

Coniston and Crake Valley News



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LOWICK
LA12 8EA

27TH APRIL

FIELD DAY

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LA12 7PN

18TH MAY

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**FIELD
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18TH MAY 2024
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Churches in Coniston and the Crake Valley

St Andrew's Church, Coniston LA21 8EN

St Luke's Church, Torver LA21 8AZ

St Luke's Church, Lowick LA12 8EE

Holy Trinity Church, Colton LA12 8HF

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge LA12 7RQ

Tottlebank Baptist Church, Colton LA12 8HY

Welcomes you to our Sunday services from 10.30 to 11.30am followed by refreshments, and midweek prayer meetings on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. The church building is usually open daily 10am – 4pm for visitors and for private prayer. Our moderator is Rev. Andrew Dodd. For further information contact Chris and Margaret Hamps, hampsc@outlook.com

Coniston Methodist Church, Coniston LA21 8ER

The Sunday morning service is at 11.00am and a warm welcome awaits you. For further information contact Joyce Holland on **015394 41594**.

St Francis of Assisi Church of the Sacred Heart, Coniston LA21 8AW

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

Church Services for May 2024

5th	Sixth Sunday of Easter		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Bikers' Breakfast	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Morning Worship	Richard Wood
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
14th	Seventh Sunday of Easter		
Abbot Park Farm, Nr Bandrake Head	11.00am	Lambing Service	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Morning Worship	Pamela Hull
19th	Pentecost		
St. Luke Torver	9.30am	Morning Worship	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Harry Welch
26th	Trinity		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	Rev David Edmondson
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Healing Service	Pamela Hull
St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter

From the Registers

Holy Trinity, Colton, 5th April: Walter Phillipson, Funeral.

Holy Trinity, Colton, 12th April: Sally Patricia Pirnie, Funeral.

Thornccliffe Crematorium, 10th April: Claire Brady, Funeral

St Mary, Penny Bridge, 16th April: Claire Elizabeth Crowe, Interment of Ashes

St Andrew, Coniston, 2nd May: Sheila Mary Gaitskell, Funeral

St Mary, Penny Bridge, 3rd May: Mary Evans and Horace Evans, Interment of Ashes

St Mary, Penny Bridge, 11th May: Robert (Bobby) James Lever, Interment of Ashes

From the Editor:

Please send items for the June magazine by **15th May** to
editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk or **phone 07884 232281**

Pastoral Letter from Rev Joanna Henson

Woodside, Colton.

Dear Friends, I can't help but feel that our society is pretty sick – I know it is a characteristic of the elderly to look back and say that life was better in their youth – but really – our metropolitan communities are beset by crime and violence now and our rural communities see their residents suffering loneliness and isolation.¹

Why, I wonder? I lay this all firmly at the door of the intentional destruction of the influence of spirituality and faith. Although they are two entirely different creatures both are associated with positive benefits. Lower rates of suicide, alcoholism and drug use. What's not to like?

Huh! I hear you sniff – church – boring mumbo jumbo. But churches are gatherings of people like you – some are very lively and some are more contemplative and traditional – but be sure that there is a church community to suit you in this area.

Put the believing bit behind you for a moment. What are the benefits of church going?

Community

- Initiates social connections with other members
- Creates a sense of belonging to a group
- Offers trustworthy and safe social engagement

Ritual

- Helps people to cope with difficult life situations (i.e. a ceremony for the loss of a loved one)
- Provides structure, regularity and predictability
- Allows for time to rest as well as holidays and other special times of the year

Teaching

- Provides guidelines to live by (i.e. the importance of doing the right thing)
- Teaches compassion, forgiveness and gratitude
- Identifies life lessons, even from challenging situations ²

Do you fancy some of this for yourself?

The big question then, is – do you have to believe in God in order to be part of a church community with all those benefits? The simple answer is “no”, go along with an open mind and enjoy what is on offer and see what happens. You can always leave if you don't like it but you never know – it may suddenly or gradually dawn on you that God has done something very special just for you and is delighted that you want to know more. Hey presto – you find you have become a faithful Christian.

Want to know more – ask anyone in the ministry team – they will be glad to point you in the right direction.

Blessings

Joanna

1 Violent crimes in England and Wales increased to more than 2.11 million offences in 2022/23, according to police recorded crime statistics, a huge increase of more than 1.5 million when compared with 2012/13, when there were just 601,141 violent crime offences.20 Jul 2023

2 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8462234/>

Around the Parishes : Colton

Colton Parish News

Keeping Your Parish Council

A number of long-serving councillors are standing down at the May elections. The majority have given 7 years of service and Ken Dean has been your parish councillor for an amazing 16 years. **This means that, after the May elections, Colton Parish Council will not have enough councillors to operate.**

We have been calling for additional councillors for a long time without success. **If you want a Parish Council, now really is the time to come forward.** It isn't an arduous process to become a councillor. You can chat the role through with a current or outgoing councillor to get a full idea of the work and time involved and, more importantly, the difference you could make to your community. You can also contact the clerk for more information at clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Town and Parish councils are a vital part of the structure of local democracy. We ensure that your voice is heard by other tiers of local government. We act as your representatives on the most important issues that you told us about via the recent community plan consultation.

Our work over the past year includes:

- consulting widely with residents, visitors and businesses in order to update the Colton Parish Community Plan. The contents of this plan are critical with regard to our responses to issues such as planning applications.
- responding to planning applications and other infrastructure proposals and making complaints on breaches of planning permission.
- supporting community resilience needs, e.g. our recent work with Electricity Northwest following a significant number of power outages and getting support for improving the local broadband infrastructure with support from our local expert, Mike Postle.
- supporting local venues and activities via our community grant scheme. We have distributed £1600 in the last financial year.
- providing a defibrillator for Finsthwaite Village Hall and support or funding for two others in Nibthwaite and Rookhow, spending £2400 during 2023/24.
- dealing with problems that arise or highways work that needs to be undertaken, e.g. the wonderful drain clearing and road safety work undertaken by our Lengthsman, and pothole repairs and road resurfacing with support from our Highways colleagues.
- environmental issues including climate change and nature recovery initiatives, e.g. the Colton Greening Project in 2023 in partnership with Cumbria County Council.
- local crime issues via our work with Cumbria Constabulary.

Open Meeting

The annual parish open meeting will be on May 18th at Rusland Reading Room between 10.00am and 12.00. We look forward to seeing lots of people there as we will be sharing the new community plan. We are delighted to have Mike Postle join to give us an update regarding the Fibrus fibre-to-door project. We also hope to have a representative from Westmorland and Furness Council. As last year, there will be tea, coffee and fabulous cake from the wonderful Carole Dickinson. For catering

purposes, it would be wonderful if you can let us know if you plan to attend by emailing the Clerk (clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk).

May Local Elections

Please remember that you will need photo ID in order to vote at the local council elections. Acceptable forms of ID can be found on the electoral commission website (<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id>)

Egton cum Newland

Crake Valley Friendship Club

The Crake Valley Friendship Club is having our second coach trip of 2024 on the **15th May**. We are visiting Salmesbury Hall and Oswaldtwistle Mill. There are spare seats on our trips which are up for grabs to non-members; for enquiries please contact Anne on **01229 861278**. Coach leaves Greenodd at 9.00am.

Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council

Annual Meetings

Our Parish Council is a grouping of the two Parishes of Egton with Newland and Mansriggs and Osmotherley. A separate Parish Meeting must be held for each of them.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting open to all Parishioners and is an opportunity to ask the Council about its activities and to raise any issues of concern or suggest things that you would like the Parish Council to do. Please come along.

Egton with Newland's Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Greenodd Village Hall at 7pm on 7th May 2024. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow the general meeting.

Mansriggs and Osmotherley's Annual Parish Meeting will be held a week later in Greenodd Village Hall at 7pm on 14th May 2024.

Look at our website (www.enmoparishcouncil.org.uk) to see the minutes of previous meetings and the Agenda for the May meetings.

If there is something you want put on the agenda please contact our Clerk by email using clerk@enmoparishcouncil.org.uk.

Brian Campbell

Chair, Egton with Newland Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council



Penny Bridge CE Academy

The children at Penny Bridge CE Academy enjoyed a super end to the Spring Term. We completed a day of traditional Easter activities with an egg roll down the school field, a treasure hunt around the grounds and a decorated egg competition.

Earlier in the week, our Y5/6 children took part in 'Experience Easter' which is a series of activities linked to the Easter story in the church, organised by Brian Streeter and some of the parishioners. The children reflected on this by writing some excellent prayers as part the Easter service at the end of the week. Many thanks to all involved who helped to organise the experience.

We returned to school on Monday 15th April and are looking forward to the Summer Term where we have many activities planned, including overnight trips to Rookhow and London, outdoor learning and adventurous activities at Water Park and more opportunities to enrich our curriculum with the improving weather.

We are still supporting the community café, on a Tuesday morning in Greenodd, with children baking and serving drinks to members of the community, whilst the outreach post office takes place. Do pop in for a brew and a chat if you have time to spare!



Coniston & Torver

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston - March 2024

Total - 301.0mm (11.9ins)

Wet days - 20

More than 1mm on 20 days

Wettest day - 14th - 58.2mm (2.3ins)

Cool and Windy for the 42nd Annual Coniston 14 Race.

Over 1100 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. Just before the start the Coniston Mountain Rescue Team were called out on a rescue and we had to bring in extra marshals for the safety of runners on the course.

Kieran Walker from the North East Project was the winner, well ahead of the field, with a time of 1 hour 15 minutes. Catherine Williamson of Loftus Whitby AC was the first woman to finish in 1 hour 27 minutes.

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 on Wednesday 26th June. The next Coniston 14 race will be held on Saturday 29th March 2025.

Geoff Cooper for Coniston 14 Committee.



Coniston Local History Group - talk

20th May, 2.30pm at The Reading Room, Coniston Institute: **William Watson**, Station Manager, Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service: The History of Coniston Fire Station. Admission is £3; refreshments available.

Coniston Tourist Information Centre

In early 2006 the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) made a decision to close the information centre in Coniston. The centre, which is situated in the centre of Coniston village in the main car park, was purpose built and is one of the most visited in the Lake District.

Coniston has it all: a lake endowed with historical significance like no other, now updated with the return of Bluebird; Coniston Old Man one of the most frequently climbed mountains in the National Park, all surrounded with areas of natural beauty.

It was clear that the centre should not be allowed to close and with the support of Cumbria Tourism, the LDNPA and residents of the village and surrounding area a volunteer package was brought about. The Centre has been operated for 18 years by volunteers and has achieved iconic status in the TIC world, winning various awards during its time.

At the end of March 2024 the information centre was handed back to the LDNPA who now operate the centre.

The Directors wish to extend their thanks to all the loyal volunteers who made the journey possible.

Ron Rutland, Harry Kilgour

Coniston Sports & Social Centre - regular events

Monthly Charity Quiz night – 1st Wednesday of every month, starts at 8pm, £3 per person, max 6 in a team. All monies raised go to the chosen charity each month.

Pilates – Ladies only, all abilities welcome, please contact **Heidi** on **07743827252** for further information or to book a place.

Basketball – new club started 8th April, Age 18+, no experience necessary, all welcome. Monday Nights 7-8pm

Youth Club – every Tuesday 7pm -9pm, games & activities for ages 11 and over

Coniston Parent and Toddler/Baby Group meet every Wednesday (term time only) 9.30am-11.30am - £1.50 includes drinks and snack, Health Visitor also attends once a month

Young at Heart Exercise Group (senior exercise class) Every Thursday (term time only) 11am-1pm includes lunch £5, or just lunch at 12pm - £2.50

Netball Skills Training – new for 2024, come and have fun / get fitter, no netball experience required, all ages / fitness welcome. Thursday nights 6.30pm – 7.30pm

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 Indoor Bowling

The indoor bowling sessions on a Friday from 2pm to 4pm at the Coniston Institute have now finished for the summer months. Hopefully they will recommence in October.

Coniston Sports & Social Centre

****Save the Date****

Summer Celebration Day

Saturday July 6th

Activities for All Ages

Including our Buggy Race - down Guards Hill

Get Making those Buggies ready to enter - will yours make it to the bottom?? - prizes to be won.

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

Torver Magazine Distribution

The Editor would like to personally thank Sue & Peter Cooper from Coniston who have been distributing the magazines around the Torver area each month but aren't able to continue. Fortunately a new volunteer has come forward - we are extremely grateful to all our distributors who give their time, and in many cases their petrol, to make sure the magazines get out to as many homes as possible.

Reports

Coniston WI

Thanks to the much appreciated donation from Rawden Smith Trust, Coniston WI are organising the over 70's trip on **July 12th**.

Leaving Coniston at 10.30am, we will be visiting the Bay restaurant for coffee, followed by a stay in Morecambe and Lancaster and then High Tea at Crooklands before home.

If you would like to book please contact **Gill 015394 41116, Ruth 07780371707 or Judith 015394 41245.**

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Egton WI

April with its continuous showers soon came upon us but our moods were lifted by our speaker Phillip Burley who came along to enlighten us all about the world of puzzles. It may sound boring, but it was far from that. Initially he asked us to name as many different kinds of puzzles that we could and he then proceeded to entertain us with examples for us all to try. We sat in a horseshoe table arrangement with every table having a box containing a variety of puzzles for us to solve. It was very much hands on and very frustrating at times! It certainly engaged everyone, which was great to see, and proved that we are all quite competitive as well.

Our refreshments followed with the usual nattering, no doubt Ulverston increased car park charges were mentioned (scandalous) and all of our forthcoming activities that we can look forward to, e.g. a walk and lunch, group meeting with Hawkshead WI, our croquet evening, 6th July tea party, bookclub meetings and so on.

We meet next on Tuesday 14th May when Sharon Gillam will be telling us about her life as a Magistrate.

If you are interested in joining or for further information call **Gill** on **07519144799**.

LOWICK YOUNG FARMERS are hosting the 2024 Southern District Field Day on **May 18th** at Nettleslack Farm, Broughton Beck. LA12 7PH – see *inside front cover*.



This is a day of competitions for the 10 clubs in the Southern District. There are many varied competitions, some serious & some silly, some need skill & some are just “have a go”. Examples: floral art, cookery, craft, stock judging, sheep shearing, karaoke, one man & his dog (2 members one dressed as a dog) auctioneering, tractor driving, acting a pantomime scene, wheelbarrow handling, metalwork, woodwork, fillet a fish & so much more.

This event is for everyone to go along & watch, you don't have to be connected to a Young Farmers' Club. Please support these young people who put a lot of time and effort into this day - they would love to see you.

This will be an enjoyable & entertaining day out for all the family.

Entry - ADULT £5, children get in free.

Start 10am **SORRY NO DOGS ALLOWED.**

For more information email - **sd-fieldday2024@outlook.com**

Hawkshead Methodist Church Full to Overflowing

From 1st May the tiny Methodist Church at Hawkshead will be filled to bursting by 5000 small salt dough figures, by way of a Community Art Project. Despite their numbers they will leave room for visitors to sit and reflect in this very old place of worship. What is it like to be faced by so many expectant people, each with their own needs and desires? How could they be fed; how can we begin to realise the needs of so many people in our world today and how might we help to meet those needs?

These figures remind us of the story of how Jesus fed five thousand on a hillside, long ago and far away and despite having only a tiny amount of food available. They invite us to ask questions about our deepest needs and where we turn to in order to have them met.

The display will stay until 21st May and will be in the chapel throughout Christian Aid Week and will include stories of the needs of others and the opportunities we have to help them. All donations made in the chapel throughout May will be donated to Christian Aid Week.

The salt dough figures were created in the north of Cumbria in 2018 as part of the Moving Mountains series of events put on by churches across Cumbria to offer different opportunities to gather and find out the difference that Jesus' transforming

love can make to us. Organised by folk from a number of churches there and involving local schools and clubs this was very much a community piece of work. They normally live in the Port Carlisle Methodist Church where they were to be seen in an episode of the BBC 2 series Villages by the Sea last year.



**Westmorland
& Furness
Council**

Councillor Suzanne Pender will host **Community Drop in Surgeries** on the last Friday of the month. Next Surgery Friday 31st May.

Times are as follows: Herdwicks Café, Coniston 10am - 11am

Undercrag, Torver 11.30am by appointment

The Manor Arms, Oxen Park 2pm by appointment

The Farmers Arms, Lowick 2.45pm by appointment

Email: Suzanne.pender@westmorlandandfurnesscouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 07501 806298

Crake Valley Croquet Club

Crake Valley Croquet Club has been busy during April. Despite the poor weather the lawns were in great condition for 4 successful "free taster" sessions where 30 people tried the game for the first time, a good proportion of whom have signed up for a further 3 sessions at a cost of only £25. If they then join as members the £25 will be deducted from their annual subscription. Further "taster" sessions can be arranged later in the season.

The Club also played its first matches in the North West Leagues. Crake has teams in the Advanced Association Croquet, Handicap Association, Level Play Golf Croquet and Handicap Golf. The Club Internal competitions have been drawn with about half of the membership signing up to play through the summer. Members Social "roll up" play continues, at least twice a week, to attract good numbers.

Any enquiries, please email info@crakevalleycroquet.org.uk

The photo shows the taster session held on 14th April 2024.



Brantwood News and Views

Our Blue Gallery exhibition of plein air paintings in water-based media by Frances Hatch ARWS entitled 'Of Truth and Water' continues until 14th July. The works in the show speak of specific encounters and accumulations of experience in the steep Brantwood gardens, lakeside, Coppermines Valley and White Lady Falls between 2019 and 2023. In the Severn Studio we have 'Reflections on Water' which is a wonderful celebration of water in art by Cumbria Printmakers, now on show until 19th May. This will be followed on 22nd May by an exhibition celebrating Brantwood's Wisteria Collection. Cumbria Wisteria is a Plant Heritage National Plant Collection of species and cultivars of Wisteria started in 1999. It includes representations of four species, 6 hybrids and many cultivars. The collection as of 2022 was split between two locations; the original private garden and Brantwood. On display until 21st July.

Sunday 5th May - Celebrating the beauty and wonder of our feathered friends. Starting with a Dawn Chorus Walk. 6.30am - 9.30am. Guided walk through Brantwood estate to listen to and identify our woodland and garden birds. Meet in Brantwood car park. No dogs please. Due to weather dependency it is recommended that you contact us to confirm it will be going ahead. £6 per person (includes breakfast bun and a hot drink after the walk!). This will be followed at 11am

by a family friendly walk and bird feeder making session £3 per child. Both bookable on-line.

Go Wild! at Whitsun, 10.30am-12.00pm. See website for programme. £3 per child per session.

On Friday 24th May the Friends of Ruskin's Brantwood have organised a coffee morning with a talk and demonstration of Ruskin Lace Making by Wendy Young. All welcome. 11.00-12.30pm. Please email

bookings@brantwood.org.uk to book your free place.

For full details of all our exhibitions and events, please visit our website **www.brantwood.org.uk**. Box office:

enquiries@brantwood.org.uk or call **015394 41396**.

Photo: Brantwood's garden volunteers constructing a bird hide next to Ruskin's pool.



Rookhow

BUNKBARN IMPROVEMENTS

Rookhow Bunkbarn is now open, with improved energy efficiency and refurbished toilets, showers and kitchen. Following the success of the air source heat pump and underfloor heating in the Quaker Meeting House, we have installed the same in the Bunkbarn and put in new heritage double glazed windows and doors. Increasingly local people are hiring Rookhow for gatherings such as weddings, big birthday celebrations and family reunions. Get in touch if you're interested or if you would like to come and have a look around.

OPEN DAYS

Rookhow continues to be open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Fridays 10am-4pm. Come over for a look around, have a cuppa and homemade cake and hear about

Rookhow's history and current work. Short Quaker Meeting 12.30-1pm. Also on the 1st Wednesday of every month 7.30-8pm. Just turn up or let us know in advance if you're coming with a larger group. All welcome.

Website: rookhow.org.uk LA12 8LA Contact Sue Nicholls, Development Manager Tel **07377 971783** Email: contactrookhow@gmail.com

WW2 Evacuees in Blawith

Brian has been contacted by Bethany and Sheila, the daughter and grand-daughter of Hazel Eagle who was evacuated to Blawith in 1944 and who wrote, in 2014, a wonderfully detailed account of her time there. Bethany and Sheila would love to hear from anyone who might remember Hazel and her friend Myrtle. This is a few notes from her longer piece entitled "Evacuation".

Hazel, Myrtle and their other schoolmates were evacuated from Epsom on 13th July 1944 and, after a night sleeping on the floor at Barrow Grammar School, were taken to Blawith where the vicar and ladies from the WI arranged for them to be accommodated by various farms and households. Hazel and Myrtle were very keen to stay together and were fortunate that Mr & Mrs Dickinson of Lynn Cragg farm were prepared to take them. The Dickinsons' hard-working daughter Muriel, aged 18, was only three years older than them and became a firm friend, staying in touch with Hazel until her death in 2008.

Hazel writes of treasured memories of a good, kind family who worked hard and looked after them well. She remembers other local farmers: Mr Pearson, Mr Rigg and Mr Saunders and friends of Muriel's in Blawith: Olivia and Doris, the post office and church, getting the bus to Ulverston on market day to get their shopping for the week and errands in Blawith and Lowick – taking damsons to Gibsons farm, visiting the Hornbies at High Nibthwaite to exchange eggs for home-grown tomatoes and getting their shoes repaired by Mr Jackson at Water Yeat.

It sounds as though they also had a little time to socialise as she also mentions whist drives and dances in Blawith, Lowick and at the Lake Bank Hotel with late night walks home across the fields – avoiding Mr Saunders' bull!

The girls returned home in 1945 but visited Blawith again a couple of times, and Muriel later visited them in London.

If any readers have memories they'd like to pass on to Bethany and Sheila please contact the Editor.

Friends of the X112 Bus

The Friends of the X112 Bus have a coffee morning at St Mary's Parish Hall opposite the Kiosk in Ulverston on **Thursday 16th May** 10am to 11.45am.

Our coffee mornings are every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Our next lunch at Rampside Village Hall is on Thursday 9th May, 11.30am - two courses and coffee/tea for £10 per person. Details from **Sue**, on **01229 869637**.

Countdown to Ulverston International Music Festival's *more than classical* 20th Anniversary programme

For our 20th anniversary there is a feast of '*more than classical*' concerts, and with events beyond the Festival's hub in Ulverston to locations around this beautiful part of the Lakes - from Brantwood, Coniston to Cartmel Priory.

With twenty-four performances, covering a wide range of musical styles and genres, over ten days, there's much to choose from. Headlines from the festival include:

The Royal Northern Sinfonia - arguably Britain's best chamber orchestra - with Anthony Hewitt, internally-renowned classical pianist and the Festival's Director, in Mozart's Piano Concerto No.17 in G major. The remarkable cellist **Maja Bogdanović** is soloist in Saint Saëns's Cello Concerto No. 1, and the evening will end with Beethoven's Symphony No.7.

Paris-based jazz pianist and composer **Dave Bristow** who is fast emerging as one of the most original and talented jazz musicians in Europe, appears at the helm with **The Dave Bristow Quintet**.

Toe-tapping, tune-humming, outright entertaining **Gilbert & Sullivan** at its best with the **Charles Court Opera**'s new production of 'The Sorcerer' at Victoria Hall, Grange over Sands.

A performance rooted in Northerness - Knowing Your Place: Ideas of the North in Words & Music - with locally born & bred and extraordinarily talented singer **Jess Dandy** and poet **Neil Curry**.

A **Celebrity Recital** by violinist **Jennifer Pike**, who at the age of twelve became the youngest ever winner of BBC Young Musician of the Year, is joined by the remarkable and much-loved pianist **Martin Roscoe**.

Ukulele at the Coro, with the ever popular and unforgettable **The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain**.

Tango which, this year will be a fitting finale on June 9th with its nostalgic melodies. Dancers **Letitia Wilkinson & Andes Sosa** will enhance the spectacle. Bring your dancing shoes!

For nature lovers, try 'Tone Trail', a **guided walk with music** through the gardens of Brantwood, Coniston, or, a performance inside the Sir John Barrow Monument at the top of the Hoad.

'Foodies' can savour a number of exclusive events which combine **food and music** - with afternoon tea, lunch or supper options. Please check our programme for more information.

For details on all events visit ulverstonmusicfestival.co.uk or pick up a brochure at The Coro or in your local shop.





Prize Bingo Draw

The prize bingo draw will be held at Spark Bridge Village Hall on Monday 6th May, at 7.00pm.

The evening is in aid of the Haverthwaite Doctors Equipment Fund. Donations of prizes would be much appreciated.



I heard that pay was going up this April, but my employer says he can't afford to pay me any more money. How can I find out what I'm entitled to?

Most people over 16 who work, including casual workers, are entitled to get paid at least the National Minimum Wage. There are some exceptions – call the Acas helpline (0300 123 1100) to check.

The hourly rates went up on 1 April 2024 as follows:

Workers aged 21 and over (down from age 23) - increase from £10.42 to £11.44. (This is called the National Living Wage)

Workers aged 18 - 20 - increase from £7.49 to £8.60

Workers aged 16 -17 - increase from £5.28 to £6.40

Apprentices - increase from £5.28 to £6.40

Get advice if you're not paid for travelling between appointments, training, or being 'on call', or if your employer takes money from your wages for accommodation.

If you're not being paid the minimum wage when you are entitled to it, speak to your employer. If you're not getting anywhere, contact Acas to help you work out your options. Acas is an organisation that provides independent support to help sort out employment disputes. If you need more help at any point, you can get advice from South Lakes Citizens Advice.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Rev. David Gregg
MAY 26TH : TRINITY SUNDAY

"This boy is going to be a Vicar." So said Nurse Denny, the District Nurse, as I emerged into the world, and she laid me in my crib with my little arms crossed on my chest in an attitude of prayer. And so it turned out. I usually trace my 'call' to Ordination to Trinity Sunday 1962. It was the custom in those days (and still is in some places) to use the Feast as a day to promote Vocations to Ordained Ministry in the Church. (I was a stockbroker at the time) On learning about my 'call', one of our best clients (not conspicuous for godliness!) said, "You didn't know that I was a religious man, did you?" When I gently agreed, he said, "Oh, yes. Every Sunday I toss up whether to go to church or to play golf. It sometimes takes three or four goes before it comes out right!" My sister Valerie was a bit more practical. "We all know what you're after, Dave. One day's work a week – and get your funeral done "trade"!")

The offices of "Deacon" and "Priest" and "Bishop" are often referred to as "*Holy Orders*", but there is no real biblical justification for this. ("Deacon" simply means "Servant" or "Minister", and is *not* intended to indicate an apprentice "Priest". "Priest" derives from the Greek word "Presbyter", which simply means "Elder". "Bishop" is just a general word for "Overseer". I have even heard all this referred to as "going into the Church"!) For a start, there are many other roles within the Church itself that may be regarded as 'vocations' – such as churchwardens, organists, treasurers, secretaries and other administrators, 'mission workers' such as hospital administrators, doctors and nurses, youth leaders and pastoral workers – all just as "holy"! But there is more.

From the beginning we learn that *all* God's human creatures are created to *work*. The command to till and keep the Garden of Eden is given *before* the "fall". Work is *not* meant as a punishment for sin! We also learn that Almighty God gives to each of us "talents", gifts that equip us for certain 'callings'. And it is very noticeable that participants in TV quiz shows and the like are almost always asked, after "What is your *name*?" and "Where are you from?" the question "What do you *do*?" (Queen Elizabeth was also legendary for asking this!)

Some 'secular' callings are obviously necessary for the common good. Roles for national security, (In the New Testament *Soldiers* are conspicuously featured.) teachers and lecturers, providers of public transport, farmers and food suppliers, maintainers of public order and even funeral directors etc. Others, perhaps, are not so obvious.

I once wrote a piece on "Visitors to the Vicarage", and recorded the following:

"Then there was the coalman. He always came to the *back* door, and on one very wet morning I invited him into the kitchen for a cup of tea. He started saying how despised his calling was, and how disparaging people are about "the coalman". ("Face as black as Newgate's knocker"!) I suggested he went round the village and did a survey, asking, "Who would you rather do *without* for a couple of months – the Vicar or *me*?!"

It does seem difficult after that, to exclude *any* legitimate 'calling' from the title 'Vocation'. The question for Trinity Sunday is *not* "Do I *have* a Vocation?" but "What is my Vocation?" And an apostolic order from Paul applies to all of us. "Whatever you *DO*, *DO* everything for the Glory of God."

Parish Prayer Diary May 2024

1st: Pray for today's licensing of Revd. Tom Sample, as the new incumbent at St Mary's Dalton with Askam.

2nd: Pray for the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner election taking place today; pray also for local by-elections and Parish elections.

3rd: Pray for the Coniston Mountain Rescue team.

4th: Pray for The Bluebell Foundation, a Barrow charity providing free support and information to grieving families.

5th: 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.

6th: Pray for our Government and all leaders with national responsibilities.

7th: Pray for Furness Deanery's new Children's & Family Worker Emma Taplin as she begins her new role today.

8th: Pray journalists and broadcasters will report factually, responsibly and sensitively.

9th: This Ascension Day, ponder the great, wondrous, mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

10th: 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.

11th: Pray for those living the life challenges of brain injury, and for their families. Pray also for the health professionals supporting their rehabilitation.

12th: Sunday, the first day of the week: As we reflect on our personal liberation from our old way of life, may we renew our dedication to daily follow Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

13th: Pray for a generous response to Christian Aid Week that will enable the charity work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions.

14th: Pray for pupils taking GCSE and A-level exams this month.

15th: Pray for Parent and Toddlers groups across our benefice.

16th: Pray for St Mary's Hospice providing care for patients living with life-shortening illness and their families.

17th: Pray for Christians in Eritrea, faithful for so long despite decades of unceasing risk and violence. Pray especially for believers who are in prison and pray also for a change in the heart of the authorities who target God's people.

18th: Pray for Lowick Young Farmers Club as they host today's Field Day at Broughton Beck.

19th: Sunday, the first day of the week: The world-wide Christian Church was born the day the Holy Spirit fell upon the first disciples; pray that God the Holy Spirit will bring new life to us, our church, our community, our Nation.

20th: Pray for Rev Brian Streeter, as he develops his new role as Rural Dean of Furness Deanery alongside his role of Vicar of the Benefice of Coniston and the Crake Valley.

21st: Pray for new mothers experiencing postnatal mental health distress.

22nd: Pray for Most Revd Justin Welby as he seeks to faithfully serve Christ as spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion, and in his Archbishop's role in politics and public life.

23rd: Pray for Social Workers carrying large, and often complex, caseloads.

24th: Pray for teachers, staff and pupils as schools break for half term.

25th: Pray for those who have developed dementia, and for their carers.

26th: Sunday, the first day of the week: Pray our faithful and unchanging Lord will help us grow in knowledge of His truth and draw us deeper into His love that we may truly worship our Holy God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

27th: Pray for the Farming Community Network, a voluntary organisation and charity supporting farmers and families within the farming community through difficult times.

28th: Pray for those serving in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.

29th: Pray for those working in the funeral sector.

30th: Pray for all who work for Royal Mail – especially delivery staff driving through tourist traffic to remote communities.

31st: Pray for the British Red Cross helping people in the UK and around the world get the support they need when crisis strikes.

Readings for May 2024

5th Acts 10.44 - 48

John 15.9 - 17

12th Acts 1.15 -17, 21 - 26

John 17.6 - 19

19th Acts 2.1 - 21

John 15.26 - 27, 16.4b - 15

26th Romans 8.12 - 17

John 3.1 - 17



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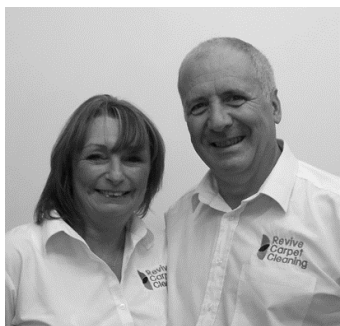
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What's On Guide - May

1 st - 21 st	Salt Dough figures - see page 11	Hawkshead Methodist Church
5 th	Dawn Chorus Walk, 6.30am	Brantwood
6 th	Prize Bingo Draw, 7pm	Spark Bridge Village Hall
7 th	Egton with Newland Parish Meeting, 7pm	Greenodd Village Hall
8 th	Mothers' Union Sharing Day	Preston Patrick Village Hall
9 th	Creative Writing Workshop 10am - 4pm	Farmers Arms, Lowick
9 th	Friends of X112 Lunch, 11.30am	Rampside Village Hall
12 th	Gelli Plate Printing Workshop, 11am - 1pm	Farmers Arms, Lowick
14 th	Mansriggs & Osmotherley Parish Meeting, 7pm	Greenodd Village Hall
15 th	Make a Rag Rug Workshop, 1pm - 5pm	Farmers Arms, Lowick
15 th	Crake Valley Friendship Club outing 9am	Greenodd Village Hall
16 th	Friends of X112 coffee morning, 10am	St Mary's hall, Ulverston
18 th	Young Farmers' Field Day, 10am onwards, see inside front cover	Nettleslack, Broughton Beck
18 th	Colton Parish Meeting, 10am - 12noon	Rusland Reading Room
18 th	Make your own Noodle Bowl 10am - 4pm	Farmers Arms, Lowick
20 th	Coniston Local History Society talk - William Watson, 2.30pm	Coniston Institute
24 th	Lacemaking Demonstration & Coffee morning, Friends of Brantwood, 11am booking essential	Brantwood
24 th	Live Music - Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel, 8pm	Water Yeat Village Hall
27 th - 31 st	Go Wild! Children's activities - booking essential	Brantwood
31 st	Councillor Suzanne Pender surgeries, see p15	various
31 st	Ulverston International Music Festival events start	various

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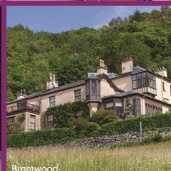
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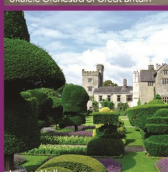
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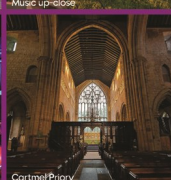
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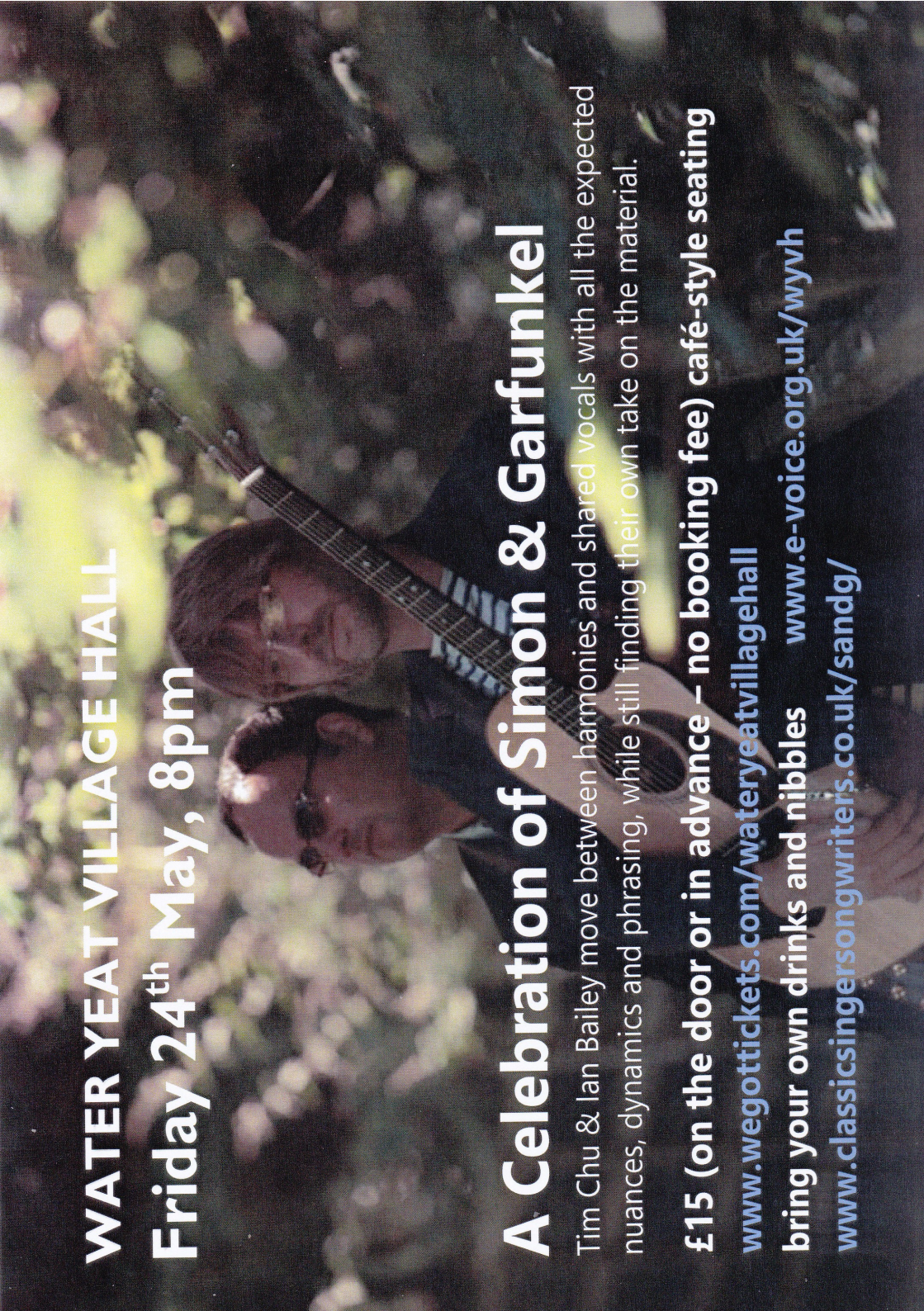
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