



CROSTHWAITE



CARTMEL FELL



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**TWO  
VALLEYS PARISH  
NEWS**



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## *A LETTER FROM MICHAEL WOODCOCK*

Who makes you laugh? Victoria Wood always manages to make me laugh. There was a sketch she did a few years ago, a take-off of the film “Brassed Off”. In it the local band, The Associated Fetlers and Warp and Weft Adjuster Silver Band, heard how Tony Blair “was worried about the North-South divide, so he’s making everything ‘the South’”. In ten minutes time their local northern band would then be in Surrey! It was a wonderful piece of humour and plays into that semi-serious bit of British stereotyping that is the north-south divide. You can watch the clip on t’internet at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIbM6c7DW\\_U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIbM6c7DW_U)

Did you know there was a similar thing going on in the Holy Land 2000 years ago? Those in Jerusalem in the south rather looked down their noses at anyone who came from Galilee in the north. Galilee was a predominantly agricultural area, and was worked intensively to export wheat, olives and wine. There were some who were rich, a reasonably sized middle class, but the majority was tenant farmers and day labourers. This bred a certain kind of toughness. Apparently the inflexibility and the fearlessness of the Galileans was proverbial. So those in Jerusalem saw Galilee as a strange place because of its dialect and its conservative country ways.

So where did Jesus come from? Well he came from The North, Galilee. So those similar stereotypes and suspicions would have been around even then. I find it heartening that Jesus was a “northerner”. (Although you may think I myself am a southerner... my mother and grandmother were both Lancastrians, so I reckon I have at least 50% northern genes!)

I think there is still a grittiness, a certain toughness to be found in the north. Perhaps this is something Jesus himself would have taken with him through life? That grittiness was coupled with a strong sense of justice, but also love and mercy. So there was a compassionate side to this strength of character; the best of both worlds.

Now I say a lot of this with tongue-in-cheek of course, although I do believe Christians today need that blend of toughness and compassion. Our faith is hard at times. We need to stick at it. We also need to have a strong, clear voice that is unafraid and speaks out against injustice and oppression. We are not “soft” because we are Christian. In fact, quite the reverse, we take on the fullness of life, its joys and its sorrows, and we face them head on. May we do so with some of that northern grit as we seek to reflect the character of Christ.

Yours in friendship,



# FROM THE REGISTERS



## Baptism

16<sup>th</sup> January

Charlie David Taylor  
(in Lancaster Royal Infirmary)



## Funerals

7<sup>th</sup> February

8<sup>th</sup> February

Joan Greaves (90) at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite  
John Inman (82) at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite

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## **Joan Greaves**

We are sad to recall the death of Joan Greaves from Dodds Howe. Joan retired here to Crosthwaite with her late husband Chippy some 30 years ago and together they enjoyed a long and happy retirement. She was for a long time an active member and past president of the W.I. As a person Joan valued the traditional things in life. She was a very traditional and practical person. She loved hosting family and friends, many of whom came to stay on a visit to the Lakes, and family and friends remained extremely important to her. Joan simply enjoyed being around people and thoroughly enjoyed hosting a good party. In recent years she had struggled of course. She struggled to understand the loss of Chippy and, intriguingly, sort of retreated into reading novels. This perhaps gave her a way of making sense of the world and not having to confront it with all its inevitable confusions. Despite these difficulties, Joan was still able to present herself with a quiet and refined dignity to us all. Our condolences are with her two children Anthony and Jessica and all those who mourn her loss.

## **John Inman**

The death occurred on 1<sup>st</sup> February of John Inman. John came into this world 82 years ago at Crosthwaite Mill. Sadly his father passed away when John was only 18 months old, and his sister Margaret but 3 months old, whereupon they and their mother moved to Simpson Ground. His school days were spent at Cartmel Fell School. John left school at 14 and worked for a while for his uncle Tom at Strickland Hill at Witherslack. He married Kathleen in 1949, and in 1956, they were offered the tenancy of High Town Yeat where they lived until 1967, when they moved to Strickland Hill at Witherslack. They had 26 years there, where they farmed quietly and successfully, raising 4 children as time went by. In 1992, John and Kathleen retired to live at Allithwaite and enjoyed having a caravan at Lamony, and holidays in Australia, Canada, Spain and Tenerife. Sadly, John suffered a stroke 3 years ago, and had to go into the care of Cartmel Grange Nursing home. Following a well-attended funeral service his mortal remains were laid to rest within yards of where he first came into the world.

## Holy Days in March

- 1 David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601
- 2 Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672
- 7 Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203
- 8 Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910
- 17 Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460
- 19 JOSEPH OF NAZARETH
- 20 Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687
- 21 Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556
- 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

# ***CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS***

## **PASTORAL VISITING GROUP**

Our Group of Pastoral Visitors continues to visit those who may be in need across the four parishes of Cartmel Fell, Crosthwaite, Winster and Witherslack. We also visit around times of anniversaries; baptisms, weddings, and bereavements. All our Visitors are people of integrity and experience who have a heart for visiting in the name of Christ, sharing this responsibility with our parish priest, Rev. Michael Woodcock. At present our Pastoral Visiting Group comprises: Mrs. Anne Bennett, Mrs. Denise Park, Mrs Anne McDonald, Mrs. Pat Howarth, Mrs Eileen Stowe, Mrs Anne Duffin and Mr. Tony Brennand. Do let Michael Woodcock know of anyone who would appreciate a visit.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** ... is on 9<sup>th</sup> March... and there will be two services of Holy Communion (CW) with Ashing on the day - at **9.30am in St. Mary's, Crosthwaite** or at **7.30pm at All Saints, Underbarrow**, and we welcome anyone from all our villages to come and join us. The Service of Holy Communion with Ashing is a significant and powerful way of beginning the season of Lent. We burn last year's palm crosses and from the ash there is an optional opportunity in the service to receive a sign of the cross in ash on one's forehead as a symbol of our need for forgiveness. If you still have your palm cross from last year, please hand it to Mr. John Holmes (015395 68599) or to June Harmer (015395 68865).

**MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES** There will be special all-age services for Mothering Sunday Services on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at **9.30am** at St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell; 9.30am at St. Paul's Witherslack; 4.30pm at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite. Do come along and bring mums, aunts, grannies and great grannies...

## **"ARTS ON THE FELL"**

Presents on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm at Cartmel Fell Parish Hall - "BREWERS APRON" – an A Capella group, "Spring into Song" – a varied musical programme. A Concert of words and music with a feel for Springtime with a Children's Playlet. Tickets at £10.00, £5.00 for children to include light Supper and Wine. Tickets from Bowland Bridge Shop and on the Door.

## **Lent Course – “Not a Tame Lion” by Hilary Brand.**

Our Lent course this year is based on the writings of C.S.Lewis. As in previous years we will be using film clips to help us explore the themes further and the course uses clips from the following three films; “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”, “Prince Caspian”, and “Shadowlands”.

Hilary Brand writes this;

*“We would all like a religion that kept us within our comfort zone. But just as C.S.Lewis’s Aslan is not a tame lion, neither is the Christ of the gospels always a comfortable Saviour, saying and doing things that are often unexpected and challenging. Nor is this a comfortable Lent course. Lent, of course, was never intended to be a time of comfort. It was traditionally a time of sackcloth and ashes and rumblings in the stomach, a drab, grey run-up to the glorious resurrection theme of Easter. Discomfort is much less fashionable nowadays. But whatever your Lenten attitude to chocolate or alcohol, maybe, for this Lent at least, you will be willing to submit your spirit to a little bit of mental exercise and your mind to a little bit of spiritual challenge.”*

There will be an afternoon course and an evening course (both to be led by Rev. Michelle Woodcock) and the details of these are below.

### **Afternoon Course**

Tuesdays from 1.30pm – 3pm at Ormandy House Barn, Crosthwaite.

Week 1 – Living in the shadows - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Week 2 – Living with the beyond – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Week 3 – Living with the unexplained – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Week 4 – Living with what we’ve been given – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Week 5 – Living with Absence – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Holy Week - Special Meditative service Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm, St. Mary’s Church, Crosthwaite.

### **Evening Course**

Tuesdays (except for week 1) from 7.30pm – 9pm at Sunnybank, Underbarrow.

Week 1 – Living in the shadows – **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Week 2 – Living with the beyond – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

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It is recommended that you see the films before the course starts. They are all available on DVD or, if you would like to watch them with company then feel free to join us at The Vicarage Crosthwaite to watch the films. We will be watching them on the following dates

“Shadowlands” – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm

“The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm(with Pancakes)

“Prince Caspian” – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Contact Rev. Michelle Woodcock for further details. (015395) 68276

## **OUR CATHEDRAL TREASURY**

Before the Reformation, almost every church would have had a Rood screen, with figures of Christ, flanked by the Virgin Mary and St John above it. The Puritan iconoclasts were so effective that only three figures of Christ survive in England and Wales. St Anthony's Cartmel Fell has one of these, sadly mutilated so that it has neither arms nor feet, but still a movingly beautiful, gaunt, mediaeval, oak figure. For its safety, it was on display in the Kendal Museum for many years, but the PCC decided that it would be more appropriately housed in the Carlisle Cathedral Treasury, where it is now beautifully displayed in a sacred setting with other treasures from churches all over our diocese. St Anthony's Elizabethan silver chalice is there too. The Treasury is well worth a visit if you are in Carlisle. Last year, before the figure left the benefice, Tony Schofield carved a fine oak replica, and this has been mounted on the east wall of St Anthony's as a focal point of a new corner for private prayer.

## **Pathfinders**

Pathfinders meet this month only on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 4.45pm – 7pm at The Vicarage, Crosthwaite (We usually meet on a Monday evening). We are very excited as we have two special guests joining us! Bishop James and his wife Alison will be having tea with us and joining in with our session. The Pathfinders already have lots of difficult questions to ask the Bishop and we're all looking forward to a great evening of fun and fellowship.

## **THANK YOU**

George & Emma Taylor would like to express their sincere Thanks to all those who have helped, supported & sent well wishes to us following the birth of Charlie David on Jan 16th 2011, weighing 2lbs 13ozs, born at 30 weeks. A very difficult time made easier by kind words & messages. Charlie is improving everyday & can't wait to be home to meet everyone...

## **HELINGTON & BRIGSTEER VILLAGE HALL**

FRIDAY, 9th APRIL at 8.00 pm.

Caroline Horton in "You're Not Like the Other Girls Chrissy"

This Highlights sponsored play is a fond, comical and poignant portrait of one woman's experience of love and war performed by 'Best Solo Performer nominee' at the Stage Awards Edinburgh. Based on the true story of Caroline's grandmother, the play has been pieced together from letters and conversations.

'January 1945, Paris is liberated. Christiane waits in the Gare Du Nord for a ticket to England where she will be reunited with her fiancé. Whilst she waits, she recounts the extraordinary love story between herself and a teacher from Staffordshire.'

Tickets: Adult £6, Child £4, Family £16 from Elizabeth 015395 68434 or Peter 68498.

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### **Parish Magazine Subscription**

May we remind people who receive the Parish Magazine that subscriptions are now due. If you have not already done so could you please pay the person who delivers it to you.

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# **NOTICES FOR INDIVIDUAL PARISHES**

## **CARTMEL FELL**

### **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

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### **CARTMEL FELL BURNS NIGHT SUPPER**

Very many thanks to Vicky & Oliver for hosting our Burns Night Supper. It was a splendid occasion, good traditional food, lovely candlelit surroundings and a true airing of some of Burns's poems. Many thanks to all who helped to make the evening so memorable.

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

This year our Mothering Sunday Family Service will be held on the 3rd April at 9.30am. We hope many people will join us for this special occasion. There will be gifts of flowers and Simnel Cake will be served with the coffee.

### **TAI CHI NEWS**

The two classes held at Cartmel Fell Village Hall have been amalgamated into one larger class which will now take place (for the time being) in the Winster Village Hall on Thursday Afternoons at 4pm. to 5pm. Any new people interested in joining us will be most welcome.

### **ST ANTHONYS ROTAS COFFEE**

13th March Jane Eccles;  
27th March Evelyn Cervetti

### **FLOWERS**

Vanda Lambton

## **CROOK**

### **St Catherine's Ladies Outing**

The ladies are going to afternoon tea at Gilpin Lodge on Monday 14th March, but it is already over-subscribed with a short waiting list, so unfortunately the invitation is now withdrawn. The next outing is like to be in the early summer.

### **Crook and Winster Parish Council**

Crook and Winster Parish Council hold their next meeting at Crook Memorial Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. All residents of Crook and Winster are welcome to attend, either as observers or to ask questions during the period allowed for public participation.

### **Spring Coffee Evening**

The Crook Memorial Hall Committee invite you to a Spring Coffee Evening for all the family on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Dominoes, Bingo, Stalls and a Raffle will feature in the entertainment.

## **CROSTHWAITE**

### **Calor Cumbria Village of the Year 2009**

[www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk](http://www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk)

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### **Crosthwaite & Lyth Parish Council**

([crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:crosthwaiteandlyth.pc@hotmail.co.uk))

### **Recording of Road Defects**

You will be all too aware of problems with

road surfaces and drainage throughout the Parish and many of you will have reported them to Cumbria Highways' Hotline (0845 609 6609). At the same time the PC, supported by our County Councillor, has been pressing highways managers to get on with repairs to the worst problems.

It would be helpful if the PC was aware of all road problems and in particular if they have been reported, so that we can concentrate our efforts. We plan to provide forms in Exchange and WI meetings for people to record road problems and whether they have been reported or not. The PC will do its best to see that these reports are collated and an up to date list kept available. Your help would be appreciated.

### **Quarries – Tenants wanted**

The PC is the registered owner of 12 ex-quarries held in trust for the Parish. These quarries were originally designated in the 1814 Heversham (enclosure) Award for the extraction of roadstone. They have not been used for that purpose for over 150 years and are now isolated plots of marginal land scattered throughout the Parish mostly ranging in area from 0.15ha to 0.64ha. Seven of these plots already have tenants, using the land for grazing, conservation or even, in one instance, as a personal haven and all at nominal rents. The PC would be happy to hear from any local people who fancied taking on one of the remaining plots for their own satisfaction and for the benefit of the community. Please contact Gordon Pitt on 68210 or Matthew Dobson on 68849 if you wish to know more.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. All are welcome.

### **Boon Day at St. Mary's Church**

We are proposing to hold a Boon Day on Saturday 2nd April to spring clean the church. All are welcome to come and help, the more the merrier, all equipment and materials will be provided, together with refreshments. Remember many hands make light work, look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Denise Park Tel. 015395 68502

### **Indoor bowling**

Thursday March the 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last indoor bowling evening for this season, when the singles final will be played followed by the AGM. We welcome visitors and new members. Come and give it a try before the season ends.

### **Easter Lilies**

Anyone wanting to remember a loved one can give a donation for a Lily to:

Vonnie 52005.  
Eileen 68565.

### **ST MARY'S ROTAS COFFEE**

13th Mar Margaret & Rodney Sale.  
27th Mar Caroline & John Holmes

### **FLOWERS**

6th Mar Volunteers please  
13th Mar Lent—no flowers  
20th Mar Lent—no flowers  
27th Mar Lent—no flowers

Note: Will volunteers for Flowers please contact Vonnie Sharp (52005)  
Or Eileen Alston (68565)

The New Rotas are on display in the Church. It would be appreciated if any one can help out with either Coffee & Refreshments or Flowers would enter their names against their preferred date.

If you can help with the decoration of the Church for Easter Sunday you are most welcome on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1.30pm.

### **CROSTHWAITE HELPLINE**

Please contact:

Geraldine & Arthur Wilson on 015395 68836.

## **HELISINGTON.**

### **Dreamfired Storynights**

Dreamfired Storynights have a real international treat for Brigsteer on March 21st. Spend your Monday night in the company of Sef Townsend



and Raphael Rodan - storytellers who have been working in Israel and Palestine and come back with a fabulous adventure tale made up from ancient legends of the Middle Sea. It starts at 7.30pm and it is suitable for children over 10, so you could make it a family night out. Tickets £7, (£5 under 18's) - more information from Kat Quatermass on 0789 148 7375 or [www.dreamfiredstorynights.org](http://www.dreamfiredstorynights.org)

**Broadband in Brigsteer**

Being so far from the Crosthwaite telephone exchange, Brigsteer experiences low broadband speeds, with slow downloads. You may therefore be interested in a presentation in Helsington & Brigsteer village hall at 7.0pm on Wednesday, 6th April at which Kencomp, a local company, will explain their microwave provision of fast broadband. If sufficient people in Brigsteer were interested, they could install a microwave link to the village, offering broadband speeds up to 50Mb/s to subscribers, with a discount on their normal installation charge. If you'd like to hear more, come along to the free presentation; meanwhile you can learn more on [www.kencomp.net](http://www.kencomp.net)

**SLDC Consultation on Sites for Housing and Commercial Development**

We have until 15th April to respond to South Lakeland District Council's Land Allocation Development Plan, which lists sites proposed for house building and commercial development over the next 15 years. People living in Helsington and Prizet will be affected mainly by sites proposed for commercial development around the two filling stations on the A591. Residents of Brigsteer will be affected by any of three sites suggested for housing in the village: RN213 on the north side of the Underbarrow road between the Wheatsheaf and the village hall, on which SLDC estimate 13 houses could be built (at least 35% affordable homes), RN214 on the Underbarrow road opposite the junction with

the Lyth valley toll road (11 houses, 100% affordable homes) and RN227 on the fields adjoining the moss road to Levens (unassessed, but big enough for about 15 houses, 35% affordable homes). Maps of these sites and other information are displayed in the bus shelter in Brigsteer and full details are available on the Land Allocations DPD page of the planning section of the [www.southlakeland.gov.uk](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk) website (look especially for the Brigsteer Fact Sheet). 'Drop in' days at which you can ask questions are at Levens Institute on 28 February and Kendal Town Hall on 2 March, both 1.30 - 7.30 pm.

The consultation period provides your chance to have your say on SLDC's proposals, which could provide affordable housing and create jobs in the parish but could also significantly change Brigsteer village. The best option is to respond on-line, but paper response forms are also available from SLDC. If you need help in finding or understanding the information on the website or would like paper response forms, please contact Mike Fleetwood 68148 or Alan Davies 68837.

**Fund Raising Event**

Underbarrow Institute are holding a fund raising event on Saturday 23rd April at 7.30 pm. The entertainment is provided by Vocalist/Guitarist JayBee. Tickets £9.00. Hotpot is included. Tickets. available from Valerie O'Loughlin 015395 68655

**Helsington Church Flower Rota**

The Church Flower rota is currently being updated. Is there anyone in the parish who would like to join the rota to display flowers on the altar for Sunday services? Please contact Elizabeth Bradshaw on 68434 if you are interested.

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 \* *Don't let worry kill you off* \*  
 \* *- let the Church help* \*  
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**CEILIDH  
BRIGSTEER VILLAGE HALL.**

Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.  
Hot pot supper.  
raffle.

Dancing to Jump the Gun. - caller Chris  
Bland.

Tickets £12=50 from Sue Griffiths  
015395 68776.

Susie Bulman 015395 68083.

*Proceeds in aid of Lyth Valley First  
Responders.*

occasion to rekindle happy memories,  
and remember the wonderful years we spent  
at the School. If you know of any former  
pupils or staff please bring this occasion to  
their attention. ( Apart from notification in  
the Old Hytonian this will be done by 'word  
of mouth' ) It would be helpful to know  
numbers so please could you contact me if  
you are able to attend, or want further  
details . Janet Thompson ( Telephone  
015395 61257 )

**Annual Church Meeting**

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ahead to our future.

**UNDERBARROW**

**Open Garden and Plant Sale**

There will be an open garden and plant sale in  
aid of All Saints Underbarrow on Bank  
Holiday Monday May 2nd at Chapel Spring  
Cottage (near the church) from 10 a.m. to 4  
p.m. Admission will be £2 (children free).  
There will be a cake stall and refreshments  
will be served all day. This will be an  
opportunity to fill at least one or two gaps in  
your garden caused by the severe winter.

**UNDERBARROW HELPLINE**

Please contact:

Frank Hodson on 01539 728280  
Mabel Evans on 015395 68481  
Tom Handley on 01539 724013

**WINSTER**

**BLACKWELL SCHOOL REUNION  
AT WINSTER CHURCH**

It is now several years since the last reunion  
and there have been requests for a further get-  
together. All former pupils and staff of  
Blackwell School are invited to attend Matins  
at Winster Church on **Sunday 10th April at  
11am** ( Daffodil time!) . Following Coffee  
there will be a visit to Blackwell where Lunch  
can be arranged for anyone who would like to  
join us. This may well be the last 'official'

**QUIZ NIGHT AND HOT POT SUPPER**

in aid of the RNLI at the  
BROWN HORSE, WINSTER  
Tuesday, April 5th 2011 at 7.30pm  
£6 Raffle Teams of 4  
Please call 015394-42325 (Margaret  
Gambie) for tickets

**DANCE YOUR WAY TO FUN AND  
FITNESS**

Come along to Winster Village Hall on a  
Monday evening for Line Dancing. A  
beginner's class will be started for new  
dancers with the first two sessions free of  
charge, or if you have line danced before,  
why not take it up again and get your first  
week free? We dance to good Country  
music, have fun, and keep fit all at the  
same time, and we are a friendly group of  
people. Do come along and try it. We  
would be pleased to see you.  
For more details: Ring Simone –  
01539821943 After 5.30p.m. or at  
weekends.

**HOLY TRINITY FLOWERS**

2nd Mar Penny Porritt

# WITHERSLACK

[www.witherslack.org](http://www.witherslack.org)

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## TEA & CHAT GROUP

Owing to the bad weather in December we were unable to celebrate our 3rd Birthday so on the 4th January 2011 we had a lovely Birthday Cake made by Anne and Mulled Wine also a lovely coffee/cream cake to celebrate Hilda's Birthday on that same day and every one enjoyed a good gossip on the Christmas activities, family visit and of course the miserable weather we had had. Our next meeting is on 1st March, so be sure to come along and see what we have in store for you to celebrate St.Davids Day. 2.00p.m. to 3.30p.m. in the Barwick Hall (next to the Church)

## WITHERSLACK PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

are holding their annual Jumble Sale. Saturday April 9th 10am to 1pm  
For further information, or for collection of jumble please contact. Pauline on 52302 or

Linda on 52275

## SUNDAY CLUB

The next Sunday Club will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We meet at St. Paul's church, Witherslack from 9.30am - 10.30am. All children aged 3 - 12 are welcome and will enjoy making friends with our small existing group who eat biscuits, play games and create craft items! For more details phone Michelle Woodcock on 015395 68276.

## WITHERSLACK COMMUNITY SHOP

Monday 7.45 – 6.30  
Tuesday 7.45 – 6.30  
Wednesday 7.45 – 12.30  
Thursday 7.45 – 6.30  
Friday 7.45 – 7.00  
Saturday 9.00 – 4.00  
Tel. 015395 52188

## ST PAUL'S ROTAS SIDESMEN

6th Mar Henry Jackson  
13th Mar Janet Read  
20th Mar Dorothy Mallinson  
27th Mar Diane Woollard

## READERS

6th Mar George Page  
13th Mar Chris Bagnold  
20th Mar Trevor Farrer  
27th Mar Val Pattison.

## FLOWERS

Unavailable



## REPORTS & NEWS

## BRIGSTEER

The W.I. meeting will take place in the Village Hall, on March 10th at 2pm. Pam Moon will talk to us on the Work of the

Donkey Sanctuary.

The 'Second Saturday' Coffee Morning will be held at Field End, Brigsteer, on March 12th 10.30-12noon. Just to remind anyone, who has not attended recently that we have an excellent book table, where your mind can be stretched, and the Coffee is excellent too, as well as the company. Come and give it a try. All proceeds go to the Village Hall. Phone Beryl and Michael Mansbridge on 68570, for further details.

Crosthwaite and Lyth W.I.

Our 2nd  
OPEN MEETING of 2011

will be on

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at  
Crosthwaite Memorial Hall

Local Speakers – John Holmes, with a  
paramedic First Responder co-ordinator  
for this area

will talk on the North West Ambulance  
Service – Community First Responders -  
Cumbria

Admission £2-50, including light  
refreshments

All welcome – men too!

*Come and support our volunteer First  
Responders*

## **CROSTHWAITE & LYTH**

Following the cancellation of the December meeting due to bad weather, members turned out in force for the January meeting, and our new President Pam Bownass, who shares the role with Marilyn Shuttleworth, very ably took the chair. There is certainly a lot of opportunity for W.I. members to pursue any of a huge variety of hobbies and interests in this area as we heard when Pam read out all that was on offer over the next few months. On March 16th we will be having another of our very popular Open Meetings when John Holmes will tell us about the work of the First Responders in our area, and there will be a Bring and Buy stall. All are welcome. Jean Sceoul, who with Penni Blair has been leading our campaign to reduce the use of plastic bags, has been working with Susannah Bleakley of the Morecambe Bay Partnership to develop our own W.I. Awareness campaign to limit the use of plastic bags and encourage the use of paper ones. Our cake stalls at Damson Day and other festivities will

now be using paper bags, and we will be encouraging everyone to follow suit. As a W. I. we have decided to offer 2\* £50 bursaries for our members to attend Denman College, as well as the 2 Bursaries that members can apply to the County for. Our speaker was Dorothy Grace who gave us a fascinating audio visual experience of her travels in Peru. None of us had ever been there, and few of us knew anything about the country apart from knowing that Paddington Bear came from Peru, but we know a great deal more now, Dorothy was a fountain of knowledge. She was warmly thanked by Mary Rockliffe, and we all enjoyed a very delicious tea.

## **WITHERSLACK**

The February Meeting was an Open Meeting but unfortunately no visitors came to hear an excellent talk by Andy Lowe called "Making a Grand Entrance". It was about doors in Cumbria from the 17th century onwards. The gradual changes in style were described and details pointed out. Some doors were for boasting and showing one's wealth, and others very plain, just for keeping the weather out. Many had the initials of the owners and the date proudly displayed over the lintel. Andy first came to talk to Witherslack WI in 1991 and this was his 16th visit and he was very welcome.

The business took place before the talk. The dinner at the Royal Oak Lindale had been much enjoyed. Jill Atkinson was thanked for organising it.

An organ recital by Paul Gregson in St Pauls Church has been arranged for June 17th. The spring Flower Show is on Saturday March 26th at 2pm to be opened by the Rev. John Sainsbury.

The Lyth Valley Spring Group Meeting is at Witherslack on April 28th.

Next meeting March 8th "Signals and mixed moss: the life of Arthur Ransome" by Robert Thomson. Visitors always welcome  
Tel:52302

# REGULAR EVENTS

## BRIGSTEER

Scottish Dancing	Thursdays at 7.30pm in Brigsteer Village Hall Contact Pauline Hampson 015395 68672
Table tennis	Tuesdays at 8pm in from October 5th in Brigsteer Village Hall
Yoga	Tuesdays 6 - 7.30pm from 14th September in Brigsteer Village Hall
Women's Institute	2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm winter, 7.30pm summer
Pilates...	Fridays 1.15pm - 2.15pm in Brigsteer Village Hall... Contact Cindy Clarke 015242 73974.

## CARTMEL FELL

For bookings contact Helen Caldwell Tel. 015395 68428

Women's Institute	First Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm
Local History Society	Second Monday in the month at 8pm during winter

## CROSTHWAITE MEMORIAL HALL

Check bookings online at <http://www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk>

Art Club	Mondays 1.45pm (except 28th March)
Rainbows	Mondays 4.30pm-5.30pm
Aerobics	Mondays 7.30pm-8.30pm
Playgroup	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30-11.30am
Exchange	1st Wednesday 1pm-4pm; other Weds 2pm-4pm
Women's Institute	Wednesday 16th March at 8.00pm. Open Meeting
Indoor Bowling	Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30pm—10.00pm
Sugarcraft	Tuesdays 2.30pm
SLD & FAS	Tuesday 1st March 10.00am
Neat Feet	Wednesday 16th March 9.30am

## UNDERBARROW INSTITUTE

Quilting class	Mondays 2-4pm
Billiards Club	Mondays from 7.30pm
Brigsteer Table tennis	Tuesdays 8pm (see above)
WI	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm

## WINSTER

Book & Plant days	10.30am—4.30pm last Saturday in the month
Line Dancing Classes	Mondays 7.30pm-9.30pm at Winster Village Hall
Tai Chi Class	Thursday at 4 - 5 pm at Winster Village Hall. Beginners welcome

## WITHERSLACK

Indoor Bowling	Wednesdays 7.30-10pm
Parent & Toddler Group	Tuesdays 10am until Noon
Tea & Chat Group	Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 2pm
Women's Institute	Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm
The Art Club	Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm