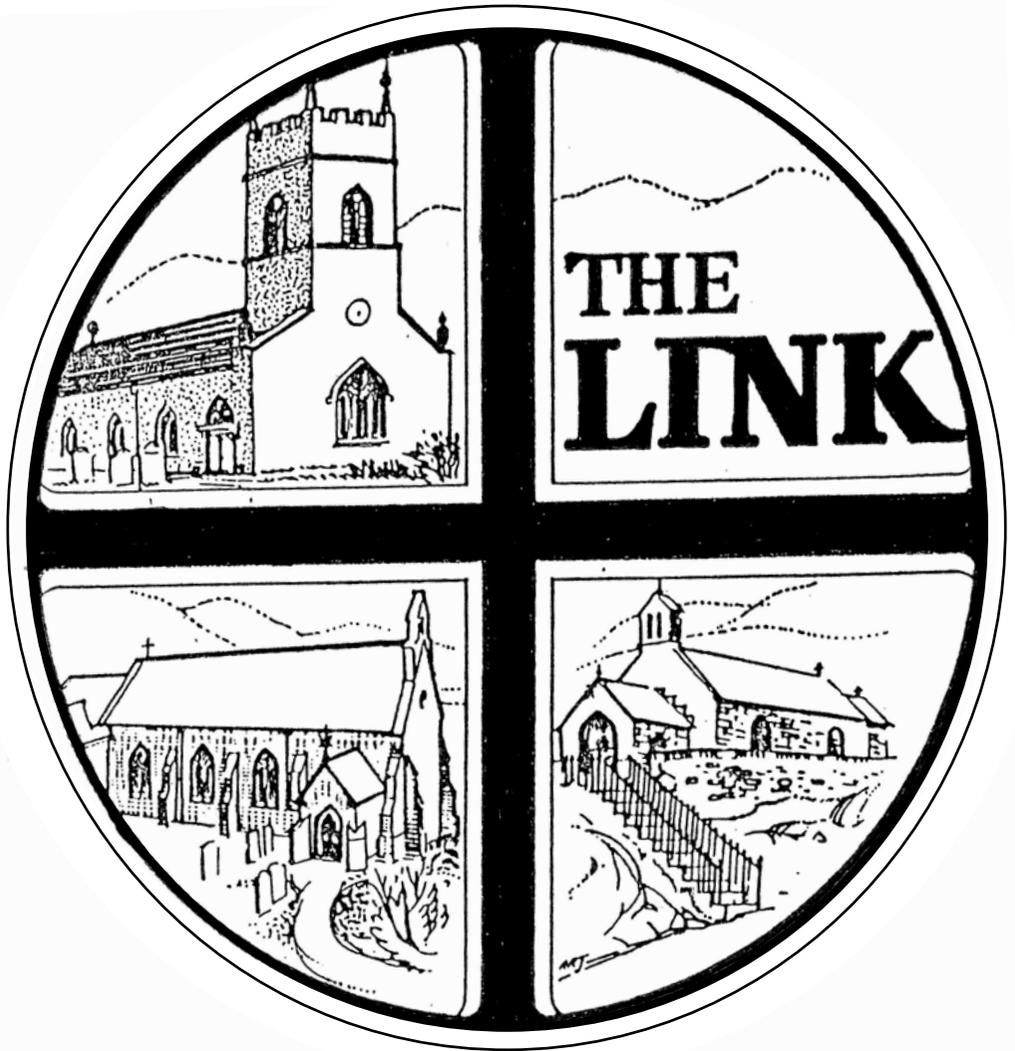


APRIL 2017



**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF LORTON AND
LOWESWATER WITH BUTTERMERE**

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL & MAY

APRIL

- 2 Sun Mockerkin B Mob.
2 Sun Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Loweswater Church 11.45am
4 Tue The Melbreak Communities AGM, YTH, 7.30pm
5 Wed Lent Study Group at Muncaster House 10.30am
5 Wed Table Tennis YTH 7pm
6 Thu Loweswater IT Group Damson Ghyll 1000-1200
8 Sat Coffee and Cakes hosted by Vale of Lorton First Responders, YTH, 10.30-12am
9 Sun Mockerkin A Mob
10 Mon Community Lunch Lorton School. 13.15 Contact 07790 459064 to book
11 Tue YTH ~ 7.15 pm ~ W.I. ~ Talk: Medicins sans Frontieres
12 Wed Loweswater Ladies - Cumbria Rivers Trust Loweswater VH 7.15pm
12 Wed Lorton Garden Club - Winter Treats 7.30pm YTH
19 Wed Table Tennis YTH 7pm
20 Thu Loweswater IT Group Damson Ghyll 1000-1200
21 Fri Cine North "The Light Between Oceans" 7.30pm Ullock VH
21 Fri Youth Cafe at Lorton Church 7-9pm
23 Sun Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Lorton Church 11.45am
25 Tue Contemplative Prayer at Muncaster House 3pm
26 Wed Table Tennis YTH 7pm
27 Thu 77 Club. Talk by John Hudson: Morton Sundour and Solway Dyes. 7.30pm LVH

MAY

- 3 Wed Lorton Parish Council 7.30pm, YTH
4 Thu Loweswater Parish Council 8.00pm, Loweswater VH
8 Mon Community Lunch Lorton School. 13.15 Contact 07790 459064 to book
11 Thu History Soc. talk, Cumbria and the Caribbean, Dr Diane Rushworth, YTH. 7.30pm
13 Sat Coffee and Cakes hosted by Loweswater 77 Club, 10.30-12.00am
28 Sun Sponsored walk (1:30 start) and Cream Teas (2:30 start) Loweswater VH
30 Tue Buttermere Parish Council 8.00pm, Buttermere Old School

Lent Lunches

*******Please note the final Lent Lunch on April 5th (Weds) 12-2pm Lorna & Keith Meadley Grange Hotel has been postponed till later in the year*******

LENT LUNCHES IN LOWESWATER

Village Hall - Thanks to everyone who made the delicious soups and provided the tasty assorted cheeses and breads and to all who worked so hard on the day in ensuring the success of the event. To all who came and had a good craic with friends, many thanks, we made a profit of £355.50 a splendid achievement. Sincere thanks are also due to, Jan & Gwyn Evans of Palace How who raised £250.00.

Vicar's Letter April

Another summer to look forward to. I'm always surprised at the rate at which the greenery grows in spring. There's no stopping nature. She relentlessly carries on growing. When I look at the children in the family, I am always taken aback at the fast rate of growth in body, mind and spirit. Of course, us oldies have stopped growing tall but there are bits, like hair, that still grow. Mostly it is physical and mental decline but there is still hope! Our brains can still learn new things, our souls can still take in new aspects of the spiritual. Creation carries on. One new thing I'm learning is to make new things to eat. One of the family is "milk free" so I have tried some new recipes. I also make new stuff for the Youth Café. I tried Malteser cookies for Comic Relief and took them to their social evening – gone in 5 minutes flat! It's good when others appreciate your efforts. Maybe I will try Vindaloo curry on them – that would fix them! Only joking – they would probably love it! Food is a way to relate to others when we eat together. I have always had family meals round the table and, as far back as I can remember, eating food together at the same table was a very social time for the family. It is also less messy than balancing plates on your knee.

When I was young, I often took a picnic outdoors. I loved the bottles of water and sugar butties (dripping butties if you were lucky) When out with the adults, we would probably have egg and corned beef sandwiches, fruit,

pop and possibly some cake. That was a real feast.

I also remember the post war delights at mealtimes: gypsy toast, boiled onions and cheese, scouse, fried tomatoes, fool's pudding, bread and butter pudding, corned beef hash and poached "yellow" fish.

This generation has been fortunate to eat well. During Lent it may be that we eat a little less. The world faces a massive famine and what are we going to do about it? Mother Teresa said in the face of much suffering "If you can't feed 100 people then just feed one." Virginia Woolf wisely said "One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well." There are millions not dining well and their lives are being ruined by lack of good food and water. It's time we all did something to alleviate this massive problem that belongs to us all.

If we don't love our neighbour as ourselves we have broken the central Christian rule. Please be generous to those who cry for our help.

They need us more than ever.

God bless always

Revd Sheila

Tel.: 85237

Email: vicarlobu@hotmail.com



RIP Margot Watkins

Bob and all the family thank everyone in the valley who attended Margot's funeral service and all who sent such kind and helpful letters and cards of sympathy, which were greatly appreciated. Thankyou.

NOTES FROM ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

Daffodils, Crocuses, Forsythia and the Workington to Keswick walk are all signs of Spring in Loweswater. Lambing has started; hopefully the sunshine won't be far behind. Just now we are wilting under the relentless wind and near horizontal rain. The church fabric appears to be withstanding this force for the majority of the time.

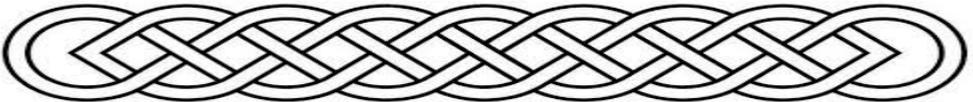
Please note: - Lorna and Keith Meadley have had to postpone their Lent lunch invitation at the Grange Hotel on April 5th

Sadly the funeral of Margot Watkins took place at St Bartholomew's church on March 2nd.

She was laid to rest at the church she dearly loved. A packed congregation recalled the great extent of Margot's contribution to the life and happiness of the Loweswater valley and beyond. Margot was a wise, sincere and much loved lady of the valley, who will be greatly missed.

To Bob and family we offer our love, prayers and sympathy.

Best wishes for Easter
Barbara Robinson



LOWESWATER VILLAGE HALL

The Loweswater Village Hall Committee would like to welcome Karen and Peter Winfindale to the valley. They have been appointed caretakers to the hall and have already taken up residence there. Both Karen and Peter are keen to get involved in valley life have already attended many of our local clubs and functions.

Any booking for the hall please ring 01900 85718 or email to peter.winfindale@hotmail.co.uk or Karen.whitehouse@hotmail.co.uk

Loweswater IT Group

DAMSON GHYLL

April 6th & 20th 10.00 – 12.00am

If you would like to come along and get help with IT or are unsure and would like more information, please contact me.

Please ring me to confirm and book attendance Jan Collins-Webb - 01900 85609.



The next meeting will be on Thursday 27 April, talk by John Hudson: *Morton Sundour and Solway Dyes – a Carlisle Success Story*. 7.30pm LVH. We will also show some of the photos Roger Hiley took at the Burns Supper. On Saturday 13 May the 77 Club will be hosting a Melbreak Communities Coffee morning 10.30-12.00 in Loweswater

Village Hall. This is open to everyone. Funds raised in the raffle will be donated to First Responders. Come along and enjoy coffee and cake and support this worthy local cause

John Hudson

LORTON NOTES

As I write these notes the sun is shining, daffodils are in bloom and, even though there is snow on the fells, spring is arriving. Spring is associated with Easter and as Easter is later this year, when it arrives winter should really be behind us. Daffodils could be behind us too, but other flowers will be abundant and the church will be resplendent for the early service on Easter Day. It is customary to feature lilies in the decoration and if you would like to donate a lily in memory of a friend or relation please inform Ann or myself. Cost is, as yet, unknown.

Leading up to Easter we have Palm Sunday to commemorate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by Holy Week. This is a particularly solemn week in the Church's year when we remember the events leading up to Christ's Passion and Crucifixion and services are held every day except Saturday at one of the churches in the benefice. The service I find particularly poignant is the one on Maundy Thursday

which commemorates the Last Supper and the institution of the service of Holy Communion. It ends with the Stripping of the Altar. I find that the significance of the joyous triumph of Easter can be better appreciated by going to one or more services in Holy Week. I do hope you will be able to come on Thursday.

Mention has already been made of the resplendent church on Easter Morning and we shall need helpers on Easter Saturday to bring this about. We shall be arriving at 10.00am for an hour's fun followed by coffee and biscuits. Could there be a better way of spending a Saturday morning? If you bring raw materials you will be doubly welcome.

The Youth Cafe's programme for April will be different from usual. As the second Monday is in Holy Week there will be no table tennis and the meeting at church is on the third Friday, 21.

Roger Peck.

LORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

March 2017 Meeting



We have noticed that Lorton seems to be a healthy place for ladies over 90 years, and on March 14th a Lorton "lady" celebrated 95 years. Yes! Lorton Women's Institute is 95 years old, and the Birthday Party was at the Kirkstile Inn. President Ann R welcomed 16 members and 1 guest (fresh from her honeymoon in New York), who had wedding pictures to show. Ann R had thoughtfully provided members with copies of the Federation News with pertinent events highlighted, so that it did not have to be read out, thus cutting business down to the minimum. She then congratulated the Lorton A Darts team who had reached the final with Keswick in the first leg of the Area Darts Tournament and lost by only one point, after a long evening.

We all settled down to a delicious two course meal, served to the Kirkstile's usual excellent standard. Kris had kindly baked one of her outstanding celebration fruit cakes, before going on holiday to Australia. This had been decorated by Ann P, who was the star of the evening. She had iced the Birthday cake to represent a beautiful miniature tea-table, complete with flowing lace-trimmed cloth,

teapot, milk jug, cups, saucers, and plates piled with colourful sandwiches and cakes, all produced from icing and liquorice allsorts. The result was stunning and many of us were compelled to take photos of it with our 'phones. Ann P and Mary W (our longest serving member) cut the cake, although it was really too beautiful to cut! We sang Happy Birthday, but Ann P had another surprise for us. She sang a song, which she had written, based on the tune "When I'm 64" but substituting the words "When we're 95" in which she extolled the many activities which we enjoy in W.I., including talks and slide-shows, crafts, walks, darts, quizzes and games, theatre visits, meals out, and tea, cakes and chat enjoyed at the Yew Tree Hall. Also, the song celebrated the laughter, support and friendship we share. It was a fitting conclusion to a very enjoyable evening.

Our April meeting will be at the Yew Tree Hall, at 7.15, on Tuesday 11th April, when our speaker will be Steve Bober, about the organisation "Medicins sans Frontieres". So, come along and enjoy another interesting and friendly evening with us - you will be made very welcome.

Lorton School 10K Race - THANK YOU

Lorton School and Lorton After School Club would like to thank everyone who supported the 10K Race on Saturday 11th March. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit shown by the village and wider community of the Vale of , as well as those who came from further a field to help.

This was an official UK Athletics Race and we could not have staged this event in Lorton without your enthusiasm to help, your time and support. Congratulations to the winners in first place was Sam Stead from Keswick AC in a time of 34.10 and first female was Catherine Spurdin also from Keswick AC with a new course record for the women of 38.08. In total we had 259 entries with 234 completing the course on the day.

We managed to **raise £1,900** which half will go towards the new Community Adventure Playground.

We have staged a number of fundraising events with a total of around £12,000 held in the Community Adventure Playground account, a little way to go but a tremendous achievement so far.

Penny's Piece

The Six Nations was on a week off when I went to the Comic Con in Edinburgh but I saw the first two Storm Troopers as the train pulled into the station. Apart from the venue being in a sports hall which had weird yellow lights which made you feel a bit sick, it was fairly entertaining. There were replicas of the Tardis to go and have your photo by and all the people dressed up were willing to have a picture taken. There was also a huge table set up with all the Thunderbirds marionettes. If that didn't take your fancy, there were people demonstrating how they make the latex masks they use to create monsters in all of these films and tv series. If you popped outside to the food van you could find Chewbacca having a tantrum because there were no chicken wings on the van and there was a small platoon of Stormtroopers on one of the all-weather pitches having a kick about next to a kids Saturday league match.

We were lucky with our hotel. Literally five minutes from the station. But it is a bit different. Premier Inn Hubs are basically a building filled with cubes (rooms). This means not all of the rooms have windows and they are smaller but that does mean you can actually afford to spend a couple of nights in Edinburgh as they are cheaper. I did get a shock in the room though. The bed was so high even my feet were swinging in the air when I sat on it. The desk I put my handbag on was lower than the bed. The only real reason I could see for

this was they had built space in under the bed for you to put cases. There wasn't really anywhere else you could have put a large case other than in the shower.

The Royal Mile down from Edinburgh Castle is very scenic but it lacks a few necessities (or so we thought). Namely a cash machine. We wandered up and down and thought we were going to have to cross town to Princes Street until we popped into a corner shop. After enquiring about the nearest machine we were told to go back round onto the Mile and look in the first red phone box we saw. Sure enough, once we looked it was very clearly labelled as a cash machine, but because it still looks like a phone box, it wasn't going to be anything else was it. It is nice to know that lots of the old boxes are remaining in place and diversifying like ours.

Choosing the right colour paint is always an issue. What happens on the wall rarely looks like what's on the sample pot. Cookie dough and biscuit barrel both looked like dog muck on the walls I tried. Another looked like someone had sneezed and if I want to put 'muddy puddle' on my walls I'll find a wet dog and let it shake away. Next time you're in a hardware shop, have a look at the hilarious names they use instead of saying the colour with light or dark in front of it. See you in May (when I've hopefully finished painting with whatever it's called). Penny

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - May 14th to 20th 2017.

It is vitally important that we support the efforts of Christian Aid. Christian Aid is an international development charity working with people, of all faiths and none, in around 45 countries, particularly now to eradicate Famine and Poverty. Christian Aid's essential belief is summed up in the statement "We believe in life before death". Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago, to support our work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home. If you pay income tax, may I ask you to consider making your donation gift aided to enable the charity to reclaim; for every £10 you give, they can claim an extra £2.50, making your gifts worth more to the communities Christian Aid supports.

LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB



We had a splendid talk from Val Corbett on 23rd March, essentially telling the story of her book on Herterton House, written by Frank Lawley and illustrated by Val.

The book makes a permanent record of the garden and its history - as the Lawleys grow older, it will not be possible to continue the garden and its nursery as they are today. Frank and Marjorie Lawley are artists who studied at Newcastle and taught art into the 1970s. They used their holidays going round the great gardens of England, travelling by bus and camping on route. Frank was brought up in the Black Country, but Marjorie was the daughter of a stone mason who lived and worked on the Wallington Estate, the great National Trust property in Northumberland. In the 1970s, they were allowed to take over a semi ruined 16th century farmhouse on the Wallington Estate, together with about an acre of ground. From this, over 40 years, they have made a gorgeous and highly idiosyncratic house, garden and nursery - a magic kingdom. We did visit with the club a few years ago, and I have a couple of plants from the nursery, where you pointed at the plant that you would like, and Marjorie would dig you a piece up, wrap the roots in newspaper, put a rubber band round and charge you a modest fee. There's a formal

garden, a flower garden, a Fancy garden, a physic garden, all full of subtle colour and design. It would be a good idea to visit this summer, just in case this is the last year of opening. The book to wet your appetite is "Herterton House and a new country garden", by Frank Lawley, illustrated by Val Corbett. Val says that they only wanted pictures of themselves if they were shown bent over weeding!

Our final talk of the season is on **Wed 12th April**, when Maureen Flett will talk on "Winter Treats" - gardening for health. **7.30** in the **Yew Tree Hall** as usual, visitors welcome. The newsletter and summer visits programme will be available at this meeting.

PS Trudy Dunstan would like to know if you would be interested in garden holidays - not this year, but maybe next, and probably about 5 days, in June or July. If you haven't already done so, please tick her yes / no / maybe list at the April meeting.



A new New Exercise Class is now underway at the Yew Tree Hall, Lorton.

Mind Body Motion Exercise to Music.

Tuesdays 9.30- 10.30

Phone or text Eni on 07856657404 to let her know you are coming.

Bring your own mat.

Poppy Appeal No

Thank you very much to everyone who has donated generously to the British Legion Poppy Appeal in November: the Loweswater branch has raised £214.30p; and the amount raised at the meeting was £304.84p

Joan Warren and Kathryn Mi



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The *Word-Hoard Exhibition* is open!

Wordsworth House and Gardens,
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 Daily, except Friday, 10am-4pm. 11th March-
 3rd Sept 2017



Rediscover a lost world of shreep, smeuse, shodi and shuckle at *The Word-Hoard: Love Letters to our Land*, a fascinating new exhibition the evocative language and images of nature and landscape. Curated by Robert Macfarlane, award winning author of *Landmarks*, it features stunning images by his parents, Rosamund & John Macfarlane, many taken close to their home at Loweswater.

Free to Nat. Trust members, or with an entry ticket to house and garden.

Beautiful image-rich catalogue available. Take your family and guests!

WALKER'S WAY ---Number 182

It was one of those relatively rare days of late when the sun was shining brilliantly, and there was a deep cobalt blue sky with the odd, and soon passing fluffy white cloud. It had been wet of course, and so as usual the track along the bank of the Cocker, through Lanthwaite Wood, was muddy, with the odd pool to be circumnavigated and with a myriad of exposed and deceptively slippery tree roots. The river itself was full, and the heavy flow of water was surging along rapidly and sparkling spectacularly as it went. The constant sound of rushing water was occasionally punctuated by bird song from the treetops, but then by contrast came the unmistakable, harsh "tsit- tsit -tsit" call of a dipper from the opposite bank. A cautious approach and there it was, darkly silhouetted against the tumbling stream and dutifully bobbing; after a minute or two, it took flight towards the middle, turned and sped downstream only a few inches above the water, banking steeply as it swung round the 'S' bend, surely one of the loveliest spots in the whole length of the river, and was gone. But then, some 100 yards further on was another, in full sun this time, displaying its chestnut form and bright white breast. Any day now dippers will be brooding, their mossy nests well hidden in holes in bank or bridge, each to receive some five eggs, the process to be repeated sometime in the next four months, as each pair breeds twice. On reaching the weir, that glorious view appeared down the length of Crummock Water; this time with a fair breeze, the surface was ruffled and there was a rhythmic change in the sound as each wave lapped

over the brim. The dark hulk of Melbreak on one side, extending to Red Pike, High Stile and High Crag and, on the other side and in contrast, the face of Grasmoor in full sun, with every rock and crevice, crag and ghyll sharply defined. What memories such sights recall. While Grasmoor was my favourite scramble, how well I recall that lovely stretch of springy turf along the broad ridge from Red Pike to High Stile, a relaxing stretch after the scramble up the Pike. I used to keep records of walks done and still have them. Sometimes over 15,000 feet of ascent in a week! Those were the days!

I suppose my research background made recording a habit, luckily, because looking back can be interesting. In 1985, for example, I made notes of 2,700 sightings of 86 species of birds. Comparisons can be sobering to say the least. In two hours in February that year I noted 29 species around the western end of Ennerdale. A similar visit in February this year resulted in six species being seen. However, Spring is here and there is much to look forward to. Our nest boxes have all been cleaned in readiness for this year's tenants, our very familiar white tailed blackbird has returned, and our deepened and extended pond took delivery of frog spawn a month ago. It's all happening - keep walking!
Alan Gane.

Reports from the Parish Councils

Lorton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st March 2017

The Chair, Cllr. Chris Poate, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that an initial response had been received from Cumbria Highways to the letter sent by the Council with a number of alternative proposals that might be introduced to help slow down traffic in the village. This response was quite positive and it was agreed that further dialog should be entered into with the County Council on this matter.

Two planning applications were considered at the meeting, one of which was an outline application for a new build dwelling on land adjacent to Rotherlyke in Low Lorton. The application was from a young couple who wished to return to the area but could not afford the cost of a family home in the parish, hence the application for a new build. After some discussion, councillors agreed that they would like to 'Support' the application as it would allow a young couple to move back to the area and build a family home that was affordable. Councillors had 'No Objections' to the other application or the three that had been considered between the January and March meetings.

Concerns were expressed regarding the time that was being taken on the repairs to the Boonbeck Road and the problems that these works were causing local farmers. With lambing starting shortly it was agreed to raise these concerns again with Cumbria Highways. Additional highways related concerns were raised with regard to the number of blocked drains in the village. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the Highways engineer for the area so that he could see first-hand the problems that these blockages were causing.

The next meeting of Lorton Parish Council is the Annual Parish Meeting and it will take place on:

Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.30pm in The Yew Tree Hall.

Loweswater Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2017

The Chair, Cllr. Kathryn Mitchell, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that all the funding was now in place for the four new notice-boards and after considering three quotes Councillors chose the only one submitted by a local contractor.

In her report, the Chair informed the meeting that the long-standing issue of the street-light in Mockerkin had now been resolved and that work had commenced on Mockerkin Hall, the state of disrepair of which had been a cause for both local concern and the concern of the Borough Council. The new occupiers hope to be able to move in during the summer.

Cllr. Todd reported that he had been very impressed with the works undertaken recently in the Parish by the local Highways Team and he felt that a letter of thanks should be sent to Cumbria Highways. Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent. The Highways Engineer had sent an update report on the various works still pending in the Parish, these included resurfacing works and new signage.

Cllr. Walker submitted his resignation from the Council due to increased work commitments. The Chair thanked Cllr. Walker for all the work he had undertaken on behalf of the Council and for the support he had given her in their joint representation of the Mockerkin area. Vacancy notices will be posted on the boards.

The next meeting of Loweswater Parish Council is the Annual Parish Meeting and it will take place on:

Thursday 4th May 2017 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall.

To contact the councils phone the Clerk, David Smith on 016973 23296 or email:

Lorton Parish Council:

lortonparishclerk@gmail.com

Loweswater Parish Council:

loweswaterparishclerk@gmail.com

Buttermere Notes

Everybody in Buttermere was saddened and shocked to hear that Margot Watkins had been taken from us so suddenly. Margot was a quiet and steadfast supporter of Buttermere especially when Revd Bob took such an active part in our services during the interregnum and Revd Sheila's sick leave. Our thoughts and prayers are with Revd Bob and his family.

The very well restored WW1 Roll of Honour is back in Buttermere together with a CD of the work done by the conservators. We are now looking forward to interior improvements such as better presentation of sales items, notices etc. Two of the altar frontals are in poor repair and need (expensive) replacement so after consultation with Revd Sheila we have dispensed with frontals, just using the appropriate seasonal 'pelmets'. The now exposed and attractive oak altar looks well in the simple setting of St James.

We have just returned from a few days in Bamburgh near the Holy Island of Lindisfarne and Farne Island where, relevantly to our Benefice, St Cuthbert and St Bartholomew lived and were venerated.

In the 7th century, before being consecrated Bishop of York, and travelling at least as far as Carlisle, Cuthbert was a

hermit on Farne Island and later Prior of the Benedictine Abbey on Lindisfarne. Four centuries later a young monk, who had taken the name Bartholomew, was so inspired by a vision of Cuthbert that he lived (and died 42 years later) in Cuthbert's old cell on Farne Island.

The Benedictine Abbey of Lindisfarne was established in the 7th century by St Aiden from his base in Ireland as part of the Celtic Church tradition. During Cuthbert's period of office as Prior, the Roman Church was extending its mission northwards into Northumbria and Cuthbert was instrumental in bringing both traditions of the Church together. It reminds us of what Bishop James is doing today, bringing the denominations of Cumbria closer together.

Gwyn and
Jan Evans



Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st March 2017

No 89 1st prize of £25 Jill Mills
No 19 2nd prize of £10 John Scadding
No 94 3rd prize of £5 Carol Priestley

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our supporters.

Loweswater Ladies

The speaker for our March meeting was Carol Hodgson, a Cumbrian lady who has set up a business called Fell View Fibres. She combines her passion of being Cumbrian, loving the sheep and the landscape she knows so well, with her love of carding and spinning wool.

Carol blends fibres from various sources (not just wool) which is then sold in a form ready for others to spin or use in felt crafting. She combines the colours and fibres in unique artistic ways and produces ready carded rolags and batts of these blends for sale through her on-line company and via her many contacts within the craft trade.

This was a very interactive demonstration as Carol passed around a variety of fibres for us to feel. The mixes she offered included silk, Shetland wool, merino, cashmere, alpaca, baby lamas, bamboo fibre, mulberry and camel to name just a few of those on display during the evening.

She demonstrated making a rolag on her blending board, her chosen inspiration being a

mixture of soft candy colours. The fibres were then carded (combed) into a form that could be used by herself or others for felt work, or for spinning into knitting wool. Not only did she do the hard work of preparing the fibres but also she added her artistic flair in her choice of raw materials to create an amazing display of colours in the special candy blend she created during the evening.

Carol's website for those interested in buying her products or gaining further information is www.fellviewfibres.com

Alison gave her thanks on behalf of all those present for an inspirational craft evening and Christine presented a lovely silk scarf for the raffle which was won by Jan.

Our next meeting is Wed April 12th at 7.15pm in the Loweswater Village Hall. Vikki Salas will be talking about the Cumbria Rivers Trust. Yvette will be presenting the raffle that night and our supper hostesses will be Christine, Loes, Sue and Nancy.

Ann Hiley

Lorton Tennis Club - Top twiddling!

It's not just tennis, the Twiddly Sheep night in Yew Tree Hall on 25 February was a great success! Those of you who told me you could not come that evening because you were washing your hair – you know who you are! – missed out on a good event. Around eighty folk came, which is about the maximum we could safely accommodate.

As Chairman, I want to thank all the members, guests and sponsors who made this event such a good one. In the process we raised around £1,200 towards club funds, a useful step on the road to resurfacing our courts when they come to the end of their playing lives.

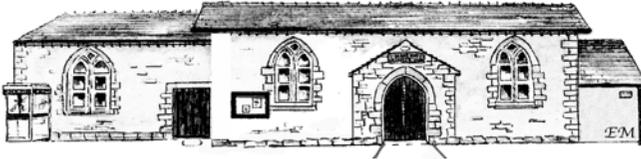
It's been a strange start to the year's weather. I only missed one tennis session in the whole of January due to poor weather, but then several

were called off in February and two in the first four days of March. I'd like to see Andy Murray or Roger Federer trying to serve an ace in a forty mile per hour wind!

If you are an occasional tennis player and fancy a game, you can book court time for five pounds per hour at either Lorton Village Shop or the Wheatsheaf Pub in the village. Both of those venues also have racquets and balls available to hire. Currently the court booking system consists of paper sheets on the notice board at the clubhouse, but moves are afoot to bring court booking into the 21st century with internet court booking including from your mobile phone.

If you are interested in tennis, please call Chris Macleod on 01900 268086 or 07889 181080.

Ullock Village Hall



Friday 21st April at 7.30pm

The Light Between Oceans (12A)

Tom is a World War I veteran who maintains a lighthouse off the shore of Australia with his wife Isabel, a woman desperate to have a baby. Her prayers are answered when an infant washes up on shore in a rowboat. Tom thinks they should notify the authorities but ultimately gives in to Isabel's wish to keep the girl. Fate strikes again when the couple meet the child's biological mother on the mainland. Now, Tom and Isabel must make a decision that will forever affect the lives of four people.

Come along and enjoy this film on a five metre wide screen, giving a top quality cinematic experience

Tickets £5, child £4, Family of 4 £16

For Tickets 01946 862300 or 861458

margaretperry@hotmail.com

The Melbreak Communities An Action Plan for the 4 Parishes of Buttermere, Loweswater, Blindbothel and Lorton

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 4th April (not Wednesday 5th April as previously advertised) at Yew Tree Hall starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

The results of the 32 questionnaires completed at the December Coffee Morning were positive towards a community owned energy project and other practical ideas we can explore. If you have not had your say you can complete a questionnaire at the AGM.

You will find the results to date summarised on the Melbreak Communities' website where you can also read the minutes of last year's Melbreak Communities' AGM and the 3 quarterly meetings held since.

<https://melbreakcommunities.wordpress.com/>



THE MOCKERKIN MOB
(founded by Alan Gane MBE in 1989)
Walk 318



A Walk Sunday 9th April 2017	B Walk Sunday 2nd April 2017
<p>Intended for experienced walkers</p> <p>Meet: 10am Minor road immediately past Stone Ends Farm, N of Mungrisdale</p> <p>GR: 355338</p> <p>Route: Carrock Fell & High Pike</p> <p>Estimated Time: 4½hrs (Moderate/Strenuous)</p> <p>Leaders: Hudsons 01946 861555</p>	<p>Please note the change of date</p> <p>Meet: 9.45am Junction of Spooneygreen Lane and Briar Rigg, Keswick</p> <p>GR:267241</p> <p>Route: Brundholme Wood, Blencathra Centre, Glenderaterra Valley</p> <p>Estimated Time: 4½hrs/9miles (Moderate)</p> <p>Leader: Lois Suckling 01900 85409</p>

Walkers participate at their own risk. We welcome new walkers: if you are interested phone Joan, 01900 85637 or Judy, 01946 861555.

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Real Coffee & Home Made Cake

Hosted by First Responders
10.30am - 12.00pm on Saturday 8th April 2017
At Yew Tree Hall, Lorton

The United Benefice of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere

Church Services April 2017

2nd April	5th Sunday of Lent		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Lorton	BCP
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
6.00pm	Evensong	Buttermere	BCP
9th April	Palm Sunday		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	BCP
10.30am	Matins	Lorton	BCP
10.30am	Ⓢ Club	<i>Lorton Tennis Club</i>	
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Buttermere	CW
10th April	Holy Week		
Mon 7.00pm	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
Tues 7.00pm	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
Wed 7.00pm	Holy Communion	Buttermere	CW
Thur 7.00pm	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
14th April	Good Friday		
11.00am	Holy Communion	Buttermere	CW
2.00pm	Devotional Service	Loweswater	
16th April	EASTER DAY		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Buttermere	CW
23rd April	2nd Sunday of Easter		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
6.00pm	Evensong	Buttermere	BCP
30th April	3rd Sunday of Easter		
10.30am	Benefice Service (HC)	Buttermere	CW



Deadline for May is Fri 21st April 2017, all articles to lolobulink@gmail.com by this date.
Happy Easter.