

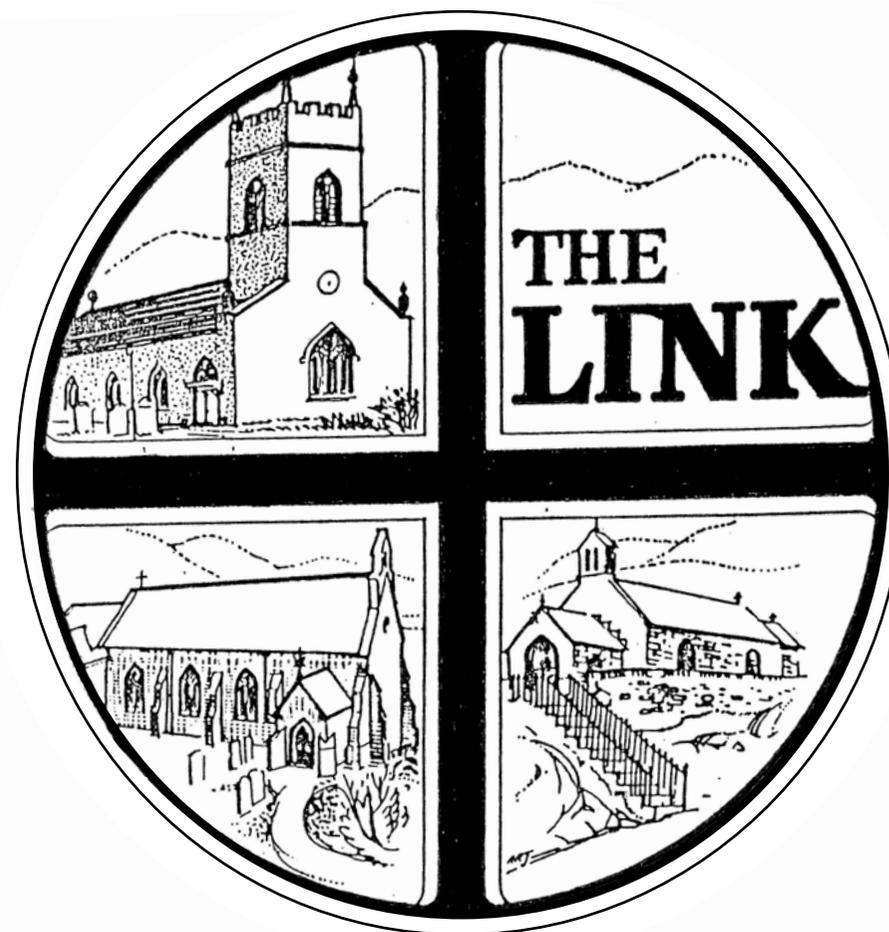
## Church Services May 2019

<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10.30am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10.30am 6.00pm	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Matins</i> Holy Communion	Lorton Buttermere	BCP CW
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10.30am	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10.30am	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Communion	Lorton	CW

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - May 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2019** We have more than 70 years' experience of working in partnership to support communities to thrive. We tackle the root causes of poverty so that women, men and children the world over are strengthened against future knocks. And if disasters happen, we get people the help they want to support work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. Christian Aid work for people of all faiths and none, whatever their beliefs, sexuality, gender and ethnicity, to lift themselves out of poverty. Working with churches and other organisations, in 37 countries, we **support poor and marginalised people, to promote sustainable development, strive for social justice and pursue a vision of a world without poverty.** So that everyone can achieve equality, dignity and freedom: "**We believe in life before death**". Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home. If you pay income tax, may I ask you to consider making your donation gift aided to enable the charity to reclaim; for every £10 you give, they can claim an extra £2.50, making your gifts worth more to the communities Christian Aid supports.

**THANK YOU** - Jan Collins-Webb - Lorton Vale Organiser

Deadline for June is Fri 24th May 2019, all articles to [lortonvalelink@gmail.com](mailto:lortonvalelink@gmail.com) by this date.



The United Benefice of LORTON and  
LOWESWATER with BUTTERMERE

## DIARY DATES FOR MAY & JUNE

### MAY

- 1 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH  
3 Fri Keep Fit 5.30pm, LVH  
6 Mon Bowling Club 7.00pm YTH  
7 Tue Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH  
8 Wed Loweswater Ladies, 7.15pm, LVH  
8 Wed Lorton Parish Council AGM and parish council meeting 7.30pm YTH  
9 Thu L&DFLHS Talk - Viking Longhouses in Cumbria, 7.30pm, YTH  
9 Thu Loweswater Parish Council AGM and parish council meeting 7.30pm  
Loweswater village hall  
10 Fri Keep Fit 5.30pm, LVH  
10 Fri Garden Night UVH  
11 Sat Coffee and Cakes hosted by Lorton WI, 10.30am-12 noon YTH  
13 Mon Keep Fit 9.30am, LVH  
13 Mon Community Lunch, Lorton School, 1.15pm. Call Helen on 07790459064  
13 Mon Bowling Club 7.00pm YTH  
14 Tue YTH ~ 7.15 ~ Lorton W.I. ~ AGM  
15 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH  
16 Thu Lorton Garden Club visit  
16 Thu Rembrandt and Vermeer: The Golden Age of Dutch Art, Arts Society  
Cumbria, 10.45 am and 2 pm, Hundith Hill Hotel, £6.  
17 Fri Keep Fit 5.30pm, LVH  
20 Mon Keep Fit 9.30am, LVH  
20 Mon Bowling Club 7.00pm YTH  
22 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH  
23 Thu 77 Club Coffee Evening 7pm LVH. Entertainment by Cockermouth Ukulele  
Band  
24 Fri Keep Fit 5.30pm, LVH  
27 Mon Bowling Club 7.00pm YTH  
28 Tue Film, Green Book, YTH, 7.30pm, doors at 7pm  
29 Wed Table Tennis, 7-9pm, YTH  
31 Fri Keep Fit 5.30pm, LVH

### JUNE

- 2 Sun Sponsored Walk (1:30pm) Cream teas 2:30pm at LVH  
8 Sat Arts out West "The Chef Show" Ullock vh 7.30pm  
8 Sat Coffee & Cakes and Duck Race, hosted by Friends of Lorton School (FOLS),  
10.30am to 12 noon, YTH  
10 Mon Community Lunch, Lorton School, 1.15pm. Call Helen on 07790459064  
13 Thu L&DFLHS AGM & talk on social history of Loweswater, 7.30pm, YTH  
20 Thu A Provocative Beauty. The Art of Grayson Perry. Arts Society Cumbria, 10.45  
am and 2 pm, Hundith Hill Hotel, £6.  
24 Mon The Melbreak Communities, AGM, 7.30pm, LVH

Please note that the Fred Whitton Cycle race will take place on Sunday 12th May which, with 2000 cyclists taking part, will cause traffic disruption

## A Londoner's Lifelong Love of Loweswater

Frank Fenton 1938-2019

My parents, Frank and Sylvie Fenton first discovered The Grange Hotel in a 1967 holiday brochure and that same year journeyed the 350 miles from South London with Sylvie's parents, The Cooper family, in a party of 11. And so began their love affair with The Grange that was to span over 50 years. Back then, Bill and Josie Norman were the welcoming hosts, along with Prince, their Irish Setter. A stay at The Grange was a full board affair, lunch (or a packed lunch) included. Guests enjoyed their charming Lakeland hospitality and after a long day's exploring, looked forward to hearing the brass gong ring out at 7pm heralding dinnertime- a homemade 3 course feast cheerfully served by Mary, Caroline and Anne, dressed in traditional black and white waitress outfits. There was no porch at the hotel entrance, no TV in the dining room, no ensuite bathrooms, but there was the piano, cards and crib to be played and a grass tennis court and games room for added entertainment. Guests looked forward to meeting up with other regulars in the homely lounge; for us, Mr Kay and the McMullen family especially (we are still pen-pals 45+ years on). As a schoolgirl Lorna would join our family on day trips to St Bees, Gretna Green or boating on the lake. Over the years friendships grew and lives were shared; we watched the moon landing on Mr and Mrs Norman's private TV, Frank painted the white lines on the tennis court or helped unload deliveries of beer, The Grange very much became 'a home from home.' In later years Frank and Sylvie visited twice yearly in May and September to enjoy the bluebells and the Loweswater Show and to catch up with Lorna and Keith and their growing family. So loved was this special corner of England's green and pleasant land, that when a field to the north of Jenkin Gap came up for sale in 1992, Frank purchased it. Richard Vickers has kept sheep there ever since, with Frank donating the annual rental fees to St Bartholomew's Church. It is testament to the strength of the friendship forged over the years that when Frank sadly passed away in February, Lorna and Keith didn't hesitate to travel to London to attend his funeral. Frank loved Loweswater and The Grange, its peace and tranquillity, its warmth of welcome. Thank you for sharing your home with us and for the many magical memories.

Alison Battle



# Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

Brackenthwaite Buttermere Embleton Loweswater Mockerkin Pardshaw Wythop

www.derwentfells.com

## VIKING LONGHOUSES IN CUMBRIA

Illustrated talk by Steve Dickinson, archaeologist and historian  
of early medieval Britain

Thursday 9 May, 7.30 pm at Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton

All welcome, £3 payable at the door

Reconstructed Viking Chieftain's house, the Lofotr Viking Museum, Norway



### VICAR'S LETTER

Dear friends

We have completed the period of Lent and much navel gazing to reflect upon our own failings. We discussed much in our house group and I think that we all had some benefit from the ability to reflect on the topics.

*I was very heartened by the wonderful sense of hospitality at the Lent lunches. It was good to see so many people attend and enjoy the excellent food and companionship. Locals and visitors alike. "For food and drink and fellowship God's Holy Name be praised. Amen."*

A huge thank you to all those who provided the food and accommodation for the lunches.

We have just celebrated one of the Churches most important events – Easter and apart from the delicious chocolate eggs; the most important gift of everlasting life with our Lord was given to us. This is a time of joy and hope and I do hope that you all had a joyous Easter (the weather certainly helped)!

During this month there will be Christian Aid week (12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May) and the focus this year is on maternal and child welfare in Sierra Leone, the world's most dangerous place to give birth and a country where one child in nine dies before the age of five. It may seem so far away from us here in a country where we are blessed with good maternal care (and thankfully maternity services are still available at Whitehaven) but it is very much part of the world in which we live. I hope that you will respond to any envelopes that may come your way and give as generously as you can. Every mother deserves the right to live.

I have just seen Sir David Attenborough's programme *Climate Change- The Facts* and whilst preparing the garden for summer vegetables and plants feel deeply concerned about what we are doing to our creation;

especially in the wonderful area we are privileged to live in. We are all part of an increasingly fragile world and we can affect the environment by our everyday actions. Lorton church (and I know that Loweswater and Buttermere will soon follow) is becoming an Eco friendly – Eco community church. Perhaps we should just stop and pause for a moment sometimes and think what effect we are having on our environment; God's wonderful creation. We are very fortunate as we don't have to look far for this creation where we live.



Lord God,  
I pledge myself to your service in caring for your creation, that your kingdom may grow from the seed of hope into a tree of righteousness and justice for the world, and that creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

God bless  
Revd. Sandra Ward

Email: [revd.sandra@gmail.com](mailto:revd.sandra@gmail.com)  
Tel: 01900 85237



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

Writing in the middle of a very busy Easter Bank Holiday weekend with record glorious weather and temperatures and record congregation at our Easter Holy Communion service with fine music and singing. It was good to see a large number of small children and babies, who are always welcome, and who enjoyed the Easter egg hunt in the churchyard afterwards. A number of our parishioners came who had just had or just about to have joint replacements; we wish them all well. As ever the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. St.James, Buttermere, had a morning Good Friday service which was well attended but unfortunately no Easter Sunday service this year which is a big miss but unavoidable.

Our APCM took place on Friday 29th March and all present members of the PCC were re-elected. Barbara Robinson and Eleanor Ella were re-elected as church Wardens for Loweswater and Buttermere. The main discussion centred around plans for the

impending restorative work on St.Bartholomews. A building sub-committee has been set up and fund raising ideas discussed. There is shortly to be a capital appeal for which we urge people to give generously. Regular updates will follow.

We had a very successful Lent lunch in the Village Hall; thanks to all who made soup and helped out on the day.

The wedding season has started at Loweswater with a wedding at the end of March and one in early April with near perfect weather.

Our good wishes go to Doug Beebe who is recovering from an accident on the A66.

By way of a reminder our Priest in Charge the Revd. Sandra's working days are Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Eleanor Ella

### Loweswater Village Hall News

For our latest venture with Arts Out West, a gathering of 40 people enjoyed the performance of Peril at Sea by The Up the Road Theatre Company. It was a clever performance staged in the round and used simple props effectively. Stories were told of the lives of Lifeboat crews and rescues from to 1700s right up to the rescue of people from the Costa Concordia. The narrative and singing were excellent and roused some people to join in. Further events with Arts Out West will not be until the Autumn.

The next event for the Village Hall is the annual Sponsored Walk and Cream Teas on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The walk starts from the Hall at 1:30pm. There will be a check point and refreshment stop at Waterend. Teas begin at 2:30pm and any donations on the day of plain scones or cakes are welcome.

P. Leck

LORTON WI

# COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2019  
10.30AM - 12 NOON



**YEW TREE HALL, LORTON**

A MELBREAK COMMUNITIES EVENT



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## COOKERY CORNER

Pea Soup - Serves 4

2 tbsp olive oil	2 garlic cloves chopped
1 onion chopped	400g/14oz frozen peas
600ml/20fl oz chicken or vegetable stock	100ml/4fl oz double cream
Salt and freshly ground pepper	mint leaf, to garnish

1. Heat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat, add the onion and garlic and fry for 5-10 minutes, until softened
2. Add the frozen peas and stock and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes
3. Add the cream and use a hand blender to liquidise the soup
4. Season to taste and serve in a bowl, garnished with a mint leaf

This soup was served at one of our recent Lent lunches

## Loweswater Ladies May 2019

At our April meeting our speaker was Maggi Toner Edgar. Maggie is a designer of clothes and handbags as well as an expert tailor and milliner. She is also a University lecturer in fashion and textile craft, with a lifetime of experience in the world of fashion including time working with Vogue magazine. Maggie gave us a wealth of information about choosing our own style in clothes with numerous photos to illustrate the various fashion modes. These included Vintage, Glamorous, Creative Chic, Boho, Rock Chic and Feminine Eclectic. The topic was most interesting with many questions and comments from our Ladies. After a fascinating talk, giving us innumerable tips for creating a wardrobe that would cover many years of style that can be subsequently coordinated and interchanged, Maggie distributed handouts of her Shopping Mantra for us to consider

when we select clothes. Her 6 C's covered Cost, Character, Cloth, Colour, Cut and finally and most importantly, be the Correct Size!

Alison thanked Maggi for an inspiring talk that certainly gave us plenty of food for thought. During supper the raffle prize, a bunch of colourful tulips presented by Margie, was won by Christine Edmunds.

Next month we meet at the Loweswater Village Hall on Wednesday May 8th at 7.15pm for a talk by our Village Hall resident, Karen Windfindale. She will be talking about her life experiences in interior design and decoration, as well as her work with fabrics.

Suppers will be organised by Lorna, Loes and myself. Nancy will be presenting the raffle on the evening.

Ann Hiley

## LORTON NOTES

As there is now only one service in the Benefice on most Sundays, congregations tend to be larger than in the past, but the numbers coming along on a fairly regular basis are most encouraging. I expect the dry weather helps, it certainly makes the footpaths easier to negotiate, and when this coincides with a sunny morning folk are more willing to venture out. However, we are now regularly enjoying congregations in the higher thirties, which is an exciting way to welcome Revd. Sandra, our new Priest in Charge. I do hope it continues.

I also hope that there will be a clean church in which we can welcome our visitors. In previous Notes I have stressed that many of our cleaners have been doing it for a long time and we cannot ask them to continue for much longer and have asked for volunteers to contact Keith or myself. The response has been very disappointing. We are only asking for less than an hour every four weeks which is

hardly arduous. Do ask yourself whether you really cannot (will not) spare this time. The alternative will probably be weeks in which the church will not be cleaned. There are also spaces on the flower and coffee rotas which we should like to see filled. Sorry if I am having a bit of a moan, but I might as well get it over and done with all at once. You know what you have to do to avoid reading Notes like this again.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held after the service on Palm Sunday and the holders of all positions agreed to continue. Our thanks are due to all of them for their contributions over the last year and for their continuing commitment.

From St. Cuthbert's Church Registers:

March 25; Burial; Ermyngarde Thom-Postlethwaite.

Roger Peck

### The Melbreak Communities

#### An Action Plan for the 4 Parishes of Buttermere, Loweswater, Blindbothel and Lorton

AGM Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Loweswater Village Hall, 7.30p

All are welcome!

There will be an update on the Dark Skies project following the "lights out" event held on 30<sup>th</sup> March at Yew Tree Hall. Please come along and join the discussion. If you would like to read the minutes of last year's Melbreak Communities' AGM and the two Steering Group meetings held since you will find them on the Melbreak Communities website:  
<https://melbreakcommunities.wordpress.com>

It was a full and lively open meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April. President Ann R. welcomed nearly 40 members and guests and conducted a short business meeting before the speakers Alan Cleaver and Lesley Park gave a lively and entertaining talk based on their book "The corpse roads of Cumbria" - second edition - which is just published. It sounds rather macabre but the book is an excellent combination of delightful walks with fascinating social history. These paths were devised in medieval times to bring bodies from more isolated communities to the mother church for burial. The mother churches derived a good income from burials, and were reluctant to give up their privileges, despite pleas of mountainous terrain, snow and stormy weather etc. There are "coffin rests" along the routes, where the mourners would have paused to rest, sing and pray – a bit like stations of the cross. There is a good one at Lamplugh on the Loweswater to St. Bees path. Incidentally, this went through Holme Wood rather than on the higher level path that we call the coffin route. Alan also identified the Maggie of Maggie's bridge. She was Maggie Mirehouse, born on Valentine's day 1714, living to the grand old age of 93, when she died at Thrushbank, Loweswater. There are a few ghosts on the coffin routes, as you might expect, including a lady in white on the

Caldbeck path, and a lost horse with a body on board on the Wasdale to Eskdale route. It was often asserted that coffin routes were always public rights of way, but this has no basis in law. A huge battle, lasting several years, was fought over the Irton corpse roads at the end of the nineteenth century. Thomas Brocklebank of Irton Hall didn't like country people passing close to his (many!) windows and closed the path. But the villagers eventually won, having shown that the paths had been in regular use for many years. Alan also told us about some funeral traditions, past and present, like telling bees about a death. Apparently, Brampton had a Death Chair which was kindly lent amongst neighbours, when someone was drawing to the end.....! Alan suggested that a coffin route sign is excellent for increasing tourist business and wonders if we should get one for Lorton! The evening concluded with a magnificent spread which emulated a "funeral tea" and much discussion and chat. The next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.15 at the Yew Tree Hall. Members who were not present at the April meeting are asked to contact Kris if they want a fish and chip or a pie and peas supper.

## MAKING LORTON A GREENER PLACE: ECO CHURCH - ECO COMMUNITY

A new initiative called Eco Church - Eco Community - is being launched by Lorton Parochial Church Council, with support from the Melbreak Community Steering Group.

The initiative is split into 4 key areas:

1. Personal Lifestyles - what we as individuals can change to improve the environment
2. Community events and global engagement - projects we can run collectively to improve our communities green credentials and support other parts of the world
3. Buildings and land - ways we can improve the energy efficiency of our buildings and manage our land to encourage native flora and wildlife
4. Worship and teaching - to feature environmental issues in our services, prayers and communications.

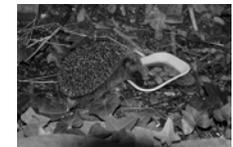
If you would like to learn more and be a part of this initiative then save this date in your diary:

### **SATURDAY 13TH JULY ECO CHURCH- ECO COMMUNITY LAUNCH OPEN DAY & COMMUNITY PICNIC ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, LORTON**

- Hear more about Eco Church - Eco Community from a local expert
  - Take part in a wildlife survey
  - Talk to a Lake District National Park Ranger
- Put up a bat box, a bug hotel or a hedgehog house
  - Calculate your own carbon footprint
  - And much more.....

THERE WILL BE MORE DETAILS IN THE JUNE LINK

**ECO CHURCH**  
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# Penny's Piece

## Film Night in Lorton

The Spring season of films continues with Green Book (cert 12A), showing on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

When we chose Green Book, we thought Mahershala Ali had a good chance of winning Best Supporting Actor. Which he did! But Green Book also went on to win Best Picture, so we are proud to present Lorton's first Best Picture winner. The film also won Best Original Screenplay. The Green Book of the title is a handbook for African-American drivers, telling them just what to do to stay out of trouble in the Jim Crow south. The film is the true story of Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), a virtuoso black pianist and Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen) a white night club bouncer who becomes Don's driver for a trip to the deep south in the early Sixties. This road movie 'deals with racism and homophobia but still has a fairytale, fantasy feel to it.' And 'Ali and Mortensen make a tremendously engaging odd couple.' (Geoffrey Macnab, The Independent). Come and see if you think it is a worthy Oscar winner.

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC  
100 Challenge Club

### The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st April 2019

1st prize of £25	No 49	Mary Graham
2nd prize of £10	No 48	Judy Hudson
3rd prize of £5	No 77	Nora Forster

*Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our supporters.*

Anyone for bin roulette? I'm not sure what is happening in Lorton and Buttermere but from Mockerkin to Scale Hill, roulette is the best word I can think of to describe the 'rubbish' events to date. We've got some fancy blue lidded bins for paper and card now but these are only collected every four weeks. The old paper bin is now for plastic, glass and cans. That is the easy bit. The main problem is what is going when. I got a lovely letter from Allerdale, telling me what to put in my bins but the grid on the back had nothing on it, only dates. According to said piece of paper, apart from Bank Holidays, my bin day was now Thursday. Last week, this was correct. The general waste and garden bin were collected- very early. However, I have just sat here, on a Wednesday lunchtime, and seen the black bin (which we had put out in readiness) be collected. I'm confused. I know other people have had no bin, no letter or a letter which seems not only to say they have different collections on different weeks but also different days. My advice, put things in bins and put them all out all the time until someone works out what they are doing. Last week I saw 4 bin lorries going in various directions up and down the valley. It could have been the same one doing confused laps or two were collecting and the other two were doing 'dry-runs' for collecting on the wrong day this week. I'm leaving the recycling bin out to see if they collect that tomorrow as advertised or not. I did try to check online but the only information they

MUST have from you are a street name and a postcode. Doesn't work when you haven't got a street name. Going well then. It is amazing the random things that pop into your head just as you are about to drop off to sleep. For me it is often random books or bits that I need to remember to take to school, someone's birthday card that needs posting- even though I wrote it out a week ago. Also suddenly recalling where you put that random thingummy you've been looking for all day. Last month, at around 10:20pm the day before deadline day, it was the sudden realisation I had not emailed my piece to the editor! Cue much puffing, blowing and muttering at the slowness of the internet at that time of night. Mind you it could have been worse. At least it was something I had (n't) done rather than being woken up by someone stuck, not on the fell road, but coming down the lane from the Mosser Road into our yard, in a Seat Ibiza! It was also frosty (happened in Feb) and said vehicle was low jacked and had an exhaust like a down spout. It was the pride and joy of the youth driving it. Long story short, after failing to push it back up and having a panic when the girlfriend said she didn't have her insulin with her I drove them over a slippery Fangs to meet someone at Mockerkin Road end. On the way over the youth said he was thinking of getting a new car, that one cost him £400! I will be verifying the cost and type of car before leaving the house in future. Penny.

## Ullock Village Hall



**Garden Night – Friday 10 May 2019**

**Guest Speaker *Maurice Steele***

His illustrated talk will be ***“It should have been stopped”***  
**What kind of Lake District we would have today if there had always been  
 pressure groups saying *NO* to every development.**

- 6.45pm Plant Sale
- 7.15pm Maurice Steele
- 8.15pm Homemade Buffet Supper

Tickets £6 including supper  
 Please call 01946 862300 or 861458

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Advance notification of our next ***Arts out West*** Show on  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

### ***“The Chef Show”***

A fusion of play and cookery demonstration. The Chef Show takes its audience behind the scenes on a busy Saturday night in the local curry house.

Two actors play father and son Abdul and Khalid who are struggling to keep their restaurant running.

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

### Walk 343



<b>A Walk</b> <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>	<b>B Walk</b> <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>
Intended for experienced walkers <b>Meet:</b> 9.45am Bowness CP, Ennerdale <b>GR:</b> 109153 <b>Route:</b> Steeple, Great Scoat Fell, Haycock, Little Gowder Crag, (Caw Fell). <b>Estimated Time:</b> 6-7hrs (Strenuous) <b>Leader:</b> Richard Easton 01900 85708	<b>Meet:</b> 9.45am Main CP Ambleside <b>GR:</b> 375046 <b>Route:</b> Stockghyll Force, Wansfell Pike, Troutbeck, Skelghyll Wood. <b>Estimated Time:</b> 4½hrs (Moderate) <b>Leaders:</b> Joan & Judy

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

### LORTON TENNIS CLUB

Your local tennis club is right on your door step!

With the new tennis season upon us, our Club is looking to welcome new members.

If you fancy trying us out, why not attend a Saturday morning session where you would have the chance to meet other players, have a game and look round the Club.

If joining is not for you, did you know, you, your family, friends and visitors can use our courts for £10 per hour? - simply book online via our website.

For further information

email : [lortonmembership@gmail.com](mailto:lortonmembership@gmail.com)

or visit our website: [www.lortontennis.org](http://www.lortontennis.org)





On 11 April we enjoyed an excellent lunch at Hunday Manor, which was followed by a talk from Andy Beck. Andy has recently completed a 10 year project in which he visited every location used by Alfred Wainwright to produce the sketches in his guidebooks to the Lakeland fells. Andy has painted each of these views (more than 1500) and published them in a book *The Wainwrights in Colour*. Andy gave us an engaging account of this huge project, illustrated by slides of some of his paintings. The next meeting will on Thursday 23 May when there will be a coffee evening at 7.00pm Loweswater Village Hall. Entertainment will be provided by the Cockermouth Ukulele Band. There will be no charge for this event. Please bring a prize for the raffle, and sign the list for the trip on 20 June. **Note:** At the time of writing it is uncertain if LVH will be required as a polling station on 23 May in the European elections (if they are held). If this happens, please phone me on 01946 861555 for the alternative location.

Date for your diary: The Club trip will take place on Thursday 20 June, when we will visit Holker Hall and gardens. We will stop for coffee at Grasmere, and a two course lunch will be provided at Holker. Further details will be available at the coffee evening on 23 May, when you can sign the list and select your lunch choices.

John Hudson.

### A Poem to herald Spring

#### THE LAMB

Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee,  
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright,  
Little lamb, who made thee? Little lamb, I'll tell thee:  
He is called by thy name, for He calls himself a lamb:  
He is meek, and He is mild, He became a little child.  
We are called by his name. Little lamb, God bless thee.

William Blake

Abridged by Bev Cubey to encapsulate the original 20 lines . Our choir has enjoyed singing John Tavener's setting.

### Celebrating 50 years of the Lakeland Trial

Back in the late 1960's after a 'good' night out with some of his motoring chums local resident, Dick Smith, found he had unknowingly agreed to organise a new event which came to be known as The Lakeland Trial. Never one to turn down a challenge he took this one on with gusto and using a local gent's outfitters rep (Frank Rushton) to 'persuade' farmers with supplies of thick shirts, socks and underpants to grant access to their land for the required stages to run the trial were secured. For those unfamiliar with car trials - this basically means driving your (very old) car as far as possible up very steep hills to score as many points as possible. The first trial was held in 1968 with the most challenging section being a run through the watersplash at Lanthwaite Green followed by a mammoth climb up the lower slopes of Grassmoor with only 3 drivers reaching the maximum score marker.

Dick decided that next year's trial had to be even more challenging and was determined to find ever steeper hills. He heard of a track way above Honister Quarry that members of Keswick Mountain Rescue considered too steep to climb in a car and decided to investigate. At first sight Dick was inclined to agree, but when a fellow car enthusiast gave it a go his judgement was that this was by far the best trials hill he'd ever driven and must definitely be included in the next Lakeland Trial. A visit to the local land agent secured permission for the use of the track and so it was that Drumhouse was indeed introduced at the next trial and has remained there ever since. The name Drumhouse is derived because of its connections with the cables and winding drum needed for the aerial ropeway that was used in the past to lower huge slate blocks from the drift mines high up in the mountains.



The 1969 trial duly took place in driving snow which meant delays occurred and many competitors found themselves at the bottom of the Drumhouse section in the dark. Dick tried to enforce a 'no lights, no run' rule but his intrepid competitors found ways round that - some of them even going up holding torches. The event was deemed a great success and concluded with the usual party at Dick's house - not an event for the faint-hearted. Dick wonders how his lovely late wife Rosemary endured all this mayhem, but she was wonderful.

The trial continues to this day and celebrated it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November 2018. For many years the trial was organised by Dick or one of his sons but in recent years, with the advent of more and more health and safety regulations, they have passed the baton on to others. It is great to know that this fine tradition was instigated by one of our local residents and is still going strong.

Well done Dick.

# LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB

The May garden outing is on **Thursday 16th May to Deer Ridding, Heskett Newmarket, Wigton CA7 8HU**. This garden covers 8 acres, set in the lee of the Northern Fells on the bank of the River Caldew. Cost £5. Tea isn't included, but suggested cafes are Priest's Mill, Caldbeck, or the Lakes Distillery near the Castle Inn.

**Directions:** From Heskett Newmarket, head to Millhouse, and from there take the minor road from the village hall towards Hatcliffe Bridge for about one mile. Turn right over the cattle grid - parking available.

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We are booking now for the coach trip on **18th July**. This is a Scottish Borders tour, visiting 2 gardens - the first near

Kelso, belonging to Chris McLennan, and the second, Monteviot House and Garden, owned by Michael Ancram. In between, we are calling at the Woodside Plant Centre and Birdhouse Tearoom. Emma, the cafe owner, is putting up a gazebo so that we can all sit together for lunch. Lunch is optional, but she would like to know numbers in advance, and is offering either sandwiches, cake and a hot or cold drink for £10, or quiche, salad, pudding and hot or cold drink for £15. Could you let me know if you would like either of these options? You will be able to pay on the day for your lunch. To book your place on the trip, a cheque please, made out to Lorton Vale Gardening Club, for the coach and entry to the gardens. £21 for club members and £22 for non members to me, Elly Rowland, Low Mill, Lorton, Cockermouth, CA13 0RQ 01900 85094.



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