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Rest and Recovery

We have enjoyed the Olympics and now the Paralympics. Quite a haul of medals and stories to inspire and cheer us up. There are lessons to apply to our lives from how the athletes achieve and even fail well!

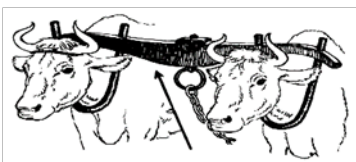
Some of the things athletes often say is that they could not have made it without training hard and with support from others - but also, afterwards –taking the time to recover and rest. I find it interesting that it's not merely rest that is needed, but also recovery time.

In our day and age, the need for rest and recovery is more acute than ever, with 24/7 shopping, remote working, and an overload of information, while juggling all this, and trying to look good, too!

Most of us understand the need to take a break - others are craving one. Others are used to pushing on and through, regardless of the stresses and cost. However, this is where we can find ourselves in trouble. The fittest of us still need to take care before, during, and after exerting ourselves. We would be wise to do the same when it comes to the strains and anxieties of our own lives internally as well. Whether it be a family crisis, ongoing care needs, hassle at work, or something else.

Jesus told the people of his day - under occupation by Rome, riven by revolutions and factions, overloaded with rules, and exploited all the same - to 'come to him and find rest for their souls. To take up his yoke, and to learn from him'. Primarily, this was an invitation to depart from highly legalistic and predatory forms of religion and into the heart of a loving God - full of compassion for the downtrodden and abused, but also offering a way out for the proud and profane. Rather than leave their faith, it was to put goodness back in! To become whole in relations to God, themselves, and others.

A yoke [from a similar word-root as 'yoga'] teams up two animals - e.g., horses, cows, or oxen - in order to plough straight. It combines their strength, allowing them to move at the same pace. Jesus was enjoining the people to come alongside him - to know his love, to follow in the ways of wisdom even more than truth - of Spirit, as well as The Word of God. In our day, we too need such things.. There is information galore, but not much wisdom on offer. We may be materially well-off, but we are time-poor.



Jesus said: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* **Matt 11:28-30**; [NIV]

Take it from me - Jesus' way is a better way. Nurturing our souls with what is good by simplifying our lives, slowing them down, working on the crooked parts bit-by-bit, and making space for rest and recovery, is good advice. Sometimes, less really is more.

Revd. Peter

October Services

Sunday 3 rd October– 18th Sunday after Trinity			Sunday 10 th October– 19th Sunday after Trinity		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Boltons	8am	Holy Communion	Embleton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Plumbland	9.30am	Holy Communion	Torpenhow	9.30am	HARVEST Service with Communion
Wythop	11am	HARVEST Service	Setmurthy	9.30am	Holy Communion
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Allhallows	11am	HARVEST Service
Isel	11am	HARVEST Service	St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Holy Communion
Ireby	11am	HARVEST Service with Baptism			
St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	3pm	Holy Communion			
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer	Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 17 th October– 20th Sunday after Trinity			Sunday 24 th October– Last Sunday after Trinity		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Isel	9.30am	Morning Worship	Boltons	8am	Holy Communion
Plumbland	11am	Morning Prayer	Ireby	9.15am	Holy Communion
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Torpenhow	9.30am	Morning Worship
Wythop	11am	Holy Communion	Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
			St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Holy Communion
Embleton	6pm	Evening Prayer			
Sunday 31 st October– All Saints' Day or 4th Sunday before Advent					
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Isel	9.30am	Holy Communion	Allhallows	11am	Holy Communion
Wythop	9.30am	Morning Worship	St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Morning Worship
			Torpenhow	11am	Family Service with Baptism

Most of the restrictions have now been eased, but face-masks are still required to worn in church, when arriving and leaving, and can only be removed once seated.

For confirmation of the scheduled services please check the church notice boards and the parish website (www.binsey.org.uk). Alternatively, please contact the team rector (016973 71541) or the team vicar (016973 71430), or one of the churchwardens, whose phone numbers are all printed at the back of the magazine.

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

Wilfred Isaac Wilson was baptised at St. Michael & All Angels, Torpenhow on 22nd August 2021.

Isabella Alice Stephenson was baptised at All Saints, Boltongate on 29th August 2021.

Erin Elizabeth Armstrong was baptised at St. Michael & All Angels, Torpenhow on 29th August 2021.

Lilly Tabitha Twentyman was baptised at St. James, Ireby on 5th September 2021.

Oliver James Nixon was baptised at St. Cuthbert, Embleton on 12th September 2021

WEDDINGS

The wedding of Thomas Stobart & Sarah Emmott took place at St. Margaret, Wythop on 21st August 2021.

The wedding of Nicholas Sheldon & Poppy Fisher took place at St. Bega, Bassenthwaite on 11th September 2021.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Nirmala Jeyaratnam, from Mirehouse, took place at St. Bega, Bassenthwaite on 23rd August 2021.

The funeral of Edith Ritson, from Ireby, took place at St. James, Ireby on 24th August 2021.

The funeral of Leslie (Les) Johnston, from Uldale, took place at Carlisle Crematorium on 1st September 2021.

The funeral of Richard Poyntz-Wright, formerly of High Bewaldeth, took place at St. Barnabas, Setmurthy on 3rd September 2021.

The funeral of John Corlett, from Setmurthy, took place at St. Barnabas, Setmurthy on 6th September 2021.

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 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.

We are delighted to be conducting Baptisms again, and most of the restrictions have now been eased, but face masks are still required to worn in church, when arriving and leaving, and can only be removed once seated. At this stage we are still looking to restrict the size of the baptism party with the number of people allowed to attend appropriate to the size of each church.

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.

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.

We are delighted to be able to conduct weddings again,

and most of the restrictions have now been eased, but face masks are still required to worn in church, when arriving and leaving, and can only be removed once seated.

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

Re-opening of St. Bega's Church Bassenthwaite Parish Church in October 1874

On Thursday, the 1st October 1874, the ancient Parish Church of Bassenthwaite was re-opened, after undergoing part restoration, but in the main a rebuilding, all at the cost to H. A. Spedding, Esq., of Mirehouse and family, assisted by the voluntary contributions of a few friends.

The Church, which is undoubtedly of ancient origin, had suffered severely from effects of time, and the ruthless hand of past ages of churchwardens. Although by no means rich in architectural details, its rude but quaint interior, and the graceful external proportion of its original parts, render it a picturesque and interesting object as it stands by the margin of the lake, in one of the most beautiful parts of our Lakeland scenery.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese preached a forcible service and, as may be judged from the words of his text "Old and new," he was in the highest degree happy in the application of his subject to the fabric of the church then reopened, and to the special circumstances of the parish, but mainly to the history and present position of the Established Church. Mr. Bowstead Esq., of Armathwaite Hall, presided at the harmonium (a very fine one of his own, lent for the occasion) and conducted the choir, trained under his own direction, and the musical part of the service was, for real excellence, such as is rarely heard in a country church. A handsome oak pulpit, with three stone bases, has been presented by Wm. Denton, Esq., as a memorial to the late John Spedding Esq., a polished brass lectern, by J. W. Oddie, Esq.; a cedar alter table, by the Rev. A. Hedlam; a new Bible for the lectern, by a lady; and alter cover and step cushions of handsome needlework, by Mrs. and the Misses Spedding.

In connection with the restoration, special reference must be made to the stained-glass window, placed in the east end chancel, by public subscriptions, as a memorial to the late T. S. Spedding, of Mirehouse, to commemorate his worth as a local gentleman, and an active and leading county magistrate.

The above article is part of the opening ceremony which took part in 1874. The church stands in a most beautiful spot in the Mirehouse grounds, overlooking Lake Bassenthwaite, the only true lake in the district. If you are new to the area the church is well worth a visit, and is about a 15 minute walk from either Scarness Lane or Dodd Wood. It was a place we visited soon after moving to the Lake District some thirty years ago. The atmosphere of the place has stayed with us ever since.

For more information, please contact Mick Jane at 5, Front Street, Fletchertown. 016973 71424.



Around The Parishes

Allhallows

Allhallows DCC wish to say thank you: to those who gave their kind assistance with cutting the long grass on the east side of the Churchyard and renewing the gravel on the Church paths.

Also thank you to all everyone who supported our Afternoon Tea on the 12th September, our first of many fund raising events.

Harvest Sunday Service 11am on 17th October, everyone welcome.

Allhallows Centre

It has been lovely to see people back in the Centre. Thank you to those who supported recent events, we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Bingo is back as a regular event, the first Friday of each Month, come along and join us, eyes down at 7.30pm, there is a snowball game and a quickie game. Entry fee 50p includes refreshments.

Art and Craft Exhibition Monday 25 – Sunday 31 October
The annual exhibition that usually held in August, come along, and enjoy the works of local artists. Watch out for posters with more details.

Allhallows Church Harvest Sale Saturday 23 October
10am – 2pm with and Pie and Pea lunch between 11:30am and 1:30pm

If you wish to make a booking, please ring 07593 638830 and leave a message, someone will get back to you. Alternatively, you can message via the Facebook page www.facebook.com/allhallowscentre or via the contact page on our website <https://www.allhallowscentre.org>

Ireby

Parish Church of St James, Ireby

Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 3rd October at 11am and it will also be the occasion of a Baptism.

We hope to decorate the Church on Saturday 2nd October at 2pm. As for last year, we are not requesting gifts of food and flowers. Instead we invite donations, so that we can support the Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal 2020-22 – raising money for Christian Aid work in Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories, and for Mother's Union work in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Please give your donations to the Churchwardens.

Thank you for the help received in cutting back elder and sycamore growing through the yew trees in the old churchyard. We are very appreciative of all the help we receive to keep the grounds around the Church tidy.

IREBY CHRISTMAS FAIR
& LIGHT SWITCH ON
SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER
WE WILL BE HOLDING THE CHRISTMAS FAIR
IN THE GLOBE HALL FROM 4-6pm BEFORE
THE LIGHT SWITCH ON.
I AM TAKING BOOKINGS FOR STALLS AT
£5 EACH OR FREE FOR A CHARITY.
PLEASE CONTACT EMMA ON 71796
IF INTERESTED IN HOLDING A STALL.

Plumbland

Yes, we are still here at Plumbland, continuing our services as appropriate within the remaining restrictions, and, should you be 'passing through' our 'next' service is always displayed on the notice board by the cattle grid.

It goes without saying that all are welcome to come and visit us, we will be more than happy to see you and start to re-enforce our Community in Christian Fellowship.

As we are aware it is the Season of Harvest, we missed it

last year, but plans are firmly taking place for the school to come along and continue the tradition of holding their Harvest Service with us. We have to be mindful of 'Covid' regulations appertaining to the school, so it is anticipated that people will be spaced further apart, but there is plenty of space for that .

The proposed date for the School to hold their Service is, Tuesday 12th October and further, final details will be published from the school as soon as is possible.

Bassenthwaite

Flowers: S Stockdale and M Jackson
Cleaning: R Barnes and S Stockdale
St John's will be open for cleaning and flowers on Thursdays.

Services have thankfully now resumed their pre COVID pattern. At the beginning of August Bassenthwaite Chapel was able to have their first service since renovations. It was led by Kina Saunders and everyone agreed how lovely it was to be back in the chapel - chatting carried on for quite some time outside after the service!

St Bega had two outdoor services over the summer and were lucky with the weather for those, but we are now holding services back in the church again on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm.

BASSENTHWAITE POP IN

Bassenthwaite Parish Room

£2 per person, including tea/coffee

Come along for a cuppa and a natter!

Bring your own knitting/sewing or other craft

Tuesday, October 19th

From 10.30am – 1.30pm

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

Keep up to date with the Parish Room:

Sign up for our Friends of Bassenthwaite Parish Room Newsletter by emailing fobpr.newsletter@gmail.com and join the mailing list for our regular news and updates.

Facebook: www.fb.me/bassparishroom

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

Contact the Parish Room Coordinator for bookings

Email: bookbassenthwaiteparishroom@gmail.com

Phone: 07786 434411

Hall for Hire

Available for classes, events, functions

and weekend group accommodation

Large well-equipped kitchen

AV system

Accessible facilities

Reasonable Rates

For further details: www.bassenthwaite.org.uk

Or contact: bookbassenthwaiteparish@gmail.com

07786 – 434 – 411

Setmurthy

St Cuthbert: Flowers & Cleaning: Barbara Petecka

Richard Poyntz- Wright

On September 3rd Richard was laid to rest at Setmurthy & was reunited with Caroline on what would have been their wedding anniversary.

Richard represented us on the Deanery Synod & was a regular reader in church & along with Caroline supported the church in many ways.

Our thoughts & prayers are with their family

Parish Hall

Mrs Edith Wise.

After over 70 years of serving on the Parish hall committee Edith has retired.

The committee are grateful for her remarkable contribution to the life of the parish & its community.

The Parish hall is available for bookings, please contact Mrs Nicola Laws tel no 017687 76483

Uldale

Just an update as to where we are with the submission of the third stage of our Faculty: after its initial submission, several historical societies raised objections to a small number of aspects of the proposals. Finally, after lengthy discussion, research and, it has to be said, a lot of work (!), the three parts of the revised version of the Faculty application has been submitted.

We hope and pray for a positive outcome this time so that the work can start and our lovely Church once again be hosting services and other religious and community events.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) fully support the refurbishment plans and there will now be a further period of consultation with the societies and the DAC before the proposals are finally referred to the Chancellor of Carlisle Diocese for his decision.

Isel

Harvest Festival

Unfortunately due to rising Covid numbers in the Allerdale area the DCC have decided not to hold the annual harvest pie and pea supper and auction this year.

Instead there will be a Harvest Festival service down at Isel Church on Sunday 3rd October at 11.00am. The church will be fully decorated to celebrate the harvest. There will be a small bring and buy stall for any produce and coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards. Hopefully things will be back to normal next year. Please come and support your local church

Ladies' coffee at Moota Café will be on Monday 11th October at 10.30am.

Isel and Bridekirk Parishes First Responders 150 Club Draw September 2021

1st Prize M. Dawson
2nd Prize A Lester
3rd Prize B Hunter
4th Prize M Fossey

Drawn 1st September 2021 First Responders Business Meeting, Beech Farm, Sunderland

The First Responders offer an invaluable service to the parishes of Isel, Bridekirk and Setmurthy; they are trained in life support and give their time freely, bringing their skill and equipment to an emergency in those vital first few minutes. The "150 club" is a main source of income to provide these volunteers with training and equipment.

If you would like to join the "150 club", or know someone who would, contact Moira Purvis on telephone 01697320534 or email moirapurvis@hotmail.com

The Wybergh Fund: Support for Students, Senior Citizens and Parishioners in Need of Financial Assistance

The trustees of the Wybergh Fund would like any students who are about to start or return to University, College or 6th Form to apply for a grant in writing with the details of which University, College or 6th Form they will be attending, what they will be studying and their essential requirements. The types of assistance offered include for necessary books, educational equipment or travel expenses. Grants will be distributed at the December Carol Service at Isel Church.

Also applications can be sent in confidence on behalf of anyone you know who might be in need of some financial assistance. If you feel in need of some extra help yourself we would also like to hear from you. This financial assistance can help towards food, fuel, or other extra costs incurred during the winter months. All nominations should be sent to Julie Jackson, Horsemoor House, Blindcrake, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 0QP or email julie.jackson43@btinternet.com by the 31 October 2021.

Torpenhow

HARVEST SERVICE: The Harvest Service at St. Michael's Church will take place on Sunday 10th October at 9.30am. All are welcome. Any donations of non-perishable food will be gratefully received. This will be passed on to the North Lakes Foodbank.

Church services: These are published in the Binsey Link and displayed on Church noticeboards.

Contact the website: binsey.org.uk for any alterations to the services.

Please continue to observe covid19 precautions. We ask that you wear a mask when entering and leaving Church, but if you wish you may remove it when sat in a pew. We are now singing again at our services and hope that you will join in.

Churchyard

Cutting graves: We would like encourage people who cut their own graves in the churchyard to mulch cuttings where possible and reduce the amount of grass waste as

this is difficult to dispose of.

All other waste i.e. flowers etc. should be taken away. Thank you.

If you would like to donate towards the high cost of maintaining the Churchyard, please contact any of the Church Wardens.

A substantial part of the Churchyard boundary wall repairs have been completed.

We would like to thank our contractor, Andy May for the excellent work he has done. Also special thanks to the Bell family of Torpenhow Hall for their help and cooperation during this work.

Work will continue on various parts of the churchyard wall over the winter and next spring. This should not affect access to the churchyard.

Embleton

We were so pleased that church could return to 'almost normal' that a few of us celebrated by having a mini spring clean before our first service in September. Everything removed from church at the start of the first lockdown was returned, cobwebs cleaned, pews polished etc. We stood back and admired our handy work feeling happy and content with it all. Even more so because at the same time our quilted wall-hanging was fixed. However, we really do need more helpers with the routine maintenance of church and churchyard if we are to keep it as well preserved as it is now in the future.

We are proud to have the community quilt on display in St Cuthbert's. Maureen has done a wonderful job transforming our disparate blocks into a complete whole, it is a wonderful work of art. We hope you will view it and find inspiration and joy in it; something beautiful from such times of fear and uncertainty.

The pop-up shops, half way up the hill at the mill, will continue this autumn raising much needed funds for the health centre in Uganda and St Cuthbert's. The days may be shorter, but there is still plenty of time to come along, view the goods on display and have a chat; next one is 23rd/24th October. We also hope to make an appearance at the Village Hall Bazaar on 30th October. During September Joan Todd has been walking Hadrian's Wall to raise funds for Dewode; it's not too late to donate in support of her inspirational effort.

Dates for your diary:

Pop-up stall at Wythop Mill; October 23rd & 24th 9am until we run out of energy or customers.

Ragbags; Unwanted clothing, linen, shoes, handbags and belts; all welcome and thank you for keeping the donations coming. 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 October 7th please.

Embleton Village Hall Notice Board.

Hi everyone, thank you to all the groups who have restarted their activities in the hall.

The Village Hall committee, Parish council and the W.I have all been able to hold face to face meetings which was great. We have provisionally decided to hold the annual charity bazaar this year on Saturday 30th October 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm unless guidelines change. If anyone wants a table, please ring me on 76697 all charity tables are free and profit-making tables £5.00. A date for the youth club and the seniors to restart are to be confirmed shortly.

What's on in October?

Mondays 6.30 Dance Class, Edna 76630.

Thursday 7pm Circle Dance Kathleen 76532.

Fridays 9.30am Yoga, Private Function.

Sundays 7pm Dance Class, Edna 76630.

Thursday 7th: U3A photography group 9.30am.

Friday 8th: Ensemble Choir 2pm Private group.

Saturday 9th: Private Function.

Wednesday 13th: W.I. 7.30pm.

Saturday 16th: Art Workshop 9am Private class.

Sunday 17th: Art Workshop 9am Private class.

Wednesday 20th: Parish council meeting 7pm.

Friday 22nd: Ensemble choir 2pm private group.

Saturday 23rd: Private function.

Friday 29th: Seniors Coffee Morning 11am.

Saturday 30th Bazaar 1.30 pm to 4.30pm.

The ducks are back from Japan with swish jumpers' courtesy of Tom Daley. See you next month! Chris

Wythop

It felt like a red letter day when we were at last able to remove the tapes from the pews we had not been allowed to use, and soon after it was very liberating to be able to sign hymns. Hopefully it will not be too long before we are able to have Communion with wine.

Our Harvest Service and Gift Day will be held on 3rd October. As in previous years, all contributions of food will be taken to the Cockermouth Food Bank.

Support our 12 Churches in Binsey

For centuries our 12 parish churches have been a spiritual home to generations of villagers and our inspirational buildings not only help shape the character of our villages, but are also reminders of the presence of God in our daily lives, supporting people at times of joy and of sorrow.

We are very grateful to all who support our work – generously giving their time, their talents and their money. We hope that the 12 parish churches of Binsey can continue to be very much at the heart of our community life, offering a haven of peace and reflection to all our parishioners.

However, there are now some considerable challenges for us as the pandemic continues to have a significant impact on the income of each of our churches, and yet most of the running costs and financial commitments remain the same.

The Binsey Team receives no external funding and is entirely reliant on donations. Therefore, if any of you could consider making a financial donation, your gift would be very gratefully received. Your donation can be made as a one-off gift or you can make a regular monthly donation instead. If you are able to make a financial contribution, then you can send a cheque (made payable to the 'Binsey Team Ministry') to the Binsey Team Treasurer and his address details are on the back page. Please give details of whether you wish your gift to be used for any specific purpose or a specific church.

Alternatively, you can visit our website - www.binsey.org.uk and click on the 'donate' button on the home page or 'give' on the church pages, where a direct internet link allows a financial gift to be made to any of our 12 churches using your debit card.

Stephen
Rev. Stephen Banks

W.I.

Bassenthwaite WI

In September members were welcomed back to our first indoor meeting since March 2020.

After years of sterling service our officers have changed and Ros Downing introduced our new President, Sue Mendus; Treasurer, Barbara Cooper Holmes and Correspondence Secretary, Daphne Barron. Sue then thanked the retiring officers Margaret Green, Sandra Hill and Ros Downing for all their commitment and hard work and leaving our WI in such a good position. They have all been presented with small gifts as a token of our appreciation. Ros had also been busy compiling DVDs for Sandra and Margaret featuring some photos of WI members and celebrations over the years since our WI's foundation (now over 100 years ago) and some special photos of Sandra and Margaret illustrating events from their time as Officers. Sandra has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer and Margaret as Secretary and President. Ros shared the videos and Sandra was presented with a copy of hers; unfortunately, Margaret was unable to be with us at our meeting. We hope they will be lovely mementos of their WI service, thank you Ros for composing such wonderful tributes.

We also enjoyed watching together the Christmas video for 2020 and marvelling again at the range of talents displayed by our members. The pictures of animals drawn for our Art challenge in June were also on show. It was lovely to be able to meet up and share these things together and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th October when our speaker will be Simon Pollitt talking about "Knitting". The competition will be a knitted article. Also in October, our annual coffee morning is on Wednesday 27th at the Methodist Chapel and we are looking forward to meeting friends old and new.



BASSENTHWAITE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
everyone is welcome
at the ..

W. I.
COFFEE MORNING
and
CRAFT STALL

Wednesday 27th October
10 am until 12 noon
in the Methodist Chapel

Coffee and homemade biscuits £2.50
also Produce and Bring and Buy stalls

W.I. continued

Uldale and Ireby WI

Several of us have continued to meet for walks in the local area - the latest one was on Aughertree Fell, followed by a cup of tea at Judith's house.

Seventeen of us met at the Greenhill Hotel for a cream tea - a lovely way for so many of us to meet and catch up with news. It was good to see our president, Doreen Glead, after her recent surgery. Business was kept to a minimum - raffle tickets were sold and orders for calendars were taken. We have enrolled a new member - Kathryn - and this takes our membership to twenty seven. We extend our welcome also to Jennie and Judith, who joined last month.

Parish Council Information

EMBLETON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER 2021

A plea from Embleton and District Parish Council

We can't do without you:

A rather sad tale to start:

10 parish councillors sitting in a line. One had left the notes at home. Then there were 9.

9 parish councillors arrive and then have to wait. The keys are in another bag. Then there were 8.

8 parish councillors know that serving here is heaven. One moved to pastures new. Then there were 7.

7 parish councillors in really quite a fix. One transferred to Newcastle. Then there were 6.

Which is where we are now and, technically, we are a Council of thirteen owing to our representing the parishes of Embleton, Setmurthy and Wythop, so that is a whopping seven vacancies.

What might encourage you to join us? Countless websites will give you huge amounts of information but in a nutshell:

A Parish Council is:

Run by councillors, who volunteer their time to make their community a better place. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Representing the local community
- Delivering services to meet local needs
- Striving to improve the quality of life in the parish

A Parish Council is most emphatically not:

A bunch of people seeking to further our own interests in the community

A 'Talking Shop'.

Embleton and District Parish Council is now meeting face to face again, so if you would like to meet us all and find out more about what we do, please come along.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 7pm in Embleton Village Hall.

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

Blindcrake Parish Council.

July 2021 meeting

UU update – They agreed to chase up the timing of verge restoration work. Expect it to be spring 2022 after dyking/fencing works are completed.

Broadband – Isel – application under gigabyte scheme submitted. No meeting date yet as to specifications for the 4.5km self-dig element.

Broadband – Sunderland – 14/17 properties have broadband fitted with the remaining 3 awaiting installation of a pole. The local MP has reached out to BT about the lack of progress getting these final properties connected.

Village Hall - They are planning to buy new chairs, replace the front windows, install blackout roller blinds, get wifi and set up a separate dedicated website with booking system.

Parish Charity - After talking to the Charities Commission to bring the Parish Charity charter up to date and ensure compliance with charity law the charity proposed to add some standard general clauses, which had been provided by the Charities Commission. The Council agreed to the proposal.

Councillor vacancy - It was agreed to co-opt James Waite onto the council. The council now has 9 councillors and no vacancies.

School News

Ireby School News

Finally the builders' vans have disappeared and the school is once again full of happy children and smiling faces. We are also pleased to say hello and welcome to two new teachers, Mrs Barley and Miss Wilson, who have joined our school this term. Mrs Barley's Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 class have come up with a new class name so are now known as Binsey Class. Their first few days back were all about getting to know each other and settling in. They have been speaking about having a positive mindset, helping others and giving new things a try taking their inspiration from the book "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds. Last week they explored the well known story

"We're Going on a Bear Hunt" and posted a fantastic class performance on the school Twitter feed. This resulted in enormous excitement when the author Michael Rosen himself saw it, along with many many views, and sent Binsey Class a message! The class topic for this half term is "All About Me" and the pupils are also looking forward to weekly trips to Stocks Wood Forest School along with many additional trips, visits and visitors coming into school when possible.

Miss Wilson's Key Stage 2 class (class name yet to be decided!) are loving their fresh new look classroom with new radiators and very modern lighting! They are learning about Earth and Space this term and are excited to be having a visit soon from a member of the Cocker mouth Astronomical Society. They will also be learning about significant space discoverers and explorers including Galileo and Neil Armstrong, and in Literacy will be looking at "How the Stars came to be" (Folktales) and "Cosmic Disco" (poetry). Both classes will be sharing many of their activities and achievements through our school Facebook page and on Twitter @IrebyCESchool. Well worth a look once in a while and these links are also always available to see on our school website

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Boltons

It has been lovely welcoming all the children back to school and seeing them settling in so well into their new classes and new classrooms. Year Reception have settled in brilliantly and have particularly enjoyed playing on the adventure playground, meeting new friends and eating their dinners in the hall with other children in KS1. The children in Year 2 have liked being responsible in helping our new starters too.

Not only do we have new pupils in school, but we have welcomed new members of staff into Year Reception and Year 5.

The start of the year is always a busy time and the children have got fully involved in their cricket, tennis and PE

lessons taught by CUFC. All the children have been excited in learning and developing new skills in our after school clubs. They are taking part in art, cooking, craft, ICT and PE clubs.

Collective Worship is an important time for us all to gather together and it has been nice coming together as a whole school again at the end of each day for collective worship. The children have enjoyed sharing their experiences and talking about the Christian value of hope, which is our chosen value this half term. They have also enjoyed being able to sing together again and learn new hymns. Some of the children have also been very busy in writing their own prayers each week and reading them out during Collective Worship.

We are all very excited about performing our assemblies for Harvest and planning our Christmas performances, so we have another busy half term to look forward to.

St Michael's CE School, Bothel

Welcome back to the start of another school year at St Michael's! The children have come back to school so enthusiastic to learn and are already engrossed in their new learning. It is lovely to see them looking so smart in their school uniforms and seeing how well they have settled into their new year groups, especially our new Nursery and Reception children, for whom this is a really special time. I have heard lots of fantastic things from our old Year Six pupils too, who have spread their wings and started secondary school and I look forward to hearing much more from them in the future!

This week began with our KS2 class harvesting some of the vegetables that they planted last year and what a wonderful crop of carrots, potatoes and cabbages we had! The children cleaned up the carrots and ate some of them for their morning snack and then made a delicious soup in the afternoon. They really enjoyed eating food they had grown themselves and they had plenty for the next day too! KS1 have been enjoying learning about the weather this week and have been making their own rain gauges and weather vanes and reading exciting stories about storms.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the rest of this term, with KS2 going for a week of swimming lessons next week and two trips to Siddick Ponds and Nature Reserve to plant bulbs and look at how we can look after the world around us. We also have lots planned for the Big Green Week in a few weeks' time and our Eco-Council have been hard at work making plans for how our school can help look after our world, such as more recycling, looking at how much electricity we use, developing our outdoor area and pond and doing local litter picks.

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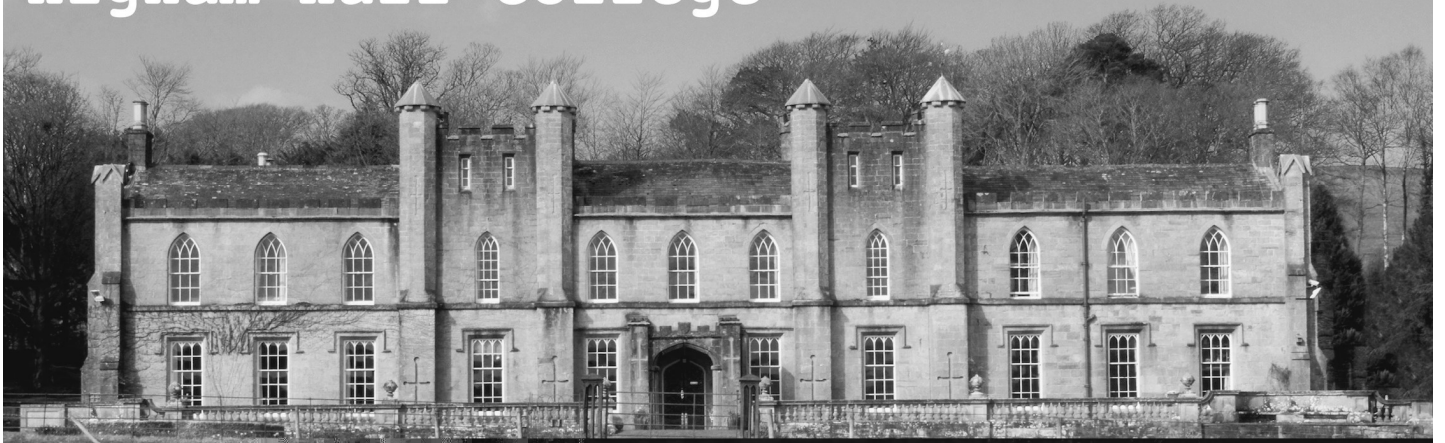
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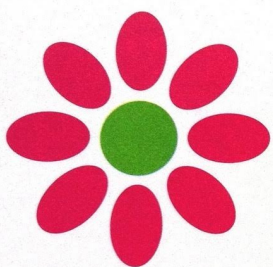
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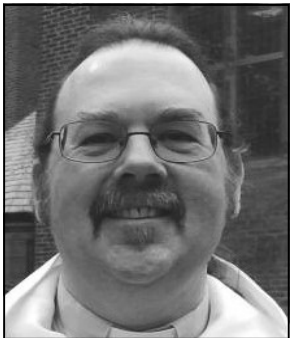
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