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Torpenhow, Uldale and Wythop

May 2024

SPRING – THE HOPE OF BETTER THINGS TO COME

Spring is a special time of year, with the familiar signs of new life emerging - whether it be the bright colour of the daffodils; the sound of birds singing; trees and gardens showing signs of growth; daylight hours increasing and the sight of new lambs in the fields.



The arrival of Spring is a particularly welcome sight after an extended spell of very wet and often windy weather, and it reminds us of the resilience of nature. However we are feeling within ourselves and about life at the moment, then these signs of growth as everything bursts into life again, help to give us a boost, especially when accompanied by the warmth of the sun.

In every sense nature is waking up after its winter hibernation and we are very fortunate in our villages as we don't have to venture anywhere to find the wonderful sights and sounds of Spring.

The familiar sight of young lambs out in the fields, now running around and playing together, speaks of the hard work, care and dedication of our farmers, and most importantly the amazing gift of new life, which God gives to us.

Together, farmers, gardeners and everyone involved in the nurture and tending of crops; animals; flowers; trees and plants; play their part in caring for every form of life that we have been given through the blessing of creation.

For new life to grow and flourish, then along with appropriate nourishment, the most important ingredients are love and care. From a Christian perspective this speaks of the love and care that God has invested in humanity and in the whole of creation.

In the weeks immediately after Easter, we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and the new life he seeks to bring to everyone. The life and death of Jesus shows the profound depth of God's love for us, and his resurrection demonstrates that from defeat, loss and even death, there can come healing, joy and new life. Together Spring and Easter bring a genuine sense of hope and encouragement as they show how new life and new possibilities can emerge from even seemingly hopeless situations.

As we enjoy these signs of new life during Spring, be encouraged to take fresh hope and inspiration from God, who nourishes and sustains us and this world, with his amazing love.

Stephen

Revd Stephen Banks



May 2024

Services for May

Sunday 5th May – 6th Sunday of Easter			Sunday 12th May – 7th Sunday of Easter		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Boltons	9.30am	Holy Communion	Embleton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wythop	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	Holy Communion
Isel	11am	Holy Communion	St. John, Bassethwaite	11am	Holy Communion
St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	3pm	Holy Communion			
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer	Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 19th May – PENTECOST			Sunday 26th May – TRINITY Sunday		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Isel	9.30am	Morning Worship	Boltons	8am	Holy Communion
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Setmurthy	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wythop	11am	Holy Communion	Torpenhow	9.30am	Morning Worship
Plumbland	11am	Holy Communion	Ireby	11am	Family service with Baptism
			Allhallows	11am	Morning Worship
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer	St. John, Bassethwaite	11am	Morning Worship
Thursday 9th May – ASCENSION Day					
Torpenhow		9.30am		Holy Communion	

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

There were no baptisms.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Herbert (Bertie) Richardson took place at All Saints, Allhallows on 22nd March 2024.

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.



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.

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.

Binsey Link Donations

Dear Reader,

Firstly, thank you for the previous support you have generously provided to the Binsey Link Community Magazine, which is really appreciated as it would not be possible to maintain the circulation of the magazine without your support. The Binsey Link is funded entirely from our advertisers and contributions from you, the readers and users of Binsey Link!

The magazine remains valued by many in our village communities and we are committed to making sure the news, notices and general information contained in the magazine remains as relevant as possible and that we continue to deliver ten copies each year to every home in the parish.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions to assist us in ensuring the magazine best meets your expectations and to enable us to make improvements.

Volunteers assist in keeping costs to an absolute minimum and although much has been done to maintain costs at the same level as last year, printing and editing means that it still costing us just over 65 pence for each copy of the magazine.

Please give what you can, using the envelope provided, either cash or cheques (made out to '**The Binsey Team Ministry**'), and if you pay UK Income Tax, you can Gift Aid the donation, which means we can increase your donation by claiming money back from the Inland Revenue, without any extra cost to you.

Envelopes can be placed in boxes in any of our churches, given to members of the Ministry Team, Churchwardens or your magazine distributor. If you prefer, a cheque can always be sent to me at The Vicarage in Torpenhow or to our Treasurer. (addresses below)

Alternatively, if you wish to make a donation directly to the Team account, payment details are as follows:

Name of Account: The Binsey Team Ministry

Sort Code: 40-52-40 & Account Number: 00029127

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We want to be able to continue delivering the magazine to every home in our Team so that everyone can find out what is happening in our villages and can also contact local trades people if they need to have work undertaken. Please help us to carry on doing this with your donation.

**THANK
YOU!**

Once again, thank you for your support and for the articles you have sent in over this past year. Please keep them coming in during 2024.

We wish to make it a publication that you find helpful, informative and enjoy reading.

With best wishes

Stephen

Revd Stephen Banks

The Vicarage, Torpenhow, Wigton, CA7 1HT

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May 2024

Book Review

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

This is a novel that caught my eye for years before I ever read it. I'm not sure if it was the dazzling green dress on the front or just the sheer incredulity at the thought that anyone had the energy to get married seven times. But in the end I did read it and definitely did enjoy it: the Hollywood glamour, the 1950s setting and glitz of celebrity. It's a great read for the summer: a lightly written novel that's easily accessible but that deals with some pretty heavy subject matter along the way.

Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. But when she chooses unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant for the job, no one is more astounded than Monique herself. Why her? Why now?

Monique is not exactly on top of the world. Her husband has left her, and her professional life is going nowhere. Regardless of why Evelyn has selected her to write her biography, Monique is determined to use this opportunity to jumpstart her career.

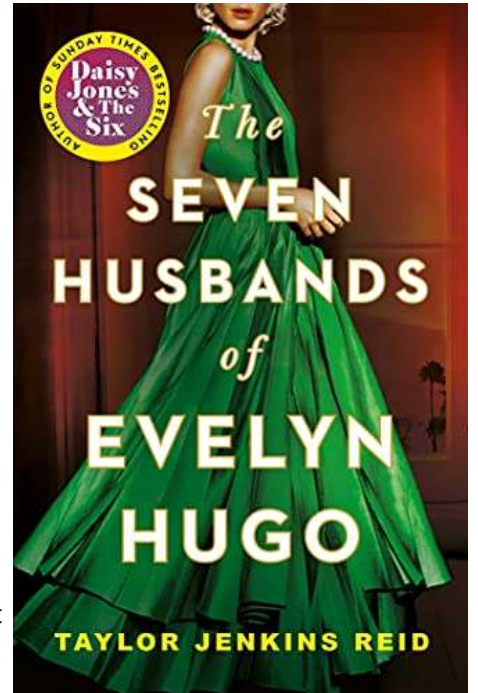
Summoned to Evelyn's luxurious apartment, Monique listens in fascination as the actress tells her story. From making her way to Los Angeles in the 1950s to her decision to leave show business in the '80s, and, of course, the seven husbands along the way, Evelyn unspools a tale of ruthless ambition, unexpected friendship, and a great forbidden love. Monique begins to feel a very real connection to the legendary star, but as Evelyn's story nears its conclusion, it becomes clear that her life intersects with Monique's own in tragic and irreversible ways.

Having read many other reviews of this novel it seems to completely divide its critics. Some see Evelyn as the most compelling character they've ever encountered, and others see it as vacuous nonsense dealing with enormous issues such as racism and misogyny in a trivial way. When I read it, I just adored the setting and the time period. I found it fascinating the way society has changed its views (thankfully) on same sex relationships, race and women in general.

Evelyn is the only well drawn character in the novel. She's ruthlessly ambitious manipulating all those around her to achieve her dreams. The seven husbands are entertainingly awful, utterly terrifying and absolutely adorable. The twist at the end has been described as 'gut punching'... all in all a very intriguing read. So who is the love of her life? You'll have to read it to find out the very unexpected answer to this question!

Clare Doherty

(Chapel House, Plumbland)



May Bank Holidays

A traditional Bank Holiday past time is gardening and stocking up on bedding plants there is so much choice here in May in the Binsey team as there are plant sales galore: the 4th at Embleton & Torpenhow, 18th at Setmurthy, 19th at Bassenthwaite finally the 25th at Bothel. You can never have too many plants.... Lots of tea and cakes as well along the way, even bacon butties.... see all these under the parish listings. Plus **Golden Dawn Nurseries** are now open 7 days a week 9.30am to 5.00pm Buy local and support local events and business.



Then if you are wondering what everybody does with all these plants go have a look at Blindcrake Garden Safari Sunday 30th June, or, if all this is too energetic there is always the option for tea and cakes somewhere.

Around The Parishes

Allhallows

All Saints, Allhallows next DCC meeting is on Wednesday 22nd May at 1:30pm in the Church Vestry.

Thursday 13th June 2024, Senior Citizens annual summer trip to York. Coach leaving Fletchertown crossroads at 8:30am. Seniors of Allhallows parish are invited to join us for this free day out, but any support would be gratefully received. Our small committee have fund raising events to pay for the coach hire. If anyone outside the parish wishes to join us for a lovely day out, then a small donation will secure your seat. Travelling with Ellenvale Coaches, Fletchertown. Please call Gillian Marr on 016973 71478, or Gill Edmondson on 07837408690, or Janet Mansfield on 016973 23997.

Allhallows Community Centre

Coffee n Craic Saturday 4th and 18th May. 10am - 1pm.

Table top sale Saturday 4th May 10am - 1pm. To book a table, please contact Helen on 07849713107. £5 for one table, £8 for two tables.

Quiz Night with pie and pea supper 11th May 7.30pm.

Teams of 4 only, to book please contact Helen on 07849713207. Vegetarian pie option available as well as meat. Please let Helen know your option when booking. £8pp with pie, £4pp without.

Afternoon tea Sunday 19th May 2pm - 3.30pm supporting Allhallows Church and the Community centre.

Finally keep the date for Saturday 27th of July 12pm - 4pm. It's family Fun Day at Allhallows Community Centre. More details to be revealed next month.

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: Jean Stephens & Margaret Green. Flowers: Mary Craig & Hayley Hodgson

St. Bega's

Cleaning & Flowers Janaki & John Spedding.

A Trip Down Memory Lane- A Big Thank You

The Memory Lane slide show at Bassenthwaite Parish Room on Saturday 6th April was enjoyed by a large number of Bassenthwaite residents past and present, and others from further afield.

A big thank you goes to all who helped to make this such a successful event, including those who baked the wonderful array of delicious cakes and traybakes, those who served drinks and washed up, and those who set up and cleared away tables, chairs, and display boards.

Also, many thanks go to all who attended. You donated a magnificent £520.10 to the Great North Air Ambulance.

BASSENTHWAITE DROP-IN/POP-IN at Bassenthwaite Parish Room. Call in any time between 10.30 am and 2 pm on the Tuesday dates for a chat, coffee and refreshments – £1 per person

Tuesday 7th & 21st May; 4th & 25th June

Further information from: Helen 017687 76222 or Margaret 017687 76175

Bassenthwaite—continued

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

Good quality, good prices.
Bedding plants, perennials and veg plants.
Raffle & Refreshments.



Proceeds to 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.

Our Easter sales went well – big thanks for your support and to the folk at Scales Farm for looking after our sales in the shed. Our next event is a Community Breakfast on Saturday May 4th from 8am to 1pm, by kind permission of Joan Todd. If the weather doesn't improve, we'll be under dripping gazebos but we live in hope!

Dates for your Diary:

May 4th Community Breakfast; on the hill at Wythop Mill 8am to 1pm. Pop-up and plant sales too.

June 15th Group Walk and Afternoon Tea – walkers meet at church at 2pm. Refreshments from 2pm onwards in the Sunday School.

Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society: Thursday 9th May. Dr Christopher Donaldson of Lancaster University on Getting to Ken John Peel: an American's impressions of Cumbria's past. 7.30pm at the Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, CA13 9UJ. £4.00 to include refreshments.

The Arts Society Cumbria has moved from our lecture venue at Hundith Hill to the Braithwaite Institute. We are part of The Arts Society, a registered arts education charity and a network of local societies nationwide. Our next lecture is on May 21st at 2pm at the Braithwaite Institute. 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.theartssocietycumbria.org.uk

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 May 7th please.

Embleton Village Hall Notice Board.

Hi everyone. As I am writing this, storm Kathleen is blowing a hooley and the electricity is off, happy days! I hope you all had a good Easter and as you can see, we are full-on in the hall. I apologise for the broken dishwasher, by the time you read this we will hopefully have it fixed or replaced.

What's on in May?

Monday: Art Class 10am littlepicturesjohn@gmail.com.

Monday: Mah-jong 2.30 pm Vivian 01900829490.

Monday: Dance class 6.30pm. Edna 01768776630.

Tuesday: Footy tykes 10.30 -11.30 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 2nd : Elections all day.

Saturday 4th : Private Function 10am -2pm.

Tuesday 7th : U3A Folk dance 2pm.

Wednesday 8th : W.I. 7pm.

Thursday 9th : U3A Digital Photography 9.30am.

Saturday 11th : Scouts 8-10.30am.

Saturday 11th Cycle race 12 -5pm.

Wednesday 15th : Parish council 6.45pm

Saturday 18th : Private Function 2-6pm.

Tuesday 21st : U3A Folk dance 2pm.

Sunday 26th Yoga 11.30 -1.30pm.

Tuesday 28th : U3A Music appreciation

Friday 31st : Seniors group 11am.

Things in the Duck household are a little messy, Duck says Daisy deliberately told him about no hard-boiled eggs for the egg dump, she says she didn't mean that, but it was said with a little smirk! Chris.

Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby

COFFEE AND CHAT - Thursday 9th May 10.30 am at Mains Hall, Ireby

A priority launch for shares in the **Black Lion Community Group Ltd** took place on April 15th. We need to raise £165,000 to move our project forward and will be applying for a Community Ownership Fund grant at the end of May to make up the full sum we need to purchase and run the pub as a community pub and social hub. We need your help to achieve this. Shares are £1, minimum purchase 50 Full details and share application form are on our website, blacklioncommunitygroup.org

For any other information, or if you have any questions, please contact us.

Email – contact@blacklioncommunitygroup.org Phone 07771983248

IREBY FILM NIGHT at the Globe Hall in association with CINE NORTH

Friday 10th May 6pm—doors open at 5.45pm

Tickets £5 cash of the door. For every 3 tickets purchased for one booking get 1 ticket free

Booking irebyfilmnight@gmail.com or Mick 07885802204

Refreshments in the interval at the Globe Hall



Isel

Coffee at The Great Escape, Moota will be on Monday 13th May at 10.30am.

Blindcrake Village Hall

MAY

Wednesdays in May Pilates with Angela (6:30-7:30pm). For details: <https://www.mipilates.co.uk/>

Sat 4th May Bible Study Group (10am-1pm)

Tues 14th May Village Hall AGM and meeting (7:30-9:30pm)

Thurs 16th May Dog-handling classes weekly on Thursday evenings with Nicole. 6pm and 7pm. For details please contact: post@lamplighterdogschoo.com Booking essential for limited places. We're excited to be able to offer these classes for dogs and their humans!

Sat 18th May Bible Study Group (10am-1pm)

Mon 20th May Parish Council AGM and meeting 7pm - 9pm

Sun 30th June: BLINDCRAKE GARDEN SAFARI

10:30am-4:30pm Starting point: Blindcrake Village Hall, for your admission tickets and refreshments. Entry: £5/£1.

Open gardens, classic cars, arts trail, market in the marquee, children's activities, and more! All proceeds to village hall funds. Offers of plants for the plants stall, cakes for the cakes stall, raffle prizes for the raffle, helpers in the hall on the day, all welcomed. Please contact committee members or email bvhbookings@blindcrakevillagehall.org.uk

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th July Vintage Model Train Exhibition. *RESERVE THE DATE.* Borders HRCA Group 25th Anniversary weekend special.

Hornby 0 and 00 layouts plus displays of other contemporary toy train makers. Refreshments available. Entry proceeds to raise funds for the Village Hall. Sat. 10am – 5pm, Sun. 10am – 4pm.

TO HIRE BLINDCRAKE VILLAGE HALL: Look at our website: <https://blindcrakevillagehall.org.uk/> click on HIRING, and use the CONTACT FORM to request bookings, or to make enquiries, etc. *Hiring charges:* £8/hour for meetings, classes, etc. £12/hour for parties and functions. **OR** text the bookings secretary on 07503 763590, **TEXT ONLY.** The village hall phone is checked daily, and the bookings secretary will ring you back (from a landline). Look on our website for info about upcoming events. (There's an automatically updating calendar on the Home page, to help you plan when you'd like to hire the hall, based on current bookings.) Please also check our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/166193357452161>

Isel and Bridekirk Parishes First Responders 150 Club Draw

April 2024

1st Prize Alan Britcher, 2nd Prize Anthony Denham

3rd Prize Joyce Carr, 4th Prize Colin Graves

Drawn 10th April 2024 Lakes Distillery



Plumbland

St Cuthbert Plumbland,,

Greetings to all our friends, if you have been able to visit us recently you will have noticed our 'New Gates' have been hung, they do make a lovely improvement to the entry to the Church, just a couple of minor adjustments now and the job will be finished.

We are indeed grateful to the expertise of David Watson and the generous grant from the 'Aspatia Charity Shop' which have made all of it possible. A Very BIG THANK YOU to all concerned.

Apart from our regular services, to which all are invited,, we are intending to hold a 'Flower Arranging' afternoon on Saturday 10th August at 2p.m. led by Margaret Abbott. Entry will be free, and refreshments will be available after the demonstration. All are welcome to come along and join in, so make a note, 2pm Saturday 10th August, look forward to seeing you then,

Flower rota for MAY

5th & 12th Mrs D Sanderson

19th & 26th Mrs M Miller.

Setmurthy

St Barnabas Church

Cleaning & Flowers Mrs Julia Fisher & Mrs Marjorie Swales

Services

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

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

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

Saturday 4th May
10.00 to 12.00 noon



A plant sale to raise funds for Hospice at Home
& Eden Valley Hospice
Please call Julie on 07803 619725
if you have plants to donate

Free Coffee & Cake
& loads of books to share



Torpenhow Village Hall

Quiz Night with Pie & Peas

Saturday 18th May
7.30pm to 10.30pm

Join us for our annual quiz with
teams of up to 4 people



Message Julie on 07803 619725 to book
£7.50 per person including Pie & Peas
All food must be pre-ordered, veggie option available



Follow us on Facebook & Instagram.
For bookings contact torpenhowvillage-hall@gmail.com

1st **Torpenhow Brownies** is on a Tuesday evening in Torpenhow Village Hall. We meet from 6.00 to 7.30pm during term time for games, crafts and much more. Just ring 016973 71514 or email torpenhowbrownies@gmail.com for more information



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.

GET FIT – STAY FIT–Weekly classes

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

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

Bothel Village Hall

BOTHEL VILLAGE HALL

Regular activities

Yoga Wednesdays 10am

Fencing Wednesdays 7.30pm

Dance Class Fridays 4.30p

May

Tuesday 7th May WI Outing to Renewi, Hespian Wood.

Wednesday 15th May Craft Group 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st May Wildlife Group 7.30pm

Friday 24th May Bingo 7pm

Saturday 25th May Gardening Club Plant Sale and Bacon Butties 10am

Monday 27th May Lunch Club 12 noon (Apologies for giving the wrong date in Apr

BINGO SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 1pm

Proceeds to the Henderson Suite, West Cumberland Hospital

Bothel 100 club 1.K.Wright 2. P.& E. Bull,
3. B. and P. Martin

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 in Bothel, open to everyone. Find us on FaceBook Bothel Community Wildlife Group or for further information contact Aimee email twisp@live.co.uk.

Tuesday 21st May .7 pm Bothel Village Hall . Bat man at Bothel , Sam Griffin from Hesketh Ecology will give an talk about the different species of Bats we have in our area . After talk and refreshments we will then head out to identify our Bothel bats using Bat detectors . All ages welcome

BOTHEL GARDENING CLUB

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE
(Bedding Plants, Perennials, Alpines
& Veg. etc.)
TEA, COFFEE
& BACON BUTTIES**

**SATURDAY 25th MAY
10am - 12Noon**

@

BOTHEL VILLAGE HALL

**Everyone Welcome -
Come early to avoid disappointment
Strictly no sales before 10am!!!!**

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.



Are you a landowner? Get paid for planting trees!

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School News

Ireby

The Easter term ended with a wonderful service in St James's Church in which the pupils retold the parable of The Three Little Trees reminding us of the message that when things are not going the way we hoped we can feel reassured that God has a plan for us. The congregation was treated to some beautiful singing and great acting. This half term our Christian vision is Wisdom. Wisdom is insight into the way life works: understanding consequences of our thoughts, words and actions and an awareness of the true value of things.

It is hard to believe we are now in the Summer term and it is exciting to have a new school minibus which is ready for our many trips and adventures, although it was sad to see our faithful old bus go. We are extremely grateful to the Ireby Festival Committee, individual donations and the support in our community through fundraising events – not forgetting Miss Hartwell's epic challenge climbing Binsey 50 times last year, to help make this purchase possible. We are fortunate to have such an amazing asset here at Ireby School as it enables us to drive our pupils ourselves to sporting events, swimming lessons, trips and educational visits, and forest school. Some examples of places our pupils will be visiting this half term include South Lakes Safari Park, Whinlatter Forest and Wreay Solar Farm. The topic in Binsey Class (Reception and Nursery) this term is Africa and the children will be finding out about the different countries within Africa, the climate, wildlife and people. The pupils are fortunate to be learning about Africa from their teacher, Miss Hartwell, who spent a year living in Africa and has travelled overland through 10 different African countries.

In our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculum this half term, the Key Stage 1 class will be exploring the difference between needs and wants, money and careers. The Key Stage 2 class will be focusing on economic wellbeing. Our PSHE curriculum covers key areas with the aim of supporting children to make informed choices now and in the future around health, safety, relationships, and financial matters. In Computing the Key Stage 1 class are learning about internet safety, and in Key stage 2 the pupils will be learning about coding with Year 5 and 6 pupils learning in more depth about Bletchley Park and coding. PE this term includes cricket with John Gibson, athletics and multi-skills, and there is a school fell race we are looking forward to on 23rd May. Be sure to keep an eye out for our new minibus out on the roads and remember to keep up with our news on Twitter, Facebook and our school website.

Parish Council

Bothel & Threapland

Summary of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th March, 2024 at Bothel Village Hall at 7.30pm. Present: C. Macaulay, J. Mitchell, P. Musk, J. Taylor, R. Watson and R. Wren. Also present: J. Perry Cumberland Councillor and six parish members. Matters discussed included: Planning: Applications received – LBC/2024/0005 - Swan House, Bothel, CA7 2JG - To erect a timber framed garden shed. Decisions: None. Public Participation - Concerns were raised by residents relating to the building site opposite the village hall. It was suggested in the first instance the community forward their letter to the Managing Director of Thomas Armstrong. A595 - Following the public meeting on 9th January with Karl Melville, Assistant Director of Highways and Transport at Cumberland Council the Chairman had written to Mr. Melville setting out the three issues that need to be addressed. It was agreed that the Chairman would mark up on a map and circulate to members for approval the suggested locations for the speed counters. Once the locations are agreed the information will be forwarded to Cumberland Council. It was also suggested that residents should report any incidents on the A595 to clerk@bothelandthreaplandpc.org.uk
Date of Next Meeting – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 14 May, 2024 - Bothel Village Hall - 7.30pm Janice Rae, Parish Clerk, 1 Sun Croft, Ireby, CA7 1ES. Tel: 07547 368 323
May 2024

Blennerhasset and Torpenhow

Summary of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at Blennerhasset Village Hall. Present: Cllrs. B. Armstrong, J. Bowe (Chair), M. Giddings, D. Telford and W. Powley. Also Present: J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor and two members of the public. Matters discussed included: Planning Applications received: HOU/2024/0026—Sea View, Torpenhow Village, Torpenhow, CA7 1JF - Proposal: Extension to existing sunroom. Decisions: None. Highways: It was noted that some pot holes had been repaired on the Blennerhasset to the Fitz road. Members noted that the Parish Council's request for changes to the speed limit at Blennerhasset had been added to Cumberland Council's list to be considered the next time the TRO for speed limits is reviewed. Vacancies – There are vacancies on the council. Anyone with an interest in the community and would like to be considered for co-option onto the parish council please contact the Clerk for further information. Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 8th May, 2024 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - Blennerhasset Village Hall.
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Parish Council

Ireby & Uldale

Summary of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th March, 2024 in the WI Hall, Ireby. Present: Cllrs K. Bridges (Chair), E. Alexander, R. Cockburn, A. Forrest, J.W Hall, J. Logan, G. Moore and P. Normington. Also present: J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor and two parish members.

Matters discussed included: Planning: Applications received: 7/2023/2271 - Church of St James, Uldale - Proposed septic tank installation including drainage field and associated drains. 7/2024/2014 - Pyerigg, Aughtertree, Ireby - Refurbishment of existing summer house.

Decisions: 7/2023/2271 - Church of St James, Uldale - Proposed septic tank installation including drainage field and associated drains. GRANTED. Appeal Ref APP/Q9495/W/23/3321065 APP/Q9495/Y/23/3321074 - Overwater Hall Hotel - APPEALS DISMISSED.

Parish Plan - Cllr Logan advised he was prepared to start the process. Members discussed the best way to take this forward and what areas the plan should cover. Cllrs Forrest and Normington agreed to assist.

Progress will be discussed at the next meeting. Stagecoach 73 Bus Service - The Parish Council had contacted Cumberland Council's Scheduled Bus Service Officer to request that the 73 service be added to the BSIP when the review is carried out. A response was received advising they had been advised by Stagecoach of a number of changes to their service between Carlisle and Keswick via Caldbeck this Summer starting from 23 March. The service 73 is being withdrawn and will not run this Summer. It will be replaced by a new 553 service, as part of their main service 554 between Carlisle and Keswick, and will additionally run on Sundays. The service has been streamlined to give faster journey times between Carlisle and Keswick for through travellers but this means that it will no longer run via Heskett Newmarket or Ireby.

Correspondence: Cumberland Council are consulting on improving the waste collection service. Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7th May, 2024 - WI Hall Ireby – 7.30pm
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Embleton—serving the Parishes of Embleton, Setmurthy and Wythop

PLAY AREA TIDY UP The annual tidy up will take place on Saturday 4th May 2024 from 10 am. All welcome to come along and help. The Community Breakfast is being held at Wythop Mill from 8am to 1pm the same day.

CUMBERLAND AUTHORITY BOUNDARY REVIEW There is a boundary review of the ward boundaries pending. It is going to be done in two parts firstly considering if more councillors are required (likely to be yes as current councillors are struggling with workload), this will be done by the end of October 2024, then the second stage will be

to decide how they will allocate the councillors, so they maybe make wards smaller, or they might make some multiple councillor wards. A full public consultation will take place between May- August 2025, and the results will be known by October 2025.

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

VACANCIES - There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in joining us contact any Parish Councillor or our clerk, Becx Carter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be WEDNESDAY, 15th May 2024 at 7pm in Embleton Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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

Plumbland Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Messrs. A. Rutherford, J. Collins, L. Proudlock, A. Mounsey, R. Miller, and J. Barber.

Also, present: T. Gear (Clerk). Apologies: J. Perry (Cumberland Councillor).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no members of the public present, and no matters were raised on their behalf.

Official Portrait of HM The King. It was agreed to obtain a free copy and donate to the school.

D Day 80 – 6th June 2024. It was agreed to purchase two flags, one for the school and the other for the village hall.

B5301 UPDATE repair work at Arkleby will be completed in the next 4 to 6 weeks, and there will be a number of road closures in the parish over the coming weeks to allow FIBRUS to carry out works.

HIGH CLOSE QUARRY letter sent from our solicitor to Cumberland Council's solicitor to which a response is awaited.

SPEEDING/SPEED WATCH had been out last week and will be out at irregular intervals during the spring months.

CLINTS QUARRY Blindcrake Parish Council recently submitted a 25-page submission to the Lake District National Park Authority planners with objections regarding the new application from TA Harrison; the LDNPA planners have advised they 'declined to determine' on the 27th March 2024.

PARISH SPRING CLEAN will take place on Saturday 1st June at 10:00hrs

WAR MEMORIAL SEAT the shrubbery will be pruned on the eastern verge at 'The Square' to allow a planter to be installed instead of the bench seat.

DONATION TO ST. CUTHBERTS CHURCH, PLUMBLAND It was agreed to donate £200.00 to this worthy cause.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7.00pm Tuesday 7th May 2024 (to follow the Annual Parish Meeting) in Plumbland Village Hall

Bassenthwaite

Our March meeting was our AGM and catered supper, pie and peas and some delicious desserts provided by WI members. Many thanks to all who contributed to a very enjoyable and social evening. The winner of the competition for a spring flower was Jean Hotton and a team game, which revealed the many different objects amazingly carried in pockets and handbags, won by the team of Isobel, Gillian, Irene, Grace and Helen. Thank you all for joining in so enthusiastically. At the AGM the officers and committee were re-elected. We would very much like it if some more members would consider joining the committee. If you are interested please talk to our president, Sue Mendus, or any committee member.

Our May meeting on Thursday May 9th is a talk by Paul Green, a Detection Dogs Trainer. The competition is 'a dog ornament' and our hostesses for the evening are Verena Cannon and Hazel Gaskell.

Bothel & Kirkland

At the April Meeting of Bothel and Kirkland W.I We welcomed Deborah who gave us a talk about The Great North Air Ambulance and showed us a short film. She said that there are two helicopters based at Langwathby and a rapid response car which is used at night. The helicopters cover an area of 8,000 square miles, sometimes assisting in other areas. They have a crew of a pilot, doctor and a paramedic, their kit bags contain all that is needed to carry out life saving procedures. There is no funding from the government, 100% cent charity funded, 8.5 million a year is needed. As much as 40% comes from people leaving money in their wills. The helicopters can go to three calls without re-fuelling, but bad weather can have an impact. Recently the helicopter was stranded on Scafell because of fog. When there are no call outs the crew do maintenance such as sorting kit and training. She was thanked for her very informative talk. New and current W.I. Members will only have to pay £30 and joint members, who are also in another W.I. will only have to pay £5:60 for the year.

Next month some members are going to Hespian Wood for a guided tour of the recycling plant.

Embleton

The speaker at Embleton WI's March meeting was Fred Wilson who was the photographer for the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald for 46 years until he retired last year. Anyone who's met Fred, and there must be 1000s of you, will know what a fantastic speaker he is. As well as giving us tips on photographing prize-winning farm stock, he gave some wonderful accounts of occasions he'd photographed : local fetes, royal visits, agricultural shows, and people he'd met during his long career: members of Parliament, senior Royalty, and countless local and national personalities. Our president, Amanda Durkan, thanked Fred on behalf of all the WI members for such an entertaining talk.

Evelyn Chester won the raffle. Judy Sanderson won the competition for a local photograph and Doreen Pickering came second.

The speaker at Embleton WI's April meeting was Sharon Watson who gave an inspiring talk about the importance of eating better and wasting less. Sharon has spent many years teaching people about the merits of buying sustainably grown organic fruit, vegetables, meat, and dairy produce from local producers. Food grown organically is grown without the use of artificial fertilizers and minimal use of a restricted range of pesticides. Animal welfare is prioritised and the use of antibiotics, which could be transmitted in an animal's meat, is minimised. There are several organic food producers in Cumbria including The Torpenhow Cheese Company, Askerton Farm, Low Stanger Farm, Evas Organics and 2 new farmers are planning to start organic farm at Low Netherscales in Embleton. It was a thought provoking talk and our president, Amanda Durkan, thanked Sharon on behalf of all the WI members. New member Jenny White won the competition for favourite kitchen utensil and Lucy Elkerton came second. Our speaker Sharon won the raffle. Our next meeting will be on 8 May when Glen Rowley from the Juniper Trust will be talking about Schools and Hospitals in Nepal. On 12th June Joy Hodgson will be doing a craft demonstration. Our 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 Judy Sanderson on 07709 089982

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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 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.theartssocietycumbria.org.uk

Northern Fells Group

DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK - 13th – 17th May
Caldbeck Parish Hall Tue 14 May 1.30 – 3pm

During Dementia Action Week NFG will be hosting an **Anticipatory Grief session** delivered by Karen Dutton (RGN & Dementia Champion) at Caldbeck Parish Hall for all those living with dementia, their carers' and families. Grief is a natural response to loss usually associated with the death of a loved one, but other losses can cause intense grief including loss of identity or loss of a perceived future.

For those at the early stages of living with dementia this session would be beneficial. For those who would find it difficult to sit through a session there will be a team of volunteers and activities in a separate area to enable their carers' and loved ones to attend the sessions

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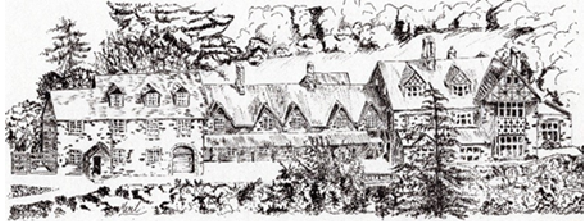
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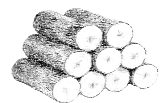
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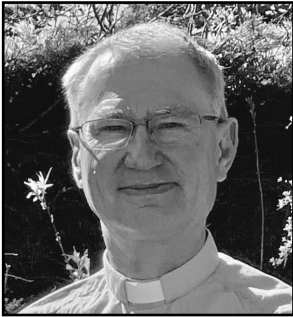
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