

JULY/AUGUST 2022



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

Letter from the Editor

Dear Link Readers

I am starting with a heartfelt request - to those of you who have not yet paid your Link subs for 2022 - please do so as soon as possible. The subs have not been increased for a number of years, but the content and the print costs have so at the moment we are operating at a loss. Full details about how to pay your subs can be found on page 24.

Last month various celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee took place and Neville Mills has created a magnificent centre spread of photos from these events. There is one group photo you may not recognise - this was taken at the Rogerscale Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June. Nearly all the residents of Rogerscale attended (plus a few guests) so there were 15 of us in total. We all enjoyed ourselves so much we have vowed to make it an annual event!

Reports from Lorton and Loweswater appear either side of the montage. A number of the photos were taken by Roger Hiley and these

and many more can be found at <http://www.loweswatercam.co.uk/>

Also see below a personal note from Lyn Furniss who organised the Loweswater Jubilee Lunch.

I'm glad to say that there are notices about events taking place that have been missing for the last few years. These include a concert at St Cuthbert's, St Bartholmew's cream teas at Loweswater Village Hall and Loweswater and Brackenthwaite Show.

As well as the usual report from Lorton School there is also a report about at the schools' annual camping day which took place in St Cuthbert's church yard. As part of the activities a splendid bug house was built which can be found in the wild flower area. Friends of Lorton School are holding a Summer Fair on 12th July - see the poster on page 4 for further details.

You will be spared my ramblings now until September - enjoy your Summer.

Rosemary
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Loweswater Parish Jubilee Luncheon.

I would personally like to thank everyone for their support ~ before, during and after~ in making this event a most successful occasion. I am truly blessed to be living in such a wonderful place.

On another note if anyone is missing a blue plate, a brown glass flan dish, ramekin dish, spatula or cheese knife, please contact me to be reunited with them.

Again, my sincere thanks. Lyn Furniss 01900 85147

Following on from the Hare last month, our second wildlife cover picture this month of a Nuthatch with seed in beak is also taken by John Macfarlane. John also contributed the lovely photo of the Queen's Jubilee Mug which accompanies the Jubilee report from Loweswater. John also says - with regard to the Jubilee centre spread - "If anyone who was there, would like a digital colour copy of the Jubilee Group Photo outside Loweswater Village Hall as a memento for personal use, please do email John at:

jtmacfarlane@gmail.com".



St Peter's Tide, or Petertide, is the traditional season for ordinations. It refers to the Sunday nearest to St Peter's Day on 29 June and to the period around that day. The Church Times always publishes a full list of names of those ordained as deacon or priest at this time, including the date, the diocese and the ordaining bishop. I well remember my own ordination, as a deacon in March 1987 in Gloucester Cathedral and as a priest in Ely Cathedral on 28 May 1994. I remember the second date exactly as it was also my 34th birthday. The gap between the two dates was because the Church of England was still making up its mind about the ordination of women. It was another decade before the first women bishops were consecrated.

Those days seem long ago as the Church of England now receives women and men equally as deacons, priests and bishops. This year the Grasmoor Mission Community is delighted to welcome two new women into ordained ministry. On Saturday 25th June Barbara Robinson was ordained deacon in Carlisle Cathedral by the Bishop of Carlisle. The following day in her first service after her ordination she declared her oath of allegiance to the bishop, and she also has a handsome piece of parchment with the bishop's authorisation to minister in Grasmoor Mission Community with a particularly focus on Lorton, Loweswater and Buttermere. On Sunday 26 June Deborah Hoddinott, who was ordained deacon this time last year, was ordained priest, also in

Carlisle Cathedral by the bishop. She presides at the eucharist for the first time on Sunday 3 July in All Saints Cockermouth.

At the end of both services Bishop James reminded the congregation that Petertide can also be a season that prompts others of us to think vocationally. He had several times ordained someone who first heard God's call during an ordination service. And of course, ordination is not the only way in which we can serve God. Many of us also minister as lay ministers, churchwardens, PCC members, foundation governors or simply as faithful members of our congregations doing God's work.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity 5 which we'll be praying in three weeks' time is also about vocation:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

With God's blessing.

Jane Charman
Grasmoor Mission Community Leader



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Early Naturalists in Lakeland

by Professor Ian D Hodkinson

Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, on Thursday 14th July, at 7.30pm

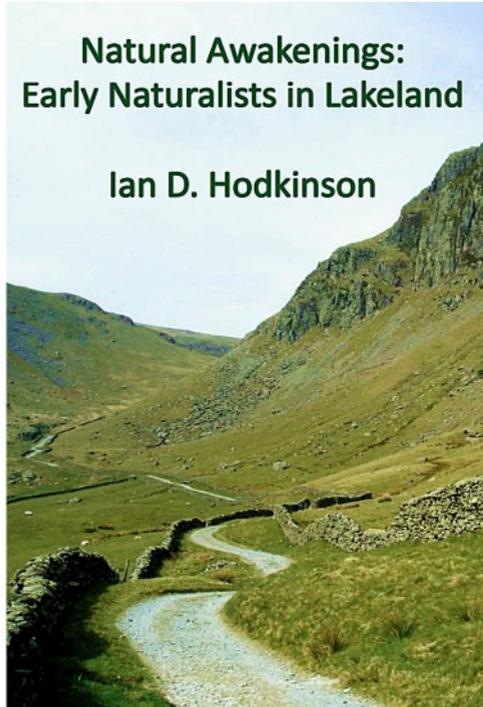
The talk will cover a group of naturalists who were active in the Lake District in the 17th and 18th centuries and who made an important contribution to our knowledge of natural history.

It will tell of a time when eagles flew overhead, ptarmigan were abundant on Skiddaw, predators such as polecat and martens stalked the valleys and corncrakes called from the long vegetation. Sadly such times are no more.

Ian Hodkinson is Professor Emeritus in Animal Ecology and Entomology at Liverpool John Moores University. He has published six books and several papers on history ranging from Jacobite rebellion to archaeology in the Neolithic.

This meeting will be held at the Yew Tree Hall.

We expect the talk will be streamed live using Zoom for members who are unable to attend the meeting, or who prefer to participate from home. A confirmation and a Zoom link will be sent to all members by email in the days before the meeting.



The book cover

Visitors are welcome at £3.00, refreshments included

Next talk 8th September, Dr Christopher Donaldson will speak about Harriet Martineau



Lorton School Link

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



“We have had a very busy half term here at Lorton, and soon it will be even busier with a school trip to London for three days with two other local schools (Dean and Braithwaite). I can't wait to go, since we will be going on a walking tour, visiting Parliament, going on the underground trains and going to see Matilda the musical at the theatre.

Soon after the trip to London, we will be performing a play of Aladdin at the Kirkgate theatre in Cockermouth, which we are all very excited for. We will sing many songs, some of which we have been practising the lyrics to a lot. It will be a performance full of adventure, excitement and much, much more!

Recently, we also went to Loweswater to write some poetry with a poet called Melissa. We did wildflower planting in a hay meadow to help the farmers with their hay and to help the wildlife. We wrote poetry about the flowers we had all around us and we learned how important planting flowers was for the environment!”

Leo, Year 6

ECO CHURCH/ECO COMMUNITY UPDATE

As part of their annual Camping Day the children of Lorton School recently worked with the National Trust and Cumbria Wildlife Trust's Planting for Pollinators team to create a Bug Hotel in the grounds of St Cuthberts Church in Lorton. It's situated against the wall in the wildflower meadow area so it might be a bit out of sight but we thought that was the best place to put it so it's not too disturbed.

The children used different types of wood, bricks and garden canes to create nesting and hibernating spaces. They also spent some time in the church grounds collecting twigs and sticks, fallen leaves and cut grass to add to the bug hotel and make sure there are a variety of habitats on offer. The bug hotel will also provide a safe place for pollinators to raise their young, or for larvae to develop. We're sure all the bees, beetles, moths, butterflies, hoverflies and other insects that are already buzzing around the church grounds will be making it their home soon!



If you want more info on what else the children were up to (they had an action packed day of activity) then the school were going to put some photos on their facebook page

Penny's Piece

I'll admit I wasn't sure that I was going to enjoy all of the Jubilee celebrations but I'm pleased to declare the whole 4 days were great. I think I ate more than three pieces of cake on each day and drank gallons of tea-more than usual. I accidentally saw the flypast for the Trooping of the Colour in 2017. I was stood at an overground tube station, trying to get to the Queen Elizabeth Stadium to see Guns 'n' Roses. Suddenly there was the sound of propellers and swooping past came the spitfires and a Lancaster Bomber. They were not very high and had a very distinctive sound. It was lovely this year to see the Queen say to Louis (in between his face pulling!) that she remembered the sound of those. The pageant was fun and the service in St Paul's was appropriate. Not necessary though was making newsreaders try to cover it when they knew at the end that the largest bell in England, which hangs in St Paul's was going to be rung solidly for a few hours. Having the cameras there, fine. Put the newsreader round the corner.

Of course, the absolute high light was the concert. Or to be precise the first 5 minutes. Well played Your Majesty. The Queen and Paddington completely upstaging everything that followed all because of a marmalade sandwich.

On the following Thursday I spent the afternoon with my class, trying to turn the slab cake the kitchen provided us, into something resembling a crown on a cushion. There was fondant icing welded to the table and there are still silver decorating balls rolling around the floor. As is standard when baking with kids, there were several who looked like they'd thrown themselves into the bag of icing sugar and tears because some put someone else's decoration on the cake. We

didn't win. Buck-cake-ingham Palace did. It was very good so we will be gracious.

As the weather has warmed up, trying to sleep has become a trial. The 2 duvets in one cover had long been removed but now the one duvet was too hot at 13.5 tog. Thought we had a 10.5 tog, but the other duvet we found was also 13.5 tog. A new 7.5 tog was bought and seems to be working well. I returned from finding an open bank on a Saturday (Lloyds in Workington if you are interested) to find the old duvet had been stowed away. . . but where? It hadn't been put in another vacuum bag and put on the top of the wardrobe. It wasn't in the wardrobe. . . but the 10 ½ tog we couldn't find before was. It was at this point we realised we have 5 duvets. 3, 13.5 tog duvets, a 10.5 tog and a 7.5 tog. That's 58.5 tog. Comedian Rhod Gilbert will be having a heart attack over that. I can't get the towels out of the airing cupboard because of the duvet content. I suppose it'll help keep the tank warm until it gets cold and I need 2 back on the bed.

Wish me luck. I am holidaying in Cornwall for the first time ever and driving to get there-via a friend's in Devon. Not only that, I'm doing Air BnB. It was cheaper than a Premier Inn by £50 a night and only £30 more than some campsites down there. I will endeavour not to park like a tourist and I already know how to reverse so I think I'm winning already. If anyone is at a loose end in late July, early August and wants to bash Balsam in Loweswater, let me know. Have a great summer and if I don't see you before, I'll see you at the Show on the 4th September.

Penny.



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LORTON NOTES

The weather finally seems to have improved although as I type this I see that sunshine and showers are forecast for the next few days - at least the garden won't need watering. The fine weather means that the wild flower area in St Cuthbert's is, literally, blooming. Earlier in June we held an I-Naturalist, Count on Nature event. A select group attended to survey the species of flora and fauna in the church yard and we had some exciting finds. These included Pignut, eyebright, yellow rattle, ox eye daisy, common bistort, and black knapweed in the meadow area - all of which are Cumbrian hay meadow species. Pignut and Common bistort weren't added as seed (when we created the wildflower area), and despite the names they are not common!

That same weekend the church looked magnificent thanks to a Blessing that took place. There was a most impressive arch of flowers around the doorway and two superb pedestals in front of the altar. The wedding party was kind enough to leave

these in-situ for our Climate Sunday service the next day. See the next page for a photo.

We finally feel able to hold some social events so on 19th August there will be a concert in St Cuthbert's church - A Celebration of Simon and Garfunkel. This is in aid of our much depleted church funds so I do hope as many as possible will attend. Full details can be found on page 26. We had the same performers a few years ago and the music was outstanding.

Rosemary Riley

From the Register:

Wedding Blessing
11th June

Connor Kirdzik and Hannah Brown

Baptism
26th June
Mason Kenneth Green

The 'Buttermere Camino' Sunday 17th July

Calling all pilgrims. We are holding a mini camino (pilgrimage) from St Cuthbert's in Lorton, to St James', Buttermere, via St. Bartholomew's in Loweswater on Sunday, 17th July, leaving Lorton church at 1pm. There will be times for prayer and reflection as well as fellowship whilst we walk, finishing with a service of Holy Communion in St James' church. The walk is about 10 1/2 miles and we hope to arrive in Buttermere for the service at 6pm. There will be opportunities to join or leave the walk at Loweswater. We recommend sharing lifts and either arranging pickups from Buttermere or leaving cars there, as the buses finish at 6.30pm and are likely to be busy. Please contact me if you are interested and for more details.

Deacon Lucy Thompson (lucy.e.thompson@talk21.com)

Update on the Buttermere Hydro Project

After a successful engagement event in May at the Yew Tree Village Hall in Lorton, with a very positive response, Melbreak Renewable Energy (MRE) is in the process of submitting an application to the Planning Inspectorate for permission to do works on common land because all of the land concerned is registered as common land. The application will be submitted in early July and we are now conducting an informal consultation exercise.

The intake for the hydro is very small in scale and in a part of the beck that is hard to access. The access route for construction and the mostly buried pipeline will be completely restored to its original state. The turbine house will look like a small outbuilding, of traditional materials, and will be well hidden behind the electricity substation in Buttermere. No current access will be affected. We are therefore very hopeful that the application will be approved. The application will be advertised locally and will be available to view at Cockermouth Library. If you have any initial comments or questions on this, please get in touch with Aine Kelly, at akc.kelly@gmail.com or melbreakenergy@gmail.com.

MRE will be following this shortly with a planning application which will be widely advertised within the community. We will then be in a position to progress to the next stage - the detailed financial modelling and the share offer.

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LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB

Wasn't it great to have Chelsea back as a Spring show? Addictive telly watching for the week, though I'm not sure about beaver ponds without the beavers...just a few beaver nibbled sticks! Although I appreciate that it's a show, and we expect a bit of theatre. Did you see Stella Exley, who came to talk to us a couple of years ago? Her stand had a rather splendid Morris Minor mixed in with the camassias. We enjoyed a delightful visit on 16th June to South Lodge in Cockermouth, to see the garden being developed by Simon Dodsworth for his daughter Claire and her husband. Simon came to talk to us in Oct 2020 about English bearded irises. South Lodge was the subject of Lena Stanley-Clamp's articles in the Lorton and Derwent Fells Local History Society magazine, so it was very interesting to be able to see the house and grounds. Apparently, the estate once amounted to 100 acres, and went right down to the river. It's still a substantial garden with a huge lawn and wide curved herbaceous borders. It's a work in progress, but beautiful clumps of white peonies, many new rhododendrons and azaleas, a whole orchard and, of course, bearded irises. The iris are doing well on the remains of the gravel drive, but elsewhere, the main problem is stopping them from being dragged under by their roots - once the rhizomes are underground, they won't flower! Pushing pea gravel under them seems to help. It really felt like a garden party, especially as Claire gave us beautiful pavlovas and elder flower cordial. A lovely day.

Talking of garden parties, it will be the Garden Club summer social on Thursday 7th July, kindly hosted by Catherine and Andrew Chamberlain at Broomlands, High Lorton. We will be starting at 6.30, hoping for a fine evening. Parking, provided that it's not too wet, in the adjacent field, courtesy of Carol and John. Please bring a plate of finger food - extra if you have a non member guest - and any spare plants for the plant stall.

Some club members will be going on the North Wales garden holiday at the end of July. This is fully booked.

The August Garden Club trip is on Tuesday 9th August to Middle Blakebank, Underbarrow LA8 8HP, starting at 2.00 pm. We are promised extensive views over the Lythe Valley, Morcambe Bay and the Howgills, with formal gardens, orchards and wild flower meadows. Information to follow from Nicola and Fiona.



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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day Celebrations at Loweswater

June 2nd 2022

The Day commenced with the planting of a tree at the Grange. The tree was funded by local organisations and the plaque-stand was hand-crafted by a local resident using oak grown in Holme Wood. It was an enjoyable event and extremely well attended.

There then followed a lunch party at the Village Hall, which commenced with Grace. It is impossible to mention all those who made the event such a great success. A lot of thought went in beforehand, with the committees of various local organisations being involved. In the days beforehand, the Hall was decorated, tables set and laid, memorabilia dug out of attics, bunting supplied, and celebration cakes made.

On the day there was much excitement, and community involvement. All attendees brought lots of delicious food to share, and afterwards everything was cleared away and washed up by an army of volunteers. After toasting Her Majesty there followed a loud rendition of the National Anthem with keyboard accompaniment. The speeches were entertaining and informative. A series of photographs was taken throughout the event, and these can be viewed on [loweswatercam](#). At the end of the celebrations, we all went outside in glorious sunshine for a group photograph.

Finally we would like thank everyone for attending and contributing. The event was a great success, and will be remembered by us all for many years to come.

David Robinson, Chair Loweswater Parish Council







Platinum Jubilee Lunch
Loveswater Village Hall
2nd June 2022

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2nd June 2022

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PLATINUM JUBILEE



LORTON JUBILEE

Opening of the Jubilee Garden

This community project which has taken almost two years to bring to life was officially opened and started our Jubilee celebrations . A crowd of familiar faces , and some new friends came to see our ' princess for the day ' open the garden . Elizabeth Dobrovolska , aged 8 , has recently arrived in our area from the Ukraine . She did an excellent job of cutting the ribbon and welcoming people into the garden where we all enjoyed a glass of Pimms and a look at the new planting. The Whinlatter Whistlers performed in the garden next door and were a wonderful live music addition. We hope that when you pass by you will open the door and spend some time in this new community garden .

Afternoon Tea , Music and Art

A delicious afternoon tea of sweet and savoury fare was served to all who came - we were expecting 70 and actually had 120 through the door ! An orderly queue formed while we squeezed everyone in .. there was much laughter and chat as we were entertained by Stan Foster on piano and sax . The hall was decorated with many flags and an art exhibition from local group A Change Of Art hung on the walls ... the Melbreak Covid Scrapbook and the Lorton WI 100yr also were on show . Caroline and Rachel's kids craft area was a great success .

Thankyou to everyone who supported the event and particularly the serving team Rachel , Pip , Liz , Pippa , Catherine , Chris and Nev .

We raised £574 which will go to local Ukrainian refugees.
Polly Lusher and Clare Round



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Much has been said lately about the crowds at Heathrow and Gatwick, but those particular airports are not alone in being busy. Swallow Hill Airport too, has recently been frequented by unusually large numbers of “aircraft” – of the feathered kind of course. Blue, Coal and Great Tits, Robins, Blackbirds, Chaffinches, Siskins, Bullfinches, Greenfinches to name but a few, but, above all, a constant stream of Goldfinches. Nothing particularly unusual in terms of species, except for one brief visit by a solitary Redpoll, a bird I have often seen further south, but a “first” here. One or two visitors we used to have regularly have not appeared this year as yet, such as Spotted Woodpecker and Nuthatch, to say nothing of Red Squirrel. Needless to say, all this bird activity has included the successful hatching of eggs and the resulting appearance of fledglings, frantically quivering their plumage in their customary appeal for food from their parents.

One mixed blessing was a collision between a Sparrow and a window pane. The poor bird crashed into the glass and fell onto a garden table beneath with an unbelievable thump, laying motionless. I say a mixed blessing because although I would not wish such a fate on any bird, it did at least give me the opportunity of an unusually close inspection. I cradled it in my hands, this lovely soft, warm, quivering, throbbing scrap of life, totally unconscious. But then slowly, very slowly, eyelids began to flutter and limbs to twitch and after ten minutes or so I had the delightful task of assisting in the relaunch into the blue skies above.

Another absentee from the garden so far, in any numbers anyway, are the Butterflies, but since the national picture is of a 50% decline, this is only to be expected.

Still no change in the depletion of Cormorant numbers on the coast. Whereas on one occasion in the past over 1,000 were counted in an hour, it is now a case of noting the odd one or two, but often none at all.

A recent visit to the sand dune foreshore a few miles south proved interesting, as always. Sand dunes are a sanctuary to many uncommon, rare and unique species, including Fen Orchid, Sand Lizard, and Natterjack Toad. Conventional management of dunes over long periods of time creates a stable environment and the dunes become overgrown, which threatens the life cycle of the ecosystem and the creatures that live on them. Accordingly a project entitled “Dynamic Dunescapes” has been launched aimed at rejuvenating nine of England and Wales’s most important dune habitats. (see www.dunescapes.co.uk)

Instead of walking along the sandy shore, a trip into the depths of the extensive dunes can be rewarding, although it must be said that when straying from such tracks as there are, it can be quite hard walking. Once again, on the recent visit there was the constant sight and sound of Skylarks overhead. The unmistakable soaring and fluttering vertical flight followed by the plunge earthwards into the grasses below, accompanied of course by the glorious song. Magical.

In some of the well sheltered hollows there are beautiful patches of the pure white Burnet Rose (*Rosa spinosissima* L) which comes as something of a surprise in such inhospitable country. A lovely rose this and the only British wild rose which has purple/black fruits rather than red. It is also known as St. David’s rose and is the emblem of the See of St. David’s, Pembrokeshire. In the same locations there are examples of Musk Mallow (*Malva moschata* L), a pretty and delicate lavender blue.

On the broader front, there are of course a great many organisations around the world which are making tremendous efforts for the sake of wildlife. The scale of some efforts and some costs is breathtaking. For example, FFI (Fauna and Flora International) contributed towards the conservation of almost 50 million hectares of vital habitat last year, across 300 sites in 50 countries. The Gorilla Organisation is not only planting 500,000 trees this year but has lost 200 of its Rangers whilst protecting wildlife against poachers, a heavy price indeed.

Alan Gane.

Loweswater Ladies June 2022

Firstly I should apologise for the confusion over the date of our June meeting. The correct date was shown in members programme cards and in last month's Link article but was incorrect in the diary on the back page of the Link. Entirely my error, hopefully everyone got the clarification email. Our June meeting saw us undertake our annual stroll through the lanes around Loweswater. The view down the valley from the village hall never fails to make me feel joyful and glad to live in this area. After a dull and drizzly morning the evening turned out to be warm and bright and our thanks go to Christine W for leading the walk. On returning from the walk we had an excellent buffet supper and the evening was one of our busiest of the year so far. Half way through the evening we were delighted to see a young deer grazing in the field beside the hall.

There was much talk during the evening of Jubilee events both in Loweswater and elsewhere. Many of our members attended the Loweswater Platinum Jubilee Celebration Lunch in the village hall. Members of our own group, the 77 Club, the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee all came together to make this a real community event. It was attended by around 100 people. The weather was warm and sunny and I think I can safely say a good time was had by all. Special thanks should go to our own Lyn and Jenny not only for manning the kitchen throughout the day but for all the planning that went into the lunch beforehand.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th July when we will be going on our summer outing to Dalemain House and Historic Gardens. Payment £26 for members, £30 for non members in cash please on the day. Participants with any food allergies or special dietary requirements should let me know by 3 July.

There will be no meeting in August but we will welcome Amanda Lynnes to LVH on 14th September to talk to us about her time in Antarctica .

Doreen Robertson 01946 862158

CHRISTIAN AID – THANK YOU

A final sum of £666.17 has been raised.

Many thanks, to everyone who worked hard and gave their time to

deliver and collect and to all who donated so generously.

Jan Collins-Webb

Lorton Working Group for Refugees

A brief update on progress regarding support to Ukrainian refugees being hosted locally.

A snapshot from Cumbria County Council (CCC) shows that as of May 2022, 249 host families have come forward in Cumbria offering 698 placements to Ukrainian guests of whom about 50% have already arrived. A recent DWP report noted that there are 'far fewer issues in Cumbria than neighbouring areas'.

Cumbria County Council and a local network of hosts and guests are keeping one another informed of developments and needs.

This local support network of hosts and guests is very active with coffee mornings, organised walks, picnic at Muncaster Castle, English Language Cafes in 3 local towns, English lessons, accessing free Sim cards, donated clothing, advising on grants (National Insurance, Universal Credit), jobs, schools admissions, travel cost/ bus passes, vaccines, home insurance, etc.

A request from a hosting family in Greysouthen for bikes for their guests (2 mums and their 4 children), arriving on 27th June 2022, was very generously responded to by a number of local people. So far 6 bikes are in the process of final preparation and safety checking. The rest will be offered to other guests/hosts in West Cumbria over the summer period.

Hanneke van Schelven, Vince Mercer

Loweswater and Brackenthwaite Show 2022

HELP WANTED. The show returns, after a 3 year break, on Sunday 4th September and as ever we are looking for volunteers to help on the gates and with parking. If you are willing and able to help for an hour (or two) please contact Penny on 01946 862200. If I don't answer, do leave a message. Please leave name and number so I can get back to you. Or email penny.lecksta@gmail.com
Penny

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

After a somewhat lacklustre June it's good to be writing this on a glorious sunny day. We are now in what is known in the church as ordinary time the period between Trinity Sunday and Advent. This Sunday is known as Petertide one of the two traditional times in The Church of England for ordination of new priests. As many know Barbara was ordained last Saturday at Carlisle Cathedral. This was a joyful occasion and we all wish her well and send love, support and our prayers for her future Ministry.

A reminder of the service pattern for the next few months. In even months ie June/August etc Buttermere will have services on the 2nd & 4th Sundays and in the odd months ie July/September etc Buttermere will hold services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. This is of course publicised on the back page of the Link as usual.

The wedding season continues at Loweswater with a local couple's wedding at the end of May. The first Buttermere wedding of the year was a lovely occasion, despite persistent rain, under the watchful eye of Ted the couple's dog who followed proceedings with great interest. We wish Becky and Ben and Jude and Michael much

happiness in their futures together and look forward to seeing them again.

Buttermere has a smart new wrought iron gate(to deter sheep!) our thanks to Heather Thompson and family for having it made for us.

The August Bank Holiday teas are back in Loweswater village hall on Sunday 28th August after a two year break, proceeds in aid of church funds. A welcome return to more normal times.

The holiday season is upon us and usually boosts numbers at our services and those who visit our churches, often writing enthusiastic and grateful comments in our visitor books. Wishing all readers a wonderful summer break.

Eleanor Ella

From St.Bartholomew's Register
Wedding
28th May
Judith Ashburner and Michael Model

From St.James's Register
Wedding
17th June
Rebecca Carson and Ben De'Bell



On 2 June the village held a celebration in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The 77 Club participated in the organisation of the event, and a report appears elsewhere in this issue. Many individuals were involved in the planning and preparation, and to mention everyone who helped would be impossible. But a special vote of thanks should go to Lyn Furniss. She is a member of both the 77 Club Committee and the Committee of another participating group (the Loweswater Ladies). She consequently drew the short straw for talking charge of the arrangements in LVH. Much of the credit for the success of the event should go to her.

By the time this edition of the Link appears we shall have had our annual trip. After the summer break the Club's activities will resume in the autumn, so keep an eye on the September and October issues of the Link for details.

John Hudson



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Notes from the Organ at St Cuthberts.

Following the arrival of the replacement circuit board from Japan the organ is back in full working order and improved sound. Thanks go to members of the PCC for their help and support and to Anthony Kitchen, the competent technician for all this work.

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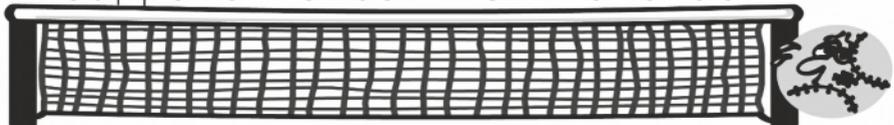
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A Melbreak Communities Event



Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club

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JUL

- 6 Wed Lorton Parish Council meeting, YTH, 7.30p.m
- 7 Thu Loweswater Parish Council meeting, LVH, 7.30p.m
- 12 Tue Friends of Lorton School Summer Fair, Parish Field, 3pm
- 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

AUG

- 13 Sat Coffee Morning YTH 10.30am to 12 noon. Hosted by Lorton Tennis Club
- 19 Fri A Celebration of Simon and Garfunkel concert, St Cuthbert's Church Lorton, 6.45p.m.
- 21 Sun Exploring Early Loweswater, guided walk, LDFLHS, 2 -5 pm (provisional date)
- 28 Sun Cream teas, LVH, 2-5p.m

SEP

- 4 Sun Loweswater and Brackenthwaite Show

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/>

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

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Church Services July 2022

3 rd July	St Thomas the Apostle		
10.30am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Loweswater	CW
6.00pm	Evensong	Buttermere	CW
10 th July	4th Sunday after Trinity		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
17 th July	St James the Apostle		
10.30am	Morning Service	Loweswater	SoW
1.00pm	'Buttermere Camino'	starting from Lorton	
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Buttermere	CW
24 th July	6th Sunday after Trinity		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
31 st July	7th Sunday after Trinity		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW

Church Services August 2022

7 th August	St Oswald		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
14 th August	9th Sunday after Trinity		
10.30am	Morning Service	Lorton	SoW
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Buttermere	CW
21 st August	St Bartholomew the Apostle		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater	CW
12.30p.m	Baptism	Buttermere	
28 th August	11th Sunday after Trinity		
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton	CW
6.00pm	Evensong	Buttermere	CW

Deadline for September is Friday 19th August, all articles, photos, funny stories to lortonvalelink@gmail.com by this date. Thank you