

Coniston and Crake Valley News

Serving the parishes of Colton, Coniston and
Torver, Egton cum Newland & Lowick with Blawith



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"To Grow, Witness and Love Like Jesus"

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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. The church building is usually open daily 10am – 4pm for visitors and for private prayer. Our moderator is Rev. Andrew Dodd. For further information contact Chris and Margaret Hamps, hampsc@outlook.com

Coniston Methodist Church, Coniston LA21 8ER

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 5.00pm.

For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on **01229 779673**.

Coniston Christian Fellowship LA21 8AL

Coniston Christian Fellowship does not meet on Sundays but runs Bible Studies during the week. For further details, contact Alex or Ruth Stewart **07751 589 356 / 015394 49539**.

March Magazine



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 **February 15th**, or phone **07884 232281**.



If your group, neighbourhood or organisation has plans for a celebration in June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, why not let us all know with an item in the Magazine?



Our cover photo this month is the frozen headwaters of Torver Beck. Please continue to send your images of life and work in the parishes to **editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk**. We also have a gallery of contributed seasonal photos of our beautiful area on the website: **www.conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk**.

Pastoral Letter from Pam Priestley

Dear All,

An elderly lady in her nineties welcomed a visitor into her home. The visitor remarked that the lady looked particularly pleased with herself that morning. The elderly lady confided in her that she was indeed feeling very pleased because she had just managed to secure a place for her 73 year old son in an old people's home! Perception of age can be a funny thing!

The festival of Candlemas which we celebrate at this time in the church's year remembers the time when Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. There they met Simeon and Anna, two very old people but fresh and alive for God, knowing that He still had an active plan for their lives. Anna had been widowed early in married life but had used her circumstances to devote herself to prayer. Simeon knew in his spirit that he would not die until he saw the baby who would be the light for the world.

And so this group were gathered in the temple, 2 very old people, a young couple and a baby but all held in the love of God and joyfully worshipping together - a lovely example of an all age worship service!

Our Benefice churches tend to have older congregations now which is sad because we miss out on learning from the joyful exuberance and directness of children as they, in turn, miss out on hearing about Jesus and learning what it means to be His friend.

Many in my generation were made to go to church and hated it so resolved never to do the same to their own children! That is totally understandable. We, in the church today, need to take heed. If we are going to make 'church' accessible and welcoming to children and young people then we have to look carefully about what there is to attract them. That may mean giving up some of our treasured traditions or putting up with sticky fingers on the altar rail and more noise than we might like!

Some readers, thinking of this Candlemas story, will be reminded of their own visit to church when they took their new baby for baptism. In that service also, a candle is significant, alongside the words, "You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life."

May we take that imperative seriously and help and encourage each other, young and old, to walk in the light of Christ.

Yours,

Pam P

Church Services for February 2022

6th	Fourth Sunday before Lent		
St. Luke Torver	9.30am	Winter Breakfast	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Joanna Henson
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Morning Worship - Candlemas	
		Children's Service	Pam Priestley

13th	Third Sunday before Lent		
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bickersteth

20th	Second Sunday before Lent		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Harry Welch

27th	Sunday Next before Lent		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	Rev Graham Ransom
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Morning Worship	Pamela Hull
St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter

Children's Service



There will be a children's service (for children of all ages!) at Colton Church on **Sunday 6th February** at **10.00am**. It will be a short informal service with singing, story, movement and prayer.

Do come and accompany your children/grandchildren.

All are welcome.

From the Registers

Funerals

29 th December:	Richard Walton at St Andrew's, Coniston	Funeral
3 rd January:	Mary Elizabeth Fletcher at St Andrew's, Coniston	Funeral
4 th January:	Tonia Bern-Campbell at St Andrew's, Coniston	Interment of Ashes

Parish Prayer Diary - February

1st: Pray for tired and busy parents.

2nd: At 10am join with Christians across the benefice for an hour of prayer at home, praying for family, our community, our nation and the needs of the world.

3rd: Pray for all working long hours for the welfare and benefit of society: all NHS staff, police, social services, rescue services, and local government.

4th: Pray for our local farming community.

5th: Pray for NSPCC working to prevent child abuse, to help rebuild the lives of vulnerable children and supporting families in difficult times.

6th February: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray our gracious Lord may so guide and help us that in all our doings we glorify His holy name and finally by His mercy we receive everlasting life.

7th: Pray for the various children and youth groups in our benefice; pray for the group leaders as they prepare sessions and activities.

8th: Pray for our local Councillors and Parish Council administrators working on our behalf to improve our communities.

9th: Pray for those struggling financially, and for the charities that can provide practical help such as local CAB, Step Change or Christians Against Poverty.

10th: Pray for mental health services and support groups.

11th: Pray for St Mary's Hospice in Ulverston providing care and comfort for patients and support to their families.

12th: Pray persecuted Christians will stand strong, for God to provide for their needs and strengthen their faith, and they will continue to be salt and light in their communities.

13th February: Sunday, the first day of the week

May God give to His people grace to so love what He commands and to desire what He promises, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found.

14th: Pray the sanctity of Christian marriage will continue to be celebrated and faithfully upheld.

15th: Pray for Head Teachers and their staff during this half-term break.

16th: Pray for those who work in the science and research communities.

17th: Pray for Africa Inland Mission society missionaries responding to the call to share the love of Jesus with those who have never heard the Good News.

18th: Pray for relief agencies across the world, and their workers who often put their lives on the line to help the victims of conflict.

19th: Pray for the funding of local organisations working to improve our environment for the benefit of wildlife, which in turns benefits us all.

20th February: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray our Almighty God who created the heavens and the earth and made us in His own image may teach us to discern His hand in all His works and His likeness in all His children.

21st: Pray for this evening's meeting of Colton Parish Council.

22nd: Pray for Christian Aid as it campaigns for a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

23rd: Pray for Parent & Toddler groups across our Deanery.

24th: Pray for Blawith & Subberthwaite Parish Council meeting this evening.

25th: Pray for the work of the Cumbria Community Foundation as it meets the needs of residents, especially the distribution of the Winter Warmth Fund.

26th: Pray for our local businesses.

27th February: Sunday, the first day of the week

As we remember Jesus was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, we pray that by the discipline of Lent we may enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following the way of Jesus, come to share His glory.

28th: Pray for those who find the world to be a noisy, confusing place.

AROUND THE PARISHES

Colton

Bouth Christmas Eve



The traditional carols around the tree on Bouth Village Green raised £170 which is to be donated to Mind in Furness.

Colton Church Electoral Roll

Anyone wishing to be added to or removed from the Church Electoral Roll should contact Sue Dean on (01229) 861435 before 12th February. If you would like more information about the purpose of the Electoral Roll please contact Sue as above or the Benefice Administrator, Juliet, on admin@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk.

Coniston and Torver

Coniston 14 - Still Running after 40 Years

The first Coniston 14 Road Race was held in 1982 and this year will mark the 40th Annual Race. 2020 was the only year missed because of the Covid pandemic.

Last year's race raised over £21,000 and this was distributed to the following 25 clubs, charities and good causes:

Coniston Bowling Club, Coniston Care Scheme, Coniston Churches Together, Coniston and Crake Valley News, Coniston Cricket Club, Coniston District Tennis Club, Coniston Tennis Club, Coniston Christmas Lights Committee, Coniston Football Club, Coniston First Responders, Coniston Institute, Coniston Mountain Rescue Team, Coniston Primary HSA, Coniston Primary School, Coniston Sports and Social Club, Coniston Swimming Pool, Coniston Parents and Toddler Group, Coniston Tourist Information Centre, Coniston WI, Friends of the X112 Bus Charity, Hawkshead Guides and Brownies, John Ruskin School, Coniston, South Cumbria Rivers Trust, St. Mary's Hospice, Ulverston and Ulverston MIND.

This year's race takes place on **Saturday 26th March** and there are still places available, especially for local runners.

Booking is online at: <http://www.coniston14.co.uk>

A road closure to protect the safety of the runners will again operate between Coniston and High Ground in both directions from 10.50 until 11.20. There will also be a closure on Lake Road at the start and to coincide with the return of the majority of runners between 12.15 and 14.00.

As usual the Police, Mountain Rescue Team, First Responders and some 70 helpers will support the Coniston 14 Race on the day.

Dr Simon Fisher (1962 – 2021)

Simon was an only son and was brought up in Birmingham where his father was a clockmaker. After leaving school, he studied engineering, returning to join his father in the business, which included maintaining the famous Joseph Chamberlain Memorial Clock Tower in Birmingham University. At 100m, this is the world's largest freestanding clock tower. His home in Coniston is full of clocks, from small carriage clocks (five in the dining room alone) to the stately grandfather clock in the hall.

He brought his usual meticulous attention to detail to maintaining his Messerschmitt 'bubble' cars and was a long-standing member of the owners' club, where he used his skills to compile the complex membership list.



As a teenager, Simon had suffered from cancer; this, along with his interest in people, stimulated him to study medicine in Newcastle University as a mature student. After house jobs and further training, Simon considered General Practice in the northeast, which did not materialise. However, he saw the advert for Coniston, and came initially as a locum in 2007, then took over the practice in early 2008, when he was joined by his wife, Dr Katharina Frey.

Simon loved his work in Coniston, where he was treasured by both patients and staff. His receptionists agreed that he "was an excellent doctor; we will miss his good sense of humour; we never felt that he was our employer, but more like a friend, and we will miss him terribly". He himself would like to have continued for a few years.

He is survived by his wife and partner, Katharina; on behalf of the village we offer her sincere condolences on this sudden and sad loss.

Coniston Patient Participation Group



The Coniston Patient Participation Group and the appropriate health authorities are supporting Dr Katharina Frey to ensure the stability and continuation of the Coniston General Practice following the death of Dr Simon Fisher.

Coniston Patient Participation Group

Coffee Plus

The next ones will be on **Wednesday 2nd February and Wednesday 2nd March** from 10.30am to 12.30 in the Institute Reading Room.

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston, December 2021

Total - 295.4mm (11.6ins)

Wet days - 25

More than 1mm on 22 days

Wettest day - 30th - 50.5mm (2.0ins)

Total for 2021 - 2854.6mm (112.4ins)



The Coniston Institute

**JACK RUTTER /
JANICE BURNS &
JON DORAN-
DOUBLE BILL**

An evening of English and Scottish folk music from the leading lights of the young vanguard of tradition bearers - BBC folk award and Danny Kyle winners , they are the real deal .Book tickets at sam.clarke.5555@gmail.com or online at www.ruskinmuseum.co.uk bring your own drinks

**Sat 19th
February**

£12 DOORS 7:00PM

Coniston Primary School



The Home School Association are collecting used stamps to raise funds - if you can help please drop stamps off at School Reception.

Coffee Morning

New Venue!

@ Spark Bridge Village Hall

Saturday 12th February

10 am – 12 noon

In aid of...

LOWICK SHOW



Entry

Adults £2, Children £1

includes Tea/Coffee & biscuit

*Stalls include Homemade Cakes,
Bottle Tombola, Books and Raffle*



Save the date for Lowick Show-Saturday 3rd September 2022

www.lowickshow.co.uk

WATER YEAT VILLAGE HALL presents


A Stay Local Quiz



Friday 18th February 7.30pm



Teams of up to 4

Come as a team, or come anyway & team up.

**£3 on the door per team member, includes
prizes and nibbles. Doors open 7pm**

Cabaret-style seating Bring your own tipples



Lowick Parish Council

Cumbria Highways have made your Council aware that they are proposing changes to the speed limit along the A5092 and the A595 from the end of the existing 40mph speed limit at Lowick Green to the west side of Wreaks Causeway End Bridge. Full details are available at: [A5092 and A595 Speed Limits Traffic Regulation Order \(cumbria.gov.uk\)](http://cumbria.gov.uk) This affects only a short section of the A5092 in our Parish but we have had representations asking us to respond to the proposals asking the County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland to re-consider issues they were made aware of during the earlier speed reduction proposal through Lowick Green and other concerns from parishioners raised when they completed our Parish Plan Questionnaire. This item was on the agenda for discussion again at the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th January 2022. The deadline for representation is no later than 28th January 2022.

Reports

Bouth WI

January's open meeting of the W.I. was very well attended, the speaker was Darryl Kelbrick who lives and works in the woods in Bouth which he purchased twelve years ago with his partner Jo, who also works with and makes items of furniture with the wood. The title of his talk was how it is good for gardening, it is a natural charcoal which he produces in the woods called Bio Charcoal. He told us in detail about how he makes it in a kiln and the benefits of its uses in the garden as soil improver, potting compost, water purifier and also for animals as a treatment for stomach problems. It is also used as a barbecue fuel and as compost which farmers could use on their fields. Very interesting and educational talk which was enjoyed by all.

Our W.I. Social Saturday morning is on **February 12th at 11am**, anyone interested in joining the W.I. would be most welcome to attend. Why not give our President a ring on **07500 452598**.

Our next open meeting is on **Wednesday March 9th** at Bouth Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.15pm. the cost is £3 for guests, with coffee, tea, biscuits and a free raffle ticket. The speaker is Peter McCafferty talking about Kendal Mint Cake and the media.

There will be a new programme of events from April – watch this space for more information.

Jenny Smith.

Egton WI

The first 2022 meeting of Egton WI got off to a good start with an interesting and amusing talk from Graham Hundley, a recently retired paramedic. He had many tales to tell which we all enjoyed and it was good to be back together again, along with two new visitors, even if we were socially distanced when possible and took the sensible precaution of mask wearing when not seated.

Our Christmas supper went off well as did the entertainment provided by the committee although sadly, but understandably, our numbers were not quite what we had hoped for. A good atmosphere prevailed none the less.

We have a new programme published for the year and our speaker on 8th February will be Lisa from Ginger Bakers which sounds rather yummy! Also we are planning to host a group meeting in April with an exciting locally based speaker.

Looking ahead also on a positive note we hope to hold a royal celebration tea party in Greenodd Village Hall on our forthcoming Jubilee bank holiday, **Thursday 2nd June**. We will be selling tickets for this event in due course so if you are interested please save the date, we would love to see you and propose having tables of four.

As said previously we welcome new visitors. If you require anymore information then please contact **Gill** on **07519144799**.

From the WI team



Hawkshead Brownies



Hawkshead Brownie Shoebox Appeal would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have taken the time to knit, sew and buy things in their weekly shop all year round. We sent an amazing 1115 beautiful boxes out to Eastern Europe. There are lots of ways people can help. We save up large elastic bands, ribbons, buttons. We also need lots of knitting wool. Anyone can knit or sew lovely items from purses, pencil cases, hair ornaments etc. Why not add some toothbrushes to your shopping list.

We will make the boxes up next November.

Girlguiding in Hawkshead have vacancies for new members from age five when girls can join Rainbows, seven for Brownies and ten for Guides, or you can become a volunteer and have fun at eighteen or over. If you are interested either register at www.girlguiding.org.uk or telephone **Judith** on **015394 41245**.

Utility Companies' Priority Services Register

Abigail Bennett of Colton Parish Council has written this helpful guide for us - you may be surprised to find that you are eligible for this service.

If you haven't already done so, now's the time to think about signing up for the Priority Services Register.

Storm Arwen left many vulnerable people in cold, dark houses for days on end. Whilst neighbours rallied round to do what they could, there were still some people who had no one to look out for them. To help reduce the risk to people in this situation should another devastating storm hit our area, now might be the time to think about signing up for the Priority Services Register.

The Priority Services Register is a free service provided by the utility companies to help identify households that may need extra help and support. Depending on the circumstances, this may include services such as bills in alternative formats or setting up a password system for when an engineer calls or someone comes to read the meter.

The Priority Services Register also helps the utility companies identify households that need extra help when there's a crisis, such as a power cut. The support offered might include warm food and drinks and, where practical, priority for reconnection. If there are clusters of households signed up, this can aid effective planning and delivery of that help.

Lots of us are eligible, including:

- anyone over state pension age

- children under 5

- pregnant women

- people who have long term physical or mental health conditions

- those who rely on medical equipment that needs a power supply

- people who use a stair lift to get upstairs

So, if, like many in our community, you fit into any of the categories above, you can sign up.

You can either register with your own supplier, or you can register with Electricity North West (ENW). If you choose to sign up with ENW and you give your consent they will share your details with other providers.

If you are already signed up, you can contact your supplier or ENW to check your details are up to date.

To find out more or to register yourself see

<https://www.enwl.co.uk/power-cuts/priority-services-register/>

Or call **0800 195 4141** or email customerwelfareteam@enwl.co.uk

Oxen Park Cinema Club

We are still being cautious with restricted numbers, masks being worn and great ventilation – come and see.

In February we have *Supa Nova* on Tuesday 1st and Sunday 6th - this is a 2020 British romantic drama **film** written and directed by Harry Macqueen. The **film** stars superb performances by Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci.

Then one showing of *Bait* on Tuesday 15th February - a struggling fisherman, the film deals with the tensions that arise between locals and tourists in a Cornish fishing village against a backdrop of second homes and short-term lets – does this sound familiar?



OPCC Mini Mountain Festival

Friday 25th February – *Piano to Zanskar*.

Saturday 26th – *Nanook of the North* (afternoon) classic silent film from 1922 and *Climbing Blind*.

Sunday 27th – *The Rescue* – the remarkable Thailand Cave Rescue .

And a preview of what's coming in March:

Tuesday 8th March Karen Guthrie's *'The Closer We Get' with Q&A*

Saturday 19th March – *Knives Out*

Rusland Horizons Trust News

The Rusland Horizons Jolly January Bash.....third time lucky!

Following the after-effects of Storm Arwen in November and the increased threat of the new COVID variant in December, we regrettably had to postpone our Christmas bash and reschedule the event to the end of January; renaming it accordingly, to the Jolly January Bash. The continued prevalence of COVID and, having solicited opinions in the community, we have concluded that there is limited appetite for the event in January. We have therefore decided to postpone this event until early spring.

We have tentatively set another date, Sunday 20th March, when, all being well, we will hold our Super Springtime Bash. To celebrate the spring equinox, brighter and

more positive times ahead, we will hold a day of conservation activities helping nature, wildlife and the local community.

We will provide more details and confirmation of the event as we get closer to the date. We remain hopeful that our Super Springtime Bash will be third time lucky for our event!

2022 Photography Competition launches

We had a tremendous response to our photography competition last year with some truly stunning photographs being submitted. We are extremely pleased to report that we sold out of our 2022 calendars, a testament to the 13 beautiful images it featured. Thank you to everyone that ordered one of our calendars.

Following last year's success, we are excited to announce the launch of our 2022 Photography Competition, in preparation for a 2023 Rusland Horizons Trust calendar.

The theme this year will be 'All Creatures Great and Small'. Full details and rules of entry will be available on our website very soon. Information will also be provided within the next Rusland Horizons Trust newsletter and on our social media.

The closing date for submitting your entries is 13th October 2022. Don't delay though, grab your camera and get outside now and start taking some fantastic photos!

Friends of the Lake District work party - Wednesday 2nd February

Join our partner, Friends of the Lake District, at its Rusland Woods work party. Help plant trees in two woods in the Rusland valley, Bull Coppice and Resp Haw Wood. After Storm Arwen the woods are sure to be in need of some TLC as well as protection from over browsing.

These work parties are always particularly popular, so booking is essential! A link to Friends of the Lake District's website for full information and booking can be found on the 'What's On' page on our website.

Keep up to date with all our latest events and news through our newsletter, website and on social media - Facebook and Instagram.

For any enquiries, including suggestions for events and volunteering opportunities to help support the Trust's activities, please contact hello@ruslandhorizonstrust.org, Website - www.ruslandhorizons.org

Updates from Grizedale Arts and The Farmer's Arms

Thanks to all of our customers' support, our volunteers and core team's hard work and dedication, in 2021 we were able to transform The Farmer's Arms ground floors, reopening the historic Stable Bar, turning the old Lounge Bar into a cosy Café and launching our pottery / woodwork workshops and Honest Shop. Although the ground floor is now fully functional, we still have a lot of work to do on the upper floors. To make a good start on the work, we will be close for the first 6 weeks of 2022, re-opening in February, w/c 14th, just in time for Valentine's day.

Our weekly volunteer days will restart on 1 February 2022, moving to Tuesdays every week between 10am – 4.30pm. Open to anyone who wants to get involved, there is no need to book in, just come along and much in. We will also restart our weekly community lunch on that day too, opening up the Stable Bar for anyone in the community to join us for 2-course lunch for just £5.00 per person. If you know

someone in the community who would benefit from joining our lunches, we encourage you to bring them along.

On Saturday 5 February, we'll be hosting a community surgery with our Parish Council (Egton cum Newland) from 10am in the Stable Bar which will be an opportunity for you to come and chat to us in person.

Following the sell-out success of our 2021 programme, the 2022 Farmer's Arms Garden School is now open for booking. A comprehensive growing course of nine monthly sessions held at the beautiful Nibthwaite Grange Farm. During each hands-on session, you'll be guided by local head gardener **Karen Guthrie** through all the seasonal jobs of growing and caring for fruit, vegetables, shrubs and flowers. You'll also tackle easy design and landscaping challenges, and learn how to create a nature-friendly balance in even the tiniest of green spaces. Choose a morning or afternoon session to suit your diary, join with a friend or your partner, or come along solo and make new friends to learn alongside.

The full 8-session course costs £320. Concessionary rate is £280. Sessions run on the last Saturday of the month from March until October 2022. Places are limited to a maximum of 10 people per session and you can choose to attend morning sessions (09.00-13.00) or afternoon sessions (14.00-18.00).

To book onto our Garden School, or for any other updates, you can visit our websites - www.lakedistrictfarmersarms.com | www.grizedale.org – or contact Project Manager, **Emma Sumner** (emma@grizedale.org) | **01229 481160** who is always happy to hear from you.

Friends of the X112

LUNCH

RAMPSIDE VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 3rd February 2022

Coffee 11.30 am, Sit down 12 – 2pm

Cottage Pie & Fresh Vegetables

Vegetarian Creamy Cheese Potato Bake

Choice of dessert

£10 a head

Raffle



Details > Sue 809677 or Barbara 833712

I'm a bit anxious about going out into shops at the moment so I want to do more shopping online, but I have heard that there are a lot of delivery problems. What should I do if my parcel goes missing?

When you're online shopping, it's not always clear whom to contact if things go wrong. As a customer, your contract is with the seller that you bought the item from. It's the seller's responsibility to make sure the item is delivered to you. They should chase the courier to find out what happened to your order if there's a problem.

If your parcel hasn't arrived, check the delivery address you gave the seller, to make sure it's correct. Then contact the seller and ask where your order is. If the seller claims they've delivered it or doesn't know where it is, you can ask for a redelivery. You might be able to get a refund in some circumstances where the delivery time was essential and you let the seller know ahead of time.

Under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, you can ask the seller to deliver the item to you again if the item wasn't delivered either by an agreed date, or within a reasonable time - usually within 30 days. If the new delivery fails to come within a reasonable time, you can ask the seller for a refund.

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If you ordered something from a private seller or you're still having trouble after trying the tips above, you can contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline for help.

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, your local charity, is here for you.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Rev. David Gregg
FEBRUARY 6TH : 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUEEN'S ACCESSION

I was once told about a missionary who had returned to England after thirty years in India. He was very well connected, and was invited to a fashionable cocktail party. He found himself talking to a beautiful woman whom he was sure that he knew well, but he couldn't place her. Thinking perhaps that she was the daughter of an old friend, he said tentatively, "How is your father these days?" She looked a bit pained, and said, "Oh! My father has been dead for twenty years." He tried again, "I'm sorry – well, how is your brother then?" "I don't *have* a brother," she replied. "Only a *sister*". He breathed a sigh of relief and said, "Oh, yes – well, how is your *sister* then?" "Very well, thank you," said the lady. "Still *Queen*!"

I realise that this is the third time in this series that I have featured Her Majesty, but it is difficult to find a more prominent focus for February than her Platinum Anniversary on February 6th. I, for one, am convinced that her office (the Monarchy) is one of the greatest blessings that the LORD has given us in this land, and that she (in her person) is one of the most wonderful holders of it in our history.

On one occasion, at the supper table at Romsey House, Cambridge, a Jewish Christian from the Bronx said to me, "Can't understand why you folks go on havin' a monarch in this country." My reply to him was, "It's so that we never have to put the word 'President' and the word 'Thatcher' into the same sentence!" "Ah! Gotcha! Gotcha!" he said feelingly. (In all fairness I ought to say he would have got a similarly caustic reply over the possibility of "*President Blair*" or "*President Johnson*")

To have an hereditary Head of State, who can stand above day-to-day politics, and give focus for our nationhood through a mutual "subject" status, rather than an egalitarian "citizenship", is an enormous blessing. And we are particularly blessed at present to have a monarch, Queen Elizabeth the Second, whose whole life is spent in devoted duty and service to her people. It is fitting that she was given crown, orb and sceptre and sword of state at her coronation, to symbolize her as the focus (generally referred to as "The Crown") for all the vital functions of good government in the defence of the realm, and the maintenance of law and order and the preservation of justice and freedom. Without these, other aspects of her government, like social welfare, education, health, environmental responsibility, management of the economy etc. would be impossible to pursue. We really should count our blessings in having a constitutional monarchy. From a Christian point of view, perhaps the most significant thing is that to which the Queen herself has pointed, when asked. She avows that it was *not* the placing of the crown upon her head that marked the climax for her of her coronation, but the symbolic anointing with oil under the canopy on her bare head, in consecration of herself and her reign to act under the LORD, God Almighty. So we have a ruler who, herself, goes to worship and bows her knee, Sunday by Sunday, to our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is Himself King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN



World Day of Prayer

Friday 4th March, 2pm at Coniston Methodist Church

This year's service has been prepared by Christian women from all denominations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme is God's promise, found in the book of Jeremiah: "I know the plans I have for you". Focusing on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace, this promise can be a sign of hope for all people. All are welcome.

From the Furness Yearbook, 1908 : events in February 1907:

- 2nd: Opening of St. Annes' Home for Waifs and strays at Ambleside.
- 5th: Skating on Rydal and Derwent Water. Man drowned in Windermere.
- 9th: A Preston Motor Car wrecked at Mill Brow and its three occupants injured.
- 13th: 700 to 800 Women Suffragists storm the House of Commons, the police say the women used hat pins in the fight.
- 14th: Armoured cruiser Natal left Barrow on completion by Messrs Vickers. Spotted Fever extending - a death at Workington.
- 19th: Winds a velocity of 68 miles an hour.
- 20th: Broughton in Furness Poultry Show. Dinner forks introduced into England from Italy in 1607.
- 24th: Many wrecks and casualties reported during the week's gales.

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Prayer fellowship continues as we pray in our own homes, each at the same hour, on the first Wednesday of each month. If you can, join us at 10am on February 2nd, using this format to guide your prayers as we pray together.

Settle into this hour by reflecting on the opening 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.*

Advance Notice: March 2nd

Prayer Hour will be 10am – 11am in St Mary's Church, Penny Bridge



What's On Guide - February

1 st	Film: Supa Nova	Oxen Park Cinema Club
2 nd	Prayer Hour 10am - 11am	At home
2 nd	Coffee Plus, 10.30am - 12.30pm	Coniston Institute
2 nd	Rusland Horizons/FoLD workparty	Rusland Valley
3 rd	Friends of X112 Lunch, 11.30am	Rampside Village Hall
5 th	Community Surgery with Egton PC, 10am onwards	Farmers' Arms, Lowick
6 th	Film: Supa Nova	Oxen Park Cinema Club
8 th	Egton WI Meeting, 7.30pm potential new members welcome	Greenodd Village Hall
12 th	Bouth WI Social, 11am, potential new members welcome to come along	Bouth Village Hall
12 th	Lowick Show Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon	Spark Bridge Village Hall
15 th	Film: Bait	Oxen Park Cinema Club
18 th	Stay Local Quiz, 7 for 7.30pm	Water Yeat Village Hall
25 th	Film: Piano to Zanskar	Oxen Park Cinema Club
26 th	Film: Nanook of the North (afternoon)	Oxen Park Cinema Club
26 th	Film: Climbing Blind	Oxen Park Cinema Club
29 th	Film: The Rescue	Oxen Park Cinema Club

What's On Guide - regular events

2 nd & 4 th Fri	Gifts & Talents: Art Group 10.30am - 12.30	Tottlebank Baptist Church
Mon & Fri	Kettlercise, South Lakes Fitness, 9am	Greenodd Village Hall
Tuesday	Volunteer Day 10am - 4pm and Community Lunch, 12 noon	Farmers' Arms, Lowick
Wednesday	Kettlercise and Core, South Lakes Fitness, 6.45pm	Spark Bridge Village Hall
Thursday	Volunteer Day 9.30 - 3.30pm	Brantwood Gardens
2 nd Tuesday	Egton WI, 7.30pm, new or prospective members welcome	Greenodd Village Hall
1 st Wednesday	Prayer Hour - at home 10 - 11am	at home

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