

DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023



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

Letter from the Editor

Dear Link Readers

I love the preparations for Christmas and this year I've decided I'm going to start putting up my decorations on the 1st December with a gradual build up to the decoration of the trees (3 last year so I'm aiming for 4 in 2022) around the middle of the month. Keep your eyes peeled as you drive through Rogerscale. Last year I finally got my wish of a model railway (Santa Express) to run round the base of 1 tree - can't wait to get that going again - it even plays awful music.



This edition of the Link is also full of Christmas preparations from the Vicar's Letter talking about 'following the star' to the poster for the Christmas Gathering at Loweswater Village Hall. Of course details

of all the Christmas Church Services are listed on the back cover including the Carol Service on the 18th and the Christingle Service on the 24th. The poster on page 4 lists all of the dates for carol singing in the valley and there are tips for having an eco friendly Christmas as part of the Eco Church update on pages 14 and 15. If you are feeling peckish there is a Christmas Coffee and Cakes morning on the 10th and the Christmas Community Lunch on the 12th and of course the Christmas Fair on December 3rd - where plentiful refreshments will be served. After all that you'd better sign up for some of the keep fit sessions at Loweswater Village Hall. On page 19 I've included a poem sent in by Nancy Fearon. Although not aimed at Christmas specifically I think it evokes the season of goodwill perfectly - so I added a seasonal photo.

I'd like to wish all our readers and contributors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll be back in February.

Rosemary
07885 360353

Our seasonal cover picture of Loweswater Church in snow was taken by Roger Hiley



VICAR'S LETTER

Jesus the Way

Every year the Church of England chooses a theme for the Christmas season, as a starting point for our reflections and celebrations. This year the theme is 'Follow the Star: the Great Invitation'. It's actually more of an Epiphany theme than an Advent or Christmas one as the Church doesn't celebrate the coming of the kings, or wise men, or magi until 6 January with most churches, including those in Grasmoor Mission Community, holding their special services on Sunday 8 January. On the other hand, those travellers from the East had presumably started their journey long before so the theme holds good for the whole of Christmastide.

How do we decide who or what to follow in this life? As children we are likely to take our sense of direction from parents, teachers and other authority figures. Later we make up our own minds about where to place our trust and bestow our allegiance. Sometimes it may feel as though we are making it up as we go along – following our noses, you might say, instead of plotting an actual course. If so, then maybe a great invitation to follow something more specific might be well worth considering.

The wandering star leads the travellers from the East to the cradle of Jesus Christ, the infant king of all the world. *'They knelt down',* says St Matthew, *'and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frank-*

incense, and myrrh.' Afterwards, though, they return to their own country and we are not told what difference this encounter may have made to their lives. But celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is only the beginning of the journey we are invited to make. *'I am the way, the truth and the life,'* says Jesus. The next step is find out more about Jesus's example and teachings and his promise to be our guide on our earthly journey towards our heavenly home.

If you would like to 'Follow the Star' this Christmastide and see where it leads then why not join us at any of our special Christmastide services and events. Find out more on the Grasmoor Mission Community website Christmas page www.grasmoormc.church/christmas In the New Year we'll also be running some more START courses for those interested in exploring what Christians believe. In 6 one-hour sessions we'll thinking about all the big questions including who Jesus was and how he can be relevant today. For those who wish, START can also lead on to confirmation in the Spring.

As you settle down to read this month's Link, December is still young and the festive season seems some way off but will be here before we know it. The clergy and lay ministers of Grasmoor Mission Community would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a blessed Christmas when it comes.

Jane Charman
Grasmoor Mission Community Leader



NSPCC Carol Singing 2022



Come along and enjoy the spirit of Christmas house-to-house with your friends and Neighbours. Join in with your local group and carol the evening away.

13th Dec - High Lorton - meet at Roger and Ann Peck's house, White Ash, 6 for 6.30.

14th Dec - Low Lorton - meet at Penny and Duncan Poole's, Whinfell. 6 for 6.30.

Further details from Ann Robert (85333)

19th Dec - Buttermere - meet at Scale Hill for onward car sharing. 6.15 departure. (this evening ends with a personal invite from Sheila and Michael back at Scale Hill)

21st Dec - Loweswater - meet at Gill and Keith McNeil, Littlethwaite, 6 for 6.30. (this evening ends with a personal invite from Peter and Karen at the village Hall)

Further details from Roger Hiley (85040)

W/com 19th Dec - Mockerkin - No formal plans. Katherine Mitchell will post on the Mockerkin Village WhatsApp group if there is a decent weather-window allowing a get together for carols on the green that week.

The money raised on each event will be donated to the **NSPCC** via Ann Hayton. She can be contacted on 01 900 85606.



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Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.

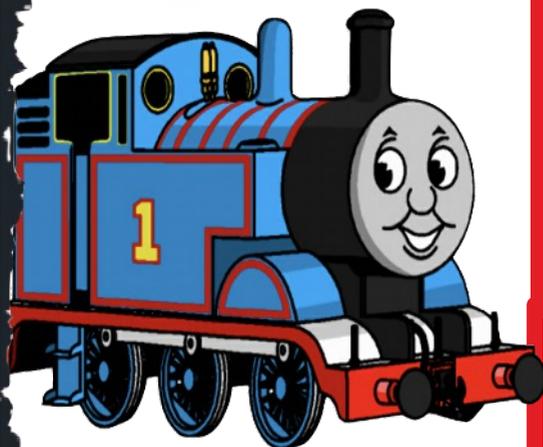
- **Line 18 holes of a small flan tin by pressing small walnut-sized balls of pastry into each hole. Spoon the mincemeat into the pies.**
- **Take slightly smaller balls of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies.**

(You can roll out the pastry and use two different cutters if preferred.)

Top the pies with their lids, pressing the edges gently together to seal – you don't need to seal them with milk or egg as they will stick on their own.

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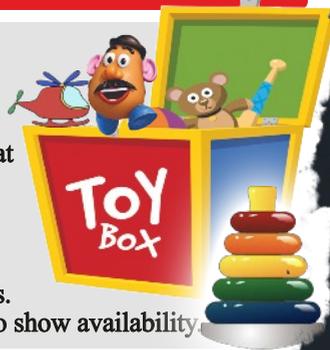
Use of the Toy Library is based on trust.

You can borrow toys to use at home, all we ask is that they are returned clean for the next borrower.

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A dropbox will be available to collect or drop off toys.

While photographs of larger toys will be on display to show availability.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please get in touch if you have toys you no longer use, and would like to donate them to the Toy Library. **No electronic toys please.**

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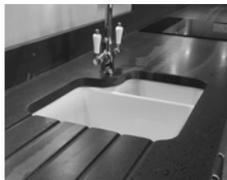
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Penny's Piece

Here follows the saga (not like the ones from the Vikings) of one woman's attempt to put some physical money into a bank. We had a Halloween disco- the first since 2019- the kids bought tickets and sweets and there were some amazing costumes. This left me, as treasurer, with the job of getting the money to the Fundraising account at the bank. Part 1. I went to Workington on a Saturday, having completely forgotten that the bank isn't now open on Saturdays and is only open weekdays between 9 and 3. So, I bought a Superfish lunch and drove home. Part 2. My teaching day is 8:55 to 3:30, so the Head gave me permission to go down to the bank during my planning time. I got parked nearly outside and went in. The money counting machine was out of order so I asked for some money bags- they didn't have any. The branch is closing in March, not next week! I took the money back to school. Thankfully the ladies in the office had some bags. The money was counted and bagged. Part 3. I took the money to the Post Office. Each bag had to be weighed one at a time to check the amounts and the lady had to re count any 'bit' bags. She then asked for the card to go with the paying in book/ account. There isn't one. She had to give it all back to me and count back the 'bit' bags. I am hoping that when I see the business Manager tomorrow, she was able to put it into the school account in a different bank instead. If you are contemplating giving children/ grandchildren money for Christmas,

transfer it straight into their account to avoid a similar saga and having arms a couple of inches longer.

I'm sure many of you will have more than one Xmas do, beyond the main day. I am already aware I will be having Xmas dinner at school, at our Xmas do (not had one in years- wardrobe crisis imminent) and then Xmas Day. I will then revert to not having turkey for the rest of the year. Seems a bit odd when you think about it that way. Why do we mainly, only have turkey once a year?

Getting back to the Xmas do and what to wear. I am now at the age where I have colleagues I taught and others who are half my age. I can't be bothered to buy something new as Xmas outfits can only really be worn for Xmas events so it will either be accessorising a little black dress or dig out an old outfit which could be older than some of the previously mentioned colleagues. Hmm. Perhaps I should suggest fancy dress, then I can raid the card bin and go as a present. They already think I'm a bit bonkers so if I did it anyway it wouldn't be too bad. Whatever you are doing, take care and all the best for the New Year. Penny.



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LORTON NOTES

Our Remembrance Sunday Service last month was very well attended and we are grateful to Clive Barnard who kindly played The Last Post and The Reveille at the start and end of the 2 minute silence.

I attended a meeting of the Grasmoor Mission Community Leadership Group during November and was able to report excellent progress regarding Eco Church Awards - around 75% of our churches have either achieved an award or have submitted their surveys for an award. As you will see from the list of Church Services there will be a joint Candlemas Service on the 29th January - this is likely to be at Lorton Street Methodist Church so please add it to your diary.

Our Stewardship campaign has gone very well with many existing regular givers increasing what they donate and a number of new donors signing up for planned giving. Pledges are still being received and so our final figures will not be known for a few more weeks. The PCC is very grateful for your support and generosity.

We will be decorating the Church in readiness for Christmas on Friday 16th

December at 10.30 as there is a wedding in Church on Saturday. We will welcome any help and flowers/foliage you can provide. As usual refreshments will be provided.

Our Christmas Services this year start with the Crib and Christingle Service at 5p.m on Christmas Eve followed by Midnight Communion. We hope to see many of you in church.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas,

Rosemary Riley



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LOWESWATER WITH BUTTERMERE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Following our recent Stewardship Service at St Bartholomew's, we welcomed Sophie Hodge, Diocesan Stewardship Enabler who gave us an excellent talk on the significance of giving, which took into account our national difficulties that most are experiencing at the moment.

Our Quinquennial Inspection identified important works that we need to address and carry out in the near future. These will be substantial and will greatly enhance the experience of visitors to our Church.

For further information or to give us your ideas for the future of our Churches, please contact:

Treasurer: Hugh Thomson

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Or Churchwardens:

Jan Collins-Webb – Tel: 01900 85609 – Email: jan@damsonghyll.co.uk

Eleanor Ella – Tel: 01900 821180 – Email: eleanorella2003@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you

Loweswater & Buttermere PCC

LORTON VALE GARDENING CLUB

On Tuesday 15th Nov, Heather Birkett from Acorn Bank, braved a wild, wet and windy (and unfamiliar!) Whinlatter to talk to us on "The whys and wherefores of herb gardens". She's a great speaker and a gratifyingly large audience thoroughly enjoyed her talk. She started with a bit of Acorn Bank history - how it was built on land owned by the medieval Knights Templar, and then given to the National Trust by Dorothy Una Ratcliffe, the Yorkshire author, in the 1950s. Although it's closed for winter at the moment and not due to open till spring, they may open earlier for the snowdrops. There's a lovely woodland and wild flower meadow area, originally set up by Graham Stuart Thomas in the late 60s. Daffodils, bluebells and wild garlic are spectacular, each in their season. The apple orchard is very well known, growing and preserving many heritage varieties.

Heather defines 'herbs' as 'useful plants'. They have many uses - culinary, medicinal, strewing, dyeing, industrial, cosmetic, folklore. Heather has 270 different herbs growing at Acorn Bank, no doubt covering all the above. We are probably all familiar with the derivation of breast cancer drugs from yew, of heart drugs from foxglove, but I didn't know that sunflowers have a role in industrial detoxification. She also looked at plant families where some members are acutely toxic and others are beneficial or edible. Then there is the "doctrine of signatures" - the belief of the early herbalists that if a plant resembled a bit of the body, then it could be used to treat diseases of that body part... the old name for celandine is "pilewort". If you dig up celandine, you'll see why! Altogether, a fascinating talk, which certainly fired us up to visit Acorn Bank in the spring.

Our next talk will be on Thursday 1st Dec in the Yew Tree Hall. This is an afternoon session, starting at 1.30. Jim Robinson from Kendal has called his talk "Growing vegetables made easy". Should be good. Visitors welcome.

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ECO Church/Eco Community

I thought now might be an opportune moment to send some ideas and inspiration to help us keep a little greener in the run up to Christmas in our churches and in our homes. I will list some links to articles and ideas I found interesting and include some notes generously shared by other Eco Churches.

The 12 Days of a Green(er) Christmas - Eco Church (arocha.org.uk)

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/the-12-days-of-a-greener-christmas/>

Tips for a sustainable Christmas - CAFS

<https://cafs.org.uk/2019/12/20/tips-for-a-sustainable-christmas/>

A greener Christmas is the best present for the environment. - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-greener-christmas-is-the-best-present-for-the-environment?fbclid=IwAR3WROfGAAqaS95TJEjggaX6asj5XI0yiY6MTP1-37E6crOLo1avsWGR68w>

BBC Radio 4 - Woman's Hour - Nine tips for a greener Christmas

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4RLm7PkBsRQk3DmnB5F6g6f/nine-tips-for-a-greener-christmas?ns_campaign=bbc_radio_4&ns_linkname=radio_and_music&ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1DdIXVGqPG5jL84AGgN2ReRCbS7gbw7vkE7EiKODIUi1n5nJDWG0o3oNY

Worship resources package - Christian Aid

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/appeals/worship-resources-package>

Ideas for a greener Christmas

Food:

Try to source as many organic and Fairtrade foods as possible. Remember that healthy soil stores a huge amount of carbon and keeps it out of the atmosphere where it becomes a greenhouse gas – so supporting organic growers and farmers will help to mitigate against the global climate emergency. Where possible buy local produce to reduce food miles – and in the best of all worlds grow you own! Eat seasonally: save the strawberries until May/June when they will have proper flavour!

Christmas Cards:

Buy cards that don't have glitter and foil on them. And make this the year that you write to your favourite charity whose cards are covered in sparkly, shiny bits and pieces to tell them that such cards can't be recycled and that you haven't been able to support them this year. For local people, pop in and wish them a happy Christmas rather than waste a card. Suggest a card tree in church where each person writes one card to the whole congregation, and they form part of your Christmas decorations.

ECO Church/Eco Community

When you do need to send a card – make sure that it is from a sustainable source (FSC) or printed on recycled card. There are really lovely e-cards on the web (Jacqueline Lawson for example – but there are others too); you pay a subscription to use the site for a whole year or more, and the cost is significantly less than the cost of cards, envelopes and postage.

Presents:

Make your own where possible. Buy local. Avoid little plastic things that will be discarded by the end of Christmas day. Buy good quality to last. For the people who ‘have everything’ give virtual gifts so that someone else benefits – all the major charities have something of this sort. For children who ‘have everything’ buy an experience: a visit to a climbing wall, tickets for a Christmas show, a day out at Go Ape etc.

Wrapping paper:

Don’t buy foil paper – or paper with foil patterning (see ‘Cards’ above). Make your own from plain brown paper decorated with potato cuts or stencils with seasonal designs. For use within your close family, buy Christmas fabric – cut it into different sizes and use them year after year. Even newspaper can look attractive if decorated as above and tied up with festive ribbon that can be re-used! Don’t use Sellotape to secure the packaging: tie up with ribbon which can be undone without damaging the paper which can then be re-used rather than recycled or binned.

Retain the real meaning of Christmas:

What Christmas is really all about often gets lost amidst the commercialisation of the festival. We are bombarded by advertisements for products that look enticing, but which no-one really needs. There are images of happy children with piles of gifts to open. There is a lot of emotional pressure to spend, spend, spend to show people that you love them. Just step back and remind yourself what this festival is really about – the birth of a little child. We can show our love for friends and family much better by spending time with them than through buying lots of ‘stuff’. Though of course a small, carefully chosen, preferably home-made gift can also be part of that loving relationship. We can show our love for our brothers and sisters around the world by supporting environmental and social justice charities that support the most vulnerable in times of need.

So, I hope you found this information useful.

Loweswater Ladies October 2022

Our speaker, Steve Cushing took us on a journey through Kyrgyzstan, a country few of us knew much about. This landlocked country in Central Asia has a largely mountainous terrain and therein lies its appeal to travellers and photographers. It is often referred to as the Switzerland of Central Asia. With around 80% of the land covered in mountains the remainder is made up of valleys and basins. Issyk-Kul Lake in the north east of the country is the world's second largest mountain lake and is a popular tourist destination. Steve's arduous treks by foot, horse and 4x4 over precarious mountain paths and boulder strewn dirt roads were rewarded by the most spectacular of views. The journeys were made even more taxing by the thinning air as he ventured high up into the mountains. Other drawbacks were the foul sanitary arrangements when staying in the yurt camps and the very poor quality food. Kyrgyzstan is the second poorest country in Central Asia, with about a fifth of its people living below the poverty line. Agriculture is an important sector of the economy. Livestock raising was apparent throughout Steve's travels. Sheep, yaks and horses were found in large numbers throughout the trip. Outside of the main towns it was people that were in short supply. Steve was an eloquent tour guide. We shared his joy at seeing lovely wild flower meadows below snow clad mountains, the excitement he felt when seeing golden eagles flying overhead and his fatigue after challenging climbs up to mountain lakes and waterfalls. This was a really fascinating presentation.

Our next meeting is our Christmas meal, which this year is at the Hunday Manor Hotel on Monday 5th December, 7 for 7.30pm. A week earlier than originally planned.

Our January meeting will include a short AGM before a Gentle Keep Fit session. The meeting is on **Wednesday 11 January in LVH at 7.15pm**. Lyn will be collecting the annual subscription then, which remains at £12. The keep fit session will be very gentle, Val assures us, but do come wearing suitable footwear and loose clothing. News from our former president follows this report.

Doreen Robertson

A message from Alison Greer – Greetings to Loweswater Ladies. I am happily settled in my apartment in Ilkley. It is a lovely place to live with everything all within walking distance. I think I'm getting fitter with all the walking daily which can only be a bonus. At least that's what I tell myself when walking back uphill with my shopping. I have joined a few clubs, such as Keep Fit, Italian Conversation and Patchwork. Nothing as social as Loweswater Ladies though.

My neighbours are very friendly and helpful. The actual apartment is set in its own parkland grounds so I still get to see large trees and greenery from my windows. It is also lovely to be only 20 minutes drive away from my family in Otley.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your Christmas Evening at the Hunday Manor. I will raise a glass to you! **A.G**

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

At the time of writing, mid November, it has been an exceptionally mild month though damp and somewhat gloomy. We approach Advent, the Church's New Year, a reflective period anticipating the coming of Christ and all the excitement of Christmas.

The Christmas services will follow the newly established pattern starting with the Carol Service at Loweswater on Sunday 18th at 4pm followed by 12 midday HC service at Buttermere on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning HC 10.30 at Loweswater. There is a welcome return of the popular Buttermere informal carols 3pm 1st January. All services as usual on back of Link.

We were fortunate to have Sophie, Diocesan Stewardship Enabler, give a very good talk on "giving". We anticipate this will be the beginning of our Stewardship campaign to raise money to enable us to begin to tackle some of the renovations highlighted in our recent Quinquennial Inspection before the end of next year, estimating the total cost of these to be £50,000. Major items are:

- i) Replastering and painting in west gable south narthex area
 - ii) Localised refurbishment of panelling and seating
 - iii) Repair of stonework in high level window
 - iv) Repairs to the timberwork of the vestry roof
 - v) Further investigation and treatment of the timber floor and woodblock areas of the nave and chancel.
- Our reserves are adequate to meet 50% of these costs - it is our hope that the generosity of our supporters, both locally and further afield, will help us to fund the balance.

We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.
Eleanor Ella



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My Kitchen Prayer

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I love it's every nook,
And bless me as I do my work
Wash pots and pans and cook.

And may the meals that I prepare,
Be seasoned from above,
With thy great blessings and thy grace,
But most of all thy love.

As we partake of earthly food
The table before us spread,
We'll not forget to thank thee, Lord,
Who gives us daily bread.

So bless my little kitchen, Lord,
And those who enter in,
May they find naught but joy and peace
And happiness therein.

J Storey 1935





Christmas Greetings from the
Yew Tree Hall Committee



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On 8 November we held our annual Pie and Peas supper, which this year was a special occasion, as it marked the 45th anniversary of the foundation of the Club. Our guest was Margaret Francis, who, as Margaret Hall, was instrumental in the Club's formation in 1977. The initial impetus came from the Silver Jubilee party held in June that year to mark the Queen's 25 years on the throne. As a result many people thought the community should get together more often for social activities, but it needed someone to make that wish come true. Margaret was at the time working towards her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, and undertook to do the necessary work in fulfilment of the community service component of the award. The Club has been in continuous existence ever since, and the only interruption in its activities was caused by the recent pandemic. Thanks to Margaret it has achieved everything it set out to do and more.

The annual Christmas Party will be held at 3pm on Saturday 10 December in Loweswater Village Hall. There is no charge for members, but everyone attending is asked to bring a wrapped present for Secret Santa. We need to know the numbers for catering, so if you didn't sign the list at the November Pie and Peas meeting, please give me a call on the number below by Wednesday 7 December. Entertainment will be provided by the Cockermouth Ukulele band.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday 26 January at 7.00 pm in Loweswater Village Hall when we will be holding a traditional Burns Supper. The cost is £17.50 per person, and non-members are welcome at this event. Raffle prizes (with a Scottish theme if possible) will be gratefully accepted. We need to know numbers in advance, so if you didn't sign up at the Christmas Party please give me a call by Monday 23 January.

John Hudson. 01946 861555.

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LORTON FILM NIGHT AT YTH

Tuesday 6th December
“ Elvis ”

Turbocharged chronicle of the King

If you want to be All Shook Up , It's Now Or Never to dress the part ...put on your Blue Suede Shoes and be a Hound Dog

Doors and Bar open 630pm
Film starts 7pm

£8 entry includes
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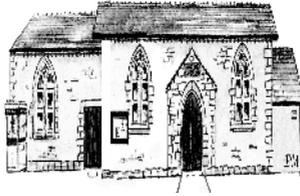
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Ullock Village Hall



Saturday 21st January 2023 at 7.30pm

Ceilidh and Supper

With music by Alison Riley

Hot Supper and Homemade Puddings

BYO Drinks

Tickets: £12 - Children (under 16) £6.00

(Booking Essential by Friday morning 20th for catering purposes)

Please call 01946 861458 or 862300

Loweswater with Buttermere PCC
100 Challenge Club

The prizewinners for the draw held on 1st November 2022

1st prize of £25 No 64 Ann Hayton
2nd prize of £10 No 2 Ann Beebe
3rd prize of £5 No 32 Walter Head

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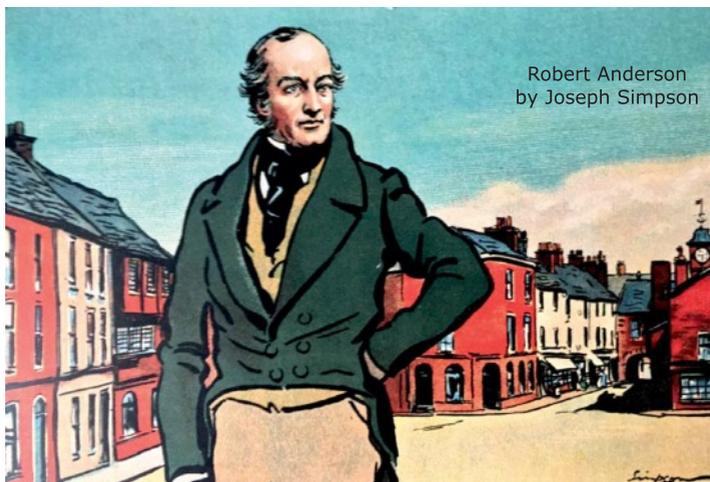
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**The Cumberland Bard:
Robert Anderson of Carlisle, 1770-1833**

by Dr Sue Allan

Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, on Thursday 12th January, at 7.30pm



The poet Robert Anderson was born, like Wordsworth, in 1770, and he also published his first collection in 1798. The poems and songs were all in Standard English. However, it was when writing ballads in Cumberland dialect that he showed his true skill with language in his published work. His songs have been sung for over 200 years.

Sue Allan is a cultural historian, writer and folklorist who researches and publishes on Cumbrian customs, traditions and dialect. She gained her doctorate at Lancaster University. Sue is a freelance arts feature writer for *Cumbria Life*.

This meeting will be held at the Yew Tree Hall. Visitors are welcome at £4.00, refreshments included. The talk will also be live-streamed to members of the Society

Next talk 9th March, Dr Ian Francis will speak on 'Lake District Geology'.

DIARY DATES

DEC

- 1 Thurs 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
- 5 Mon Loweswater Ladies Christmas meal, Hunday Manor Hotel, 7 for 7.30pm, NEW DATE
- 6 Tue Film Night, Elvis, 7pm YTH, Doors open at 6.30pm plus interval with food £8
- 6 Tue Kirkstile Inn Locals Night, 6.30 for 7pm
- 10 Sat **Christmas Coffee & Cakes YTH 10.00am start - 12noon**, hosted by YTH Committee. See poster in Link for full 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
- 17 Sat Christmas Gathering at LVH 2-4pm Carols, Christmas Cheer, crafts and games. Collection for NSPCC

JAN

- 11 Wed Loweswater Ladies, AGM & Gentle Keep Fit, 7.15pm LVH
- 12 Thu LDFLHS talk - The Cumberland Bard, 7.30pm, YTH
- 21 Sat Ceilidh and Supper Ullock Village Hall starts 7.30pm
- 24 Tue Film Night, YTH, Brian and Charles, Doors at 7pm, Film starts 7.30pm
- 26 Thu Soup Social lunch £4.50 YTH 12-2
- 26 Thu Loweswater 77 Club Burns Supper **7.00pm** LVH ** early start

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,

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@grasmoormc.church with your request.

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 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 December 2022

4 th December	Advent 2		
10.30am	Holy Communion		Loweswater
11 th December	Advent 3		
10.30am	Morning Worship		Lorton
3.00pm	Holy Communion		Buttermere
18 th December	Advent 4		
9.00a.m	Holy Communion (Said)		Lorton
4.00pm	Carol Service		Loweswater
24 th December	Christmas Eve		
12 noon	Holy Communion		Buttermere
5.00pm	Crib and Christingle Service		Lorton
11.30pm	Holy Communion		Lorton
25 th December	Christmas Day		
10.30am	Holy Communion		Loweswater

Church Services January 2023

1 st January	Christmas 2		
10.30am	Holy Communion		Loweswater
3pm	Informal Carol Service		Buttermere
8 th January	Epiphany		
10.30am	Holy Communion		Lorton
15 th January	Epiphany 2		
10.30am	Morning Worship		Loweswater
3pm	Holy Communion		Buttermere
22 nd January	Epiphany 3		
10.30am	Holy Communion		Lorton
29 th January	Candlemas		
10.30am	Holy Communion		Loweswater
4p.m	Grasmoor Mission Community Candlemas Gathering		TBC

Deadline for February is Friday 20th January, all articles, photos, funny stories to lortonvalelink@gmail.com by this date. Thank you