

Coniston and Crake Valley News



Coniston
& Crake
Churches

May 2025 www.conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk

Coniston Cricket Club

Our pavilion and Bar are open on match days one hour before the match start time, everyone is welcome to come along and support the teams as they take on local rivals!

Our pavilion is available to private hire for small meetings and gatherings, please send us an email to find out more.



All Stars and Dynamos Friday Family Fun Nights!

Our Allstars and Dynamos Junior cricket club starts on Friday the 9th of May at 5pm and is open to children from age 5 - 11. Sign up now at:

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket>

or pop along and join us to find out more!

May Home Fixtures:

Date	Game	Match Sponsor
Sunday 4 th May 1pm	Coniston 2 nd v Millom 3 rd	PS Electrical
Friday 9 th May 6:30pm	Coniston 2 nd v Westgate 3 rd (20/20)	Hills Garage
Saturday 10 th May 1pm	Coniston 1 st v Silverdale	Anne Hall
Sunday 18 th May 1pm	Coniston 2 nd v Bare Sultans	Martin Cooper
Saturday 24 th May 1pm	Coniston 1 st v Warton	NFU Mutual
Sunday 25 th May 1pm	Coniston 2 nd v Westgate 3 rd	Coniston Ground Care

May Away Fixtures:

Date	Game
Saturday 3 rd May 1pm	Lindal Moor v Coniston 1 st
Sunday 11 th May 1pm	Milnthorpe 2 nd v Coniston 2 nd
Saturday 17 th May 1pm	Bare v Coniston 1 st
Friday 30 th May 6:30pm	Holme v Coniston 1 st (20/20 Match)
Saturday 31 st May 1pm	Holme v Coniston

To contact the club email us at conistoncc@outlook.com

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

Revd Brian Streeter	vicar@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk	01229 861668
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Churches in Coniston and the Crake Valley

To contact any of the Churchwardens, pastoral team, retired clergy or lay ministers please call or email the Administrators.

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: Brantwood Maintenance Team “out to lunch”

Church Services for May 2025

4th	Third Sunday of Easter		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Bikers' Breakfast	CMA/Linda Inman/ Val Towndrow/Hazel Bowness
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Helen Hooley
11th	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
Great Knott Farm, Blawith	11.00am	Lambing Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Pamela Hull
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Local arrangement
18th	Fifth Sunday of Easter		
St Luke Torver	9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Chris Clark
25th	Sixth Sunday of Easter		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	Paulette Bissell
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Morning Worship	Pam Priestley
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Healing Service	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Lesley Thompson
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 31st May** from 10.15am to 12.30pm and the topic "God's covenant with Abraham"

Coffee morning at Tottlebank Baptist Church (LA12 8HY) to raise funds for St Mary's Hospice on **Saturday 10th May**, 10am - 12 noon. Prize Quiz. Home made cakes, crafts, plants and second hand book stalls plus tea, coffee and cake for sale and an art display. Everyone is welcome to come along and help us raise money for this good cause.



Pastoral Letter from Revd David Bickersteth

Spiritual Reality

My faith is both driven by my mind, that is considering doctrine and scripture – which convinces me that I'm on the right track, and my faith is based upon supernatural experience.

As a teenager (many decades ago!) I tried spiritism to see if 'there was anything out there' – there was, and it was dark. It led me to search the Christian faith – not difficult for I had an extended family of clergy! They were people I trusted and admired.

Years later, when rector of Gosforth and Wasdale, I was invited by Bishop George Hacker, to join the diocesan deliverance group – nick-named the '*Ghost Busters*' by some! I was a member of the team for seventeen years, and we met regularly in Durham with colleagues from all major denominations. Some tales would make many shudder, but I can assure you, the spiritual world is very real and can be very menacing to those who treat it lightly.

Christianity speaks of a God who is Spirit and Truth (John 4:24). Jesus demonstrated his divinity in signs and wonders. Above all else we remember his conquest of death and the gift of the Holy Spirit to his followers. Today as well as two thousand years ago, Knowing Jesus is a supernatural relationship, not just cerebral. I have witnessed extraordinary happenings and am convinced in the reality of the angelic realm, both good and sadly evil. From my ministry I know the power of Jesus to change lives, set people free from dark forces and bring new life.

CS Lewis, the twentieth century's most profound convert to Christianity, wrote of Jesus:

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

For me and millions of others, a personal relationship with Jesus is at the heart of my faith and life. I have great confidence that Christianity is intellectually credible but can be experienced in a personal relationship with God's Son. This month we continue to think about the resurrection as experienced by his first followers. Next month we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit – God with us.

God is just a prayer away, give him a try, he longs to share his love and reality with you!

David Bickersteth

Around the Parishes : Colton

Colton Parish Council News May 2025

Colton Parish 2025 Open Meeting 10.15am-12.30 on Saturday 17th May at Finsthwaite & Lakeside Village Hall. **All welcome!** The Open Meeting is a great opportunity to discuss the issues that really matter to you and that you want to bring to the attention of the Parish Council.

This year, we'll be joined by Gavin Capstick, Chief Executive of the Lake District National Park Authority, who'll be taking questions about what LDNPA's work means for local communities. Please submit your questions for Gavin by email, or to your local parish councillor, before 10th May. Email **clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk**. This will ensure that we cover a wide range of issues.

Booking is not required, but as we'll be providing refreshments, it would be very helpful if you could let us know if you're coming so we can make sure there's enough cake to go round!

Finsthwaite & Lakeside Village Hall is located next to St Peter's Church Finsthwaite, see [What 3 Words///confident.driven.dodging](http://What3Words///confident.driven.dodging)

Colton Foodbank Appeal 4th to 8th May Once again we are supporting the local Foodbank Appeal organised by Foodbank volunteers from the Colton area. Dried food, tinned goods, jars, packets, toiletries and other long-life household essentials are welcome. Donations boxes will be stationed around the Parish. Look out for posters on village noticeboards or talk to your local Councillor.

Our very own Lengthsman, Archie Workman, has contributed photos of Colton's drain and manhole covers to the world's first exhibition of these unsung, overlooked but often surprising industrial artworks that pepper our local lanes. This free exhibition, which is at Manchester Central Library, runs until 28th June. See <https://librarylive.co.uk/event/manhole-covers-exhibition/> For problems with local drains and other problems on local lanes that need Archie's attention please email the clerk.

Our next standard Parish Council Meeting is at 7pm on Monday 19th May at Oxen Park Reading Room. All welcome!

For more Colton Parish Council News, who's who, details of our community grant scheme and our Community Plan see <https://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Save the date

Colton Church coffee morning

Saturday July 19th, 10am -12noon

Bouth Village Hall

Annual Raffle, Cake Stall

£1 entry includes coffee and biscuits.

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Lowick

Lowick Parish Council

Suzanne Pender will raise your concerns with Highways, regarding the increasing number of commercial events (not for charity) that are seriously disrupting our local community. Permission is generally given without regard for local community events which have often been scheduled at the same time for many years.

Your local Police Officer, Paul Harris, reported another drugs related fly tipping event had occurred within our Parish.

United Utilities have written to us regarding the water leak that occurred, before Christmas, on the road to the common and apologised for the inconvenience this caused to their customers in the village. The work is now complete and the road has been resurfaced. I will write to Paul Forshaw to ask for an update on the work done on the water main feeding Gawthwaite.

Several parishioners have been raising concerns regarding the maintenance of local footpaths. This is the response we received from the LDNPA regarding Public Rights of Way:

"In short it has always been the land owners legal responsibility to maintain gates and stiles on a public right of way, The LDNPA have a duty to see this is done and have for many years supported landowners by fully funding this work, due to financial cuts along with losing a large percentage of our field staff we have now been forced to reduce our contribution, we do however offer some financial support to landowners in carrying out this work and in some cases such as access improvements can still provide assistance. All the information needed can be found by following the link, if you need individual case advice then a site visit can be arranged, my contact details are below.

<https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/rightsofway>

Den Porter Ranger (South), Lake District National Park Authority

07557 030451 **den.porter@lakedistrict.gov.uk**"

As far as we are aware the work to connect our Parish to the Full Fibre Broadband Network is progressing to schedule, connection dates are still before the end of this year. Fibrus are hoping to start accepting orders as early as November in some areas. I am attending a Hub Coordinators' Meeting in April so will have more information next month.

Richard Ellwood told us that he has taken over from Rob Dove as Chair of The Community Hall and Val Ingham will take over the responsibility for bookings. We all sent our thanks and best wishes to Rob and Judith for all the diligent work they have done in the past. A discussion followed about how many of your representatives have been in post for a very long time and we all felt we should be looking to recruit proactive parishioners with fresh ideas. If you are interested please come to our next meeting on May 15th at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Egton cum Newland

Penny Bridge church coffee morning

Our fund raiser for church took place in Greenodd Village Hall on the 22nd of March.

The wonderful team of helpers set out their stalls in preparation for the event. There were lots of items for sale, and straight away we were busy. A good crowd of supporters joined us and as usual were very generous, enjoying coffee and refreshments and catching up with friends and neighbours. We are grateful for all the help received from stallholders, raffle sellers, door keeper, those working in the kitchen and those moving furniture.

A big Thankyou to you all for donations and support for all the stalls enabling us to raise the absolutely amazing amount of £709, a wonderful effort.

Jean and the team.

Greenodd Village Hall - upcoming events for your diary:

Two fantastic tribute acts coming in June and July

Definitely Dolly: Friday 6th June, Disco & Live Performance 8-11pm

Tickets £12, call 07949 587710

Alecia Karr, Pink Tribute: Saturday 19th July, Disco & Live Performance 8-11pm.

Tickets £12, call 07949 587710

And don't miss the UVHS Swing Band on May 16th - see page 31 for details.



Work has been carried out in the last few weeks on the trees in Penny Bridge churchyard to make them safe.

Crake Valley Friendship Club

The Crake Valley Friendship club's next coach trip of 2025 is on the 21st May. We are heading to Mainsgill Farm Shop before making our way to Richmond & Northallerton. There are spare seats on our trips which are up for grabs to non-members, anyone is welcome to join us £18 non-members. Coach leaves Greenodd at 9am.



Please contact for enquiries **Anne** on **01229 861278**

ENMO Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to look after the apple trees planted for the community next to Spark Bridge Village Hall. If you're interested, please email **greensparks.sparkbridge@gmail.com** and we will pass your details on. Thank you.

Coniston & Torver

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston - March 2025

Total - 57.0mm (2.2")

Wet days - 9

More than 1mm on 9 days

Wettest day - 29th - 20.3mm (0.8")

Frost on the 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 18th and 19th.

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**.

CONISTON CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

At an emergency meeting of the Board of Coniston Co-op on Monday 14th April, Phil Davies announced that, with immediate effect, he was stepping down from his roles as Chair and Properties Manager.

With only three active members left on the Board, it was agreed that Chas Sargeant would be Acting Chair, Jan Sargeant Acting Secretary, and Jean Johnson Acting Properties Manager. Also, it was agreed that urgent action be taken to recruit new members to the Board.

With over seven hundred registered members, the Co-op needs to have more of its members involved in the decision taking and policy making. But why should you get involved? Because the members are the owners, not just customers, and by taking part you would ensure that the Co-op remains democratic and responds appropriately to your needs. Anyone willing to give just an hour and a half of your time per month, please contact **Jan Sargeant**, Acting Secretary, on **07761 904333**. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 8th May.



Coniston Sports and Social Centre

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**

Coniston Surgery Update CPG

We first thank everyone who signed the petition and those who made it possible.

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is the NHS department which has the responsibility of deciding how medical services will be provided for Coniston and Torver. The ICB were impressed by the total of 1056 signatures on the petition and the number of contacts they had stressing our need to retain a GP surgery.

The CPG have lobbied the key ICB managers and involved our MP. We have also tried to find a solution to the problems raised by the ICB about the current surgery premises. Many of you will have seen the video we made to attract GP candidates.

The ICB will shortly publish their report on our situation and will meet on May 5th (postponed from April 14th) to discuss the options. We should then have a clearer idea of what will happen next.

Rob Gee CPG



John Ruskin School, Coniston is looking for Invigilators, Readers & Scribes to assist with mock exams in November and March, and GCSE exams in May and June.

Please contact the Exams Officer on **015394 41306** or **admin@jrs.org.uk** for a chat about the roles, or download an application form from **www.jrs.org.uk**.

Hourly rate £12.60 (this rate is SCP2 with a non-contractual pay supplement increasing the pay grade to UK living wage of £12.60).

Full induction & training given. Good literacy & numeracy required, plus Enhanced DBS and other pre-recruitment checks to meet Safeguarding requirements.

By taking on these roles, you will support our students during their exams; we look forward to welcoming you.

Steph Bennett, John Ruskin School

CONISTON GRASS COURTS TENNIS CLUB

The beautiful grass tennis courts in Coniston have been in existence since the 1900s for the enjoyment of villagers and visitors. Funds to keep these courts open come from membership fees, and kind donations from local charities. The courts are now in good condition after major refurbishments post Covid.

Membership fees are £25 per year for single membership, and £40 for family membership. The courts are also available for hire at £10 per hour to non-members and visitors who can call 07795 493007 for details. Membership enables you to play any time. Club nights are Wednesday and Friday 4-6pm. If you would like to join this small and friendly club then please get in touch with **Paul Mullard** on **mullards@outlook.com** or **Bill Marshall** on **07795 493007** or **billmarshall1058@gmail.com**. The new season will start - weather permitting - after Easter.

Increased numbers for the 43rd Annual Coniston 14 Race.

Over 1230 runners took part in this annual community-organised event. Many runners enjoyed the cooler temperatures but faced strong winds on the more exposed sections of the run. The heavy rain arrived after most runners were back.



Daniel Connolly from Mercia Fell Running Club was the winner, well ahead of the field, with a time of 1 hour 12 minutes. The course record of 1 hour 9 minutes was set way back in 1989. Catherine Williamson of Loftus Whitby AC was the first woman to finish in 1 hour 26 minutes knocking one minute off her winning time in 2024.

The money raised from the race will be donated to the many local clubs and good causes. A presentation evening will be held at Coniston Sports and Social Centre in June. The Committee wishes to thank the Police and Coniston Mountain Rescue Team for their support and the many marshals who helped on the day.

Torver Parish Council

The next meeting of Torver Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1st May at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom. The meeting will begin with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at which the Chair and Deputy Chair will be elected. The Chair will deliver an Annual Report, the Parish Plan will be reviewed, and an Internal Auditor will be appointed. An ordinary meeting will follow, the agenda of which will be found on the council's website, on the village noticeboard, and on Nobbut.

TORVER SOCIAL AND 100 CLUB March event

With a fantastic selection of games to choose from a great night was had by all. Not only did we have fun, but for those of us of a certain age.... we enjoyed a bit of brain gym too!

The 100 Club draw results are:

£100.....Audrey Grizedale

£30.....Nina Cameron

£30.....Ann Sealy

£20.....Pat Barr

£20.....P&H Hull

£15.....Matthew Mayvers

£15.....Louise Thomson

£10.....Harry Harrison

£10.....Sue Ransome

£10.....Sylvia Bradley

Congratulations everyone! Thanks again to all our 100 Club members for supporting Torver Schoolroom in this fun way. Your £25 annual donation gives you 4 chances of winning and four community socials to enjoy and provides £1,250 each year to maintain the Schoolroom. The next social is on Saturday June 28th at 7pm.

Sadly this may be the last year for the Hundred Club unless we can find a volunteer to manage the subscriptions. If you think you, or anyone else you know might be interested in finding out more about how you could help, please contact **Hazel Bowness** on **07908 156740** or **hazelbowness@outlook.com**

Hoping to see you soon. ***The Schoolroom Committee.***

Reports

Voluntary Car Scheme – Westmorland and Furness Council

Repeated Appeal

We are urgently in need of additional drivers. Would you be someone who could occasionally drive someone to a hospital appointment, GP, train station, shopping or social event? If you would like to know more about voluntary driving (petrol costs are reimbursed) I would be happy to have a chat. **Marguerite Calvert 01229 885498**



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

Mothers' Union

Coniston Mothers' Union hosted the Lady Day (Feast Of The Annunciation) Service for the Archdeaconry of Westmorland and Furness on Tuesday 25th March.

The Service was based on the MU Service for the day and compiled and led by the Rev^d Brian Streeter, whose talk related to all mothers past and present. Besides hymns, a reading and the rededication of Mothers' Union membership, a new member, Carol Wall was welcomed by the New Diocesan president Ann Wodeman. Our thanks go to Brian, Ann and Leigh for playing the organ, for making it a memorable service.

Members from all the branches present then enjoyed fellowship over tea and cakes.

The next meeting is on 24th April, the topic being 'The Parable of the Sower', and for May the Sharing Day at Shap is on the 12th.

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



Egton WI

We had a good start to our April meeting with not only nearly a full house but two new faces too. Our business included a report about the annual meeting at Kendal where the speaker was Mitch from series eight of the Sewing Bee. He gave a very entertaining insight into the making of the programme. Ten members had enjoyed a wonderful ☺day visiting Holehird followed by lunch together at Lakeland. In a similar vein we are planning a June trip to the home and garden of the well renowned florist David Ryland.

We were not disappointed with our speaker Margaret Wilmot who enthralled us with her knowledge and skills about painting on silks. She started with the history of silk (how many of you knew that silk has been produced for over 6000 years?). We learnt about the lifecycle of the silk worm and the difference in the silk produced by the domesticated and wild silk worm. Margaret then demonstrated her painting techniques with and without the use of hot wax. We were fascinated and you could hear a pin drop as we were all fully engaged in the process.

Our litter pick will have been completed by the time this goes to press, so it just remains for me to remind you about our summer tea party (see inside front cover last month) on Saturday 14th June. Do come along and enjoy the feast with us - remember it is for a great cause - The Admiral nurses at St. Mary's Hospice - who look after dementia patients and their families. It's only £10pp. Do join us anytime.

Gill 07519 144799 for more information.

Green Sparks News

Over the first weekend in April, **Green Sparks collected the equivalent of 4 full black bags of litter** from the lanes around Spark Bridge. A great effort, but also a great shame that there was so much rubbish in our verges. It's not just that it's unsightly; litter poses a real threat to wildlife and livestock. If you want to organise a litter pick in your area and need to borrow litter pickers and/or high vis vests, please email us.

ENMO Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to look after the apple trees planted for the community next to Spark Bridge Village Hall. If you're interested, please email us and we will pass your details on. Thank you.

Visit Lake District has an online travel planner to encourage locals and visitors alike to get out of their cars and choose more sustainable public transport options. The planner enables you to join up services so that you can get to lots of beautiful parts of the Lake District without clogging up the lanes or the hassle of parking. See <https://www.visitlakedistrict.com/travel-planner>

Future Proof Cumbria CAfSs has changed its name and updated its website. See <https://futureproofcumbria.org.uk/about-us/>

Upcoming events include its acclaimed climate and carbon literacy course, **Climate Fresk**, aimed at members of the public. This event will be held in conjunction with the Windermere Science Festival **Saturday 10th May**. It is a free course, but booking is required. For details see <https://cafs.org.uk/events/>

Recycling electricals <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/> estimates there are 140 million unused cables stuffed into drawers and boxes in the UK's homes. So, if you have a draw full you are not alone! Find out how to recycle them here <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/how-to-recycle-electronics/what-electronics-can-be-recycled/recycling-cables/>

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

Oxen Park Cinema Club

We are now at the end of the season and preparing for our new programme starting in September. The new programme will be ready for the Rusland Show.

If you would like to sponsor a film at £25 then let Carol know and she can pass on our new film list for you to choose. You will get two free seats of your choice.

Our AGM will be in June (9th or 16th) - look out for the date next month.

Carol for contact - **crlmcneill@gmail.com**

The Rawdon-Smith Trust

The Rawdon-Smith Trust is a charity that owns the bed of Coniston Water and uses the fees collected from moorings and jetties for the benefit of local communities around the lake.

The Trust's website: **rstcharity.uk** provides more information on its work and it has an application form for grants. The Trust regularly supports voluntary bodies and charities, and recent grants have supported projects to refurbish the children's playground in Coniston, to improve Satterthwaite Parish Rooms, for an environmental notice board at Spark Bridge and to renovate the changing rooms at the Coniston Sports and Social Club.

The Trust has been keen to encourage opportunities for local young people to enjoy outdoor activities particularly on the lake. It has developed links with three lake-based outdoor centres, Water Park, Low Bank Ground and the Priestley Centre, to offer sessions for youngsters. Water Park has provided RYA sailing courses and Low Bank Ground has organised a sailing day for Coniston Primary School children. The Priestley Centre has worked in partnership with John Ruskin School to provide residential overnight stays with a selection of outdoor activities for all Year 7 students.

Many local clubs and voluntary organisations have also benefitted from grants.

Trustees meet four times each year to consider requests. The Trust's next meeting is on 5th June and online grant application forms should be submitted a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting.



Rookhow

EMERGENCY/ RELIEF CLEANER AT ROOKHOW

During our busy period we may need to call on another relief cleaner when our wonderful cleaners are busy or away. If anyone would be interested in being on our list of available cleaners, please let me know. Pay £14 per hour. Usual turnaround is 4-6 hours. Contact: Sue Nicholls, Development Manager. 07377 971783.

Email- **contactrookhow@gmail.com**

OPEN DAYS

1st & 3rd Fridays 10am-4pm. 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

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.

THANK YOU TO CONSERVATION PEOPLE

A huge thank you to all the local people who have taken part in the Rainforest Days at Rookhow with Georgie Stephens the Rainforest Officer and to those who have helped on the Conservation Days with Marion Brown. Quakers' Wood is looking really healthy and beautiful!

BRANTWOOD NEWS AND VIEWS



With the RHS National Gardening Week looming and all you keen gardeners getting out and about in your gardens, we are holding a series of '**Home Grown Garden**' events. With the onset of Bluebell time (and the RHS promoting Brantwood as one of their must-see gardens for bluebells), join Brantwood's Head Gardener Simone Daye for a tour around Brantwood's RHS Partner Gardens taking in the magnificent Bluebell displays on **Tuesday 29th April** at 11am. Tour lasts 1 hour. Find out about the work we are doing to restore and conserve John Ruskin's famous gardens for the future. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather and suitable footwear.

Walk will include uneven terrain, steps and some steeper sections of path to access higher areas of the Estate and Woodland. Free event but please book via our website.

Secateurs Sharpening Workshops on **Thursday 1st May** at 11am and 2pm (1 hour sessions). Free event but please book through our website. Bring along your secateurs, a pair of gloves and any other small implements and learn the specific techniques used to sharpen tools.

Within Nature: East & West Exhibitions in the Blue Gallery and Severn Studio until 1st June.

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.

Curator's Talk: Join Brantwood's Director Howard Hull for a Curator's Talk on our current Blue Gallery exhibition 'Within Nature'. **Tuesday 13th May** at 11.30am. Approximately 30 minute tour and talk. Free with admission.

For Whitsun half term, children's activities will be available in the Loft. Full details on website.

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**.



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A Time to Celebrate

1st June 2025 will be the 150th Birthday of the **Coniston Methodist Chapel** and current members are planning big celebrations in which we want to involve as many people in the village as possible.

As well as special services on 1st and 8th June there will be a concert by Barrow Male Voice Choir (5 June) and an exhibition of the Weardale Tapestries (21-30th May)

focused on what Methodism has meant and continues to mean today.

The building will be specially decorated to mark the occasion and celebration mementoes offered.

We expect to work with the Coniston schools, using their ideas and skills to produce something of lasting value.

As we prepare to mark the place of the chapel in the village over so many years, we would dearly love to hear from anyone with special memories, of their own or drawn from their families.

Please get in touch with Dare Holland on 015394 41594 / joyceanddare@btinternet.com or Keith Coxon on 015394 41099 / dorothycoxon@btinternet.com



Parish Prayer Diary May 2025

1st: Pray for the Diocese of Northern Argentina where severe flooding has badly hit communities after rivers broke their banks leaving areas completely isolated and people losing home and possessions.

2nd: Pray for our Government and all leaders with national responsibilities.

3rd: Pray for areas of on-going conflict, and for the peacemakers trying to bring resolution.

4th: Sunday, the first day of the week: Pray our risen Lord, who filled His first disciples with boldness and fresh hope, may strengthen us to proclaim His risen life and filled us with peace that passes all earthly understanding.

5th: Pray for Open Doors charity working in Myanmar to help Christians with emergency aid and long-term support.

6th: Pray for young people in our families and communities as they interact with the world around through social media.

7th: Pray for the Coniston & Crake Valley Benefice Staff.

8th: Pray for the ministry of Emma Taplin, Furness Deanery's Children's & Family Worker.

9th: Pray for the British Red Cross helping people in crisis at home and abroad.

10th: Pray for those with the life challenges of brain injury, and for their families.

- 11th: Sunday, the first day of the week:** Rejoice that Jesus our Saviour is the resurrection and the life and through our faith and trust in Him we are safe in His care, today, tomorrow, for always.
- 12th:** Pray for pupils taking GCSE and A-level exams this month.
- 13th:** Pray for Christian Aid working with local partners to end poverty and injustice.
- 14th:** Pray for members of Lowick Young Farmers Club.
- 15th:** Pray journalists and broadcasters report factually and responsibly.
- 16th:** Pray for Social Workers working in Adult and Children & Families Social Care services.
- 17th:** Pray for new mothers experiencing postnatal mental health distress.
- 18th: Sunday, the first day of the week:** Pray we grow daily closer to our Lord and allow Him to develop in us the fruit of the Spirit for our own wellbeing and for the benefit of the world He so loves.
- 19th:** Pray for the mental health charity Mind working to promote good mental health and improving the quality of life for people suffering mental distress.
- 20th:** Pray for those who have developed dementia, and for their family.
- 21st:** Pray for Parent and Toddlers groups across our benefice.
- 22nd:** Pray for members of the Coniston Mountain Rescue team.
- 23rd:** Pray for those serving in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.
- 24th:** Pray for the Farming Community Network, a voluntary organisation and charity supporting farmers and families within the farming community.
- 25th: Sunday, the first day of the week:** Encouraged by all Jesus has done for us in the past, and His promise to be with us always, pray we may daily trust and not let our hearts be troubled.
- 26th:** Pray for parcel delivery workers driving through tourist traffic to remote communities.
- 27th:** Pray for those working in the funeral sector.
- 28th:** Pray for those who live and work in the communities of Greenodd, Penny Bridge, Lowick and Spark Bridge.
- 29th:** This Ascension Day, joyfully ponder the great, wondrous, mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hallelujah!
- 30th:** Pray for St Mary's Hospice providing care for patients living with life-shortening illness.
- 31st:** Pray for the global Thy Kingdom Come prayer fellowship, committing to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for those who do not yet know the Lord Jesus.



Please send all articles and events for the June Magazine by Thursday May 15th to editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk or call Juliet on 07884 232281.



Lambing Service

On **Sunday 11th May, at 11.00am** the Anglican churches at the bottom of the Crake Valley will be gathering at **Great Knott Farm in Blawith village** to celebrate a Lambing Service.

The farm can be found on the A5084 road to Torver from Lowick on the corner as you enter Blawith village. There is parking in the farmyard to the south of the farm as indicated on the map below.

The Lambing Service is a great opportunity to pause in the farming year at the end of the lambing season, and to give thanks for the hard work of the local farmers and for the provision of the new lambs. It is always great to see all the young lambs in the fields. And the landscape of the Lake District would be very different without its sheep, and they are as essential to the unique beauty of our area as are the local stone walls, rolling hills, lakes and mountains.

Anyone who wishes to come and celebrate and give thanks for the yearly provision of lambs and for the hard work of our farmers **is most welcome**—or maybe you just want to come and see some adorable lambs!



Revd. Brian Streeter

From the Registers

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

St Andrews, Coniston 28th March: Memorial Service for Christine Mary Hartshorn

Readings for May 2025

4 th	Acts 9.1-20	John 21.1-19
11 th	Acts 9.36-43	John 10.22-30
18 th	Acts 11.1-18	John 13.31-35
25 th	Acts 16.9 -15	John 5.1-9

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Tuesday	Coffee and Chat, 9.45 - 10.45am	Greenodd Village Hall
Tuesday	Coniston CAMEO 2 - 4pm	Coniston Institute
Tuesday	Youth Club age 11 & over 7 - 9pm	Coniston S & S Centre
Wednesday	Parent and Toddler Group 9.30 - 11.30am (term time only)	Coniston S & S Centre
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Wednesday	Walking Football, 6.30 - 8pm	Coniston S & S Centre
Wednesday	Community Lunch, 1pm sharp, £7.50	Farmers Arms, Lowick
Thursday	"Young at Heart" exercise and lunch, 11am £5 (term time only) or just come for lunch at 12 noon.	Coniston S&S Centre
Thursday	Volunteer Day 9.30 - 3.30pm	Brantwood Gardens
Thursday	Zumba 6.30pm with Valentyna	Coniston Primary School
Thursday	Netball Skills 6.30 - 7.30pm	Coniston S & S Centre
Friday	Junior Cricket see page 2	Coniston Cricket Club
2 nd Tuesday	Egton WI, 7.30pm	Greenodd Village Hall
2 nd Tuesday	Ulverston Repair Café 6.30-8.30pm	Croftlands Community Centre
3 rd Tuesday	Coniston WI, 7.30pm,	Coniston Institute
1 st Wednesday	Charity Quiz, 8pm, £3 per person	Coniston S & S Centre
1 st Wednesday	Prayer Hour - 10 - 11am	St Mary's, Penny Bridge
3 rd Wednesday	Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12.30pm	Bouth Village Hall

What's On Guide - May

1 st	Secateur Sharpening Workshops see page 17	Brantwood
1 st	Torver Parish Council AGM	Torver Schoolroom
3 rd	Darts & Dominoes from 3pm	Coniston S&S
5 th	May Day bank holiday	
9 th	Live Music - Chris Cleverley 8pm	Water Yeat Village Hall
10 th	Coffee Morning 10am see page 4	Tottlebank Church
11 th	Lambing Service, 11am see page 20	Great Knott Farm
12 th	Mothers' Union Sharing Day	Shap
13 th	Curator's Talk, 11.30am, see page 17	Brantwood
16 th	Concert: UVHS Swing Band see opposite	Greenodd Village Hall
16 th -18 th	Being Quaker, Doing Quaker see April edition	Rookhow
17 th	Colton Parish Open Meeting 10.15am	Finsthwaite & Lakeside Village Hall
21 st	Bouth Coffee Morning, 10am	Bouth Village Hall
21 st	Friendship Club outing, 9am see page 9	Greenodd
24 th --31 st	Childrens activities for half-term week	Brantwood
26 th	Late Spring Bank Holiday	

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