

Church Services February 2019

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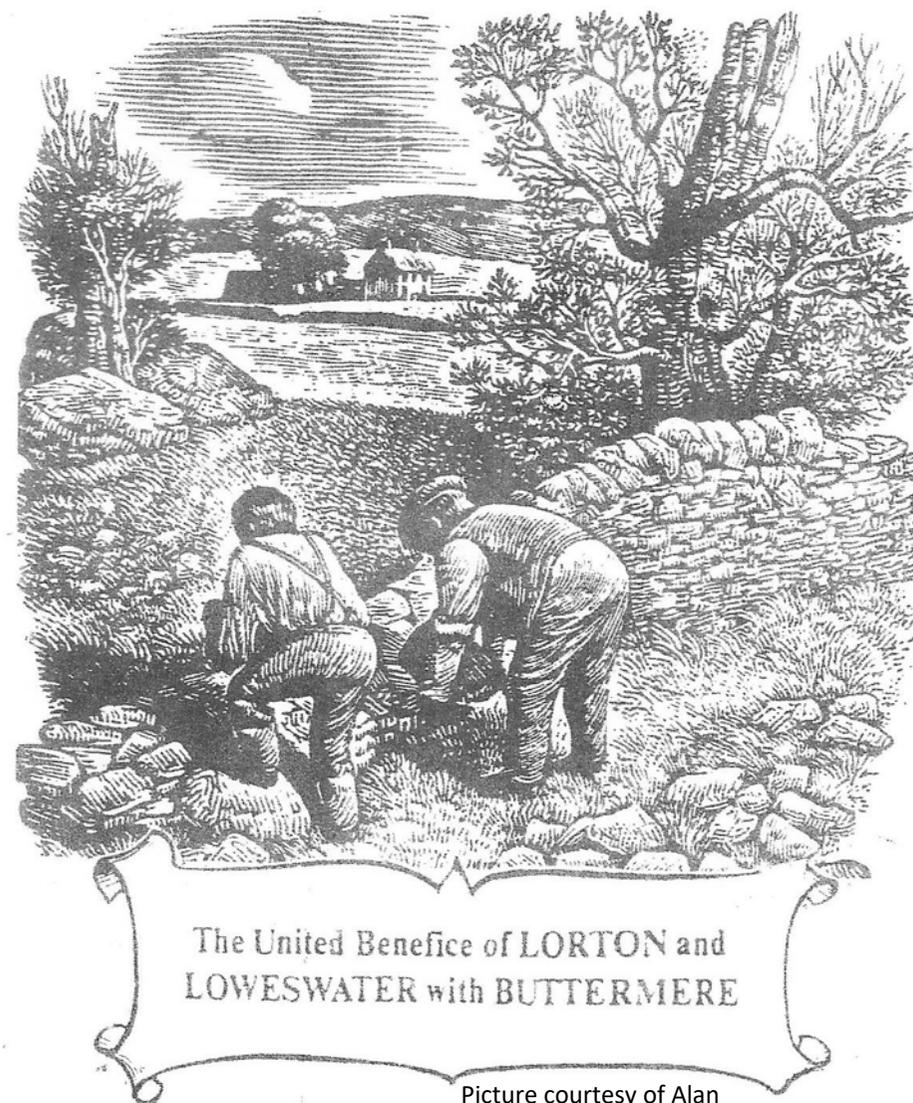
3rd February	Presentation of Christ			
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW	
10th February	4th Sunday of Epiphany			
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW	
3.00pm	Holy Communion	Buttermere	CW	
17th February	5th Sunday of Epiphany			
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW	
24th February	6th Sunday of Epiphany			
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW	
25th February	Licensing of Rev. Sandra Ward			
7.00pm		Loweswater		

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These are now due.

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The United Benefice of LORTON and
LOWESWATER with BUTTERMERE

Picture courtesy of Alan Johnson

DIARY DATES FOR FEB & MAR

FEB		
1	Fri	Keep Fit, 5.30p.m, LVH
2	Sat	Sheep Race Night, 7p.m, YTH - SOLD OUT
4	Mon	Keep Fit, 9.30a.m, LVH
4	Mon	Bowling, 7-9 YTH
6	Wed	Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
8	Fri	Wine Tasting, 7p.m, LVH
8	Fri	Film Night - Mamma Mia HWGA - at Ullock vh
9	Sat	Coffee and Cakes, YTH, 10.30 to 12am, hosted by Rachel Armstrong and Janine Greene
10	Sun	Mockerkin Mob A Walk
11	Mon	Keep Fit, 9.30a.m, LVH
11	Mon	Community Lunch, Lorton School, 1.15pm. Call Helen on 07790459064
11	Mon	Bowling, 7-9 YTH
11	Mon	Farmer's discussion Group, 7.30p.m, Kirkstile Inn
12	Tue	W.I Meeting, 7.15p.m, YTH
13	Wed	Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
13	Wed	Loweswater Ladies Kirkstile Inn Meal , 7p.m
14	Thu	77 Club, Illustrated talk "Japanese winter wildlife and culture" by Macfarlanes.7.30pm LVH
15	Fri	Keep Fit, 5.30p.m, LVH
15	Fri	Film Night at Ullock VH
16	Sat	Annual Ceilidh at Ullock VH
17	Sun	Mockerkin Mob B Walk
18	Mon	Keep Fit, 9.30a.m, LVH
18	Mon	Bowling, 7-9 YTH
19	Tue	Film, Peterloo, YTH, 7pm, doors at 6.30pm
20	Wed	Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
21	Thu	Modern Architecture, Arts Society Lecture, 10.45 am and 2 pm at Hundith Hill Hotel, £6.
21	Thu	Church book group, 10.30 at Whiteside, High Lorton. All are welcome. 85490
22	Fri	Keep Fit, 5.30p.m, LVH
25	Mon	Keep Fit, 9.30a.m, LVH
25	Mon	Bowling, 7-9 YTH Phone 85236
25	Mon	Farmer's discussion Group, 7.30p.m, Kirkstile Inn
27	Wed	Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
28	Thu	Lorton Vale Garden Club meeting, 2p.m, YTH
MAR		
1	Fri	Jazz Evening, 7.30p.m, Kirkstile Inn
6	Wed	Lorton Annual Parish Village Meeting 7.30pm at YTH
7	Thu	Loweswater Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm at Loweswater Village Hall
9	Sat	Lorton School 10K Race, 11a.m, Lorton School
11	Mon	Community Lunch, Lorton School, 1.15pm. Call Helen on 07790459064
13	Wed	Lent Lunch, 12-2p.m, Bob & Carole Baird, Park View, High Lorton
14	Thu	L&DFLHS 25th Anniversary Lecture by Prof. Angus Winchester, 7.30 pm, YTH.
15	Fri	The Cumbrian Duo, 7.30p.m, St Bartholomew's Church, Loweswater
16	Sat	Coffee and Cakes, YTH, 10.30 to 12am, hosted by Lorton Vale Garden Club
20	Wed	Lent Lunch, 12-2p.m, Fiona & Charles Lambrick, Armaside House, Lorton
21	Thu	How is it Made? A closer look at silver, Arts Society Cumbria lecture, 10.45 am and 2 pm, Hundith Hill Hotel, £6.
24	Sun	AOW Peril at Sea a tale of shipwrecks, smuggling and survival at LVH 7:30pm
27	Wed	Lent Lunch, 12-2p.m, Rosemary & Simon Riley, High Barn, Rogerscale
31	Sun	AOW John Hegley Family WORDship, UVH



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

Walk 340



A Walk Sunday 10 th February 2019	B Walk Sunday 17 th February 2019
<p>Intended for experienced walkers</p> <p>Meet: 10am Pelter Bridge CP near Ambleside</p> <p>GR: 365059</p> <p>Route: Lily Tarn, Loughrigg Fell, return by Loughrigg Terrace</p> <p>Estimated Time: 4hrs (Easy/Moderate)</p> <p>Leader: Joan Warren</p>	<p>Meet: 10am Small parking area on LHS of A591 (travelling S. from Castle Inn), soon after the Ravenstone Hotel</p> <p>GR: 234287</p> <p>Route: Dodd Wood (yellow route), Dodd</p> <p>Estimated Time: 4hrs (Easy/moderate)</p> <p>Leader: Graham Harker 01946 86258</p>

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



On 24 January the Club held a very successful Burns supper, with over 60 people in attendance. The Haggis was piped in by Alistair Smeaton, and then John Robertson recited Burns's poem before cleaving it in dramatic fashion. After an excellent meal, toasts were proposed by John Robertson ("To the Immortal Memory"), Doug Beebe ("To the Lassies") and Chris Burslem ("To the Laddies"). Charlotte Iona Winfindale, singer and guitarist, then entertained us before the evening concluded with Auld

Lang Syne.

The next meeting will be in Loweswater Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 February. Rosamund and John Macfarlane will give an illustrated talk entitled "Japanese winter wildlife and culture. A photographic journey on Hokkaido and the mainland". Date for your diary: Tuesday 19 March 7.30pm Loweswater Village Hall. Mike Cowan will give a talk. John Hudson.



THE ARTS SOCIETY CUMBRIA is a member of The Arts Society, a nationwide arts education charity, which brings people together through a shared enjoyment of the arts. We meet eight times a year

to hear expert lecturers share their knowledge about the arts. Our speakers are art historians, museum curators and artists. We organise trips, study days, short breaks and social events. Our lecture programme and reports are published on www.theartsocietycumbria.org.uk.

The illustrated lectures are held on the third Thursday in the month at 10.45 am and at 2 pm at the Hundith Hill Hotel in the Lorton Vale. Our members come from all over North Cumbria and further afield. Attendance at lectures is £6 payable at the door.

We welcome new members. Annual membership runs from April to March and costs £52 per person. It covers access to lectures and a subscription to the Arts Society's quarterly magazine. Contact us at info@theartsocietycumbria.org.uk. We are also on Facebook at [theartsocietycumbria](https://www.facebook.com/theartsocietycumbria).

Our next talk is entitled:

MODERN ARCHITECTURE

Thursday 21 February 2019

10.45 am and 2 pm at Hundith Hill Hotel

near Cockermouth

All welcome, £6 payable at the door, members free



The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao designed by Frank Gehry, 1997.

This lecture by Colin Davies will be based on his book 'A New History of Modern Architecture' (2017). Colin Davies is Professor of Architectural Theory and former editor of The Architects' Journal. More information at www.theartsocietycumbria.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

What an introduction to the area. I was certainly not expecting to break my leg in three places and spend the first months confined to the vicarage. You may have seen more ambulances than cars when passing the vicarage! However, I have been overwhelmed by the warmth and care that I have received from the Churchwardens, congregations, neighbours and people from the valley. Not forgetting the local Mission Community ministry team and retired clergy who have assisted with covering services.

I cannot thank you all enough for your visits and very kind gifts of flowers, cakes and cards. They have been appreciated and most welcome. On a positive note it has been an excellent way of getting to know you and your wonderful pastoral care.

"A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13: 34-35)

I hope that I can return such care in the future and I look forward to visiting you and



attending more local events when I am able to drive again. I am not sure how long this will be as my leg is still in plaster but I remember a rather enigmatic phrase I heard long ago, "Give time time". I must be patient.

We have much to look forward to over the next month, not only the many valley events and the snowdrops;



my official licensing service with Bishop James on 25th February at Loweswater and soon afterwards it will be the season of Lent. We will hold Lent discussion groups – further details will be given next month.

Thank you all for the warmest of welcomes and I hope to meet more people soon.

God bless

Revd. Sandra Ward

NOTES FROM ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S AND ST JAMES

January seems to have been kind to us weather wise. I write on a perfect winter day with sunny bright blue skies, not a cloud in sight and even snow on the tops. However, a long way to go before winter turns into spring.

Our Christmas Eve Midnight service was well attended with a beautifully decorated festive church with flowers and candlelight. Thanks to Sue for the music and Margie and her team for all their work on the decoration.

The Revd. Sandra continues to improve and is now taking on some duties chairing our PCC meetings and the inevitable paperwork. The Licensing is due to take place on Monday 25th February at 7pm followed by a get together with refreshments in Loweswater Village Hall – all welcome.

Three members of the Benefice attended a recent Mission Community Leaders meeting. Amongst the topics discussed were service provision and arrangements for Lent. There are to be joint services for all MC on Ash Wednesday in St. Cuthbert's Lorton during the morning and an evening service in Cockermouth. Further details in the March Link. Two options for Lent study were suggested and these will be presented to the PCCs at meetings this week. Dates for Lent meetings and lunches have been agreed and appear elsewhere in The Link.

In consultation with the Rural Dean and Canon Godfrey it has been decided to keep to the current pattern of services on alternate weeks HC at Loweswater and Lorton and monthly HC at Buttermere, as detailed on the back page, for 6 months following the Licensing to allow the Revd. Sandra to fully recuperate from her accident.

Two future fund raising events include David and Barbara Robinson's wine tasting evening in February and in March Jan Collins Webb is planning a musical event in St. Bartholomew's.

On 21st January we said farewell to Audrey Burridge with a packed congregation at Loweswater. Audrey was a much loved and respected member of a long-standing local family and lived most of her life in Mockerkin. Audrey was active in many local committees including the Loweswater Show and the NSPCC but was first and foremost a family person. She will be missed by us all.

At the end of December it was lovely to celebrate a real local wedding of Penny Leck and Richard Clarke. Penny has lived in Loweswater all her life. We wish them every happiness. The Wardens wish everyone a very Happy New Year.
Eleanor Ella

Lorton Playgroup

You may not have heard of us! We are a group of parents and grandparents who meet each Friday morning (9am-10.45am) during term time at the Tennis Pavilion at Lorton School.

I initially set up the group two years ago as a way of trying to meet other mothers with small children in the area and I have found that the group has blossomed beyond what I could have imagined. You would be amazed how many young children live in this valley.

As our children meet and play, we are able to come alongside each other and encourage one another over a coffee. Each week some of the Reception age children from the school come in with their teacher, and we often hear a story and sing songs together. This also has the added benefit of promoting our village school by allowing people to see how it ticks and the lovely ethos that it has. The group is open to all of our community, young and old; you would be most welcome.

Christine Davey, Loweswater



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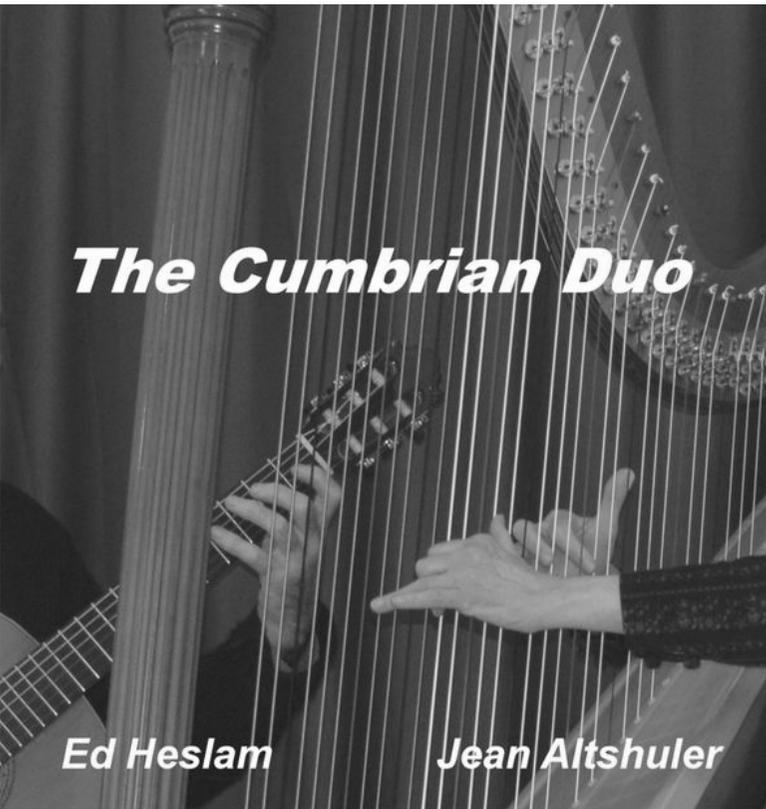


Lorton School 10K. Fundraising Road Race

Saturday 9th March 2019 at 11.00am

Minimum Age: - 15. All levels of runners welcome

**Details and entry forms from
www.runbritain.com or [Find us on Facebook](#)**



The Cumbrian Duo

Ed Heslam ***Jean Altshuler***

The music of Cumberland & Westmorland

St Bartholomew's Church, Loweswater
7:30pm, 15th March, 2019

Tickets: £13 (includes glass of wine & nibbles)
 Contact Jan: jan@damsonghyll.co.uk or 01900 85609



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LORTON NOTES

February 25 is red letter day. Barring further catastrophes, this is the day when Revd. Sandra Ward will be installed as Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice at St. Bartholomew's by Rt. Revd. James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle. I am glad to tell you the latest information is that the bone is knitting well, and Sandra can now put some weight on it. We have every hope that Sandra will begin her Sunday duties from 3rd March, but there will still be support available from clergy in the Mission Community thereafter, should she need it. It may be a while before she can manage the steps at Buttermere church, so – at least until June – visiting clergy will take Communion services there.

It is the start of another year and Mike has put his cards for the flower and coffee rotas at the back of the church. It would be much appreciated if the blank spaces were filled. I was expecting to be making a plea for a new cleaner to take over from

Peter Ford who moved away in September, but thankfully Sue Pexton has volunteered. I do, however, ask you to consider whether you might have a go. Nearly all the cleaners have been doing it for a long time. I have been on the rota for seventeen years and some have been on for longer than that. One of the band is not even a church goer, but does her bit to help the village. I, for one, would not mind stepping down and think it time for others to take their turn. It is only an hour a week.

Easter is late this year, about as late as it can be and the liturgical colour is green, signifying Ordinary Time for most of February. As a consequence, Ash Wednesday is not until 6 March but we have already arranged the Lent Lunches.

Roger Peck.

Keep Fit Sessions
 Loweswater Village Hall
 Monday
 9.30-10.30 AM
 Friday
 5.30-6.30 PM
(not 8th February)
 £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

LORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
JANUARY 2019 Meeting



There was a sense of us all being at a “historical moment in time” as we considered the question of what agriculture could look like after Brexit at the W.I. January meeting. President Ann R welcomed 13 members and 18 visitors to our Open Meeting. A short business meeting preceded the thrust of the evening. Several people were absent as they were away and Agnes is in hospital for an operation. Members were reminded that subs of £42 were due, there was some village news and some items were read out from County News. We were pleased to hear that Mary Wallace is recuperating in Cocker-mouth Hospital and that she would welcome visitors. We welcomed Richard Cross who brought along the film “Farming After Brexit”, produced by The Landworkers’ Alliance, who are interested in farming diversity and supporting local suppliers of food. Richard briefly introduced himself and the film, hoping that it would lead to debate about the sustainability of food within our country and our community. Important Issues from the film were: climate change throughout the world, soil fertility, fuel cost, CO2 emissions, water supplies during drought, flood risk, pollution in water courses, pollinating insects, food and local work for the next generation, diversity and transition into other farming and growing techniques following Brexit. It was both inspiring and alarming in equal measure and brought an

understanding of some of the difficulties faced by many of our farmers. At the moment we have an industrial agriculture model here and in Europe, supported by the Common Agricultural Policy. The British Government chose to follow the most extreme of these models which encourages huge farms to produce optimum monocrops with little diversity. This leaves food supplies vulnerable to disease and disasters in different environments. Monocultures have a detrimental effect on the environment with soil erosion, drought and flood risks and loss of pollinating insects. They also undermine small family farms producing food for their local communities and markets. The film provided many examples of such farms in the UK who are trying to provide a different model which addresses these problems. They need government and community support. Brexit offers an opportunity to develop these new (? pre-war methods). We could provide our own food and cut imports. Or will we have imports from less regulated and even cheaper suppliers? Following a question and answer session Judith B gave a heartfelt vote of thanks. We then enjoyed a cheese and beer supper. The next meeting will be at the Yew Tree Hall, at 7.15 on 12th February. The author Julia Myerscough will be the speaker. Come along and enjoy another interesting evening with craic and cake.



Picture (by Mike Milner, Buttermere Parish Council Clerk) of repaired Buttermere Finger Post .

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
 100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st December 2018

1st prize of £25 No 88 David Hayton
 2nd prize of £10 No 59 Judith Hope
 3rd prize of £5 No 101 Leslie Webb

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st January 2019

1st prize of £25 No 68 Gordon Graham
 2nd prize of £10 No 112 Charles Harvey-Kelly
 3rd prize of £5 No 100 Jan Collins-Webb

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our supporters.

Churches Together in Cocker-mouth Area (CTICA) Walking Group organise monthly walks in the local area. If you would like details, please contact Stan Leigh on 01900 828821/ email seleighbwanadoo@yahoo.com

Here is our 2019 Programme, contact Stan for further details:

- Saturday 2 February- Cocker-mouth Town Walk from The Lakes Home Centre at 1pm
- Saturday 16th March - Threlkeld - replacing Sale Fell on 9th March
- Saturday, 30th March Sandwith & St. Bees
- Saturday, 20th April Rose Castle/Raughton Head/Stockdalewath/River Caldew
- Saturday, 11th May Caldbeck & Hesket Newmarket
- Saturday, 22nd June Talkin Fell & Simmerson Hill near Hallbankgate
- Saturday, 17th August Gosforth, Guards Lonning & Thistleton
- Saturday, 21st September Glenderaterra Valley from Gale Road, Keswick
- Saturday, 12th October Burgh by Sands & Thurstonfield
- Saturday, 26th October Braithwaite & Portinscale

Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

Brackenthwaite Buttermere Embleton Loweswater Mockerkin Pardshaw Wythop

www.derwentfells.com

Professor Angus Winchester, the eminent local and landscape historian with a number of influential and highly respected publications to his name, is giving the 25th anniversary Lecture to the L&DFLHS next month.

Angus Winchester lived in Lorton as a boy, at the Old Vicarage in Church Lane, and he has kept his deep attachment to the area, as shown in a succession of highly regarded academic publications. These include *'Landscape and Society in Medieval Cumbria'*, published when he was a Lecturer in Historical Geography at the University of Liverpool, and an edited version of *'The Diary of Isaac Fletcher of Underwood'*, an important figure in the history of Cockermouth and its surrounding area in the second half of the 18th century. By the time of that book's publication Angus Winchester had been appointed to a teaching post in local and regional history at Lancaster University. Further books and learned articles followed, and in 2012 his eminence in his chosen academic field was recognised by his appointment there as Professor of Local and Landscape History, becoming Emeritus Professor on his retirement. He is currently in the course of completing a book on the landscape history of the Cocker valley, the publication of which will be eagerly awaited.

The lecture will be given on March 14th at 7.30 at the Yew Tree Hall, Lorton. It will describe and analyse the long-term effects of the Norman occupation on the Lorton and Derwent Fells area, and it promises to provide a fascinating insight into a formative period in our history here in Cumbria

Lorton School Community Lunch

For over 12 years during the school term, normally on the second Monday of the month, Chef Helen has been cooking a wonderful 2 course lunch, at Lorton School. This is open to all, residents past and present from Lorton, Loweswater, Buttermere and Blindbotheil. Visitors are welcome too. Come along, meet friends, make new ones and catch up on village news and events. All profits go to providing additional support to the children at Lorton School, so please support this community event. The next lunch is on February 11th (subsequent dates will be listed in Diary Dates)- to book call Helen on 07790 459064. Time 1.15p.m, cost £5.00

Penny's Piece

Best wishes for 2019 everyone. So, for those that didn't know, I got married between Christmas and New Year. We only set the date at the beginning of November after deciding to stop faffing about and get on with it. You can do it in that time for those wondering, but not really less than that if you are using a church.

We have been given the usual pearls of wisdom about not going to bed on an argument. One suggestion is to stay up and argue all night. I would suggest I go to bed and he sleeps somewhere else. I also think there may need to be a few more alterations to the words in the vows. We have done away with 'obey' but what about an addition to 'all that I have I give you', except my half of the duvet or if unconsciously decided during sleep, the duvet. Those of you still using blankets don't really have this problem as they are so heavy, you turn and they don't move. Also chocolate oranges; not Terry's or yours, they're mine.

Factors no one tells you to consider during the buying of the frock are things like: can you walk, sit down, get into and out of a vehicle (thanks Leslie)? Most importantly, how many people does it take to get to the loo? It was bad enough mine had 124 buttons on it- half of which had to be done up and undone to get it on and off. At one point in the morning my sister was using a coat hanger to fasten the last few buttons and I was sure I was headed to church



with it still attached to my back! It all went off ok. We were well decorated (thanks to all at St. Bartholemew's and Peter and Karen at the hall) well fed (thanks to Ann Parry), watered (thanks to Mark at the Wheatsheaf), furniture stored (thanks to William Vickers for bringing a trailer) and thoroughly exhausted (thanks to Mazurka). A ceilidh with a load of people who've never tried it is always entertaining. Combine them with experienced people with alcohol on board and hilarity ensues. Lots of people apparently with two lefts or two rights, no one knows clockwise or anticlockwise after 3 dances and lots of people appearing to accidentally change partners, role or direction mid dance! On the plus side everyone from 2 to 86 was up and giving it a go.

In other news, today I saw a national hardware chain selling bottles of ironing water. Seriously? I didn't pick it up and read what it says on the bottle but imagine it says some waffle about protecting your iron and producing a smooth iron or some such rubbish. I wonder when they are going to start saying the jars they have for jam making are full of good Cumbrian air so now cost more?

The mystery of being in a phone queue for the doctors continues. How can I be in 'position number 0' in the queue and still not be speaking to someone? I'd also like to know who chooses the awful music and the volume of it. I know some people are hard of hearing, but honestly, they are not missing much if they can't hear it. I'll get my ear plugs in next time.

Penny.

Ullock Village Hall



Ullock Village Hall
 Saturday 16th February 2019 at 7.30pm
Ceilidh and Supper

With music by Alison Riley

Hot Supper and Homemade Puddings

BYO Drinks

Tickets: £10 Children £5.00 (Booking Essential)

Please call 01946 862300 or 861458

Film Nights

Friday night screenings will be on

8th February, 15th March, 26th April 2019

Confirmation of film choices will be available soon

“Mamma Mia”

“Stan & Ollie”

“The Old Man and the Gun”

“The Wife”

Advance notification of our next **Arts out West** Show on

Sunday 31st March

John Hegley - Family WORDship

John Hegley is a regular sell-out at The Edinburgh Festival. His show in March is a mix of story, song and drawings, for all who have ever been six.

“One of the joys of sitting in a Hegley show for families is watching his cross-generational appeal in action. Whether it's his ludicrous drawings, silly join-in songs, or clever and unexpectedly structured poems, he hits the spot with all ages and brings in the laughs” **The List**



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Brain of the Benefice 2018 “Sports & Games for Christmas

I really thought I had stumped you all this year, but not a bit of it. 40 entries, 30 of them correct and one arriving practically next day! Oh well. I’ll just have to try harder! There were just a couple of clever errors in the incorrect ones. “Gurning” instead of “Gliding”, (I don’t think I would really have an urn in my creel though) and “Signor” instead of “Squash” (I couldn’t find any reference on the net to the Italians playing “He”!)

Anyway to business and drawing out of the hat. The McNeil family were the winners, Gill Hirst second, Ann Hayton third and Ursula Edwards (Julian Elliot’s sister) won the booby prize with just one blank. Well done all of them. For anyone still interested the answers are below. Best wishes for the New Year.

Mike Suckling

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The Bursar had been a bit self**FISH IN** Going to fish on his own that day when his daughter, a **BOLD MAIDEN** had suggested they go climbing. He ignored her pink sas**H AND BALL**et shoes. He just said “Don’t wear a **FROCK. CLIMB IN** Gear more suitable.” By the shore he caught several small fry, his fish**NET BALLOON**ing up in the breeze. Then he caught a **sQUID. DITCH**ing the other fish he proceeded despite its oiliness to **SHUNT THE SLIPPERY** thing into a handy **TRUG BY**passing his empty creel which though it had a **biG LID IN** General was unsuitable for a cephalopod with its rather **biG OLF**actory effects and he was **hoPING PONGS** would be minimised by it. He could later use some **LySOL. IT AIRE**d the place well. It had been a bit of a **sHOCK EY**eing the squid. He’d had to **riSK A TING**ling slap from its tentacles. He had then, strained his **tHIGH JUMP**ing up in his excitement.

It’s **noW HIST**ORY but at college that night I watched the **BurSAR DINE** Somewhat tiredly, sitting between the Master and the Dean. He first turned to **sCAN A ST**arter plate of seafood, chose some crab, then thinking of a **nICE HOCK EY**ed the wine list. He then stretched **aIL ACROSS** Everyone leaned on one **eLBOW LING**ering over hi**S CRAB BLE**ary-eyed. After a large main course, he finished, as it wa**S HOT PUT**ting away a large ice cream before selecting a huge apple from the **riPE LOT** Available. It **SPOKE** Really of why he had an **AP**titude to **gROW IN** Girth.

IF I’VE Said it once I’ve said it a thousand times, being **riCH ESS**entially doesn’t excuse bad manners. The Dean remonstrated with him. “A person of your **adDRESS, A GENT**leman should know better.” He in fact tried to say sorry but his **aPOLOGY waS QUASH**ed by the Dean who said “**ShuSH IN** **TY**ypical superior fashion. And I suppose it’s time I shut up too! Merry Christmas!

COFFEE MORNING



Coffee & Cake
£2.50

Yew Tree Hall, Lorton
Saturday 9th Feb.
10.30am-12noon.

Book stall, bric a brac, and tombola

Hosted by Rachel Armstrong
and Jasmine Green

The coffee morning is to raise funds for a world challenge expedition to Malaysia and Borneo where the girls will be involved to help improve the local community and the environment.



A Melbreak Communities Event

Lorton Annual Parish Meeting

On Wednesday 6th March, 7.30pm, at Yew Tree Hall - Lorton will hold its annual Parish Meeting. This is when all the local groups provide an update on their last 12 months activities and the Parish Council Chair provides her annual report. All members of the public and local groups are invited to attend.

Due to the country wide parish council elections on Wednesday 1st May, Lorton Parish Council's May meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm.

Mike Milner, Lortonparishclerk@gmail.com

Four or five years ago, we occasionally had a red squirrel in the garden, either just skipping around to see what could be found, or deliberately visiting the feeding box which was kept stocked with hazelnuts for the purpose. Over the years we have done our best to make the garden as wildlife friendly as possible, in all sorts of ways. By introducing a wide variety of attractive plants and shrubs, building a pond, suitably stocked and sloping at one end for access, putting up insect boxes and of course bird nest boxes, bird baths and various feeding stations. While in many cases it is difficult to judge just how much impact all this has had, there is no doubt whatsoever that our squirrel numbers have steadily increased. Whereas originally we had occasional visits from a squirrel we now have five individuals, there is very seldom a day without one or more visits and we sometimes have more than one visiting at a time. I used to suggest to students many years ago that the first three rules for the naturalist are "observation, observation, observation"! In the case of "our" squirrels observation has taught us that we now have five distinct individuals. We can tell them apart as follows:-

1. Is rather darker than all the others.
2. Has a blond tip to its tail.
3. Has a dark ring of fur halfway along the tail.
4. Is distinctly smaller than the rest.
5. Has a tail that is virtually blond throughout its length.

Whilst they mostly come one at a time, now and again, while one is busily feeding another will appear, and then there is likely to be confrontation. Clearly, the first to arrive is convinced that "possession is nine tenths of the law", while the second is equally convinced that it is now HIS turn. The result is that the first continues to concentrate on munching away as far as his red whiskers will allow, whilst the second, paces up and down and thumps his hind foot in hungry desperation. Eventually, number one has had enough of being constantly harassed, so very rapidly charges

number two, who accelerates with unbelievable efficiency and the two of them fly across the lawn – tails fully extended, and ear tufts raised. Number one soon returns and carries on as if nothing has happened. Of the various foods on offer, there is no doubt that hazelnuts are the favourite. Having lifted the lid/roof of the box, and extracted a single nut, the squirrel turns around on the platform, holds the nut in its forepaws and applies its very strong and very sharp teeth to the extremities of the nut, which usually results in cracking it open along the weakest part of the shell. The shell is then deftly abandoned to the force of gravity while the kernel is voraciously devoured. No sooner is that done, then it is a case of "about turn", the next nut is extracted and the procedure is repeated. From time to time, discretion appears to come to the fore - (or is it indigestion?), there is a scampering down to ground level, a dash in one direction or the other, and the nut is quickly buried to be recovered at some time in the future. Just exactly where they all "live" remains something of a mystery. They appear from various directions and with no constant pattern; we know that at least sometimes they cross the road, or try to, because on at least one occasion an attempt was unsuccessful and sadly the small bundle of red fur lay in the road to prove the point. We have quite a number of trees, and there are at least two quite dense conifers, which could hold unseen dreys. Needless to say, red squirrels are very, very welcome, providing a great deal of interest and amusement, the only behaviour that is a little unpopular being the habit of digging up the contents of pots and tubs in the hope of finding a hidden morsel or two. If ever a squirrel arrives to find the box empty, the resulting comment is obvious – "Oh, NUTS!"

Alan Gane.

Film night at Yew Tree Hall

On February 19th film nights continue in the YTH . Our next film is Peterloo. **NOTE – THE FILM STARTS AT 7PM**, with an interval at about 8.30. Doors are at 6.30pm. The events at Peterloo led to the Great Reform Act and to the founding of the Manchester Guardian. Peterloo is Mike Leigh’s brilliant re-telling of the 1819 massacre of democracy activists in Manchester. In this 200th anniversary year Rory Kinnear and Maxine Peake star in his account of the brutal suppression of peaceful protest. This is an important film. “With this richly intelligent, passionate movie, Mike Leigh has fought a brilliant rearguard action on history’s political battlefield” (Peter Bradshaw giving 5 stars in The Guardian), so come along and learn about events in our history which resonate with the present time.

NSPCC Carol Singing

I wanted to thank everyone for their help with last months Carol singing. We raised the fantastic total of £1,150 for the NSPCC, in and around Lorton, Loweswater, Buttermere and Mockerkin. We couldn't manage without those of you who turn out to help and though the weather was not the best some evenings, it didn't deter the singers! Our thanks also go to the hosts who provided some very welcome warming drinks and tasty 'eats' - they certainly kept us going. And finally thanks to the listeners who donated as generously as ever.

Hope to see you next time - thank you. Ann Hayton

Wine Tasting
7pm Friday 8th February
Loweswater Village Hall
Food to accompany
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Loweswater Ladies Jan 2019

Our 2018 Christmas buffet held in December at the Fish Hotel in Buttermere was a great success, enjoyed by all members and their guests who attended that evening. We thank the staff at The Fish for a delicious array of food and friendly, efficient service. We started our New Year in fine style on Wednesday 9th January with a presentation by John Macfarlane, showcasing a wonderful selection of photographs taken by himself and Rosamund. We had a tantalising glimpse of a few photographs from some of their recent travels, but the main theme for his talk this evening was the oil painting of Crummock Water by the artist JMW Turner, painted in 1797.



The original painting is now displayed in the Tate Gallery in London and is entitled “Buttermere Lake, with Part of Cromackwater, Cumberland, a Shower”. John gave us a fascinating resume of the research he undertook to examine all aspects of this painting, from investigating the position on the lower slopes of Rannerdale Knotts where the artist positioned himself to paint the scene, to the possibility or conversely the impossibility, of the rainbow depicted in the painting. He also investigated the time of day by analysis of the correct alignment of the sunlight upon the fells on that August day in 1797. John illustrated all his theories along his journey of discovery with photos, many of them taken locally by himself, Rosamund and other friends, as well as the use of diagrams

that gave us detailed and further information on the physics of rainbow formation. He included excellent photos of other forms of unusual light and shadow and then effortlessly flowed into a glossary expanding upon the relationship between language and landscape. This included a variety of terms used for land and weather which have been used over the centuries to describe natural phenomena. Three of my favourites are “shreep” which means mist slowly clearing, “sun-scald”, that beautiful effect when sunlight gleams on rivers, lakes and seas and finally, never to be forgotten “Roarie Bumblers”, which are fast moving storm clouds. All three are stunning and regular events around our local valleys, lakes and fells.

Alison thanked both John and Rosamund and it is hoped they will return to give us another excellent presentation in due course.

Our evening continued with tea and light snacks, the raffle presented by Jenny, was won by Pam. This was well deserved as Pam was busy collecting our annual subscriptions which are now due. Thanks again Pam for your prudent housekeeping which has resulted in another year of keeping our subscription to just £10 for the year.

Alison expressed her thanks to Sue, Val and Ann for arranging last year’s programme and also thanked Christine and Madeleine who have organised the speakers for 2019. We still need two or three members to volunteer to organise the 2020 events programme please. Our next meeting moves to the Kirkstile Inn for our annual dinner on Wednesday February 13th at 7pm for a 7.30 start. The 3 course meal will cost £19 including gratuities. Please contact Alison on 01946 861147 if you wish to be included. The evening raffle will be presented by Judy.

Ann Hiley



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Poppy Appeal November 2018



Thank you very much to everyone who donated so generously to the British Legion Poppy Appeal last November when we commemorated the centenary of the end of WW1. The Loweswater door to door collection raised £330.32, and £271.31 was collected in Mockerkin.

Joan Warren and Kathryn Mitchell

LORTON TENNIS CLUB – A CLUB FOR YOU

Right on your doorstep is the fabulously located Lorton Tennis Club (adjacent to Lorton Primary School). With views to die for whilst you play, our facilities boast 3 well maintained courts. In 2018, we resurfaced 2 Courts with TigerTurf – a durable safe all weather surface so tennis can be played in all conditions. With floodlights on Courts 1 & 2, all-year round play is possible (if the Cumbrian weather permits!). Other facilities include full changing rooms alongside a Club house (shared with the primary school).

A friendly club, we welcome new members for 2019. There is the opportunity to play tennis on social plus competitive levels, as well as league matches and club tournaments. With our resident coach, Chris Lockyer, you can brush up your skills with a private lesson or join regular group coaching sessions. We are especially keen to welcome new junior members and with structured junior sessions in place, there is something for everyone.

If you fancy coming along to try us out, why not attend a Saturday morning session where you would have a chance to meet other players, have a game and see the Club.

Joining not for you? Then did you know your family and friends can use our courts for £10 per hour – simply book online via our website. The Lorton Village shop can also take bookings and have racquets and tennis balls too. If you run a guest house/self-catering property, do let your guests know they are welcome to play as visitors.

Our next social fund raiser (all welcome) “Twiddly Sheep Race night” on Saturday 2nd February at The Yew Tree Hall, Lorton with doors opening at 7pm – tickets £10 include supper and a Twiddly sheep.



What is there not to like about Lorton Tennis Club?

For further information please contact :

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Or check us out on facebook!

LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB

Our first afternoon meeting on the 12th December was very well attended. Helen Knowles, of Tinnisburn Plants, Canonbie - 600ft up a cold wet Scottish mountainside - gave us a talk on "The Winter Garden". She suggested that evergreens - conifers and hollies - give structure and interest to the winter garden, and provided that you start pruning them into shape when they are young, can be kept to a reasonable size. Leave decorative seed heads on honesty, angelica, astilbe etc. - the birds will appreciate them as well as you. Good scented shrubs for winter include viburnum bodnantense, mahonia and witch hazels. Remember to cut out 2 to 3 year old stems on dogwoods, so that you get the beautifully coloured new growth, and don't forget winter jasmine. For smaller plants, ericas are useful, hellebores of course, and cyclamen hederifolium have very decorative leaves and look great under trees. We celebrated January with the Winter Party on the 17th. What can I say? It was noisy, great fun, and we played the drawing game! Our next event is another afternoon meeting on Thursday 28th Feb at 2.00 in the Yew Tree Hall when Grainne Jakobson will talk on the History of the National Garden Scheme. Visitors welcome.



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As usual members of the United Benefice of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere will be holding a series of Lent Lunches. They all run from 12 noon to 2p.m on the following dates:

- 13th March - Bob & Carole Baird, Park View, High Lorton
- 20th March - Fiona & Charles Lambrick, Armaside House, Lorton
- 27th March - Rosemary & Simon Riley, High Barn, Rogerscale
- 3rd April - Jan & Gwyn Evans, Palace Howe, Loweswater
- 10th April - Loweswater Village Hall

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