

**August 2010**

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**CROSTHWAITE**



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## *A LETTER FROM BRIAN CROWE*

Dog House to Dog Collar!

I went on my first ordination training weekend in October 2008; that was also my last week-end with RBS. It became rather better known as the last week-end at RBS for Sir Fred Goodwin! I had spent a very enjoyable 25 years in banking, including 12 at RBS participating in its meteoric rise, triggered by the acquisition of Natwest, and its subsequent ignominious fall, following its acquisition of the Dutch bank, ABN Amro. It was strange to feel part of an institution and industry which became so publicly in the dog house! It hardly seemed the most auspicious start to my training!

The training period since has not always been entirely straightforward either. I have had a partial "body-refit", with the fitting of a pacemaker and a new kidney, thanks to the generosity of my brother, to address symptoms arising from a rare genetic disease. Many at St Catherine's Crook and elsewhere in the Two Valleys have been so supportive, both of me and Hilary, and we are truly grateful for their loving care. I had the opportunity to spend my second training year at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, which was a great privilege. We commuted back to Underbarrow each week-end so that Hilary could maintain our links with St Catherine's and I could have a training attachment with the Beacon Team of churches, on the other side of Kendal. Hilary took advantage of the fantastic opportunities at Cambridge to extend her PhD research on twentieth century farming in Westmorland, and play golf for the university in her spare time!

Getting ordained in Carlisle Cathedral on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July alongside Matt Allen and Michelle Woodcock, who are also working in the Two Valleys Team, was a wonderful experience. Not only were we joined by some of our families and friends from the past, but also by many parishioners within the Two Valleys. It was a great privilege to have so many supporters, but also a humbling experience; the Bishop explained to the congregation that the roles of a deacon are:-

To proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love;

To serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people; and

To work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and the weak, the sick and the lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless.

These are great responsibilities. I feel inadequate to fulfil them, however we know that we made our promises to do so by the help of God, and we know that He is able.

Hilary and I moved our home to Underbarrow about five years ago, but with our various activities it has taken us this long to begin to settle here. We are now looking forward to this new phase in our lives. I am excited about beginning ministry within the Two Valleys Team. I will be spending half my time with St Catherine's, but am looking forward to getting to know people throughout the Two Valleys, with the purpose of fulfilling the deacon's role, as outlined by the bishop, by the help of God.

*Brian Crowe*

# FROM THE REGISTERS



## Weddings

26<sup>th</sup> June Christopher Adams & Amanda Bennett at St. Anthony's Cartmel Fell

26<sup>th</sup> June Allison Grindey & Benjamin Hyde at St John's Helsington

10<sup>th</sup> July Martin Hitchen & Holly Godschalk - Blessing of marriage at St.

Mary's, Crosthwaite



## Funerals

5<sup>th</sup> July Margaret Robertson (61) Interment of Ashes at Winster

### Our next ALPHA Course

It's coming up this Autumn - our next ALPHA course will be held in Crosthwaite, this year in the home of Michael and Michelle Woodcock at the Vicarage on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm, beginning on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The evening includes a meal and a chance to learn about the Christian faith in a fresh and inspiring way. The course will last about 10 weeks with a break in the half term holiday and is designed for absolutely anyone at whatever stage of faith you find yourself.... Come with your questions and enjoy exploring the answers together. More details will follow in the September magazine.

### **Holy Days in August**

5 Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642 - Lesser Festival

6 **The Transfiguration of Our Lord - Festival**

8 Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221 - Lesser Festival

Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921 - Lesser Festival

Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258 - Lesser Festival

11 Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253 - Lesser Festival

13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667 - Lesser Festival

15 **The Blessed Virgin Mary - Festival**

20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153 - Lesser Festival

24 **Bartholomew the Apostle - Festival**

27 Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387 - Lesser Festival

28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430 - Lesser Festival

29 The Beheading of John the Baptist - Lesser Festival

30 John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688 - Lesser Festival

31 Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651 - Lesser Festival

## **CURATES**

On July 4<sup>th</sup> in Carlisle Cathedral we held the annual ordination of deacons and priests in our diocese. This year we are very pleased to welcome Matt Allen, Brian Crowe and Michelle Woodcock as deacons in our Two Valleys Team. Matt is married to Naomi and they will be living in Kendal; Brian is married to Hilary and they are already part of our ministry being members of St Catherine's church and living in Underbarrow; Michelle is married to Michael and is also already embedded in our local ministry alongside her husband! Please also pray for Michelle and Michael's children, James and Eleanor, as they adjust to life with both parents wearing clerical collars!

Curacy is not what it was! You may remember that curates used to arrive in parishes as "an extra pair of hands" for the vicar and, often, would quickly take over part of the ministry and maybe even one of the churches in the group. This is no longer the case and the Church of England has an updated and more focused training package for curates that enable them to continue learning and developing their gifts over the three years they spend in their training parishes. More time is devoted each week to ongoing study, project work and even gaining an extra qualification. Hence, less time is available to take up specific duties in the parish but, over the three year training period, each curate will probably focus on one or two parts of ministry for a time to help them gain confidence and hone their gifts and skills in that area.

So, as we welcome Matt, Brian and Michelle, please encourage and support them in these last few years of their training. Please pray for them and help them in whatever ways you can. Remember that they are with us to learn and grow in their ministries as leaders of mission and ministry. Ask not what they can do for you but what you can do for them! We will obviously benefit from their growing ministries but this will be just a bonus as we help and encourage them to grow.

And spare a thought for the training ministers who will also need much prayer! Tim Montgomery will have the overall training charge for the curates with much help and assistance from Tim Harmer and Michael Woodcock. This is a great opportunity for all of us together to learn and grow as we help and support Matt, Brian and Michelle.

## **FOUND IN UNDERBARROW INSTITUTE**

A bunch of keys, car, house and others, has been found in Underbarrow Village Institute. If you think they may be yours would you please ring Mrs Cicely Simpson on 015395 68318.

## **A WELCOME FOR MICHELLE!**

A word of welcome to Michelle Woodcock as she takes her place in our parishes as a newly ordained deacon (working as a non-paid volunteer, as is Rev. Brian Crowe). Michelle will continue to do many of the things she has already been doing here and is happy to see her future serving among us in our "Two Valleys" team, so you probably won't notice a huge difference. Of course as time goes by, Michelle will gain some experience in the ministries of baptisms, weddings and funerals, and we have already been used to her taking an up front role on Sundays in her ministry as a licensed Reader, leading and preaching. It won't be until next year, when she is ordained priest, that she will be able to celebrate Holy Communion.

This is the first time some of our parishes will have experienced the regular ministry of an ordained woman and we are conscious that this is a new departure. Many will welcome this, some may be a little uncertain, and we are sympathetic to this. (It is worth bearing in mind though, that back in 2005 during the last interregnum, all our PCCs agreed to the potential appointment of a woman to the job of priest-in-charge of Cartmel Fell, Crosthwaite, Winsters and Witherslack and indeed there were two women short-listed for the post at the interview stage.) As with anything in life, it takes a little time to get used to something new, but often we discover the reality of change to be much easier than we ever anticipated.

Suffice to say, we welcome the arrival of fully fledged women's ministry into these parishes and pray for God's blessing on Michelle and, through her, on us as well.

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## **WITHERSLACK COMMUNITY SHOP**

Someone asked me if I'd like to write about the shop and this is the result.

When the shop and the P.O. closed a few years ago it caused several people in the village to think that that would be a great loss. They got together and decided that maybe it would be possible to acquire some premises and start another shop. Firstly it was necessary to raise money and thereby find out exactly how the project could proceed. The amount of money raised made it evident that plans could be considered more seriously. To make a long story short, with a lot of help from many sources we eventually had a new shop in the village.

Helen and I have been surprised how the shop has affected us. In the recent winter we soon found out that the shop could provide all our necessities should we have difficulty in getting into town. We have been living in Witherslack for 26 years, but have only been connected with the village life for about 3 years. We thought how pleasing it was to be invited to have a cup of coffee (or tea) when we ventured in to see the range of produce on sale. We found more than we'd expected to find in such a small space but we also found some very friendly people, and we not only spent money there but became interested in the thought that we might be able to help in some small way. We now make cards with pictures of local views, and Helen makes toffee. We enjoy doing this and we enjoy our conversations too. We have new neighbours in the true sense of the word.

People help us and we try to help others, and we enjoy the experience because of the happy, friendly atmosphere we find in the little property which is Witherslack Community Shop.

Tony & Helen Younger

## **CROSTHWAITE RECREATIONAL FIELD.**

During the period from Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup> through to Monday August 23<sup>rd</sup> the Children's Playground will be closed.

This is to allow the complete refurbishment of the playground to be carried out replacing the present slide with a Multi Use Play Item and replacing the existing Swings & Tyre stack with new, as well as adding in two play items suitable for younger children.

At the same time the complete surface will be replaced with specialised bonded mulch which is soft and self draining and can be pressure washed for cleaning and maintenance. This will be a great improvement on the existing bark chippings and will mean the area quickly dries out after rain.

Any queries please contact John Holmes 015395 68599.

## ***CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS***

### **CROOK SUMMER BARN DANCE**

In Aid of Crook Village Hall and

The Wooden Spoon Society

Live Music by 'Branded' Supported by Mr Sos Wilson

At High Farm, Crook

On Saturday 21st August at 7pm

Hotpot Supper, Homemade puddings, Reasonably priced bar & Raffle

Tickets: Adults - £10, Children 8-16yr - £5, Under 8's - Free

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

For tickets please contact: George Taylor Jnr 015395 68004

### **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SERVICE AT WITHERSLACK 10.30am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August the 10.30am service at Witherslack will unite the villages in our team as we come together for another joint service. These 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services have become important and uplifting times as we gather from across the Valleys to meet and worship together. All are welcome.

### **CROSTHWAITE SCHOOL AUTUMN BALL - 15TH OCTOBER**

The Governors and Friends of Crosthwaite School are hosting an Autumn ball in

Crosthwaite Village Hall and you are all invited!

Tickets cost £25 and includes a 3 course buffet meal, live music and a bottle of red and white wine on each table.

Proceeds will be divided between the school and local children's causes, so do come and join us.

Tickets are on sale from school or by phoning Helen Todd on 68384 or Paula Cross on 68797.

Polite notice: It has been requested that all notices that contain telephone numbers show the full number (inc area code) as there has been some confusion due to the fact that the Two Valleys News covers several area codes. Thank you.

## **CROSTHWAITE GARDEN RAMBLE**

Coming shortly to a cinema near you, the world premier of the 2010 Garden Ramble in glorious Technicolour,

The Executive Producer is Jim Bownass ; it's a BVS- Video Production.

Many folk have already seen the trailer on the 14<sup>th</sup> June; this is the full 63 minutes version- unexpurgated. All 16 gardens on screen.

You just cannot miss this film!

Put a note in your diary for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in the Memorial Hall, lights out at 7.30 pm; wine and nibbles for a modest charge.

Bring your money, if you want to buy a DVD.

# ***NOTICES FOR INDIVIDUAL PARISHES***

## **CARTMEL FELL**

### **A GIFT**

We would like to express our very grateful thanks to Tony Schofield for his most wonderful gift. He has carved a replica of our 16<sup>th</sup> Century figure of Christ. It is a most beautiful and inspired work and we will treasure it.

The original 16<sup>th</sup> Century Rood Crucifix along with a silver chalice and lid have now been loaned to Carlisle Cathedral for safe keeping; they will soon be displayed in the Treasury for all to see.

### **CARTMEL FELL SUMMER BUFFET LUNCH**

We are holding a Summer Buffet Lunch on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August at Cowmire Hall at 12.30pm with children's games & entertainment. Soft drinks provided, bring your own alcohol. Tickets £5, children under 12 £2.50 obtainable from Bowland Bridge Shop or Churchwardens

### **CARTMEL FELL COMMUNITY TRUST**

**Family Treasure Hunt**

Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>

Start any time between 5 and 6 p.m. from Cartmel Fell Parish Hall and return for refreshments afterwards.

This is a walking hunt and requires no prior knowledge of the area.

Adults £5, Children £3 to include refreshments.

### **CARTMEL FELL WI**

Cartmel Fell WI extend a warm welcome to everyone, including husbands, friends and neighbours to a **Wine Tasting by Majestic Wines of Kendal**, **Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Cartmel Fell Parish Hall**

A wide variety of wines will be available with advice and information from an expert. It should be an excellent evening and one not to be missed. Put the date in your diary now. There will be a small charge of £2 for guests. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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

August 8<sup>th</sup> - Anne Emmett

August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Vanda Lambton

### **FLOWERS**

Joan Beecham & Vanda Lambton

# CROSTHWAITE

**Calor Cumbria Village of the Year  
2009**

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

## **CROSTHWAITE SHOW**

Saturday August 7th 2010  
**A Reminder and a Change**

Registration is on Tuesday 3rd, 7pm-9pm, Please bring your artwork ( with display fixings attached ) and your photographs with you. It is a huge help for the committee to have time to hang them as both classes are growing.

This year there will not be an auction but following the raffle at 3.15 there will be a **sale of goods**. This will be further explained on the afternoon. Good luck everybody.

## **SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY 2nd JULY AND SUNDAY 3rd JULY 2011**

We are planning to hold a Flower Festival in St. Mary's Church on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July 2011 so please keep that date free. We would be very grateful for offers of help and we are planning to have a home made jams and pickles/chutneys stall and plant stall so if you are making preserves or pickles please make an extra jar for the stall, similarly if you are splitting plants in the Autumn or planting seeds in Spring please pot up extras for the stall. Your help would be much appreciated. Contact Denise Park tel. 015395 68502.

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

8<sup>th</sup> Anne and Peter Mc Donald  
22<sup>nd</sup> Angela Jones and Eileen Dobson.

## **FLOWERS**

1<sup>st</sup>. Flower from Wedding 31/7/10

8<sup>th</sup> Volunteers please.  
15<sup>th</sup> Volunteers please.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Volunteers please.  
29<sup>th</sup> Flowers from Wedding 28/8/10

Will Volunteers for Flowers please contact either Vonnie Sharp (52005) or Eileen Alston (68565) – Thank you.

## **CROSTHWAITE HELPLINE**

Please contact:  
Geraldine & Arthur Wilson on 68836

# HELINGTON

## **SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING**

The 'second Saturday' coffee morning will be held at Scar House, Brigsteer on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 12 noon. Please phone Andy and Barbara Clifford, 68355 for details.

# UNDERBARROW

## **UNDERBARROW HELPLINE**

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

# WINSTER

## **STRAWBERRY TEA AT CRAG HOUSE**

The Strawberry Tea at Crag House enjoyed fine sunny weather which meant that summer dresses and sun hats were able to be worn by many people. There was a good attendance despite a certain football match on the same day!

It was good that people could sit on the terrace to have their tea, and the children could enjoy games on the lawn.

Many thanks to Michael Hopkinson for making his house and garden available.

Thanks also to all who came to support the event; to those who worked hard preparing and serving teas (including our two new lady committee members); the running of a very successful tombola; and the transporting of chairs to and from the Village Hall. Thanks also to Andy for driving the mini bus to bring people up from the Hall. A net amount of £247.40 was raised, and a donation from this will be given to a charity chosen by Michael Hopkinson.

### **Church Grounds Grass Cutting**

Following the professional clearing and maintenance project at the beginning of the year the first and subsequent cut of the grass was also undertaken professionally. We now need volunteers to cut the grass. It needs to be cut about once a fortnight during the season so if you can undertake one or more fortnight.

### **UNDERBARROW MARROW DAY**

Sunday 12th September

At The Punchbowl Inn Underbarrow

12 noon – 4 pm

Everyone welcome – come and support out local charities

We are once again asking for your support in raising money for local Cancer Charities. When making your jam, marmalade, pickles and chutneys can you please spare a jar for Marrow Day.

We will be having the usual stalls – cakes, fruit & vegetables, books and plants and all contributions will be much appreciated:

Books, CD's and DVD's to Roger & Maggie Kaye at Low Mill House Tel 015395 68795

Plants to Irene Matthews at Bridge End Barn Tel 015395 68495

Cakes, tray bakes, pies, jams, marmalade, pickles and produce can be left with Ann Wolfenden at Silverlea tel 015395 68919. Ann will put cakes in her freezer until Marrow Day.

Duck Race tickets are now on sale and may be bought from any committee member. For further information please call Charlie or Tracy Johnson on 015395 68426.

This year there will be a Clay Pigeon Shoot from 11 am – 1 pm. For more details contact Charlie Johnson on 015395 68486

Marrow Competition Classes

Heaviest

Best Looking

Pairs

Ugliest

Entries close for judging 1 pm.

Children's Competition - Most original Marrow - Entries close for judging 1.30 pm

Local Classes

Heaviest

Best Looking

Ann Atkinson Memorial Cup (must be grown within 3 miles of Punchbowl Underbarrow)

## **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Andy Lowe is coming to give a talk and slide show at Winster on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Further details to follow.

## **BOOK & PLANT DAY**

Sat 28th Aug Old School House 10.30 - 4.30pm The summer seems hardly to have begun and we are now announcing the August Bank Holiday Saturday Book and Plant Day. All the days have been very well supported - is it being used as a little haven away from the seemingly endless sporting events which have been assailing the UK this year? Whatever the reason, please do keep coming - we love to see you all. For further details Margaret Wins or Yvonne on 015394 42325/42945

## **HOLY TRINITY FLOWERS**

1st, 8th & 15th Eileen Stowe  
22nd Wedding

# **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

## **ST. PAULS COFFEE EVENING THANKS**

We were blessed with a beautiful evening and people were able to sit outside on the green. The refreshments were delicious and a wonderful selection of 'special' coffees was served; the coffees being kindly provided by Farrers of Kendal. There were cakes, gifts, raffles, cards and books. The raffle of a Witherslack watercolour was won by Liz Croy.

The magnificent sum of £380 was raised. Many thanks to everyone involved – for their hard work, donations and generosity.

## **WITHERSLACK VEGETABLE SHOW**

FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST 2010  
VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm

SCHEDULES CAN BE OBTAINED  
FROM  
THE COMMUNITY SHOP  
OR  
CONTACT DOROTHY AINSWORTH  
ON 52400

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL FLOWERS**

Our Harvest Festival is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Remembering the stunning displays on Heritage Day, I wonder if any of the village groups – or individuals – would like to create a display in the Church. It would be great if we could make St. Paul's look really 'harvesty'. If you are interested, please get in touch with Val on 52398 and give some idea of what you have in mind.

## **BOON DAY THANKS**

A big thank-you to all those who helped clean and polish the church. It has made such a difference. Our on going thanks to Dorothy Ainsworth and Pauline Hodgson who keep all the church brass work (and there is a lot of it!) gleaming throughout the year.

## **WITHERSLACK SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB**

Don't be shy, come along and have a go! A warm welcome is extended to all, bowlers and beginners alike. Enjoy the social atmosphere, refreshments and chat. We meet on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm** in Witherslack Village Hall. All equipment is provided. If you need more information, phone Ann on 52313 or Danny on 52202.

## **SUNDAY CLUB**

The next Sunday Club will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August. 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.

## **5th SUNDAY CHOIR**

The next 5th Sunday service will be on **29th August** in St Paul's, Witherslack at 10.30am. The choir will be singing in the service and anyone is welcome join us, particularly any folks from Witherslack. You need to be able to sing in tune, but you don't have to be able to read music. There will be three practices, on Thurs-

days 4-5pm, in Crosthwaite church on August 5th and 12th, and in Witherslack church on August 26th (no practice on the 19th). For more information contact Dorothy Grace (015395 68569 or dorothy.grace@tiscali.co.uk). This is the last time the 5th Sunday Choir will be singing this year – something different is planned for the service at the end of October.

## **ST PAUL'S ROTAS SIDESMEN & READERS**

1st - Anne Duffin & Hilda Jarvis  
8th - Danny Jackson & Barbara Page  
15th - Richard Coates + Steve Hodgson & Trevor Farrer  
22nd - Val Pattison & Val Pattison

## **FLOWERS**

Mrs. S. Hodgson & Mrs. H. Dove

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## **SUMMER NEWS FROM CROSTHWAITE SCHOOL**

As another school year comes to an end, we can reflect on the exciting events that have taken place during this term. There has been the usual mix of assessments, sport, visits and performances. Assessments went well with plenty to celebrate here at Crosthwaite School, so well done everyone, staff and pupils alike!

We have had a lot of fun with our cross curricular work, with the Early Years and infant children finding out about gardens and wildlife and then water. They went on a trip to the Beatrix Potter experience in Bowness where they met Mr McGregor in his garden, and then to Ferry Nab where they went on the lake and had a hands on talk about water safety with the lake warden. The classrooms are full of insect and minibeast pictures, letters to Peter Rabbit and other characters, models of fish and other sea creatures.

Meanwhile the juniors have enjoyed work on oceans and islands, exploring an island in groups and presenting their findings in Powerpoints to try to show that their island is the best for a holiday visit. After tight competition, Jamaica won. Our final theme of the year was a celebration of the 60s to 80s, the highlight of which was a 3 day residential in Liverpool with visits to the Beatles Story, Space Port and a German U boat, the very emotive Museum of Slavery and the Tate gallery, where the children were challenged by a variety of artworks – Is it art? they were asked. The school now reflects our 60s to 80s theme, as we prepare for our annual presentation in the village hall. A lot of fun and hard work has been involved, with Mrs Woodcock working very hard with the music, Mrs Threlfall with the artwork and all the staff practising with the children.

In sport 3 girls went through to the Sport Olympics at Penrith to take part in the orienteering team, which came second overall to Carlisle, and several children broke records

at the Queen Katherine indoor athletic event. Our sports day went very well, with green team winning overall with a grand 99 points. The parent races were competitively fought, with some very fast sprints indeed. Thank you Frocs for a lovely strawberry tea. Due to an increase in our pupil numbers we have installed a wooden cabin next to the school while we draw up plans for a building extension. We have also appointed a new member of staff, Miss Gunby, who will take the year 3 children each morning. Crosthwaite School is certainly a lively, happy and achieving place of learning. We now look forward to our well earned summer holidays.

### **CROSTHWAITE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

We would like to thank parents, family and friends in the community for collecting vouchers over the past year. We have been collecting Morrison's, Tesco and Flora vouchers which have allowed us to have some very useful items for school, including garden tools, baking equipment and playground toys. A BIG THANK YOU from Crosthwaite School.

In our school garden we have been taking part in a potato growing competition. We have grown two types of potatoes and now harvested them, weighed them and sent the weights to enter the competition; if we win we will have a garden makeover! And the best thing is that the children can eat them for school lunch!

Next term we are hoping to become a forest school. Forest schools take education outdoors to explore and investigate our surroundings more closely. But sadly we are short of a forest! We would really like a small piece of woodland close to the school, within walking distance. Please contact Julia Porter with any ideas 01539 725542 or e-mail [jules.milllodge@btinternet.com](mailto:jules.milllodge@btinternet.com)

	<h2 style="margin: 0;"><b>REPORTS &amp; NEWS</b></h2>	<p>68570 for information. We look forward to seeing you.</p> <h3 style="margin: 0;"><b>CARTMEL FELL</b></h3> <p>The summer months seem to be all about 'outings'. In June an excellent 'Walk around Kendal' was enjoyed by WI members and partners. A super guide from the Civic Society kept us all enthralled with many interesting and unexpected nuggets of information about an area which we all pass through on trips to Kendal. We will all look at it with new eyes! The evening ended with dinner at The Brewery.</p> <p>A small group of members ventured into Lancashire for a day of Summer Cooking at Lavender Blue in Wray. A super demonstration by a relaxed and knowledgeable chef made it all look so easy - then we all enjoyed the</p>
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### **BRIGSTEER**

In June we had a very interesting and informative talk by Christine Marshall of 'Reticule' in the New Shambles. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing and handling her wonderful collection of purses and handbags through the ages.

Levens Hall was the venue for our annual outing in July. The house and gardens were as beautiful as ever and the tea and scones most enjoyable.

August is our annual informal garden meeting at Field End, Brigsteer, tel.

fruits of his skill with a BBQ outside in glorious weather.

Two more outings too follow are a Garden visit on Thursday 29th July and our Annual Summer outing on Wednesday 11th August - this years destination being Whitehaven.

For further details contact Anne Ratcliffe 015395 52107

## **CROSTHWAITE & LYTH**

Members enjoyed a delightful summer outing to Rydal Hall, where they they experienced superb hospitality, and had a fascinating tour of the beautiful gardens, led by the Head Gardner. In August members have another outing planned, this time to Holker Hall, for a tour of the house, followed by lunch and then the afternoon exploring the gardens.

## **UNDERBARROW**

Fourteen members and two guests went on the Summer Outing to the north of the county. A delicious lunch was served at the Up Front Gallery and the exhibitions of paintings and craft work were much admired.

The gardens at Hutton-in-the-Forest were visited in the afternoon. The herbaceous borders had a naturalistic look with plants packed closely together without obvious signs of staking. Roses at intervals gave height to the borders. Members were amazed that such large borders could be maintained in good condition by just one gardener. The yew hedges and topiary are cut by contractors and the clippings are sold to a cancer research company for 10p per kilo. The gardens lie in a frost pocket so several species, such as agapanthus and species gladioli, had been lost in the hard winter.

The afternoon was rounded off with tea and cake in the Cloisters Tea Room.

## **WITHERSLACK.**

At the start of the July Meeting members stood in silence to remember Doris Mark who has died aged 93. She was a faithful member for over 65 years and hardly missed a meeting. She held the offices of Secretary and President. A donation in her memory will be sent to the Federation Bursary Fund.

Last minute arrangements for the railway trip to Ravenglass and Dalegarth next month were made; also plans for our stall at the Village Fete at Kirkby Lonsdale. More Pennies for Friendship were collected and it was agreed to make a donation from funds to the Ukrainian Orphans Appeal.

Members were reminded about the Village Veg Show on August 27th and the Horse Show at Cartmel on September 19th. The Spring Flower Show is at Witherslack next year on March 26th.

It was agreed to experiment with a charge of 50 pence to attend meetings and for this you will get a raffle ticket. This is instead of paying 20 pence for a cup of tea and biscuit, which rather too often was being forgotten.

The speaker Diane Janes, the crime writer, kept her listeners enthralled by recounting some famous criminal tales from the past. She is the speaker at the Literary Lunch on October 6th at the Windermere Yacht Club and can be highly recommended. The competition was for a magnifying glass.

No meeting in August. September 14th: Jack Ellerby of Friends of the Lake District talks about "Investing in the Landscape"

Visitors always welcome Tel: 52302

# REGULAR EVENTS

## BRIGSTEER

Scottish Dancing

Thursdays at 7.30pm at The Institute, Levens

Contact Pauline Hampson 015395 68672

Table tennis

Tuesdays at 8pm in Underbarrow Village Institute

## 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

Chi Kung (beginners)

Wednesdays 4-5pm

Tai Chi

Thursdays 4-5pm

## CROSTHWAITE MEMORIAL HALL

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

Rainbows

Mondays 4.30pm-5.30pm

Playgroup

Returns in September

Exchange

1st Wednesday 1pm-4pm; other Weds 2pm-4pm

Women's Institute

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm

## UNDERBARROW INSTITUTE

Quilting class

Mondays 2-4pm

Billiards Club

Mondays from 7.30pm

Brigsteer Table tennis

Tuesdays 8pm (see above)

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Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm  
(1.30pm in Nov, Dec, Jan & Feb)

## WINSTER

Book & Plant days

10.30am—4.30pm last Saturday in the month

Keep Fit

Mondays 9.30am-10.30am

Line Dancing Classes

Mondays 7.30pm-9.30pm at Winster Village Hall

## 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