

DEC 2018 & JAN 2019



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

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 3 Mon Loweswater Farmers Discussion Group (8pm Kirkstile)
- 3 Mon Bowling Club, 7p.m, YTH
- 3 Mon Keep Fit LVH 9:30 - 10:30
- 4 Tue Buttermere Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, Old School Room.
- 6 Thu Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
- 8 Sat 77 Club Christmas Party 3pm LVH. Entertainment by Flimby Male Voice Choir
- 8 Sat Coffee and Cakes 10.30-12.00am, YTH, hosted by Yew Tree Hall Committee
- 8 Sat Film Night at Ullock "Edie"
- 8 Sat Make own Xmas decorations 10.30-1.00pm YTH alongside Coffee & Cakes
- 9 Sun Mockerkin Mob Christmas Walk
- 10 Mon Community Lunch, 1.15pm, Lorton School (Christmas £10)
- 10 Mon Loweswater Ladies Christmas Buffet - Fish Hotel - Partners & Friends welcome
- 10 Mon Bowling Club, 7p.m, YTH
- 10 Mon Keep Fit LVH 9:30 - 10:30
- 11 Tue Hundith Hill ~ Lorton W.I. ~ Christmas Lunch ~ details will be circulated
- 12 Wed Table Tennis Party, 7-10pm, YTH
- 12 Wed Lorton Gard Club, "The Winter Garden" YTH at 2pm
- 13 Thu Low Lorton Carols - meet Low Mill 6pm - New singers welcome -
- 14 Fri Chris Banister Concert - Lamplugh Village Hall
- 17 Mon Loweswater Farmers Christmas Kirkstile meal (early start - 7.30 pm)
- 17 Mon Bowling Club, 7p.m, YTH
- 17 Mon Keep Fit LVH 9:30 - 10:30
- 18 Tue High Lorton Carols - meet Tenters 6pm - New singers welcome -
- 18 Tues Loweswater Carols - meet Littlethwaite 6pm - New singers welcome -
- 19 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
- 20 Thu Mockerkin Carols - meet on The Green 6.30pm - New singers welcome -
- 21 Fri Buttermere Carols - meet at Scale Hill 6pm - New singers welcome -

January

- 3 Thu Loweswater Parish Council meeting Loweswater Village Hall 8pm
- 7 Mon Bowling Club, 7p.m, YTH
- 8 Tue Farming Beyond Brexit: Film to be shown at WI Open Meeting, 7.30pm YTH
- 9 Wed Lorton Parish Council meeting, YTH, 7.30pm
- 9 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
- 10 Thu Lorton History Soc, Postal history of Cumbria, 7.30, YTH
- 12 Sat Coffee and Cakes 10.30-12.00am, YTH, hosted by The Melbreak Communities
- 14 Mon Bowling Club, 7p.m, YTH Please phone 85301
- 16 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
- 17 Thu Chruch Book Group, 10:30 at Whiteside, High Lorton
- 17 Thu Lorton Gard. Club Winter Party at YTH 5:30 pm
- 21 Mon Bowling Club, 7p.m, YTH Please phone 85301
- 21 Mon Keep Fit LVH 9:30 - 10:30
- 22 Tue Film, Funny Cow, YTH, 7.30pm, doors at 7pm
- 23 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
- 24 Thu 77 Club Burns Supper. 7.00pm. LVH.
- 28 Mon Bowling Club, 7p.m, YTH Please phone 85301
- 28 Mon Keep Fit, LVH 9:30 - 10:30
- 30 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH

February

- 8 Fri Wine Tasting at LVH from 7:30 pm - see ad.
- 16 Sat Ceilidh at Ullock Village Hall

Dear Friends,

Anyone passing in recent weeks may have noticed activity at The Vicarage in Loweswater. I moved in the middle of November with my Welsh Springer Spaniel, Holly.

Moving house is, let's face it, stressful...but the warmth of welcome I have had here has also made it a fun experience and I am already feeling settled and full of hope and joy at the prospect of being here.

I am originally from Lytham St.Annes in Lancashire and have lived in Cumbria since 2000, in Orton, part of the Eden Valley.

I was ordained in 2013 after training at the Lancashire and Cumbria Theological Partnership. I have served my Curacy in the High Westmorland Benefice including Shap, Bampton, Tebay and Ravenstonedale as well as Orton. I also spent some time at St.Andrews in Penrith. Apart from Penrith it was a very rural area. I am Chaplain at Penrith hospital one day a week and work with the Day Hospice there also.

I am very much looking forward to working with you all and I am pleased to see the energy, vision and gifts of the churches in Lorton, Loweswater and Buttermere and can't wait to be a part of it! I love red squirrels and have some visiting my garden at Orton.

My arrival comes at the start of the Church year and it will be a very busy period leading to Christmas. I know plans are already well underway and will be pleased to have these opportunities during this period to join in and meet people.

That brings me to reflect on my own priorities as I take up this now role. The first is simply to meet people, as many as

possible, within the Churches and the wider community. I

look forward to meeting people at services and church events but also look

forward to calling in to other places, be it coffee mornings, various clubs/societies. School work is also important to me and I hope to work with Lorton School in the future.

For me, meeting people goes hand in hand with listening. I am keen to listen to the hopes and concerns of our Churches and wider communities so that we can, together, discern God's calling in all our lives. With the formation of the Grasmoor community, the Reach team and God for All strategy we are well resourced to do this in Cumbria. It is an exciting time and I am thrilled to be joining you all on this journey in faith.

I do hope to meet with you soon. In the meantime, be assured of my prayers as I ask, in St. Paul's words; '*Pray also for me...Peace to you brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*' Eph 6:19,23

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and a peaceful new year.

God bless - Revd. Sandra Ward

PS. *Since writing this letter Sandra, as most of you will know, fell and broke her leg so unfortunately we will have to wait a little longer for her promised visits to begin. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Ed..*

PPS. The e mail address and telephone number are the same

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NOTES FROM ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

The season of Advent is upon us heralding the start of the church year and anticipating the coming of Christ.

Whilst we are delighted that our new Priest in Charge Revd. Sandra Ward moved into the Vicarage this week we are saddened that Sandra had a nasty fall the following day resulting in a broken leg and is currently in Carlisle Infirmary awaiting surgery. We send her our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery. Following discharge from hospital she hopes to return to her son James's house for initial recuperation. Her licensing has been postponed until her full recovery.

The Rural Dean has had to reorganise service cover at short notice. The Wardens of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere met recently to discuss arrangements for the pattern of services in our three Churches for the next two months. These were ratified at our PCC meeting on Thursday. However, there have been tweets to this on a daily basis; the final service plan is on the back page of the Link as usual.

Work on Buttermere roof has been completed ensuring a watertight winter. We anticipate work starting on St Bartholomews by spring.

We look forward to sharing Christmas services together.

Lorton are having the Benefice Carol Service on the 23rd at 6pm, and Christingle on Christmas Eve. We will celebrate the first Communion of Christmas at the 11pm service on Christmas Eve. The Benefice Service will be held in Loweswater on 30th December 10.30 followed by the informal Carol service at Buttermere at 3pm

The Churchwardens wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.



The annual Christmas Party will be held at 3pm on Saturday 8 December in Loweswater Village Hall. There is no charge for members, but we need to know the numbers for catering, so if you didn't sign the list at the November meeting, please give me a call on 01946 861555 by Wednesday 5 December. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped present for Secret Santa. Entertainment will be provided by the Flimby Male Voice Choir.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday 24 January at 7.00 pm in



Loweswater Village Hall, when we will be holding a traditional Burns supper. A list will be available for signing at the Christmas Party. Alternatively, you can give me a phone on 01946 861555 by Monday 21 January.

John Hudson.

LORTON NOTES

To quote Gilbert and Sullivan: "Here's a pretty mess. Here's a state of things." I had already written the Notes for this month when I heard the news of Sandra breaking her leg which rendered most of them inappropriate. We do all wish her a speedy recovery. Here's the second edition. These Notes will have to be submitted before I know what services there will be in December and January. It is hoped it will be able to show them on the back cover, as usual, but if not they will be announced in church and shown on the notice boards. You may well be disappointed with the number of services we have, particularly at Christmas, but the shortage of priests in the Mission Community has been exacerbated by the priest for Clifton, Dean and Mosser moving away. There are not enough priests available to provide all the services congregations want. We are grateful to the Rural Dean, the Reverend Charles Hope, for keeping our services going as well as he has, but the situation at the moment is difficult.

Every Christmas, Lorton School gives a concert in our church, the dress rehearsal for which will be on Wednesday 19 at 10.00am. The performance itself is very popular and is restricted to pupils, teachers and their relations, but other villagers are warmly invited to the dress rehearsal. It is always well worth seeing.

The major occasions for celebration are Principal Feasts, one of which, of course, is Christmas. However, on the first Sunday in January we have Epiphany, also a Principal Feast, celebrating among other things the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. This is a good opportunity to lift the feeling of anticlimax after Christmas.

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 22 at 10.00am. As I have stressed before, this is an enjoyable social occasion with coffee and biscuits at 11.00. If you can bring berries you will be even more welcome.

Roger Peck.

The next meeting of the **Church Book Group** will be Thursday 17 January at 10.30 at Whiteside, High Lorton.

LORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
NOVEMBER 2018 Meeting



What happens at a W.I. meeting when the speaker for the evening is overcome with a heavy cold and has to cancel at the last minute? We carry on and have a good time of course! President Ann R welcomed 13 members and 1 visitor to the meeting on 13th November. There were several apologies for absence. There was a short business meeting. We discussed the Lorton Arts Festival and agreed that it had been excellent – a real coming together of the community. Although W.I. did not have a designated role, many members contributed and, with others in the village, worked extremely hard to provide a great weekend commemorating the end of W.W.1. Thanks to all involved. It was agreed we would offer to host the Team Darts in the Spring again. We will have one team and two reserves. Carol agreed to be Captain. Federation news included congratulations to Carolyn for submitting a perfect Treasurer's report using the new, complicated, electronic system. Kris, on our behalf, has embroidered a beautiful picture reflecting our local area which will be stitched together with others to celebrate our Federation Centenary next year.

Our speaker, Gill Davidson, had sent a copy of her talk which Kris used to give information about Emmaus House. Emmaus House was established by a Christian group in the 1980s to

accommodate some of their widows who did not wish to live alone. The group raised the money to build a house and several women took up residence, enjoying care and companionship whilst maintaining some independence. The determination to provide stimulating activities, trips, links to the wider community and opportunities for lively living is maintained to this day. Gradually, access was extended to Anglicans, Methodists, younger people and even men! We discussed options for living in later life. There were interesting examples. One member told of a friend who has sold her house and spends her life cruising! We discussed what we would look for in a Care Home. However, the problems of funding were also raised. Discussion, sometimes hilarious, extended into a quick game of Beetle, then delicious tea and cake. A thoroughly enjoyable evening!

The next meeting is our Christmas Lunch at Hundith Hill on 11th December. Details will be circulated to members. Our January meeting will be at 7.15 on January 8th, at the Yew Tree Hall. Rick Cross will be presenting a documentary film "Farming Beyond Brexit" (see poster in Link for details). This is an Open Meeting at which we hope to welcome people from our farming community as well as anyone else interested in this important topic. There will be beer served with the refreshments!

What do you give a dog for Christmas?
A mobile bone



Penny's Piece

We are always told not to wish our lives away. It is a little difficult when the shops are determined to thrust the next festival/celebration day on you the second the previous one is over. Summer term has usually not finished before the back to school stuff is out. Halloween only just manages to temper the Christmas onslaught so I will be looking out on Boxing Day for the first Easter eggs. Then I will try really hard not to buy any until after the event when they are on sale. I recently had a discussion with one of my best friends about Xmas and what we wanted. I said nothing in particular and she said the same. Then she revealed her plan. We are each to think of 6 things to do or places to go. Once a month we will get together and do one of them. Given this was revealed at a meal in November, when the last time we saw each other was March (she only lives in Cockermonth) it could be interesting. I have a feeling I could be making a novelty cake at some point. I don't think I've done one of those since the last year I entered one as a child at Loweswater Show!

More crafty make and mend workshops please. I have a long way to go to reach my grandma's level of expertise in rag rugging, but I'm really glad I have had a go. I am also a long way off the technique she had for shredding old garments into the necessary strips. Decent scissors help too. Mainly I was just glad that I managed to cut strips on my knee and not cut through the trousers I was wearing. Things like that have been known to happen. Like the time I sewed on a button and simultaneously sewed it to me. I was wearing trousers and had a spare literally on hand in case of emergency.

From the outward appearance of my car, it appears I have driven through a swamp at some point. My car has a particular skill. When you drive through a puddle the wheel/ wheel arch combination seems to have been designed specifically to sling the water round and over the windscreen. I don't know if it does the huge sideways spreading bow wave too (the one you can get fined for if you soak pedestrians – see the second Bridget Jones for good example), all I know is you go from vision, to no vision very quickly. Clearly the last puddle was deep and muddy. It does look a little like the stupid transfers some people pay for to put on their Chelsea Tractors, but I know it's the real deal. I am hoping for some lovely frosty mornings, as that usually means the sun will shine. That is until I remember I have



to get up the smoothly surfaced Fangs Brow. It has taken a certain amount of skill to get a result that means there is more water running across the hill than there ever was and the drains are. . . interesting. Down one, out of the next. Miss one, cross the road to go down the one diagonally below. It's like those novelty fountains in city centres abroad. Enjoy the festivities. See you on the other side. Penny.

Keep Fit Sessions

Loweswater Village Hall

9.30-10.30 am Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th December

21st, 28th January

£2 per session

All proceeds to Loweswater Village Hall funds

Please bring gym mat and weights if you have them.

Contact V.Bell 01946 861643

QUIZ : Songs lyrics from 1910-1920

I devised this quiz for The Arts Festival of Remembrance at Lorton November 2018. I thought it only kind to publish the solution. Personally I think it amazing how many of the songs have stood the test of time. 33 songs from these war years hidden within as follows in italics -slight poetic licence applied! Thanks, Ann Peck, White Ash, High Lorton.

From *me 'to' my gal*

I know *you're always chasing rainbows* and I don't blame you for wanting to get away. You've always been looking for *the silver lining* ; maybe you're right – maybe it *is* in Ireland.

Well ... you'd better get going; I know you *hate getting up early in the morning* and *its a long way to Tipperary* so without delay *pack up your troubles* and be off *by the light of the silvery moon* to help you on your way.

You know which way to go don't you?: Go *down by the Old Mill stream*, then wait for the *Robert E Lee* on the *Swanee River* -the onboard *Macnamara's Band* will be

playing *Tiger Rag* or *St Louis Blues* with a *dixie melody*.

After you've gone, Ill sit by the river chilling out *forever blowing bubbles* with my *Irish eyes smiling* . I'll tell people that I knew nothing about it.. I'll just tell them someone must have *stole my gal*. And I'll wear a *white rose* in my lapel

But.. before you go ... *let me call you sweet heart, you beautiful doll*; I've certainly found a girl just *like the girl that married dear old Dad*. Its not true what people said that *you made me love you*. Of course they'll never believe it.

While you're away please don't be my *melancholy baby* -be happy. You'll always be my *Rose of Picardy* from the best of English *country gardens* to remind me you're *the only girl in the world* for me.

I assure you that when I *hear the first cuckoo*, I'll be reminded of you and hope to *be with you in apple blossom time* or maybe it will be Autumn *down in Georgia when everything is peaches*.

Till *we'll meet again*, keep *whispering* my name

Your ever loving *Danny Boy*

Lorton Arts Festival - the report

Lorton Arts Festival in Yew Tree Hall

On Friday 9th and Saturday 10th November we held our first arts festival as part of the commemorations for the centenary of the Armistice in the First World War. On Friday it was all hands on deck to assemble the exhibition. A local art group, "Pencil to Paintbrush", who meet at Eaglesfield Village Hall with their tutor, Chrisy Donaldson, had produced a number of wonderful and very moving art works and these were displayed in the main hall. Lorton School also produced four panels of paintings, poems, and pieces of art, together with four amazing poppy wreaths, making the hall look very colourful. A local professional artist lent some prints she had made of soldiers of various nationalities. Local people lent memorabilia from their relatives who had been in the war, including medals, a Royal Flying Corps uniform, trench art, post cards, letters and photographs which formed a fantastic display over the two days. High quality photographs of the exhibition will shortly be available to view on the Melbreak Communities website.

We showed two films, Oh! What a Lovely War, on Friday evening and Paths of Glory on Saturday morning. Both were well-attended. It was good to see them on the big screen; both, in their different ways, bringing home to us the pity and horror of war.

On Saturday afternoon we had a showing of the last episode of Blackadder Goes Forth, in which our heroes finally go over the top. Then Walter Head gave a talk on the local fallen, particularly focusing on John Benson, buried in Lorton Churchyard. His grave has recently been acknowledged with a plaque by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. After the talk there was a short poetry reading.

We finished the afternoon with a splendid village tea and further reading of some of the poetry of the WW1 war poets.

The fantastic generosity of local people, together with help from Eden Arts, Cine North, and Lorton Parish Council, made the festival a success. From the proceeds, the Yew Tree Hall committee is making a donation of £200 to the British Legion.



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LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB

After our AGM on 23rd Oct, Brian Gomm gave us a well illustrated talk on his trip to the Dolomites, following the paths taken by the Edwardian plant hunter Reginald Farrer. The mountain scenery was wonderful, with carpets of wild flowers, orchids and many unusual species. Farrer was born at Clapham in 1880. His cleft palette and hare lip - later disguised with a luxuriant moustache - made him a solitary child, and he developed his love of wild flowers roaming the countryside round Ingleborough. He was a great enthusiast for rock gardens and the glass houses for alpiners beginning to be fashionable amongst the rising middle classes. He brought back over 100 new species, and spread his enthusiasm through the books and papers that he published. There is a memorial garden and nature trail near his birthplace, just near the path up Ingleborough from Clapham.

Our November meeting was Steve Mees on "Fabulous Ferns". He made a very good case - the only downside being the Latin names, which are not only fiendish, but keep getting changed! Steve is the curator of ferns at Holehird, the Lakeland

Horticultural Society garden, where Friday is ferns day. They have the National Collection of polystichum ferns there, although polystichums are not native to Cumbria. Our climate being as it is, 97% of native species of fern are found in Cumbria. Steve also asserted the 19th century enthusiasts' claim that fern appreciators were of superior and cultivated intellect... Ferns are beautiful, varied, and useful in most garden conditions. They have a long history - pteridophyta (ferns) first appeared about 400 million years ago, and have flourished ever since. There can be up to a billion spores on the undersides of the fronds of a mature plant, but propagating from these is tricky and a long process. Splitting crowns and rhizomes is easier, or using the bulbils that appear on the fronds of some species. There are species for all soil types, for dry(ish) areas, wet, woodland etc., but they do like a well drained sloping site best, and plenty of leafmould is good.

The next meeting is on Wed 12th Dec at 2pm in the Yew Tree Hall, when Helen Knowles will speak on "The Winter Garden". Please note that this is an afternoon meeting.

The winter party for members and guests is on Thurs 17th Jan at 7.30 in the Yew Tree Hall. Bring finger food - extra if you bring a guest - wine provided, games..





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What did Adam say the day before
Christmas? "It's Christmas, Eve!"





Open Meeting

Tuesday 8th January 2019
Yew Tree Hall, Lorton

Lorton WI

Doors open 7.15pm.
Film starts 7.30pm

Visitors welcomed
Suggested donation £3
includes beer and cheese

FARMING



'beyond BREXIT

"In Our Hands"

A documentary film
introduced by Rick Cross
Chairman of Riversmeet
Community Cooperative
Cockermouth

"The inspiring story
behind the blood, sweat
and tears of British
Farmers seizing the Brexit
moment to outgrow the
industrial food system"

The film which explores some of the big issues that
need to be addressed in farming beyond the Brexit
process.

The film is 67 minutes long and Rick will support a
discussion afterwards.

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VALE OF LORTON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

2018 has been a testing year because of the change in the way that NWS informs us of a local callout location. This is an ongoing issue as it will be several years before the new Emergency Services Network based on 4G mobile infrastructure is implemented. As part of this development, new communications masts will be required across the National Park, including our valley.

We are delighted that we now have four community public access defibrillators across the valley, the latest being at Waterend in Loweswater. This approach is complimentary to our work as CFRs and allows anyone to deploy a defibrillator as quickly as possible. To facilitate this, we will continue to provide regular opportunities for local people to familiarise themselves with and gain confidence in using this equipment (and with doing effective CPR).

We have decided not to hold our traditional Mulled Wine and Minced Pies evening this Christmas, but we will be arranging a Community event in Lorton on 28 March (more details in due course). The CFR team wishes everyone an enjoyable Christmas and peaceful/prosperous New Year.

Finally, our team is still somewhat short of CFRs, so please contact me if you would like to find out about making a real contribution to helping valley residents and visitors.



Leslie Webb, Vale of Lorton CFR Team Leader, 01900 85609 or email les@damsonghyll.co.uk.



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Loweswater Ladies

Loweswater Ladies - November 2018

We were certainly impressed with the talk and demonstration we received at our November meeting. Joan and Jack Hardie came to demonstrate the art of pottery making using a 3D printer. To an audience that were totally unfamiliar with the concept, they detailed their journey through conventional pottery to designing artistic ceramic pots using porcelain clay and the 3D printer that Jack created himself.

They have been involved in pottery since the early 1970's, including the Bitter Beck Pottery in Market Place Cockermouth, but started their exploration into 3D printing twelve years ago. Jack undertook an Art and Design degree course and they combined their artistic and technical skills to create their new project.

They set up a demonstration for us on Jack's self-made printer and we were mesmerised as we watched a beautiful cylindrical pot being created. During the three quarters of an hour it took for the process to complete, they explained the computer technology, the sourcing of materials, the preparation of the clay, the way it was extruded in the device and the computer aided design precision that was needed. The pot would still need biscuit firing, (optional) glazing and final firing before it would be complete. Joan and Jack brought in examples of their stunning work, including a beautiful coloured pot made on a larger 3D printer they have

installed at home.

At the end of the demonstration, they were thanked by Alison, who quite rightly said that we had all been dumbfounded ! During our tea and biscuits that followed, the raffle, presented by Ann Kyle, was won by Lyn.

Additional names were taken during the meeting for our Christmas Buffet at the Fish Hotel in Buttermere next month. We will assemble at 7pm for 7.30 on Monday December 10th for what is always a grand evening. Partners and friends are very welcome to join us for this Christmas celebration. The cost will be £19, which includes a tip for the staff at the Fish.

Please bring a Secret Santa gift with you, around the value of £5. Ann Hayton will be presenting the raffle prize on the evening. Please contact Alison on 01946 861147 if you would like to book a place.

Advance notice of our January meeting at the Loweswater Village Hall on Wednesday January 9th, as there will be no Link at the end of December. Once again we look forward to the pleasure of an enjoyable evening in the company of our valley residents, Rosamund and John McFarlane. They will be showing us an illustrated slide show of their travels. An event not to be missed !

Supper hostesses that night will be Ann K, Yvette and Doreen. The raffle prize will be presented by Jenny Burr.

Ann Hiley

What do you call a train loaded with toffee?
A chew chew train



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Lowswater, Blindbotheil and Lorton**
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Real Coffee & Home Made Cake

Hosted by the Yew Tree Hall Committee

10.30am-12.00am on Saturday 8th December 2018

At Yew Tree Hall

Plus "Make & Mend" Christmas Decoration Workshop

Lowswater with Buttermere PCC 100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st November 2018

1st prize of £25 No 112 Charles Harvey-Kelly

2nd prize of £10 No 82 Rachael Edmunds

3rd prize of £5 No 111 Charles Harvey-Kelly

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our supporters.



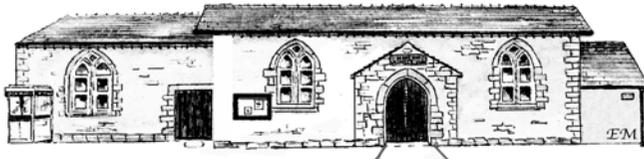
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Film Night at Ullock Village Hall
Saturday 8th December at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 (child £4) BYO drinks

“Edie”

This film is a character study of an 83-year-old woman endeavouring to climb Mount Sulven.

Sheila Hancock plays the strong-willed, eponymous character. Boasting two incredibly tender performances, this upbeat Scottish ramble showcases Scotland in all its vast rugged beauty, and does a wonderful job challenging our social stereotypes of ageing and friendship within society.

A date for your Diary Annual Ceilidh –
Saturday 16th February at 7.30 pm

01946 862300 or 861458 to reserve tickets

Don't forget Tuesday is **ZUMBA** night Call Jo 07986 427671

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NSPCC Carol Singing

Come and join us on these evenings. It's great fun and you don't need to be a brilliant singer!

Date	Time	Where	Contact
Thu 13 th Dec	6pm	Low Mill, Low Lorton	Ann Roberts 01900 85333
Tues 18 th Dec	6pm	Tenters Cottage, High Lorton	Ann Roberts 01900 85333
Tues 18 th Dec	6pm	Littlethwaite, Low Lorton (for Loweswater)	Ann Hayton 01900 85606
Thu 20 th Dec	6.30	Mockerkin Village Green *	Kathryn Mitchell 01946 861928
Fri 21 st Dec	6.30	Scalehill (for Buttermere)	Ann Hayton 01900 85606

* Mockerkin are serving mulled wine and mince pies. Please check details on the village notice board. A collection for the NSPCC will take place around Mockerkin during the preceding week.

Wine Tasting

7pm Friday 8th February

Loweswater Village Hall

Food to accompany

£15 tickets from David & Barbara Robinson

0190085234



100 Challenge Club

The 100 Club is in its sixth popular and successful year. It provides a much appreciated contribution to Church funds while also, we hope, being a bit of fun. Thank you for your continued support.

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 of £25.00 1st prize, £10.00 2nd prize and £5.00 3rd prize 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.

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 2019 which will be our 6th year of fundraising this way, and we have sold over 100 numbers each year!

Please complete the attached slip (reverse of this page) and return to me, Jan Evans, by mid February so that I have time to send you your new numbers for 2019.

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential in accordance with the Privacy Policy of the United Benefice of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere (obtainable on request).

Good Luck!!

**The Melbreak Communities - an Action Plan for the four parishes of Buttermere, Loweswater,
Blindbothel and Lorton**

www.melbreakcommunities.org.uk



Real Coffee & Home Made Cake

Hosted by The Melbreak Communities

10.30am-12.00am on Saturday 12th January 2019

At Yew Tree Hall

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 '00 Challenge Club' at £2.00 for 12 months from March 2019

I wish to haveadditional numbers at £2.00 for the same period.

I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to;
Loweswater with Buttermere PCC 100 Challenge Club.

Name(+title).....Tel.....

Email.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....



THE MOCKERKIN MOB
(founded by Alan Gane MBE in 1989)
Walk 338/339



Christmas walk	SUN 9 DEC 2018
Combined A & B Walk Afterwards (approx 12.30pm) to Joan's at Foulsyke for Mulled wine, Soup and Mince pies.	<p>Meet: 10am Foulsyke GR: 142215 Route: A local walk over and around Brackenthwaite Hows. Estimated Time: 2/2½hrs (Easy) Leaders: Joan & Judy NB: No lunch needed but there will be a 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.

A Walk: Sun 13 Jan 2019 Intended for experienced walkers	B Walk: Sun 20 Jan 2019
<p>Meet: 10am Phone box on drive to Brotherilkeld Farm GR: 214011 Route: Esk valley up to Great Moss. Return under High Scarth Crag & Taw House Estimated time: 5½-6hrs (Moderate/Strenuous) Leader: Richard Easton 01900 85708</p>	<p>Meet: 10am Beach CP, St Bees GR: 959118 Route: Cliff top walk from St Bees and back. Estimated Time: 3hrs (Easy) Leaders: Joan & Judy</p>

Barbequeue? - A line of men waiting for a haircut.



The United Benefice of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere

Church Services December 2018

2nd December	1st Sunday of Advent		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
9th December	2nd Sunday of Advent		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
16th December	3rd Sunday of Advent		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
23rd December	4th Sunday of Advent		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
6.00pm	<i>Benefice Carol Service</i>	Lorton	
24th December	Christmas Eve		
5.30pm	Crib Service & Christingle	Lorton	
11.00pm	Midnight Service (HC)	Loweswater	CW
25th December	Christmas Day		
10.30am	Family Communion	Lorton	CW
30th December	1st Sunday of Christmas		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
	Benefice Service		
3.00pm	Informal Carols	Buttermere	

Church Services January 2019

6th January	Epiphany		
10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Loweswater</i>	<i>CW</i>
13th January	Baptism of Christ		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
3.00pm	Holy Communion	Buttermere	BCP
20th January	3rd Sunday of Epiphany		
10.30am	Holy Communion (PS)	Loweswater	CW
27th January	4th Sunday of Epiphany		
10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Lorton</i>	<i>CW</i>

* PS = Pulpit Swap

Please send your articles by e-mail to lortonvalelink@gmail.com by the **24th Jan 2018**. Link can also be read at www.melbreakcommunities.org.uk