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# A LETTER FROM BRIAN CROWE

## Remembrance

November is a month when we remember. At 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November, and on the following Sunday in our churches, we fall silent to remember the sacrifice of our armed forces, beginning with the so-called Great War. In 1919 many were worried that we would forget, not least Siegfried Sassoon who penned:-

*Have you forgotten yet?...*

For the world's events have rumbled on since those gagged days,  
Like traffic checked while at the crossing of city-ways;  
And the haunted gap in your mind has filled with thoughts that flow  
Like clouds in the lit heaven of life; and you're a man reprieved to go,  
Taking your peaceful share of Time, with joy to spare.  
*But the past is just the same – and War's a bloody game...*  
*Have you forgotten yet?...*  
*Look down, and swear by the slain of the War that you'll never forget.*

Do you remember the dark months you held the sector at Mametz –  
The nights you watched and wired and dug and piled sandbags on parapets?  
Do you remember the rats; and the stench  
Of corpses rotting in front of the front-line trench –  
And dawn coming, dirty-white, and chill with a hopeless rain?  
Do you ever stop and ask, 'Is it all going to happen again?'

Do you remember that hour of din before the attack –  
And the anger, the blind compassion that seized and shook you then  
As you peered at the doomed and haggard faces of your men?  
Do you remember the stretcher-cases lurching back  
With dying eyes and lolling heads – those ashen grey  
Masks of the lads who once were keen and kind and gay?  
*Have you forgotten yet?...*  
*Look up, and swear by the green of the spring that you'll never forget.*

We remember the sacrifice that each one made for their country, and for us who live today. But “Remembrance is not just the act of memory - not a simple recall of facts from the past. It is rather making present to mind and heart the experiences that shaped, and continue to shape, their identity”. Thus we also remember so we can answer Sassoon's question, “Is it all going to happen again?”

November is also the month in our church calendar when we celebrate both All Saints

Day and All Souls Day. Like Remembrance Day, we remember people who have died, both those who have faithfully followed Jesus, and our own family and friends who have died.

Remembrance is also a Biblical theme. The people of God were continually told to remember all that God had done for them. Then, as he awaited death on the cross, Jesus transformed the Passover meal into a time when his followers remember his death and resurrection in the bread and wine of the communion table.

This November may we each take the opportunity to remember – both those who have died in war and otherwise. And may we also remember Jesus, whose death and resurrection was so that we might be forgiven and receive new life!

*Brian Cochrane*

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## FROM THE REGISTERS



### Baptisms

18<sup>th</sup> September

25<sup>th</sup> September

25<sup>th</sup> September

1<sup>st</sup> October

Isaak Richard Shaw at St. Paul's, Witherslack

Austin Jack Foster at St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell

completion of Baptism of Charlie David Taylor at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite

Florence Coral Hynes at St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell



### Weddings

8<sup>th</sup> October

Gemma Ainsworth & Chris Crauford at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite

## Holy Days in November

- 1 All Saints' Day - Principal Feast**
- 2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) - Lesser Festival
- 3 Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600 - Lesser Festival
- 7 Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739 - Lesser Festival
- 8 The Saints and Martyrs of England - Lesser Festival
- 10 Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461 - Lesser Festival
- 11 Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397 - Lesser Festival
- 13 Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836 - Lesser Festival
- 16 Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093 - Lesser Festival
- 17 Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200 - Lesser Festival
- 18 Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231 - Lesser Festival
- 19 Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680 - Lesser Festival
- 20 Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870 - Lesser Festival
- 23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100 - Lesser Festival
- 29 Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church - Lesser Festival
- 30 Andrew the Apostle - Festival**

# ***CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS***

## **Thank you to our Magazine Editors**

You may not realise that we now have a team of Magazine editors for the Two Valleys News consisting of Lorraine Brierley, Charles & Ros Walmsley, Emma Taylor and Ron & Liz Croy. They work on a rota basis and edit our magazine for two consecutive months before handing on to the next editor. We hope you appreciate that it is no mean feat editing a magazine of this nature with so many villages to cover. Please do treat our editors with respect and gratitude rather than being too quick to grumble or complain (unless you are prepared to take on the editorship yourself!). We do our best with the magazine, but will not always be able to include everything. So we do say a heartfelt THANK YOU to our current editors and wish them all the best in this faithful act of service.

## **Thank you for Harvest**

We would like to say "Thank you" to everyone in each of our seven villages who worked so hard towards our respective Harvest Festivals and Suppers. Our churches again looked magnificent in their decorations of flowers, fruits and vegetables and we are so grateful to the many people who gave their time and expertise in decorating our buildings. We also wish to say thank you to all those who organized our Harvest Suppers and all those who attended. We supported the Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal and are delighted to report that collectively across the seven parishes we raised the magnificent total of over £1,800.

## **Two Valleys All Souls' Service – remembering our loved ones**

This year our special All Souls' Service for the two valleys will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November and hosted by St. Mary's, Crosthwaite. It is often helpful if we make space once a year to remember those of our loved ones who have gone before us. We always try to remember those who have died in the past 12 months, but we are also happy to include names from years past. If you have lost a loved one in the past year and we did not take the funeral locally, we can still remember that person at this special service which is always a moving occasion. Do contact Rev. Michael Woodcock and let him know any names (please PRINT in Block Capitals, so that we can easily read them and not make any mistakes). The names will then be read out in the course of the service.

## **Remembrance Sunday**

occurs this month on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please note the start times of the services in your respective parish church as these may vary from the norm.

## **Two Valleys Advent Carol Service 5.30pm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November in Crosthwaite church**

There will be a special Advent Service for the Two Valleys churches at 5.30pm in St. Mary's church, Crosthwaite on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November (Advent Sunday). You are warmly invited to Crosthwaite on this special day in the calendar as we begin together another new Church Year. This is a special service for all the churches in our two valleys.

## Posada

During Advent (which begins on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November) we will again be inviting people to join in with Posada (“Inn”). The crib figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey will be journeying across our parishes as they make their way to our own local “Bethlehem”. Each home looks after the figures for one night then takes them to the next home on the list sometime the following day: this is a lovely way to build up the anticipation of Christmas and to make more of the season of Advent. “Posada” means “Inn” and we symbolically make room in our homes and hearts to welcome Mary & Joseph as we prepare to welcome the child Jesus at Christmas. The Journey begins at the special Two Valleys Advent Service at 5.30pm in Crosthwaite church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November and concludes on Christmas Eve at the 4.00pm Crib & Carol service. If you would like to take part and host the crib figures for one night, then contact Michael Woodcock 015395 68276 as soon as possible .... Just 27 spaces available ....

## NEW ARCHDEACON OF WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS

The Bishop of Carlisle has appointed the Venerable Penny Driver, at present Archdeacon of Exeter, in the Diocese of Exeter, to be Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, in the Diocese of Carlisle.

Penny has been in the Diocese of Exeter for five and a half years. As well as being Archdeacon of Exeter, she holds the brief for Ministry Development, and chairs the South West Ministry Training Course. She was born in the North, trained and practised as a teacher. She then moved to serve the church formally as a Children’s and Youth Adviser, a Diocesan Director of Ordinands and as a priest in three rural parishes in North Yorkshire. In her spare time she loves to cook and entertain, sing in choirs and walk her beagle ‘Jess’ on the hills.

Penny said, “I am delighted to be coming to the Diocese and this beautiful part of the world. I look forward to sharing in your vision of ‘Growing Disciples’ and getting to know the people of God in the churches and the wider community.”

The Bishop of Carlisle said, “We are very pleased to be welcoming Penny to the Bishop’s Leadership Team. She brings a wealth of experience to our Diocese and we look forward to working with her to ‘Grow Disciples’.” It is hoped that Penny will move to the

### **CROSTHWAITE SHOW**

We would like to remind all of you who live in Underbarrow, Helsington, Witherslack, Winstar and Cartmel Fell, children attending Crosthwaite School and members of village organisations that the Crosthwaite Show is open to you, not just those of you in Crosthwaite and Lyth. The number of entries has dropped over the last 2 or 3 years and we need your support to keep the show viable.

In 2012 it will be on August 4th and the categories for the art and photography classes are: “A British Garden”, “Coast” and “Rural Pursuits”

### **Correction**

Please note that Diane Dew’s phone number as the contact person for Underbarrow in connection with the Christmas Shoebox campaign 2011 should have read 015395 68680.

## **Advance notice of a change to the pattern of services at Crosthwaite and Witherslack.**

The two PCCs of Crosthwaite and Witherslack recently agreed unanimously to a slight change in the pattern of services. At both churches we are introducing an extra morning service each month instead of one of the evening services. This is for a number of reasons:

Most people prefer a morning service and our congregations are significantly larger in the mornings compared to the evenings.

Our older people generally prefer the mornings and it is a better time for families with children compared to 6.30 in the evening.

We are now in a position to staff more morning services in the years ahead.

We have the potential now to explore a service once-a-month which will be more accessible to those who may not be used to or comfortable with Holy Communion services. This will be called a Family Service, but we need to be clear here what we mean by the word “Family”.

“Family” includes everybody; people who may be single, people who may be widowed, people who may have children or grandchildren, young adults, not-so-young adults, people who may not have children, people who may be married and anyone who is over 80(!) As you can hopefully see, all categories of people are included in this word “family”, so a Family Service is very much for everyone. Sometimes we may make this extra morning service a “Family Communion” which will be a slightly shorter form of communion and, again, easier for those not used to this service to become accustomed to it.

Evensong very much remains as a valued and much loved monthly service in each parish.

The way to remember the pattern is this:

at Crosthwaite the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is in the evening and the rest are all in the morning;

at Witherslack the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday is in the evening and the rest are all in the morning.

This new default pattern will look like this in each parish:

### **Crosthwaite**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion (CW)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	11.00am Family Service / Family Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion (CW)

### **Witherslack**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9.30am Family Service / Family Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion (CW or BCP)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6.30pm Evensong (BCP) ( <i>4.00pm in winter</i> )

Sometimes this pattern will be interrupted by occasional special services, e.g. this year All Souls service on 6<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday on 13<sup>th</sup> November; an evening Advent Carol Service on 27<sup>th</sup> November, Christmas Carol services on 18<sup>th</sup> December, and Christmas Day being on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December this year, so we will not really notice the new default pattern until January. We are excited about these new opportunities and commend them to you.

**Crosthwaite Playgroup are hosting an**



**Auction of Promises**

*November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30-late*

At The Punchbowl in Underbarrow

A professional auctioneer will auction a range of pledges & goodies kindly donated by local businesses



Tickets £5 including Pie & Pea Supper

For tickets & more information contact

Nicola 07902 874523 015395 68535

or Tess 07825 642773 015395 68453

All proceeds will be split between Crosthwaite Playgroup & Sandgate

Special Needs School

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**CARTMEL FELL COMMUNITY TRUST**

will be holding their **BONFIRE PARTY** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be a lantern procession, fireworks, mulled wine and hotpot supper. The procession will leave the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. to take the Guy to the bonfire site.

There will be a competition for the best lantern, of any kind.

Tickets £7 (children £3) to include supper.

If no food required - adults £5, children free.



## **Lyth Valley First Responder Group**

### **CEILIDH**

**Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30pm**

**2 COURSES HOME MADE SUPPER**

**Dancing to the sounds of**

**SKELWITH FORCE**

**Tickets £12.00 from John Holmes (015395 68599)**

**Or Crosthwaite Exchange.**

**All Proceeds to the Funds of the First Responders**

### **Christmas Fair – 9/10<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

Elizabeth Finn Care is once again holding their Charity Christmas Fair at the Netherwood Hotel, Grange-O-Sands, Cumbria which benefits all the local beneficiaries that live in Cumbria and north Lancashire. We have lots of stalls with something for everyone, books, fine foods, cashmere, toys, Christmas decorations, general gifts and much much more to choose from, all on one floor including full disabled access.

One in six people in the UK are living in households below the low income threshold. At Elizabeth Finn Care we believe this is totally unacceptable. The reasons why people fall into financial need are complex and unique to each person's situation. However, one thing remains certain – living in financial need has a fundamental impact on your life. It can affect your health, your emotional wellbeing, employment opportunities and your ability to participate fully and actively within society. We help people in financial need to improve their lives by giving direct financial support to individuals in need and through Turn2Us ([www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)) which helps millions more gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants as well as other financial assistance. Beneficiaries are visited and supported by a team of local visitors.

**This is an invitation and a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and have lunch with friends at the Netherwood Hotel. We look forward to seeing you ....**

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 — Tickets - £12.50 to incl. wine/canapés. Time 6pm-8.30pm  
Tel. 015242 76440 for tickets.**

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 - Tickets £3.00 at the door Time 10.00am – 3.30pm**

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## **CAROL CONCERT IN BRIGSTEER.**

Join us for in Brigsteer village hall for a concert of festive songs, stories and instrumental breaks to start the season of goodwill with the well known and very accomplished group

### **The Cautley Carollers** from Sedbergh.

Sunday November 27th. 8.0 pm. Tickets £7.50 adults to include first glass of wine and mince pies - accompanied children free.

Tickets available from ;

Elizabeth 015395 68434 or

Susie 015395 68083.

Refreshments will include wine and mince pies.  
Raffle.

Proceeds to St. John's church Helsington and Helsington and Brigsteer Village Hall'

## **A Christmas Coffee Evening With Burnside Brass**

After many successful Coffee Evenings at Underbarrow Village Hall, Wendy & Dave Higson are returning to Underbarrow to organise another Christmas Coffee Evening and we hope that you will be able to attend.

7pm-9pm

Underbarrow Village Hall  
Friday 25th November 2011



Entry £1 for as much Tea, Coffee, Biscuits as you would like, Mince Pies also available.



A Big Raffle ~ Tombola ~ Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake Competition ~ Christmas Gifts & Stocking Fillers For Sale ~ Bric-a-Brac Stall ~ Cake Stall and much more ..... not to mention Festive Christmas Carols being played by members of Burnside Brass.

An Event Not to be Missed ! Hope to see you there

### **From the organ loft**

The organ at St. Mary's Crosthwaite has an unusual stop—the Keraulophone. It's tone is full, smooth, and in the principal portion of its compass resembles the "hand notes" of the orchestral horn. It's present neglect by English organ-builders goes far to show how little they appreciate refinement of tone. There is not sufficient roar or scream in the Keraulophone to please the present prevailing want of taste in the organ-building world. However, a prominent, but nameless member of the St. Mary's congregation describes its tone as being akin to that of a sick cow.

## **The Allegri Singers**

The Allegri Singers return to St. Mary's, Crosthwaite on Sunday 20th November, with a very varied programme ranging from the early 16<sup>th</sup> century through to the last decades of the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The first half compares music from England, Italy and Germany, with a mix of joyful anthems and lamentations by Gibbons, Byrd, Victoria and Monteverdi. The second half then celebrates Liszt's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday with a performance of one of his rarely performed sacred motets, followed by a group of stirring 19<sup>th</sup> century motets by Bruckner, and two twentieth century masterpieces: Randall Thompson's Alleluia and Totus Tuus by Gorecki.

The concert begins at 7:30pm, with a voluntary collection to be shared between church and choir funds.

# ***NOTICES FOR INDIVIDUAL PARISHES***

## **CARTMEL FELL**

### **Church Heating**

After many years of planning and deliberation we have now installed extra heating in the Church. Electrical heaters have been fixed under many of the pews and this is proving to be most efficient. For the cold months our new boiler will add more heat to ensure the church is cosy and we look forward to giving everyone who attends our Services a very warm welcome.

### **Thanks**

Our grateful thanks to all who helped to make our Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Supper so enjoyable, it was nice that so many people were able to join us.

### **Cartmel Fell and District History Society**

will be meeting in St. Anthony's Parish Hall at 8.00pm. on Monday November 14th. when the speaker will be Peter Zeller talking about the Eskdale Iron Works and Railway.

### **Cartmel Fell Parish Council:**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Tower Wood Outdoor Pursuits Centre at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and there is always an opportunity for participation at the start of the meeting. This meeting will be the annual Precept Meeting, when the budget for 2012-13 is set – this is the amount that is levied each year, which is needed for the running of the Parish Council. This is then added to the Council Tax bills by SLDC each April. Kevin M Price. Parish Clerk. 01539-821596

### **ST ANTHONY'S ROTAS**

#### **Coffee**

13th Nov. Anne Ratcliffe;  
27th Nov. Anne Emmett

#### **Flowers**

Roselyn Kitching and Anne Bennett

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Crook Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and there is always an opportunity for participation at the start of the meeting. We have been encouraged in recent months to see a number of locals attending and hope that this will continue. This meeting will be the annual Precept Meeting, when the budget for 2012-13 is set – this is the amount that is levied each year, which is needed for the running of the Parish Council. This is then added to the Council Tax bills by SLDC each April. It is hoped that the Housing Needs Survey forms will be sent out during November – please complete them and return as requested as this will help Cumbria Rural Housing Trust to assess the level of housing need in the parish. Kevin M Price. Parish Clerk. 01539-821596

## **House Groups**

Our house groups continue on alternate Thursdays during November (3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>) concluding on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The 2.30pm group continues to meet at Thorn's Barn, Underbarrow, the home of Tony and Hilary Fitch, while the 7.30pm group will meet this year at Ruth Hunter's home, 22 Wandales Lane, Natland. This term we will be providing the opportunity to discuss and challenge the latest sermon based on the E100 passages. We are encouraged to be provocative!

## **'At Home'**

'At Home' is an opportunity for anyone from the church or village to get together very informally for a soup and sandwich

lunch to share conversation and friendship. It will take place this month at Middle Blakebank, the home of Brian and Hilary Crowe, at 12.30pm on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome, and you are particularly invited to bring friends or neighbours along if you would like to.

## **Remembrance Day**

Our annual Remembrance Day service will take place at St Catherine's Crook at 10am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, when Rev Tim Montgomery will be our preacher. Following the service there will be a Sunday lunch held at the Village Hall to which all from the church or village are invited. Please contact Hilary Crowe (01539 568959 or [taxcaddy@aol.com](mailto:taxcaddy@aol.com)) if you would like to attend.

## **A Banner Day!**

Very many ladies in both the church and village have been working for about three years to create a Banner to be displayed in St Catherine's Church. A great deal of enjoyment has been had during this time, but we are delighted that work is now complete. The Banner Group invites everyone to view and join us at 10am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November for a service of dedication and celebration.

## **Crook Conversations**

"Crook Conversations" are designed for those in the Crook community who would like to explore in conversation some events in 2011, like the Japanese Tsunami and the famine in East Africa, and questioning whether God cares. These will take place on three evenings in November, starting with a one-pot supper, followed by "Coffee and Conversation". Don and Judi Webster will be our hosts and invitations will shortly be available which provide further details.

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

## **Crosthwaite and Lyth CHARITY**

The above charity is very willing to give GRANTS to young people of Crosthwaite & Lyth. Who are in their first year at University or College.

If you think you qualify, will you get in touch with Rev'd Michael Woodcock, Crosthwaite Vicarage, Phone 68276

E-mail : [mich@elwoodcock.com](mailto:mich@elwoodcock.com)

Before our next meeting December 2011

## **Crosthwaite & Lyth Bowling Club**

Congratulations to Martin Wilson runner up in the Kendal League Division 2 Merit Championships and to David Wilson on reaching the quarter finals.

Our Bowls Challenge in aid of the Breast Cancer Campaign was very successful, David Taylor ran a Round Competition and with thanks to him and all who contributed we raised £370 for the Campaign. The winning team was Eric Bowman, Rodney Sale and David Wilson.

Please note our Annual General Meeting will be on 23 November in the meeting room of Argles Memorial Hall starting at 7.30 pm all members are welcome.

## **Crosthwaite Flower Festival Video evening**

The video of the flower festival is now complete, and Jim Bownass is planning to give a show in the Crosthwaite village hall on Friday November 11th at 7.30pm, to try and make a bit more money for the cause. There will be DVD's available on the evening to purchase at £10 each. The programme lasts an hour, and Geraldine and Caroline have kindly offered to serve cheese, wine and nibbles for the evening. Tea and coffee will be available if you

would prefer a cuppa. It will not be a late finish so if the children would like to come, you will be off on your way home by about nine o'clock.

Tickets £5 (children £2) available from Denise Park, Michael Woodcock, or the Crosthwaite Exchange.

## **Variety Show**

As we are not having a pantomime this January, we are planning to hold a variety show. A couple of acts are already booked, and we are looking for artists to appear in the show. Please get in touch with Jim Bownass or anyone on the hall committee if you feel you can help in the show, front of house back-stage or on stage. This will be a fund raising evening for the village hall. We do need to keep our hiring of the halls to locals as low as possible, and these evenings, mean we can help to make money to this end. The Variety show will be the last Saturday in January 2012. Make a note in your diary.

## **Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council**

### **Drainage Matters**

The Parish Council put up £250 in July 2010, along with other Parish Councils, to provide funds for the Lyth and Winster Drainage Group, so that they could investigate the feasibility of setting up an Internal Drainage Board when the Environment Agency withdraws its support, and to propose how it might be done.

Since then the PC has received regular reports on the Group's progress (or sometimes lack of progress!) and on proposals under discussion. Some of those proposals have given cause for concern – in particular the possible collection of charges through the precept system. The Drainage

Group is aware of the PC's concerns. The PC will reserve judgement until such time as government guidelines on setting up an Internal Drainage Board are available and the Drainage Group's initial proposals have been published. At this stage there will be extensive public consultation before final decisions are made. The PC will participate fully in those consultations and will do its best to represent the views of all of the inhabitants of Crosthwaite and Lyth. The Drainage Group has made it clear that without the proven support of groups, individuals and organisations expected to contribute to it, proposals for an IDB cannot go ahead.

Gordon Pitt, Clerk, pp Crosthwaite and Lyth PC

### **The annual Christmas fair**

will be held in the hall on Saturday December 3rd starting at 10am. Mince pies, coffee, and entertainment will be part of the morning, and we hope that Father Christmas can find time in his busy schedule to call and find out what each child would like in their Christmas stocking.

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

Rotas & Notices for November 2011.

### **Coffee & Refreshments**

November 13th Pat & Gordon Howarth  
20th Caroline & John Holmes.

### **Flowers:**

November 6th Volunteers please.  
13th "Remembrance".  
20th Volunteers please.  
27th Advent – No Flowers.

Note: Will Volunteers for Flowers please contact Vonnie Sharpe (52005) or Eileen Alston (68565)

### **CROSTHWAITE HELPLINE**

Please contact Geraldine & Arthur Wilson on 015395 68836.

## **HELSSINGTON**

### **Helsington & Brigsteer Wall Panel**

A project has begun in Helsington & Brigsteer to produce a wall panel for the new Village Hall. We would like to appeal to anyone who may have photographs of activities, occupations and other points which may be of interest in Helsington and Brigsteer to lend them to us, possibly to use as a reference for details on the panel. If you can help, or would like further details, please contact Marilyn Taylor on 015395 68438

## **UNDERBARROW**

### **Children's Christmas Party**

Brigsteer and Underbarrow Children's Christmas Party Committee holds an annual Christmas Party for the children of the two villages.

The party will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 3-5pm at Brigsteer Village Hall. We would like to invite all the children and grandchildren of Brigsteer and Underbarrow aged 0-11yrs to this year's Christmas Party.

Please contact Sharne Morgan on 015395 68818 or e-mail: [sharnelmorgan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sharnelmorgan@yahoo.co.uk) with details of children we may not have on our invitation list until the 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2011.

The Committee will be holding a meeting at the Wheatsheaf Inn in Brigsteer on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 8pm to discuss the 2011 Christmas Party.

All parents and grandparents are most welcome.

## **Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper, October 2nd and 4th**

The Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper were both well supported by parishioners. Over sixty people attended the Harvest Festival conducted by the Rev. Tim Harmer. The church was beautifully decorated by the ladies of the village and Mabel Evans baked the harvest loaf. The Harvest Supper, one of the most enjoyable occasions in the village year, attracted more than ninety people and contributed over £840 for church funds.

## **Calendars for sale**

Underbarrow Village Institute is selling calendars for village hall. The calendars are available from the end of October and you will be able to purchase them from Committee members. The cost is £5. Contact either Stephen Carruthers on 015395 68717 or Valerie O'Loughlin on 015395 68655.

## **Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at Underbarrow Institute at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and there is always an opportunity for participation at the start of the meeting. This meeting will be the annual Precept Meeting, when the budget for 2012-13 is set – this is the amount that is levied each year, which is needed for the running of the Parish Council. This is then added to the Council Tax bills by SLDC each April. Kevin M Price. Parish Clerk. 01539-821596

## **UNDERBARROW HELPLINE**

Please contact:

Frank Hodson on 01539 728280

Mabel Evans on 015395 68481

Tom Handley on 01539 724013



## **BOOK AND PLANT DAY**

at the Old School, Winster  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26TH  
10.30-4.30

Please come and join us for our last Sale of the year.

A warm welcome will await you with a log fire,

seasonal mulled wine and scrumptious mince pies,

as well as the usual delicious array of home-made cakes.

We will have an excellent selection of books for your Christmas reading and Carols will be playing in the background.

What a wonderful way to set off the festive season!!

**PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.**

# WINSTER

Thank you to everyone who came to our harvest supper. It was a very relaxing evening and the village hall was looking good after recent alterations. After a meal of pie and peas, with sweet to follow, everyone enjoyed games of whist and beetle. Special thanks to those who prepared and served the meal.

# WITHERSLACK

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

## 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

## Sunday Club

The next Sunday Club will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November and 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!

## Tea & Chat

Our next meeting will be back in the BARWICK HALL on the 1st November at 2p.. We have invited Mrs Irene Brennan to talk to us about the Children's Christmas Box Appeal and she is willing to collect any items you would like to give or any full boxes. Do come and join us and enjoy our special cake and a refreshing cup of tea amongst friends.

## Advance notice of Carol Service

There will be a traditional Christmas Carol Service for all the village at 6.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December in Witherslack church. Make a note of the date now and bring your friends and neighbours along.

## Witherslack Parish Hall Christmas Fair

Friday 9 December 7pm  
Raffle, Festive stalls, Lucky dip  
Refreshments, Fun for all.

## ST. PAUL'S ROTAS

### Readers

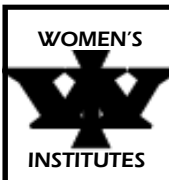
November 6th	George Page
November 13th	Chris Bagnold
November 20th	Trevor Farrer
November 27th	Val Pattison

### Sidesmen

November 6th	Henry Jackson
November 13th	Janet Read
November 20th	Dorothy Mallinson
November 27th	Marianne Whiteway

### Altar flowers

Mrs. V. Pattison and Mrs. J Van-Rees



## REPORTS & NEWS

## BRIGSTEER

Our A.G.M. will be held on Thursday, 10th November at 2pm, in the Village Hall. Please come and support your hard-working committee.

The 'Second Saturday' Coffee Morning will be held on 12th November at Honeybee House, Brigsteer, 10.30-12noon. Everyone will be most welcome, tel:015395 68685 for details.

## **CROSTHWAITE & LYTH**

All was quiet in Crosthwaite and the Valley on the day of the W.I. Trip. Members gathered at the Hall and left in a tremendous cavalcade of cars for Cockermonth eager to see how the town has risen again following the floods and keen to support them. A tremendous amount of work has been done to make Cockermonth a lovely little town again, and one of the highlights of the trip was a fascinating visit to Wordsworth's family home where we were invited to use some of the utensils in the kitchen. A private tour has it's advantages. Lunch in the local hotel was excellent, and the height of the water level during the flood rather disturbing. It was an excellent, thought provoking and very interesting outing.

## **UNDERBARROW**

At the September meeting, the President Barbara Lee welcomed 18 members and 1 guest. Hilary Silk was congratulated on her success in the craft section at the County Show.

The speaker was Mrs Christine Noble who spoke about New Zealand, past and present. Her talk was illustrated by slides showing the stunning landscape, but also concentrated on New Zealand's history. The country was first colonised 1000 years ago by the Maori people originating from East Polynesia. She described their culture and tribal structure as well as their hunting techniques and use of Kauri wood. Early European visitors included Tasman, Cook and Darwin, but the British government were somewhat unwilling to take on the country as a new colony. The first white settlers were sailors who jumped ship from sealing boats, and as settlers increased there were inevitable land disputes culminating in the Maori Wars from 1845.

Mrs Noble had researched the lives of two

early settler families from the U.K., one of whom included a young lady from Ambleside who travelled to New Zealand in 1890 to marry and faced many hardships.

The competition – four biscuits baked to a New Zealand recipe was won by Karen Jenkins. Nora Willison and Heather Bolton were the tea hostesses.

The AGM took place at the October meeting. The committee was re-elected en bloc with Barbara Lee as President. The Rose Bowl, awarded for the member with most points in competitions, was won by Cis Simpson. After the formal business, members enjoyed afternoon tea provided by the committee. Hilary Silk displayed a quilt, two pieces of cross stitch and sewn Christmas decorations which she had entered in the County Show. Di Dew showed a video of the charity Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes were then filled with suitable gifts for children in poorer parts of the world.

## **WITHERSLACK**

Ann Walshaw chaired the October meeting and welcomed 15 members. A quiz team was organised and names taken for the Lyth Valley Group Meeting and Crosthwaite's Christmas party. Entertainment for our own party has been booked and we will have caterers. The annual dinner will be in January. Nominations for next year's committee were handed in.

The speaker, Rob Bridson, showed photos of old Grange from a very extensive collection. Some were especially interesting like the scenes of boats and the piers before the estuary silted up. The Lido in its heyday looked magnificent. It was fun trying to recognise places, and guess the date by the clothes people wore. It was a real step back in time.

Next month: Annual Meeting

# 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 in Brigsteer Village Hall Contact Jan Boulding 015397 37233
Women's Institute	2nd Thursday of the month, 2pm winter, 7.30pm summer
Pilates	Fridays 12.00-1.00pm and 1.15pm-2.15pm in Brigsteer Village Hall Contact Cindy Clarke 015242 73974
Zumba Gold Fitness Class	Mondays 10.30am-11.30am in Brigsteer Village Hall Contact: Janet Hurst 07733 883865

## 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

## CROOK MEMORIAL HALL

Table Tennis	Monday & Friday 7.30-10pm (from September through winter months)
Young Farmers Club	Tuesday 7.30 – 9.30pm
Aerobics/body toning	Thursday 10 – 11am
Folk Dance Group	Thursday 7.30 – 10pm

## CROSTHWAITE MEMORIAL HALL

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

Art Club	Mondays 1.45pm
Aerobics	Mondays 7.30pm–8.30pm
Playgroup	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30–11.30am
Exchange	1st Wednesday 1pm-4pm; other Weds 2pm–4pm
Indoor bowling	Tuesdays & Thursdays 7.30pm—10.00pm
Women's Institute	16th November, AGM at 7.00pm, followed by meeting at 7.30pm

## UNDERBARROW INSTITUTE

Quilting class	Mondays 2–4pm
Billiards Club	Mondays from 7.30pm
WI	Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm

## WINSTER

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

## WITHERSLACK

Indoor Bowling	Wednesdays 7.30-10pm (except July & August)
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