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Pastoral Letter

The tree has come down, the decorations are put away for another year, all the excitement of giving and receiving presents, some wanted, others, perhaps not. The last of the turkey has been relegated to the bin, and normal service is resumed.

I went to the supermarket the other day, and what was the first thing to greet me as I walked through the door? A stand displaying hot cross buns. Now I don't know about you, but it seems to me the attitude is wrong, completely wrong.

We have, at least most of us had the Christmas season thrust at us for all the wrong reasons since September. What has been lacking again is what the first part of the word Christmas, Christ himself. A few years ago I had gone into a card shop with the idea of buying a card for my daughter's birthday. Three women were in there simply talking, but then I heard one say. "I was going to buy some Christmas Cards, but all they have got are religious ones! ". And it's where we have gone completely off the road map as to what we are as a nation. We have little or no concept of what particular events in our life actually mean.

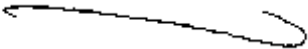
I mentioned the hot cross buns, I am sure it will not be too far in the future when Easter Eggs start appearing and then what?

I feel at times our Dear Lord has seriously lost out to consumerism; he has become just another item in the commercial world.

So, what can we do in response to this attitude of taking over our religious festivals in favour of buying material things irrespective of their meaning? For one thing we can be patient and wait till nearer the time for celebration to buy those buns and Easter eggs. If you send your nearest and dearest Easter cards, leave it till a week or so before. We can try and I know it can be hard to resist the temptations thrust our way but I feel that there is a need to focus on Easter when we are nearing Holy Week, rather than February or March. And try to remind our friends that this is a time for celebration and reflection at the particular time, otherwise the whole thing becomes diluted and to a degree meaningless.

In his name, every blessing.

Rev. Ian Swift.



From the Registers

Weddings



- 21st December Peter Isaac Redhead and Nicola Wilson
at St. Andrews, Coniston
30th December Ryan David Bingham and Freya Josephine McCabe
at St. Luke's, Lowick

Funerals



- 19th December Kathleen Elizabeth Bradley at St Luke's, Lowick
Burial only
23rd December Joyce Ireland at St Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge
31st December Joan Sprules at St Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge
Interment of ashes
3rd January Nathan James Atkinson at St Luke's, Lowick

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

For Services this month see page 5

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 Saturdays at 6.00pm.

For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on 01229 779673.

Coniston Christian Fellowship LA21 8AL

You are welcome to join us for our meetings on Sundays at 10.30am in the Primary School.

Home group meets regularly every Tuesday evening during term time. For further information please contact Norman & Christine Beech on 015394 41780 or Kevin & Julie Gregory on 015394 41125. Please see our website for more details: www.conistonchristianfellowship.co.uk

Church Services and Rotas for February 2020

2nd

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Winter Breakfast	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bickersteth
Holy Trinity Colton	9.30am	Morning Worship	Pam Priestley
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Morning Worship	Peter Fox
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Brian Streeter

9th

Third Sunday before Lent

St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Holy Communion by Extension (BCP)	Peter Fox
Holy Trinity Colton	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Worship For All	Pamela Hull

16th

Second Sunday before Lent

St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Informal Worship with Healing	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Morning Worship	Vivienne Plummer
Holy Trinity Colton	9.30am	Morning Worship	Donald Wroe
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Ian Swift
St. Andrew Coniston	4.00pm	Explore!	Christians Together in Coniston

23rd

Sunday next before Lent

St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	Rev Sue Nicol
Holy Trinity Colton	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Peter Fox

26th

Ash Wednesday

St Andrew Coniston	12.30pm	Ash Wednesday	Rev Brian Streeter
St Mary Penny Bridge	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday	Rev Brian Streeter

AROUND THE PARISHES

Colton

Rusland Spring Show - March 21st and 22nd

Rusland Spring Show dates this year are 21st & 22nd March with a Mothers' Day themed weekend. Lots of classes to enter for adults and children and lots of free entertainment and free entry for children. Entry forms will be on our Facebook page - Rusland Valley Spring Show by the beginning of February. Everyone welcome.

Oxen Park Cinema Club

Only 6 films to go before the end of the season and these are some of the best plus an 'extra'.

Tuesday 4th February – Supper at The Manor 7pm followed by the film – *Capharnaum/Capernaum*.

Saturday 15th February (+ 2nd show if needed on Sunday 16th -) multi award winning - *The Favourite* with Olivia Coleman. 7.30pm.

Saturday 22nd February extra, extra! – *Neither Wolf Nor Dog* 7.30pm Based on a best-selling Native American novel where a Lakota elder sucks a white author into a road-trip through the heart of the contemporary Native American landscape to open his eyes to their reality. It revolves around a remarkable performance from Lakota Elder Dave Bald Eagle, who was 95-years-old during filming.

Tuesday 3rd March – *Wind River* 7.30pm.

Book as usual with Carol: crlmcneill@gmail.com

Oxen Park Reading Room

The refurbishment is almost complete and almost unrecognizable apart from the green look and we couldn't possibly change that. – look out for special events over the coming year. We still have 3 more of our fund raising presentations:

7th February – Stephen Sykes, who lives at Hill Top (Ealinghearth) will relate stories about the times when Arthur Ransome lived there.

6th March – Ron Mein and The Pack Horse & Bouth.

3rd April – Gordon Pickles & Matthew Jones – expeditions to Sarawak – one in 1953 the other in 2019. These are all at The Carthouse at 7.30pm and it's best to book ahead to secure a seat: crlmcneill@gmail.com.

The Kevin Baverstock & Suzanne Tiplady presentation was hugely well received giving everyone a much enlightened historical view of the old coffin route from Hawkshead to Dalton. We learnt why bodies were carried feet first and why the route zig zagged over any becks in the way. Those fell spirits needed to be respected.

Coniston & Torver

Changes to the Coniston Milk Bottle Top Collection

From now on, please can you only save the **blue** and **green** bottle tops for our collection - the reason being that the couple we took them to in Boston, Lincs have had to retire due to ill health. They raised over £4,000 for their Air Ambulance, getting £100 per tonne. We have found a collection point in Hemel Hempstead but they will only take blue and green. There will be more information once we have delivered our first load. Usual collection points: The Flower Basket shop, Coniston or Gill Croft, Haws Bank, Coniston. Thank you, Kay Shepherd.

Torver Schoolroom - Christmas 100 Club Draw

£100: S.Towndrow. £50: Cath Smith. £30: J.Halton. £20: R&A Inman, Molly Higgins. £15: Helen Barlow, George Bowness, Ann Sealy. £10: Joyce Lancaster, Jeff & Jeanette Carol, M.McMurray, Julie Blaney.

A traditional Carol Service in St. Luke's was followed by a superb Jacob's Join supper in the Schoolroom with the 100 Club draw and a Christmas raffle. Thanks to everyone who came and supported on a wet and windy night.

To join the 100 Club please contact Hazel Bowness - details below.

The next 100 Club Draw will take place at the Hungarian Supper on the 14th March in the Schoolroom. Don't forget to book a place - phone Hazel on **015394 31869** or email hazelbowness@outlook.com.

39th Annual Coniston 14 Race

The 39th Annual Coniston 14 Road Race will take place on **Saturday 21st March**. A road closure to protect the safety of the runners will operate between Coniston and High Ground in both directions from 10.50 until 11.20. There will also be a closure on Lake Road to coincide with the return of the majority of runners between 12.15 and 14.00.

Our Race attracts many types of runners; those wanting to keep fit, to train for marathons, to raise money for their chosen charities, to compete against friends or improve their personal best times. So far we have about 1200 runners booked onto the race. Bookings can be made through the website www.coniston14.co.uk Entries close on March 8th.

It is a great community event and we have over 80 volunteers helping on the day. We need extra help this year as marshals around the course and for the four water stations. Particular help will be needed to marshal the traffic lights for the return of runners over Shepherd's Bridge and to help at the school in the Security room. Please get in touch with Pam Kirkbride on **015394 41562** or Geoff Cooper on **015394 41291** if you wish to volunteer.

Each year the Coniston 14 Committee makes donations to support the work of about 30 local organisations, charities and clubs. Those interested in applying for funds should send letters to Geoff Cooper, Moorlands, Coniston LA21 8HB by the closing date of 17th April, 2020.

Dominoes and Pie & Peas supper - Friday 28th February

7.30pm at Coniston Institute Reading Room

Please advise Sarah of names by Monday 24th February:

Tel: 015394 49509 or 07766 657078

Coniston Local History Group

Talk by Andy Lowe: "Exploring Lakeland Churches"

2.30pm, Monday 17th February

Coniston Institute Reading Room

Lets Dance

ARE YOU READY TO GET FIT & ENERGISED READY FOR THE SUMMER SUN?

Led by Georgia Broomhead

Thursday 7.30pm—8.30pm (term time only)

Coniston Primary School, £4.75 per week, see website for more details

www.conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk/advertisers-news

Thankyou notes

Thank you to all the WI members who made the Coniston over 70s lunch an enjoyable occasion, to the chef who cooked a delicious meal, the young folk who served it, the members for their delicious trifles. A special thank you to the Keep Fit team for their amusing pantomime, local panto is always the best! Also to Leigh and his community choir who led the carol singing to end a pleasant three hours.

A big thank you to Leigh Edwards for all his work with the community choir and for all the performances they gave on the run up to Christmas, singing at the monthly coffee morning, WI lunch, Carol Service and Wilson Arms event. Thank you to Peter and Charlie for all their hard work taking the services over the Christmas period, all gave us something to think about with sincere messages.

New Vision for Coniston School

It is an exciting time for Coniston CE Primary school at the moment as the school was recently federated with the high-achieving John Ruskin School, and also recently appointed a new Head of School, Ms. Danielle Fitzsimons.



The school is now exploring a new vision for the future development of the school; the ethos and academic excellence for the children; while not forgetting the beautiful setting in which the school finds itself or the local community to which it belongs. Therefore, it was natural that the new Vision should open with the words of the local luminary, John Ruskin.

Our Vision

'When love and skill work together expect a masterpiece' John Ruskin

"Coniston Church of England Primary is a welcoming, happy and supportive school rooted in faith and love where everyone flourishes through the Christian values of service, stewardship, respect and perseverance. Our understanding of every child allows us to develop their unique gifts and talents. We enjoy learning together within our school family, our community and God's wider world drawing inspiration from our beautiful Lakeland setting and the awe, wonder and joy it creates"

Coniston Medical Practice

Could we please ask patients to let us know if you change your mobile or landline number or if you change address –just so that we can contact you if needed!

Ladies –if your smear test (cervical screening) is due please contact our reception team who will be very happy to arrange an appointment for you.

Best wishes from all at Coniston Medical Practice

Coniston Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch

Coffee Mornings will continue as usual at St Andrews Church on **the first Wednesday of the month** between **11.00am and 12.30pm**, with soup served from 11.30am.

Judy Jones will also be there with hearing aid batteries. So do come along and join us – **all are most welcome**.

Brantwood News & Views

The days may be short (and a bit grey) but there is still plenty on offer for a run-out to Brantwood in this beautiful corner of the country. Whether it be a stroll in the gardens, a visit to the house to see our new exhibitions or something warming in The Terrace. Don't forget our special winter offer:

THE TERRACE CAFÉ: LOCAL LOYALTY DISCOUNT OFFER

On production of your parish magazine, get 10% discount off your food/drinks bill.

Valid until end of March 2020. Can be used multiple times.

(Winter Loyalty Card also available – ask at counter for details)

Our Blue Gallery exhibition 'Master of Topography: John Ruskin's Debt to Samuel Prout' continues until the 15th of March. In the Studio we are thrilled to host a show of furniture made by some of that incredible Cumbrian talent. Included within the show are Matt Jardine of Keswick, Haverthwaite-based "The Rusland Movement", of Lakeland Bespoke of Kendal. John Ruskin strongly believed that in doing fine labour, we were connected with nature and art. Alongside the major role he played in the Arts and Crafts movement, Ruskin both directly and indirectly supported the formation of the Langdale Linen Industry, The Keswick school of Industrial Arts and the Coniston School of carving. In Kendal, again influenced by Ruskin and the Lakeland arts revival in the late 19th century, Arthur Simpson successfully established his furniture-making business, which ran for over 60 years. In the 21st Century, Cumbria has an incredible amount of furniture-making talent, creating beautiful, elegant and exciting furniture, and training the next generation to keep those skills alive. 'Roots' runs until 16 February. Following on, from 22 February, we have 'Water Essays' by Frances Winder. Frances' work reflects the mood and atmosphere of landscape. In this exhibition, Frances will use paint - acrylic, watercolour and mixed media, as well as fabric and collage to express herself. On display until 29 March.

For all forthcoming exhibition and event details, please keep an eye on our website for updates. Our current opening hours are Wednesday to Sunday 10.30 - 4pm. We'll be back open everyday 10.30 - 5pm from the 16th March 2020.

www.brantwood.org.uk / **015394 41396**

RAINFALL, GARDEN HOUSE, CONISTON, DECEMBER 2019

Total - 358.2mm (14.1")

Wet days: 27, more than 1mm on 24 days

Wettest day: 10th - 73.0mm (2.9")

Frost on the 30th

Total rainfall for 2019 - 2927.3mm (115.3")



Coniston Institute and the Ruskin Museum - news and events

CONISTON INSTITUTE – LIVE MUSIC

Much loved local band

HATCHET

are back with their first gig of 2020

Saturday 1st February

Dig out your 70s rock gear
(prizes for best dressed)

Bar Disco

£5 pre bought/£6 on the door

Doors Open 8pm

Sam Clarke presents

GNOSS

Saturday 8th February

A dynamic four-piece of fiddle, flute,
guitar and percussion.

‘Outstanding Musicianship’

£10 Doors open 7.30pm

Bring your own drinks and snacks

sam.clarke.5555@gmail.com

HAWKSHEAD WIND BAND with the AMBLE SINGERS

Perform a romantic, love themed **VALENTINE’S CONCERT** Friday 14th Feb
in aid of St Mary’s Hospice, and Coniston Carers

Tickets £5 Bring your own drinks and snacks

Raffle: paulholden22a@gmail.com

Doors open 7.30pm

CONISTON INSTITUTE - LIVE THEATRE

Highlights Rural Touring Scheme and Glow Theatre Company present LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

Thursday 27th February 7.30pm

Edith and Geoffrey spend only four incomplete days together before Geoffrey goes to Ypres as a Royal Engineer Tunneller. A real-life story of the romance between two remarkable people during the First World War

Tickets £10 adult, £5 child, £25 family (2 adults, 2 children)

Bring own drinks & snacks Raffle: helenconistoninstitute@gmail.com

Tickets for all the above from the Ruskin Museum

Ruskin Museum Spring Exhibition

The Ruskin Museum is proud to present **A TRIUMPH OF NATURE**

An Exhibition of Watercolours, Wood Engravings and Linocuts

By local artist Beverley White

Saturday 22nd February – Sunday 5th April

Check Museum website for opening times

www.ruskinmuseum.com **015394 41164**

Free entry to the Museum through February for all residents within the Parishes of Coniston and the Crake Valley



Egton cum Newland

Children in Distress 5p Collection

As there is now a wider circulation of the magazine I thought I would take the opportunity to explain about this annual 5p coin collection.

Children in Distress is a charity that funds St. Margaret's Hospice in Romania, who care for children who have complex medical needs. Some of the children in their care are regularly visited by their families, but unfortunately other children are abandoned at birth due to their families being unable to cope financially or emotionally. The motto of the centre is "To cure, sometimes; To help, often; To comfort, always".

This community currently sponsors two children at the centre, and has done so for the past 20 years, due to your generosity. At present we sponsor Valentina and Alexandru who are both 5 years old. If you would like to read more information about them both, there will be the most recent newsletter in Penny Bridge Church and photos in Greenodd Village Store.

How it works - 5p coins are collected from January to December and handed in to Greenodd Village Store or to me (Helen Courtman, High Rd, Penny Bridge). To sponsor 2 children we need to raise £288, and any additional money provides birthday and Christmas presents as well as support towards medical costs. I will remind you in the October magazine when the collection due date is in December.

THANK YOU

The December 2019 collection raised £425, so we can continue sponsorship for both children for another year. The next collection date is December 2020, so please put those 5p coins away, but as always, any donation is appreciated.

Many thanks for your continued support, Helen Courtman.

Penny Bridge Church Coffee Morning

Further to the brief note in the January magazine we would like to thank everyone who attended our Coffee Morning in Greenodd Village Hall on the 7th December, and to express our gratitude to all those who helped on the day and contributed to a wonderful total of £680 to church funds, and thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their help and generosity.

A breakdown of takings showed that we collected £53 on the door, £134 on the raffle, £39.10 on tombola, £32.20 on the bric a brac stall, £5 on the sale of cards, £110 on the sale of firewood and bird boxes, £15 on jewellery, £129.50 on cakes, £45.70 on the Christmas stall and £116.50 was donated.

The generosity and companionship, which was so apparent, made it such an enjoyable morning. Thank you so much, Jean & Dave Lancaster

Christian Aid

A volunteer is required to take over as our Christian Aid organiser - for our group of churches in the Crake Valley. It involves ordering the Christian Aid envelopes; distributing these to collectors and banking the final takings in Ulverston.

If you would consider helping please contact Jean on **01229 861632** for details.

Coffee Morning

New Venue

@ Greenodd Village Hall

Saturday 15th February

10 am – 12 noon

In aid of...

LOWICK SHOW



Only £1.50 entry, includes Tea/Coffee & biscuit

Stalls include Homemade Cakes,

Bottle Tombola, Books and Raffle



Save the date for Lowick Show-Saturday 5th September 2020

www.lowickshow.co.uk

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

Newland Iron Furnace

Newland is centred upon the site of an 18th century, nationally significant, charcoal fired, Iron Furnace. At its heart are the still existing blowing chamber and charging tower which are being actively restored and archaeologically investigated by the Newland Furnace Trust under the stewardship of English Heritage. The furnace is a scheduled monument and Grade II* listed.

Many of the village properties have been sympathetically converted from ancillary buildings of the former industrial complex. The importance of the area was recognised in 1991 when it was declared a Conservation Area by SLDC. Preservation work has been ongoing for the past 30 years with work meets held on the last Saturday afternoon of the month starting at 1:00pm. The latest project is the archaeological investigation of the Blowing Chamber floor under the guidance of Greenlane Archaeology.

Anyone with further interest should contact David Robson
at ddcrobson@googlemail.com.

Indeed the regular working parties would welcome more help!

Regular events at the Britannia Inn

The Britannia Inn at Penny Bridge hosts a quiz night on Wednesdays 5th and 19th of February, 7.30pm start with free supper and cash prizes.

Monday each week is "Cheese Night".

Penny Bridge CE Academy

February 2020 newsletter.

The infants' nativity production, a Carol service in the church at Penny Bridge, the enterprise fair (organised by years 5+6), a talent competition, Christmas parties and a whole school visit to the cinema all contributed to a hectic but happy end to the winter term.

The new school year has started with a multitude of new ventures, years 2, 3 & 4 linking with the Hopla International School in Venice, Italy. Letters, photos and gifts will be exchanged every term. A guaranteed way to ensure future friendships and pen pals.

Our new Sports Leader Team (years 5 & 6) are developing and organising a range of sporting activities and clubs for children to select from each lunch time. This school community idea links in with the new Behaviour Ambassador Teams who are working hard to assist in improving the quality of activities available to all the children at every break time; indoor activities are being developed for bad weather days. These ambassador children have all undergone training, so they feel confident in performing the tasks.

Our new Collective Worship Prefects will gradually liaise with all the pupils to assist the head teacher gain an insight in to the children's thoughts and understanding of our collective worship assemblies and Christian values. They will be seeking pupil opinions and following this will work, in collaboration with the staff, on ways to ensure all assemblies are enjoyed and understood by every age group. The team are already devising a questionnaire!

The Recycle and Reuse projects continued unabated over the holidays, and we are in the process of packing another very large box full of crisp packets for remaking into kitchen utensils. This is a popular scheme!! If you have any Christmas stamps and old batteries please bring them to school as these too will soon be sent to various recycling companies.

Thank you.

Lowick with Blawith

BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

www.bspc.btck.co.uk email: blawithclerk@gmail.com

VACANCY FOR CLERK – 15 HOURS PER MONTH

This includes 1 meeting a month, (excl Aug & Dec), usually the 2nd Monday of the month, with the remainder of the hours to be working from home carrying out the Parish Council administration, (including some financial).

Experience useful but not essential as training will be provided.

Salary at National Joint Council Local Government rates: scale depending on experience.

To apply or for further details, contact the current Clerk at blawithclerk@gmail.com.

WATER YEAT VILLAGE HALL

is pleased to welcome



CHRIS ELLIOTT & CAITLIN JONES

Chris and Cait played for us last year as part of Kilderkin so we were keen to have them back. They bring a mix of traditional and self-penned ballads about place and identity, old and new. Expect intricate and warm vocal harmonies accompanied by driving guitar, bouzouki, whistle and harmonium. With their charming story-telling and warm Midlands humour they take audiences to a patchwork of Staffordshire and beyond.

SATURDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY
at 8pm £10 on the door or in advance from

www.wegotickets.com/wateryeatvillagehall

Cabaret-style seating. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

www.wyvh.btck.co.uk

www.chrisandcaitlinmusic.org.uk



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



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Reports and News

Bouth WI

The meeting on Wednesday 8th January was not as planned, the speaker Philip Caine did not turn up as a result of a mix up of the booking on his part. Hence Roger Coates OBE saved the night by giving a talk about when he worked for the UN whilst living in Vienna about nuclear waste, which was quite an eye opener and very interesting. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

The next WI meeting will take place on February 12th at **11am** - in the morning for a change, to see if it's easier for members on these dark nights. There is no speaker, just a social meeting. Please note the change of time - this is just a trial.

Egton cum Newland WI

As we have yet to hold our January meeting there is little to report. However our book clubs continue and I was not the only one to struggle with Melvyn Bragg's "Maid of Buttermere". It was very slow going. Since then we've read "Black Diamonds" by Catherine Bailey which was as different again. We all found it a excellent read. It is about the rise and fall of an English dynasty, namely the Fitzwilliams, who resided in the grandest house in England. The house called Wentworth is in Yorkshire and is still occupied but by a recluse. The book brought to light the miners' struggles and things you may not have known about the Kennedy family, and the goings on in government, all in our lifetime, well most of us! Our February meeting will be on Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm. when our speaker will be Ella from Ripe, the whole food shop in Ulverston. Do join us if you can ladies/girls! From the WI team.

Girlguiding

Girlguiding welcomes girls aged five upwards to join in with a range of adventurous and community based activities. Members learn life skills, make new friends and grow in confidence. We also offer young people from age 14 the chance to volunteer and gain a qualification, whilst making new friends. Adult volunteers are welcomed at Units throughout Cumbria South. If you would like to register either as a volunteer or young member please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or tel: **07896 618474** to talk to Judith.



The Girlguiding Shoebox appeal for Teams4u, collected and made up 1390 boxes, these have been delivered to Romania and Belarus. We have 43 volunteers in our area who collect, sew, knit and make things as well as run Afternoon Teas once a month. If you would like to get involved please email me at jandzmyers@gmail.com. Next year they are hoping to send some to Moldova and I will hopefully be going again to hand them out. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, 1390 children will have a wonderful present because of your efforts.

Judith Myers

Mothers' UNION Coniston Mothers' Union

A Christmas celebration cream tea was enjoyed by eight members plus one friend at Herdwicks. Wine, plus crackers with musical whistles created entertainment as we had fun trying to play Christmas tunes! Our thanks go to the staff of Herdwicks for making us so welcome. Even though numbers are small we are going to try and carry on, the more members we have would enable us to have speakers again. The first meeting for 2020 is on Thursday 30th January at 2pm. For more information contact Kay (**015394**) **41559**.

Rusland Horizons Report

Greenwood Trails accompanied walk - Sunday 9th February

The Eight Greenwood Trails walks throughout the Rusland Valley are proving very popular. We will be organising a number of guided walks along these trails, the first being Greenwood Trails 4: Oxen Park to Bethacar Moor. There will be a choice of two guided routes, both starting and finishing at Abbot Park Farm, with the option of tea and scones (for a small fee). Full details and registration information can be found on the Rusland Horizons website.

Polytunnel Project update

The Polytunnel Project, which will focus on growing trees from seed and wildflower seedlings, is making good progress. A location has now been established along with sponsorship for the initial purchase of the polytunnel. A volunteer Project Leader has been confirmed with additional expressions of interest to help from others. The aim is to involve many more members of the community, from the youngest to the oldest, so why not get involved?

Field-names of the Rusland Valley and fells

Our recently launched book, *What's in a Name?*, is on sale at Suttons Bookshop in Ulverston, or can be purchased at £17.50 by emailing Rusland Horizons Trust at secretary@ruslandhorizonstrust.org. Over 2500 Field-names were recorded and their origins interpreted. The book provides a cultural history of Rusland, shows how the landscape has changed and includes magnificent illustrations from many of the old maps that were discovered.

For more details, or to get involved in any of the Rusland Horizons Trust projects please visit www.ruslandhorizons.org/ or email hello@ruslandhorizonstrust.org

Young Farmers Club Report

Annual Meeting of the Southern District

Members and their guests from all over the south of the county attended the Cumbria Young Farmers 38th Annual Meeting of the Southern District at The Castle Green Hotel, Kendal on Friday 10th January 2020.

President, Mr David Bowes, welcomed those gathered and began his speech by paying tribute to ex County Adviser, Peter Hadwin, commenting that Peter was a great friend to many and would be sadly missed by all those who knew him.

David spoke about the three main highlights of his year; the Field Day hosted by Sedbergh YFC, where he had been "absolutely blown away" by the standard of competitors. The second highlight was attending the Junior Rally in October, hosted by North West Auctions at J36. Over 100 juniors took part and the evening was a great mix of fun and organised chaos! Finally, and in David's opinion arguably the biggest success of the year was the Club Community Challenge. All ten of the Southern District clubs carried out community works and projects in their local areas for schools, parish halls and churches, strengthening ties with their local communities and creating opportunities for some great teamwork.





As he brought his speech to a close, David thanked Richard Ladds, Alice Longmire, Esther Lambert and Emily Armer the outgoing Southern District Officers and wished William Longmire, the incoming Chairman and John Garnett, the incoming President the best of luck for their year in office.



Speeches were also given by Richard Ladds, the Southern District Chair and Stephen Rowlinson, the Southern District Treasurer.

The evening drew to a close with a Vote of Thanks from 2019 District Junior Member of the Year, Ruth Cooper of Lowick YFC and the evening continued with a dance and a good catch up for young farmers old and new.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

Blawith with Subberthwaite

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B&S PC's most recent meeting was on 13th January, 2020.

Planning Applications - no objections to be submitted

Newbiggin, Blawith - external and internal building alterations.

Crake Valley Holiday Park - resiting of caravan

Planning Notifications - permitted

Old Brown Howe, Water Yeat: extensions and alteration.

Copper Beech Lodge, Water Yeat: tree felling and surgery.

Planning Notifications - refused

The Boathouse, Brown Howe, Water Yeat: alterations to boat-house flat.

Ongoing Planning & Development issues:

Land at Moss Wood – update received from LDNP that the enforcement notice has been mostly complied with and legal action will not continue. This will be monitored by LDNP.

Parish Plan activities:

Paths Group and Natterjack Toad monitoring restarting soon – if you are interested, please contact Cllr Diana Rutherford.

For full minutes and agendas please see www.bspc.btck.co.uk

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th February, 2020

NEWS FROM SLDC

The Council has agreed the 5-year Council plan and vision:

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- Working Across Boundaries to deliver Sustainable Growth;
- Creating Balanced Communities;
- Reducing Inequalities;
- Responding to Climate Change and enhancing Biodiversity.

They are on target to deliver 1000 affordable homes to rent by 2025, most recently granting £282,000 to the purchase of six properties at Newby Bridge for South Lakes Housing, bringing the total to 468. SLDC is supporting CafS (Cumbria action for Sustainability), which provides advisors to ensure domestic energy cost reduction.

SLDC is backing a social enterprise company: Right2Work which recycles bulky household items and helps disabled or disadvantaged people into paid work.

To tackle the challenge of climate change, the Council has many diverse projects. They are trying to phase out the use of single use plastics, and are installing seven electric vehicle points in residential areas.

More than 1,000 new trees will be planted on council-owned land under a massive tree replacement programme as part of flood defence works in Kendal. A further 107 trees will be planted on SLDC and parish sites.

Currently on offer are food composters at a discount rate of £15 or £20. (call 0800 013 1304). If you want any more information please contact South Lakeland District Council on 01539 733333 or www.southlakeland.gov.uk or Cllr Ian Wharton on **077784 30926**, ian.wharton@southlakeland.gov.uk

Private Water Supplies - SLDC regulation

Anne Hall is hoping to attend a workshop as new legislation is being rolled out regarding Private Water Supplies to properties, of which we clearly have a considerable number in this Rural Ward. There will be different actions needed if water is serving Holiday Cottages/B&B than if just to resident families. Will keep everyone informed.

SLDC LOCALITY BUDGETS - Broughton & Coniston Ward, Cllr Ian Wharton

Each SLDC Councillor is provided with a Locality Budget of £1000 p.a. to support community groups within their ward. This is so that they can purchase equipment, hold events or run services.

The minimum claim is £100, and I must receive the claim before Friday March 6th.

Within my budget, there is approximately £400 available.

If you would like more information or to apply please contact me at:
ian.wharton@southlakeland.gov.uk

Conserving Coniston & Crake

The project is now in its final few months so we're starting to see the completion of work around the catchment.

One project that was particularly exciting was the creation of a new section of beck that bypasses a weir, allowing salmon to migrate further to reach some excellent spawning sites. Surrounding habitats will be further enhanced by some tree planting towards the end of this month.

Significant coppicing work took place at High Peel Near with the National Trust. This was done to allow more light into a section of shoreline where the reedbed was overshadowed by scrubby trees. An area approx. 300 sq.m was coppiced, with further work scheduled for later this year.

5 Water Quality/YSI volunteers are continuing to monitor 18 sites around the catchment each month and have also helped with the phosphate sampling programme. We are looking for more volunteers to help with water monitoring, as well as tree planting so please get in touch if you are interested.

We also worked with Envirotech Ecology Consultants to determine whether we have water shrews within the catchment, and we have! Water shrews *Neomys fodiens* are Britain's largest shrew and as they don't hibernate can be looked for at this time of year.

If you want to know more about this or what else we've been up to then go to our website.

Nest Box Workshop Saturday 22nd February 10.30am – 12.30pm, Torver Schoolroom, Torver.

Make a box for us and one to take home. All materials and tools provided.

Kath Smith, Communities & Engagement Officer, Conserving Coniston & Crake

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Conserving Coniston & Crake is a 3-year National Lottery Heritage Fund project with the aim of improving water quality, habitat and biodiversity in the catchment area, through conservation activities and community engagement. The project initiated by the Coniston & Crake Catchment Partnership is managed by South Cumbria Rivers Trust and supported by the National Trust and the Lake District National Park Authority.

National Trust Update South Lakes

Our teams are now in the final throes of getting ready for re-opening Hill Top, the Beatrix Potter Gallery and Wray Castle on 15th February. We would like to extend an invitation to the readers of this Magazine to join us for a free preview event at Hill Top, Near Sawrey and the Beatrix Potter Gallery, Hawkshead on **13th February** between 4 – 6pm. This is a chance to see the new exhibition for 2020, meet the team and hear what else is new before we open to visitors.

Our work outdoors throughout the South Lakes, restoring and maintaining paths, hedges and dry stone walls continues in the winter months. Felling of diseased Larch trees in and around Tarn Hows is still underway and you may have noticed felled logs when visiting. These cannot be removed when the ground is so wet, as the machinery needed can damage the ground. Tarn Hows is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and the mires are vital to thousands of very important habitats for a whole variety of rare wetland plant species. We hope to remove most of the logs in early spring and will work to minimise the disruption with limited path closures.

If you're looking for work in the local area we may still have a few roles live and more coming soon, so do please check online at <https://www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk/> to find out more if you're interested or email at onelakespeople@nationaltrust.org.uk

We'll be running a very informal 'drop in' session on **Monday 17th February** at Coniston Institute Reading Room, from 4.30 – 6.30pm. This is open to anyone who would like to come and talk to us about our work in the Coniston area; if you've got questions about our work; if you'd like to know what we're doing about something; if you'd like to meet and have a chat with some of our staff then please come along. There is no need to book and we'd like to see lots of you there.

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Parish Prayer Diary

February 2020

1st: Pray for those unable now to attend church because of infirmity; that they may daily know the inner peace and comfort of Jesus and remember that, as they pray, they are members still of the Christian praying community.

2nd February: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray that in our worship today God will speak to each of us through His word that we might be equipped for His service in the week ahead.

3rd: Pray for Bishop James' meeting with his Leadership Team this evening as they discuss and pray over diocesan matters and decisions.

4th: Pray for the Coniston & Torver PCC meeting this evening, for its members and their deliberations.

5th: Pray for the Mothers' Union as it campaigns nationally and internationally for family life and the protection of children, and pray for individual members as they seek to bring hope and practical support to those in need.

6th: Remembering the various children and youth groups in our benefice, pray for the leaders and volunteers as they prepare their sessions to help their groups learn about Jesus and see how He is with us each day.

7th: Pray for local Citizens Advice Bureau providing free, impartial and confidential help on a wide range of matters, often to people in great distress.

8th Feb: Pray for the Children's Society as they help vulnerable young people get advice and guidance with relationship difficulties, problems at home, drug and alcohol addictions and to find access to safe accommodation.

9th February: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray as we meet together today for worship that God will speak to each of us through His living word.

10th: Pray for those struggling financially: that they will have the courage to contact a local Citizens Advice Bureau, or a debt management charity such as Step Change, for practical help to get back on track.

11th: Pray for St Mary's Hospice in Ulverston especially the Hospice at Home team, as they work closely with palliative care services across the locality, providing effective care for patients and support to their families.

12th: Pray our Parent & Toddler groups will be places of friendship and support for the adults and first steps to knowing Jesus for our young children. (*Matthew 19 vs13-15*)

13th: Pray for the Annual General Meeting for Penny Bridge CE Academy which takes place this evening.

14th: Pray for Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, as he prepares for his retirement in June and for handing on the role to the Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell, currently Bishop of Chelmsford.

15th: Pray the sanctity of Christian marriage will continue to be celebrated and faithfully upheld. Pray for the marriage preparation session taking place today at Ulverston Parish Church for those getting married this year.

16th February: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray for our services today, that the Holy Spirit will open our hearts and minds to respond to Him through our worship and fellowship.

17th: Pray for children starting the half-term break; that they will keep safe and be refreshed by the change of routine that school holidays bring.

18th: Pray for relief agencies ministering across the world, and their workers who often put their lives on the line to help the victims of conflict. Pray that aid supplies can move freely and be used wisely.

19th: Pray for the Coffee & Chat sessions at Greenodd Village Hall organised by Haverthwaite Surgery, which provide opportunity to catch up with old friends and the making of new friendships.

20th: Pray today's World Day of Social Justice will impact on reducing hunger and poverty and promote social and political freedom at home and abroad.

21st: Pray for Prison Chaplains, that through their work and ministry lives of inmates will be transformed and made whole.

22nd: Pray for Christian Aid as it campaigns to highlight the impact of the world's climate crisis on the world's poorest people, and pray for the aid workers helping communities to enhance their resilience to climate change.

23rd February: Sunday, the first day of the week

Let us thank God for the opportunity today to freely worship, and ask Him to give us each a message to encourage us in the week ahead.

24th: As children return to school today, let us pray they will learn social as well as educational skills, having respect for themselves and other people.

25th: The *Open the Book* project enables primary school children to learn stories from the Bible. Pray today for those involved in bringing the stories to life at Coniston Primary School and at Penny Bridge Academy.

26th: Pray for today's Ash Wednesday services marking the beginning of Lent, and consider how you personally can use the next six weeks to deepen your relationship with Jesus. (*Ephesians 3 vs 14-21*)

27th: Pray for those in Australia who have lost homes and livelihoods in the bush fires; that they may have the physical and emotional strength to rebuild their lives and communities.

28th: Pray for all who work for the welfare and benefit of society: police, social services, fire service, NHS and local government.

29th: Pray for the *God for All* vision across our county and for Bishop Emma and her team as they collate the answers to prayer from the mission communities, use them to frame the way forward in this new decade.



March Magazine

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



Calling all photographers!

If you have photos of local interest that would be suitable for the cover of a future Magazine, landscapes, lambs, farming etc., please email in as above, with a note of where and roughly when taken. This month's cover photo is of Kelly Tarn by Ron Rutland. We will soon also have a gallery of contributed seasonal photos of our beautiful area on the website www.conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk

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Bouth WI	2 nd Weds	tbc	Bouth VH
Egton WI	2 nd Tues	7.30pm	Greenodd VH
Coniston WI	3 rd Tues	7.30pm	Coniston Institute
Spark Bridge & Lowick WI	4 th Tues	7.30pm	Member's home
Church Coffee Morning	1 st Weds	11am	St Andrew's
Prayer Hour	1 st Weds	10am	St Mary the Virgin
Greenodd Quilters	1 st Weds	10am	Greenodd VH
Coniston History Group	3 rd Mon	2.30pm	Coniston Institute
Coniston 1 st Responders	1 st Tues	7pm	Coniston Institute
Cream Tea Group Age UK	2nd Tues	3pm	Meadowdore, Coniston Tel 015394 49539 to book
Newland Iron Furnace	last Sat	1pm	Newland Iron Furnace

WEEKLY

Line Dancing	Thursdays	7.30pm	Greenodd VH
Let's Dance	Thursdays	7.30pm	Coniston Primary
Indoor Bowls	Mondays	7pm	Greenodd VH
Pilates	Tue, Wed, Thurs	See website	Greenodd VH
Yoga	Wednesdays	10.30am & 7.30pm	Water Yeat VH
Kettlecise	Mon & Fri	9am	Greenodd VH
Pilates	Mondays	6pm	Lowick CH
Tai Chi	Fridays	10am	Lowick CH
Lowick Young Farmers	Wednesdays	7pm	Lowick CH
Indoor Bowling	Friday	1pm	Coniston Institute
Craft Club	Wednesdays	7pm	Coniston Institute
Community Choir	Thursdays	7pm	Coniston Institute
Coniston Cameo Club	Tuesdays	1pm	Coniston Institute
Let's Dance (age 4-11)	Thursdays	6.30pm	Coniston Primary
Connecting Mums	Fridays	10am	Coniston S & S
Lowick Toddlers	Wednesdays	9.30am	Lowick CH
Sparks! (Reception-year 2)	Wednesdays	3.20pm	Coniston Primary
The Zone (year 3-6)	Fridays	5.30pm	John Ruskin School
NJOY (year 7 upwards)	Thursdays	7pm	John Ruskin School
Girlguides	Mondays	evening	www.girlguiding.org.uk

WHAT'S ON GUIDE - FEBRUARY

- Sat 1st: **HATCHET** - 70's live music, 8pm, Coniston Institute
- Sun 2nd: **Winter Breakfast**, 9am, Torver Schoolroom
- Mon 3rd: **Community Lunch**, 12.30pm, Coniston Institute
- Tue 4th: **Supper & Film: Capernaum**, 7pm, Carthouse Cinema, Oxen Park
- Wed 5th: **Coffee Morning**, 11am, St Andrew's Coniston
- Wed 5th: **Quiz Night**, 7.30pm, The Britannia, Penny Bridge
- Wed 5th: **Prayer Hour** at Penny Bridge Church, 10 - 11am.
- Thur 6th: **Torver Parish Council**, 7.30pm, Torver Schoolroom
- Fri 7th: **Talk: Arthur Ransome at Hill Top**, 7.30pm Carthouse Cinema, Oxen Park
- Sat 8th: **Gnoss** live music, 7.30pm, Coniston Institute
- Sun 9th: **Accompanied Walk**, Rusland Horizons, Abbot Park (see website)
- Mon 10th: **Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council**, 7pm, Water Yeat VH
- Tue 11th: **Cream Tea - Age UK**, 3pm, Meadowdore Café, Coniston booking required
- Tue 11th: **Egton WI talk by Ella from Ripe**, 7.30pm, Greenodd VH
- Tue 11th: **Coniston Institute Management Committee**, 7pm, Coniston Institute
- Wed 12th: **Bouth WI** morning meeting, 11am, Bouth Village Hall
- Thur 13th: **NT preview events**, 4pm, Hill Top & Beatrix Potter Gallery, Hawkshead
- Fri 14th: **Valentine's Concert**, 7.30pm, Coniston Institute
- Sat 15th: **Coffee Morning** 10am **Lowick Show Committee** Greenodd VH
- Sat 15th: **Film: The Favourite**, 7.30pm, Carthouse Cinema, Oxen Park
- Mon 17th: **Community Lunch**, 12.30pm, Coniston Institute
- Mon 17th: **Talk: Exploring Lakeland Churches** 2.30pm Coniston Institute
- Mon 17th: **Coniston Parish Council**, 7pm, Coniston Institute
- Mon 17th: **National Trust Drop-in Event, 4.30pm**, Coniston Institute
- Tue 18th: **Coniston WI**, 7.30pm, Coniston Institute
- Wed 19th: **Quiz Night**, 7.30pm, The Britannia, Penny Bridge
- Sat 22nd: **Nest Box making workshop**, SCRT, 10.30am Torver Schoolroom
- Sat 22nd: **Creativity in the Church**, 10.30am, Church of Christ, Kirkby in Furness
- Sat 22nd: **Chris Elliot & Caitlin Jones**, 8pm, Water Yeat Village Hall
- Sat 22nd: **Film: Neither Wolf nor Dog**, 7.30pm, Carthouse Cinema, Oxen Park
- Thur 27th: **Theatre: Letters from the Front**, 7.30pm, Coniston Institute
- Fri 28th: **Pie & Peas and Dominoes**, 7.30pm, Coniston Institute (see news item)

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