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

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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. 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 10.30am and Saturdays at 5.00pm. For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on **01229 779673**.

Cover photo: St Andrews, James Butcher

Church Services for April 2025

6th	Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Bikers' Breakfast	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bickersteth
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Dare Holland
13th	Sixth Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday		
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Morning Worship	Pamela Hull
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Harry Welch
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Jo Rand
18th	Good Friday		
Greenodd	11.00am	Walk of Witness	Rev Brian Streeter
Holy Trinity Colton	2.00pm	Devotions at the Cross	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	2.00pm	Devotions at the Cross	Rev David Bickersteth
20th	Easter Sunday		
Bluebird Café , Coniston	7.30am	Easter Sunrise Service	Christians Together in Coniston
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Harry Welch
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Joanna Henson
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bickersteth
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Grace Cauldwell
27th	Second Sunday of Easter		
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	Morning Worship	Pamela Hull
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Karen Edmondson
St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter

Tottlebank Baptist Church warmly invites you to our **Saturday Specials** led by **Richard Henry**.

The next is on **Saturday 26th April** from 10.15am to 12.30pm and the topic "Abram before Canaan"

ADVANCE NOTICE: **Coffee morning** at Tottlebank Baptist Church (LA12 8HY) to raise funds for St Mary's hospice on **Saturday 10th May** 10 am - 12 pm. More details to follow.

Pastoral Letter from Revd Brian Streeter

FORGIVENESS

Ruby Bridges was just six years old when she became the first African American to attend an all-White elementary school in New Orleans. Every day she was escorted by armed guards through angry crowds at the school gates. One woman screamed death threats at Ruby. Another protester held a black doll aloft in a coffin. Parents pulled their children out of the school. Having braved the crowd's hatred, Ruby would sit all alone in an empty classroom, wandering the corridors in break times, looking for other children.

Images of this tiny little girl—so smartly dressed and clutching her school bag, guarded by Federal Marshalls twice her size—polarised America and the child psychologist Robert Coles offered Ruby counselling. Once a week he would sit in the humble home she shared with four siblings and her parents, who could neither read nor write. 'You looked like you were talking to the people in the street on your way into school yesterday,' he said on one occasion. 'Did you finally get angry with them? Were you telling them to leave you alone?' 'No, doctor,' replied Ruby politely. 'I didn't tell them anything. I didn't talk to them.' 'Well, who were you talking to?' The little girl stared at him. 'I was talking to God. I was praying to God for the people in the street.' 'You were' praying for them? But Ruby, why were you praying for them?' Her eyes widened. 'Well, don't you think they need praying for?'

Robert Coles was lost for words. Regaining his composure he whispered, 'What do you say when you pray for them, Ruby?' 'Oh, I always say the same thing. Please God, try to forgive these people because even if they say these mean things, they don't know what they're doing.'

Each primary school in England and Wales has its own set of, what are normally called, "values". These values across the schools are different but fairly similarly in nature—friendship, service, respect, resilience, perseverance, thankfulness, courage etc. However, I have noticed that there is a notable absence from state schools of one particular value compared to Church schools—forgiveness.

As a society, as we have distanced ourselves from God, faith, and church, so we have simultaneously (even unconsciously) distanced ourselves from the practice of forgiveness. It is little wonder that those in positions of authority or leadership are so disinclined to take responsibility and resign whenever there is fault to be found. Why resign when there is no possibility of forgiveness and another chance? Instead, we have given birth to cancel culture and permanent condemnation.

Ruby, faced with terrible prejudice and provocation, thought differently. Again, and again she prayed for forgiveness for those who hated her and hated what she represented—just as Jesus had done on the cross, in Luke 23.34,

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"

This Easter know that you are forgiven by God, not cancelled.

Blessings in Christ,



Around the Parishes : Colton

Colton Parish Council Update

The Next meeting is on Monday March 31st at 7pm at Bouth Village Hall. Residents and Members of the public are welcome to attend, especially if you have any issues you wish to raise.

Annual Open Meeting

We are in the process of finalise the agenda and venue for the meeting on 17th May. It is an opportunity to meet the Councillors and understand the workings and achievements of the local Parish Council. The guest speaker this year is Gavin Capstick, CEO of the Lake District National Park. He will be speaking on the role of LDNPA and how it is engaging with Parish Councils. Refreshments and Cakes will be provided

Consultations

1: The Government is consulting on future land use in England. To access go to <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use-framework/land-use-consultation/>

Closing date is April 25th

2: There is a Government consultation on Cumbria devolution and having a Mayor. To access go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cumbria-devolution>. **Closing date 13th April.**

Parish Clerk Vacancy.

We have advertised in this magazine for the vacancy. Closing date for applications is March 31st and interviews will be in late April.

Community Grant Scheme Grants are available to Colton based community groups or residents based in Colton to residents, including village hall committees.

<https://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2023/02/Grant-awarding-policy-and-application-form-October-2022.pdf>

Voluntary Car Scheme Westmorland and Furness are looking for Voluntary Car Drivers and a local coordinator. If you are interested contact Kate on 07788 3961944 or on e mail Westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/voluntarycarscheme

Road Closures To get accurate updates check <https://onenetwork/> and search by road number, or location.

If you are interested in any of the topics raised or being involved with the council, for any further information you can email us on clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk. Or by phone **07761 485956**

Egton cum Newland

NOTICE

Greenodd & Pennybridge Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Monday 28th April at 7.30pm in Greenodd Village Hall

Everyone welcome - new members needed

Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council

Heritage Project

The team have completed their work, and results can now be seen on the website <https://www.enmoheritageproject.org.uk/>.

As reported in the last time we have carried out historical research across the Parishes of Egton with Newland and Mansriggs, with the aim of trying to discover aspects of our history that are interesting and perhaps less well known. Over 70 volunteers have given their time and effort into supporting this project and 20 schoolchildren from Penny Bridge CE Academy carried out interviews.

In April we are hosting an event in Greenodd Village Hall open to all the volunteers to thank them for their efforts and contributions.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting for Mansriggs and Osmotherley Ward on **Tuesday 29th April** and then on **Tuesday 6th May** the Annual Parish Meeting for Egton with Newland Ward. Both start at 7pm in Greenodd Village Hall. These are the Council's Annual Meetings so please come along if you want to raise any issue that you think affects the community. Look at our website (www.enmoparishcouncil.org.uk) to see the agenda. If there is something you want put on the agenda please contact our Clerk by email using clerk@enmoparishcouncil.org.uk.

Brian Campbell Chair, Egton with Newland Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council

Penny Bridge CE Academy



Life at Penny Bridge CE Academy continues to be a great mixture of academic progress and personal development.

Before the half-term break, all our Key Stage 2 children (7-11 year olds) spent time at Water Park Outdoor Adventure Centre, Coniston on a residential week working on their independence and team work skills (pictured) whilst appreciating time in the outdoors. We are so blessed to have such an amazing centre so close to school.

As a school, we celebrated World Book Day, with all the children coming dressed as a famous person from the Little People, Big Dreams series of books. We had such a range from Taylor Swift to Coco Chanel, Lionel Messi to Neil Armstrong.



We took part in Key Steps Gymnastics Competition at DASH sports centre at Dowdales school. Both teams performed a floor and vault routine. The children had a wonderful time and we're all very proud of both teams! We also competed in a schools tennis competition. Owen Millen and Phillipa Moss played superbly, with Owen placing 1st and Phillipa 4th but overall PBA placed 1st! A huge well done to them both.

This week Doris Carrick and Evie Coates (Both former PBA students) have been in school completing their year 10 work experience. They've been all around the school helping out in different year groups, all the children have thoroughly enjoyed them being here and they've been a pleasure to have in school.

We are still advertising for a foundation governor position on our Local Governing Body. If you are interested in supporting our school and would like more information, please contact Mr Graham Carrick.

gcarrick@pennybridge.academy

Jack James

is making his (rescheduled) return to Greenodd

On **Friday 11th April**

Admission £12 which includes Pie & Pea supper

Doors open 7pm, Show 7.30pm Supper 8.30pm, the bar will be open.

Contact **Tom 01229 861638**

Lowick

Lowick Parish Council's next meeting will be on **Thursday 15th May**; everyone is welcome to attend.

The roof of the Bus Shelter at the Red Lion is in need of repair, we will ask your Lengthsman to investigate and make good as soon as possible.

Coniston & Torver

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston - February 2025

Total - 168.1mm (6.6")

Wet days - 11

More than 1mm on 9 days

Wettest day - 19th - 49.0mm (1.9")

Frost on the 28th.

Lunch and Dominoes

We will continue on the first **Wednesday of the month at 12.30pm** in Coniston Institute Reading Room - next date 2nd April. Everyone welcome.

Do come along and join us for soup/roll and a pud, tea/coffee, followed by dominoes. All for £5.00.

50 Year Reunion. John Ruskin School class of 1975 - 19th July 2025

We are marking 50 years since leaving JRS by getting together on the 19th July this year. Celebrations will take place at Coniston Sports and Social Club from 6pm, eating at 7pm.

Everyone may bring a +one and the cost per person will be £15.

If we haven't already managed to contact you and you'd like to join us please get in touch. Contact details below.

70s Night The 1970s themed evening will continue with live music from 9pm when we are inviting anyone who has ever attended or worked at the school to come along and join in the celebrations.

Donations on the door. All profits going to John Ruskin School HAS.

Libby - libby.lea@btinternet.com

Helen - e.glaister013@btinternet.com



Opportunity to visit Solto Collina

A group of up to 15 people have been invited to spend the weekend of 6 – 9 June 2025 with hosts in this beautiful town in NE Italy, which is twinned with Coniston. To qualify you need to live in Coniston, Hawkshead, Torver or the Crake Valley. You only need to pay your travel costs; all other expenses will be met by our hosts. We still have a few spaces so please write to the secretary, **Jackie Coe** jackiecoe@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Over 70's Outing

The annual over 70's trip sponsored by the Rawdon Smith Trust will be held on Friday July 4th, leaving Coniston bus stop at 10am. We will be stopping for coffee on the way to Settle, where we have time to have a look around before catching the train to Appleby to meet the coach to take us to Crooklands for dinner. To book a seat, or for more details please telephone **Gill Lake** on **015394 41116** or **Judith Myers 41245**.



Increasing numbers for 43rd Annual Coniston 14 Race.

By mid March there were 1400 runners booked onto the race, an increase of 10% on last year's registrations. We are looking forward to another great event on Saturday March 29th. www.coniston14.co.uk

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 19th April, 2025. A presentation evening will be held in June.

CONISTON CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

The AGM of the Coniston Co-operative Society was held on Thursday 27th February when the members of the present committee were re-elected and Phil Davies was confirmed as the Chair.

Sustainable and Natural Building Open Day - Coniston

Want to learn about the benefits of natural and sustainable building, while you enjoy free refreshments? Book now to join us for one of our two FREE open days on April 29-30th, 9am - 3pm. The event is open to homeowners, citizens who are interested and professionals in the building industry.

Attendees will be able to see interactive examples of materials and techniques and talk to our experienced team.

To book, go to:

www.stephengrindrod.co.uk/sustainable-and-natural-building-open-days-coniston-lake-district/ and then sign up to our mailing list to receive your booking link.

A bit about us: Stephen Grindrod LTD is a small family building company based in the central Lake District. With 40 years of excellence in natural, sustainable and heritage we aim to support the regeneration of people, place, and planet through our skills and services.

Volunteers are needed

For Coniston Youth Club

Tuesdays 7 - 9pm

Coniston Sports & Social Centre

Numbers continue to grow, we now have 27 young people registered with more joining all the time, which is amazing!

It is great fun and you can help us make a difference, even helping once a month.

Contact us on **conistonsports@gmail.com** if you're interested



Coniston Sports and Social Centre



Live Music from Dr. & The Sick Notes

Saturday 19th April : music from 8.30pm

Sunday 3rd May - Darts and Dominoes from 3pm

And get making those buggies for our -

Annual Celebration Day

Saturday 28th June from 12pm

Activities for All Ages

Including Buggy Race - Down Guards Hill

Live Music throughout afternoon

Tug O' War, Races, Dog Show, BBQ, Ice Cream, Bouncy Castle

**You can follow our Facebook page or look out for posters around
Coniston Village for further information**

For regular events see page 29 - NEW Walking Football, Wednesdays

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**



Torver Parish Council

At its meeting on 6th March councillors co-opted unanimously Thomas Stergiakis to complete the council.

Issues raised during the meeting related to the status of the Village Green, the future of the Coniston Medical Practice, problems on Highways and Paths, a new Noticeboard, organising a VE Day 80th Anniversary celebration, and the decommissioning of the BT Phone Box near the Church House Inn bus shelter.

Full Minutes of the Meeting can be found on TPC's website, the notice board on the wall of The Church House Inn, and on Nobbut Torver.

The next meeting of TPC on Thursday 1st May will be the AGM.

Torver Schoolroom

If you receive the magazine early this may be still relevant...

Our first 2025 village social with the **100 Club** draw will be held in the Schoolroom on **Friday March 28th** at 7pm.

The theme: a Table/Games Night bring your favourite or choose one of the many games available.

Please bring your own drink. (BYO) Nibbles will be provided.

The committee looks forward to meeting you there.

Future dates will be:

June 28th at 7pm

September 26th at 7pm

December 14th following the 5pm Carol Service in St Luke's.

As always, anyone is welcome to come along and bring a friend if they know where Torver Schoolroom is! You don't need to be a 100 Club member to come as you will be made most welcome.

Any funds raised during the evening go towards the upkeep of the Schoolroom.

Reports

Mothers' Union



A suggestion from Christians Together in Coniston was turned into a reality by the Mothers' Union where it was met with great enthusiasm. During the yearly planning meeting a trip to the 'Threads Through The Bible' exhibition was explained.

Our thanks go to Jean Edwards who organised the trip for all members and friends to Liverpool Cathedral.

All were enthralled by the 44 panels created by Jacqui Parkinson in three sections, Creation, The Cross and Revelations. The creative use of textures, vibrant colours and needlework were magnificent. The interpretations and reflections to the Bible passages were enlightening and fascinating. The cathedral café served food to suit all tastes while all staff were helpful.

The next MU meeting is to be held on Tuesday March 25th at St Andrews' Coniston where members are hosting a Lady Day/Annunciation Service for the whole Archdeaconry of Westmorland and Furness at 2pm and the April meeting is on the 24th at a member's home. All are welcome.

For more information contact **Kay 015394 41559**.



Councillor Suzanne Pender's community surgeries continue to be held on the **last Friday of the month, 10-10.45am at Herdwicks Café, Coniston.**

Egton WI



We had a busy meeting in March with lots to discuss but more importantly we gained another two new members which is great. Over the last couple of months our members have been collecting toiletries for Springfield women's refuge in Kendal and we have accumulated quite a large boxful to hand over to them. Still thinking of our community we will be doing our annual Litter Pick around the village on Saturday 12th April. Give us a wave if you see us!

After long term program planning our talk by Progression Solicitors entitled "Planning for the Future" disappointingly failed to materialise!!! 😞. However we are extremely grateful to Helen from "Friends of the Lake District " who stepped in at short notice. They are a charity which is focused on conserving the incredible landscapes of the Lake District and Cumbria in which we are fortunate enough to live in and enjoy. They were formed 91 years ago with the aim to make it a National Park and in succeeding it became the first in the country and now boasts 6000 members. Helen explained that the community is a huge part of it and the aim now is to get the balance right between people and nature. They currently own and tend 12 parcels of land (the nearest to us being Rusland wood) and hold courses and events relating to hedge laying and dry stone walling etc. They are always looking for new members and volunteers so do look online for some information.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 8th April is Painting on Silk by Margaret Wilmot, sounds good so do come along and see for yourselves.

Lastly tickets are available now for our tea party on Saturday 14th June at £10. Do join us and in so doing you will be supporting the Admiral Nurses at the Hospice.

For any more information call 07519 144799. **Gill**



Oxen Park Cinema Club

Only two more films to the end of the season then we start selecting films for our new programme in September.

Tuesday 1st April - ONE LIFE - there might be a second showing on Sunday 6th - look out on the website the week before the first show

Saturday 12th April - PERFECT DAYS - a second show would be on Sunday 13th

Both 7.30pm starts and should be booked through www.oxenparkcinemaclub.org.uk

Why not bring a drink over from the Manor and relax in one of our VERY comfy seats

Carol

Green Sparks News

Great Cumbria Litter Pick Friday 4th and Saturday 5th April; Friends of the Lake District is encouraging local communities to get litter picking and help improve our local environment for residents, visitors and wildlife. Individuals and community groups are welcome to join in see <https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/local-litter-pick-groups>

Ulverston Eco Fair at the Coro 10.30am-4pm **Thursday 24th April**. A free event with loads of inspiring local projects and information about sustainability and nature recovery. All welcome!

This has been a bumper year for baby seals born on Walney. The safe way to see the pups – both for you and the seals – is to check out Cumbria Wildlife Trust's live stream cam. See <https://www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife/cams/seal-cam>

Upcoming Cafs events include **A Climate of Truth** 7.30pm 22nd April at Rheged at which **Mike Berners-Lee** will be talking about his work and his new book by the same name, published March 2025. And **Unpacked: reducing food waste at home** Free webinar, 7pm 28th April. For a full list and how to book see <https://cafs.org.uk/events/>

If you have news and resources to share, or you want to join our network, please get in touch greensparks.sparkbridge@gmail.com



The Farmers Arms

From April 4th, we are planning to change our opening days due to popular demand.

Our previous call out for community led events on Fridays and Saturdays hasn't been successful due to a local demand for a more traditional pub offer. Therefore, we are reopening the bar on the following days:

Wednesdays we are open from **1-2pm** for Rosemary and Brian's Community Lunch. £7PP for a delicious two-course lunch with tea and coffee. The bar will also be open from **6-9pm every Wednesday evening** to coincide with our weekly talks programme.

Caféteen is open from **11am-4pm every Saturday**. It is run by our brilliant teenagers, who have control over the café's menu, business model and an equal share of the profits on top of their hourly pay. We are also looking for more young people to join us as FOH café staff. Do get in touch if you're interested in joining the team! The bar will be open from **5-11pm** and we will kick off our new Saturday night openings with a weekly curry night.

We're open from **12-5pm on Sundays** for great Sunday Roasts (usually Beef or Grizedale Venison) alongside other pub classics, coffee and cakes!

We are still available for private bookings, parties, clubs, events and celebrations.

OPENING TIMES:

Wednesday: 1-2pm community lunch then 6-9pm weekly talks programme

Friday: 5-11pm pizza night and live music

Saturday 11-4pm Cafeteen then 5-11pm

Sunday 12-5pm

April Talks, Workshops and Events:

2nd April: The Lake District Farmer's Arms Gardening School X Ford Park. £199 pp, per term. Across two 9 week terms in Ford Park's gorgeous Walled Garden, expert teacher Hazel Sharples will guide participants through seasonal tasks on flowers, vegetables, fruit, and much, much more. Responding to what happens week by week you will cover all the basics of gardening in just a couple of hours a week. And you'll be contributing to keeping Ford Park wonderful too.

2nd April: Soup Talk and Film Screening: Benjamin Wigley, founder of ARTDOCS, will talk about his work through avant-garde film, documentary, art, and expanded cinema events. One of his recent films: 'Ways of the plant' is a climate-fiction film inspired by literature, folklore, science and arboriculture shot on a tapestry of celluloid film stocks and developed by hand. **6:30pm, £5pp + £5 for a bowl of soup**

9th April- Soup Talk: Sean Ketteringam, Curator of 'Passing Strange: British Land Art through Time' at the Henry Moore institute is joined by Iris Amizlev, Curator of Intercultural Arts. Together they will talk about the exhibition which opens later this year. **6:30pm, £5pp + £5 for a bowl of soup**

12th April: All Day Rag-Rug Workshop: Victoria's full day workshops are designed to give you all the skills you need to be able to start any rag rug project for yourself at home. **10am-4pm, £60PP**

13th April: Half Day Peg Looming Workshop: Perfect for beginners, this workshop teaches you the basics of weaving in a relaxed, supportive environment. **10am-2pm, £30pp**

16th April- Soup Talk: Rookhow- Sue Nicholls, Development Manager at Rookhow will talk about the Quaker meeting house along with its 12 acres of ancient oak woodland. **6:30pm, £5pp + £5 for a bowl of soup**

Saturday 19th April- Easter Craft Fair: More details to be announced shortly. Do get in touch if you're interested in being a stallholder!

23rd April-28th May: Wednesday Evening Pottery Course with Francis Lloyd Jones

Over six weeks students will gain a comprehensive introduction to ceramics covering all the basics from clay to kiln. Each week, you'll be introduced to different methods of working including coiling, slab building and throwing on the potter's wheel, taking home your finished products at the end of the course.

24th April: Open Mic Poetry with Ilse Pedler. come and meet local poets and writers for an informal evening of readings. bring your own work, a favourite poem, or just come and listen. **6:30-8pm. £5pp**

30th April: Soup Talk: Cumbria Vernacular Building Group. Paul from CVBG will talk about Cumbria's rich buildings heritage and distinctive traditions. **6:30pm, £5pp + £5 for a bowl of soup**

More details on all of our events at <https://lakedistrictfarmersarms.com/whats-on/>



Girlguiding in Hawkshead welcome girls aged five and over to Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

To register your daughter please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and I will get back to you.

We would also love to welcome two new volunteers to join our team of 10. There is full training in place and all we need is someone who is enthusiastic about doing something in their community for young people. If you would like a chat about it then please call me on **015394 41245 Judith Myers**

BRANTWOOD NEWS AND VIEWS



8th March - 1st June **Within Nature: East & West**

Exhibitions in the Blue Gallery and Severn Studio

Three artists, two from South Korea and one from England met at Camberwell School of Art in 1990 and became friends. They promised each other that one day they would hold an exhibition together. This exhibition brings together images from the two cultures, all sharing the same theme: the natural world. South Korean artists JongHa Park and his wife, Sungsil Park who live in Seoul will show paintings brought from their homeland, and work created especially for this exhibition alongside works on paper by Yorkshire based artist Bridget Tempest.

Wednesday 9th & 16th April - **Wild Wednesdays**

Space is limited and all sessions bookable on line. £4 per child per session.

Wednesday 9th April – 10.30-12.30 Craft Morning – Mini Easter Rag Wreath. 1-3pm – Wild Weaving

Wednesday 16th April – 10.30–12.30 – Wild Weaving. 1-3pm Craft Afternoon – No Sew Sock Bunny.

Saturday 19th April - **Mindful Morning**

Join us for a mindful morning of calm crafting in our beautiful Loft space. We will be painting and decorating egg cups! £4 pp. 10.00-12.30pm

Saturday 19th April 7pm – **Concert by Pianist Martin Roscoe**

We are delighted to welcome back internationally renowned pianist Martin Roscoe to perform in Brantwood's Drawing Room. Seating is limited for forty, and this of course is the charm of Brantwood. Tickets £25 (includes interval drink). Booking essential via our website.

High Season begins on Monday 31st March when we will be open every day 10.30am-4.00pm

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

Rookhow



OPEN DAYS

1st & 3rd Fridays 10am-4pm throughout Winter. One of our friendly guides will be happy to show you around the site and tell you about Rookhow's history. Free admission with tea/ coffee and homemade cakes. Please let Sue know if you want to come with a group. In the past local history groups, WIs, Mother's Union and reading groups have visited.

QUAKER MEETINGS AT ROOKHOW

All are welcome to join us for Quaker Meetings for Worship at Rookhow, even if you have not been to a Quaker Meeting before.

1st Wednesdays of every month 7.30-8pm

1st & 3rd Fridays of every month 12.30-1pm

BEING QUAKER; DOING QUAKER weekend 16th-18th May

An opportunity to explore the Quaker faith in more depth looking at the historical context in which Quakerism is rooted, reflecting on our own spiritual journeys and exploring what unites Quakers in beliefs and practices. Led by a grandmother and granddaughter duo with Sue Nicholls. People curious or new to Quakers are welcome. Email: contactrookhow@gmail.com for more information and to book a space.

Rookhow's 300th anniversary celebrations: Saturday 7th June

Rookhow will be celebrating its 300th anniversary on Saturday 7th June. 300 years ago people travelled from outlying areas to Rookhow to meet with their wider Quaker community. In the spirit of this, for the 300th anniversary we would like to invite people to travel on foot or cycle from different places to a big Quaker Meeting for Worship, shared simple lunch with an afternoon of speakers and activities.

There will be 3 cycle rides from local Meeting Houses and a walk from Newby Bridge via High Dam. People can also share lifts from local train stations, park close by and walk to Rookhow. **Local people from other churches (or none) are especially welcome.** For more info: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/74130?> or contact Sue Nicholls, Rookhow's Development Manager Email:- contactrookhow@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for more volunteers to help in the grounds at Rookhow- processing logs, making kindling, gardening, taking out invasive species from the woodland, maintaining the paths, looking after the yurt. We can offer travel expenses, good company and homemade cake. Every Friday 10am-3pm. Non-Quakers and local people are welcome.

Cumbria YFC After Dinner Speaking and Junior Member of the Year County Finals

The best speakers in the county met at The George Hotel, Penrith for the final of Cumbria Young Farmers' After Dinner Speaking Competition (28 and under) on Thursday 13th February 2025. Team members from Kent Estuary, Lowick, Raughton Head and Wigton YFCs showed great skill and confidence and all the competitors had clearly prepared their speeches, researching topics in great detail.

The standard of the competition was exceptionally high, with speakers giving after dinner speeches as follows; The Great British Bake off Fan Club ("Hooray for the Silver Fox"), The Sub Aqua Association ("We're Forever Blowing Bubbles"), The Monopoly Society ("Collecting £200 When You Pass Go") and The Friends of the Union ("We're Better Together").

Mr Henry Knowles and Mrs Heather Wildman had a very difficult time judging the competition as the teams were all so good, but after some careful consideration they placed the Lowick YFC team 1st. Raughton Head YFC were placed 2nd and Wigton and Kent Estuary YFCs were placed 3rd and 4th respectively.



Lowick YFC's winning After Dinner Speaking team

Parish Prayer Diary April 2025

1st: Pray for our local businesses.

2nd: On World Autism Day, pray for increased social awareness of the needs of autistic children and adults who often find the world a noisy and confusing place.

3rd: Pray for the Coniston community as it explores ways to secure a GP surgery in their village.

4th: Pray for all involved in landmine clearance and support for affected individuals and communities.

5th: Pray for children, and adults, experiencing unmanageable levels of anxiety.

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

Jesus taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters in Christ we do also for Him. Pray for the will to be the servant of others, as He was the servant of all and gave up His life for us, but is alive and reigns, now and forever.

7th: Pray for the World Health Organisation (WHO) striving for a world where clean air, water and food are available to all, and economies are focussed on health and wellbeing.

8th: Pray for peace and stability in Haiti. Give thanks that some of the church's mission work is able to continue in turbulent and difficult times.

9th: Pray for Coniston & Crake Valley Benefice Staff meeting this afternoon.

10th: Pray for families in emergency accommodation whilst agencies assess their homeless situation.

11th: Pray for children and adults with special needs, and for those who care and support them.

12th: Pray for Christian foster parents and the children in their care.

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

Pray our true and humble King, hailed by the crowds as Messiah, may grant us the faith to know Him and truly love Him, that we may be found beside Him on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

14th: Pray for Churchwardens of churches across the Benefice as they faithfully care for our buildings.

15th: Pray for people and families struggling with debt.

16th: Pray for those experiencing bullying or harassment.

17th: Reflect on the last Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples and the significance of that event, commemorated at each Holy Communion service.

18th: On this Good Friday morning remember our Lord's walk through the streets of Jerusalem to Golgotha. This afternoon, remember His final hour on the cross and meditate on his final words, "It is finished!" (John 19:30)

19th: Hold before our sovereign God, situations which seem to us so hopeless, as we await with hope and faith in His perfect love and timing.

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

HALLELUJAH – CHRIST IS RISEN! Celebrate with Christians all around the world, rejoicing and proclaiming together "He is risen indeed!"

21st: Pray for Christians of all denominations across our benefice who share in the mission of Jesus.

22nd: Pray for those undertaking theology studies and ordination training as part of

preparation for ministry within the national Christian fellowship.

23rd: Pray for children in strained family situations.

24th: Pray for Christian chaplains in schools and colleges.

25th: Pray for those involved in research and production of vaccines which reduce the spread of infectious diseases and ensure healthier communities worldwide.

26th: Pray for all who work within the Veterinary sector.

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

Pray the risen Jesus opens the door of our hearts that we may seek the good of others and walk joyfully the road of sacrifice and peace, to His praise and glory.

28th: Pray for those who have responded to God's call to work abroad sharing the Good News of Jesus with those who have not yet heard.

29th: Pray for all involved in marine conservation working toward a cleaner, better protected, healthier ocean.

30th: Pray for *Mercy Ships*, a faith-based international charity that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries, delivering free healthcare to people in desperate need.



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From the Registers

St. Andrew, Coniston, 4th March: Funeral of Greta Elizabeth Fox

St Mary, Penny Bridge, 21st March: Funeral of Albert Hine

Holy Trinity, Colton, 22nd March: Interment of Ashes of Doreen Ellaray

Holy Trinity, Colton, 26th March: Funeral of Isaac James Walker

St. Andrew, Coniston, 28th March: Memorial Service for Christine Hartsorn

Readings for April 2025

6 th	Philippians 3.4b - 14	John 12.1 - 8
13 th	Luke 19.28 - 40	Luke 23.1 - 49
20 th	Acts 10.34 - 43	John 20.1 - 18
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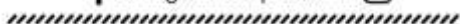


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1 st	Talk: Benjamin Wigley 6.30pm	Farmers Arms
4 th /5 th	Great Cumbria Litter Pick see page 13	
4 th	Live music - Suthering 8pm	Water Yeat Village Hall
9 th	Talk: Sean Ketteringham 6.30pm	Farmers Arms
9 th	Wild Wednesday see page 16	Brantwood
10 th	Talk: Should we eat meat? 7pm	Water Yeat Village Hall
11 th	Live music - Jack James 7pm	Greenodd Village Hall
12 th	Film: Perfect Days 7.30pm	Carthouse Cinema
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16 th	Wild Wednesday see page 16	Brantwood
16 th	Talk: Rookhow 6.30pm	Farmers Arms
19 th	Mindful Morning see page 16	Brantwood
19 th	Easter Craft Fair	Farmers Arms
19 th	Live music: Dr and the Sicknotes 8.30pm	Coniston S&S Centre
19 th	Concert: Pianist Martin Roscoe see page 16	Brantwood
24 th	Mothers' Union meeting	Members home
24 th	Poetry Open Mic night 6.30pm	Farmers Arms
24 th	Ulverston Eco Fair	Coronation Hall
28 th	Greenodd & Penny Bridge Hall AGM 7.30pm	Greenodd Village Hall
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