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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

'I wish it need not have happened in my time,' said Frodo. 'So do I,' said Gandalf, 'and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.'

Those words from Tolkien's 'Lord of the Rings' seem so apt as we look back over this year of pandemic. We wish it hadn't happened but it has and there have been many shining examples of those who have used their time in amazing ways, showing compassion, building community and serving others. Bright lights in a gloomy landscape.

I was in the centre of Barrow earlier today and overheard 2 women having a 'distanced' chat at opposite sides of the street. 'How are you?' said one. 'Well alright,' said the other, 'but fed up with all of this,' she said, waving her arms towards the near empty street. I suspect for most of us, the second lockdown has a different feel to the first. Normally at this time of year we would be scurrying around shops doing our Christmas shopping. This year is different. We are more likely to have sore fingers from pressing the button of the computer linking us to Amazon! Rather than living in joyful anticipation we are wondering how 'festive' the season will be this year, especially if we are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Two weeks ago, we were delighted with the safe arrival of our new grandson, named Isaac, meaning 'laughter' and of course he has already brought much joy and laughter to our family. Our thoughts soon will be with another baby, born in a poor family in an oppressed country in the Middle East, a country with factions, prejudice and political unrest. That baby was given the name, 'Jesus' meaning Saviour. Not only did he give joy to his parents but his name was symbolic for what he could do for the world. He was the 'light shining in the darkness', the one who had come to forgive, heal, restore and bring Hope. Perhaps Christmas this year won't be quite the same in some ways but the Message is still the same. The Saviour has come.

Pam



Questions? Worries? Chat? Virtual Coffee With the Vicar

The Vicar invites you to join him and others around the virtual table for a coffee and a chat.

Every Monday* where possible, from 2.00-3.00 pm the Vicar will be hosting an afternoon session on Zoom to answer questions, discuss concerns or just have a chat. If you would like to join him and possibly others dropping in, then all you need to run Zoom and join the meeting.

Meeting ID is **648-733-8111** and then enter the password is **883299**

*Please check the website Calendar to ensure that the Coffee with the Vicar session is being held that week.

From the Registers

Weddings



4th December James Paul Brewin and Chloe Emma Carroll at
St. Andrews, Coniston

Funerals



22nd October John Stoddart at St Andrew's, Coniston

Churches in the Coniston and Crake Valleys

St Andrew's Church, Coniston LA21 8EN

St Luke's Church, Torver LA21 8AZ

St Luke's Church, Lowick LA12 8EE

Holy Trinity Church, Colton LA12 8HF

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge LA12 7RQ

Tottlebank Baptist Church, Colton LA12 8HY

Welcomes you to our Sunday services from 10.30 to 11.30am followed by refreshments, and midweek prayer meetings on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Our moderator is Rev. Andrew Dodd. For further information contact Chris and Margaret Hamps, hampsc@outlook.com

Coniston Methodist Church, Coniston LA21 8HH

The Sunday morning service is at 11.00am and a warm welcome awaits you. For further information contact Joyce Holland on 015394 41594.

St Francis of Assisi Church of the Sacred Heart, Coniston LA21 8AW

Mass is held on Thursdays at 10.00am and Saturdays at 6.00pm. For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on 01229 779673.

Coniston Christian Fellowship LA21 8AL

During the month of December we are meeting on Sunday mornings. For more information, including the venue, please contact Alex and Ruth Stewart on 015394 49539. See our website for more details www.conistonchristianfellowship.co.uk



CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19 UPDATE

The Bishop of Carlisle, the Rt. Revd. James Newcome, has previously written to all clergy to advise that the suspension of public worship has been lifted in the Diocese of Carlisle. However, the Church Services listed on page 5 assume the lifting of the second lockdown on 3rd December 2020.

Please refer to the benefice website for the latest information on the provision of worship and the associated risk assessments, and note that face masks must be worn

Church Services for December 2020

6th	Second Sunday of Advent		
Holy Trinity Colton	9.30am	Morning Worship	Donald Wroe
St. Luke Lowick	10.30am	Zoom Service	Pamela Hull
St. Luke Torver	10.30am	Zoom Service	Pamela Hull
St. Andrew Coniston	10.30am	Zoom Service	Pamela Hull
St. Mary Penny Bridge	10.30am	Zoom Service	Pamela Hull
12th	Saturday		
St. Luke Torver	5.00pm	Carol Service	Rev Brian Streeter
13th	Third Sunday of Advent		
St. Luke Torver	10.30am	Zoom Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	10.30am	Zoom Service	Rev Brian Streeter
Holy Trinity Colton	10.30am	Zoom Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	10.30am	Zoom Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Worship For All	Pam Priestley
20th	Fourth Sunday of Advent		
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Carol Service	Rev Brian Streeter
Holy Trinity Colton	3.00pm	Carol Service	Rev Joanna Henson
St. Andrew Coniston	6.00pm	Carol Service	Christians Together In Coniston
24th	Christmas Eve		
St. Luke Lowick	3.00pm	Children's Service	Pam Priestley
St. Andrew Coniston	4.00pm	Christingle	Christians Together In Coniston
Holy Trinity Colton	11.00pm	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00pm	Holy Communion by Extension	Peter Fox
25th	Christmas Day		
St. Andrew Coniston	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bickersteth
27th	First Sunday of Christmas		
St. Luke Torver	10.30am	Zoom Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	10.30am	Zoom Service	Rev Brian Streeter
Holy Trinity Colton	10.30am	Zoom Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	10.30am	Zoom Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	10.30am	Zoom Service	Rev Brian Streeter

**Parish Prayer Diary
December 2020**

1st: Pray for the scientists developing an effective vaccine against Covid-19, and for the people involved in the clinical trials.

2nd: At 10am join with Christians across the benefice for an hour of prayer at home, praying for family, community, our nation and the needs of the world. Remember especially the Benefice Council meeting via Zoom this afternoon.

3rd: Pray for students as they return home, and for their families.

4th: Pray for all who serve in the Navy, the Army or the Air Force, and for the chaplains who minister within the Armed Forces.

5th: Give thanks for volunteers who selflessly give time and skills to help others

6th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray by the Spirit's grace, our hearts and minds may be purified to run the race that is set before us, so that when Jesus comes as Judge and Saviour we are ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

7th: Pray for business, local and national, as they prepare for the end of the Brexit transition period.

8th: Pray for care home staff as they provide safe family visits to residents.

9th: Pray for those who stand for truth and integrity against the corruption which undermines social and economic development in all societies.

10th: Pray for The Children's Society supporting families, children and teenagers who experience many problems.

11th: Pray for people in Central America, the Philippines and Vietnam affected by devastating storms and flooding, and for the aid agencies bringing essential relief.

12th: Pray for those on the front line of our medical and health services.

13th: Sunday, the first day of the week

In this time of Advent preparation, pray our God will give us courage to speak the truth, to strive for justice and the cause of right.

14th: Pray for head teachers and teaching staff and all who contribute to the safe running of our schools.

15th: Pray for the few thousand Christians remaining in Yemen who, despite intense oppression and violence, courageously follow Jesus.

16th: Pray people living with disability, and the organisations supporting them and their families at home and in their local community.

17th: Pray for those who having explored the Christian faith and coming to the point of personal commitment have received Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

18th: Pray for schools as they break up for Christmas: that pupils keep safe in all their activities and that teaching staff have opportunity for rest and recharge.

19th: Pray for the World Council of Churches supporting the world-wide church

fellowship to work together for unity, justice and peace.

20th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray for carol services across the nation, in whatever form: that comforting, familiar words will refresh and inspire as we proclaim the awesome wonder of The Word made flesh.

21st: Pray for chaplains, especially those who minister in prisons and hospitals.

22nd: Pray for refugees fleeing from war and famine and for all who work to help and support destitute people.

23rd: Pray for the bereaved experiencing deep sadness and depression because of their loss of someone they love.

24th: In the busyness of final gift preparations, may we, and all seeking a better way, take time to reflect on God's greatest Gift to us: Jesus, our living hope.

25th: Kneel in awe at heaven touching earth, giving heartfelt praise for the true meaning and wonder of Christmas: Jesus, Immanuel, God with us.

26th: Pray for the leadership of Bishop James and Bishop Emma, as they prayerfully lead the mission of the Church in this diocese.

27th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Praise to our God who came to share in our humanity and to wonderfully restore us. We give thanks for the Kingdom fellowship to which we now belong and pray for opportunity to share with those who do not yet know the Lord Jesus.

28th: Pray for new parents as they adjust to life with their first born. Pray for mothers who are experiencing post-natal depression.

29th: Pray for local doctors, nurses and community health care staff, especially those caring for those suffering from the mental impact of the pandemic.

30th: Pray for UN Secretary-General António Guterres and his team as they strive to bring about change to global issues and problems.

31st: As 2020 draws to a close, recall throughout the day the blessings you have received and name them, one by one, with thanks.

Soultime Christian Meditation

Anxiety, Sleep Help & Bible

"Soultime is a beautiful, quiet and accessible way of drawing close to God in Jesus day by day. I warmly recommend it to you." **Archbishop Justin Welby**



Prayer Hour, At Home

2nd December, 10am – 11am

Although for the time being we cannot physically meet together in a church building, our prayer fellowship can still pray, each at the same hour, in the safety of our own homes on the first Wednesday of each month. If you can join in at 10am on 2nd December please use this format to guide your prayers as we pray together.

Settle into this hour of prayer by reflecting on the opening three verses of Psalm 5

*In the morning, Lord, You hear my voice;
In the morning I lay my requests before You
And wait expectantly*

And as we begin our time together, we say the prayer Jesus taught us:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us today day our daily bread
Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever.
Amen.*

During this quiet hour...

hold before the Lord, the matters that weigh heavy on your heart, situations you have seen in the media, items or issues from the prayer diary which especially speak to you;

pray for your family, your neighbours, your community contacts;

the Christian fellowship in the Benefice of Coniston and Crake Valley;

the Church across its national and international denominations;

pray for our Country and the Nations of the world.

Take time also to be still, to listen to the gentle whisper of God.

Finally, we close our prayer hour with the words of The Grace:

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.*

AROUND THE PARISHES

Coniston & Torver

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston, October 2020

Total - 376.3mm (14.8ins)

Wet days - 24, More than 1mm on 20 days

Wettest day - 29th - 59.5mm (2.3ins)



Coniston CE Primary School Foodbank Appeal for Harvest

Since the beginning of the academic year we have been working with Coniston Church of England Primary School thinking about three words; faith, hope and love and what they mean for us here in Coniston today. Over the Harvest period we have been looking at hope and how we can use what we have to bring hope to others. Combining this with Jesus' call to love God ,but also to love everyone, we came up with an interesting project.



The Christian community in Coniston gave every student £1 which they were to use to buy something for someone in need. The students were asked to think of something that they are fortunate to have but would like someone else to have. After half term the students brought back what they had bought and we could see just what you can buy for £1.

In our Thanksgiving collective worship we heard from the students themselves what they had bought and we had a very wide range of gifts from pasta, rice, toothpaste and many other things. Harry in Year 2, told us how he had given some of his own money to buy a bigger jar of pasta sauce because he wanted it to be used for a whole family and not just one person. Dexter, Year 6, talked about buying a toothbrush and tooth paste for someone as they may not have access to brush their teeth and that cleanliness and hygiene is an important way of looking after ourselves. Jacob, Year 3, shared a different story of generosity, he was going to sell some of his toys to be able to buy some new ones but he heard of a family in need so decided to give his old toys away to them instead!

After hearing from the students what they bought they shared their prayers that they had written all about thanking God for the things we are lucky enough to have but also asking for his help in the world to support those in need.

I was absolutely blown away by the amazing support for this project and the foodbank in Ulverston have benefitted greatly from the generosity of the families and students of Coniston Church Of England Primary School. It was brilliant to demonstrate faith in action to the students and understand the importance of generosity and helping people in need.

Charlie Day – Christian Children's and Youth Worker in Coniston

Lowick with Blawith

Lowick Community Hall—End of Year Report 2020

Well what a year, we started with high hopes of another trouble free run with bookings slowly increasing and no major issues arising with the building everything

seemed ok! In March we noticed that with the increase in COVID awareness people were cancelling their bookings and so by the lockdown the hall had effectively shut. We announced official closure and turned off the heating and all electrical devices. The photo voltaic roof however has continued to generate electricity and has built up a surplus of cash during the summer which is always a good situation. We applied for a rural relief COVID grant from south Lakes to cover loss of earnings and to put in place measures necessary before reopening.

Notices, risk assessments, hand sanitisers and gloves were the first purchases. As a precaution the hot air blowers have been replaced with radiators and new front windows to increase ventilation. At all times we are following government guidelines and information via CALC and South Lakes. Hopefully we should reopen in the New Year and the hall will offer free lettings initially, in order to support the community.

Other news includes the porch as been re-rendered around the door and the right hand wall. The car park wall has been rebuilt by volunteers from the National Park and thanks also to Roger Taylforth for providing additional stone.

Our website has been incorporated with the parish site so everything is now integrated and Celia Roblin is now our web master and looks after the new site. Finally we are in an excellent position to weather the current problems and I can only thank the Committee for their continual support through this difficult time. It therefore only leaves me to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a New Year full of hope in overcoming the current tribulations.

Rob Dove—Chairman

Bible Cake

1. ½ lb Judges chapter 5, verse 25 (last clause)
2. ½ lb Jeremiah chapter 6, verse 20
3. 1 tbsp 1 Samuel chapter 14, verse 25
4. 3 of Jeremiah chapter 17, verse 11
5. ½ lb 1 Samuel chapter 30, verse 12
6. ½ lb Nahum chapter 3, verse 12, chopped
7. 2 oz Numbers chapter 17, verse 8, blanched and chopped
8. 1 lb 1 Kings chapter 4, verse 22
9. Season to taste with 2 Chronicles chapter 9, verse 9
10. A pinch of Leviticus chapter 2, verse 19
11. 1 tsp Amos chapter 4, verse 5
12. 3 tbsp Judges chapter 4, verse 19



Note: Leven means baking powder.

Method: Beat numbers 1, 2, 3 to a cream and add 4, one at a time, still beating; the 5, 6, 7 and beat again. Mix together 8, 9, 10, 11 and add to the other ingredients. Lastly, add 12. Bake in a slow oven for about 1 ½ hours.

This recipe was submitted by Deaconess Anne Crookes in St John's Shaughnessy Church recipe book compiled by parishioners in 1973.

Marguerite Calvert



Lowick Community Hall

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OR CONTACT ROB DOVE 01229 885647 OR LISA GRAVE 01229 861834

TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES? WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP

Cumbria County Council

Lowick, Blawith and Oxen Park Voluntary Social Car Scheme.

The Voluntary Car Scheme provides transport to members of the community of any age (under 16's must be accompanied by an adult, appropriate car /booster seats must be supplied) who cannot make their journey by public or private transport. The charge is £0.45 per mile travelled.

Typical journeys include hospital appointments and visiting, doctor's or dentist's appointments, shopping or transport to railway station.

The local contact number is 01229 885498

Egton Cum Newland

Greenodd Village Hall

Coffee mornings/evenings, music shows and more

Find out what is going on in Greenodd Village Hall

www.greenoddvillagehall.co.uk

We are on Facebook... search for Greenodd & Penny Bridge Village Hall

Coniston Coronavirus Support

015394 41812

Call us at Coniston Sports and Social Centre between 10am and 3pm daily to chat to our volunteers or leave a message on the answerphone outside of these hours. We can organise practical help with collecting shopping and prescriptions, walking dogs, posting letters and other things as well as being available for just a chat.

We also have a Facebook group where those online can seek support and advice, search for "Coniston Coronavirus Support"

Charlie Day is also answering on the phone every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 12:30 - 2:00 for those wanting spiritual support and chat.

CRAKE VALLEY HELP

We are a group of Crake Valley residents here to help during the corona virus outbreak.

If you are self isolated or house bound without support.

We can help with : shopping,
urgent supplies,
post,
dog walking
a friendly phone call

CALL 01229 357951
select option 5 for Crake Valley

This is not a medical Help Line

To Volunteer please join Crake Valley Help Facebook Group
or phone 01229 357951 option 5 and leave a message.

Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day

As most people will know and realise, we were unable to hold our usual, planned Remembrance Sunday Services due to the second lockdown. Instead, an online Remembrance Sunday Service was held via Zoom for the churches and communities of Coniston and the Crake Valley. The recorded service is available to watch on the benefice website at www.conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk.

Nevertheless, three services were held, in-person and socially distanced. A short Act of Remembrance with prayers of thanksgiving at St. Luke's, Lowick and St. Mary's, Penny Bridge with Simon Fell MP in attendance. An Act of Remembrance was also held at St. Andrew's, Coniston on Remembrance Day, with a good show of support from the local community.



Meerness Point and Access to Greenodd Sands

It had been brought to my attention that Holker Estates have blocked access to the Sands from the footbridge at Greenodd for the reason that Walkers and Dogs have been disrupting bird and nesting habitats. These people tend to stick to footpaths and the foreshore. Ironically at Meerness Farm, there is a Pheasant pen feeding a shoot, who pay the Estate to roam freely through the area with dogs killing birds. This area has very few residents, most of whom are tenants of Holker Estates.

A Penny Bridge resident, Revd. David Bickersteth has set up a Change.org petition, which to date has over 1600 signatures and he has managed to get articles in the Westmorland Gazette and Evening Mail. I am also working with Tim Farron and Janet Willis who is the Greenodd area District and County Councillor and there is a copy of the petition in the Post Office and I spoke at length with Tim Farron. We are coordinating a 3 pronged approach at different levels. We have also contacted Rights of Way at the Lake District National Park Authority and Natural England.

The path is a Permissive path which was established in 2010 and the Estate was given public money to keep it open, which ran out in February 2020. This maybe the reason for the closure. If enough people can prove that they have regularly used the footpath for at least 20 years prior to 2010, then we have a strong case to apply for it to become a Public footpath. Please contact me for forms and explanatory notes.

On a personal note, I walk my dogs there virtually daily and it is a shame in this time of lockdown, we have lost this access. The petition can be accessed on the link—<http://chnng.it/bKHpYqQMMB>

Ian Wharton—District Councillor

Reports and News

Young Farmers Club Report

Cumbria YFC Annual General Meeting 2020

The young farmers held their Annual General Meeting on Friday 6th November 2020. Always held on the first Friday in November that is where the similarity to past



meetings ended. It was apparent several months ago, despite the relaxing of certain covid-19 regulations that the annual get together to celebrate and review the young farmer year would not be able to take place in person at The George Hotel as is usually the case.

Although zoom meetings are now the norm for the young farmers and they have adapted in true, resilient style, the planning and organisation of the zoom AGM did not leave anything to chance with several practice runs by the top table prior to the day!

Cumbria YFC County President and chair of the AGM, Mrs Judith Emmott did an excellent job of steering the proceedings and she was delighted to see so many young farmers, past and present in attendance from the comfort of their own sofas and kitchen tables.

Judith's report captured her delight at being elected President of such a great youth organisation and also her pride in what the young farmers had achieved in this, their most difficult year. Judith commented that in spite of the restrictions imposed on the young farmers what they had achieved was incredible. The successes of the Northern Area Weekend, where the three Cumbrian teams took 1st and joint 2nd was a particular high, as was the community and charity work that they had undertaken throughout the year.



Judith Emmott

Judith went on to say that young farmers forge friendships and that it had been great to meet lots of new and wonderful people throughout her year in office. Neil Curr as County Chair had done a great job and has worked hard to successfully put his own stamp on the role.

Bringing her speech to a close, Judith finished by saying that Cumbria YFC was an outstanding organisation and that whatever is thrown at them, Cumbria YFC will come out the other side stronger and more resilient than ever. Members have shown that they support each other and adapt to circumstances as they arise. Although the future would continue to test us, Judith was extremely proud to be their President.

Neil Curr, Cumbria YFC County Chairman gave his Annual Report reviewing a year that had been far from the norm. Neil began his speech by covering the work of the main young farmer committees: Council, Finance and General Purposes, Development and Editorial and Social and Competitions explaining how the young farmers played an active part in their organisation.

In an extremely tough year, Neil thanked Cumbria County Council for their continued support in awarding the annual grant. This money allows the young farmers to carry out the training, competitions and activities that are an essential and fundamental part of the organisation and is gratefully received. The Cumbria Community Foundation also received thanks for funding that enabled Cumbria YFC to purchase annual zoom subscriptions for their clubs, allowing members to continue holding meetings and activities throughout lockdown.

Newton Rigg College was thanked for their continued support over the years, by providing office space from where the young farmers coordinate all their activities. Neil expressed his hope that the college would be able to continue providing skills and education for the county's young for many years to come as it was a much needed and valued part of the community.

Continuing in his speech, Neil recognised the achievements of the young farmers in

lockdown, taking part in the Virtual Field Day and the Loo Roll Challenge as well as helping out in their local communities and staying in touch with each other via social media. Amy Swinbank and Imogen Johnston were thanked for their work on the digital Year Book, a first for Cumbria YFC and possibly the way forward in years to come! Helen Millican's BBC Radio Cumbria Thursday evening show which had shone a spotlight on the young farmer clubs and gave a brilliant insight into young farmers was also mentioned with thanks to Helen and district chairs William Longmire and Robbie Tuer.

Despite a year of turmoil, the Young farmers have raised an amazing amount of money for charity with a total of £50,300.53 raised through a variety of different fund raising activities from curry nights and cake bakes through to car treasure hunts, sponsored bike rides and bingo nights. Neil commented that although Cumbria YFC and the two districts were registered charities in their own right, the young farmers always worked hard to raise funds for other charities throughout the year.

Neil completed his speech by saying that despite it being a "shocking year", Cumbria YFC as a whole has excelled. New ways of holding meetings have been found, activities have continued and there have been plenty of new ideas for club meetings. The county wide Tractor Run in support of Newton Rigg and the sponsored bike ride had shown how the young farmers could still pull together to support things they believed in and for that Neil is proud to be part of Cumbria YFC.

Next to take to the digital podium was County Treasurer, Mr Kevin Batty who presented the accounts for year ended 30th September 2020. Kevin began his speech with a number of thanks; to Joanne, Claire and Alison in County Office, to the Finance and General Purposes Committee and its chair Sarah Emmott, to County chairman, Neil Curr, Auditor Mr Richard Smith and to Hilda at Dodd and Co for looking after payroll.



L-R: Stephen Procter (Vice President), Sarah Emmott (Vice Chair), Neil Curr (Chair), Judith Emmott (President)

agreed that the county and districts would pool their resources to cover the cost of club levies this year. Kevin commented that reserves were to be held for rainy days and it was definitely pouring at the moment. He hoped that this contribution would allow clubs to make the best use of their funds and get ready to push forward to attract new members when the time was right as it was only through supporting the clubs and members that Cumbria YFC would bounce back once the pandemic was over.

A number of resolutions followed then the election of the Auditor, Mr Richard Smith

Laying aside the pandemic, there was an underlying trend showing that revenue from competitions and entertainments had been on a downwards trend for a number of years. The cost of organising and hosting events is largely fixed so there is a need to look at what can be done to increase numbers going forward.

Kevin continued by stating that planning for the future was incredibly hard as no one knew how long restrictions to dances and social events would last. The next 12 months would be difficult for clubs and this was why it had been

and the re-election of President, Mrs Judith Emmott, Vice President, Mr Stephen Procter, Chair, Mr Neil Curr and Vice Chair Miss Sarah Emmott for a second year in office. A second Vice Chair, Mr Robbie Tuer was elected and County Treasurer, Mr Kevin Batty was also re-elected.

Trophies on the night were awarded to:

Top Club Award for greatest percentage increase in membership – Crook YFC for an increase of 21% for the year 2019/20.

Alan Bowe Charity Award for the club raising the most money for charity – Penrith YFC for raising £11,020.

Mrs Dorrie Galbraith Trophy for the member making the greatest contribution to YFC – James Taylor from Crook YFC.

Penrith Farmers and Kidd's Chairman's Trophy for the Club making the most effort – Eden Valley YFC

High Sheriff of Cumbria Award for the best YFC Community Project – Cartmel YFC for their community work helping a local, injured farmer.

Following on from the Friends of Cumbria Draw, Ruth Cooper of Lowick YFC gave a heartfelt Vote of Thanks to the officers who had taken their roles on with no idea what the coming year would bring and who had subsequently worked so hard to keep Cumbria YFC going. Ruth finished by thanking the members who she said were the beating heart of the organisation and without whom there would be no Cumbria YFC.

Chair Judith brought the evening to a close by thanking everyone who had attended and she hoped to see them again in person at the AGM in 2021 which would be held on Friday 5th November 2021.

Our Amy—NFYFC Committee Member of the Year Award Winner

Eden Valley YFC's very own Amy Swinbank has proved what her club members knew all along when she was voted NFYFC Committee Member of the Year 2020! Amy who was Chair of Eden Valley YFC in 2019 – 2020 played an integral part in keeping the club united and running throughout the dark days of lockdown earlier this year. In an interview with NFYFC Chair, Dewi Parry, Amy commented "I am absolutely overwhelmed and shocked to have won the award. There has been a lot going on and it's not been an easy year and I could not have done it without the club members and other officials alongside me. It is a huge honour to win the award."

During lockdown, Amy concentrated on ensuring that the club's members were still involved and had opportunities. "Rural isolation is a huge issue and we didn't want that to become worse during lockdown so we organised competitions, quizzes and virtual stockjudging that our members could become involved in". Amy also formed a link with local mental health group "A Safe Place", working with the group to create a video on mental health for club members to access and staying in regular contact with members through phone calls and video chats.

Amy, along with other club members was instrumental in organising the Eden Valley YFC 24 Hour Spinathon which took place in Kirkby Thore Village Hall in February. The club raised over £5k for 3 charities which they were extremely proud of.



Amy Swinbank

On being asked what makes a good club chair, Amy commented that it was a mix of being approachable and welcoming. Encouraging new and junior members was really important as they were the future of the club and overall being supportive to all club members.

As if guiding her club through a pandemic wasn't enough to keep her busy, Amy was this year's editor of the Cumbria YFC Year Book alongside fellow Eden Valley member Imogen Johnston. The editing of the Year Book coincided with the start of lockdown and with all physical club meetings cancelled it was decided early on that this year's edition would be available online. This would cut costs and make the Year Book available to a broader audience. Necessity is the mother of all invention as they say, and the Year Book 2019 – 2020 has proved a tremendous success with members and supporters alike.

For those interested in finding out about Cumbria YFC and what good works, events and activities the young farmers have been involved in during the last year, you can read the Year Book 2019 – 2020 at:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/cumbriayfc/cumbria-yfc-year-book-2019-2020.html>

Junior Member of the Year District Rounds

Young farmers from the North and South of the County took part in what was to be the last face to face competitions before the country was put back into lockdown. Those taking part in the Junior Member of the Year at PRUFC and Lane Farm on Monday 2nd November adhered to the covid-19 risk assessments and social distancing which has become a way of life for those taking part in competitions.

Armed with face masks and hand sanitiser, the young farmers did not disappoint and those taking part competed at a very high standard. Results were as follows:

Southern District:

1st - Ruth Cooper (Lowick)

2nd - Isabel Wilson (Lowick)

3rd - Charlie Barker (Eden Valley)

The top 3 competitors from each District will go on to the County Round which will be held in January. Thank you to judges, Mr Richard Gardiner, Mrs Helen Pickup, Mr John Garnett and Mr Roger Bainbridge and hosts and stewards Robbie Tuer, William



Longmire and Jess Rogerson.



Isabel Wilson



Charlie Barker

Junior Public Speaking District Rounds

It was another first for Cumbria YFC, as the young farmers hosted their first ever "live" zoom competition on Monday 9th November! Five teams from the North and 3 teams from the South took part in their respective Junior Public Speaking District Rounds. The young farmers who took part in stepped up to the plate and got on with competing brilliantly. Competing on a small screen wasn't the easiest thing to do, but the competitors' calm professionalism and enthusiasm stood them all in good stead! The results were as follows:

Southern District:

1st - Lowick A (Chair: Ruth Cooper, Speaker: Isabel Wilson, VOT: Owen Airey). Topic: Favourite Child

2nd - Lowick B (Chair: Zara Clough, Speaker: Ava Bigland, VOT: Matthew Bedford-Tyson). Topic: Zwartble Sheep

3rd - Sedbergh (Chair: Charlotte Gardner, Speaker: Rosie Hodgson, VOT: Thomas Moorhouse). Topic: Cumberland and Westmorland Wrestling.

Thank you to judges Mr Richard Gardiner, Mrs Julie Denby, Mrs Lauren Dixon and Mr James Park who did an excellent job of judging and gave some very useful feedback to those competing. James commented that "There was some high standard of speaking on show in difficult circumstances and considering it would have been very easy for them not to bother at all I think they all deserve very high praise, I wish them all the best of luck in the next round".

A final thank you to Super Stewards Emma Blaylock and Jess Rogerson who did an excellent job of hosting the competitions. The top 3 teams from each District will now go onto compete at the County Round in early 2021.

Interview with James Taylor – Crook YFC

James Taylor, current Chair of Crook YFC was awarded the Mrs Dorrie Galbraith Award for the member making the greatest contribution to Cumbria YFC who has not been recognised in any other way at the Cumbria YFC County AGM on Friday 6th November. We shone the spotlight on this very special young farmer and asked him about his time with Cumbria YFC.

Q. When did you join young farmers? I officially joined Crook young farmers as a member when I was 22 back in 2015 after a friend of mine who I worked with Tracy Hodgson the then district vice chair dragged me along to a meeting and I've never looked back yet.

Q. Always been with Crook? I first went to young farmers at the age of 12 to Grayrigg YFC for a few weeks to try it out at my dad's request but at the time I was an aspiring hockey player and both activities took place on the same night. To Grayrigg's loss I chose hockey, a choice I now look back on wishing I had chosen differently as YFC has been such a large part of my life but I am happy I've been able to be part of both.

Q. What positions have you held within your club? I've been a club official as such for the past 4 years. I first took on the position of vice chair for Crook in 2016 my role here was to organise the stock judging events for the club. The second role I had was to take on the role of



James Taylor

chairman following my year as vice I took over from Leanne Wallace so had some big shoes to fill but gave the role my all and I believe I did it justice. Following along from my enjoyable role as chair I decided to challenge myself further and take over the role as secretary for the club it was by far the most challenging role I've held but one of the most enjoyable. And finally on to my current role to which I am yet again the chairman of Crook YFC and along with my fantastic top table team are ready to lead the club in the unprecedented times.

Q. What comps have you taken part in? Over my few years in the YFC I've taken part in many competitions from the quiz to senior woodwork at field day. I've competed in public speaking competitions like mace debating, brains trust and after dinner speaking making it through to county finals for the last two. I've been a keen member of Crook's men's tug of war team for since my first year of YFC and I have missed not been able to compete this year due to covid-19 but my knees have enjoyed the rest. There are not many competitions I'm not willing to take part in or give a go as it doesn't matter whether I'm good at them or not they are always enjoyable and everyone is always willing to lend a hand in true YFC spirit.

Q. What have you helped your club achieve? I will not take credit as it is not wholly mine to claim as the achievements belong to the Crook members who competed for us and to all who have helped us along the way. I've always pushed for us to compete in every competition we can as a club whilst I've been in office even if we only had only one or two people interested I'd try and rally as many missing members to fill the teams up so everyone can get ago. One of the competitions I've helped organize is that of our performing arts for the dram and entertainments, we have competed at northern area level in this competition for many a year, not an easy competition to take part in as it requires a lot of planning and logistics to get us there, last year was especially difficult with a cast of 13 with only 3 seniors competing but it true Crook style we gave it our all. I've also pushed for us to take part in the Kendal torchlight carnival every year even if that meant putting in long hours painting which is not my strong suit, as the torchlight is a great way of getting our name out there and showing people what we can do as a club.

Q. What are you most proud of? Its hard to say what I am most proud of as I am proud of everything I have done since joining YFC whether we did well of not. if I had to say anything it would be I'm proud of the person that YFC has made me today as I started out as a shy young man sat at the back of the hall not wanting to speak or give a report when asked by the top table to now been a member of the top table myself and speaking to a room full of members and guests it is how far I have come and how far I can go with all that I've learned and done in my time at the YFC.

Q. Where do you work/what do you do for a living? I currently I work as a self employed hand cutter for a forestry business working on a site between J36 and Kirkby Lonsdale removing larch trees from the site, I also work as a groundsman for an arborist company based out of Bentham where we work on sites all over Yorkshire and Lancashire pruning and removing trees and shrubs from people's gardens. I do love working in the outdoors and with the jobs I hold I get to see some beautiful places that change on a daily basis.

Cumbria YFC Through the Decades

Listeners of the BBC Radio Cumbria Helen Millican Show have been given an historical wander down memory lane with the "Cumbria YFC Through the Decades" show which is currently featuring fortnightly on Helen's show from 9pm onwards.

The first programme took place on Thursday 29th October and featured young farmer experiences from the 1930, 40s and 50s. First to share their life long memories was Mrs Olive Clarke, OBE, DL, JP, FRAGs, who spoke eloquently about not only her own personal experiences of being a young farmer in the 1930s but also gave a fascinating insight into the social history of the time. Olive started her interview by stating that "time brings changes for us all" and this had been accurate in her own life within young farmers.

Olive joined young farmers in 1938 against a background of high unemployment where for those working on the land there was little mechanisation, just a relentless round of monotonous hard graft and precious little financial return. Growing up in the agricultural depression between the wars, in an age of oil lamps and early nights the coming of young farmers and the opportunities that it offered radically changed lives.

With the coming of World War II, farming became a protected industry with "Dig for Victory" heralding a new era for agriculture. Feeding the country was a matter of national importance and the new land army provided much needed support for farmers.

During the war, young farmer activities continued and Olive remembers travelling to dances on her bicycle with the light on the front of her bike covered with a piece of paper with a slit in it to comply with blackout regulations.

Olive brought her interview to a close by confirming what many of those listening would attest to and that is that young farmers also provides a wonderful marriage bureau for the young of the county. Olive met her late husband at a dance at Preston Patrick Memorial Hall at a young farmers' dance which in turn led to her taking on the role of Treasurer at the Hall on a temporary basis for the next 50 years!

Next under the spotlight was Mr Robin Gate who talked about his time as a young farmer in the 1940s. Robin grew up on a farm in the west of the county and remembered the hardship of those days working with horses and clearing out middens by hand.

Robin's first club was at Whitehaven Grammar School where activities such as guest speakers and farm visits to learn stock judging took place. From there Robin went onto join Egremont and then Lamplugh YFC in 1947. His first rally was in 1950, a great day out where trophies were won and there was a dance to follow at Skelton Memorial Hall with an admission of 2 shillings and 6 pence!

Throughout his time in young farmers, Robin enjoyed a whole host of events and activities and in particular the drama which helped to build his confidence. Attending the NFYFC AGM in London at the Westminster Hall with a dance at the Hammersmith Palais was another highlight. Robin was also very proud to be asked to be the Northern District of Cumbria YFC's President, a role he relished and enabled him to visit all the clubs of the northern district. After a lifetime in young farmers, Robin is known throughout the county and is very pleased that his 3 daughters and grand children also followed in his foot steps and joined young farmers.

Mrs Dorrie Galbraith provided the final trip down memory lane with her very funny insights into life as a young farmer in the 1950s. Having joined Preston Patrick young farmers in 1951,



Olive Clarke



Dorrie Galbraith

Dorrie fully embraced every aspect of being a young farmer taking part in field days, competitions and dances, travelling to many of these by her trusty bicycle or the local bus. Following one such journey to a field day, Dorrie discovered that her prized entry for the “sweet on a saucer” competition which she had so carefully packed and transported had in the course of the bike ride unfortunately slid off the saucer!

One of Dorrie’s earliest memories was her very first club meeting in the court house at Preston Patrick Hall where the young farmers spent the evening braiding and plaiting cow bands and halters out of bailer twine. Another clear memory was Dorrie’s foray into public speaking, with her first speech going according to plan, but a second oration leading to a fainting spell and her subsequent decision never to compete in public speaking competitions again!

Young farmers also provide a number of firsts for Dorrie – her first ride on a train and her first trip to London to represent the county in poultry plucking and trussing at a Dairy Event at Earls Court. Arriving late at night and with their boarding rooms not available until the next day, Dorrie and her fellow young farmers headed to Trafalgar Square where the numerous street signs provided some much needed and a surprising amount of warmth once the glass was removed!

Dorrie is pleased to still be very much involved with the young people of the county and attended the Drugs and Alcohol Awareness session last year as she felt it was important to keep up to date with relevant issues. Dorrie finished her interview by stating that she has progressed with the times and is very proud to still be asked to do things for the young farmers.

The “Cumbria YFC Through the Decades – 1930, 40s and 50s” show can be heard at the link below until Thursday 26th November: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08ttbpx>

The next “Cumbria YFC Through the Decades” will be broadcast on the Helen Millican Show on BBC Radio Cumbria on Thursday 12th November. The programme will cover the 1960s and 1970s and will feature Mr Frank Gate and Mrs Betty Graham from the Northern District and Mr Andrew Bellas and Mr Will Case from the Southern District.

Conserving Coniston & Crake

Winter is fast approaching, colder days and nights and hibernation for some. However, for salmon and trout this time of year is the most important as spawning should be well underway. Atlantic salmon and sea trout have faced a migration of hundreds, even thousands of miles, navigating barriers and predators and anglers along the way to reach the sites they hatched from. If you are going out locally along the river or a beck then keep a look out for redds, the scrapes made by fish in which the eggs are buried. Look for lighter patches on the river or beck bed, a sign that the gravels have been disturbed in preparation for spawning. Look on our website for more info <https://ccc.scrt.co.uk/redds-in-the-beds/>

For every five hundred eggs laid, it is thought that only 100 will make it to parr stage then migrate out to sea. From those 100, only around five make it back to their spawning sites. If you do spot a redd then please let me know so we can add them to our records.

Although later than intended, we finally got the last of the nest boxes out at Blea Brows and Brown Howe. The boxes should provide good hibernation opportunities





for pipistrelle bats. The bird boxes put up earlier will be great for winter roosting, with sometimes several birds using one box.

The project will drawing to a close at the end of March 2021, so depending on what restrictions there are in the new year we hope to have some celebratory and legacy events, before moving on to a new phase of the Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership.

Season's greetings. *Kath*

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Rusland Horizons Report

Rusland Horizons 2021 calendars are ready to order!



The first ever Rusland Horizons calendar will soon be ready, perfect for sending (and receiving!) as a Christmas gift. The A4, spiral bound, 2021 calendars, feature a wonderful selection of 13 stunning photographs from across the Rusland Valley, capturing the varying landscapes beautifully.

The calendars will be sold for a suggested donation amount of £8, or £9.40 if posting is required. They will be available to order directly from the Rusland Horizons website, where a donation payment can be made. Alternatively, calendars can also be requested via the email below with payments being made by BACS, or ordered by phone and payments forwarded by cheque.

Full details for how you can place your order, in addition to an example page of the calendar and its beautiful Rusland Valley imagery, will be on the Rusland Horizons website soon so please keep checking. Treat yourself, or someone else, and get your Christmas shopping sorted early!

Citizens Advice

I'd like some advice on keeping my energy bills down please. I work in admin for a big corporation. We are working from home with no idea when we'll be back in the office. I'm freezing sitting here all day in front of my computer! I'm worried if I turn the heating up my bills are going to go through the roof.

Fortunately, there's lots you can do to keep bills down. Firstly, see if you can get a better deal by changing your energy supplier. However, as well as comparing prices, it's a good idea to check the customer service record of a company before switching. Citizens Advice has a price comparison tool on our website, and our star rating assesses the customer service records of the 40 biggest companies.



There are also little, everyday things that can help, such as making sure televisions and other devices are switched off and not left on standby; washing clothes on a lower temperature; and only filling the kettle with the water you need.

You're right in another way about bills going through the roof - and the walls. One way of cutting costs in the long term is to invest in good insulation - or ask your landlord to do so.

If your pay is close to the national minimum wage, the extra costs of working from home could be counted as a pay cut and bring you below the legal level. Talk to your manager or HR department, or your union rep if you have one.

Finally, your employer should pay for any costs connected to your health and safety - such as a suitable chair for work at a computer. It's also worth taking a look at your employer's expenses policy as you may be able to claim for a number of other things, such as printer ink or telephone line rental.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. South Lakes Citizens Advice is still delivering a service - Telephone and Digital Advice. How to access:

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- Adviceline: 03444 111 444
- Email advice via our submission page on our website www.southlakescab.org.uk
- Help to Claim (Universal Support): 0800 144 8 444

Grizedale Arts

An Update from Grizedale Arts: The Farmer's Arms

We know The Farmer's Arms at Lowick Green is dear to many people in the Crake Valley. For centuries it has been the heart of family celebrations, local change and challenge. Following the open meeting held by Councillor Ian Wharton in March 2020 and the inn's subsequent registration as an Asset of Community Value, Grizedale Arts have developed plans to revive this historic inn as a community hub that can support its community.

In response to a recent survey, the traditional hospitality of The Farmer's Arms will remain at its heart as a place where food, drink and a bed for the night can be found but with added community facilities including workshops, shops, business and enterprise support. Redeveloped gardens and outdoor spaces will host a varied community activities and grow produce for use in the inn. There

will be lots of opportunities for learning / participation with a multi-generational programme offering open access to all. It will be a place to learn from each other, to develop solutions to shared concerns and to grow and fulfil new ambitions.

If you'd like to know more about the plans and how you can get involved, please get in touch through the project's website, www.lakedistrictfarmersarms.com or by contacting Project Manager, Emma Sumner, emma@grizedale.org



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council

The last ENMO Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 as a virtual meeting.

Redevelopment of the existing Greenodd garage site—Prior to the meeting plans were circulated to Councillors and were referred to an initial discussion of the proposed plans. Early days and nothing has been set in stone, Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) have to approve the plans prior to Lakeland Land Rover seeking planning permission. Timescale of completing the project, if work commenced May / June 2021 site should be completed by the end of 2021. Councillors recommended that the businesses on Crakeside Business Park and local residents whose properties would be affected are consulted. Also initial plans to be displayed on Parish Council's website and notice boards to invite comments to the Clerk from local residents. Parish Council agreed to respond to Lakeland Land Rover with their comments and suggested more landscaping within the site.

Greenodd parking plans—Proposed parking plans were circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting. Chairman is preparing a questionnaire to be sent to residents of Main Street to ascertain demand for on street parking and returned to Cllr. Willis. Prior to public consultation.

Mearness Path—Recent issue in that Holker Estates have put up notices to close a permissive footpath along the sands opposite Greenodd. (Path is to the right across the bridge). This has caused numerous objections from local residents. This path was first registered as a permissive path in 2010. Grounds to claim the route as a 'Public Right of Way' if there has been more than 20 years uninterrupted usage (path has been used for over 70 years). Cllr. Willis has already contacted Cumbria County Council and Natural England for guidance. Forms and guidance documents circulated to Councillors. Forms need to be completed by residents to prove they have walked the path for more than 20 years. Further investigation required however a suggestion that the Parish Council formally write to Holker Estates requesting them to defer their action in view of the present situation around COVID 19.

Local Government reforms for New Unitary Authority—Initial stages of deciding the future of Cumbria. Cumbria County Council proposes a single unitary authority. Outline proposals from South Lakeland should be finalised by 9th December 2020 and should answer all questions. e.g., services, social care, police, fire etc. Further update at next meeting on 5th January 2021.

The Farmers Arms Public House, Lowick—Any potential bidder has until 5pm 18 December 2020 to put together a viable bid. Plan for development from a local group Grizedale Arts as circulated in advance of the meeting. They will be seeking commercial funding for their project. In addition one other commercial bidder has shown interest

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Cathy Child, ENMO Parish Clerk, Email: clerk@enmoparishcouncil.org.uk

Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council held via zoom meetings, Monday, 12th October 2020 at 7.00pm.

The Chairman summarised the concerns of the Parish Council leading to February letter of motion of no confidence in LDNP which were, planning; green lanes, especially the decision re 4 wheel drives and overall lack of protection by NP; enforcement of planning generally and particularly relating to Crake Valley Caravan Park.

Stephen Ratcliffe responded to the concerns with assurance that the views of the Parish Councils are taken very seriously by NP & development planning and where necessary Members. There are restrictions legally imposed by material planning considerations and the local plan which guide decisions and therefore can at times make LDNP decision different from PC opinion. However, any contrary decisions should be explained to the PC. If there is an application where the view of the PC differs from planning officer, this will then go to Members for determination.

Mike McNley re-iterated the position and support of the Members of NP. An update was given on the various refused applications for Crake Valley Caravan park:

- gas tanks, enforcement notice served. Appeal dismissed. Continuing non compliance and NP pursuing through courts.
- posts and lighting – enforcement notice served. Appeal refused and there is a site visit planned for the end of the compliance period.
- 2 camping pods – there is a planning appeal in progress following refusal with no date from inspectorate yet.
- there is a compliance case for the relocation of a caravan 7/2019/5755
- 2 other works have come to attention regarding hard standing and this will be investigated for breach of planning control.

There are 2 current applications for the Caravan Park. Every assurance was given that these various issues are high on the NP list. Any other possible breach of planning that the PC wishes to raise should be sent to Stephen Ratcliffe and it will be investigated. Common Land obviously has different legislation but he will also look into any related common land developments to assess which body might be best placed to deal with this.

Unpermitted development and enforcement – LDNP understand the frustration that PC's can feel but are also very concerned about this issue and take action as they are able to but this can take time as it is essential to follow the due process. Every compliance issue brought to NP attention is logged and investigated. There has been an increase in compliance cases – 370 currently and Covid19 has been an influence in this.

Planning Notifications

7/2020/5468 - The Old Church, Blawith - Proposed garage and garden studio (following withdrawal of application 7/2019/5191). Resolved: response of neutral. That the PC feel the garage is in keeping with surroundings but that there is insufficient detail to comment on the studio.

7/2020/5558 – Crake Valley Caravan Park – freestanding panel illuminated sign. Resolved: response of objection on the grounds of excessive light pollution.

7/2020/5621 – Crake Valley Caravan Park – use of land for seasonal tended camping. Resolved: Response of objection based on:

- there has been no precedent for extensive camping over a long period of time
- development on common land is not permitted or acceptable
- the proposals would lead to unsightly tourism out of character with its environment and inappropriate noise/disturbance

Torver Parish Council

Minutes and Actions of Torver Parish Council meeting held virtually via Zoom at 7.30pm Thursday 5th November 2020.

Chairman Chris Bradley opened the meeting to report that Councillor Mathew Mayvers has regrettably resigned from Torver Parish Council. He wished to Thank Mathew for his long stint as councillor and the diligent energetic work that he has carried out over this period. RESOLVED: Chairman C Bradley to write and formally thank Mathew for his work. The vacancy for a Councillor will be advertised via The Village notice board & Nobbut. Due procedure will be followed to elect or co-opt a new person to the council.

Tree Planting: CCC Community Grant—A map of proposed planting plots had been submitted to Highways First stage approval has been granted. A form, “issue of consent to district/parish councils—tree and shrub planting within the highways” has been received and circulated. John Barr to be contacted to ask permission to plant on his verge near the goods yard.

Bannishead Quarry—Rydal Estates had replied to email. We think handing responsibility (in so far as a landowner can) to an organisation who wish to occupy the area and ‘take ownership’ would be a great move, however finding the right group is a challenge. We have put feelers out to a number of local swimming organisations and await their feedback. We have also been in touch with the various organisations who were recommending the quarry as a wild swimming location and these references have largely been removed. I understand the chaos of last month has calmed down.

Carole Barr and correspondence received highlighted residents concerns over future development of the site. The original problem brought to council’s attention has largely been resolved with the new signage.

RESOLVED: Chairman Chris Bradley commented the Parish Council would respond to any proposal with caution. It would need to be in the interest and serve the local community. Chairman to reply to correspondence from J Halton.

Remembrance Sunday—Due to Covid-19 restrictions no physical service at St Andrews but will be broadcast via Zoom. Wreaths will be laid with one from Torver Parish Council. Rolls of honour for Coniston and Torver will be read at 10.45 am on 11/11/20 with two minutes silence observed representative from the council will be welcome to attend observing social distancing measures.

RESOLVED: A donation of £25 will be made for the wreath.

Lowick Parish Council

Minutes and Actions of Torver Parish Council meeting held virtually on Thursday 17th September 2020.

Traffic issues / speeding through the Parish—A Steering Group of Parishes within the Crake Valley (including Penny Bridge, Spark Bridge, Lowick and Water Yeat) are to investigate extensions to 40mph speed limits and other traffic issues on the A5092 and A5084. There is a proposal to extend the 40mph limit from Penny Bridge through to Lowick. The first meeting will be held within the next five weeks.

Flooding issues / gullies blocked on A5092 at Woodgate—Cllr. Brereton suggested that the complaint from the resident is forwarded on to him which he will then take up with Shamus Giles, Flooding Engineer at Highways who visited the site at least 9 months ago and has not yet taken any action to resolve the problem.

This is a longstanding issue, the resident who has been approached by the Highways has no authority or enforcement powers to compel the landowner / builder to rectify this.

Planning Notifications

SLDC SL/2020/0504—Riddings Farm, Lowick Green Ulverston, LA12 8EA. Agricultural storage building (Muck midden). Parish Council have made comments to SDLC. No decision on application at time of this meeting.

LDNP 7/2020/5404—School House, Lowick Green LA12 8EB. Provision of 2 story extension and replacement of existing porch to house, provision of ancillary buildings, engineering works, provision of access track and hardstanding for house and business use. Parish Council have made comments to LDNP. No decision on the application at the time of this meeting.



AND FINALLY....

Brian and Anne, David, Donald, Harry, Hazel, Ian, Joanna, Linda, Pam, Pamela, Peter, Richard, Val and Vivienne together with the Church Wardens of Coniston & Torver, Penny Bridge, Lowick and Colton, wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Rev. David Gregg

DECEMBER 25TH : CHRISTMAS DAY

I once belonged to a National group which published booklets on Liturgy and Worship. All of the members except one were theological college staff members or Liturgical Commissioners, and worshipped in City centre churches or “bible-belt” suburbia. The one exception was another David, the Rector of seven tiny rural parishes in Suffolk. We were discussing the worship section of the Report of the Archbishops’ Consultants on Rural Areas. One of our members said, “Most of our discussions in this group are based upon worship in congregations of a couple of hundred people. I wonder what David must think when he goes up into the pulpit and sees only about sixteen people present!” “Gosh,” said David! “I should think, ‘Wow! It must be Christmas!’”

The first Christmas that my wife and I spent in our new situation in a benefice of three small villages in rural Buckinghamshire, I was prompted to write in the magazine as follows:

A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS – from the Vicar

During the first World War a billeting officer on Salisbury Plain arrived in a village looking for quarters for a young subaltern. He went to the Manor House, but the lady of the manor didn’t want to risk her carpets getting dirty, so she said no. Then he tried the retired major, who said he was far too set in his ways to entertain a young officer at his time of life.

Finally, he went to the little old lady at the Mill Cottage. She said that she would be delighted to take the young man in, and eventually he duly arrived. Much to everyone’s astonishment he turned out to be Prince Henry, the younger son of King George and Queen Mary.

The lady of the Manor at once protested at the idea of the Prince staying in such poor accommodation, and even offered to move out of her own room for him. The major, of course, completely changed his tune as well, and offered to throw his home open. But the Prince declined, and stayed very happily at the Mill cottage, and, at the end of his stay he was pleased to sign the specially acquired visitor’s book “Henry P.”!

My wife, Jackie, and I are very grateful for the way that we have been received into your communities, and taken to your hearts. But we do commend to you a far more important “visitor” who longs to dwell in all of us, by His spirit of love and peace.

“No ear may hear His coming
But, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still
The dear Christ enters in.”

A happy Christmas to you all, as we welcome the Prince of Peace into our hearts and homes.

WHAT'S ON GUIDE - DECEMBER

- Thur 3rd: **Torver Parish Council**, 7.30pm, Zoom meeting
- Wed 9th: **Prayer & Praise**, 12.00pm, St Andrew's Coniston
- Wed 9th: **Bouth WI**, Christmas Party, 7.15pm, Village Hall, Bouth
- Sat 12th: **Carol Service, 5.00pm**, St. Luke's, Torver
- Sat 12th: **Live Music: "Holly Clarke and guests"**, Coniston Institute
- Wed 16th: **Prayer & Praise**, 12.00pm, St Andrew's Coniston
- Sun 20th: **Carol Service**, 11.00am, St. Mary's, Penny Bridge
- Sun 20th: **Carol Service**, 3.00pm, Holy Trinity, Colton
- Sun 20th: **Carol Service**, 6.00pm, St. Andrew's, Coniston
- Thur 24th: **Children's Service**, 3.00pm, St. Luke's, Lowick
- Thur 24th: **Christingle**, 4.00pm, St. Andrew's, Coniston
- Thur 24th: **Midnight Service**, 11.00pm, Holy Trinity, Colton
- Thur 24th: **Midnight Service**, 11.00pm, St. Andrew's, Coniston
- Fri 25th: **Christmas Day Service**, 10.00am, St. Andrew's, Coniston
- Fri 25th: **Christmas Day Service**, 10.30am, St. Mary's, Penny Bridge

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Please can all items, news, advertising enquiries and "What's On" events for this Magazine be emailed to the editor at **editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk** by **December 15th**, or phone **07884 232281**, or to Jean Johnson if that's more convenient : **enquiries@conistonholidays.co.uk** or tel. **015394 41319**. If you don't have access to a computer you can leave items at the Vicarage but please give plenty of time to convert them to electronic format.

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If you have photos of local interest, perhaps not landscapes, that would be suitable for the cover of a future Magazine please email in as above. This month's cover photo is Robin by Clare Wall. We also have a gallery of contributed seasonal photos of our beautiful area on the website:

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