

**MAY 2021**



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

# Letter from the Editor

Dear Link readers,

Interestingly we have received slightly less copy than usual for this month and are back down to 24 pages rather than 28 - is that a sign of lock down easing and the weather improving I wonder. Speaking of which, as mentioned last month I was keen to return to The Kirkstile for a pint of Loweswater Gold - which I achieved on day 3 of the re-opening - here is photographic evidence.



The Wheatsheaf at Lorton is now also open at weekends - beer garden only of course.

Cookery Corner is back this month as well as a Lakeland Limerick. Lorton and Loweswater village halls are starting to think about re-opening as appropriate and other activities such as table tennis and pilates are on the cards. Please also note that Christian Aid Week starts on 10<sup>th</sup> May so if you receive an envelope please consider donating.

Easing of lock down also means that Cumbria is likely to see an influx of visitors , some of whom may not behave as responsibly as we would wish. The Lake District National Park has put measures in place to address potential issues, and there is also a litter pick on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May. See pages 6 and 15 for further details.

Rosemary  
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This month the cover photo is of The Loweswater Pheasant taken by Roger Hiley. Further information about this interesting Cumbrian Curio can be found on page 18. Roger has also contributed a very cute photo of a cheeky sheep to be found on the inside back cover.



### 'Now is the Month of Maying'

Mayday is an important date in the English rural calendar and is traditionally celebrated with flowers, morris dancing and the crowning of a may king or queen. Different parts of the country have local traditions too, often based on pagan fertility symbols such as the Green Man. The village of Barwick in Yorkshire claims the largest maypole in England. In the Wiltshire village of Downton where I and my family lived before moving to Cumbria the annual Cuckoo Fair attracts people from far and wide. No doubt Cumbria too has many intriguing customs to find out about.

If you've ever been in Oxford on the first of May you might have experienced another mayday tradition, not so ancient as some but probably around 500 years old. This happens in a rather unusual location, at the top of the Founders' Tower of Magdalen College. The clock strikes six, then, taking their note from the last stroke of the bell, the men and boys of Magdalen College choir sing out, to the enjoyment of the waiting crowds below. One of the pieces is always a mayday madrigal such as 'Now is the Month of Maying', with plenty of lively energy and fal-la-la-la. The first piece that is always sung, though, is the Latin 'Hymnus Eucharisticus'. 'Te Deum Patrem' it begins, 'we worship you, O God the Father', and goes on to praise each person of the Holy Trinity in turn. The custom of singing the 'Hymnus Eucharisticus' on mayday morning may be all that remains of a mass that was previously offered for the soul of King Henry VII.

So often in our English national life we find Christian and pagan customs twined together in exactly this kind of way. Not everybody shares a belief in God the Holy Trinity – but many of us sense that a kindly and benevolent power is

somehow at work in our lives. Our delight in the return of the warmer weather and the greening and blooming of the countryside may have pagan roots – but Christians too delight in God's beautiful creation and we are beginning to take much more seriously our responsibility to cherish and protect it.

This year for a second year running people will not be able to gather at the foot of Magdalen Tower in person but the mayday ceremony will be broadcast online. If you tune in and your Latin is a trifle rusty, this is what the choir will be singing:

We worship you, O God the Father,  
we offer you our praise,  
for you nourish our bodies,  
and minds with heavenly grace.

We adore you, O Jesus,  
you, the only begotten Son,  
you, who did not disdain  
to submit to birth in the Virgin's womb.

Driven onto the cross, you were made  
the victim of God's wrath.  
Through you, our only Saviour,  
hope of life returned to us.  
To you, Eternal Spirit  
by whose breath was born  
by Mary the Infant God,  
be our eternal blessings.

Triune God, of all humanity  
the great author of salvation,  
this immense mystery  
our tongues all cheer and sing.

**Jane Charman**  
**Grasmoor Mission Community Leader**

Where is the largest desert on earth? Surprisingly, it's the Antarctic – the largest land mass with no vegetation. This was just one of the fascinating facts 14 Lorton W.I. members learnt from our speaker, Pam Jaques, in her talk “Peaks and Troughs, sailing to the Antarctic”. Before we started Kris welcomed new member Bridget, returning member Madelaine and two guests, Ann P’s two grandchildren. It was a delight to listen again to one of Pam’s travel talks. This time, we were taken by words and pictures to Antarctica. Pam and Mike had joined an “organised” expedition on a hired yacht from Argentina via the Beagle Channel and Drake’s Passage to their adventure on New Year 2015/16. With them they had skis, kayaks and mountaineering equipment. Pam and Mike have organised several such expeditions before, with experienced friends. However, they soon lost confidence in this organiser. The “luxury” yacht which they were anticipating was old and not very clean and had several flaws, for example the heating system was substandard and they spent the majority of the time without heating and hot water. The leader had taken as crew members (paying passengers) several people with no experience of ice sailing, some with no sailing background at all. Pam and Mike and two others were the only seasoned sailors and had to deal with the tricky situations which arose. There were

certainly “Peaks and Troughs”, some of which were downright dangerous! A key part of a sail broke and the four experienced sailors had to struggle with this in high winds for several hours. The leader had taken a passenger on board who was already ill and Pam and Mike spent the first part of their holiday treating him until he could be airlifted onto a cruise ship. At one time the boat was locked in ice for two days, in danger of breaking up! However, the “Peaks” were shown in Pam’s pictures – stunningly beautiful ice, a multitude of wildlife, fish, mammals and birds and their behaviour, including a bird whose main diet comprised penguin poo! There were many cruise ships in the area. The advantage of being on a relatively small boat was that they were able to land and get quite close to the creatures. We were surprised at how busy the coastline was, with scientific bases from a diversity of countries who were apparently “experimenting and observing”. After questions we thanked Pam for another thrilling talk.

Our next meeting is the short AGM, which will follow a talk by Derek Tunstall from Cockermouth Mountain Rescue. To join this Zoom meeting at 2.30 on May 11<sup>th</sup> contact Kris on:- [kris.longshaw@gmail.com](mailto:kris.longshaw@gmail.com). All are welcome. Stay Linked!

## FRANK JUDD

By now many will have heard the sad news of the death of (Lord) Frank Judd last week. Frank and Chris came to live in Thackthwaite over 20 years ago although his parliamentary work kept in him London a good deal. Frank was a great Labour internationalist who fought for “peace, human rights and social justice”. A gracious man ..... and he and Chris so generous in their hospitality. Always great supporters of church and village life, and various local initiatives such as the Hospice at Home and the Cockermouth Georgian fair. We send our love and prayers to Chris, Liz, Pippa and families. We will miss him.

Eleanor Ella



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I suspect many of you were upset by the amount of littering last year in the Lake District. So far, we think there is less litter around this year and we know many valley residents already do informal litter collecting on their favourite walks. But you also might like to join in the **GREAT CUMBRIAN LITTER PICK 2021** during Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Details, advice and help on the *Friends of the Lake District* website. Good Luck! J and R Macfarlane

# OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS TABLE

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## Your Views

Has getting out in the fresh air helped you through this past year? Table tennis is great fun, good exercise and extremely sociable. How about an outdoor table on the Parish Field in Lorton? An in situ table tennis table is all-weather, long-lasting and could be a great asset for all ages in the Valley.



## Let us know what you think!

Eleanor Gardiner ([gardinereleanor@gmail.com](mailto:gardinereleanor@gmail.com))

Penny Poole ([penelopepoole@aol.com](mailto:penelopepoole@aol.com))

We are looking to rent a small amount of storage space here in High Lorton, as we hope to purchase an electric tricycle and bicycle but have no storage space. Possibly a small motorcycle as well. If you can help please call:

Chris and Elizabeth, Causey Cottage

01900 85989 & 07783396537

## *Penny's Piece*

At time of writing I have resisted the urge to go shopping. You know, the type of shopping where you wander about picking things up and putting them down again and then leave the shop having bought something you don't really want or need. In the case of clothes, these may be rediscovered in the wardrobe in six months' time, still with the labels on. I have never felt the need to queue in readiness for the sales so queuing for Primark's reopening was not going to happen. Picturing the probable carnage in that particular shop was enough to put me off. Virtual hug to all the staff at the end of that day.

So too the pub industry. I know from my friends at work that some have already managed to embarrass themselves in a pub garden. It appears we have forgotten how to pace ourselves face to face. Having a drink during a zoom quiz/ social is one thing (even though we all know home measures are at least doubles to begin with) but suddenly face to face we need two drinks down before we've remembered how to talk to each other. There have also been fails in getting dressed for going out. This is where I always go for jeans or trousers over smearing mud, sorry, fake tan over my legs. From what I have seen, some people are clearly out of practise in the tan application. Remember when rag-rolled walls were all the rage? Yep, that effect has been seen on legs along with the sudden switch to white just above the knee, as the person has forgotten they are going to be sat down all evening. There were also people who had clearly been out shopping that day

to get an outfit for going out. This is known not because it is an outfit you have not seen but because the label is hanging out the collar. Clearly, we need more practise.

I enjoy watching the Formula 1 and so far this year there have been some exciting races. It is essential that the drivers wear the correct gear for their safety but recently I realised one of the key pieces of equipment isn't necessarily just for what you think. The crash helmet is essential kit. However, if the driver has managed to get to the end of the race without having a sudden coming together with another car, team-mate or barrier they are rewarded by the team repeatedly and enthusiastically slapping them on the head. He's just spent 2 ½ hours managing not to get concussion, what are you doing!

There is however a wheeled, motor-less race that from what I have seen needs more than just a crash helmet. The Red Bull Soap-Box Race is both hilarious and brutal. It is brilliant when the home designed carts get to the bottom and some are designed and engineered as though they are Formula 1 cars. Others look like something I would have made when I was about 10. Some are also deliberately designed to be a bit rubbish so the crash looks good. A slinky in between the front and back wheels is never going to get you to the bottom in one piece. If you've never seen it and you fancy a laugh look on Dave.

See you next month, take care. Penny



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## LORTON NOTES

We are back and I am pleased that St. Cuthbert's was among the first to restart services in church. In the Mission Community I think we were one of two churches to open for worship on Palm Sunday and we also held a service on Maundy Thursday. Worshippers were clearly glad to be back as congregations have been encouraging. We are still restricted to said services, but with our archdeacon's encouragement at the end of the service we have been singing hymns lustily in the sun drenched churchyard. I'm glad the weather has been fine.

Flowers are also back, the first since Christmas. Folk did well to make the church look joyous for Easter Sunday, the most important day in the Church's year.

Unfortunately there was no congregation to admire the decorations as the service was at Loweswater, but the village's Easter Trail went through the churchyard and many came in to enjoy Madge's playing of the organ and admire the decorations. Somebody was heard to remark that it was the first time he had been in church. Hopefully, it won't be his last.

We shall be holding four services in May, quite like old times. Apart from the usual second and fourth Sundays, there will be a

service on Ascension Day, Thursday 13, at 7.00pm. and we shall also be having the fifth Sunday service. After the service on the twenty third we shall be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is an important meeting not only for the appointment of church officers, but it also gives the congregation an opportunity to question the treasurer about the accounts and discuss any other point regarding services and church matters. And advance notice about the first Sunday in June; the service will be at Lorton.

I am sure many in the diocese will have mixed feelings on hearing the announcement that our Suffragan Bishop, Rt. Revd. Emma Ineson, has been appointed Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. This is a new post and Emma will start her duties on 1 June. We wish her well but shall be sorry to lose her.

We have been fortunate in having our archdeacon, the Venerable Richard Pratt to lead our services, but in May we look forward to welcoming also the Reverend Jane Charman, leader of the Grasmoor Mission Community.

Roger Peck.



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## **Sally Birch 23 August 1947 – 11 February 2021**

It was with great shock that Sally's friends in Lorton learned that she and John had gone back to London before Christmas and that she was very ill. A few weeks later we received the sad news that she had died.

Sally was born in 1947 in County Durham and spent the first seven years of her life in her beloved Northeast. Sally was very proud of her roots and was very interested in the Border Reivers. She always thought of herself as "a Northerner". The family relocated to Richmond, Surrey, then to Staines, where Sally attended Ashford Grammar School. Later the family relocated again to Twickenham, and it was here that Sally Bird met John Birch and they began courting. After three years Sally and John married and set off on their honeymoon to Dalton Cottage in Bassenthwaite, and so began their love affair with the Lake District.

Sally worked as a multilingual translator for the Northern Assurance Company in the City of London and John and Sally bought their first home in Teddington, where their two sons, Adam and Simon, were born.

There followed busy work and family life and also travel to many interesting places in the world – they were travellers rather than tourists and enjoyed adventures with which they regaled their many friends. But during this time they also visited and grew to know Cumbria. It was always

Sally's dream to retire to a property in the Lake District and it was with this in mind that they purchased Wayside Cottage in High Lorton in 1997. Having initially run it as a holiday let, when John retired early they stopped letting Wayside and took the cottage on as their primary residence. They also sold their house in the South and bought a flat in Kingston in order to maintain a property within easy reach of the boys and their burgeoning families. Anyone who has enjoyed an afternoon or evening with John and Sally in their beautiful cottage with its pretty garden will know how happy they were in their High Lorton home. One always knew that time spent in their company would be fun.

Wherever Sally went in the country, and indeed the world, she effortlessly made friends with her wit and sense of fun. Not only did she make those friends but she was also a master of maintaining those friendships and her diary was full of social gatherings, parties and other engagements. They were busy in Lorton too. Sally joined the Book Cub and they both went to the Gardening Club. They were in the Local History Society, and the House History Group. They enjoyed chatting to friends and neighbours at the monthly Coffee and Cake events and Film Evenings. They would become enthusiastically involved in village events whenever they were up here.

Sally was a lovely lady, a kind neighbour, a much missed friend.

We send our love and condolences to John and the family.

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Yew Tree Hall, Lorton

Thank you to everyone who joined in (socially distanced) on Easter Sunday and paraded round a rather cold village in their finest Easter Bonnets. Over 60 people were counted round and you can see photographs of their splendid millinery on the Melbreak website: Yew Tree Hall page under Lorton Parish.

Passers-by might have noticed some work at the walled wilderness garden next to the Hall. More clearing out has taken place and new (safer) steps are being built. A small garden is going to be established and we welcome volunteers to help look after this.

Bookings are coming in for clubs to restart in June. You can check availability by accessing the Hall Booking Calendar through the Melbreak website.

Yew Tree Hall Committee

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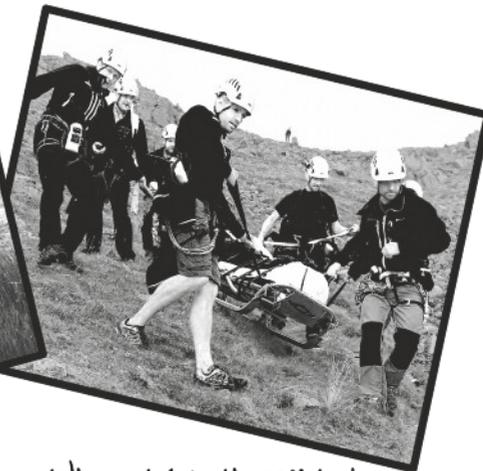
## ZOOM MEETING OPEN TO ALL

*A short AGM will follow the talk.*

# Cockermouth Mountain Rescue

Tuesday 11th May at 2.30pm

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## COOKERY CORNER

### PARSNIP AND BEETROOT BAKE FROM ROGER HILEY

A simple veggie baked casserole that's interesting yet easy to make.

Serves 4. Approx 1 hour including preparation.

#### Ingredients:

500g Parsnips

500g fresh Beetroot

250ml pot of double cream

250ml pot of crème fraiche (or plain Greek yoghurt)

4 Cloves of Garlic

2 Oranges

Small bunch fresh rosemary

#### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 200 C and grease a 1.5 litre baking dish.
2. Peel and thinly slice the beetroot and parsnips into rounds. Place alternate layers into dish.
3. Heat cream, crème fraiche (or plain Greek yoghurt), peeled garlic cloves and small rosemary sprigs in saucepan and heat to a simmer. Turn off heat, add grated zest of oranges and season with salt & pepper.  
(idea: squeeze orange juice to serve as aperitif or with meal)
4. Pour cream mixture into the dish, ensuring it covers and falls between the veg. Place a larger sprig or two of rosemary on top for garnish.
5. Cover with foil and bake for 40 minutes or until veg are tender.
6. Remove foil and cook a further 20 mins until nicely browned the top.

Serve with side veg of choice, cauli, sprouts, broccoli or whatever you wish. No need for potatoes.



## Dealing with excessive visitors in The LDNP

I daresay we all remember the huge number of visitors who arrived in the Lake District National Park after the easing of the second lock down, and the associated issues of parking, fly camping and litter. Unfortunately we can only assume the same problems will occur now that lock down eases again. The Lake District National Park have a dedicated email address for people to report anti social behaviour etc.

What to do if you spot Anti -social behaviour, overnight camping, illegal or inconsiderate parking that could block emergency access , please take a photo, date and time, and send to:  
[cvalerts@lakedistrict.gov.uk](mailto:cvalerts@lakedistrict.gov.uk).

The Lake District Rangers and National Trust Staff and volunteers and members of the Local Authority have been working together to try and plan for the expected increase in visitors.

The problems actually started in early April in woods near Butteremere, as pictured below, so 'keep em peeled' (now that is showing my age! Ed)



Loweswater with Buttermere PCC  
100 Challenge Club

**The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st April 2021**

1st prize of £25 No 91 Nikki Mycroft  
2nd prize of £10 No 90 Margie Manson  
3rd prize of £5 No 72 Nancy Fearon

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

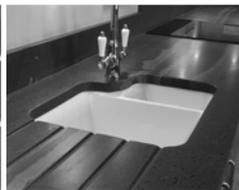
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## THE MELBREAK COMMUNITIES **ZOOM MEETING**



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### Topics under discussion will include:

How to boost our declining Swift populations  
Life during lockdown - our 'COVID chronicles'  
Community Hydro Project  
Dark Skies  
The future of 'Coffee and Cakes'  
Our Emergency Plan  
How we communicate (our website, Nextdoor, Facebook?, What's App? etc)

Monday 10th May at 7.30pm

To request the Zoom Link please contact Carolyn Davis  
[carolynmarydavis@gmail.com](mailto:carolynmarydavis@gmail.com)



## **The Loweswater Pheasant.**

After Holme Woods was clear felled for timber for the war effort, a far-sighted Marshall's Estate manager decided it would be nice to replant the woods with a more artistic shape. He got his inspiration from the wild pheasant that lived in the valley.

William Vickers (ex-Askill, now Mosser) recalls that his grandfather helped plant the trees, selecting different varieties to highlight the colours of the bird's plumage. The larch contrasts strongly with the darker colours of the fir and spruce in the rest of the woods. The contrast is best shown later in the year.

A further picture can be found near the start of the following web page:  
[http://www.loweswatercam.co.uk/160621\\_Megs\\_World\\_Tour\\_Lakes.htm](http://www.loweswatercam.co.uk/160621_Megs_World_Tour_Lakes.htm)

and more local information at:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/buttermere-valley/features/the-many-colours-of-loweswater>

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - May 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

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**Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives. 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**

## A LAKELAND LIMERICK



A professor of physics at RYDAL  
Would maintain that the lakes were all tidal,  
And to this he adhered,  
Though the scientists jeered  
And assured him his theories were idle.

### Loweswater Village Hall – a request

As part of the continued improvements in the hall, we are underway with creating a website. If you have any photos of events that have taken place in the hall since June 2013 (when it was first repainted) which you would be willing to share and are fine with them being on the internet in public view, please email them to:

[loweswaterevents@gmail.com](mailto:loweswaterevents@gmail.com)

If there are people in the pictures please check they are ok with their picture being on the internet.

Thank you in advance.

P. Leck

## ECO CHURCH/ECO COMMUNITY UPDATE

Some of you may have seen an interview Rosemary gave about Eco church as part of one of the online services that were shown during lock down. Following that interview she was contacted by a member of the congregation who told her about 'Go to Glasgow'. A pilgrimage (done locally) covering the distance from where you live to Glasgow - in advance of COP26. The Eco Church Working Party thought it would be fun to organise a 'Go to Glasgow' pilgrimage of our own in the Lorton Vale - the distance from Lorton to Glasgow is 125 miles - and we thought we'd organise it as a group walk. If you'd like to find out more about the concept then do check out <https://vimeo.com/491713792> and website [www.gettoglasgow.com](http://www.gettoglasgow.com) for more details."

Next month we will have a form you can complete if you want to register your interest in taking part.

In other developments the bog garden has now been planted and the nettle seeds sown. Ironically we are now suffering from a drought so 'bog' is not a particularly appropriate title and we are also being plagued by rabbits so you will notice that the garden is also protected by chicken wire!



Further to the information last month about the 'Time is Now' declaration, some of you might want to take a more pro-active stance by signing up to the Great Big Green Week in September - here is some information from The Climate Coalition:

“When we raise our voices together, we influence change.

This week the UK Government made a big announcement. They are ramping up ambition to reduce the UK's carbon emissions by 78% in the next 15 years - including flights and shipping which hasn't been the case up to now.

This is the climate leadership we expect from the UK as hosts of the UN climate talks in November. And we're only seeing this increase in ambition because of the pressure put on government from people like you. Every declaration signature helps to show politicians that the British public wants decisive action on climate change.

However, we know that targets are just that. The devil will be in the detail. In order to meet these targets, we need the government to slam on the brakes for new projects that drive up emissions like airports, roads and extraction of oil and gas. Over the next few years we must accelerate our investment in clean energy, restoring nature and green, sustainable industries to transform our economy.

Ahead of November, it's essential that we continue to make the case for action on climate. And what better way to do so than demonstrate the British public's passion in every part of the UK?

The Great Big Green Week is going to be a huge event for climate and nature in September - and everyone's invited.

To send a loud and clear message for a healthier, greener, fairer future we need every one of us to stand up and be counted. “

<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>



## Delhi to Kathmandu by bicycle with a sketchpad

After Ranikhet we dropped down through the village of Dwarahat, where I stopped to do this study, then we travelled down to Karnapryag where 3 valleys meet and on to Josimath past the valley of flowers. We then started climbing up to Badrinath which is at 11000 feet, halfway up we were really cold because we had only light clothing so we stopped in a village and bought huge knitted jumpers, hats and gloves, we looked a right sight but at least we were warm!

When we arrived in Badrinath, which is near the Tibetan border it was freezing, we found a tea shop and guest house and sat looking at the river which is one of the 4 sources of the Ganges. Bathing in the river were Sadu's, holy men who had walked, knaked all the way from the plain, we felt right wimps huddled in our jumpers watching this scene but I wouldnt have changed places with the Sadu's no matter how nearer it got one to Nirvana!

Paul Cowling, Littlethwaite

### Dwarahat Study



## **DIARY DATES**

### **MAY**

- 5 Wed Lorton Parish Council AGM, on Zoom Contact Mike Milner ,the clerk for joining details -lortonparishclerk@gmail.com
- 6 Thu Loweswater Parish Council AGM, on Zoom Contact Mike Milner ,the clerk for joining details -lortonparishclerk@gmail.com
- 10 Mon The Melbreak Communities AGM 7.30pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome. Email carolmarydavis@gmail.com for a link
- 11 Tue WI AGM via Zoom preceded by talk by Cockermouth Mountain Rescue which is open to all
- 13 Thu 'The Corpse Roads of Cumbria' by Alan Cleaver, Lorton Local History Lecture via Zoom, 7.30 pm. Contact ldfhsmembership@gmail.com

### **JUNE**

- 10 Thu 'Saints and Vikings: the Cumbrian coast and the Irish Sea region in the early medieval period' by Dr Fiona Edmonds, Lancaster University, 7.30 pm, Lorton History Society, Contact ldfhsmembership@gmail.com



## The United Benefice of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere

### Church Services May 2021

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
<b>13<sup>th</sup> May (Thur)</b>	<b>Ascension Day</b>		
7.00pm	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW

Please note that services will be conducted with the same restrictions as before, so face masks must be worn, social distancing must be observed and you must leave church straight after the service has ended with no socialising until you are outside. There will be no congregational singing.

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Deadline for June is Fri 22nd May all articles, photos, funny stories to [lortonvalelink@gmail.com](mailto:lortonvalelink@gmail.com) by this date.