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A LETTER FROM TIM HARMER

Growing Disciples

The Carlisle Diocesan Vision and Strategy for 2011–2020 was launched earlier this year by Bishop James at various churches around the Diocese. The Bishop encapsulates our God-given mission with the phrase, ‘By God’s Grace to grow God’s Kingdom in Cumbria’. Our vision is to see our churches growing Disciples of all ages. So, we have a vision and a strategy from the Diocese, but what does that mean for us in the local church?

The vision and strategy is based on three pre-suppositions:

- that we have an eternal message of the Gospel of Good News to teach and proclaim;
- that we are called to a ministry, as a local church, to hold relationships at the heart of everything; and
- that we have an imperative to follow, which is to engage in mission.

Together with worship, mission is at the heart of all that the church is called into existence by God to do.

To grow Disciples of all ages there are five marks by which we can gauge how we are getting on. The first is *Maturity in faith*, which parishes can encourage through Christian basics courses like Alpha and Emmaus, an increase in giving to fund mission, a discernment of gifts and a growth in vocation, developing leaders and by training. The second mark is an *expectant and lively prayer and worship life* within the church. The third is *engagement in community service*, which is the church looking outward. The fourth mark is *evangelism* which is sharing the good news. This can happen in all sorts of ways within our local context. The fifth mark is the *depth and quality of relationships* that the church can foster and develop, which can be a distinctive and unique feature of the Christian life of discipleship.

The Vision and Strategy document, which was published along with the launch, makes this note: ‘**Mission Clusters** – we know from national research and our own experience that the healthiest churches work with other churches; and conversely that isolation causes big problems for clergy and Parishes. So we are promoting mission clusters – informal groups of Parishes and clergy, not too big, not too small, and probably based on friendship – working together not under an imposed programme, but seeing what works naturally.’

We in the Two Valleys Team have been piloting this approach for some years now and I would say that it is bearing fruit in all sorts of ways. The Vision and

Strategy document encourages us to start praying and listening to God as the first part of developing a local Mission Action Plan. Our Two Valleys Strategy Group will be working on this with others in the future. Meanwhile please pray for our local churches in the team and all churches in our county with this prayer:

*Generous God, you call us to follow you and send us out to make disciples. By the grace of your Holy Spirit, may we grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Tim Harnes

FROM THE REGISTERS



9th April **Wedding at St Mary's, Crosthwaite of
Matthew Christensen & Joanna Hensman**



Funerals
21st March Dilys Mary Windsor (82) at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite
24th March June Constance Sadler (81) at St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell
8th April Elizabeth Mary Vaughan Jones (89) at St. Paul's, Witherslack

Holy Days in May

- 1 Philip and James, Apostles - Festival**
- 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373 - Lesser Festival
- 4 English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era - Lesser Festival
- 8 Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417 - Lesser Festival
- 14 Matthias the Apostle - Festival**
- 19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988 - Lesser Festival
- 20 Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804 - Lesser Festival
- 24 John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788 - Lesser Festival
- 25 The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735 - Lesser Festival
- 26 Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605 - Lesser Festival
- 30 Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906 - Lesser Festival
- 31 The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth - Festival**

IN REMEMBRANCE

June Sadler

June was born near Manchester in 1930, spending a short time in India where her father worked as a civil engineer. Her father was sadly killed in an accident and so June found herself back in England, eventually moving to Blackpool. She met Bill when still a teenager and they eventually married in 1951. Thus began a wonderful partnership as they lived and worked alongside each other, first running a hardware store together and then in 1969 the big change when they turned to Scouting and Bill became warden at the Great Tower Scout Camp in Cartmel Fell. Thus followed 20 very happy years at Great Tower. June relished the role as much as Bill and her hospitality was always of the highest and kindest calibre. June also worked as a Library Assistant for the Freshwater Biological Association library for 15 years where she made many friends. Her flower arranging was also legendary and, after gaining a City and Guilds qualification, she had a long association with the Lakes Flower Club, holding various positions of office. Over the years she organized three major Flower Festivals at St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell. June loved her family and enjoyed a long 'retirement', pursuing her hobbies, caravanning with Bill all over the country and enjoying time with her family. Her faith remained strong and she was a valued and loved member of the congregation at St. Anthony's; she will be sorely missed.

Dilys Windsor

Dilys was born in Bristol in 1928, the middle of three girls. She inherited from her parents a commitment to hard work and a dislike of waste. She met Peter when he worked at the Bristol Aeroplane Company in Filton and they married in 1953. After living in various parts of north-west Bristol they eventually moved up to Crosthwaite in 1989 when Peter retired. It was here that they made new friends and neighbours who welcomed them into the community. Dilys loved living here. She loved her garden and worked hard to perform her own special magic. Dilys also loved walking, and walking at a pace! Sunday afternoon walks with the family were mandatory for many years. Dilys also inherited a natural gift for getting things to grow, be it rhubarb, roses or children, and she became an inspiration to her three children. Her love of growing plants extended into cooking and Dilys is remembered fondly for her various culinary talents. For Dilys, all her family were important. Peter was her lynchpin and her parents, siblings, children and grandchildren were the icing on the cake.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

PATHFINDER UPDATE

We have had a busy few months as a Pathfinder group with some brilliant experiences. The Bishop and Alison's visit in March was wonderful and all of us (leaders and Pathfinders) thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent with them both. Bishop James answered all the young people's questions very eloquently and you could hear a pin drop as he spoke. It was a truly memorable evening all round. At the beginning of April the Pathfinders were responsible for the Mothering Sunday service at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite. Afternoon Tea was served first and then the Pathfinders led the service which included some solo singing, a drama written by the group and prayers written by the group. They did a very professional job and the large congregation appreciated all their efforts. In May we meet on **Monday 9th May** for an ordinary meeting (4.45pm–6.45pm for tea and Bible-based activities at The Vicarage, Crosthwaite) and again later in the month for a social activity. Pathfinders is open to all young people in School Year 5 up to Year 9 and new members are always very welcome. Rev. Michelle Woodcock (015395 68276).

UNITED 5th SUNDAY SERVICE

On **Sunday 29th May** our 5th Sunday service will be at 10.30am at Holy Trinity, Winster. Do come along as we join together for worship and fellowship.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Sunday 17th July at Cartmel Fell

We will be holding a Confirmation Service for our Two Valleys team of parishes at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th July at St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell. We are delighted that Bishop James Newcome will be conducting the service. If any adults or young people would like to consider being Confirmed then do get in touch with either Michael or Michelle Woodcock (015395 68276), Tim Harmer (015395 68865) or Brian Crowe (015395 68959).

ASCENSION DAY

This year there will be two services for Ascension Day on **Thursday 2nd June**:

- 7.30am Open Air Holy Communion on Scout Scar *followed by English Breakfast at Sunnybank, Underbarrow*; and
- 7.30pm Deanery Ascension Day Holy Communion (CW) at St. James's, Arnside.

Please let June Harmer know if you would like Breakfast at Sunnybank after the early morning service (015395 68865).

SOME THOUGHTS ON OUR MOST RECENT ALPHA COURSE

I attended the Alpha course held at the Vicarage, Crosthwaite. I was very apprehensive at first; then I thought, ‘Well, it will be an evening out amongst companions and a lovely meal with company’, BUT the main Theme was to study and understand more clearly the Bible and Christianity.

The Bible, I find, is a very difficult book sometimes to really understand, so I enjoyed watching the video and the explanations in more simple language and then listening to the discussions about the passages amongst the members there. The course made me think a lot about my life and to read the Bible more, and to understand that my prayers are not always able to be answered immediately, but GOD does his best to care for our needs. I attended 10 out of the 11 evenings and enjoyed every one despite some very dark, cold and wet journeys up the Lyth Valley.

HJ

REV. MICHAEL WOODCOCK'S LENT APPEAL

Thank you to the many people who have already contributed to this Lent Appeal raising money for The Stroke Association and Alzheimer's Research UK. As this paragraph is being written I still have two weeks to go in dyeing my beard a variety of colours. If anyone would still like to make a donation then do send any cash or cheques (payable to ‘Crosthwaite PCC’) to The Vicarage, Crosthwaite, Kendal, LA8 8HX and clearly marked Lent Appeal. The final totals will be revealed in next month's magazine!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15TH-22nd MAY

The Christian Aid envelope that has been included in your magazine this month is for you to give a donation to this very worthwhile cause. The envelope tells you all about where the money is going and how to make more of your donation through Gift Aid. Please place your donation in your envelope and return it:

- to The Vicarage in Crosthwaite;
 - in your church collection; or
 - to Lorraine Brierley, Michael Yeat Farmhouse, The Row, Lyth, LA8 8DD.
- Many thanks for doing your bit to bring ‘laughter where there were tears’.
Lorraine Brierley

CHOIR PRACTICES IN MAY

Choir practices for the 5th Sunday on 29th May in Winster will be held in Crosthwaite church on Friday 13th May and Thursdays 19th & 26th May 4-5pm. Anyone is welcome to sing with the choir—just come along to the first practice. For more information contact Michael Woodcock.



LIVE BELOW THE LINE

This year from 3rd to 7th May I am going to be taking part in something called 'Live Below The Line'. Some of you may have already heard of this, but for those who haven't it basically means that I must live for 5 consecutive days spending no more than £1 a day on all my food and drink. (Using a well stocked larder is not allowed! All food must be bought during that week.)

The idea is to raise awareness and money and for those living in extreme poverty, and I'm sure it is going to be quite a challenge. I am aiming to raise money through sponsorship to go towards helping Salvation Army International Development UK, a fantastic Christian based charity which is doing everything it can to try to reduce global poverty. Over a quarter of the world's population is considered to be living in extreme poverty, and tonight some 800 million people will go to bed hungry.

If anybody wants to know more, or even join in, please visit

www.livebelowtheline.org.uk

Alternatively, **if anyone is interested in sponsoring me** I would be very grateful, and can be contacted at

georgina.lambton@hotmail.co.uk, or 015395 31311.

Thank you,

Georgina Lambton

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—SATURDAY 20th AUGUST

SUMMER DANCE in the BARN in aid of RLI Neonatal Unit at
High Farm, Crook (LA8 8LR) on Saturday 20th August at 7pm.

Live Music by Fiona Hanlon & 'High Five'

Hotpot supper, homemade puddings

Reasonably priced bar & raffle

Tickets: Adults £10, Children 8–16yrs £5, Under 8's free

For tickets please contact George on 015395 68004 or 07901720616.

WITHERSLACK OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2011

10.30am – 4.30pm

WONDERFUL LOCAL GARDENS TO EXPLORE

REFRESHMENTS

PLANT AND CAKE STALLS

FANTASTIC RAFFLE

ENTRY £3.00

(Accompanied children under 16 free)

Start at The Old Vicarage next to St Paul's Church.

Follow signs in village.

Proceeds in aid of Jamie Ratcliffe's **BRITISH
SCHOOLS EXPLORING SOCIETY AMAZON
EXPEDITION July 2011.**

Call 015395 52524 for more information.

UNDERBARROW OPEN GARDEN & PLANT SALE

Monday 2nd May from 10am to 4pm

at Chapel Spring Cottage, Underbarrow (LA8 8HJ) near the church.

All proceeds to All Saints' Church. This will be a good opportunity to fill in gaps in your garden from a range of interesting herbaceous perennials. Refreshments will be served all day.

Entry £2. Children free.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CROSTHWAITE

25th-26th June

Come and visit St. Mary's Church over this weekend to view a beautiful array of flower displays depicting Hymns Ancient and Modern.

Entrance costs £4 for adults; children under 16 are free. Tickets are available in advance from the Exchange and in Church, and on the day from the Parish Rooms.

Over the weekend there will also be a number of other activities for you to enjoy:

- Display of Vintage Cars, Tractors and Farming Implements
- Local History Display
- Art Exhibition
- Music Recitals
- Children's Quiz
- Plant and Preserve Stall
- Refreshments in the Memorial Hall.

There will be a regular Minibus service between Church and the Memorial Hall throughout the weekend.

Times: Saturday 10.30am to 6pm; Sunday 10.30am to 5.30pm.
All proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Toilet Refurbishment Fund.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – CEILIDH & HOG ROAST

SATURDAY 11th JUNE at 7.30pm

at Johnscapes Farm, Lyth, in aid of Friends of Crosthwaite School
Music and Calling by Jig Busters
Licensed Bar
Tickets £12.00

For tickets tel. Paula Cross 015395 68972 or 07980 743388.

BRIGSTEER OPEN GARDENS

Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday 29th & 30th May

11am — 5pm each day

Visit the hidden gardens of Brigsteer during a stroll around this picturesque village with views of the Lakeland Fells to the North and Morecambe Bay to the South.

Refreshments and plant sales.

Entry to the gardens: adults £5.00, children free.

All proceeds to the village hall. 015395 68570

NOTICES FOR INDIVIDUAL PARISHES

CARTMEL FELL

BLUEBELL WALKS

On **Sunday 8th May** there will be short and longer Bluebell Walks, both starting from Cartmel Fell Parish Hall. On your return you will be able to enjoy home-made refreshments and browse our Plant and Produce Stall. Donations for the latter will be gratefully received, please contact Anne Ratcliffe on 015395 52107. We hope that many Friends of St Anthony's will have joined us and at 4.30pm there will be the Annual Friends Service in Church, all welcome.

THANKS

Very many thanks to all who helped to make the Italian Evening such a success. A grand total of £520 was raised for church funds.

Our thanks too for the donations of flowers and cake for Mothering Sunday; it was good to see such a large congregation for this special Service.

ST ANTHONY'S ROTAS COFFEE

8th May Audrey Smith

22nd May Anne Emmett

FLOWERS

Marion Clarke & Jane Eccles

CROOK

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH GIFT DAY Sunday 15th May

Once a year we give all parishioners an opportunity to make a gift towards the expense of maintaining a church in our village. If you wish to respond, please put any donation in the envelope included in the Crook Magazine for April/May 2011, and return it via anyone who comes to church. There are also spare envelopes available at the back of the church.

We are very grateful for all your contributions in past years.

CROOK MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

On Saturday 11th June there will be a Village Walk, suitable for all the family, followed by a Barbecue. Please meet at Atkinson's Tarn at 6pm, but if it's wet we will meet in the Memorial Hall. For catering purposes it would be good to get an idea of the approximate number of people coming, so please contact Kath Jackson on 821415 or Kath Boyd on 821049. Tray bakes would be appreciated.

CROOK AND WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting, which will be held on **Tuesday 24th May** at Winsters Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is a public meeting when all residents of Crook and Winsters are invited to attend, and it is hoped to have a visiting speaker. It has been suggested that it would be good if any organisations in the two villages could send a representative to give a brief report on their activities, or alternatively to submit one in writing in advance. This meeting will be followed by the regular Parish meeting.

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www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES

St. Mary's Church Crosthwaite

It is now time for the Children's Society Boxes to be collected and the money to be counted. I would be grateful if you could bring your boxes to St. Mary's Church on a Sunday or deliver them to me at Thornrigg, The Howe, Lyth. If collection is required please let me know – Denise Park, tel. no. 015395 68502.

LYTH VALLEY FIRST RESPONDER GROUP

The Group is holding its AGM for 2011 in Crosthwaite Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 25th May** at 7.30pm. All welcome.

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH RECREATIONAL FIELD TRUST

The Trust is holding its AGM for 2011 in the Parish Room on **Tuesday 3rd May** at 7.30pm. All welcome.

THE ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE

Takes place in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 7th May**.

If anyone has any jumble to be collected, please contact Jim Bownass 68203, Gordon Pitt 68210, Marilyn Shuttleworth 68522 or Roger Smith 68671. If you have any goods that you think might sell on the day in our auction, please give any of the above a call. We will be setting up stalls on the Friday night previous, and offers of help will be much appreciated. Thanks.
Jim Bownass

ST MARY'S ROTAS COFFEE

8th May Pat & Gordon Howarth
22nd Margaret & Rodney Sale

FLOWERS

1st Volunteers please
8th Helen Bond
15th Volunteers please
22nd Flowers from wedding on 21st
Would Volunteers for flowers please contact
Vonnie Sharpe (52005) or Eileen Alston
(68565).

CROSTHWAITE HELPLINE

Please contact Geraldine & Arthur Wilson on 015395 68836.

UNDERBARROW MARROW DAY
CANCER CHARITIES

Thursday 19th May at 7.30 pm

Traditional Pub Quiz at Punchbowl Inn Underbarrow

Tickets £5 including
refreshments

All proceeds donated to local Cancer Charities

Everyone Welcome

For tickets telephone Irene Matthews 015395 68495.

HELISINGTON

DREAMFIRED STORYNIGHT

Friday 27th May

Villagers and visitors alike were so fond of Dominic Kelly's performance of Crow in September that we've brought him back for another Dreamfired Storynight. This time he is performing *The Gift*, a traditional Scottish tale. Tickets are £7 (£5 for students and under 18s) from 0789148 7375 or on the door, and the event is at Brigsteer Village Hall, on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm. Don't forget, you can now bring your own beer or wine, and we'll give you free coffee and cake!

SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING

This will be held on **May 14th** at our lovely Village Hall, Brigsteer, 10.30am-12noon. Come and find books for your hols, and enjoy the best of good company. Tel. 68449 for details.

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UNDERBARROW HELPLINE

Please contact:

Frank Hodson on 01539 728280

Mabel Evans on 015395 68481

Tom Handley on 01539 724013

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BROWN HORSE QUIZ NIGHT

in aid of the RNLI on Tuesday April 5th:

A very big **thankyou** to all those who supported the Quiz Night at the Brown Horse. 89 attended and enjoyed the delicious hot pot served by the Brown Horse. There was a lot of banter and friendly rivalry between the teams, but question-master Roy kept all under control (well nearly!). The worthy winners were the Crosthwaite Corner, with Let's Get Quizzical in second place. A total of £434 was raised for the RNLI.

With grateful thanks to the Brown Horse. Here's to the next one!

CROOK AND WINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting, which will be held on **Tuesday 24th May** at Winster Village Hall at 7.30pm. See notice under Crook.

HOLY TRINITY FLOWERS

8th Lily Holme
15th Wedding
22nd & 29th Yvonne Bradbury

WITHERSLACK

www.witherslack.org

MUSICAL EVENING ON THE ORGAN

St Paul's Church, Witherslack

Friday June 17th at 7.30pm

Well-known organist Paul Gregson will play a variety of music on the church

organ and his own. Tickets £7.50 each, which includes wine and nibbles. Book your tickets on 015395 52302 or 015395 52340. Proceeds to St Paul's Church and Witherslack WI.

SUNDAY CLUB

There will not be a Sunday Club in May, as there is a special Wedding Festival Songs of Praise Service this month at 3.00pm in the afternoon on **Sunday 1st May**.

ST PAUL'S ROTAS SIDESMEN & READERS

1st	Henry Jackson;	George Page
8th	Janet Read;	Chris Bagnold
15th	Dorothy Mallinson;	Trevor Farrer
22nd	Diane Woollard;	Val Pattison

FLOWERS

Mrs E Jackson & Mrs P Hodgson

WHO CAN BE BURIED IN THE CHURCHYARD?

Anyone who lives in the parish has a right to be buried in their local churchyard. If you do not live in the parish you may still be able to be buried in the churchyard if:

- you worship regularly at the church and can therefore become enrolled on the Church Electoral Roll;
- you have lived in the parish for a significant number of years at some time in the relatively recent past; or
- you have been regularly contributing financially to the church.

Some of our churchyards are getting quite short of available burial space and priority is always given to the people of the local parish. If you do not live in the parish it may be possible to reserve a grave space by applying to the Diocese for a Faculty for Reservation of a Grave Space. Your Parish Priest can advise you on these matters.

Saint Theresa's Prayer

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received,

and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

WHO CAN GET MARRIED IN CHURCH?

It is useful to know who can be married in church, as the law is quite complicated on this matter. There are three main routes that allow for people to be married in a particular church.

First, anyone who currently lives in the parish has a right to ask to be married in their local church.

Second, anyone who regularly attends worship at the church, even if they live outside the parish, can ask to be married there.

Third, at least one of the couple has a 'qualifying connection' with the parish. This last category has been broadened out under church law in recent years so the phrase 'qualifying connection' includes the following:

- you were baptised in the parish;
- you have been confirmed in the parish;
- you have a parent or grandparent who was married in the parish;
- you have lived for at least 6 months in the parish at any point during your lifetime;
- you have a parent who has had their usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months at any point during your lifetime;
- you have habitually attended worship in the parish for at least 6 months at any point during your lifetime;
- you have a parent who has habitually attended worship in the parish for at least 6 months at any point during your lifetime.

If none of the above apply then it is still possible to be married in a parish where you are not resident if you live for a period of 8 consecutive days in that parish and then apply for a Superintendent Registrar's Certificate to enable you to be married in that particular parish church.

As you can see, there are all sorts of ways of connecting up with a parish and the regulations have significantly loosened in recent times.

TRADING STANDARDS – REPUTABLE TRADERS

Trading Standards is looking for reputable traders in Cumbria to join the **Buy with Confidence** scheme (BWC). Currently 20 local authorities are participating, making it the largest scheme of its kind nationally.

Traders who are interested in finding out more about this scheme can log onto www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or telephone (01539) 713594. Likewise, customers who may know of a good local business, and would like to recommend them, can ring that same number. *See the Crosthwaite & Lyth website for the full article .*



SPRING NEWS FROM CROSTHWAITE CE SCHOOL

After a busy Spring term it was lovely to finish on a summery day with the children playing on the school field and having picnics outside. It seems a long time since the cold weather and dark nights of January, and much has happened at the school. The youngest children have enjoyed being out of doors in the outdoor classroom and in the garden in most weathers. They explored the world of toys and games immediately after Christmas with the children in Years 1 and 2, and found out about the materials they have been made from in different times, and how toys have been powered. The children in Years 1 and 2 conducted serious tests on their buggies to find out how far they could travel and how fast. They were very proud of their vehicles.

Recently the whole school has been involved in learning about the natural world. The KS2 class took their study of rivers locally to look at the River Gilpin as it moves through the Lyth Valley. We have now moved on to investigate the world of the rainforest, its wildlife and its people. Wonderful artwork has been created, and mini rainforest animals were created from eggs as an Easter project – how would they advise someone else to care for their particular animal? Currently the children are working in groups to study the different rainforests, and looking at the problems facing their future.

The younger children have stayed closer to home, visiting local farms in the valley to look at their newborn lambs, and the range of other animals they keep, from the shire horse to the fluffy ducklings.

Other activities in which the school has participated include taking part in the Mary Wakefield festival held in Kendal. We had a lively day of workshops in the Parish church, performing to a packed audience in the evening. Later in the same week, the children performed on our African drums in the Leisure Centre, and were a highlight of the festival. Many thanks to our music teacher Mrs Woodcock – she is now busy working with the children and the staff on a production of 'Joseph' for our end-of-term presentation. It will be an impressive production, and everyone is invited, so put the date in your diary now –

Tuesday 19th July.

We were also privileged to take part in the Ash Wednesday service held at St Marys church. The children made a new Lent frontal for the altar, and took readings and other parts in the service. It was a very special occasion.

The Lake District

*My home is in the Lake District,
A lovely place to live;
The scenery is quite stunning
And the area has so much to give.*

*From majestic hills and mountains
To quiet tarns and lakes,
The Lake District is quite special,
And has certainly got what it takes.*



BRIGSTEER

The WI meeting will be on May 12th at 7.30pm. We will be discussing the Resolutions that go forward to the national AGM. Please come and make your views known, and support your committee who work very hard for us all, that's Pressure!

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH

Crosthwaite and Lyth WI held another Open Meeting in April when the subject was the work of the First Responders in the Valley. The local Group have responded to 76 callouts in the short time they have been functioning, and the large number of local residents who attended the meeting showed the level of interest in the work of these committed volunteers. John Holmes and Mike Proctor gave a stimulating audio-visual presentation explaining the history of the group, the sort of incidents that they respond to, the level of training the volunteers are given and the continuous updating they undergo. The cost of the equipment for the First Responders is not met by the Ambulance Service, but by fundraising within the Group, and many

thousands of pounds are needed annually to maintain pagers and update defibrillators as well as to increase the provision of equipment at strategic sites in the Valley.

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President Anne Walshaw welcomed 16 members and 1 visitor to the April meeting. The Spring Flower Show in March raised £225 for WI funds. Entries were slow to come in but a good colourful show eventually materialised. The two Resolutions for the AGM in June will be discussed at the May meeting: Mega Farms and Library Closures. Arrangements for the Group meeting were made and this will be held at Witherslack Parish Hall on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm. Members were reminded of the Wedding Exhibition at St Paul's Church on Saturday and Sunday April 30th and May 1st, and volunteers sought for helping staff it.

The speaker for the evening was David Oates of North Country Wills who is a professional Will-writer. He gave very enlightening reasons and suggestions for everyone to consider making a will; 70% of the population does not have a will and this can cause a lot of problems after someone's death.

The competition for an old document was won by Jill Atkinson, 2nd Jackie Ratcliffe and 3rd Jill Atkinson. The raffle was won by Linda Park.

*When the daffodils are in full bloom
They look like a sea of gold.
Small wonder Mr Wordsworth wrote about them,
They are a wondrous sight to behold.*

*Tourists from all over the world
Visit the Lake District each year.
They will find lots of things to see and do
During the time that they spend here.*

*Yes, the Lake District is magic,
And all I want to say is this:
If you do not ever pay it a visit
Then you will never know what you
have missed!*

Jackie Richardson ©

REGULAR EVENTS

BRIGSTEER

Scottish Dancing	Thursdays at 7.30pm in Brigsteer Village Hall Contact Pauline Hampson 015395 68672
Table tennis	Tuesdays at 8pm 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

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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>

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	Every 3rd Wednesday in the month 7.30pm

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

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Book & Plant days	10.30am–4.30pm last Saturday in the month (April to November)
Line Dancing Classes	Mondays 7.30pm–9.30pm at Winster Village Hall
Tai Chi Class	Thursdays at 4.15 pm at Winster Village Hall

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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