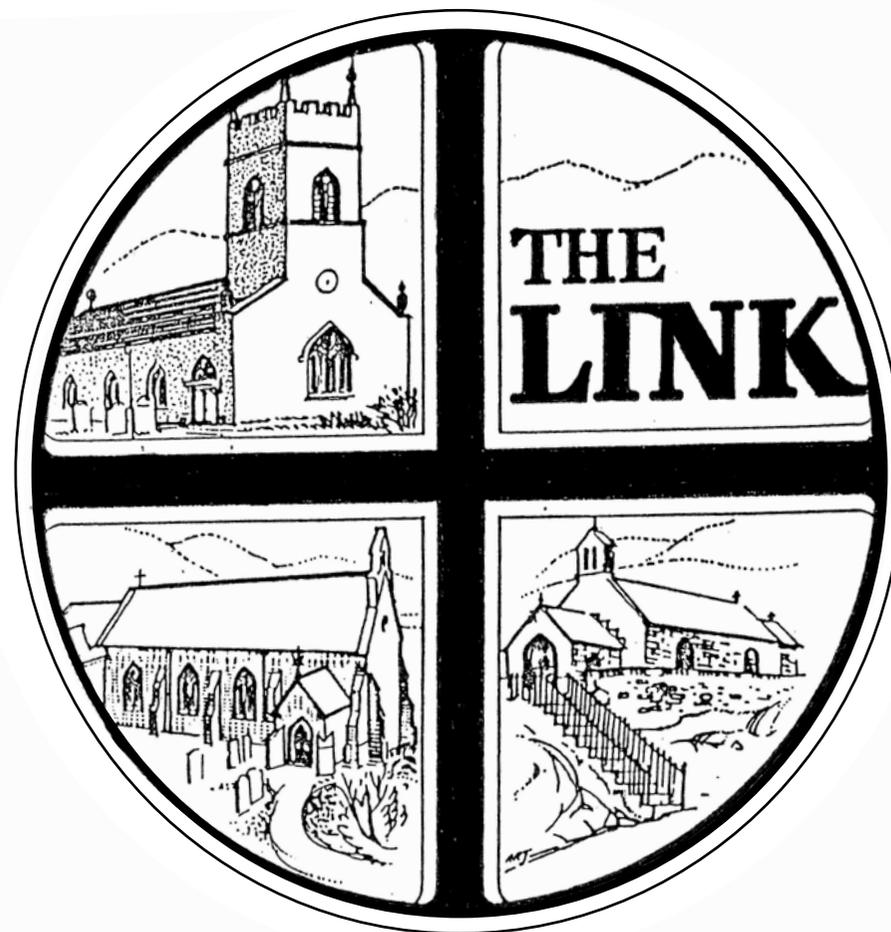


Church Services March 2019

3rd March	Sunday next before Lent			
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW	
6th March	Ash Wednesday			
10.00am	Imposition of Ashes (HC)	Lorton	CW	
10th March	1st Sunday of Lent			
10.30am	Baptism with HC	Lorton	CW	
3.00pm	Holy Communion	Buttermere	CW	
17th March	2nd Sunday of Lent			
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW	
24th March	3rd Sunday of Lent			
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW	
31st March	Mothering Sunday			
10.30am	Benefice Service (HC)	Lorton	CW	

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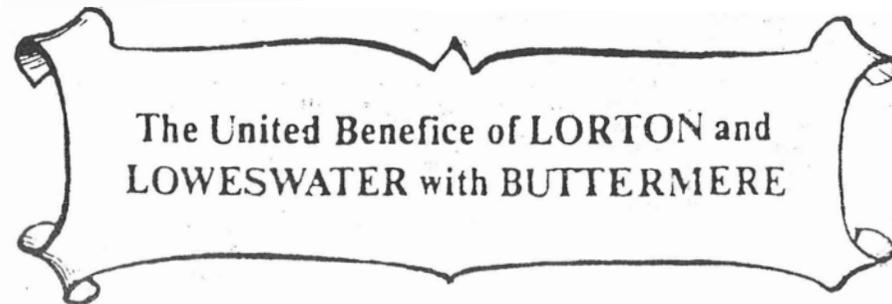


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DIARY DATES FOR MAR & APR

MAR

- 1 Fri Jazz evening, 7.30p.m, Kirkstile Inn
- 1 Fri Keep fit Loweswater VH, 5.30-6.30 PM
- 4 Mon Keep fit Loweswater VH, 9.30-10.30 AM
- 5 Tue Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
- 6 Wed Lorton Annual Parish Village Meeting 7.30pm at YTH
- 7 Thu Loweswater Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm at Loweswater Village Hall
- 8 Fri Keep fit Loweswater VH, 5.30-6.30 PM
- 9 Sat Lorton School 10k race, 11a.m, Lorton School
- 10 Sun Mockerkin Mon A Walk
- 11 Mon Lent Discussion Group, Muncaster House, Loweswater, 10.30-12.00
- 11 Mon Community Lunch, Lorton School, 1.15pm. Call Helen on 07790459064
- 11 Mon Keep fit Loweswater VH, 9.30-10.30 AM
- 11 Mon L. Farmers Group end of season meal 7 for 7.30pm start, Kirkstile
- 12 Tue Portofino Restaurant Cockermouth ~ Lorton W.I. ~ Details from Elly Rowland
- 13 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
- 13 Wed Lent Lunch, 12-2p.m, Bob & Carole Baird, Park View, High Lorton
- 13 Wed Loweswater Ladies, LVH, 7.15p.m
- 15 Fri The Cumbrian Duo, 7.30p.m, St Bartholomew's Church, Loweswater
- 15 Fri Film Night "Stan & Ollie" 7.30pm UVH
- 15 Fri Keep fit Loweswater VH, 5.30-6.30 PM
- 16 Sat Coffee and Cakes, YTH, 10.30 to 12am, hosted by Lorton Vale Garden Club
- 17 Sun Mockerkin Mob B Walk
- 18 Mon Keep fit Loweswater VH, 9.30-10.30 AM
- 18 Mon Lent Discussion Group, Muncaster House, Loweswater, 10.30-12.00
- 19 Tue Lorton Garden Club, YTH, 7.30p.m
- 19 Tue 77 Club, 7.30p.m, LVH. Mike Cowan will speak on *The Yellow Earl*.
- 20 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
- 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.
- 22 Fri Keep fit Loweswater VH, 5.30-6.30 PM
- 24 Sun AOW Peril at Sea a tale of shipwrecks, smuggling and survival at LVH 7:30pm
- 25 Mon Keep fit Loweswater VH, , 9.30-10.30 AM
- 26 Tue Film, The Guilty, YTH, 7.30pm, doors at 7pm
- 27 Wed Lent Discussion Group, Muncaster House, Loweswater, 10.30-12.00
- 27 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH
- 27 Wed Lent Lunch, 12-2p.m, Rosemary & Simon Riley, High Barn, Rogerscale
- 28 Thu Learn how to do CPR and use a defib with Vale of Lorton CFR Group, YTH, 7.15pm
- 29 Fri Keep fit Loweswater VH, 5.30-6.30 PM
- 30 Sat Earth Hour, YTH, 8.00-9.30p.m
- 31 Sun AOW John Hegley Family WORDship, UVH 4.00pm

APR

- 1 Mon Lent Discussion Group, Muncaster House, Loweswater, 10.30-12.00
- 1 Mon Bowling 7-9 YTH
- 3 Wed Lent Lunch, 12-2p.m, Jan & Gwyn Evans, Palace Howe, Loweswater
- 8 Mon Lent Discussion Group, Muncaster House, Loweswater, 10.30-12.00
- 8 Mon Bowling 7-9 YTH
- 10 Wed Lent Lunch, 12-2p.m, Loweswater Village Hall

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st February 2019

No 101 1st prize of £25 Leslie Webb.
No 29 2nd prize of £10 Janet Coles
No 94 3rd prize of £5 Barbara Robinson

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our supporters.

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Sunday 24th March

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A Melbreak Communities Event

COFFEE MORNING

hosted by Lorton Vale Gardening Club

Yew Tree Hall
Saturday 16th March
10.30am to 12noon



Coffee & Cake
£2.50



VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We have been blessed with some mild and good weather allowing a wonderful show of snowdrops and colourful crocus. Spring will be arriving soon and the chance to experience outdoor opportunities. I am pleased to say that I am progressing well after my accident and hopefully will be able to take advantage of the outdoors soon.

However, I have been privileged to attend many indoor events recently e.g. Burns Night Supper, Wine Tasting, meals out and talk/slides on a Japanese trip. There are also many more such events scheduled for the coming months e.g. concerts, baptism and weddings as well as the usual coffee mornings, community lunches and Lent lunches that I am looking forward to attending. It is good to see the community events thriving and so good to see so many people attending them. The community is you – everyone working together and 'being' together. It is encouraging to see this as we live in a rural area, and I can see that we are never alone – there is always someone looking out for us and caring for us. There are many different societies and clubs to belong to and be part of a wider fellowship. It has been good to hear of these many opportunities.

We are now coming to the period of Lent and it is a time for reflection and examining ourselves, taking responsibility for what we have done, saying sorry to God, and accepting his forgiveness.

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin." Psalm 51

There will be a weekly discussion group during the period of Lent where we will read and reflect on the possibility of our home being a spiritual castle. The origins of the proverb 'An Englishman's home is his castle' date back to the 16th century. Our homes are increasingly becoming warehouses for many objects, whose use, meaning and significance varies widely. Our home is likely to be full of various items and we are reflecting on 46 objects within our home. The book we are using seeks to access the spirituality of 46 objects within our homes from a door to a bed (with a mobile phone and alarm clock in between)! It is inspired by Neil MacGregor's 2010 Radio 4 series *The History of the World in 100 Objects*. Please do join us for these discussions – you would be most welcome - see the separate notice for venue and dates.

We will journey towards renewing the light on Easter dawn. We reaffirm our membership in the Church. If you have never done this, now is your chance – join the club!

God bless

Revd. Sandra Ward

NOTES FROM ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S AND ST JAMES'S

As the season of Lent approaches we will have the opportunity of sharing lunches and study. Details of dates in the diary. On Ash Wednesday 6th March we shall be holding our Imposition of Ashes service in Lorton church at 10am. This will be one of the first services for our new Priest in Charge Revd. Sandra following her Licensing.

The Electoral roll is currently being revised and members of the congregation who wish to have their names entered please contact Lorna Meadley (01946 861211)

Our Annual Parochial Meeting is on Friday 29th March at 10.30 in Loweswater Church. Anyone is free to attend and those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote.

We had a very successful fund raising event in February, benefiting the church, with David and Barbara Robinson's English wine tasting. This was a chance to experience some lesser know wines. It was very well attended and much enjoyed by everyone. Further fund raising events for the church include a concert of local musicians in March, details elsewhere in the Link.

Sadly Roger Coles of Woodend, Loweswater died in February. Roger and Janet moved to Loweswater following his retirement from the headship of a large school in Surrey. Roger , a keen fell walker, was a popular and active member of the local community, chairing the Parish Council and active in local organisations. We send our sympathy to Janet and her family.

Eleanor Ella

St Cuthbert's Church, Lorton

During March the Electoral Roll of the parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council to comply with the Church of England's Representation Rules. Those people who are on the existing Electoral Roll will be contacted in due course and invited to apply to be included in the new one. Any other person who has the necessary qualifications and wishes to be included in the new Electoral Roll is asked to contact the PCC Electoral Roll officer, Charles Lambrick, by phone – 01900 85710.

Keep Fit Sessions Loweswater Village Hall

Monday

9.30-10.30 AM

Friday

5.30-6.30 PM

£2 per session



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LOLOBU LENT LUNCHES

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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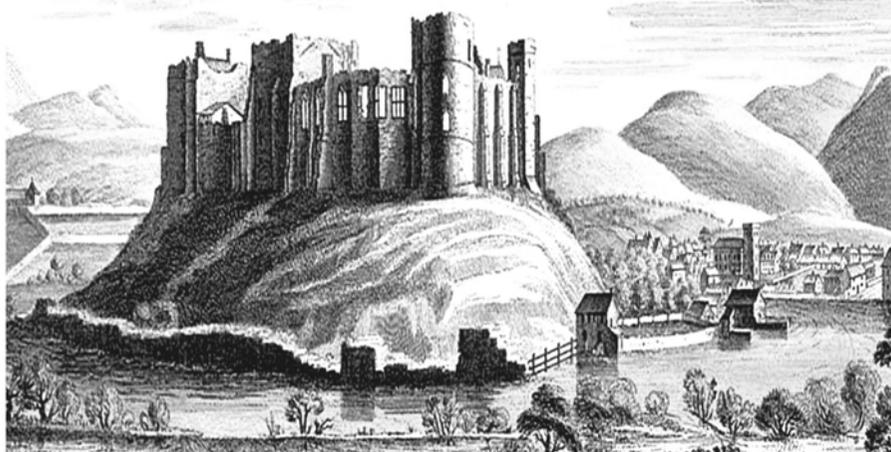
25
YEARS

by Professor Angus Winchester

anniversary
lecture

Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton
DATE BEING RESCHEDULED

Cockermouth Castle,
by Samuel and Nathaniel Buck, 1732.



Angus Winchester has been the honorary President of the Society since its inauguration in 1993, and will give this lecture in celebration of our 25th Anniversary.

The Norman Conquest of Cumberland in 1092 created the framework for the local history of our communities. Two new great lordships, the Honour of Cockermouth and the Barony of Egremont, or Copeland, controlled our area. Grants of land created many local manors. This lecture will explore this formative phase in the history of land tenure, and the relationships of manors, parishes and townships.

Visitors are welcome at £3.00, refreshments included, or join for £8 for 2019

Next talk 9th May, Steve Dickinson: *Viking longhouses in Cumbria.*

LORTON NOTES

Having been licensed at the end of February, Sandra will now be leading most of our worship and we are excited at the thought of having our own priest in residence again. It will be a little while before she is fully mobile and able to conduct services at Buttermere and also lead our early services, but before too long these will be on the rota again. Her first service at St. Cuthbert's will be the Ash Wednesday service at 10.00am, which is one of only two services in the Mission Community - the second being at All Saints Cockermouth at 7.30 pm. I hope many of you will be at Lorton to give Sandra your support and to show what a vibrant parish we are.

The Lent Group will be meeting and the Lent Lunches will also be taking place. The Lent course adopts an angle I have not seen previously adopted, the connection of everyday objects with religion. This

could promote lively discussion. The Lent lunches are admittedly far from frugal, consisting of delicious home made soups followed by cheese and biscuits and tea or coffee. They are not restricted to churchgoers and are lively social gatherings, so if you have never been, come along and find out what you have been missing. Venues range from Loweswater Village Hall to a new one at Simon and Rosemary Riley's at Rogerscale, so there must be at least one which is convenient for you. Proceeds are for church funds.

Finally, a repeat of my plea for cleaners to take over from those who justifiably feel they have done their stint. The response to last month's was modest. I am hoping for better things this time.

Roger Peck.

Lent Discussion Groups

This year we will be meeting by the kind invitation of Anne Style at her home, Muncaster House, Loweswater as follows:

Monday 11th March 10.3-12 noon
Monday 18th March 10.30-12 noon
Wednesday 27th March 10.30-12 noon
Monday 1st April 10.30-12 noon
Monday 8th April 10.30-12 noon

We will be using the book - *At Home in Lent* by Gordon Giles as recommended by the Grasmoor Mission Community. The book gives the opportunity for group discussion and individual daily reflection also. A copy of the book is available from Sandra Ward at The Vicarage - cost £7.15 (Phone: 01900 85237). We look forward to sharing reflections on the questions posed by the book with as many of you who can attend the sessions.

A Russian called Cyril and a precious Lalique bowl were involved in helping local author Julia Myerscough bring her first novel to publication. Before her talk, after welcoming 12 members and 9 guests from 3 other W.I.s, President Ann R conducted a short business meeting, including details of our Birthday outing next month and the Federation Team Darts Competition in Aspatria and calling for helpers to serve refreshments at the Lorton School 10K. Julia then talked in an informal manner, telling us about "51 Weeks", her novel about a 50 year old woman deciding to do



51 challenges, one a week (with Christmas week off) for a year, to energise herself and help her to grow and change. Julia had never written before and wasn't even an avid reader. The idea came to her, fully formed, on a family holiday before her 50th birthday. She was contemplating her life and considering how she could change and grow in that significant year. She took us through the process of choosing the challenges and writing a first draft, which took 8 months, with much rewriting. She didn't have an agent or publisher, but relied on feedback from friends and family and a website for new authors. She used a

network of friends of friends, some professionals, to give feedback, to be a copy writer and a proof reader, whom she paid. She found an illustrator for the cover in Lorton! Who knew that a novel aimed at women has to have magenta in the cover picture? The font chosen for the title was owned by a Russian called Cyril, who had to be contacted and asked permission to use it. She was searching in her own and friends' cupboards for just the right decorative bowl from which the challenges were drawn at random each week, for the illustration. The perfect Lalique bowl was found at the back of a friend's cupboard. Eventually she found an marketing expert who helped her to plan a campaign based on local papers and radio stations, eventually extending to national radio and magazines. The book was taken up by Matador and the rest is history. Little money was made, but much fun was had! A second book is in progress. Julia was a most engaging speaker – lively, funny and responsive to our many questions. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Kris, a brilliant MC, managed questions from the audience and gave a heartfelt vote of thanks. We then enjoyed a delicious tea. Next month's meeting will be our 97th Birthday, to be celebrated at Portofino in Cockermouth on Tuesday 12th March. Absent members should contact Elly and give their menu choices.

HOW IS IT MADE? A CLOSER LOOK AT SILVER

Thursday, 21 March at 10.45 am and 2 pm at Hundith Hill Hotel, Lorton Vale

An illustrated talk by Dr Helen Clifford, a freeman of the Goldsmiths' Company and an exhibitions curator, will make you appreciate historic and contemporary silverware in a completely new way. She will reveal the secrets of this craft and how to identify chasing from engraving, how to emboss and examine the latest technology that has been combined with ancient skills to create silver for our time. All welcome, £6 payable at the door.

EARTH HOUR

Have you heard of Earth Hour? It's a global event when people all over the world switch off their lights and reflect on the diversity of life on the planet. This year, Friends of the Lake District is partnering with the communities of Melbreak to present **Earth Hour Event Saturday 30 March, from 8pm- 9.30pm**

Yew Tree Village Hall, Lorton

Lights out and tea lights on at 8.30pm

Free, includes refreshments with glass of wine

We hope everyone in the Melbreak communities will participate by turning their lights off at home during Earth Hour and enjoy the wonders of the darkness. The more households that participate, the greater the impact will be.

The event begins with a short presentation by Friends of the Lake District's Dark Skies Project Officer, Johanna Korndorfer, on the charity's aim to make the Lake District National Park a Dark Sky Reserve, and why it's important to value our dark rural skies.

If the weather is clear enough, we will do some stargazing with an astronomer during Earth Hour, as well as take sky quality meter readings and astrophotographs before and after Earth Hour to see if there is a difference in the quality of the dark sky. Bring binoculars if you have some.

More info can be found on Darkskiescumbria.org.uk and <https://www.earthhour.org>

Penny's Piece



Film nights at Yew Tree Hall

The Spring season of films continues with *The Guilty* (cert 15), showing on Tuesday March 26th at 7.30 in Yew Tree Hall. Doors are at 7pm, entrance is £5 on the door and there will be a bar. Come early and have a drink before the film starts. For further information call 0190085035.

This is a first for us on two counts. It's our first thriller and our first foreign language (Danish) film, although not our first venture into sub-titles, which we have used previously when faced with difficult accents. Oscar-nominated (best foreign film), *The Guilty* is the story of a police officer, temporarily assigned to emergency dispatch duty, who takes a desperate call from a kidnapped woman. The film then unfolds in real-time over the next 75 minutes. There are no special effects, with the action taking place in two rooms via a series of phone calls, a master-class in the "less is more" school of film-making. "This superb, multi-award-winning debut, from first-time feature director Gustav Möller is a masterclass in wringing breathless tension from just a few key ingredients" (Wendy Ide, *The Observer*, giving the film 5 stars).

Advance Notice

For all you Robert Redford fans, we're celebrating his last acting role on Tuesday April 30th. We'll be showing a double bill, pairing his wonderful breakthrough film, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, with his last film, *The Old Man and the Gun*. We'll start at 6pm with *Butch*, with a hot interval buffet and finish with *The Old Man*, and there will, of course, be a bar. The price will be an amazing £10 for advance tickets, including food. Look for notices and flyers, and see next month's Link for details.



Penny's Piece

Most people have had experience of builders and we all know the pros and cons. We are in the midst of getting a new build school right in front of the current one. Anyone who has headed to Whitehaven via the bypass may have seen sections of it sat in the laybys on very large, long lorries. Some clever (and highly optimistic) person had planned that the craning in of all the various sections-around 14x18m units and 10x 10m would be done in a week. They were clearly sat in an office and nowhere near the Cumbrian coast. The wind and typical Cumbrian weather aside, there have been several other problems. Due to the length of the units all residents on the route into the estate were notified by writing that the large lorries would be delivering on a set week and to not park on the road. You can guess what happened. The builders removed a street light to get the lorry round the bend, I'd have been using the huge forklift they've got in their compound to move the car (the person in question did it deliberately as they also put their blinds down and pretended not to be in.). Then, just as it came into the top of the carpark, the first lorry got bellied. By day 3 they had one unit in place not 9. This has meant I now feel like a gorilla as my arms are definitely longer thanks to having to not park in the school car park (in case we get blocked in),



parking miles away and walking in. I definitely need to empty my school bag and laptop bag. Who knows what half of the stuff is in there, but it is unnecessarily heavy.

Aside from the parking pillock, things have now made some progress and we have most of the building in place. All we have to do is start chucking out the junk so it doesn't make it into the new building. A friend of a friend coined a great phrase I need to share with you. The annoyance you feel driving up the street looking for a space and wishing you could halve your car, as half of it could go in one gap and half in another. Those gaps will henceforth be known as 'git-gaps'. Genius.

I recently went to see the comedian Dara O'Briain in Carlisle. Very funny, once I'd got my ear fully tuned to the speed of his Irish accent. As usual there was some chat with people at the front about where they are from and what they do. Workington was brought up and Dara asked how far away that is, '20 years' someone shouted. Previously, at Alan Davis, the reply when he'd asked how far away Workington was, was 'not far enough'. It's nice to know everyone gets on. Every now and again staffroom debate turns once again to exactly who are the 'jam-eaters' Whitehaven or Workington. Do other places have non-football related verbal rivalry like this? I'd be interested to know. See you at Peril at Sea towards the end of the month.

Penny

Ullock Village Hall



Film Night – Friday 15th March at 7.30pm
“Stan & Ollie”

Steve Coogan and **John C. Reilly** star as the great comic duo **Laurel and Hardy** in this lavishly recreated period biopic that charts the pairs rise and eventual split. The film has been critically acclaimed, especially for the uncanny performances of Coogan and Reilly.

Tickets £5 (child £4)

BYO drinks

Sunday 31st March at 4.00pm

Arts out West Performance

John Hegley - Family WORDship

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Walk 341



A Walk Sunday 10 th March 2019	B Walk Sunday 17 th March 2019
Intended for experienced walkers	
<p>Meet: 10am Fouslyke, Loweswater GR: 142215 Route: Gavel via Black Crag, Banna Fell, Floutern Cop and Hen Comb Estimated Time: 5-5½hrs (Moderate) Leader: Kathryn Mitchell 01946 861928</p>	<p>Meet: 9.45am Bowder Stone CP. GR: 253168 Route: King’s How, Brund Fell, Watendlath and back Estimated Time: 4hrs (Moderate) 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 14 February we were treated to a wonderful presentation from Rosamund and John Macfarlane on their recent trip to Japan. We heard some interesting facts about Japanese culture and customs, and were amused by their experiences of the washing facilities in their Tokyo hotel. We then learned about a variety of traditional Japanese artistic artefacts. And finally we were treated to some stunning photographs of the winter wildlife of the northern island of Hokkaido –red crowned cranes, Whooper swans, snow monkeys, red foxes, and two species of eagle. We marvelled at the skill required to obtain these images, a task that must have been made all the harder by the arctic conditions prevailing. It was an evening we shall all remember.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm in Loweswater Village Hall. Mike Cowan will give a talk on *The Yellow Earl* – the infamous Earl of Lonsdale

Date for your diary: The Club lunch party will be held on Thursday 11 April at Hunday Manor Hotel, 12.30 for 1.00pm. After lunch we will hear a presentation from Andy Beck entitled *The Wainwrights in Colour*. Please sign the list on 19 March to reserve your place and indicate your menu choices.

John Hudson.

LEARN HOW TO DO CPR AND USE A DEFIB
WITH VALE OF LORTON FIRST RESPONDERS

We now have four community public access defibrillators (defibs) across the valley, the latest being at Waterend in Loweswater (see photo). Although anyone can use this type of defib, it is undoubtedly true that you will be able to use it more quickly and with greater confidence if you know a bit about how it works first. To this end, we are holding a short practical briefing session at Yew Tree Hall on Thursday, 28 March, 7.15-8.30pm. We will also be demonstrating how to do CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) with our new Smart manikin so do come along and have a go. Wine and nibbles for those who survive the session, free entry but any contributions to CFR funds welcomed.



It would be useful to know rough numbers for catering purposes so please let me know if you might come and we look forward to seeing you at YTH later this month.

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

LORTON TENNIS CLUB – A CLUB FOR YOU

Just a big “Thank Ewe!!” to everyone who came to support our social fund raiser – “Twiddly Sheep Race Night” on Saturday 2nd February at The Yew Tree Hall, Lorton. Our thanks also go to our sponsors – The Kirkstile Inn, Davidson & Robertson, The Castle Bar, WK Design Architects, Day Cummings, Lorton Village Shop, The Wheatsheaf Inn and Lamont Pridmore.



The evening raised just under £1500 for our Club funds which will go towards professional maintenance of our 3 courts.

Lorton Tennis Club welcomes new members for 2019. Why not attend a Saturday morning session where you would have a chance to meet other players, have a game and see the Club.

Remember family, friends and visitors are welcome to use our courts (£10 per hour – simply book online via our website). For further information please contact :

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Loweswater Village Hall

As part of our commitment to the community the committee would like to know: What things would you would like to see in terms of facilities and/ or functions in Loweswater Village Hall? What is working well? What could be improved? Please email feedback to feedbackLVH@gmail.com paper replies can be left at the village hall.

P. Leck

LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB

We had an extra visit this week to Margaret and David MacLennan's garden in Carlisle where they have a national collection of snowdrops. It is a small garden with a few beds of beautiful winter/spring flowers and then round the back there were 1500+ varieties of snowdrop all grown in individual pots and placed in large wooden frames which David had made. These were covered with mesh to prevent insects and other pests from attacking the snowdrops. It was a fascinating morning learning to spot the differences (some quite subtle) between various types and to discover the skills and patience required to grow them. Having bought a bulb –

sometimes for hundreds of pounds – it is sliced up and planted. After a year little bulblets will have grown around the bottom and these are then grown on. Accurate record keeping and labelling are obviously essential along with careful hygiene to prevent disease. The Gardening Club will be hosting the Melbreak Communities coffee morning in the Yew Tree Hall on **Saturday 16th March from 10.30 – 12.00** and then our final talk of the season will be on **Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm** when Kevin Preston will be giving a talk entitled "Gardening for Perfume. The Spring Newsletter and the Summer Programme will be available at this meeting.

Loweswater Ladies February 2019

Our annual February dinner at the Kirkstile Inn this month was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was a lovely evening with delicious food and excellent service. Thanks to the staff at the Kirkstile and to Alison for organising our evening there. The raffle that night was presented by Judy and won by Ann Sands.

Next month we return to our usual venue at the Loweswater Village Hall at 7.15pm on Wednesday March 13th. Jenny Knox, a watercolour artist, will be demonstrating the art of watercolour painting. The raffle will be presented by Ann Sands and supper hostesses are Betty, Mary, Madeleine and Judith



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