along with their guests from WI branches in Lamplugh, Thirlmere, Bothel and Kirkland, Dean, and Uldale and Ireby. Kathleen Bowron, and Penny Coulthard, Chairman and Vice Chairman of Cumberland Cumbria WI Federation, also came and joined in the fun.

The party kicked off with everyone raising their glasses in a toast to celebrate Embleton WI's 100th anniversary.

This was followed by a buffet supper provided by the members.

Embleton WI's President Amanda Durkan and the County Chairman Kathleen Bowron cut the birthday cake, which was made by Sheila Wilson from Scales Farm. Afterwards everyone enjoyed singing and dancing the night away led by their wonderful entertainer Miss Pearl.

It was a marvellous way to celebrate our centenary and it is such an achievement that after 100 years the Embleton branch of the WI continues to thrive with its membership increasing year on year.



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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. [Www.ckermouthu3a.org.uk](http://www.ckermouthu3a.org.uk)

Skiddaw U3A is a very friendly and welcoming self-help organisation for people who are no longer in full-time employment. It currently offers some 60 interest groups run by volunteers and catering for a wide range of hobbies and interests. All these groups, and their contact details, are listed on the Skiddaw u3a website. Skiddaw u3a's Monthly Meetings, which always take place on the third Wednesday of each month, are often being held in the Crosthwaite Parish Room in Keswick, although other venues may also be used. Doors open at 10am for refreshments and socialising, with the actual talk starting at 10.30am. The entry fee is £1.00 for u3a members and £1.50 for visitors.

Monthly talk Wednesday, Wednesday, 17th April 2024 – Crosthwaite Parish Room (after the AGM of Skiddaw u3a)

Darien Jungle by Roger Gook A local explorer Roger Gook, who has spent a lifetime travelling to the more remote parts of the world, will recount his daring expedition to the Darien Jungle, which straddles the border between Panama and Columbia, and talk about the remarkable history of this remote and dangerous area;

Christ Church Cockermouth are hosting a concert by the **Lakes Gospel Choir** on Saturday 7pm 11th May. Doors open 6.30pm An inspirational evening of music, worship and celebration featuring the Lakes Gospel Choir. Tickets are now available through the Christ Church Cockermouth website. www.christchurchcockermouth.org.uk We are hoping to fill the church so please encourage people to buy their tickets sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. If people do not have internet access, please can they contact Sue (07593 265593) or Roger (07807 779989) so that we can arrange for a manual ticket.

The Arts Society Cumbria will be moving in April from our lecture venue at Hundith Hill to the Braithwaite Institute and we would very much like to reach out to the readers of the Binsey Link. A few words about our society:

We are part of [The Arts Society](http://TheArtsSociety), a registered arts education charity and a network of local societies nationwide. Our members come from all over North and West Cumbria. We have been in existence since 1976. We organise monthly lectures, study days and trips on a wide range of topics by expert lecturers who share their specialist knowledge.

Our next lecture on Tuesday, 21 May, 2 pm at the Braithwaite Institute, Braithwaite when Alan Reed will speak about the work of David Bomberg, Christopher Nevison and William Orpen under the title "Very Bad for Art: the impact of the Great War on three artists", visitors welcome www.theartsocietycumbria.org.uk



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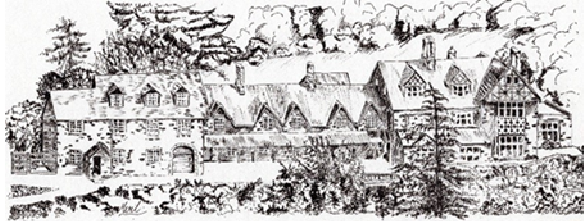
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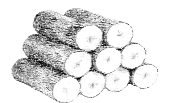
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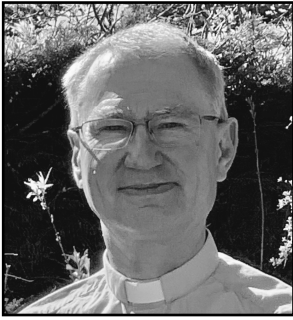
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