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*The magazine that reaches out to everyone in our communities*

Serving and informing the Mission Community of:  
Allhallows, Bassenthwaite, Boltons, Embleton, Ireby, Isel, Plumbland, Setmurthy,  
Torpenhow, Uldale and Wythop

March 2023

## Thoughts for Lent

Ash Wednesday through to Maundy Thursday is a time of reflection and traditionally a time when people give something up, sometimes a season of fasting, a period of dust and ashes, sackcloth and mourning, and penance – nowadays all rather unfashionable practices. It is in Lent, which we have now entered, when we live again the wilderness period, the period of trial and temptation period, and we look from a position of weakness to God's triumph over death – the promised land of Easter. Because we are now in Lent, I am going to invite you to not so much give some things up but rather to spend more time in prayer during this season.

As Christians, I am convinced that there is no faster, more direct route to intimacy with God than through prayer. We will benefit in this season of Lent if from time to time to we go into our room, shut the door as Jesus taught, and pray in secret to give God as much time as he wants. It is easy in the busyness and pressure of our lives to merely give God some brief windows in our busy schedules and then to very quickly to go on to the next thing. That is of course how we mostly live. But it would be good during this Lent to allow God, who longs to communicate his love for us, to be able to simply do that in the secret place of prayer.

It is worth having open-ended prayer time with God. Open-ended prayer allows God to speak to us and to surprise us. During these times we might linger over past years of our life in order to thank God or to repent. We might want to read the Bible or a liturgy slowly, with time to meditate. We might write whilst praying, perhaps using a journal. Or possibly bring a complicated situation in our lives to be considered before God – what would Jesus do in this situation? There can be conversations with Jesus, silence, or shouting, (see Psalm 150) or singing. It doesn't matter if our attention wanders or if we drop off to sleep – there is time to wake up and pick up where we left or find a new thread.

So let's make time for prayer this Lent and as we do so, we might well find we develop a taste for these extended times of prayer. Lenten resolutions can be an excellent way of leading us along that road of reformed habits and disciplines. Resolutions, and perhaps the discipline to spend more times in prayer, are best written down. And regularly, through Lent, or beyond, we should check up on ourselves and take stock. There are always things we should do, that we know we should do, that we always mean to do, but that we go on postponing unless we pin ourselves down to a precise discipline, like prayer

*Peter*

Revd Peter Dixon



March 2023

# March Services

Sunday 5th March– 2nd Sunday of Lent			Sunday 12th March– 3rd Sunday of Lent		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
<b>Boltons</b>	8am	Holy Communion	<b>Embleton</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Isel</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Setmurthy</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship
<b>Wythop</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship	<b>Torpenhow</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Bassenthwaite Chapel</b>	11am	Morning Worship	<b>Allhallows</b>	11am	Morning Worship
<b>Plumbland</b>	11am	Morning Worship	<b>St. John, Bassethwaite</b>	11am	Holy Communion
<b>St. Bega, Bassenthwaite</b>	3pm	Holy Communion			
<b>Embleton</b>	3pm	Evening Prayer	<b>Ireby</b>	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 19th March– Mothering Sunday			Sunday 26th March– 5th Sunday of Lent		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
<b>Ireby</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>Team Service</b>		
<b>Plumbland</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion			
<b>Boltons</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship			
<b>Setmurthy</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion			
<b>Torpenhow</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship			
<b>Allhallows</b>	11am	Holy Communion	<b>Bassethwaite Chapel</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>St. John, Bassenthwaite</b>	11am	Morning Worship			
<b>Isel</b>	11am	Morning Worship			
<b>Wythop</b>	11am	Holy Communion			
<b>Embleton</b>	3pm	Evening Prayer			

# From the Registers

## BAPTISMS

There were no Baptisms.

## WEDDINGS

There were no Weddings.

## FUNERALS

The funeral of Mary Bewley, from Whitrigg, took place at St. Michael & All Angels, Torpenhow on 26th January 2023.

The funeral of Judith McTear, from Bewaldeth, took place at St. Michael & All Angels, Torpenhow on 30th January 2023.

The funeral of Peter Bradley, from Bothel, took place at Carlisle Crematorium on 7th February 2023.

The funeral of Stephen Pape, from Fletchertown, took place at Carlisle Crematorium on 10th February 2023.

The burial of Glenda Holme, formerly of Bassenthwaite, took place at St. John, Bassenthwaite on 15th February 2023.

## Baptism in the Binsey Team Mission Community

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

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



BAPTISM

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

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



WEDDINGS

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.

# Book Review

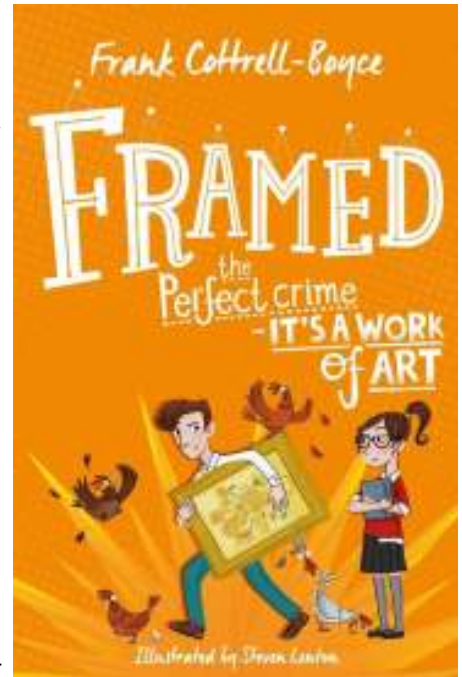
## Framed By Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Strictly speaking this book was written for children, but I defy anyone to read it and not laugh outloud. Like all of Frank Cottrell Boyce's novels they are written for a child audience but with a very 'grown-up' sense of humour.

Dylan is the only boy living in the tiny Welsh town of Manod. His parents run the Snowdonia Oasis Auto Marvel garage - and when he's not trying to persuade his sisters to play football, Dylan is in charge of the petrol log. And that means he gets to keep track of everyone coming in and out of Manod - what car they drive, what they're called, even their favourite flavour of crisps. But when a mysterious convoy of lorries trundles up the misty mountainside towards an old, disused mine, even Dylan is confounded. Who are these people - and what have they got to hide?

A story inspired by a press cutting describing how, during World War II, the treasured contents of London's National Gallery were stored in Welsh slate mines. Once a month, a morale-boosting masterpiece would be unveiled in the village and then returned to London for viewing. This is a funny and touching exploration of how art - its beauty and its value - touches the life of one little boy and his big family in a very small town.

I loved this book as I love all his novels. I literally had tears of laughter streaming down my face. A brilliant story told in his easily accessible writing style. A light-hearted and rewarding read for anyone aged 9-90! If not this one, choose any of his other novels for an equally laugh out loud experience.



### Questions

- 1 Who does Dad contact when Daft Tom is trying to rob the petrol station?
- 2 What's the name of the petrol station owned by the Hughes family?
- 3 How does Dylan get the sheep to follow him if they escape?
- 4 What are the Christian names of the Misses Sellwood?
- 5 Which of his possessions does Dylan give to the car boot sale?
- 6 Which newspaper does Lester order from the petrol station?
- 7 What is the name of the first painting Lester shows to Dylan?
- 8 Which is the first chicken to lay an egg?
- 9 What is wrong with the numbers they paint on the side of the boats in the park?
- 10 What flavour Pot Noodles does Dad buy to sell in the petrol station?

***March: This month was called Martius by the Romans, from the god Mars, and it received the name 'Hlyd Monath' which means loud or stormy month.***

***March mottoes: 'A peck of March dust is worth a kings ransom'***

### QUIZ SHEETS IN AID OF DEWODE CHARITY

Ros Downing has devised quiz sheets to be sold in aid of DEWODE. There are pictures, pot luck, and ten other topics to choose from, plus all the answers of course. The sheets are just for fun – no time limit, no prizes. But you could get together with friends or family and award your own prizes.

Some brief information about DEWODE is included with the quiz sheets to help spread the word about this charity, which is run by local people, and so that purchasers will know where their money is going. Do you feel able to help fund raise for this very good cause by selling quiz sheets in your parish? Or would you be willing to invite Ros to an event where she could have a stall? If so, please contact Ros by emailing [ros@langside.org.uk](mailto:ros@langside.org.uk) or phone 017687-76471.

## On this day.....

### How much do you know about key dates in History?

1 Mar. National Day of Wales. Feast day of St David.

2 Mar. 1969 Concorde, the Anglo-French supersonic airline, roared into the skies on its maiden flight. The aircraft will travel at twice the speed of sound.

3 Mar. 1985 Members of the Britain's National Union of Mineworkers returned to work after voting to end their unsuccessful year-long strike.

4 Mar. 1681 King Charles II granted a Royal Charter to William Penn, a Quaker, entitling Penn to establish a colony in North America (Pennsylvania).

5 Mar. 1936 The British fighter plane *Spitfire* made its first test flight from Eastleigh, Southampton. Powered by a Rolls-Royce Merlin engine the aircraft will enter service with the Royal Air Force in the next two years.

6 Mar. 1987 A British-owned cross-channel ferry the 'Herald of Free Enterprise' left Zeebrugge, Belgium, with its bow doors open; it capsized, killing over 180 passengers.

7 Mar. 1876 The Scottish-born inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, patented the telephone.

8 Mar. 1702 Anne became Queen of Britain after William III died in a riding accident. He was thrown from his horse after it stumbled on a molehill.

9 Mar. 1074 Pope Gregory VII excommunicated all married priests.

10 Mar. 1886 Cruft's Dog Show was held in London for the first time – since 1859 it had been held in Newcastle. More recently the venue has changed to the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

11 Mar. 1858 The Indian Mutiny ended after 10 months of hostilities. Indian sepoys had mutinied believing rifle cartridges had been lubricated in animal fat.

12 Mar. 1904 Britain's first mainline electric train ran from Liverpool to Southport.

13 Mar. 1900 British forces under the command of Field Marshall Roberts take Bloemfontein in the Second Boer War.

14 Mar. 1757 British Admiral John Byng was executed by firing squad at Plymouth, for having failed to relieve Minorca from the French fleet.

15 Mar. 44 BC "Beware the Ides of March" – Julius Caesar is stabbed by Marcus Brutus.

16 Mar. 1872 The Wanderers beat the Royal Engineers 1–0 in the first English FA Cup Final, at Kennington Oval.

17 Mar. 1766 Parliament in London votes to repeal the controversial Stamp Act in an attempt to stifle rebellion in the American colonies – "Taxation without representation is tyranny"

18 Mar. 978 Edward, King of England is murdered at Corfe Castle. The murder is thought to have been ordered by his stepmother Aelfryth, mother of Ethelred the Unready.

19 Mar. 1834 Six farm labourers from Tolpuddle, Dorset, were sentenced to seven years' transportation to Australia for forming a trade union.

20 Mar. 1653 Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, dissolves the Long Parliament.

21 Mar. 1556 England's first Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer is burnt at the stake as a heretic, under the Catholic Queen Mary I, also known as "Bloody Mary".

22 Mar. 1824 The British Parliament voted to purchase 38 paintings at a cost of £57,000, to establish a national collection which is now housed in the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London.

23 Mar. 1956 Queen Elizabeth II laid the foundation stone of a new cathedral being built in Coventry. The new building is being erected next to the remains of the 14th-century cathedral destroyed by the German Luftwaffe in 1940.

24 Mar. 1603 The crowns of England and Scotland were united when King James VI of Scotland succeeded to the English throne.

25 Mar. 1306 The eighth Earl of Carrick, Robert the Bruce is crowned King of Scotland at Scone Palace near Perth.

26 Mar. 1902 British imperialist Cecil John Rhodes died in Cape Town aged 48. Rhodes who controlled 90% of the world's diamond production, was influential in establishing the British crown in South Africa and Rhodesia.

27 Mar. 1871 Legalised warfare – England and Scotland played their first rugby football international, in Edinburgh; first blood to Scotland.

28 Mar. 1912 Both the Oxford and the Cambridge boats sank in the annual Varsity boat race.

29 Mar. 1461 Over 28,000 people are said to have been killed in the bloody Battle of Towton, N Yorkshire; the Lancastrians under Henry VI were crushed.

30 Mar. 1856 The Crimean War between Russia and Europe was brought to an end by the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

31 Mar. 1855 Charlotte Bronte, the reclusive Yorkshire novelist and author of *Jane Eyre*, died



# Around The Parishes

## Allhallows

**Wednesday 8th March.** All Saints AGM, 1:30pm in Allhallows Church Vestry.

**Saturday 11th March,** Allhallows Church are holding an Afternoon Tea in the Community Centre, Fletchertown 2pm to 4pm. with Tea, Coffee, Homemade scones, cakes, biscuits and a wonderful raffle. Cake stall and Bricabrac stall. Adults £4:50p children £2.

### ALLHALLOWS CENTRE

What's on at the Community Centre?

**Lunch Club** - Enjoy a catch up, over some delicious homemade food! Last Thursday of every month 12-1:30pm (be early to avoid missing out!) Soup and a roll, pudding and hot drink included £5.00 per person Everyone welcome Takeaway option available, on request

**Bingo:** First Friday of every month

£1.00 Entry fee (including refreshments)

50p per book, 5 games, including 1 snowball game (Cash Prizes) Raffle prizes to be won. Eyes down at 7:30pm

Adults and children (8 years+ only). Adults are welcome to bring their own drinks. Please note: Children, over 8 years, must be supervised by an adult.

**2 by 2 Baby and Toddler Group** (0-4 Years)

Songs, crafts and play every Tuesday

10am until 11:30am £1.50 per family

All welcome - Parents, grandparents, childminders, carers, etc.

**Derwent Patchworkers** Every 2 weeks, on Wednesdays

10am until 4pm. For further details or information, please contact Barbara Strong on 07833 692144

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

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

### Dates for your diary:

**Saturday 8th April** (Easter Saturday) - Family Fun Easter Bingo. Details to be confirmed, nearer the time, on our Facebook page.

**Sunday 9th April** (Easter Sunday) - Easter Event at the Community Centre. Details to be confirmed, nearer the time, on our Facebook page.

**Monday 8th May** (Bank Holiday Monday) - National "Big Help Out" community volunteering event. Full details to follow on our Facebook page and website.

**Saturday 6th to Monday 8th May** - King Charles III's Coronation. Event details to be confirmed in April's issue of the Binsey Link.

The community centre management committee welcomes any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see happening at your community centre. Please contact us and let us know what you would like to see.

Recent suggestions have included some of the following, for your inspiration: Charity nights, Soul/Motown music nights, fashion shows, fitness classes, etc.

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

[www.facebook.com/allhallowscentre](https://www.facebook.com/allhallowscentre)

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

Email: [allhallowscentre@gmail.com](mailto:allhallowscentre@gmail.com)

## Bassenthwaite

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

St. John's cleaning: Isobel and Daphne

No flowers in Lent.

St. Bega's cleaning: vacant.

**SOUP LUNCH.** Tuesday 14th March. Soup, scone, cheese, biscuits, tea or coffee. 12noon to 1.30. £4 for church funds. A warm welcome to all.

### BASSENTHWAITE PARISH ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of the Bassenthwaite Parish Room will be held on Wednesday 29th March 2023, in the Parish Room, at 7.00 pm

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

### BASSENTHWAITE WINTER DROP-IN

#### A VERY "WARM" WELCOME

to Bassenthwaite Parish Room

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

7th March & 21st March

4th & 18th April

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

## Bassenthwaite

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

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

### Arts Out West: Sunday 12 March, 7.30

We are delighted to confirm that we will be hosting a performance of 'The Mystery of the Blue Moon Saloon', from Ragged Edge Productions. A comic radio play presented live on stage with the assistance of the audience. Tickets from Claire Brewis on 07743 893489 or [clairewebzell1@gmail.com](mailto:clairewebzell1@gmail.com)



Set in an American Wild West Town 1870. A travelling English Theatre Company are performing scenes from Shakespeare when lone gunslinger, The Wanderer comes up against a gang of outlaws. When the gun smoke clears Mrs Speakwell lies dead. But who killed the English actress? This daft and entertaining show gives the audience the chance to make the sound effects and take part in scenes as they are recorded in a special edition of the play. There's a part for everyone in . . . So saddle up, polish your spurs and join us for a night of fun! Bar, Raffle and Prize for best dressed cowboy!

Take a look at the trailer for the show on <https://raggededgeproductions.co.uk/the-mystery-of-the-blue-moon-saloon>

## Boltons

### All Saint's Church, Boltons

Boltons Parish Hall  
PILATES Wednesdays 9.30am - 10.30am  
CIRCUITS Mondays 9.30am - 10.30am,  
both with Helen, all classes £5.  
For more information contact Helen on 07900410076.

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

NORTHERN FELS GROUP POP IN - 2nd Tuesday of each month 10.00am - 11.30.  
Coffee (or Tea!) cake and a chat. Come along and have a crack plus find out what's going on in your local area! For more info contact Gill 07874241604 or Judy 07879613838. All Welcome.

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

### Boltons Parish Hall

Race Night!  
Saturday 25th March 7pm.  
Bar and Refreshments.  
For info and tickets please call  
Andrew on 016973 44452

# Embleton

## St Cuthberts

Spring is in the air and our first pop-up of the year is scheduled for the weekend of March 25th & 26th . Come along to the stall on the hill at Wythop Mill and see what our talented artists, bakers and crafters have been working on through the dark days of winter. If you are about to spring clean your wardrobe or home furnishings anytime soon, don't forget that our ragbag collection continues to raise good funds for the Dewode health centre out in Uganda.

Lorton and Derwent Fells Local History Society. 7.30pm on Thursday 09 March 2023. 'Lake District Geology' by Dr Ian Francis. Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, CA13 9UJ. Free to members, £4.00 to visitors, to include refreshments. Parking in Lorton is limited, please arrive in good time. Dr Francis is one of three authors of a book entitled 'The Lake District Landscape and Geology', published recently.

Dates for your diary:

St Cuthbert's Annual Meeting; March 7th at 7pm in the Sunday School. All welcome.

Art and craft groups at St Cuthbert's Sunday School, all are welcome. Cuthbert's Crafters on

Mondays at 2pm Artists meet on Wednesdays at 2pm.

Ragbags; Unwanted clothing, linen, shoes, handbags and belts; Items can be left in the porch at St

Cuthbert's OR in the collection bin at Ling Crest, Wythop Mill. All money raised goes to Dewode.

Any items or comments for the next edition please send to Jean at [jeanmaca@aol.com](mailto:jeanmaca@aol.com) or

01768776184 by March 7th please.

## Embleton Village Hall Notice Board.

A save the date warning; we are having a coronation celebration in the hall on Sunday 7th May. We have a committee chaired by Judith Sanderson and she will give updates and details. This includes all of Embleton and district not just Embleton as the parish council covers the whole area. Some may be having their own celebrations, but I gather there was some confusion over the Jubilee celebrations.

We would also welcome anyone with strong links to the village but who no longer live here.

Apologies for a mistake last month, the parish council was the 15th not 22nd February, I cannot count 3 Wednesdays! Village Hall A.G.M. is on Wednesday 4th April, all welcome.

### What's on in March?

Monday: Mah-jong 2.30 pm Vivian 01900829490.

Monday: Dance class 6.30p.m. Edna 01768776630

Tuesday: Yoga 6.15pm Rebecca 07735 439126.

Thursday: Circle dance 7pm, Kathleen 76532.

Friday: Yoga 9.30am, private function.

Friday: Youth Club 6.30pm.

Sunday; Dance class 7.00pm, Edna 76630.

Thursday 2nd : U3A digital photography group 9.30 am.

Wednesday 8th : W.I. 7.30pm.

Tuesday 14th : U3A folk Dance 2pm

Wednesday 15th : Flower club 12.30 pm.

Wednesday 15th : Parish council 7pm.

Thursday 16th U3A Geology group 10.30-12.30pm.

Wednesday 22nd : Coronation group meeting 7pm.

Saturday 25th : Cycle race 7.30 am – 4pm

Saturday 25th : Social Dance 7.30 pm Edna 76630.

Sunday 26th : Yoga 11.30 – 1.30pm.

Friday 31 st : Seniors club 11am.

The Ducks have their invitations for the coronation so will be unable to join us in the hall. Anyone got some spare ermine? Chris.

# Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby

We were delighted to see so many adults and children at our Christingle Service on 15th January. The offering and Christingle boxes raised £100.21 for the Children's Society and we thank everyone for their donations.

**\*WARM HUB** at Ireby WI Hall, Thursday March 9 from 12-2pm; come for a complimentary cuppa and cake, soup and a roll, a natter, play games or read papers, for free transport contact **Jackie 07376 225134**

Catch up with your community

**The Globe Hall's**

**Annual General Meeting**

On Monday 17th April 2023

at 7.30pm

In the Globe Hall, Ireby

Everyone welcome

Any questions: [david.rooney@btoopenworld.com](mailto:david.rooney@btoopenworld.com)



## Ireby

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

### Ireby CE Primary School

#### **Binsey Toddlers**

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

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

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



## Isel

**Coffee will be at the Great Escape Café, Moota on Monday 13th March at 10.30 am.**

### **BLINDCRAKE VILLAGE HALL**

#### **MARCH**

Mondays 6-7pm Yoga with Sarah

Green. [sarah.e.green@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah.e.green@hotmail.com) for more information

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm Pilates with Angela 6:30-

7:30pm with Angela Price [https://](https://www.mipilates.co.uk/)

[www.mipilates.co.uk/](https://www.mipilates.co.uk/) for more information

Saturday 11th 8pm Evening Inn

Monday 20th 7:30pm Parish Council meeting

Saturday 25th **SAVE THE DATE!** Another fund-raiser for COAT Quiz Night, with quiz-master Keith Baty. More information will follow on the Blindcrake Parish facebook page, and on posters around the parish.

#### **APRIL**

Mondays Yoga

Wednesdays Pilates

#### **MAY**

Mondays Yoga

Wednesdays Pilates

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

Friday 12th Arts Out West programme

Monday 15th Parish Council meeting 7:30pm

#### **JUNE**

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

**TO HIRE BLINDCRAKE VILLAGE HALL:** Look at <https://blindcrakevillagehall.org.uk/>, click on HIRING, and use the CONTACT FORM to request bookings, or to make enquiries, etc. Hiring charges: £8 per hour for meetings, classes, etc, and £12 per hour for parties and functions. To hire the hall please book on the new website, or contact the bookings secretary using 07503 763590, TEXT ONLY, please, (due to poor signal). The village hall phone is checked daily, and the bookings secretary will ring you back (from a landline). Why not have a look to see what else you can find, on the website. (We have an automatically updating calendar on the Home page, worth checking to see what's coming up soon, or plan what date you'd like to hire the hall based on current bookings.) Please also look for up-to-date information on our parish's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/166193357452161>

# Plumbland

## St Cuthbert's

Greetings to all our friends in the hope that you are able to cope with the changeable weather we have been having of late, especially the vicious winds coming from a northern direction. Hope you have been able to receive the advertised help from the Government towards payments/grants to help you with excessive heating bills. Here at St Cuthbert's we are doing our best to keep matters in hand as we slowly make our way around our building, keeping an eye on any areas of concern, and dealing as soon as possible, with matters as they arise. We are able to do this due to the many, and varied gifts/donations we receive. For which we cannot express our thanks enough to all who contribute to our Church in this way., we are indeed very grateful to all our donors/friends/ volunteers and all who 'Lend a hand' at times of need THANK YOU ALL!

No doubt you will have realised that we are now in the season of Lent. Therefore our Altar/ table and church will not have it's usual flower displays. However, be assured, come Easter Day we will have glorious displays as our 'Flower power People' return to doing what they love to do, we look forward to that. In the meantime we maintain our usual services, to which all are invited, and welcome. On Sunday 5th March we intend to hold our annual church meeting after the morning service, All with any interest in the life and work at St Cuthbert's are welcome to attend, perhaps we will see you there?

With love and best wishes to you all. Hope to see you soon,

Your friends and neighbours at St Cuthbert's.

**Graham Cox**

## Plumbland pre-school and toddler group

Our toddler group runs on a Friday morning and everyone is welcome when accompanied by a child aged birth to

four. We operate in term time only from 9am to 11am. Attendees include parents, grandparents, carers, childminders, for any further information please contact Gillian Winder 07789542736

## Plumbland Village Hall

It has been a busy month again in the Village Hall. All weekly activities as normal plus, we had a successful 4 weeks of Yoga and by popular demand this has now carried on for a further 6 week—it is fully booked again. On Saturday 11 February we had a wine tasting evening and sampled 6 red wines—we believe this was a success or was that just alcohol talking! We will plan a white wine evening later in the year.

During February half term there will be two days of children's holiday club.

**Friday 17th March** promises to be a great St Patrick's day event with our popular **Whisky Club**, I am sure there will be an Irish Whisky there... (or two)



Look out of Facebook and notice

boards for the **sharing board evening** on **Saturday 25th March**.

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

The funeral and celebration of the life of **Norma Frost** of Threapland, took place at Distington Crematorium on 12th January 2023. A total of £427 was donated in lieu of flowers and was distributed amongst: the British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK & Barnardo's Children's Society as directed.

**Many thanks to all who donated.**

# Setmurthy

## St Barnabas Church

Cleaning : Mrs N Laws & Mrs B Peteka

Services

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

## Parish Hall

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April Spring Lunch at 12.30pm in the Parish hall Cost £15. Booking Essential

Please contact Nicola (017687 76483 )

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

We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in joining the Parish hall committee, please contact Chris (07759278383) or Jackie (07736837132) for further information.

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

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

# Torpenhow

## Torpenhow

### St Michaels Church

In order to keep the Churchyard tidy, Torpenhow DCC would appreciate it if all Christmas wreaths/flowers be removed from graves by the end of March. Thank you.

### Annual District Church Council Meeting

This will be held in St Michael's Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March after the morning service. Anyone from the parish is welcome to attend.

### Saturday 18th March. Souper Day

12noon –1.30pm

Come and enjoy a selection of home made soups, cakes and a drink.

In aid of Church Funds



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## ALL WELCOME

St Michael's Church  
Torpenhow

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**A memorial scroll will be placed on the font  
in Church during Easter**

If you would please put your donation in a sealed  
envelope with the name of the person to be  
remembered

Please give envelopes to  
Eileen Bell, East House, Torpenhow,  
a Churchwarden or put in the  
money box on the wall in St. Michael's Church  
by 31st March

### Church Flowers

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

### Torpenhow Village Hall



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



Coffee Morning and Book  
Share **Saturday 4th March** 10.00 to 12.00  
noon. Coffee, Cake and a Natter  
Come and join us for our monthly get  
together



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## Torpenhow

### **Blennerhasset & Baggrow Village Hall**

**ONE BIG BREKKIE - 11th March** Brand new to 2023. Our One Big Brekkie is a quarterly chance to grab some scran with friends and fellow Villagers on a Saturday morning 10am 12pm. Soak up the night before with some carbs. Stonking food options available for all.

**SCARECROW FESTIVAL- EASTER MONDAY 10th April** After last year's success we're back with the Scarecrows. The theme this year is 'CARTOONS'. Whether it's Dennis the Menace, Woody from Toy Story or Princess Jasmine this is going to be a treat for all the kids, including the big ones who refuse to grow up. This is a full day of fun so make sure it's in the diary

**CORONATION TEA – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8th May** To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III we will be flinging the doors open to a 'good old knees up'. The bunting will be out, the kettle will be on and the banter will be flowing. We've got community plans in the morning of the day in keeping with the aspirations of the Coronation.

**GET FIT – STAY FIT – Weekly classes**, these include Dance, Yoga, Step & Circuits. The class timetable can be found on our website [www.bbvh.uk](http://www.bbvh.uk)

**BINGO – Weekly every TUESDAY 7.30pm start**  
Doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm. Great craic and always a giggle.

**Coffee Morning - Next WEDNESDAY 1st March**  
Every 1st Wednesday of the month is our Coffee Morning. We give such a warm welcome to visitors from neighbouring villages and locals, plus our baking is brilliant.

**Table Tennis - Next FRIDAY 24th March** Every 4th Friday of the month, 7-9pm. With 3 tables we have singles, doubles, games of chance and skill. Everything for novices and

fancy pants. All ages. Players from neighbouring Villages welcome.

Check out our website [www.bbvh.uk](http://www.bbvh.uk) (Blennerhasset & Baggrow Village Hall BBVH) for more information on our weekly Bingo and Exercise Classes. Follow us on our Facebook page: Village Hall, Blennerhasset & Baggrow We hire the hall. Also, clothing rails, tables & chairs x 60 for your external events. Email [help@bbvh.uk](mailto:help@bbvh.uk) or call Chris 07739 184942 or send us a Fb message.

### **Bothel Vilage Hall**

All activities have resumed for the winter months

Indoor bowling Mondays 7.30pm

Lunch club every 4th Monday

W. I. 1st Tuesday in the month

Gardening Club 3rd Tuesday

Yoga Wednesdays 10.00am ( term time )

Bingo Last Friday 6.00pm (**changed from the last**

**Wednesday to the last Friday in the month. The next session will be Friday 31st March at 6pm.)**

Craft Group 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm

Fencing Wednesdays 7.30pm

Circuits Thursdays 7.00pm

Mr & Mrs Night Saturday 25th March. Tickets £2 A fun night for all the family. Couples wishing to enter - contact Betty on 20217

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

100 Club winners 1. L. Chapelhow 2. C. Marsden 3. E. Scott Russell.

## Uldale

**Uldale Sports committee.** The relaunch of Uldale 100 club. If you would like a number please contact Marion Pattinson 016973 71287 The committee look after the tennis court and playground.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

## Wythop

St. Margaret's Churchyard is carpeted with snowdrops, that cannot fail to cheer anyone up on the greyest of days, and we have had a few. The daffodils are just starting to show through in places, so we have them to look forward to when the snowdrops die down.

It would be very much appreciated if Christmas wreaths could be removed from graves, please. It can be very windy and bleak in the Churchyard, so there are some which are looking weathered and past their best.

The days are getting longer and we look forward to visitors as well as old friends passing through the Churchyard, on and off Sale Fell, and calling into the Church for a moment of quiet, or to shelter.

The Church is always open.

# Parish Council

## **Bassenthwaite**

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

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

Also Present: E Clark (clerk) & Jill Perry.

The Bassenthwaite sign at Kiln Hill requires removing as it is damaged. Price to be gained for the refurbishment of the cast iron fingerpost at the North Row junction.

Allerdale Borough Council confirmed that the light at Cooper Dub was to remain as is on the pole.

Bassenthwaite heritage finger post sign and collar has now been cast, painted and put up.

The Lake District National Park warden advised of a dangerous tree on parish land at Scarness that needed dealt with, the council agreed that the tree be removed. Arborscape looked at the Pinfold trees and highlighted issues with a couple of the trees and advised that a full survey and report would cost £250.00 plus vat.

It was noted that following the resignation of Norman Harrop, there was now one parish councillor vacancy.

For a copy of the full minutes please contact the clerk or see [www.bassenthwaite.org.uk](http://www.bassenthwaite.org.uk) .

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 2 nd March 2023 at 7.30pm ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Clerk: Elizabeth Clark, 11 Standingstone Heights, Wigton, CA79DS Telephone: 016973 45665 Email: [bassenthwaiteclerk@aol.com](mailto:bassenthwaiteclerk@aol.com)

## **Blennerhasset and Torpenhow**

Summary of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 th January, 2023 at Blennerhasset Village Hall. Present: Cllrs. J. Bowe (Chair), M. Giddings, D. Telford and W. Powley. Also Present: J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor.

Matters discussed included: Planning: Applications Received: CAT/2022/0032 – 1 High Mains, Torpenhow - Fell 1 Cypress, Fell group of Lawson Cypress Trees.

Decisions: CAT/2022/0032 -1 High Mains, Torpenhow - Fell 1 Cypress, Fell group of Lawson Cypress Trees - Decision – Not to make a TPO proposed works can proceed.

HOU/2022/0111 – Newbiggin Grange, Torpenhow - Replacement of existing windows, reinstatement of old openings and construction of a modern single storey extension and installation of solar panels in the south elevation roof – GRANTED. LBC/2022/0025 – Newbiggin Grange, Torpenhow - Listed building consent for replacement of existing windows, reinstatement of old openings and construction of a modern single storey extension and installation of solar panels in the south elevation - LBC GRANTED. OUT/2022/0025 – Old Sawmill Yard, Blennerhasset - Re-submission of application OUT/2019/0026 for outline permission with all matters

reserved for a single dwelling – GRANTED.

Grass Cutting Contract 2023-24 –The grass cutting contract for the village greens and the playing field are due to be renewed. Tenders are invited for the two seasons to be received by 7th March, 2023.

Dog Fouling continues to be an issue in Blennerhasset. Residents are reminded that failing to clean up after a dog is an offence. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8th March, 2023 Torpenhow Village Hall at 7.30pm

Janice Rae, Parish Clerk, 1 Sun Croft, Ireby, CA7 1ES

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[www.blennerhasset.com](http://www.blennerhasset.com)

## **Bothel and Threapland**

Summary of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th January, 2023 at Bothel Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. G. Bowe, W. Miskelly, J. Mitchell, P. Musk, R. Teasdale and N. Todhunter (Chair). Also present: K.

Thurlow, Allerdale Borough Councillor, J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor and three members

of the public. Matters discussed included: Planning:

Applications received: HOU/2022/0197 – Wharrels House Bothel CA7 2JG - Proposed detached store and covered parking area and fuel store.

Decisions: HOU/2022/0197 – Wharrels House Bothel CA7 2JG -Proposed detached store and covered parking area and fuel store – GRANTED.

Threapland Defibrillator – A letter had been sent to all households in Threapland village asking for volunteers to assist with the reporting process. Two volunteers were now set up with community heartbeat.

Grass Cutting Contract 2023 - the grass cutting contract is due for renewal for the 2023 season. RESOLVED that tenders would be invited for the cutting of Threapland Village Green and Pinfold Green, Bothel. The closing date for receipt of tenders no later than 13th March, 2023.

Cllr Perry reported that the Cumberland Council budget consultation was now open and will close on 31 st January.

The proposed increased on council tax is 4.99%. Cllr Perry also reported on the proposal for locality working which will replace Cumbria County Council's local area committees. The Allerdale GDF Community Partnership will be holding a meeting on 12th January when the revised boundaries for the search area will be announced.

Date of Next Meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 14th March, 2023 – Bothel Village Hall at 7.30pm

Janice Rae, Parish Clerk, 1 Sun Croft, Ireby, CA7 1ES. Tel:

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# Parish Council

## Iredy & Uldale

Summary of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd January, 2023 at the WI Hall, Ireby

Present: Cllrs E. Alexander, K. Bridges (Chair), R. Cockburn, G. Moore and F. Payne. Also Present: J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor, A. Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor and one parish member.

Matters discussed included: Planning – Applications received: Lake District National Park Authority - 7/2022/2276 - Binsey Cottage, Ireby - Demolish and rebuild garage and infill extension to form bathroom. Decisions: Allerdale Borough Council - LBC/2022/0048 – Earsden Cottage, Ireby - Listed building consent for the replacement of internal staircase and front door – GRANTED.

Lake District National Park Authority - 7/2022/2276 - Binsey Cottage, Ireby - Demolish and rebuild garage and infill extension to form bathroom GRANTED. Trees in the Parish - Cllrs Moore and Payne attended a site inspection of the parish land opposite Whinney Tip with CWB Forestry. Two quotations for the necessary work were considered. The contractor had been instructed to carry out the urgent works. Members agreed that the additional work outlined in a separate quotation should be carried out.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023 WI Hall Ireby – 7.30pm

Clerk: Janice Rae, 1 Sun Croft, Ireby, CA7 1ES  
Telephone: 0790 328 5461 Email: [info@ireby-uldalepc.org.uk](mailto:info@ireby-uldalepc.org.uk)

## Boltons

Report on the Ordinary Bi-Monthly Meeting held in Boltons Parish Hall on Tuesday the 17th of January 2023. Cllrs. Present: David Colborn (Chair), Alan Bowness, Richard Benson, Robert Fielding, Malcolm Grainger & Chris Littlewood.

The council have now taken delivery of new noticeboards which will be positioned throughout the parish in place of the old boards.

Bolton Low Houses now has a fully operational defibrillator which is situated in the village outside Tredoran. The machine is in a locked cabinet and can only be accessed by a code. The code will be given by the Ambulance Service Control room when a caller dials 999 and reports a possible cardiac arrest.

There is currently one parish councillor vacancy - do you have time to spare? Are you interested in your local community? If so, please contact the clerk to find out more on how to become a Parish Councillor.

Full copies of the Minutes & Agendas are available from the clerk, Elizabeth Clark on 07510 259 784, [boltonspc@aol.com](mailto:boltonspc@aol.com) or see [www.boltonsparishcouncil.wordpress.com](http://www.boltonsparishcouncil.wordpress.com).

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Tuesday the 21st of March 2023 in The Bell Church Institute, Boltongate commencing at 7.00pm.

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

## Embleton & District

EMBLETON & DISTRICT CELEBRATION OF THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

All villagers, their families and friends are invited to come along to a Celebration Tea on SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023 at 2pm in Embleton Village Hall and in the field opposite the Hall. If you are able to join us, please give your name and number of people in your party to Judy Sanderson, [judy.sanderson9@gmail.com](mailto:judy.sanderson9@gmail.com) Contributions of cakes and / or other finger buffet items will be most welcome, as would be the loan of any available gazebos (we are assuming it's going to be a really sunny day!) and, again, please let Judy know if you can help with any of those requests. More details will be in the forthcoming Parish Council Newsletter, but to whet your creative appetite, there will be a Fancy Dress Competition for the best Royal or for an item of decorated headwear, namely a crown or a coronet.

## POLISHING UP THE PLAY AREA

Volunteering Opportunity. The annual tidy up of the Play Area will be on Saturday 29 April and further information will be in the Parish Council Newsletter, and notices will go up on our boards nearer the time.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 at 7.00pm in Embleton Village Hall.

If you have a matter that you would like to raise, please contact our Clerk, Becx Carter, on 077866 78283 or email her at [embletonparishclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:embletonparishclerk@hotmail.com).



# School News

## Plumbland

As we are an accredited 'forest school' our children regularly take part in a forest school learning programme at woodland at Torpenhow and our infants have thoroughly enjoyed their block of forest learning. They have worked as a team to create a joint shelter, played team games, made rope supports to help them navigate the stream walk and observed how the forest has changed since their visit in the Summer term. The hot drinks around the fire circle have also been very popular, especially in the colder temperatures.

We were so impressed with the determination that our children in years 3,4,5, and 6 displayed during their cross country competition at Silloth on what was a very windy day. We were really proud of all of you. Our sports programme has also been enhanced by expert multi skills tuition led by Rob Jefferson for Infants and Juniors and kinder cricket for our younger children led by Chris Hodgson.

Children in Years 3,4,5, and 6 had the opportunity to work with a real artist- Alex Jacob Whitworth and created some rather brilliant dry point prints which we are currently displaying in our school hall.

Our new classroom is almost completed and we are very excited about using this and the huge difference it will make to our ever- growing school. Thank you so much to the team at Roland Hills for all their hard work and for the high quality finish. We all feel the new edition is completely in character with the rest of our historical building and has created a much needed space.

The Christian value we have been focusing on for this term is Wisdom and we are looking forward to joining in with the Worship time our year 5 children will be leading on this. We have considered Wisdom in relation to the choices we make in life and listened to examples of bible stories and verses on this theme. We are also busy planning our Easter service at St Cuthbert's Church, Plumbland and will be welcoming our families to this later in the term.

## Ireby

As we approach half-term in the middle of the Spring Term, it seems like a good opportunity to share some of the learning that the pupils at Ireby have been involved in and to provide you with a little snapshot of what happens in our classrooms. For example, in history, our Year 5 and 6 pupils (Upper Key Stage 2) have been learning about the changing lives of people using Census records. The children asked the question "What happened to Mary Bucktrout?" and were able to follow her life through the 1841, 1851 and 1861 census. Their discoveries inspired interesting observations and questions including a study of child labour in Victorian cotton mills. This class will be visiting Carlisle Archive Centre soon to continue their investigations and studies into the lives of people living in our local area. The lower Key Stage 2 pupils, Year 3 and 4, travelled to Amazonia in Scotland and had a wonderful day immersing themselves in their geography topic Rainforests where they could see for themselves how different species live and have adapted in a tropical environment. The pupils are currently very busy practising their performance for the U-Dance Festival at the Sands Centre in Carlisle in March. They have jointly written and choreographed a dance with Ms Hartwell which depicts the very powerful story of the issues of deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. The Early Years and Key Stage 1 children went off to The Solway Aviation Museum near Carlisle to explore first hand how aeroplanes have been built and developed over the years as they have been learning about Transport and the history of flight.

Our Key Stage 2 scientists have been getting well and truly involved in hands-on experiments in the classroom. While learning about friction they have been exploring many questions including, "Does mass affect friction?", "Do different surfaces have an impact on friction?", and "How is the movement of different shaped boats affected by water resistance?" By learning to think and behave like scientists they have discovered that, by increasing the mass by 10g each time and measuring the results with a Newton Meter, mass does have an effect on friction. The pupils have been talking about how, in science, accuracy and precision is vital, and it is always important to make their tests fair. They have found how important teamwork is, and that scientists work in a calm, thoughtful and curious manner.

Thank you very much to Jen Logan who recently came into school to lead some emergency First Aid training for the Key Stage 2 class, involving the children in learning about and having a go at some life saving techniques.

## Bassenthwaite

The work of the small local charity DeWoDe, (Dedicated Women in Development), was featured at our January meeting when our speakers were Pauline and Douglas Hardie.

DeWoDe, set up by Pauline and Douglas over 25 years ago, supports a group of women in the Kabermaido District, Northern Uganda. This is an area affected by poverty and which suffered in the conflicts with the Lords Resistance Army. The women were determined to improve their situation and that of their community. Over the years, DeWoDe have supported the women of the village by helping with agricultural projects and building Pakegido Health Centre, in Kolbulubulu village. They have raised funds to build staff accommodation and continue to raise funds for staff wages and the further development of the Health Centre. Fund raising initiatives are advertised in the Binsey Link, Embleton section, and DeWoDe has a Facebook page where photos and news are shared from Kobulubulu village and the Health Centre. This is a very worthy cause which depends largely on local support in Cumbria.

The competition for a recycled object was won by Helen Hunt with a fantastic model of a bird created from recycled cutlery.

The quiz on Famous Women was won by Judy and Kate. Our meeting in March is the AGM and catered supper. The competition is 'a kitchen utensil' and the hostesses for the evening are Mesdames G. Mawson, R. Roberts and L. Slater.

## Uldale & Ireby

22 members and 2 guests create a lot of chatter in Ireby WI Hall but it quietened down to listen to Alison Miles who had come to speak to us about The Calvert Trust. She is a regular volunteer at the Lake District charity after becoming involved with its outdoor activities with her family. Her stepson uses a wheelchair and is non verbal but because of the charity has gained so much enjoyment throughout his life. Its outdoor programme has enabled him to drive a horse and cart, sail on small dinghies on Bassenthwaite Lake and experience a catamaran ride from Ambleside. It was heart warming to hear from Alison, whose personal experiences demonstrated how important the charity can be to those it serves. It helps so many overcome access barriers to sport and the outdoors. For her, the team of instructors supported the family ambition to get to the top of Skiddaw – most coming to help out in their free time to make sure everyone remained as safe as possible. The Calvert Trust has had a tough few years since Covid arrived and is only now seeing booking numbers return to pre pandemic levels. Fundraising and donations are vital in its work to help make The Lakes accessible and to create a positive difference for visitors with disabilities. We would like to thank Alison for engaging us so completely and speaking so eloquently.

In other business, Lorna Reynolds won the drawing and Sarah Ashburner, the competition for 'A reminder of the 70's'. Our group meets on the first Thursday of the month, please contact: [UldaleandIrebyWI@gmail.com](mailto:UldaleandIrebyWI@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome new members.

## General

### Caldbeck Surgery

We have Protected Learning Time in February and March when the surgery will close at 1 p.m Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March We will be closed entirely on the bank holidays at Easter. Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April. We expect to have a PLT in April also, but the date has not been confirmed.

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

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





## General

### Cockermouth u3a:

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cockermouthu3a.org.uk

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

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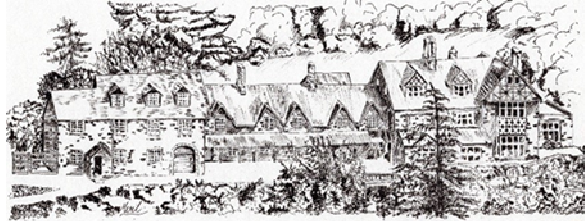
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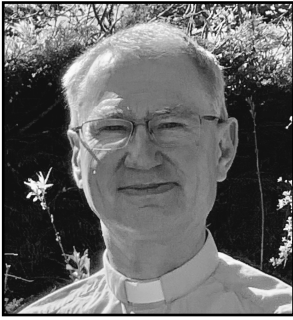
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