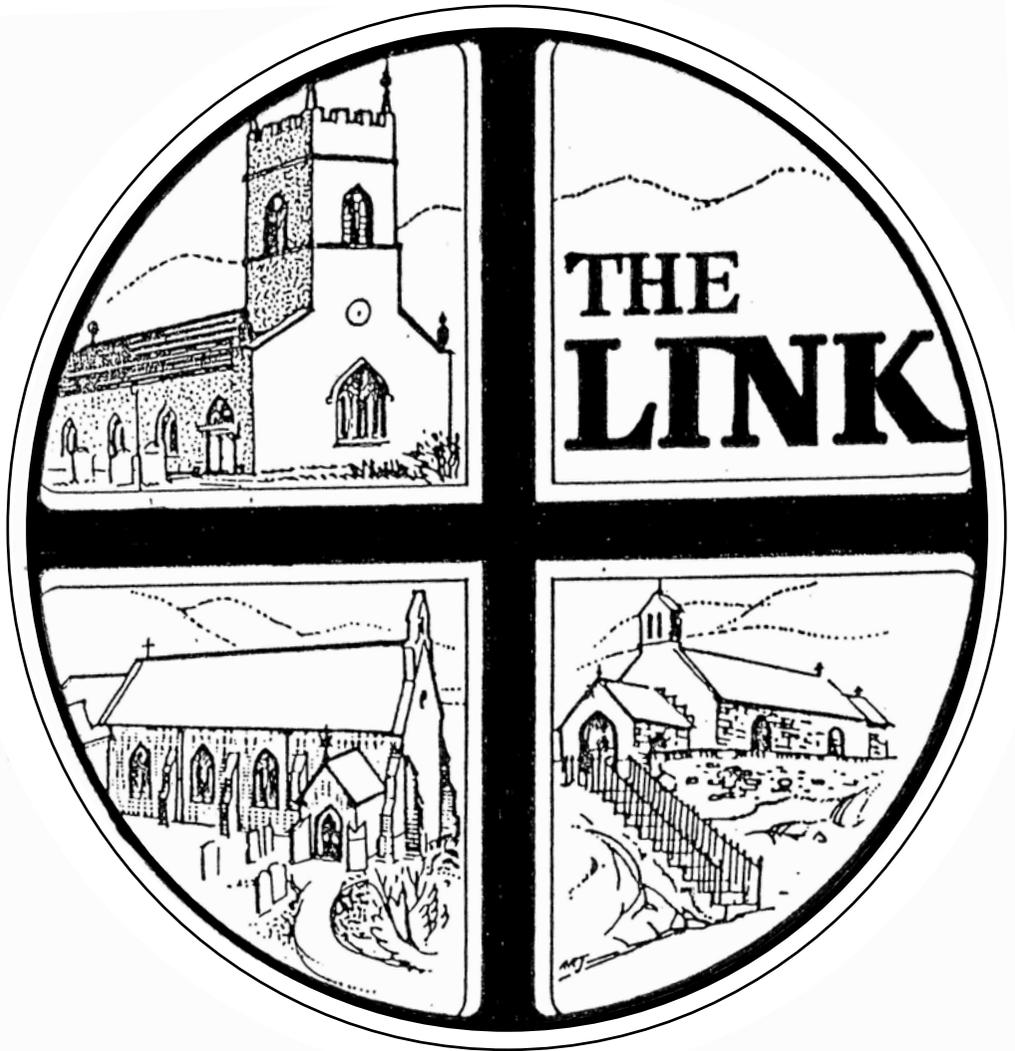


FEBRUARY 2017



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

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 Wed Table Tennis YTH 7pm
 8 Wed Loweswater Ladies Dinner 7p.m Kirkstile Inn (pre-booked)
 9 Thu Loweswater IT Group Damson Ghyll 10.00 - 12.00 - please book 01900 85609
 10 Fri Youth Cafe YTH 7-9pm
 11 Sat Coffee and Cakes hosted by Lorton Bowls Club, YTH, 10.30-12am
 12 Sun AOW Wanderlust Ullock VH 7.30pm
 12 Sun Mockerkin Mob A walk 10a.m Place Fell
 14 Tue Contemplative Prayer Muncaster House 10-11am
 14 Tue W.I.-"The truth about the food we eat: compassion in world farming" YTH- 7.15p.m
 14 Tue Valentines Night, Kirkstile Inn
 15 Wed Table Tennis YTH 7pm
 15 Wed Lorton Garden Club - Dahlias 7.30p.m YTH
 17 Fri Ceilidh 6.15p.m Loweswater VH
 19 Sun Mockerkiin Mob B walk 10a.m Dodd Wood
 21 Tue 77 Club 7.30p.m Loweswater VH
 22 Wed Table Tennis YTH 7pm
 23 Thu Loweswater IT Group Damson Ghyll 10.00- 12.00 - please book 01900 85609
 24 Fri Youth Cafe Lorton Church 7-9pm
 24 Fri Cine North Bridget Jones's Baby Ullock VH 7.30pm



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

Walk 314/5



<u>A Walk Sunday 12th Feb 2017</u>	<u>B Walk Sunday 19th Feb 2017</u>
<p>Intended for experienced walkers</p> <p><u>Meet:</u> 10am Patterdale Hotel CP. <u>GR:</u> 397158 <u>Route:</u> Boredale Hause, Place Fell and back beside the lake. <u>Estimated time:</u> 4½hrs ((Moderate) <u>Leader:</u> Judy & Joan</p>	<p><u>Meet:</u> 10am Small parking area on LHS of A591 (travelling S. from Castle Inn), soon after the Ravenstone Hotel. <u>GR:</u> 234287 <u>Route:</u> Dodd Wood (yellow route), Dodd <u>Estimated Time:</u> 4hrs (Easy/moderate) <u>Leader:</u> Graham Harker 01946 862758 coffee stop so you may like to bring a hot drink.</p>

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

I can't believe it's snowdrop time again. Last year, I dug up some bulbs and spread them around a bit hoping for an even larger display. It will take a few years to take root, as it were, but it will happen. Very often in Church Life we can be disappointed that our mission to the world seems ineffective in these times of globalisation. We sow the seeds of love, hope and redemption but nothing seems to happen. We shouldn't worry about the results but keep on sharing our love, hope and redemption to a suffering world both here and abroad. We're not here to expect praise and thanks! Nothing should stop the Christian message of love to one's neighbour. We should always have hope for better days. We plough on with sharing God's love.

Things sown in life will always be reaped, be it good or bad things. Hopefully, most of us in this world wish for the very best for each other. It is my joy at this time of year to accept bookings for weddings, mostly following mountain top proposals. Can you think of anything more romantic? Being out on the fells, just the two of you

and the future is decided for you both when you haven't seen anyone for hours. The beauty and silence of love.

It is a privilege to hear of a couple's joy in their coming together as one. I will never fail to be moved by genuine love between people. It's just a shame that we, in the Church of England, can't include our gay brothers and sisters in all that. I'm sure change will come eventually. I remember people laughing in my face and telling me there would never be women bishops! When will we see peace in the world? In these troubled times, let me share this Book of Common Prayer prayer with you:

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee, both now and evermore.

Amen Revd. Sheila.



Lent Study Group

Starting 8th March 2017

at Muncaster House, Loweswater. 10.30am – 12 noon for 5 weeks.

We shall be studying John Pritchard's book "Something More". You can buy this book online or I can get a copy for you at a cost of £6.70. It will cover many issues from the beauty of the arts to the search for justice and social engagement under the title of: "Encountering the beyond in the everyday". We shall continue the Lent Study Group after Easter on a monthly basis and have a sort of Christian Book Club.

If you plan to attend please let either Dr Anne Style or me know, if you haven't already. .

Thank you

Revd Sheila Tel: 85237 Email: vicarlolobu@hotmail.com

Anne: Tel: 85318

NOTES FROM ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

December was a good fundraising month for the church. It started with the local's night at the Kirkstile, where all proceeds went to the church. Thank you to Helen and Roger for your support and thoughtful gesture. Thank you also the David Robinson who organised a wine tasting at the village hall. The criteria were wine under £10 bought in Cockermouth. Over £300 was raised.

Jan Collins Webb has retired as Churchwarden. We would like to wish her all the best and thank her for all the hard work she has done over the past 6 years. She will still remain on the PCC, where her continuing help and support will be appreciated.

Under Churchwardens Measures 2002, this is included in the Church Representation Rules 2010: A Churchwarden is elected annually and can serve for six terms. We welcome Ron Bryan, who was elected to serve as Churchwarden at a meeting held in church on 15th January, 2017. David Walmsley has also retired as treasurer. We would like to express our thanks for his 18 years' service. Hugo Thompson has kindly agreed to take over this role.

Christmas is over and the decorations are taken down for another year. Thank you

to all who decorated the church over the festive period. It looked wonderful. We hosted the Midnight service this year where the congregation appreciated the setting and music sung by our benefice choir under the watchful eye of our very talented organist Sue Ralph.

The next agenda on the churches calendar is Lent and the benefice will be hosting the usual lent lunches. Details to follow in next month's issue.

On the fabric front: Work has been completed on the roof and gutters. We now have to allow the church to dry out before we can decorate. We have lots of interest and bookings for weddings this year.

We send our condolences to Rob Silverwood and family on their recent bereavement. Win was an active member of Loweswater PCC for many years and a wonderful creative flower arranger. Our condolences also go to the Norman family. Margaret was born in Loweswater and a member of the choir.

Happy New Year and All Best Wishes for 2017

Barbara Robinson

Loweswater IT Group

DAMSON GHYLL

February 9th & 23rd 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 Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm in Loweswater village Hall when we will hear a talk on Blood Bikes – the organisation which provides an out of hours service 365 days of the year to transport urgently needed blood, samples, human tissue and other medical requirements.

Date for your diary: Tuesday 28 March; lunch at Hunday Manor Hotel 12.30 for 1pm. The lunch will be followed by a talk from Les Webb entitled *Wandering and Wondering in the Himalayas*. Please sign up on 21 February to reserve your place.

John Hudson

LORTON NOTES

The Christmas celebrations at St. Cuthbert's were impressive and enjoyed by all who attended. The church was decorated in time for the Carol Service and we thank those who gave of their time and materials to create a beautiful church. The Carol Service itself was of a high standard and when the parlous state of church choirs in general is considered, for a small village church to hold such a service is remarkable. Visitors were extremely impressed and we are extremely grateful to the choir and Madge and Sue. To those who work hard, be assured we do not take it for granted.

The next service, the Christingle on Christmas Eve, was also remarkable. I believe the population of the parish is around three hundred and half that number attended. We hear so much nowadays about the Church being in decline and it is gratifying that a service can attract such a large congregation. We also had a large congregation of over fifty at the service on Christmas Morning.

There were many visitors and I am sure that they were pleasantly surprised at the number of fellow worshippers.

In February all the festivals are over and we are into the Sundays before Lent. I have remarked before that at this time of year the Church's year seems to proceed apace. We are just out of the season of Epiphany which celebrates, among other things, the arrival of the Three Kings and we are contemplating Lent, the period of penitence before Easter. Everything seems to happen at once.

There are, or soon will be, new coffee and flower rotas at the back of church. Please fill in some blank spaces.

Y- Club will be meeting at the Tennis Club at 10.30am on the second Sunday and Youth Cafe at YTH on 10 and church on 24. These provide activities for primary and secondary school children respectively and anybody is welcome.

Roger Peck.

President Ann welcomed 16 members and 6 guests to our Christmas Party. After a business meeting we enjoyed a delicious buffet. We were entertained by Side-by-Side, who led us in singing carols and popular Christmas songs. It was a friendly, enjoyable evening.

17 members attended the January meeting. The Business Meeting included notice that we will be hosting a heat of the Federation Darts Tournament on Tuesday 7th March. A list will be circulated for offers of help with food and raffle prizes. We hope to field two teams. Judith F will organise practice sessions. Subscriptions of £39 are now due. Village news included the sad death of Mary Alderman and that Maud is currently in Cockermonth Hospital after a fall. She is well enough to return home but is waiting for a Care Package.

Ann and Roger Hiley gave us a talk "of Walking and Websites" and led us through a "love affair" with the Lake District fells which started in 1963. The images of walking in the fells reflected our experiences - from the black and white shots of a very young Roger and Ann, through tales and pictures of children and grandchildren (and dogs!) joining them over the years, shown in increasingly colourful, professional pictures. Ann and Roger have now completed 3 sets of the Wainwrights – quite an achievement.

The story of the website was fascinating. They bought their cottage in Loweswater as a holiday home but then, immediately, Roger was made redundant from his job in South Wales! To pay the mortgage, they let the cottage for holidays and set up the website to advertise it. Increasingly, they included pictures and details of fells and walks to attract customers and built up a world-wide client base before finally retiring. They became walking guides and assisted at large charity events such as the 3 Peaks race.

The website has attracted a huge following of walkers and they regularly hear from – and walk with - enthusiasts from many countries. Some just knock on their door. Some fans have reproduced their beautiful pictures in oil or watercolour and sent them copies. The annual calendars and postcards which Roger has produced have raised welcome funds for the Mountain Rescue Team. Judith B thanked them and we then enjoyed tea and cake. At the next meeting, at 7.15 on Tuesday 14th February at the Yew Tree Hall, there will be a talk entitled "The Truth about the Food we eat: Compassion in World Farming". So, come along for an interesting and important talk. All are welcome and there will be chat and nice things to eat at the end.

Mary Alderman, - an appreciation.

Members of the Link team in it's previous format included Mary, who was a good help in the magazine's production. We enjoyed her good-humoured company. Sadly, we miss her.

Penny's Piece

Shopping has never been high on my list of great things to do. I do food shopping because it is necessary and if it isn't on the list it rarely gets into the trolley. Sales don't work for me as I often find whatever it was I bought, about three months later still with its labels on in the wardrobe. Still, I tried to show willing, as I needed some new trainers and went to Gretna Gateway. I got my trainers in the second shop and thought I was doing really well. Then I



discovered there is a whole shop dedicated to the brand of trainer I wear and nearly had a bad do. Thankfully they didn't have anything better than my

purchase so all was ok. Then I lost the trainers I had bought. I tried on a jacket in Gap and put everything down to try it on. Then I picked my handbag and coat up and wandered off to look at shirts. Totally forgot until I was in the queue to pay that I should have had a bag with trainers in it. Then I was trying to shepherd my sister with frantic arm waving and mouthing to get her to the spot. She circled the area in vain. I confess I thought she was being useless but when I got to the till I saw someone had handed my trainers in and she was never going to find them. What a clot I am.

Novelty gifts can be fun. My Secret Santa gave me a notebook entitled: List of people I want to punch in the face. They also gave me some socks with sprouts in Santa hats on. This has left me with a

dilemma. Can I wear those through the year or not? As it is they are in with the Saturday socks. These are socks in ridiculous colours or with odd patterns that I only wear at the weekend. Those socks you can buy that are deliberately odd fill me with horror. Work socks are black so kids sat on the carpet are not distracted.

If you want a good laugh play Who am I? The one where you write



names on post-its and stick it to your head. Just make sure you have had a conversation about Donald Trump close to the decision to play. See how many times his name comes out of the pot and try to keep a straight face when you see at least two people have him at the same time.

The same applies for charades. Either that or be awful and pray you don't pick your own suggestions out. Countryfile nearly shot me in the foot but I managed to get them to guess it without being rude when splitting into syllables. Titles with numbers in them cause great confusion. Picture the scene. The book, the three little pigs. First word goes ok. Then it loses it as you hold up two fingers for second word and then three fingers because that is the word and everyone says "second word, no third word. Second and third word. . ."

Hopeless. Next time there's at least four of you and you've finished bemoaning the state of things- mentioning loads of politicians etc, give it a go. A glass of something alcoholic can be helpful too. Penny.

LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB



With the double bill Link for December/January, we are back in history for our Garden Club reports this month. In November, Phil Newport from Wildroof Landscapes made an excellent case for green roofs. One of their first commissions was for a green roof for a dog kennel, to match the neighbouring rockery! Now green roofs account for up to 20% of their garden business. There can be problems - steeply pitched roofs are tricky, and at Rheged, the sagacious rabbits dug into the green roof and through the waterproof membrane, and made themselves cosy homes in the insulation. However, the advantages are many: rainwater run off control in cities (green roofs take about 12 hours to drain), wildlife friendly, soundproofing, insulation against heat and cold etc., but, above all, they look wonderful!

In December, Phil Brown gave us a resume of the work of the Cumbria Wildlife Trust. He quoted the depressing statistics from the 2013 State of Nature

meadows lost, 60% of species in decline. We looked at some of the 40 plus reserves - dune, upland peat, hay meadow and wetland. A lot of activities are undertaken in cooperation with other conservation agencies, plus lots of work with schools, and even a project with Haverigg prison. Inmates were helping to produce plug plants for restoration work. It's a huge range of activities and environments - marine conservation, red squirrels, Slow the Flow (the river catchment work to mitigate flooding). Long may it continue! (And more volunteers always needed).

January was party night at the Yew Tree Hall - lovely food and the usual silly games - There was a young lady from Lorton etc.. The drawing game was back, by popular demand....!

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th Feb at 7.30 in the Yew Tree Hall, when Jack Gott will speak on dahlias. New members and visitors welcome.

Ceilidh With Mazurka

On Friday 17th February 2017

Loweswater Village Hall

Tickets : £8 or £10 to include Pie & Pea Supper
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Supper : 6.15pm for 6.30pm Dancing : 7.30pm

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**Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club**

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st December 2016

No	41	1st prize of £25	David Hayton
No	7	2nd prize of £10	Raymond Beard
No	84	3rd prize of £5	Ann Beebe

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st January 2017

No	99	1st prize of £25	William Steel
No	44	2nd prize of £10	Kathryn Mitchell
No	43	3rd prize of £5	Walter head

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our supporters.

Walkers' Way No. 181

Over the centuries, the pine marten has become rare indeed, if not totally absent, in most of the UK, but, interestingly enough, it seems there are perhaps signs of change. It was constantly persecuted by gamekeepers for long enough especially in the 1800's; for example, on one Scottish estate alone nearly 250 were destroyed in one period of three years. However, some remained in remote areas in the north of Scotland, with one or two small pockets elsewhere, indeed there were one or two unconfirmed reports of their presence in Cumbria some 30 years ago. They became fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1988.

A number were reintroduced into the Galloway Forest in the 1980's and it has been reported that the population there has increased somewhat and that their range has increased. Pine marten usually occupy a number of dens, their preference being for elevated sites such as cavities in tree trunks or in large birds' nests or squirrel dreys, but if these are not available they will settle for burrows or cavities among rocks, or even in buildings, and will also adopt large nest boxes. In fact, in the Galloway Forest boxes of appropriate size were provided and monitored. Full details of the design and construction advised is available at

www.conservationevidence.com. The pine marten is a mustelid, that is to say, it belongs to the same family as the weasel, stoat, otter and badger. It is carnivorous by dentition, but omnivorous by diet. In other words, while its preference may well be for rabbits and small mammals, it will also eat carrion, eggs, fruit, fungi and insects. All animals of course impact to some degree

on others and in the case of the pine marten there is no denying that the occasional squirrel may appear in its diet. However, bearing in mind the fact that the lynx was being considered recently as a candidate in the Ennerdale rewilding programme, and that that species has been absent from the district for far longer than the pine marten and could have an even greater impact on the existing fauna, perhaps the reintroduction of the pine marten would be preferable. Clearly, we have ample suitable habitat locally, for example along the upper reaches of the fell-side woods at Buttermere, Loweswater, Ennerdale and Whinlatter, to name but a few.

Returning for a moment to the problem of plastic, a recent report by the Environmental Audit Committee highlighted the immensity of the problem, and led to the Government pledging to ban plastic microbeads, which are used in cosmetic and cleaning products. Just one shower using such a product can release 100,000 plastic beads, which finish up in the sea; 36.5% of fish sampled in the English Channel were found to have ingested them.

Changing subject again, it is interesting to note that some rare mosses have been recorded in Cumbria, namely the nationally scarce lesser copperwort, the copper grimmia and the heath threadwort, the latter being a first for this county. They were found during a survey of the Coniston copper mines and it makes one wonder how many more rarities await discovery at our great many other mining sites; an investigation calling for the attention of a professional mycologist. Alan Gane.

100 Challenge Club

To all members of our community and friends of Loweswater and Buttermere Churches

In response to a Stewardship Campaign launched in 2013 it was suggested that members of our community might wish to participate in a lottery called 'The 100 Challenge Club'

For £12.00 per year, paid in advance, each participant receives a personal number for that year. All the numbers are entered into a monthly draw and cash prizes are awarded to the first three numbers drawn. Members can buy more than one number.

After deducting administration costs (registration licence fee and any postage) the balance goes into PCC funds. So far prize money has been £25.00 1st prize, £10.00 2nd prize and £5.00 3rd prize.

The winners receive their prizes as soon as possible after each draw at the start of each month and their names are published in *The Link* and on church notice boards.

The next Challenge Club year starts on 1st March 2017 which will be our 4th year of fundraising this way, and we have sold over 100 numbers each year!

Please complete the attached slip and return to me, Jan Evans, by mid February so that I have time to send you your new numbers for 2017.

Good Luck!!

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC 100 Challenge Club

To Jan Evans, (Promoter) Palace How, Loweswater, Cockermouth, CA13 9UX
(tel 01900 85458; email gwynandjan.evans@hotmail.com)

I wish to join the '100 Challenge Club' at £12.00 for 12 months from March 2017

I wish to haveadditional numbers at £12.00 for the same period.

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to;
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Loweswater Ladies

For our first meeting in January 2017 we had a lively social evening. Marjorie and Pauline organised a game of Beetle with small prizes for each winner. Initial confusion soon gave way to organised chaos and much hilarity. There were 18 members present.

Menu choices for next month's meal at the Kirkstile were taken. We are keeping our subscription the same, £10 for the

year. Over a cup of tea and biscuits, we caught up on the news with each other. Yvette won the raffle given by Pauline.

Our February meeting is on Wednesday February 8th, a pre-booked meal at the Kirkstile Inn, 7 for a 7.30 start.

Ann Sands will be presenting the raffle prize for the evening.

Alison Greer.

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Brain of the Benefice 2016 - Answer

“To wear you out”

22 all correct entries. Apologies to those that the Revd. Sheila failed to draw out of the hat. As to the more fortunate ones, the Winners were Sue and Hugh Ralph, second was Yvette Kahane, third were David & Eleanor Gardiner and Betty Tod Hunter got the booby prize. For those who haven't quite got dressed yet.....

As she came in s(**HE ADDRESS**)ed, him asking to borrow hi(**S CAR F**) or a bit. “Something ha(**S ARI**)sen and I must s(**Kim on o**)ver to help dress a bride. Just for f(**UN I FORM**)ed a dressmaking group and we have made her a t(**RAIN COAT**)ed with sequin(**S AND ALS**)o a few diamonds which make a s(**PARK A**)s they catch the light and a band like a rain(**BOW TIE**)d round the edge.” When I wa(**S UNDRRESS**)ing last night I remembered I said I'd go round.

“You'll have to take a bike, I'm afraid” he said, his ram(**PANT S**)mile offsetting hi(**SMOCK**)ing laugh. “I took the car to the garage for servicing and that idioti(**C LOT HES**)itated while some slo(**B LOUSE**)d the job up and dis(**MANTLE**)d the wrong part. Now the engine tends to e(**MIT TENS**)ion making noises and blows out powder(**Y ASH MAK**)ing such as mess and I can't s(**TOP I**)t. It's a bl(**UNDER WE AR**)e trying to correct.”

Her l(**OVER ALL**)owed himself a moment to swallow. He was eating toast covered in slop(**PY JAM, A S**)mile on his face. The jam on hi(**S LIP PERS**)isted in distracting her. I don't want to em(**BRACE S**)uch a mess she thought. Oh! The su(**GAR MEN T**)ake! Boy(**S LACK S**)elf-control she thought and thereu(**PON CHO**)se to make a sandwich u(**SING LET**)tuce. It was better in the old days a(**S WE ATE R**)ather more healthily then, she thought. I imagine he has been rather a bis(**TRO USER S**)ometime and got bad eating habits. He'll never change so the best thing i(**S TO LE**)t it be. “Would you like tea or coffee” she said looking round to gra(**B A THING SUIT**)able for making it in like a p(**AN OR A K**)ettle.

“Neither, thank you” he replied. I must go and help the Vi(**CAR DIG AN**) other manure pit to help keep his blood(**STOCK IN G**)ood order. Horse droppings and cow-(**DUNG ARE ES**)pecially smelly but I must s(**TOP HAT**)ing them. Digging makes his arms a(**CHE MISE**)rably and on such a jo(**B A THROB E**)ach time he digs isn't much fun, so he has to set hi(**S PACE SUIT**)ably slow. Otherwise he's an a(**GILE T**)ype unlike most other pa(**DRES S**)o I hope he will in(**VEST**)igate the possibility of farming full time before he gets de(**FROCK**)ed.”

What shall we do today when you get back? I'm not really in(**TO GA**)rdening. We could go for a bike ride and sto(**P IN A FORE**)st somewhere and have a picnic(**C OR SET**)tle down with a book here. Actually I think that's a good idea. And leave you as usual to dream u(**P AN AMA**)zing lot of answers.

Buttermere Notes

It is always a pleasure to see how many people are prepared to drive to Buttermere for an early service on Christmas Day. What a joyous start to a birthday celebration.

The church can seat 54 and the continued popularity of the Informal Service of Carols and Readings was shown by a congregation of 63 being shoe-horned in. The singing was hearty, with occasional descants by members of the valley's church choir, a tenor solo and inspired organ playing by John Scadding. The readings were an enjoyable mixture and included an extract from the Koran. On January 22nd, under the Pulpit Exchange scheme, we look forward to Evensong being taken by Revd David Hasson, a Methodist Minister from Keswick.

Above the altar is a stained glass window depicting Mary and Martha dedicated to Elizabeth Attlee, wife of Rev Simmonds Attlee Vicar of Buttermere 1882-1891. One of the visitors at the Carol Service is a descendent and gave us a fascinating history of the family. Simmonds Attlee was the great-uncle of Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

The considerable refurbishment of the fabric is in its final phase. The railings on

the steps have been welded and painted as have the gutters and downpipes. The path has been levelled and gravelled and the drains cleared. The porch has been decorated, the attractive oak ceiling is now visible and cleaning the sandstone arch progresses. The precious vellum wall hanging listing the men of Buttermere who served in WW1 was seriously damaged by water running down the wall before the roof was repaired. The National Trust advised contacting ICON (Institute of Conservation) and one of its members is restoring this valued item. We are very grateful to Jim Mills, a life time visitor to Buttermere and a previous benefactor of St James, for generously paying for its restoration.

When Joe Crowther retired Jan agreed to act as the second Churchwarden for 12 months while a replacement could be found, that was two years ago! We enjoy working together but it does present problems if we are away for a weekend, so if there is somebody who would like to take over from Jan then we would be very glad to hear from them.

Gwyn and Jan Evans

NSPCC Carol Singing

Thanks to everyone who helped us raise the fantastic amount of £1200 this year. We were lucky with the weather and are indebted to our hosts who provided us with very welcome refreshments. A huge thank you to all those non-committee members who joined in and helped us with the singing and finally to all those who donated so generously once again.

Thank you all so much - Ann Hayton



Valentines Night

at the
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Tue 14 Feb 2017



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	9.00am	Holy Communion Lorton	BCP
	10.30am	Holy Communion Loweswater	CW
	3.00pm	Evensong Buttermere	BCP
12th February	3rd Sunday before Lent		
	9.00am	Holy Communion Loweswater	BCP
	10.30am	Matins Lorton	BCP
	10.30am	Ⓞ Club <i>Lorton Tennis Club</i>	
	3.00pm	Holy Communion Buttermere	CW
19th February	2nd Sunday before Lent		
	9.00am	Holy Communion Lorton	CW
	10.30am	Holy Communion Loweswater	CW
	3.00pm	Evensong Buttermere	BCP
26th February	Sunday next before Lent		
	9.00am	Holy Communion Loweswater	BCP
	10.30am	Holy Communion Lorton	CW
	3.00pm	Evensong Buttermere	BCP

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