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Letter from the Editor

Dear Link Readers

What a month it has been - a political roller coaster - and by the time you all read this we will have another Prime Minister. Things have been more stable in the Lorton Vale I'm glad to say - and everyone has been busy writing their pieces for The Link. We have an extensive update from Loweswater Village Hall, where there are events taking place this month and next and there is also advanced notice of the ever popular wine tasting in February. Yew Tree Hall in Lorton is as busy as ever and after their commencement last month the Games Night and Soup Social are continuing and there is of course the usual activities including Coffee and Cakes and Film Night. In December there will be a Christmas Wreath workshop - see posters throughout the Link for further details of all these activities

I love Penny's tribute to binder twine (read her letter to find out more) and couldn't resist including an appropriate photograph.

It sounds as though Lorton Gardening Club had a rather scary talk about toxic plants in the garden - I'm thinking of investing in a Hazmat suit before I

venture out again! Do you think it will suit me?

Hopefully their next talk about Herb Gardens will not be so terrifying.



Lorna from The Grange has come across a collection of poems written long ago by members of Loweswater W.I. Three of these reflect on WW2 and have been used to create a moving centre spread to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Thanks to Nev Mills for his usual excellent art work for this and other posters in The Link this month.

Speaking of Loweswater there is a Local's Night at The Kirkstile in December - book early to avoid disappointment.

There is a lot going on at St Cuthbert's Lorton with the Remembrance Service on November the 13th and the Christmas Fair (held jointly with Friends of Lorton School this year) on December 3rd - see pages 10 and 11 for more details.

So all in all a bumper-edition - I hope you find something of interest.

Rosemary
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Our cover picture this month is another dawn shot entitled 'The Vale of Sky' and was taken from Rogerscale looking out over the valley at day break last November. The photographer is Adam Baker



On unburning the toast

The word 'toast' has featured quite a lot in the media recently. Not the crisp slice coated with butter, jam or marmalade that we Brits so much enjoy for our breakfast or tea but something altogether less delicious, as this or that political commentator declares this or that political figure, their plans and ideas, to be absolutely finished and done with. This has led to a pithy little saying that I hadn't heard before: 'You can't unburn the toast'. Mistakes made in the public domain cannot be undone, they stand for ever as a judgment against those who made them, never to be forgotten or forgiven.

Bashing politicians and others in the public eye is a popular pastime and of course it is right that those we elect to serve our nation and its people are held to account for their actions. The cost of recent mistakes in both financial and human terms has been high and we are angry and sad to think of the impact this will have on some of the most vulnerable in our society. I still find it scary, though, to think that our mistakes could be held against us in perpetuity with no possibility that we could ever move on from them and redeem ourselves. Which of us would want to be in that position?

Forgiving someone when they have caused us harm or pain is pretty hard. Perhaps it's even harder when we feel they have caused harm or pain to others whom we care about. I'm certainly not good at it. Yet this is exactly what the Christian gospel tells us we need to try and do. The Lord's Prayer contains these words: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' This is not to say that we won't be forgiven for our sins if we don't forgive others. It's an encouragement to reflect on our own fallibility, for which God has already forgiven us if we are penitent, and ask ourselves whether we are willing to extend the same love and charity to others.

All of us burn the toast occasionally. I did it just the other day and had to open the front door and flap a tea towel to get rid of the smoke. The noise of the smoke alarm was enough to alert everyone in the house to my mistake. But don't sit lamenting and wishing that the toast could be unburned. Sometimes it's better just to pitch the burnt offering into the bin and make something fresh.

With God's blessing.

Jane Charman
Grasmoor Mission Community Leader



November update.

Thank you to everyone who attended the coffee and cake event in conjunction with Melbreak Communities and with the wonderful photographic exhibition by John and Rosamund MacFarlane. The coffee and cakes raised £282 for the Hall.

Loveswater Village Hall Committee also used this event for two other purposes. Firstly, to say thank you to William & Marion Vickers, who have retired from the Committee after over 80 combined years of service to the hall. Marion had been on the Committee for around 35 years- most as treasurer and William had been Chair since the early 80s and on the Committee before this. Though his link with the hall began when he started school there in the 40s. They will be missed.

We also unveiled the Jubilee bench commemorating the Platinum Jubilee of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The slate bench is located by the Millennium plaque in the car park alcove looking over the fields.

Loveswater Village Hall now has a new website which can be found at:

loweswatervillagehall.co.uk

We are having a Christmas Gathering on the afternoon of Saturday December 17th with mince pies, mulled wine, carols and an activity table for children. Free entry, with a collection for the NSPCC. Further details in December's edition.

Finally, later this month we are hosting comedic poet and singer Rob Barrett as part of Arts Out West- see poster in this issue. Email loweswaterevents@gmail.com or ring Penny on 01946 862200 for tickets.

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ROB BARRATT

Photo: Colin Hill

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Poppy Appeal 2022

We are now coming up to the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day. Although many donations to charities are online now, the Poppy Appeal still retains the traditional ways of providing poppies by door to door, shop and town centre collections as well as requests for online contributions. During recent years door to door collections have become more difficult as we use cards for payments so much more and carry less cash. However, we shall soon be making our local house to house collections for this year's Appeal and hope this little reminder will help you to be able to give us a cash donation.

Joan Warren and Kathryn Mitchell



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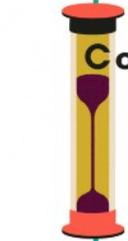
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THANK YOU to everyone who attended our *Lake District Reflections* exhibition, as part of the successful Coffee and Cakes morning hosted by LVH Committee on 8th October.

We are pleased to report that we have passed on **£300** from sales of prints, cards, calendars to *Friends of the Lake District*, *West Lakes Squirrel Initiative* and donations to *Refugee Tales*.

Our few remaining high quality 2023 calendars, together with our Red Squirrel (some suitable for *Christmas*) and wildlife greeting cards are available for sale with Lee and Arwen at **LORTON VILLAGE SHOP...whilst stocks last!!**

We are most grateful to Andy Burr, and Beth and Stuart Medland for their help, Lorton Derwent Fells Local History Society for the loan of display boards & LVH committee for their invitation and organisation.

Rosamund and John Macfarlane, Loweswater

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Penny's Piece

In trying to clean up one of my waterproof jackets, I had to empty out the pockets before putting it in the washer. As we live where we do, my jacket pockets permanently have a pair of gloves and a buff at the ready for any sudden weather. But there was a problem: (please sing to 'One Love; by Blue)

One glove, where's the other gone?
One glove, my left hand's gone numb.
One glove, there is something wrong.
One glove's not what I need.

Of course, the first question usually asked at this point is the pointless- where did you have it last? If I knew that . . . So, if you are out and about- probably around Darling Fell and spot a purple Thinsulate glove, it may well be mine. The other month, through the medium of film and TV I was taken to the same (up until that point unheard of) Italian city; Matera. It is built on and around cliffs and has lots of caves which were lived in until the 50s. Richard E. Grant's literary visit for 'Write around the world' focused on the history and the views. James May: Our man in Italy focused on the views and some of the more unusual uses for the caves and customs and James Bond focused on the views, speeding round narrow streets on a motorbike or in an Aston Martin and shooting at things. All very different outlooks of the same place, but all equally enjoyable and makes me want to pay a visit. Clarkson's Farm is not yet back on Amazon Prime but one of its stars- Caleb, the one who has no problem telling Jeremy Clarkson he's useless, is everywhere. He was nominated for a national Television Award for TV expert (the shock there was that Martin Lewis won over Sir David Attenborough!). He has a book out and this weekend he achieved a landslide win

on the 'Little wins' feature with Claudia Winkleman on Radio 2. His 'win' was baler twine. Most people reading this know or have witnessed the vast variety of uses where baler twine can be used. It holds trousers up and jackets shut. It works well at either end of a gate or holds the rose bush up. Most recently I used it as an impromptu lead to escort a wandering hound up to a neighbour's where a couple of others had turned up and were awaiting collection. It can mark out lines for digging a spud furrow, tie the boot secure when you've bought something stupid at the auction or Argos that is a nightmare to transport and can fix a bag so you can get home with all your belongings (either as a handle or to prevent the contents spilling out when the zip goes.). I quite agree, it is a win, little or otherwise. Take care Penny.



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LORTON NOTES

Last month we celebrated Harvest Festival and held our Harvest Supper (the first since the start of Covid). The former was well attended and the latter was a huge success with around 60 attendees. Many thanks to all those who were kind enough to cook a Tattie pot and/or an Apple Pie - they were very well received. In a new departure we had a bar selling wine and beer and this proved a popular addition to proceedings. As usual the evening ended with a lively auction run by Keith McNeil. In all we made a profit of £674.50p which has been split equally between the North Lake's Food Bank and The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal. The Bishop's Harvest Appeal supports Christian Aid and the Mothers Union (Christian Care for families) whilst 10% of monies raised goes to UK charities Cumbria Development Education Centre and Carlisle One World Centre who are working with relocated refugees. More information can be found here - [Bishop's Harvest Appeal - Diocese of Carlisle \(carlisediocese.org.uk\)](http://Bishop's Harvest Appeal - Diocese of Carlisle (carlisediocese.org.uk))

This month we will be holding our Remembrance Sunday Service on 13th November. This is an important date in the calendar and we'd love to see the Church full as we remember all those who have served and died in conflicts. This month also sees the start of the Advent season. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

I need to highlight that the date of the Christmas Fair has changed to **SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 10.30**. As you can see from the poster opposite - in another new

departure St Cuthbert's has joined forces with Friends of Lorton School to host a joint Fair. There will be lots of exciting attractions and refreshments, including mulled wine.



I'd like to put in another plea for unwanted gifts for the Draw - delivered to High Barn, Rogerscale. We already have some fantastic prizes for the Grand Christmas Raffle including Lunch for two at The Bridge Hotel Bar, Buttermere and vouchers for 2 local pubs as well as a Family Ticket for the Keswick Launch. We need lots more prizes though so please contact me to donate or make suggestions.

The Lorton Vale Calendar is almost complete - if you haven't already pre-ordered yours then please do so ASAP.

Rosemary Riley



St Cuthbert's Church and
Friends of Lorton School

Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December
Lorton School 10.30am - 1.00pm



(Admission: Adults £1, Children Free)

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LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club AGM was on the 18th Oct in the Yew Tree Hall - start delayed by a tractor with a monster trailer struggling to get by the hall! We've had a really good year, back to a full programme after all the covid disruption. Lois' review highlighted the excellent summer party at Catherine and Andrew's, and the visit to Hugh Povey's arboretum at Kirkoswald. Sheila reported on our healthy finances, and then we were all set for Lyn Brunetti and her intriguingly titled talk "Vengeful Vegetation". Well, who would have thought that the garden was such a dangerous place? It seems as though most of our garden plants can do you an injury, although we know that far from being vengeful, this is just plant self defence. Prickles, thorns, spines, spikes, followed by irritant or stinging hairs. Did you know that nettles give you a histamine injection through their hollow hairs, which is why grasping the nettle firmly allows you to pull it out without getting stung? Apparently you need a full protective suit to deal with *Fremontodendron Californicum*, the Californian Glory. Then there's irritant and phototoxic sap, allergens and straightforward poisons. You should wear gloves when handling many garden plants, including bulbs. The saving grace is that most of these potentially injurious plants are only handled for short periods, and most poisonous plants don't look like food. No one is likely to eat foxglove or aconitum, but beware of the ones like laburnum that have fruits that look like peas or beans. Lyn advised waiting for a damp day before cutting back anything like ivy or phlomis that exudes dust, or bracken which exudes spores. On the whole, gardeners are safe because we know our plants and can recognise the dangerous ones. On the other hand, recognition doesn't altogether protect you from 3 metre long rampant bramble stems....

Our next talk is on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30 in the Yew Tree Hall, when Heather Birkett from Acorn Bank will speak on "The Whys and Wherefores of Herb Gardens".

If you would like to join the club, the annual subscription is £10 - what a bargain! Contact Nicola as membership secretary on 07687 76483, or lawses@btinternet.com.

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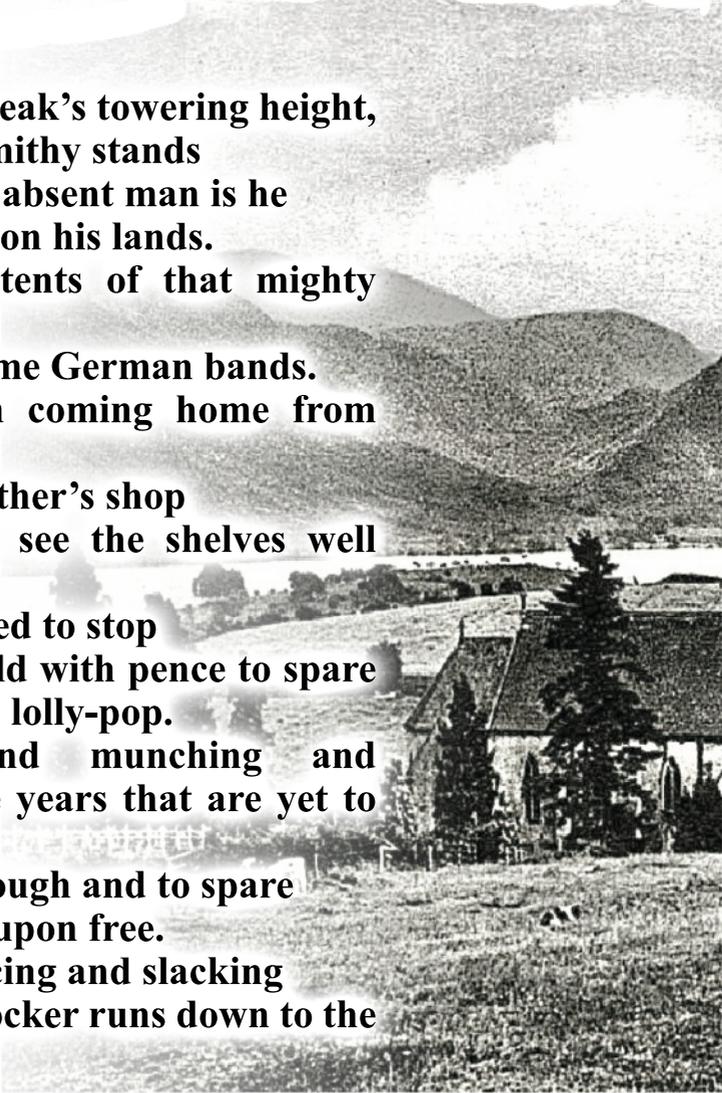
Harvest Supper & Auction at St Bartholomew & St James

Thank you to Tony Harrison Butchers for supplying the delicious Tatie pot supper. Thanks to everyone who brought and supplied produce for the Auction and also to all who came and enjoyed the meal and bid so generously. We made a **profit of £333.00** divided between the Bishop's Harvest Appeal and Cockermouth Food Bank. Thank you



Remembrance

From a collection of poems written by members of Loweswater WI in 1943, courtesy of the late Mrs Statters, formerly of Moss Cottage, Loweswater. The poems are now in the safe keeping of Lorna Meadley.



**‘Neath Melbreak’s towering height,
The village smithy stands
The smith an absent man is he
A scrap heap on his lands.
And the contents of that mighty
heap
Will make some German bands.
And children coming home from
school
Look in at Esther’s shop
They love to see the shelves well
filled
And be allowed to stop
Till every child with pence to spare
is served with lolly-pop.
Trudging and munching and
hoping in the years that are yet to
be
For pence enough and to spare
And all be coupon free.
Toiling, rejoicing and slacking
Where the Cocker runs down to the
sea.**

Day Poems



**Far from the surge of marching feet
And the crash of War's alarms
Encircled by its guardian fells
Lowswater keeps its charms.
Here is no uniformed parade
No medals to be won.
Naught but the burden of endless toil
And a faithful duty done.**

**Woods, two lakes, wildflowers, and fells
But not, as yet, a peal of bells
To herald in the end of War
Oh that this village had 7 more church bells
To hang beside that one, that lonely one.
No doubt the joy will be as real from one, as
from a splendid peal.**

Loweswater Ladies October 2022

Our speaker this evening was Jane Hallam, a local producer of soap made from goats' milk. Jane and her family live in Great Broughton and have utilised some land and outbuildings around their home to gradually build up a bit of a menagerie. First came some cats, then a dog, some hens and ducks to be followed in 2018 by 2 goats, Eunice and Blue. Prompted by a ready supply of goats' milk, a need to develop a business that could be run from home while her daughter was still a toddler and family skin issues, Jane hit on the idea to produce handmade soap from Eunice and Blue's milk.

Making soap from goats' milk goes back thousands of years. The benefits of goats' milk are reflected in its use by ancient queens. Cleopatra is said to have bathed in goats' milk as did Queen Elizabeth I. It is made using a traditional process known as saponification which combines fats and oils with a base of lye. The goats milk produces a gentle creamy soap often favoured by people with skin conditions. It is moisturising and nourishing for dry skin, a gentle cleanser and natural exfoliant. Jane's business "Eunice and Blue", named after the original goats, has thrived over the last 4 years. She sells online from her website, at markets and in local shops (eg. Lorton Village Store and Goodness and Grains in Cockermouth) as well as supplying some local guest houses. Members were intrigued by the process of making the soap and its benefits, as well as being delighted to hear of the successful development of a local enterprise. A most interesting evening and an opportunity to purchase some handmade soap. It's never too early to set aside some Christmas gifts!

Members were given details of our Christmas meal which is at the Hunday Manor Hotel on Monday 12th December at 7pm. Guests and partners welcome. Please let Harriet know either at the November meeting or by email before mid November if you want to attend.

Next month we are to be taken on "A Journey Through Kyrgyzstan" by our speaker Steve Cushing. The meeting is on Wednesday 9 November at 7.15pm in LVH.

Doreen Robertson



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

October seems to have rushed by and I have been caught unawares by the Link deadline! After a mild and damp month we see the beginnings of the splendid autumn colour.

The church was once again beautifully decorated for Harvest Festival. We were able to have our first harvest supper and auction for 3 years. Though numbers were down we raised over £300 to be shared between the Bishop's appeal and the Food Bank. Our thanks to Andy Burr our trusty auctioneer and all those who supported the event.

November is the month we remember our departed as we keep All Souls' Day, all those we have loved and see no longer and Remembrance Day then look to Advent Sunday at the end of the month the start of the church year.

The Poppy Appeal this month remains as important as ever with continuing war and conflict resulting in the inevitable victims. We hope all will give generously.

We shall be holding 2 special services on Sunday 6th November. Sophie Hodge the Stewardship officer for the diocese will be coming to talk to us at Loweswater at 10.30 on stewardship as we start our campaign. We know that our church holds a special place for many in our community, churchgoers and non churchgoers alike and people will be keen to offer support. In the afternoon Buttermere will be holding an Allsouls' service to which we warmly invite all those who have lost loved ones both recently and over the longer term. Please note Buttermere Sunday services are now at 3 pm.

We are pleased to announce St.Bartholomew's has achieved its Bronze Eco church award and look to obtain the silver award very soon. Congratulations!

Eleanor Ella



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ECO Church/Eco Community

It has been a quiet month on the Eco church front although I am pleased to announce that more Churches have successfully achieved an Eco Church award. Our own St Bartholomew's, Loweswater has been granted a Bronze award while St Bridget's at Bridekirk have submitted their survey for a Bronze award. Slightly further afield St Michael's Workington have been granted a Silver award. Well done to everyone for their hard work.



Lorton School Link

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



"As it is the start of the year everyone has moved classes and I am now in year 5. Some people have joined in reception, and other people have just left and are now at senior school. We have a brilliant mix of people.

We have had a fun term so far. First we went to a science fair at Lillyhall. There were so many experiments. We saw stuff being done with magnets, and demonstrations of forces. It was so much fun!

In October we went on the annual Buttermere residential. We get to stay for one night and two days at Buttermere Youth Hostel.

We did a daring rope walk, a hike around Buttermere lake, and toasted squishy, scrumptious and gooey marshmallows. My favourite bit was the boat race; Jess' boat won. I didn't like the bit where I got wet!"

Grace, Year 5



Walkers Way 216

As I have mentioned before, until a couple of years ago, our garden was frequently visited by one, two or three red squirrels, which we fed regularly, and which would explore our trees and shrubs, bury nuts in the grass and generally bound around as squirrels do. Sadly however, and for no known reason, this performance came to an end and we have not seen one since.

Imagine our delight therefore. When a couple days ago, one of our rufus friends appeared, charged down the garden and had a feed of hazelnuts, the latter having always been proffered, just in case such an event occurred. This was to be repeated twice more and we began to think we were getting back into the earlier routine when suddenly, no more. We have not yet had another sighting, but oddly enough, hazelnuts disappeared a couple of times, leading us to believe return visits were being made in the early hours. Accordingly, a trail camera was erected whereupon the nut taking ceased! I believe "frustration" to be the appropriate word!

The common toad spends most of each year in its terrestrial environment of woods, fields and gardens, returning to the ponds and lakes for a limited time for breeding purposes. While at first sight this might appear to present no particular problem, all changed with the introduction of motor vehicles and roadways, a problem which has been recognised since the 1930's. The crossing of busy roads at night when journeying to and from water, results in the deaths of thousands of toads every year. As a result, in a number of parts of the country, teams of volunteers have been formed to intercept migratory toads and carry them across particular roads to reduce the number of casualties. In one site near Henley, for example, over ten thousand were carried to safety in one season.

This and a great deal more interesting information regarding the species was contained in the latest copy of "The Biologist" the journal of the Royal Society of Biology. As a regular reader myself, I cannot recommend this publication too highly for

anyone and everyone interested in biology, at whatever level. The Society represents biology and biologists to the government, the media, and the wider public, and thus fulfils a vital role, when as we are all aware, we face substantial problems in matters of pollution, conservation and global warming. So much so that there are surely far more career opportunities in this field than ever before.

So many children develop an interest in one aspect or another of the subject while at school, through lessons or hobbies, hobbies which are readily developed into lifelong pursuits, or careers, or both. The Society has a range of memberships catering for everyone from amateur or student to professional, currently catering for 17,000 members, and there are discounted rates for fulltime students, those on a career break, retired, or for members of certain other allied organisations. Further information is available @ rsb.org.uk/02039253441

One aspect of the natural world which probably deserves more attention than it usually gets, is that of colour, and yet it is an aspect to which we eagerly look forward every Spring. The colour of wild flowers for example is something universally enjoyed, but the detailed colouring of birds and animals generally receives less attention. The colours displayed by some birds are very striking. Some common birds are brightly coloured, for example, such as the species of tits, greenfinches, goldfinches, robins, jays and yellowhammers. Mandarin and Caroline ducks are outstandingly brilliant, but much less common nowadays. I was lucky enough to photograph both some forty odd years ago. The colouring of mammals and amphibians is noted more in terms of camouflage than in display and can be extraordinarily effective. The zigzag markings of the adder for example can make it extremely difficult to spot against the background of Autumn bracken. If you need a fresh approach to nature – think "colour". Alan Gane.

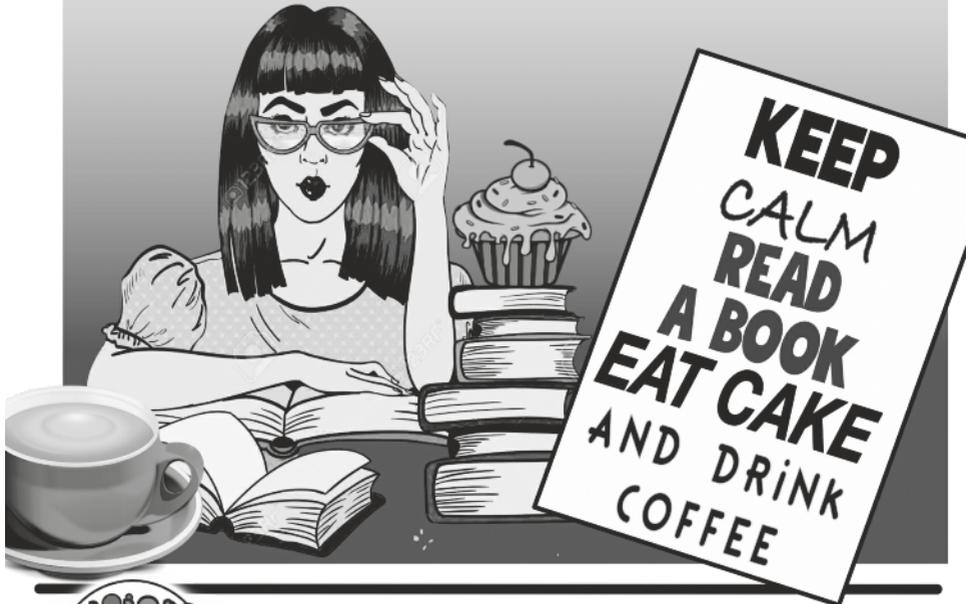


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Forthcoming talks at the YEW TREE HALL

Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm

"The Whys and Wherefores of Herb Gardens"

by Heather Birkett,
Head Gardener at Acorn Bank

Thursday 1st December at 1.30pm

*please note
earlier time*

"Growing Vegetables Made Easy"

by Jim Robinson



The new season of the Club got off to a good start on October 20. After the AGM we heard an excellent presentation from Derek Tunstall on *Walking the Laugavegar Trail in Iceland*. This crosses an area in the southern part of Iceland, and involves spending nights in huts on the way. Derek illustrated his talk with some excellent slides of the Icelandic landscape, which is dramatic to say the least. Although the Village Hall was beautifully warm, we shivered at the thought of crossing fast-flowing ice-cold streams of glacier water. But Derek is a member of Cockermonth Mountain Rescue Team, and he and his party were clearly up to the task.

The next meeting of the Club will be on Tuesday 8 November when we shall be holding our traditional Pie and Peas Supper, which this year will form part of our celebrations for our 45th anniversary. We are delighted that the Club's first Secretary, Margaret Francis (Hall) will be present. It will be great to have her with us, and she will enjoy meeting old friends and newer members. We will have a slide show, Presented by Roger Hiley: *45 Years of the 77 Club*. This will include images of members of the Club past and present, and also of some of our activities. As usual we shall be holding a raffle, raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted. The cost of the supper is £10. Please phone me if you want to come and haven't signed the list. If you were unable to attend on October 20 you can also renew your membership for the year (£10).

Date for your Diary: Our Christmas Party will be held at 3pm on **Saturday 10 December** at 3pm in Loweswater Village Hall. Entertainment will be provided by the Cockermonth Ukulele Band. Each person attending is asked to bring a wrapped present for the Secret Santa raffle.

The 'world famous' Loweswatercam Calendar 2023 is on sale from today.

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October The Month of the Dog

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LORTON FILM NIGHT AT YTH

Tuesday 1st November

“Top Gun Maverick”

**Tom Cruise stars in his return to the
role action packed !**

Doors and Bar open 7pm

Film starts 730pm

£5

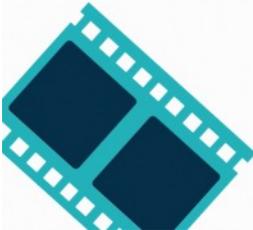


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Locals Night at Kirkstile Inn

**In Aid of Cockermouth Mountain Rescue
Tuesday 6th December 2022
6.30pm for 7pm**

3 course meal

Butternut squash, roasted red pepper and thyme soup
Mozzarella and sundried tomato, toasted sourdough

Cumberland chicken

Roast potato, creamy mash, broccoli, sugar snap peas, winter cabbage, spring
onion, asparagus and red wine jus (Veggie option)

Apple crumble with double Jersey ice-cream

Complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink

£18 per person (£9 per child)

(All of this will go to the appeal)

Please pay on arrival by cash or cheque only.

Booking essential - Phone 01900 85219 or book at the bar

Please note that specific tables cannot be allocated

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st October 2022

1st prize of £25 No 36 Christine England
2nd prize of £10 No 64 Ann Hayton
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**The impact of motor transport in
Cumberland and Westmorland, 1900-39**

by Dr Jean Turnbull

Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, on Thursday 10th November, at 7.30pm



Charabanc trip to Keswick, 1920s

Dr Jean Turnbull is a social historian whose research interests focus on late 19th and early 20th century British history. She studied history at Lancaster University as a mature student and went on to complete her PhD on the subject of inter-war housing provision. She was a senior research officer at Lancaster University before becoming the Coordinator of the Centre for North West Regional Studies – a post she held until her retirement.

Her current research is focused on social housing, the cooperative movement and the history of motor transport. Her book *The Impact of Motor Transport on Westmorland c. 1900-1939* was published in May 2021.

This meeting will be held at the Yew Tree Hall. Visitors are welcome at £3.00, refreshments included. The talk will also be live-streamed to members of the Society

Next talk 12th January, Dr Sue Allan will speak on Robert Anderson, the Cumberland bard.

DIARY DATES

NOV

- 1 Tue Film Night, Top Gun Maverick, 7pm YTH, Doors at 7pm
2 Wed Lorton Parish Council meeting 7.30pm YTH
8 Tue Loweswater 77 Club. Pie and Peas Supper. Presentation: 45 Years of the 77 Club. 7.30 LVH
9 Wed Loweswater Ladies 7.15pm LVH
10 Thu Impact of Motor Transport in Cumberland & Westmorland, 1900-1939, Dr Jean Turnbull, 7.30 YTH and on Zoom
12 Sat Coffee & Cakes at YTH. 10.30-12.00noon. Hosted by Lorton Afternoon Book Club
14 Mon Community Lunch at Lorton School 1.15pm. Tel: Helen for reservation 07790 459064
14 Mon Loweswater Farmers Discussion Group Kirkstile 8pm
15 Tue Lorton Vale Gardening Club. YTH 7.30pm. "The Whys & Wherefores of Herb Gardens" Talk by Heather Burkett, Head Gardener at Acorn Bank.
25 Fri Rob Barratt- comic poet with AoW. LVH 7:30pm
28 Mon Loweswater Farmers Discussion Group Kirkstile 8pm

DEC

- 1 Thu Lorton Vale Gardening Club YTH **1.30pm** "Growing Vegetables made Easy" talk by Jim Robinson
3 Sat St Cuthbert's and FOLS Christmas Fair, Lorton School, 10.30a.m
6 Tue Film Night, Elvis, 7pm YTH, Doors at 7pm
10 Sat Christmas Coffee & Cakes 10.00am start, hosted by YTH Committee. See poster for details.
10 Sat Loweswater 77 Club Christmas Party 3pm LVH. Entertainment: Cockermouth Ukulele Band
12 Mon **Christmas Community Lunch at Lorton School 1.15pm** - delicious don't miss. Booking essential- TEL Helen for reservation **07790 459064**
12 Mon Loweswater Farmers Discussion Group Kirkstile 7.30pm Xmas Meal
12 Mon Loweswater Ladies Christmas meal, Hunday Manor Hotel, 7 for 7.30pm
17 Sat LVH Christmas Carols, mulled wine, children's activities and collection for NSPCC. Time to be confirmed.

Please note that Table Tennis takes place in YTH every Wednesday from 7-9p.m apart from when there is a Parish Council Meeting, when Table Tennis will be on the Tuesday. There is another change to this for November - The first table tennis in Nov is Thursday 3rd (because the parish council meet on Wed and there is a film night on Tues) There are Keep Fit sessions in LVH every Monday 9.00-10.00a.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 November 2022

6 th November	3rd Before Advent	
10.30am	Holy Communion	Loweswater
3.00pm	All Souls Service	Buttermere
13 th November	Remembrance Sunday	
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton
20 th November	Christ the King	
10.30am	Morning Worship	Loweswater
3.00p.m	Holy Communion	Buttermere
27 th November	Advent Sunday	
10.30am	Holy Communion	Lorton

Service information for the Grasmoor Mission Community and news of other events is published weekly on a Friday in our Staying Connected news sheet. The sheet is available on the GMC website or if you would like it sent directly to your inbox please email Sue Lake on gmcoffice@grasmoomc.church with your request.

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