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A LETTER FROM MICHAEL WOODCOCK

Dear friends,

As I write this (in early May), the global pandemic is still in full sway, and we do not yet know exactly what the future will hold. We have all had to get used to a new way of life. With the good weather we enjoyed during April, this has meant a slowing down of life, the chance to enjoy our once-daily outdoor exercise, and to spend time in our gardens. We have all recognized how blessed we are to live in this part of the country, and how awful it must be for those in crowded urban contexts.



This slowing down of life has come at an interesting time. It has felt for a long time in the modern world as if we have all been caught up in a frenetic pace of life, running endlessly around on our mouse wheels, all in order to keep the whole thing going. We have felt perhaps a little trapped in this existence. If anything positive is to come out of all this crisis caused by Covid-19, then perhaps it is this space we are now in whereby we can think carefully about how life could and perhaps should be different when we come out the other end. This space is known as “liminal space” and Franciscan writer Richard Rohr has written about it recently:

Liminal space is an inner state and sometimes an outer situation where we can begin to think and act in new ways. It is where we are betwixt and between, having left one room or stage of life but not yet entered the next. We usually enter liminal space when our former way of being is challenged or changed—perhaps when we lose a job or a loved one, during illness, at the birth of a child, or a major relocation. It is a graced time, but often does not feel “graced” in any way. In such space, we are not certain or in control. This global pandemic we now face is an example of an immense, collective liminal space.

The very vulnerability and openness of liminal space allows room for something genuinely new to happen. We are empty and receptive—erased tablets waiting for new words. Liminal space is where we are most teachable, often because we are most humbled.

It’s no surprise then that we generally avoid liminal space. Much of the work of authentic spirituality and human development is to get people into liminal space and

Cover photograph: : Buzzard at the west end of Crosthwaite supplied by Eve Brookes

to keep them there long enough that they can learn something essential and new. Many spiritual giants like St. Francis, Julian of Norwich, Dorothy Day, and Mohandas Gandhi tried to live their entire lives in permanent liminality, on the edge or periphery of the dominant culture. This in-between place is free of illusions and false payoffs. It invites us to discover and live from broader perspectives and with much deeper seeing.

In liminal space we sometimes need to not-do and not-perform according to our usual successful patterns. We actually need to fail abruptly and deliberately falter to understand other dimensions of life. We need to be silent instead of speaking, experience emptiness instead of fullness, anonymity instead of persona, and pennilessness instead of plenty. In liminal space, we descend and intentionally do not come back out or up immediately. It takes time but this experience can help us re-enter the world with freedom and new, creative approaches to life.

As many of us have been recognising some of the positive benefits that this enforced time of lockdown and restricted social distancing has created; a greater awareness of our interdependency, a strengthening of community life, the appreciation of conversation and time to talk (albeit at a distance or across the internet), then let us not lose this opportunity this liminal space is giving us. Let us come out the other side better than we were before.

yours in friendship,



Rev. Michael Woodcock,
The Vicarage, Crosthwaite.

CALLING ALL VILLAGES

Calling all parishioners

Church Services

As the situation with Coronavirus continues, our churches remain closed for public worship for the foreseeable future (unless the situation has changed by the time this Magazine is published). Meanwhile we have been offering recorded Church Services compiled from the Vicarage, and you can find these on either YouTube^{GB} or Facebook. Anyone is welcome to subscribe or join either of these, as they have been proving popular in providing some spiritual comfort and connection as we remain in relative isolation.

Here is a link to our Two Valleys Churches Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHIN2ZrSNH8aRhk-2cM41IA/>



Or our "Two Valleys Churches" Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1277901119079207/>



The Archbishopric of York

Archbishop Sentamu's period of office as Archbishop of York comes to an end this month, and he is succeeded by Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford. Archbishop Stephen will be Primate of England. The Archbishop of Canterbury, as the more senior of the two, is Primate of All England. These two titles – Primate of England and Primate of All England - which seem to make a rather odd distinction, were adopted in the fourteenth century as part of a solution to a long-running dispute about seniority.

The problem originated with Pope Gregory the Great. When he sent Augustine to England as a missionary, he intended that there should be an archbishop in London and another in York. Both had been prominent 'headquarter cities' in Roman times, and no doubt Gregory's choice reflected some continuing memory of this in Rome at the end of the sixth century. However, times had changed, and England was by now divided into competing small kingdoms. For various reasons, Augustine actually established his mission in the kingdom of Kent (which did not include London), and set up his cathedral within the walls of the old Roman city that served as the capital. We know it as Canterbury; and it is for these historic reasons that in the south we have an Archbishop of Canterbury. England became a unified country in the mid-tenth century, but this was under the Kings of Wessex, whose capital was Winchester. So it remained until London took over the role after the Norman Conquest. At that point, it became expedient for the Archbishops of Canterbury to have a palace near the king: hence Lambeth Palace, where Archbishops of Canterbury still live, diagonally across the Thames from Westminster. In the north, conversion to Christianity took a rather different course and it was not until the early 730s that one of the bishoprics of the kingdom of Northumbria was raised to the status of an archbishopric - the Archbishopric of York.

But who was senior? Gregory had intended that this would be whoever had been in post the longest, so it would vary between Canterbury and York depending on patterns of succession. With York not becoming an archbishopric until the eighth century, that was not put into effect, but the Archbishops of York never forgot Gregory's intention and they periodically rebelled against being subordinated to Canterbury: older, much closer to the seat of power, and in a richer and more densely populated part of the country. Matters rumbled on until the fourteenth century when Pope Innocent VI decreed that the Archbishop of Canterbury should have precedence with the title of Primate of All England, and that York should be styled as Primate of England.

Gregory also intended that the northern and southern provinces should be approximately equal in size. They are not, and never have been. The Northern Province has eleven dioceses (plus the diocese of Sodor and Man) and the Southern Province has twenty-nine (plus the diocese of Europe). Both archbishops serve as presidents of General Synod, but when General Synod meets in York in July, it is the Archbishop of York who takes the chair, while the Archbishop of Canterbury does so when it meets in London each February.

Joyce Hill

FROM THE REGISTERS



Funerals – With Sympathy, we remember those who have recently passed away

8th April Brian Slater (81) Funeral in All Saints' Underbarrow Churchyard
18th April Gladys Lishman (101) Burial in Cartmel Fell Churchyard
20th April Peter Sherratt (76) Funeral at Beetham Crematorium
12th May Joan Beecham (87) Burial in Cartmel Fell Churchyard
13th May John Duncan Ritchie Brooksbank Percy (80) Burial in Cartmel Fell Churchyard

Witherslack Church Restoration Update

Back in March we submitted our application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), just before the Coronavirus became a global pandemic and the country began lockdown. Frustratingly the NLHF then took the decision to withdraw all applications at that point and re-focus their funds towards Projects already begun and supported by them, and to new situations of emergency caused by the Covid-19 crisis. This means that our hard worked-up application would no longer be considered. We were obviously very disappointed and frustrated at this news.



However, once the situation with Covid-19 has been resolved and is settled (which it will be eventually), the NLHF will be re-starting their Heritage Fund, with a new set of criteria. We will then seek to re-apply and hope to be successful. Our initial application in March was received favourably by the assessing officer before the decision to withdraw all applications at that point was made.

Just when this will happen is anybody's guess. As we all know, there is no certainty of anything at the moment and timetables of when we might be back to a new normal are impossible to gauge. Sadly, this does mean that the likelihood of us being able to raise enough funds by next year is very poor, and it doesn't look as if we will be able to complete this project in our 350th anniversary year of 2021. This is frustrating but reflects the position of every organisation at the moment.

Meanwhile, we are researching into other funding bodies to see how Covid-19 is affecting their potential to fund our project. Thus, we are having to wait patiently and to re-assess our fund-raising strategy as news evolves and we gain a clearer picture of where we might source funding for Church Restoration Project.

Two Valleys Emergency Prayer Chain

Here is an **updated** version of our emergency Prayer Chain. Should an urgent matter for prayer occur (e.g. an accident, or someone suddenly taken ill, or an operation about to take place) and prayer be needed quickly, those at the top of the list are informed, who then telephone the next person down on the list, who then telephones the next person, and so on..... Very quickly a "chain" of prayer is set up, and each person commits themselves to pray for the situation confidentially.

Here is our Prayer Chain for the villages across our Two Valleys.

Please do print this page and keep it by your telephone.....

Anne Bennett

015394 42127

Anne Wolfenden

015395 68919

Denise Park

015395 68502

Dorothy Grace

015395 68569

Dorothy Dobson

015395 68378

Anne Ratcliffe

015395 35642

Pat Howarth

015395 68652

Geraldine Wilson

015395 68836

Lily Holme

015395 60247

Michael & Michelle Woodcock

015395 68276

Chris Tomlinson

07770 688644 or 015395 68342

If you want to use the Prayer Chain, call up the people at the top of the list. If they are in, they will pass on the message to the next person on the chain. The prayer request will then travel down the list. In the event of someone being out, a message is left on an answer phone if possible and the next person on the list is contacted - we will try to ensure that the request gets through to everybody in the end.

Do use the Prayer Chain again for follow up information - e.g. if you send a message that someone is extremely ill, please follow up with a message to say what the outcome is, so that those who are praying are informed. If you wish your request to be kept confidential within the Prayer Chain then make that very clear when you contact the first person and ensure they understand to pass that message on.

My income has dropped due to coronavirus and I'm struggling to keep up with all of my bills. I rent my house from a private landlord and pay all the usual bills - electricity, water, and Council Tax. How best can I juggle them,

and is there any help I can get from the government?

If your income is reduced because of coronavirus, you should check whether you're entitled to sick pay or benefits. You can check your eligibility for both sick pay and benefits on the [Citizens Advice website](#). If you're already on existing benefits, [these might also increase](#).

If you're struggling to pay rent, talk to your landlord straight away. You should explain the situation and could ask for more time to pay, a temporary reduction in rent, or ask to catch up any missed payments by instalments. If you contact South Lakes Citizens Advice an adviser can help you explain things to your landlord. If you can't come to an agreement with your landlord, it's a good idea to pay what you can afford and keep a record of what you offered.

The government passed an emergency law which means landlords have to give you three months notice to end certain tenancy types from 26 March. The court service has suspended all possession action for 90 days from 27 March. This means that even if you have been served a notice for eviction it's unlikely it can be enforced during this time. You can find out more about what to do if you're being evicted for rent arrears on the [Citizens Advice website](#).

If you already claim Housing Benefit, you should tell the council your income has reduced. If you don't claim it already, you might be entitled to [help with housing costs from the government](#).

When it comes to your utilities, you should contact the provider as soon as possible. Depending on the type of bill, they may be able to arrange a payment plan, or they may have schemes in place for people in financial hardship. You should also talk to your local council - as your income has changed you might be entitled to a council tax reduction.

If you're struggling to pay multiple bills, it's important to prioritise energy bills and council tax over credit card bills. This is because the immediate consequences of not paying these things are much more serious. South Lakes Citizens Advice can help you with this.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems.

South Lakes Citizens Advice is still delivering a service - Telephone and Digital Advice

How to access:

- ***Call 015394 46464 - this is being staffed from 9:30 – 2pm***
- ***Adviseline: 03444 111 444***
- ***Email advice via our submission page on our website www.southlakescab.org.uk***
- ***Help to Claim (Universal Support): 0800 144 8 444***

Toll Roads

Turnpike Mania Hits The Two Valleys

In the second month of lockdown at our cottage on Crosthwaite Green we seem to spend quite a lot of time directing delivery vehicles to homes around the village and farms beyond. We don't mind a jot and this has reminded me of former times when our road was so important in connecting people around and beyond our lovely valleys.

Until the 1730s the foot and hoof was the only way both goods and people moved through England. Other than roads close to London, the tracks were not good enough for wheeled vehicles to be used over longer distances and it took the coming of industry to change this. The age of the Turnpike was the next 100 years, when along with canal building, road improvement was king and Turnpike Mania was rampant throughout the land. The age of rail ended this -but that wasn't to be for another hundred years, in the 1830s.

Our communities had previously been linked by the pack horse routes, and I wrote last month of the very significant one passing through Crosthwaite, over Gummers How and on to Ulverston.

The pack horse routes were designed for carrying mainly agricultural goods and food, but with the advent of new technologies and the discovery of rich mineral seams in the area, the great inventors and innovators of the era had an incentive to think of better and more efficient means of communication and transport, as the old routes became inadequate. The ports of Whitehaven and Lancaster were at that time amongst the biggest in the land, and the increasing flow of exotic goods in and out of them needed a better transport infrastructure to distribute goods to and from them.

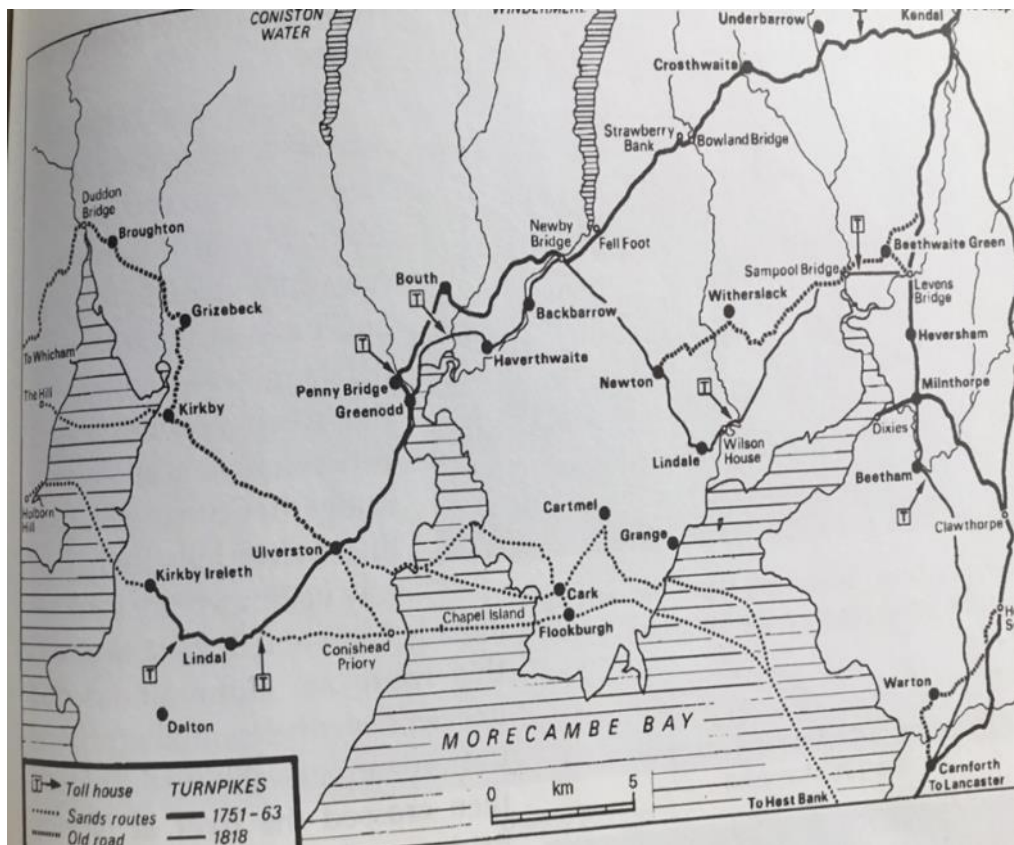
Whilst there was a need for development of better roads, the mosses of the Lyth valley were still undrained and this made tracks down the south of the valleys virtually impassable for most of the year. From the south traffic into Furness and West Cumberland was 'over the sands' with the delays and dangers of tide and weather always present.

Inevitably the drive for a new turnpike linking 'Lancashire over the sands' with the rest of England was commercially driven. The aristocratic families who owned the land sensed they could make return on their capital and their surveyors sniffed out valuable minerals. Rich seams of iron ore had been discovered in Low Furness and further north, the west Cumberland Georgian towns of Whitehaven and Workington were growing as ports and industrial centres. The original pack horse routes linked market towns, but the growth of new industries explains why the 1763 turnpike act which improved the road through our valleys extended beyond Ulverston to Kirkby Ireleth on the Duddon estuary, but misses out the market town of Dalton, then the most significant in Furness.

Sir James Lowther and Lord Cavendish were amongst the leading trustees and each had strong commercial interests in it's success. Each must have had a really good nose for sniffing out new trade routes and the affluence of both families was significantly extended by using this talent in entrepreneurship.

There were three acts of parliament that relate to the road and the need for these can be partly explained by the terrain through which our road passes. Initially no attempt was made to re route the existing pack horse route. This meant the same zigzags that were useful for ponies carrying loads up hill were maintained and the direct route over fells and through valleys was unchanged.

Furness Turnpikes During Turnpike Mania.



Martin Douglas

Sources :

Various Internet articles

Paul Hindle, Roads and Tracks of the Lake District (Cicerone Guide).

Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council

On Tuesday 05 May the Parish Council met in an online format with an agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and for its Monthly business.

Minutes are available on the community web site for both the [annual](#) and [monthly](#) meetings.



Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Chairman for the coming year will be Cllr Roger Smith, and Vice Chairman will be Cllr Robert Sykes.

Cllr Bruce Worsley has stepped down from the council after 9 years. The Chairman and all councillors thanked him for his service to the Parish

The remainder of this agenda covered acceptance of proposals for Working Committees, Councillors Remunerations, Property, Planning, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, insurance, Risk Assessment, Freedom of Information, GDPR, and Complaints.

It was confirmed that meetings will be held on the first Tuesday evening of every month (excluding August and January) for the next 12 months.

The next monthly Parish Council meeting is on 02 June 2020.

Meetings are being held online and the link will be e-mailed nearer the time via the mail list. If you know anyone in the parish who would like the link please ask them to e-mail the Clerk.

People can subscribe to the Council newsletter by contacting the Clerk crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk or through the Newsletter by opening in your browser and clicking 'Subscribe' tab in the top left corner. The newsletter is circulated via Mail Chimp.

Notice has been given that there are now two vacancies on the Council brought on by resignations.

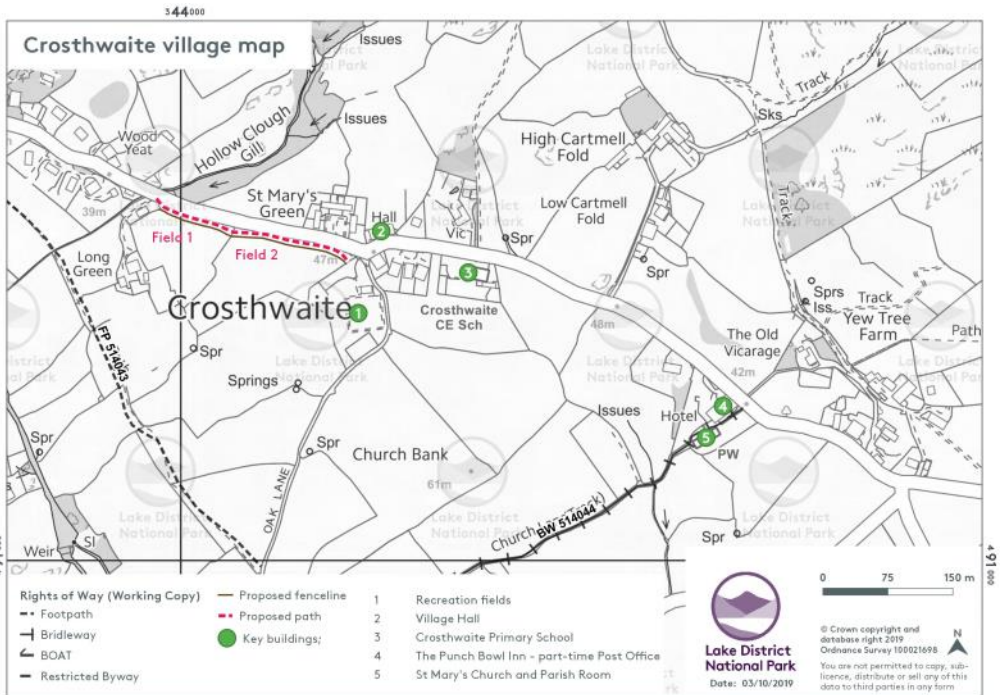
Because of the current health restrictions any election would be postponed until May 2021.

If there is no requirement for a by-election the Council will fill the vacancies by co-option as soon as possible after the required notice expires.

Crosthwaite Village Path Project

The Parish Council is planning ways to improve road safety in the village, and is working with the Lake District National Park Authority on one project to create a new off-road path to link parts of the village together.

[This link](#) provides a fuller description of the proposed path together with a larger version of this map.



Before the Council proceeds with, what will be, a substantial project, they would like to receive the views of residents. There is no point proceeding if the path is not wanted. Please send your comments or questions to the Parish Clerk (crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk).

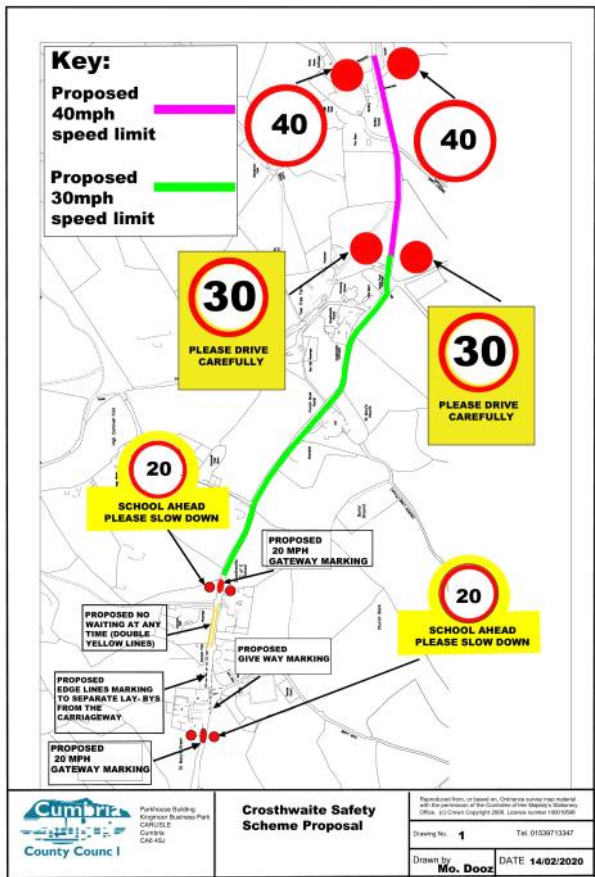
Crosthwaite Traffic Management Improvements

The Parish Council has also been consulting with Cumbria County Council Traffic Engineers about reducing speed limits and improving road safety in the village. The accompanying map shows their proposals.

[This link](#) shows a fuller description and estimated costs together with a larger version of the map.

Regardless of these costs, the Parish Council would like to obtain the views of parishioners before taking the project further. The simple question is – “Would you like to see these changes take place?”

Please send your comments or questions to the Parish Clerk (crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk)



Good news from Witherslack Community Shop

Witherslack Community Shop closed on March 24th because many of the volunteers were of a vulnerable age and needed to self-isolate. Rachel Stokes and her husband, Paul, decided with the committee's blessing to run a delivery service from the shop. Rachel is one of the shop managers.

The first delivery took place on Friday 27th March and it was a great success and relief for many who were stuck at home. Deliveries take place on Tuesday and Friday each week. Stacey Donnelly and Charlie Whinney help with the deliveries.

Anything can be ordered: milk, bread, veg, food cupboard items and Higginson's meats. To place an order: please call 52447 before 12pm Monday to Thursday or message via messenger or text 07817 864588.

The order is taken and payment options agreed. Preferred payment is by bank transfer, then cheque and lastly cash (notes only). Notes should be placed in an envelope or bag and given to the delivery driver.

Every hygiene precaution is taken to deliver groceries safely.

The groceries are placed on the doorstep in a box provided by the customer.

Please keep at a safe distance. Stay safe and well.

Please let neighbours and relatives in the village that may not have access to the internet know.

Thank you to Rachel, Paul, Stacey and Charlie.

WASP SEASON

Many of us are seeing wasp activity in our gardens and homes, a negative of the unusually warm and sunny early spring which allows the hibernating queens to make nests and rear their workers more successfully.

You may well find a nest that requires treatment and removal.



A typical nest can contain up to 5000 wasps at peak season in late summer and this is also the time that wasps become attracted to sweet food and can often become even more of a nuisance. In the Lyth Valley and surrounding parishes, no doubt many of you are familiar with wasps in and around your damson orchards.

Other favourite nest locations are under eaves, attics, roof space beneath tiles and in garden hedges.

If you do have wasps and want them removing, contact Mark on 01539 821910 or 07476965432.

A rapid response along with local, experienced service is promised. Pricing is competitive and all work is guaranteed. Bee Swarms also safely relocated.

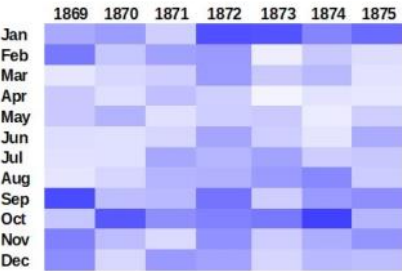
LANTRA Certified in Professional Wasp & Bee Control and a Member of the British Beekeepers Association.

Historical Monthly Rainfall in Crosthwaite

One of my Lockdown projects has been to research the historical rainfall records for the Crosthwaite area. There are three sets of monthly readings - by William Garnett at Church Town (the Eastern end of Crosthwaite) between 1869 and 1875, by the Rev. Thomas Heelis (Beatrix Potter's brother-in-law and vicar at St. Mary's) at the old vicarage (now Damson Fell) between 1906 and 1924 and by Norman Wilson at Low Fell (to the west of Crosthwaite) between 1937 and 1947.

The diagrams illustrate the monthly rainfall figures, with an increasing rainfall denoted by a darker shade of blue, as shown on the scale at the bottom of the page. The graph shows the average monthly figures. It is interesting that April is the driest month of the year. It is also interesting to note that the three sets of figures are surprisingly consistent.

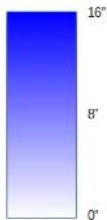
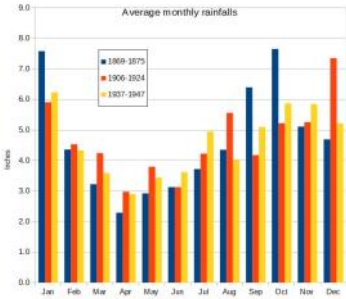
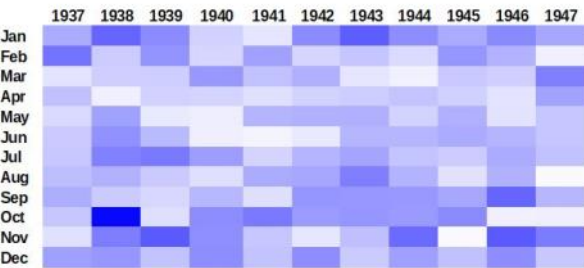
Church Town - William Garnett



Crosthwaite Vicarage (now Damson Fell) – Rev T. Heelis



Crosthwaite Low Fell – Norman F. Wilson



April is the driest month, and January the wettest. No surprises there!

I am particularly interested to compare this data with more recent data. If anyone keeps, or has kept more recent rainfall records, please contact me at charlesfwalmsley@gmail.com.

Charles Walmsley

The photograph below was recently contributed for the [Cameos](#) of Crosthwaite & Lyth section of the village web site having been unearthed among some papers belonging to the parents of the donor

Virginia Cottage in The Row in the 1930s

(believed to have been taken by Mr G E Winnington, then of Yorkshire)

Why not take a look at some of the other interesting historical descriptions of local properties based of course on the book "*Cameos of Crosthwaite and Lyth*" by kind permission of the authors Pam Bownass, Penny Mutch, Hartley Trotter and John Wilson.



Underbarrow WI

In Underbarrow WI have been quite busy, despite the restrictions, supporting each other by telephone, especially the older members. We have had meetings on Zoom, and over half the members have taken part. We've had a competition for photos of the lovely local trees; and a focus on nursing - very topical at the moment - with contributions from several members who were nurses in the past. Some members have sewn scrubs bags for the Lancaster hospital and locally for carers in care homes. We have collected toiletries for coronavirus patients in hospital.

For our May meeting we are having a Quiz on Zoom. If any local women would like to join us, which is something fun in these rather lonely times, please contact Maggie on 68662 or Sarah on 68015.

Maggie Stockdale

President, Underbarrow WI

THE LAKE DISTRICT



TUESDAY 19TH MAY

BOWLAND BRIDGE 4-5PM

CROSTHWAITHE MEMORIAL HALL 6-7:30PM

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY

WINSTER - THE BROWN HORSE INN 4-6PM

SEDGWICK BACK LANE 7-8PM

**FRUIT
& VEG
MEAT**

MILK & EGGS

HOT PIZZAS!

**BAKERY &
CAKES**

**LARDER
ESSENTIALS**

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Underbarrow with Helsington

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MAGAZINE DEADLINES

Items for entry to the Editor(s) by 12th of previous month by e-mail or letter please

June Competition

Where in St Mary's Parish Are These Man Made Objects and What Are They For ?

Most of us have been walking locally these past few months and it has been fascinating to spot some interesting and practical objects close to us.

I wonder if people can locate each of these five and know what they are for?

The fullest answers sent in to the editor (twovalleysnews@yahoo.co.uk) or dropped off at Low Beck, Crosthwaite LA8 8HX) before our next edition is produced (12th June) wins a bottle of sherry. Note that the editor is neither the judge nor the compiler!

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Michael and Michelle Woodcock were out and about in Crosthwaite on Saturday 2nd May brightening several areas of the village with some accompanied Morris dancing in the beautiful sunshine.

In case you missed it a lovely spring video produced by Jim Bownass and incorporating the dancing can be viewed [on the village website](#)

Editorial note: if any of our readers have any picturesque, colourful, seasonal photographs of the Two Valleys & surrounding area, that you think would be suitable for use on the front cover or back cover of the magazine, please send them to: twovalleysnews@yahoo.co.uk. Please state approximately where & what time of year the photo was taken and who took the photograph.
Thanks in advance - **Two Valleys News Editorial Team**