

TWO VALLEYS PARISH NEWS

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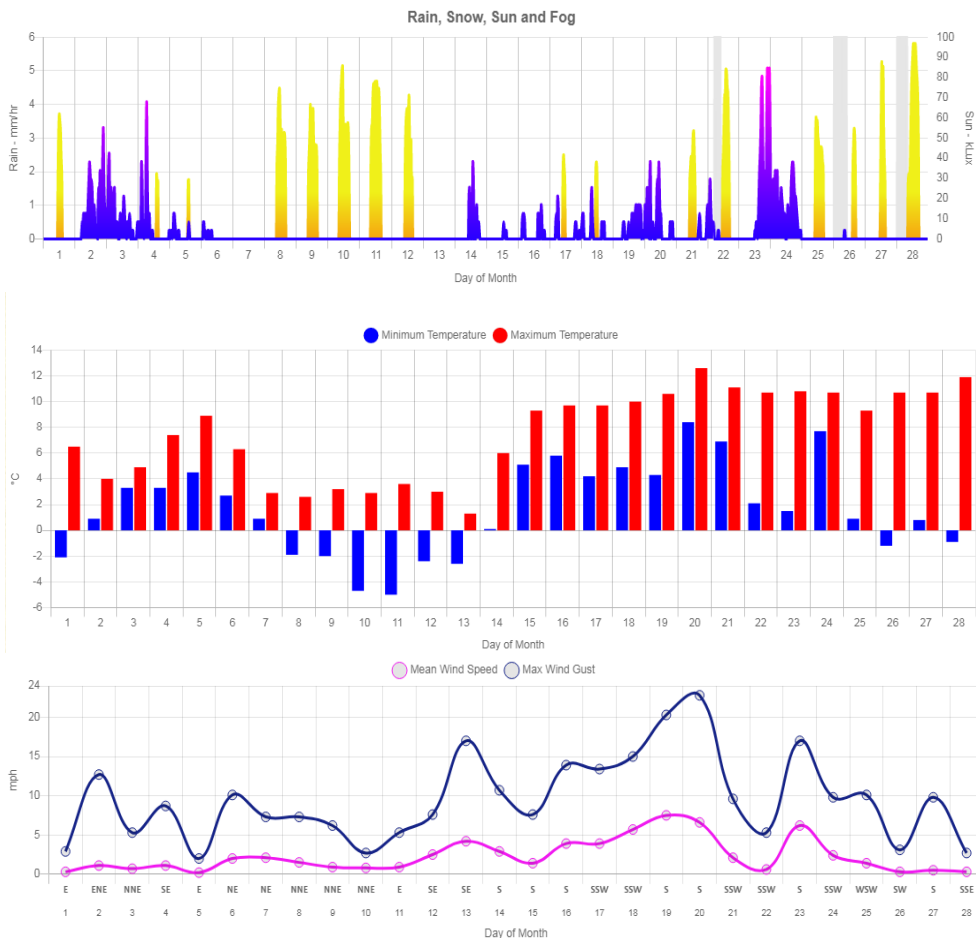
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Helsington, Underbarrow, Winster, & Witherslack

April 2021

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Crosthwaite Weather Report for February 2021

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| Total Rainfall: | 146.8 mm (Av. 123mm) | Max Temperature: | 12.6°C on the 20th |
| Days of rainfall: | 17 | Min Temperature: | -5.0°C on the 11th |
| Heaviest Rainfall: | 5.1 mm/hr on the 23rd | Mean Temperature: | 4.7°C |
| Max Wind Gust: | 22.8 mph on the 20th | Max Pressure: | 1042 hPa on the 27th |
| Average Wind: | 2.3 mph | Min Pressure: | 989 hPa on the 2nd |
| Bright sun: | 77.0 hours | Mean Pressure: | 1013 hPa |



The Crosthwaite weather data is updated daily at
<https://www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk/weatherreport.php>

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Martin Grace (martingracephotography.com)
Church miniature pictures from watercolours by John Wilcock

Church Services for APRIL 2021

Here are our proposals for the next few weeks. Depending on the situation locally regarding the virus this may change. Please refer to our website for up to date information www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk/churches.php

Online Services are also available on our “Two Valleys Mission Community” YouTube channel

Sunday 28th March

9.30am Cartmel Fell
11.00am Crosthwaite

Palm Sunday

Morning Worship (CW) Rev. Michael Woodcock
Morning Worship (CW) Rev. Michael Woodcock

Good Friday 2nd April

We will aim to provide some online worship via our YouTube channel

Sunday 4th April

9.30am Cartmel Fell
9.30am Underbarrow
9.30am Witherslack
11.00am Winster
11.00am Crook
11.00am Crosthwaite

EASTER DAY

Easter Communion* (BCP) Rev. Michelle Woodcock
Easter Communion (CW) Rev. Simon Howard
Easter Communion (CW) Rev. Michael Woodcock
Easter Communion (BCP) Rev. Michael Woodcock
Easter Communion (CW)
Easter Communion (CW) Rev. Michelle Woodcock

Sunday 11th April

9.30am Cartmel Fell
10.00am Witherslack
11.00am Winster
11.00am Crosthwaite

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Matins (BCP) Rev. Michael Woodcock
Family Service Rev. Michelle Woodcock
Morning Worship (CW) Rev. Graham Skilling
Morning Worship (CW) Rev. Michael Woodcock

Sunday 18th April

9.30am Cartmel Fell
9.30am Underbarrow
9.30am Witherslack
11.00am Winster
11.00am Crosthwaite

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship (CW) Rev. Derek Jackson
Morning Worship +APCM Rev. Bob Dew
Morning Worship +APCM Rev. Michael Woodcock
Morning Worship +APCM Rev. Michael Woodcock
Worship4all (CW) Lay team

Sunday 25th April

9.30am Cartmel Fell
11.00am Winster
11.00am Crosthwaite
5.00pm Witherslack

The 4th Sunday of Easter

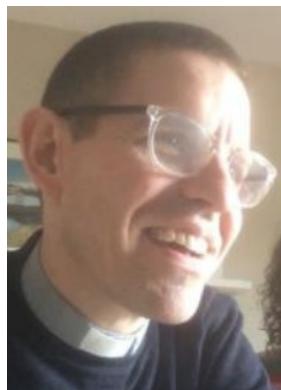
Morning Worship +APCM Rev. Michael Woodcock
Matins (BCP) Mr. Roger Bingham
Morning Worship +APCM Rev. Michael Woodcock
Evensong (BCP) Rev. Michael Woodcock

*pre-book for Cartmel Fell with Vanda Lambton 07766 592108 or vjlambton@gmail.com
APCM = Annual Parochial Council Meeting

A LETTER FROM GEORGE BRIGGS

What's happening in the garden?

Throughout the latest lockdown things have been appearing: first snowdrops, followed recently by more colours gradually coming through and carpeting the ground – and the daffodils coming up to bring some gold! I love the signs that spring is here – and everything that it promises. Perhaps I wouldn't say that lightly if I had to do lambing for the next few weeks!



What's happening in the garden?

This is a pretty revealing question as we approach the celebration of Easter – there are two very significant scenes that take place in a garden. In the first, Jesus is found praying, desperate about what he is going to do, left to wrestle alone whilst his friends sleep nearby. Jesus cries out, asking if there is another way to draw the world back to God the Father, another way to secure our freedom and the healing of hearts and lives and nations. But as he expresses his anguish he also expresses his resolve to finish what he came to do. “Not my will, but yours...” he says, not in submission to the cruel whim of an angry God, but in agreement with the one so filled with love that he would give everything to make us his own... In the garden, he chose us. So Jesus' betrayal and arrest lead him from the garden to his trial and his death.

What's happening in the garden?

Some of Jesus' followers take his body and lay it in a new tomb, in a garden near to the place he was crucified. They leave it there whilst they observe the custom of the Sabbath, and early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, we read in John's Gospel that Mary Magdalene came and found the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She runs to find Peter and John, distraught that the body has gone. The two men return with her, they hadn't realised that Jesus would rise from the dead, and leave in wonder. But Mary stays, weeping, inconsolable. The excitement of Peter and John, and even the appearance of angels in the empty tomb are no comfort – it is Jesus that she wants. She wants to see him again. A figure behind her she assumes to be a gardener asks her what the matter is, and she explains her desperation – just tell me where to find him... Then Jesus says her name, “Mary!”, and at once she knows who it is and throws her arms around him. No amount of evidence and other people's wonder would satisfy her – only meeting Jesus for herself in the garden.

Mary takes us to the heart of Easter, in that garden – it is her encounter with the risen

Jesus that shows us what Easter is about – that we come to meet him ourselves. When she left that garden, she would never be the same again.

Two gardens – he chose us in the first, meets us in the second – have a joyful Easter, and may hope arise as we continue our journey together through 2021.

With every blessing,

Rev. George Briggs

CALLING ALL VILLAGES

Church Services

Some good news to share is that we are intending to resume Sunday worship in some of our churches from Palm Sunday 28th March. This is as a result of the infection and hospital numbers falling and the critical pressure on the NHS easing a little. Unless the situation reverses significantly, we feel we can resume public worship and continue with all the covid-safe practices we were operating before. Face coverings will still need to be worn and physical distancing maintained, and still no singing, but at least we can see each other again.

For the time being we will offer Communion just once a month, until the situation improves further.

Obviously, the schedule on p.3 is accurate at the time of printing (mid-March), but if the Covid situation changes significantly for the worse then we will further review this plan. Please always check the Church websites for latest details

www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk/churches.php

Church AGMs

Please also note that our churches will be holding their Annual Meetings as part of their Sunday gatherings on the following dates. A short act of worship will precede each meeting.

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| Underbarrow | 9.30am Sunday 18th April |
| Witherslack | 9.30am Sunday 18th April |
| Winster | 11.00am Sunday 18th April |
| Cartmel Fell | 9.30am Sunday 25th April |
| Crosthwaite | 11.00am Sunday 25th April |

The Cross of Easter by Patience Strong

The cross of Easter seals the promise of the Testaments.

It is God's own signature upon His covenants.

*The signing and the sealing of the pledges that were made
of mercy and forgiveness, saving grace and loving aid.*

*By the cross of Calvary on which our saviour died
the eternal Word of God was proved and ratified...*

The symbol of our ancient faith and validity.

Lift it up and let it shine for all the world to see.

Why do we call it Easter?

Why do English speakers use the word 'Easter' for the feast-day of the Resurrection and the celebratory season that follows? In French, for example it's Pâques, Pasqua in Italian, Pascua in Spanish, Paskin Dutch and Påsk in Swedish, each derived from Latin Pascha, the official term throughout Western Christendom before the Reformation, when Latin was the universal language of the church. Pascha comes from Hebrew Pesach (Passover) the Jewish festival celebrating the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. The Christian festival of Easter had the same name as Passover from earliest times because the Crucifixion and Resurrection took place, as the gospels relate, at the time of the Passover. It's a festival whose date is determined by the lunar calendar, and so, within certain limits, the date varies from year to year when mapped onto the familiar solar calendar with its fixed dates. This is why the Christian festival likewise has varying dates within certain limits, being similarly bound by the lunar calendar, although the Christian way of making the calculation came to differ from the Jewish method, and so their dates soon diverged. So where does our 'Easter' come from?

The church always used Pascha for feast of the Resurrection in official liturgical contexts, just as they used the Latin terms for all other feast-days. But the ordinary people in Anglo-Saxon England often created their own names for festivals that played an important part in their lives. For example, what made a big impression on the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (as it was officially called, though in Latin, of course) was the extraordinary illumination of the church when all the village held lit candles, and so they gave this feast the name of Candelmasse, giving us 'Candlemas'. Similarly, the Nativity of the Lord (in Latin) was called Cristesmasse, 'Christ's mass', giving us 'Christmas'. And because, on Rogation Days, people ceased their labours in the fields and went in procession around the parish carrying local relics and interceding for a good harvest, they called these days 'Going About Days', or 'Procession Days' (Gangdagas), rather than the official Letaniae (Latin, from the Greek for 'supplication', or 'petition'). Another popular way of 'owning' a striking element in the liturgical year was simply to apply to it a name taken from daily or even pre-Christian life: a reapplication of a term that was deeply embedded in the collective psyche. So, for example, instead of calling the forty-day fast by its Latin name of Quadragesima or something derived from it (as in French Carême, or Italian Quaresima), the Anglo-Saxons simply called it by their name for Spring: Lencten, i.e. the season of lengthening (of the days), hence modern 'Lent'.

The naming of Easter is the most extreme instance of this popular naming habit. According to Bede in his Latin treatise on the ordering of time, the ordinary people used Easter instead of Pascha, and he explained that in doing so they were re-applying to this central Christian feast the name of a goddess whose festival had always been celebrated in the springtime. Yet it will quickly have lost any sense of its pagan origin: within a few generations people will have been no more conscious of where the term came from than we are. And although ecclesiastics of course continued to use the Latin term in official contexts, we see from surviving manuscripts that they freely used 'Easter' in English contexts in a perfectly natural way.

Joyce Hill

A Year on - memories of Peter

It's unbelievably almost a year since so many of our community stood in tribute as Peter's funeral procession passed by.

In July we had a family ceremony to bury Peter's ashes in the graveyard here at Crosthwaite. At the time we were still hoping to hold a memorial service for him so that many more of you could be included but time has passed and sadly it simply hasn't proved possible.

Instead, this little snapshot of mostly local tributes includes memories contributed by many friends. There are many more that I haven't been able to include but I thank you all and hope that those who wish to will light a candle or raise a glass or simply think of him on Easter Sunday, 4th April round about 5pm, when our family will gather by Zoom to share this first anniversary.

"He was a larger than life true character and friend to individuals, the community and all with whom he had involvement. We will remember him for his humour and wit, his love of life and its finer offerings, his incisive mind and his willingness to always be involved. An irreplaceable loss to his family and a tremendous loss to our village and community."

"He was a prime mover: script writer, producer, actor, scene shifter, cheer leader and director. Thanks to him the village has enjoyed being in or at the pantomime for the last decade and more. His appearance in one of the early ones as a wizard, apparelled in pointy hat and flowing robes covered in moon and stars, epitomised for me Peter's role in bringing magic into our lives."



"Peter was such a lovely, thoughtful, kind person, who was one of a kind. Peter gave me tips on how to make my acting better. He always made me laugh. I will always remember all the encouragement he gave me when I was nervous to go and perform."

"My most treasured memories are of chatting to him about his books – The Cornish Princess especially, which always left me in tears. When I told Peter this, he thanked me. He knew he had achieved what all writers long for, namely to know his writing had touched hearts. I shall treasure "The Cornish Princess" forever, especially now."

Hosts Taffy & Chrissy Thomas of the South Lakeland Storytelling Club were delighted when Peter joined in with his monologues and recitations. "We have treasured moments of suppers with him before proceedings began, and excellent company he was. We shall miss his friendly smile and sharp wit. He was a gem."

Top of the list of Angela's fond memories of Peter, was his reading of The Gruffalo at her 96th birthday gathering at Boarbank Hall, but she also recalls, gratefully and fondly, the many times that Peter took her, so willingly, to the hairdressers, the dentist and hospital appointments and always waited so patiently.

"When we heard of Peter's passing away I planted this Crab Apple, overlooking Snowdonia, in his memory. I have grown it from a bare root these three years' past and it will act as a guarantee that I will be telling many people about Peter for years to come. They are beautiful, indigenous trees."

I am so grateful for all the love and support shown to me during the past year. Thank you all,

Jean



Anne Douglas Memorial Walk

Due to the COVID restrictions it has proved impossible to hold a celebration for the life of my wife Anne Douglas who passed away last Summer.

Instead I am planning a charity memorial walk on what would have been her 63rd birthday on Saturday May 15th. Our family has a fund set up in Anne's name to support The Christie Hospital in Manchester. We hope to close the fund on Anne's birthday with its target of £10,000 met.

I would like to invite anyone who knew Anne to join me on a walk on Whitbarrow that day and think of her, perhaps with a little prayer. There will be a 6 or 12 mile route, and between 08:30 and 11:00 in the morning the plan is to welcome groups of walkers with a hot drink to start their walk from outside my house, Damson Cottage, on Crosthwaite Green. You will be welcomed home later in the day with tea and cake. Maps and directions will be available at the start and I hope donations might be made by each walking group in support of Anne's fund. Offers of cake and raffle prizes will be gratefully received, and if a walk around Whitbarrow is a struggle for some folk then a walk to the front of my house for tea and cake will be quite sufficient.

Thank you in anticipation to friends and neighbours for any inconvenience caused.

So that I can prepare/plan catering arrangements it would be useful if you could send me a short email to let me know who is coming (but if you forget come anyway).

Douglas-Martin I@sky.com

Parish Elections 2021

The Parish Councils of

- Cartmel Fell (5 Councillors)
- Crook and Winster (7 Councillors)
- Witherslack Meathop & Ulpha (7 Councillors)

are all due to have Elections on Thursday 6th May.

Election packs, including nomination forms, are available either from South Lakeland District Council or from me.

Nominations must be delivered to SLDC no later than 4pm on Thursday 8th April. Any that are handed to me no later than Monday 5th April I will deliver to SLDC.

At present we are one Councillor short in each of the above Councils but of course on 6th May all seats are up for Election!

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Learning from Lockdown

I have learnt a new word during lockdown. No, not epidemiologist, although that is longer! 'Akedia'. It is a Greek word, coined by the desert fathers and mothers whose sayings and practices became the seed bed of Christian monasticism and contemplative spirituality. Writing about these 4th century saints in his book 'Where God Happens' Rowan Williams describes Akedia in this way. "Not just simple boredom - - it has to do with frustration, helplessness, lack of motivation, the displacement of stresses and difficulties from the inner to the outer world". Any of that sound familiar?

Many of us have found this extended winter lock down unsettling. However comfortable our home or beautiful our surroundings, prevented from doing so many of the things that give us life, we have felt trapped. We are stuck in the same place, with the same few people, doing pretty much the same thing day after day after day. And apart from 'staying home and staying safe in order to protect our NHS', there is nothing we can do to change the situation. So, we feel powerless, and from there it is an easy step to feeling helpless and then hopeless. There seems to be no way to escape, nowhere to hide, not even from our selves.

Church of England clergy are encouraged to go on a 5 day retreat every year or so. My most recent one was with the Benedictine brothers at Buckfast Abbey in Devon. Whilst I was there I was amazed to discover that the vow of stability that the brothers take means that they have to stay within the 'enclosure', an area of about 1 square mile around the Abbey. To go out of that small area requires special permission from the Abbot! How boring, how tedious I thought. There is so much they are missing out on. Then I came across this Benedictine saying, "All of God is everywhere, so all of God is here."

Chew that phrase over for a moment - - -

Is this the beginning of a response to the 'Akedia' of lockdown? Recognising that the God I have moments of encounter with in creation, have caught glimpses of in special life events, and whose presence I feel in the stillness of an empty church, this is the same God who is beside me and within me in the boredom of my lockdown life?

Having been reminded of that reality however, there is another step, attempting to weave that reality more firmly into the fabric of our lives. For me this means creating pauses in the midst of each day to turn to the God I see in Christ and let myself be drawn into that place and that moment with him. To let his light shine in the midst of my thoughts and feelings.

And here surely, is one of the gifts of lockdown. Without any restrictions on our freedom the easy answer to 'inner' pain or uncertainty is 'outer' activity, whether that be the reward of service, the adventure of travel, or the stimulation of engaging with something new. Robbed of that escape route might the 'Akedia' of lockdown be God's invitation to open up to his love those part of ourselves we have been running away from for so long?

I wonder what the 'Akedia' of lockdown has led you to reflect on and what new fruit might grow from it as we begin to emerge into a different world.

Revd Simon Howard

Associate Priest, Underbarrow with Helsington

Enclosures Acts of the early 19th Century Part 3

Land Ownership until the mid 18th century

Since the Middle Ages land in England was almost exclusively owned by the church or the aristocracy. Although the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII reduced the holdings of the church in favour of the aristocrats, the church, barons and lords of the manor were still the enablers through which allocations of land were made to commoners. They also were the vehicle through which disputes were resolved and in return tithes were extracted. Almost all rural dwellers would work some land under the ridge and furrow open field system and pay a tithe to the church or manorial Lord for the privilege.

In either addition or substitute, large tracts of land were held 'in common' and were the places where families would graze sheep, cattle and geese and horses. Often pigs and hens would be kept close to the home and these would be fed on food waste and a little corn. These very mixed, but very primitive farmers would seek to grow enough food for their family needs. If there was surplus meat, eggs or milk this could be traded for basic household goods.

Nearly everyone lived in the countryside and parish settlements would often be much more dispersed than they are today. The population of our valleys would be little changed today from around 300 years ago. Market towns, like Kendal, with a few thousand inhabitants would draw on the local area for food and maybe land from a radius of 10 miles around them would have to feed this small urban town.

The first turnpike roads in Westmorland were not built until around 1760 and prior to that the valleys were connected by bridle paths and all goods would have to be carried on the back of pack horses. The orchards and commons of Lyth were the market garden of Westmorland and weekly trips to trade in the market in Kendal, across the mosses and up the road from Brigsteer would have been routine for many folk in Crosthwaite and Lyth.

This system worked, to a degree, but was very open to the vagaries of the weather or disease. A poor harvest or lame cow would spell real distress for families that could not be rectified in the short term. It was also very inefficient way to grow food. In upland areas like Westmorland there was much more common land, than ridge and furrow open field cultivation. There was no control over grazing rights and in a competitive situation an individual would overgraze the land and leave it infertile. This meant that stock grew more slowly and less efficiently and their numbers would decline.

In the majority of our parish much of the land was unproductive anyway.

Whitbarrow covered a significant area and although its eastern slopes were fertile and had good grazing, most of the rest was very thin soil over the limestone on open fell. The valley bottom between Lyth and Brigsteer down to what is now Levens and Foulshaw was common land but undrained and infertile because it was covered in peat and moss. When it drained in the summer months parishioners would graze geese, sheep, horses and cattle here, but the season was short and left the land eroded and depleted.

In Spring, as soon as the weather dried, the commoners in the parish headed for what they called the Whamp's Nest (Wasp's Nest), a part of the moss where the peat was deepest and of best quality. Cutting the peat was a frantic and competitive activity and it was a case of first come best served. Numerous quarrels ensued but the right of parishioners to take and dry their winter fuel was not disputed.

It was also reported that, in areas like Crosthwaite, where common land was grazed, there would often be bullying with strong people bullying weaker ones for the best grazing. So, although this system was one where the labourer had rights to land, it was one which was

neither fair nor productive.

In Westmorland some small scale evolution of land rights had evolved during the 16th and 17th century. Small holdings had been granted to individuals through either patronage or because they had rendered a service and could afford small rents. A new class of individual, above the common labourer but well below the gentry, appeared.

Occasionally he would require sufficient means to purchase a small holding. This was the Yeoman farmer or as he was called in these parts the 'Statesman'. William Pearson was probably exceptional, but nonetheless an example of this. In the early 19th century, as a bright but younger son of a small valley farmer, he left home in the Lyth Valley to work in banking in Manchester. Over 20 years he saved and lived frugally whilst slowly acquiring the means to buy a small farm back in his home parish. This is how the Pearson family originally acquired Borderside in the parish.

The small holdings, rented or owned, nestled into the valley sides and would begin the farming style that we can still recognise in the valley today. This pattern of farming that was therefore beginning to emerge prior to the large scale enclosure Acts of the early 19th century.

Further north in the county and, importantly, prior to the large enclosure acts, the landed gentry were very aware of the opportunities opening up as land management was changing.

The Industrial revolution in our country is roughly concurrent with the agricultural revolution of which the Enclosures Acts were a significant enabler. Around 1775 Britain's first factories were established and a combination of factors led to a rapid expansion of intensive industry. An impact of this was the growth of urban areas, new towns and cities and a movement of labour from the countryside to the towns.

Several factors contributed to make this happen, some pushing labour out of the countryside and others pulling it to work in town, this is not the place to explore this in detail, but it was a trend clearly identified by two of Westmorland's great aristocratic families. The Earls of Lonsdale of Lowther were already busy, building the port and town of Whitehaven, progressing their mining interests, and building their great house. The other aristocratic family actually resided in Kent and were absentee land owners in Westmorland. The influence of the Earls of Thanet in Westmorland was purely down to inherited wealth. They had inherited the Clifford properties that had their base at Appleby Castle.

Both of these families recognised that the demand for food in towns would soon outstrip supply, prices would rise and that, with enclosure in prospect, land values and agricultural output would increase. Their visions and entrepreneurship were, in their time, no different from how the great global corporations operate today. They saw opportunity and began to buy land in order to grow their estates. In our upland area this again gave some chance for some people to farm in their own right, although, of course, as output from these rented farms increased so did the rents payable to the aristocrats.

If we look at a snapshot of land ownership and farming in Westmorland in the late 18th century we can see that already it looks very different from the lowland counties in the midlands, south and eastern England.

In northern upland counties there were huge tracts of unimproved land that either flooded and was waterlogged for much of the year, or in upland areas was inaccessible. Growing seasons were so short that moving stock onto the fells was a limited practice. Farming was then either carried out as it had been since feudal times on the parish commons or increasingly on the sides of valleys. There was not yet a great clamour for enclosure as there had been 'down south'.

Martin Douglas

CROOK – THE VILLAGE AND ITS CHURCH

There is more to this village than meets the eye.....

The traveller along the road from Plumgarths roundabout to Bowness and the ferry could be forgiven for thinking that the village of Crook comprises just a mile and a half of scattered houses, farms and south-facing hillsides sandwiched between two pubs – the Sun Inn to the east (the Kendal end) and the Wild Boar Hotel to the west. And perhaps the thing that sticks in the casual observer's memory is the tower perched on the hill some 450 yards behind the present church about halfway along this stretch of road.

This tower did in fact mark not only the geographical centre but also the real community centre of the village in medieval times – but more about this another time. The tower is all that is left of the previous St Catherine's Church (or Chapel of Ease, to give it its proper title), built in the early 1500's, with the tower added a little later when the parish could afford it. When this church was demolished (it didn't take much – it was in a very dilapidated state!) – in 1887, the then vicar, a Reverend Thomas Brassington, decreed that the tower should remain as a landmark and memorial. It is now a scheduled Ancient Monument and still belongs to the Church. Serious structural defects in the tower were addressed in the early 1990's and so it should now last a good while longer.

The new St Catherine's Church was designed by Stephen Shaw of Kendal and the raising of funds and the construction were overseen by the Reverend Brassington. Some of the church furniture was made Mr Simpson of Kendal in the Arts and Crafts style. The new church was dedicated in August 1887 amid much village festivity. One suspects that the whole project must have put quite a strain on our Reverend Brassington because he died a year later, after fifteen years of service as vicar. His grave is just near the church door.

In the belfry of this "new" church hangs a very old bell – one of the oldest in the north west of England. It dates back to the fourteenth century. How do we know its age? Because whoever commissioned it arranged for two silver coins (groats) to be cast into the side, and these are from the reign of King Edward the Third between 1369 and 1377. The bell is inscribed with the words "Santa Maria ora pro nobis" – Holy Mary Pray for us - and also bears the shield of old France quartering England. In those times England and parts of France were all one kingdom and Brexit hadn't even been thought of. It is believed that this bell must have originally hung in an even earlier village church, long since vanished. It is interesting to muse that this bell has endured through Roman Catholic and Protestant times, and its voice must have been heard through several plagues, curfews and wars, have celebrated many nuptials and tolled the passing of many souls in the six centuries of its existence. This old bell is now, sadly, muted by a crack in its sound-bow. Alongside it hangs a replacement bell installed in 1980 from a redundant church in Yorkshire.

More another time..... But meanwhile – and here is the advertising bit! – Crook Church has recently produced an 87 page book entitled "the History of Crook School and Crook Church". If anyone is interested in acquiring a copy, do please contact me at fitchesuk@aol.com. It cost £10 per copy to produce, and anything that you might kindly like to tack onto that will go to church funds.

Tony Fitch.

My articles on the impact of the Enclosures Act on the Lyth Valley

I am delighted that my article on the impact of Enclosure on the Lyth Valley has drawn some interest and people with more local knowledge than myself have been in touch to improve my understanding. In particular I was pleased to have seen correspondence from Desmond Holmes and have had a conversation with him that helps to make my understanding more accurate.

In particular the story I picked up from William Pearson's memoirs about Richard The Lionheart needs some clarification. I'm told that it is likely that 'Richard' would have received an allocation of land following that award. His grievance is likely to have been that the allocation was not the same one that he had been used to, and maybe had inferior prospects. It was clearly a point of strong feeling and likely only the local lawyers that did well out of the dispute. Perhaps William Pearson reported these altercations with a 'romantic' perspective.

I'm also happy to learn that it is highly likely that the 'muck and peat' route that I describe in my article is almost certain to be post the Heversham Award. Prior to that there was evidence of several convictions for individuals prosecuted at the manorial court for removing manure from common land which makes it highly unlikely that this was a regular or desirable practice.

I'm happy that it would seem that there is general agreement that the Heversham Award allocations were made very fairly and that they greatly improved the agriculture and prosperity in the area.

Martin Douglas

2/3/2021.

Thank you

The editors would like to thank all those who have contributed amusing and interesting articles to the magazine over the last few months. Please keep them coming!

NOTICES FOR INDIVIDUAL PARISHES

CARTMEL FELL

Easter flowers

How wonderful that we will (hopefully) be able to celebrate Easter Day in church on Sunday 4th April 2021.

This year instead of asking for donations for lilies (in remembrance of loved ones) to decorate the church we thought it would be a nice idea if people attending the service would like to bring a bunch of spring flowers (and greenery) with them to the 9.30am Easter Day Communion. The flowers would then be displayed in vases around the church. Please get in touch with Jane Eccles on 015395 58138 or 07779953763 if you need any further information.



Crosthwaite and Lyth Neighbourhood Plan Update, March 2021

In late 2018 the parish of Crosthwaite and Lyth (the Parish) was designated as a Neighbourhood Area, and work began on a Neighbourhood Plan that will help our community influence planning decisions in the area in which we live, work, learn and play. The Plan will share a vision for the Parish and will:

- ❖ influence where new homes, shops, community facilities, employment opportunities, and other developments happen
- ❖ influence what new development looks like and the impact it has on the environment and infrastructure such as water, roads and energy
- ❖ identify and protect important landscapes, green spaces and heritage and promote increased biodiversity.

Due to Covid 19, the development of the Plan has been challenging; however, progress has been made and plans are in place to move to the next stage. While there is a Steering Group guiding the process, it is vital that people who live, work and learn in the Parish are actively involved in the Plan's development and are consulted at every stage.

Housing Needs Assessment

Thank you again to everyone who completed the questionnaire, giving a very high return of 49% of all households. The Parish Council has formally accepted the results and the reports. There are three documents now available on the Crosthwaite and Lyth website: an overall [summary](#) of the results; a [primary](#) data report (full survey results) and a [secondary](#) data report (a picture of the Parish drawn from publicly available data). The reports can also be accessed by scanning the QR code above using your SMART phone.



Your Parish Needs You!

The next major task is to engage local people in the identification of a local Issues and Policy Options document which, following further consultation, will inform the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan. We are eager to engage as many people as possible in four thematic conversations focused on:

- ❖ local housing
- ❖ local businesses, community facilities and infrastructure
- ❖ design and sustainability
- ❖ natural environment.

If you would like to know more about how you can get involved, please email neighbourhoodplan@crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk giving your name and contact details and which theme/s you would like to contribute to. Alternatively call *Martin, Clerk to the Parish Council* on 07704 185545.

Photographic Competition

Spring is upon us and we would like to invite you to get out there and take photos of the many beautiful and interesting things in our Parish. Winning images will be used in consultation documents and the final published Plan.

We would like you to concentrate on Special Places (your favourite views/landscapes/buildings/structures) and on Flora and Fauna (plants, trees and creatures, wild or otherwise – what plan would be complete without a photo of some cute lambs!) The best images from each of the two categories will be included in the Plan, and the winning images will be published on the Parish website and in this Magazine. There will be two competitions; one for adults and one for primary-aged children aged (under 12). There will be prizes of book tokens for the winning child entry and the runner up.

The closing date for entries is Friday 14th May 2021. So please get out there snapping and submit your entries (as many as you like) by email to neighbourhoodplan@crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk. Please include details of the location where each photo was taken.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)

The NPSG is a sub-committee of the Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council. The current members of the group are Simon Johnson (Chair), Lisa Bibby, Alan Gerrard, Dorothy Grace and Graham Paine. If you are interested in joining the Steering Group please contact *Martin, Clerk to the Parish Council* on 07704 185545.

THANK YOU FROM THE STEERING GROUP!

CROOK

Sadly none of our usual village events in the Memorial Hall such as the quiz or coffee evenings or soup and sandwich lunches are able to take place. However, many people in the community are helping with offers of shopping, driving or other useful tasks.



CROOK WI had a very interesting talk in February from an Owl Sanctuary in Barrow. We were shown several different types of owls – all of whom seemed very friendly and welcomed being cuddled. We learned several facts, including their feeding habits and how to tell if they were more active in the daytime or at night.

For the WI March meeting, again held on Zoom, we learned a great deal about the Air Ambulance Service from a very enthusiastic member of staff. The north west, which covers a huge area, is served by three helicopters and their crews. One is based in Blackpool and the other two in Barton.

The County Federation of the WI have organised very varied and interesting virtual speakers about every two weeks, which has meant members have been kept in touch. Although we miss meeting friends face to face it is quite useful not having to turn out on a cold evening and being able to join a meeting from the comfort of our arm chairs.

Not everyone is able to join in with the huge variety of events, lectures, concerts or talks; some have very poor internet connection and others do not feel comfortable connecting “virtually”, but for those with zoom or other forms of media connectivity there is much to enjoy.

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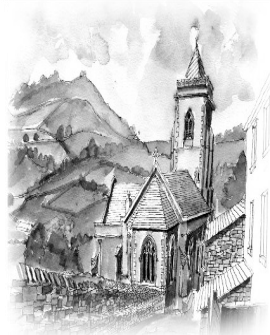
Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council NEWSLETTER

March 2021

The Parish Council met on Tuesday the 2nd March. To view the minutes please check the community web site.

SLDC Councillor John Holmes

- County and District Authority elections have been postponed until 2022.
- Parish Council, and Crime Commissioner Elections will go ahead on the 6th May 2021
- Council Tax will increase overall by 3.6%



Planning

Three applications were considered this month. There being no objection to 5079 and 5015, but the Council objected to the application 5133 for Crosthwaite Mill

Meetings

The Government Roadmap for coming out of lockdown means that the Council will be unable to meet face to face until later in the year. The Council is also awaiting a change in the law to permit online meetings to continue after the 6th May 2021.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group has produced an excellent report from the Housing Survey carried out and will be coming up with some ideas and options in the coming months. The Housing Needs Summary and other documents will be published by the NPSG on the Community Web site.

The Greening Campaign

SLDC is championing an initiative for parishes to take on activities to become 'Greener'. The Council is very interested in this and will be moving this forward in the coming weeks.

Local Government Reorganisation

There are four options for consideration to replace the County and six District Councils of Cumbria.

1. The Bay
 - a. Barrow, Lancaster City, and South Lakeland
 - b. Copeland, Allerdale, Eden, and Carlisle
2. West/East Cumbria
 - a. Allerdale, Carlisle, and Copeland.
 - b. Barrow, South Lakeland, and Eden
3. North/South Cumbria
 - a. Allerdale, Carlisle, and Eden
 - b. Barrow, Copeland, and South Lakeland
4. Cumbria
 - a. One single Unitary Authority

The Consultation period runs until the 19th April 2021. The link below accesses the online consultation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-locally-led-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>

The next full Parish Council meeting is on the 6th April 2021

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WITHERSLACK

Time of Evensong

Please note that the summer time for Evensong on the 4th Sundays of the month will now be 5.00pm. Thus, the service at Witherslack on 25th April will be at 5.00pm.

Exciting Events at Witherslack

See page 27 for details



BRIGSTEER

At our March meeting we were privileged to have Nick Cox talk to us about his career with the British Antarctic Survey - a remarkable insight into the Arctic and Antarctica, covering history, geology, weather, wildlife, and living conditions, all against a background of beautiful pictures. This opportunity to hear such an interesting and detailed account of the life and work of scientists and support teams on the bases was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all. At our next meeting in April we look forward to hearing Keith Hildrew's talk entitled "A Grasmere Childhood", illustrated with photos past and present of life in Grasmere village in the late 1940s and early 50s. Thanks to Susie Bulman for arranging these talks and Elspeth Platts for invaluable help in hosting the zooms.

CARTMEL FELL

We managed to get online and organise our committee meetings for February and March on Zoom after a practice do. This culminated in a full March meeting on Zoom. 14 members attended. It was more a social catching up on the last year. Sue read out a short story that she had written which came second in the National competition which was very entertaining. Some members are not keen on Zoom or haven't got the broadband capacity so we are going to continue with the social aspect perhaps with a quiz. The Federation are putting on some good Zoom talks with famous speakers which members can join in for £5.

Next month we are going to be wearing our Easter Bonnets (It is not compulsory!)

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH

17 members managed to master Zoom to join the monthly W.I. meeting, and we enjoyed a very interesting talk by Steven Keen on how unaccompanied children are cared for when they arrive on British soil. Steven, who now lives in Tarnside with his wife and 6 children was a Social Worker on the South Coast of England who, after 20 years in academia decided to return to the field and work for a charity caring for refugees and asylum seekers, in his case specifically those under 18 of whom 90% are male. In 2020 32,000 asylum applications were made, 5,000 had arrived by boat and 3,000 were unaccompanied children. These children he explained have the same rights in this country as any child who "cannot be looked after by their own parents" and so they are placed in foster care and their needs and wants are facilitated, something we as a community should be proud of. The Keen family had become a foster family to three children, all in their late teens, and he felt that as a family it had been a privilege to share their home with young people who had suffered such fear and trauma and to enable them to understand about living in a different culture.

It was a fascinating insight into a very different side of life to that that we are currently experiencing in the Lyth Valley, and Geraldine Wilson thanked Steven for his excellent talk. Next time we are going to have a zoom slide show on Alpine Flowers by Simon Cane, which is a treat not to be missed, and don't forget the Social zoom on the first Monday of the month at 3pm.

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| Circle Dancing | Tuesdays 10:00 -11:45 |
| Community Teashop | Fourth Tuesday of the month 15:00 – 16:45 |
| Table Tennis | Tuesdays 19:45 - 21:45 September to May |
| Yoga | Wednesdays 09.30 - 11:00 |
| Dru Yoga | Wednesdays 18:00 - 19:30 |
| WI | Second Wednesday of the month 19:30 |
| Pilates | Thursday 18:00 - 19:00 |
| Storynights | Second Thursday of the month 19:30 |
| Pilates | Fridays 12:00 - 13:00 |

CARTMEL FELL

For bookings contact Helen Caldwell Tel. 015395 68428

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| Women's Institute | First Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm |
| Local History Society | Second Monday in the month at 7.30pm during winter |

CROOK MEMORIAL HALL

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| Table Tennis | Monday & Friday 7.30pm - 10pm (from September through Winter months) |
| Young Farmers Club | Tuesday 7.30pm - 9.30pm |
| Aerobics/body toning | Thursday 10am - 11am |
| Folk Dance Group | Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm |
| WI | Wednesday 7.30pm (1st Wednesday of the month) |

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www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk/memorialhall.html

For bookings contact Kath Edwards Tel. 015395 68879

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| Playgroup | Hoping to open one day per week from April 2021 |
| MiniMovers | Not planning to return until further notice |
| Indoor Bowling | Hoping to resume October 2021 |
| Exchange | Not planning to resume until further notice |
| Yoga | Not planning to resume until further notice |
| WI | Hoping to resume with monthly Wed evenings and weekly afternoon meetings soon. |
| Art Club | Hoping to resume October 2021 |

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Tea & Chat

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Women's Institute

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

The Art Club

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Easter Fun At Witherslack



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Monday 5th April

Witherslack St Paul's Church

All outside. One household at a time.

Please book your slot. Limited slots
available



Easter Trail through the Parish

Cycle or walk to find the clues

Forms available from Witherslack shop
or online at the email address below

*Please contact Katie on 07720 537370 or
katie.welch@btconnect.com for more details*

Marvellous May Day At Witherslack



Saturday 1st May

St Paul's Church and green

10am – 3pm

- ❖ Spring bonnet parade and competition
- ❖ Spring bonnets and caps competition
for the children



Cake stall



Bric-a-brac



Plants



Raffle



Tombola

Hot food and drinks available

(Hoping for local crafts too!)

Please check the Witherslack Hub facebook page for any updates


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