

A large pile of Christmas gifts wrapped in red, green, and gold paper, stacked in a corner. The gifts are of various sizes and are wrapped in different patterns, including some with small illustrations of houses and trees. The pile is dense and fills most of the frame.

Coniston and Crake Valley News

November 2023 www.conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk



Christmas Kal



Knitting Optional

This advent

*Come along to share coffee and conversation around
Advent reflections, with knitting if you wish!*

*You may like to join in with the mystery knit along, or just
enjoy the daily reflections and a chance to pause and gather
this Advent.*



*Two weekly gatherings will take place beginning the 22nd and
23rd November*

*come to one, or both, reflect with another small group, or at
home. There's no right or wrong way to join in!*

Wednesdays 9:30am at Hawkshead Methodist Chapel

Thursdays 2pm at The Farmers Arms Lowick

*These groups will be hosted by Grace, with no need to book. If
you'd like to receive a hard copy of the reflections, or knitting
patterns please contact grace.southlakes@gmail.com
or call/text 07341960506*



The Coniston and Crake Valley Benefice

"To Grow, Witness and Love Like Jesus"

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

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Churches in Coniston and the Crake Valley

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**.

Church Services for November 2023

5th	All Saints Day		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Winter Breakfast	Linda Inman
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	3.00pm	Remembering Service	Rev Brian Streeter

12th	Third Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Harry Welch
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Joanna Henson
St. Andrew Coniston	10.45am	Morning Worship	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bickersteth

19th	Second Sunday before Advent		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Brian Streeter

26th	Sunday Next before Advent		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	Rev Grace Cauldwell
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Healing Service	Rev Harry Welch
St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter

From the Registers

Baptisms

19th November: Maggie Jane Lowrie at St. Andrew, Coniston

Funerals

29th September: Funeral and thanksgiving for the life of Tracy Armitstead, St. Mary, Penny Bridge

27th September: Interment of Ashes, Stephen Coward, St. Luke, Lowick

From the Editor

Please send in your items for inclusion in the December edition by November 15th.

Juliet Caldwell, Editor 07884 232281
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Pastoral Letter from Pam Priestley

Dear Friends,

'Remember, remember, the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot'!

As a child I loved the run-up to Bonfire night almost as much as the event itself, gloating over my fireworks which had been safely encased in a tin, gently fingering the Roman candles, the Silver Fountains and the one Jumping Jack I was allowed to have! Then the excitement of the night itself, standing in the cold with the heat of the fire burning my face. It wasn't until I was older that I wondered why we celebrated the memory of a Stuart arsonist about to commit treason and blow up parliament! Remembrance, however, is part and parcel of November. On the 11th day of this month, we remember those who have given their lives in war. In the summer, Nigel and I visited the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire and wandered about that beautiful, peaceful place whose whole message is about remembrance. Some would say that it glorifies war, that it promotes national pride, better forgotten but seeing the thousands and thousands of names etched on to the stone there of young people who died in war, it would be a travesty not to remember and give thanks.

Remembering is hugely important in the Bible too. The great Jewish festivals held many exhortations to remember what God had done for His people. This wasn't about wallowing in the past or looking at it with rose-coloured spectacles but the foundation of the way they were to live their life. At times in their history, when they were going through difficult times, remembering how the Lord God had led them was a source of comfort in the present and assurance for the future.

'Do this in remembrance of me' said Jesus as He broke the bread in that last meal with His disciples. Familiar words spoken week by week in the Communion service. Why are they so important for Christians? It is a reminder of the cross and the overwhelming love that lay behind that brutal event. It reminds us of the God who reaches out to each of us with His presence and nurturing strength. In this month of November, may we also take time to remember this.

Love, **Pam**

Around the Parishes : Colton

Armistice Day - Saturday 11th November - Bouth Village Green



There will be a short ceremony of remembrance to lay a wreath and observe the two minute silence at 11am on Saturday 11th November on the Village Green at Bouth.

People are asked to gather on the Village Green at Bouth at 10:45am.

Live Music at Bouth Village Hall - Saturday 11th November

Brothers of Swing - more "Brothers" than "Swing" - dance floor classics

£15 per ticket, starts at 7.30pm, bring your own bottle.

Colton Parish Council

Community Grants Scheme 2023-2024

Colton Parish Council's community grant scheme supports small scale project to improve community assets and wellbeing. We are now opening our 2023/24 scheme. Applications are welcome from individuals or groups so long as the project benefits the community. Previous successful applications have included grants for planters and plants to brighten up local public spaces, items to improve or update village halls, and equipment to support village community resilience groups. There is a simple and easy application form. To apply contact the clerk or see our website.

A2B Now Card

Westmorland and Furness Council has launched a new A2B Now card for children and young people. Cardholders can get discounts on bus services across Cumbria. See <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/parking-streets-and-transport/bus-services/a2b-nowcard>. These are also available for older and disabled people.

Barrow and Ulverston Food Bank Christmas Appeal.

We have actively supported this vital service for a couple of years now and have been overwhelmed by the level of support from the community. Volunteers from Colton Parish area will be setting up drop points for donations in November. As well as the usual tinned and packaged food items, contributions of Christmas goods will be particularly welcome. To make a donation contact your local parish Councillor before the 21st of November or see our website for details.

Egton cum Newland

Macmillan Coffee Morning, September 30th

A wet morning greeted us for our fund raising, but it didn't dampen our spirits. We had a lovely crowd of people drinking coffee and purchasing items off the stalls.

We would like to thank all those who attended and helped us to raise funds for Macmillan. Everyone on the stalls, those sending and baking items, coffee makers and servers, sellers of raffle tickets, door keeper, those on tombola, bric-a-brac, cakes and wooden items, and of course our raffle announcer Rev Brian Streeter. Donations were accepted gratefully, plus one from the community coffee morning.

You all helped to raise the wonderful amount of £608. Well done everybody.

Jean and the team.

Jack James

Is making a welcome return to Greenodd with his **Christmas Show** on 9th December at Greenodd Village Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, show starts 8pm. Bar.

Tickets £8 or £10 on the door, call **01229 861638** to book.

Egton cum Newland WI's



AUTUMN FUNDRAISER



Saturday 18th November from 11am to 2.30pm at
Greenodd Village Hall

Come for coffee, admission £1, stay for lunch - soup
&/or dessert for a donation to St Mary's Hospice.

Competitions, stalls, tombola and raffle.



COFFEE MORNING

On **Saturday 2nd December**, Greenodd Village Hall
from 10am to 12 noon.

We will be raising money for the Church. Come along and
relax over coffee and cake with friends. Always a lovely
event and lots of stalls to support, we look forward to
welcoming you.

Admission £2 to include coffee and cake.

Jean and the team

Penny Bridge CE Academy

We have had a super start to the new school year at Penny Bridge CE Academy with 22 new children in Reception joining us, making our school 114 children in total. The children have all settled quickly and are enjoying their time at school. This year we have a focus on well-being and enriching our curriculum with trips into our locality.



Highlights so far have included a whole school trip to the Buddhist Temple in Ulverston, our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church and each class having a day at Water Park Outdoor Centre - either working on key learning behaviours or focusing on aspects of the curriculum.

We are also continuing to support the Community Café on a Tuesday morning in Greenodd and are planning some projects with The Farmers Arms in Lowick.

Look forward to sharing more information with you over this academic year.

Mr Graham Carrick- Headteacher.

Coniston & Torver

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston, September 2023

Total - 352.6mm (13.9ins)

More than 1mm on 17 days

Wet days - 22

Wettest day - 10th - 69.2mm (2.7ins)

Coniston Over 70's Lunch

If you are over 70 years old, not been to a Christmas lunch before, new to the village or decided you would now like to receive an invite please contact **Gill Irwin** on **015394 41136**.

Lunch and Dominoes

Wednesday November 1st at 12.30pm in Coniston Institute Reading Room.

Do come along and join us for soup/roll and a pud, tea/coffee, followed by dominoes.

All for £5.00, everyone welcome.

To book a place, ring **Jean** on **015394 41617**, by the Monday before.

Coniston Sports and Social Centre

If you'd like to book our facilities or have any other enquiries please do get in touch.

Tel: **015394 41812**, email: **Conistonsports@gmail.com**

Becca Myers (Club Secretary)

Coniston Local History Society

Monday 20th November

Talk: Stephe Cove - Washfolds in the Duddon Valley...and Beyond.

All meetings start at 2.30pm in The Reading Room of The Coniston Institute

£3.00 entry fee. No Booking required. Refreshments available.

Coniston Community Lunch - Monday 20th November at 12.30pm in the Institute Reading Room.

As usual we will be serving a hearty two course lunch plus tea or coffee. We expect no payment, however a suggested donation of £5 would be very welcome to help cover our costs.

Places are limited so please confirm attendance by phoning or texting **Helen** on **07583 371275** or email **e.glaister013@btinternet.com**. Also please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or need help with transport.

We are always grateful for additional help so please get in touch if you can offer help either on the day or providing food.

Best wishes from the **Community Lunch Team**



LANCASHIRE DAY SUPPER 7 pm – 10 pm

ON FRIDAY 10th November 2023



(For the eighth celebration of Coniston still being in Lancashire).

Coniston and Hawkshead are still in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and the King is now the Duke of Lancaster.

Lancashire Day Proclamation and the Loyal Toast at 9pm

So for an enjoyable evening out come to the Coniston Institute for a traditional Lancashire celebration with good fare, a drink and entertainment from the Lancashire singing group recalled by popular demand.

The Saggy Bottom Girls and Friends

Tickets are £20 each which includes the Traditional Lancashire Supper (two courses), a glass of something to wash it down AND all the fun you can have.

Because we need to know how many of you will be attending so that we do not run out of supper, please book your tickets in advance from Derek Adams 07973 179805 or 015394 41732. Alternatively, email no1@dsadams.co.uk or email Jackie Coe jackiecoe@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Coniston and District International Twinning Association

We would like to invite you to our

Just For Ewe

Christmas Shopping event.

On **Wednesday 6th December**

12 noon – 6:30pm.

10% discount on every sale plus lots of special offers.

We offer a large selection of toys, cards, books, gifts,

Including Wrendale, Alex Clark, Envy handbags, DCUK, Harris Tweed, Dartington, Bree Merryon, Blade and Rose, Light House, Orchard Toys, Lua, House of Puzzles.

We are situated in the centre of Coniston.

015394 41206

Christians Together in Coniston 2022-2023

Over the past year, Christians Together in Coniston have contributed quietly to a number of Coniston-wide activities.

These include supporting the Parish Council supplying blankets to primary children (funded by the Beccansall Trust) and fostering warm spaces (such as the resurrected Lunch & Dominos) under the Love Coniston umbrella.

We have helped Chris Clark, Childrens Youth & Community worker, with clubs in both schools, support for the primary-secondary school transition, and a short but effective Easter Holiday Club (funded by the Roger Sawrey Trust) for primary children.

By working and worshipping together, the Christian community in Coniston avoids denominational issues that often cause division between churches. Rather, the increased co-operation between members of the three congregations benefits the whole village. We run Lent and Advent courses, as well as an on-going Bible Discussion Group and joint services throughout the year.

Alex Stewart (Chairman, CTiC: alexruth.stewart@gmail.com)

Lowick & Blawith

Lowick Parish Council

Your Council met on the 5th October. The councillor vacancy is now filled. Carly Dacre was given a warm welcome after being co-opted by all members of the Committee. Carly soon proved that she will be a great asset bringing enthusiasm, commitment and a wide range of new ideas to your team. We asked her to help with our communication to parishioners whilst she finds her feet.

Residents of Woodgate were present to report the persistent flooding between the crossroads and Gawthwaite Hill. This was first logged in 2021 and is getting worse every year. The main issue is that highways drains do not clear the accumulating water which at time reaches 10-15cm in depth. Said drains appear to have substantial blockage and repeated attempts to alleviate the problem over this long period of time have been without resolution.

Councillor Pender's report asks that all Highways issues be reported to Westmorland and Furness Council on their website: <https://westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk> and navigate to **parking, streets and transport** where you can make a report online.

The Notice Board on Lowick Green is to be replaced with a metal one sourced locally.

The date of the next meeting is 16th November 2023. For more detailed information please visit our website <https://lowick.org.uk>.

Greenodd Post Office opening times: at Greenodd Village Hall

Mondays: 12.15 - 16.00

Tuesdays: 9.00 - 12.30

Fridays: 12.15 - 16.00

Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 9th October.

We were asked by Cumbria Highways to consider any areas in the Parish that would benefit from a 20mph speed limit. It was decided that there was no area that would benefit.

Westmorland and Furness Council have also asked that you tie up the bin bags, when you put them out. Clearly it is a hygiene issue and applies throughout the valley.

There was a Boon day on 8th October and we wish to thank all the residents who helped tidy up Blawith village and the churchyard. We are looking at ways of properly clearing the footpath between Lowick and Blawith and we will be having a litter pick later in the month to clean the area.

We still need another Parish Council member so if you live within 3 miles, are over 18 and interested in improving the local area, we would like to hear from you.

Next meeting will be at Lowick Community Hall on 13th November at 7:30 pm.

Please feel free to contact us on **blawithandsubberthwaitepc@outlook.com**

Ian Wharton

Chair, Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council.

Reports

Girlguiding Shoebox Appeal 2023

The shoebox appeal warehouse opens at Park House, Hawkshead on Monday November 20th at 1pm; we are there until 8pm, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11am until 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome to help - to drop in for an hour or two or to stay for the day. We provide drinks, cakes, scones and a warm welcome. We have free parking. We also appreciate any donations towards the transport. Please e-mail me on **jandzmyers@gmail.com** if you need any more information. Items for the boxes can be left at Oaklands, Yewdale Road, Coniston. Thank you, **Judith Myers**

Women's Institutes

Egton WI

Autumn is now truly upon us and we are reaching a very busy period for our WI. Since our last report we have supported a quiz night hosted by Osmotherley WI, been finalising our recipe book prior to it going off to press, one member helped at the Westmorland Show and our tray bakes for the Brathay Trust trail event helped them raise approximately £8,000.

We are now well underway with plans for our autumn fundraising event on the 18th of November where we hope you will come along and support us in our efforts to raise money for St. Mary's Hospice. There will be various stalls - naturally there will be WI baking for sale but also we will be serving homemade soups and/or puddings and asking for a donation to the Hospice rather than charging a set price!

We had a fantastic and surprise speaker for our October meeting as Kate, our planned speaker, unfortunately fell ill and was unable to come. Little did I know that we had "The Lady of the Lake" as one of our very own members. Valerie really kindly stepped up to the challenge with only a few hours' notice and gave us a really inspirational talk about her "retirement" time, it left me exhausted. Not only did she



spend about ten years as the skipper of our beautiful Gondola on Coniston Water (and how interesting that was) but she now volunteers for gardening at Monk Coniston and Brantwood, what a star and a tough cookie as she continues with swimming in Coniston on a regular basis all year round! Next month we have our AGM and aim to occupy our members as well with games and quizzes to make light of the evening.

Remember then, see you on 18th and for any further information please contact **Gill** on **07519 144799**.

A BIG THANKYOU TO DISTRIBUTORS & CONTRIBUTORS



The Coniston & Crake Valley News is fast approaching its 4th birthday after re-launching in the new format in January 2020. Since that date, the magazine has been provided both online and in printed form (COVID-permitting!) on a monthly basis to 1,200 homes in the valley for free of charge, with costs covered by some advertising, grants, and sponsorship.

This has required the hard work and dedication of a hidden army of distributors, who have delivered regularly and faithfully in all weathers throughout this time period, and we would like to say a **big thankyou** to them.

It is also important that we thank those who have contributed articles or photos for the numerous issues of the magazine, and finally, I want to personally thank on behalf of everyone, our editor Juliet Caldwell, for her commitment and hard work.

As well as thanking distributors and contributors, can I please on behalf of the magazine working team make one request that if anyone appreciates the “new” magazine, could they think about sponsoring an issue or making a small contribution to our printing costs, as these have risen significantly in recent months. Any contributions would be much appreciated.

Brian Streeter

Coniston Mothers' Union

Coniston Mother's Union met for the first time since their summer break on September 28th. Meeting in a members' home, they began by sharing the Diocesan Wave of Prayer worship which the Diocese put together for their worldwide members in July.

A discussion on the MU theme 'Transformation' followed, including different definitions and how lives and the local community had changed in their lifetime. The village being self sufficient when young to today and all goods brought in. Three in a bed as children with loos at the end of the street to today's en-suite bathrooms!

Christmas orders were placed from the MU catalogue and future meetings organised over tea and cakes. Members have hosted the Deanery Quiet afternoon on October 2nd in the form of Evening Prayer, leader Rev Brian Streeter. Their next meeting is on October 26th and the Christmas meal on November 30th at St Mary's Hospice Orangery. Contact **Kay** on **015394 41559**.



REMEMBERING & THANKSGIVING

There will be an opportunity to come and remember and give thanks for the life, character, and love shared of a departed loved one on Sunday 5th November, 3.00pm at St. Mary's, Penny Bridge.

This may be a recent bereavement, or some time ago, but please do consider coming to light a candle and give thanks.

Alternatively, please do send any names that you would like to be read out from the roll of names for the remembering and thanksgiving. These can be emailed to vicar@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk or sent to the Vicarage, Penny Bridge, LA12 7RQ.

Brian Streeter



Westmorland
& Furness
Council

Community Drop-in Surgery

**Hosted by Suzanne Pender,
councillor for Hawkshead and Coniston**

Last Friday of the month (except December)

Friday 24th November

Friday 26th January

10-11am Herdwicks Café, Coniston

11.30-12 noon Undercrag, Torver

2pm The Manor, Oxen Park by appointment

2.45pm The Farmers Arms, Lowick by appointment

Contact: Suzanne.pender@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Tel: 07501 806298

Brantwood News and Views

In the Blue Gallery our new exhibition is 'Seul: Encountering the Other in Solitude' by Kate Kirkwood. Kate lives in a remote farm in the Lake District and these stunning photographs, taken over many years, of her surroundings and the animals who reside in them. This slowly accumulated archive is a celebration of this rare and beautiful quietude, and also the discovery and recognition of some of the resilience, acceptance and grace of the animals she has encountered on the farms and in the few remaining pockets of wilderness. On display until 7th January 2024.



In the Severn Studio 'A Walk in the Hills' Recent Paintings by Frank Gordon continues until 1st January 2024. Frank's landscape painting is forged from his life-long experience as a walker in the hills. He is inspired by the fells of the Lake District and the landscape of his home in the Yorkshire Dales National Park as well as being a 'student' of Ruskin for most of his adult life. He marries a close study of nature in all her moods from first hand experience.

Please note that we will be going into Low Season from 13th November. Opening times Wednesday-Sunday 10.30am-4.00pm. The Terrace Café will remain open every day 10.00am - 4.00pm.

For full details of all our exhibitions and events, please visit our website www.brantwood.org.uk. Box office: enquiries@brantwood.org.uk or call **015394 41396**.

Green Sparks

Green Sparks has been working on creating a new, eye-catching Information Board to go by the River Crake at Spark Bridge Village Green, to highlight what a special place the river is and the importance of protecting it. The Crake is rich in industrial history, which has played a formative role in its ecology and as a living environment, today supports a rich diversity of habitats for birds, insects, fish and small mammals. We want to keep it that way!

As Green Sparks is a community group that brings together local people with an interest in caring for their local environment, we would greatly value your opinions on what should be displayed on the new Information Board.

Why not come to Spark Bridge Village Hall on 25th November to see plans so far and over a coffee share your views and suggestions.

We look forward to seeing you!

GREEN SPARKS DROP-IN
Spark Bridge Village Hall
SATURDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER
10.30am – 11.30am

From the magazine "Housewife", April 1946

BISCUITS KEEP YOU GOING...

Biscuits quickly restore energy. They are an important food - not a luxury.

Issued by the Cake and Biscuit Manufacturers War Time Alliance Ltd.



We are now programming more events and activities across the whole building and grounds. These have been really popular and it's a joy for all of us to see the whole place busy with a great range of things happening, from children's workshops, music, gardening, classes, talks and all kinds of just plain fun stuff.

Check our website for upcoming events, but for your diary Halloween, Bonfire night, Christmas and so on, Burns night, Valentines, all part of the plans, special menus, music, workshop activities and much more.

At rather short notice our partner villages in Europe will be visiting this month bringing with them their own specialist produce, from Spain, Italy, Sweden and Armenia. We will have produce in the honest shop and specials on the menu as well as talks and screenings.

It is, I am afraid, time to start thinking about Christmas. We can cater for parties, works events, special dinners and probably most other things you might need. Don't forget the Honest Shop selling all sorts of lovely crafts, or come in and make your own gifts, the workshops are open for drop ins every Saturday up till Christmas (last minute gifts).

We are also pleased to say that we have finally got to a place where we are able to do Sunday lunch every week, starting on the 5th November. Local produce, hearty lunches and warming puddings, you need to book for either 1pm or 2pm, but after that chore it's all plain sailing, no need to choose, it's a set menu. All for only £26 per person. Book on our website or call/email us.

And finally we are starting the pub band, anyone play the jug?

Adam Sutherland, Director

What's On at the Farmers Arms in November?

30th Oct — Six Week Monday Evening Course: Metalwork Techniques: 6–8pm / £200

31st Oct — Six Week Tuesday Evening Course: Furniture Making: 6–8pm / £200

1st Nov — Soup Talks: Big Bad Wolves 6.30–8pm / £5 talk only / £10 w/ soup

2nd Nov — Reuben Tighe Live in the Stable Bar: 7.30–10pm / Free

— Six Week Tuesday Evening Course: Handbuilding Ceramics: 6–8pm / £180

4th Nov — Pottery Drop In Making Day: 10am–4pm / POA

— Bonfire Night with seasonal food & winter warmers / Free

9th Nov — Celtic Fiddles Live in the Stable Bar: 7.30pm / Free

11th Nov — Chair Restoration Workshop: 10am–4pm / £80

11th & 12th Nov — Gardening & Polytunnel Building Weekend at Lawson Park: £200

18th Nov — Pottery Drop In Making Day: 10am–4pm / POA

18th Nov — Poetry Writing Workshop with Ilse Pedlar: 10am–4pm / £20

25th Nov — Upholstery Prep & Frame Restoration Drop In: 10am–4pm / £10 per hour

To contact our friendly team, email hello@lakedistrictfarmersarms.com or call **01229 481160**.

OPEN FOR FOOD & DRINK, THURSDAY - SUNDAY

Cafe, 10am–5pm | Stable Bar, 12noon–10pm

Haverthwaite Surgery PPG

We are so pleased to have some good news. Last Thursday the Integrated Care Board approved the surgery move to a new site just up the road from the present surgery.

Obviously there is still much work to be done: obtaining planning permission, negotiating contracts etc before the actual building work starts but the first hurdle is overcome and we are moving in the right direction.

Thanks are due to many people including our wonderful surgery staff, our MPs, Councillors and Parish councils as well as all those who signed the petition and all the patients who completed the survey.

We will keep you in touch as things progress.

Pat Procter

Oxen Park Cinema Club

Saturday 26th November, 4.30pm - Young Plato & Drain Spotting

Drain Spotting is about our very own Archie, our road man and drain cover specialist. Recently premiered in Ulverston this will be one of a few public shows not to be missed.

Young Plato - (one of my favourite films in the programme). A head teacher at a Belfast boys' primary school introduces ways for the boys to deal with peer aggression and bullying. In a post-troubles atmosphere of continuing unrest he introduces strategies that he hopes will revive life values. Ideas for teachers, parents & wise friends - he calls it philosophy.

Tuesday 7th November 6.30pm - a SUPPER SPECIAL with "Brian & Charles", a great British story about a relationship with a robot!!

Saturday 18th – Close - 7.30pm

See website for all film details and booking

www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

NB our family Christmas film is on **Wednesday 27th December**- book early to ensure seats.

Carol

Next Rusland Horizons Events



Come and join Rusland Horizons for some great days out in the Rusland Valley. We still have two woodland work parties, a heritage skills workshop, and not forgetting the Rusland Horizons Trust AGM this year. Full details and booking for all events can be found on the website **<https://www.ruslandhorizons.org/whats-on.aspx>** with regular updates and all the latest news also shared on our social media (Facebook and Instagram).

Woodland & Coppice Management Work Party: Sunday 26th November

Booking is now open for our day of woodland conservation at Holywell Wood (near Greenodd). A range of woodland activities will be carried out throughout the day, such as tree felling, clearing and removing deer fences, firewood splitting, hedge creation and maintenance, hazel coppicing.

Invasive Species Removal Work Party: Saturday 9th December

We're returning to Black Beck wood, near Bouth, to cut back and remove more invasive rhododendron to help with the restoration of this native woodland and its flora. Rhododendrons are an invasive species, removal of them is important conservation work that will enhance and protect the woods, the wildlife and their habitats.

Dry Stone Walling - Initial Training: Sunday 17th December

Get hands-on helping to restore a treasured part of our landscape near Holywell Wood (Greenodd). For the first half of the day, you will be working under the guidance of expert waller, Stuart Farish. In the afternoon, we will continue walling on our own to rebuild a section of wall using all the skills we have learnt.

Angie Palmer & Richard Curran



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A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Rev. David Gregg
NOVEMBER 2ND : ALL SOULS' DAY

During my time on the staff of the General Synod, there was a debate about the Calendar for the new 'Alternative Service Book'. Evangelicals have always argued that All Saints Day (November 1st) is a festival to celebrate *all* Christian believers, (i.e. that "Saints" is the N.T. word for *all* those who are 'sanctified' by the Sacrificial death of Jesus Christ) and that All Souls Day (November 2nd) is therefore surplus to requirements as "The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed".

Sure enough they had put down an amendment to remove All Souls' Day from the new calendar. (I should just tell you that the chief shrine of Anglo-Catholicism in London is *All Saints* Church, Margaret Street and the chief Evangelical mecca is (strangely!) *All Souls*, Langham Place – where, at the time, John Stott was the Rector.) For an amendment to be even *discussed* it was necessary that at least 25 Synod members stood in support of doing so when it was called by the Chairman. On this occasion, just as the amendment was called, an Anglo-Catholic rose to his feet and said, "On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, if we pass this amendment, what on earth is John Stott going to do for a patronal festival?!!" The whole Synod fell about laughing, and the "twenty-five standing" failed to materialize.

However, there is another side to all this. I registered "The fate of the wicked dead" as the theme for a 10,000-word dissertation as part of my M.A. in Theology at Bristol University. Not a very attractive topic, you may think. Neither did Professor Grayston, head of the department. But even *he* saw a "funny" side to it, in the Senior Common Room one morning. A fellow student, a very placid and humanitarian Methodist woman, was accusing me of being much more of an extremist and fundamentalist Evangelical than even *I* deserved, and I was trying to defend myself. "Look," I said, "I don't go around grabbing people by the lapels and shrieking 'You're a damned sinner and destined to roast in hell!'" As I spoke I had turned my body sideways, simulating the lapel-shaking bit in, as I thought, mid-air. There was a howl of laughter from my four fellow students, and I turned to see my clenched fists hovering millimetres away from the lapels of the Prof., who had wandered quietly into the room as I spoke, and had only heard the last part of *my* bit of the conversation. "Well, David," he said, "you're supposed to be our expert in *that*! I'll just have to take your word for it."

I was trying to explore the different possibilities concerning the Biblical view of those who do great evil in this life and die totally unrepentant. Some say that they will be annihilated, and that only the 'righteous' will remain. (This is called "Conditional Immortality".) Some say that everyone will be forgiven in the end, no matter *what* they have done, because of the love and mercy of God. (This is called "Universalism".) And some say that the wicked will suffer punishment, in a separate place called "Hell", in an unending torment. (This is called "Eternal Punishment"). My final conclusion was that a better expression of the common Hebraic post-mortem teaching would be 'a belief in *renewed eternal fellowship* with God for the righteous (= those reconciled through Christ, for the Christian; and those who observe the Law, for the Jew), and *ultimate retribution*, by exclusion from this, for the wicked'."

The apostle Paul offers an additional dimension in Chapter 1 & 2 of his Epistle to the Romans. He emphasizes *the Righteous Judgement of God*, and concludes that even those who have never heard of Christ *may* be saved, and he writes,

“When Gentiles who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. They show that what the law requires is written in their hearts, to which their own conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or *perhaps* excuse them on the day when . . . God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.” (Romans ch. 2 vv 14,15)

There is, however, a strong universal instinct to honour the dead, especially our personal ancestors. So perhaps we should keep All Souls’ Day as a time to thank God for all the *good* things we remember them for, and simply commend them to Him, of Whom Abraham said “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” (Genesis ch. 18 v. 25)

Parish Prayer Diary November 2023

1st: Pray for today’s Benefice Staff team meeting.

2nd: Pray for all who are in the grip of violence and conflict; for the victims, especially the children, the injured; for those missing, and their families.

3rd: Pray for people in areas where natural disasters have destroyed homes, livelihoods, and communities.

4th: Pray for Haiti, where armed violence is so extreme the International Red Cross must engage with hundreds of gangs to deliver humanitarian aid.

5th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Our God is holy and his glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of his saints, may he inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy.

6th: Pray for debt counsellors, and the people turning to them for help.

7th: Pray for the process to nominate a new Bishop of Carlisle.

8th: Pray for the safety of our farming community as daylight hours reduce.

9th: Pray for Church Mission Society partners walking through life with Syrian refugees who lost home and possessions but have encountered Jesus.

10th: Pray for the charity Christian Aid working hard to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes.

11th: On Armistice Day, remember those who died in the service of their country during two world wars and the many conflicts since, praying comfort for those who mourn and healing to those wounded in body, mind or spirit.

12th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray for the hastening of the day when wars shall cease, and poverty and pain shall end and the earth know the peace of heaven through our Saviour Jesus.

13th: Pray for vulnerable children living in poverty who have poor health and reduced opportunities; pray also for agencies working to change this situation.

14th: Pray for bereavement service councillors.

15th: Pray for ordained ministers serving the Church across numerous parishes.

16th: Pray for those who work in the emergency services.

17th: Pray for a generous response to *Children in Need* fundraising challenges.

18th: Pray for parents and God-parents bringing a child for baptism at Coniston church tomorrow.

19th: Sunday, the first day of the week

May our Heavenly Lord, who longs for the world’s salvation, stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be

healed in, and for the glory of, Jesus Christ our Lord.

20th: Pray for initiatives that seek to improve child welfare that children may have opportunities to develop into the person God created them to be.

21st: Pray for Alcoholics Anonymous, its members and newcomers.

22nd: Pray for all who suffer from post-traumatic stress.

23rd: Pray for Christians in Sudan: that they will be freed from the oppression they face both in living out their faith and in sharing it.

24th: Pray for foodbanks and Citizen Advice services.

25th: Pray for former prisoners seeking accommodation and meaningful work.

26th: **Sunday, the first day of the week**

May the Eternal Father stir up the will of His faithful people, that hearing the call of Christ the King and following in His service, they bring forth the good fruit of the Spirit as they live and move within the Kingdom that has no end.

27th: Pray for the unpaid carers in the UK; especially for children and teenagers who support a dependent parent.

28th: Pray for refugees fleeing their troubled homeland to find safety and peace.

29th: Pray for those working in local authorities, faith groups and charities addressing homelessness as winter approaches.

30th: Pray for COP28 taking place in Dubai as world leaders strive towards agreement on practical solutions to the pressing global climate challenge.

31st: Give thanks for every Christian fellowship that gathers in Jesus' name throughout the cities of the world, where the Gospel is shared in truth, love and power to the praise of God's glory.

Readings for November 2023

5th 1 John 3.1 - 3

Matthew 5.1 - 12

12th 1 Thessalonians 4.13 - 18

Matthew 25.1 - 13

19th 1 Thessalonians 5.1 - 11

Matthew 25.14 - 30

26th Ephesians 1.15 - 23

Matthew 25.31 - 46



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What's On Guide - November

1 st	Soup Talk: Big Bad Wolves, 6.30pm	Farmers Arms
2 nd	Film and discussion: The Chosen, 2pm	Greenodd Village Hall
2 nd	Live: Reuben Tighe, 7.30pm	Farmers Arms
4 th	Bonfire Night	Farmers Arms
5 th	Remembering and Thanksgiving Service, 3pm	St Mary, Penny Bridge
7 th	Film: Brian & Charles, Supper Special	Carthouse Cinema
9 th	Live: Celtic Fiddles 7.30pm	Farmers Arms
10 th	Lancashire Day Supper - see page 9	Coniston Institute
10 th	Concert: Angie Palmer 7pm see back	Water Yeat Village Hall
11 th	Live: Brothers of Swing 7.30pm see p 5	Bouth Village Hall
13 th	Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council	Lowick Community Hall
16 th	Lowick Parish Council	Lowick Community Hall
16 th	Talk: Andy Lowe, local architecture, 7pm	Water Yeat Village Hall
18 th	Egton WI Fundraiser, 11am see page 7	Greenodd Village Hall
18 th	Film: Close, Oxen Park Cinema Club	Carthouse Cinema
18 th	Concert: Jenn & Laura-Beth 7pm see opp.	Coniston Institute
20 th	Community Lunch 12.30pm see page 8	Coniston Institute
20 th -22 nd	Shoebox Appeal workshops, see page 11	Park House, Hawkshead
20 th	Local History Society talk - Washfolds in the Duddon Valley 2.30pm	Coniston Institute
23 rd	Christmas Knit-along 2pm see page 2	Farmers Arms, Lowick
24 th	Councillor Drop-in Surgeries see page 13	
25 th	Green Sparks Drop-In 10.30 - 11.30am	Spark Bridge Village Hall
26 th	Rusland Horizons Work Party see page 16	
26 th	Film: Young Plato, Oxen Park Cinema Club	Carthouse Cinema
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