



BINSEY LINK



The magazine that reaches out to everyone in our communities

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Serving and informing the Mission Community of:

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

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December 2023

Hopes for Christmas

Most of you will be reading this at the start of December, with Christmas still about 3 weeks away, but no doubt plenty of preparations will have already been made and the Christmas decorations have been put up, and the Advent calendars are counting down the days.

Perhaps some of you will be wishing that Christmas would arrive sooner, but maybe (like me) you will be aware of all the things that you still need to do before Christmas is here.

Not having enough time seems to be a consistent grumble of many of us, even though we have all the benefits of technology and for example can do our shopping at the touch of a button over the internet without having to visit the shops. Modern life seems to bring additional pressures and stresses.

What are your hopes for Christmas this year?



Maybe those hopes go much deeper than sharing an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends, especially given all that is happening in our world and our nation at this time.

Too many people are shrouded in darkness as the shadows of war, violence, hatred, hunger and disease lengthen across our world together with the blackness of oppression, exclusion and exploitation.

The bible describes Jesus as the Light of world and of his light/love shining in the darkness of the world and the darkness not being able to overcome it.

Christian Hope and Christmas Hope is centred on the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who has come to bring love, forgiveness, healing, peace and hope to all people.

Jesus, through God's love and power, always seeks to bring people together and build flourishing community life, rather than to divide and destroy all that enhances human life and brings peace.

Jesus is there with us in all the joys and celebrations of life and the sadness of life. He is there with us in the daily routine of life and all the domestic chores. He gives meaning to our struggles and difficulties. He is there to set us free from our selfishness and to take away our prejudices and fears.

The carol, 'O little town of Bethlehem', expresses it like this: -
'Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.'

I wish you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

Stephen

Revd Stephen banks



December 2023

SERVICES for DECEMBER 2023

Sunday 3rd December – ADVENT Sunday			Sunday 10th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Boltons	8am	Holy Communion	Embleton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Isel	9.30am	Holy Communion	Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Torpenhow	9.30am	Holy Communion
Plumbland	11am	Morning Worship	Allhallows	11am	Holy Communion
Wythop	11am	Holy Communion	St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	CAROL Service
St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	3pm	Holy Communion			
Embleton	3pm	Evening Prayer	Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 17th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent			CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday 24th December		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Plumbland	9.30am	Holy Communion	Embleton	6pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Plumbland	6pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Setmurthy	11am	CAROL Service	St. John, Bassenthwaite	7pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Wythop	11am	CAROL Service			
Embleton	3pm	CAROL Service	Allhallows	9pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Torpenhow	3pm	CAROL Service	Isel	9pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Isel	4pm	CAROL Service	Boltons	11pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Allhallows	6.30pm	CAROL Service			
Ireby	6.30pm	CAROL Service			
CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25th December					
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Setmurthy	8.30am	CHRISTMAS Communion	Torpenhow	10am	CHRISTMAS Communion
Ireby	9.15am	CHRISTMAS Communion	Wythop	10am	CHRISTMAS Communion

SERVICES for DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024

Sunday 31st December 2023 – 1st Sunday of CHRISTMAS

Team Service St. Cuthbert, Embleton	10.30am	Morning Worship
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Sunday 7th January – EPIPHANY

Church	Time	Service
Boltons	9.30am	Holy Communion
Isel	9.30am	Morning Worship
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship
Plumbland	11am	Holy Communion
Wythop	11am	Holy Communion
St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	3pm	Holy Communion
Embleton	3pm	Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Church	Time	Service
Embleton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
Torpenhow	9.30am	Holy Communion
Allhallows	11am	Holy Communion
St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Holy Communion
Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

Sunday 21st January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Church	Time	Service
Wythop	9.30am	Morning Worship
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship
Ireby	11am	CHRISTINGLE Service
Isel	11am	Holy Communion
Plumbland	11am	Morning Worship
Embleton	3pm	Evening Prayer

Sunday 28th January – 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Church	Time	Service
Boltons	8am	Holy Communion
Ireby	9.30am	Holy Communion
Setmurthy	9.30am	Holy Communion
Torpenhow	9.30am	Morning Worship
Allhallows	11am	Morning Worship
St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Morning Worship

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

Dottie Batty was baptised at All Saints, Allhallows on 22nd October 2023.

Alfie Hutton was baptised at St. Bega, Bassenthwaite on 5th November 2023

WEDDINGS

No Wedding last month

FUNERALS

The funeral of Hannah (Nan) Wilkinson, formerly of Fletchertown, took place at All Saints, Allhallows on 13th November 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.

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.



BAPTISM



WEDDINGS

Choose any one of our churches for your special day!

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

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

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

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

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

Stay Curious

Try Alpha

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all.

Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

When	Weekly Monday Starting 15th January, 7pm
Where	Venue tbc, within Binsey Parish
Find out more	binsey.org.uk/alpha
Get in touch	johnfreeman@binsey.org.uk

No Binsey Issue in January

Remember there is no Binsey Link in January, the next issue is February 2024 with the usual deadline for submissions 10th January.

Everyone at The Binsey Team wishes all our readers a **Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.**



December 2023



Book Review

The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey

Since the clocks turned back, we have been plunged once more into what feels already like the winter months. Where did that summer go? Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness? The autumn seems vanished already. And so here we are..cold air and dark nights. I think we might as well embrace it and this month's novel certainly does that. It is a snow filled fantasy where the gnawing cold is so perfectly described it makes you want to light the fire. This is a winter read for sure.

Alaska, 1920: a brutal place to homestead, and especially tough for recent arrivals Jack and Mabel. Childless, they are drifting apart--he breaking under the weight of the work of the farm; she crumbling from loneliness and despair. In a moment of levity during the season's first snowfall, they build a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone--but they glimpse a young, blonde-haired girl running through the trees. This little girl, who calls herself Faina, seems to be a child of the woods. She hunts with a red fox at her side, skims lightly across the snow, and somehow survives alone in the Alaskan wilderness. As Jack and Mabel struggle to understand this child who could have stepped from the pages of a fairy tale, they come to love her as their own daughter. But in this beautiful, violent place, things are rarely as they appear, and what they eventually learn about Faina will transform all of them.



Although I'll admit that fantasy novels are not my thing at all and that magic creatures are not my go to, this novel utterly enchanted me. I was a little sceptical at first but once I'd read a couple of chapters I was hooked. The language is lyrical and beautiful. The landscape is vivid and brutal. And the characters are brilliantly drawn with all their human flaws and failings. The emotions that run through this novel are as sharp the coldness of the snow. The brilliance of the exploration of the human condition here is phenomenal and I found it both relatable and educational about the plight of others. Through the journey of this story the characters are transformed in every way by their developing relationships and I found this a beautiful, hope filled read exploring the power of connecting with others

So I say..let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Embrace this chilly read as we head into winter

Clare Doherty
(Chapel House, Plumbland)

Grants Available from Aspatria Charity Shop

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

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

The committee meets monthly

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

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

December birthdays

- 1 Dec.1910 Dame Alicia Markova, London-born ballet dancer famed for her interpretations of Giselle.
- 2 Dec.1899 Sir John Barbirolli, after serving in WWI he moved to the USA as conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra
- 3 Dec.1857 Joseph Conrad, born of Polish parents he became a naturalized British subject in 1884, his early experiences at sea inspired his many novels which include *Chance*, and perhaps his masterpiece *Lord Jim* (1900).
- 4 Dec.1795 Thomas Carlyle, the son of a Dumfries-shire stonemason he was educated at Edinburgh University, a distinguished historian and author of such works as *The French Revolution and History of...Fredrick the Great*.
- 5 Dec.1830 Christina Georgina Rossetti, London-born poet whose earliest works appeared before she was in her teens, her better known collections include *Goblin Market* (1862) and *The Prince's Progress* (1866).
- 6 Dec.1421 Henry VI, succeeded his father Henry V as king of England at the age of nine months. As Unlucky Henry was murdered in 1471.
- 7 Dec.1761 Madame Tussaud, started her apprenticeship during the French Revolution making death masks from the heads of guillotined prisoners.
- 8 Dec.1542 Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, Scottish queen who was forced to abdicate in favour of her son James VI (James I of England), and was later imprisoned and eventually executed by her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I of England.
- 9 Dec.1608 John Milton, London-born poet Some of his greatest works were written after he lost his sight in 1652 included *Paradise Lost*, *Paradise Regained* and *Agonistes*.
- 10 Dec. 1960 Kenneth Branagh, Belfast-born Shakespearean actor and director of several films
- 11 Dec. 1929 Sir Kenneth MacMillan, born in Dunfermline, he was one of the original members of the Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet and went on to choreograph ballets for many of the world's foremost companies.
- 12 Dec. 1879 Percy Eastman Fletcher, Derby-born light music composer whose works include *Bal Masque* and his composition for the brass band *An Epic Symphony*.
- 13 Dec. 1903 John Piper, painter and writer, famed for his dramatic pictures of war damage and the stained glass he designed for Coventry Cathedral.
- 14 Dec. 1895 George VI, King of Great Britain, who succeeded to the throne when his brother, Edward VIII abdicated to marry the American divorcee Mrs Wallis Warfield Simpson.
- 15 Dec. 1734 George Romney, Lancashire-born portrait painter, most of the leading aristocrats and cultural figures of the day sat for him including Lady Emma Hamilton.
- 16 Dec. 1485 Catherine of Aragon, first wife of King Henry VIII of England and mother of Mary Tudor. After failing to produce a male heir Henry divorced her without papal approval which led to the English Reformation.
- 17 Dec. 1778 Sir Humphrey Davy, Cornish chemist who invented the safety lamp for miners. Discovered a whole bunch of 'ium's' including sodium, barium, magnesium, potassium and strontium.
- 18 Dec. 1779 Joseph Grimaldi, London-born comic actor, singer and acrobat, the original man behind the now famous white-face clown make-up.
- 19 Dec. 1790 Sir William Edward Parry. In 1827 he travelled further north than anyone had done previously in an unsuccessful attempt to reach the pole.
- 20 Dec. 1926 Geoffrey Howe, served in Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government of the 1970's and 80's. His highly critical resignation speech over her intransigence contributed to her replacement as party leader and PM.
- 21 Dec. 1804 Benjamin Disraeli. He shaped the face of modern Conservatism and political party.
- 22 Dec. 1949 Maurice and Robin Gibb, two thirds of the Bee Gees.
- 23 Dec. 1732 Sir Richard Arkwright, he developed a machine for spinning cotton.
- 24 Dec. 1167 John, King of England, brother of Richard the Lion Heart.
- 25 Dec. 1642 Isaac Newton, the son of a Lincolnshire farmer who went on to become the greatest scientist of his (and some would say any) day.
- 26 Dec. 1792 Charles Babbage, London-born mathematician who designed and built first his 'difference engine', and later his 'analytical engine', the forerunners to the modern digital computer.
- 27 Dec. 1773 Sir George Cayley, aviation pioneer who built his first toy helicopter in 1784. He went on to build the worlds first unmanned glider in 1809, a hot air engine in 1807 and manned gliders between 1849 -53.
- 28 Dec. 1882 Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington, Cumbrian astronomer and author, his works include *The Nature of the Physical World* and *Space, Time and Gravitation*.
- 29 Dec. 1809 William Ewart Gladstone, Liberal politician becoming prime minister no less than four times.
- 30 Dec. 1865 Rudyard Kipling, English author and poet, most of whose works are concerned with India where he was born. Among his books for children are the *Just So Stories* and perhaps his most famous *The Jungle Book*.
- 31 Dec. 1720 Charles Edward Stuart, Scottish royal known as Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Young Pretender, whose attempt to claim the Scottish and English thrones ended in failure following the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

Around The Parishes

Allhallows

Allhallows Church

Sunday 17th December at 6:30pm, Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church.

Saturday 23rd December 3pm to 3:45pm, Family Nativity Service at All Saints Church. The Two-By-Two, Mothers and Toddlers Group invite children and adults to celebrate this wonderful occasion with singing and activities. Children are encouraged to wear festive clothing for the Nativity e.g. Angels Wise Men and Shepherds. Please come along and join us.

Wednesday 13th December 2023, Senior Citizens

Lunch at the White Heather Hotel, 12noon.

Coach leaving Fletchertown cross-roads at 11:30am prompt. This is a free lunch for pensioners within Allhallows parish, however any other person wishing to join us for a small donation will be considered.

Names please by the 8th December 2023 to either Gillian on 71478, Gill on 07837408690 or Jean on 71413

Allhallows Community Centre

Saturday 2nd December Coffee Morning 10am to 12noon in the Community Centre. In support of Allhallows Senior Citizens and All Saints Church.

Sunday 3rd December 11am to 4pm, Christmas Cake decorating, in the Community Centre Fletchertown. Bring your own fruit cake, plus almond paste and Icing, go home with a beautifully decorated Christmas cake. Full list of requirements available with seasonal designs. Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon.

For further information please call Gillian on 016973 71478 or email petemarr@aol.com.

Friday 15th December 2023 at 7pm, Allhallows Church invites you to our Christmas Concert with Claire and the Harlequin Choir.

Tickets £5 or just pay at the door (includes refreshments).

Saturday 23rd December - Allhallows Christmas Party 12 noon until 3pm. Everybody welcome, with Santa, live music, big raffle, and buffet. Come along and enjoy some festive fun.

Thursday 28th December - Allhallows lunch club. 12pm - 1.30pm. Last Thursday of every month.

Friday 5th January – Bingo 7pm for 7.30pm start.

NEW GROUP Wednesday 10th January - Flecky Fellas Group 6.30pm - 8.30pm A new group welcoming the men of the area. A chance to get together, have a natter, share any news, woes, share hints and tips with others from gardening, diy, cars, and of course a brew n biccies. All you fellas out there welcome!

Sunday 21 January - Allhallows Church afternoon tea. 1.30pm until 3.30pm.

Thursday 25th January - Allhallows lunch club. 12pm - 1.30pm. Last Thursday of every month.

New event for the New Year...we are hoping to start a dominoes night. Please let us know if this would be of interest to you, using the same contact details as for room hire.

Any other ideas for regular events you would like to see, let us know.

Community Centre:

REGULAR EVENTS

📅 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

📅 Quiz - Saturday 2nd December at 7pm

📅 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

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

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 and St. Bega's

St. John's : December. cleaning: J Stephens & M Green
No Flowers in Advent.
January Flowers B Jordan & D Mattinson
St. Bega's
December vacant & January S Stockdale.

The DCC would like to thank Alison and all who helped at the Indoor car boot sale.
£567 was raised for church funds. A big thank you to all.

No soup lunch in December. We wish all our customers a Very Happy Christmas.
The first soup lunch of 2024 will be on the 9th January.
Parish Room 12noon to 1.30pm
£4 . Everyone welcome.

BASSENTHWAITE DROP-IN/POP-IN at Bassenthwaite Parish Room Call in any time between 10.30 am and 2 pm on the Tuesday dates Identified below for a chat, coffee and refreshments – £1 per person
Tuesday 5th December
Tuesday 23rd January
Helen 017687 76222 or Margaret 017687 76175

TO BOOK OR ENQUIRE ABOUT BASSENTHWAITE PARISH ROOM FOR YOUR MEETING/FUNCTION/CLASS OR ANY EVENT PLEASE CONTACT OUR CO-ORDINATOR, LOUISE, BY EMAIL bookbassenthwaiteparishroom@gmail.com

Bassenthwaite Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Will be held on Thursday 7th December 2023 in the Sun Inn Bassenthwaite 1pm for 1.30 pm
£5 per person
Enquiries & to Book - phone Sue Mendus 01768776427
Payment on booking to secure place

Our web address - www.bassenthwaite.org.uk&book-the-parish-room

Saturday 24 February 2024, Bassenthwaite Parish Room are please to welcome Cumbrian based Jessie McMeekin and Dave Camlin for an evening of stories and songs exploring the enduring power of place. They'll weave a magical odyssey uniting Cumbria's Neolithic heritage with the landscapes, Celtic myths and legends of North Wales, Ireland and the Isle of Man.

The Long Way Home
A journey in story and song around
Cumbria's Celtic Connections

Kirkgate Arts Out West

Dave Camlin & Jessie McMeekin

Feb 24th 2024, 7pm
Bassenthwaite Parish Room
Tickets: clairewebzell1@gmail.com
Claire Brewis 077 4389 3489
www.kirkgateartsandheritage.org.uk/arts-out-west

Bar & Doors open 6.30 for 7pm start

Adults £12 U18 £6 Family £25

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!

The Parish Hall is an ideal venue for meetings, classes, parties etc., Central Heating and WiFi! To hire the Hall call 07879613838.

December 2023

Carols round the Christmas Tree

This will be taking place on the Bolton Low Houses village green on

Saturday December 9th at 6.30pm

followed by

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the Parish Hall. The Rev. Stephen Banks will be with us to lead the singing

ALL WELCOME!

Embleton

St Cuthberts

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year 2024 to all our readers. We welcome you to come and join any of our services or activities. Details of church services are at the front of the magazine; our family carol service is always a delight with its simple Christmas message and joyful singing. We would love to welcome you there on December 17th at 3pm.

As for our fundraising, we plan to have mulled wine available at our Christmas pop-up stall on December 2nd and 3rd and this will be followed by Christmas Sales in the Shed at Scales Farm, courtesy of Thomas and Sheila. Funds raised help to maintain St Cuthbert's and continue to support the communities of Katinge and Kobulubulu in Uganda. More details and pictures are available to see on the Dewode Facebook page. This year we have helped them to provide a bicycle ambulance, do lots of maintenance work on the health centre, build a new incinerator, provide an autoclave for sterilising medical instruments and give much needed health care for women and children.

Dates for your Diary:

Christmas Pop-up; December 2nd & 3rd on the hill at Wythop Mill followed by Sales in the Shed at Scales Farm. Christmas Carol Singalong; December 18th at 7pm in the Sunday School – all welcome.

Art and craft groups meet at St Cuthbert's Sunday School, all are welcome. Cuthbert's Crafters on Mondays at 2pm & artists meet on Wednesdays at 2pm.

Ragbags; Unwanted clothing, linen, shoes, handbags and belts; Items can be left in the porch at St Cuthbert's OR in the collection bin at Ling Crest, Wythop Mill. All money raised goes to Dewode.

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

Embleton Village Hall Notice Board.

Hi everyone. Can I ask you to check with your group leader the dates that your group starts and finishes for the Christmas period.

What's on in December?

Monday: Moo-Music 9.50 lou@moo-music.co.uk.

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 9.45 am Sarah 07712531365.

Friday: Youth Club 6.30pm.

Sunday; Dance class 7.00pm, Edna .76630.

Sunday 3rd : Private Function.

Tuesday 5th : Children's football 10.30am.

Tuesday 5th : U3A Music Appreciation 2pm.

Thursday 7th : U3A Photography group 9.30am.

Saturday 9th : Social Dance 7.30pm.

Tuesday 12th U3A Folk dance 2pm.

Wednesday 14th : W.I. 6.15pm.

Sunday 17th : Yoga 11.15am.

Thursday 21st: Yoga

Monday 25th Private Function am.

What's on in January 2024?

Tuesday 2nd U3A Folk Dance 2pm.

Saturday 12th : Social dance 7.30pm

Tuesday 16th ; U3A Folk Dance

Friday 19th : Choir Practice 1.30 pm.

Sunday 21st : Choir 1.30 pm.

Friday 26th: Seniors 11am.

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

Ireby Community First Aid training

Ireby Community First Aid is a newly set up group, determined to support our community to save lives. Caroline, Ali & Emma are a group of passionate first aid trainers & community members. One evening, earlier this year, they got together as they all had concerns about how long it could take an ambulance to get to Ireby & surrounding areas, due to our remote location. They are also aware of the limited numbers & availability of CFRs; but they all wanted to support our community to save lives.

The aims of Ireby Community First Aid are:

- To boost the amount of defibrillators in our local community
- To train more people on how to use defibrillators
- To increase peoples knowledge of first aid.

They have already successfully helped the residents of Aughtertree get a defibrillator up and running in their hamlet, they are **providing free training based from The Globe Hall in Ireby on Friday 8th December & Friday 26th January!** These training sessions are fun & are suitable for all. No experience is required. Look out for adverts with more details soon.

Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby

Our Christmas services are as follows.

Sunday 17th December: CAROL SERVICE at 6.30pm, to be followed by mulled wine and refreshments.

Christmas Day: HOLY COMMUNION at 9.15am.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday 16th December at 2.00pm. Offers of help will be appreciated!

Our Christingle Service will take place on Sunday 21st January at 11.00am. Candle boxes, for donations in aid of the Children's Society, will be available in Church during December/January.

Coffee and Chat

Thursday 14th December, 10.30am at Crosby House Ireby; and Thursday 11th January, 10.30am at Hemp Garth Ireby.

Ireby area *Binsey Link* delivery

We are still hoping for volunteers please!

The magazines are collected (conveniently packaged and boxed!) from Torpenhow Church porch before the beginning of each month of publication (10 issues per year) and an email is received when they are ready.

Currently the person collecting them then divides the magazines into the appropriate bundles and they are collected (or taken) for delivery in Ruthwaite, High Ireby, Ireby itself, and also to some outlying addresses for which a car is needed.

IREBY SPORTS AND OVER 60'S
COMMITTEE PRESENT:
IREBY CHRISTMAS FAIR & LIGHT SWITCH ON
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
2PM GLOGE HALL
6PM IN THE SQUARE
£3 ADULTS, UNDER 16'S FREE
SANTAS GROTTO, RAFFLE, CRAFT & GIFT STALLS
MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES
INFO: EMMA MUMBERSON 71796

Isel

St. Michael and All Angels Church

Christmas Services *Sunday 17th December*, 4.00pm. Annual Candle-lit Carol Service.

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December 9.00pm Holy Communion.

Please look at the services rota at the start of the magazine for confirmation of other service times

Help Please,

Isel church DCC will be holding a 'Nostalgia' coffee event next year sometime in February. We are hoping to be able to put together a display of any old photographs, books or maps relating to life in the parish in the past.

Please, if you have time over the next months, have a look out for any documents/photos that you have hidden away and think might be relevant and let either David Roberts (01900 823547) or Ann Thompson (01900 823763) know what you have unearthed. Many Thanks

Coffee will be at the Great Escape Café, Moota on Monday 11th December at 10.30 am.
and
Monday 8th January at 10.30am.



Isel

Blindcrake Village Hall

DECEMBER

Wednesdays: **Pilates** 6:30-7:30pm with Angela. Please check with Angela to confirm holiday weeks. <https://www.mipilates.co.uk/>

Saturday: 9th **Bible Study Group** 10am-1pm. All welcome.

Saturday: 9th **EVENING INN** 8-11pm Do join us for the usual good company, good cheer, and good craic...
Oh yes, and the quiz and the beer.

Saturday 16th **Bible Study Group** 10am-4pm All welcome.

Monday 18th: **Blindcrake Village Hall Christmas Party and Draw Night.** Doors open at 7pm. Raffle tickets only on the door. **Music, Mulled Wine, and Mince Pies.**

JANUARY

Wednesdays: **Pilates** 6:30-7:30pm with Angela. Please check with Angela to confirm holiday weeks. <https://www.mipilates.co.uk/>

Monday 15th: **Parish Council meeting** 7:30pm

Saturday 27th: **BURNS NIGHT SUPPER.** Save the date! More details nearer the time, look for posters in all the noticeboards, and on the Blindcrake Parish facebook page."

FEBRUARY

Saturday 24th **C.O.A.T. quiz evening.** In aid of Blindcrake Village Hall and Cumbria Overseas Aid Trust. Popular Quizmaster Keith Baty returns to Blindcrake. More details to follow. Booking your place will be essential. Come as a team or form a team on the night. For more information or to book a place now contact Sue Buckwell sue.buckwell@btopenworld.com or 017687 76056. And of course the Bar will be open!

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 for your event, meeting, class, exhibition, or party, please book on the village hall 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).

Do 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.)

Plumbland

St. Cuthbert's Church.

Greetings to all our friends, wishing you all the best for the coming 'Festive' Season' when we join with our Families and friends to enjoy , and join in with the Celebration of our Saviour's birth.

To this end we are looking forward to the school joining us for their Carol Service', 12th December @ 9.15 a.m. in Church, All are welcome to join us and enjoy the Children celebrating the occasion with gusto.

Other news, Aspatria Charity Shop have, once again, come up trumps, in granting us another most generous donation towards the cost of replacing our Main Gates which are with the manufacture and in the of being made. We are, as always, very grateful for their most generous support.

Flower Rota,

December 3rd @ 10th. Mrs.B. Eilbeck

" 17th, 24th,@ 24th Mrs, H. Sharpe

January 7th @ 14th Mrs B. Mason

" 21st @ 28th Mrs D. Sanderson

Best wishes to you all, have a safe Christmas, hope to see you soon

Plumbland Village Hall

Yoga Group; Saturdays 10.15—11.45

How about starting your weekend in a mindful and relaxing way at Plumbland Village Hall with the Yoga group. We have the wonderful Rebecca Shepherd as our Yoga Tutor.

Limited places available but we would love to see new members.

Booking is essential, if you are interested or would like to find out more ring / text Craig on 07967 635238 or email craigvillagehall@gmail.com

Reminder!!

Taste Cumbria Christmas in Cockermouth
Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 December
10am—4pm each day.

Torpenhow including Bothel & Blennerhasset



St Michael's Church
Torpenhow
10am
Holy Communion
*Please come and
celebrate with us*



Torpenhow Village Hall

Coffee Morning and Book Share

Saturday 2nd December 10.00 to 12.00 noon



Free Coffee & Cake

Christmas Light Switch-on

Saturday 9th December 5.30pm to 7pm



For all the family

Book your mince pies & mulled wine with Julie
WhatsApp or call 07803 619725

New Year's Eve

Bring & Share Party

Sunday 31st December
7.30pm to midnight



For all the family

WhatsApp or call Julie on 07803 619725
to book & tell us what you are bringing

St Michael's Church, Torpenhow



**Followed by mince pies and
mulled wine/hot drink**

**17th December at
3.00pm**

A warm welcome to all

Torpenhow DCC would like to thank all those who came and supported our Souperday in aid of St Michael's Church, about £200 was raised for church funds.

Thank you also for the support of Torpenhow Brownies.

A special thank you to all those who provided the wonderful soups and cakes and helped in any way.

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



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.
For village hall bookings contact torpenhowvillagehall@gmail.com

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.

December 2nd Saturday. Village Hall Christmas Celebrations @6.30pm. Enjoy a mulled wine, mince pie and Christmas Carols at the hall. We're also awarding prizes for the best dressed window (lights) throughout the Villages.

At 7pm Santa will be in his Grotto and meeting the Children

December Saturday 9th. Join us from 10.30-12pm for pigs in blankets and a festive breakfast.

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



December 2023

Bothel Village Hall

Tuesday 5th December W I Christmas night out

Thursday 7th December History group

Tuesday 19th December Gardening Club Christmas party

Wednesday 13th December Craft Group

Saturday 10th December Wildlife Group 12.30 - 2.30pm

Yoga with Fiona Wednesdays 10am term time only

Bowling Mondays 7.30 pm

Circuits Thursdays 7pm

Fencing Wednesdays 7.30pm

Dance class Fridays 4.30 pm

Come and celebrate New Year's Eve 2023 in the village hall. DISCO to suit all the family,

100 Club winners 1. E.Goldsach. 2. D. Marrs 3. I.Macer

Rainbows is a Girlguiding group

for all girls ages 4-7 years old, for

fun, games, crafts and learning

through adventures. We are also

opening a waiting list as we seem to have quite a few 3

year olds in the community who are interested but a bit

young yet! We will be running Tuesdays 5.15-6.15pm in

Bothel Village Hall. We can be contacted

at bothelrainbows@gmail.com for more information.



Community Wildlife Group a new group in Bothel, open to everyone.

Through winter we have a series of talk evenings ,then

summer we hope to get out and about . Find us on

FaceBook Bothel Community Wildlife Group or for further

information contact Aimee email twisp@live.co.uk.

Dates for your diary :

23rd January farming and nature.

27th February squirrel night.

26th March golden eagle night .

23rd April swift night

All at Bothel village hall 7.30pm

Talk ,craft activities ,coffee and cake .



Uldale

St James

As you will hopefully be aware, work has restarted at St. James' Church, Uldale, to complete the repairs/restoration. Given that Heritage Consolidation will have a two-week break over Christmas and the New Year, work is expected to last well into March.

The first task will be to remove the raised platforms in the Nave, where the pews used to be fixed. New pipe work will be laid to accommodate electricity cables and water pipes. A further update will follow in the February edition.

There are still opportunities to buy a chair in memory of a loved one. The chairs are upholstered and can also be supplied with arms and/or an extension on the back to hold hymn books and the order of service. Expected prices are £80 - £100.

Please order via one of the Churchwardens

Binsey Link distribution in Uldale

Assistance with the distribution of between 40 - 50 copies of this magazine would be greatly appreciated. There are 10 editions each year, with none in August or January.

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

ULDALE CHRISTMAS EVENT

Join us on the village green at 6.30 pm on Sunday 10th December as we celebrate by switching on the lights, singing carols then moving to Mae's Tea Rooms to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies, provided by the Uldale Sports Committee!
We will end the night with a prize draw. Tickets for the draw will be available on the night.
Christmas gifts are also available to buy from Mae's!

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.



Setmurthy

St Barnabas Church

Services

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

We will be serving refreshments after the Carol Service & a warm welcome awaits anyone who is able to join us at any of our services.

Cleaning & Flowers: December Mrs K Greenbank & Mrs E Marrs & January Mrs J Fisher & Mrs E Marrs

Parish Hall

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

Wythop

St. Margaret's Carol Service will be on Sunday, 17th December and we look forward to welcoming you all to enjoy Mulled Wine and Mince Pies with us afterwards.

We wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year – and wouldn't a little decorative snow be good instead of this incessant rain?

School News

Bothel

As always, we have lots to tell you from Bothel as there is so much going on or planned to happen in our super school over the next few weeks!

We finished last half term with our Harvest Festival, which we held in our school hall for lots of parents, friends and family. The children sang brilliantly as always and we were treated to some super musical accompaniments, a rhyme about a missing pumpkin and a thoughtful explanation about what Harvest time means to us, as well as collecting generous donations for Carlisle Food Bank. Afterwards, we shared soup and scones using some of the vegetables we had grown in our school garden and it was lovely to be able to share it with so many friends and family.

We also held our sponsored walk at the end of last half term and the children walked a fantastic collective 518 laps around our huge school grounds, raising lots of money, so very generously donated to help us buy some sustainable outdoor seating. Our school council are now very excited to be able to choose the benches they would like, their criteria being something that is sustainable, environmentally friendly and that will mean children have more places to sit and chat or take part in activities outdoors.

The outdoors continues to be a theme as we are now looking ahead to planting some new trees and hedgerows in the school grounds to help the natural environment and our school council will be helping to plan where the best places are for these to go.

We have lots of sporting events to look forward to this term with basketball, benchball and multi-skills competitions, as well as a week of Bikeability cycle training for Year 5 and 6. We also of course have all of the fabulous excitement of Christmas coming up too, with a visit to the theatre planned, a visit to Whinlatter Forest, a wonderful production of "It's a baby" by our early Years and KS1 children and our traditional Carol Service at St Michael's Church in Torpenhow on the last day of term. As I write, it feels early to mention Christmas, but by the time this goes to print, things will be well underway! We would, as always, love to show you round our lovely, friendly, spacious and well-resourced school, so please get in touch on admin@bothel.cumbria.sch.uk or on 016973 20632 if you are looking for a school place, as we do have places available currently in all year groups. We would love to meet you and everyone is always welcome!



Boltons

The children were very busy in November. For Interfaith Week, all the children took part in activities in our 'Interfaith Day' where they learnt about different festivals and beliefs in Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. They enjoyed producing different pieces of artwork based on their learning.

We all had a great time dressing up in our pyjamas and spotty clothes to raise money for Children In Need. As part of Road Safety Week and for the purpose of their writing, Year 3 and 4 explored the village and talked about how to keep safe when crossing the road and walking alongside the road.

They produced good sets of instructions, which they shared with the younger children in school and are hoping to display them in the village. Year 1 and Reception had a lovely afternoon visiting Bassenfell Manor to learn about the Christmas Story. As usual, we love the build up to Christmas and have been extremely busy rehearsing for our two performances this year; Key Stage 1 and Reception are performing 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' and Key Stage 2 are performing 'An Out of this World Nativity'. The whole school are also looking forward to travelling to Lancaster this month to watch A Christmas Carol.

The children are all looking forward to creating a selection of Christmas crafts on our Christmas craft day, eating Christmas dinner and dancing and playing party games at the Christmas party. They are

School News

Ireby

The mornings are getting chillier as we head towards December but preparations for celebrating Christmas are adding an air of excitement and anticipation in school. The pupils will be exploring the Christmas story this half term with Mrs King's class asking the big question, "Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?", and our youngest children, EYFS and KS1 will be finding out about the Christmas story through a visit to Bassenfell Manor. Our school Christmas service will be on Tuesday 19th December in St. James' Church followed by our community Christmas lunch the same day to which you are all invited. It was a fantastic occasion last year and the Christmas feast created in our very own school canteen was amazing. If you would like to join us for lunch please let school know (016973 71367). The KS1 and KS2 pupils are going to Theatre by the Lake to see the Christmas production of The Little Princess which promises to be a magical experience. Following on from the success of a school film night in the first half of term we are very excited to be having a Christmas themed one in December.

Our youngest pupils in Ms Hartwell's Early Years and Reception class are enjoying their topic "Frozenlands" this half term. The children are looking at where the Polar regions are, and asking the questions – "What are they like?" "What is the weather like?" and "Which animals are able to live in these regions". They will also be finding out about famous explorers who travelled to Antarctica and the Arctic and learn all about their explorations and adventures. There will be plenty of opportunities for exploring ice in their investigation area and discovering what materials are best for keeping warm. Ms. Hartwell's class is also continuing with their Global ambassador curriculum through weekly Tree Top Tuesday sessions. The children are exploring their local area and community while also understanding what it means to be a good citizen.

This term the school has started weekly sessions every Monday from 3.00 – 3.30pm in the school library. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and are invited to talk about and share books with their children. The staff are on hand to talk about which books are suited to their child's reading level and to offer guidance in choosing books which will engage our developing readers. Finally, we've had a busy time in PE this term. Key Stage 2 pupils have already taken part in a Keswick cross-country festival and a netball tournament competing with other primary schools and are currently focusing on dance and volleyball in their lessons. The younger pupils are enjoying developing their dance and ball skills in their PE sessions.

We hope to see many of you at our Christmas service at the end of term and also at our community Christmas lunch, and we all very much hope you all enjoy a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.

Plumbland

Everyone was pleased to return to school after the half term break and we are all looking forward to entering the busy festive season which will be approaching soon. We recently enjoyed a whole school History themed morning, where we placed key events through time on a huge timeline, starting with the extinction of the woolly mammoth right up to the present day and the crowning of our new King, this year.

Our other activities focused on the sinking of the titanic, the Battle of Hastings, the Great Plague, Olympic Games through the years, Viking invasions and the first moon landing. The children were particularly keen on the moon bread they baked.

Our children in the Early Years took part in a multi skills festival at Beacon Hill School where they were led by some very organised young leaders who were supportive and encouraging towards them. We are looking forward to other sporting competitions we are taking part in this term including dodgeball and basket ball. Children in Years 5 and 6 have also completed their cycle training this term with Cyclewise.

Our new well-being sensory garden is complete and will be officially opened later this month. We have plants of different textures, colours, smells and shapes. The Corinthian bell wind chimes that hang from the centre tree create a calming sound which will help focus our minds. The trickling sound of water will also be heard from our water feature. We are encouraging nature to visit with a bird table and the Christian values we promote of trust, friendship, wisdom, justice, thankfulness and forgiveness will be displayed on large pebbles as a reminder of our school ethos.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our Fops team (Friends of Plumbland CE School) who organised an Autumn light party for the children. They played games, danced, took part in a glow stick treasure hunt and searched for spiders in swamp jelly and spaghetti. We are very grateful to the members of Fops who constantly give up their time to help raise funds for our school.

Bassenthwaite

The 5th Earl of Lonsdale, nicknamed 'The Yellow Earl of Lowther' because of his penchant for that colour, was the subject of a very interesting and well researched talk by Mike Cowen at our October meeting. Born in January 1857, Hugh Cecil Lowther was the second son of Henry Lowther, the 3rd Earl of Lonsdale, and was never expected to become Earl himself. His older brother George was well educated in the affairs of the estate but Hugh's education was largely ignored. He was thought irresponsible, living the life of a playboy but with very little money of his own. He married the Lady Grace Gordon in 1878, although her family were opposed to the marriage, and lived at Barleythorpe Hall near Oakham, (part of the Lonsdale estate). Sadly Grace suffered a miscarriage after a fall while hunting after which she was unable to bear children and remained a partial invalid for the rest of her life. In 1882 Hugh's elder brother died and Hugh became the 5th Earl of Lonsdale. Hugh inherited enormous wealth largely derived from his father's Cumberland coalmines and owned 75,000 acres of land. He had residences at Lowther Castle, at Whitehaven Castle, Barleythorpe and Carlton House Terrace, London. A keen huntsman, he was Master of the Quorn and the Cottesmore for long periods. After the First World War he became very involved with racehorses and was a senior steward of the jockey Club. He was also involved in the world of boxing and donated the original Lonsdale belts for the boxing championship trophy. He was founder and first president of the Automobile Association. In 1895 and again in 1902 he entertained the German Emperor Wilhelm at Lowther Castle for grouse shooting. He was very taken with German motorcars and we were shown a photograph of 20 Mercedes cars, all yellow, lined up outside Lowther Castle, all belonging to the Earl. His was a very extravagant lifestyle and from 1921 he was forced to sell some of his inherited properties. In 1935 he moved from Lowther Castle because he could no longer afford to live there and moved to much smaller accommodation. He died in 1944 at Stud House Barleythorpe, aged 87.

The competition for a yellow object was won by Kate and the entertainment, a game searching for articles in the Keswick Reminder, was won by Barbara and Alison.

The December meeting is a Christmas Craft Evening and the competition is for a Christmas napkin.

The hostesses are Mesdames Heather Armstrong, Gill Mawson and Judy Williamson.

At the January meeting we will be hearing from Jean Sibson on Metal Detecting. The competition is an old coin, and the hostesses are Mesdames Daphne Baron and Verena Cannon.

Embleton

At the meeting on 8 November 2023, 30 members met in the Village Hall for a very tasty pie and pea supper, courtesy of Lindsay's butchers in Cockermonth, followed by our Annual General Meeting.

Amanda Durkan was re-elected as President. Her report highlighted the excellent speakers we've had this year and she welcomed the new members who have joined our branch; we now have 34 members. Amanda thanked Andrea Cameron and Joanna South who were standing down from the committee. Andrea has been a committee member for over 20 years; serving as secretary, vice president and president. Joanna has been on the committee since 2012 and been our secretary for 9 years. Chrissie Veitch outlined the events she has arranged for the start of 2024. We are particularly looking forward to our branch's 100th birthday celebration in February. Esme Studholme thanked Amanda and all the committee for their work on our behalf over the past year.

Esme won the cup for the winner of most competitions held in 2023; Diana Tillman was second. Miriam Page won the competition for a paperweight and Doreen Pickering came second. Liz Bell won the raffle.

The next meeting will be our Christmas Party on 13 December and Chrissie has arranged an Indian cookery evening with Pratima Misra on 10 January 2024. 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.

Bothel and Kirkland

At our November meeting we hear about some very clever dogs, and met three of them. Paul Green has been a professional dog trainer for the last eight years. His first dog was a Springer who was trained to locate bodies. He mainly uses Springers and Labradors and uses his dogs to detect drugs and explosives. He said that dogs are able to detect many things from cancer to voles and bedbugs, Beagles are also good at this as they are very laid back. When selecting a puppy he looks for keenness at playing and hunting for things. They are accustomed to all the environments that they will be working in, like noises & crowds and slippery floors. We then met Tilly & Billy who are half lab and springer and four months old. Some pups are motivated by food or toys and initially play at finding them. His drug detection dogs work at places like festivals, night clubs and race meetings. When they scent something they indicated by looking at the person or following them. Finally we met Charlie, a mixed breed, who is a trained explosive search dog. They are trained to find about fifteen different ones. He had a good hunt around the village hall and soon found what had been planted and he got rewarded with a tennis ball. Jenny thanked him for his excellent talk.

Parish Council

Allhallows

The November meeting of Allhallows Parish Council took place on November 1st in the Allhallows Centre

The Council welcomed Brad Williamson onto the Parish Council

Present: M. Abbott (Chair) R. Bowness, S. Barton, K. Faulder, J. Mansfield, D. Thompson and B.

Williamson. K. Thurlow (Cumberland Council)

Apologies from M. Bowness

Matters discussed:

Allhallows Centre: The Centre is busy with a promising number of bookings and Christmas events are looking excellent.

The drain maintenance is complete.

The old railway bridge at Mealsgate is in need of attention; this will necessitate occasional road closures.

A planning application had been approved by Cumberland Council.

The draft budget and Precept for 2024/25 was approved.

The Allotments are in good condition; the pest control officers are due for a visit.

The Playpark is awaiting an inspection

A Councillor had attended the inaugural Fells and Solway Community Workshop.

Repair work on Baggrow Lonning is still required.

Councillor Thurlow from Cumberland Council was encouraged to meet the Allhallows Parish Council Chair to inspect the Lonning

An application for more trees for the former bonfire site has been submitted. Another gate is to be erected.

Further frustration at the delay in the rebuilding of Aspatria Library was expressed.

D Day commemoration is in hand.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday January 3rd at 7pm in the Allhallows Centre

Embleton & District

Serving the Parishes of Embleton, Setmurthy and Wythop
GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS - Garden Waste Collections were extended until 17th November 2023 and will restart in March.

MY ALLERDALE - It takes less than a minute to register to be able to submit and track the progress of enquiries and reports on-line using myAllerdale on-line reporting. Click on the Register now button and create your account to be kept informed, and track progress of, your report and enquiries. Once registered you can report problems 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the website or by downloading the free myAllerdale app to your smart phone or tablet. A full A-Z of services can be found on www.allerdale.gov.uk

HIGHWAYS - Cllr A Burton confirmed that National Highways believe they have identified a solution for the vehicle activated signs and foundations and it is hoped that they will be installed in the New Year.

There are ongoing concerns about vehicles turning up the junction at Embleton Village Hall and recently a double decker bus got stuck at the junction.

The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted a response to Cumberland Council via the HIMS system for a speed safety review on the C2026 with regard to speeding traffic/motorbikes.

HIMALAYAN BALSAM – It is hoped that a Volunteer Himalayan Balsam Bashing event can be organised at the appropriate time in 2024.

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, 17 th January 2023 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

World Aids Day 1st December



World AIDS Day is a global movement to unite people in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Since 1988, communities have stood together on World AIDS Day to show strength and solidarity against HIV stigma and to remember lives lost. World AIDS Day exists to shine a light on the real experiences of people living with HIV today, while celebrating the strength, resilience and diversity of the communities most affected. It is a moment to inspire the leadership needed to create a future where HIV doesn't stand in the way of anyone's life. The red ribbon is the universal symbol of awareness and support for people living with HIV. It was first devised in 1991, when twelve artists met to discuss a new project for Visual AIDS, a New York HIV-awareness arts organisation.

General

Caldbeck Surgery Protected Learning Time - No closure for training in December. The surgery will be CLOSED on the following bank holidays: Monday 25th December, Tuesday 26th December and Monday 1st January 2024 Repeat Prescriptions can be ordered on our dedicated phone line 24 hours a day/7 days a week 016974 78296
IMPORTANT NOTE: Please leave a minimum of 2 working days following your request to collect your prescription from the surgery. This also applies to any home deliveries. **COMING SOON – NEW WEBSITE** Our website is currently under development. We encourage you to check out our new website from the beginning of December 2023 You will find information on all the ways to contact us, self-care, local services and much more.

Cockermouth u3a: The u3a movement caters for those people who are no longer in full time employment but who wish to pursue their hobbies and interests or learn something new with like minded people in a friendly environment. Check out our website for more information.
cockermouthu3a.org.uk

Skiddaw U3A: Skiddaw u3a is a very friendly and welcoming self-help organisation for people who are no longer in full-time employment. It currently offers some 60 interest groups, all run by volunteers, catering for a wide range of hobbies and interests. To join, prospective members should go to the website of Skiddaw u3a and click on the Membership tab, where they will find all relevant information. Skiddaw u3a's annual subscription is currently £12.00. Skiddaw u3a's monthly meetings, which always take place on the third Wednesday of each month, are now being held in the Crosthwaite Parish Room in Keswick. Doors open at 10am for refreshments and socialising, with the actual talk starting at 10.30am. At the next meeting, on 17th January 2024, a local author and publisher David Ramshaw will give a talk on the history of the Carlisle Ship Canal. The entry fee is £1.00 for u3a members and £1.50 for visitors.

Friendly Fitness + class at Millhouse Village Hall Mondays 7-8 pm, £8.50 a session or get a discount for a block booking. Drop into a session to move to music, tone and relax.
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BINSEY RED SQUIRREL GROUP



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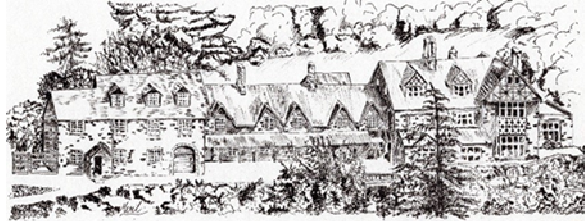
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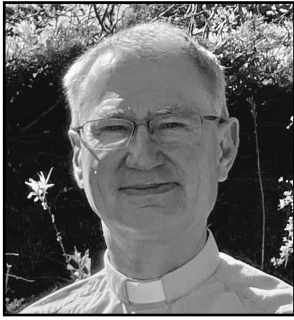


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