



BINSEY LINK

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

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Children's Treat

We often hear young people saying, "we haven't got anything to do". Do they know that before WW1, most children, regardless if they were tired, would be working after school? Helping on the local farms, or in other occupations such as a paperboy, and from a very early age would have learned how to entertain themselves.

I found this interesting extract from 5th August 1899, which gives us evidence that children often had to rely on local dignitaries to provide treats for them.

Uldale School Treat

"The children's treat this year was an especially pleasant one, as it was kindly given by Miss Gough at Whitefield House, an ideal place for such gatherings. Tea was served in the hall and was not the least enjoyable part of the entertainment, the children having been bountifully catered for. Many friends had been invited to help and did all in their power to make the treat a success. Swings had been put up which were always filled. The children also were greatly pleased with the maze, or "puzzle garden," in which they constantly lost themselves. After tea there were races, games, and dancing on the lawn, and an abundant supply of sweets and nuts. The evening was ended by the distribution of prizes for attendance at school during the past year. These were bought with funds in hand from the children's Christmas entertainment, and were kindly given away by Miss Gough. The Rector, in thanking Miss Gough for her kindness to the children, said, on behalf of the parish, how glad he was to welcome her and Mrs. Lawrence back to Whitefield, where they propose to live after some considerable repairs to the house."

Miss Josephine M. A. Gough was unmarried and lived with her elderly Aunt at Whitefield House. She was born in Madeira, Portugal, where she lived with her parents. Her mother Maria came from Ireby. Prior to Uldale, the family had been landowners in Berkshire. Josephine died in 1912 aged 52. After 1952, Whitefield House was renamed Overwater Hall and is now a large hotel.

For more information on local history you can contact me;
Mick Jane, 5 Front Street,
Fletcherstown, or visit
www.cumbrianhistory.co.uk.



Monthly Letter



Revd. Peter Gilroy

Blessing Counting 2020

We hear a lot of bad news, some of it in our own heads! However, there is much evidence to the contrary. For the vast majority, life across the globe is improving, and rapidly. (Cf. *The world is doing much better than the bad news makes us think*, in The Washington Post, by Arthur C. Brooks, 2/12/2019).

For us privileged folk in the West, we can give thanks for so many things we often take for granted. We need to remember that what we have did not happen by chance. Our freedom was fought for and still needs protecting. Also, our wellbeing and happiness is at stake, too. Unfortunately, human greed and dark designs are not relegated to an ancient or medieval past.

We can improve our own lives by focusing on the blessings we have, not what we lack. Nothing in life is perfect, but good things surround us if we look for them and take note. Conventional wisdom says that we should *count our blessings*. This is not a trite and useless saying. It's true. Research shows that being positive is effective and life enhancing, when we frame things from a *blessing* perspective, and we show gratitude. (Cf. *Why 'Thank You' Is More Than Just Good Manners*, by Dean, J. (2018) at Psych Central).

Things are getting better, however, challenges remain. Including, being positive. One suggestion is to occasionally switch off the news as there is a clear tendency to promote the negative and minimize the good. One man has done so, with absolutely no regret. *'In 2013 Rolf Dobelli stood in front of a room full of journalists and proclaimed that he did not read the news... And he practises what he preaches. He hasn't read the news for a decade. His book, 'Stop Reading the News' is Dobelli's manifesto about the dangers of the most toxic form of information - news. He shows the damage it does to our concentration and wellbeing, and how a misplaced sense of duty can misdirect our behaviour.'* Described at Amazon.co.uk – other outlets are available!

Lest you wonder whether this is all just a rose-tinted, Pollyanna view of the real world or aimed at minimizing suffering and grief. Not at all. As I look over my life, I've been beaten up outside a pub, faced bullies in school and church, mugged at knifepoint in Amsterdam, been threatened with a knife in church in San Francisco, had a cancer scare in Atlanta, been crashed into by a lad driving his dad's car, lost close family members to sudden and deadly illnesses, including cancer, leukaemia, and blood clots. Several relatives have faced mental illness, and I've been for surgery more than once. However, this is never the whole story, nor does what we read, hear, and gossip about show us a true picture.

It is one thing to be uninformed and unconcerned; it is another to be misinformed. There is a flood of fake and partial news, biased bots, Twitterers, hackers, and activists out there. The media well understand we are programmed to react to the negative: *if it bleeds, it leads*. (Cf. *Negative Information Weighs More Heavily on the Brain*, by Ito, Larsen, et al., Journal of Personality and Social Psychology 75(4):887-900, November 1998). So, we must push back to embrace the truth of the positive. The bible encourages Christians *'to give thanks in all things,'* not, **for** all things! **1 Thess 5:18**; Some are most definitely bad. The Apostle Paul, lists terrible persecutions for his faith even to the point of death: **2 Cor 11:22-31**. Yet, he sees that the good will outlast and overwhelm the bad in God's time. **Rom 8:18-25**.

Monthly Letter continued...



Revd. Peter Gilroy

How about staring this year afresh by limiting the bad news we take in? As I learned from computer work, 'GiGo – garbage in, garbage out!' It is the same with our hearts, minds, bodies and planet.

The new discipline of Positive Psychology helps people realise what powers a good life and it suggests we can improve our capacity for happiness. There is even *The Happiness Course*, offered in churches across the country.

A principle of life is that we tend to become what we think about. So perhaps it would be worthwhile to start to journal/list our blessings instead of problems, to actively look for good news instead of taking on board the negatives we are often exposed to. I think you will be glad that you did!

Revd. Peter

Prayer Breakfast

The Prayer Breakfast will be held at All Saints, Boltongate, at 9am on **Tuesday 24th March**.



Midweek Prayer - 12 Midday, every Wednesday

More than anything else, praying together brings about change. Praying with one another, we can witness God produce miracles and change hearts.

A time to pause in the middle of the week. Come and see what God can do.

Please join with us for half an hour of led prayer.

March - St Margaret, Wythop

April - St Cuthbert, Plumbland

May - St James, Ireby



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See what's happening in your area and the wider Christian community. Visit **facebook.com/binseyministry** or search for **Binsey Ministry**.

Mission Community Lending Library

Have you visited the library at the back of St. Michael's Church in Torpenhow?

Why don't you take out a novel for your holiday or a child's book of prayers to read with your children before going to bed?

There are books for everyone, covering a wide range of subjects and age groups. As well as novels and exciting books for children, you will find reference books on all aspects of the Bible, and plenty of biographies. There are also books to help those struggling with depression, or dementia.

In addition to plenty of books, we also have a stock of DVDs and CDs for you to borrow.

All this, and a comfortable, warm seating area in which to read and browse, as well as tea and coffee available. Let us know how we can improve the library and make it better for you, but most of all come and have a look and borrow a book or two to read at home!



Services - March 2020

Sunday 1 st March			Sunday 8 th March		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Plumbland	9.30am	Holy Communion	Embleton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wythop	9.30am	Holy Communion	Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
Bass. Chapel	11am	Methodist Service	Torpenhow	9.30am	Holy Communion
Ireby	11am	Family Worship	St John, Bass.	11am	Family Service with Baptism
Isel	11am	Holy Communion	Allhallows	11am	Morning Worship
St. Bega, Bass	3pm	Holy Communion	Boltons & Uldale	11am	Family Worship
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer	Allhallows Centre	4pm	Messy Church
			Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 15 th March			Sunday 22 nd March (Mothering Sunday)		
Isel	9.30am	Holy Communion	Boltons	8am	Holy Communion
Boltons & Uldale	11am	Family Service with Baptism	Ireby	9.15am	Holy Communion
Plumbland	11am	Morning Worship	Setmurthy	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wythop	11am	Family Service with Baptism	Allhallows	11am	Holy Communion
Bass. Chapel	11am	Methodist Service	St John, Bass.	11am	Morning Worship
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer	Torpenhow	11am	Family Worship
			Uldale*	11am	Family Worship
Sunday 29 th March					
10.30am at Embleton Village Hall. Team Holy Communion followed by a Bring and Share lunch. All are welcome.					

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst renovations are taking place at St James, Uldale, services for Uldale will take place jointly at All Saints, Boltongate.

* The Family Worship Service for Uldale on Sunday 22nd March will take place in Ireby W.i. Hall.

Monthly Readings

DATE	DESCRIPTION	COLOUR	1 ST READING	PSALM	2 ND READING	GOSPEL
1 st	The 1st Sunday of Lent	Purple	Gen 2.15-17,3.1-7	Ps. 32	Rom. 5. 12-19	Matt. 4. 1-11
8 th	The 2nd Sunday of Lent	Purple	Gen. 12. 1-4a	Ps. 121	Rom. 4. 1-5,13-17	John 3.1-17
15 th	The 3rd Sunday of Lent	Purple	Exod. 17. 1-7	Ps. 95	Rom. 5. 1-11	John 4.5-42
22 nd	The 4th Sunday of Lent	Purple	1 Sam. 16. 1-13	Ps. 23	Eph. 5. 8-14	John ch.9
22 nd	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Purple	<i>Exo. 2. 1-10</i>	<i>Ps. 34. 11-20</i>	<i>2 Cor. 1.3-7</i>	<i>Luke 2. 33-35</i>
29 th	The 5th Sunday of Lent	Purple	Ezek. 37. 1-14	Ps. 130	Rom. 8. 6-11	John 11.1-45

From the Registers

Funerals

Corrected entry from last month's Binsey Link:

The funeral of Mr George Thompson Wise, from Setmurthy, took place at Distington Hall Crematorium on 6th December 2019.

The funeral of Leslie (Les) McTear, from Bewaldeth, took place at St Michael and All Angels, Torpenhow, on 28th January 2020.

The funeral of Bryan Messenger, formerly of Boltongate, took place at All Saints, Boltongate, on 29th January.

The funeral of Wilson Fell, from Bassenthwaite, took place at St John, Bassenthwaite, on 6th February.

The funeral of Doreen Cleator, from Plumbland, took place at Carlisle Crematorium, on 7th February.

The memorial service of Ian Phillips, from Bassenthwaite, took place at St Bega, Bassenthwaite, on 8th February.

The funeral of Sarah Ann Fisher, formerly of Blindcrake, took place at St Michael and All Angels, Isel, on 11th February.

Notices

Ink Jet Cartridges

Sadly, we can no longer recycle ink jet cartridges. Thank you to those who have taken part, but please can we ask that ink cartridges are no longer left in the churches. Thank you for your understanding, The Binsey Team



In a World
WHERE YOU CAN
BE ANYTHING
Be Kind

Would you like a visit from the Church?

If you would like a visit from the Church, we have a special group of people, commissioned by the Bishop, called Pastoral Visitors. Along with the Clergy, the visitors are available and willing to visit anyone at home, in hospital or in a nursing home.

Maybe you know a person who is ill or housebound and would just like to chat to someone.

Possibly your neighbour has been taken into hospital or you have small children and would just like a bit of adult conversation. Whatever the reason, we are here to help.

You can request a visit for yourself or on behalf of someone and a member of the team will be in touch to arrange a suitable visiting time.

You can contact Revd. Stephen Banks directly on 016973 71541 or e-mail him at teamrector@binsey.org.uk.

You can also get in touch via our Pastoral Visits Co-ordinator, Helen, visiting@binsey.org.uk, 016973 71504. Alternatively, have a chat with your churchwarden and they will send your request to us.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are here for you.





Being a Mission Community



I looked across the field and what did I see? It was black, low-slung and on the hunt. The Beast of Binsey!

Of course, it was just a local cat on the prowl.

What we see is not always what it appears to be. There is no predatory big cat terrorising our

green paradise, thankfully. When it concerns the view we have of institution, and especially of the church, we can have a skewed view that is not accurate as well. It is frequently not as bad as some might think, in fact, not bad at all.

Across this area, we are privileged to have wonderful churches, places of peace for quiet and worship, and for time to reconnect with our souls, and with God. During busy lives, sometimes almost relentless pressures from circumstances, how good it is to find some semblance of sanctuary. That is one of the great benefits of having open churches. We have twelve churches, and one chapel spread from Plumbland to Boltongate, Bassenthwaite to Fletchertown, and points in between. They are here for you as well.

In the history book of early Christians, the Acts of the Apostles, we read that the *believers met from house to house*, but also *in the Temple in Jerusalem* (Acts 2:46). Jesus himself gathered a group of followers and called them to be salt and light (Matt 5:13-16), to be good news and to share his love with everyone by being connected to him and one another. He later told them, *I am the vine, you are the branches - remain in my love, and love one another* (John 15:1-17). The early church leader, Paul, wrote many letters to the churches, and he used the words, "one another" over and over, to reinforce this idea of community and connection. "One another" are two words in English, but it's only one word in Greek: *ἀλλήλων* (ah-LAY-loan), the common language at the time when the New Testament was written. "One another" is used 100 times in 94 New Testament verses. 47 of those verses give instructions to the church, and 60% of those instructions come from Paul.

"No man is an island," as the poem by John Donne put it. A reminder that we need other people to grow, not just in families and as part of society, but also, if we are going to flourish as individuals, and to develop a living faith from a soul that is at peace. In our day, we can sometimes feel alone with the pressures of daily life. This is where the church can help and our Sunday worship provides a context to spill out our concerns to God, to find comfort

and direction in meeting the challenges of life with faith, and in the context of a loving and prayerful community, which is our Binsey Mission Community.

Following on from the encouragement of our Team Rector in last month's Binsey Link, please come and join us at a time and place that meets your needs. The service times are published in the Link each month, and you are more than welcome to pop in during the week at one of our scheduled services, and Wednesday midday prayers. We have also devised walks to and from these churches and maps are available inside. We do hope you will also take a few minutes or longer to take a pew, to have a moment of quiet reflection, and perhaps, shelter from pelting rain outside!


The poet, Francis Thomson, a former student from my first Theological College, spoke of God as, "the hound of heaven." A God who seeks us out in love, and never loses the trail. However, I repeat, there is no Beast of Binsey prowling our fields, but there are plenty of worries and pressures on our tail, so to speak, in the hustle and bustle of life in 2020. Why not pencil in a morning or afternoon, to come into one of our lovely churches? Time to *paws* for thought, and for the Lord.

Revd. Peter

Binsey Team Mission Community
presents...

Songs

Food



Craft

Bible Story Games

Venue	Date
Allhallows Community Centre, Fletchertown.	8th March 2020
	Time
	4:00-5:30pm

All ages welcome but suitable for 3-11 year olds

All children must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian.
Phone The Revd. Peter Gilroy on 016973 71430 for more details
Or email teamvicar@binsey.org.uk

Notices

Stepping Stones Café Church

You may have heard, but in case you have not, "Stepping Stones" is finishing. There were too many difficulties with leading and catering. Many of us getting older or poorly or simply having too many other commitments. So, sadly, after almost 10 years, the decision has been made.

Margaret and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved; attending, leading music, planning, acting, dancing, catering, setting up the hall and putting it back again, puppetry, praying, composing poetry, singing, speaking, printing hymn sheets, donating - all voluntary. So much, and none of it could have been done without you. No-one could say it has not been varied!

We think it has been enjoyable and has always told the

Gospel. We hope that all of us have been brought closer to our Wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ, and maybe, those who are not regular church goers will continue to seek Him and learn more.

May God bless and be close to you all,
Margaret and Ann (kisses and hugs galore)

"Since this article was written, we are sad to announce that Margaret Redmond, Stepping Stones leader, passed away on 3rd February 2020. She will now be with her Lord and we pray for her friends and family at this time. We give thanks for who she was, and for all she has done in her community and for the Binsey Team".

Choose any one of our Twelve Churches for YOUR special day!

BLESSING
Weddings
LIGHT
PRAYER FA

Congratulations if you have just got engaged and are thinking about getting married in one of the Binsey Mission Community's 12 churches.

If you currently live anywhere within the Binsey Mission Community area, then you can get married in our Churches. If you live elsewhere, but have a family connection to a Church, or want to come and worship

regularly in our Churches, then we'd love to help you.

We would like to welcome you and help you make your life-long marriage vows in our holy places set aside to worship God. You are very welcome to join us in any of our Sunday services, and to look around the particular church you have chosen to make your wedding promises in and meet our friendly congregations.

Please contact our Team Rector, Revd. Stephen Banks on 016973 71541 for a friendly chat about your wedding.

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 for 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.

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 or the Team Vicar, Revd. Peter Gilroy on 016973 71430.



Around The Parishes

Allhallows

All Saints, Allhallows

All Saints Church AGM will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm in the Church Vestry.

Good Friday Church Service at All Saints will be on the 10th April at 2pm, followed by children's activities and refreshments in the Community Centre at 3pm.

George Moore Memorial Hall Trustees - the next meeting is on the 16th April. If any registered local group require a donation, please contact Gillian Marr, Sunny Brae, Mealsgate, CA7 1AN, by 12th April.

We are really pleased to announce that we have received a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund.



The grant will enable us to go ahead with the first part of improvements to the centre, which include a new front door, installation of a hearing loop and the replacement of all the guttering, all of which will be completed over the next few months.

Whilst care will be taken not to disturb users of the centre, we hope that everyone will bear with us.

For further information about what is going on the centre you can:

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/allhallowscentre.

Check out the what's on event calendar on our website www.allhallowscentre.org.uk.

For enquiries, email allhallowscentre@gmail.com or call Caroline on 016973 71103.

CEILIDH – with Barley Twist

Allhallows Community Centre

Friday 27th March from 7.30pm – 11.30pm

Bring your own drink. Food will be available & a Raffle

Ticket £10 - to book ring Doris on 07599 848072

All proceeds to Allhallows Community Centre Improvement Fund

Coffee Social Mornings

Starting on Saturday 14th March there will be a coffee morning on the 2nd Saturday of each month (except August). Please come along for a coffee/cake and a chat.
10am until 12noon

Some months there may be other things going on - table top sale, children's activities etc

Bassenthwaite

Flowers for St John

No flowers in Lent

Cleaning St John

March – R. Barnes

Flowers for St Bega

No flowers in Lent

Cleaning St Bega

March – S. Siddall

Soup Lunches in Bassenthwaite Parish Room

Tuesday 10th March

12noon – 1.30pm

Homemade Soup with Roll

Cheese & Biscuits

Tea or Coffee

£3.50 for Church Funds



Calling all Bassenthwaite Villagers!

OPEN MEETING

Bassenthwaite Parish Room

Wednesday 4th March at 8pm

to discuss **Celebrations on VE Day** (the special Bank Holiday, Friday 8th May).

Please come along to show your support and put forward your ideas.

If you are interested, but can't attend the meeting, please let me know. Ros Downing, 76471, ros@langside.org.uk.



Bassenthwaite continued...

Bassenthwaite Parish Room

Sunday March 29th 1pm - 4pm

Stalls, Raffle, Light Refreshments, Games and Competitions

Come and join in the fun

Adult Competitions

- 1, A decorated Easter cake
- 2, A photo of a spring scene
- 3, A vase of spring flowers
- 4, An Easter-themed craft item
- 5, An Easter bonnet



Children's Competitions

- 1, A decorated egg
- 2, 4 Easter buns
- 3, 4 chocolate Easter nests
- 4, An Easter basket
- 5, An Easter bonnet

Adult/Child competitions. 20p per entry to arrive between 11.30am and 12.15pm
For further information, please contact any committee member or call 017687-76918
Proceeds to the Parish Room, Bassenthwaite School, Church and Chapel

VACANCY FOR ONE COUNCILLOR

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Do you have time to spare?

Are you interested in your local community?

The Council has a vacancy for one Parish Councillor.

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk, Elizabeth Clark on 016973 45665, bassenthwaiteclerk@aol.com or come along to the next meeting:

Venue: The Parish Room, Bassenthwaite.

Date: Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm.

TENDER NOTICE

THE VILLAGE GREEN GRASS CUTTING

Bassenthwaite Parish Council would like to invite tenders for the routine grass cutting of the Village Green & up Back Hill in Bassenthwaite.

For further information & submitted tenders contact Elizabeth Clark, 11 Standingstone Heights,

Wigton, CA7 8PG, or 016973 45665,
bassenthwaiteclerk@aol.com.

BASSENTHWAITE POP IN

Bassenthwaite Parish Room

£2 per person, including tea/coffee

Come along for a cuppa and a natter!

Enjoy some time doing crafts or other activities

Tuesday 10th March - Combined Pop-In and Soup Lunch from 10.30am (Soup Lunch from 12noon -1.30pm).

Usual Pop-In activities and Book Exchange.

Tuesday 24th March - Usual Pop-In activities and preparations for Spring Fayre.

Tuesday 21st April - Usual Pop-In activities and the return of Goldmark Clothing.

For any info call, Helen on 017687 76222, or Alison on 017687 76393.

Indoor Bowls in Bassenthwaite Parish Room

Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

ALL WELCOME and anyone wishing to play, please contact John Stephens on 017687 76933 for further details.

Keep up to date with the Parish Room

Facebook: www.fb.me/bassparishroom

Website: www.bassenthwaite.org.uk/parish-room.html

Contact the Parish Room Coordinator for bookings
bookbassenthwaiteparishroom@gmail.com or
07786434411.

Boltons

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16th April at 7.30pm.

BOLTONS PARISH HALL, BOLTON LOW HOUSES.

This is an open meeting with refreshments provided.

This year we are expecting some retirements from our committee and are looking for new faces to come and be part of the Parish Hall Committee, so if you are interested in joining, please come along to the meeting to see how you can help us provide events at the hall for all the

community.

Any nominations for officers should be put in writing to the Secretary, Irene Powley, Dalebeck, Bolton Low Houses, CA7 8PA, at least 10 days before the A.G.M.

Boltons continued...

Boltons DCC thank all those who removed the holly wreaths from the graves of their loved ones.

Boltons DCC AGM is on Monday 9th March at 7pm in the Bell Institute. All welcome.

The committee would like to thank all who came out and supported our Best of British Pop Up Supper on the 1st February. We had 65 attendees, who enjoyed the fabulous 4 course meal prepared by Liz Brough of Country Kitchen fame, including some well-known dignitaries from Allerdale Borough Council. Many thanks to Mark (MP for Allerdale Borough Council), Marion (Leader of ABC) and Malcolm & Betty (Deputy Mayor & Consort), for taking the time to attend. Special mention for those who brought prizes for the raffle and to Lesley & Andrew Kerr from The OddFellows Arms for kindly providing us with our bar. The evening raised much needed funds that will be used for ongoing remedial work at the hall.

Future Events at Boltons Parish Hall:

May Quiz Night
Aug 29th Summer Barbecue with vocalist Zoe Glen.

Binsey Link Distribution in Bolton Low Houses.

After distributing the Link for the past 15 years, Jim & Eva Wilson are finding it difficult to carry on and would very much appreciate it if someone could take over the reins. "We have enjoyed doing this service, meeting our

fellow parishioners in Bolton Low Houses, however as we are both in our eighties now we think this service would be better served by a younger person or persons.

At present we deliver 80 Links, which usually takes us about an hour and a half."

If you think you could help, please contact Jim or Eva Wilson, on 016973 43608.

Bolton Low Houses Parish Hall current hall activities:

Monday: 7pm – 9pm Bowls
Tuesday: 7pm – 9pm Tai Chi
Wednesday: 7pm – 8pm Pilates
Thursday: Currently available to hire
Friday: 7pm – 9pm Waverton Bowls

Bolton Low Houses Parish Hall is available for daytime / night-time hire outside of the above events. Please contact Maggy Bateman on 016973 49919 or Irene Powley 016973 44775, for booking details or for further class information. Contact can also be made by email boltonsparishhall@gmail.com.

Embleton

The snowdrops are popping up in the churchyard; always a delight! The crocuses and daffodils will be following on soon, worth a little peep round the back of church to enjoy them. If you are at all interested, join us for our annual meeting at the Sunday School on 3rd March at 7pm in the Sunday School room. Our first event of the year will be a 'Coffee and Crack' session on 28th March, we look forward to serving you then. If you have a taste for adventure, then the Dewode event this month is not to be missed. Three very different presenters; a young boy's visit to the Algonquin Provincial Park, canoeing and camping. A sea kayaking expedition round The Faroes and Steve Ball who survived a gruelling ordeal while climbing Mt McKinley, Alaska. Details below.

Dewode Fund Raising Event.

"Tales of Adventure"

Saturday 7th March

7pm at Victory Hall Dalston.

Information and tickets: £8, (5 under 16), from Pauline and Doug Hardie 017687 76716

You are invited to join us for a Coffee and Crack at St Cuthbert's Sunday School on 28th March, 10am to 12pm.

Dates for your diary:

Annual General Meeting at St Cuthbert's, 3rd March, 7pm.
Coffee and Chat in the Sunday School, 28th March, 10am - 1pm.

Advance notice - Annual Strawberry Teas; 26th July.

Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

12th March, 7.30pm, Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton.

'German Miners under the Derwent Fells' - How Elizabeth I brought miners to Keswick from Germany – a tale of innovation, effort, jealousy and murder. Illustrated talk by Mark Hatton of the Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society.

Activities

Cuthbert's Crafters meet at 2pm each Monday in the Sunday School.

Embleton continued...

Art Group meets every Wednesday at 1.30pm (wintertime) in the Sunday School. New folk always welcome.

Ragbags; Unwanted clothing, linen, shoes, handbags and belts; all welcome. Items can be left at the back 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 017687 76184 by 7th March please.

Embleton & District Village Hall Notice board

The hall is very busy now, we seem to be very popular for children's parties. If you want the hall for a weekend celebration, please give me plenty of notice, if you can, as I hate refusing people.

Please note that the Monday morning exercise class has been discontinued for the present time, but Moo Music has doubled its sessions. The Parish council meetings have been swapped about a little, councillors please note the new date.

The Village Hall A.G.M. is on 1st April if you have any issues with the hall please contact me or any member of the committee.

What's on in March 2020?

Sunday: Dance Class, 7.30pm, Edna 76630.

Monday: Beginners Dance Class, 6.30 - 7.45pm.

Social Dance, 8-9.45pm, Edna 76630.

Tuesday: Adult Exercise Group, 6.30 - 7.30pm, Ben 07788 476800.

Tuesday: Moo Music, 9.30-11.30am, Louise 07877 315151 (term time).

Wednesday: Adult Exercise Group, 5.45pm, Sarah, Changes Pool & Gym.

Thursday: Circle Dance, 7.30pm, Kathleen 76532.

Thursday: Junior Dance Class, 5pm, Val 01900 267537 (term time).

Friday: Sing & Sign, 12.30pm, Louise 07825 511153 (term time).

Friday: Youth Club (in term time), Edna 017687 76630.

Sunday 1st: Art workshop, private function, 9am.

Wednesday 4th: Parish council meeting, 7.15pm.

Thursday 5th: U3A Photography Group, 9.30am.

Saturday 7th: Private Function, 7pm.

Wednesday 11th: W.I., 7.30pm.

Saturday 14th: Social Dance, 7.30pm, Edna 76630.

Sunday 22nd: Cyclists, 8am-5pm, private function.

Friday 27th: Seniors Group, 11am.

Sunday 29th: Binsey Team Service, 10am.

The Ducks have pointed out that the village hall A.G.M is on April fool's day, says it all doesn't it!

Isel

Isel Ladies meet for coffee at Moota Café on Monday 9th March, at 10.30am and Monday 6th April.

The Annual Meeting of St Michael, Isel, will be held in Blindcrake Village Hall on 23rd March at 7pm. All welcome.

Coffee Morning

28th March in Blindcrake Village Hall.

10am to 11.30am. Admission £2.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat.

Proceeds in aid of Isel Church.

MARCH

Tuesdays: Pilates, 7-8pm.

Monday 9th: Village Hall Management Committee Meeting, 7.30pm.

Monday 16th: Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm.

Saturday 21st - Band Night

Doors open 8pm. Put on your dancing shoes!

Blindcrake Village Hall presents D: Funk'd Funk, Rock, Pop, Soul & Blues covers band. Licensed bar. Entry £5 (£2.50 under 12s). Tickets from Ros 01900 828384,

ros.berry@btinternet.com or Rachel,

rachelmossop@hotmail.co.uk and on the door.

Saturday 28th: Isel Church Coffee Morning, 10-11.30am.

FEBRUARY

Friday 28th - Charity Quiz Night, 7.15 for 7.30pm. To benefit Cumbria Overseas Aid Trust, a small, locally based charity which supports projects that help people in some of the poorest regions of the world. Most projects have a Cumbrian connection or involvement. Come as a team or separately and join one on the night! £5/ticket, which includes table snacks. Please bring your own drink.

Isel continued...

Looking ahead:

MAY

Tuesdays: Pilates, 7-8pm.

Thursday 7th: Election Day (for Police & Crime Commissioner).

Monday 18th: Parish Council AGM.

JUNE

Sunday 28th: Blindcrake Parish Garden Safari, 10.30am-4.30pm. Please help the organisers of this event to make it the best for 2020! We'd love to hear from you. If you would like to help in any way; open your garden, make refreshments and/or help serve tea/coffee in the hall,

provide plants for the plants stall, drive the hail & ride bus on the day etc. Please contact Sue Eastham (Blindcrake Hall) or Rachel McConkey (Shell Cottage) or email villagehall@blindcrake.org.uk. Thank you in advance!

To hire Blindcrake Village Hall for your event, please either send an email to villagehall@blindcrake.org.uk

or contact Rachel McC on 07503 763590. Please text rather than ring and we will get back to you.

Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby

Coffee & Chat - Thursday 12th March 10.30am at Branberries, 1 Ashley Terrace, Ireby. All welcome for a friendly chat and a cuppa.

Please can holders of Missionary boxes for USPG (United Society, Partners in the Gospel) hand them to the Churchwardens. There will be a Lent Lunch, in aid of USPG, on Thursday 5th March and Thursday 2nd April, at 12noon at Hemp Garth, Ireby.

Ireby Globe Hall Lunch Club - Thursday 26th March at 12noon. Please contact Barbara Johnson on 016973 71578 by the previous Saturday to book or cancel.

Regular Events in the Globe Hall:

Tuesday, 7pm-9pm, Indoor Bowls, (Eva Wilson 016973 43608).

Wednesday Afternoons, Ireby School.

Wednesday, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Eni's Relaxercise (Eni 07856 657 404).

Thursday afternoons and Friday all day, Ireby School.

Would you like to play a part in your community?

The Globe Hall Committee
welcomes you to have your say
Please come along to our

Annual General Meeting

On Monday 20th April
At 7.30pm
In the Globe Hall, Ireby

Any questions: david.rooney@btopenworld.com

Plumbland

What weather we have had! The churchyard appears to be coping well with the snowdrops and daffodils bravely making their annual appearance, always a sight to cheer the heart. We are keeping a close watch on the roof in order to be able to rectify any weather damage.

Our contacts with our school continue with the children looking forward to taking over the care of a portion of our 'old' graveyard to help them with their lessons. This will include placing some insect refuges, including 'Bug Hotels!' It will be interesting to see what 'rent' is charged for a room!

Flower Rota

Many thanks to all who have kindly given their time and expertise, and donated, the flowers which have provided lovely arrangements over the past year. It is now Lent, and therefore no flowers are displayed in Church during this season.

A new rota is being created and will start from The Easter season.

Plumbland

Advance notice. All may be aware that Friday 8th May is to be a Bank Holiday, thereby creating a three day Holiday Weekend to allow the Nation to Commemorate 75 years since the cessation of hostilities in the Europe during WW2. Here, in Plumbland, and the surrounding area, we are holding a series of events on Friday, 8th May, V E Day itself. This will start with a short service of Commemoration and Remembrance at St Cuthbert, Plumbland, with refreshments afterwards, and a quiz. Activities then move on to the Village Hall from 12noon onwards, including sports and games, buffet tea and a family tug-of-war. It is hoped that during the afternoon we

will be able to join in with the National Celebratory events, taking place nationwide.

The Village activity will pause at 4.30pm, and start again at 6.30pm, with a Social Evening, to which all are invited. Perhaps people may like to dress in 40s style? Further details will be available nearer the date, please see the Village newsletter or the hall notice board.

Setmurthy

March - cleaning only, Barbara Petecka.

Sainsburys Backpack

Please note change of date. We will be packing on Sat 21st March between 10am & 4pm.

Proceeds to St Barnabas, Setmurthy. Please contact Elizabeth on 01900 823329, if you can spare an hour.

Parish Hall

The post Burns lunch was a very enjoyable & well attended event, which raised £450 for the hall refurbishment fund. Next meeting of the hall committee is 30th March at 7pm.

The Parish Hall is available for hire. Please contact Mrs Edith Wise, 017687 76381.

Craft Group

Our craft group is now on a break until the Autumn. We hope to resume in September.

Lenten Giving

The DCC have agreed to support Water Aid this lent. Collect your loose change in a jam jar throughout lent and then the jars can be given to our treasurer, Miss Dorothy Benson, or any member of the DCC at Easter.

Dates for the diary:

2nd April, Boon Day at St Barnabas.

16th May, Coffee Morning with sale of plants, cakes and crafts. Proceeds to Parish hall.

14th June, St Barnabas Service & Lunch.

Torpenhow

TORPENHOW

Sunday 8th March: Annual District Church Council meeting after the morning service. All are welcome.

Quiz Night with Pie and Pea Supper

Saturday 7th March

7.30pm, Torpenhow Village Hall.

Teams of up to 4 people. Tickets £5 per head.

Please book by 5th March to guarantee your supper - torpenhowvillagehall@gmail.com or 016973 71514.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, TORPENHOW

SOUPERDAY

SATURDAY 28th MARCH in

TORPENHOW VILLAGE HALL

12noon-1.30pm

SELECTION OF SOUPS/ROLL/DRINKS/CAKE

Donations of cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received.

All are welcome. Proceeds to St. Michael, Torpenhow.

Coffee Morning with Book Swap

Saturday 7th March.

10am to 12noon.

Torpenhow Village Hall.

Plenty of books to choose from and the chat and cake is good too!



EARLY WARNING - CEILIDH in aid of a defibrillator for Torpenhow. Saturday 25th April. Torpenhow Village Hall. Pie & Pea Supper with pudding, £15 a ticket, children £5. For more information ring 0788 2329582 or email hilary.hankin@gmail.com.

Torpenhow continued...

TORPENHOW continued...

REMINDER: In order to keep our churchyard tidy, please could all wreaths and Christmas decorations be removed from the churchyard as soon as possible. Your help in this matter is much appreciated.

A reminder of regular events in Torpenhow Village Hall

Monday	6 to 7pm	Kettlercise
Monday	8 to 10pm	Indoor Bowls
Tuesday	6 to 7.30pm	Brownies
Wednesday	7.45 to 8.45pm	Kettlercise
Thursday	1.30 to 3.30pm	Craft Group
Fridays	10 to 11.30am	Yoga

All groups welcome new members

BOTHEL

Bothel Village Hall

Winners of the February 100 Club - 1st John and Susan Ray, 2nd Maggie Bell, 3rd Clegg family.

Weekly Groups:

Mondays, 7.30pm, Short Mat Bowling. Everyone welcome to come along.

Wednesday mornings, Yoga with Fiona.

Wednesday, 7.30pm, Fencing.

Every Thursday morning there is also an Art Group. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Susan Graham or Helen Braithwaite.

Thursday evening, Circuit Training with Tony.

Bothel Lunch Club is on Monday 24th Feb, Monday 23rd March and Monday 27th April. All 12noon – 1.30pm. £4.50 for soup, filled roll, pudding, tea or coffee.

Tuesday 17th March - Jane Maggs - Foraging and *Tuesday 21st April*. Spring Show and Louise Stoddart, Moss Balls. Both in Bothel Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Forthcoming monthly events:

Friday 13th March, Friday Club. All school children welcome to come along.

Tuesday 17th March, Gardening Club. New members welcome to come along.

Monday 23rd March, Lunch Club, 12noon. Come along and enjoy soup, filled roll and pudding for just £4.50.

Bothel & Kirkland WI supporting the North Lakes

Foodbank

On Wednesday 5th February Bothel & Kirkland WI welcomed special guest speaker Adrian Cozens, Project Manager of the North Lakes Foodbank group.

The North Lakes Foodbank have been helping people in our region since 2009. It is part of the Trussell Trust, a Christian led charitable organization who help with the foodbank's administration, to enable them to focus on the increasing day to day needs of vulnerable people in West Cumbria and North Lakes.

Over 150 professional and public sector bodies help to give vouchers to people assessed as in need. The foodbanks provide healthy well-balanced food packs for individuals and families to sustain them temporarily during difficult and stressful events. In their collection point cafes they provide a non-judgmental welcome, a hot drink, cake and can help signpost people in need to the organisations that can provide longer term assistance. Additionally, The North Lakes Foodbank provides 'Lunch Packs 4 Kids' to ensure that vulnerable children are fed during school holiday periods. Finally, they also provide life skills and educational assistance to help children learn money wise practices and how to cook healthily on a budget. Last year 3201 vouchers were fulfilled, 6281 people were fed, 2052 of these were children! The need for the foodbank's assistance has been rising about 20% for the past couple of years.

How we can help; if you can put a little extra something in your shop from time to time, this does make a real difference to those who are in need. The Bothel & Kirkland WI are pleased to manage a new foodbank collection point at Bothel Village Hall. If you would like to leave a donation, the box will be available whenever the Village Hall is open for events and activities.

Shopping list (size matters to help efficiently pack the bags); fruit juice (1ltr carton UHT), tomatoes (400g tinned/ carton), tinned fruit (400g), tinned vegetables (400g), tinned meat (400g), tinned fish (400g), rice pudding (400g), cereal (500g), pasta sauces (jars or sachets), pasta (500g dried), milk (full fat or semi-skimmed UHT), sponge pudding (400g), biscuits, snack bars, chocolate, coffee, jam (not homemade), tinned beans (400g), tinned soups (400g) and instant mash (1pkt). Please no sachets of 'pasta & sauce', low calorie food or items containing alcohol. Foodbank donations are given in bags for life, if you can spare one of these, we'd appreciate it.

Advance Notice

Saturday 6th June

Jazz Group

More details will be announced shortly.

Torpenhow continued...

BLENNERHASSET

Blennerhasset and Baggrow Village Hall

Please note that the Coffee Morning this month is on 4th March at 10.30am.

Meet your neighbour village social afternoon returns due to popular demand and will repeat on a regular basis. 14th March at 2pm. Refreshments and homemade cakes will be on sale. Free entry.

Yoga, Monday evenings, 7pm.
Bingo, Tuesday evenings, 7pm.
Seated Exercise, Wednesday mornings, 10am.

The hall has been fitted kitchen with a new range cooker and is available for hire. Please contact Cath on 016973 21576 before 7pm please.

Everyone is welcome at all activities.

Wythop

Now that the Christmas season is over, we would be grateful if all Christmas wreaths could be removed from the churchyard. Most wreaths contain a metal frame, wires and some artificial materials and therefore must be placed in the black general waste bin and not in the garden waste bin. Thank you for your consideration.

Midweek Prayer

Sorry for the mix up about the venue for Midweek Prayer. The information in the February magazine was incorrect. St Margaret's will be the venue in MARCH.

Sunday 5th April - ADCM

The meeting to elect Churchwardens, followed by the Annual District Church Meeting, will be held after the 9.30am service. We hope church members will stay for the meeting. It will not be a long meeting!

Church Cleaning

March - Mrs Wiseman & Mrs Brandwood

Sidesmen

1st March - Mrs C. Milliken
17th March - Mr R Veitch

Uldale

The Uldale Lunch Club will be on Thursday 5th March at 12noon at Mae's Tearooms, Uldale. Please book directly with Mark or Julie on 016973 71369 or mark@maestearooms.co.uk by the previous Tuesday. There is no criteria for eligibility, just come and enjoy good food and good company.

The flower and cleaning rota is suspended until we can once more hold services in St. James, Uldale.

Food Bank - please bring your contributions to the 11am Family Worship Service (second Sunday) at All Saints, Boltongate. John and Hilary will see that they are taken to the Wigton Food Bank.

Bassenthwaite and Isel Mothers' Union will meet in Bassenthwaite Methodist Chapel at 2pm on Tuesday 3rd March. Speaker – Marion Beckham on The Foodbank.

Boltons, Ireby and Uldale Mothers' Union.

We enjoyed our usual Advent Miscellany and, in January, our New Year lunch at Denton House. The Annual Meeting was held at Hemp Garth in February when the financial statement was presented, a report of the previous year's activities read and the programme for this year distributed. Arrangements were made for publicising the

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Lent Lunch on Ash Wednesday and members agreed to provide refreshments. Members are invited to attend the Diocesan Council Meeting at Braithwaite on Wednesday 4th March (9.45am for 10.15am start) as this would be our usual meeting day.

Women's Institute News

Bothel and Kirkland W.I.

Our president, Jenny Wren, welcomed all to **Bothel and Kirkland WI**. Arrangements were made for the darts match and reminded members of items in the County News.

Jenny then introduced Adrian to talk about the local **Foodbank**. The foodbank is run by the Trussel Trust. It has just celebrated their tenth birthday, and is in even more need now than then. Adrian showed us a typical box for one person for three days. He talked about how donations are picked up every week from supermarkets, schools and other sources and kept in their depots in sell by date order. From there, they go to their local depots to hand out as required. Local industries, and clubs are great supporters giving much needed goods and monies. He has 180 volunteers to help sort and/or hand out the food. Members had, for their monthly competition, made up recipes that used items from a foodbank box. It proved to be harder than imagined, as Adrian, on judging the competition, said that many of those needing the foodbank had no spices, herbs, or fresh food to add to their donated food to make their meals tastier. Pia Martin won the competition and the raffle.

At our meeting with Plumbland W.I. on 4th March. Our speaker is **Ken Graham**, talking about his **"Japanese Experience."** This meeting is an evening **open to everyone. £3.50, tea/coffee and biscuits included.**

Uldale and Ireby W.I.

The president welcomed 22 members and 2 visitors to the meeting and there were 5 apologies. The minutes were taken as read. The voting for 2020 resolutions was mentioned and a delegate for the Annual Council Meeting was appointed. We have had a card from Anne Garland thanking us for the card and plant, which were recently given to her.

After the business meeting we were treated to a very interesting and amusing presentation by Ros Downing, about the history of British biscuits from Carrs, who built the first biscuit factory, to pladis (with a small p), who now seem to own most of the world's biscuit companies. The first biscuits were hard and dry and were able to be stored for very long periods for consumption on ships and sweet biscuits were only for the very rich people. The many facts and figures which Ros produced were fascinating and were indicative of the extensive research that she had undertaken.

We ended the evening with a lovely supper provided by Susan Little and Anne Robinson. The competition was won by Lin Nieves, with Janice Havelock and Anne Robinson coming joint second and the drawing was won by one of our visitors.

The next meeting will be on 5th March, when Judith Mandale will talk about women's health.

Parish Council Information

Bothel and Threapland Parish Council

Meeting held Tuesday 14th January at Bothel Village Hall. Matters discussed: Community Fund - £1,500 was granted to Bothel Village Hall Management Committee. Grass Cutting Contract 2020 - The current arrangements and future requirements for grass cutting in the parish were discussed. It was agreed that the cutting of the areas at the village hall would not be included in the tender specification this year. Tenders will be invited for the 2020 season for Threapland Village Green, Pinfold Green and Broadwell Green for eight cuts. The arrangements and tender specification will be reviewed next year. Footway Lighting - the Borough Council had written to advise on the proposals regarding the future of footway lighting in Allerdale. The new proposals are that Town and Parish Councils will be asked to pick up the energy costs of lights within their parish from April 2021. An updated inventory is being prepared and the parish council will be informed of the approximate costs for energy usage by the end of February 2020. The Parish Council will have the opportunity to ask for lights no longer required, to be removed or switched off. The Borough Council will continue to pick up the maintenance costs for the

foreseeable future. Any bulbs needing replaced will be replaced with LED lamps to further reduce energy costs. The matter will be discussed further when the inventory and cost information is available.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th March. All Parishioners welcome to attend.

Janice Rae, Parish Clerk - 016973 42138 /
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www.bothelandthreaplandpc.org.uk

Parish Council Information continued...

Blennerhasset & Torpenhow Parish Council

Meeting on Wednesday 8th January in Torpenhow Village Hall. Matters discussed: Planning - Applications received: None. Decisions LBC/2019/0028 Former Hearse House, St Michael, Torpenhow - Listed Building Consent for new glazed screen, replacement rooflights, new internal linings and rainwater goods. - LBC GRANTED. Footway Lighting - The Borough Council had advised on the proposals regarding the future of footway lighting in Allerdale. The new proposals are that Town and Parish Councils will be asked to pick up the energy costs of lights within their parish from April 2021. An updated inventory is being prepared and the parish council will be informed of the approximate costs for energy usage by the end of February 2020. The Parish Council will have the opportunity to ask for lights no longer required to be removed or switched off. The Borough Council will continue to pick up the maintenance costs for the foreseeable future. Any bulbs needing replaced will be replaced with LED lamps to further reduce energy costs. Fly Tipping - A carpet and several Christmas trees had been dumped on the playing field at Blennerhasset. This has been reported to the Borough Council. Vacancies on the Council - anyone interested in being co-opted onto the parish council, should contact the Clerk for further information.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm in Blennerhasset & Baggrow Social Centre. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Janice Rae, Parish Clerk - 016973 42138 /
bandtpc@gmail.com
www.blennerhasset.com

Embleton & District Parish Council

A66 QUESTIONNAIRE - Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation process. We shall be analysing your responses and contacting Highways England and Cumbria County Council to arrange the next step. We will be keeping you informed.

PLAY AREA SPRING CLEAN, SATURDAY 9 MAY, 10AM – 12 NOON

We promised a Spring clean session of the play area to maintain the great progress made when a superb team polished up the play area in September. This session is to make sure it is ready for the better weather. Contact details will be in the April edition of the Binsey Link.

FOOTWAY LIGHTING - The likely current proposal from Allerdale Borough Council is that from the 2021/22 Financial Year, Parish Councils will be asked to fund the electricity cost for any footway lights within their parish and Allerdale Borough Council would remain responsible for the maintenance and repair of the lights.

However, since the mapping exercise to establish which lights belong to Allerdale and which to Cumbria County Council has not yet been completed, no further

information is available at this time.

SALE FELL BENCH REPAIRED - We're sure that you have noticed! The Parish Council is happy to report that the work was done by the family of the person for whom it is a memorial. We are extremely grateful to the Saunders family for restoring this highly popular resting spot and can record that the bench is already in full use!

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES - all are Wednesdays at 7pm in Embleton Village Hall. 4 March, 22 April, 20 May. Everyone is welcome to come along to our meetings, but if you have a matter that you would like to raise, but cannot attend, please contact our Clerk, Becx Carter - embletonparishclerk@hotmail.com / 077866 78283.

Ireby & Uldale Parish Council

Meeting on 7th January in the W.I. Hall, Ireby.

Matters discussed: Planning - applications received - Lake District National Park Authority - 7/2019/2328 – John Peel Cottage Ruthwaite - Listed Building Consent for replacement of two ground floor windows to the rear elevation and the rear door. Decisions – None. Recycling in the Parish – The Borough Council had confirmed that they will take control of the service from April 2020 and operate it via a Local Authority Controlled Trading Company. The Borough Council are unable to make significant changes during the limited time that the current contract still has remaining. It is estimated that the Borough Council may be able to consider reviewing aspects of the service six to eight weeks following the transition at the beginning of April. It was agreed to monitor the situation once the new contract is operational. Footway Lighting - The Borough Council had advised on the proposals regarding the future of footway lighting in Allerdale. The new proposals are that Town and Parish Councils will be asked to pick up the energy costs of lights within their parish from April 2021. An updated inventory is being prepared and the parish council will be informed of the approximate costs for energy usage by the end of February 2020. The Parish Council will have the opportunity to ask for lights no longer required to be removed or switched off. The Borough Council will continue to pick up the maintenance costs for the foreseeable future. Any bulbs needing replaced will be replaced with LED lamps to further reduce energy costs. It was agreed to consider this further once the approximate costs have been provided by the Borough Council.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd March, 7.30pm, W.I. Hall, Ireby. Press and public welcome to attend. Clerk: Janice Rae - 016973 42138 / janice.rae220@btinternet.com / www.ireby-uldalepc.org.uk

School News

Ireby School

Visit to the Lowry Museum - "On Wednesday 22nd January, we travelled by minibus to the Lowry Museum in Salford to learn about the life and work of LS Lowry. We were lucky enough to have an art workshop by professional artist, Paul Pickford, who showed us around the Lowry Galleries and helped us learn about some of Lowry's Industrial paintings, because we are finding out about the Industrial Revolution in our class. Paul taught us how to sketch like Lowry and we copied one of his paintings called "Going to the Match". The people in the painting are in the shape of the Union Jack flag because Lowry painted it for the Queen. We also learned how to draw portraits by sketching one called "Head of a Man", which is a self-portrait by Lowry, drawn the day after his mother died. We had a great day and finished it off with a visit to the Blue Peter Garden and Media City, where the BBC and ITV studios are. We saw the trams and the Chinese Lanterns around the Blue Peter Garden to celebrate Chinese New Year." by James Cox, Y3.

Back in the classroom the KS2 pupils were visited by Chris Wadsworth, an expert on Percy Kelly and LS Lowry, who delivered an art and drama workshop based around Lowry's "Matchstick figures". A local artist, Caroline McKenzie, also came into the KS2 class to help the children create portraits of one of the characters from the class text, "Street Child". The KS2 children are visiting Beamish Museum soon, where they will carry out a Local History Enquiry to investigate life as a child working in the mines during the Industrial Revolution era. The EYFS / KS1 class have started an inter-school connection with Islamabad Convent School in Pakistan. The children had their first FaceTime talk with their teacher, they asked many questions and hope to learn languages with them and do international projects together. The infant children are still enjoying learning about Inventions and Explorers and have been carrying out some of their own experiments. Last week, they had a very busy weeklong science experiment based around the question, "Why do we need to wash our hands?" They have asked many big questions about germs and mould and have found out many interesting things. Some of their findings (involving the spread of germs and mould on bread) can be seen on our Twitter feed and on our school website as well as many of our other events and activities.

Blennerhasset School

February was, as usual, a busy month for Blennerhasset School. Although the weather in February rarely gives us the opportunity to spend too much time in outdoor activities, we appear to have used those opportunities to the full this year. As if to emphasise that, we had a visit from the Police Community Support Officer to talk about road safety. This is always important for children who live in a rural environment, who perhaps may not be as used to the dangers of fast-moving vehicles as those living in town. However, we know that our villages are not safe from speeding cars, and the warnings are very much required.

The children enjoyed a session of 'wheelchair basketball' with Nat Pattinson. Himself a wheelchair user, Nat visits us with 12 wheelchairs, so that the children can engage in an activity, which as well as making a popular sport available to all children, enables them to experience the difficulties that others may encounter.

Years 5 & 6 took part in a technology day at Beacon Hill, where they had the opportunity to design and make items using a 3D printer. We like to take every chance to mix with pupils from other schools, particularly when it involves an introduction to modern technology!

Bright Stars is a competition organised by Cumbrian Centre for Leadership Performance, aimed at primary schools to inspire entrepreneurship. Years 3 & 4 have been super busy with Sealy UK discussing our ideas and sharing our vision for a successful project.

At Sealy, zero waste goes to landfill so they are keen for us to consider using some of the recyclable materials to create some products for Bright Stars that we can sell. The children are now making bags from the waste material which you will soon be able to purchase. You can find out more about Bright Stars at www.cforlp.org.uk/events-bright-stars.html Laurie Mansfield, Governor.

Applying for primary school places?

Ireby Church of England Primary School

Our vision: 'Created to do good.' Ephesians 2v10

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School News continued...

Plumbland CE School

It has been an enjoyable start to the spring term. Year 5 and 6 have had four weeks of training to become 'Young Sports Leaders'. They all passed and are looking forward to beginning their activities with the rest of the children at breaktimes. Children in Year 4, 5 & 6 have been enjoying their tennis tuition led by Rob Jefferson. Our infant children are having kinder cricket lessons with Chris Hodgson and enjoyed their workshops on 'Farm to Fork' at Walby Farm. Our junior science lessons began with a workshop from the geologist, Stephen Wright, on Rocks and Soils, and we particularly enjoyed making volcanoes and handling all the different types of rocks. Forest learning sessions have taken place in woodland at Torpenhow and our older children have cooked on the campfire, fettled skewers to use for

toasting marshmallows, built dams and bridges in the stream, played games, reflected on spring, written poetry, painted and learned about snowdrops.

There are many interesting things about snowdrops, here are just three of them:

1. Did you know that snowdrops are used in medicine to help people? Galamantine extracted from snowdrops is now used in a treatment to slow down dementia in Alzheimer's disease.
2. Snowdrop's contain a natural anti-freeze. Even if they collapse in freezing weather they recover once the temperature rises.
3. Snowdrop pollen and nectar is an early spring feast for many bees. The green stripes inside the snowdrops are like landing lights guiding them to one of the only restaurants open this early in the season.

General

We have almost sold all the apple juice and have made over £330 for the Northern Fells Group. Thank you to all of you who donated apples and to those who sold and bought the juice.

Northern Fells Group

3 & 10 March - Art with Julia Garner, 9.30am, Boltongate. Gelli printing onto fabric.

4, 11, 18, 25 March - Wi-Fi drop-in at Mae's Tearoom, 2.15 - 3.45pm.

4 & 18 March - ART 4 ALL, 10.30 - 12.30pm at Mae's Tearoom Uldale.

5 March - Uldale Lunch at Mae's Tearoom, 12noon.

6, 13, 20, 27 March - Boltongate Library Drop-in, 10am - 12pm at Bell Institute.

Community Singing with Alex Clark at Bolton Low Houses Primary School, 11-11.30am.

9 March - Tea, Cake & Chat at Bolton Low Houses Parish Hall, 10am - 11.30am.

17 March - Art with Julia Garner, 9.30am at Boltongate, Collagraph Printing.

26 March - Ireby Lunch Group at the Globe Hall, Ireby, 12 noon. Please contact Barbara Johnson, 016973 71578.

CRAFTY THURSDAYS at the Bell Institute, Boltongate, 1.30pm.

CALDBECK AREA FILM SOCIETY 2019/20

New projector with wide, bright screen and new sound system!

Caldbeck Village Hall, films start at 7.30pm.

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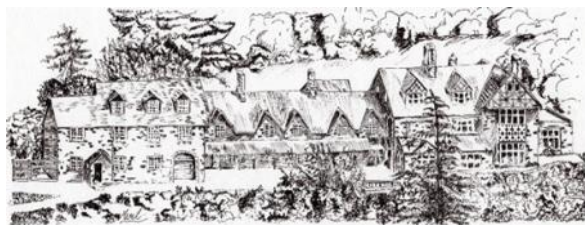


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