

NOVEMBER 2021



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

Letter from the Editor

Dear Link readers,

We have had so many contributions this month that there is no room for a Lakeland Limerick, but hopefully it will be back for December/January. We have also had to sacrifice the Eco Church/Eco Community page in order to print a piece about the threat of Squirrel Pox, but as an environmental issue we felt this had to be the priority. Apologies if the picture included in the article upsets anyone but after consideration I decided it was better to keep it in.

I did present my talk about Eco Church to the COP26 conference in Carlisle last month and it was very well received. We already have 2 or 3 churches asking for more detailed presentations as they commence their own Eco church projects. If anyone is interested I will be presenting at St Bees Priory on November 7th at 10.30am in their non-Eucharistic morning worship service.

You will see that there is a notice highlighting the fact that the Coffee and Cakes in YTH on 6th November has been cancelled. But other events being held

during the month of November include another Film Night and a dark skies walk in Holme Wood as well as the popular Local's Night at The Kirkstile and a special film about the life of Bill Peascod - A Cumbrian Legend!

Christine Edmunds is once again selling jam and chutneys in aid of Hospice at Home - a perfect Christmas present. Another great Christmas present idea is The Lorton Vale Calendar - due to go to print very soon. If you would like to pre-order your copies then please contact me on the number below as soon as possible.

Continuing on the Christmas theme, on page 15 you will find details of the North Lakes Food Bank Christmas Appeal - do please give generously.

Late breaking news - we are hoping there will be some sort of Christmas Community Event on either the 18th or 19th December. More details will be in the Dec/Jan Link

Rosemary
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Our cover picture this month is of The Milky Way reflected in Crummock water, submitted by John Macfarlane



'Call to remembrance'

November is the season of remembering. We traditionally do this in three different ways. On 1 November, All Saints' Day, the Church gives thanks for the lives of men and women who have gone before us and encouraged us by their example of faith. All Saints' Day is often marked on the nearest Sunday and this year we keep it on Sunday 31 October. Famous saints, such as St Cuthbert, St Bartholomew and St James the Apostle, to whom our churches here in the Valley are dedicated, have their own special days but All Saints Day is for all of us, the unrecorded, unsung heroes of the faith, the 'salt of the earth' to use that biblical phrase in its right sense.

All Saints' Day is followed on 2 November by All Souls' Day. On All Souls' Day we remember the faithful departed in a more intimate and personal way, particularly thinking of our own loved ones who are no longer with us. Their mortal remains are laid to rest in our churchyards, we cherish some of their possessions, and most of all they hold a sacred place in our hearts.

Our third occasion of remembering is of course Remembrance Day which we keep on 11 November and is usually marked on the nearest Sunday, Sunday 14 November this year. This comparatively recent observance dates back to the end of the First World War and the signing of the armistice treaty at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. It falls

with sad appropriateness into the wider season of remembrance that the Church has always kept.

A favourite anthem of mine is 'Call to Remembrance' by the sixteenth century composer and musical dramatist Richard Farrant. Farrant served under three Tudor monarchs, writing pieces for their various occasions of celebration and lamentation. No doubt he meditated much on the fickleness of political fortune and the fragility of human life. Based on psalm 25 verses 5 and 6, his anthem reminds us that the most important remembering of all is done by God himself, on whose loving remembrance of us we depend, both in life and in death.

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
Thy tender mercies
and Thy loving kindness,
which hath been ever of old,
O remember not the sins and offences of
my youth:
but according to Thy mercy
think Thou on me, O Lord,
for Thy goodness.

With God's blessing.

Jane Charman
Grasmoor Mission Community Leader

P.S On Page 9 I have included information about the Grasmoor Mission Community Gathering Day

LORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
OCTOBER 2021



When is a W.I. meeting not a meeting? Actually, the October 12th “gathering” was unlike a conventional W.I. meeting. 12 of us met at the old Bassenthwaite railway station at 2.00 pm on a dull, damp Autumn day. If we had stirred ourselves, we could have had a walk beforehand but it was very soggy underfoot due to the continuous rain we had “enjoyed” for most of three weeks. So we went straight into the station.

Whereas before, when we visited at the beginning of the Summer, we had picked our way around a building site and were only able to climb awkwardly up into the end compartment, the only one then nearly refurbished as a very swish bar area (and on this occasion enjoyed by a private drinks party). On this visit we were able to walk through the “ticket office”, which had been transformed into a gleaming coffee bar, boasting all the accoutrements for proper coffee and a display of delicious cakes. Going through to the newly completed platform we found the huge black, smartly painted, Orient Express replica. There were benches and containers with bright red geraniums on the platform, reminiscent of attractive stations of the past maintained by proud Station Masters. To achieve a modicum of effort, we walked down the long platform,

past ongoing building works, to a collection of birds and animals skillfully crafted in wood, which are still being sculpted. We returned to take up our booking in the restaurant compartment and climbed on via knee-friendly ramp. The restaurant car was long, with tables for 4 down one side and for 2 on the other side of a wide aisle. We realised as the afternoon wore on that we might have tried to book a block of 4 and 2 tables near each other so that we could have talked to more than 3 people at a time. So, it was not really a meeting as such, but a most convivial chat and meal with a few friends. It was a welcome afternoon out with good company. We did not have a business meeting but we did have a good catch-up chat. President Ann and Secretary Kris came along the rows and also had a chat at the end of the meal. Oh, and the meal? It was delicious, with a wide choice of tasty snacks washed down with good coffee.

It will be back to normal business next month when Sue Buckwell will be giving a talk about Carlisle Overseas Aid Trust. Please note the meeting on November 9th, at the Yew Tree Hall, will be at 2.00 pm to suit the speaker. All are welcome.

BASKETS OF JAMS AND CHUTNEYS

Once again Christine Edmunds will be selling baskets of jams and chutneys (ideal Christmas presents) which will be displayed in her porch. A bag with two jars is £9.50 and a bag with three jars is £11.50.

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

November is the month of remembrance. We remember our departed as we keep All Souls' Day and we remember all those lost in war or still suffering from the effects of war on Remembrance Sunday then we prepare for the great feast of Advent the beginning of the Church year.

This year we shall be having our All Souls' service at Buttermere on Sunday 31st October at 3pm. Whilst we will be thinking of those affected by the Covid pandemic in many ways it will also be a chance for individual remembrance of loved ones who can be named in a special way. We extend a warm welcome to all. A Remembrance Service on 14th November will also take place at Buttermere.

Loweswater was splendidly decorated for our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October. We were not able to have the usual harvest supper; something to look forward to next year. Our food donations for the Food Bank came in at over 100kg something of a record I believe. Thanks to all who

donated so generously. The collection was given to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

The Wardens from our 3 churches met this week with the leader of our Grasmoor Mission Community Revd. Jane Charman to discuss future patterns of services in particular December. The result was there will be a full range of Christmas services this year between our 3 churches. These will be published in next months Link. The most significant and encouraging change will be the reinstatement of regular services at St.James's, Holy Communion alternating with Evensong. We hope our plans can be realised but are aware that changes might be needed should there be any deterioration in the pandemic situation.

We were very sad to learn of the death of Joe Milburn earlier this week. A reflection on his life appears elsewhere in this edition.

Eleanor Ella

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st October 2021

1st prize of £25 No 99 Nev Mills
2nd prize of £10 No 92 Sue Ritchie
3rd prize of £5 No 70 Julian & Mark Elliott

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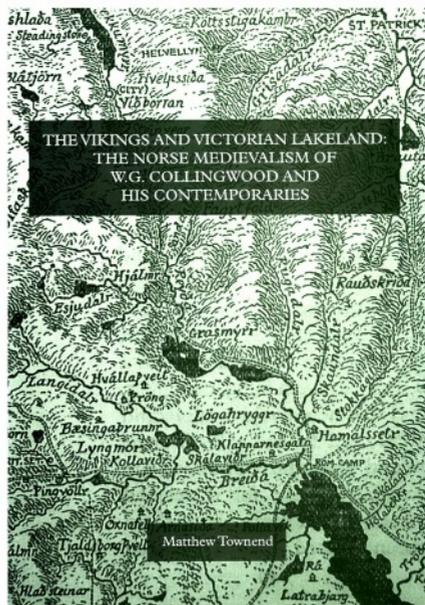
in the Nineteenth Century

by Professor Matthew Townend

using Zoom on Thursday 11 November 2021, at 7.30pm

Matthew Townend is Professor in the Department of English and Related Literature, and Centre for Medieval Studies, at the University of York. His research interests are in Old Norse language and literature (especially poetry); the history and culture of Viking Age England; and medievalism and philology in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

His book *The Vikings and Victorian Lakeland; the Norse Medievalism of W.G. Collingwood and his Contemporaries* was published in 2009. He has written extensively on the history and culture of Viking Age England. The book he is currently writing, about the Victorians and the study of dialect, will inform his talk to us on Cumbrian Dialect in the Nineteenth Century.



Society Members are invited to 'attend' the above Talk from the comfort of their own homes, delivered using 'Zoom'.

There is no need to register for this talk, because a link will be emailed to all members for whom we have an email address, a few days before the talk. New members for 2022 are welcome, see www.derwentfells.com

Penny's Piece

Holey socks Batman. No, really. I seem to be having a run of socks either turning into tubes (or short leg-warmers) when the toes go or gaining an extra hole at the heel. On the one hand it doesn't really matter to me as all my work socks are black so I regularly sling holey ones out and pair up the ones left behind. On the other, looking in the drawer, this must have been happening a lot recently as I seem to have lost nearly a quarter (yes, I know there are some in the perpetual washing cycle, but still).

By the time you read this the digging up and re laying of new tarmac up our end of the valley should be complete. It is already looking good after one layer. I only hope the drains work as well as they did and not like the ones that still don't work on Fangs. The fact that 2 or 3 ponds have been built and filled, largely by the runoff going down Fangs says it all.

I've learnt a new skill, writing upside down. I have quarter of my class who are left-handed and I have discovered (by accident) that standing opposite them and modelling writing, writing upside down, makes it easier for them to see. For some reason, even though my hand is upside down because it is on the same side as their dominant one, they see and understand better how I'm asking them to form their letters. Me modelling sawing a piece of wood with my left hand and using a craft knife was something to behold but all of us (49 kids and 5 adults) have reached the end of the half term with the same number of digits we started with. I call that a win. That and the looks on some

people's faces (parents and colleagues) when the kids tell them they've had the junior hack saws out. As long as you show them how to do it safely, they are fine. What the adults may have gained- those that have not done this project before, are several grey hairs. The cutting wood and card was the first set, gluing the various parts was the next. . . clump. I still haven't worked out what age it is they actually understand that the glue or paint doesn't need to be halfway up the handle to work. Nothing can beat the child, several years ago who made a lovely wallet only to discover he'd sewn it to his trousers doing the final decorations!

It must be heading towards that big celebration we have in December. I know this because of the sudden increase in fragrance, compilation or collaboration albums or books by celebrities- autobiographical or other. For the fiction celebrity writers, my tip is, if you don't like them in the field you know them for, you probably won't like their book (Katie Price!).

There is also discussion about the Xmas 'do'. Do you have food and drinks, just drinks, a party night or a private function, casual or formal and then there's where to have it? I am always in favour of a bit of distance between the venue and work, especially if there are a few 'fizzy pops' involved.

Take care and stay safe. Penny.



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GRASMOOR MISSION COMMUNITY GATHERING DAY

Saturday 6 November, Christ Church Cockermouth 11.15 am – 3.30 pm
Refreshments available from 10.30 am.

A day of worship, teaching, fellowship and consultation for the whole Mission Community. This is an open invitation to everyone. The programme for the day and further information can be found on the Grasmoor Mission Community website at www.grasmoormc.church/mission-community-gathering

In the morning we welcome the Very Revd Dr Frances Ward to speak on **“The Rock of our Salvation’: finding encouragement and hope in our faith’**. Frankie is Priest in Charge of St Michael’s and St John’s Workington. She was previously Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Suffolk. She teaches, lectures and writes on a range of theological topics. Her most recent book is ‘Like There’s No Tomorrow: Climate Crisis, Eco-Anxiety and God’ (Sacristy Press, 2020). In her spare time, she makes rugs from Cumbrian wool (www.frankiefecit.com).

In the afternoon we will be consulting on key topics such as mission, worship, patterns of ministry across the Mission Community and work with children and young people. If you have views and ideas please do come along and share them.

Please let Sue Lake know if you are coming. A response slip is available on the website or email her on gmcoffice@grasmoormc.church

LORTON NOTES

Many of the Sundays in the second part of the year are in what the church calls Ordinary Time when no special person or occasion is commemorated or celebrated and we have a green altar frontal, but in November things are different. The altar frontal changes to red for the season of Sundays before Advent to alert us to the ending of the Church's year. The second Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and I don't have to remind you what that is all about. The last Sunday is Advent Sunday, which is the start of both the Church's year and a penitential season leading up to Christmas with a purple altar frontal. As a person who thinks it is often better to travel hopefully than to arrive, I do enjoy Advent with its different aspects of calm anticipation.

Things are slowly returning to how they were before the pandemic, but many precautions are still in place. It has been decided that it would not be a good idea to hold our Christmas Fair in its usual form. There will be an event, but it will be on a

Saturday in December rather than the last Saturday in November. Planning is still taking place so await the December Link for full details. One Christmas event which might be returning in its usual form is the School's Christmas Concert. Since I have been living in Lorton it has been held in our church every year except last year and I'm sure many are looking forward to its return.

Now and again on a Sunday Ann and I go along to the Cathedral for the communion service and evensong. It is always an uplifting experience, but after lockdown had finished and severe restrictions were still in place the choir was spread over a large area and it was all very strange. Thankfully, they are now back in their stalls, which is where they should be. I do wonder whether there are others in the benefice who might enjoy the experience of a Sunday in Carlisle.

Roger Peck

COFFEE AND CAKES

6TH NOVEMBER

The Melbreak Communities 'Coffee and Cakes' event planned for 6th November at the Yew Tree Hall in Lorton **has been cancelled.**

We feel that encouraging people to gather in an enclosed space is unwise when Covid-19 infection rates remain a concern.

Let's hope the situation improves and that we can get together again soon. We'll keep you posted!

Penny Poole
Tel: 01900 85722



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LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB



After a brief AGM, at the third time of asking (due to Covid of course!) we welcomed Ken Swift, Head Gardener at Lingholm, to talk on the development of the new kitchen garden. He took up his appointment in 2014 - something of a homecoming, as his father had also been Head Gardener at Lingholm. Most of us will have visited the garden, particularly to see the rhodies and azaleas in the early summer. I certainly remember going with my mother many years ago. The house was built with well-heeled Victorian visitors in mind - amongst them, Beatrix Potter and her family. The original kitchen garden was the inspiration for Mr McGregor's garden, but I'm afraid that the first task to be done when work started was to rabbit wire - sorry, Peter! Documentary history of the garden was sadly lacking, but the 1860 O S map shows the octagonal shape of the old kitchen garden, and the position of the paths. There were changes over the years, but Ken wanted to reinstate this attractive design shape. It was a monster task - 60 foot leylandii to remove, escaped yew hedges to subdue and an area looking like WW1 trenches to sort out. It's a walled garden - 16 foot walls - faced with 60,000 bricks from a demolished Liverpool housing estate. Lots of teething troubles, from insufficient drainage for our rainy weather, to red spider mite devouring the bananas in the Show House, but it's now looking wonderful. The espaliered fruit trees are up to the top of the walls and the small herbaceous plants have grown enough to be lifted, split and spread around. The veggie produce will supply the cafe, and, hopefully, the happy relations with the gardeners of the future at Bassenthwaite and Keswick schools can be resumed. Well worth a visit. Our next meeting is on Thursday 18th Nov at 7.30 in the Yew Tree Hall, when our own Tanya St Pierre will tell you how to 'Get your garden buzzing'. Visitors welcome.

ANN ROBERTS:

Would like to say a Special Thank You to Polly and James of KirkFell House. On Saturday the 25th September to Celebrate my 80th. Birthday. We had a beautiful morning enjoying coffee and delicious homemade cakes. Thank You to everyone who contributed to the occasion. Also thank you for your cards and gifts. It was wonderful to celebrate with village friends. Even the weather was kind. Love and best wishes. AnnX

Locals Night at Kirkstile Inn

Locals Night

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The idea is that over Advent (or starting before advent if that`s better for you), you are encouraged to collect an item on some of the days leading up to Christmas. There is absolutely no requirement to provide an item on every day; just what you can manage on whatever day is fine. Selection boxes need to be with us BEFORE Dec 10th, so that they can go out with our Holiday Lunchpacks 4 Kids Scheme the following week.

Your collections can be dropped off at any of our centres (see website for details of opening times), or, if that`s not possible for you, just give us a ring and we will try our hardest to collect.

Thank you so much for supporting people in need at this time.

Kind regards

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19 Jam	20 Flannel & Soap	21 Hair brush/comb	22 Nappies	23 Baby Wipes	24 Tinned Veg



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Walk in the Dark Wood with Owls

A local activity linked to

Friends of the Lake District Dark Skies Festival 2021

Tuesday 9th November 2021 - 19.15pm to 21.30pm

An evening walk around Holme Wood, Loweswater to savour the sounds, sensations and sights in the wood under a dark night sky. Look for sources of light pollution. If lucky, we will watch the stars reflected in the lake.

Learn about *Night Owls* in poetry, call and song. Enjoy a warming drink and bake at the Goblin Ger in dark-time.

Note: It involves night walking on rough stone surfaced forest tracks. Mostly flattish. Supervised children \geq 8yrs welcome. Sorry! Numbers strictly limited and No dogs,

For details and how to register, contact: John Macfarlane at jtmacfarlane@gmail.com

Milky Way over Loweswater.



Tawny Owl. Holme Wood



Loweswater Ladies September 2021

The second of our post lockdown meetings got off to a chilly start as the boiler at LVH had broken down. We were fewer in number than usual; perhaps word had got out about the boiler! Undeterred we pressed on with our meeting.

Judith Benn regaled us with stories from her childhood at Iredale Place, Loweswater. We soon forgot about the lack of heating as Judith spoke warmly of the happy childhood she and her brothers spent at Iredale Place. In addition to the usual farm animals Judith's parents tolerated a wide range of family pets including mice, goats, hamsters, a Shetland pony and a monkey! Children and animals usually provide a fund of amusing tales and this certainly proved to be the case for Judith and her family. The monkey's unscheduled trip to the pub being a particularly memorable tale.

Many thanks to Margie for getting the tea and biscuits organised on the night.

Our next meeting will be on **Wed 10th November at 7.15pm** in the large hall (to allow for social distancing). I can't promise you more hilarious tales of animal hijinks but you can be sure of a warm welcome, a cup of tea and some good craic. More details of our Christmas Supper which will take place on Wed 8th December at 7.15pm in LVH will be confirmed then.

Doreen Robertson

Lorton Bowling Club

Now's your chance to come and have a go.

Lorton Indoor Bowls Club meets on **Mondays 7-9 at Yew Tree Hall** with an indoor mat and bowls provided. At present we are a small group of 6/7 and would welcome any newcomers who would like to have a go. Do phone 01900 85236 when you would like to come along and we can confirm that a meeting is taking place. No previous experience or equipment required. Thanks



BILL PEASCOD

'At home in the steep places'

Cumbrian Legend

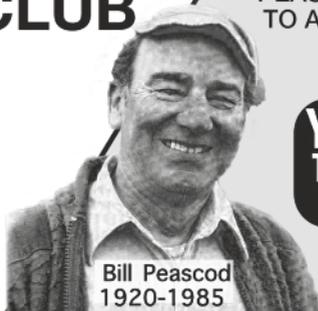
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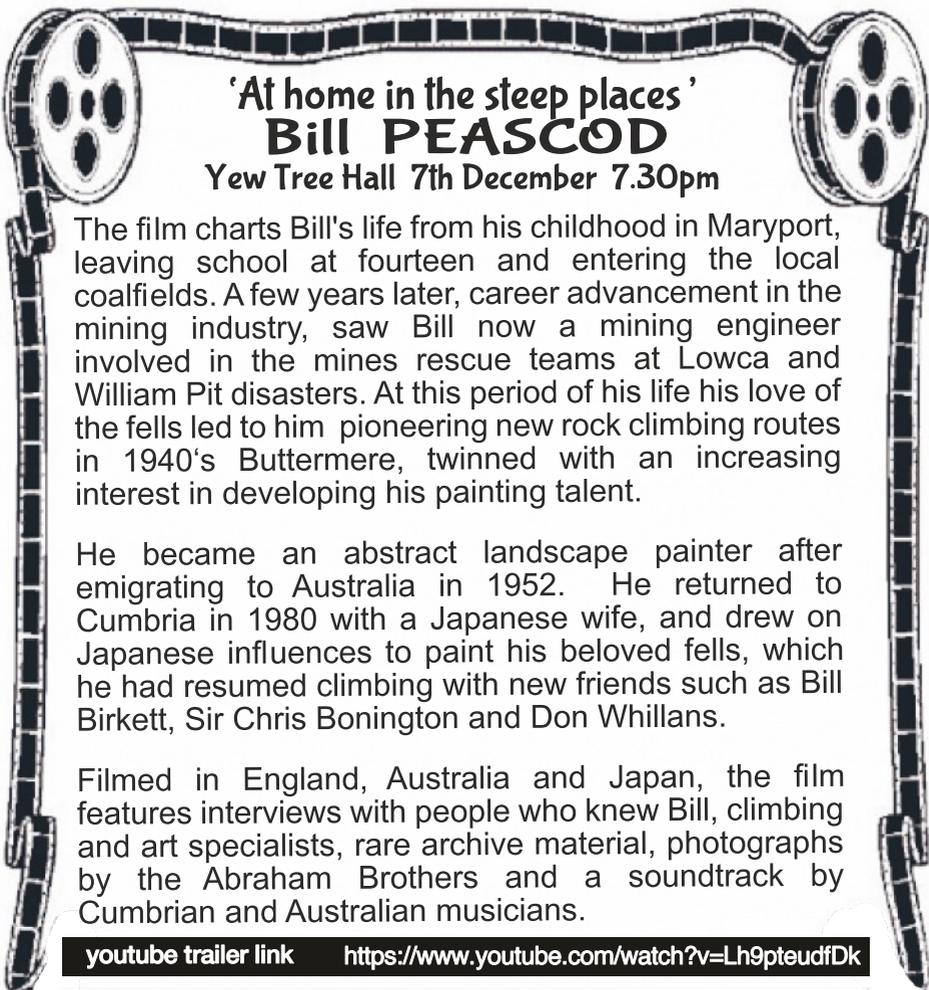
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Steve Wharton, the film's director, has generously offered to hold a Q and A session at the end of the film.

(Article in November's Link gives further details of this extraordinary man)

youtube trailer link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lh9pteudfDK>



'At home in the steep places'
Bill PEASCOD

Yew Tree Hall 7th December 7.30pm

The film charts Bill's life from his childhood in Maryport, leaving school at fourteen and entering the local coalfields. A few years later, career advancement in the mining industry, saw Bill now a mining engineer involved in the mines rescue teams at Lowca and William Pit disasters. At this period of his life his love of the fells led to him pioneering new rock climbing routes in 1940's Buttermere, twinned with an increasing interest in developing his painting talent.

He became an abstract landscape painter after emigrating to Australia in 1952. He returned to Cumbria in 1980 with a Japanese wife, and drew on Japanese influences to paint his beloved fells, which he had resumed climbing with new friends such as Bill Birkett, Sir Chris Bonington and Don Whillans.

Filmed in England, Australia and Japan, the film features interviews with people who knew Bill, climbing and art specialists, rare archive material, photographs by the Abraham Brothers and a soundtrack by Cumbrian and Australian musicians.

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ALERT SQUIRREL LOVERS: Fatal Red Squirrel Pox in Lorton valley

Steve Tyson of WEST LAKES SQUIRREL INITIATIVE (WLSI) reports that a Lorton Valley resident has seen a red squirrel with obvious **POX**. This is caused by a highly infectious virus, invariably fatal.

Squirrel Pox: Grey squirrels carry squirrel pox virus (SQPV) with no harmful effects. Only one infected grey squirrel can transfer the infection to a local population of red squirrels with devastating effect. Mortality is near 100%. In red squirrels, the virus causes skin ulcers, lesions, and scabs, with swelling and discharge near the eyes, mouth, feet, and genitalia. Red squirrels become increasingly lethargic and shivery with death following.



**RED SQUIRREL
WITH ADVANCED
POX**

**Thanks to
Andrew Locking
for this shocking
image**

The virus can spread through contact with the infected lesions or contaminated crusts and is highly resistant to drying. Crusts remain infectious for long periods of time. It is believed that the virus can be transferred by **contaminated feeders**. Red squirrel preservation organisations often recommend that feeders are disinfected daily.

Steve and Pete and colleagues with WLSI who do so much excellent work on red squirrel protection and grey squirrel management in the valley recommend:

- 1. *"We all deep clean and disinfect our squirrel and bird feeders very regularly". (They use VIRKON S. It is obtainable from Country Store, Cockermonth and elsewhere).***
- 2. *Report any pox cases and grey sightings to them***
[\(\[wlsi@hotmail.co.uk\]\(mailto:wlsi@hotmail.co.uk\)\)](mailto:wlsi@hotmail.co.uk)

Good luck protecting the small population of reds that still survive in our valley! John and Rosamund Macfarlane

Walkers Way No 210

TRIO.

Tale 1 - Nutkin. All of a sudden, as they say, a red squirrel dashed head long down the garden and leapt onto the bird bath and thence onto the bird table before the kitchen window. A very bright red chap this, with a fine bushy tail and obviously in a great state of agitation. Without wasting a second, he grabbed a hazelnut, which was there for the purpose, twiddled it round in his paws until it was in just the correct position, and with it firmly clamped in his teeth, leapt down and careered off up the garden, only to bury it in a border. That done – back to the bird table – next nut seized – back up the garden to bury it, this time in an ornamental pot. Back again, process repeated this time to bury it in the lawn and so it went on until the little cache of eight nuts on offer was exhausted. Not yet satisfied with his morning's work – off up the garden again, up a post of the pergola, twice to the squirrel box which is there for the purpose, to bury two more in locations out of sight – and then – away! All this at high speed by a Nutkin who quite obviously had not a moment to lose. What a lovely performance to watch, a real spirit lifter on a very grey day. Reminiscent of Lewis Carroll's White Rabbit "I'm late, I'm late for a very important date."

Tale 2. - Believe it or not. Well, it was really quite bizarre. You would never believe it, but I will tell you anyway! The plain fact was that I had an appointment at the Cumberland Infirmary. We had arrived a bit early, as you do, and were sitting waiting in a small side carpark, when it happened. All of a sudden, who should come wandering towards us, but a falconer! Yes, a falconer, complete with suitably gauntleted hand and forearm, held at the waist in the traditional style, and there proudly perched at the wrist, the grand figure of a gloriously rich red-brown Harris Hawk! Needless to say, he was immediately approached, and it transpired that he is hired by the hospital authorities with a view to deterring seagulls from making a nuisance of themselves. Certainly with some success, it seems, although apparently they soon return on his departure.

The Harris Hawk is not British of course, but hails from some of the drier United States, where the name was changed from the "Bay-Winged" or "Dusky" Hawk and renamed in honour of Edward Harris by James Audubon, the famous 19thc artist and naturalist, who Harris supported financially. It was imported here in the 1970's where it has become very popular in falconry, being readily trainable and less expensive than the peregrine. In fact, it is not a hawk at all – not a member of the Falconidae, but is more closely related to the buzzard. But there you are you see, when you out and about you never know what you will see!

Tale 3. - Heraldry Extra. In dealing with a heraldry enquiry recently, a somewhat unusual topic cropped up which may be of passing interest. It involves the use of the Crane in heraldry – the bird that is, not the mechanical device – the use of which as a charge in Arms or as a Crest or Badge is quite rare, but which nevertheless has its own tradition and mythical background. Where it is used, it is customary for it to be depicted standing on one leg, with the other leg raised and clutching a large stone in its foot – as illustrated. According to mythology the crane adopts this pose as a safety measure, in that should it fall asleep, the stone will drop and wake it up! When used in this way in heraldry it is referred to as "a crane in its vigilance!". It is used thus in the Arms of the Cranstoun family. Incidentally, it may also be noted that the word "pedigree" comes from "pied de grue", or crane's foot- the appearance of the lines of a pedigree being likened to the long and slender toes of the crane. Just another odd little piece in the like of which heraldry abounds.

Alan Gane.



LORTON FILM NIGHT

A stylized graphic of a film camera and reels. The camera is black with a white lens and a white rectangular area on its body. It has two reels on top, each with white sprocket holes. A film strip is shown entering the camera from the top right and exiting from the bottom left. The camera is mounted on a tripod. The entire graphic is rendered in black and white.

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Joe Milburn, a long-standing well respected Loweswater resident, died this week at Holmewood in Cockermouth where he and his wife Joan had lived for the last few years following deteriorating health. Joe had a long family association with Loweswater and lived at Watching How full time since his retirement. Joe served his community both in local government as a councillor and as a devoted church warden for many years. He was active in village life attending the 77 club, having a keen interest in the farming community and the Melbreak foxhounds.

Joe joined the Border Regiment in 1952 and served for a full career achieving the rank of Brigadier. He largely served in the King's Own Border Regiment which he commanded between 1975 and 1978. He served both at home and in postings in various countries abroad. His last appointment was as the British Military Attaché in Athens. He was awarded the OBE after his period of command and the CBE on retirement. Since leaving the army he was appointed Hon. Colonel of the 4th Battalion of the King's Own Border Regiment and has served as the Commandant of the Cumbrian Army Cadet Force from 1992 to 1996. He was appointed a Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria in 1995.

On a personal note we were family friends for decades, and he will be remembered for the consideration and kindness he always demonstrated. We will all miss him and send our sympathy and prayers to Joan, Keith, Annette and John.

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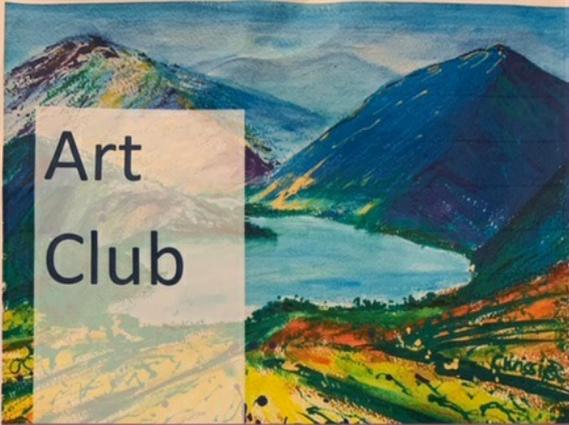
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If you would be interested in playing a part please contact Chris Poate 01900 85265(Parish Council) or Christine Walmsley 01900 85013(Gardening Club).

Loweswater Village Hall

There are still some tickets available for the Arts Out West event:

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Friday 5th November, 7:30pm

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Tickets: £10 for adults, £5 for under 18s. Refreshments available and there will be a raffle.

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Christmas Party and Burns Supper

The Club will restart after the break caused by the COVID pandemic with a Christmas Party in Loweswater Village Hall on Saturday December 11 at 3pm. We hope as many members as possible will be able to attend. As usual we shall have tea. Entertainment will be provided by John Moyes, who will sing for us, and Brian Melville will accompany him on the keyboard. Existing members of the Club will not be asked for a subscription this year. New members are welcome, but are asked to pay a subscription of £10. Everyone attending the party is asked to bring a wrapped present for Secret Santa of approximate value £5. It will be necessary to register for the Party in advance, so we know the numbers for catering purposes, and also to ensure we don't exceed the safe limit for social distancing purposes. Please register by emailing me at johnhudson25@hotmail.com with the subject line "77 Club Party". If you don't have email then please telephone me on 01946 861555, leaving a message and your telephone number. The closing date for registrations is Saturday December 4. All those who register will receive detailed information (by email or by letter) concerning the safety precautions to be observed at the party. If circumstances dictate that the party has to be cancelled then I will inform everyone who has registered.

The Club is organising an exciting programme of activities for 2022, starting with a Burns Supper on Thursday January 27. Advance registration will be required for this event as well, so please sign up at the Christmas Party. Anyone who wants to come to the Burns Supper but cannot attend the Christmas Party should contact me by email or phone by Saturday January 15 to reserve a place. There will be an additional charge for the Burns Supper.

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DIARY DATES

NOV

- 1 Mon Cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances - Coffee morning 11-12 LVH
- 5 Fri Arts Out West- Hefted LVH 7:30
- 9 Tue YTH ~ (please note) 2pm ~ W.I. meeting; talk: Overseas Aid
- 9 Tue Dark Time Walk, Loweswater Lake, 7.15-9.30pm (limited numbers - must be pre booked)
- 10 Wed Loweswater Ladies 7.15pm LVH
- 11 Thu Cumbrian dialect in the nineteenth century, Professor Matthew Townend, LDFLHS, 7.30 pm
- 13 Sat Arts out West "Love & Spice" at Ullock village hall
- 18 Thu Charles Rennie Mackintosh - More than just a tea room, Stella Lyons, The Arts Society Cumbria, 11 am, contact theartsocietycumbria@gmail.com
- 18 Thu Lorton Garden Club "Get your garden buzzing" , YTH, 7.30p.m
- 23 Tue Film Night, Limbo, 7.30pm, doors at 7pm, bring your own drink, YTH

DEC

- 7 Tue Buttermere Parish Council, 7.30p.m, Old School Room, Buttermere
- 11 Sat 77 Club Christmas Party 3pm LVH. Register by Dec.4. New members welcome.

Please note that Indoor Bowling takes place every Monday in YTH from 7-9p.m, with Table Tennis in the same venue every Wednesday from 7-9p.m apart from when there is a Parish Council Meeting, when Table Tennis will be on the Tuesday. There are Keep Fit sessions in LVH every Monday 9.30-10.30a.m and every Friday 5.30-6.30p.m. These will not be listed every month in Diary Dates but can be found on the Melbreak Communities diary page - <https://melbreakcommunities.wordpress.com/diary-of-events/local-events/>



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7th November 3 before Advent

10.30am	Holy Communion with baptism of Eliza Reid	Loweswater	CW
3 pm	Evensong	Buttermere	BCP

14th November Remembrance Sunday

10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
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21st November Christ the King

10.30am	Matins	Loweswater	BCP
12.30 pm	Baptism of Ewan Farnell	Loweswater	
3.00pm	Holy Communion	Buttermere	CW

28th November Advent Sunday

10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
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For those of you who not receive the Grasmoor Mission Community Information Sheet by email - it can now be found here - www.grasmoormc.church/communications and click on Staying Connected

Deadline for Dec/Jan is Fri 19th November all articles, photos, funny stories to lortonvalelink@gmail.com by this date. Thank you