

JUNE 2022



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

Letter from the Editor

Dear Link Readers

A slightly smaller edition this month (and a very short letter to save space) - but still 28 pages of news, events and reports. Top of the list are the Platinum Jubilee events taking place early this month at Loweswater on Thursday 2nd and Lorton on Friday the 3rd - do come along if you possibly can.

Later in then month we have 2 very interesting events - on Saturday 11th June there is the count on nature event taking place in St Cuthbert's Churchyard in the morning. Then for those of you with a creative bent there is the Earthsong Craft and Singing

event on Sunday 12th in YTH and around the village.

There are 2 reports from the GMC Spring Gathering - a summary of the day in our Vicar's letter and some facts and figures and practical tips in the Eco Church/Eco Community update. Watch out for much more news as next steps are determined.

If you like hedgehogs and would like to foster them there is very early warning of a training event taking place in September - definitely a date for your diaries.

Rosemary
07885 360353

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHONERS

Please be aware the Lorton Parish Field is strictly a NO DOG area. This field was given to the parish in 1935 for the use of the children in the village. The field is used by the school for all sports activities, children of all ages can enjoy the grass area and now play table tennis. It is therefore a dog free area. Please respect this space.

Lorton Parish Council.

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st May 2022

1st prize of £25 No 12. Raymond Beard
2nd prize of £10 No 10. Carol Priestley
3rd prize of £5 No 16. Loes van Cappellen

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all our supporters.

Our wildlife cover picture this month is taken by John Macfarlane



Towards Net Zero

On Saturday 14 May we held a Grasmoor Mission Community Gathering Day in Christ Church Cockermouth on the theme of Towards Net Zero. Around 70 people from across the Mission Community joined the day, including folk from Lorton, Loweswater and Buttermere. In the morning we worshipped together with a creation theme, then listened to a presentation from our guest speaker Lee Jackson. Lee is Commercial Director of Smart Carbon, a carbon emissions reporting consultancy, and Co-founder of CACTUS (Climate Action for Corporate Travel Urgent Sustainability). He runs greenhouse gas accounting courses through Northumbria University and is a community trainer with CAFS (Cumbria Action for Sustainability). He's not only very knowledgeable about the subject but also committed to leading by personal example. We found him an inspirational speaker.

In the afternoon we heard from Rosemary Riley, who was the moving force behind Lorton's achievement of a gold Eco Church Award in 2020. At that time there were only 11 churches in the entire country that had achieved a gold award, so we were trailblazers. Rosemary presented the results of a questionnaire that each church in the Mission Community had filled in, showing what we are already doing. It was encouraging to hear that with a little work most of us could probably already qualify for an Eco Church Bronze Award. Then we broke into workshop groups based on the five areas of the Award – Worship and Teaching, Management of Church Buildings, Management of Church Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. There were certainly lots of great ideas, contributions and aspirations in the Worship and Teaching group that I led, and the other workshop leaders said the same. We were all really struck by how energised people seemed to be and keen to get going and do

something about this most vital issue of our generation.

If you weren't able to come to the day you can catch up by going to the Grasmoor Mission Community website at www.grasmoormc.church. Click on Mission Community Gatherings, click on 2022 Towards Net Zero and there you will find all the resources from the day. You can watch a video of the presentations, see photos, and check out the ideas from the workshops. You'll also find book recommendations, links to things to watch, and tools such as Pawprint that you can use to calculate and improve your own carbon footprint through making lifestyle changes. Over coming weeks we'll be setting up a permanent area of the website about Eco Church and we'll be adding to the content as we start to work as a Mission Community towards our aspiration to be carbon neutral by 2030.

The Net Zero goal is one that we are committing ourselves to as churches in partnership with the communities we serve in this most beautiful part of God's world. A prayer of intention: Lord, you have made us stewards of your good creation and of this planet that you have given us to be our home. We say sorry for having failed you and we recognise the peril in which we have placed ourselves and our children as a result. We want to do better; help us to begin.

Jane Charman
Grasmoor Mission Community Leader

LORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
MAY 2022



Well, Link readers, here is the final report from your Correspondent. During the Lorton W.I. AGM on May 10th 2022, Lorton W.I. was disbanded. The official word used was "suspended".

This has been a long time coming - several years ago when the W.I. Subscription was increased considerably, with the "compensation" of a W.I. Magazine, which was not popular as it consists of many advertisements and creates waste, several long term members left Lorton and joined Loweswater Ladies, who had ceased to be a W.I. not long before. The remaining members determined to carry on - wishing to stay part of a nationwide organisation with some influence.

However, we have continued to struggle to keep viable numbers and to keep officers willing to move it on. Although there has been a loyal core who have served for many years. The present committee have manfully (womanfully?!) tried to provide an interesting

programme but there was discussion last year which suggested we should call it a day, holding out only until our 100th birthday, which we did. The group has been a source of friendship for many, and I was certainly pleased to be welcomed and made to feel at home 23 years ago when we settled in the village. We have had the privilege of meeting and counting as friends many inspirational women, some of whom have moved away or are no longer with us.

It is sad, of course. However, It would be good to think that maybe in another year or two another Lorton women's group, along the lines of Loweswater Ladies, could be established. It is the end of an era, but eventually, maybe the start of a new one. I personally will not be here to see it, as John and I are leaving this lovely valley to live near to family in Yorkshire. But I will try to remain linked to many friends here.
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World War II: making a living

by Ambleside Oral History Group

**Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton on Thursday 9th June, at 7.45pm
(preceded by our AGM at 7.30pm)**



Lorton and Loweswater Home Guard, 1942

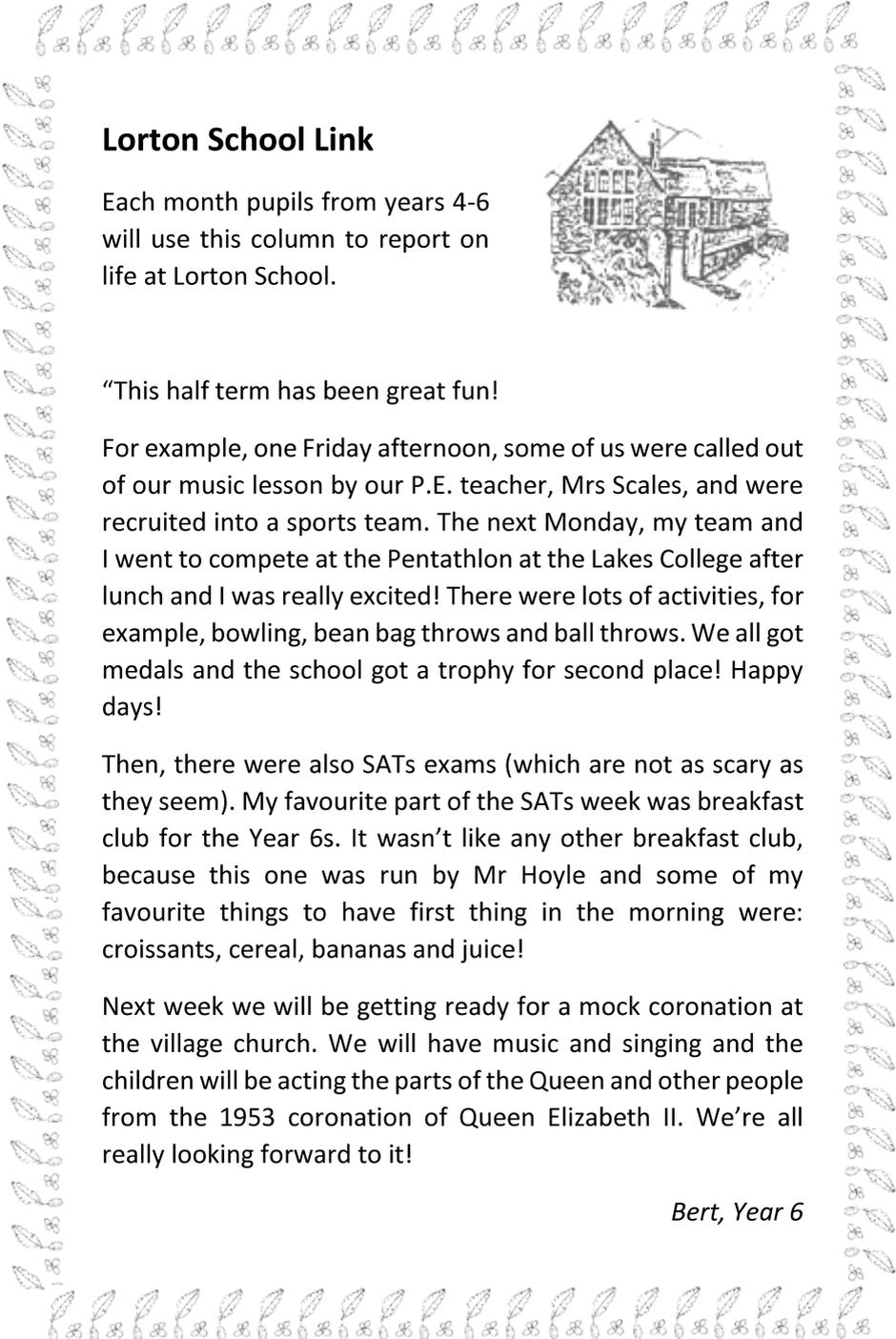
This meeting will be held at the Yew Tree Hall. There is no need to book. Face-masks are optional. The talk will be streamed live using Zoom for members who are unable to attend the meeting, or who prefer to continue to participate from home. A Zoom link will be sent to all members by email some days before the meeting.

This will be an Oral History Presentation using extracts of interviews, pictures and narrative. The memories of a young Ambleside man's wartime army service will be interspersed with recollections of life on the Homefront.

The presentation will be given by members of Ambleside Oral History Group, who have created a large archive of interviews and who make transcripts available online, of their own work and that of other groups, including L&DFLHS.

Visitors are welcome at £3.00, refreshments included

Next talk 14th July, Professor Ian D Hodkinson, 'Early naturalists in Cumbria'



Lorton School Link

Each month pupils from years 4-6 will use this column to report on life at Lorton School.



“This half term has been great fun!

For example, one Friday afternoon, some of us were called out of our music lesson by our P.E. teacher, Mrs Scales, and were recruited into a sports team. The next Monday, my team and I went to compete at the Pentathlon at the Lakes College after lunch and I was really excited! There were lots of activities, for example, bowling, bean bag throws and ball throws. We all got medals and the school got a trophy for second place! Happy days!

Then, there were also SATs exams (which are not as scary as they seem). My favourite part of the SATs week was breakfast club for the Year 6s. It wasn't like any other breakfast club, because this one was run by Mr Hoyle and some of my favourite things to have first thing in the morning were: croissants, cereal, bananas and juice!

Next week we will be getting ready for a mock coronation at the village church. We will have music and singing and the children will be acting the parts of the Queen and other people from the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. We're all really looking forward to it!

Bert, Year 6



Making and Singing Workshop

Yew Tree Hall, Lorton

Sunday June 12th 10am - 4pm

A fun, free day of willow crafting, costume making and singing for all the family!



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with local artists Arwen Heaton (craft), Phil Bradley (willow) and Dave Camlin (music)

More info from Arwen: lortonvillageshop@gmail.com



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Penny's Piece

Ok. After an excellent monthly electricity bill in March, I nearly fell off my chair when the April one came in. I know it had been cooler in April so I had to use the dryer and there was also the Easter holidays, but that does not justify a six times bigger bill in a month. Can't wait for May's. It is currently 7:20pm. I have not put the light on as I am sat by the window and if I start to cool down, I'll go and get my trusty dressing gown.

So, on that note, anyone fancy making £1300? Thought so. Here's what you seem to have to do.

Find an old pair of hi-top canvas trainers and sling them in the nearest bog for a couple of weeks. Remove them and dry them out. If they still don't look properly shabby, try to fray the edge seams or slash through them in places and brush the laces so they are fluffed. Now all you need to do is get a black Sharpie and write the fashion house name around the side of the rubber/ plastic sole and hey presto! Apparently, according to Italian fashion house Balenciaga, these are now worth £1300. I have just looked online and there was a jumper for £800. This jumper was in the state of unravelling in places. I was once made to throw out a jumper I thought had just reached peak comfort because it was frayed at the edges, holey in places and had stretched in the wash and was nearly at my knees and looked a sight- according to everyone else. £800 in the bin. For that amount of money generally I would be expecting wheels and an engine involved- plane, train or car taking you on holiday for example. In this case the footwear should be rocket powered roller skates. Not something you'd expect to pick up at the end of Glastonbury.

By the time you read this I will hopefully have

seen the new edition of Top Gun. For those who have managed to miss it, there is a new one- not a re-do a follow on. Still with Tom Cruise in the pilot's seat. It has been 36 years. Not meaning to cause offense, but I think Mr Cruise has managed not to age better than most of us. I mean, I was 8 so I've grown up, out and started to sag. Cheers Tom. I am hoping for the same adrenaline rush- the trailers looked good- and the music, I believe, is the same as the original. However, I also hope there are not too many swooping, twisting camera shots or I may get motion sickness. This is the main reason I have not bothered to watch the film Gravity- the spinning in the trailer was enough for me. Apparently, we are having some kind of Bake-Off and tea party for the Jubilee at school. I'm keeping out of the organising and awaiting instructions (we are doing it after half term). One of my colleagues is very much a royalist and was gifted a life-sized cardboard cut-out of Her Majesty last week by the Business Manager. I keep looking across the corridor and catching her eye. It really does make you look twice. Whatever your plans for the Jubilee weekend, remember to dress for all weathers or just wear a gazebo. Eat, drink and raise a glass (or 2) to Her Majesty and her remarkable 70 years of dedication, wisdom, humour, leading by example (Service in WWII/Covid) and the ability to win on the horses. Enjoy.

Penny.



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LORTON NOTES

Roger has now retired as Church Warden at Lorton and although his duties do not officially end until early in July he has passed on the baton for writing the Lorton Notes to me. Everyone at Lorton is very grateful to Roger for his many years of loyal service. He has kindly agreed to continue as Sacristan for the time being as he loves getting the church ready for the services.

Our APCM took place on 8th May in Church after the morning service. All of the present members of the PCC were re-elected and Roger was thanked for his sterling service over the years. Pete Ward was duly elected into the vacancy and will be officially admitted as Churchwarden for Lorton with Keith McNeil in July. We are very grateful to all the PCC members, and others, who have contributed to the smooth running of the church.

The GMC Spring Gathering was a great success and has prompted much interest in the Eco Church Award Scheme and other ways we can do our bit to attain Net Zero - Jane has given a full update of the day in her letter and some practical tips are

included in the Eco Church/Eco Community update.

The church looked splendid for our final service of May as there had been a wedding the day before and a number of flower arrangements remained. The new rota for the next 3 months of duties is due out soon and now includes volunteers for flowers - do please let any member of the PCC know if you'd be interested in helping us.

A date for your diary!! - Tim Chu & Ian Bailey are returning to St Cuthbert's on FRIDAY 19th AUGUST with a celebration of the music of SIMON & GARFUNKEL. If you recall their last concert at St Cuthbert's in 2018 was a sell out so it will be worth booking early! Further details in the July/August Link.

Rosemary Riley

From the Register:

Wedding - Thomas Birkett and Charlotte Edney on 7th May



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Update on progress on the open meeting to consider support to Ukrainian refugees in the Lorton Community area.

The last edition of 'The Link' contained a two page report on the open meeting held at Yew Tree Hall on 9th April. Following that meeting a small number of people formed a working group and met to discuss and consider the outcome of the questionnaires completed subsequent to the larger gathering on the 9th April.

The focus of the 'Working Group' meeting was to consider how we might move forward in the light of the range of responses to the questionnaire circulated. The positive news is that, in addition to the range of possible responses suggested, a local family have identified as being willing to apply as a Personal Sponsorship/ Host family. As a consequence it was agreed that this should be the immediate priority of the focus of support since the two other options of 'Community Sponsorship' and 'Sanctuary Breaks' are either not open right now or not seen as a priority during the initial phase of the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.

The other positive news is that Rachel Tate, resident of Dearham, who addressed the Lorton meeting on the 9th April, has recently welcomed her Ukrainian guest family to Cumbria.

So whilst the pace of progress might be considered slow we hope to be able to share some similar good news in the course of time.

Hanneke van Schelven, Vince Mercer.

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LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB

What a time of year it is for gardeners! The garden is an explosion of greenery, not all of it desirable...the veggie patch has grown the most enormous weeds, and I'm clearing small areas as I need them to plant stuff out. I'm not sure why I'm potting up masses of Gardeners Delight toms when I only want 4. Getting 4 bags of compost delivered today has probably gone to my head. Would anyone like some? I'm hanging on to the Sungold - you only get about 10 seeds in the packet.

The village tubs have been planted up and plenty of plants for pollinators included. Extra tubs have been added to make a good show for the Jubilee. Thanks to the working party from the Yew Tree Hall Committee.

I missed the last garden visit, and was unable to go at the last minute, but I think it went well. It was to Summerdale House, near Lupton, and I gather that the adjoining nursery had splendid auriculas.

Our next outing is right on our doorstep, and is a follow up to the talk that we had in Oct 20 given by Simon Dodsworth on bearded irises. Simon is the son of Bryan Dodsworth, who was a celebrated hybridiser of irises. The garden is owned by Simon's daughter Claire, and is designed with irises at the heart of it. We should be just right for timing. This visit is on Thursday 16th June at 2.00pm, and the house is South Lodge, Simonscales Lane, Cockermouth CA13 9FB. Please tell Fiona - 01900 85710 fionalambrick@btinternet.com or Nicola - 017687 76483 lawses@btinternet.com if you would like to come.



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Loweswater Parish Communities Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Thursday 2nd June 2022

11:30 Planting of tree, The Grange

12:30 Celebratory lunch, Village Hall
(including raffle)

All are welcome to join us in our celebration of Her Majesty's landmark. Lunch will be on the basis of bringing food (mains or dessert) and drink for sharing. Please contact Lyn Furniss, who has kindly agreed to coordinate alloyslyn@btinternet.com
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ECO CHURCH/ECO COMMUNITY UPDATE

As mentioned elsewhere the GMC Spring Gathering was a great success in terms of numbers attending and interest shown and we all learnt an awful lot. However, there was quite a lot of bad news in Lee's presentation and the over-riding message was that the alternative to not undertaking deep change to our lifestyles is a 3.2 degree warmer world - which would mean cities such as New York would become uninhabitable.

We have still to review the feedback from the day and consider next steps for our various communities, but there are already many things we can do as individuals to make a difference. Overall the IPCC (The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change) is clear on moving away from private transport, limiting air travel, adopting a plant based diet (which does not constitute being vegan it means cutting back on meat, fish and dairy for most people) and reducing overall consumption as critical behaviour change. Lee led a Lifestyle workshop during the afternoon and ideas that came from that included:

ENERGY/HEATING

- Switching to a renewable energy contract
- Reduce the temperature we heat our homes to, turn the heating down a couple degrees or turn the heating off in some rooms
- Wash on lower heat level
- Less electricals
- Blankets and cushions to get warm rather than turning up the heat

TRANSPORT

- Adopt car sharing
- Increase amount of times we cycle instead of using the car
- Go from 2 cars to 1 car
- Reduce car usage
- Walk locally
- Drive slower

CONSUMPTION

- Buy less plastic
- Buy fewer clothes, less items higher quality, more charity shop purchases

DIET

- Buy seasonal food, not food flown in
- Buy unwrapped food – food that isn't wrapped in plastic
- Buying locally sourced food
- Work with allotment groups
- Eating seasonally
- Shopping locally
- Make soup from leftovers
- Buying loose fruit and veg
- Using the refill shop
- Use refillable bottles for milk
- Cook a large batch of food / food share

Some real food for thought and we will have more to report next month.



Cumbria
Wildlife Trust

Count on Nature Wildlife recording event

Come along and help record wildlife!

As part of Churches Count on Nature and Love Your Burial Ground Week St. Cuthbert's Eco-Church has joined forces with Cumbria Wildlife Trust to record wildlife in the church grounds using i-Naturalist and other methods.

Full training will be provided, please bring suitable outdoor clothing and a smartphone if you have one.

Simply turn up on the day!

Date:

Sat 11 June 2022

Time:

10.30am–12.30pm
(drop-in)

Location:

St. Cuthbert's Church,
Lorton

Under 16 years to be
accompanied by an adult

For more information contact tanyastp@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

This is a free event run as part of Cumbria Wildlife Trust's 'Planting for Pollinators' project, in conjunction with Lorton Parish Council and St. Cuthbert's Eco-Church.



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Loweswater Ladies May 2022

We had our first speaker of the year at our May meeting, and it was an excellent start. Author Jean Briggs, who writes as J.C.Briggs, gave us a fascinating talk about Charles Dickens, demonstrating her encyclopaedic knowledge of both the writer and his era, and told us how she came to write a series of crime novels with him as the detective.

Jean explained that 2012 was the 200th anniversary of Dickens' birth, and she had just retired so was looking for something to occupy her time. Through background reading she realised that Dickens had a keen interest in crime and detection. She decided that she could write credibly about him hunting down murderers with the assistance of a fictional police superintendent. Jean told us in detail, and often surprisingly amusingly, about murders in Dickens' own books, and real life murders he had been interested in, and said that lots of ideas for her novels came from those as well as her research into things in which Dickens had an interest or was involved.

Her first novel for example – The Murder of Patience Brook – was set in and around a home for fallen women, based on a real life establishment which had been set up by Dickens in Shepherds Bush in London. In that book the victim was murdered because she was dangerous to the murderer as she knew something in particular about them.

To date Jean has written 10 books in which Charles Dickens investigates, nine of which have been published with the tenth to come out later this year. She had some copies of her novels for sale at the meeting which members eagerly purchased, with the prospect of swapping editions between ourselves once read.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 8th June** when we will have our annual stroll around the lanes of Loweswater, led by Joan Warren, followed by supper in the village hall. Each member is asked to bring a sweet or savoury dish to contribute to the supper. **Walkers should meet at 6.15pm** at the hall, where they can drop off any food items in the kitchen before setting off. Those ladies who are only attending the **supper** should assemble at **7 for 7.15pm**.

We are also now taking names for our summer outing on **Wednesday 13th July to Dalemain** where we will have a tour of the manor, lunch, and a walk around the gardens. Price is £26 for members and £30 for non-members, including coach from Cockermouth, lunch and entry to Dalemain. Anyone interested in joining us please contact Harriet by email hfdrrann@gmail.com or 017687 70383.

Last but not least, as we explained at the meeting, we do not want any members to ever feel they can't attend a meeting because of transport difficulties. Please contact a member of the committee (Harriet, Doreen or Lyn) and a lift will always be arranged.

Harriet & Doreen



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THE WATER RAIL (*Rallus aquaticus*)



While the Water Rail is not classed as rare, it is certainly not common and could be classed as “seldom seen”, for a number of very good reasons. It is a bird of reed beds and other dense waterside herbage providing ample cover. In addition, its plumage is excellent camouflage. Nearly a foot long, this narrow chested, lanky, short tailed bird has upper parts of a brownish hue streaked with black. The crown, face and neck are olive while the flanks display distinct vertical bars of black. The underparts are buff. The long downward curved bill is red with a black tip. The legs and feet are brown, with very long toes, which are not webbed. Its gait is generally slow as if stalking, with head down and tail raised, but if disturbed it is quite capable of making a sudden dash for cover. It can fly, but seems reluctant to do so, and it can also swim. The sounds it emits can hardly be described as “bird song” but is in the form of grunts and squeals, some of which are more akin to those associated with pigs! It feeds on almost anything edible of suitable size, such as earthworms, tadpoles, nestlings and plant fragments. The Water Rail is thus a fascinating bird, not as uncommon as we might suppose – but not easy to find. The one pictured here was seen and photographed in April this year with the help of a hide, a telephoto lens and a little patience!

Alan Gane.

A Midsummer Service of Words and Music

with Lorton Valley Church Choir and readers from the parishes
St Michael's Fell Church, Mosser, Wednesday 8th June, 6 p.m.

All Welcome

LORTON CELEBRATES



Platinum Jubilee



Friday 3rd June
Come and join our Jubilee
celebrations at the Yew Tree Hall

- ★ Afternoon Tea
- ★ Exhibitions
- ★ Fun for all the family

2.30pm

Official Opening of The Jubilee Garden



Cutting of the ribbon will be followed by a garden viewing, glass of Pimm's and photo opportunities.



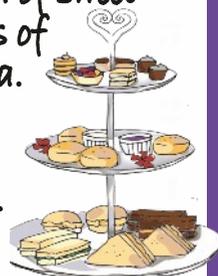
3.00-5.00pm

Afternoon Tea in the Yew Tree Hall £4

Enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea of sweet and savoury fare, view displays of local and historical memorabilia.



Children can colour a crown, try the lucky dip and have fun.



The Whinlatter Whistlers will be playing too.

YEW TREE HALL COMMITTEE

Sun shines on the new bridge

The sun shone as the Lorton community turned out to cut the ribbon and open the new footbridge over the Hope beck. Heavy rains had washed away the old ford making the beck impassable in the winter. A new crossing involved the cooperation of the National Park Authorities, The National Trust (landowners) and a little matter of finding the funds to pay for the bridge. But thanks to the initiative of Julian and Mark Elliott and their willingness to underwrite the cost, the project came to fruition last month.

£1500 paid for the materials with the National Trust supplying labour for free. A further £300 was contributed to its long term maintenance. In addition to a generous donation by the Elliott's, a further 18 Lorton families contributed to raise the funds.

Most importantly, the bridge now guarantees safe and easy access to the wonderful walks from High Swinside over to Lanthwaite Green.

With thanks to - Catherine & Andrew Chamberlain; Zindzi Cresswell & Pete Orrey, Liz Crocombe; Kate & John Golby; Pam & Mike Jaques; Polly & James Lusher; Helen & Stephen Miers; Shiela & Nev Mills; Sue Pexton; Chris & Derek Poate; Alison Rose & Garan Comley; Clare Round & John Saye; Sue & Dave Segar; Lois & Mike Suckling; Pip Wise & Chris Mills



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

This year is speeding by, Easter is over, the daffodils are finished, bluebells are in their glory, the cuckoo is heard, the summer holidays are just around the corner and the swallows are wheeling the turmoil's. Four even joined us for our Sunday Eucharist Service. They were quite noisy, energetic and generous at times, offering the lucky few a gift!

The weather has been mixed for the start of our wedding season. On May 3rd, we witnessed Carla Day and Phil Hearne marriage after five cancellations for one reason or another. We wish them both love and happiness in our prayers for their future together.

Everyone loves a wedding; it is such a happy, joyous occasion. It is a time when the couple can get together and rejoice with all their relatives and friends, some of whom they may not have seen for a long time, especially over the past couple of years due to restrictions of the pandemic. The church will be beautifully decorated with abundance of flowers, candles and lights. It is a wonderful sight to behold, even the next day; the decorations can be admired by the congregation. Weddings are a good source of income for the church as well as bringing in visitors who are always welcomed to join in the life and worship of our valley. Visitors form an important part of our congregation.

Our APCM took place on 5th May in Church. Most of the present members of the PCC were re-elected. Barbara Robinson will stand down as Churchwarden because of her ordination in June. Jan Collins Webb was duly elected into the vacancy and will be officially admitted as Churchwarden for Loweswater and Buttermere with Eleanor Ella in July. We welcome Heather Thompson as a newly elected member. Our thanks go out to all who have contributed to the smooth running of both churches and their continuing commitments.

My ordination as Deacon will take place on 25th June, at 14:30 in Carlisle Cathedral. Bishop James has offered me the post of Self-Supporting Minister, Assistant Curate (in training) in the Benefice of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere, within the Grasmoor Mission Community. The good news is that there will be no restrictions on numbers this year. If you do wish to attend please can you be seated by 14:15?

There will be an afternoon tea served in the Village Hall, Loweswater on Sunday 26th June, 1-3pm. All are welcome.

Barbara Robinson



Loweswater 77 Club

On 26 April we had an excellent lunch at Hunday Manor, followed by a talk from Keith Richardson, based on his book *Ivver Sen*. The talk was full of interesting and amusing anecdotes relating to a variety of Cumbrian characters present and past. We also learned of the best way to assess the quality of a bull, but it isn't printable in a respectable publication like the *Link*.

The final event before the summer break is our annual trip, which will take place on Tuesday June 28. The coach will depart from Michell's Livestock Auction car park (round the back) at 10.15am. We will be taken to the Alhambra Cinema in Keswick for a private showing of *Murder on the Orient Express*. We shall then be driven to Bassenthwaite Lake Station for high tea in the railway carriage which was used in the shooting of the film, after which we return to Mitchell's, arriving at 17.15pm. Because of limited accommodation at both the cinema and on the train, places will be allotted to existing members only on a first come first served basis. The closing date is 12 June, after which any spare places may be offered to non-members. The total cost is £30. To reserve a place please phone me on 01946 861555, and if I'm out leave your name(s) and return phone number. Alternatively please email me on johnhudson25@hotmail.com

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Tues 21st June

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COCKERMOUTH HARMONIC SOCIETY

CONCERT – BE STILL MY SOUL – 9 July 2022

Cockermouth Harmonic Society members are celebrating their return to concert-giving with an unusual programme of music from the Baltic region. Pieces sung by the choir will inspire and relax on a summer's evening.

The mood of this lovely sacred music from Finland, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland evokes the peace of northern lakes and forests. Ian Wright, the choir's music director, has chosen songs by Sibelius, Arvo Part, Gorecki and Gjeilo, among others, for their calm and reflective qualities.

The choir will be accompanied by David Shingler and Amanda Wright.

The concert will take place at All Saints Church, Cockermouth at 7.30pm on 9 July.

Tickets will cost £12 (£11 from a choir member) or £5 for under 16s.

Tickets are available from Billy Bowman's music shop in Cockermouth, or telephone 01900 825083 or email: ticketssales@cockermouthharmonic.org.uk for further information.



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Would you like to foster a hedgehog?

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help with the rehabilitation or overwintering of hedgehogs before releasing them back in the wild, please come along to a meeting and short presentation about what the process involves.

Working closely with local vets and rescue centres, Melbreak Wildlife Group would like to set up a small network of fosterers across the area.

Thursday 15 September 7.30pm-8.30pm

Yew Tree Hall, Lorton



Simply turn up on the night, if you do wish to book, please contact: tanyaestp@gmail.com

In the meantime, if you find an injured hedgehog please take it to your local vets or rescue centre, who will be able to provide the most appropriate and immediate care that it may need.



Table Tennis Taster Session

Have you been inspired by the new outdoor table tennis table? Have you walked past Yew Tree Hall on a Wednesday evening and wondered what caused the shrieks of laughter coming from the hall? Why not come along, improve your skills and have a great time. It's a really fun and a very sociable evening. We have 2 tables and you can play as much or as little as you like. Some prefer the craic! We have spare bats if you don't have one. And on Wednesday 15th June you can try it out for free, 7-9pm. We would love some new members, as well as welcoming back those who have lost the habit over the last couple of years. For more info contact Eleanor Gardiner, 07497618364.



Fancy a game
of
Table Tennis



FUN, FRIENDLY EVENINGS

LORTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

If you want good company together with some gentle exercise, and lots of fun then come along to the Yew Tree Hall and give it a free try.

- ★ Meets every Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm
- ★ Suitable for all ages and abilities. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult
- ★ Beginners very welcomed

So come along to our FREE taster evening

Wednesday 15th June, 7-9.00pm

Yew Tree Hall, Lorton



FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION -
please get in touch with Eleanor Gardiner tel: 07497618364
or just turn up on the night

DIARY DATES

JUN

- 2 Thu Loweswater Jubilee Celebration, Tree Planting at 1130a.m at the Grange Hotel, Loweswater.Celebratory Lunch at the Loweswater Village Hall 1230p.m.
- 3 Fri Lorton Jubilee Celebration Official Opening of Jubilee Garden and a glass of Pimms, 2.30pm, YTH Hall Garden and Afternoon Tea at 3p.m, YTH
- 8 Wed Midsummer Service of Words and Music, St Michael's Fell Church, Mosser, 6 p.m
- 9 Thu World War Two: Earning a Crust, Ambleside OHG, LDFLHS, 7.30 pm YTH and on Zoom
- 11 Sat Eco Church Count on Nature Event, St Cuthbert's Lorton, 1030a.m - 1230p.m
- 15 Wed Loweswater Ladies, Walk and Supper, LVH
- 15 Wed All welcome,**try your hand at Table Tennis** YTH 7-9pm. Lorton TT Club free taster session.
- 21 Tue Film Night, Mothering Sunday, doors 7pm, film 7.30pm, YTH
- 28 Tue 77 Club Trip. *Murder on the Orient Express* - Alhambra Cinema and Bass Lake Station

JUL

- 6 Wed Lorton Parish Council meeting, YTH, 7.30p.m
- 7 Thu Loweswater Parish Council meeting, LVH, 7.30p.m
- 13 Wed Loweswater Ladies Summer Outing - Dalemmain House and Gardens
- 14 Thu Early Naturalists in Lakeland, Prof Ian D Hodgkinson, 7.30 pm at YTH and on Zoom

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/>

The United Benefice of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere

Church Services June 2022

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| 5 th June | Pentecost | | | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | Loweswater | CW | |
| 12 th June | Trinity Sunday & Climate Sunday | | | |
| 10.30am | Service of the Word | Lorton | SoW | |
| 6.00pm | Holy Communion | Buttermere | CW | |
| 19 th June | 1st Sunday after Trinity | | | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | Loweswater | CW | |
| 26 th June | 2nd Sunday after Trinity | | | |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | Lorton | CW | |
| 6.00pm | Evensong | Buttermere | CW | |

Don't forget to use the **Little Lending Library** to be found in St Cuthbert's Church, Lorton. It has a great selection of books, I've been borrowing up to 3 per week! Ed

If anyone would like the Information Sheet sent directly to their inbox please email Sue Lake on gmcoffice@grasmoormc.church with your request.

Deadline for July/August is Friday 24th June, all articles, photos, funny stories to lortonvalelink@gmail.com by this date. Thank you